

# Accelerated corneal collagen cross-linking for keratoconus in pediatric patients: 1 year results



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# Purpose



**To evaluate the outcomes of accelerated corneal collagen cross-linking (CXL) in pediatric patients with keratoconus**

# Setting And Design



**Beyoglu Eye Research and Training Hospital  
Cornea and refractive surgery subspecialty.**

**Prospective clinical trial.**

# Methods



**The study was performed on 59 keratoconus eyes (54 participants: 38 M, 16 F, 9 to 18 years old) treated with accelerated collagen cross linking for corneal stabilization. Main outcome measures were best corrected visual acuity(BCVA), maximum K values (Kmax), and endothelial cell count.**

# Results



**Preoperative and postoperative 3rd and 12th month visits were evaluated.**

**The best corrected visual acuity values were  $0.48 \pm 0.34$  (Log MAR),  $0.47 \pm 0.38$  and  $0.47 \pm 0.41$  respectively.**

# Results



**Mean Kmax values were  $58.02 \pm 5.03$ ,  
 $57.34 \pm 4.41$  and  $57.22 \pm 4.8$   
respectively. ( $p=0.714$ )**

**Endothelial cell counts were  $2494.4 \pm 82.3$  and  
 $2486.0 \pm 109.7$  and  $2403 \pm 119.7$  respectively.**

# Conclusions



**Preliminary data of pediatric patients with keratoconus Show safe treatment results by Accelerated CXL. No per or postoperative complications was seen over 1 year.**