

# BIOMETRIC RISK FACTORS INVOLVED IN CORNEAL SURFACE COMPLICATIONS WITH SOFT CONTACT LENS WEAR

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# Background

- Contact lens related problems
  - infectious keratitis,
  - superficial corneal keratitis,
  - Neovascularization, etc
- Risk factors
  - lens care system, contact lens material
  - durability, spoilage characteristics of the lens
  - wear schedule, lens power,
  - contact lens solution, overnight wear,
  - and patient related factors such as smoking
- However, **Corneal biometric risk factors** have not been fully determined so far.

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# Purpose

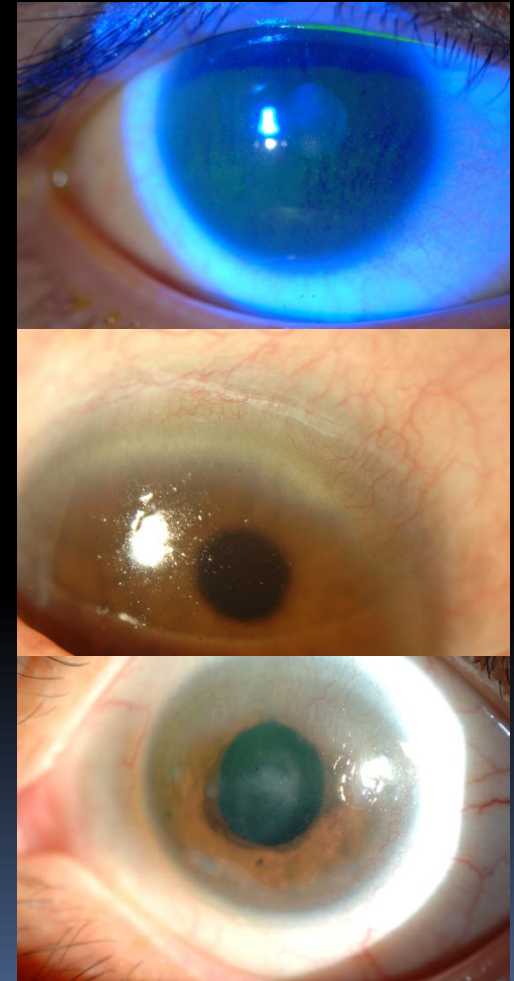
- To investigate the biometric risk factors involved in corneal surface complications in fitting hydrogel soft contact lenses (SCLs) in myopic patients in Korea.

# Methods

- age- and sex-matched and case-controlled design
- retrospective review of medical records
- Participants
  - Complication group : 40 patients (80 eyes)
    - Diagnosed with
      - focal limbal cell deficiency, corneal neovascularization, superficial punctate keratitis
  - Control group : 84 patients (168 eyes)
  - Between January 2008 and April 2011

# Methods

- Superficial punctate keratitis
  - Higher than NEI scale 3
- Corneal neovascularization
- Focal limbal insufficiency
  - Neovascularization,
  - surrounding conjunctival edema,
  - overlying limbal superficial punctate erosion



# Methods

- Orbiscan topography
  - (Bausch & Lomb, Rochester, USA)
  - Temporary corneal warpage
    - 3.0 Diopter or higher irregularity index within a 3-mm zone
  
- Ultrasound pachymetry
  - (Quantel medical, Clermont-Ferrand, France)
  - Corneal central thickness
  
- Automated keratometry
  - (Topcon KR-8900, Tokyo, Japan)
  - Astigmatism, spherical equivalent

# Results

Table 1. Demographics of the enrolled patients

	Control (n=168)	Complication (n=80)	P-value
Age (year) †	28.8±7.8	29.9±10.6	0.363
Sex (M:F) *	36:132	16:64	0.796
BCVA (logMAR) †	0.006±0.146	0.089±0.177	<0.001
Duration (year) †	7.15±5.26	8.39±7.45	0.183
Spherical equivalent (D) †	-5.88±3.14	-7.93±5.04	<0.001
Astigmatism (D) †	1.15±0.86	1.36±1.25	0.142
Pachymetry (mm) †	0.537±0.035	0.546±0.035	0.055
Base curve radius (mm) †	7.69±0.26	7.68±0.29	0.788
3 mm irregularity index †	1.35±0.45	2.05±2.81	0.002

\*Categorical outcomes were compared using Fisher's exact test.

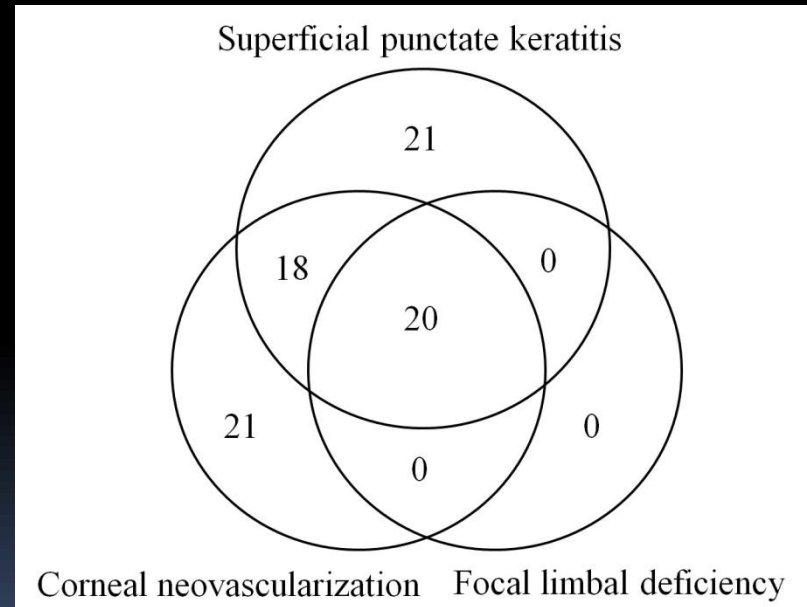
†Continuous outcomes were compared using independent t-test.

# Results

Table 2. The patients with variable corneal surface complications in complication group

Total (N=80)	Frequency (%)
Superficial punctuate Keratitis	72.8
Corneal neovascularization	72.8
Focal Limbal deficiency	25.0
Corneal warpage	27.5

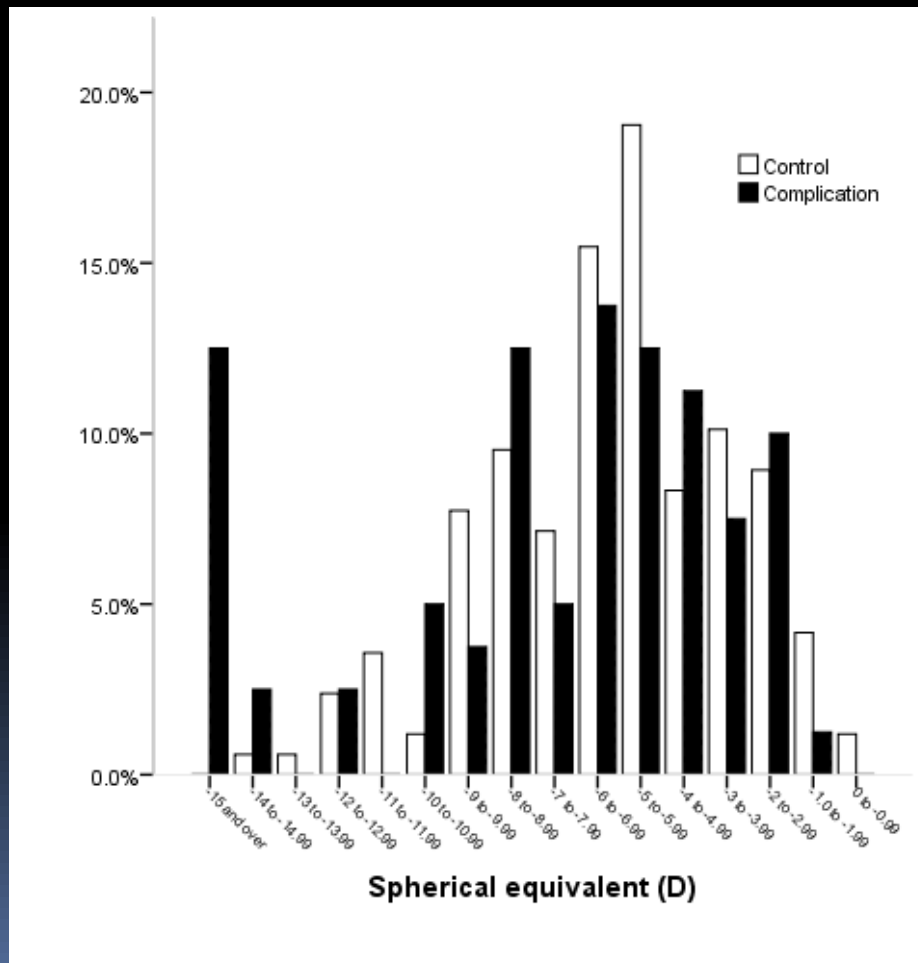
Figure 1. distribution of the surface complications in complication group.





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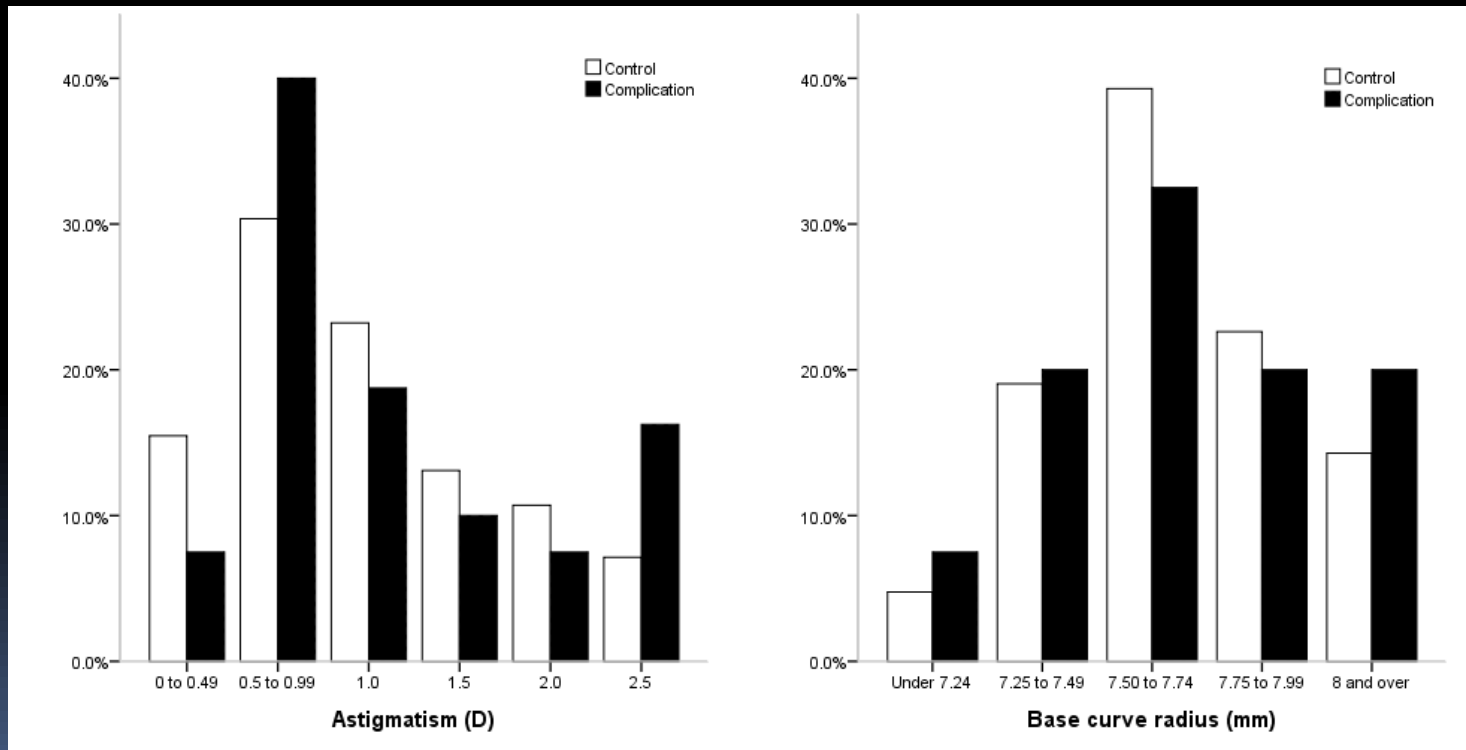
Figure 2. The frequency distribution of spherical equivalent for the SCL wearers between control group and complication group.



\*D = Diopter

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Figure 3. The frequency distribution of astigmatism and base curve radius for the SCL wearers between control group and complication group.



\*D = Diopter

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Table 2. Results of an univariate and multivariate analysis of risk factors of corneal surface complications

	univariate model			multivariate model		
	OR	95% CI	P	adjusted OR	95% CI	P
spherical equivalent ≤-9.5 or >-9.5 D	2.60	1.28-5.28	<u>0.008</u>	2.14	1.01-4.56	<u>0.048</u>
astigmatism ≥2.5 or <2.5 D	2.52	1.09-5.82	0.030	1.76	0.71-4.34	0.221
base curve radius < 7.40 mm or ≥7.40 mm	2.22	1.06-4.67	0.035	1.95	0.91-4.21	0.087

\*D = Diopter

# Conclusion

- **High myopia higher than 9.5 Diopter** seemed to be most significant risk factor in the development of corneal surface complications in SCL wearers.