Wavefront-Guided LASEK for the Correction of Myopia, Myopic Astigmatism, and High myopia

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PURPOSE: To compare the visual and refractive outcomes of Wavefront-Guided laser-assisted subepithelial keratectomy (LASEK) in the treatment of myopia, myopic astigmatism and High myopia.

SETTING: Ophthalmology department of Fajr Hospital and Negah Eye Hospital Tehran, IRAN.

METHOD: A retrospective analysis comprised 1044 eyes were assigned to 3 groups: Myopic groups (MG); 519 eyes with mean spherical equivalent refraction (MRSE) of -3.84 ± 1.32 diopters (D), Myopic Astigmatism groups (MAG); 435 eyes with MRSE of -5.07 ± 2.43 D and mean cylinder of 2.4 ± 1.07 D, and High Myopic groups (HMG); 90 eyes with MRSE of -7.47 ± 1.04 D. After an epithelial flap creation a wavefront-based excimer ablation (Zyoptix) was performed. All refractive surgery was performed by the same surgeon. Safety, efficacy, predictability, and stability were evaluated at 1week, 2, 6 and 12 months postoperatively. **RESULTS**: At 12 months the MRSE was -0.19 ± 0.29 D in MG, 0.25 ± 0.46 D in MAG and 0.59 ± 0.41 D in HMG. The UCVA was 20/20 in 94.0% in MG, 78% in MAG and 71.10% in HMG, and 20/40 or better in 100%, 97.1% and 89.6% respectively. Efficacy index were 99.9%, 103.69% and 95.9%. 94.6% in MG, 82.6% in MAG and 66.0% in HMG were within ± 0.5 D of

emmetropia. Safety index were 1.015, 1.068 and 1.045 respectively. 24% in MAG and 16% in HMG gained 1- 2 lines of BSCVA. corneal haze in 4.7%, 6% and 0% of eyes were seen respectively. Late onset haze in 4.4% of HMG eyes were seen.

The between-group differences in Efficacy and Safety index were not statistically significant. **CONCLUSION**: Wavefront-guided LASEK using Zyoptix is an effective and safe procedure for the treatment of myopia, myopic astigmatism and High myopia. Although in myopic astigmatism the predictability, efficacy and Safety index had been better.