

# Brain correlates of adaptation to multifocal contact lenses

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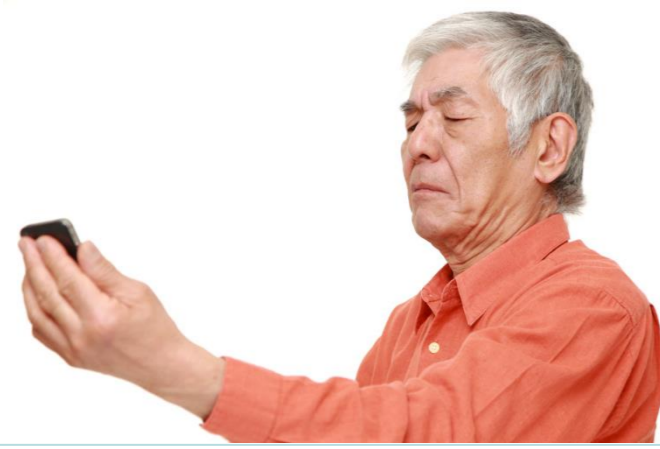
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# Prevalence of Functional Presbyopia

From 43.8% in southern and eastern Asian countries to 83.0% in western Asia, Australia, New Zealand, North America, and Europe. (Holden et al, 2008)

**EPIDEMIOLOGY**

**Global Vision Impairment Due to Uncorrected Presbyopia**

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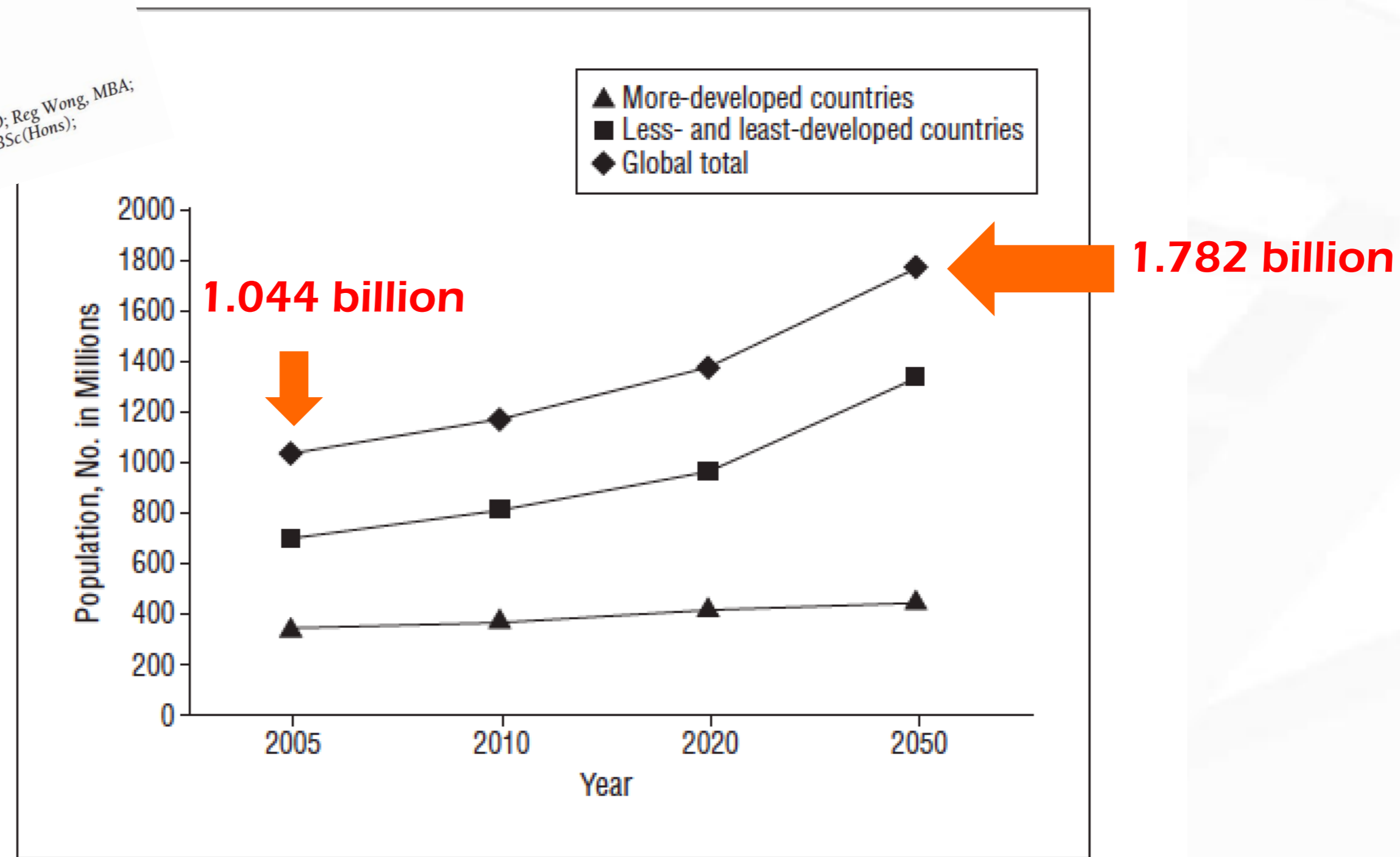


Figure. The predicted number of people with presbyopia from 2005 to 2050.

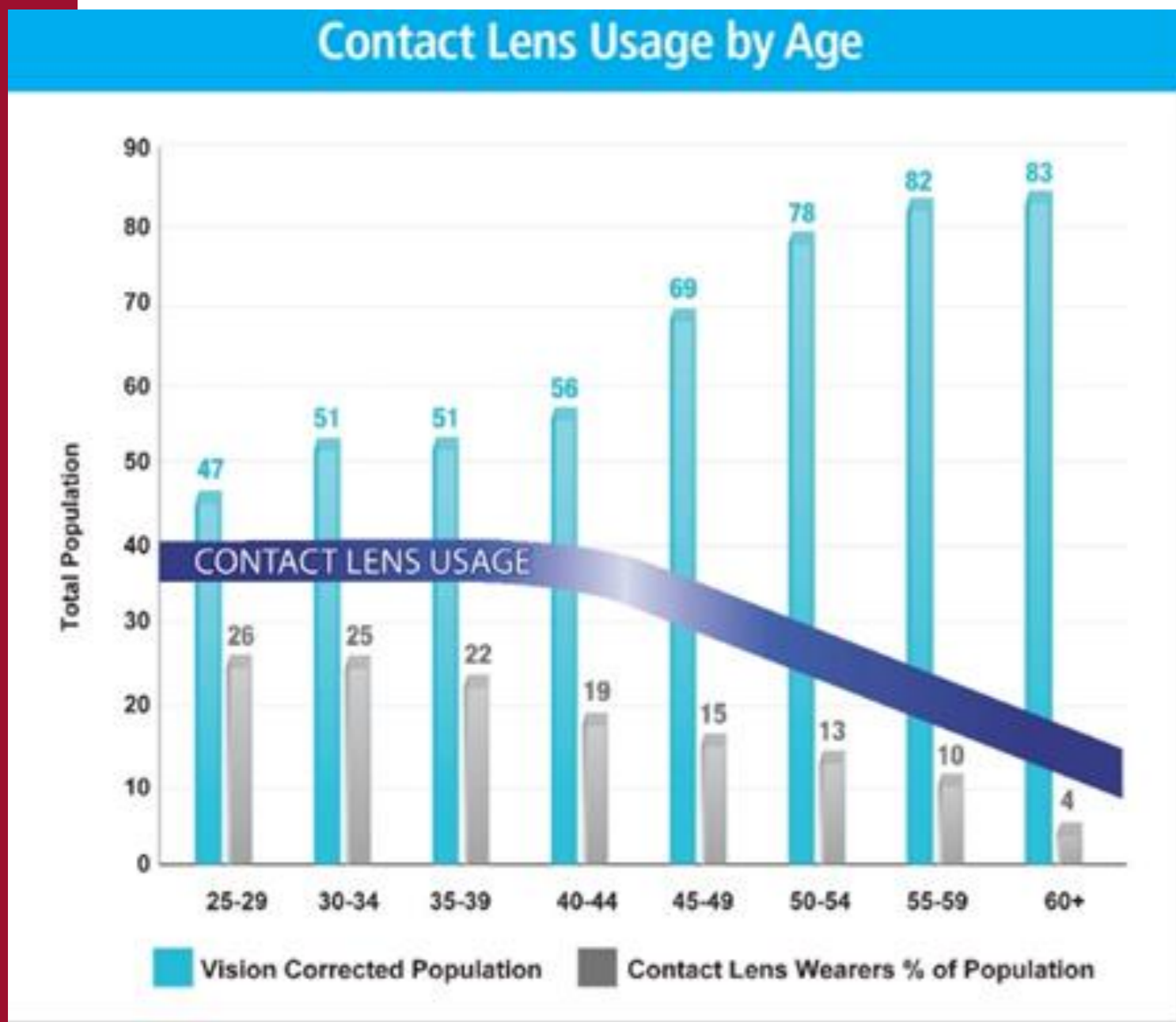
# “The presbyopia dilemma”

Contact Lens SPECTRUM

Discover why it's the only solution for...

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**40 is the New 20/20 — Presbyopia Equals Opportunity**



(Akerman, 2010)

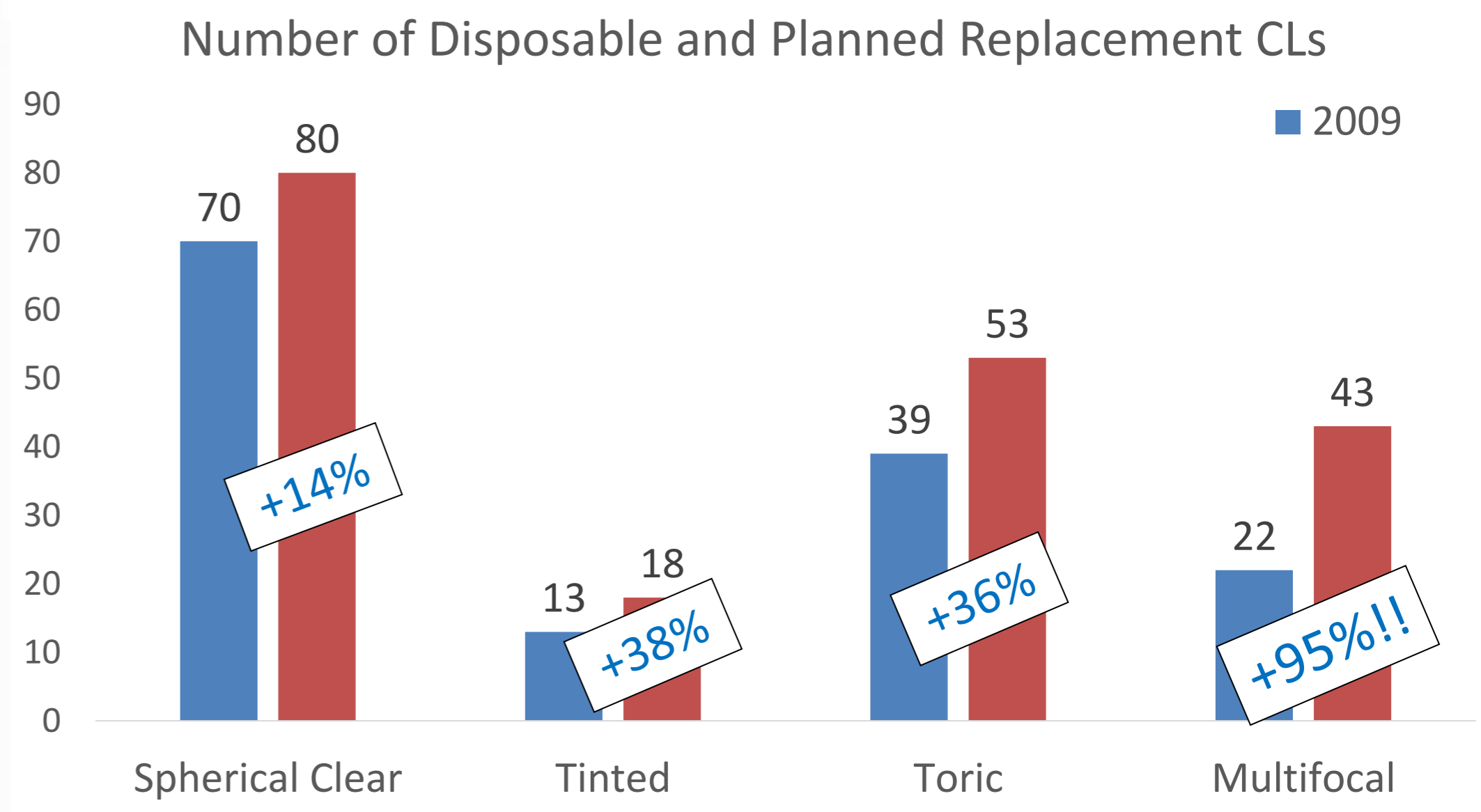


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## Multifocal and Extended Depth-of-Focus Intraocular Lenses in 2020

Radhika Rampat, MD, Damien Gatnel, MD, PhD

Ophthalmic surgeons have been overwhelmed by the influx of multifocal intraocular lens (IOL) options in recent years, with close to 100 IOLs on the market in 2020. This practical and technical update on a representative group of established as well as newly launched multifocal IOLs on the market focuses on multifocal IOLs, including



# The adaptation to multifocal contact lenses (MCLs)

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

J Optom 2010;3:51-59

## Depth-of-Focus and its Association with the Spherical Aberration Sign. A Ray-Tracing Analysis

Ravi C. Bakaraju<sup>1-3</sup>, Klaus Ehrmann<sup>1-3</sup>, Eric B. Papas<sup>1-3</sup> and Arthur Ho<sup>1-3</sup>

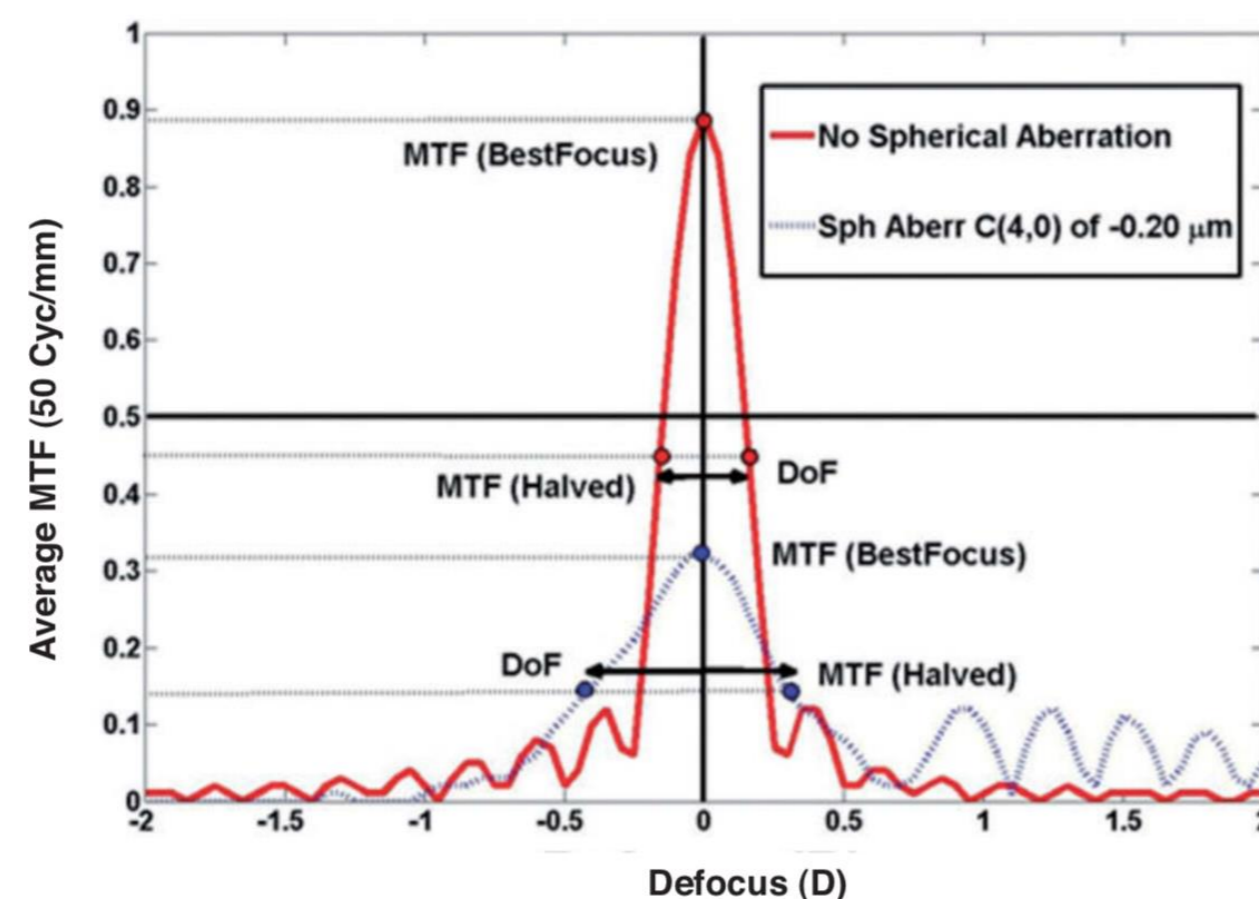


FIGURE 1

Through-focus MTF both for an aberrated and an unaberrated schematic eye model. Depth-of-focus (D) is defined as the defocus range for which the MTF stays above 50% of its maximum value. The red bold line represents the unaberrated system, while the blue dashed line represents a model with  $-0.20 \mu\text{m}$  of spherical aberration (Zernike coefficient  $C(4, 0)$ ).

- MCLs use the simultaneous-image principle to correct presbyopia, but the spherical aberration induced by this method compromises the MTF of the optical system at the best focus, causing a contrast sensitivity loss.
- Many people adapt very quickly and effectively to MCLs, whereas others tolerate these lenses very badly and reject them.
- The brain mechanism supporting MCL adaptation is not well understood



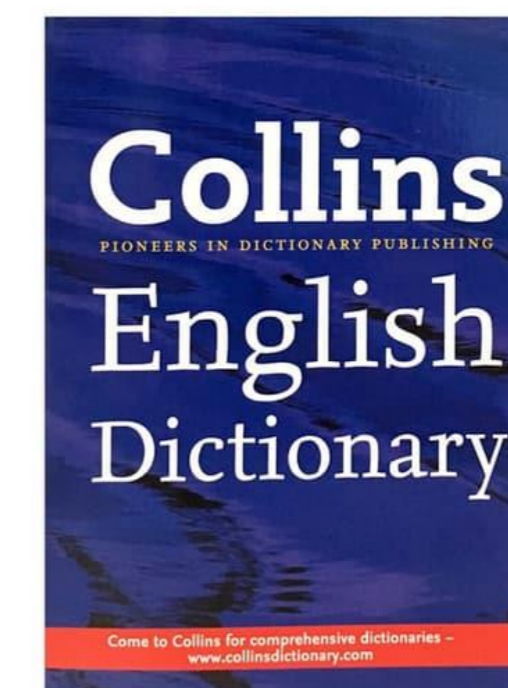
# Electrophysiological measurements

**Electrophysiology** (from Greek ἤλεκτρον, *ēlektron*, "amber" [see the etymology of "electron"]; φύσις, *physis*, "nature, origin"; and -λογία, *-logia*) **is the study of the electrical properties of biological cells and tissues**. It involves measurements of voltage changes or electric current or manipulations **on a wide variety of scales from single ion channel proteins to whole organs like the heart**. In neuroscience, **it includes measurements of the electrical activity of neurons**, and, in particular, action potential activity. Recordings of large-scale electric signals from the nervous system, such as electroencephalography, may also be referred to as electrophysiological recordings. They are useful for electrodiagnosis and monitoring.

the branch of physiology dealing with the electric phenomena associated with the body and its functions



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# Electrophysiological measurements

Modality	Abbreviation	Body part	Common
electrocardiography	ECG or EKG	heart (specifically, the cardiac muscle), with cutaneous electrodes (noninvasive)	Very common
electroatriography	EAG	atrial cardiac muscle	Uncommon
electroventriculography	EVG	ventricular cardiac muscle	Uncommon
intracardiac electrogram	EGM	heart (specifically, the cardiac muscle), with intracardiac electrodes (invasive)	Somewhat common
electroencephalography	EEG	brain (usually the cerebral cortex), with extracranial electrodes	Somewhat common
electrocorticography	ECoG or iEEG	brain (specifically the cerebral cortex), with intracranial electrodes	Somewhat common
electromyography	EMG	muscles throughout the body (usually skeletal, occasionally smooth)	Very common
electrooculography	EOG	eye (entire globe)	Somewhat common
electroretinography	ERG	retina specifically	Somewhat common
electronystagmography	ENG	eye via the corneoretinal potential	Somewhat common
electroolfactography	EOG	olfactory epithelium in mammals	Uncommon
electroantennography	EAG	olfactory receptors in arthropod antennae	Not applicable
electrocochleography	ECOG or ECochG	cochlea	Somewhat common
electrogastrography	EGG	stomach smooth muscle	Somewhat common
electrogastroenterography	EGEG	stomach and bowel smooth muscle	Somewhat common
electroglottography	EGG	glottis	Uncommon
electropalatography	EPG	palatal contact of tongue	Uncommon
electroarteriography	EAG	arterial flow via streaming potential detected through skin <sup>[2]</sup>	Uncommon
electroblepharography	EBG	eyelid muscle	Uncommon
electrodermography	EDG	skin	Uncommon
electrohysterography	EHG	uterus	Uncommon
electroneuronography	ENeG or ENoG	nerves	Uncommon
electropneumography	EPG	lungs (chest movements)	Uncommon
electrospinography	ESG	spinal cord	Uncommon
electrovomerography	EVG	vomeronasal organ	Uncommon

## • Electroretinography (ERG)

Recording of mass electrical response of the retina when it is stimulated by light (e.g. a flash). It is recorded by placing an electrode in contact with the cornea or around the eye under the eyelid. The response is complex as many cells of various types contribute to it and varies according to whether the eye is dark or light adapted, the colour and size of the stimulus, the health of the retina, etc. (Millodot, 2014)

## • Electroencephalography (EEG)

The EEG is an electrophysiological technique for the recording of electrical activity arising from the human brain. Given its exquisite temporal sensitivity, the main utility of EEG is in the evaluation of dynamic cerebral functioning. (Britton et al, 2016)

### Event-related potential (ERP)

“evoked potentials” or “event-related potentials” (ERP) refer to changes in the patterns of activation produced by specific stimuli



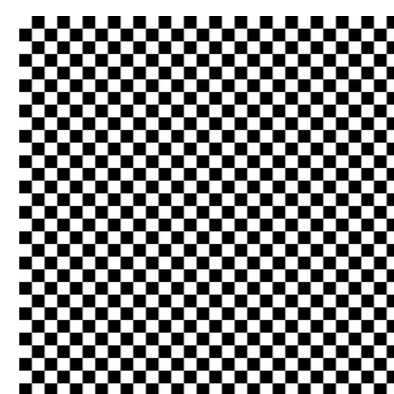




# Electrophysiological measurements: ERP - VEP

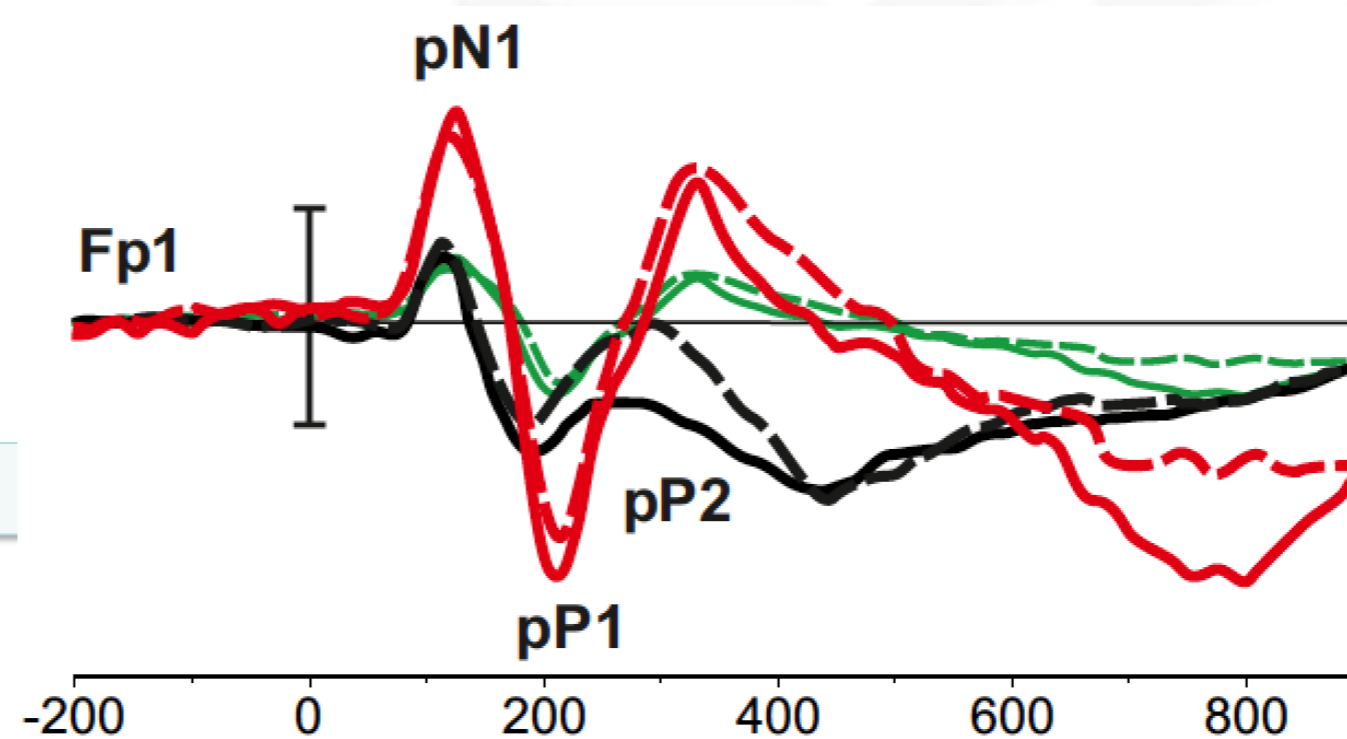
Event-related potentials (ERP) are specifically time-locked to events and reflect brain activity from synchronously active populations of neurons that occurs in preparation for or in response to discrete events, be they internal or external to the subject. (Fabiani et al , 2007 in Cacioppo et al Handbook of Psychophysiology)

Electrodes on the scalp



Stimulus onset

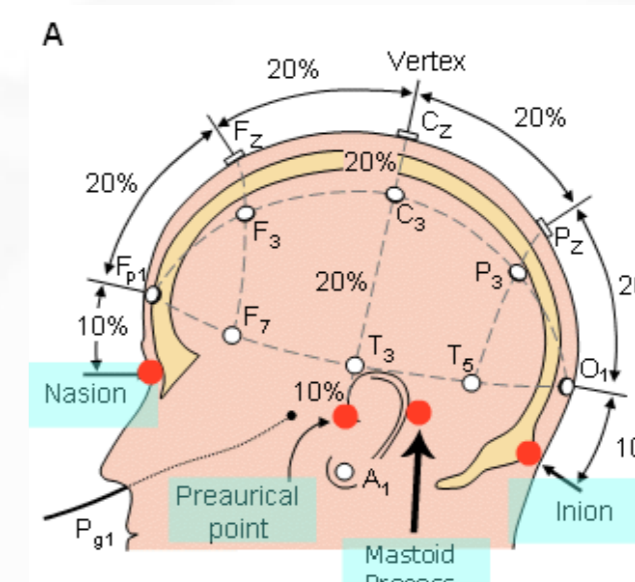
timeline



early (50-250 ms) components

late (300-600 ms) components

at definite locations over the scalp





# Electrophysiological measure



PubMed search was carried out for the keywords:

“Presbyopia” AND “ERP”

“Presbyopia” AND “VEP”

“Presbyopia” AND “EEG”

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Cite Küçük B, Hamamcı M, Aslan Bayhan S, Bayhan HA, Inan LE. Curr Eye Res. 2019 Nov;44(11):1271-1277. doi: 10.1080/02713683.2019.1629596. Epub 2019 Jun 20. PMID: 31172825

Share Only findings from the right eye of the participants were included in the analysis. Each participant underwent a pattern-reversal visual-evoked potential (PVEP) recording, an RNFL thickness analysis by optic coherence tomography (OCT) in all quadrants, and a measurement of ...

2  Immediate cortical adaptation in visual and non-visual areas functions induced by monovision.

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Share Brain adaptation to monovision was studied in unexperienced observers by measuring visual evoked potentials from 64-channels. The first clear effect of monovision on visual evoked potentials was the C1 amplitude reduction, indicating that the unilatera ...

3  [The search for electrophysiological predictors of visual comfort after presbyopia correction with contact lenses].

Cite El Ameen A, Majzoub S, Pisella PJ. J Fr Ophthalmol. 2017 Apr;40(4):257-263. doi: 10.1016/j.jfo.2016.10.014. Epub 2017 Mar 24. PMID: 28343723 French.

Share Several significant correlations were found between the stereoacuity difference depending upon correction and evoked potentials by binocular pattern at T0. The larger the stereoacuity difference (better stereoacuity with multifocal compensation), the longer the late ...

4  Presbyopia compensation: looking for cortical predictors.

Cite Imbeau L, Majzoub S, Thillay A, Bonnet-Brilhaut F, Pisella PJ, Batty M. Br J Ophthalmol. 2017 Feb;101(2):223-226. doi: 10.1136/bjophthalmol-2015-307581. Epub 2016 Apr 22. PMID: 27107029 Clinical Trial.

Share The main purpose of this study was to identify predictive electrophysiological markers of postcorrection visual comfort for patients with presbyopia. METHODS: Thirteen patients with presbyopia (aged between 45 and 60 years) received successive randomised presbyop ...

5  Interocular differences in visual latency induced by reduced-aperture monovision.

Cite Plainis S, Petratou D, Giannakopoulou T, Radhakrishnan H, Pallikaris IG, Charman WN. Ophthalmic Physiol Opt. 2013 Mar;33(2):123-9. doi: 10.1111/opo.12018. Epub 2012 Dec 28. PMID: 23278194

Share PURPOSE: To explore the interocular differences in the temporal responses of the eyes induced by the monocular use of small-aperture optics designed to aid presbyopes by increasing their depth-of-focus. METHODS: Monocular and binocular pattern-reversal visual evoked pot ...

6  [Regularities and mechanisms of visual perception transformation in presbyopia development].

Cite Rozanova OI, Shchuko AG, Mikhalevich IM, Malyshev VV. Vestn Oftalmol. 2011 May-Jun;127(3):17-20. PMID: 21800719 Russian.

Share 66 healthy subjects were divided into 2 groups (mean age in the 1st group 18,6+/-0,4 years and 51,7+/-6,5 years in the 2nd group) to study regularities and mechanisms of presbyopia development. Visual pattern characteristics and anatomico-physiological parameters were stud ...



# Electrophysiological measurements: ERP - VEP

Clinical science

## Presbyopia compensation: looking for cortical predictors

Léa Imbeau,<sup>1</sup> Sadi Majzoub,<sup>1</sup> Alix Thillay,<sup>2</sup> Frederique Bonnet-Brilhault,<sup>2</sup> Pierre-Jean Pisella,<sup>1</sup> Magali Batty<sup>2</sup>

Imbeau L, et al. *Br J Ophthalmol* 2016;**0**:1–4. doi:10.1136/bjophthalmol-2015-307581

Binocular summation effect results in a slightly shorter and larger binocular P100 than monocular.

Either Monovision and MCLs impair binocular vision (i.e stereoacuity).

Their hypothesis is that the relative loss of stereoacuity resulting from monovision or MCLs might be better tolerated by patients in whom the binocular enhancement is slightly less.



Is there a cortical predictor for successful adaptation to MCLs or Monovision?

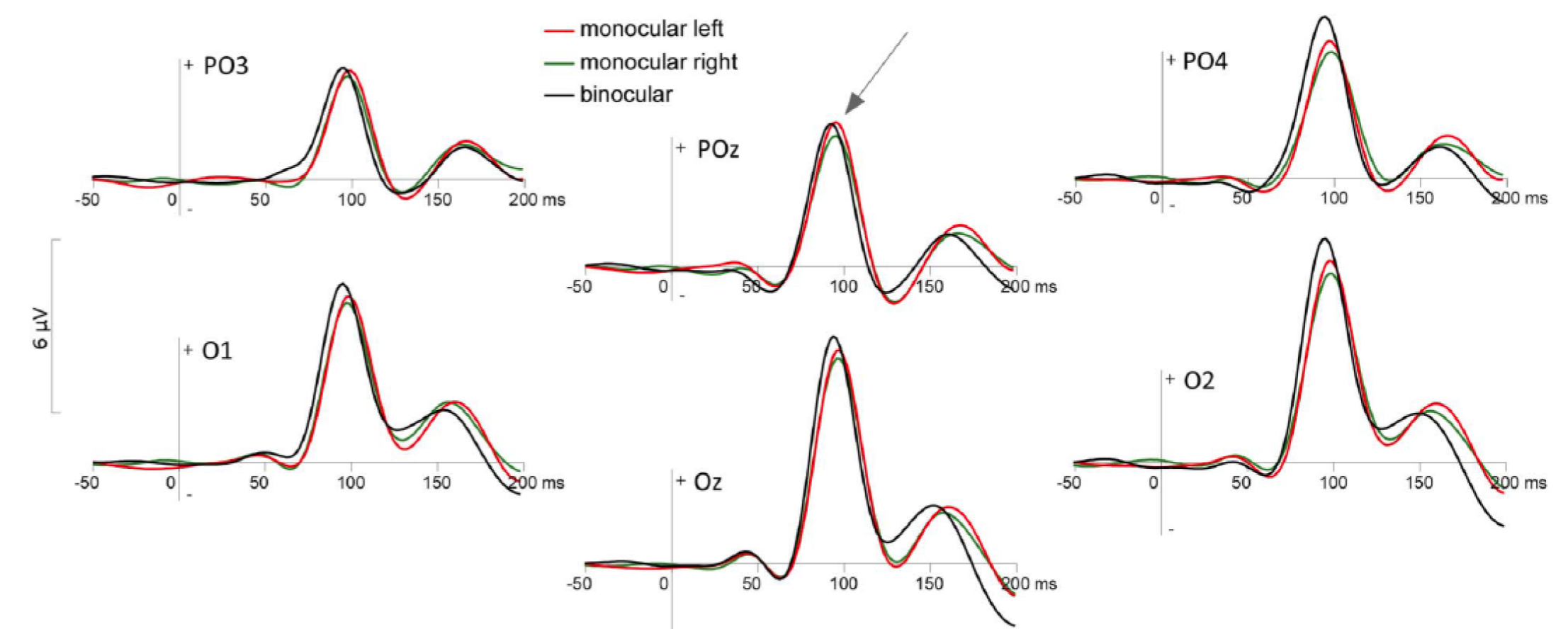


Figure 1 Grand averaged ERPs to pattern-reversing checkerboard stimuli at T0 from six electrodes (Oz, POz, O1, O2, PO3, PO4) recorded binocularly (purple lines) and monocularly (right in green lines and left in red lines). The arrow indicates the component P100 measured.

# Brain Adaptation to MCLs: the BAM study

**Alcon**

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## Aim



To evaluate the brain correlates of initial adaptation to multifocal CLs through high-density visual evoked potential (VEP) measures in visual and non-visual brain areas.

## Subjects



### Inclusion Criteria:

- Age 45-55 years.
- Not previously fitted with MCLs.
- Refractive error in the range -8.00 D and +4.00 D, with astigmatism up to 0.75 DC and an anisometropia lower than 2.00 D between the two eyes.
- Near addition required at 40 cm between +1.00 and +1.75 DS.
- Monocular BCVA at distance equal to or greater than 0.10 logMAR (20/25) in both eyes with a difference between the two eyes lower than 0.1 logMAR.
- Stereoscopic acuity of at least 160 arcsec.
- Having good binocular vision (no strabismus) and anomalies in ocular motility.
- Absence of any known ocular pathologies

- 15 healthy presbyopic people
- 6 males
- mean age  $51.8 \pm 2.6$  years

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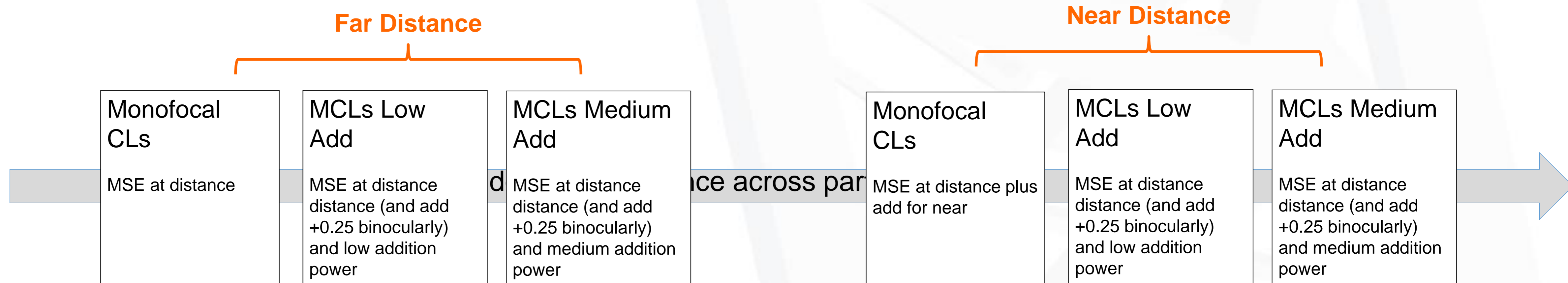
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# Brain Adaptation to MCLs: the BAM study



## Study Design: Prospective Single-masked Randomised Crossover



Daily disposable CLs:  
 Dailies Total 1® Spherical / Multifocal (Low and Medium Add)  
 Delefilcon A, 33%H<sub>2</sub>O core, ≥80% H<sub>2</sub>O surface%, BOZR: 8.5 mm, TD:14.1 mm.



# Brain Adaptation to MCLs: the BAM study



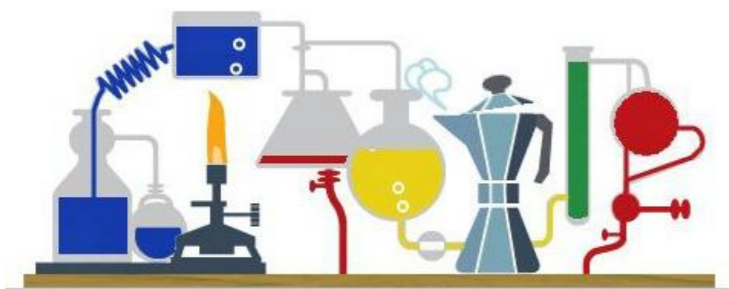
## Stimuli

0.5 logMAR Sloan letters (SF 9.6 cpd)  
high contrast (94%)

Two distances: 0.40 and 4 m.

Presented foveally for 250 ms with an ISI ranging  
from 1 to 2 s

KCDHSROVZNCDSRN  
DKCOZNSVRKCHOZNH  
HRSDCZKOVNRSDCZN  
NZKCODRHVSZKCODH  
RDHKSVCODNHKSVN  
KNRDCSZHOVNRDCSH  
DKCOZNSVRHKCOZNH  
HRSDCZKOVNRSDCZN  
NZKCODRVSHZKCODH  
RDHKSVCODNHKSVN  
KNRDCSZOVHNRDCSH



## Apparatus



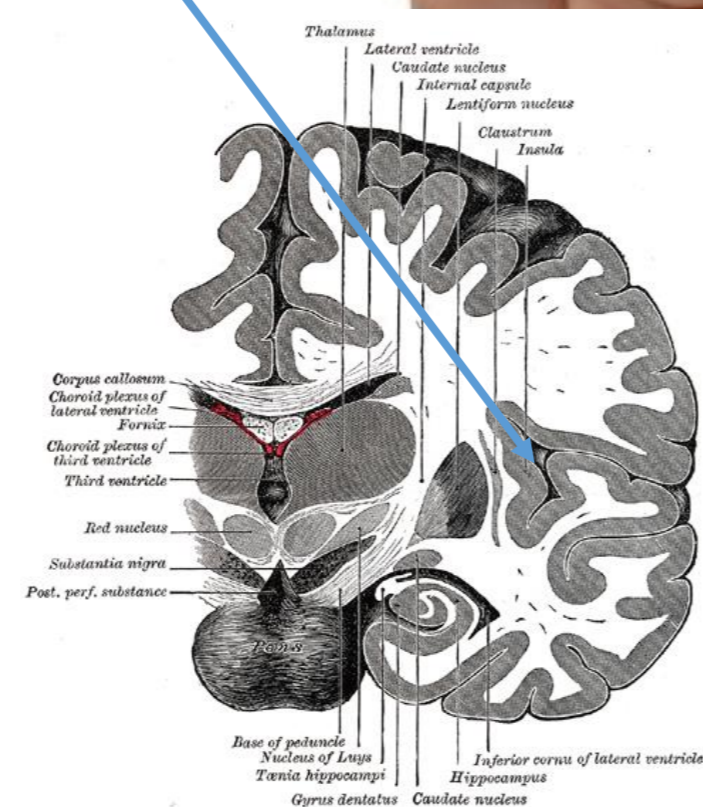
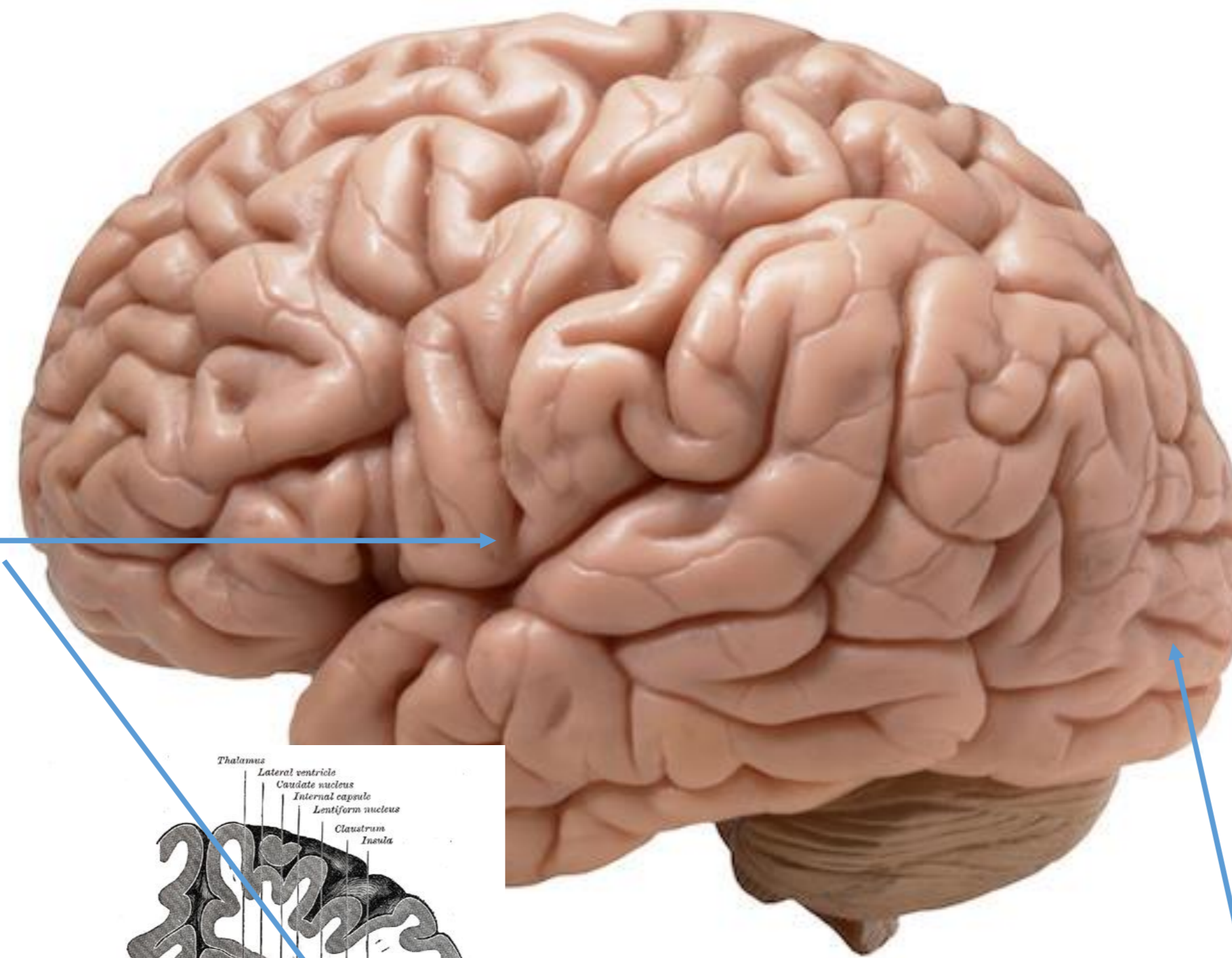
-32-channel BrainAmp™ amplifiers (BrainProducts GmbH., Munich, Germany)

-64-channel electroencephalographic (EEG) active-cap

# Dependent variables

## Amplitude and Latency of Prefrontal Components (anterior insula)

- pN1
- pP1
- pP2

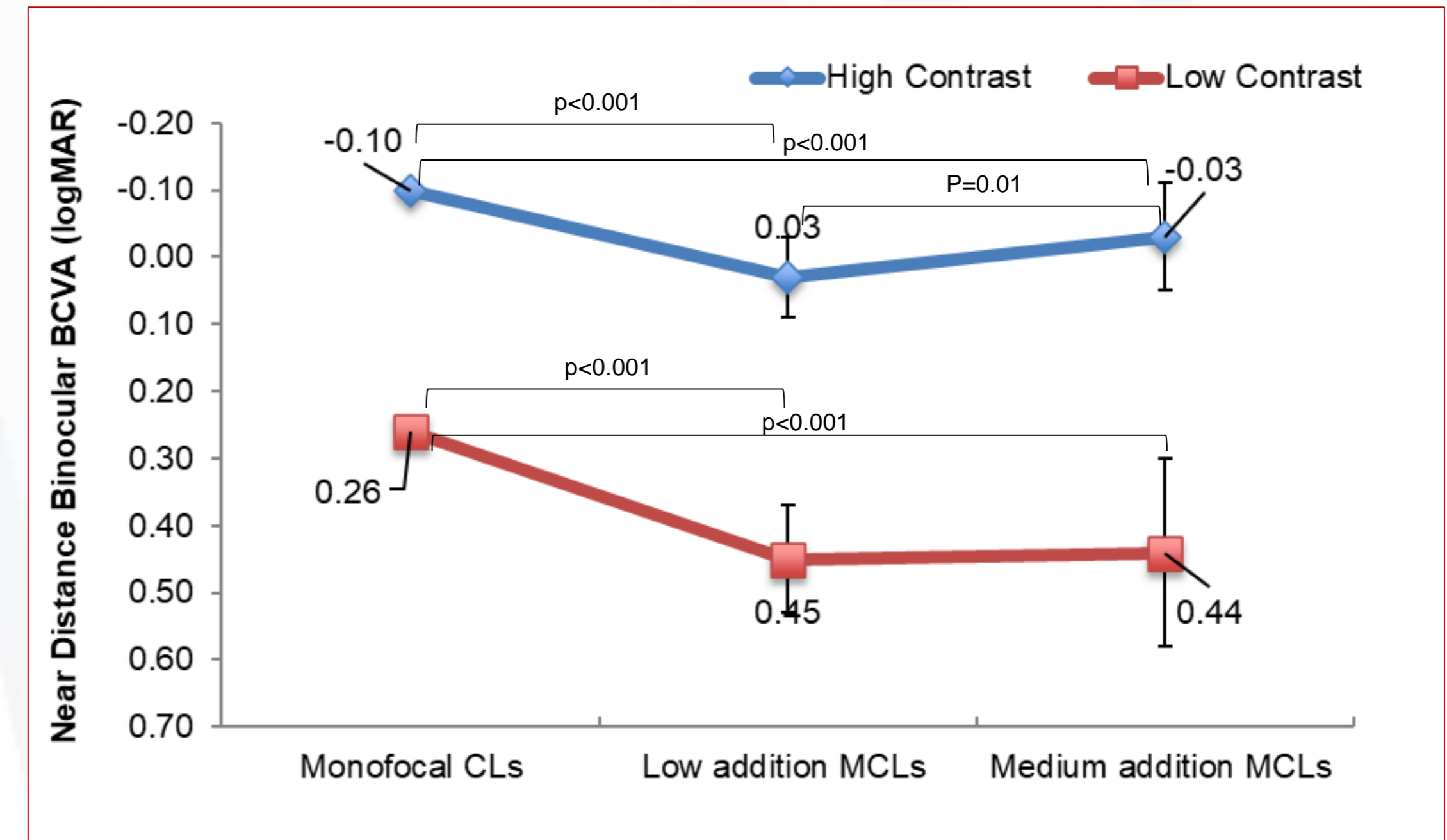
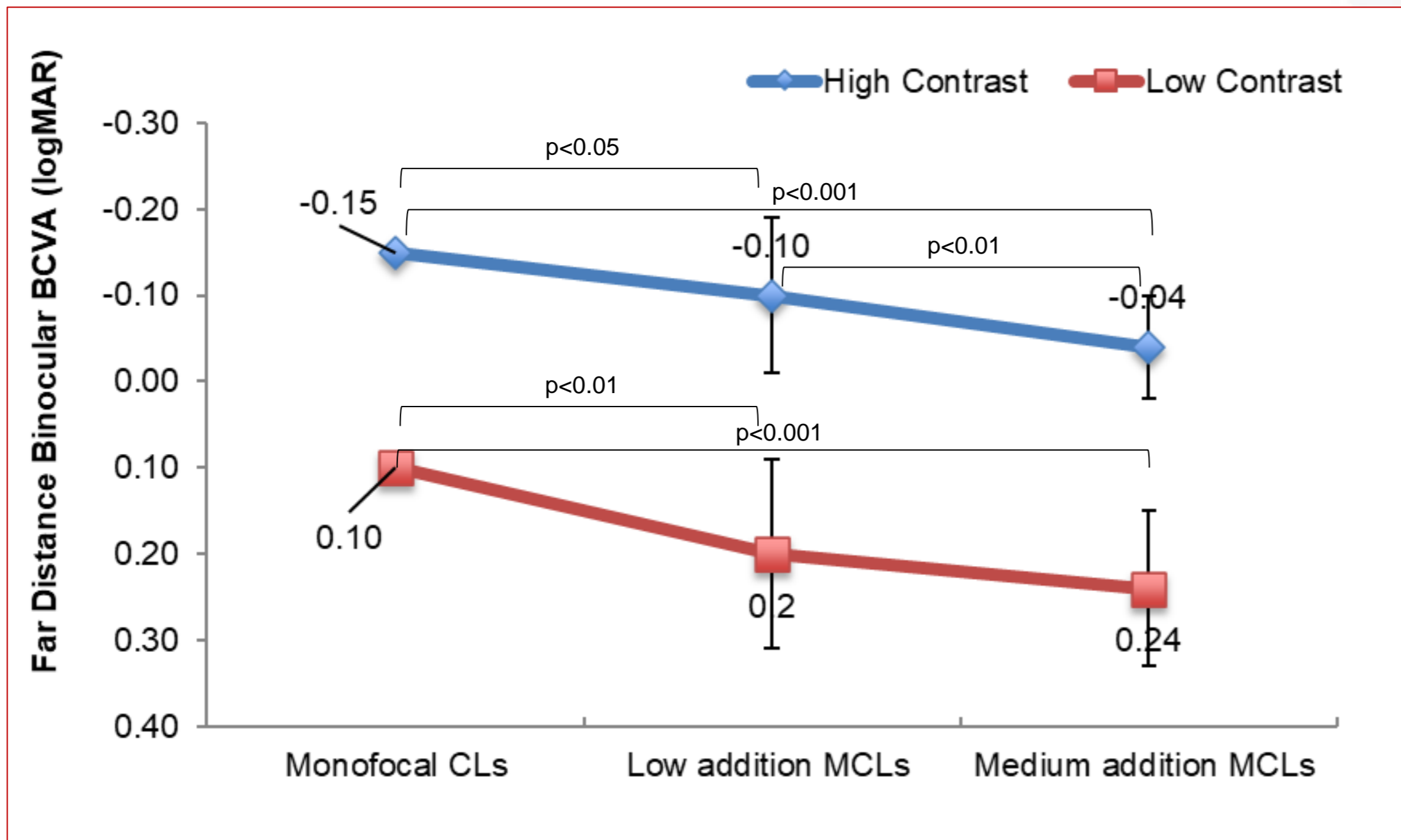
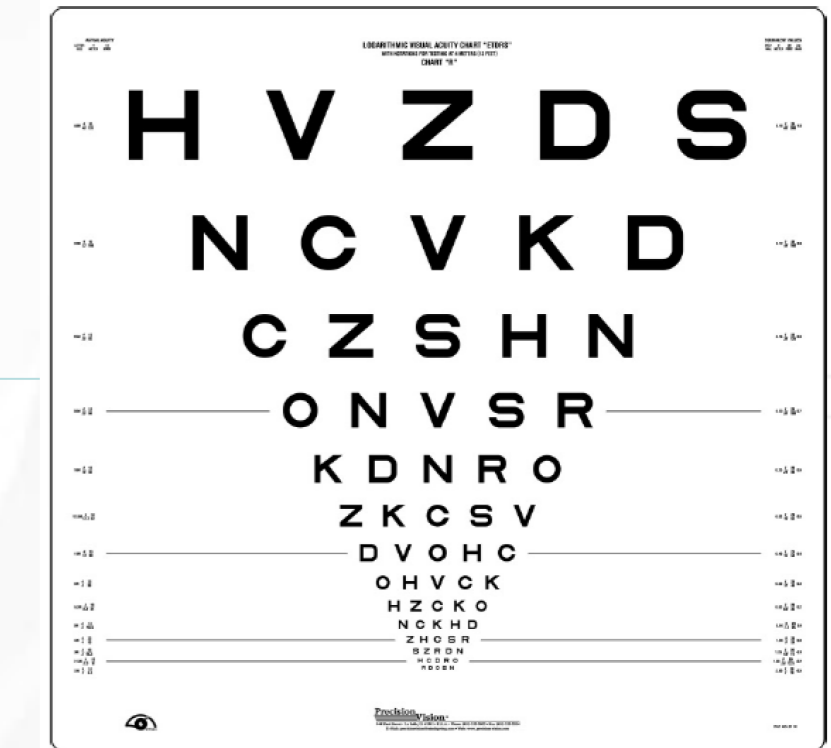


## Amplitude and Latency of early components

- C1
  - P1
  - N1
- } striate, extrastriate visual cortices
- P2
- posterior parietal cortex



# Results: visual assessment





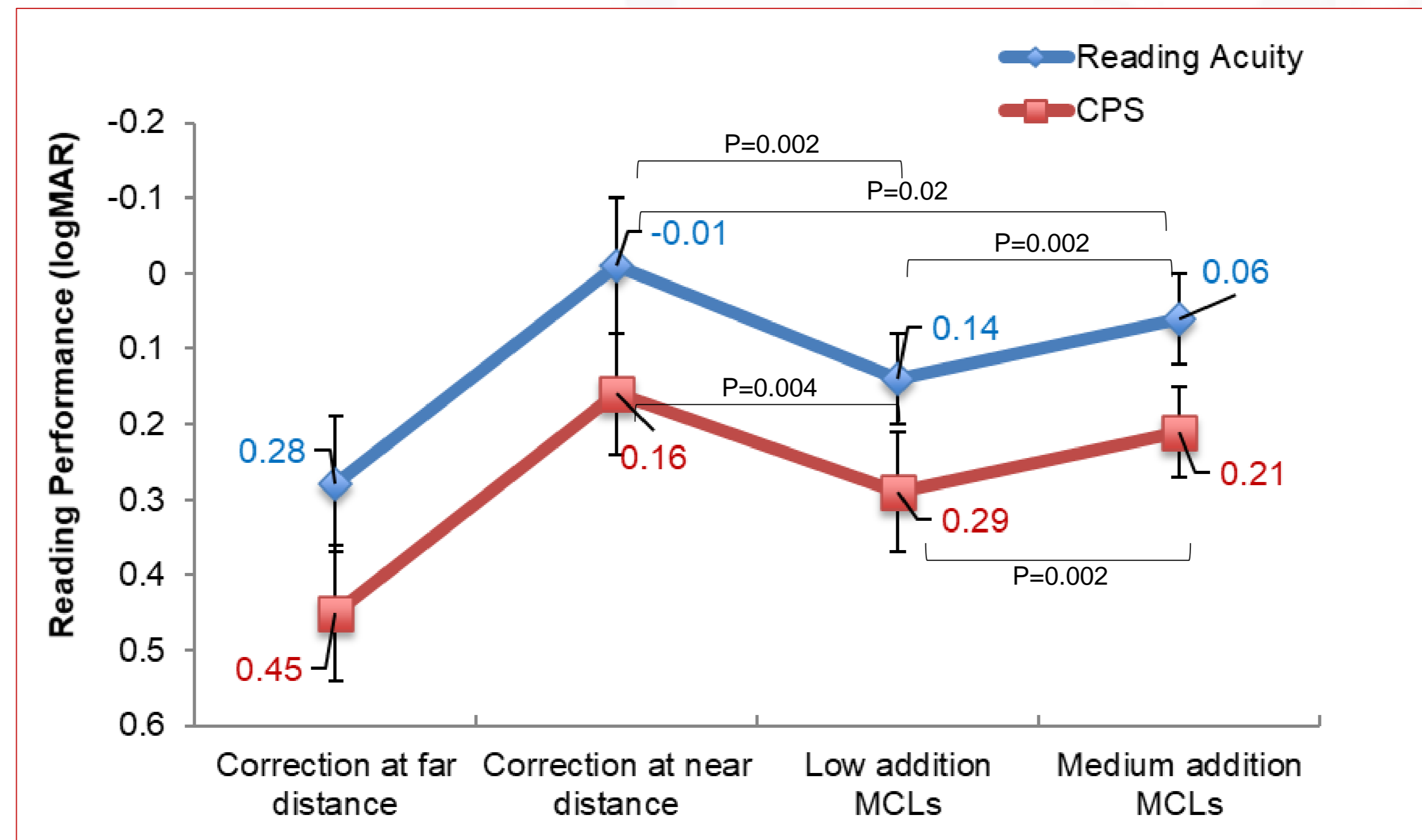


# Results: visual assessment

logRAD 40m/20m	Unità M	RADNER - TAVOLA 1 Per distanza di lettura di 40 o 32 cm logRAD = equivalente di lettura del logMAR	Decimale 40m/20m
0,9/1,0	3,2	Mi ricordo della favola delle tre damigelle, che ti piaceva leggere alle nostre bambine	0,15/0,10
0,8/0,9	2,5	La polvere era caduta sopra al pavimento, che lei aveva spazzato quando era tornata	0,16/0,13
0,7/0,8	2,0	Tu avevi chiesto dodici caffè al cameriere, che non poteva servire tutte quelle persone	0,20/0,16
0,6/0,7	1,6	Le volevo dare indietro uno dei documenti, che mi aveva portato quando sono partito	0,25/0,20
0,5/0,6	1,25	Un amico della scolare volle le caramelle, che la maestra metteva sopra alla cattedra	0,30/0,25
0,4/0,5	1,0	La tazza della signora era sul cammello, che lei aveva accostato quando erano entrati	0,40/0,32
0,3/0,4	0,8	Il piccolo Luigi aveva preso un barattolo, che non aveva mai visto prima di allora	0,50/0,40
0,2/0,3	0,6	Un'oroscopo aveva detto che il mio amore sarebbe stato un re, ma non lo è mai stato	0,60/0,50
0,1/0,2	0,5	Il mio cane non era un cane, era un gatto	0,80/0,63
0,0/0,1	0,4	Il mio cane non era un cane, era un gatto	1,00/0,80
-0,1/0,0	0,32	Il mio cane non era un cane, era un gatto	1,25/1,00
-0,2/-0,1	0,25	Il mio cane non era un cane, era un gatto	1,6/1,25

Aggiustamento per distanza di lettura diversa da 40 cm:  
 Distanza di lettura (cm): 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 15 10 8 6,3 5 4  
 Correzione logRAD: -0,4 -0,35 -0,3 -0,25 -0,2 -0,15 -0,1 -0,05 0 0,05 0,1 0,15 0,2 0,25 0,3 0,35 0,4

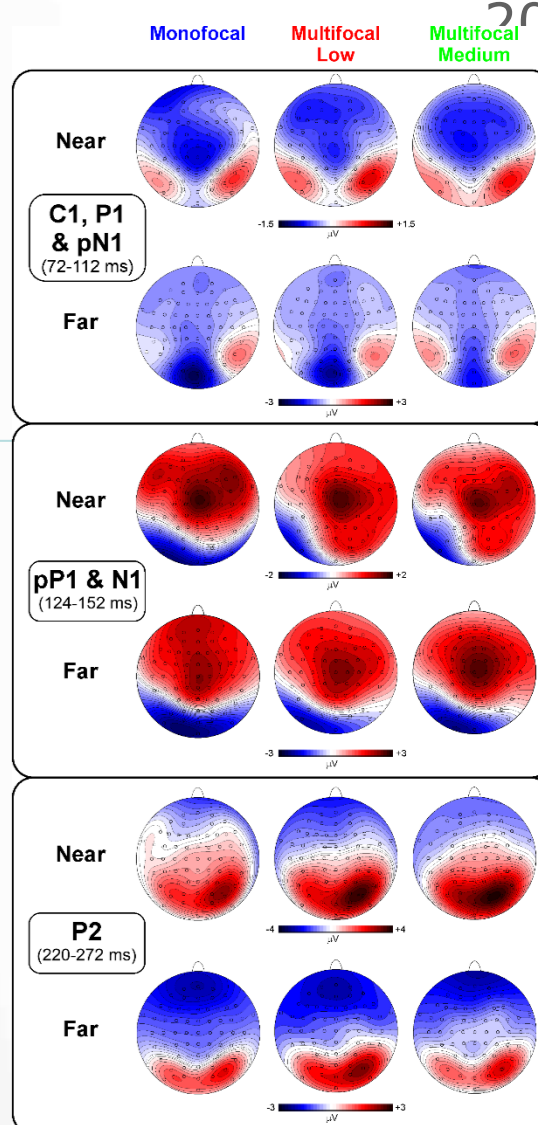
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# Results: VEP components

Grand-averaged VEP waveforms for the three corrections (overlapped and displayed on electrodes pools)



## Compensatory Activities

**pP1 no changes**  
(anterior Insula, awareness of the sensory-motor integration)

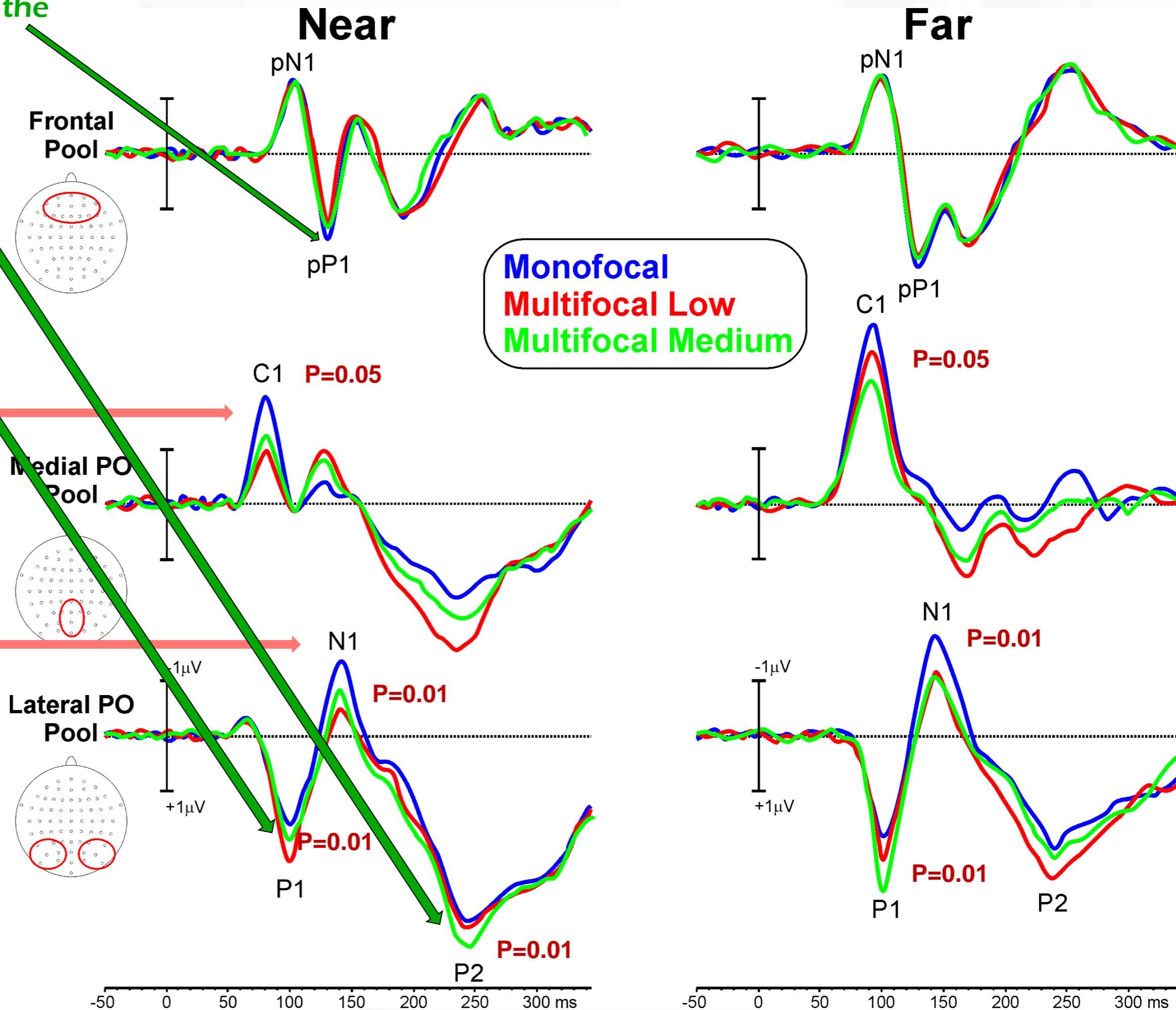
**P2 amplitude increasing**  
re-entrant feedback activity from associative parietal areas to the visual cortex

**P1 amplitude increasing**  
(V3A, attentional compensatory activity)

## Inhibition of the feed-forward activity

**C1 amplitude reduction**  
(afferent volley in V1)

**N1 amplitude reduction**  
(extrastriate visual areas, encoding stimulus)





# Results: Monovision

## Grand-averaged waveforms

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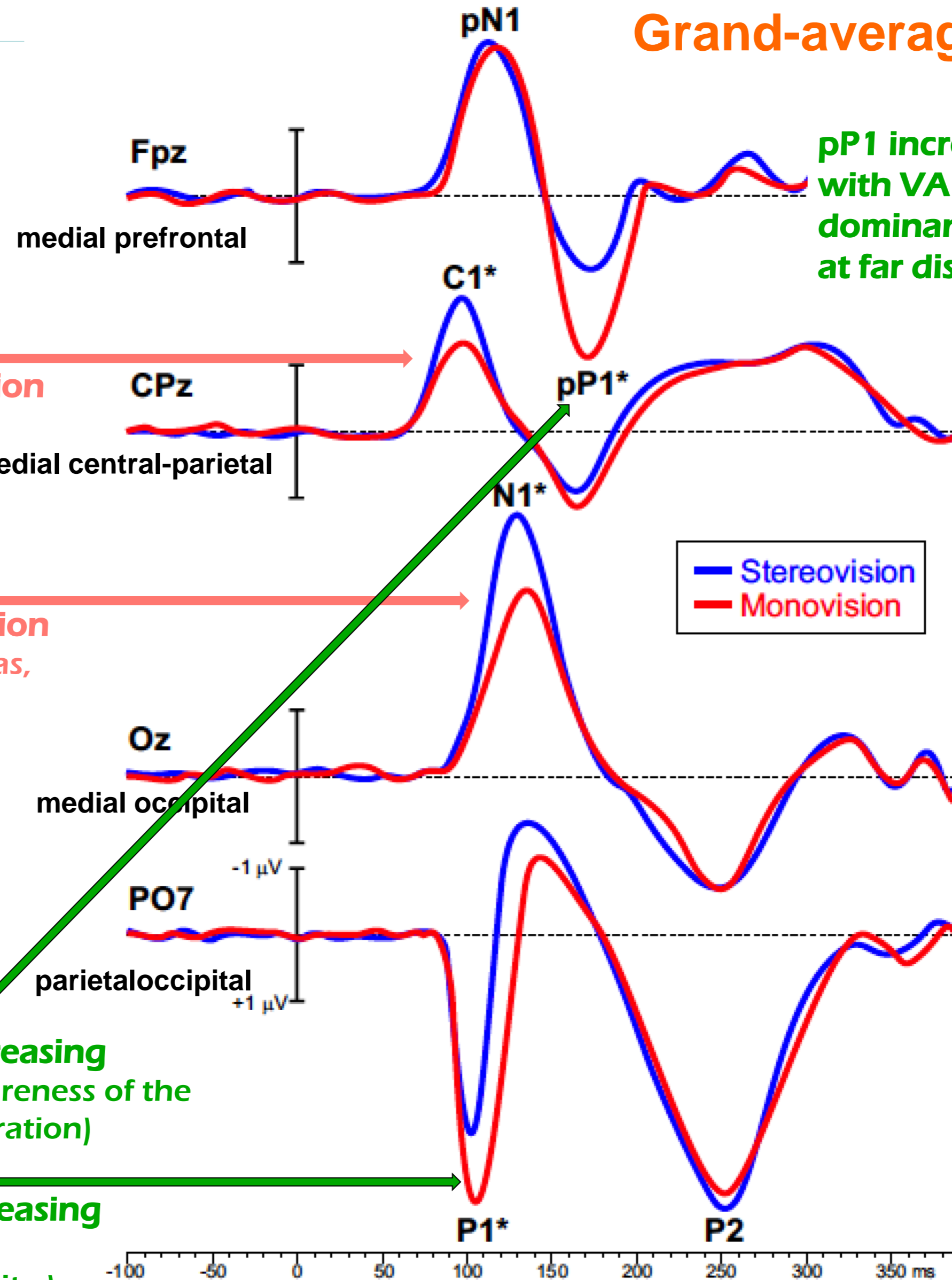
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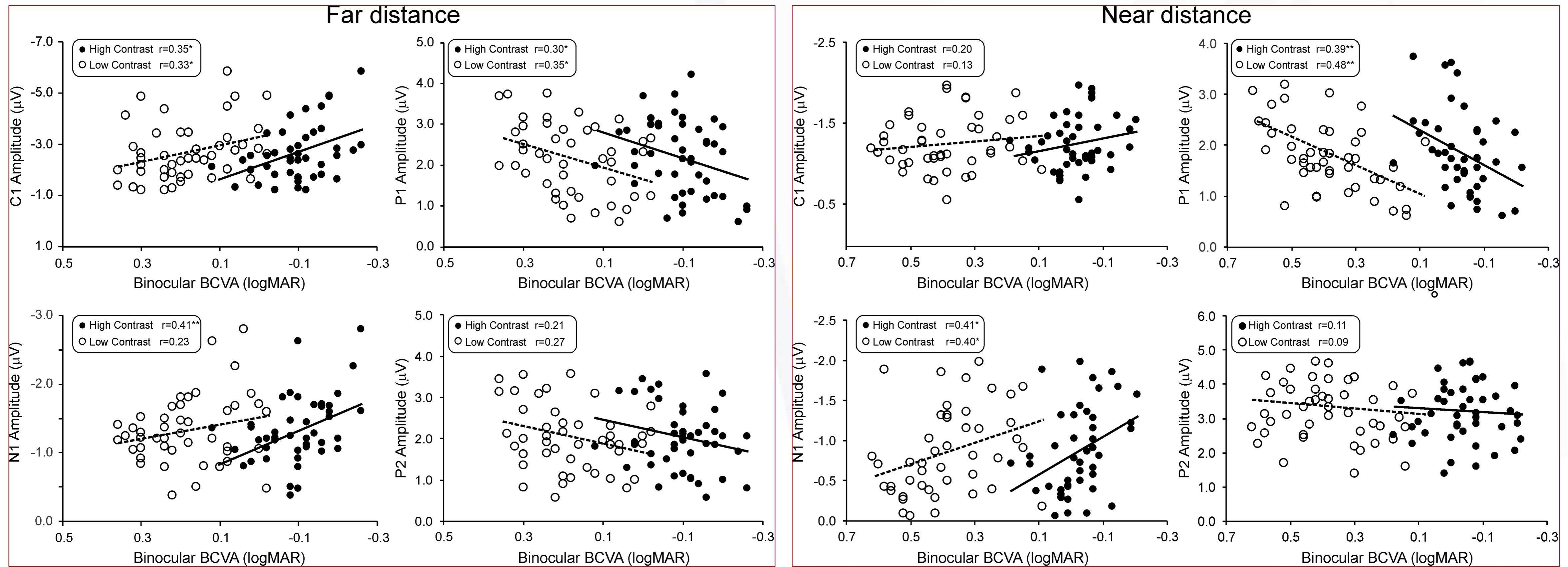
**P1 amplitude increasing**  
(V3A, attentional compensatory activity)



**pP1 increasing is correlated with VA at distance in non-dominant eye and it is higher at far distance**



# Results: correlation between VEP components and BCVA



so what?

## Conclusions

- Compared to monofocal optics, MCLs induced:
  - Visual signal reduction in primary visual cortex**: Reduction of feed-forward activity (decrease of C1 and N1 components amplitude)
  - Compensatory activity in the extrastriate visual areas** : enhancement of P1 that could compensate the reduction of feed-forward activity in the primary visual cortex
- Considering the adaptation variability that characterizes this type of correction, future studies may verify the possible association of P1 amplitude changes with successful adaption to MCLs by looking for different ERP patterns in adapted and non-adapted patients

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