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Introduction

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2 The Humphrey Field Analyser (HFA) is the clinical standard for reliable and
3 reproducible visual field outcomes in patients with glaucoma ¹, however the cost of the
4 device and its lack of portability limit its accessibility to patients from impoverished places
5 and those in rural and remote locations. There are some who have used hardcopy charts,
6 tablets, virtual reality goggles and other devices as portable visual field screeners or
7 threshold devices ²⁻⁷. In comparison, the Melbourne Rapid Fields (MRF) is an iPad tablet
8 application (iPad3 or later) that allows in office or remote visual field testing due to its low
9 cost and portability. MRF has been shown to produce comparable results to the HFA and
10 have good intra-session test-retest repeatability ^{8,9}, however, the longer-term repeatability
11 of this device is unknown. Detection of visual field progression in glaucoma depends on
12 frequency of testing and variability of the visual field testing procedure ^{10,11}, therefore,
13 knowing the longer-term repeatability of the device is important in determining whether
14 MRF is suitable for clinical use.
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19 The MRF has been validated as a tangent perimeter which can perform efficient and
20 reliable thresholding comparable to HFA 24-2 SITA-standard protocol⁹. It has been shown to
21 be robust to variations in ambient light, blur and viewing distance ⁸. When retest was
22 undertaken after a 5-minute break in 78 cases with glaucoma (intrasession test-retest
23 repeatability), patients classified as mild (MD \geq -6 dB, n=41) gave a coefficient of
24 repeatability (std. dev./mean) of 7.8% for their MD whereas 37 cases with moderate to
25 severe defect (MD < -6 dB) returned a coefficient of repeatability of 24.2% in their MD⁹.
26 Retest variability for the Medmont M700 automated perimeter has been reported as 2.9 dB
27 (11.6%), whereas abnormal locations have a larger coefficient of repeatability (33%; SD ~8.0
28 dB)⁸. Hence, test-retest repeatability depends upon the threshold of the location, and for the
29 MRF, it appears comparable to that reported for other perimeters ^{8,12}.
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34 Despite the similarity to the literature and high intra-test repeatability, it is not
35 known whether this good performance of the MRF will be returned over longer retest
36 periods. This is because the MRF differs from the HFA in many ways ⁸ and it is not clear how
37 these differences may impact on long term reliability. The main differences in the MRF rests
38 in test spot location, test spot size (which increases into the periphery) and its thresholding
39 logic. Threshold variability is known to increase with eccentricity in normals ¹³. As the MRF
40 spot size increases in the periphery of MRF test patterns⁸ it could be expected that the MRF
41 will have reduced variability due to the larger spot sizes¹³. Another factor to influence
42 variability is the MRF thresholding logic which is achieved using a 3-step Bayes predictor^{8,14}.
43 Although similar procedures have been shown to return reliable outcomes with 6 to 12
44 steps^{14,15} it is not clear that this will hold for a 3-step prediction. In particular, it is not
45 apparent how this approach will compare to the SITA algorithms which utilise a post-hoc
46 Bayes prediction returned from 4/2dB (SITA-standard) or 4dB step (SITA-fast) procedures.
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51 Given these differences in test logic, the repeatability of both the MRF and HFA are
52 in need of comparison especially when applied in a review schedule common to clinical
53 settings. This 6-month longitudinal study was undertaken to investigate the medium-term
54 repeatability of the MRF compared to that found for HFA SITA-fast and SITA-standard
55 outcomes derived from a common cohort of patients who undertook repeated testing on
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2 **Method**
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4 The clinical trials reported in this manuscript were undertaken with approval of the local
5 ethics committees (Integrated Research Application System IRAS ID: 204698: West of
6 Scotland Research Ethics Service REC No: 16/WS/0130: and AIIMS IEC-564/03.11.2017) and
7 were conducted in accordance with the tenets of the Declaration of Helsinki with all
8 subjects giving informed consent prior to participation. This clinical trial has been registered
9 as ISRCTN77744218 at <https://doi.org/10.1186/ISRCTN77744218>.
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14 **Melbourne Rapid Fields app**
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16 The MRF app (GLANCE Optical Pty Ltd, Melbourne, Australia) produces efficient and
17 reliable thresholds using an iPad (Apple, Cupertino, CA) tablet device viewed at 33 cm with
18 the patient wearing their normal reading glasses. The radial test pattern comprises 66 test
19 locations (Figure 1) with more details of the test procedures found elsewhere^{8,9}. The 9.7-
20 inch iPad subtends 30° x 24° (H x V) at a viewing distance of 33 cm (13 inches: eccentricity
21 15° x 12° with central fixation). Regions having greater eccentricity than 15° x 12° can be
22 tested by having the patient shift fixation to one of the four corners of the iPad, allowing
23 one quadrant 30° x 24° (H x V) to be tested at a time. Voice commands generated by the
24 tablet instruct the patient on how to perform the test and when to alter fixation during the
25 test to permit evaluation of the peripheral visual field. Apart from the need to alter fixation,
26 some of the other procedural or test differences in the application have been detailed
27 before^{8,9}. Our previous study found that despite these differences the MRF returns
28 outcomes that were strongly correlated to HFA thresholds⁹ and the purpose of this study is
29 to consider whether medium-term variability is similar to that of the HFA.
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41 **Participants**
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43 Sixty patients were recruited at two clinical sites (Table 1) namely: Cambridge UK (n
44 = 39, age: 37–89, mean: 70.1) and New Delhi, India (n = 21, age: 15–59, mean: 35.3). Study
45 participants had either: stable ocular hypertension (n = 3: IOP>21 mmHg with normal VF and
46 optic nerve), stable treated glaucoma (n = 51: optic nerve and/or VF changes consistent with
47 glaucoma and diagnosis confirmed by fellowship trained glaucoma subspecialists), or are
48 glaucoma suspects (n = 6: IOP≤21, with subtle changes in optic nerve and/or VF that do not
49 meet definitive diagnosis of glaucoma). Patients were asked to return every 2-months
50 during a 6-month cycle of normal reviews (3 follow up visits). Table 1 shows that 25
51 participants (42%) had a mild visual field defect (HFA MD ≥ -6dB), 20(33%) exhibited a
52 moderate loss (HFA MD -6 to -12dB) and 15 (25%) exhibited an advanced loss (HFA MD < -
53 12dB). Exclusion criteria were: the presence of a systemic condition or use of systemic drugs
54 that could affect vision, a need to change glaucoma medications or undergo eye surgery
55 over the review period or in the preceding 6-months, inability to understand or comply with
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1 the English voice commands of the MRF, visual acuity worse than 6/12 (20/40) and, poor
2 reliability indices on HFA at baseline (FL >30%, FP >15%, FN >20%).
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9 **Testing Procedures**

10 Study participants were recruited at baseline, being one of their normal review
11 dates, and were requested to come again at 2-, 4-, and 6-months; the 6-month visit was part
12 of their review schedule. At each visit, they performed the MRF and either 24-2 SITA-fast or
13 SITA-standard (but not both, see Table 1) on the worse eye having the lower Mean Defect
14 on HFA. At baseline, patients performed HFA first followed by MRF to determine if they met
15 inclusion criteria. The order of the tests was randomised at subsequent visits. Not all
16 patients complied with the scheduled 2-monthly visits and attendance rates for the
17 respective time points are listed in Table 2 (range 70-97%).The average interval between
18 tests was 2.6-months.
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23 MRF testing was performed using a 9.7-inch iPad generation 3 tablet (Apple, Cupertino,
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26 minimum of 10 minutes prior to testing to allow for stability of luminous output.
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35 **Data Analysis**
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37 Elsewhere we have found the correlation between MRF MD and HFA SITA-standard
38 MD values follow a linear relationship ($MD_{HFA} = 1.25 * MD_{MRF} - 0.51$)⁹. In the present study
39 we have corrected the raw MD values from MRF using this relationship without altering the
40 raw dB thresholds. Later when we analyse the variability in the pointwise data, this analysis
41 has been derived from the raw values and not the scaled data.
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44 To allow comparison of point-wise retinal thresholds, all left eye data were reflected
45 in the vertical to produce equivalent right eye fields. Correlation analysis was conducted
46 using a Deming regression that allows for error in both the x- and y-axes. For this study, we
47 performed two analyses: one that included repeated testing on individuals and the other
48 derived from the average outcome for individual patients over multiple time points (average
49 of at least 3 tests). All data are shown as mean \pm SEM unless stated otherwise.
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52 Bland-Altman analysis quantified bias (average difference) and the 95% limits of
53 agreement (LoA) by comparing baseline to the 6-month test. A coefficient of
54 repeatability(CoR %) was determined as the standard deviation of the Bland-Altman
55 difference data divided by the mean threshold¹¹.To quantify the accuracy of the tests we
56 adopted Lin's Coefficient of Accuracy (Ca) which indicates concordance between two tests
57 measuring a common attribute¹⁶. Other coefficients (eg. Pearson) consider association
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1 between data to a line of any slope whereas the Coefficient of Accuracy determines the
2 degree to which pairs of observations derived from two continuous variables fall on the
3 diagonal line that passes through the origin; perfect concordance to the diagonal is a Ca of
4 1.0. Ca values between 0.65 and 0.79 indicate 'moderate' concordance, between 0.8 and
5 0.89 'substantial' concordance and between 0.9 and 1.0 indicate 'almost perfect'
6 concordance¹⁶. We have also calculated the Intra-class correlation (ICC) for our data, as this
7 is a commonly used statistic for such comparisons. ICCs and many other statistics were
8 calculated using Microsoft Excel for Windows (Microsoft, Redmond, WA, USA) spreadsheets.
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10 As the mean defect statistic (MD) is a global measure it may act to mask changes at a
11 local or regional level, so we consider repeatability in the 8 regions defined in Figure 1 as
12 well as on a point-wise basis.
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22 Results

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24 Figure 2 shows representative field results for two patients measured with the MRF
25 and HFA SITA-standard test. The left panels are MRF outcomes for a patient having mild
26 (Figure 2, upper-left) and moderate (Figure 2, lower-left) visual field loss whereas the right
27 panels show the corresponding HFA outcomes for the same patients with key statistics
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33 The average test times for MRF, SITA-fast and SITA-standard are shown in Figure 3.
34 The MRF required 4.6 ± 0.1 mins (mean \pm SEM) for testing which is significantly faster than
35 the average for SITA-standard, 6.2 ± 0.1 mins ($p < 0.001$) but marginally slower than SITA-fast,
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46 Figure 4 and Table 3 show the concordance between the corrected MD of the MRF
47 and SITA-fast and SITA-standard outcomes. Figure 4 shows the data averaged over all time
48 points whereas Table 3 lists these outcomes for each retest period. As can be seen from the
49 regression lines of Figure 4, the data show strong associations for MRF and SITA-standard
50 and SITA-fast (dashed and solid lines in Figure 4) with the average Coefficient of Accuracy
51 being substantial (0.83) between MRF and SITA-standard and moderate (0.77) between
52 MRF and SITA-fast. This concordance in the average MD statistic is further evidenced in
53 Table 3 where moderate to substantial Coefficients of Accuracy are returned between the
54 MRF MDs and those of the HFA tests. The negative bias (-1.2 to -3.4 dB) present at all time
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1 points in Table 3 indicates that on average the MRF returns marginally smaller MDs than
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12 One important consideration from a clinic context, is how the tests perform between
13 two successive visits for the same patient. For this analysis we compare MRF and SITA
14 outcomes as a difference from baseline and at 6-months for each patient. This comparison
15 is shown as Bland-Altman plots in Figure 6 and the strength of association at retest is listed
16 in Table 4. Figure 6 shows that the corrected MRF values have little bias and a similar level
17 of test-retest repeatability as both the HFA SITA-fast or SITA-standard tests (Table 4).
18 Overall, the concordance in MRF outcomes between baseline and the 6-month visit are
19 almost perfect ($\kappa=0.95$; ICC =0.98, Table 4) and was greater than either version of SITA test
20 ($p<0.05$, Table 4). The average bias for both versions of SITA at retest is significantly
21 removed from zero (SITA-standard: 0.8 dB, SITA-fast: 1.0, $p<0.05$) indicating a small
22 improvement or 'learning effect'. The MRF shows lower variability in its MD at retest, as
23 evident by the 95% LoA in Table 4 (4.0 vs 5.6, SITA-standard, $p=0.19$ and 7.5, SITA-fast,
24 $p=0.04$). These return a better Coefficient of Repeatability for MRF (8.1%) compared with
25 SITA-fast (17.9%, $p=0.001$) or SITA-standard (12.2%, $p=0.02$).
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37 Given that the global MD of the MRF compares well to the equivalent index in both
38 SITA tests, this does not mean that the tests have concordance on a regional or point-wise
39 basis. Figure 5 considers the point-wise retest variability across the three tests as a function
40 of average threshold. These data were pooled and binned across all observers to yield
41 Figure 5, left panel, which shows that variability increases with a decrease in threshold,
42 peaking at about 8 dB for the HFA tests over a threshold range of 10-20 dB. The peak for the
43 MRF was about 10 dB (average 35% greater) over a similar threshold range. Of note, SITA-
44 fast is marginally more variable compared to SITA-standard at intermediate threshold values
45 (14-22 dB) consistent with a similar observation made by Saunders et al¹⁷.
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49 These point-wise findings expose a paradox, in that, how do we reconcile the better
50 global performance of MRF (Table 4) given this 35% greater variability? The answer lies in
51 Figure 5, right panel, which shows that majority of points (~60%) do not change at retest
52 with the MRF (0-3.9 dB standard deviation) compared with 10% for the HFA (both SITA tests
53 were similar). The outcomes in Figure 5 indicate that the 3-step Bayes used by the MRF
54 returns more stable outcomes than either SITA logic, but that when thresholds change, they
55 do so with greater variability. This likely arises from the larger 'steps' used by the 3-step
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10 Given that the point-wise analysis for the MRF shows more stability yet greater
11 variability in outcomes, we consider whether the regional analysis defined in Figure 1 does
12 likewise. Table 5 shows that the MRF returns similar thresholds to the HFA tests in all zones
13 with Coefficient of Accuracy (Ca) ranging from 0.61 to 0.92. Of note, the best Ca's are found
14 in the arcuate/nasal step zones (MRF vs SITA-fast 0.76 to 0.90: MRF vs SITA-standard 0.81 to
15 0.92) which are areas more commonly affected by glaucoma. However, the central zones 1,
16 2 yield moderate Ca's (0.61 to 0.74) which might reflect the lower number of points that the
17 HFA grid has in this region. Indeed, the positive bias in Table 5 indicates that the MRF has
18 lower thresholds (up to 2.7dB) in these locations, implying that its more densely arranged
19 grid might be detecting early macula defects in some glaucoma patients.
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29 **Discussion** 30

31 In this study, we demonstrate that, over a 6-month period, the MRF provides a
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33 that approximates that of the SITA-fast logic. This is despite: the greater number of test
34 spots (with more spots in the macular region), the different test spot locations, the variable
35 size of the spot, the different procedures used to determine threshold and the need for
36 fixation changes during the test. We find the test time of the MRF is some 0.3 min/eye
37 slower than is SITA-fast but approximately 1.6 min/eye faster than SITA-standard when
38 testing is conducted on the 9.7-inch iPad. In a separate and unpublished study, test times
39 were derived from 28 patients for the large screen (12.9-inch) iPad Pro and found a 1.2 ±0.8
40 mins shorter test time than with for the standard 9.7-inch screen version (data not shown).
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42 screen which means tests will be about 1 minute/eye faster than SITA-fast. Faster test times
43 are important where there is limited time and resources available to care for large patient
44 loads and they also facilitate home monitoring by patients.
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50 The corrected MRF MD provides a reliable estimate of HFA MD returned from both
51 the SITA-standard and SITA-fast testing procedures (Figure 4). Moreover, the MRF shows
52 similar or better repeatability (Figures 6) in the MD than do either HFA procedures. We find
53 the coefficient of repeatability (CoR) for MD to be 17.9% for SITA-fast, 12.2% for SITA-
54 standard and 8.1% for MRF. For the MRF, this CoR was similar to the 7.8% reported
55 elsewhere for patients having mild defects [3] and is significantly smaller than the CoR
56 returned for both HFA tests. The retest variability found for the SITA tests in this study is
57 similar to that reported for the Medmont perimeter (11.6%)¹² although past work has
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1 noted that this can increase substantially in areas of scotoma; therefore the CoR value
2 returned for any study will in part, reflect the severity of visual field defects in those
3 patients included in that study. For that reason, we do not believe that the absolute level of
4 variability should be considered in such comparisons but rather the relative level for both
5 HFA tests should be compared to the MRF, as these were obtained from a common cohort
6 of patients tested at the same visit. This comparison indicates that the MRF has about 30-
7 50% less variability in the global index MD than does either HFA test protocol.
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10 In what appears to be a paradox, we find that the quantisation used by the 3-step
11 test strategy leads to greater stability in most test points but larger variability on a point-
12 wise basis when change occurs (Figure 5). This finding implies that the test might be limited
13 in detecting early progression especially in regions having some loss of threshold already
14 (10-22 dB) as it will require a larger change in order to be found by the MRF. This possibility
15 has not been supported by recent simulation which finds frequent retesting (weekly or
16 monthly) will minimise this effect¹¹.
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19 In conclusion, we find that the MRF provides a reliable and repeatable index of visual
20 field defect comparable to that seen with HFA in either SITA-standard or SITA-fast test
21 modes. It does so in about the same time as it takes for a SITA-fast test using a standard
22 iPad (9.7-inch) screen. Together with the portability and relative low cost of tablet devices,
23 tablet-based visual field tests have great potential in the delivery of quality vision care for
24 glaucoma patients in situations where access to standard perimetry machines is difficult (eg.
25 in rural/remote locations, developing countries, indigent outreach, domiciliary service etc.).
26 The fact that the MRF compares well to the HFA for the detection of glaucoma has been
27 confirmed by an independent clinical trial where correlations similar to those found in this
28 manuscript have been reported¹⁸.
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Figure Legends

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Figure 5. Point-wise variability of HFA and MRF over the entire trial in observers who undertook 3 or more retests. **Left panel.** Point-wise standard deviation (dB) plotted against average threshold (dB). Black circles show SITA-fast, grey circles indicate MRF outcomes, and unfilled circles represent SITA-standard. **Right panel.** The relative number of points that return the standard deviation (dB) on the x-axis for both HFA (black bars) and MRF (grey bars) tests.

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Table 1

		Cambridge	India	All
Test Subjects		39	21	60
Age [min-max]		70.1 [37-89]	35.3 [15-59]	57.9 [15-89]
Gender	<i>% Female</i>	51	14	38
Diagnosis	<i>Glaucoma Suspect</i>	6	0	6
	<i>POAG</i>	22	2	24
	<i>JOAG</i>	0	18	18
	<i>OHT</i>	3	0	3
	<i>Other Glaucoma</i>	8	1	9
HFA Protocol	<i>SITA-standard</i>	34	1	35
	<i>SITA-fast</i>	5	20	25
Severity (HFA MD)	<i>Mild (≥ -6 dB)</i>	20	5	25
	<i>Moderate (-6 to -12 dB)</i>	11	9	20
	<i>Severe (< -12 dB)</i>	8	7	15

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Table 2

	Baseline	2-months	4-months	6-months
No. of patients	50 (39, 21)	52 (33, 19)	42 (28,14)	58 (39, 19)
% Compliance	100	87 (85, 90)	70 (72, 67)	97 (100, 90)

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Table 3

SITA-fast vs MRF across all visits, MD comparison					
Zone	Ca	ICC	(95% CI)	Bias, dB	95% LoA, dB
Baseline	0.67	0.71	(0.53, 0.83)	-2.9	-5.5, -0.5
2-months	0.78	0.82	(0.68, 0.89)	-3.4	-4.6, -2.2
4-months	0.81	0.88	(0.78, 0.92)	-3.1	-4.7, -1.5
6-months	0.82	0.87	(0.77, 0.92)	-2.9	-4.5, -1.3

SITA-standard vs MRF across all visit, MD comparison					
Zone	Ca	ICC	(95% CI)	Bias, dB	95% LoA, dB
Baseline	0.79	0.81	(0.67, 0.89)	-2.2	-3.2, -1.3
2-months	0.85	0.88	(0.78, 0.93)	-1.3	-2.1, -0.4
4-months	0.86	0.90	(0.82, 0.94)	-1.2	-2.0, -0.4
6-months	0.83	0.86	(0.74, 0.91)	-1.9	-2.7, -1.1

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Table 4

	Baseline vs 6-monthvisit, MD					
	n	Ca	ICC	(95% CI)	Bias, dB	95% LoA, dB
SITA-fast	18	0.89	0.95	(0.91, 0.97)	1.0*	-2.7, 4.8
SITA-standard	35	0.90	0.93	(0.87, 0.96)	0.8*	-2.0, 3.6
MRF	50	0.95	0.98	(0.96, 0.99)	0.0	-2.0, 2.0

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Table 5

SITA-fast vs MRF mean zone threshold					
Zone	Ca	ICC	(95% CI)	Bias, dB	95% LoA, dB
1	0.61	0.62	(0.40, 0.78)	2.7	1.3, 4.2
2	0.65	0.67	(0.47, 0.81)	1.3	0.2, 2.4
3	0.79	0.82	(0.70, 0.90)	1.0	-0.6, 2.6
4	0.88	0.91	(0.84, 0.95)	0.6	-0.7, 2.0
5	0.90	0.92	(0.86, 0.96)	-0.3	-1.6, 1.1
6	0.76	0.80	(0.66, 0.88)	0.1	-2.0, 2.1
7	0.80	0.83	(0.70, 0.90)	-0.3	-2.0, 1.3
8	0.83	0.86	(0.76, 0.92)	1.3	0.0, 2.5

SITA-standard vs MRF mean zone threshold					
Zone	Ca	ICC	(95% CI)	Bias, dB	95% LoA, dB
1	0.74	0.78	(0.62, 0.87)	0.0	-1.8, 1.8
2	0.67	0.68	(0.48, 0.81)	2.3	1.4, 3.2
3	0.88	0.91	(0.85, 0.95)	0.7	-0.5, 1.9
4	0.92	0.95	(0.92, 0.97)	1.0	0.1, 2.0
5	0.85	0.88	(0.80, 0.93)	-0.7	-2.1, 0.8
6	0.83	0.86	(0.76, 0.92)	-0.1	-1.3, 1.0
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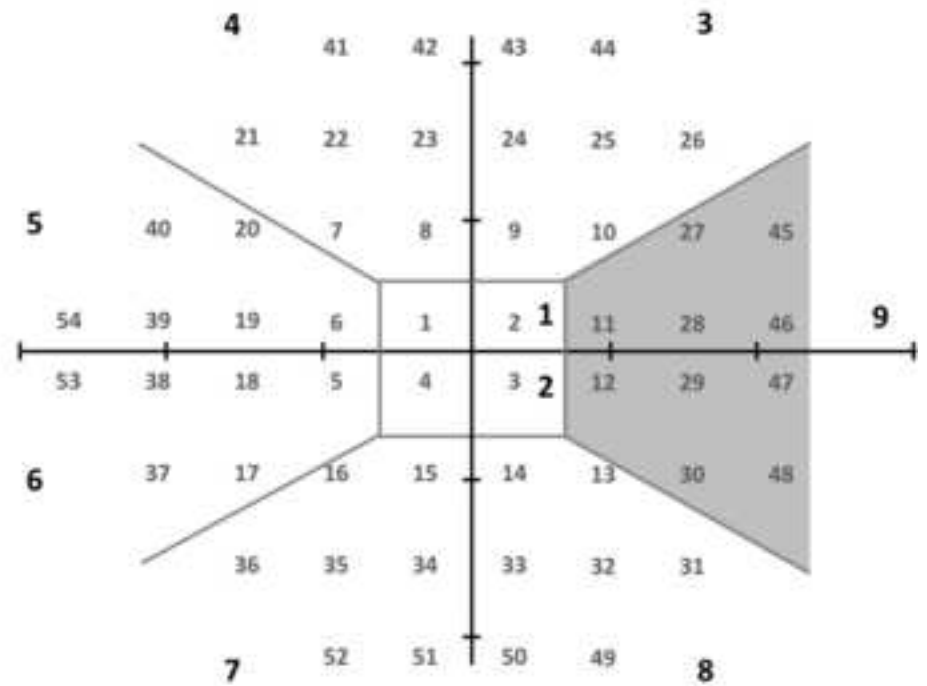
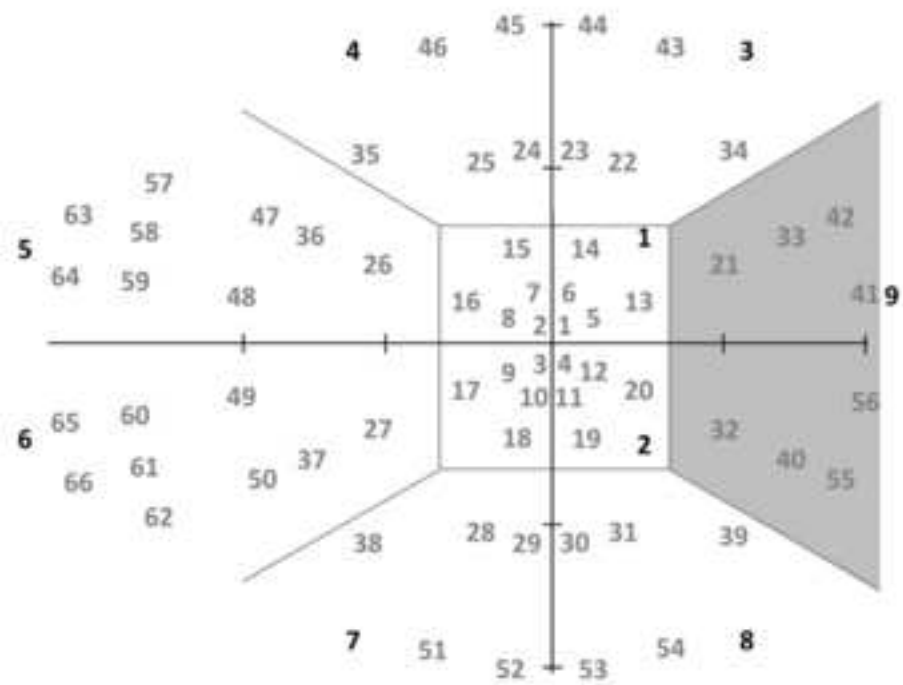


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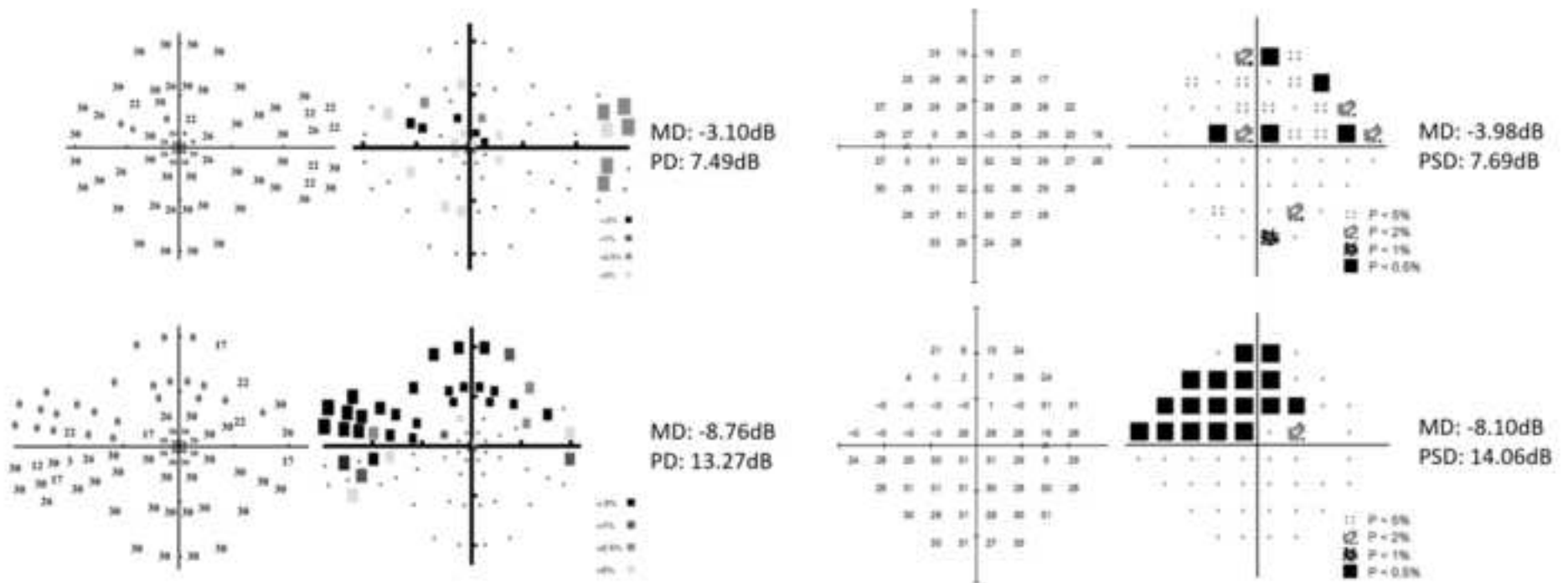


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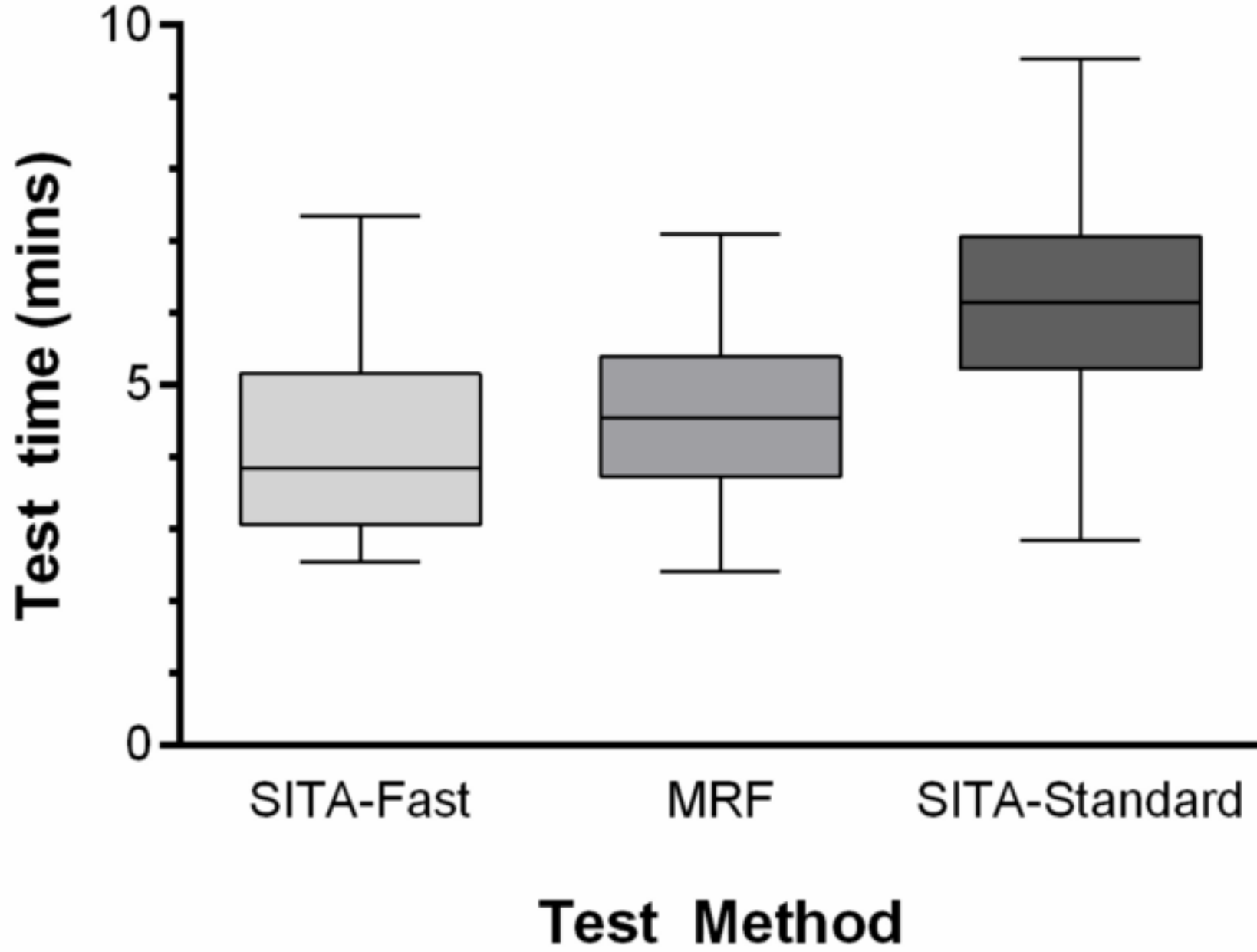


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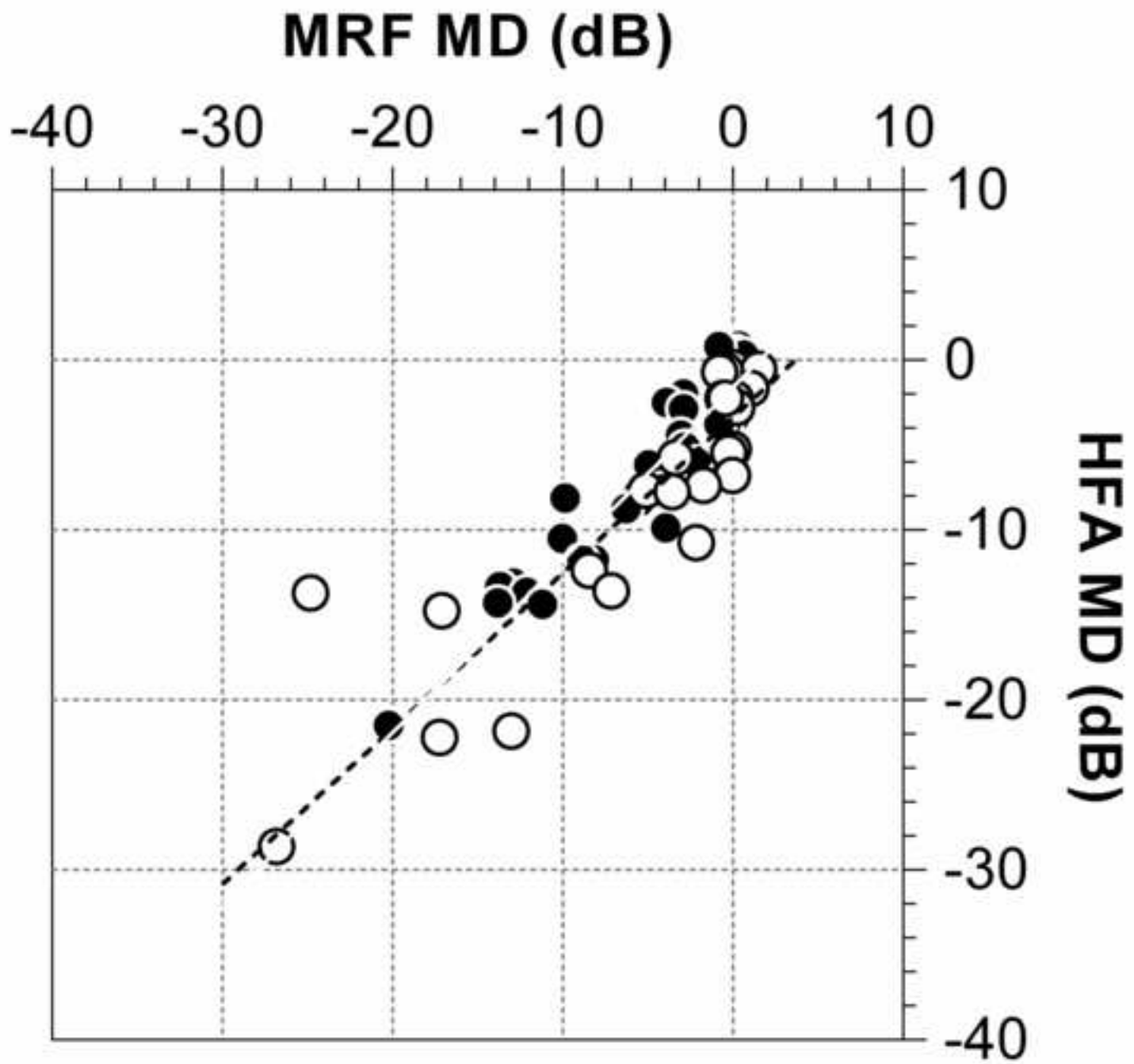


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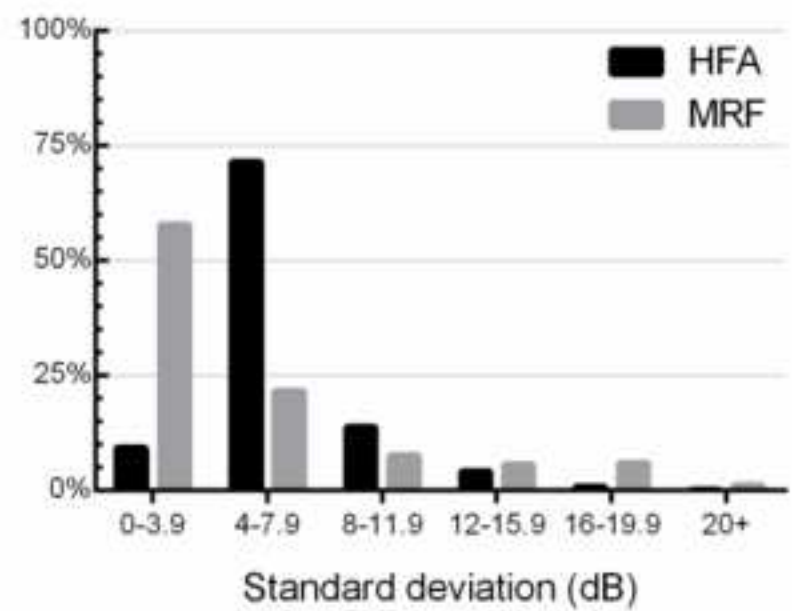
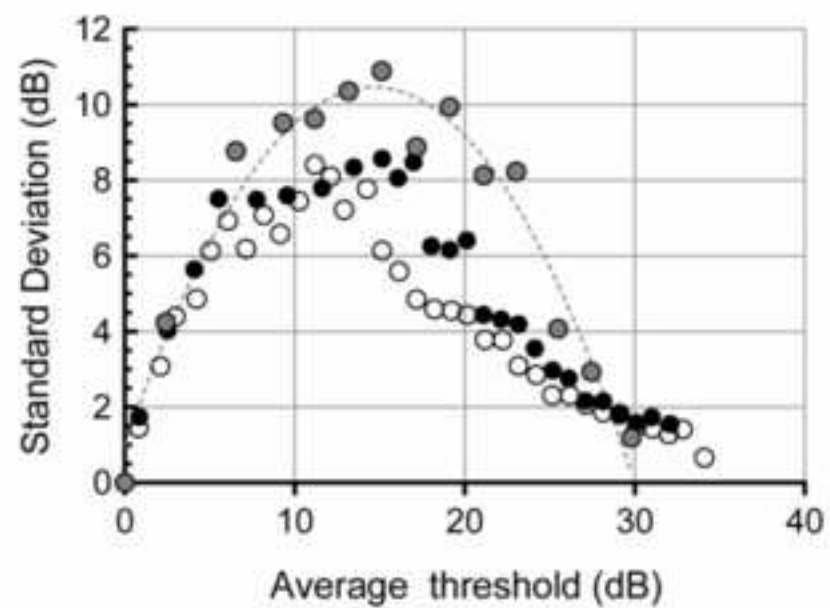
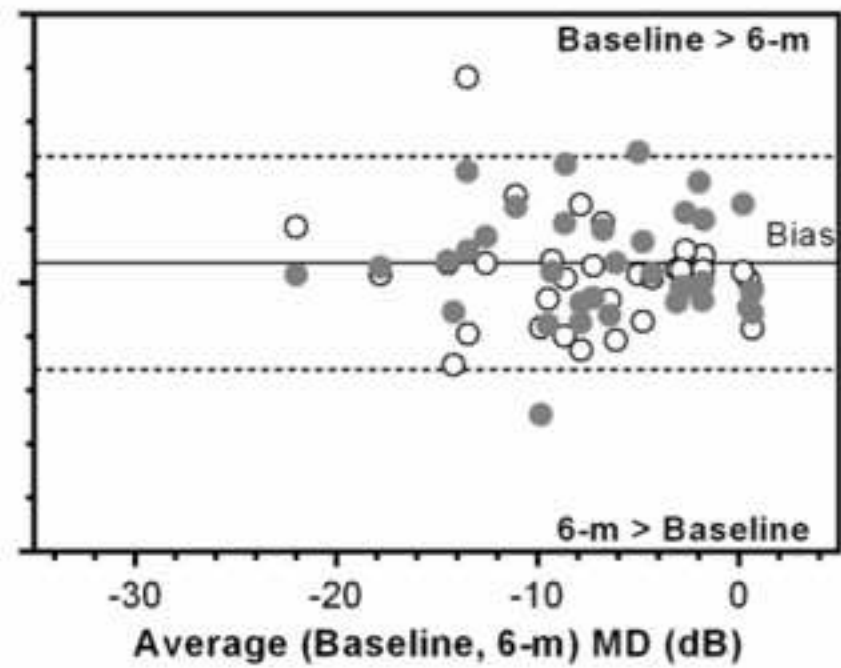
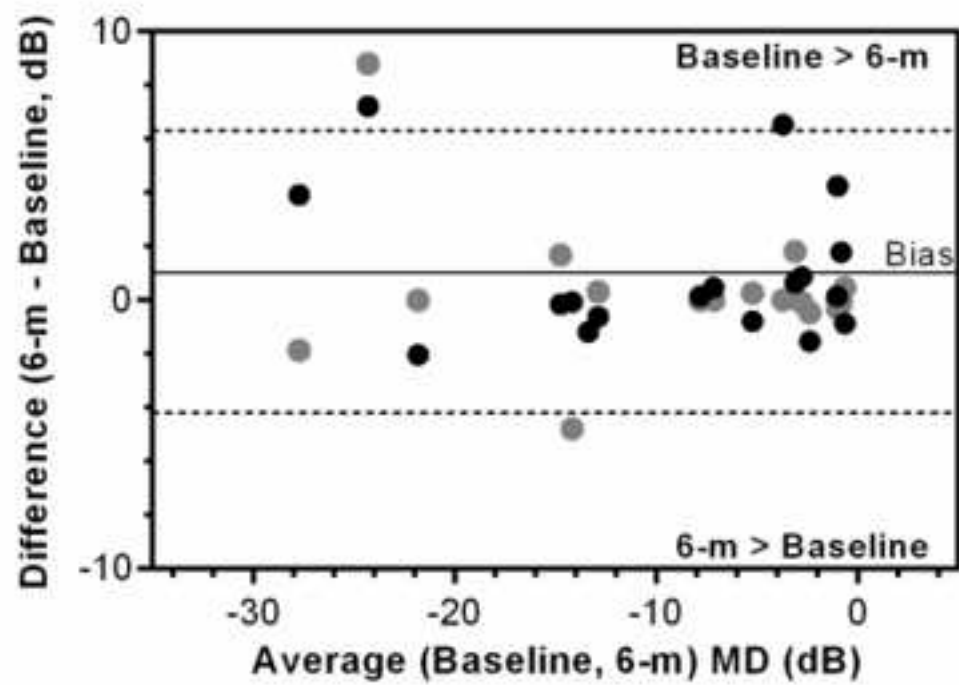
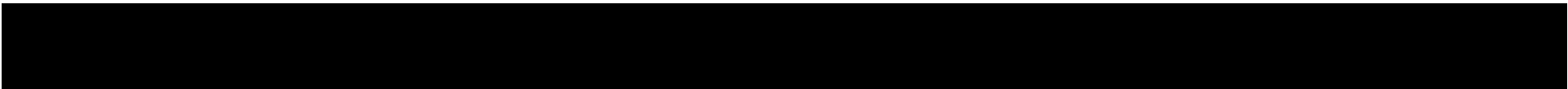


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In this multicentre longitudinal study we establish the medium-term repeatability of an iPad perimetry app Melbourne Rapid Fields (MRF) and compare this to the Humphrey Field Analyzer (HFA) 24-2 SITA-standard and SITA-fast programs. MRF was similar to SITA-fast in test speed. MRF correlated strongly with HFA across 4 visits over a 6-month period and has good test-retest reliability. MRF is suitable for monitoring visual fields in settings where conventional perimetry is not readily accessible.