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The Impacts of Physical Exercises, Dynamic Activities and Isometric Exercises on Intraocular Pressure of Eye: A Review

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Abstract

To review the effects of exercise and other physical activities on intraocular pressure, which can lead to glaucomatous damage to the optic nerve. This can help in the prognosis in the early stages of glaucoma. Intraocular pressure reduction is currently the only treatment available for decreasing the risk of glaucoma progression so it is important to find additional ways to control it. This was the Perspective study after a literature review and Analysis of pertinent publications in the peer-reviewed literature. In this study, various findings have shown that intraocular pressure can be decreased or raised depending on the workouts and activities performed. Although we have not compared the amount of IOP drop or rise in different workouts, a general concept of which exercise/activity is beneficial or risky for glaucoma patients may be derived. When compared to isometric workouts, dynamic exercise has a greater effect on lowering IOP. The relative intensity of the exercise is the metric that most closely corresponds to the IOP-lowering impact. Activities including bungee jumping, yoga in a head-down posture, swimming goggles, and coffee ingestion soon before exercise, on the other hand, have been demonstrated to elevate IOP readings. Valsalva Maneuver performed soon after a hard workout can offset the activity's IOP-reducing effect. To avoid additional glaucomatous damage, glaucoma patients should avoid these activities that raise IOP.

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1. Introduction

Physical work has been shown to improve health in a variety of systemic disorders, including progressive visual neuropathy marked by rapid death of retinal ganglion cells (RGCs). The two basic theories for glaucoma development and progression are raised intraocular pressure (IOP) and less ocular perfusion (OP). Numerous researches have proven the benefits of exercise in these two areas. According to a 2009 analysis of these two theories, exercise causes a transitory reduction in IOP but an inconsistent increase in ocular perfusion [1].

IOP fluctuations are significantly linked to the development of glaucoma and Ocular hypertension, and IOP reduction and stabilization is a critical element in preventing ocular damage [2]. Circadian variations [3], physical exercise [4,5], cognitive processing [6], the Valsalva maneuver [7], and daily activities [8] have all been demonstrated to produce changes in IOP. To maintain ocular health, it is necessary to understand IOP behavior as a result of all of these factors. Risk factors of glaucoma are; Intraocular pressure (IOP), heredity, race, age, smoking and vascular variables [9]. Hypotensive treatments have been proven to decrease the progression of illness such as visual field defects and acuity changes [9-14].

A vascular factor has become increasingly implicated as contributing to the chronic illnesses [15-18] process in patients who continue to demonstrate glaucomatous development despite well-controlled intraocular pressure [19,15]. According to Siesky et al.

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[18] evidence for vascular etiologies in the literature, which states that vascular risk factors for glaucoma are aging, systemic blood pressure, nocturnal hypotension, migraine, ocular perfusion pressure (OPP), disc hemorrhage, and loss of ocular blood flow (OBF).

In some studies, it was shown that following doing the squat and military press exercises, OPP showed a considerable reduction, indicating a trend toward a reduction after strength training [20]. These findings complement prior data that extremely challenging resistance training workouts affect IOP and OPP responses, but these changes appear to be influenced by the kind of exercise and participant characteristics. Furthermore, both isometric and dynamic activities have been demonstrated to increase OPP while overall ocular perfusion stays steady, demonstrating auto regulation [21-25]. Dynamic exercise causes a transient rise in OBF before returning to baseline [26], and pulsatile flow also increases slightly [27,28]. Auto regulation is successful up to 70% above baseline OPP levels, after which it begins to fail.

The link between exercise and mental status has been extensively researched, and increased physical activity has been linked to lower levels of anxiety and depression [29,30]. Depression was linked to inadequate physical activity in two recent population-based studies published in 2016 and 2017, encompassing 204186 and 178867 persons from more than 30 low-income countries, respectively. Depression was linked to inadequate physical activity in 30 low- and middle-income nations, according to research published in 2016 and 2017[31,32].

The average human life has increased dramatically in recent years as a result of tremendous advancements in modern medicine. However, aging is unavoidable, and it is marked by a variety of degenerative phenotypes in different organs, particularly the eye. Deterioration of the retina and loss of lens accommodation are two examples of age-related ocular alterations. Exercise can help elderly people with this process because it reduces the susceptibility of the old optic nerve to negative stimuli [33-35]. Several eye illnesses, such as glaucoma and AMD, are thought to be exacerbated by oxidative stress, which plays a role in the fragility of aging retinas. Treadmill training has been shown in mice to be advantageous for aging retinas by reducing oxidative injury [35,36].

In both humans and experimental animals, exercise has been demonstrated to boost neural flexibility and increase resistance to degeneration in the cardiovascular system and brain [37-43]. Up regulating neurotropic expression, improving mitochondrial function, and lowering inflammation are some of the ways exercise produces neuroprotection.

2. Physical exercise (dynamic and isometric) and IOP

Dynamic and isometric exercises are two different types of physical activity. Dynamic exercise, such as

jogging and cycling, requires a change in muscle length, whereas isometric exercise, such as weightlifting and hand gripping, is done in a static position.

According to Risner D et al. [4] IOP decreased following dynamic exercise, while IOP after isometric exercise was more controversial. Although the underlying mechanism of IOP reduction remains unknown, intraocular pressure has regularly been found to decrease during vigorous exercise. Due to the varying intensity and duration of the different types of exercise, the level of IOP decrease has been observed to be diverse. Experiments on humans revealed that the rise in IOP during isometric exercise was related to changes in blood pressure and was regulated in part by carbon dioxide partial pressure (measured by the transcutaneous route) [44].

Table-1: Effect of different types of dynamic exercises and change in IOP

Type of dynamic exercise	Reported change in IOP	Effect on OPP and OBF	Study
Treadmill	Decrease in IOP	No significant change was observed in OPP and OBF	[48]
Bicycle ergometer	Decrease in IOP	Increase in OPP Increase in OBF in the ophthalmic artery No change in the central retinal artery	[49]
Stair climbing	No significant change in intraocular pressure	No significant change in ocular blood flow	[50]
Brisk Walk	Decrease in IOP	No significant change in OPP and OBF	[51]
Submaximal exercises	Decreased as well as increased	Decreased as well as increased	[52]

[this table shows various types of dynamic exercise and their effect on IOP, OPP, and OBF; IOP=Intraocular pressure, OPP=Ocular perfusion pressure, OBF= Ocular blood flow]

The Valsalva manoeuvre has been linked to the IOP increase caused by isometric exercise. When individuals were forced to hold their breath, their IOP increased significantly while bench pressing, reaching as high as 10 mmHg in some cases. When the Valsalva procedure was stopped, the IOP rise was partially eased [5]. Low-intensity activity has been linked to a decrease or no change in intraocular pressure [4,45-47]. In contrast, high-intensity physical activity causes a significant increase in IOP [45].

Although some clinical investigations have found that dynamic exercise can help reduce IOP in the short term [53,54], the evidence on the long-term benefits of exercise on IOP is inconsistent. One clinical trial found a reduction in IOP [55], while after 6 months of exercise, another clinical investigation found no reduction in IOP [56].

Furthermore, no population-based research has been done on the long-term link between regular exercise and IOP. After controlling for known risk variables, research in a general Japanese population found that increasing exercise frequency and time were substantially related to lower IOP levels [57]. Reitman et al. [58] looked at six newly diagnosed diabetes patients and discovered that aerobic exercise in daily routine helped decreased fasting plasma glucose levels and enhance oral glucose tolerance, allowing maintenance of glucose homeostasis. Another small investigation into human subjects found that a 45-minute bout of cycling exercise might elicit an immediate glucose-lowering impact [59].

3. Exercise, OBF, and OPP

The OPP refers to the pressure gradient indicating the flow of blood to the eye, which represents the relation between BP and IOP. The OPP is estimated as 2/3rd of the mean arterial pressure (MAP) [60]. The EPIC-Norfolk eye research, which looked at 5650 adults, found that a lower OPP was linked to less physical activity [61]. An epidemiological study reveals that, individuals with impaired OPP were more likely to develop glaucoma and experience disease progression [62].

In general, auto regulation keeps ocular blood perfusion steady and appropriate even when perfusion pressure fluctuates as a result of exercise [63-65]. Blood flow to the retina [66], choroid [21,64], and optic nerve head [23,67] are controlled to keep it consistent during activity. At high levels of effort, OPP may rise by 40-60%, at which time regulatory limitations are surpassed and blood flow has been shown to increase linearly [68]. In some people, such as those with diabetic autonomic neuropathy, who have less retinal vasoconstriction and blood flow control during exercise than those without neuropathy or diabetes, this typically protective process may be deleterious [69-70].

OBF is controlled by the interaction of vasodilators (such nitric oxide) and vasoconstrictors (like endothelin). Nitric oxide (NO) and endothelin-1 (ET-1) were found to be involved in the modulation of exercise-induced OBF but not angiotensin II, even if the precise underlying mechanism is unknown. After six minutes of the Master's double two-step test, no metabolites rose, this was accompanied by an increase in ocular blood flow [24].

Nitric oxide may be implicated in retinal autoregulation during isometric exercise, as evidenced by the fact that the response of the retinal venous diameter to 6-min hand gripping was less evident after the injection of a NO inhibitor [71]. Low diastolic perfusion pressure was identified as a significant risk factor for POAG in the Egna-Neumarkt Study [72]. Epidemiological studies have shown that individuals with impaired OPP were more likely to develop glaucoma and experience disease progression [62,50]. Although several studies have been done on the long-term effects of exercise on OBF, despite the fact that

many studies have concentrated on the acute effects of exercise on OBF and OPP. A higher prevalence of glaucoma in men has been associated to vigorous daily exercise in population-based studies in South Korea [33].

Clinicians should therefore give patients with glaucoma clear instructions and suggest individualized exercise programmes with the proper intensity and frequency. If you want to know if starting an exercise programme will benefit from a chronic condition, it's critical to consider the long-term effects of fitness and activity on IOP. Numerous researches in this area have looked at IOP in both active and inactive individuals. However, the standards for athletes are sometimes ill-defined and varied among studies.

One study found that there is no statistically significant difference in the extent of the deterioration between athletes and sedentary people [32]. Another study found that when IOP was evaluated 30 minutes and 2 hours after exercise, it rapidly elevated to a substantial degree before falling in athletes. IOP dropped promptly among sedentariness and stayed low for 30 minutes and 2 hours after activity. Another study that looked at individual sexes found that male athletes had higher IOP than sedentary men, but that IOP did not vary significantly in sedentary guys. Female athletes' IOP did not alter significantly, but sedentary females' IOP decreased significantly [73].

Table 2: Effect of different types of isometric exercises and change in IOP

Type of isometric exercise	Effect on IOP	Effect on OPP and OBF	Study
Squatting	Increase in IOP from baseline	Increase in OPP and OBF	[44]
Yoga (Head down posture)	Increase in IOP	No significant change in OPP and OBF	[74]
Hand gripping	Increase in IOP	Increase in OPP and OBF	[44]
Martin's vigorimeter	No significant change in IOP	Increase in OPP and OBF	[75]

[This table shows the effects of several forms of isometric exercise on IOP. Isometric workouts have a smaller IOP lowering effect than dynamic activities, according to most studies.]

Isometric exercise has been shown to enhance OPP while simultaneously having a vasoconstrictive impact, narrowing the retinal venous and artery diameters [76]. In contrast to the differences in IOP responses to dynamic and isometric exercise, ocular perfusion responses to both forms of exercise were identical (despite the measuring techniques being different). Both dynamic and isometric exercise increased the OPP, albeit the rise was restricted due to autoregulatory response [1].

4. Psychological Health and Glaucoma

Glaucoma, being a chronic condition, can have a negative impact on patients' mental health in addition to vision impairment. Glaucoma progresses slowly, and patients are generally worried about keeping their IOP and visual field steady. Long-term stress, like other chronic diseases like cardiac disorders and hypertension [77-78], can arouse patients' fears of losing their vision, potentially leading to mental disorders like neurosis, anxiety, and depression [79-81], which can have a significant impact on patients' quality of life.

Due to the subjective nature of emotional stress, persons may have very different perspectives on the same event [82]. Numerous additional factors, like as age and personality types, were found to have an impact on people's responses to stress and IOP changes. Subjects were only allowed to describe circumstances that they subjectively considered as difficult, based on their personality and emotional threshold, because the stressful stimuli were self-reported real-life experiences.

5. Strength and resistance exercises

Numerous chronic diseases, such as diabetes, osteoporosis, hypertension, and cancer, can be benefited by regular physical activity, especially resistance training [83]. In light of this research, the benefits of physical activity are apparent, and the positive effects are significantly greater in clinical groups [84].

A customized exercise prescription is required to maximize the benefits of exercise in the therapy of the clinical condition, as standard physical activity guidelines are inadequate for the majority of medical diseases [85]. A linear and direct link exists between the resistance imposed and IOP values [88], with the size of the resistance and the participant's fitness level acting as significant modulators of the IOP changes generated by maximal cycling sprints [86] and resistance training exercises [87].

In addition, participants with higher levels of fitness showed more stable IOP behaviour compared to participants with lower levels of fitness, despite lifting the same relative weights. Prior to and after doing various resistance training configurations, researchers have examined the acute impact of strength training activities on IOP values [5,88]. There hasn't been any prior research that examined IOP behaviour during a typical resistance training session that is performed to muscle failure, despite the fact that some researchers have looked at the IOP alterations caused by a single continuous contraction [45,89].

Increased effort or the number of cumulative repetitions, during weight training exercises produces an instantaneous and progressive increase in IOP in healthy young men and women. These IOP increases showed a positive linear connection with cumulative repetitions during resistance training, leading to muscle

failure, and were substantially reliant on the kind of exercise (squat > military press > biceps curl > calf raise) [18]. OPP significantly decreased after performing the squat and military press exercises, demonstrating a propensity for a reduction after strength training.

These results support earlier research showing that intense resistance training sessions alter IOP and OPP responses, however these alterations seem to be regulated by the kind of exercise and the individual [18].

Vieira et al. investigated the effects of four repetitions of the bench press exercise at 80% of one-repetition maximum (RM) with and without holding their breath, finding significant IOP increases when participants followed the bench press protocol, and even greater increases when they held their breath [45].

Rüfer et al. [5] discovered that upper limb physical anaerobic effort (20 repetitions at 65% RM on the butterfly machine) resulted in a significant increase in IOP, whereas the leg curl exercise resulted in no significant change in IOP after 20 and 10 repetitions at 65% RM, respectively. IOP rises when strength training exercises are performed in a high-intensity manner.

The extent of increases in IOP is affected by both the intensity and the kind of activity. The rise in IOP is proportional to the increase in load, and the increase in IOP is greater during the bench press throw than during the jump squat for the same relative load (% RM) [88].

Aqueous humour production was later discovered to be suppressed by endurance exercise via the release of norepinephrine produced by DA2 and DA3 receptor activation. Endurance exercise has previously been related to the systemic release of dopamine [90]. Increasing exercise duration and frequency were crucial independent variables in reducing IOP, to put it briefly. Regular exercise and IOP showed no statistically significant relationship in the subgroup analysis. Regular exercise may therefore be crucial in decreasing cholesterol [57].

6. Old-Age and Participation in Exercise

Exercise is neuroprotective for glaucoma, light-induced retinal damage, ARMD and genetically-induced photoreceptor mortality, among other retinal degenerative illnesses. Inhibiting oxidative stress, boosting BDNF expression, and lowering glutamatergic excitotoxicity are some of the putative mechanisms driving its benefits. Increased synthesis of adipokines, modulation of microglia and mitochondrial function, and influence on autophagy are all possible pathways for exercise-induced neuroprotection in conditions other than eye diseases [91].

In a study conducted in the United States (US), it was found that levels of physical activity declined rapidly during adolescence and typically persisted into early adulthood. From middle life through retirement at 65 years of age, activity habits were frequently very consistent. The incidence of frequent strenuous

activities such as running, jogging, and swimming rose after retirement [92].

According to the findings of three national studies, 26.5% and 15.5% of people over 75 years old exercised at least moderately and vigorously, respectively. These higher involvement rates might be because retirees have more time available to exercise and are more aware of the health advantages [93-94].

Less vulnerable individuals are more likely to exercise frequently and are less likely to have or acquire glaucoma, which leads to the conclusions that exercise lowers the risk of having or developing glaucoma [68] and that it may be reasonable to encourage dynamic exercise in glaucoma patients [4,95-97]. On the other contrary, any increase in IOP during exercise may challenge this theory and raise the incidence of glaucoma in habitually exercising individuals.

6.1 Valsalva Manoeuvre

Various IOP-related actions depend on the Valsalva manoeuvres (VMs), which take place while the glottis is closed. Partial VMs that are accompanied by increased expiratory effort are also important [98]. IOP was found to rise along with and remain stable during increasing expiratory effort as determined by tomography [99].

For example, deep breathing can result in an IOP rise and decrease of up to 5 mmHg [100]. The effects of respiration on IOP can be much bigger depending on how much VM phenomena are active. When given a VM, some participants' IOP was reported to increase, notably in myopic participants, to above 40 mmHg [101]. Particularly in emphysematous patients, higher intrathoracic pressure was needed to obtain a given respiratory flow at lower lung inflation levels [102]. With aging comes a reduction in lung capacity, which may require deeper breathing during exercise and limit the spectrum of exercise intensity.

When doing many VM-related tasks, abdominal muscle activity increases intrathoracic pressure [98]. For example, because to the increased abdominal and expiratory muscle activity brought on by balloon inflation, significant VM stress is produced in cycles of rapid increases and falls in both intra-abdominal and intrathoracic pressure [103].

Similar cycles occur as a result of increasing respiratory volumes and the intensity of physical activity. During both static and dynamic lifting exercises, intra-abdominal pressure has been demonstrated to increase regularly [104]. During lifting jobs, breath management plays a key role in generating intra-abdominal pressure magnitude [74]. IOP rises considerably during a bench press workout and much more so when you hold your breath [45].

Dickerman described a substantial increase in IOP in power athletes after performing the Valsalva maneuver, which reached 46 mmHg in certain cases. During an isometric contraction, the mean IOP climbed from 13 mmHg at rest to 28 mmHg, and these substantial pressure fluctuations lasted 3 to 8 seconds [74,89,90,108]. According to the research, OPA (ocular

pulse amplitude) measures in healthy young boys are unaffected by VM. However, the majority of these people (83.6%) had a substantial increase in IOP, whereas nine people (16.4%) had a decrease in IOP from baseline [7].

7. Effect of caffeine consumption on IOP

Although Vera et al. investigated the combined effects of low-intensity endurance exercise and caffeine consumption on IOP [105], there is a growing body of data associating caffeine usage to an increase in IOP [105,106]. According to studies conducted on caffeine's effects on physical performance [107,108], caffeine's effects on IOP during low-intensity aerobic activity are unrelated to the heart rate response. However, ocular perfusion pressure, which is controlled by blood pressure and IOP levels, plays a significant role in the development of glaucoma [109].

Future studies should examine the impact of caffeine consumption before exercise on ocular perfusion because there is evidence that acute caffeine intake increases blood pressure. Hunt et al. [110] found a correlation between the degree of dehydration and the drop in IOP brought on by low-intensity aerobic activity. Contrary to popular belief, caffeine does not cause dehydration when consumed before to exercise, according to empirical study [111,112].

By taking a caffeine pill (4 mg/kg) 30 minutes before cycling, the IOP-lowering reaction to low-intensity endurance exercise was prevented. During the activity, IOP levels were reduced in the placebo group, but they remained steady following coffee administration. Caffeine consumption before a low-intensity endurance exercise should be avoided when physical activity is advised to lower IOP levels, according to these data (i.e., glaucoma patients or those at risk) [105].

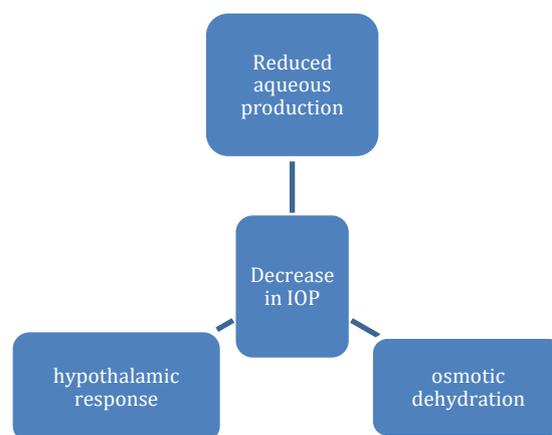


Fig 1: Three mechanisms for reduction of IOP are depicted in the figure i.e., a) Osmotic dehydration b) Reduced aqueous production and c) Hypothalamic response

8. Physical Activities and IOP

8.1 Swimming

Swimming is one of the most widely practiced sports. Swimming goggles, on the other hand, might significantly raise IOP. After putting on the swimming goggles, a tiny but substantial IOP rise of 2.3 mmHg was detected, which remained high until the goggles were removed [113]. According to Morgan et al. research [114], wearing goggles led to a 4.5 mmHg rise in IOP, which was associated with a smaller goggle/face area.

The short IOP increase did not affect the retinal nerve fibre layer in healthy participants [113], but it could worsen RGC loss in an already compromised optic nerve, such as in glaucoma. According to the research, it appears that swimming goggles temporarily increase IOP in healthy individuals but significantly in glaucoma patients, leading to irreparable harm. Glaucoma patients should receive advice regarding wearing swimming goggles indiscriminately.

8.2 Yoga

Yoga is the most extensively done exercise in India with some believing it to be a viable alternative to traditional medical care [115]. Some yoga poses can be considered isometric workouts and may include body inversions,

which have been shown to have a significant effect on IOP [103,116]. In four popular head-down yoga postures, Halasana, Adho Mukha Svanasana, and Viparita Karani; Jessica et al. noticed changes in IOP in both glaucoma patients and healthy individuals. He found that both POAG patients and normal subjects have IOP elevations ranging from 16 to 70 percent in all four positions, with no statistically significant difference between the two groups [116]. There is proof that the transient increase in IOP in Sirsasana causes the onset of glaucoma. A 46-year-old patient with NTG [117] and a 47-year-old woman with a history of congenital glaucoma both suffered progressive optic neuropathy and visual field loss after years of consistent practise with Sirsasana.

IOP and EVP are related, as was already mentioned. Both animal [118-119] and human [120] studies have validated the rise in EVP during the head-down position. A rise in cerebral cerebrospinal fluid pressure, which indirectly influences the choroid veins that drain into the superior ophthalmic vein and then into the intracranial cavernous sinus, may also cause the choroidal thickness to grow in head-down posture in addition to EVP [116,121]. As a result, these head-down postures may increase the risk of glaucoma development and should be avoided in those who have or are at high risk of glaucoma.

Table 3: Physical activities and change in IOP (Intraocular pressure) and OPP (Ocular perfusion pressure)

Activities	Effect on IOP	Effect On OPP	Other Findings	Study
Dynamic and aerobic exercises	Short-term decrease in IOP	Increase in OPP	The Effect is more in sedentary population than active population. Increases blood flow in retinal and choroidal vessels.	[133]
Isometric exercises	Increase in IOP	Increase in OPP	This change may be related to changes in BP and the Valsalva Manoeuvre. There was no change in IOP as long as Valsalva manoeuvre is avoided.	[45]
Valsalva manoeuvre	Increase in IOP	No significant change in OPP	More in myopic patients	[5]
Caffeine consumption	Increase in IOP	No significant change in OPP	Caffeine was taken 30 minutes before exercise	[134]
Swimming goggles	Increase in IOP	No significant change in OPP	It was linked to smaller goggles/ face area	[114]
Yoga (Head down posture)	Increase in IOP	No significant change in OPP	The effect was due to head-down positions, an increase in episcleral venous pressure, and an increase in choroidal thickness.	[74]
Bungee jumping	Increase in IOP	No significant change in OPP	The impact is more in people with shallow anterior chamber angle. This increase may be due to head down position during bungee jumping.	[123]
Alcohol	Temporary drop in IOP	No significant change in OPP	No other findings	[130]

(This table depicts how various activities, like workouts and other activities, affect IOP levels in both sedentary and sporty individuals.)

9. Bungee jumping

In order to avoid hitting the ground, bungee jumping involves jumping and diving from a height while wearing a long elastic string around the body. The body quickly slows down as the cord reaches its maximum length during free fall, but inertia causes the blood in the arteries to keep moving toward the top of the head, increasing the hydrostatic pressure in the blood vessels of the eye [122].

The head-down position and the force of the impact could both increase IOP, even if increases have not been observed during bungee jumping, especially in people with shallow anterior chambers. However, bungee jumping has been linked to a variety of ocular complications, including subconjunctival hemorrhage [123-124], pre-retinal and retinal hemorrhage [124-127], macular edema [124,127], and bungee as a result, people with glaucoma should be advised about the hazards of bungee jumping.

10 Alcohol

Alcohol use is generally believed to be hazardous for those with glaucoma. There hasn't been much research on the direct impact of dietary ethanol on IOP, and it's possible that alcohol's neurotoxic effects play a role in the association between drinking and the advancement of glaucoma [128-129]. In a single case study, drinking Champagne caused a systematic transient reduction in IOP in a 66-year-old glaucoma patient [130].

This could be explained by alcohol's biphasic effect, which causes a decrease in blood pressure for up to 12 hours before increasing [131], which could be mirrored by IOP, as Takashi et al. suggested in a large cross-sectional study of 1569 subjects showing a positive relationship between systolic blood pressure and IOP [132].

The aforementioned research indicates that the majority of routine daily activities have a considerable impact on IOP, which may be particularly crucial for glaucoma patients. This highlights the need of lifestyle advice for glaucoma patients. This may support the use of telemetry for continuous monitoring of IOP variations in borderline glaucoma cases to help physicians weigh the advantages of early surgical intervention against the patient's "normal" daily activities [133-137]. However, it would be necessary to ascertain how surgical treatments might affect IOP changes away from the office.

11. Oxidative stress, mitochondrial function, and PDG

Variations in the gene coding for mitochondrial protein are frequently observed in POAG patients, according to a recent epidemiological research of 3108 healthy people and 3430 patients with POAG. This shows that the pathophysiology of POAG may be significantly influenced by mitochondria [138]. According to Lenaz

et al. [139], the principal source of intracellular reactive oxygen species (ROS), which causes RGC apoptosis [139,140], is the mitochondrial electron transport chain. Reactive oxygen species (ROS) harm mitochondria, causing cell death, starting with the opening of the membrane permeability transition pore (MPTP) [141].

Exercise has been shown to support mitochondrial biogenesis and assist reverse mitochondrial dysfunction. By boosting membrane potential and matrix oxidant load under hypoxic settings, HIT and moderate-intensity continuous training have both been demonstrated to improve lymphocyte mitochondrial dysfunction in humans [142]. Four weeks of exercise preconditioning on the free-running wheel were found to reduce hyperglycemia in a mouse model of type I diabetes by enhancing skeletal muscle mitochondrial activity [143].

Exercise has been demonstrated to improve MPTP resistance, mitochondrial physiology, reduce the production of ROS, and start the production of new mitochondria in the brain [144-145]. The positive impact of exercise on mitochondria may one day be used to treat Alzheimer's disease, a neurodegenerative condition of the brain [146]. Retinal ganglion cells (RGCs) are more vulnerable to mitochondrial dysfunction because they have long axons and a high density of mitochondria, which provides energy to transport proteins to distant axons [147]. Since glaucomatous damage can lead to RGC loss, the exercise-induced mitochondrial increase may be helpful in preventing this loss.

Oxidative stress, which is known to contribute to the vulnerability of aged retinas, is thought to exacerbate a number of eye diseases, including glaucoma and AMD. It has been demonstrated in mice that treadmill training benefits ageing retinas by lowering oxidative damage [37]. The central nervous system (CNS) ageing process and a number of neurodegenerative diseases, including Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease, have long been linked to oxidative stress [148-149]. Exercise over an extended period of time has been demonstrated to lower oxidative stress and increase antioxidant capacity in the elderly. Additionally, retinal neuropathology is expected to contain a large amount of oxidative stress [150].

According to Kim et al., treadmill training is protective for aged retinas since it reduces oxidative stress in mice by down-regulating the expressions of carboxymethyl lysine (CML), 8-hydroxy-2-deoxyguanosine (8-OHdG), and nitrotyrosine, as seen by decreased immunological reactivities [35].

In the process of developing exercise-induced pigment dispersion, individuals with the pigmentary subtype of glaucoma demonstrated an increase in IOP [151]. Exercise would be of minimal value to these people, and so it should not be suggested. More research is needed to determine the criteria for encouraging glaucoma sufferers to exercise regularly. During exercise, young individuals with advanced

glaucoma have been observed to undergo a "vascular steal," which can cause temporary vision loss [152]. Exercising causes a rise in IOP in individuals with the pigmentary subtype of glaucoma, which has been recognized for a long time [151,153-155]. Exercise should not be advocated for these people since it may be hazardous.

Conclusion

Dynamic exercise can lower IOP in glaucoma patients as well as healthy or myopic people (except in those with PDG or PDS). In healthy individuals, swimming with goggles is typically viewed as safe, although it has the potential to increase IOP to risky levels, which could result in disease development. Due to the risks, extreme sports like bungee jumping should be avoided. Despite the fact that exercise increases OPP, autoregulation in healthy individuals lessens the impact on ocular circulation. The potential impact of physical activity on lowering OBF and IOP in glaucoma patients need further investigation.

In addition to IOP and OBF, the effects of exercise on neuroprotection and mental health in glaucoma patients were explored. Increasing BDNF and enhancing mitochondrial function may aid in preventing vision loss brought on by RGC mortality brought on by glaucoma. Last but not least, physical activity can help glaucoma sufferers feel less anxious and depressed, which will improve their quality of life. Anxiety and depression are common in people with glaucoma.

In conclusion, this study's general public population found that increasing exercise frequency and duration were significant independent variables in reducing IOP. Regular exercise and IOP showed no statistically significant relationship in the subgroup analysis. As a result, regular exercise may be crucial in reducing IOP. IOP decreases following acute exercise in both healthy and glaucomatous subjects, and exercise training lowers IOP levels at rest.

Vascular auto regulation in healthy individuals results in stable OBF during exercise despite increases in OPP, systemic blood pressure, and heart rate. Since elevated IOP and vascular abnormalities are known to be risk factors for the onset of glaucoma, these issues must be taken into account when providing care for glaucoma patients. Although there is a wealth of outstanding research and articles in the existing literature, many of them do not address the same issues since they fall outside the purview of that particular study.

Exercise is neuroprotective for glaucoma, AMD, light-induced retinal damage, and genetically-induced photoreceptor mortality, among other retinal degenerative illnesses. Inhibiting oxidative stress, boosting BDNF, and lowering glutamatergic excitotoxicity are some of the putative mechanisms driving its benefits. Other mechanisms that might explain exercise's neuroprotective effects on illnesses

other than eye diseases include increased adipokine production and modulation of microglia and mitochondrial function.

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