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Factors influencing retinal venous pressure

A biomedical approach to a medical paradigm

wellness für ihre augen

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Was haben Diabetes und Glaukom Patienten mit toten Bergsteigern am Mt. Everest zu tun ?



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Einführung

Bekannt und allgemein akzeptiert ist, dass der okuläre Kreislauf:

1. ein Indikator für den systemischen Kreislauf ist
2. vermutlich relevant für die Pathogenese bei Glaukom und diabetischen Augenerkrankungen ist

Golzan, S.M. et al., Dynamic association between intraocular pressure and spontaneous pulsations of retinal veins. Curr Eye Res, 2011. 36(1): p. 53-9.

Einführung

Die Rolle des okulären Perfussionsdruckes:

“Inadequate ocular perfusion of the retina can cause ischemia leading to decreased oxygen supply (hypoxia) in tissues, which may result in deleterious sight-threatening effects.”

Arjamaa, O. and M. Nikinmaa, Oxygen-dependent diseases in the retina: role of hypoxia-inducible factors. Exp Eye Res, 2006. 83(3): p. 473-83.

Klinische Evidenz

Erhöhter retinaler Venendruck ist publiziert für:

- Glaukom (*Pillunat et al. 2014; Fang et al. 2014; Morgan et al. 2009; Jonas, Harder 2003*)
- Venenverschluss (*Mozaffarie et al. 2014; Yasuda et al. 2010; Jonas et al. 2007*)
- Diabetes mellitus (*Cybulska et al. 2015*)
- Flammer Syndrome (*Fang et al. 2014*)
- Hypoxie - Höhen induziert (*Baertschi et al. 2016*)
 - potentiell für temporäre Amaurosis (*Baertschi, ISMM 2014*)
 - Retinablutungen und ONH Ödem (*multiple 1975-2009*)

Risk Factors for Incident Open-angle Glaucoma

The Barbados Eye Studies 2008

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Leske et al • Risk Factors for Incident Open-angle Glaucoma: The Barbados Eye Studies

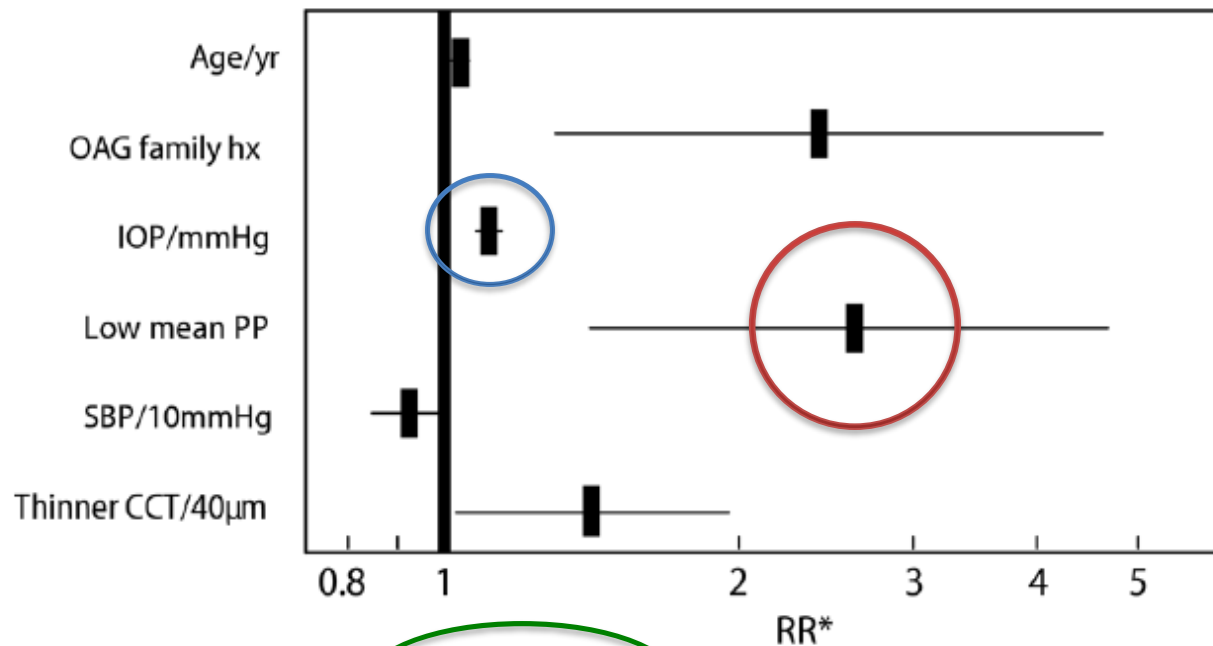
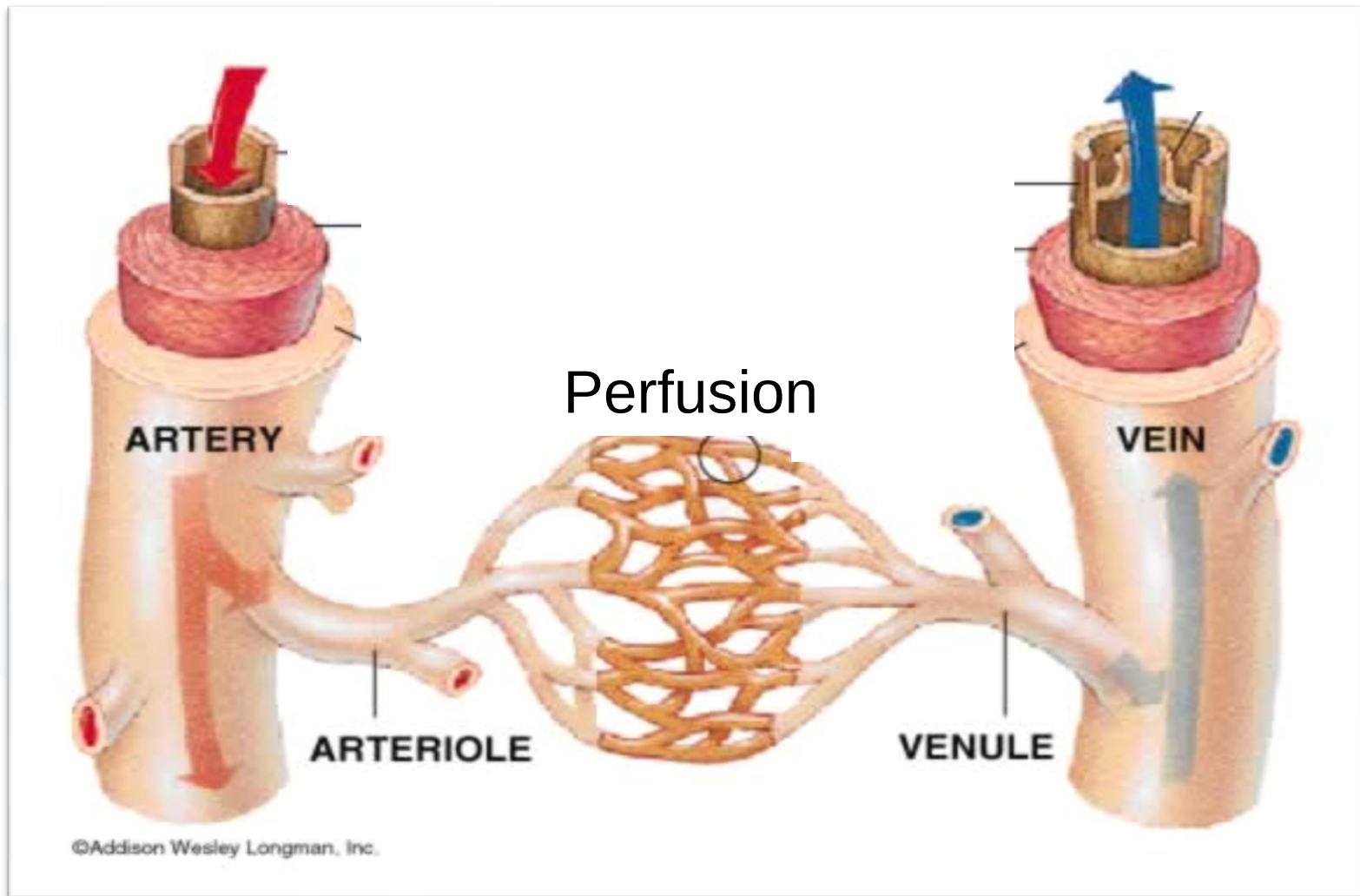


Figure 1. Risk factors for definite open-angle glaucoma (OAG; n = 3222). hx = history; PP = perfusion pressure; RR = risk ratio; SBP = systolic blood pressure. *Based on Cox regression models, adjusting for age, gender, intraocular pressure (IOP), and IOP- and blood pressure-lowering treatment; central corneal thickness (CCT) is presented as an odds ratio, based on logistic regression model in a subsample (n = 1023).

Rolle des Perfusionsdruckes



Interconnection between Arteries, Arterioles, Capillaries and Venules
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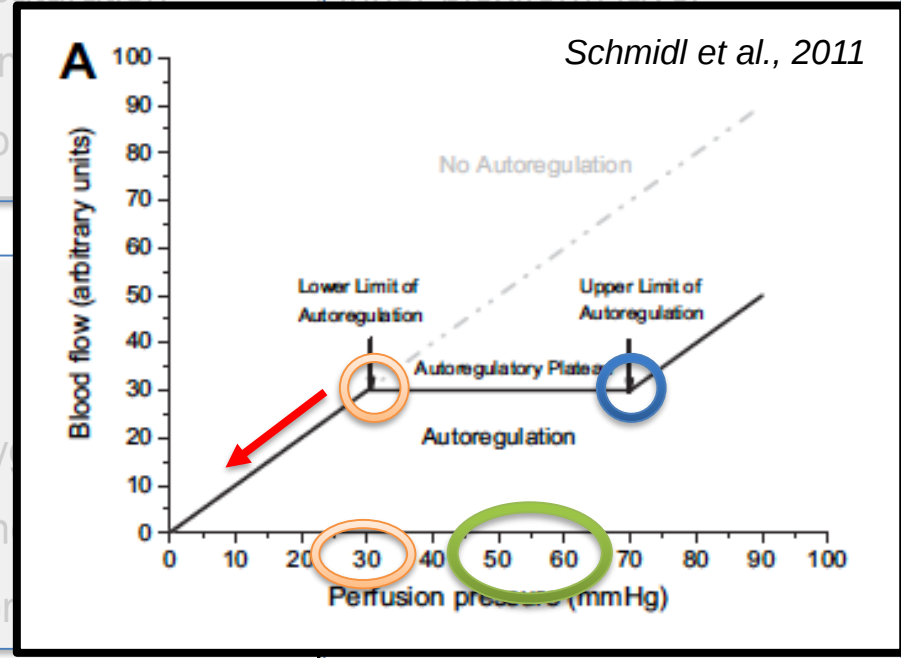
Rolle des Perfusionsdruckes

“Perfusion Pressure is defined as the difference between arterial and venous blood pressure and is the driving force of blood flow.”

Schmidl, D., G. Garhofer, and L. Schmetterer, The complex interaction between ocular perfusion pressure and ocular blood flow - relevance for glaucoma. Exp Eye Res, 2011. 93(2): p. 141-55.

Retinaler vs choroidaler Blutfluss

Tissue	Function and characteristics	Involved cell or fiber layer
Retina	Autoregulation e.g. Flicker, IOP/ICP, Endothelin-1 Low flow rate Low perfusion rate Low venous oxygen saturation High vascular resistance High oxygen extraction	Inner limiting membrane Optic nerve fibers Ganglion layer Inner plexiform layer
Choroidea	No Autoregulation Very high flow rate High perfusion rate Very high venous oxygen saturation Low vascular resistance Low oxygen extraction	



In POAG ist der Blutfluss am ONH um 20% reduziert !

(Dr. med. Claudia Lommatzsch, Lecture at DOG 2016 in Berlin/Germany)

Methode und Instrumente

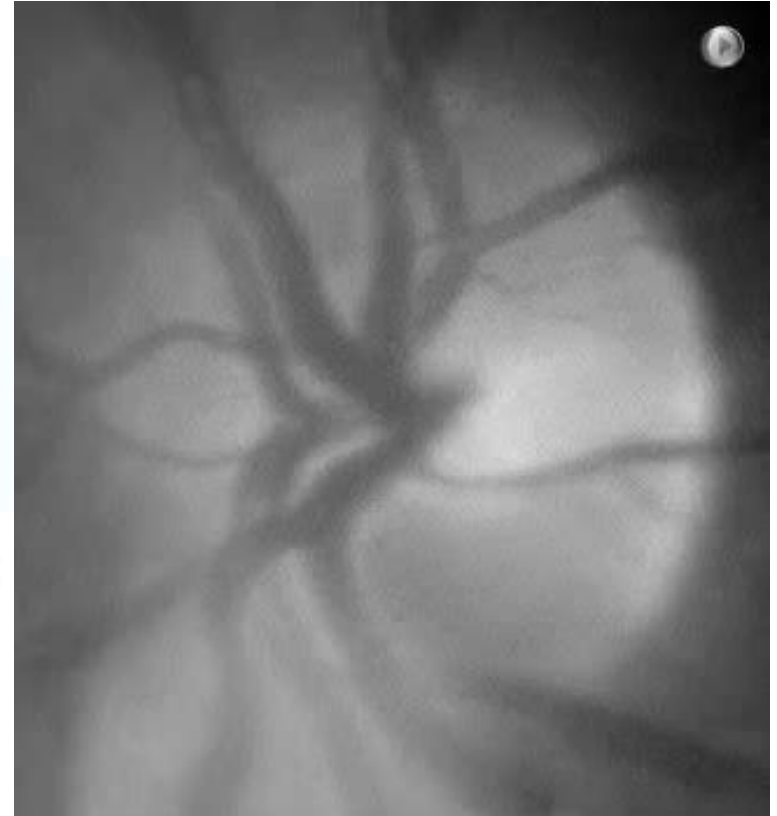
Spontaner retinaler Venenpuls (SVP) ist nur sichtbar wenn der umgebende IOP identisch mit dem Venendruck im Gefäß ist.

Prevalenz von SVP ? (% of Px)

99 %

75 %

50 %



Epidemiologie

Prevalenz von spontanem retinalem Venenpuls aus fünf aktuellen Studien

	Healthy controls	POAG suspects	NTG	POAG
Morgan et al., Ophthalmology, 2004; 111(8): 1489-94	98%	75%		54%
Harder and Jonas. Br J Ophthamol, 2007; 91(3): 401-02	89%			
Legler and Jonas. Glaucoma, 2009; 18(3): 210-12	75%			64%
Seo et al., Ophthalmology, 2012; 119: 2254-60		86%		53%
Abegao Pinto et al., Acta Ophthalmol, 2013; 91(6): 514-20	82%		51%	50%
Mean	86.0%	80.5%	51%	55.2%

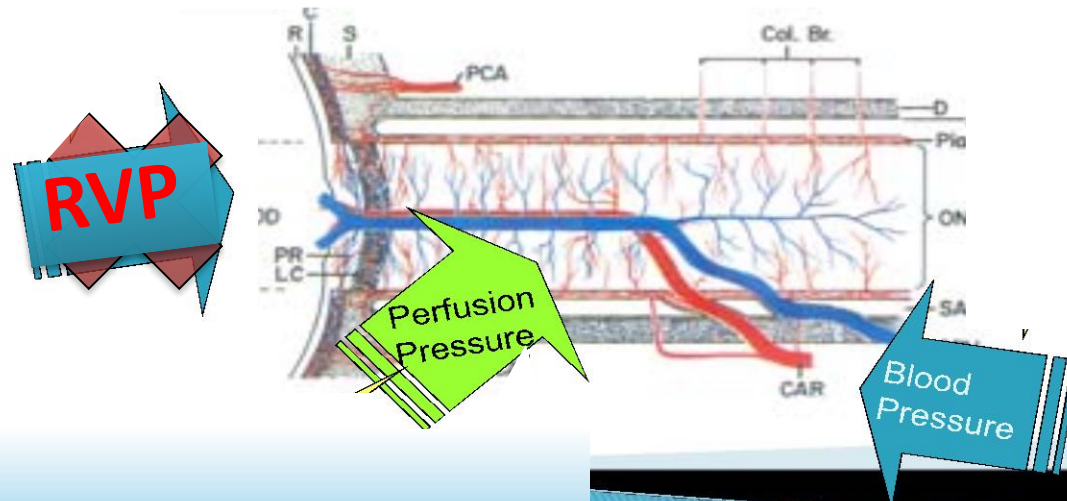
Korrekte Kalkulation des Perfusionsdruckes

$$\text{Ocular Perfusion Pressure (OPP)} = \frac{2}{3} [\text{MAP}^*] - \text{RVP}$$

*MAP = Mean Arterial Pressure = $\text{BP}_{\text{dias}} + \frac{1}{3} (\text{BP}_{\text{syst}} - \text{BP}_{\text{dias}})$

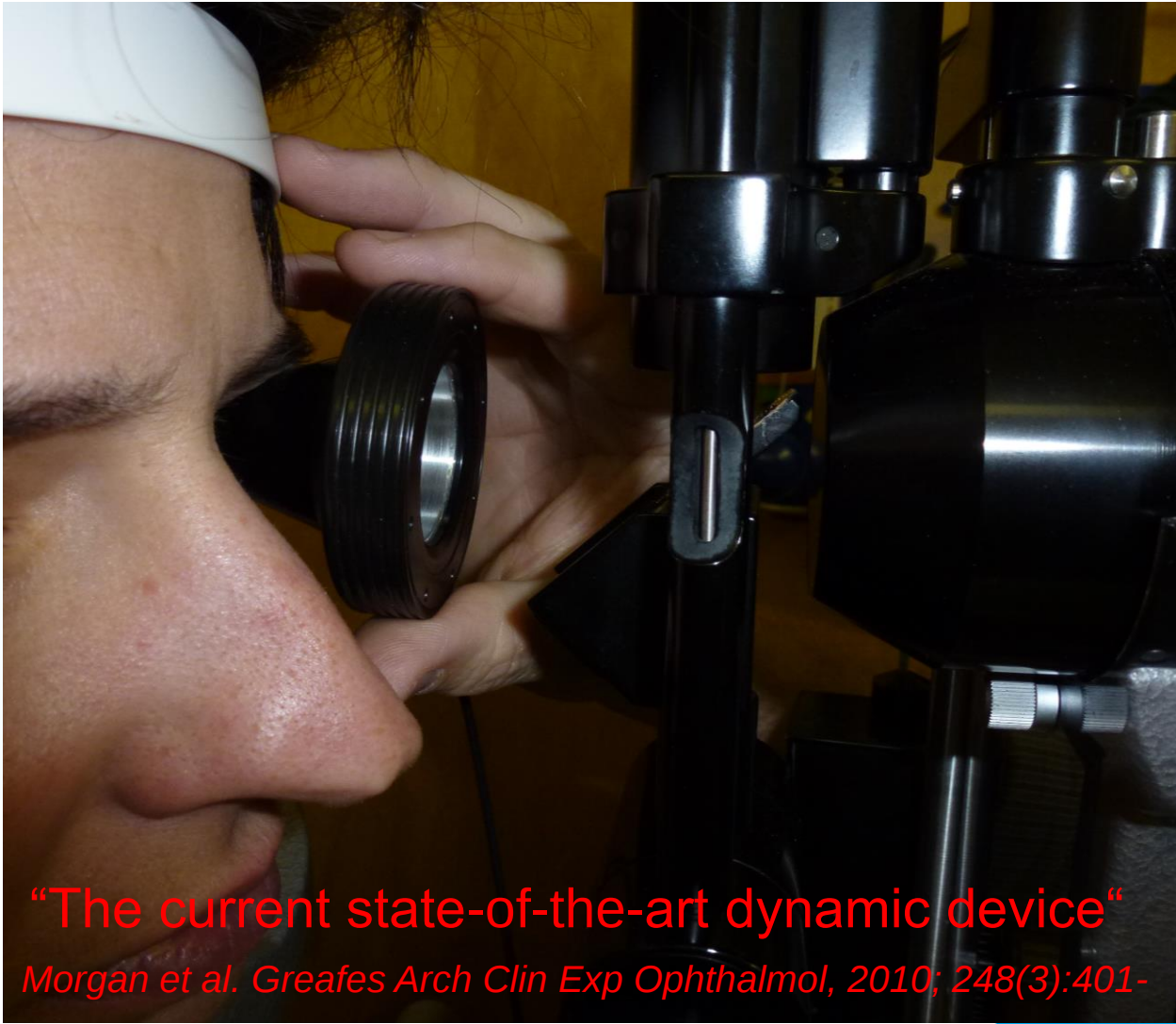
Ocular Perfusion Pressure and Glaucoma

adapted from Dr. Wooldrige, AAO 2013



Leske MC, et al. Ophthalmology 2007; 114,: 1965-72
Leske MC, et al. Ophthalmology 2008;115, 65-93.
Hayreh SS. Trans Am Acad Ophthalmol 1974;78:240-54

Methode und Instrumente



“The current state-of-the-art dynamic device“

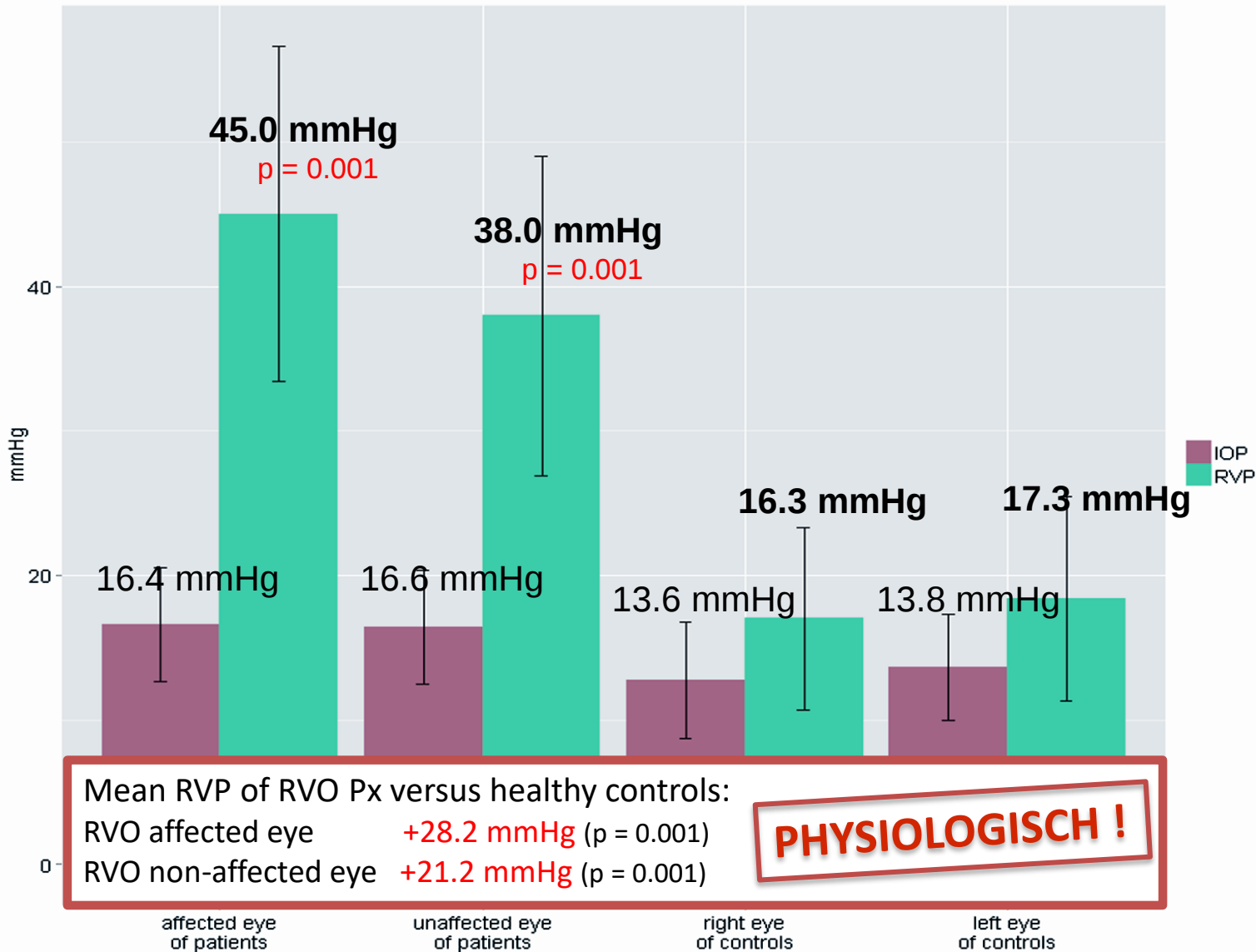
Morgan et al. Graefes Arch Clin Exp Ophthalmol, 2010; 248(3):401-

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Ophthalmo-Dynamometry by Dr. Bernhard Loew, Germany

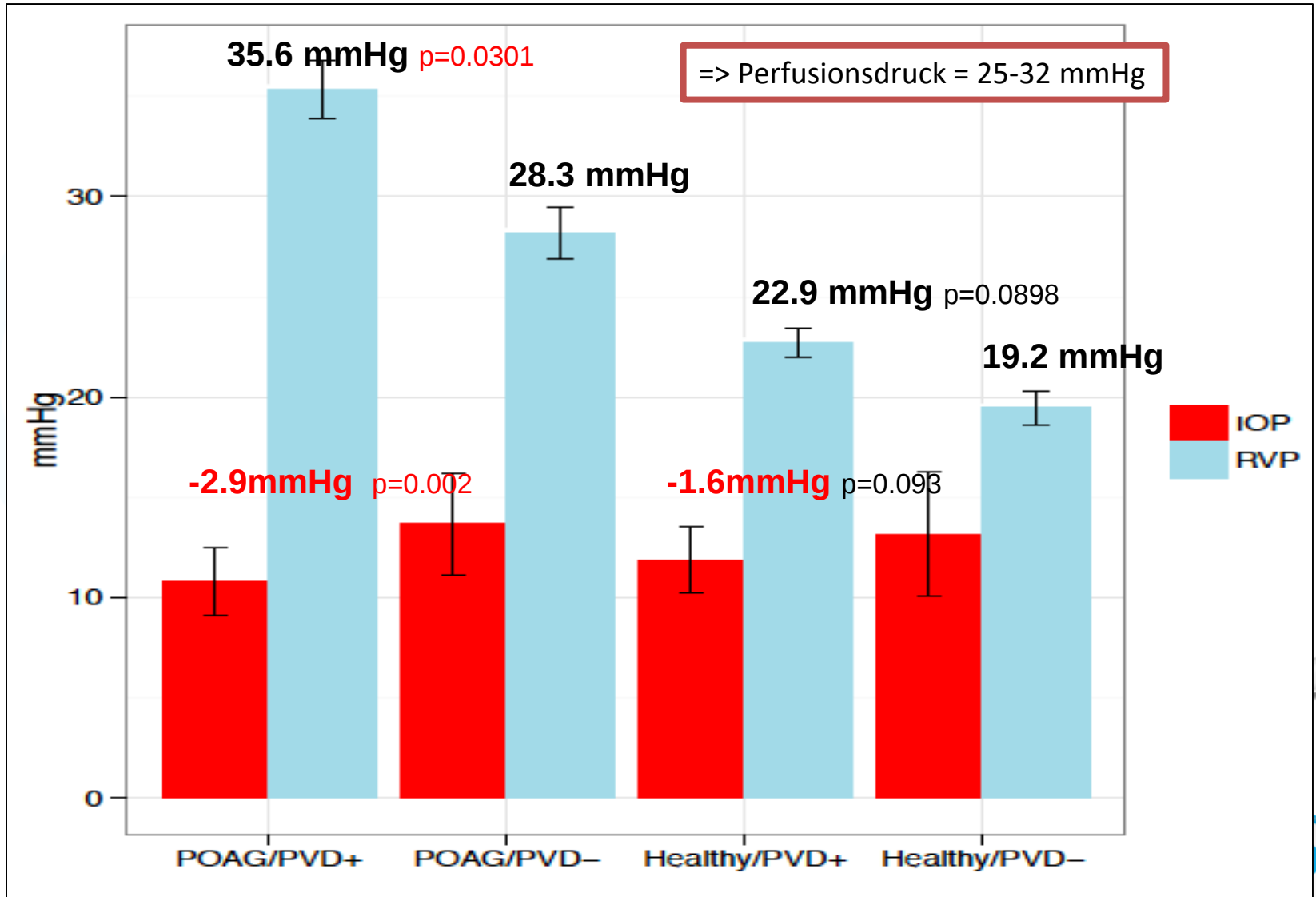
Resultate Venenverschluss

IOP and RVP in Patients and Controls (n = 31/31)



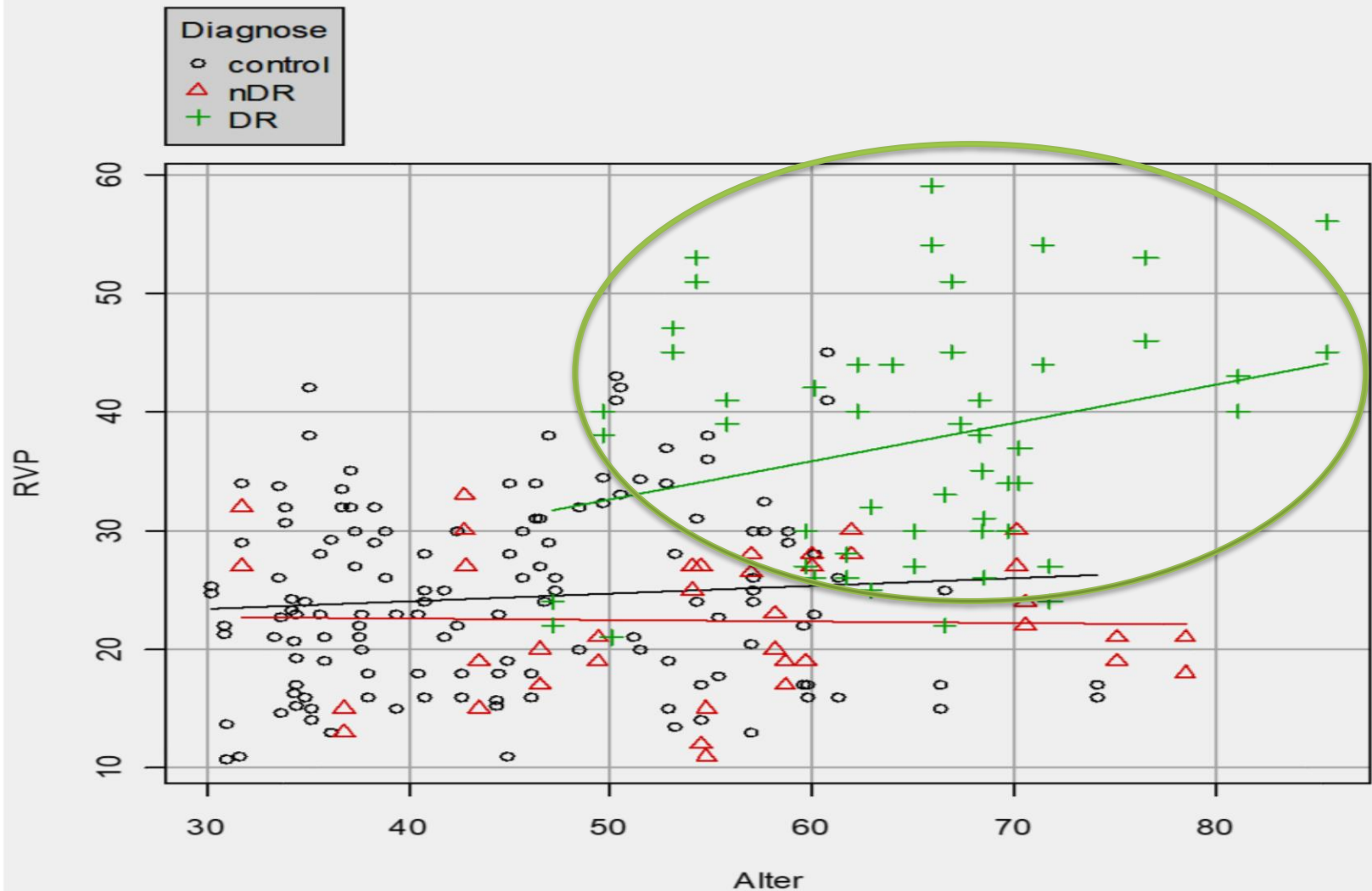
Resultate POAG und FS

IOP and RVP for POAG FS+/FS- and Healthy FS+/FS- (n=30/30)



Resultate Diabetes

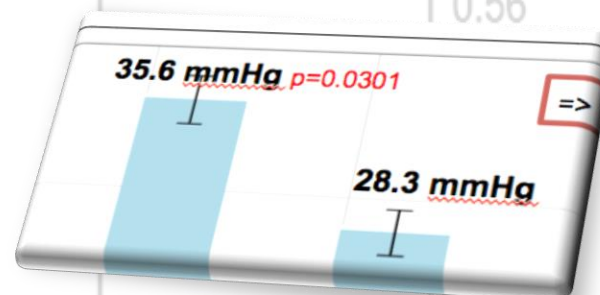
RVP versus Age for each study group (all subjects)



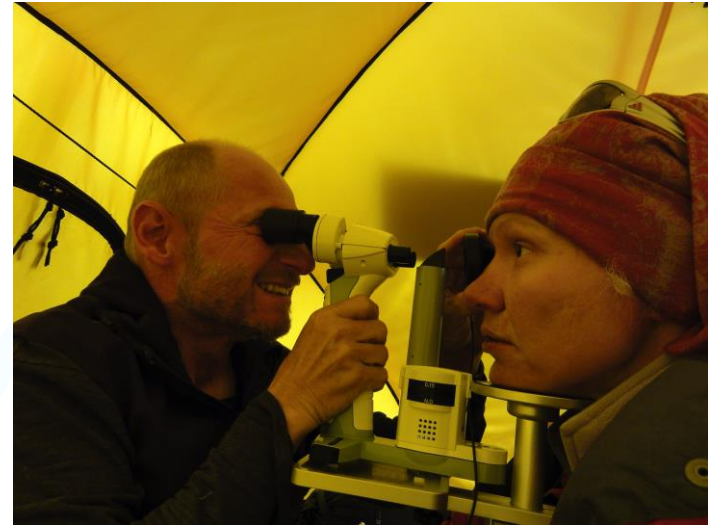
Resultate Diabetes

Deskriptive Statistik Alters-matched Data

	control N = 28	nonDR N = 40	DR N = 28	p overall
Age	58.5 (7.28)	55.3 (12.3)	58.6 (7.02)	0.55
IOP	14.9 (3.18)	15.3 (3.27)	15.9 (2.27)	0.319
RVP	25.2 (9.11)	22.5 (5.78)	33.8 (9.81)	0.0076
Gender				0.56
- female	14 (50%)	12 (30.0%)		
- male	14 (50%)	28 (70.0%)		



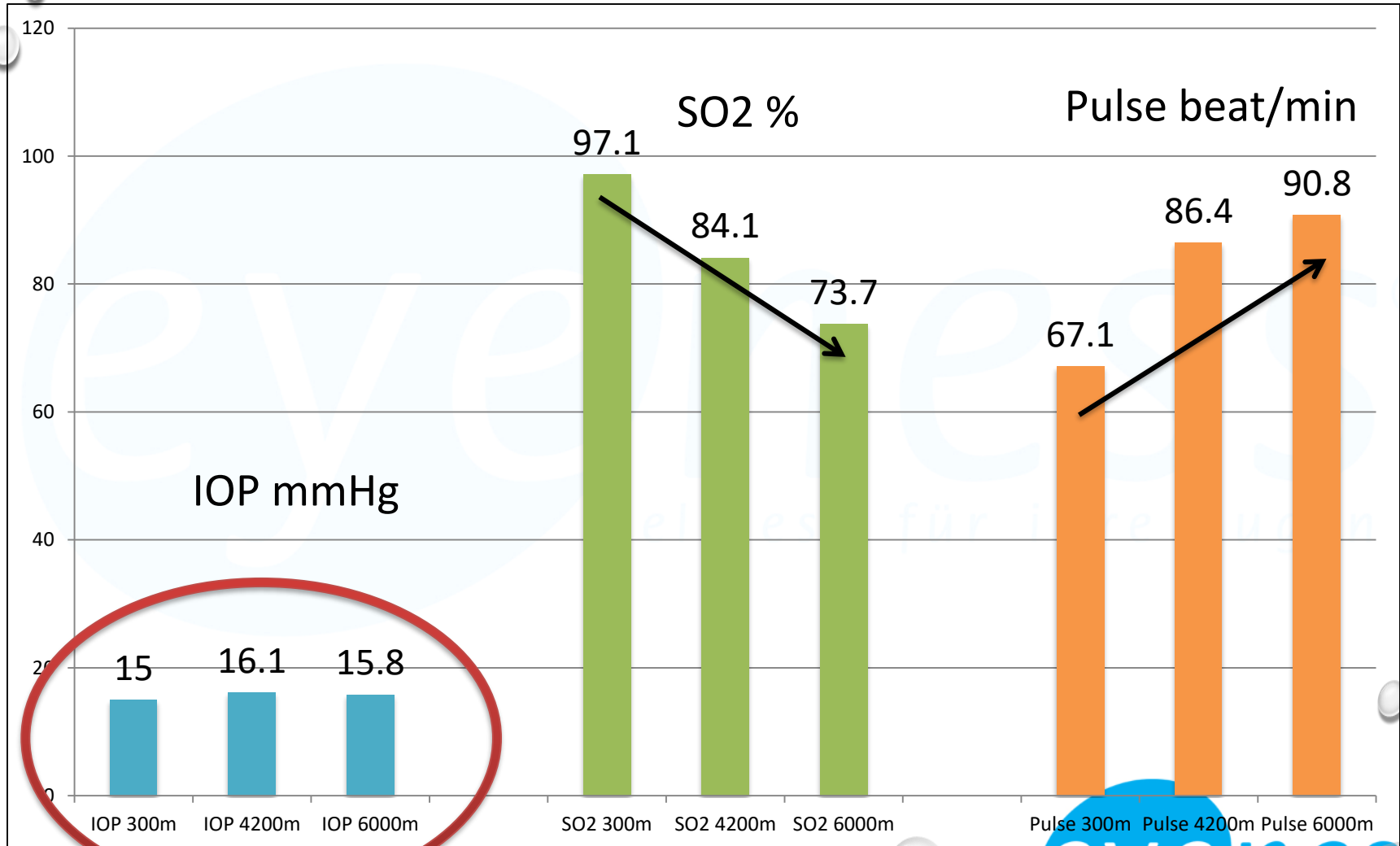
Einfluss von Höhe und Hypoxie auf den Venen- und Perfusionsdruck



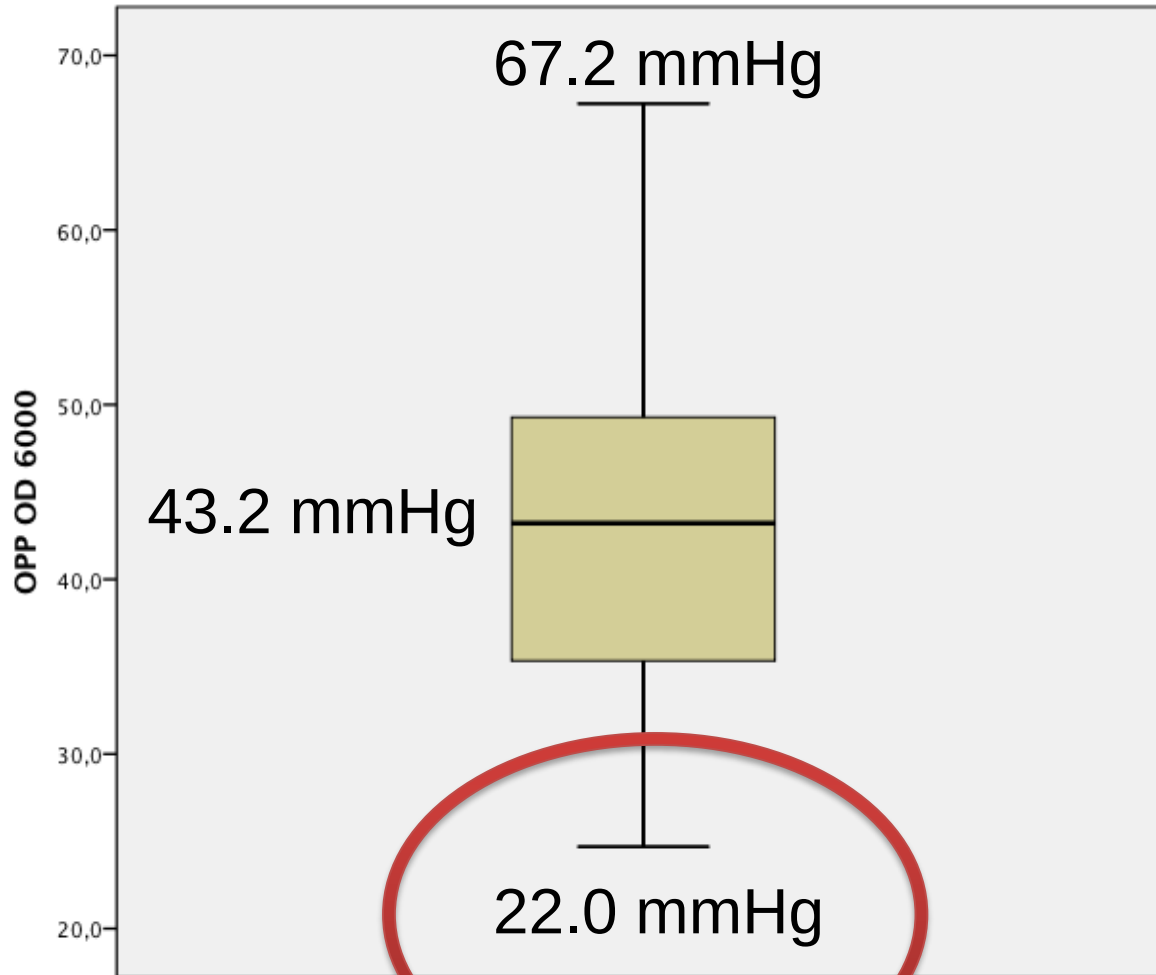
Pik Lenin 6000m Juni 2012

Resultate: IOP, SO2 und Puls

auf versch. Höhen (Hypoxie >24h) n=33/31

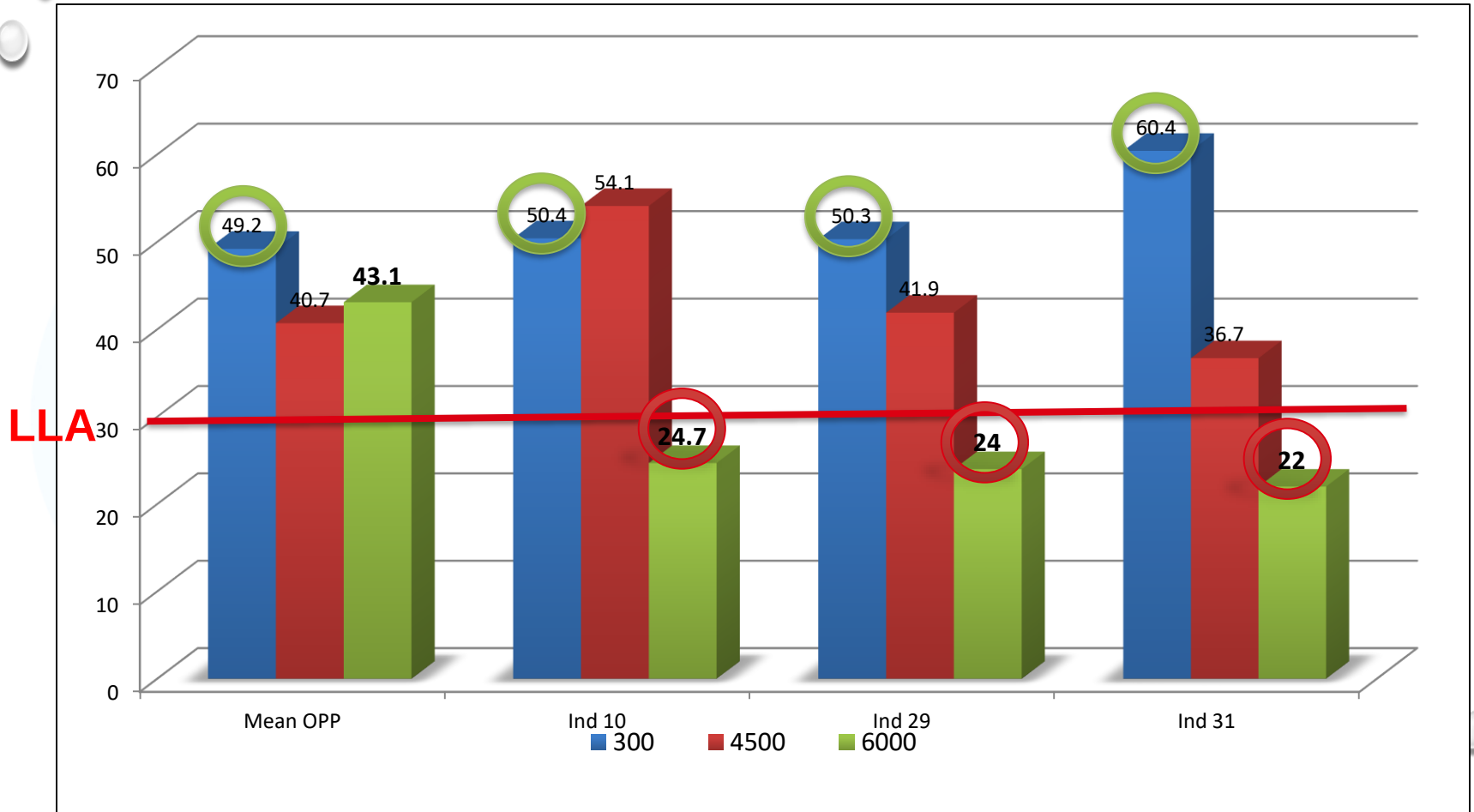


Resultate: Okulärer Perfusionsdruck auf 6'000m n=31



Hypoxie und Perfusionsdruck

Teilweise tiefer als das "Lower Limit of Blood Flow Autoregulation" am ONH



Baertschi, M., et al.: "The effect of hypoxia on intra-ocular, mean arterial, retinal venous and ocular perfusion pressures." Clin Hemorheol Microcirc. Vol.63, no.3, pp 239-303, 2016

Therapie Empfehlung 2013

Value of non-IOP lowering therapy for glaucoma:

Cybulska-Heinrich et al., Klin Monbl Augenheilk 2013; 230(2); 114-19



Flammer Syndrome

- DEFINITION
- TERMINOLOGY
- RELATED DISEASES
- NORMAL TENSION GLAUCOMA
- THERAPY**
- LITERATURE
- LINKS
- HISTORY
- CONTACT

THERAPY FOR FLAMMER SYNDROME

Flammer syndrome is mostly harmless, and therefore, most subjects require no treatment. However, if the symptoms are annoying or affected individuals develop related diseases, we consider treatment as necessary. The intensity of the treatment depends on the clinical picture and the individual situation. Although treatment has been conducted on treatment, we can still assist these patients based on three pillars: (a) lifestyle management, (b) drug treatment, and (c) surgery.

Lifestyle management
Most subjects benefit from lifestyle management. It includes eating enough to avoid hypotension, maintaining a low salt and fluid intake to avoid excessive nocturnal blood pressure dips. Omega-3 fatty acids, as well as antioxidants, are also recommended. Since oxidative stress, induced by the unstable oxygen supply, may increase, particularly in the eye, antioxidative diet is considered.

Drug treatment
Magnesium, a physiological calcium channel blocker (CCB), reduces the vasoconstrictive effect of endothelin-1 and improves BF regulation. A relatively high dose of at least 10–20 mmol/day magnesium is needed. The only side effect observed is diarrhea, which mitigates quickly when the dose is reduced. If not sufficient, then magnesium is combined with a very low dose (!) of calcium channel blockers. But it must be done only with a doctor's prescription. Many other substances are currently under investigation. Ginkgo biloba (figure below) has already been proved effective.



**Suggestion: Magnesium 10-20mmol / Day
Nifedipine 5 mg / Day (*Off-Label)**

Resultate Nifedipine 2015

Graefe's Archive for Clinical and Experimental Ophthalmology

June 2015, Volume 253, Issue 6, pp 935–939

The effect of nifedipine on retinal venous pressure of glaucoma patients with the Flammer-Syndrome

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Results: **The RVP decreased significantly** after 3 weeks in both eyes of patients **treated with low-dosed Nifedipine** compared to the untreated group (mean **decrease of 12.5 mmHg** (SD 12.5), $P < 0.001$). A **larger response** to therapy was found in patients **with the FS** compared to patients lacking the FS (mean decrease of 18.5 mmHg, confidence interval 10.5–26.5 mmHg, $P < 0.001$). **No significant differences** were found between the patients after treatment. In the untreated control group, no significant differences were accounted for either in the RVP or the IOP after 3 weeks.

Conclusions: **Treatment with low-dosed Nifedipine decreases RVP in both eyes of glaucoma patients, particularly in those with the Flammer-Syndrome.** This effect may be due to the partial inhibition of **Endothelin-1 (ET-1)** by Nifedipine.

Suggestion: Nifedipine 5mg / Day (*Off-Label)

Resultate ET-1 Blocker “Diavolezza-Studie”

Retinal vessel regulation at high altitudes¹



Article type: Research Article

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[Clinical Hemorheology and Microcirculation, vol. 63, no. 3, pp. 281-292, 2016](#)

CONCLUSIONS: Retinal arterial and venous vessels react to Normobaric Hypoxia and Hypobaric Hypoxia with a diameter increase and an impaired response to flicker light. **Macitentan was capable to normalize the increased retinal venous pressure observed at high altitudes.**

Zusammenfassung und Diskussion

- Der retinale Venendruck RVP ist ein essentieller Faktor zur korrekten Bestimmung des retinalen Perfusionsdruckes.
- RVP kann präzise, reproduzierbar, schnell und kostengünstig mittels Ophthalmo-Dynamometrie bestimmt werden.
- RVP ist erhöht in verschiedenen Augenerkrankungen wie z.B. Glaukom, diabetischer Retinopathie und bei retinalem Venenverschluss.
- RVP ist ebenfalls erhöht in Personen mit Flammer-Syndrom und bei systemischer Hypoxie als Folge grosser Höhe.

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Take-Home !

- Der retinale Venen- und Perfusionsdruck sind **evident**.
- Ist kein spontaner retinaler Venenpuls sichtbar, ist der Venendruck **höher** als der intra-okular Druck und muss gemessen werden um ein **kompletteres klinisches Bild** zu erhalten.
- Ein erhöhter retinaler Venendruck kann mittels Kalzium Antagonist klinisch reduziert und mittels Endothelin-1 Blocker möglicherweise sogar normalisiert werden.



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