

Supplemental file 2. Clustering of the 76 included studies based on author names, site of recruitment, trial names, period of recruitment and references to other studies*

Cluster number	Publication year	Source of study population	Case series	Comparative case series	Cohort study	Case-control studies	Randomized controlled trials
1	1993	L.V. Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad, India	[1]				
2	1998-2018	Dr Rajendra Prasad Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences, New Delhi, India	[2], [3], [4]				
3	1999	Hôpital Saint Antoine, Paris, France	[5]				
4	2000	Augenlinik der RWTH Aachen, Aachen, Germany	[6]				
5	2002	Federal University of Uberlândia, Uberlândia, Brazil	[7]				
6	2002	University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, Erlangen, Germany					[8]
7	2002-2004	Tokyo Dental College, Tokyo, Japan				[9]	[10]
8	2004	Ege University Hospital, Izmir, Turkey		[11]			
9	2007-2018	King Khaled Eye Specialist Hospital, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	[12], [13], [14]	[15]			
10	2008-2014	Toronto Western Hospital, Toronto, Canada ; Yonge Eglinton Laser Eye Center, Toronto, Canada	[16]	[17], [18], [19], [20], [21], [22], [23]			
11	2009	Wills Eye Hospital, Philadelphia, PA, USA		[24]			
12	2009	Auckland City Hospital and Eye Institute, Auckland, New Zealand	[25]				
13	2009	Manchester Royal Eye Hospital, Manchester, UK (through the UK Transplant database)	[26]				
14	2009-2015	Price Vision Group, Indianapolis, IN, USA; Gorovoy Eye Specialists, Fort Myers, FL, USA	[27]	[28], [29]			[30], [31]
15	2010	The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX, USA	[32]				
16	2010	Dr. Lütfi Kırdar Kartal Training and Research Hospital, Istanbul, Turkey	[33]				
17	2010	University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, IA, USA	[34]				
18	2011	Eskisehir Osmangazi University Medical Faculty, Eskisehir, Turkey	[35]				
19	2012	Cornea Eye Institute, Beverly Hills, California, CA, USA		[36]			
20	2012	Affiliated Hospital of Medical College Qingdao University, Qingdao Shi, China	[37]				
21	2012	St. James's University Hospital, Leeds, UK	[38]				
22	2012	Keio University School of Medicine, Tokyo, Japan		[39]			
23	2012-2019	Singapore National Eye Center, Singapore, Asia; through the Singapore Corneal Transplant Study	[40], [41]	[42], [43]	[44], [45], [46], [47]		
24	2013	University of Düsseldorf, Düsseldorf, Germany	[48]				
25	2013	Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center; and Sackler Faculty of Medicine, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel		[49]			
26	2013	Doheny Eye Institute, Los Angeles, Californië, Verenigde Staten		[50]			
27	2013	Sir Run Run Shaw Institute of Clinical Medicine of Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China		[51]			
28	2013-2015	Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Berlin, Germany	[52], [53]	[54]			
29	2014	Haydarpasa Numune Education and Research Hospital, Istanbul, Turkey; Istanbul Medipol University, School of Medicine, Istanbul, Turkey		[55]			
30	2014	Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center, Jerusalem, Israel	[56]				
31	2014	Dr. Ashok Sharma's Cornea Centre, Chandigarh, India	[57]				
32	2015	General Hospital of Shenyang Military Area Command, Shenyang, China					[58]
33	2015	Cantonal Hospital of Lucerne, Lucerne, Switzerland		[59]			
34	2015	The Jules Stein Eye Institute, David Geffen School of Medicine, Los Angeles, CA, USA		[60]			
35	2016	Quinze-Vingts National Eye Hospital, Paris, France			[61]		
36	2016	Juntendo University hospital, Tokyo, Japan		[62]			
37	2016	Sydney Eye Hospital, Sydney, Australia		[63]			
38	2016	Ivey Eye Institute in London, Canada	[64]				
39	2016-2017	University of Cologne, Cologne, Germany		[65], [66]			
40	2017	Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio, OH, USA	[67]				
41	2017	Dhahran Eye Specialist Hospital, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia		[68]			
42	2017	Adana Numune Training and Research Hospital, Adana, Turkey; Ankara Training and Research Hospital, Ankara, Turkey		[69]			
43	2017	Sightline Ophthalmic Associates, Pittsburgh, PA, USA		[70]			
44	2017	University of Muenster Medical Center, Muenster, Germany	[71]				
45	2017	Izmir Bozyaka Training and Research Hospital, Izmir Turkey; Kartal Training and Research Hospital, Istanbul, Turkey					[72]
46	2018	Ankara Training and Research Hospital, Ankara, Turkey; Ağrı State Hospital, Ağrı, Turkey		[73]			
47	2018	The Jules Stein Eye Institute, David Geffen School of Medicine, Los Angeles, CA, US; American Academy of Ophthalmology, San Francisco, California, CA, USA; through Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).			[74]		
48	2018	Swami Rama Himalayan University, Jolly Grant, Dehradun, Uttarakhand, India	[75]				
49	2018	Complejo Hospitalario La Mancha Centro, Ciudad Real, Spain		[76]			

*Each number between brackets represents a study corresponding with the reference list

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