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Purpose: To evaluate the usefulness of a new instrument to predict the visual performance obtained with a multifocal intraocular lens prior to surgery

INTRODUCTION:

- Presbyopia consists on the loss of accommodative amplitude causing blur and uncomfortable vision in near objects. One of the solutions to presbyopia is the implantation of a Multifocal Intraocular Lens (MIOL). MIOLs have complex designs and therefore neural adaptation is involved. Consequently, is important to evaluate the visual performance with MIOLs before surgery.

MATERIAL AND METHODS:

- Patients: 10 presbyopic patients were included in this study. The mean age \pm standard deviation (SD) was 67 ± 10 years (from 52 to 81 years).
- Material:
 - Mplus (Lentis® Oculentis®)
 - Visual Acuity (VA) Chart (Figure 2)
 - CSV- 1000E Test (Figure 3)
 - VirtIOL: is an open-field instrument based on projecting an IOL onto the patients' pupil plane. Thus, the patient sees through the IOL simulating the vision once the IOL is implanted (Figure 1)

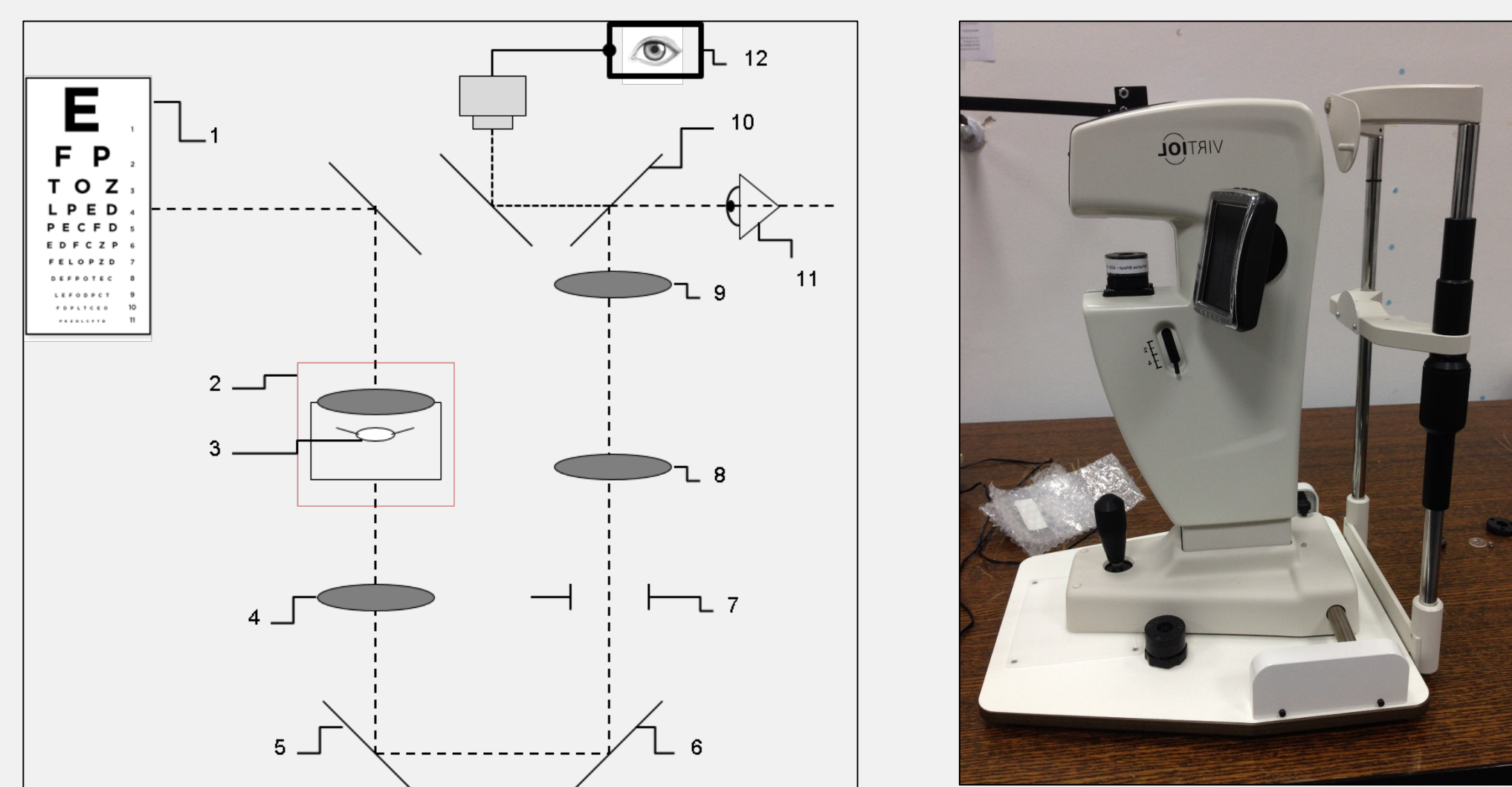


Figure 1: VirtIOL's system scheme (on the left) and VirtIOL's prototype (on the right).

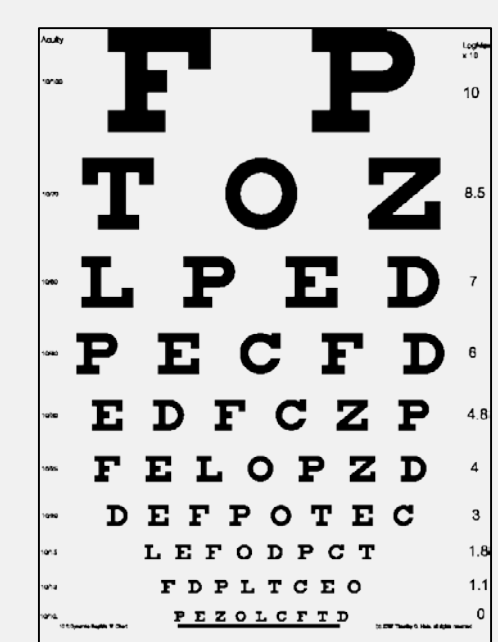


Figure 2: VA Chart

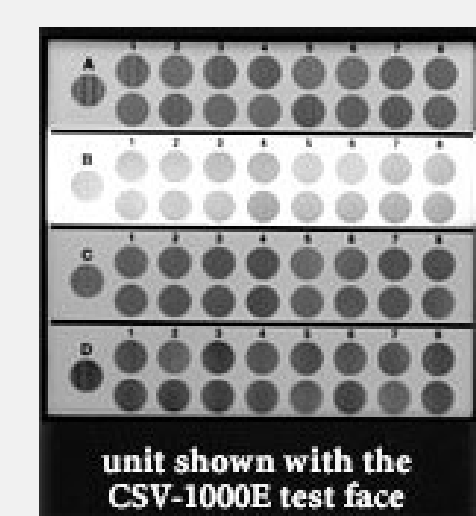
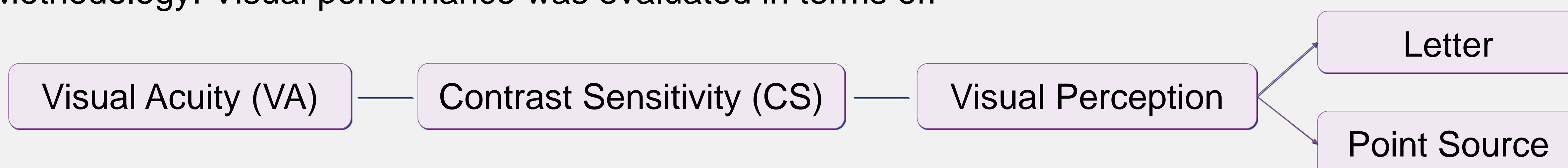


Figure 3: CSV-1000E test

- Methodology: Visual performance was evaluated in terms of:



The measurements were performed in two sessions:

- First session: Before surgery with VirtIOL and Mplus
- Second session: After surgery with MPlus.

RESULTS:

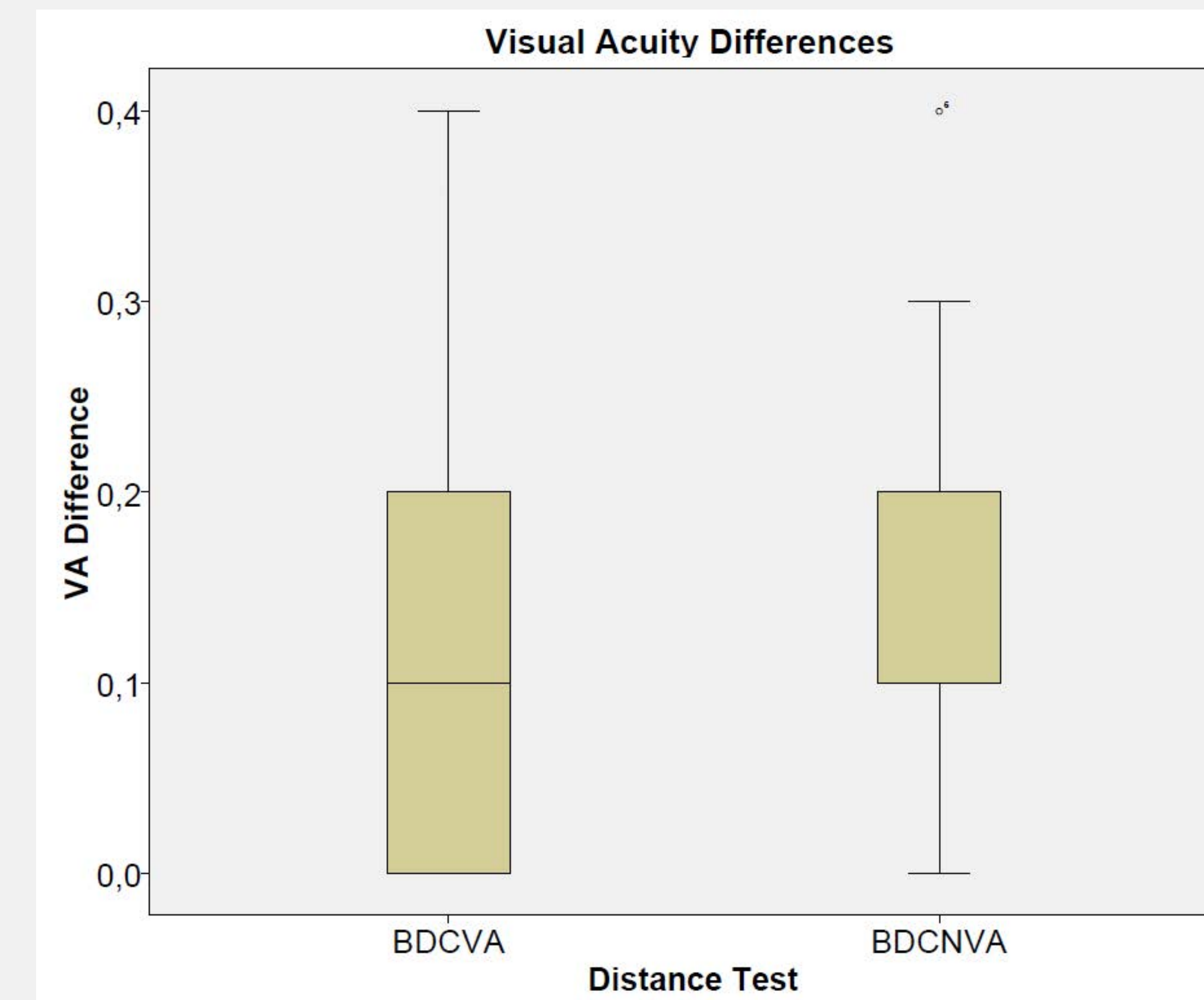


Figure 4: Visual acuity differences between first and second session for the BDCVA (Best Distance Corrected Visual Acuity) and BDCNVA (Best Distance Corrected Near Visual Acuity).

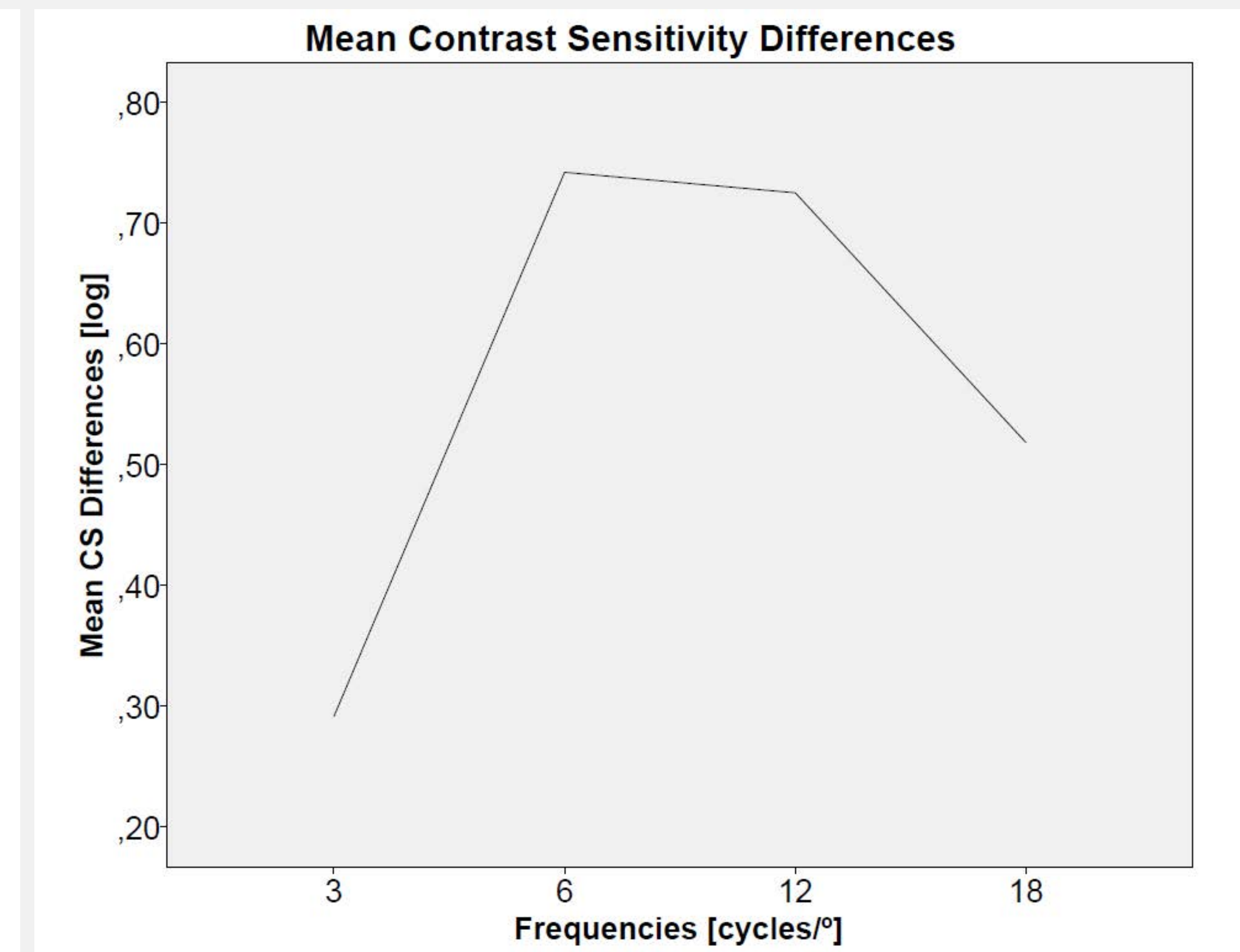


Figure 5: Mean contrast sensitivity differences curve between first and second session for BDCVA (Best Distance Corrected Visual Acuity).

	Visual Acuity		Contrast Sensitivity				Subjective Comparison	
	BDCVA	BDCNVA	A (3cyc/°)	B (6cyc/°)	C (12cyc/°)	D (18cyc/°)	Letter	Point light source
Mean								
Difference \pm SD	0.10 ± 0.13	0.16 ± 0.12	0.29 ± 0.38	0.74 ± 0.68	0.73 ± 0.59	0.52 ± 0.32	3.20 ± 0.79	2.50 ± 0.71

Table 1: Mean Difference \pm SD between the first and the second session of the BDCVA (Best Distance Corrected Visual Acuity), BDCNVA (Best Distance Corrected Near Visual Acuity) in terms of Visual acuity; of each frequency in terms of Contrast Sensitivity; of both subjective comparisons.

CONCLUSIONS:

- The new instrument VirtIOL is a useful tool to predict the visual performance of a patient before surgery.
- Differences found between virtual and real implant are associated with a little opacification of the crystalline lens due to the age of the patients.
- The ideal candidate for MIOL simulation through VirtIOL instrument is the patient for Refractive Clear Lens Exchange.

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