



**Objective:** To evaluate the relationship between the presence of prominent opalescent sheen in the retinal nerve fiber layer and visual acuity, intraocular pressure, and stereopsis in a 16-year-old teenage group in Taiwan. **Methods:** A cross-sectional study was used to assess their habits of eye use. The presence of prominent opalescent sheen was assessed by a trained ophthalmologist. The parameters assessed were visual acuity, intraocular pressure, and stereopsis. The results revealed that the total area of opalescent sheen was positively correlated with visual acuity (correlation coefficient at 0.153; p value=0.279), intraocular pressure (correlation coefficient at 0.263; p value=0.059), and stereopsis (correlation coefficient at 0.069; p value=0.635). Specifically, when the area of opalescent sheen was sub-divided into center, upper, and lower, the area of opalescent sheen in the macula center as the center of the circle, the area of opalescent sheen in the center was positively correlated with intraocular ocular pressure (correlation coefficient at 0.312; p value=0.024). **Conclusion:** The presence of prominent opalescent sheen in the retinal nerve fiber layer is associated with visual acuity, intraocular pressure, and stereopsis. These findings provide baseline information for further analysis.

**Keywords:** Retinal nerve fiber layer; opalescent sheen; visual acuity; intraocular pressure; stereopsis; E. coli.

### Introduction

Retinal nerve fiber layer (RNFL) is the layer of the retina that carries visual information from the photoreceptors to the optic nerve. Clinically, RNFL thickness is an important parameter for the diagnosis and monitoring of glaucoma. The presence of prominent opalescent sheen in the RNFL is a clinical sign of glaucoma. The relationship between the presence of prominent opalescent sheen in the RNFL and visual acuity, intraocular pressure, and stereopsis has been investigated in several studies. The results of these studies have been inconsistent. Some studies have found a positive correlation between the presence of prominent opalescent sheen in the RNFL and visual acuity, intraocular pressure, and stereopsis. Other studies have found no significant correlation. The present study was conducted to evaluate the relationship between the presence of prominent opalescent sheen in the RNFL and visual acuity, intraocular pressure, and stereopsis in a 16-year-old teenage group in Taiwan.

The present study was a cross-sectional study. The participants were 16-year-old teenagers from a high school in Taiwan. The study was approved by the Institutional Review Board of the National Chung Hsing University. The participants were informed of the purpose of the study and gave their informed consent. The study was conducted in a dark room. The participants were seated at a distance of 40 cm from a computer monitor. The visual acuity was measured using a standard Snellen chart. The intraocular pressure was measured using a Goldmann perimeter. The stereopsis was measured using a Titmus stereopsis test. The presence of prominent opalescent sheen in the RNFL was assessed by a trained ophthalmologist. The area of opalescent sheen was measured using a planimetry method. The results of the study are presented in the following sections.

### Results

The mean age of the participants was 16.0 years (range 15.5-16.5 years). The mean visual acuity was 20/30 Snellen (range 20/20-20/40 Snellen). The mean intraocular pressure was 12.5 mmHg (range 10-15 mmHg). The mean stereopsis was 400 seconds of arc (range 300-500 seconds of arc). The mean area of opalescent sheen in the RNFL was 1.5 mm<sup>2</sup> (range 0.5-3.0 mm<sup>2</sup>).

The correlation between the presence of prominent opalescent sheen in the retinal nerve fiber layer and visual acuity, intraocular pressure, and stereopsis is shown in Table 1. The correlation coefficient between the presence of prominent opalescent sheen in the RNFL and visual acuity was 0.153 (p=0.279). The correlation coefficient between the presence of prominent opalescent sheen in the RNFL and intraocular pressure was 0.263 (p=0.059). The correlation coefficient between the presence of prominent opalescent sheen in the RNFL and stereopsis was 0.069 (p=0.635). When the area of opalescent sheen was sub-divided into center, upper, and lower, the area of opalescent sheen in the macula center as the center of the circle, the area of opalescent sheen in the center was positively correlated with intraocular ocular pressure (correlation coefficient at 0.312; p value=0.024).

Parameter	SE	VA	10P	Stereo
SE	-2.91 ± 3.12	-0.091	0.522	
VA	1.0 ± 0.16	0.153	0.279	
10P	18.42 ± 3.30	0.263	0.059	
Stereo	93.60 ± 148.27	0.069	0.635	

Table 1: The correlation between the presence of prominent opalescent sheen in the retinal nerve fiber layer with spherical equivalent (SE), visual acuity (VA), intraocular pressure (IOP), and stereovision (Stereo).

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