

Early Stage Investigator Lecture

Early Detection and Prevention of Angle Closure Glaucoma Using OCT and Artificial Intelligence



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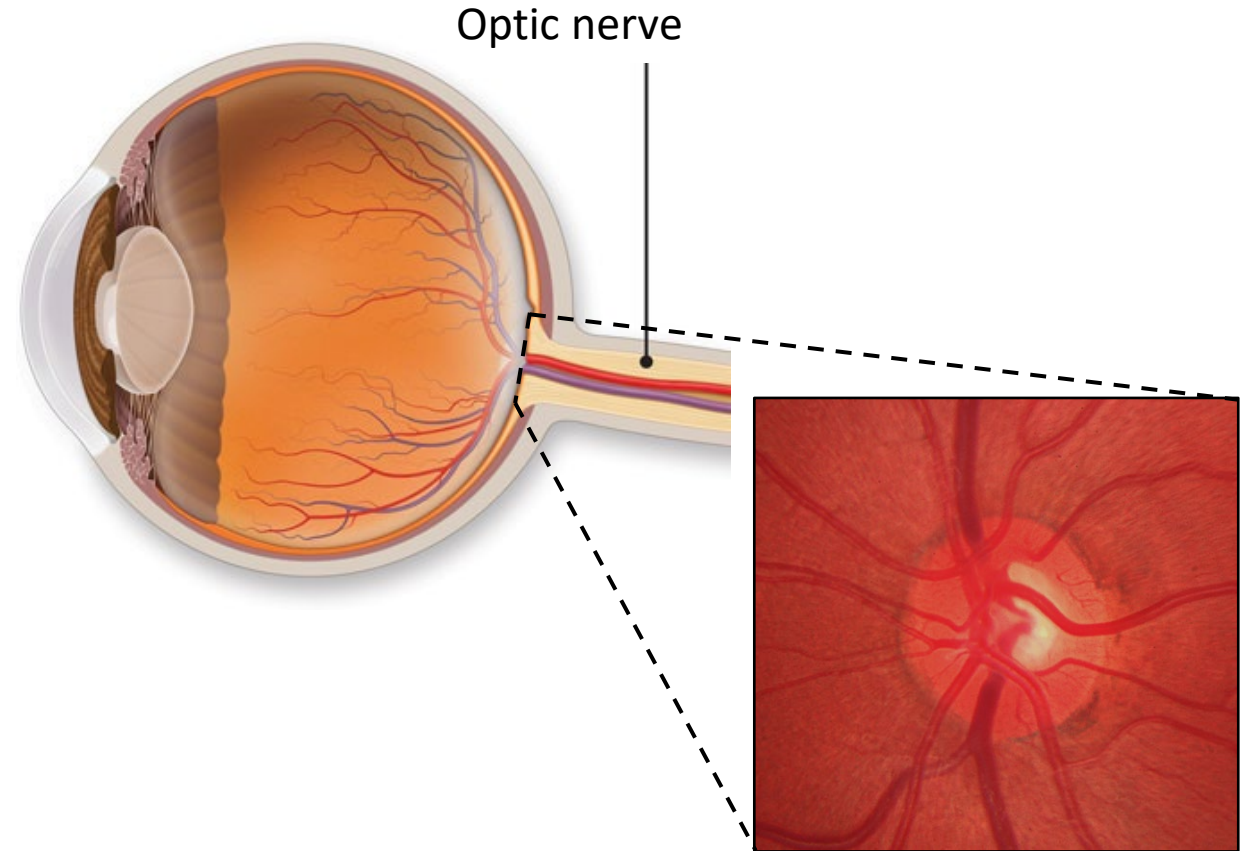
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Glaucoma Facts

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Source: American Academy of Ophthalmology.



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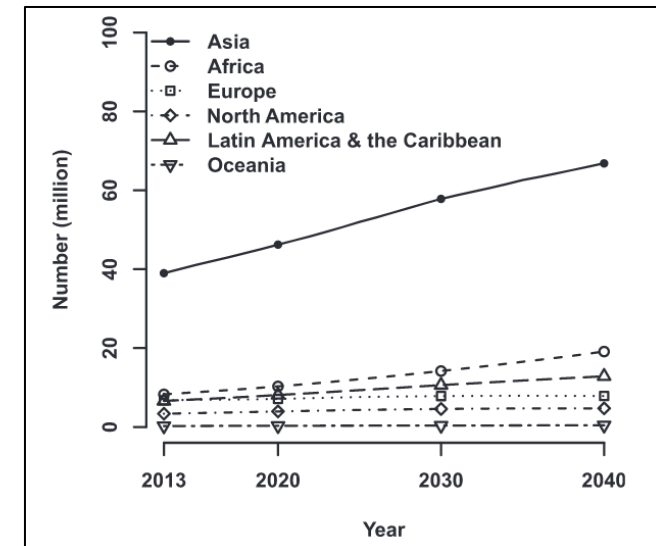
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Global Prevalence of Glaucoma and Projections of Glaucoma Burden through 2040

A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

Yih-Chung Tham, BSc Hons,^{1,2,*} Xiang Li, BSc,^{1,3,*} Tien Y. Wong, FRCS, PhD,^{1,2} Harry A. Quigley, MD,⁴ Tin Aung, FRCS (Ed), PhD,^{1,2} Ching-Yu Cheng, MD, PhD^{1,2,5,6}

Source: *Ophthalmology*, 2017



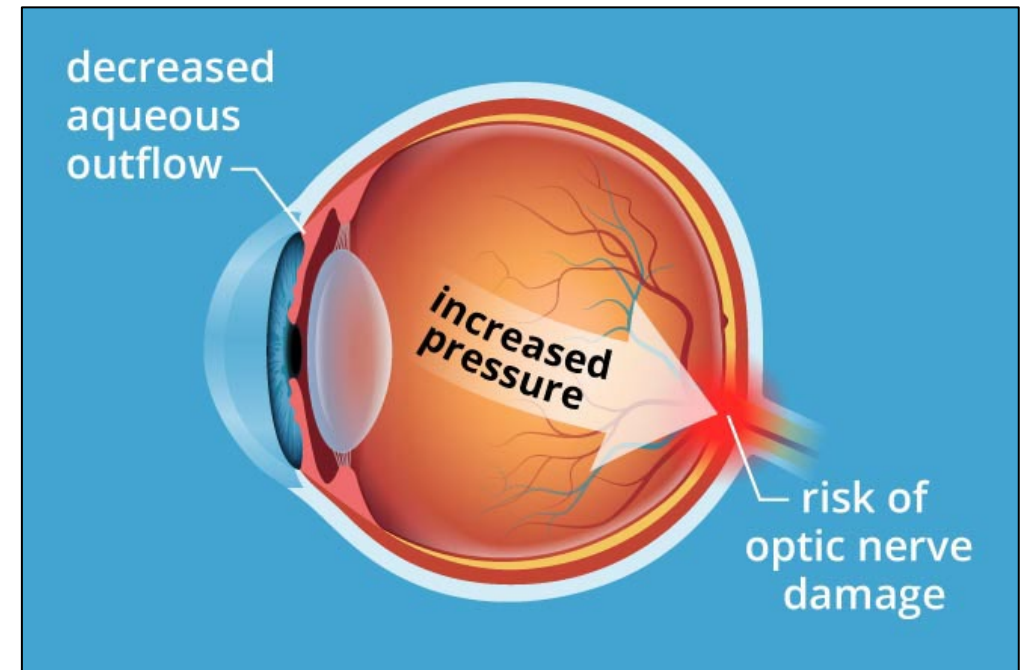
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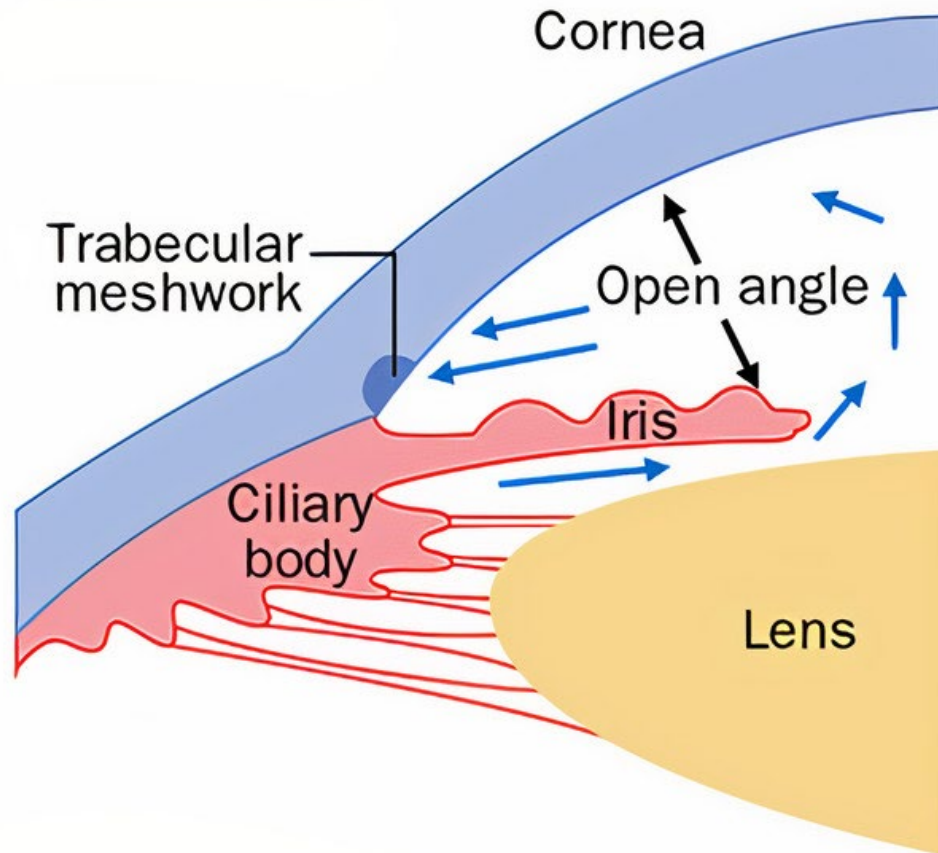
Intraocular Pressure (IOP)



Source: www.allaboutvision.com



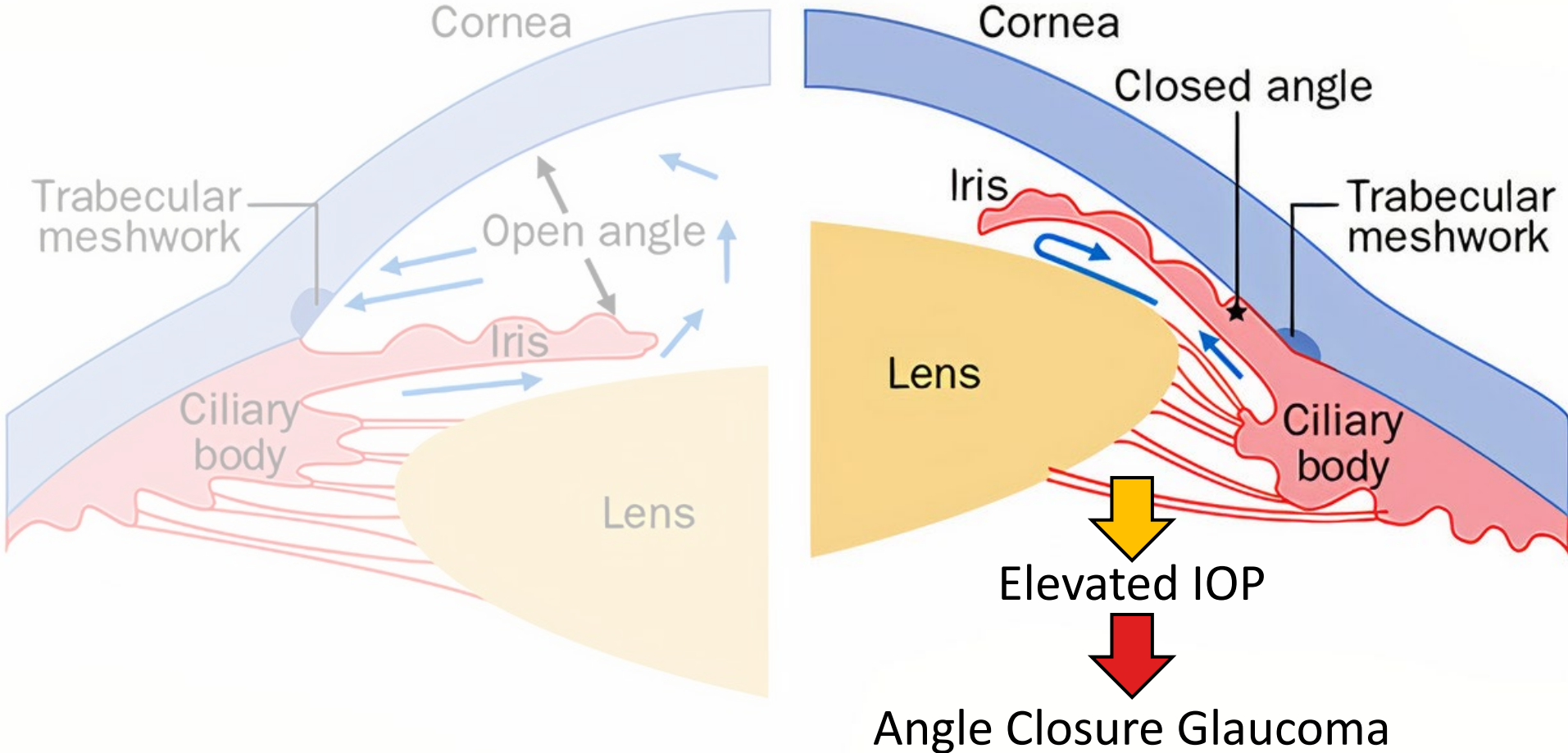
Conventional Aqueous Outflow



Source: NIH



Angle Closure



Source: NIH

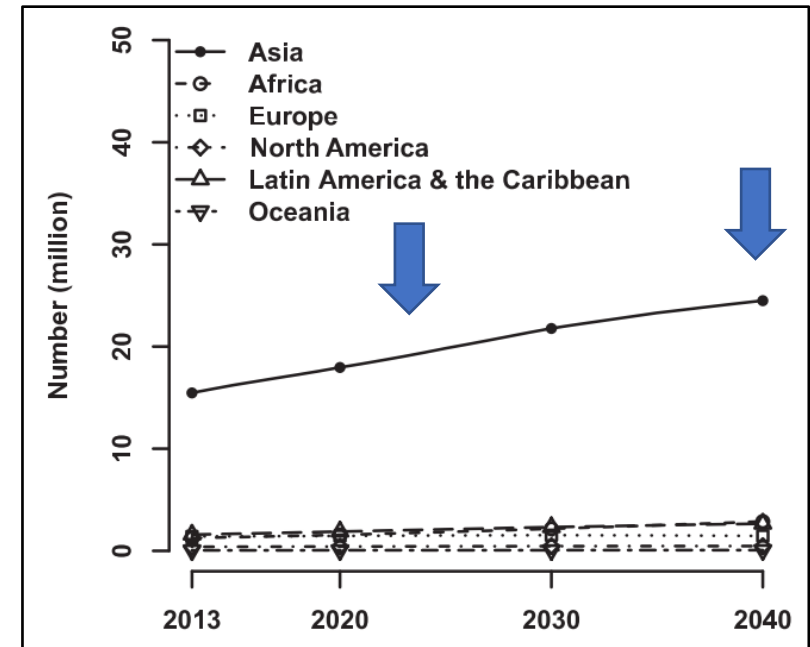


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Primary Angle Closure Glaucoma (PACG)

- 24 million cases worldwide
 - 75% in Asia
- 34 million cases by 2040
- 2.4 times higher odds of blindness compared to POAG
(George et al, *Eye*, 2021)

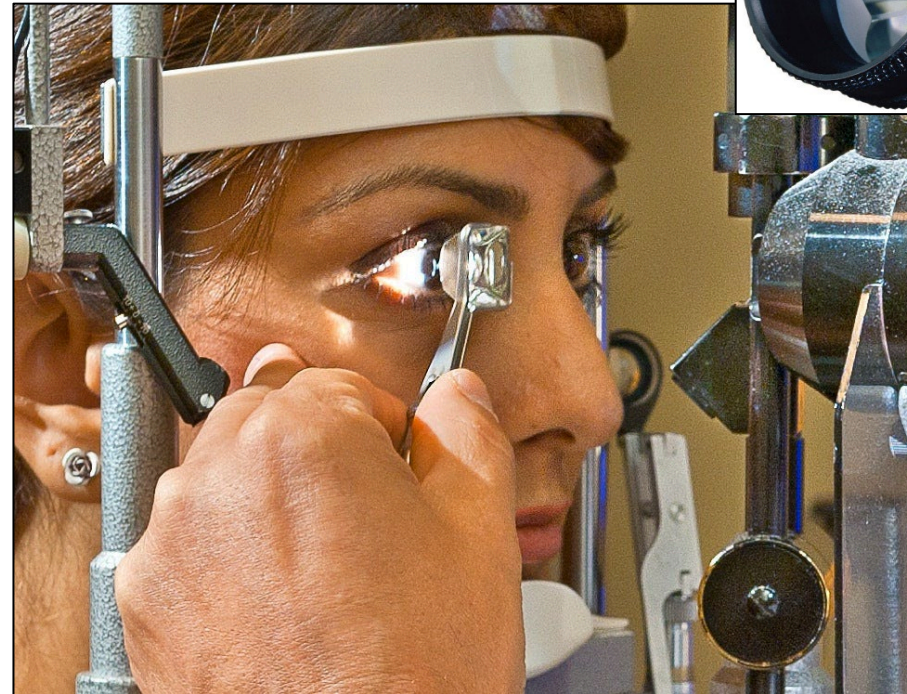


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Gonioscopy

- Clinical standard for evaluating the angle
- Visualize the pigmented trabecular meshwork



Source: www.midoptic.com

Source: www.visivite.com

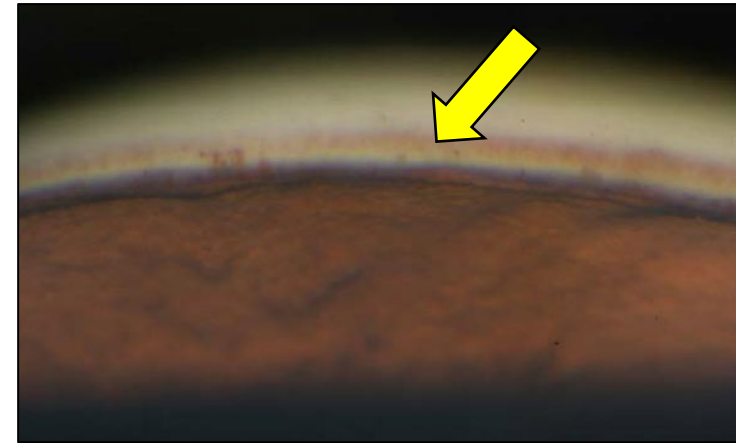


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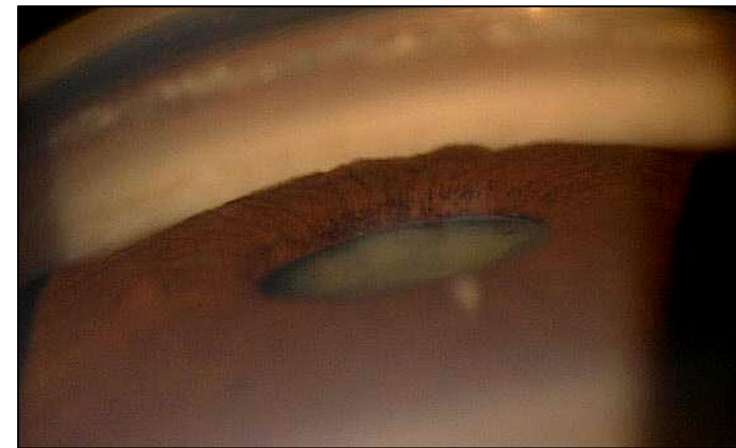
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Open

Source: Current Diagnosis and Management of Angle-Closure Glaucoma. R. Castaneda-Diez et al.



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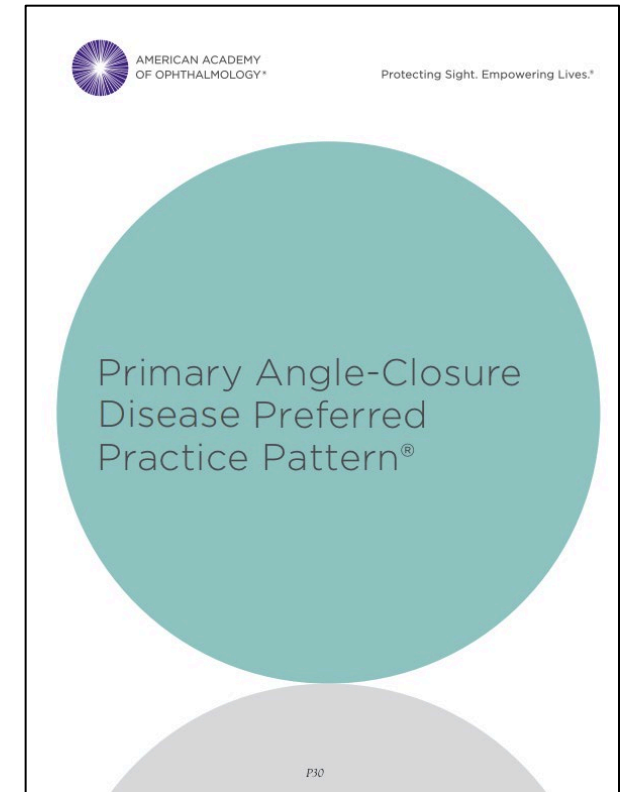
Source: <https://decisionmakerplus.net/case-report-post/narrow-angle-glaucoma-2/>



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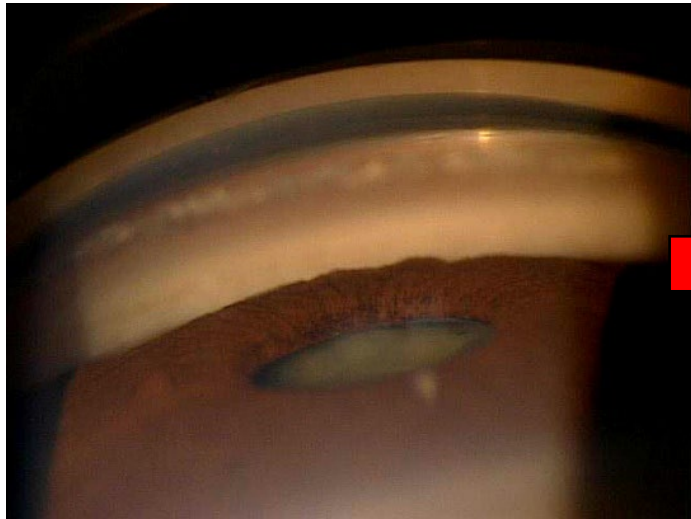
Gonioscopy should be performed in **ALL**:

1. Suspected glaucoma
2. Suspected angle closure
3. Incisional glaucoma surgery



Primary Angle Closure Disease (PACD)

Primary Angle Closure Suspect
(PACS)



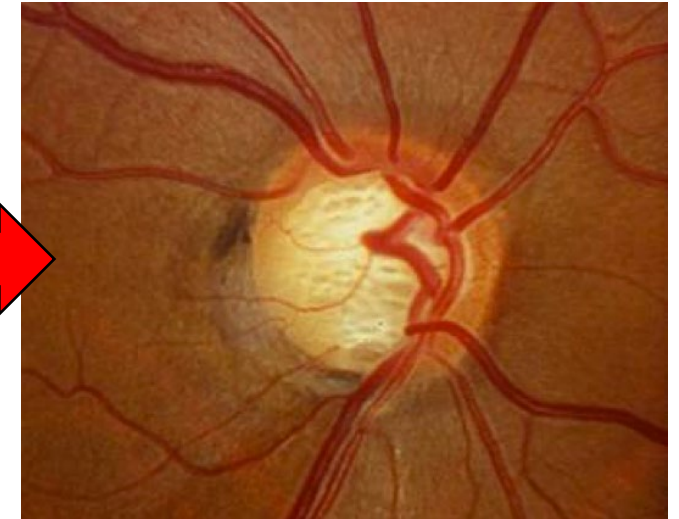
Angle closure in 2+ quadrants
Low risk of PACG

Primary Angle Closure
(PAC)



PAS or elevated IOP
High risk of PACG

Primary Angle Closure Glaucoma
(PACG)



Optic nerve \pm visual field changes

Foster et al, *BJO*, 2002



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Limitations of Gonioscopy

- Subjective and expertise-dependent
- Moderate inter-examiner reproducibility
(Randhawa et al, *BJO*, 2021)
- Uncomfortable and time-consuming

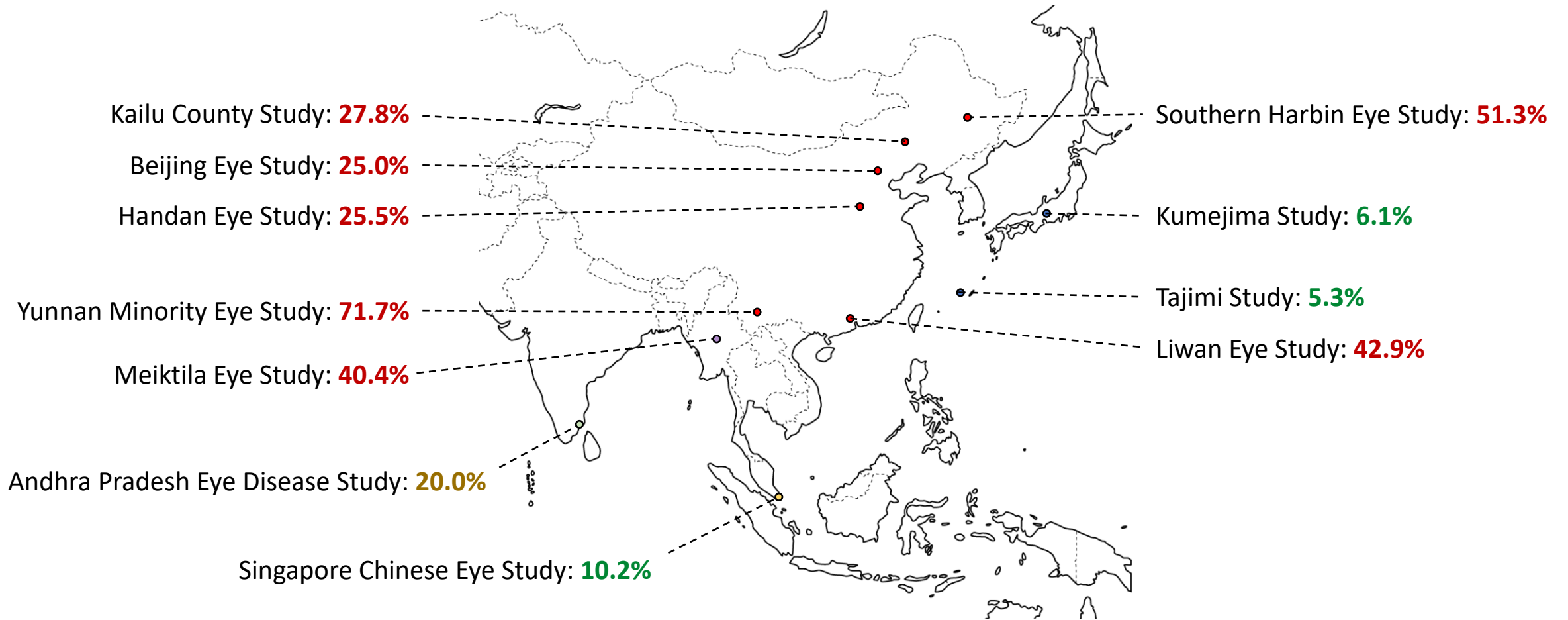


Major Issue #1

PACG often remains undetected and untreated until after severe vision loss has occurred



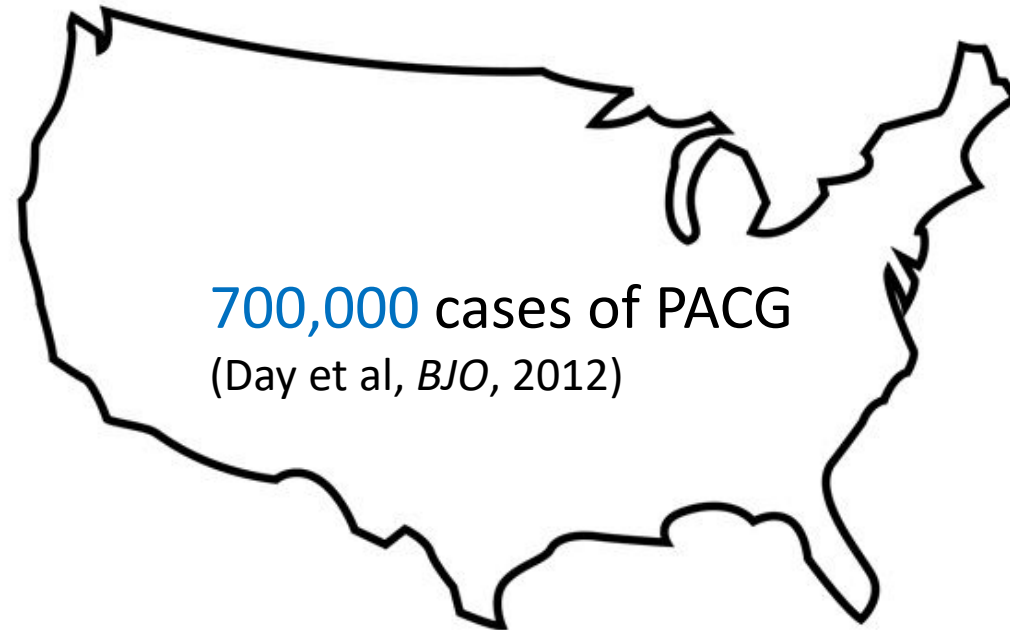
Blindness in PACG



PACG in the United States



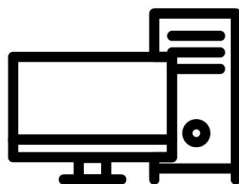
Big Healthcare Data in the United States



Source: Day et al, *BJO*, 2012



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Utilization of Gonioscopy

- **Optum Database:** 65 million patients
- 198,995 patients undergoing initial glaucoma evaluation (2009-2020)
- **29.5%** had record of gonioscopy within 6 months
- Lower odds of gonioscopy among POAG than PACG (OR=0.12)



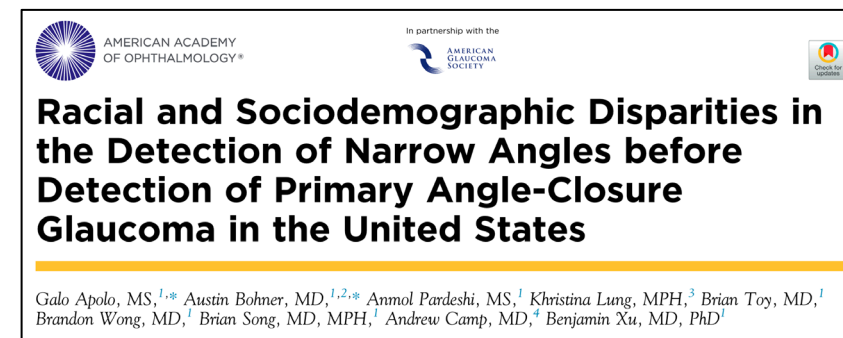
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Patterns in Angle Closure Detection

- **Optum Database:** 65 million patients
- 31,044 patients newly diagnosed with PACG (2009-2020)
- **75.2%** lacked previous diagnosis of angle closure
- Late detection more common among Black Americans (OR=1.3)



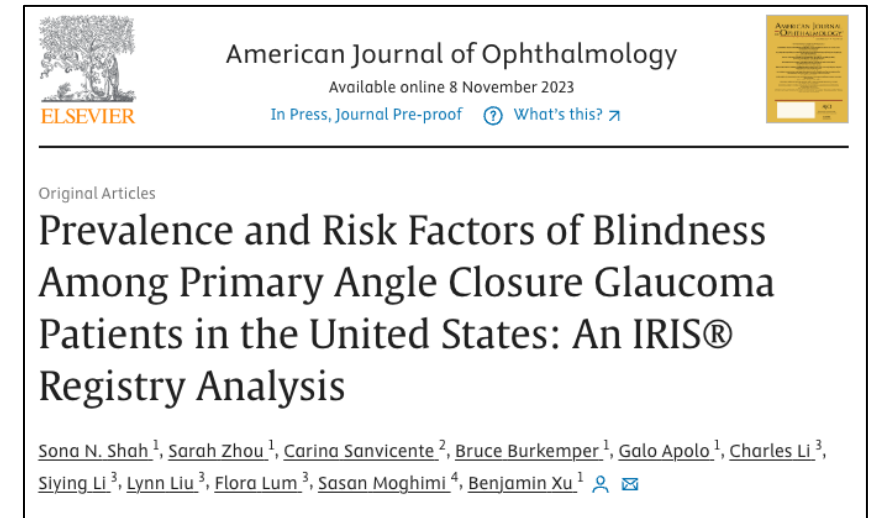
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PACG-related Blindness

- IRIS Registry: 73 million patients
- 49,183 patients newly diagnosed with PACG (2015-2019)
- **12.4%** blind in at least one eye
- Higher risk among Black (OR=1.5) and Hispanic (OR=1.3) Americans
- Higher risk with late detection (OR = 1.8)



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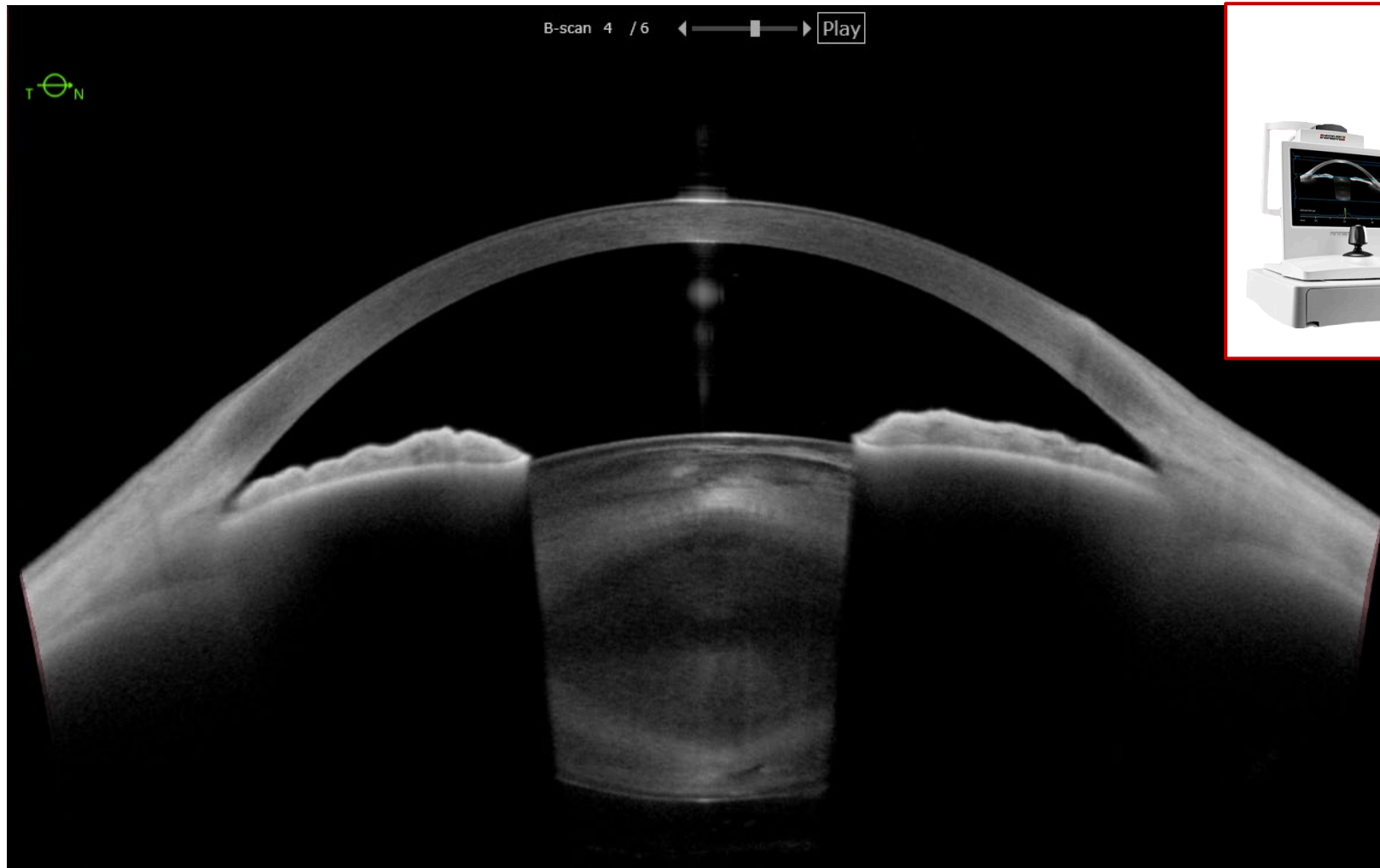


Urgent Need #1

Convenient and equitable method to
detect patients at risk for PACG



Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT)



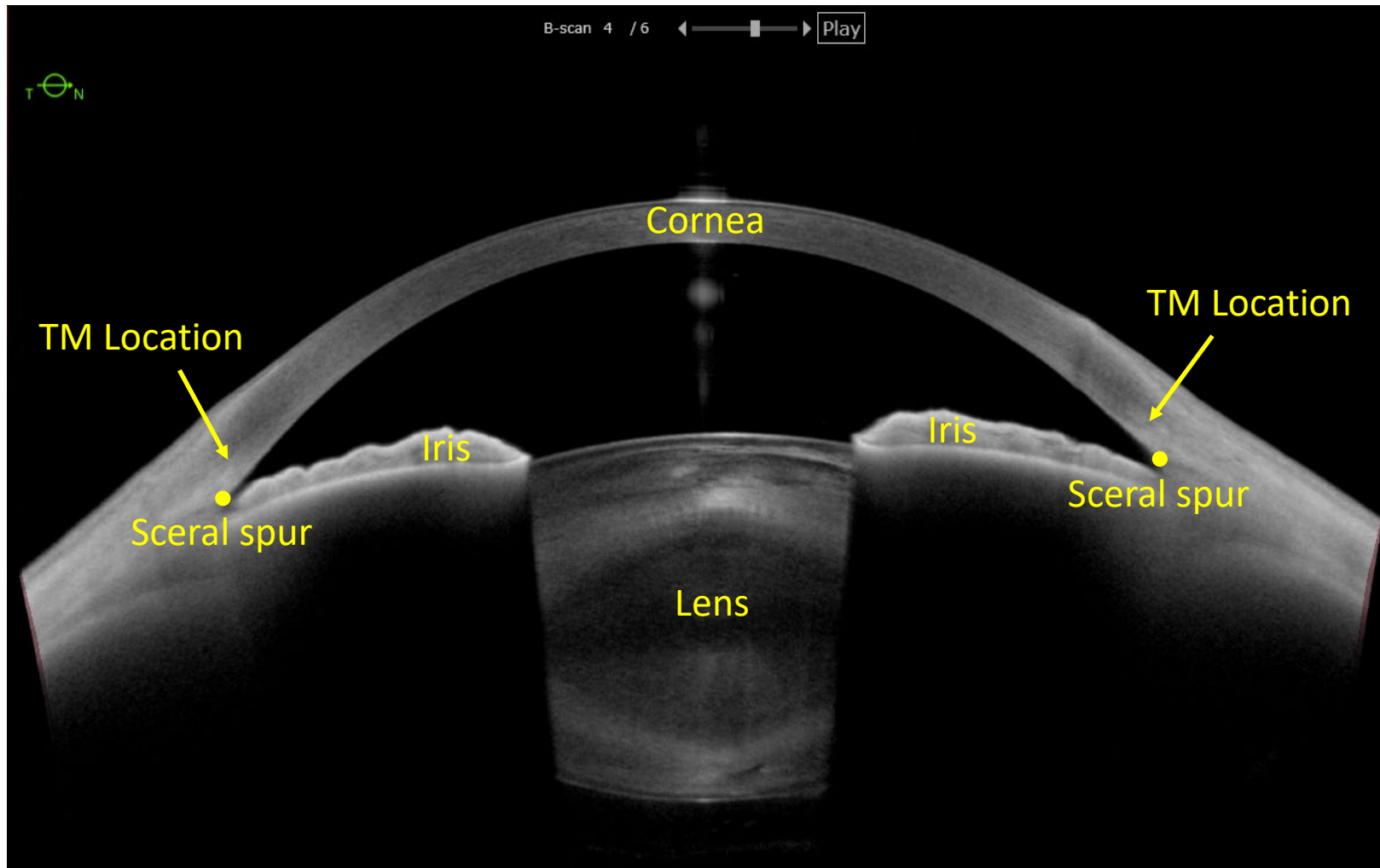
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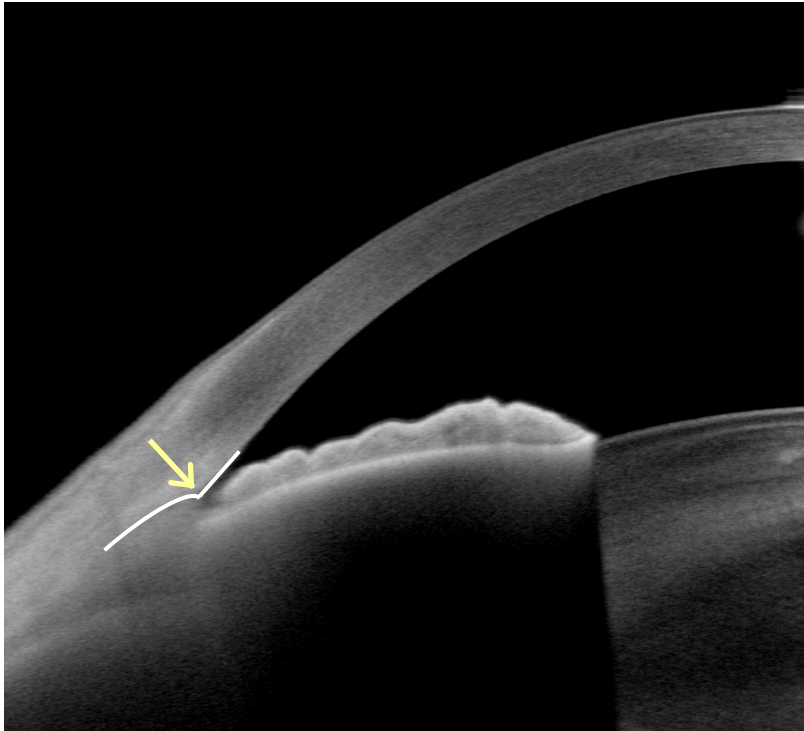


Anterior Segment OCT (AS-OCT)

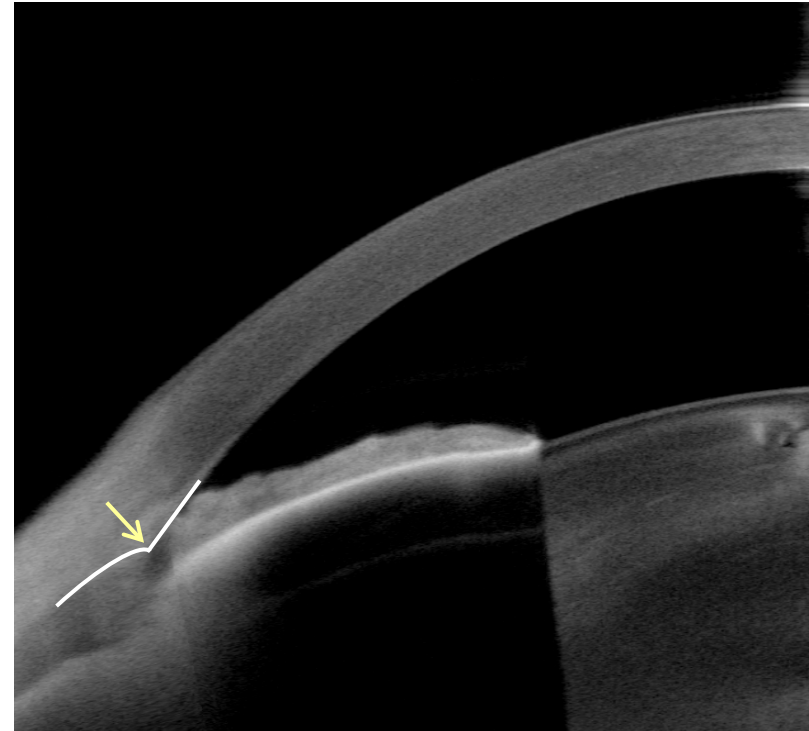


Angle Closure Detection

Open Angle



Angle Closure



Question

Can analysis of AS-OCT images be automated to detect gonioscopic angle closure?



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)



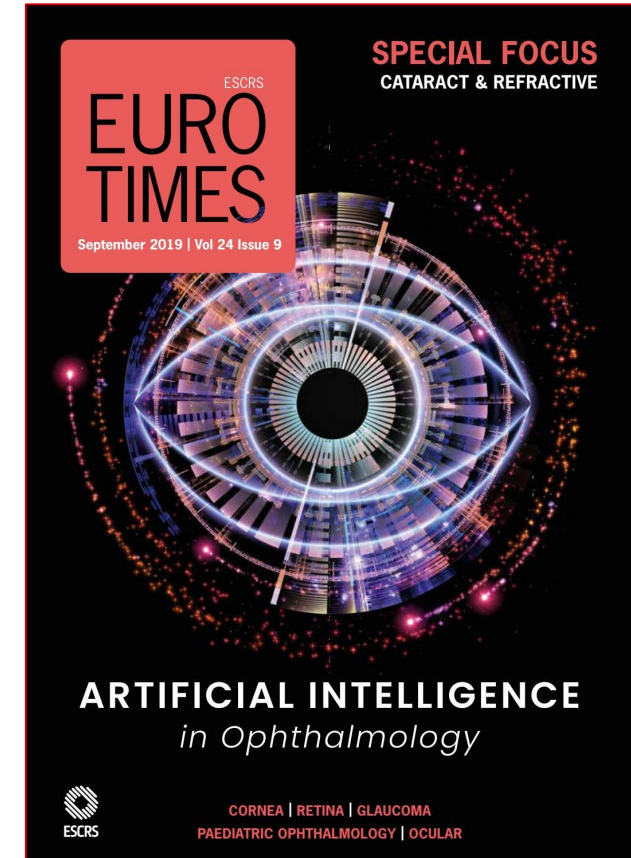
AI in Healthcare

- Computers are taught cognitive functions (e.g. analyze images, detect disease)
- Revolutionize healthcare
- Increase access and reduce costs



Deep Learning (DL)

- DL is a popular form of AI
- DL has been widely used to automate image analysis for disease detection



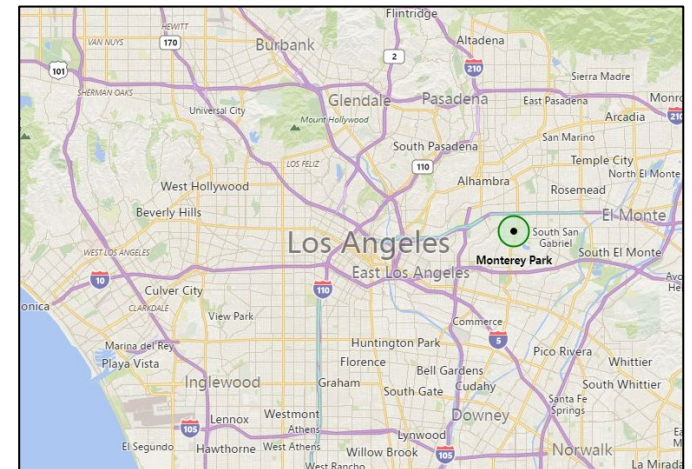
Gonioscopic Angle Closure Detection

Deep Learning Classifiers for Automated Detection of Gonioscopic Angle Closure Based on Anterior Segment OCT Images

BENJAMIN Y. XU, MICHAEL CHIANG, SHREYASI CHAUDHARY, SHRADDHA KULKARNI, ANMOL A. PARDESHI, AND ROHIT VARMA

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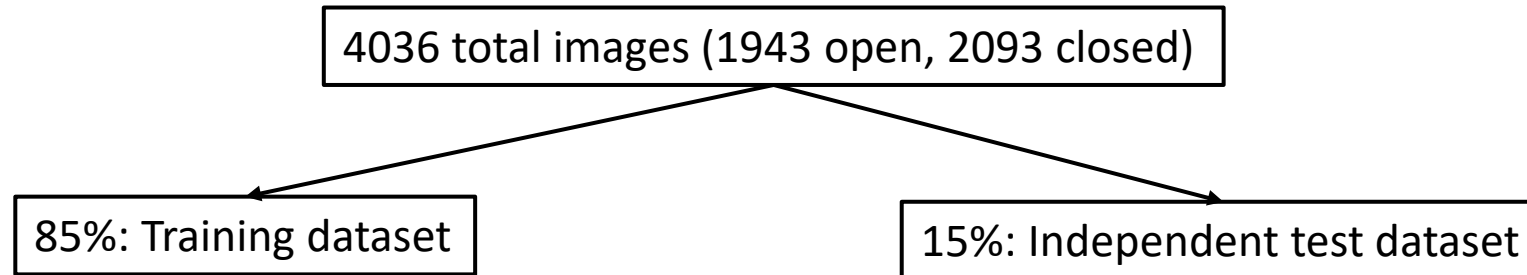
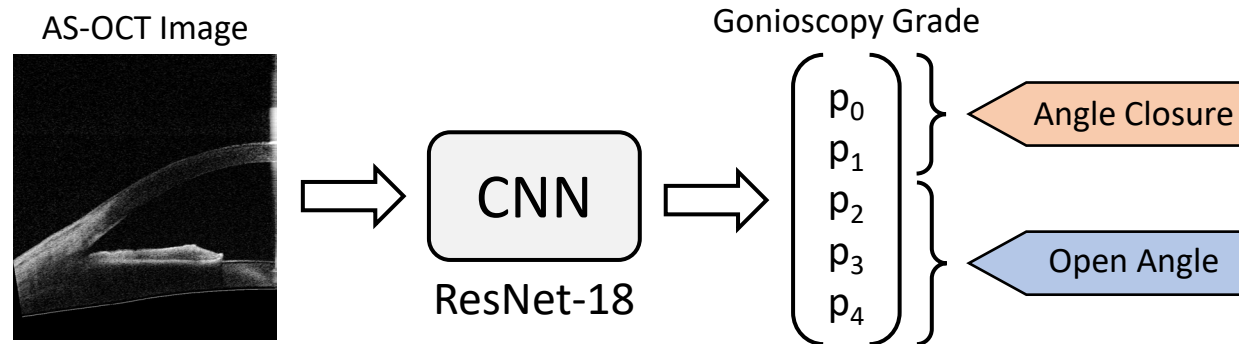
- 4,570 Chinese Americans
- Gonioscopy and AS-OCT imaging



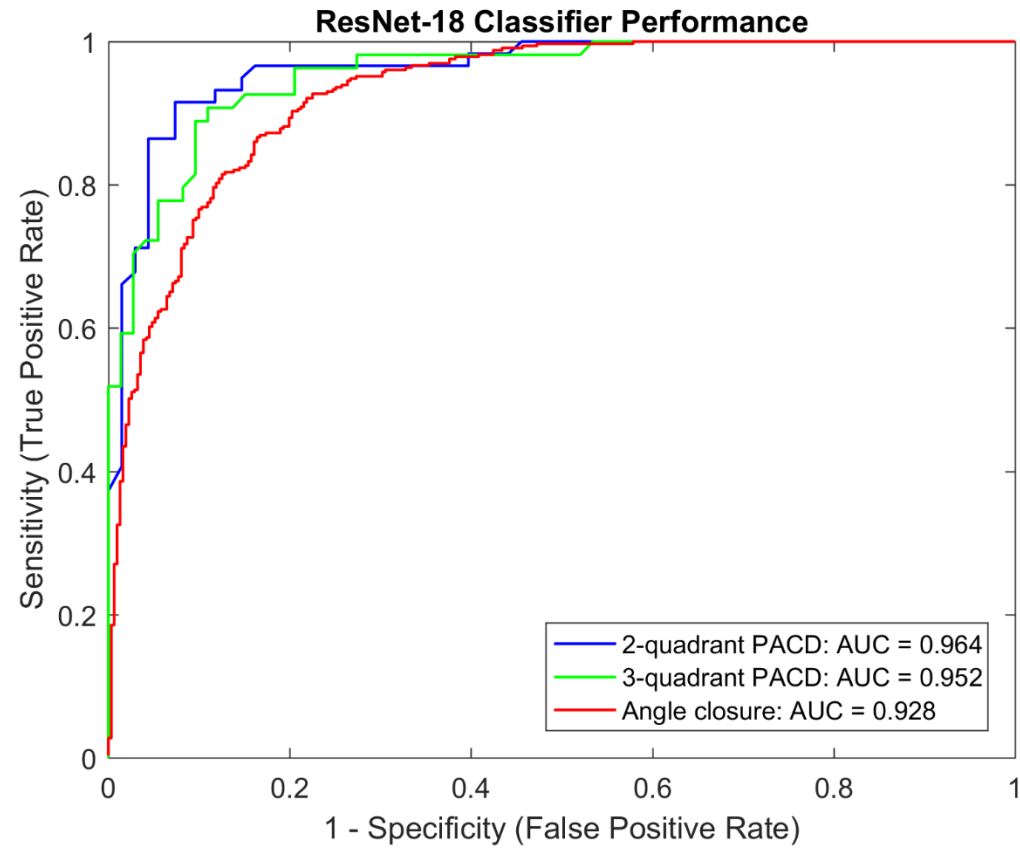
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Methods





Performance (1)





Algorithm Generalizability

Generalisability and performance of an OCT-based deep learning classifier for community-based and hospital-based detection of gonioscopic angle closure

Jasmeen Randhawa,¹ Michael Chiang,² Natalia Porporato,³ Anmol A Pardeshi,² Justin Dredge,² Galo Apolo Aroca ,² Tin A Tun,³ Joanne HuiMin Quah,⁴ Marcus Tan,⁵ Risa Higashita,⁶ Tin Aung,^{3,5} Rohit Varma,⁷ Benjamin Y Xu ¹

BJO, 2021



1 Ophthalmologist

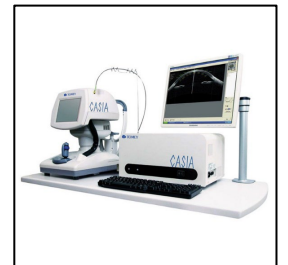


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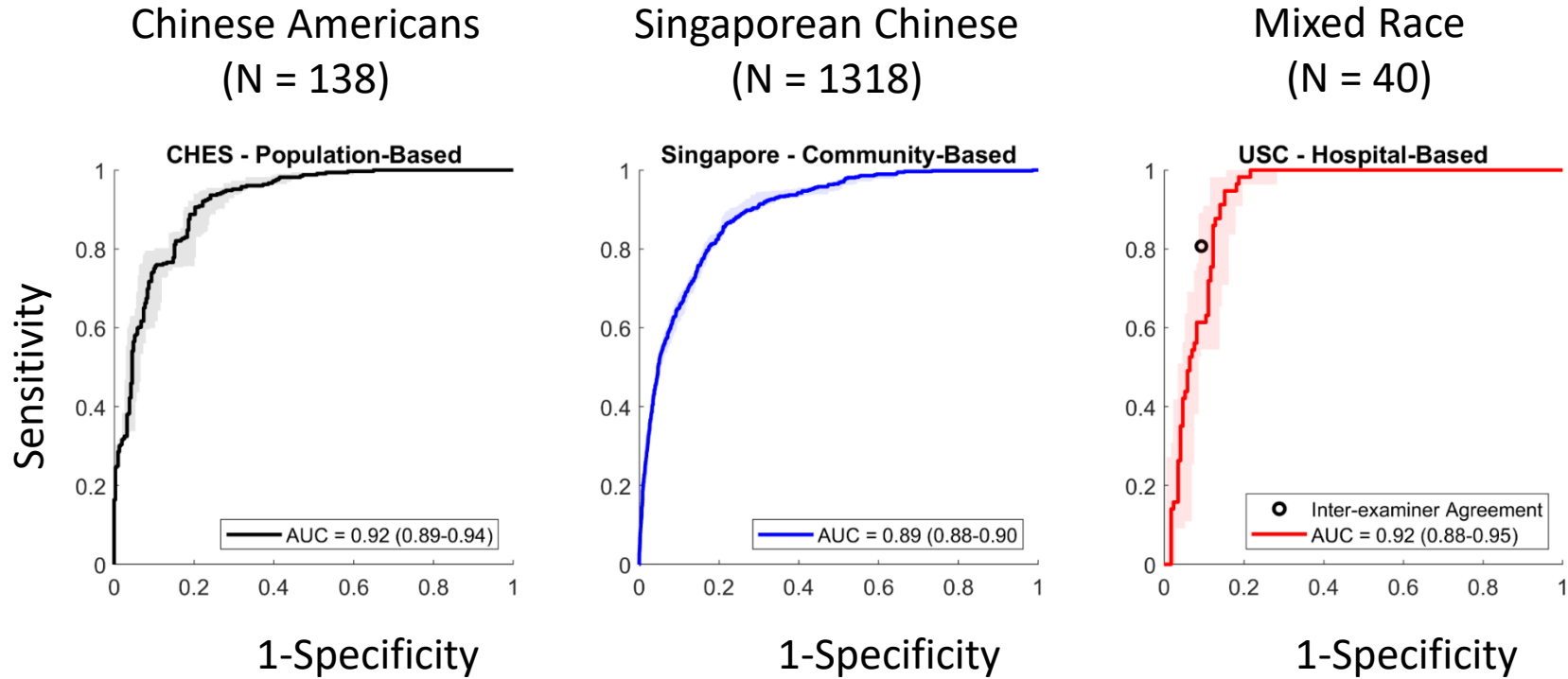


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Performance (2)

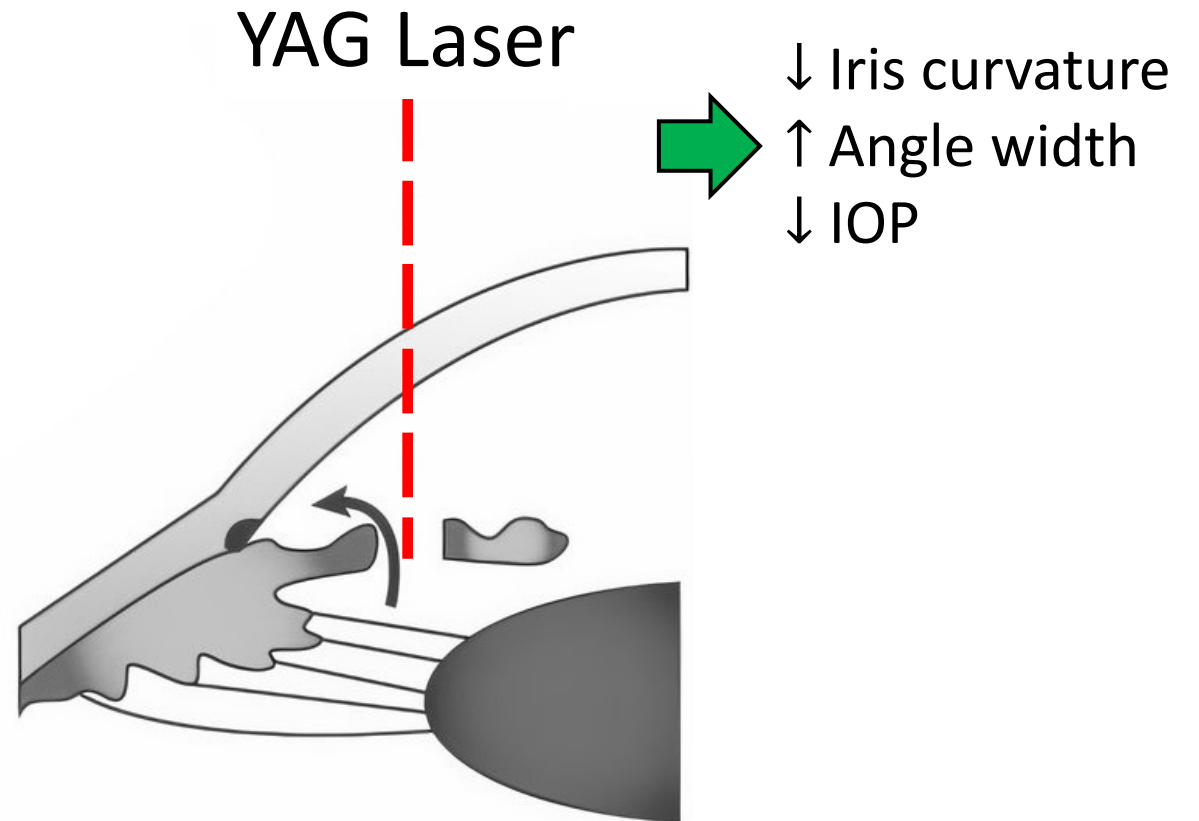
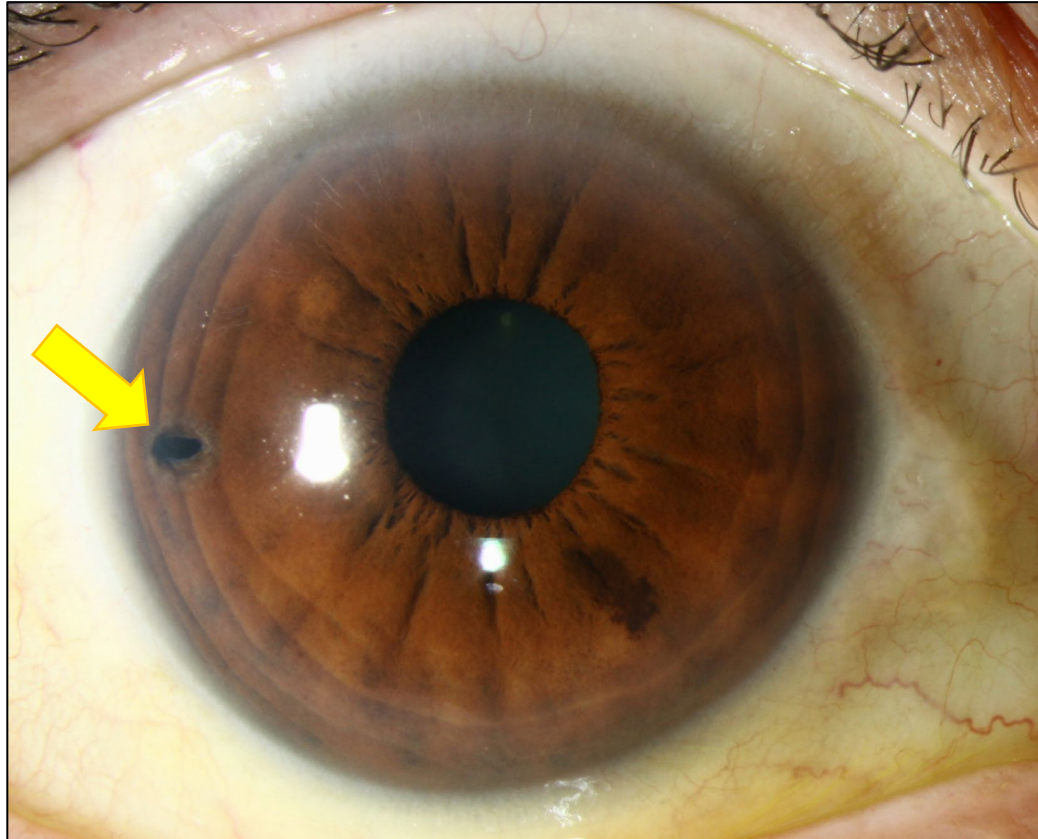


Major Issue #2

It is unclear which PACS eyes will benefit from prophylactic treatment



Laser Peripheral Iridotomy (LPI)



Source: The Best Approach for Narrow-Angle Patients, by Michelle Stephenson.
<https://www.reviewofophthalmology.com/article/the-best-approach-for-narrowangle-patients>



LPI Benefits in PAC/PACG

- IOP lowering in angle closure eyes with high IOP (EAGLE Trial, *Lancet*, 2017)

Effectiveness of early lens extraction for the treatment of primary angle-closure glaucoma (EAGLE): a randomised controlled trial

Augusto Azuara-Blanco, Jennifer Burr, Craig Ramsay, David Cooper, Paul J Foster, David S Friedman, Graham Scotland, Mehdi Javanbakht, Claire Cochrane, John Norrie, for the EAGLE study group

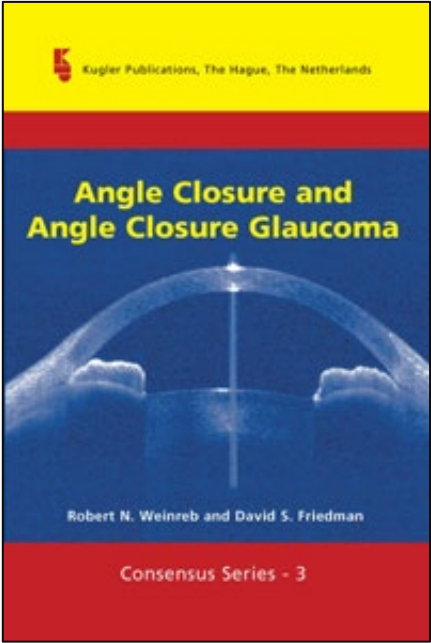
The Lancet, 2017

- Break pupillary block and acute angle closure attacks

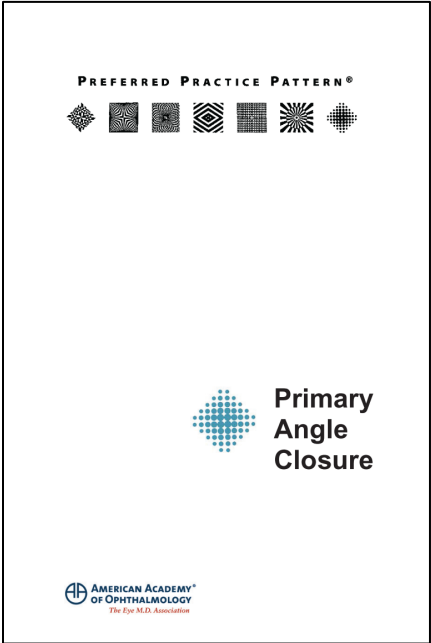


LPI for PAC and PACG

CONSENSUS: LPI is indicated for eyes with PAC and PACG



WGA 2006



AAO 2020



Distribution of PACD

Prevalence and Clinical Characteristics of Glaucoma in Adult Chinese: A Population-Based Study in Liwan District, Guangzhou

Mingguang He,^{1,2} Paul J. Foster,^{1,3} Jian Ge,² Wenyong Huang,² Yingfeng Zheng,²
David S. Friedman,⁴ Pak Sang Lee,¹ and Peng T. Khaw^{1,3}

IOVS, 2006

	N	PACS	PAC	PACG
Men and women				
50-59	466	3.7 (1.9-5.4)	1.1 (0.1-2.0)	0 (-)
60-69	398	11.6 (8.4-14.7)	2.9 (1.3-4.6)	1.2 (0.4-2.9)
70-79	408	14.0 (10.6-17.3)	2.9 (1.3-4.5)	3.3 (1.8-5.5)
80-93	100	20.0 (12.0-28.0)	3.7 (0.8-7.3)	1.9 (0.2-6.5)
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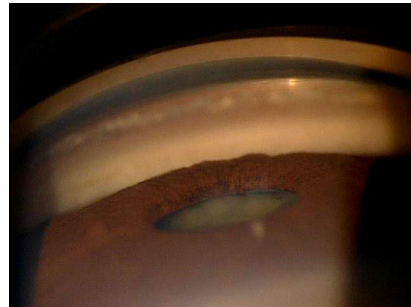
Zhongshan Angle-Closure Prevention (ZAP) Trial

**Laser peripheral iridotomy for the prevention of angle closure:
a single-centre, randomised controlled trial**

Mingguang He, Yuzhen Jiang, Shengsong Huang, Dolly S Chang, Beatriz Munoz, Tin Aung, Paul J Foster, David S Friedman**

The Lancet, 2019

Bilateral PACS

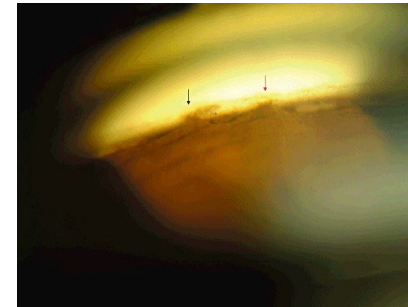


889 participants
Age 50-70
Mainland Chinese
LPI in one eye

6 years



PAC



PAS, IOP > 24 mmHg, AAC



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ZAP Trial: Results

	Laser peripheral iridotomy (n=889)	Control (n=889)	p value
Reach primary endpoint	19 (4.19 per 1000 eye-years)	36 (7.97 per 1000 eye-years)	0.021
2 weeks	1	1	..
6 months	5	3	..
18 months	5	6	..
36 months	3	6	..
54 months	2	11	..
72 months	3	9	..

TREATED WITH LPI
0.42% per eye year

UNTREATED
0.80% per eye year



Cost Effectiveness

- 44: eyes needed to treat to prevent one case of PAC
- 126: eyes needed to treat to prevent one case of PACG



Study Conclusion

“Efforts to identify (using gonioscopy) and treat (PACS) with iridotomy on a population basis probably are not the best use of resources...”

- ZAP Trial Authors





Utilization of LPI

- 52,045 patients newly diagnosed with angle closure *without* glaucoma (2009-2020)
- **27.7%** received LPI treatment
- Higher odds among Asian and Hispanic Americans (OR \geq 1.2)



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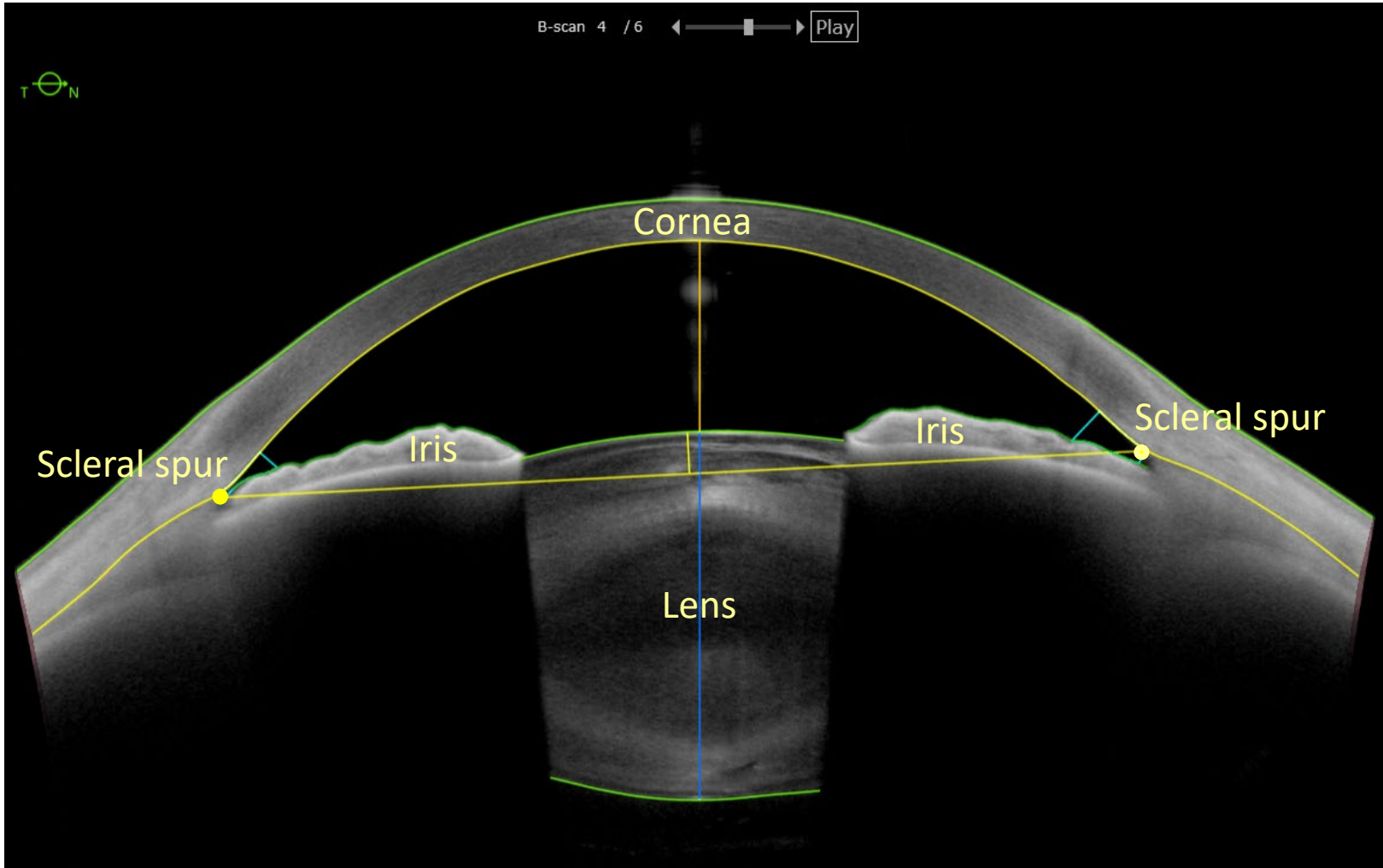


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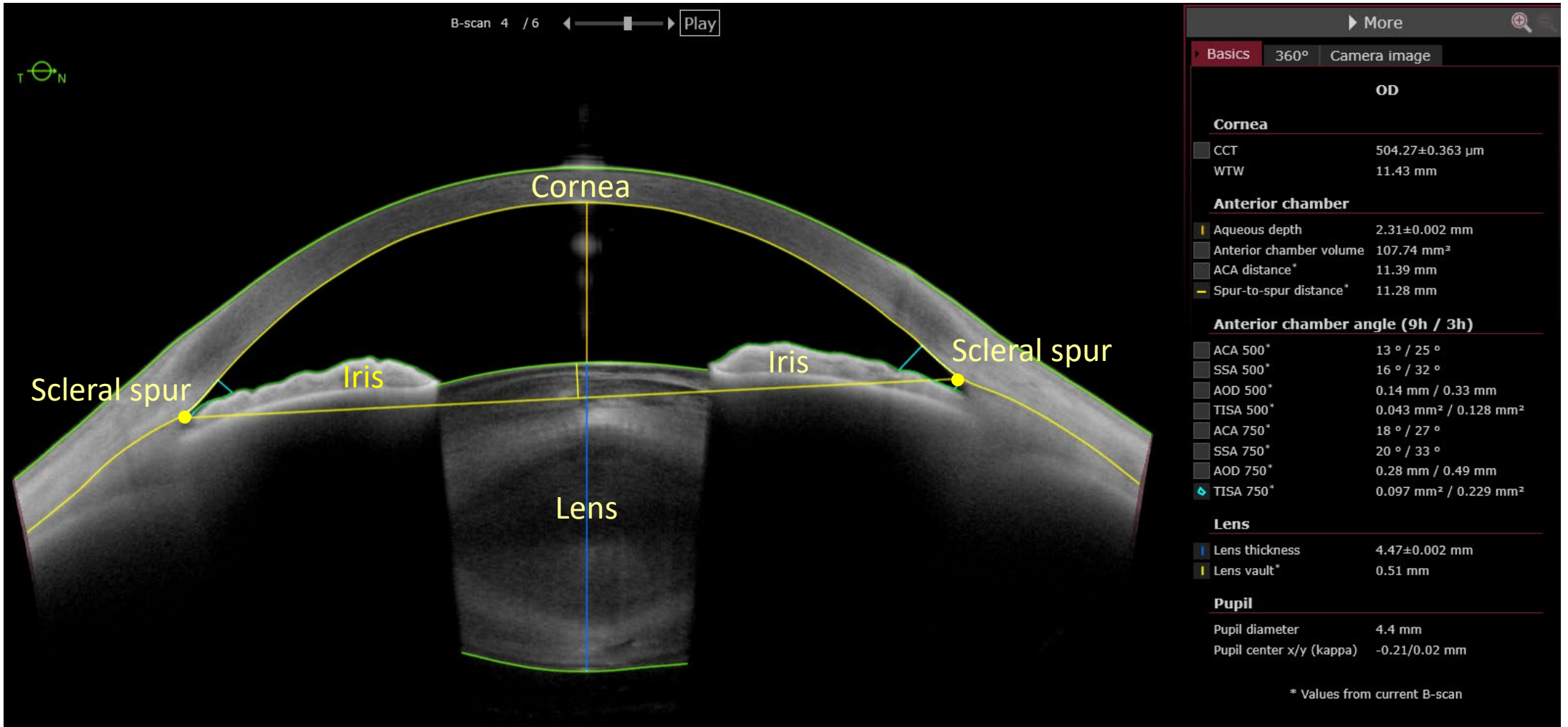
Precise and reproducible method to identify high-risk PACS eyes that should receive LPI



Quantitative AS-OCT



Quantitative AS-OCT



Question

Are AS-OCT measurements predictive of IOP and angle closure outcomes?



Angle Width and IOP

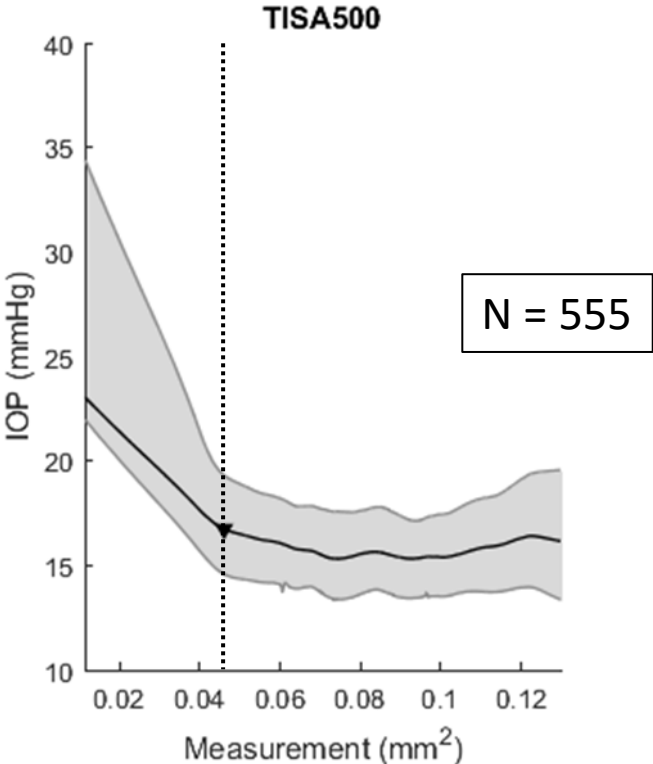
Correlation between Intraocular Pressure and Angle Configuration Measured by OCT

The Chinese American Eye Study

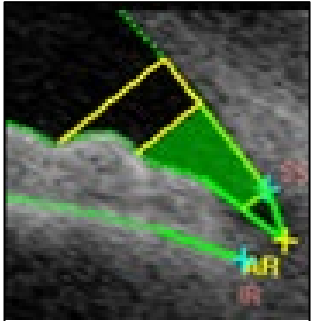
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Ophthalmology Glaucoma, 2018

R = -0.698 R = -0.049
 P < 0.001 P = 0.401



Source: Correlation between Intraocular Pressure and Angle Configuration Measured by OCT, The Chinese American Eye Study



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UNTREATED Angle Closure Progression

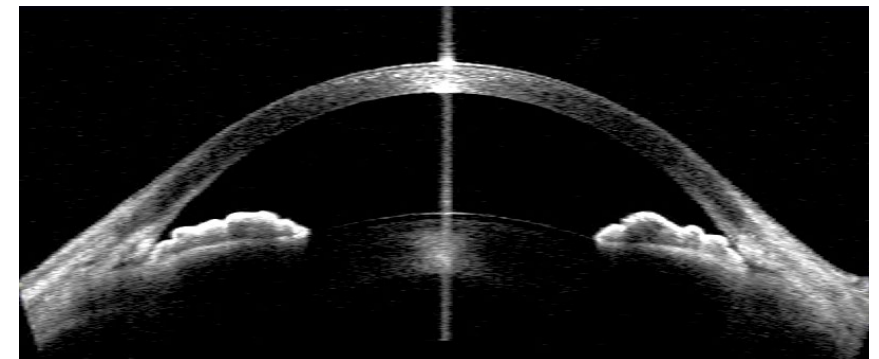
Ocular Biometric Risk Factors for Progression of Primary Angle Closure Disease

The Zhongshan Angle Closure Prevention Trial

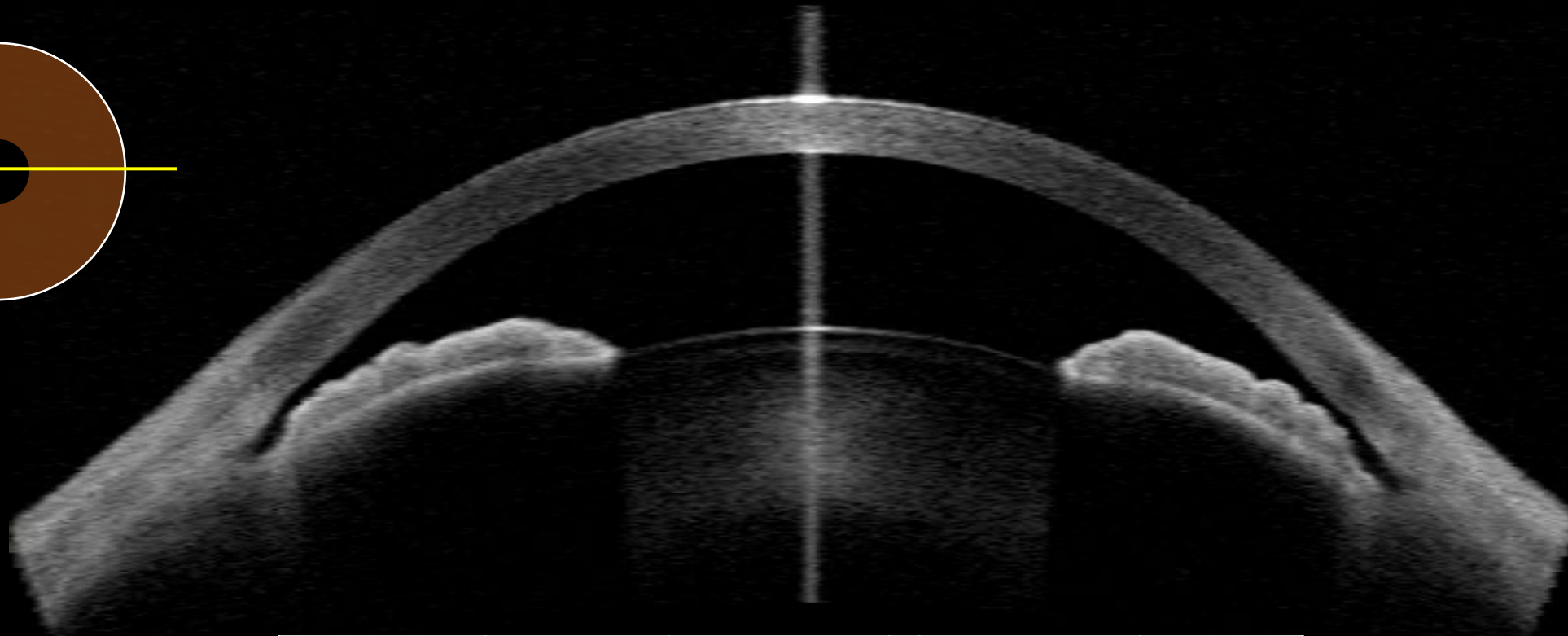
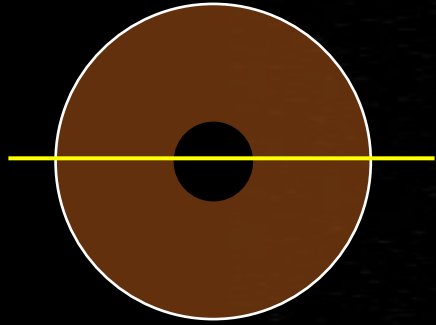
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- 643 **untreated** PACS eyes
- Gonioscopy and AS-OCT at baseline
- Outcome: PACS to PAC

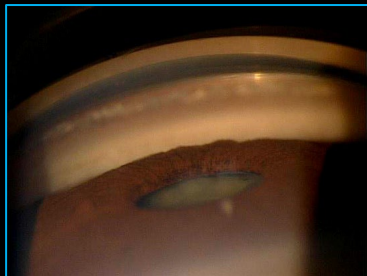
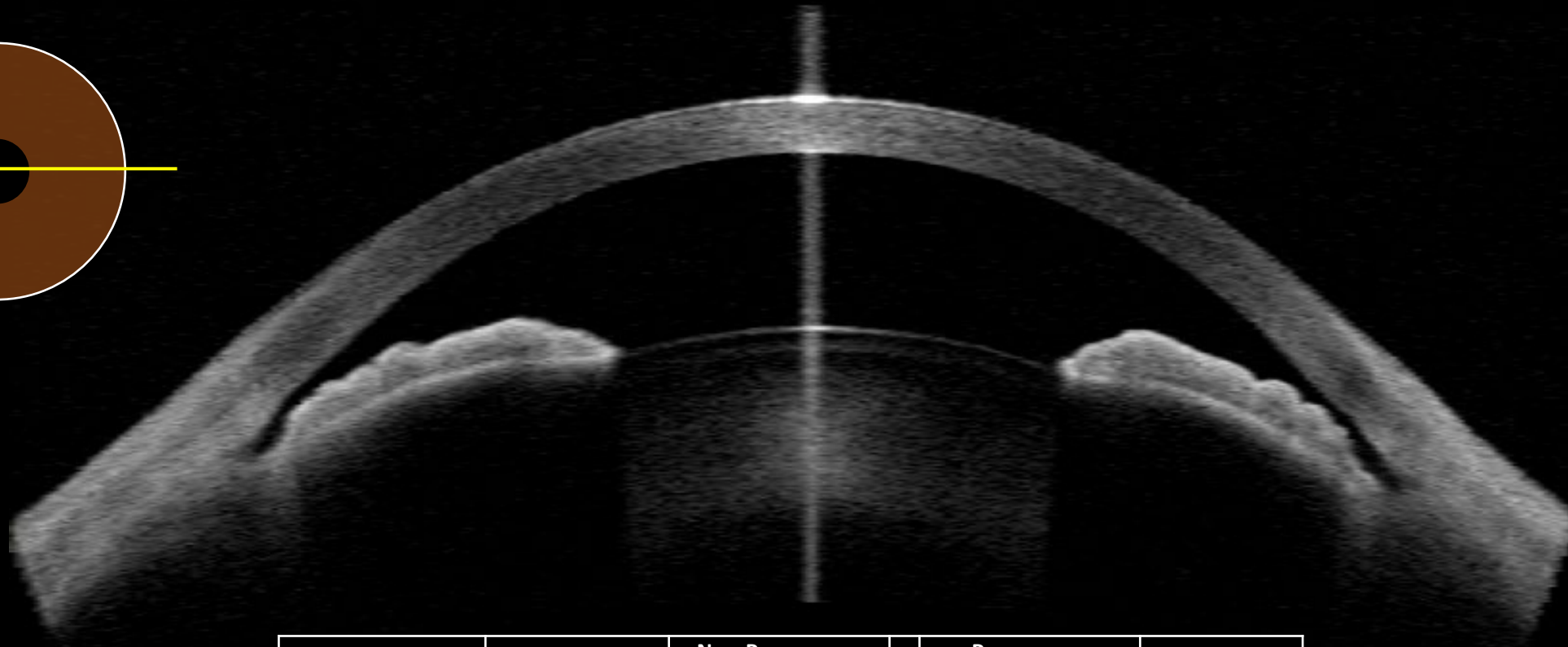
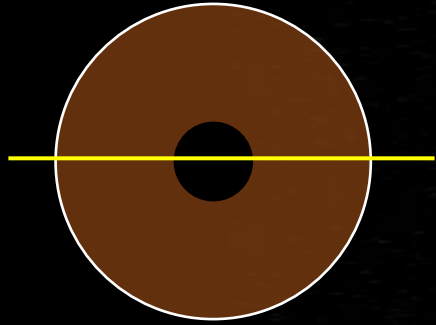


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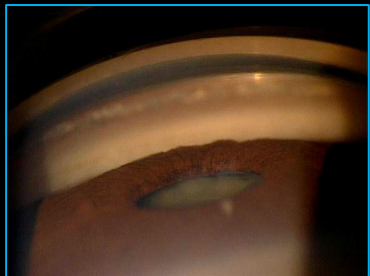
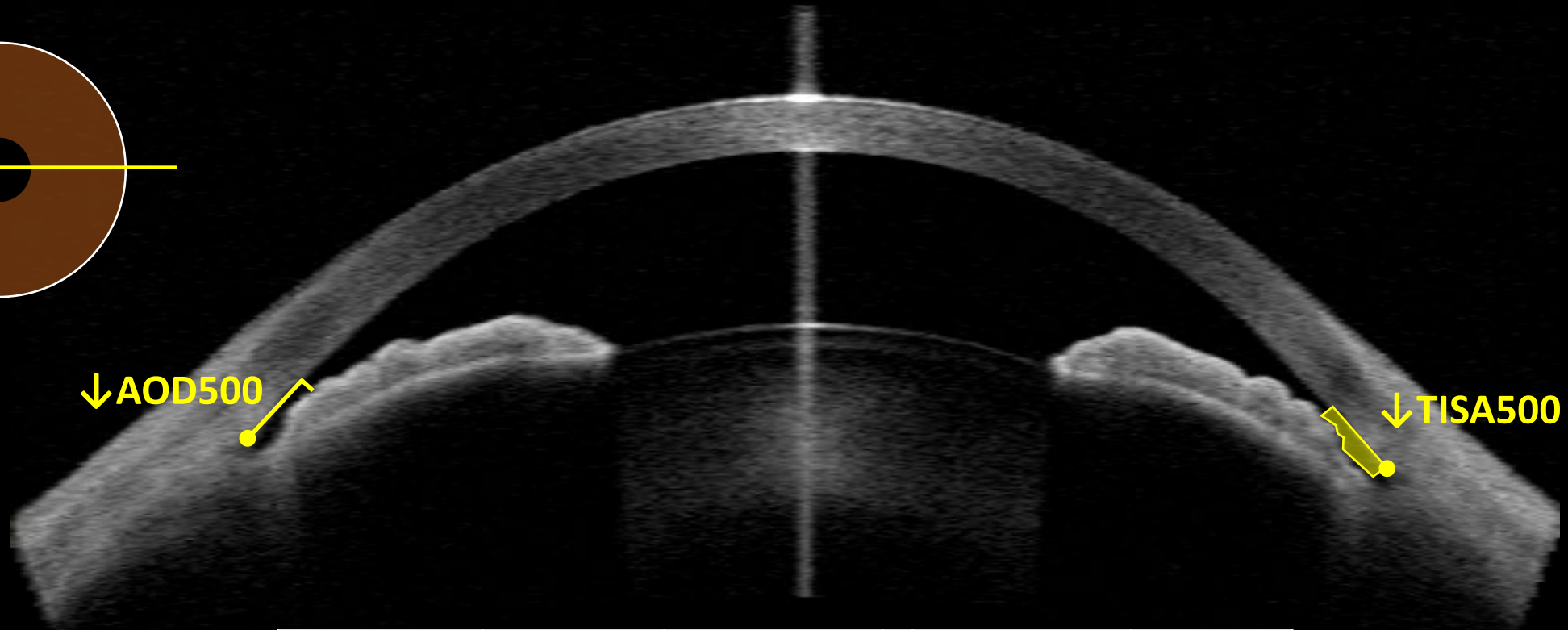
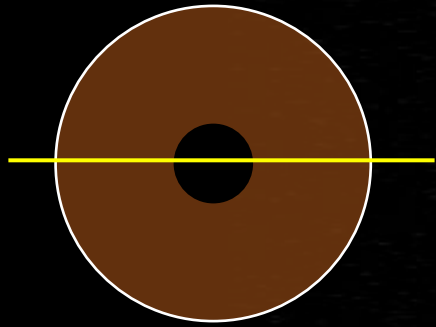
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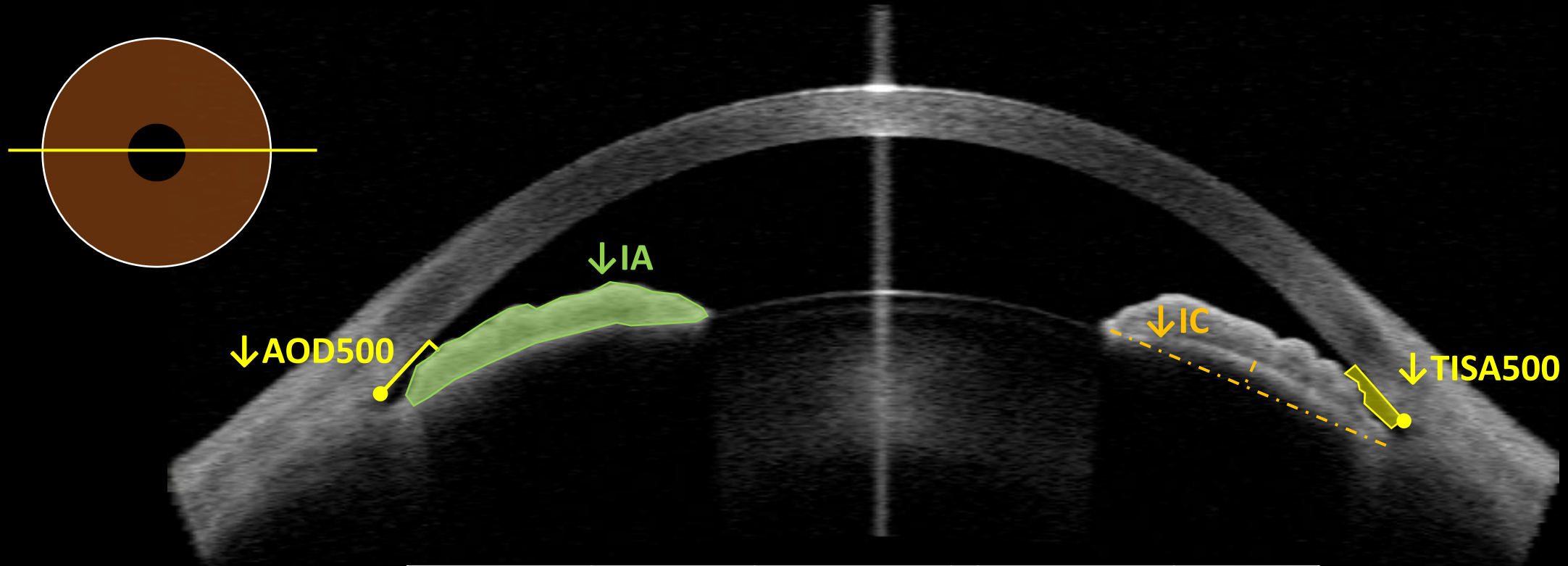
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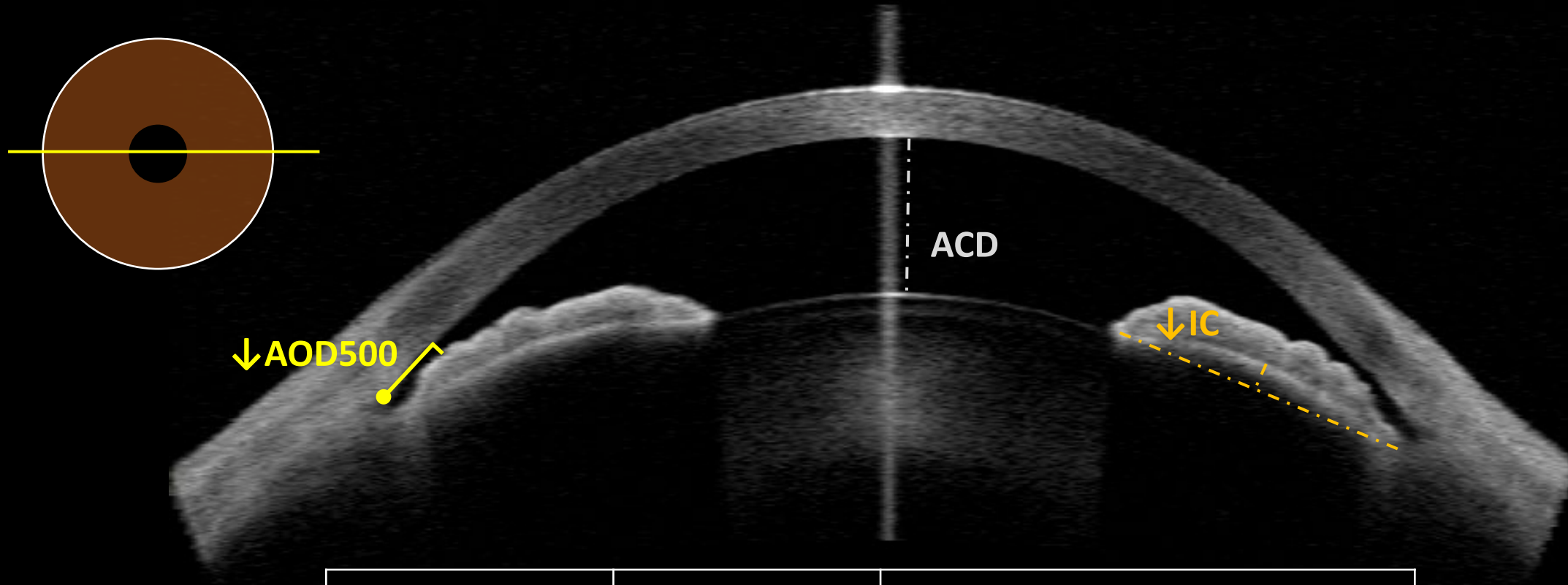
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TISA500	mm ²	0.055 (0.034)	0.033 (0.021)	<0.001

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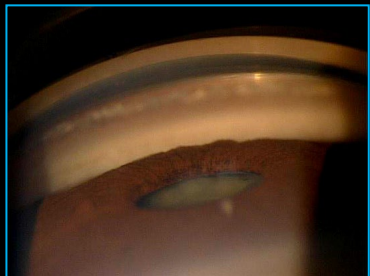
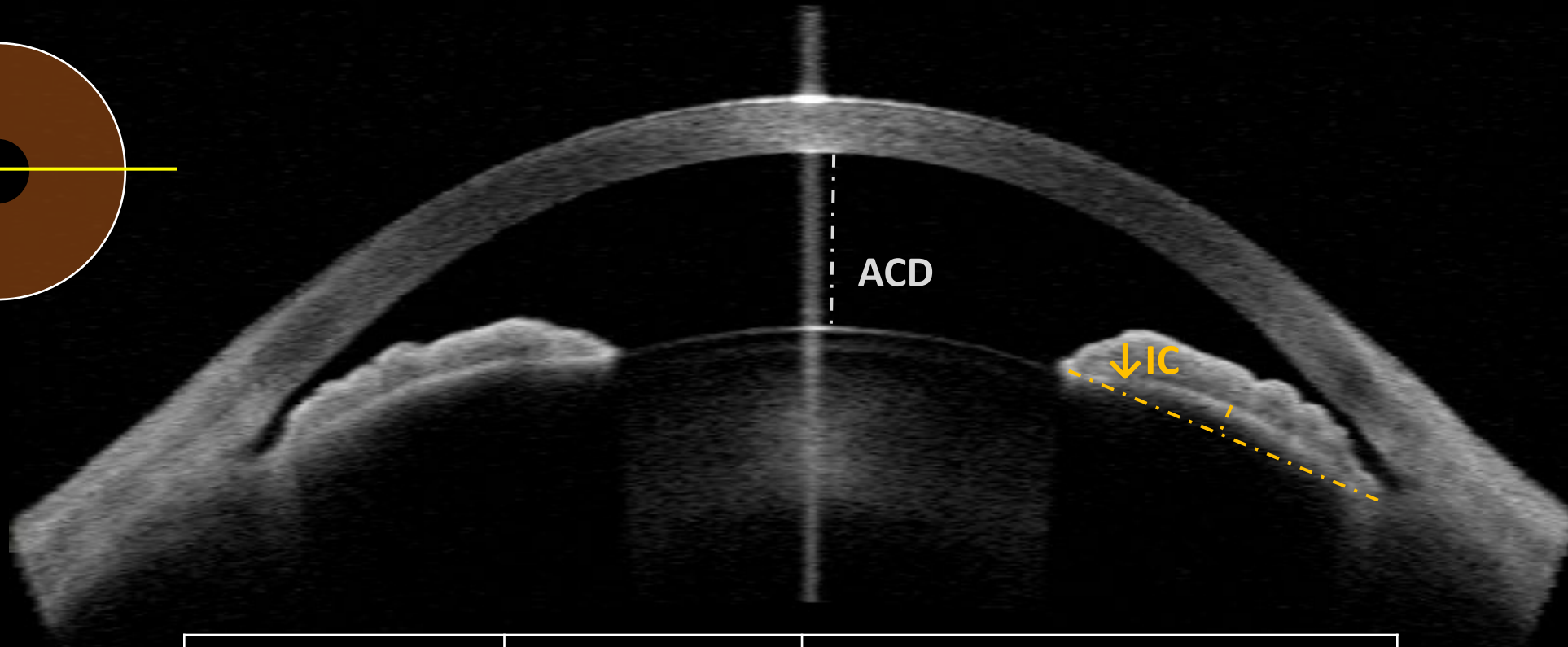
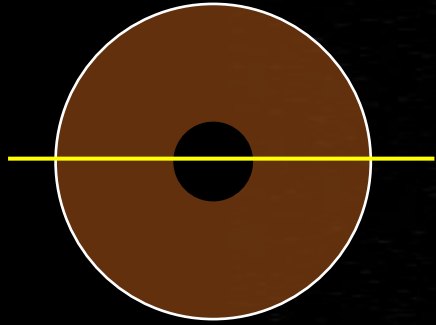
		Non-Progressors (N = 609)	Progressors (N = 34)	
Parameter	Units	Mean (STD)	Mean (STD)	P-value
Age	Years	58.567 (4.977)	60.294 (5.681)	0.051
Sex	Male/Female	110/499	6/28	1.000
IOP	mmHg	15.170 (2.873)	16.303 (2.974)	0.028
Gonioscopy score	mShaffer grade	3.584 (1.476)	3.296 (1.336)	0.265
AOD500	mm	0.088 (0.053)	0.057 (0.050)	0.001
TISA500	mm ²	0.055 (0.034)	0.033 (0.021)	<0.001
IA	mm ²	1.606 (0.216)	1.526 (0.145)	0.045
IC	mm	0.391 (0.088)	0.351 (0.089)	0.016

Results: Multivariable Predictors of Progression – AOD500



		Multivariable	
Parameter	Units	OR (95% CI)	P-value
Age	1 year older	1.11 (1.03-1.20)	0.007
AOD500	0.01 mm lower	1.10 (1.01-1.19)	0.027
IC	0.1 mm lower	1.96 (1.19-3.23)	0.010
ACD	0.1 mm lower	1.15 (0.94-1.41)	0.162

Results: Multivariable Predictors of Progression – Gonioscopy Score



		Multivariable	
Parameter	Units	OR (95% CI)	P-value
Age	1 year increase	1.11 (1.03-1.20)	0.006
Gonioscopy score	1 grade decrease	1.06 (0.82-1.37)	0.665
IC	0.1 mm decrease	2.22 (1.39-3.70)	0.001
ACD	0.1 mm decrease	1.22 (1.00-1.49)	0.056

Precision Care With AS-OCT

Role of Static and Dynamic Ocular Biometrics Measured in the Dark and Light as Risk Factors for Angle Closure Progression



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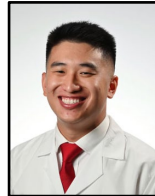


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Biometric Risk Factors for Angle Closure Progression After Laser Peripheral Iridotomy

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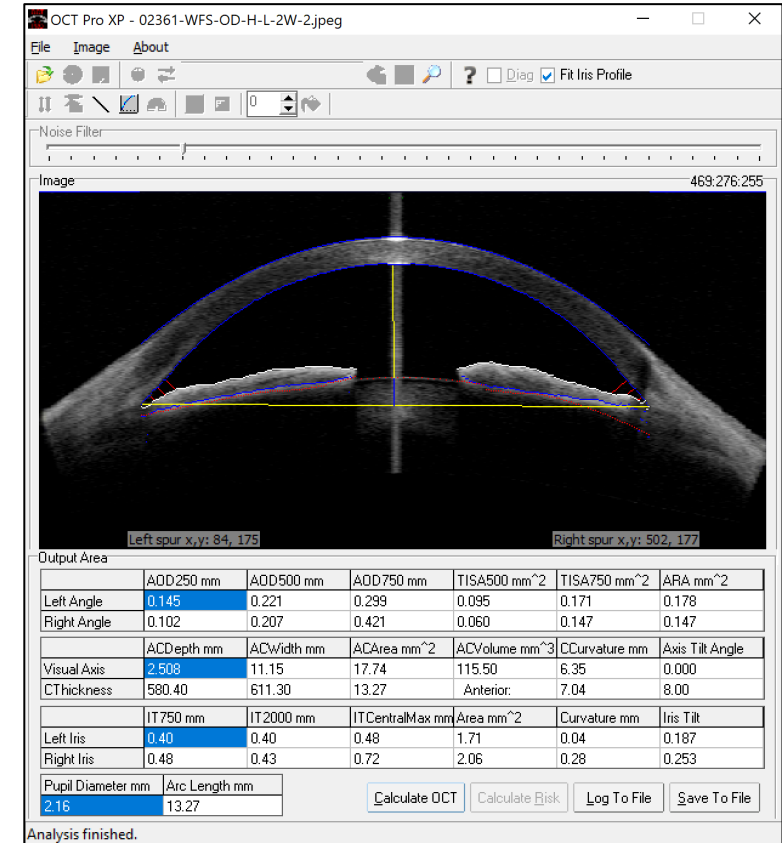
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Anatomic Changes and Predictors of Angle Widening after Laser Peripheral Iridotomy

The Zhongshan Angle Closure Prevention Trial

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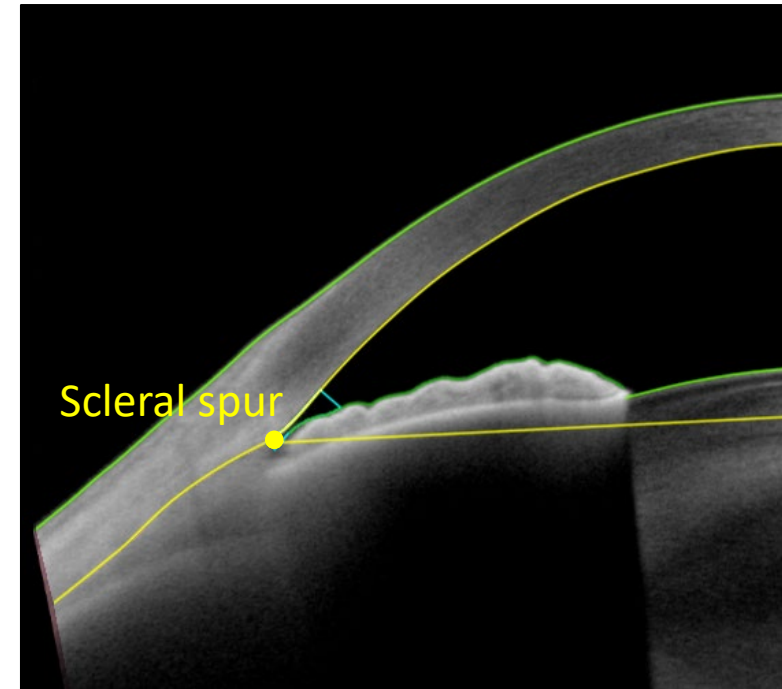
Precise Risk-Stratification → Early Treatment → PACG Prevention

Barriers to Clinical Implementation



Barrier #1

Most eye care providers don't have the time or expertise to manually analyze AS-OCT images



Automated Scleral Spur Detection

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Special Issue

Deep Neural Network for Scleral Spur Detection in Anterior Segment OCT Images: The Chinese American Eye Study

Benjamin Y. Xu¹, Michael Chiang², Anmol A. Pardeshi¹, Sasan Moghimi³, and Rohit Varma⁴

TVST, 2020

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Automated Biometric Analysis

Clinical science

Automated expert-level scleral spur detection and quantitative biometric analysis on the ANTERION anterior segment OCT system

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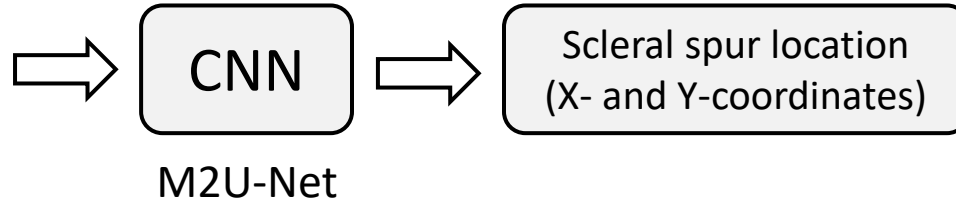
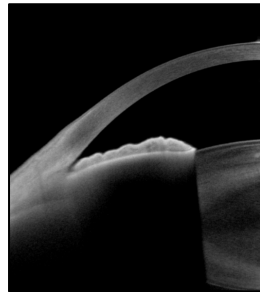
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ANTERION



ANTERION Scleral Spur Detection

ANTERION AS-OCT Image



4,038 AS-OCT images + scleral spur locations

80%: Training dataset

20%: Test dataset

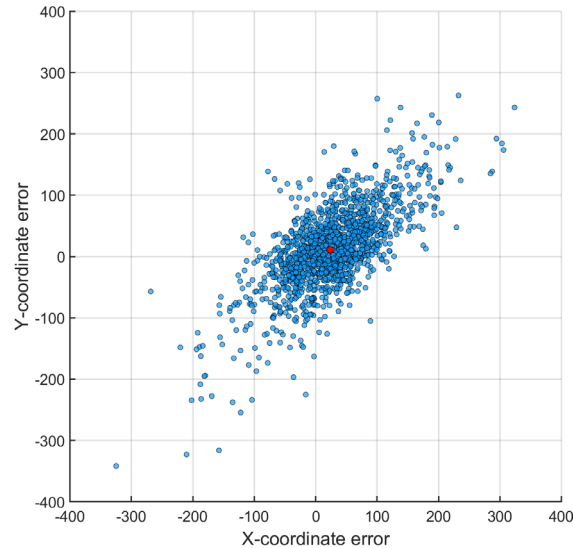


Scleral Spur Detection

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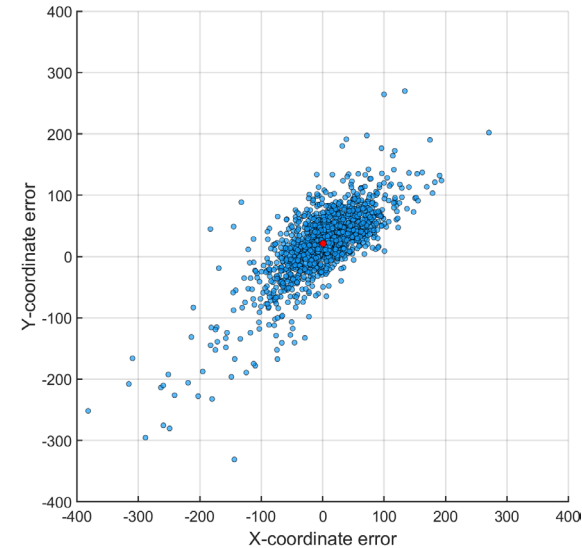
1,308 images
2,616 spurs

Human-Human Agreement



Median Error = 61.1 μm

Human-Machine Agreement



Median Error = 55.5 μm

Error (μm) = Reference – Predicted Scleral Spur Coordinates

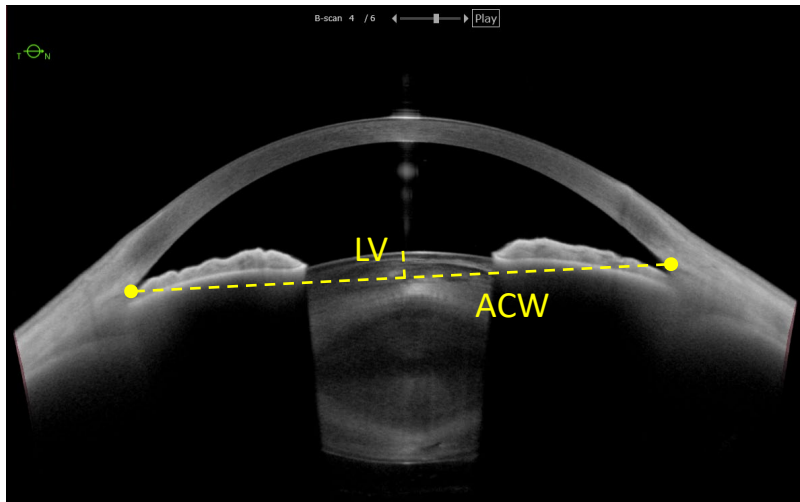
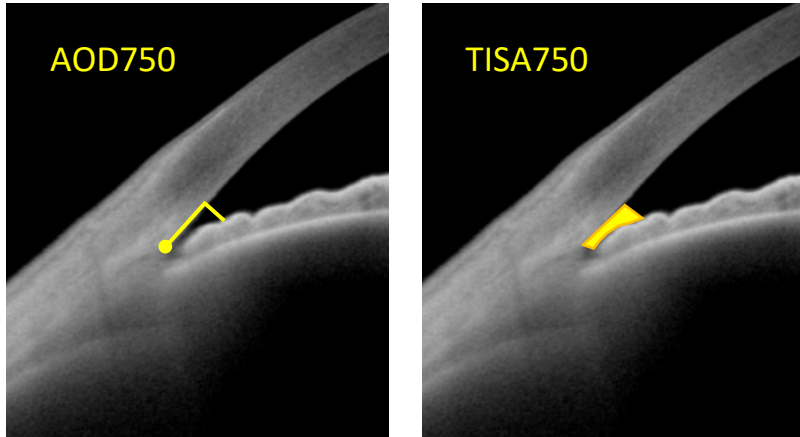
Source: Automated expert-level scleral spur detection and quantitative biometric analysis on the Anterior anterior segment OCT system by Kyle Bolo et al.



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Inter-Grader Reproducibility of Biometric Measurements



	Glaucoma Specialist	Deep Learning
	Intraclass Correlation Coefficient (ICC)	
AOD500	0.961	0.963
AOD750	0.976	0.975
TISA500	0.965	0.968
TISA750	0.974	0.976
ACW	0.966	0.978
LV	0.996	0.996

Barrier #2

AS-OCT devices are relatively uncommon and expensive



Modern Biometers

Heidelberg ANTERION



Alcon ARGOS



Tomey CASIA2



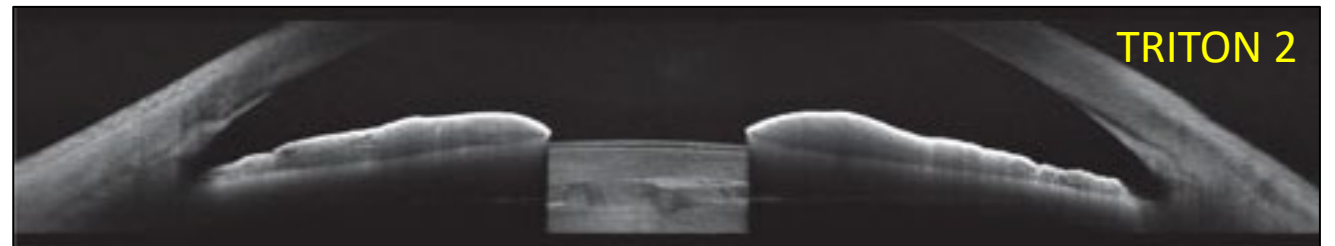
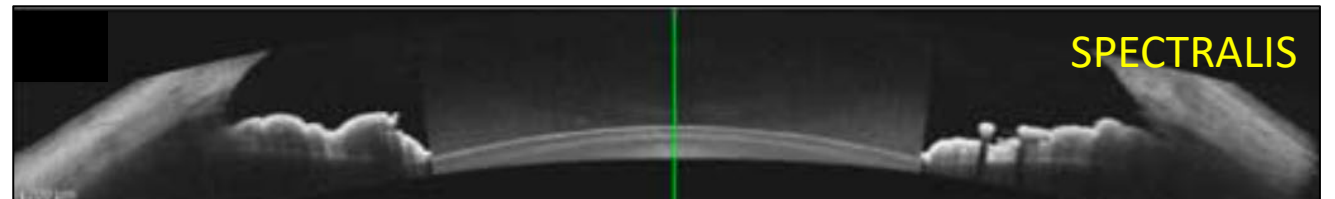
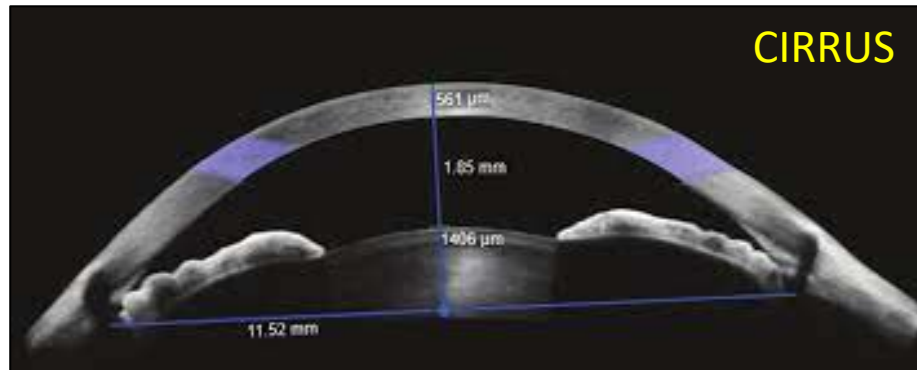
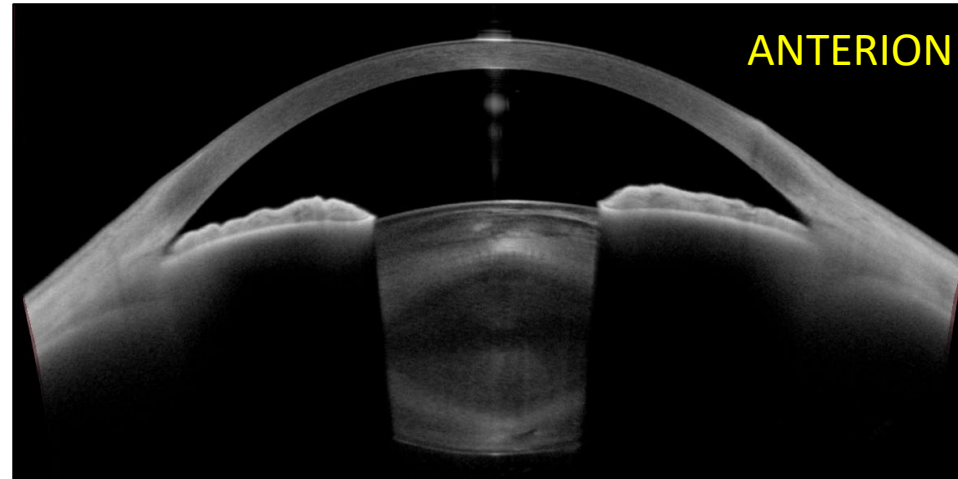
Low-cost OCT technology is needed for resource-limited settings

Barrier #3

There is a lack of standardization between
AS-OCT systems and images



Image Appearance and Refraction Correction

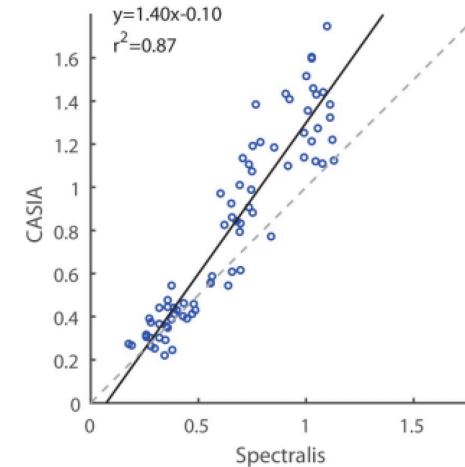


Inter-Device Agreement of Measurements

Reproducibility and Agreement of Anterior Segment Parameter Measurements Obtained Using the CASIA2 and Spectralis OCT2 Optical Coherence Tomography Devices

Benjamin Y. Xu, MD, PhD, Derek D. Mai, MD, Rafaella C. Penteadó, MD,
Luke Saunders, PhD, and Robert N. Weinreb, MD

Journal of Glaucoma, 2017



AOD500

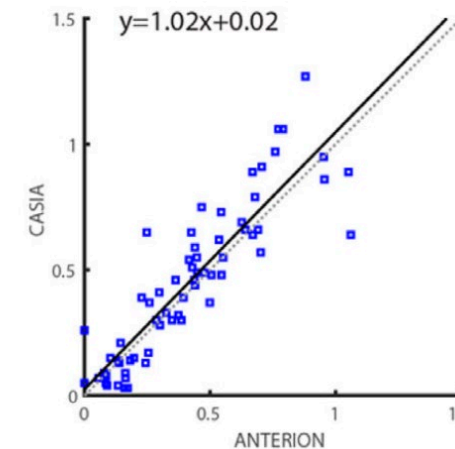
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Article

Intradvice Repeatability and Interdevice Agreement of Ocular Biometric Measurements: A Comparison of Two Swept-Source Anterior Segment OCT Devices

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and Benjamin Y. Xu¹

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AOD750

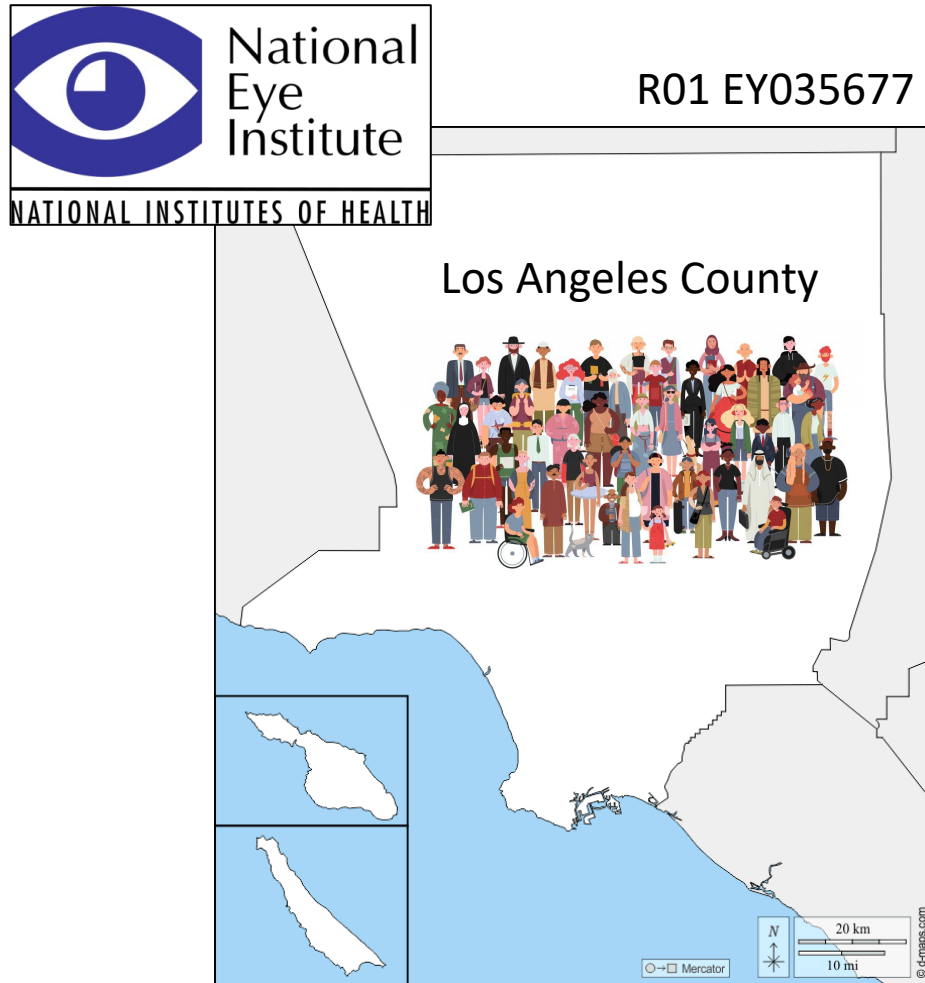


Barrier #4

Little is known about angle anatomy and PACG pathogenesis outside of Asian populations



Multiracial Angle-Closure Progression Study: MAPS



1. Why are some racial groups at higher risk of PACG?
2. Can we establish an OCT-based definition of “narrow angles”?
3. Can we identify novel OCT-based risk factors for PACG?



Summary

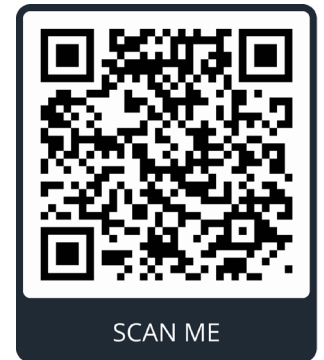
- PACG is a visually devastating disease
- AS-OCT can identify high-risk angle closure whereas gonioscopy cannot
- AI can help address shortcomings of AS-OCT
- More work is needed to overcome implementation barriers and improve clinical outcomes



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