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Using an open-source tablet perimeter (Eyecatcher) as a rapid triage measure in a glaucoma clinic waiting area.

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Eyecatcher: An open-source tablet perimeter.

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We describe a novel 'triage' perimeter ("Eyecatcher"), which combines low-cost eye-tracking technology with a portable tablet computer. We assess its feasibility as a pragmatic means of identifying the presence or absence of visual field abnormalities.

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Evaluating a portable, hands-free tablet perimeter in a glaucoma clinic waiting area #Eyecatcher @crabblab

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**Background:** Glaucoma services are under unprecedented pressure. The UK Healthcare Safety Investigation Branch recently called for new ways to identify glaucoma patients most at risk of developing sight loss, and of filtering-out false-positive referrals. Here we evaluate the feasibility of one such technology, “Eyecatcher”: a free, tablet-based ‘triage’ perimeter, designed to be used unsupervised directly within clinic waiting areas. It does not require a button or headrest: patients are simply required to look at fixed-luminance dots as they appear.

**Methods:** Seventy-seven people were tested twice using Eyecatcher (one eye only) while waiting for a routine appointment in a UK glaucoma clinic. The sample included individuals with an established diagnosis of glaucoma, and false-positive new referrals (no visual field or optic nerve abnormalities). No attempts were made to control the testing environment. Patients wore their own glasses and received minimal task instructions.

**Results:** Eyecatcher was fast (median: 2.5 mins), produced results in good agreement with standard automated perimetry (SAP), and was rated as more enjoyable, less tiring, and easier to perform than SAP ( $P < 0.001$ ). It exhibited good separation ( $\text{ROC} = 0.97$ ) between eyes with advanced field loss (Mean Deviation  $< -6$  dB) and those within normal limits ( $\text{MD} > -2$  dB). And it was able to flag two thirds of false-positive referrals as functionally normal. However, eight people (10%) failed to complete the test twice, and reasons for this limitation are also discussed.

**Conclusions:** Tablet-based eye-movement perimetry could potentially provide a pragmatic way of triaging busy glaucoma clinics (flagging high-risk patients and possible false-referrals).

**KEY WORDS:** *glaucoma; visual fields; static perimetry; eye-movements; triage*

## 1 1. INTRODUCTION

2 British glaucoma services are under strain from an ageing population and more cautious referral  
3 policies<sup>1</sup>. There is an increasing backlog of appointments<sup>2</sup>, and it is believed that around twenty  
4 patients a month suffer severe avoidable sight loss as a result of appointment delays<sup>3</sup>. A recent report  
5 by the UK Healthcare Safety Investigation Branch (HSIB) found that the lack of timely monitoring is  
6 putting patient safety at risk and recommended “better, smarter ways of working ... to maximise the  
7 current capacity”<sup>4</sup>. The HSIB report highlighted, in particular, the need to develop new ways to: (1)  
8 identify and prioritise patients most at risk of developing sight loss, and (2) filter-out false-positive  
9 referrals (~40% of new referrals, in the UK<sup>5,6</sup> and mainland Europe<sup>7,8</sup>).

10 The great majority of patients likely to experience statutory blindness within their lifetime, already  
11 have marked visual field [VF] loss at first presentation to a glaucoma clinic<sup>9</sup> (i.e., a Mean Deviation  
12 [MD] worse than -6 dB in at least one eye). A healthy VF is also a key indicator that a patient has been  
13 referred in error. A simple VF assessment --- conducted immediately as the patient enters the clinic, or  
14 as they sit in the waiting room --- could therefore be one possible step towards achieving HSIB’s goals  
15 of prioritising high-risk patients and flagging-up likely false-positive referrals.

16 Standard automated perimetry [SAP] is inappropriate for this ‘rapid triage’ role, as it requires  
17 specialist equipment and a trained technician. Thus, it is not unknown for patients to wait several  
18 hours for an SAP exam: a potential bottle-neck in patient flow in itself. Our vision is therefore not to  
19 replace SAP, but to complement it with a simpler ‘triage’ assessment, that is inexpensive, and could  
20 be used directly in glaucoma waiting rooms.

21 A VF triage assessment would not be a like-for-like replacement for SAP. The examination might be  
22 simpler and less detailed: with fewer test locations, and/or fixed-luminance stimuli. Instead, it should  
23 focus on identifying individuals with no measurable visual field loss, and highlighting those individuals  
24 most at risk of developing sight loss within their lifetime (e.g., younger adults with worse than MD -6  
25 dB loss in one eye<sup>9</sup>). Crucially, however, a triage exam must not add to the existing burden faced by  
26 patients and clinicians. In practical terms, this means a test that --- unlike SAP<sup>10</sup> --- is extremely easy to  
27 administer, does not require bulky or expensive equipment, and does not require a trained operator  
28 or dedicated space in which to run.

29 We recently proposed one such test<sup>11</sup>: Eyecatcher, an open-source eye-movement perimeter that  
30 combines the portability of an inexpensive tablet computer<sup>12-18</sup>, with the ease and comfort afforded

31 by modern eye- and head-tracking technologies<sup>19–23</sup>. In brief, the patient sits in front of an ordinary  
32 tablet screen, and is simply asked to look at anything they see appear (a largely reflexive response,  
33 present from birth<sup>24</sup>). Unlike traditional SAP, there is no response button or central fixation target.  
34 Instead, the eye-tracker determines where on the screen to present a given stimulus in order to  
35 stimulate a particular retinal location (i.e., relative to the current point of fixation). The eye-tracker  
36 then analyses eye-movements to determine whether the user saw the stimulus. The use of head-  
37 tracking also removes the need for head restraints, since the size and location of the stimulus is scaled  
38 dynamically to compensate for viewing distance. In short, Eyecatcher removes headrests, fixation  
39 spots and response buttons from perimetry, and as a result delivers a more portable, intuitive, and  
40 comfortable test, and one which can be run autonomously, since, unlike SAP, it does not require an  
41 operator to explain the test or monitor fixation.

42 We have shown previously that Eyecatcher provides VF data concordant with SAP when applied to a  
43 small, self-selecting sample of research participants<sup>12</sup>. Here we examined the feasibility of applying it  
44 in a busy glaucoma clinic; and in particular, whether it can be used as a rapid triage test to identify  
45 high-risk individuals (MD < -6 dB), and false-positive referrals (no visual field or optic nerve  
46 abnormalities).

## 47 2. METHODS

### 48 2.1. Participants

49 Participants were 77 adults, sampled opportunistically from individuals attending routine  
50 appointments at the glaucoma clinic of Royal Surrey County Hospital: A secondary care centre in  
51 south-east England. No attempt was made to select participants, and the only inclusion requirement  
52 was the capacity to provide written informed consent. The cohort included both returning patients  
53 with an established diagnosis, and 11 new referrals (Table I). This study was approved by the NHS  
54 Health Research Authority (IRAS ID: #230440) and was conducted in accordance with the Declaration  
55 of Helsinki.

### 56 2.2. Eyecatcher

57 The version of Eyecatcher (v2.0) used in the present study is an updated version of that described  
58 previously<sup>12</sup>. In brief, participants sat approximately 55 cm in front of a Windows Surface Pro 4 tablet  
59 computer (Microsoft, Redmond, Washington, U.S.), and were asked simply to “look at anything you  
60 see” (Figure 1A). On each trial, an inexpensive (~£100) clip-on eye-tracker (Tobii EyeX; Tobii  
61 Technology, Stockholm, Sweden) was used to position fixed-luminance stimuli relative to the current  
62 estimated point of fixation (no central fixation marker), and to determine whether the participant  
63 looked towards the target (no response button; Figure 1D). Viewing distance was not strictly  
64 controlled, but was monitored in real-time by the eye-tracker, and was used to scale the size and  
65 location of the stimulus as required, prior to each presentation. Patients were not supervised during  
66 testing, although the experimenter typically remained nearby (performing paperwork).

67 Stimuli were Goldmann III targets, 6 dB more intense than the expected threshold of normal adult at  
68 each grid location<sup>25</sup> (NB: this value was not adjusted for patient age, but could be in future). The -6 dB  
69 cutoff was chosen since 90% of patients at risk of statutory blindness within their lifetime have an MD  
70 worse than -6 dB at presentation<sup>9</sup>. For other clinical applications (e.g., case-finding or home  
71 monitoring) a different cutoff may be more appropriate. Additional technical details are given in  
72 [Supplemental Text](#). The complete source code for Eyecatcher is available online at  
73 <https://github.com/petejonze/Eyecatcher>, and is free for non-commercial use.

74 The output from Eyecatcher is a retinotopic map, giving the probability of seeing the target at 22  
75 paracentral locations (Figure 1B), including 11 of the most informative points from the 24-2 grid, as  
76 identified by Wang & Henson (2013)<sup>26</sup>. These 22 values were interpolated to provide a continuous  
77 probability map (Figure 1C), ranging from bright green (‘always seen’) to bright red (‘never seen’, VF

78 loss). A summary measure was computed by mean-averaging the probability-of-seeing values across  
79 the 22 locations. The resultant metric, “Mean Hit Rate”, is a number between 0 and 1 that reflects the  
80 amount of ‘greenness’ in the VF plot. It is potentially comparable to the HFA’s summary measure of VF  
81 loss: mean deviation (MD).

82 [ Figure 1 About Here ]

83 **Figure 1.** Eyecatcher. **(A)** Apparatus and stimuli. The tablet screen measured 26cm x 17.3cm (26.6° x 17.9° when viewed at  
84 55 cm). The eye-tracker is magnetically attached to the base of the tablet. **(B)** Test Grid, in degrees visual angle **(C)** Example  
85 Output. Green areas indicated hits (target looked at). Red areas indicate misses (target not looked at). **(D)** Example test  
86 sequence. On each trial a single fixed-intensity light spot was presented, and the computer determines whether or not an  
87 eye-movement was made towards it. Note that stimuli were presented relative to the current point of fixation, and so  
88 could appear at any screen location throughout the course of the test. See [Supplemental Video S1](#) for example test  
89 sequence.

### 90 2.3. Procedure

91 In each participant, only a single eye was tested. The test eye was randomly selected, and the fellow  
92 eye patched with a cotton swab (monocular viewing). Testing was performed twice consecutively  
93 (same eye), to assess test-retest repeatability. To reflect the fact that Eyecatcher is intended as a rapid  
94 and easy-to-administer assay, no refractive correction was provided. However, patients were asked to  
95 wear their own near-vision spectacles if available.

96 Testing took place in whichever space was available that would not disturb other patients (typically an  
97 office or consulting room adjacent to the main clinic waiting area). Lights were dimmed where  
98 possible, but no attempt was made to maintain a precise light level. No attempt was made to prevent  
99 patients or members of staff walking past during testing, and this occurred regularly.

100 Following the test, participants were given a short usability questionnaire, containing five Likert  
101 statements (e.g., “I found the test easy to perform”). Participants answered each question twice: once  
102 for Eyecatcher, and once for SAP.

103 All testing took part in a single session: generally while the patient waited for SAP or their subsequent  
104 consultation. A minority of individuals had received a mydriatic (tropicamide) by the time they  
105 performed Eyecatcher. However, this was not systematically recorded.

106 As part of their scheduled appointment, all participants underwent a full visual assessment by the  
107 local clinical team, including a monocular SAP assessment (24-2; SITA Fast) using the Humphrey Field  
108 Analyzer (Carl Zeiss Meditec, CA, USA).

### 109 2.4. Analysis

110 Data are described using non-parametric statistics (e.g., medians), with 95% confidence intervals  
111 computed using bootstrapping ( $N = 20,000$ ; bias-corrected and accelerated method).

### 112 3. RESULTS

113 Seventy-seven participants (33 female) were recruited, including 11 new referrals (see Table 1 for  
 114 breakdown). All 11 new referrals were judged by their treating physician to be false-positive referrals,  
 115 with no visual field or optic nerve abnormalities. No individuals were excluded from the study, and  
 116 only one additional individual was approached, but declined to participate in the study. We were  
 117 therefore able to obtain a relatively representative sample of ‘typical’ clinic attendees. Median (IQR)  
 118 age was 70 (59--77) years.

Diagnosis	N Eyes	
	all	new referrals only
Primary Open Angle Glaucoma	44	0
Normal Tension Glaucoma	5	0
Primary Angle Closure (PAC)	2	0
PAC w/ Glaucoma	2	0
Ocular Hypertension (OHT)	7	1
OHT w/ borderline Glaucoma	3	0
Pigmentary Glaucoma	1	0
Other (complex cases)	3	0
Nil abnormal	10	10
<b>Total (all participants)</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>11</b>

119 **Table 1.** Breakdown of diagnoses for the full cohort (N=77, including new referrals), and for the subset of individuals who  
 120 were new referrals to the clinic (N=11).

#### 121 3.1. Completion Rate

122 Sixty-nine patients (90%) completed Eyecatcher twice without difficulty, but 8 did not. One early  
 123 failure was due to a technical error. The remaining 7 failures were due to the eye-tracking hardware  
 124 being unable to track the eye reliably (returning no data, or data that was sporadic and imprecise).  
 125 The cause of these eye-tracking failures could not be conclusively established. However, of these  
 126 seven cases: five may have been due to recent ophthalmic interventions (four had recently undergone  
 127 cataract surgery, one had complex pathology due to radiotherapy for cavernous meningioma). One  
 128 was believed due to dry eyes (a symptom of an oral steroid, taken for a non-ophthalmic condition).  
 129 One eye could not be tracked for reasons unknown: the only distinctive feature was pupil dilation with  
 130 Tropicamide with associated blurred vision, though other dilated eyes were tracked without problem.

#### 131 3.2. Accuracy (concordance with HFA)

132 Figure 2 shows individual data for 22 patients, including all 11 new referrals (Figure 2A), and 11  
 133 randomly-selected follow-up patients with established diagnoses of glaucoma (Figure 2B). By  
 134 inspection, it can be seen that Eyecatcher was often able to localize scotomas with reasonable spatial



135 precision. Note, for example, the nasal step in ID12, and the inferior temporal scotoma in ID22. In  
136 some cases, however, Eyecatcher did appear to underestimate (ID19) or mislocalise (ID17) the loss.  
137 As shown in Figure 3, there was good association (*Spearman Correlation:  $r = 0.78$ ;  $p < 0.001$* ) between  
138 the overall summary measures from Eyecatcher (mean hit rate) and SAP (MD). Crucially, no individuals  
139 with substantial field loss were found to be visually normal by Eyecatcher (Figure 3, upper-left region),  
140 although some individuals with a healthy visual field did score poorly (Figure 3, bottom-right region).

141 [ Figure 2 About Here ]

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143  
144 **Figure 2.** Individual VF assessments for **(A)** all 11 new referrals (none of whom is believed to have glaucoma) and **(B)** 11  
145 randomly-selected follow-up patients (all with established diagnosis of glaucoma). In each case, the HFA greyscale is given  
146 on the left and the two corresponding Eyecatcher heatmaps on the right (Eyecatcher was performed twice). Red markers  
147 highlight regions of the HFA where loss was greater than the magnitude of Eyecatcher stimulus ( $-6$  dB). If concordance  
148 between the two tests was perfect, then red areas in the HFA should appear as red areas on the Eyecatcher heatmap. Note  
149 that new referral ID 9 was non-glaucomatous, but was a cataract patient with a generalized loss of sensitivity across the  
150 visual field (MD =  $-5.6$  dB).

151 [ Figure 3 About Here ]

152 **Figure 3.** Agreement in overall sensitivity between Eyecatcher (Mean Hit-Rate) vs. SAP (HFA Mean Deviation; dB). Each  
153 data-point represents a single test/eye from a single patient. Each patient completed Eyecatcher twice, and the data from  
154 each run is given separately (circles, squares). The solid line shows the line of best fit (polynomial spline fit). Any data  
155 points falling in the top left shaded region would be considered a false-negative result (good performance on Eyecatcher,  
156 despite substantial field loss).

### 157 3.3. Sensitivity and Specificity

158 Eyecatcher demonstrated good separation between eyes with moderate or advanced field loss ( $< -6$   
159 MD;  $N = 24$ ) and those with a VF within normal limits ( $> -2$  dB;  $N = 22$ ), with an area under the receiver  
160 operating characteristic (AUROC) of 0.97 {CI<sub>95</sub>: 0.94, 0.99} (see [Supplemental Figure S1](#)).

161 In terms of identifying unnecessary ('false-positive') new referrals to the clinic, we took a mean hit  
162 rate of 0.7 as an arbitrary cut off point for 'good' performance. Eight of 11 new referrals (all of whom  
163 were judged to be visually normal) scored above 0.7 (Sensitivity: 73%), while 0% of assessments from  
164 eyes with MD  $< -6$  dB scored below 0.7 (Specificity: 100%).

### 165 3.4. Test-retest Reliability

166 Figure 4 shows Eyecatcher's test-retest repeatability. The 95% Coefficient of Repeatability (CoR<sub>95</sub>) for  
167 Mean Hit Rate was 0.19 (19% of the test's dynamic range. Note that Eyecatcher measures the % of  
168 fixed-intensity points seen, rather than luminance detection thresholds). For comparison, in SAP, the  
169 conventional summary metric MD has been shown previously<sup>27</sup> to have a CoR<sub>95</sub> of  $\sim 1.4$  dB ( $\sim 4\%$  of  
170 range) at 0 dB MD, increasing to  $\sim 5.2$  dB ( $\sim 17\%$  of range) at  $-30$  dB MD. Thus, Eyecatcher was less

171 reliable (repeatable) than conventional SAP. There was no indication of systematic learning or fatigue  
172 across the two test runs.

173 [ Figure 4 About Here ]

174 **Figure 4.** Bland-Altman plot, showing test-retest repeatability for Eyecatcher (mean hit rate). Grey shaded regions show 95% confidence  
175 intervals for the mean. Dashed red lines indicate the 95% limits of agreement.

### 176 3.5. Test Duration

177 Median duration {CI<sub>95%</sub>} was 2.5 mins {2.4, 2.7} for Eyecatcher, and 3.5 {3.3, 4.1} mins for SAP (SITA  
178 Fast). This difference was significant (*Pairwise t-test*:  $P \ll 0.001$ ), though note that SAP tested more  
179 locations, and measured thresholds. Also note that these times do not include additional overheads,  
180 such as the time taken to seat/position the participant, explain the test, or apply refractive correction;  
181 all of which were minimal for Eyecatcher, but can be substantial for SAP.

### 182 3.6. Usability

183 Participants rated Eyecatcher more enjoyable, easier to perform, less tiring, and less hard to  
184 concentrate on than SAP (4 *Pairwise t-tests*: all  $P < 0.001$ ). There was no difference in task-  
185 comprehension ( $P = 0.419$ ), which was near ceiling for both tests (see [Supplemental Figure S2](#)). There  
186 were no significant difference in patients' perceptions of Eyecatcher between new referrals and  
187 follow-up patients (5 *between-subject t-tests*: all  $P > 0.05$ ).

**188 4. DISCUSSION**

189 This study considered the feasibility of using a portable, automated, eye-movement perimeter  
190 (Eyecatcher) to perform a rapid assay of VF loss in a real-world clinical setting. In particular, we  
191 examined whether it could be used as a preliminary 'triage test' for clinic waiting areas, to identify  
192 high-risk individuals (eyes with substantial VF loss: MD < -6 dB), and likely false-positive referrals (no  
193 visual field or optic nerve abnormalities).

194 Eyecatcher demonstrated good separation (AUROC = 0.97) between eyes with moderate-to-advanced  
195 VF loss (< -6 dB MD) versus those within normal limits (> -2 dB MD). This is encouraging, as the vast  
196 majority of individuals expected to go blind within their lifetime already exhibit moderate or worse VF  
197 loss at presentation<sup>9</sup>. Eyecatcher might therefore be used to flag up these individuals as 'high risk'. In  
198 terms of false-positive new referrals, 68% were correctly identified as having no substantial VF loss  
199 (MD > -6 dB), while crucially 0% of patients with established VF loss (MD < -6 dB) were incorrectly  
200 flagged as healthy. In practice, this might translate to two thirds of new referrals being granted an  
201 expedited discharge, while the remaining 1-in-3 patients would continue to wait to perform SAP as  
202 before. Taken together, the results suggest that Eyecatcher --- though still in early development ---  
203 exhibits potential promise as a way of prioritising patients, and filtering-out false-positive referrals, as  
204 called for by the HSIB (see *Introduction*).

205 Crucially, Eyecatcher requires minimal clinical resources, being a fully automated, unsupervised  
206 procedure that does not require expensive, specialist equipment or a dedicated testing space (e.g., no  
207 precise control of lighting, with patients wearing their own glasses as available). Patients also  
208 exhibited no difficulties comprehending what to do, despite minimal instructions ("look at anything  
209 you see"). The present data would likely have been cleaner and more impressive if we had used  
210 'research-grade' protocols and equipment. However, such a test would be of little practical value as a  
211 real-world tool. As it was, it is possible to imagine rows of autonomous Eyecatcher-type devices  
212 installed in waiting rooms, or at the entrance to clinic – potentially using the same or similar hardware  
213 as current 'self-service' check-in system.

214 Eyecatcher was fast (~2.5 mins, including eye-tracker calibration), but the HFA (SITA Fast) made  
215 detailed threshold measurements, at more locations, in only ~3.5 mins, and new HFA algorithms may  
216 be even faster than Eyecatcher<sup>28</sup>. The goal was not, however, to create a maximally fast test, but one  
217 that is easy, intuitive, and fast enough to run unsupervised. These 'human factors' were reflected in  
218 the fact that patients rated Eyecatcher easier and less tiring than traditional, button-press perimetry,  
219 and stands in stark contrast to SAP, where a technician must be continuously present to explain the

220 test and monitor performance, and where even well practiced patients can find the test challenging<sup>10</sup>  
221 or confusing.

#### 222 **4.1. Limitations**

223 This study was intended only as an initial feasibility assessment. It should not be taken as a formal  
224 evaluation of diagnostic accuracy, which would require a standardized protocol<sup>29</sup>, and a much larger,  
225 multi-centre, prospective sample. A more comprehensive evaluation would also consider economic  
226 utility, and might examine test performance with different target intensities (fixed here at -6 dB). A  
227 smaller value might, for example, be beneficial if attempting to detect very early signs of glaucoma.

228 Regarding Eyecatcher itself, the test is limited in three main ways. First, several patients (9%) could not  
229 complete the test due to the hardware being unable to track their eyes reliably. In five cases the  
230 difficulties were likely caused by recent ophthalmic interventions (e.g., cataract surgery). Such patients  
231 will be 'in the system' already and are not the sorts of 'new referrals' that a rapid triage test such as  
232 Eyecatcher would be primarily targeted at. In the other two cases, however, the cause of the problem  
233 was either unknown ( $N=1$ ), or appeared to be due to a side effect of a common medication (dry eyes;  
234  $N=1$ ). These failures are concerning, but it is hoped that reliability of low-cost eye-tracking  
235 technologies will improve in time. In the meantime, such individuals could simply continue to perform  
236 SAP (as they do currently), or could perform a button-press version of Eyecatcher (see [Supplemental](#)  
237 [Text](#)).

238 Second, since Eyecatcher requires an eye-movement response, it is unable to test central vision (e.g.,  
239 the most central point was  $\pm 3^\circ$  horizontal,  $\pm 6^\circ$  vertical). This is unfortunate, since central vision is  
240 increasingly thought to be affected in early glaucoma<sup>30</sup>. More precise eye-tracking, or an alternative  
241 response measure, would be required if wanting to assess more central VF locations in future.

242 Third, when it came to identifying false-positive referrals, Eyecatcher exhibited high specificity  
243 (identifying 100% of eyes with MD < -6 dB), but limited sensitivity (only 68% of false-positive referrals  
244 were correctly identified as having no measurable field loss). This asymmetry was by design. In triage,  
245 the cost of misidentifying a diseased eye as healthy (whereafter a new patient might be wrongly  
246 discharged) is far greater than the cost of misidentifying a healthy eye as diseased (whereafter the  
247 patient would simply continue to wait for a more detailed assessment). Eyecatcher therefore required  
248 multiple negative responses to register a location as 'missed', while a single positive response was  
249 sufficient to classify a location as 'seen' (see [Supplemental Text](#)). Sensitivity might be improved  
250 through improved test design or longer test durations. However, the practical corollary is that the

251 Eyecatcher, as it is currently, shows promise as a triage measure, but would make for a poor general  
252 screening device (i.e., where both high sensitivity and specificity are required).

#### 253 **4.2. Further Possible Applications & Future Work**

254 Eyecatcher was intended as a rapid triage measure for use in clinics. Given its portability and ease of  
255 use, however, Eyecatcher might also be useful in situations that require testing outside of traditional  
256 eye clinics (e.g., home-monitoring, domiciliary services, or case-finding in developing rural  
257 communities), or for performing VF assessments in individuals with limited physical or cognitive  
258 abilities (e.g., infants or stroke patients). For people interested in adapting or developing Eyecatcher  
259 further, we have made all of the source code freely available online (see *Methods*).

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