

# FEMTO CAIRS & ENDOKERATOPHAKIA FOR CORNEAL ECTATIC DISEASES

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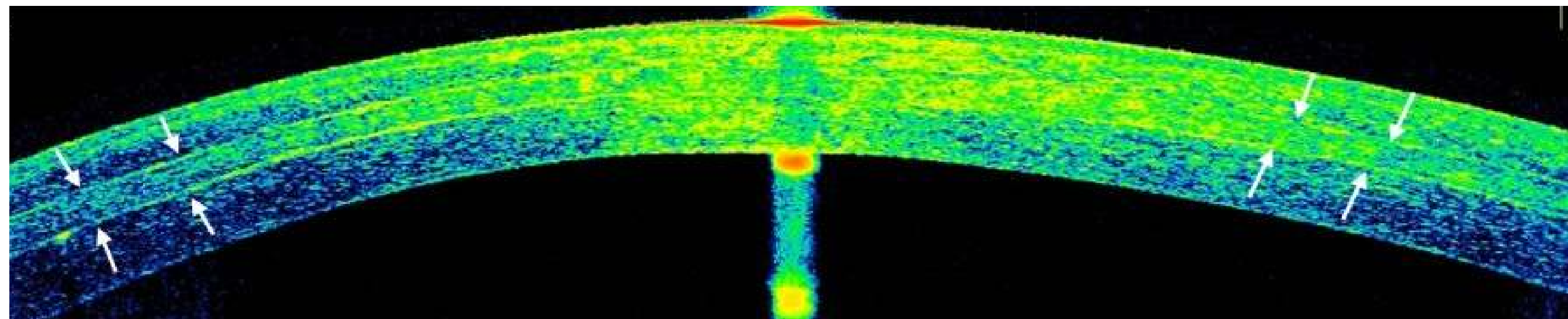
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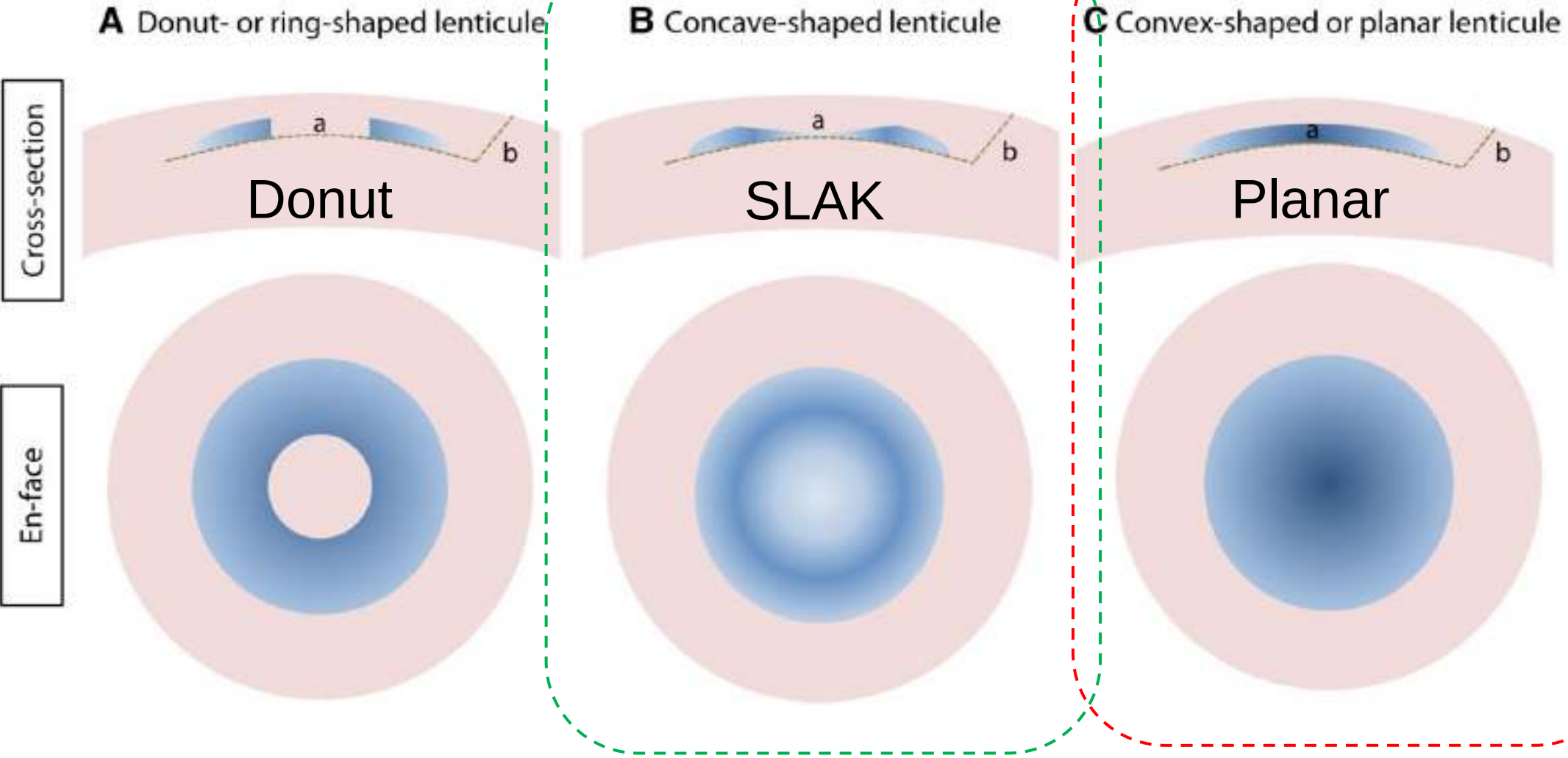
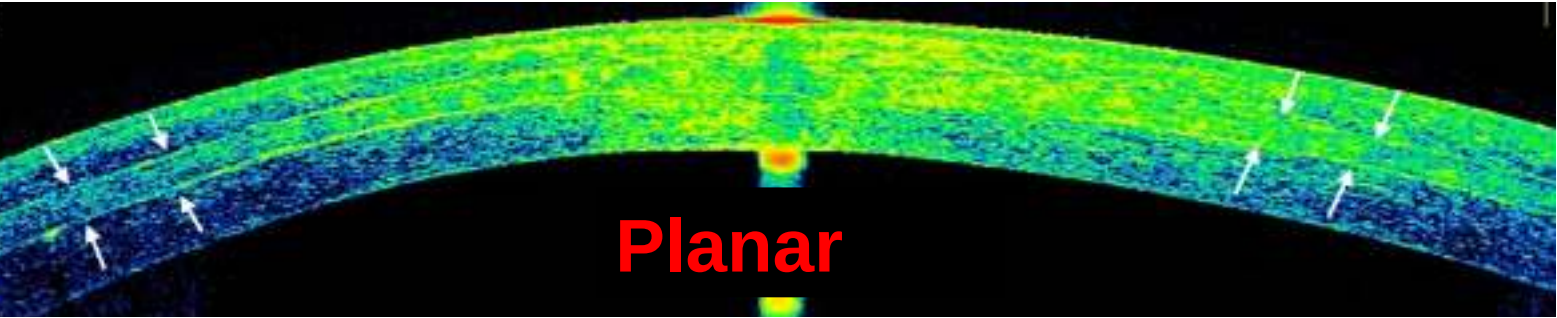
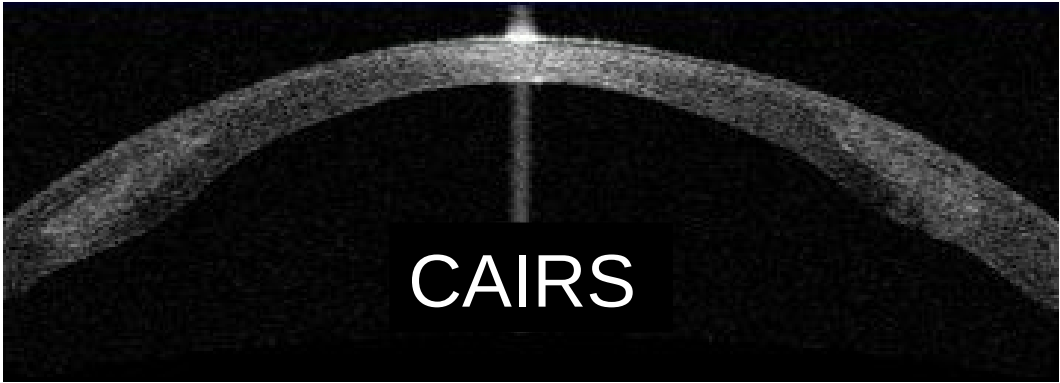
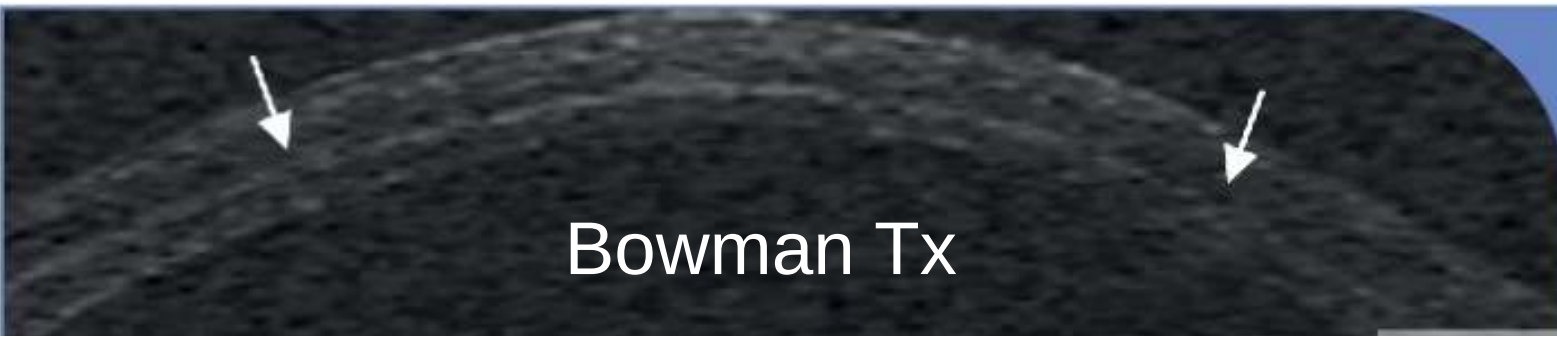
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# Stromal Keratophakia & KC

## Potential advantages over classical corneal transplantation for KC:

- Technical simplicity
- Immunological advantage over DALK
  1. *Less immunological load* since less tissue is transplanted
  2. The *implanted graft is away* from the limbal lymphatic vessels; & protected from the cytokines and immune cells in the tear film; and in aqueous humor.

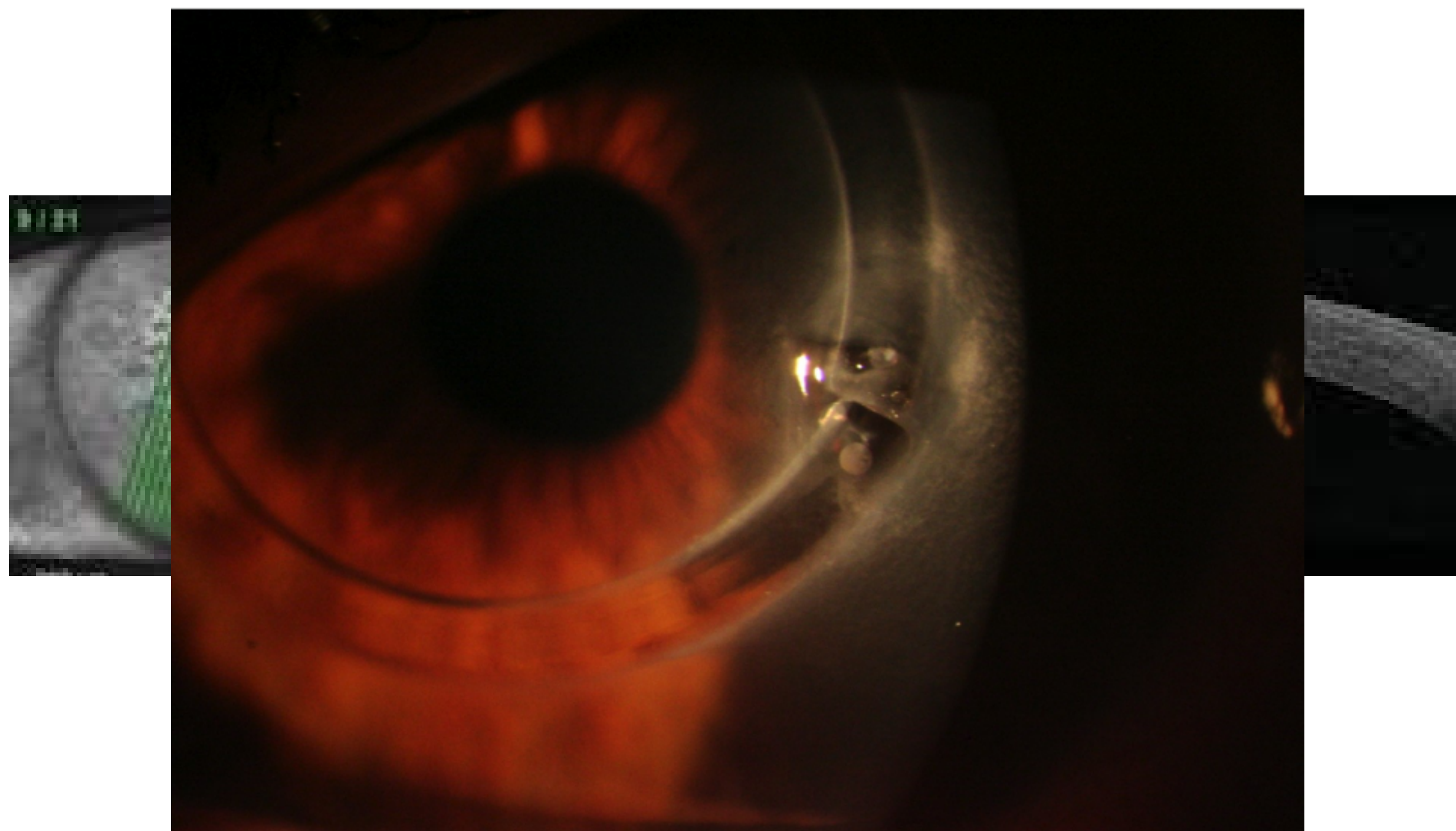
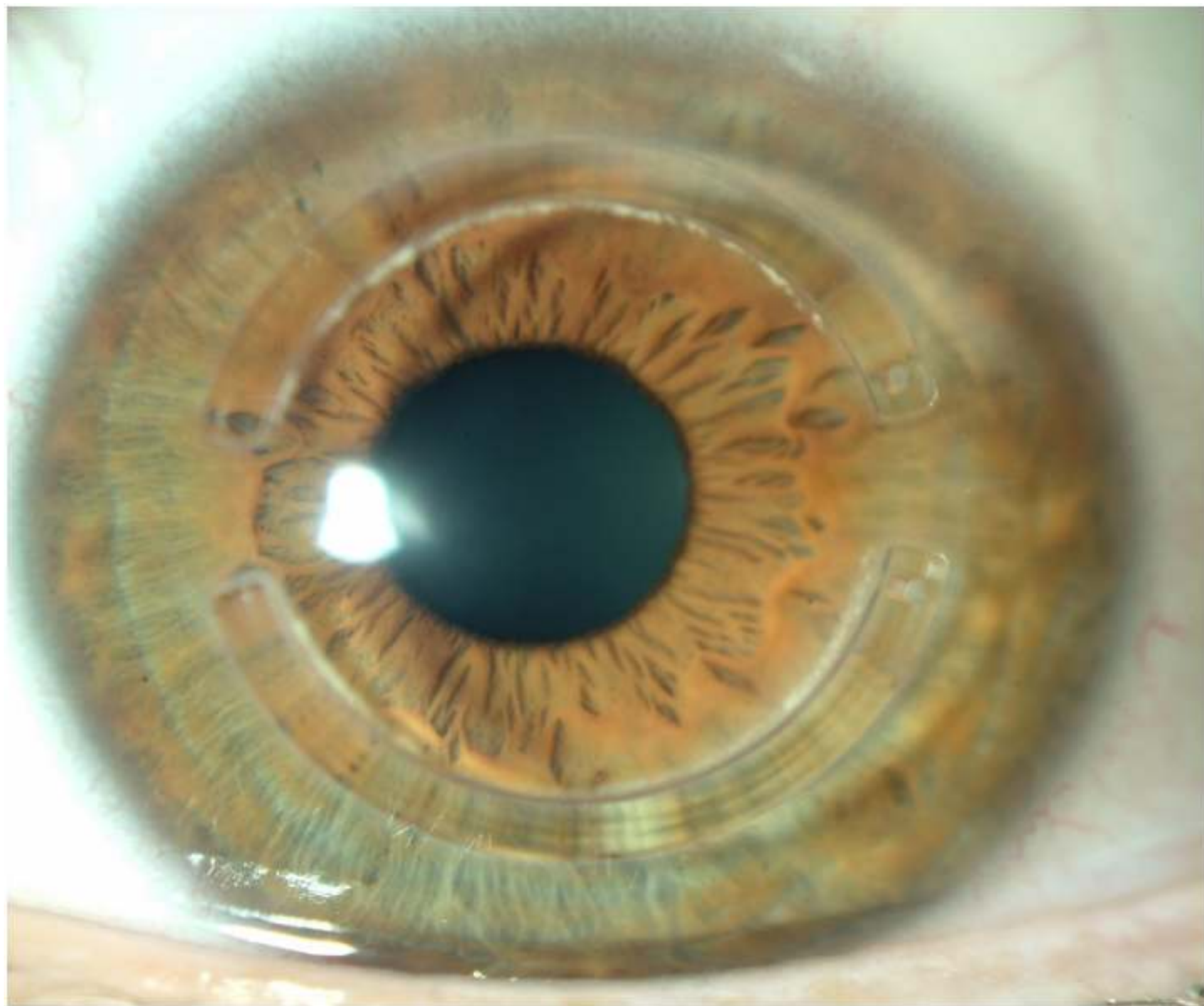




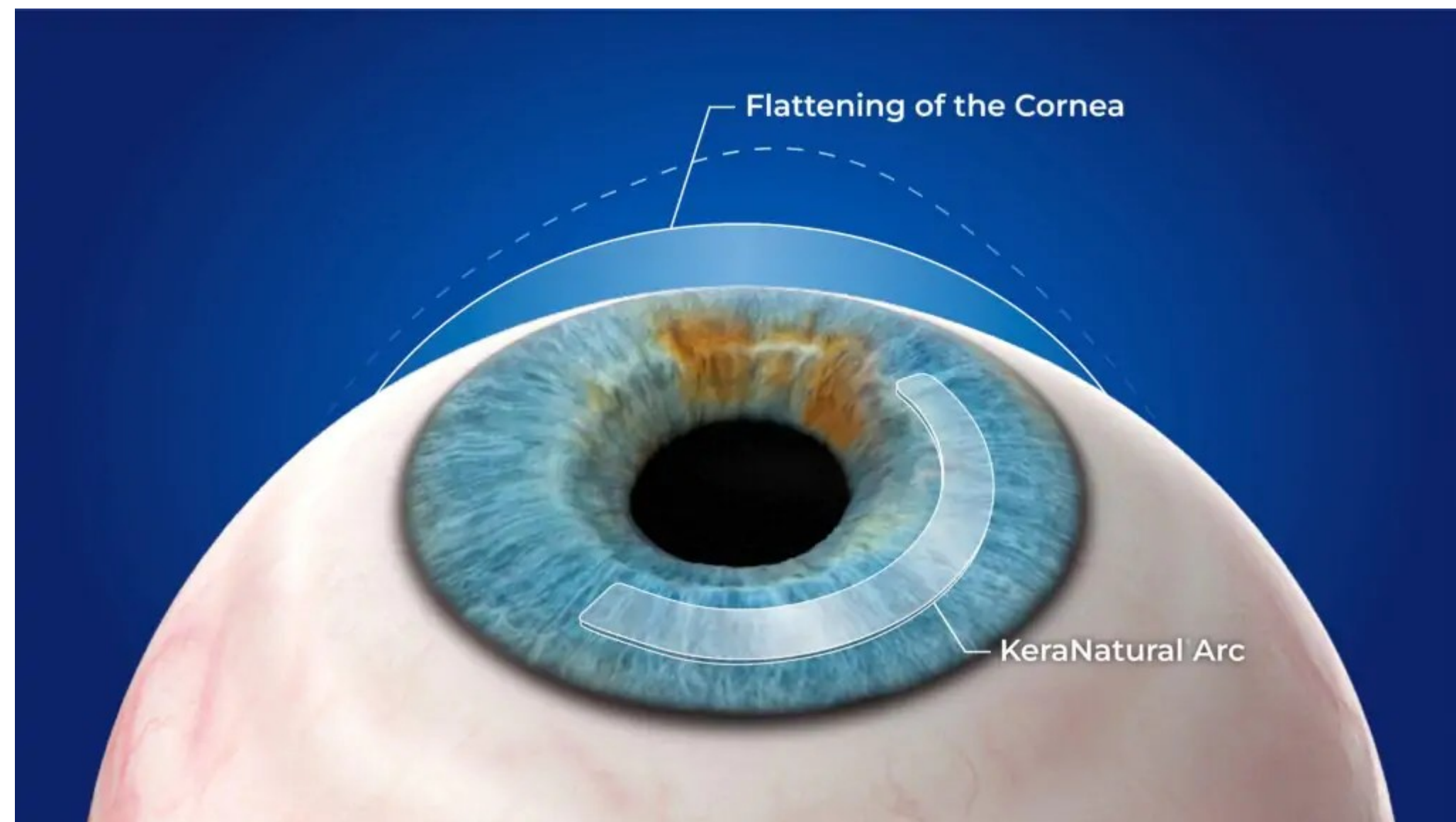
|                              | Km<br>Flattening            | SE Change                   | CCT<br>Increase (μm) | CDVA Lines<br>Gain | Central/<br>Eccentric<br>cone | Harvest<br>Easiness | Donor<br>Corneas           |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Planar<br/>Lenticules</b> | <b>+</b><br><b>(-1.8D)</b>  | <b>+</b><br><b>(+1.7D)</b>  | <b>117</b>           | <b>2</b>           | <b>Both</b>                   | <b>+++</b>          | <b>1/3</b>                 |
| <b>SLAK</b>                  | <b>++</b><br><b>(-5.1D)</b> | <b>++</b><br><b>(+3.8D)</b> | <b>47</b>            | <b>1.4</b>         | <b>Central only</b>           | <b>++</b>           | <b>1</b>                   |
| <b>Bowman's Tx</b>           | <b>++</b><br><b>(-4.8D)</b> | <b>++</b><br><b>(+3.6D)</b> | <b>21</b>            | <b>1</b>           | <b>Both</b>                   | <b>-</b>            | <b>1</b>                   |
| <b>CAIRS</b>                 | <b>+</b><br><b>(-2.8D)</b>  | <b>++</b><br><b>(+4.1D)</b> | <b>0</b>             | <b>2</b>           | <b>Both</b>                   | <b>++</b>           | <b>1</b><br>(rim)          |
| <b>Donut<br/>Lenticule</b>   | <b>++</b><br><b>(-3.4D)</b> | <b>+</b><br><b>(+1.7D)</b>  | <b>18</b>            | <b>3.5</b>         | <b>Central only</b>           | <b>+++</b>          | <b>0</b><br>(SMILE lentic) |



# Intrastromal Rings Segments



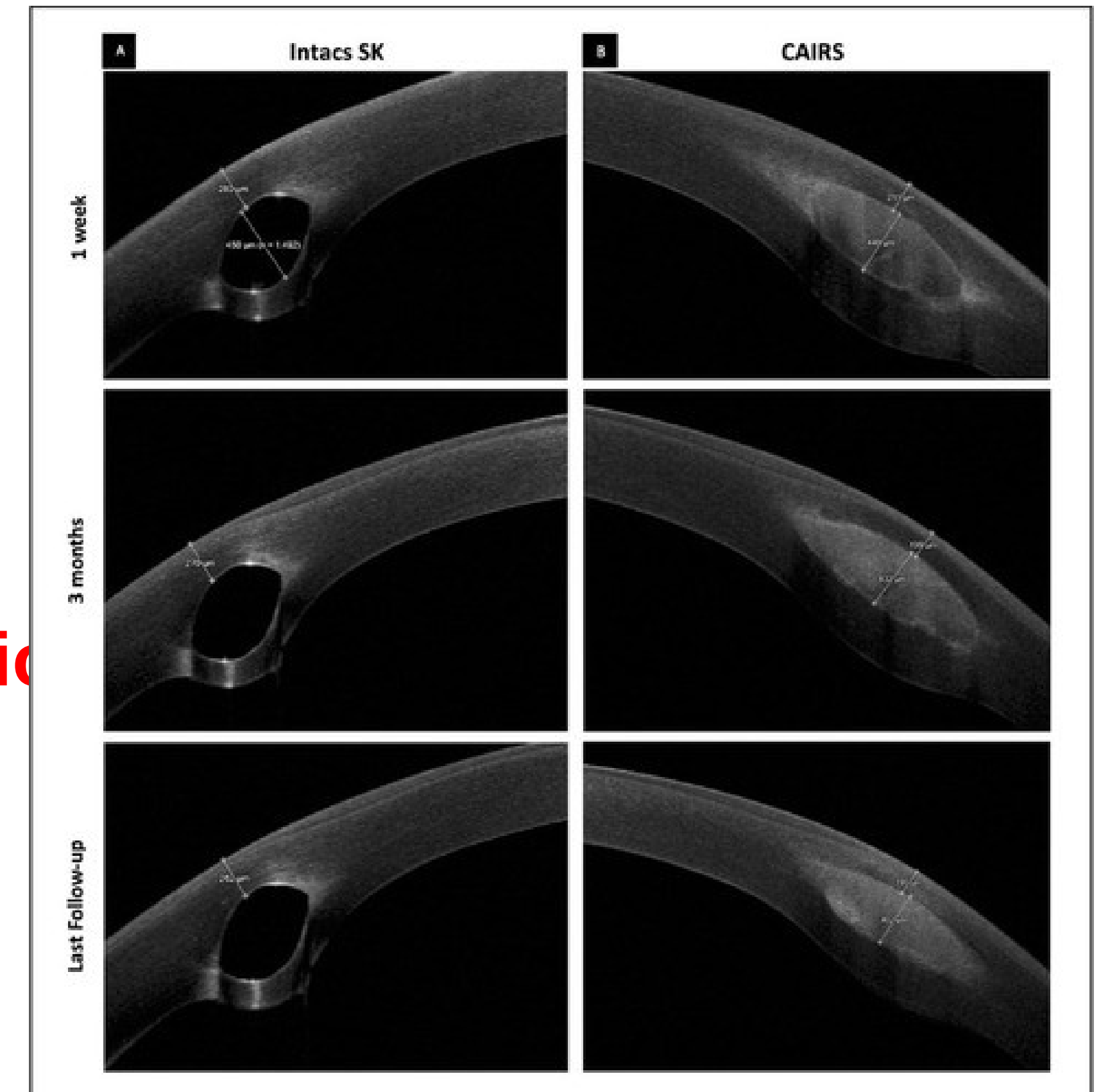
# Corneal Allogeneic Intrastromal Rings Segments



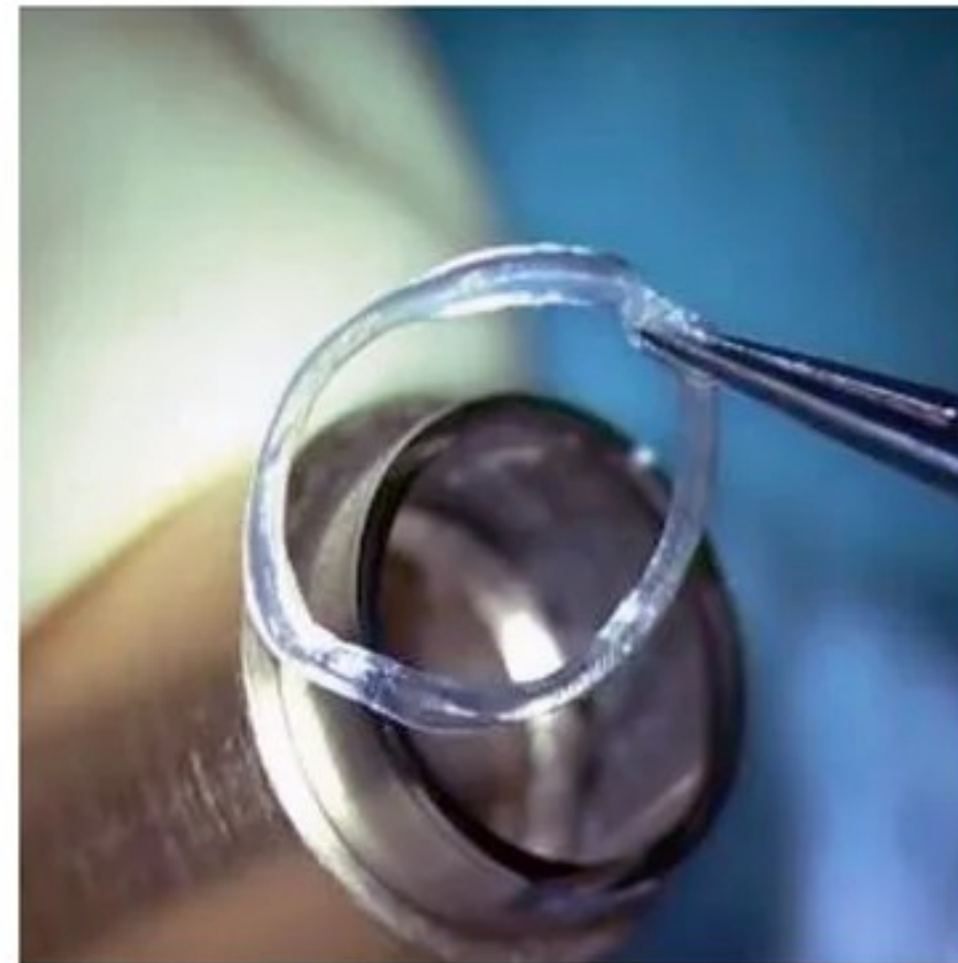
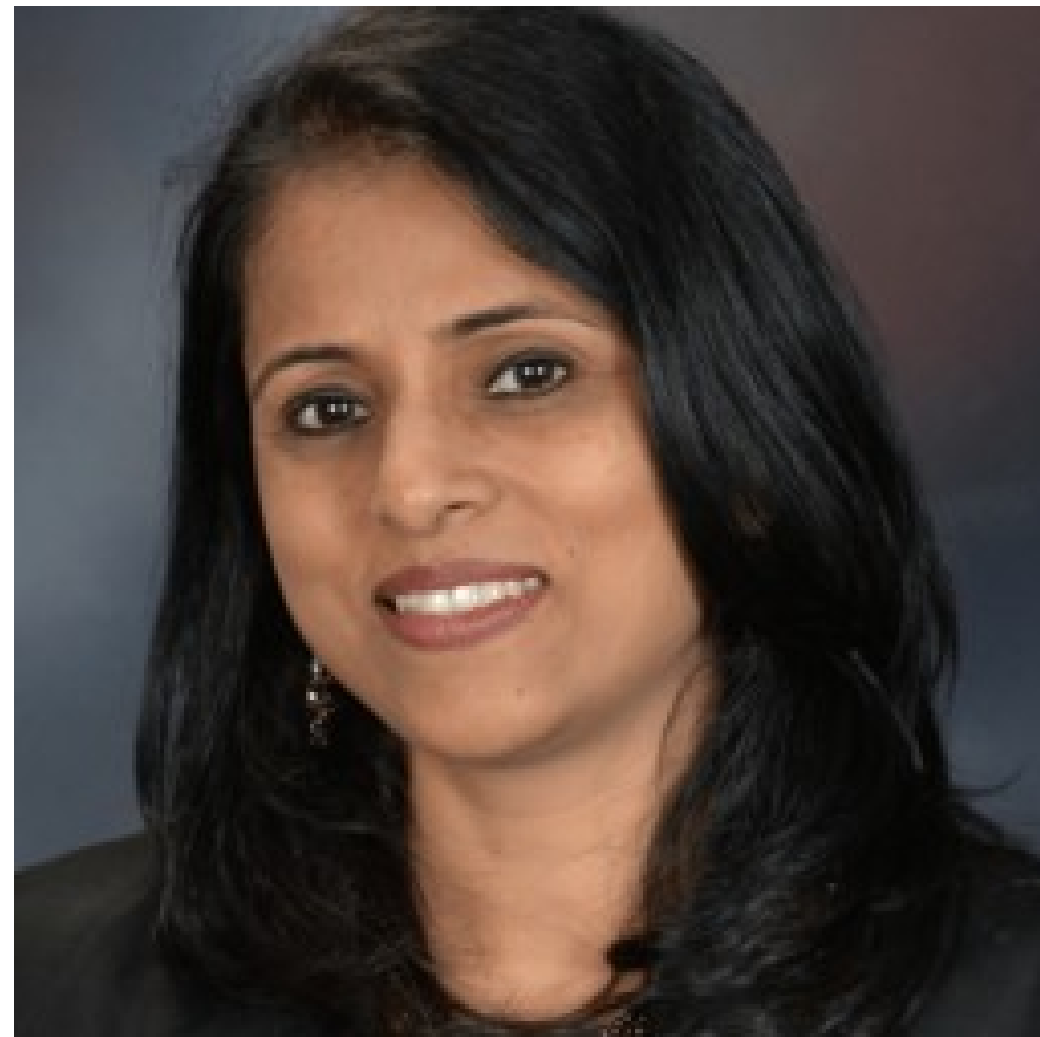


# CAIRS versus ICRS

- Theoretical **no risk of extrusion**
  - Allowing for more superficial implantation
  - And so **greater effect**
- Minimal antigen implantation, **marginal risk of rejection**
- Same refractive index as the host corneal stroma
  - **Less photic phenomena**



# Corneal Allogeneic Intrastromal Ring Segments (CAIRS)



# Femto-CAIRS: Brisbane Nomogram

(David Gunn)



173 Table 1. Femto-CAIRS parameters for use with the Brisbane nomogram

| Size                                    | Small | Medium | Large | Extra Large |
|-----------------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------------|
| Segment width (μm)                      | 700   | 800    | 900   | 1000        |
| Segment thickness (μm)                  | 200   | 300    | 400   | 500         |
| Cross sectional area (mm <sup>2</sup> ) | 0.14  | 0.24   | 0.36  | 0.50        |
| Channel Inner Diameter (mm)             | 4.8   | 4.6    | 4.5   | 4.4         |
| Channel Outer Diameter (mm)             | 7.0   | 7.0    | 7.3   | 7.6         |
| Resulting Channel Width (mm)            | 1.1   | 1.2    | 1.4   | 1.6         |
| Inferior cone apex approx. K (D)        | 46-48 | 48-50  | 50-55 | > 55        |



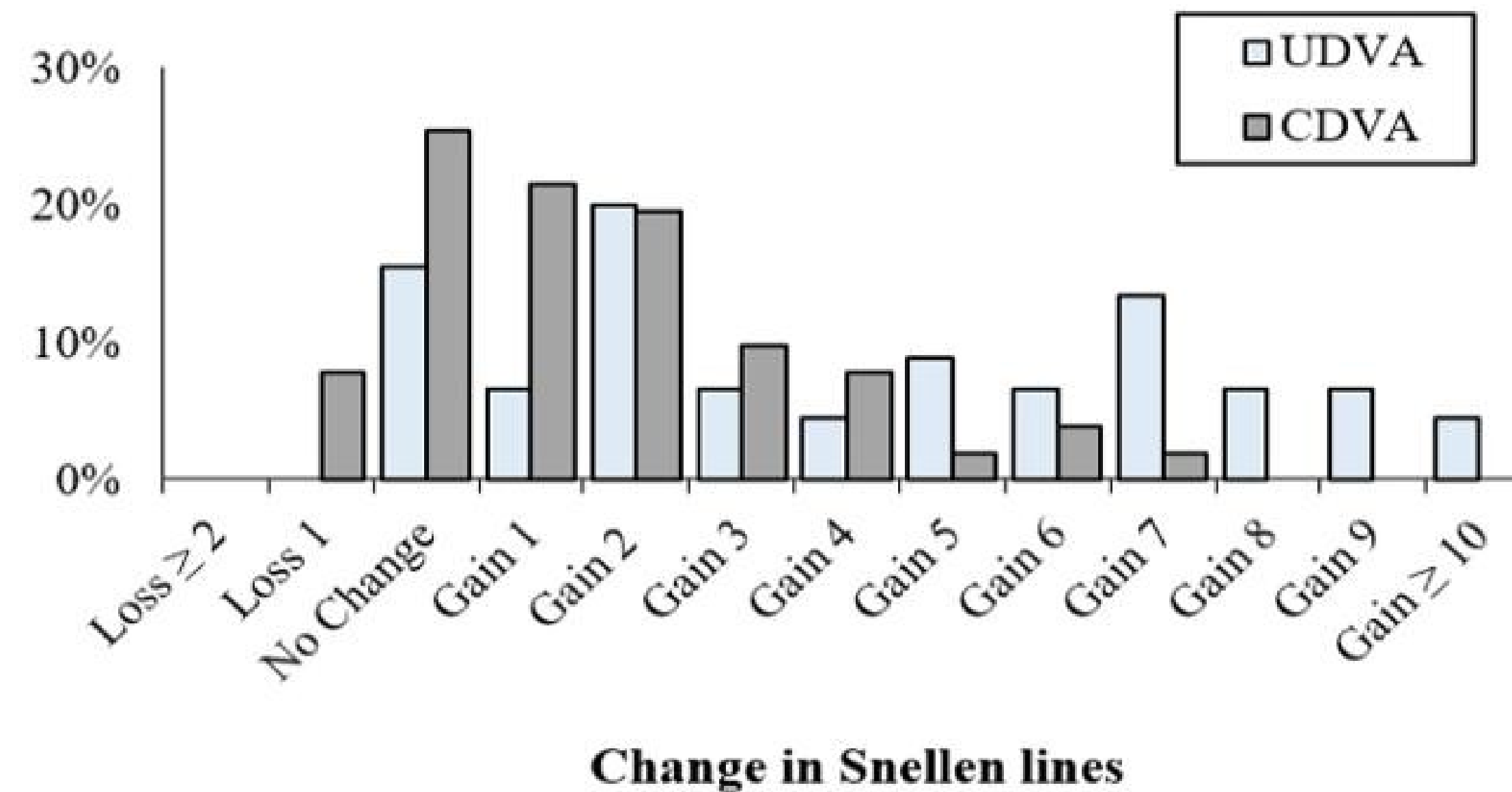


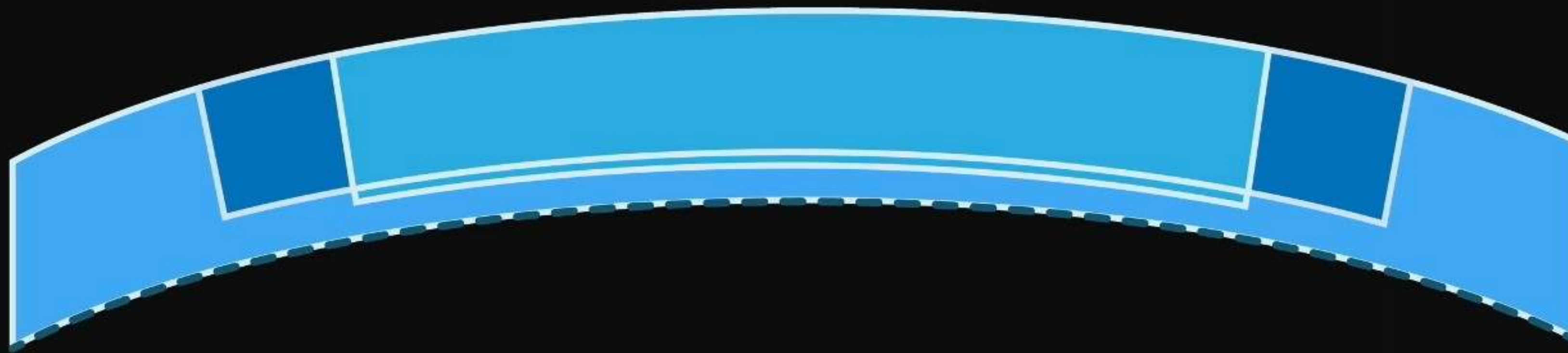
Figure 3. Change in Snellen lines of visual acuity after CAIRS for both uncorrected distance visual acuity (UDVA) and corrected distance visual acuity (CDVA)

# Before or After CXL?

- CAIRS surgery has a flattening effect on both the corneas with and without CXL.
- The cornea with prior CXL treatment had less flattening effect due to the stiffening effect of prior CXL

Yucekul B, Tanriverdi C, Taneri S, Keskin Perk FFN, Karaca Y, Kilic A. **Effect of Corneal Allogenic Intrastromal Ring Segment (CAIRS) Implantation Surgery in Patients With Keratoconus According to Prior Corneal Cross-linking Status.** J Refract Surg. 2024;40(6):e392-e397. doi:10.3928/1081597X-20240501-01

# FS Creation Of The Ring



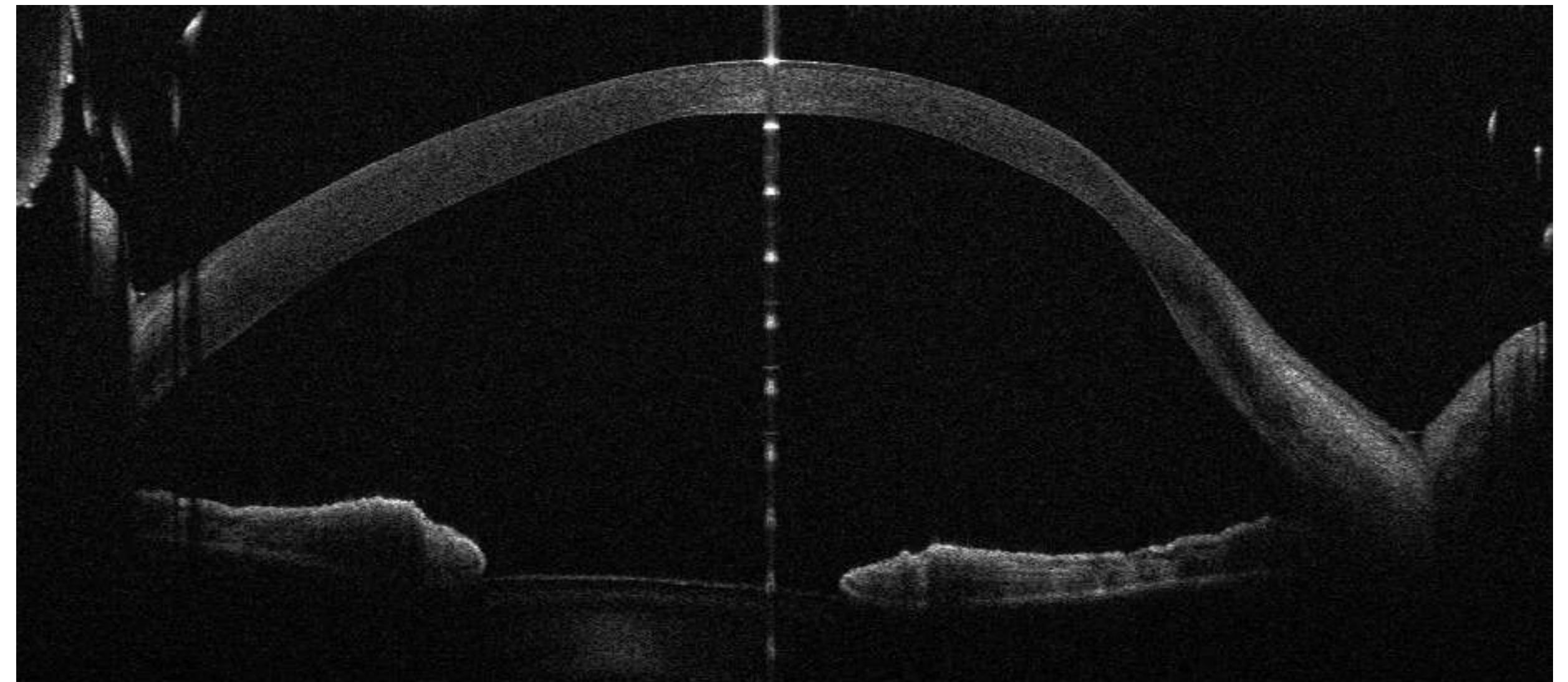
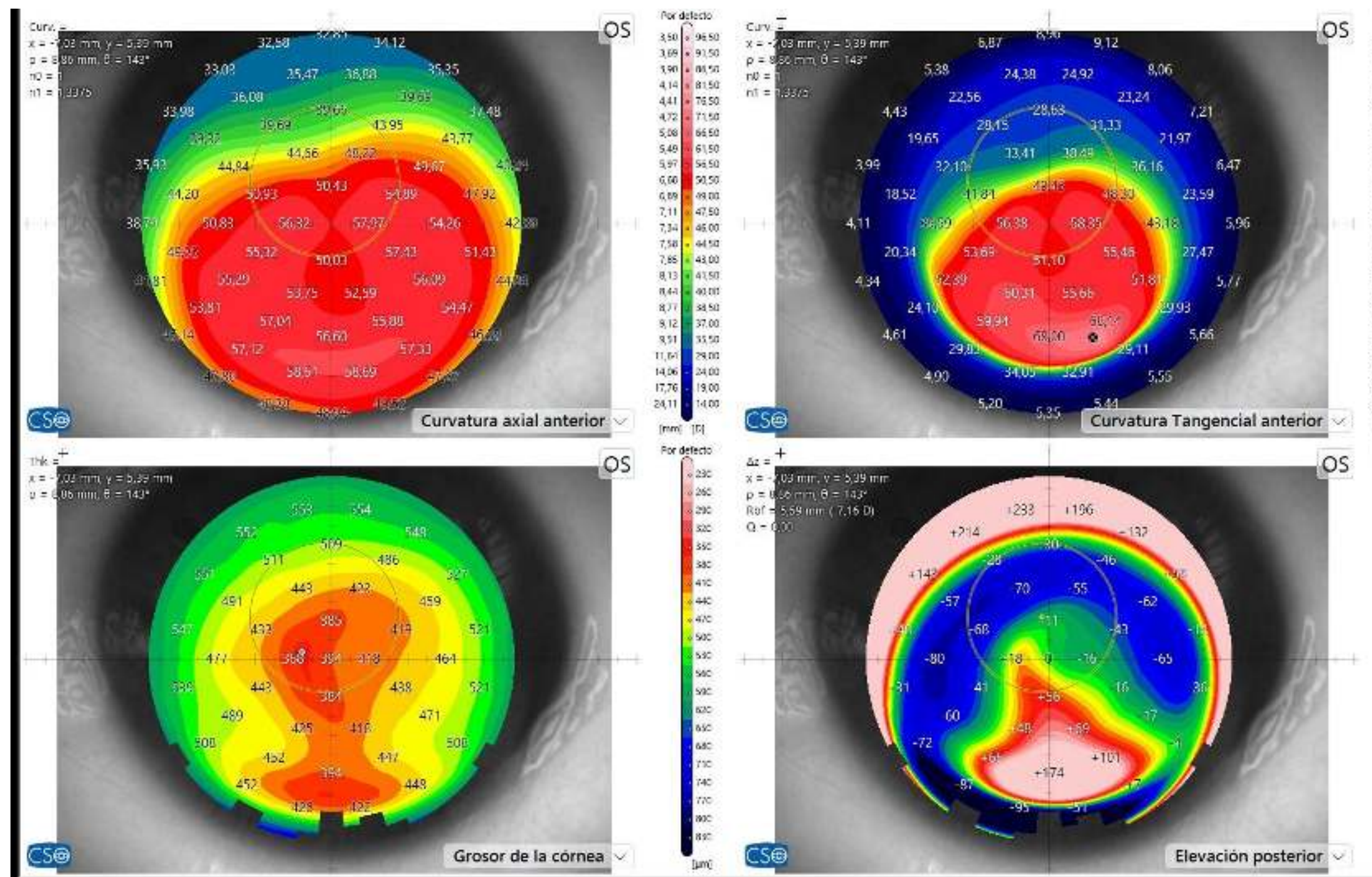
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# My First CAIRS

## Preop:

- UDVA: CF 2m
- CDVA: 0.4
- Rx: -6 -7 x 100°

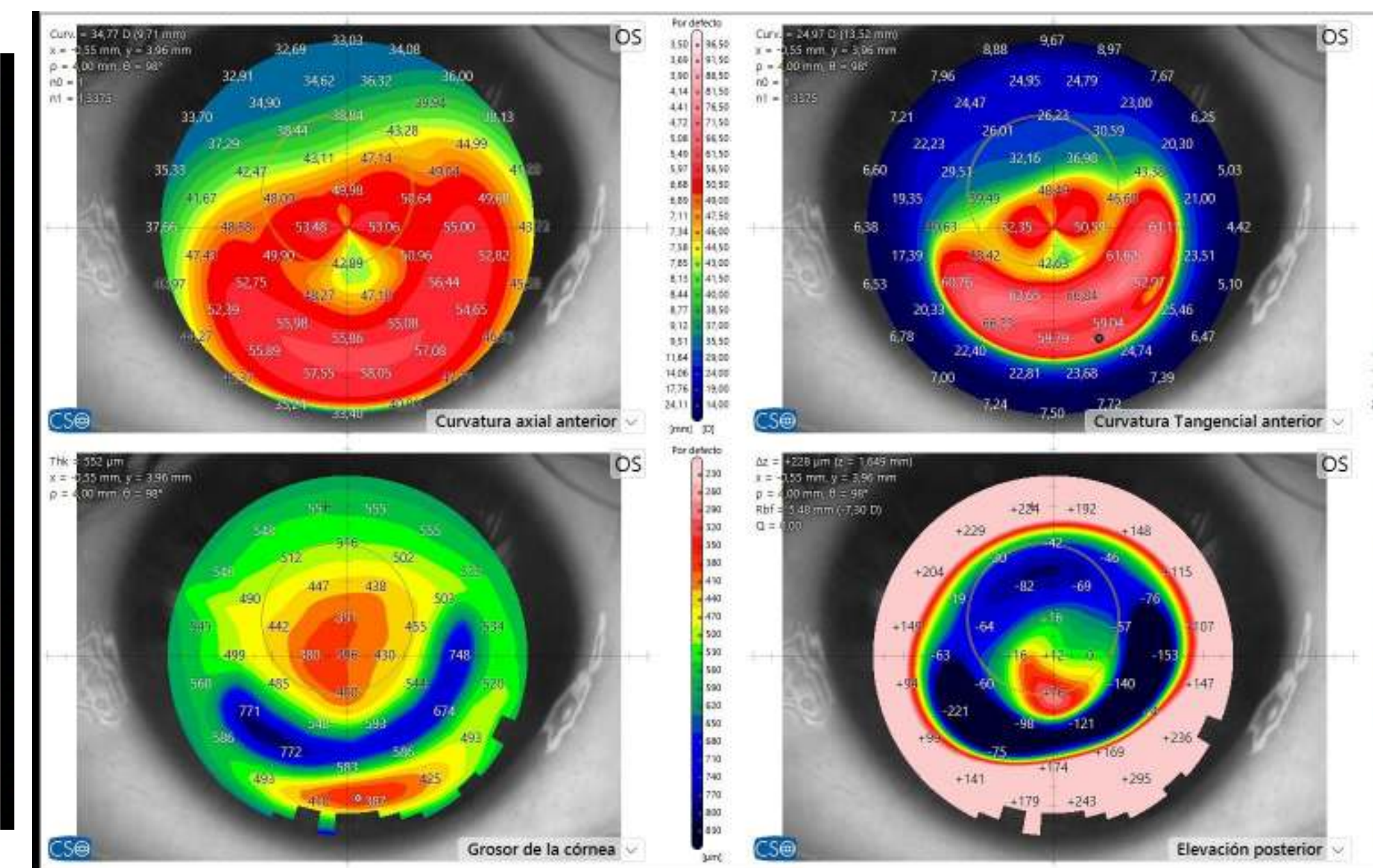
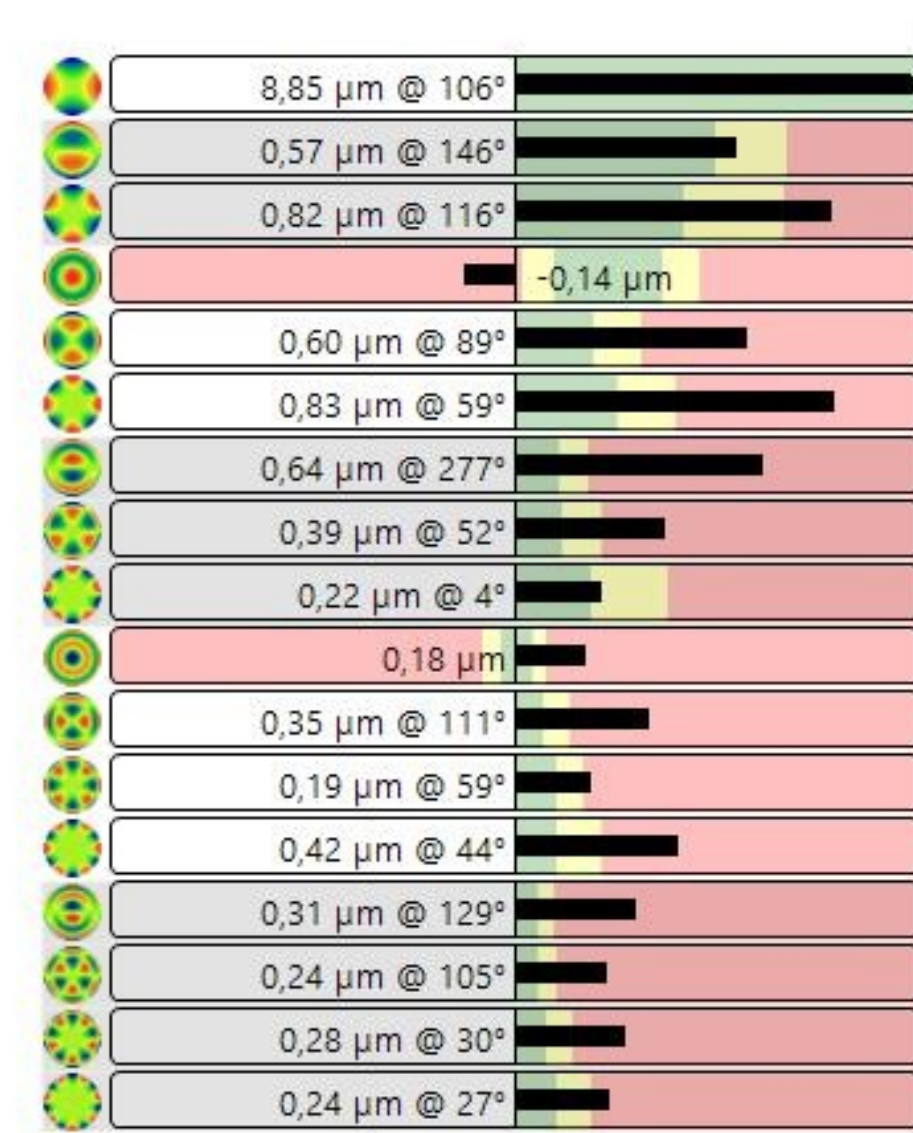
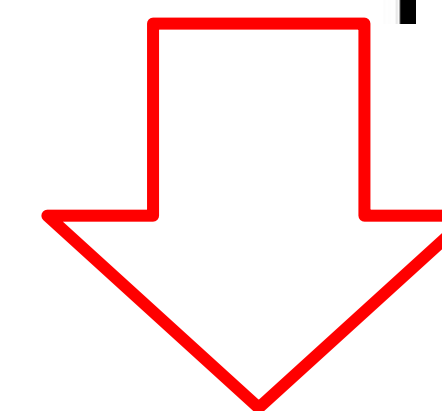
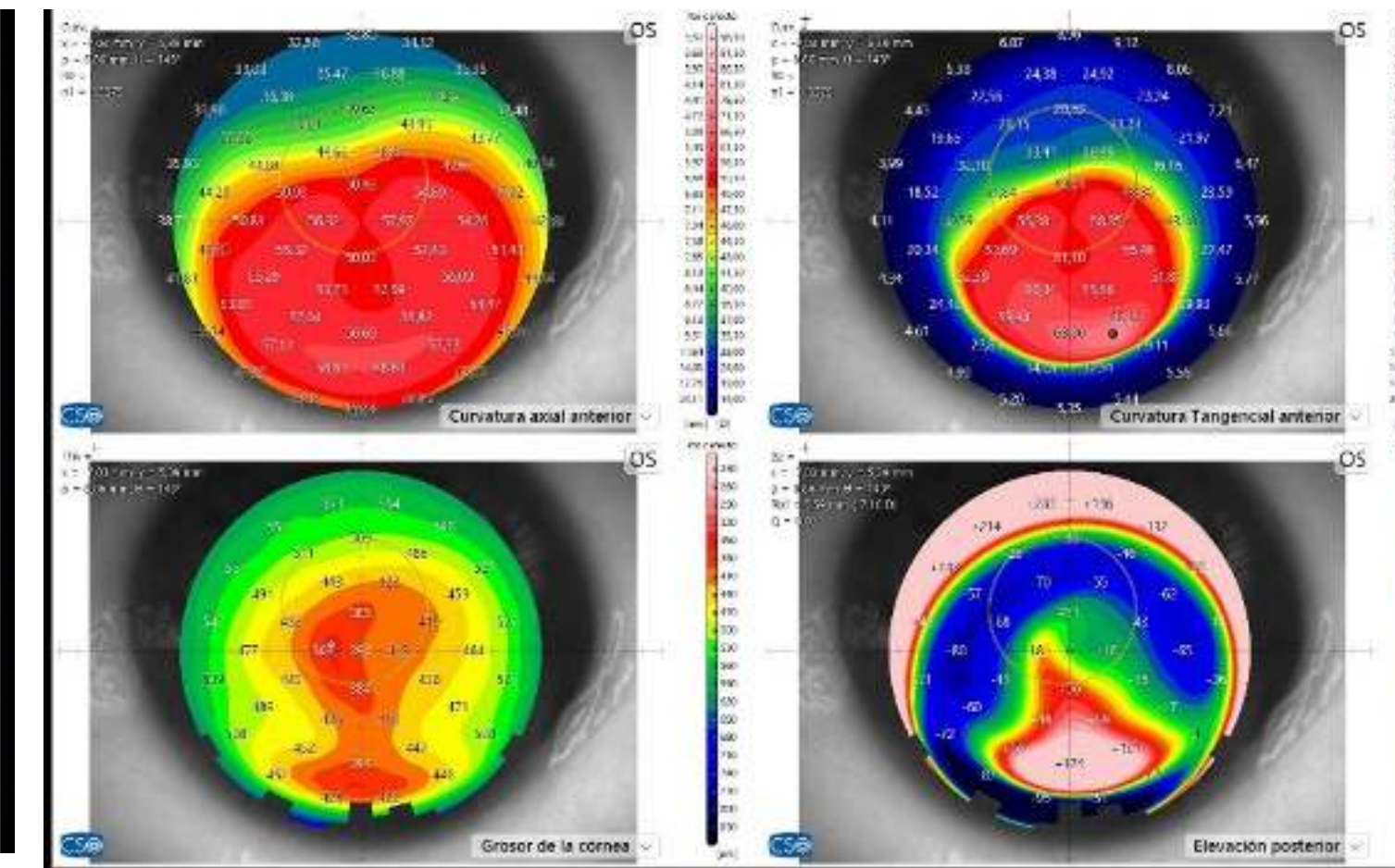
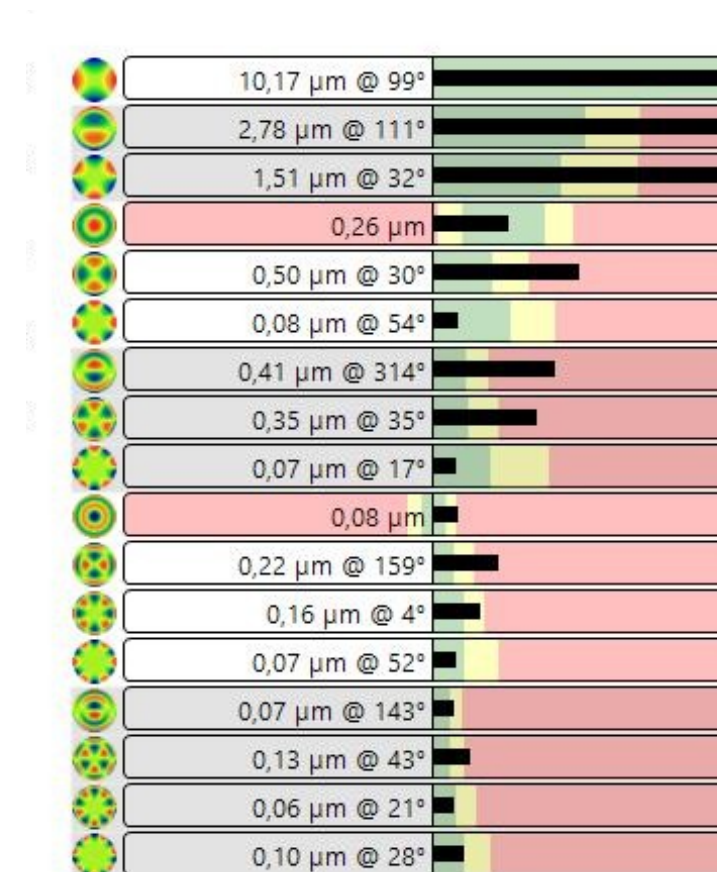
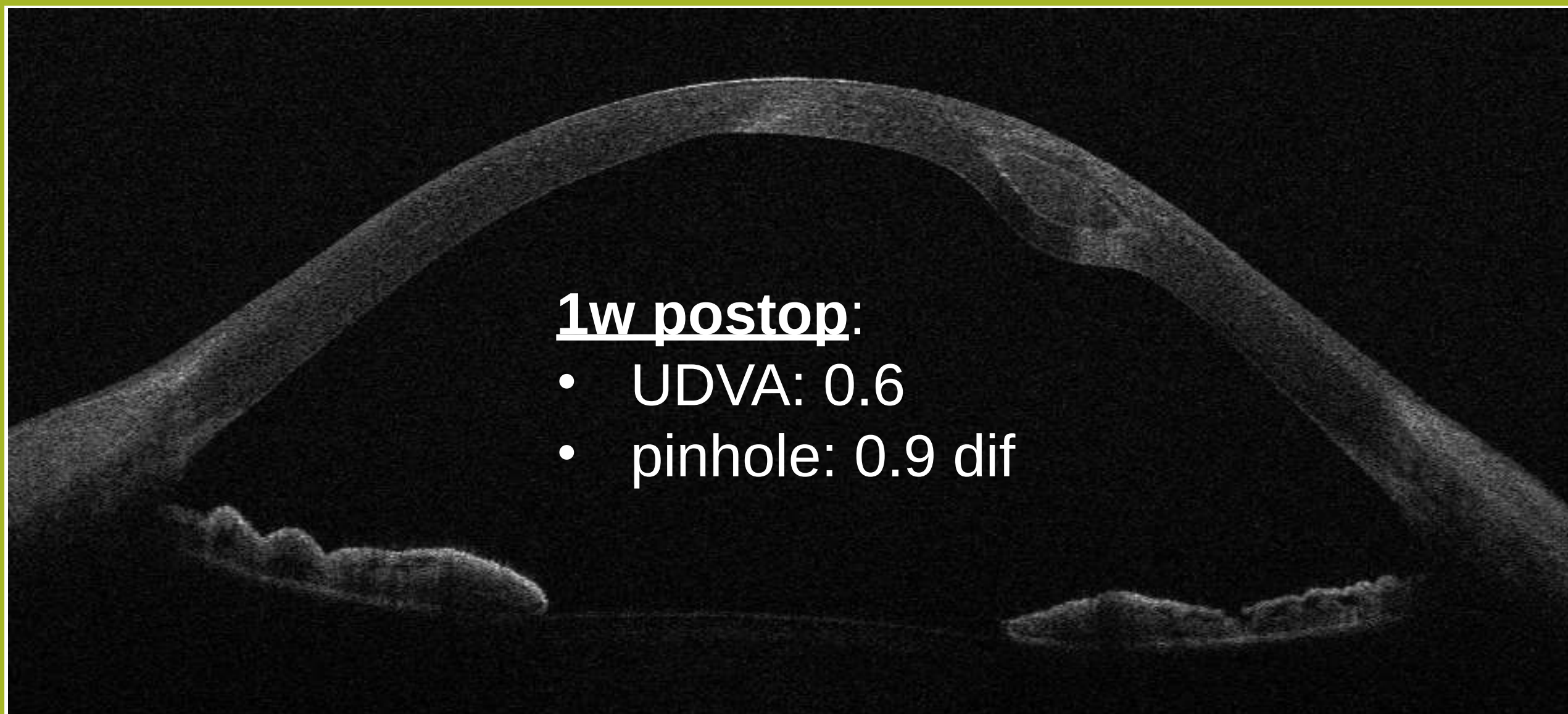






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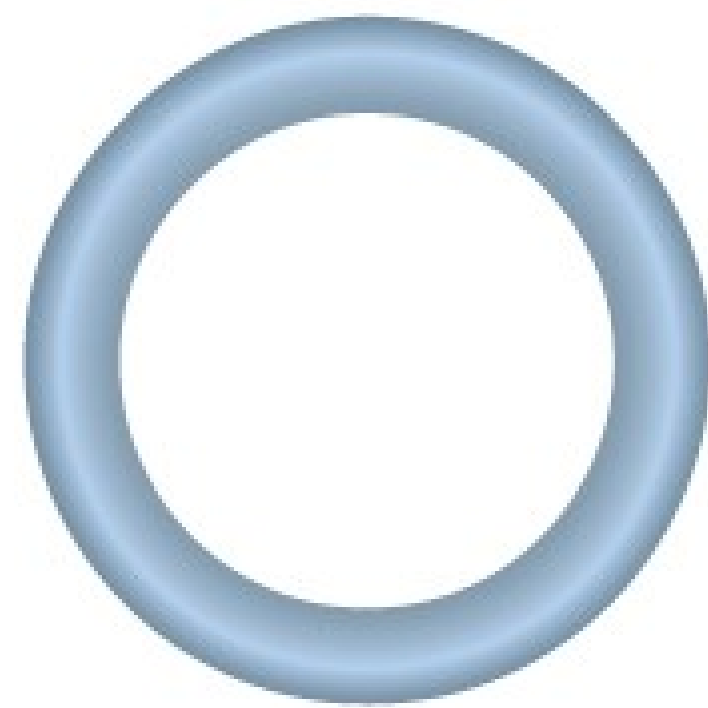


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# Keranatural Rings

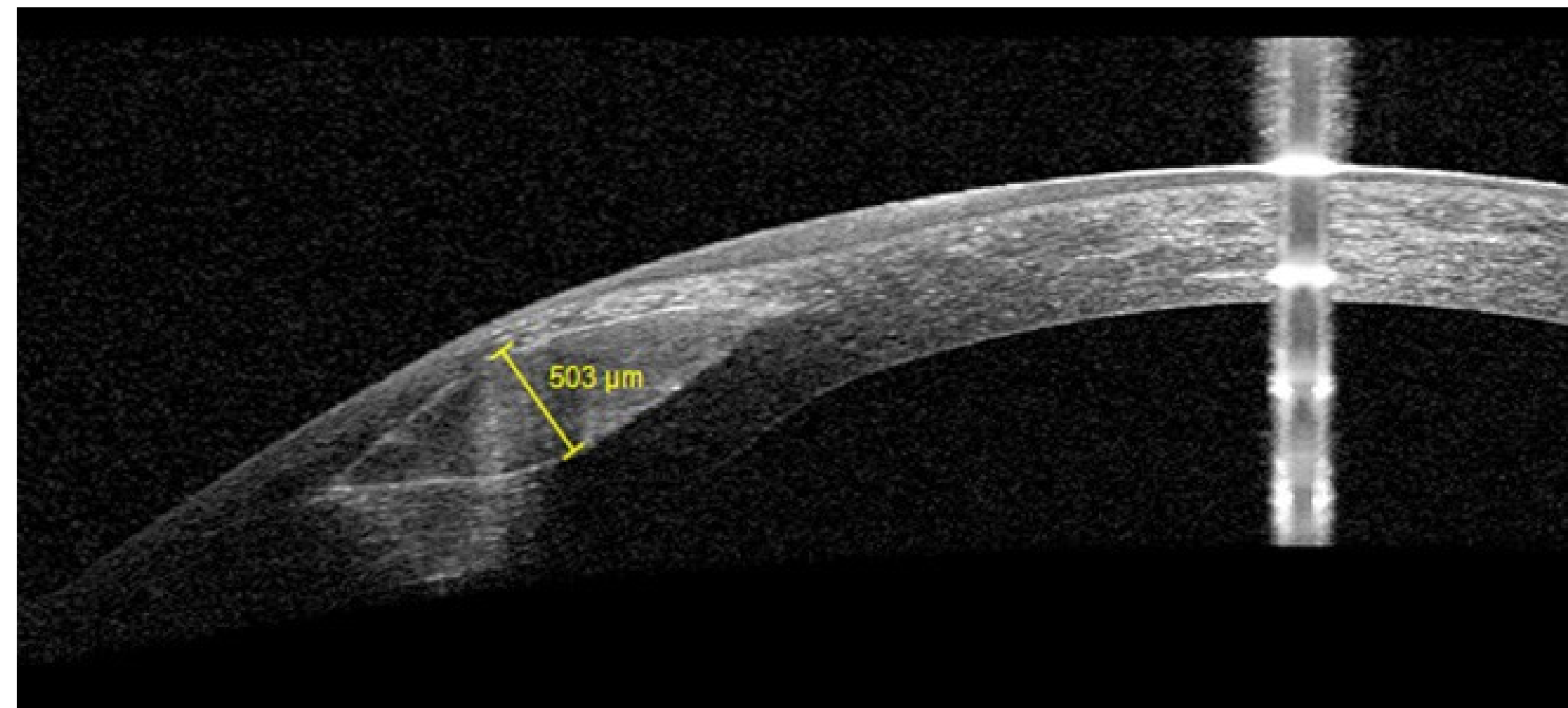
- Sterilized human collagen tissue
- Commercially available
- Ideal if no availability of Eye Banks or Femtosecond laser technology



KeraNatural Ring

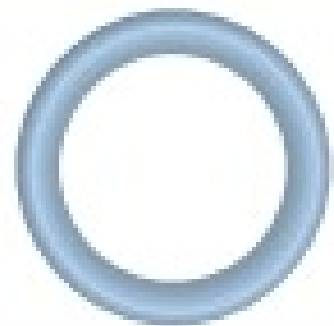


KeraNatural Arc



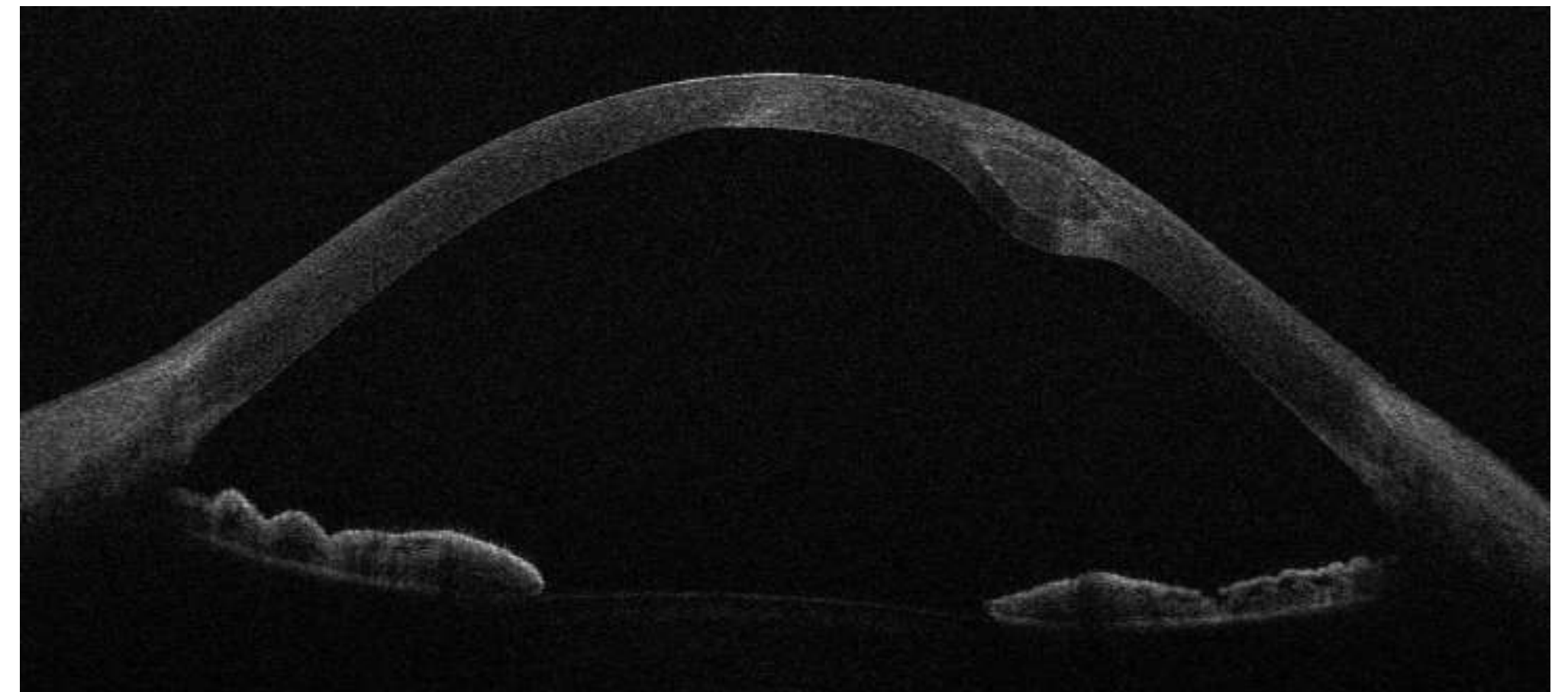


- Two-year room temperature shelf life

| PRODUCT       | SHAPE                                                                                 | ARC/RING     | SIZE      | ORDER# |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------|
| Kera Natural® |   | sterile arc  | 6mm x 1mm | KA6    |
| Kera Natural® |                                                                                       | sterile arc  | 6mm x 1mm | KA8    |
| Kera Natural® |  | sterile ring | 8mm x 1mm | KR8    |
| Kera Natural® |                                                                                       | sterile ring | 6mm x 1mm | KR6    |

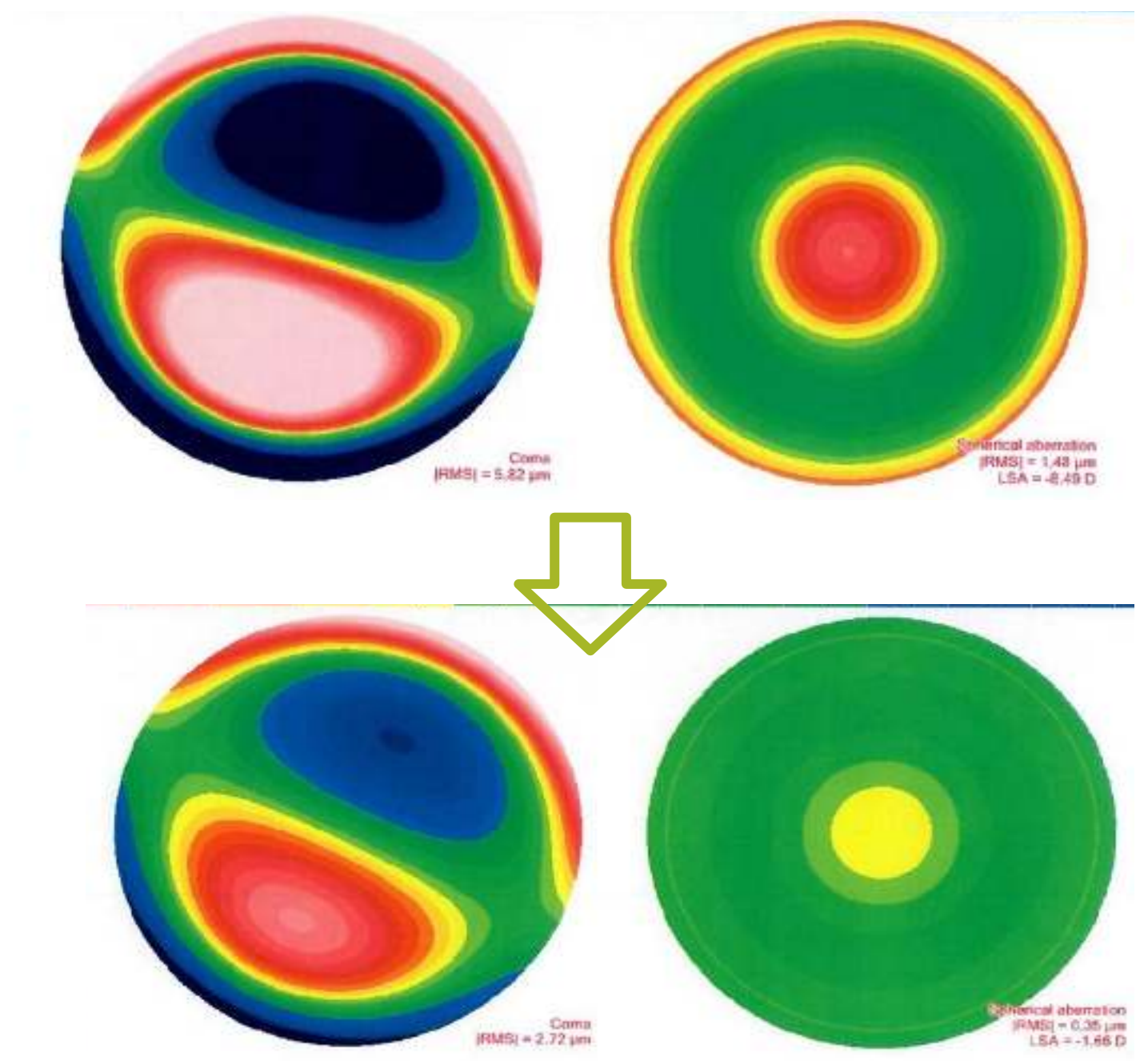
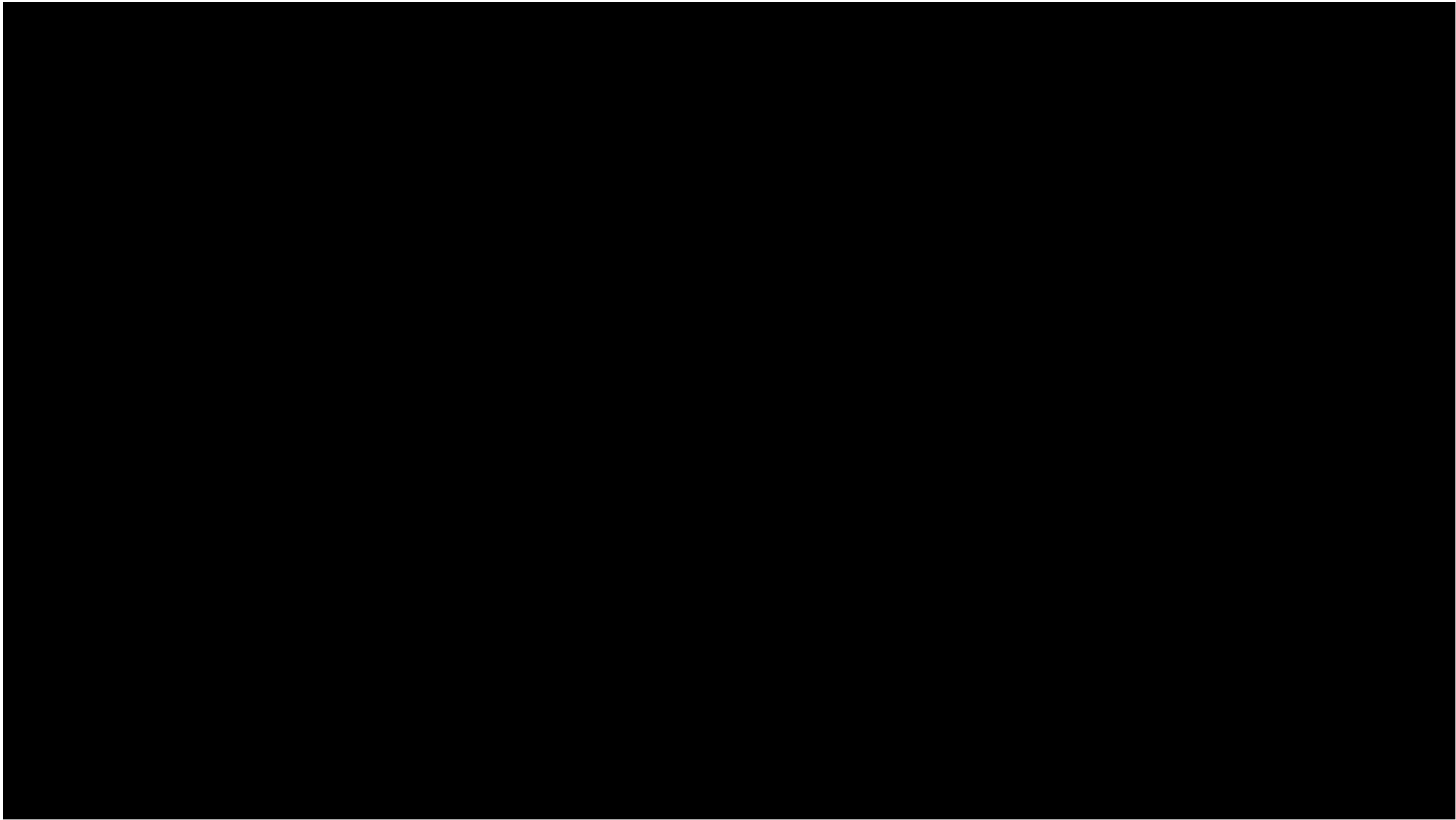
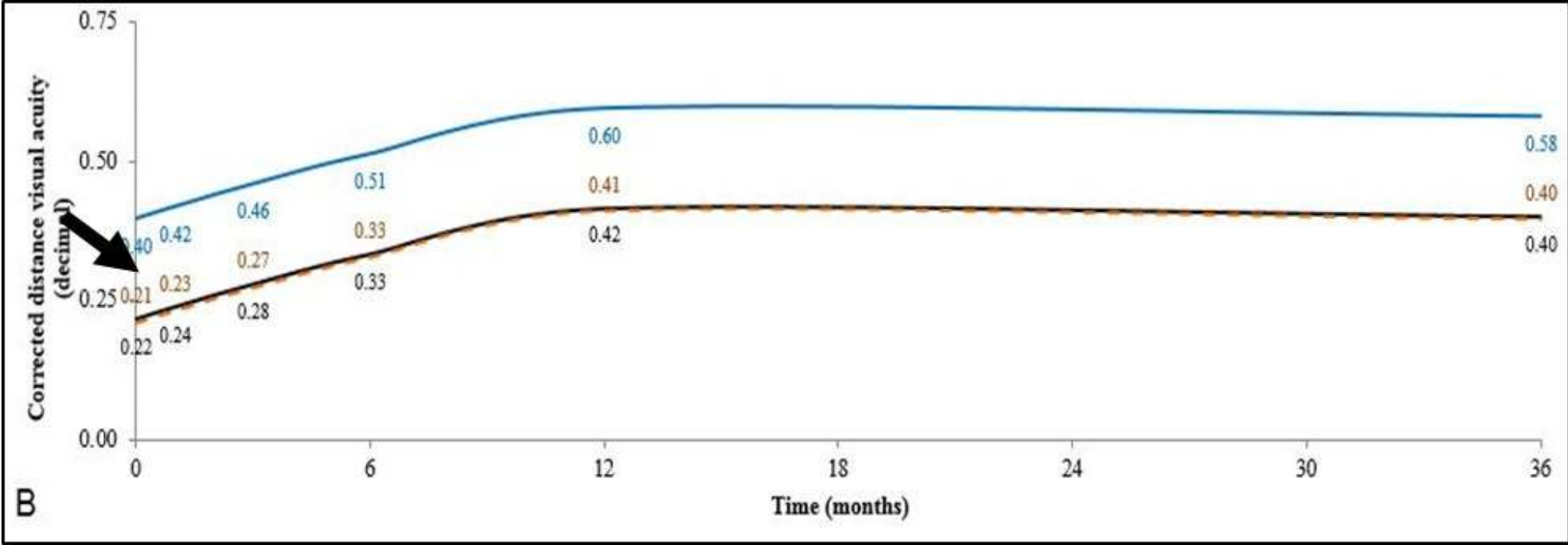
# Conclusions FemtoCAIRS- Advices:

- Use **cheaper corneas** with unsuitable endothelium and transparent stroma
- Alternatively DMEK remnants (if legal on each country)
- Femto allows broader customization than manual techniques
- **Brisbane nomogram can be applied with any femto laser**
- **Let CAIRS dehydrate** (*Jerky technique S. Awwad*). 90 min at least
- Two tunnel incisions are mandatory
- Alternative commercial Keranatural tissue
- **Porcine material in future?**

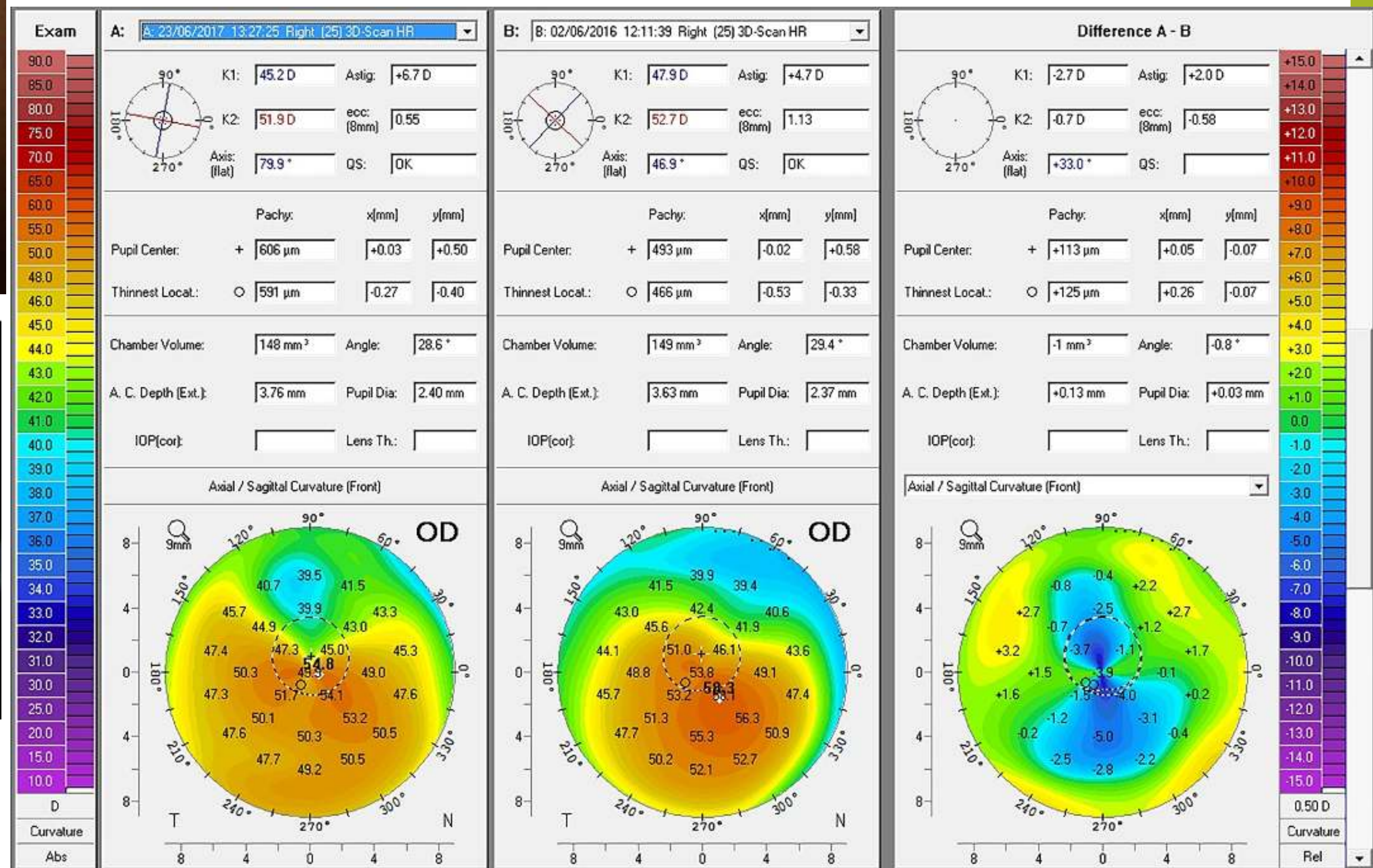
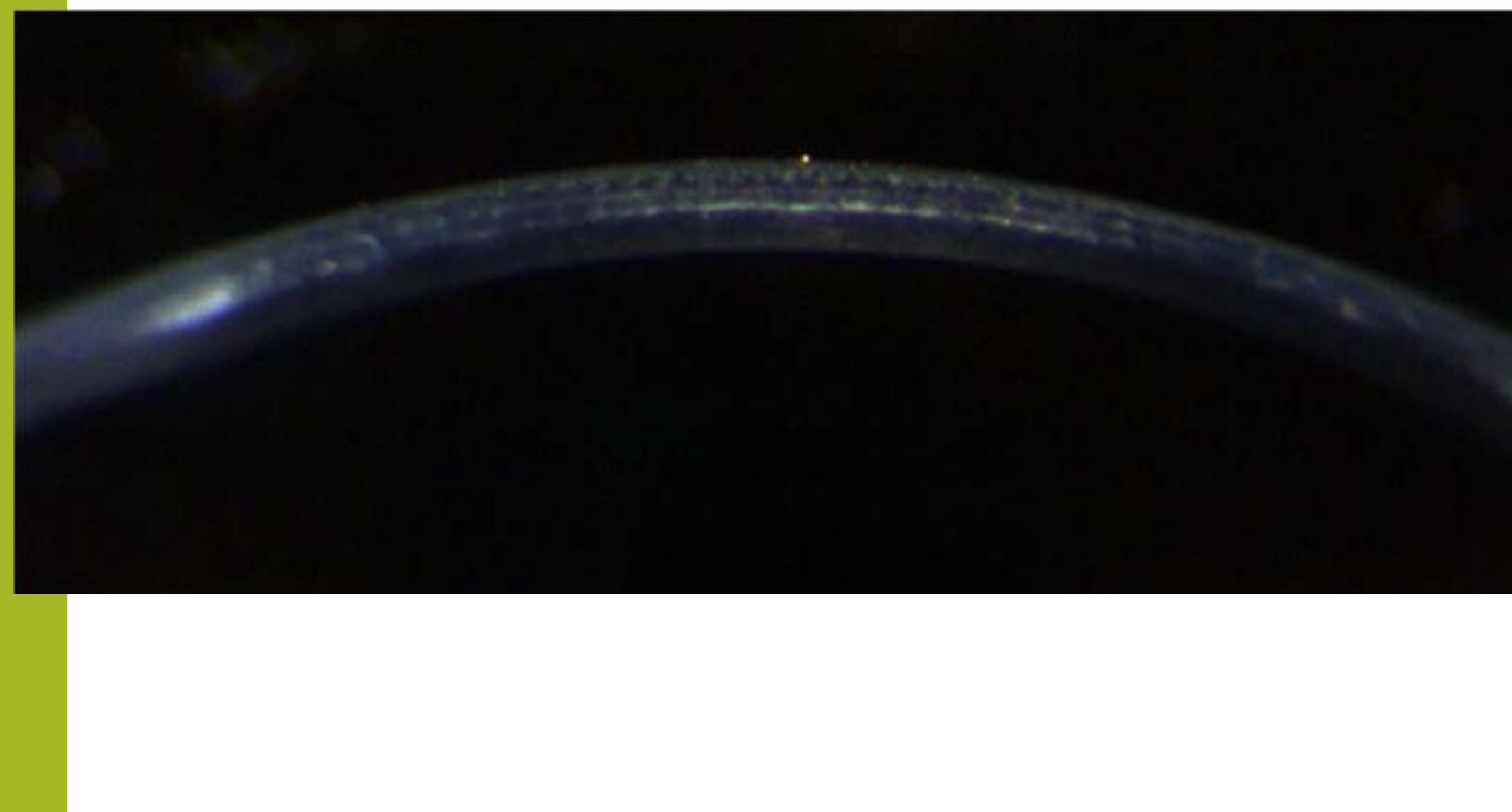
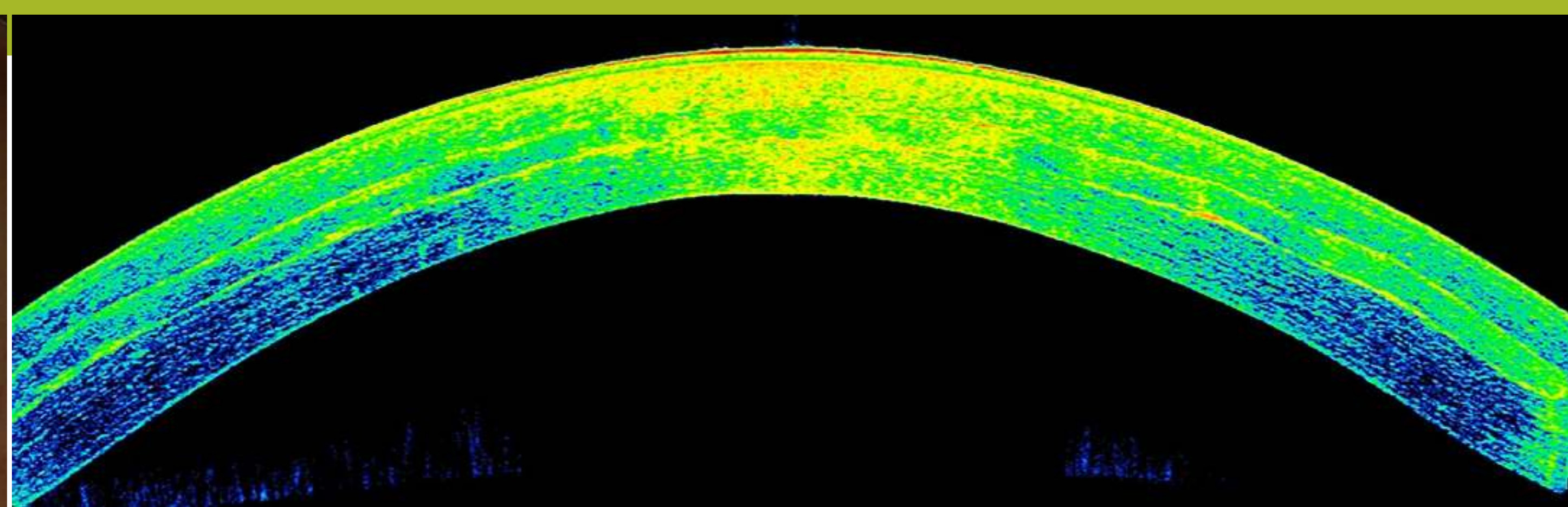
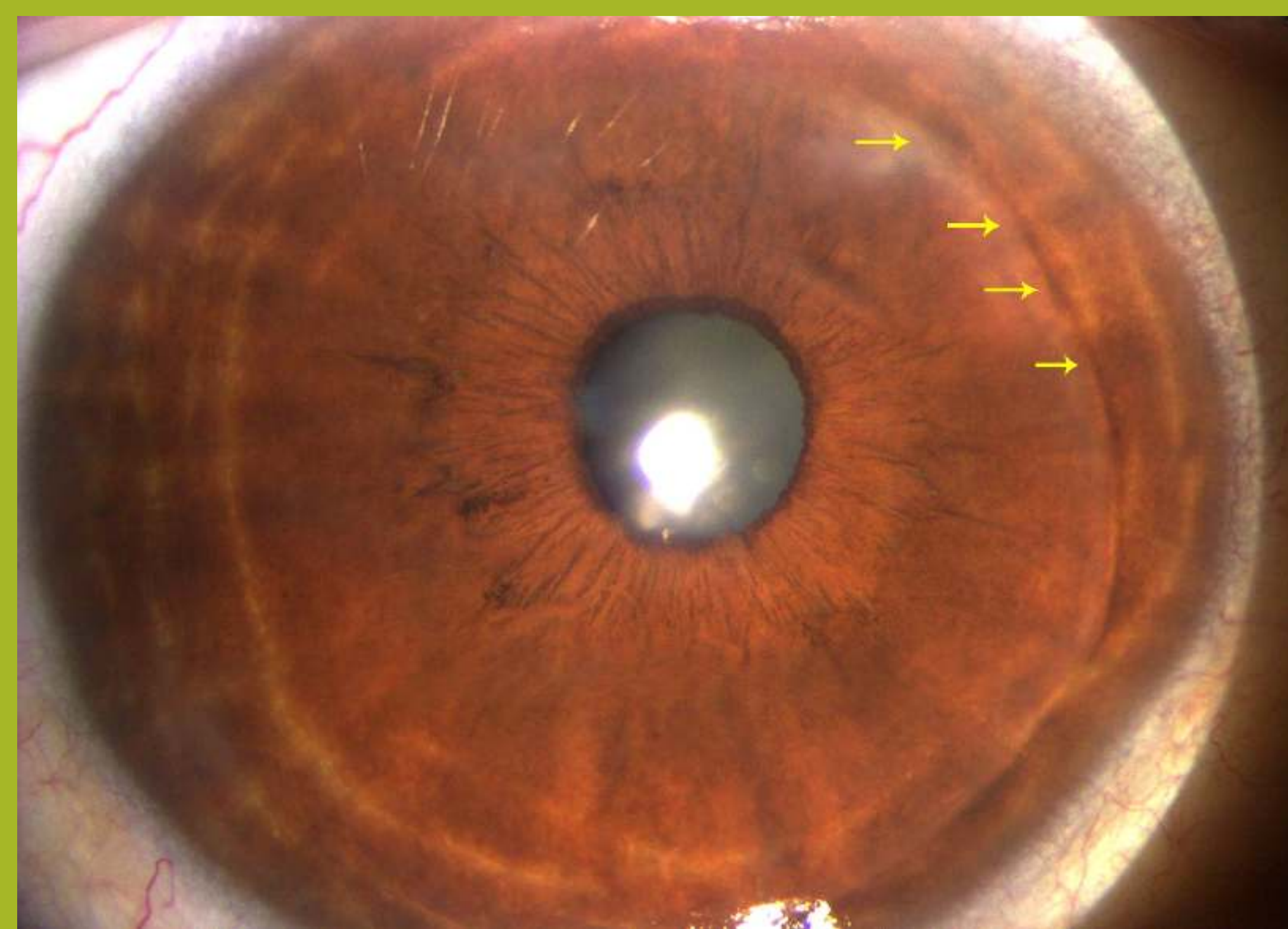




# Stromal Lenticule Additive Keratoplasty (SLAK)





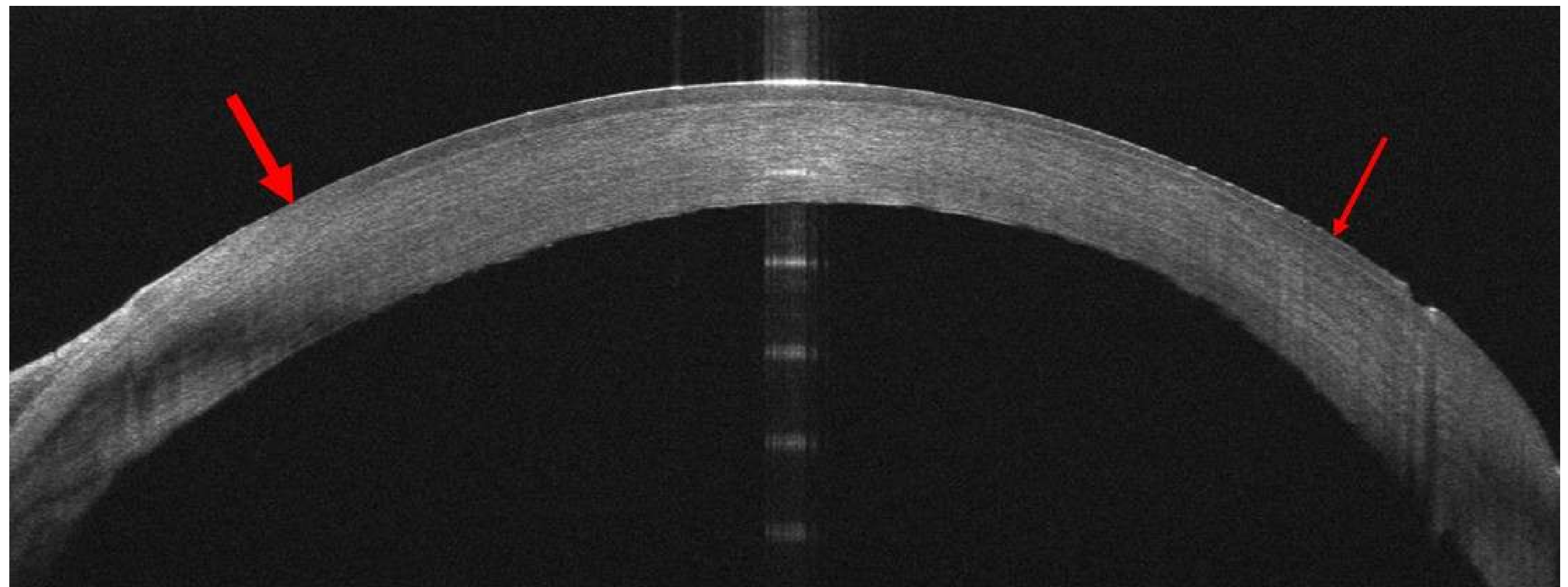
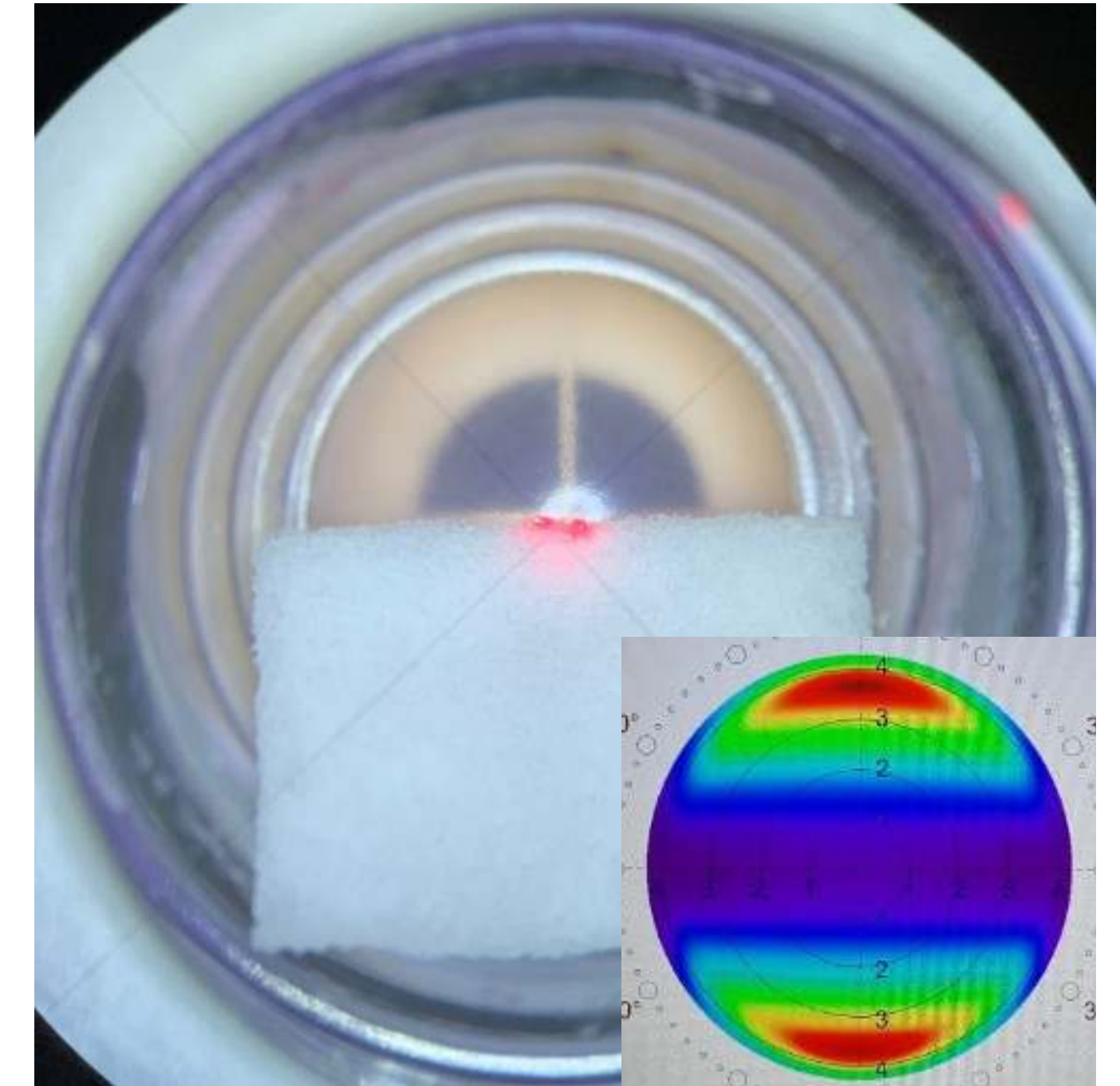
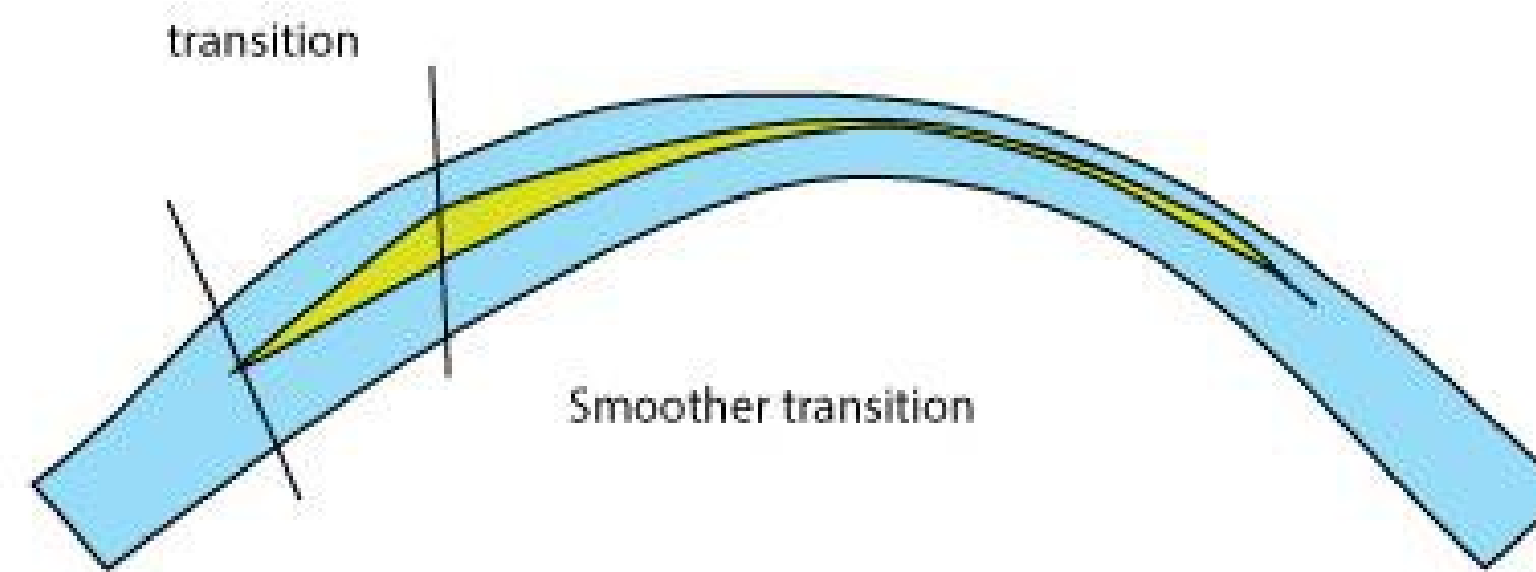
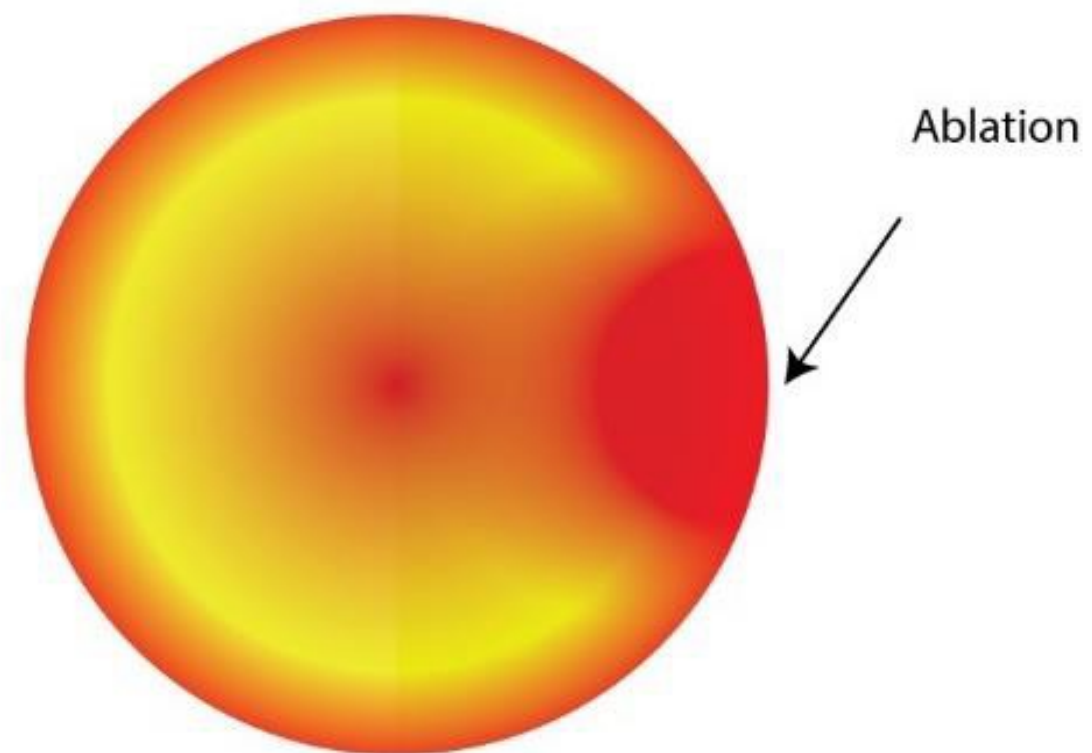
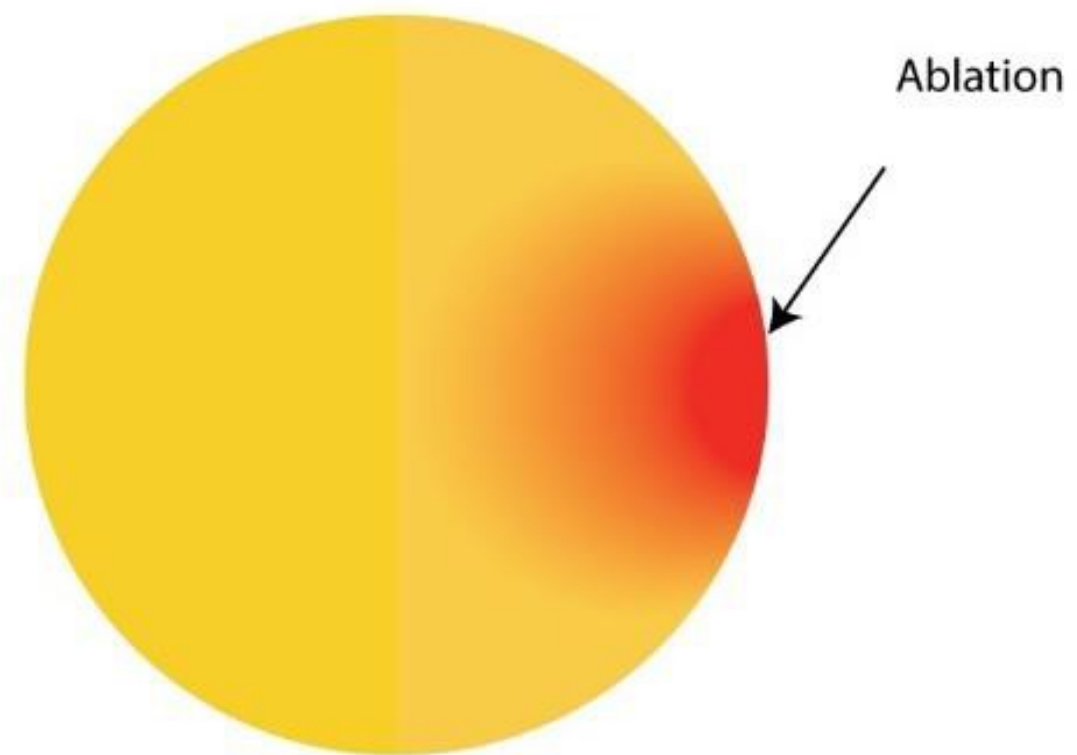


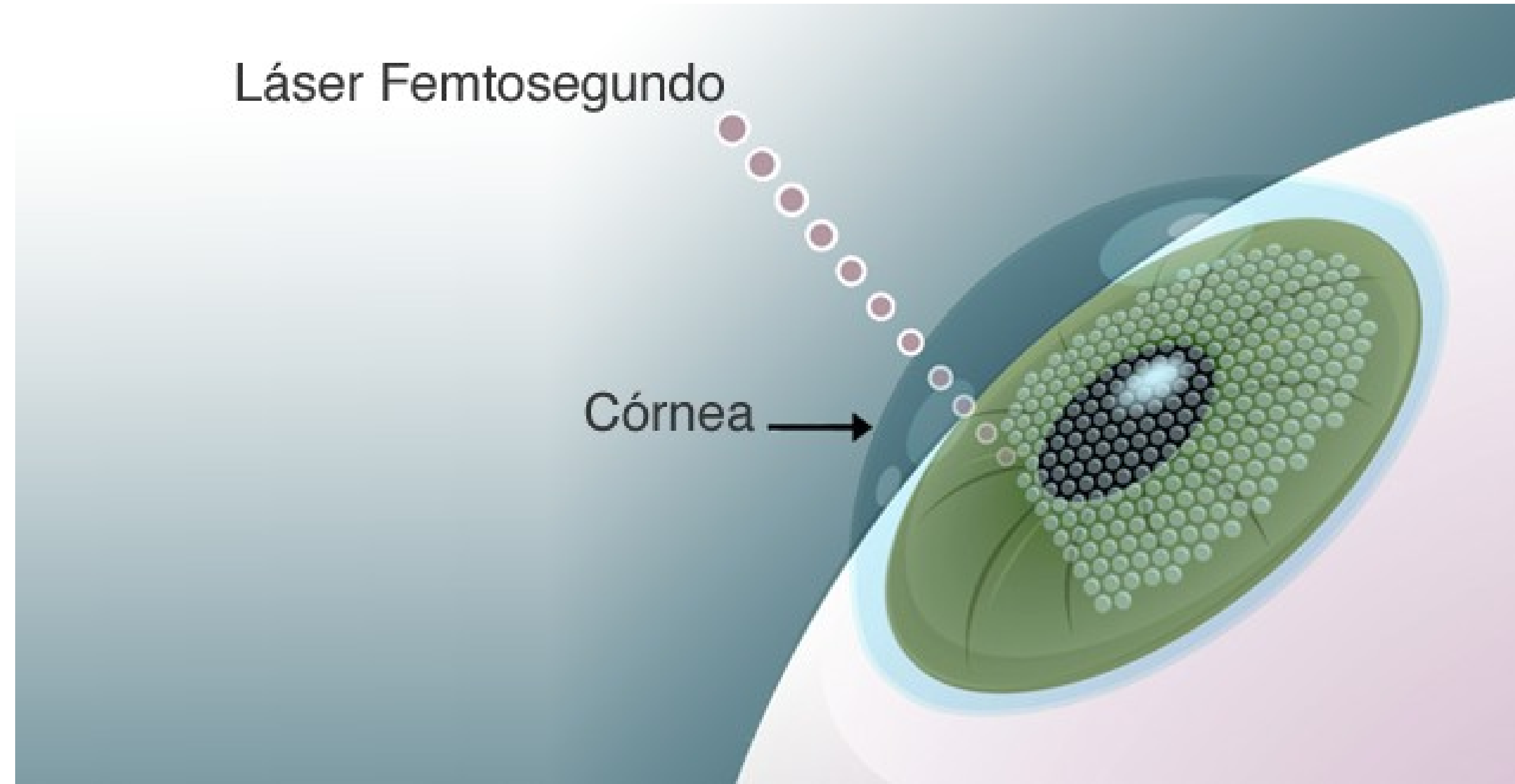


# Customized SLAK

Customized lenticule

Thickness scale

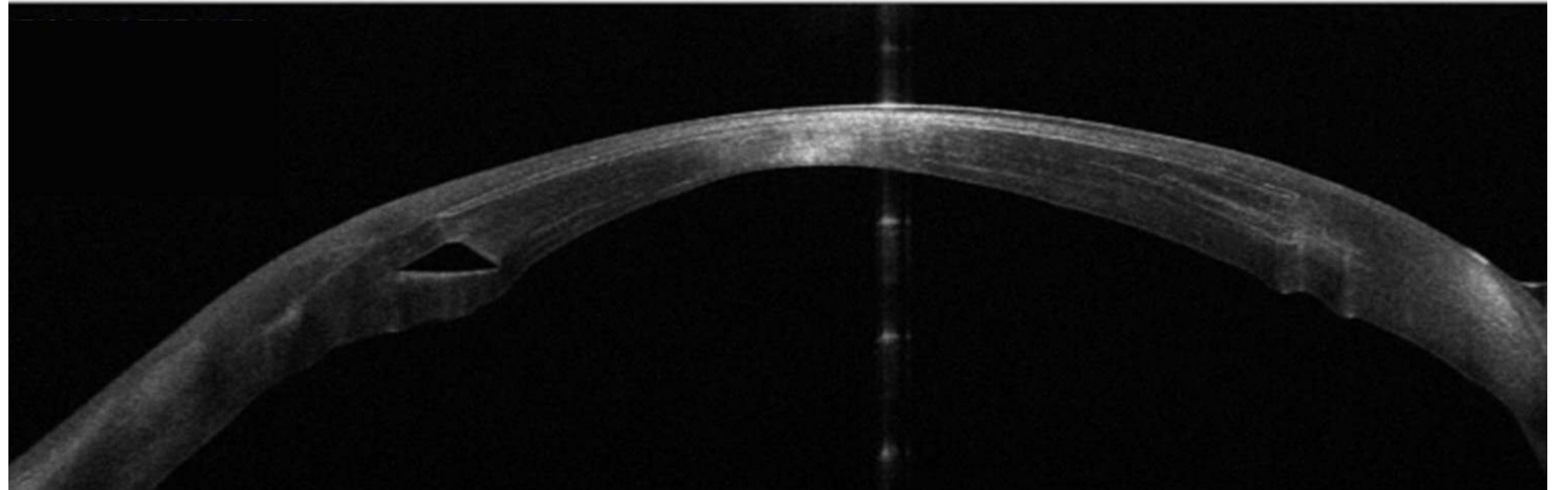




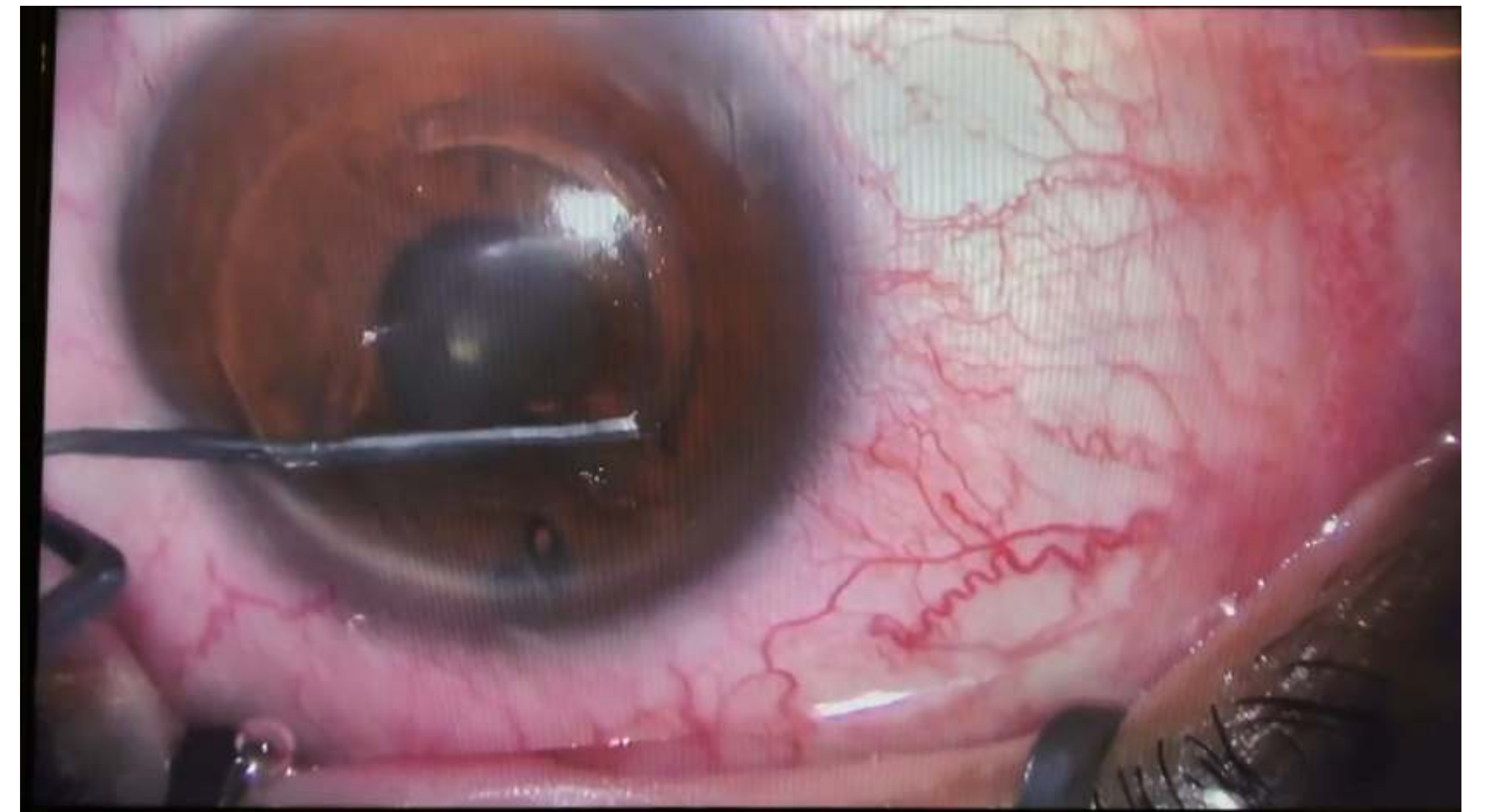
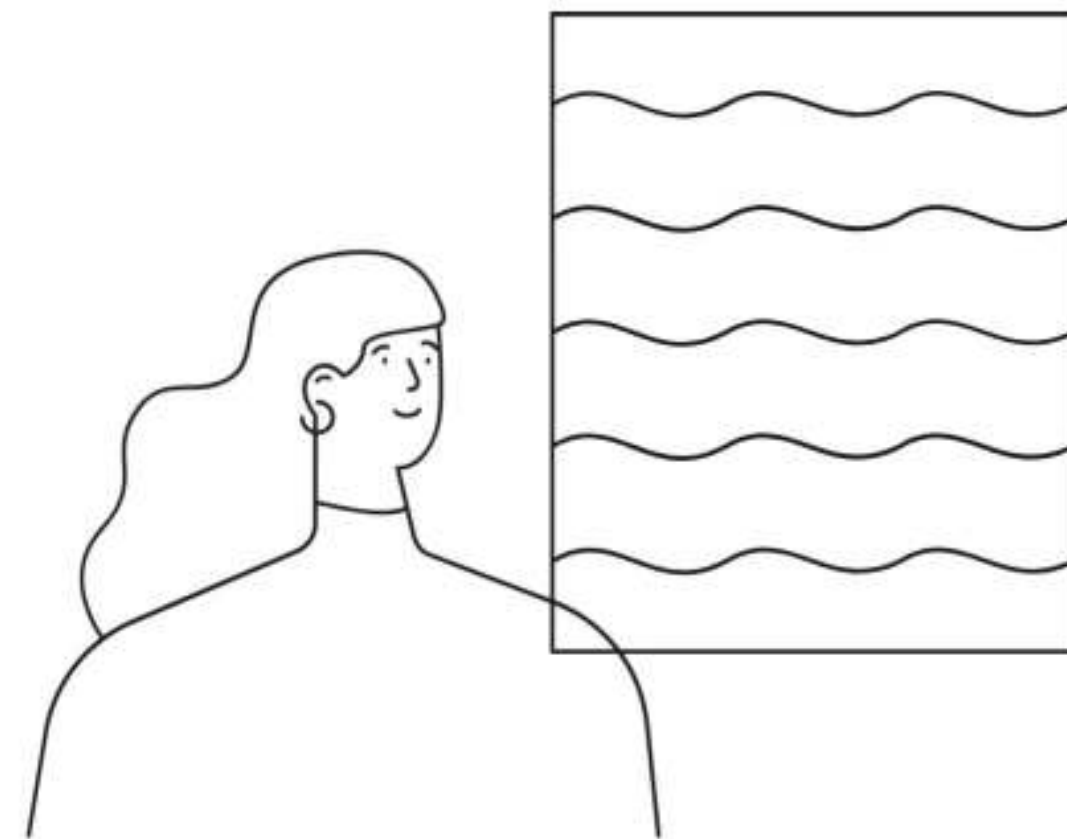
Collaborate with industry to sculpt asymmetric lenticules with **customized shapes**  
**according to each patient specific cone morphology and thickness**



# Xenogeneic Lenticules



## The Xenogenic Corneal Implant Technology







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