The presence of predominantly peripheral lesions were associated with an almost 5 fold risk in the progression of diabetic retinopathy (DR) over 4 years.

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The results of several clinical studies comparing optomap® ultra-widefield images have indicated that there is substantial agreement with Early Treatment Diabetic Retinopathy Study (ETDRS) 7-standard (ETDRS) film photographs and dilated fundus examination in determining diabetic retinopathy severity. The peripheral lesions identified using ultra-widefield images in this cohort suggested a more severe assessment of diabetic retinopathy in 10% of eyes than was suggested by the lesions within the ETDRS fields. The presence of predominantly peripheral lesions were associated with the progression of diabetic retinopathy (DR) over 4 years, independent of baseline severity and A1C.

“The presence of DR lesions located predominantly in this peripheral area seemed to identify a subset of eyes at greatly increased risk of DR progression and onset of PDR...the rigorous evaluation of the peripheral retina may become an essential and routine component of accurately characterizing DR severity, and thus may prompt a revision of the ETDRS grading algorithms to best optimize the association of DR severity grade and clinical outcome.”


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The results of a clinical study validates optomap images had substantial agreement with the gold standard Early Treatment Diabetic Retinopathy Study (ETDRS) film for the diagnosis and severity grading of diabetic retinopathy.

In addition, the study identified that 50% of the lesions were in the area outside of ETDRS and that in 10% of patients these lesions suggested a more severe grade of retinopathy.

The presence of predominantly peripheral lesions were associated with the progression of diabetic retinopathy (DR) over 4 years, independent of baseline severity and A1C.

- Eyes with predominantly peripheral lesions (defined as outside of ETDRS 7 standard field) had a 4.7 fold increased risk of progression to proliferative diabetic retinopathy (PDR).

- Eyes with predominantly peripheral lesions had a 3.2 fold risk of 2 step progression in DR.

- There are ongoing longitudinal studies in this cohort to determine the clinical significance of these peripheral lesions.

- This paper suggests “Given that evaluation of these peripheral lesions may substantially alter risks of DR progression and onset of PDR, revision of the current ETDRS standard grading system may become necessary.”

- The patented ultra-widefield scanning laser technology from Optos provides a photograph of the fundus that supports the detection, diagnosis, analysis, documentation and management of ocular pathology and systemic disease, especially those that first present in the periphery.

Comparison field of view between optomap and the area covered by a standard ETDRS montage.