WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT MYOPIA

LIONEL KOWAL ACBO 2009

It's good to be a myope!

1: <u>Ann Acad Med Stetin.</u> 2008;54(1):13-6; discussion 16.

Are children with myopia more intelligent? A literature review.

Czepita D, Lodygowska E, Czepita M.

Katedra i Klinika Okulistyki Pomorskiej Akademii Medycznej w Szczecinie al. Powstańców Wlkp. 72, 70-111 Szczecin.

PURPOSE: Refractive errors are a serious worldwide problem. So far a few papers have described the relationship between refractive errors and intelligence. However, based on the growing interest into the relationship between refractive errors and intelligence quotient (IQ) we decided to present and discuss the latest results of the clinical studies on that subject. MATERIAL AND METHODS: A review of the literature concerning the relationship between refractive errors and IQ was done. RESULTS: In 1958 Nadell and Hirsch found that children in America with myopia have a higher IQ. A similar relationship has been described by other researchers from the USA, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Israel, New Zealand, and Singapore. In other related studies, it was reported that myopic children regardless of their IQ gain better school achievements--table 1. It was also observed that schoolchildren with hyperopia have a lower IQ and gain worse school achievements--table 2. Several hypotheses explaining the relationship between refractive errors and intelligence have been published. Recently, Saw et al. concluded that higher IQ may be associated with myopia, independent of books read per week, in schoolchildren. According to them "the association between genetically driven IQ and myopia of hereditary predisposition could be forged because of a pleiotropic relationship between IQ and myopia in which the same causal factor is reflected in both genetic traits. There may be similar genes affecting eye size or growth (associated with myopia) and neocortical size (possibly associated with IQ)". CONCLUSIONS: The conducted clinical observations suggest that children with myopia may have a higher IQ. This relationship is most probably determined by genetic and environmental factors.

Does refractive surgery damage the IQ?

Types of myopia....

Alcohol myopia: Its prized and dangerous effects. Steele, Claude M.; Josephs, Robert A.

American Psychologist. Vol 45(8), Aug 1990, 921-933.



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This article explains how alcohol makes social responses more extreme, enhances important selfevaluations, and relieves anxiety and depression, effects that underlie both the social destructiveness of alcohol and the reinforcing effects that make it an addictive substance. The theories are based on alcohol's impairment of perception and thought—the myopia it causes—rather than on the ability of alcohol's pharmacology to directly cause specific reactions or on expectations associated with alcohol's use. Three conclusions are offered: (a) Alcohol makes social behaviors more extreme by blocking a form of response conflict. (b) The same process can inflate selfevaluations. (c) Alcohol myopia, in combination with distracting activity, can reliably reduce anxiety and depression in all drinkers by making it difficult to allocate attention to the thoughts that provoke these states. These theories are discussed in terms of their significance for the prevention and treatment of alcohol abuse. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2009 APA, all rights reserved)

a lack of foresight or discernment : a narrow view of something

How much Nature, how much Nurture

- <u>Accommodation and myopia</u>
 Uncertain relationship**
- 3 recent studies* show increased outdoor activity protective against myopia
- <u>Night lights</u>
- Maternal smoking protective!

*Rose & Morgan 2008 [X2], Dirani 2009 ** McBrien NA, Adams DW. Invest Ophthalmol Vis Sci 1997;38:321–33

Overview of stats

- <5% of infants born @ term, then declines
- Preschool: 2-3%
- 11-13yo: 5%
- 15% by age 15
- US adults: 33%

F > M, younger > older , whites > African- or Mexican- Americans

• Prematurity: 25 - 50%

increased corneal curvature bigger factor than increased axial length

TERRY YOUNG MYOPIA GENETICS CURRENT OPINION OPHTHALMOLOGY 2009

• Jon Ruddle [Melbourne] :

gene on 5q for axial length

 Twin studies: increased concordance of refractive error & all of the refractive components in mono- c.f. di- zygotic twins

from TERRY YOUNG

Locus	OMIM	Cytogenetic location	Reference study	Myopia severity: age of onset
MYP1	310460	Xq28	[14-16]	High: -6.75 to -11.25 D Early: 1.5-5 years
MYP2	160700	18p11.31	[17-19]	High: -6 to -21 D Early: 6.8 years (average)
МҮРЗ	603221	12q21-q23	[20,21,22*,23]	High: -6.25 to -15 D Early: 5.9 years (average)
MYP4	608367	7q36	[24]	High: -13.05 D (average)
MYP5	608474	17q21-q22	[25]	High: -5.5 to -50 D Early: 8.9 years (average)
MYP6	608908	22q12	[26-28]	Mild-moderate: -1.00 D or lower
MYP7	609256	11p13	[29]	-12.12 to +7.25 D
MYP8	609257	3q26	[29]	-12.12 to +7.25 D
MYP9	609258	4q12	[29]	-12.12 to +7.25 D
MYP10	609259	8p23	[29,30]	-12.12 to +7.25 D
MYP11	609994	4q22-q27	[31]	High: -5 to -20 D Early: before school age
MYP12	609995	2q37.1	[32,33]	High: -7.25 to -27 D Early: before 12 years
MYP13	HGNC:32582	Xq23-q25	[34]	High: -6 to -20 D Early: before school age
MYP14 Miscellaneous Loci	610320	1p36	[35] [11,36 ^{••} -38 ^{••} ,39 [•] ,40,41 [•] ,42,43,44 [•]]	

Table 1 Identified myopia loci as approved by the Human Genome Organization Gene Nomenclature Committee

D, diopters; HUGO, Human Genome Organization; MYP, myopia locus; p, short arm of a chromosome; q, long arm of a chromosome. OMIM, Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?db=OMIM). HGNC- HUGO Gene Nomenclature Committee (http://www.gene.ucl.ac.uk/cgi-bin/nomenclature/searchgenes).

Waardenburg's textbook, Genetics and Ophthalmology of 1961-3 "axial myopia may be due to different genes, either by itself or as part of syndromes."

EYE SHAPE & PERIPHERAL RETINA Does peripheral optical defocus cause myopia ?

- Most myopic eyes are prolate
- <u>Peripheral retina</u> ~1DS less myopic. Literature ++ for 50+ years.
- 'improved' by laser refractive surgery

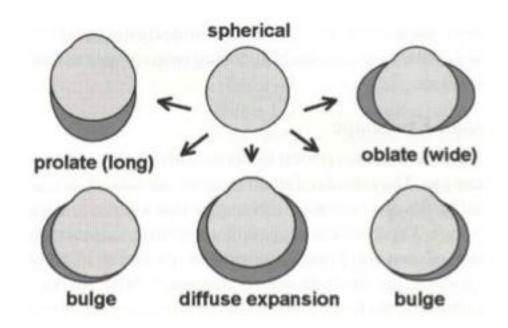


Fig. 1. Shapes of the vitreous chamber forms in chick. The vitreous chamber shape can be predictably modified in chick by altering visual input, changing photoperiod or administering pharmaceutical agents. The vitreous chamber can become diffusely enlarged, selectively elongated along the visual axis or selectively widened in the equatorial dimension. Asymmetries or local bulges can be induced in the posterior eye wall by altering the visual experience in part of the visual field. Each pattern is illustrated, superimposed on a spherical representation of the eye.

'CONGENITAL' MYOPIA Hiatt, Costenbader, Albert 1965

- ..@ birth or by 6y
- N= 177; 120 studied. C's office 1936-64. M=F
- 1st exam 2m to 6y, av 3y4m. Myopia -0.4 to -17, av. -8
- Final exam 4-18y, av 10y7m.

Av -0.6 DS greater.

+ve FH: slightly greater increase -0.9 c.f. -0.2 [p=0.05]

43 showed decrease - range 0.25 to 4.5 DS.

- 46% FH of some type of myopia
- 13% prematurity ≈ 'normals'
- 58%: typical fundus findings of myopia
- 50% strabismus. Most ET. Also XT, vertical, CN, SN

Selection bias: Costenbader was famous pediatric ophthalmologist and strabismus surgeon [First in USA] .

Myopic infants in Cambridge Ehrlich, Atkinson, Braddick... Vis Res 1995

- Changes in Cyclo Refraction from 8m to 38m
- Myopes ≤-3.5DS : trend to low+
- Low+ controls: little/ no change

Selection bias: population study

Medium to **high** grade myopia in infancy and early childhood.. Lavrich, Nelson,... Wills, Albany, 1993

- Bilateral myopia \geq -3 by age 4 R: -3 to -19.5
- N=45. M>F.
- 19/45: seen ≥2y later:
- $12/38 \text{ eyes}: \text{progressed} \ge 1\text{DS}$ [range -1 to -7, median -3]
- 7/38 : hyperopic shift ≥ 1DS [1 to 6 DS, median 2.25]
- 40% strab, ET >> XT
- FH 51%

Selection bias: pediatric ophthalmology offices

Early / birth myopia

- Many change very little
- Many improve or get worse
- Some get better. Low myopes tend to emmetropise
- FH ~ 50%
- Strab ~50%

STABILITY OF REFRACTION IN CHILDHOOD ANISOMYOPIA Caputo, Frosini,,, Strabismus 2001

- 46 anisomyopes age <10, followup \ge 2y
- 14 ET, 11 XT, 3 nystag, 2 IOOA
- W -4 to -18 [-8 ±3 DS]
- B +4.5 to -6.5 [-1 ±2]

Worse eye - More myopic W Better eye - Less Myopic B

- W-B [aniso]: -7.5±3, end -6±4
- B: Myopic shift [p<0.001]74%, hyperopic shift 6%
- W: stable refraction [p=0.8]. Myopic shift 50%, hyperopic shift 40%

STABILITY OF REFRACTION IN ADULT MYOPIA Nizam..Waring..PERK study group J Ref Corneal Surg 1992

- Manifest and cyclo refraction over 5y
- Unoperated eye [other had RK]
- Age 21 to 57y. 82 eyes
- 37 non- CL wearers:
- 13% progressed ≥ 1DS [max 2DS]
- 3% [n=1] less myopic by 1DS

45 CL users:

- 38% progressed \geq 1DS
- MR > CR in 37% by 0.5 to 1.5 DS

STABILITY OF REFRACTION IN ADULT MYOPIA Bullimore...OhioSU.. IOVS 2002

- Manifest refraction in 291 CL wearers age 20-40 over 5y
- Baseline -3.3 DS ± 2 , age 28 $\pm 5y$
- 21% progressed by \geq 1 DS over 5y
- ROMP decreased with increasing age p=0.006
- Progressorscf non-progressors:

independent of h/d of reading/ writing, computer use, education level, FH myopia, age onset myopia, age CL wear Oculometry findings in high myopia at adult age: considerations based on oculometric follow-up data over 28 years in a cohort-based Danish highmyopia series. <u>Fledelius HC</u>, <u>Goldschmidt E</u>. ActaOphthal 3/2009

...adults with high myopia followed between the ages of 26 and 54 years.

- Myopia increased in most , average 1.0 D [± 1.84].
- Ultrasound measurements over the 28 y: correlation between axial eye elongation and myopia progression (r = 0.65).
- Many eyes with high myopia had steeper corneas than expected

ADULT MYOPES

Some / many have modest increases in their myopia

Rate Of Myopia Progression

- Number / complexity of proposed explanations of myopia progression proportional to the imagination and IQ of the investigators
- Number of trials to try and decrease the Rate Of Myopia Progression exceeded only by the persistence of the investigators

PREVENTING MYOPIA PROGRESSION: MECHANISM

<u>Many Interesting Innovative and Credible</u> <u>Theories – no proof</u>

- 1. disruption of emmetropisation
- 2. form deprivation
- 3. optical defocus central, peripheral
- 4. excessive accommodation
- 5. incremental retinal defocus theory

Hung & Ciuffreda ARVO 01

6. abnormal scleral collagen

MECHANISM

Genetic aspects

Many different genes Will there be a phenotype / genotype correlation?

? Each genetic type of myopia has a UNIQUE MECHANISM / ROMP / RESPONSE TO DIFFT TREATMENTS

*Hong Kong*90% incidence of myopiaGenetic influences less credible

MAINSTREAM TREATMENTS TO ARREST MYOPIA

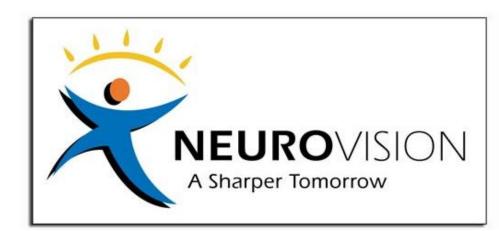
1. Understand duration of spectacle wear

- 2. planned under correction
- 2. Bifocals / PALs
- 3. contact lenses / orthoK
- PHARMACOLOGICAL
- 4. atropine / pirenzipine
- 5. ocular hypotensives
- 6. 7-methylxanthine

NON- MAINSTREAM TREATMENTS TO ARREST MYOPIA

OFFICE BASED

- 1. HELMHOLTZ trans-scleral laser with infrasound pneumatic massage and
- 2,5% phenylephrine drops
- 2. EnergieEyerelax franchises available
- 3. NeuroVision franchises available SURGERIES
- 1. Scleral reinforcement USSR, USA
- 2. Implantation of placenta&
- injections of extracts
- from whole eyes
- (Vance et al, Bull, et mem.
- Soc. Franc.Opht.,
- 82:507-24, 1970).



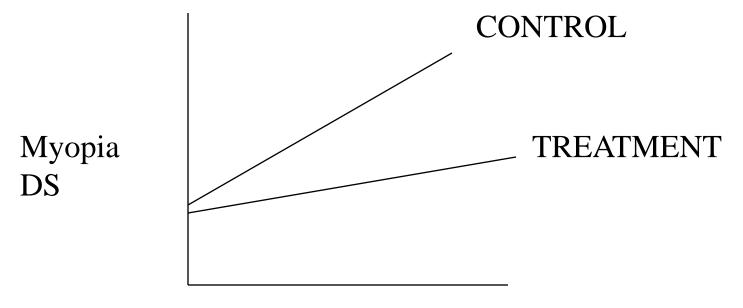
IDEAL STUDY FOR Rx TO REDUCE ROMP

Prospective Randomised Double blind
? Monocular control [systemic absorption]

*Determine optimal timing & duration of Rx

**Detect catch-up after stopping Rx

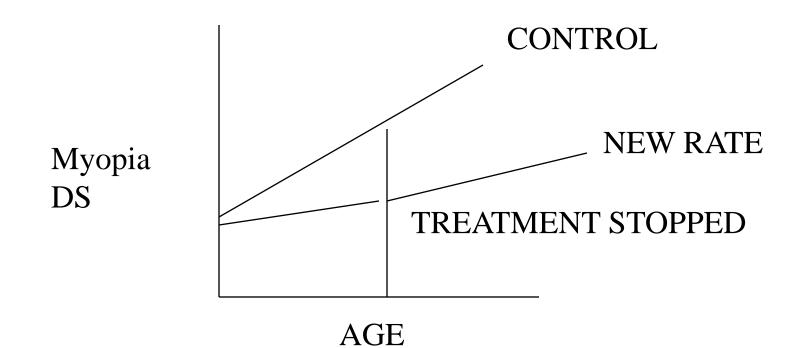
APPARENTLY EXCELLENT RESULT



AGE

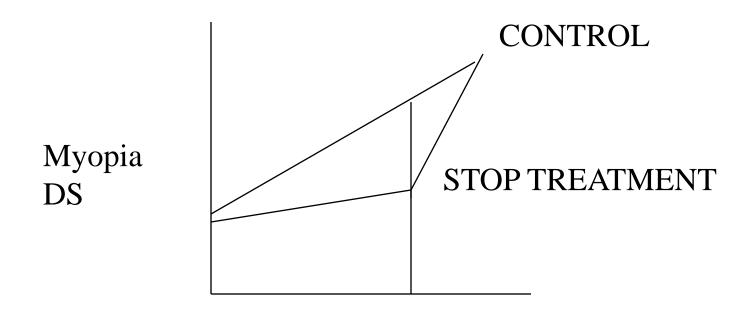
EXCELLENT RESULT

AFTER STOPPING Rx, ROMP @ 'NEW' [LOWER] RATE



SIMULATED EXCELLENT RESULT-1

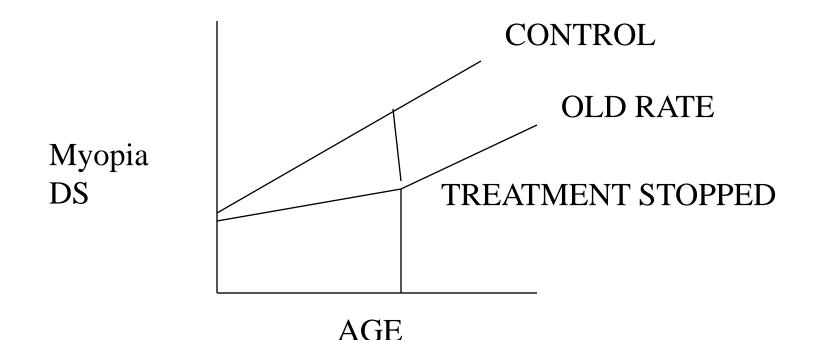
CATCH UP ON STOPPING Rx



AGE

SIMULATED EXCELLENT RESULT- 2

AFTER STOPPING Rx, ROMP @ 'OLD' [control] RATE

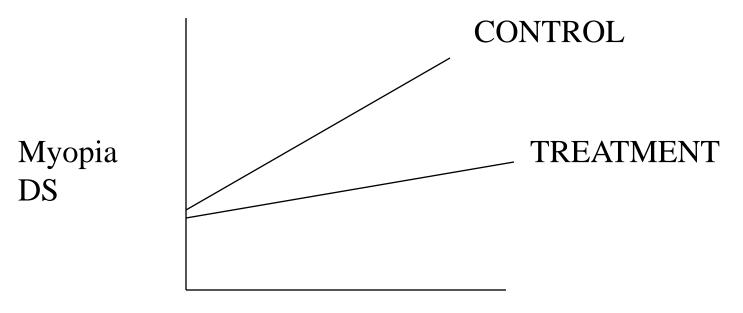


SIMULATED EXCELLENT RESULT-3

Rx SLOWS ROMP. MYOPIA CATCHES UP DESPITE CONTINUING / AFTER STOPPING Rx CONTROL

Myopia DS SLOWS MYOPIC PROGRESSION

APPARENTLY EXCELLENT RESULT : EASILY SIMULATED MUST HAVE GOOD & LONG FOLLOWUP



AGE

STUDY QUESTIONS

- 1. CONTROL GROUP
- 2. DURATION OF TREATMENT
- 3. DURATION OF FOLLOW UP
-ANY OTHER CRITERIA
- 4. DATA AFTER TREATMENT STOPPED

TREATMENTS TO ARREST MYOPIA

OPTICAL
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3. contact lenses / orthoK
PHARMACOLOGICAL
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5. ocular hypotensives

OPTICAL Rxs Saw : BJO, Ophthalmology 2002

- 1. < full time wear of full Rx
- 2. Under correction
- 3. B-F & PALs

< FULL TIME WEAR #1 Saw, BJO 2002

NRCT N= 43 3y

- a. full time specs wear
- b. wear for distance \rightarrow full time
- c. wear for distance

d. non wear

RESULT: Non Significant differences

< Full time wear #2

- NMRCT Finland n= 240 9-11y f/u: 3y
- a. SV, full correc, cont use
- b. SV, full correc, distance only
- c. Bifocals
- **RESULT: ROMP: Non Significant differences**

Planned undercorrection / 1

Straub: Fully correc / Under correc ROMP: NS

> *Tokoro* and *Kabe:* Fully corrected –0.83D/y Under corrected –0.47D/y p< 0.01

Planned undercorrection /2 <u>CHUNG...O'LEARY VIS RES 2002</u>

CHILDREN UNDERCORRECTED BY -0.75 SMALL [STATS SIGN] *INCREASE* ROMP OVER 2y 0.25D *GREATER* THAN FULLY CORRECTED

BIFOCALS / PALs Saw BJO 2002 3 well designed RCT USA, DENMARK, FINLAND Bifocals +1 to +2 adds Sample sizes 32-240 **Result : Non Significant differences**

PALS - Non Significant differences

Leung and Brown Hong Kong 36: +1.5 - +2 add. ROMP -3.67 to -3.73D. 32: SV. ROMP -3.67D.

Shih and colleagues Taiwan 227 6-12y PALs -1.19D/y. SV -1.40D/y.

CORRECTION OF MYOPIA EVALUATION TRIAL (COMET) PALs vs. SV

IOVS 2003 3 y. N= 469. age 6-11y MULTICENTRE USA RANDOMISED DOUBLE MASKED. SE -1.25 to -4.50 PALs Slight \downarrow ROMP, AL, # of Rx changes RECOMMENDATIONS Effects too small to change your current routine

CORRECTION OF MYOPIA Multifocal CLs vs. glasses

Howell: CLs retard ROMP more than glasses

The effectiveness of progressive addition lenses on the progression of myopia in Chinese children

Ophthalmic Physiol Opt. 2009 Jan;29(1):41-8.

Yang Z, Lan W, Ge J, Liu W, Chen X, Chen L, Yu M. Guangzhou, China.

- 178 Chinese juvenile-onset acquired myopes (aged 7-13 years, -0.50 to -3.00 D spherical refractive error), who did not have moderately or highly myopic parents.
- 149 (75 in SV and 74 in PAL) completed the 2-year study.
- The myopia progression (mean +/- S.D.) in the SV and PAL groups was -1.50 +/- 0.67 and -1.24 +/- 0.56 D, respectively.
- This difference of 0.26 D over 2 years was statistically significant (p = 0.01).
- The lens type (p = 0.02) and baseline spherical equivalent refraction (p = 0.05) were significant contributing factors to myopia progression.
- Mean increase in the depth of vitreous chamber * was 0.70 +/- 0.40 and 0.59 +/- 0.24 mm, respectively. This difference of 0.11 mm was statistically significant (p = 0.04).
- Age (p< 0.01) was the only contributing factor to the elongation of vitreous chamber.
- Different near phoria (p< 0.01) and gender (p = 0.02) caused different treatment effects when wearing SV lenses. However, there were no factors found to influence the treatment effect of wearing PALs.
- CONCLUSIONS:
- ROMP was found to be retarded by PALs to some extent in Chinese children without moderately or highly myopic parents, especially for subjects with near esophoria or females.
- * reported by Neville McBrienActaOphthalmologica 1987

Wearing Spectacles vs. Switching to Contact Lenses.

• Optom Vis Sci. 2009

• Marsh-Tootle WL, ...Gwiazda J, [COMET]

• No clinically significant difference in ROMP

SUMMARY

< Full time wear / undercorrection

>5 STUDIES MOST NOT SIGNIFICANT

2 SIGNIFICANT : 1 ROMP WORSE!

SUMMARY BIFOCALS & PALs

>9studies : NS

~2-3 PAL studies: Stats Significant All clinically insignificant

ATROPINE EASILY UNDERSTOOD EFFECT:

Muscarinic antagonist \rightarrow blocks accommodation If Xs accom \rightarrow \uparrow axial length, Atropine may block this

<u>Non – AccommEffects [McBrien]</u>:

* Affects dopamine release ?influence retinal signals ?control eye growth

* Suppresses GH

ATROPINE STUDIES

BEDROSSIAN Ophthalmology 1979n = 62 1% Atropine hs ONE eye for 12 mo. Fellow eye treated in Y2 [previously Rx'd eye now control]. Atropine: \downarrow ROMP Post Atropine: ROMP @'new' [lesser] rate

ATROPINE STUDIES

KENNEDYMAYO Transactions AOS 1995 Olmsted county study

Excellent review of older literature on ROMP

Mayo Clinic study

KENNEDY MAYO Transactions AOS 1995 Olmsted county study N=214. Median age 11y, R6-15 Duration 3.5y [18w to 11.5y] Follow up 11y **ROMP Atropine: 0.05DS/Y**, Control 0.36 DS/Y [p<0.001]

ATROPINE STUDIES RCT X3 TAIWAN At **0.1** to 1% Result: ROMP significantly \downarrow Lower % better tolerated

ATROPINE & B-F BRODSTEIN OPHTHALMOLOGY 1984

n = 253. 1% Atropine od. 9y f/up. ↓ ROMP during Rx ROMP after Rx = Control group

ROMP fastest age 8 -12

ATROPINE & B-F UCLA BVQ 2002

 $\frac{15 \text{ Myopes } / 15 \text{ control}}{\text{Myopes } 15 \text{ control}}$ Atropine 1% OU mean 29m [3-96]
ROMP:
Atropine : 0.05D Controls : 0.84D p = 0.00021!!

<u>Using same pair of glasses [months]:</u> Atropine : 25.1 (+/-19.3) Control: 13.5 (+/-10.3) p = 0.049

ATROPINE & B-F WILMER

CASE SERIES RETRO / INTER / NON COM n = 706 age 6-16 y B-F : full cyclo / +2.25 add Atropine 1% 1/w. 3w - 10 y Result: 496 Fully Compliant. 210 Partly ROMP: F/ Compliant 0.08D / y. Partly 0.23D / y p< 0.001 !!

ATOM STUDY

ARVO 2003 CHUA [SINGAPORE] RANDOMIZED / DOUBLE MASKED / PLACEBO CONTROLLED n=400 -1D to -6D 6-12 y 1% Atropine Control: Isoptotears 1/d F/U: 4 monthly for 2 y. 90% @ 12mo, 80+% @ 2y Cyclo ref / axial length CR / AL

ATOM STUDY #2: RESULTS

- <u>12 mo</u>: CR C: -0.76D. Atropine : +0.3D !!
- AL: C: +0.2 mm. Atropine <u>reduction</u> 0.14 mm 2yrs : CR / AL
- C: -1.20D / +0.38 mm
- At -0.25D / AL unchanged from baseline p< 0.0001 @ 12 mo & 2 y

myopia progression after cessation of atropine.

Ophthalmology. 2009 Mar;116(3):572-9.

Tong L, Huang XL, Koh AL, Zhang X, Tan DT, Chua WH, SNEC

- Subjects were followed up for 12 mo after stopping treatment [either 1% atropine or vehicle eyedrops once nightly for 2 y]. Only 1 eye of each subject was chosen through randomization for treatment.
- **RESULTS:** After cessation of atropine drops, the mean progression in the **atropine-treated group was -1.14+/-0.80 D over 1 year**, whereas the progression **in placebo-treated eyes was -0.38+/-0.39 D** (P<0.0001).
- After 3 y of participation in the trial (with 2 years on atropine treatment), eyes randomized to atropine have less severe myopia than other eyes. Spherical equivalent was -4.29+/-1.67 D in the atropine-treated eyes compared with -5.22+/-1.38 D in the placebo-treated eyes (P<0.0001).
- Spherical equivalents in atropine-untreated and placebo-untreated eyes were -5.00+/-1.62 D and -5.28+/-1.43 D, respectively.
- Over the 3 years, the increase in axial length of the atropine-treated eyes was 0.29+/-0.37 mm compared with 0.52+/-0.45 mm in the placebo-treated eyes (P<0.0001)

PIRENZEPINE

Selective M1subtype muscarinic antagonist

Animal studies: blocks $AL 2^{\circ}$ to form deprivation

PIRENZEPINE #1

ARVO 2003 SIATKOWASKI MULTICENTRE RCT n=13 USA

N = 174 8-12 y Rx / C : 2:1BD for 12 mo ENTRY : BCVA 20/25 or better REF ERROR -0.75 to -4.00D SE CYL $\leq 1D$

PIRENZEPINE #1 RESULTS OUTCOME: CYCLO A/REF @ 12 mo Entry Ref Error: PIR -2.10; C -1.93 ROMP: PIR -0.26D; C -0.53D p<0.001 2% PIR >1D Myopic progression @ 12 mo 20% C > 1D Myopic Progression @ 12 mo p<0.001

PIR 11% withdrew; C: 0%.

PIRENZEPINE : STUDY #2

1yr Asian Trial
353 children 6-12 y
a. PIR bd
b. Placebo morning+ PIR Evening
c. Placebo bd

Ref error / AL

PIRENZEPINE – ASIA /2

<u>ROMP @ 12 mo</u>

a. -0.40D (PIR bd)b. -0.70D (PIR 1/d)c. -0. 80D (C)

a/b: p<0.001 a/c: p<0.001 b/c:NS

PIRENZEPINE – ASIA /3

AXIAL LENGTH

a. +0.21mm (PIR bd) b. +0.30mm (PIR 1/d)

c. +0.33mm (C)

All comparisons NS

OCULAR HYPOTENSIVES

↑ IOP → stretch sclera ↑axial length ↑myopia
Labetolol / Timolol

Several studies : no Controls, not randomised

Danish study 150 child. 0.25% timolol [2y]

ROMP: Timolol -0.59D/y

Single vision -0.57D/y

SUMMARY

PHARMACOLOGICAL STUDIES

1. ATROPINE many studies

Most : Stats significant

One study : post Rx ROMP @ reduced 'new' rate

2. PIRENZEPINE 2% GEL 2 studies Sig

3. OCULAR HYPOTENSIVES NS

MYOPIA

- 1. Major personal / societal problem
- 2. Convincing data on ↓ ROMP with At / Pir. Need longer f/up.
- 3. No convincing evidence on optical treatments
- 4. ? Genetic segregation first& repeat optical and drug studies

