

Comparative effectiveness of multifocal, accommodative, and monofocal intraocular lenses for cataract surgery and lens replacement

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Background

- A cataract is clouding of the natural lens in the eye which performs focusing
- Cataract extraction is one of the most commonly performed ophthalmic surgeries, with 18 million surgeries occurring annually and estimated to reach 24 million in the next few years.
- Phacoemulsification is the standard of care, involving removal of the cloudy cataract and replacement with a prosthetic intraocular lens implant (IOL)
- Intraocular lens implants differ from the natural lens in a patient under 40 years old in that it cannot change shape to focus on multiple planes
- Multiple IOL options are available

Types of intraocular lens implants (IOL)

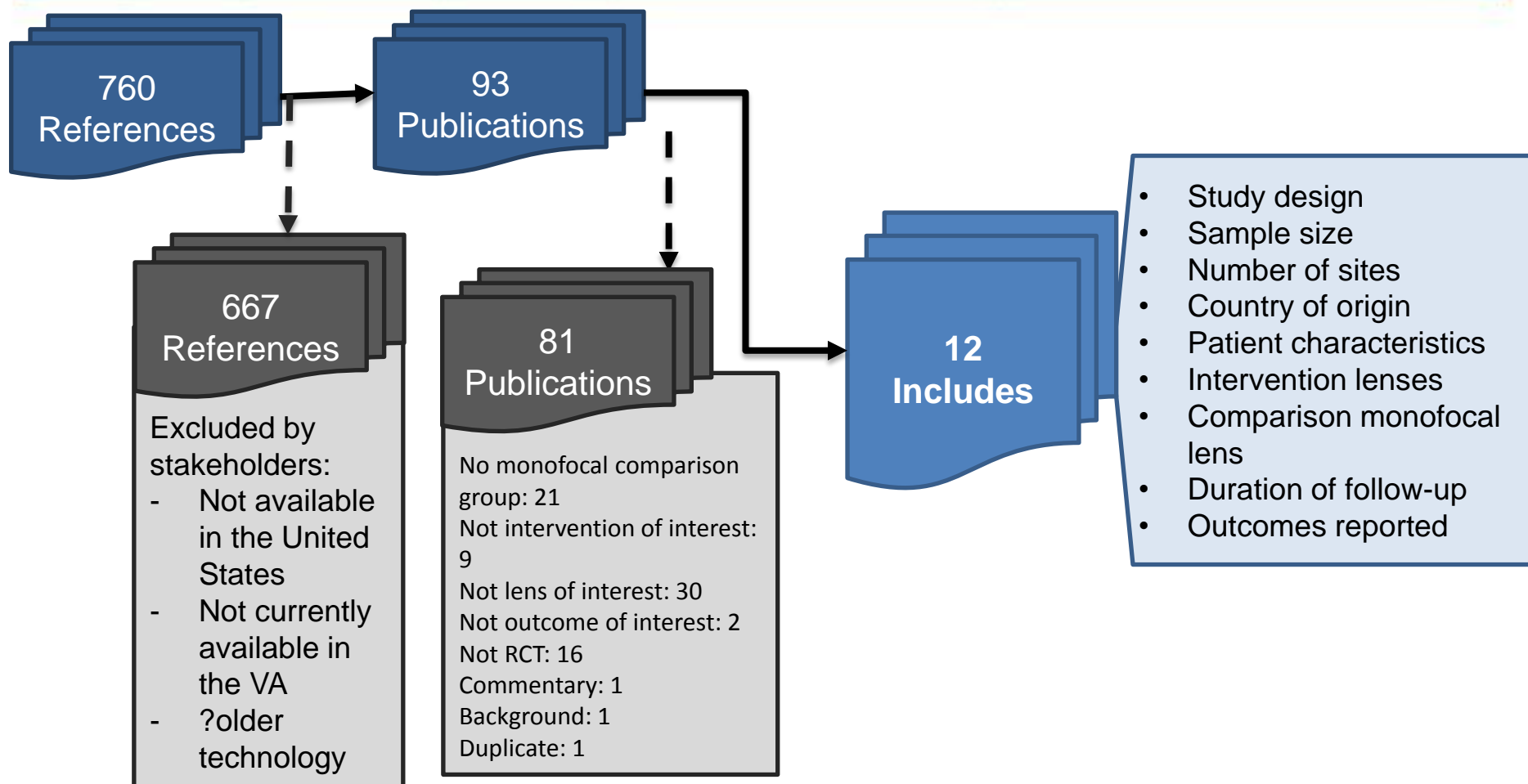
- Monofocal
 - “Gold standard”
 - Fixed focal length
 - Usually set at far distance
 - Need glasses for near/reading
- Multifocal
 - Newer, “advanced”
 - Multiple focal points
 - Able to focus at far and near
 - May decrease need for glasses
 - Possible unwanted side effects
 - Contraindications for use
- Accommodative
 - Another “advanced” lens design
 - IOL is “hinged”
 - Movement within the eye produces multiple focal points
 - May not be as predictable as Multifocal lens

4 Key Questions

1. What is the effectiveness of multifocal or accommodative versus monofocal lenses with spectacle correction for distance vision in the setting of cataract surgery?
2. What is the effectiveness of multifocal or accommodative versus monofocal lenses with spectacle correction for near vision in the setting of cataract surgery?
3. What are the harms associated with multifocal or accommodative lenses versus monofocal replacement in the setting of cataract surgery?
4. If feasible, what resources are required to best care for patients who choose multifocal or accommodative lens implants in the setting of cataract surgery?

RESULTS

Selection of Studies



Key Question 1

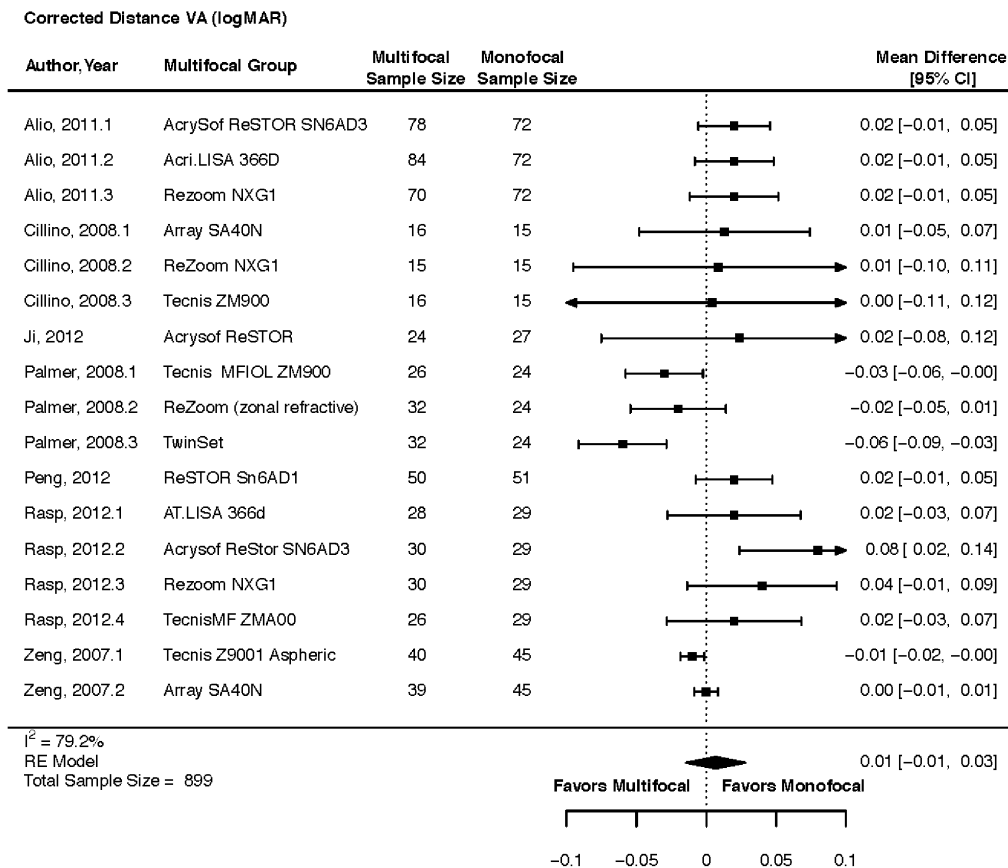
What is the effectiveness of multifocal or accommodative versus monofocal lenses with spectacle correction for distance vision in the setting of cataract surgery?

Main outcome measures

- Distance visual acuity
 - Uncorrected
 - 7 studies, 17 comparisons, 899 patients
 - Corrected
 - 6 studies, 15 comparisons, 899 patients

Key Question 1 – *Distance Vision*

No difference between Monofocal and Multifocal IOL in regards to uncorrected or corrected distance VA



Key Question 1 – *Other Comparisons*

Multifocal vs. monovision

- 2 studies identified
- No significant difference in uncorrected distance VA

Accommodative vs. monofocal

- 1 study identified
- No significant difference in corrected distance VA

Key Question 2

What is the effectiveness of multifocal or accommodative versus monofocal lenses with spectacle correction for near vision in the setting of cataract surgery?

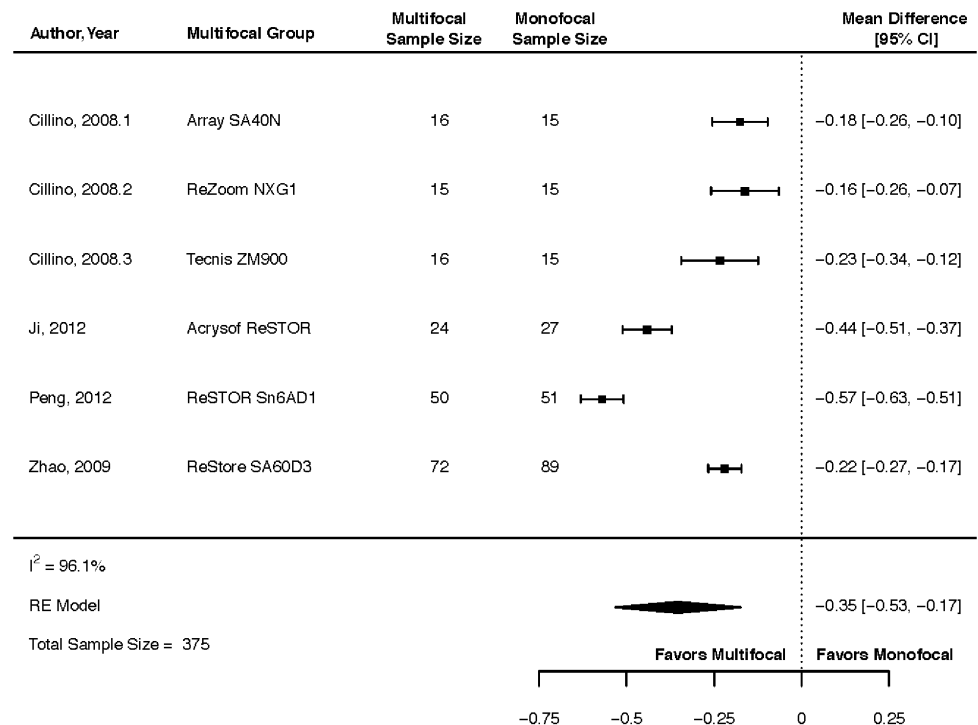
Main outcome measures

- Uncorrected near vision
- Spectacle independence
- Visual function/quality of life

Key Question 2 – *Uncorrected Near Vision*

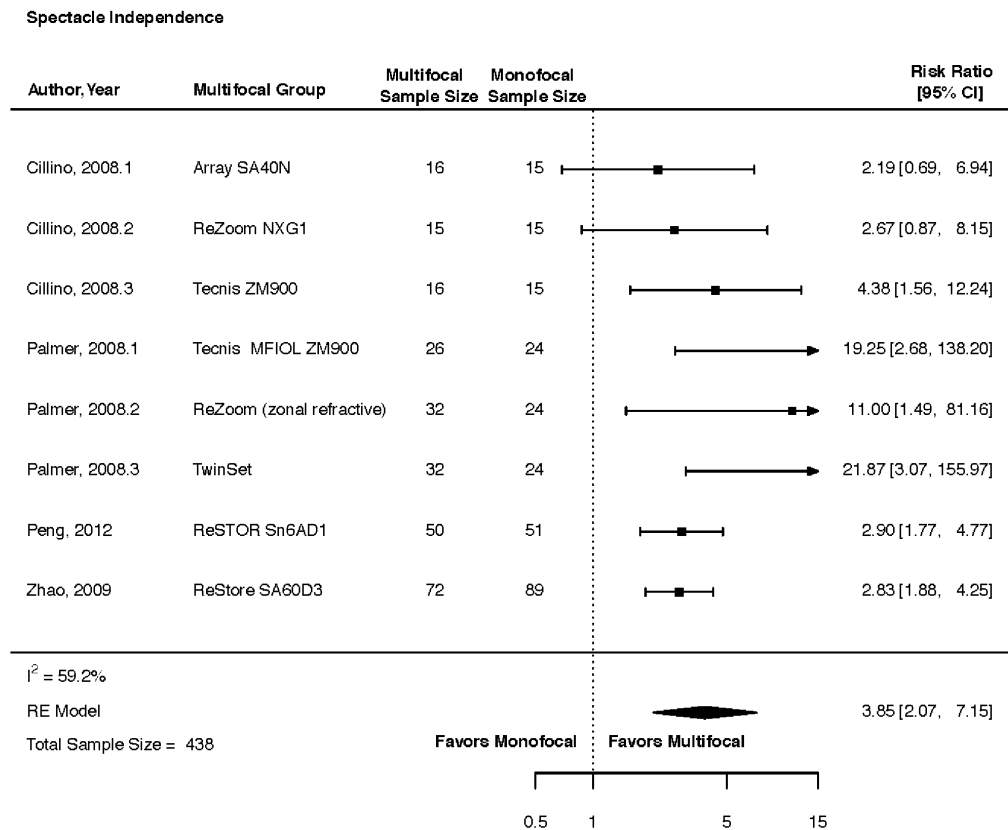
- 4 RCT's
 - 6 comparisons
 - 375 patients
- Multifocal *avored* over monofocal

Uncorrected Near VA (logMAR)

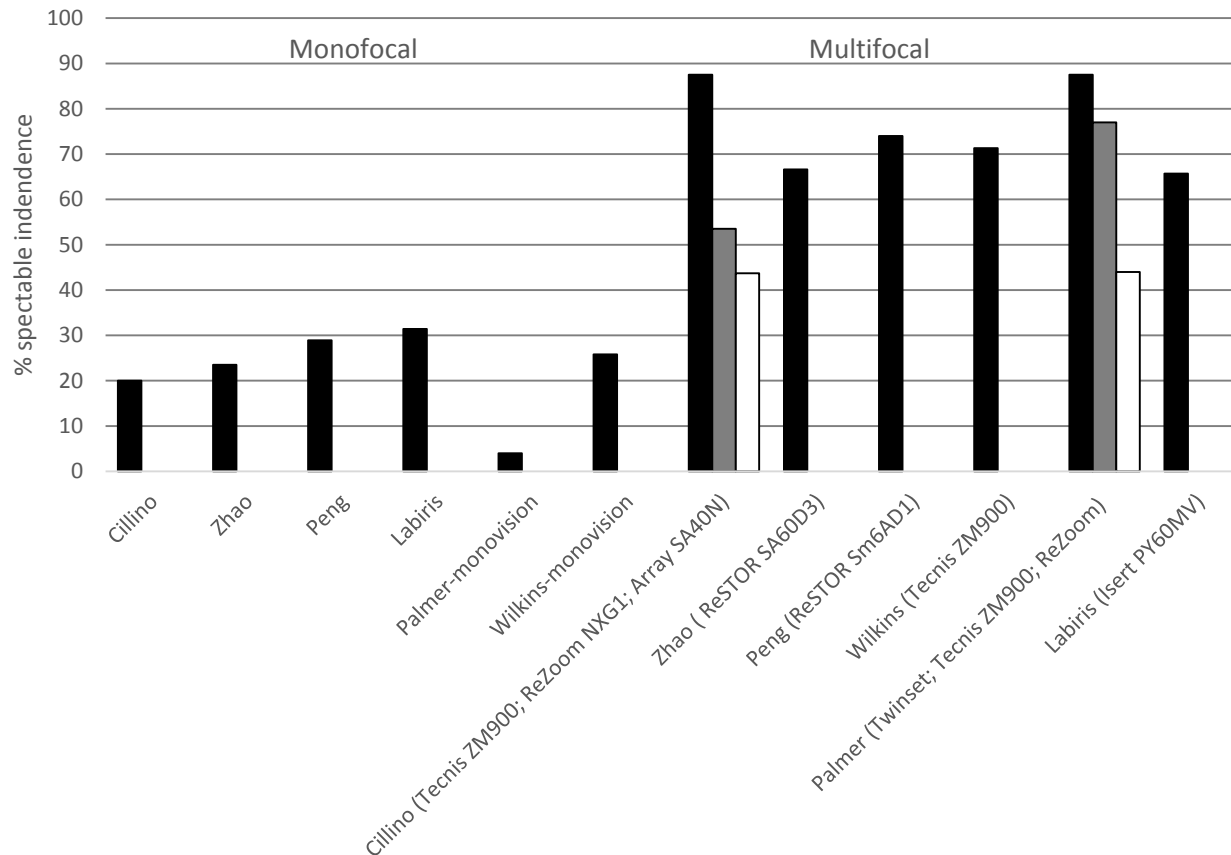


Key Question 2 – *Spectacle Independence*

- 4 RCT's
 - 8 comparisons
 - 438 patients
- Multifocal favored over monofocal



Key Question 2 – *Spectacle Independence*

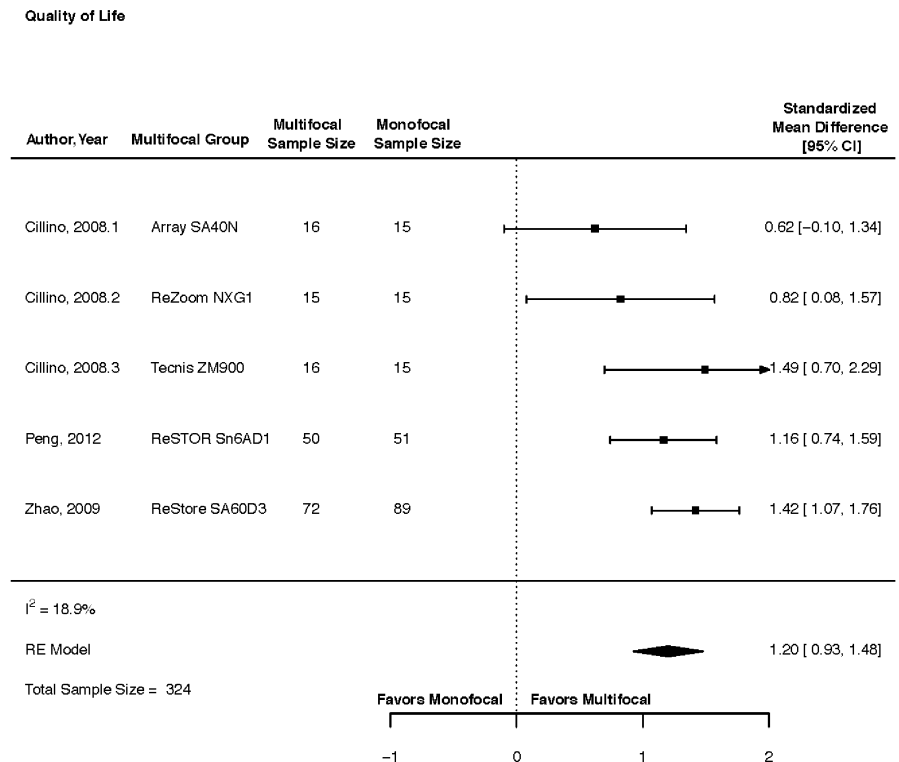


2-3x higher proportion of multifocal patients achieved spectacle independence

Key Question 2 – *Quality of Life*

Multifocal vs. monofocal

- 3 RCT's identified
 - 5 comparisons
 - 324 patients
- Multifocal favored over monofocal



Key Question 2 – *Other comparisons*

Multifocal vs. monovision

- 2 RCT's identified
- Multifocal favored for both uncorrected near vision and spectacle independence

- Accommodative vs. monofocal
- 1 RCT identified
- Distance-corrected near vision significantly better in accommodative group

Key Question 3

What are the harms associated with multifocal or accommodative lenses versus monofocal replacement in the setting of cataract surgery?

Main outcome measures

- Surgical complications
- Contrast sensitivity
- Glare
- Halo
- Need for IOL exchange

Key Question 3 – *Surgical Complications*

Surgical complications

- 6 studies reported on surgical complications
- Minimal complications noted

Key Question 3 – *Contrast Sensitivity*

Contrast sensitivity

- 8 studies reported
- Monofocal IOL's favored
 - Multifocal associated with worse contrast sensitivity

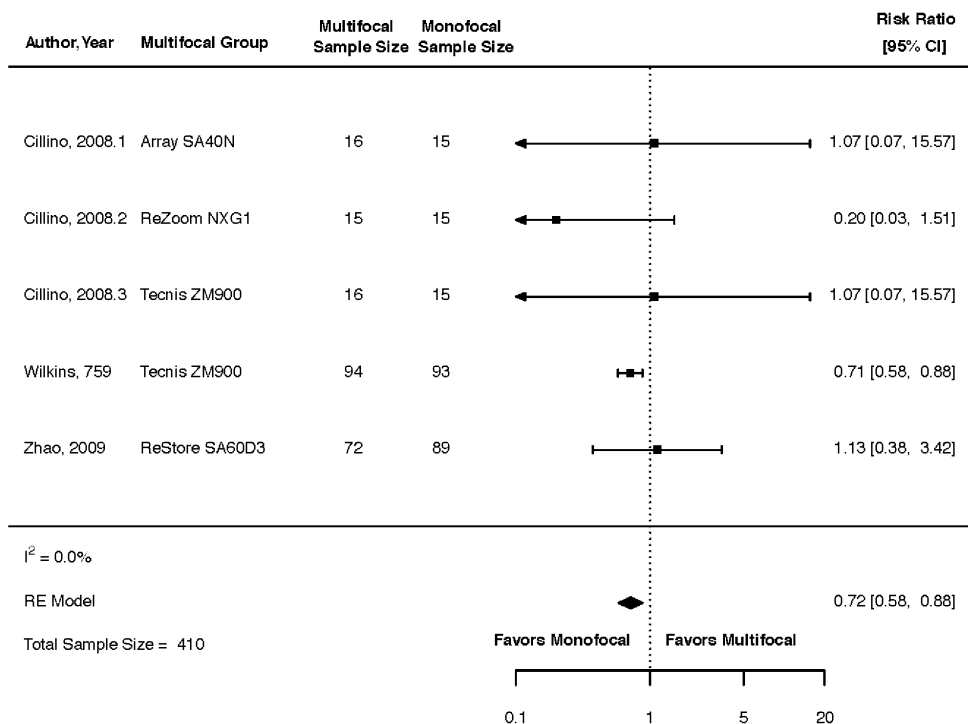
Studies	Favors Multifocal IOLs	No difference	Favors Monofocal IOLs
Zeng, 2007			X
Cillino, 2008			X
Palmer, 2008			X
Zhao, 2009		X	
Ji, 2012			X
Peng, 2012			X
Wilkins, 2013			X
Labiris, 2015		X	

Key Question 3 - *Glare*

Glare

- 8 studies
- 410 patients
- Monofocal favored over multifocal

AE: Glare

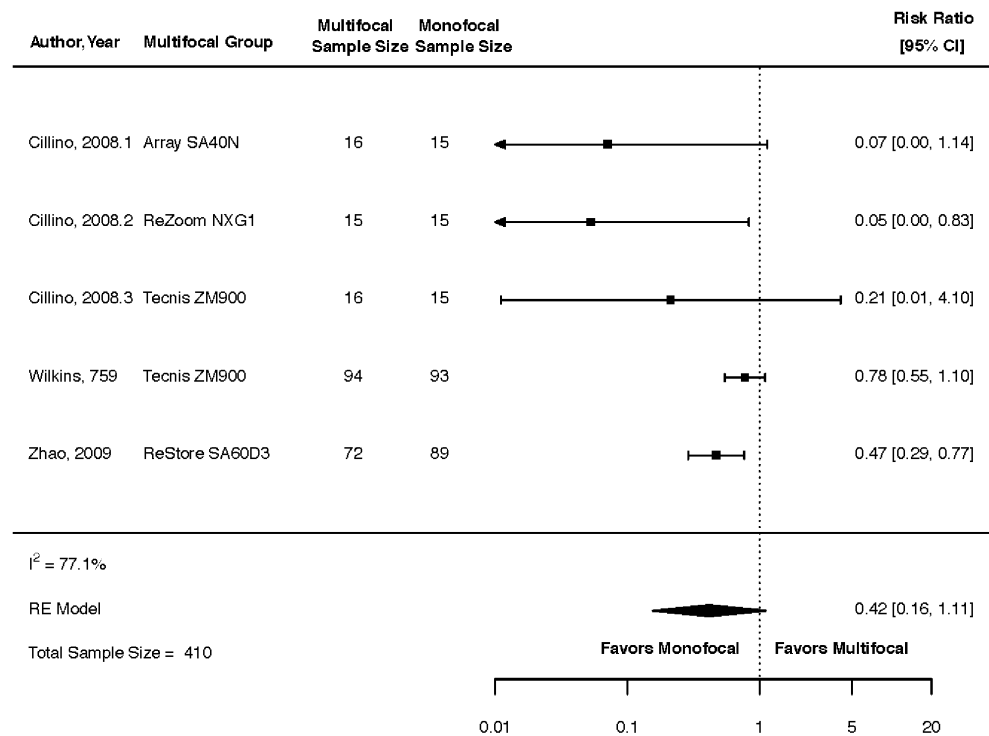


Key Question 3 – Halo

Halo

- 3 studies
- 410 patients
- Monofocal favored over multifocal

AE: Halo



Key Question 3 – *IOL Exchange*

IOL exchange

- Wilkins, et al.
 - 6 patients underwent 2nd surgery to exchange multifocal with monofocal IOL due to dissatisfaction with the multifocal IOL

Key Question 4

If feasible, what resources are required to best care for patients who choose multifocal or accommodative lens implants in the setting of cataract surgery?

- No study specifically addressed this question
- Several studies identified specific exclusion criteria that may require additional testing
 - High corneal astigmatism
 - Age-related macular degeneration
- One study indicated the need for LASIK after multifocal IOL to correct residual refractive error

Summary

Compared to Monofocal IOLs (quality of evidence):

- Multifocal IOLs achieve better outcomes on spectacle independence and uncorrected near visual acuity, without sacrificing uncorrected or corrected distance vision. (Moderate)
- Multifocal IOLs result in better visual function/quality of life. (Low)
- Multifocal IOLs result in worse contrast sensitivity and a greater risk of glare (Moderate)
- Multifocal IOLs result in a greater risk of halos. (Low)
- Multifocal IOLs result in greater IOL exchange due to dissatisfaction. (Low)

Limitations

Study Quality

- The principal limitation to this review is the quality of the original RCTs.
- Most studies had methodologic limitations and were of small size.

Heterogeneity

- Heterogeneity was in general not large in most of the pooled analyses.

Applicability of Findings to the VA Population

- No studies were performed in VA populations, or even US populations, therefore the applicability of these results to VA patients with cataracts is uncertain.

Rapidly evolving IOL technology

- IOL technology is rapidly changing, and therefore newer lenses may have differences in the benefits and harms we report here for older lenses.

Evidence into Action

- Final report now available on VA intranet

Questions?

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