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Prevalence of Glaucoma in an Urban West African Population: The Tema Eye Survey

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Abstract

Importance—Multiple studies have found an increased prevalence, younger age at onset, and more severe course of glaucoma in people of African descent, but these findings are based on studies conducted outside Africa.

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Objective—To determine the prevalence of glaucoma in an urban West African population of adults.

Design and Setting—A population-based, cross-sectional study of adults 40 years and older conducted from September 1, 2006, through December 31, 2008, from 5 communities in Tema, Ghana.

Participants—Participants from randomly selected clusters underwent a screening examination that consisted of visual acuity, frequency doubling perimetry, applanation tonometry, and optic disc photography. Participants who failed any of these tests were referred for complete examination, including gonioscopy, standard automated perimetry, and stereoscopic optic disc photography.

Results—A total of 6806 eligible participants were identified, and 5603 (82.3%) were enrolled in the study. The field examination referred 1869 participants (33.3%) to the clinic examination, and 1538 (82.2%) came for complete examination. A total of 362 participants were identified as having glaucoma of any type and category. Primary open-angle glaucoma was the underlying diagnosis in 342 participants (94.5%). The prevalence of primary open-angle glaucoma was 6.8% overall, increasing from 3.7% among those 40 to 49 years old to 14.6% among those 80 years and older, and was higher in men than in women in all age groups, with an overall male-female prevalence ratio of 1.5. Of the participants with glaucoma, 9 (2.5%) were blind using World Health Organization criteria, and only 12 (3.3%) were aware that they had glaucoma.

Conclusions and Relevance—The prevalence of glaucoma is higher in this urban West African population than in previous studies of people of East or South African and of non-African descent. Strategies to identify affected persons and effectively manage the burden of glaucoma are needed in West Africa.

Glaucoma is the second most common cause of blindness and the most common cause of irreversible blindness world-wide.¹ An estimated 5.9 million people will be bilaterally blind from open-angle glaucoma by 2020.² The burden of blindness from glaucoma, specifically primary open-angle glaucoma (POAG), disproportionately affects people of African descent.¹ Multiple studies have found an increased prevalence,^{3–5} younger age at onset,^{3,6–8} and more severe course^{7,9–12} of glaucoma in people of African descent, but these findings are based on studies conducted outside Africa. As sub-Saharan Africa progresses through the demographic transition from low mean life expectancy and high birth rates to higher life expectancy and lower birth rates,¹³ age-related eye diseases, such as glaucoma, will substantially increase this burden.

Several population studies of glaucoma have been performed in West Africa,^{14–17} but none has used current methods and established glaucoma case definitions.¹⁸ There have been 3 well-conducted glaucoma surveys performed in sub-Saharan Africa¹⁹ that were randomly sampled, were population based, and had case definitions that did not include elevated intraocular pressure (IOP)¹⁸: 1 in Kongwa, Tanzania, East Africa²⁰ and 2 in South Africa.^{21,22} However, these studies yielded lower prevalences of glaucoma than those found in studies of people of African descent conducted in North America,^{3–5} possibly because of the genetic heterogeneity of groups of people of African descent and the fact that most African Americans and Afro-Caribbeans are descendants of West and not East or Southern

Africa. Given the considerable genetic heterogeneity in sub-Saharan African people,^{23–25} it is unlikely that existing studies from East and South Africa are generalizable to all sub-Saharan African populations, such as West Africa.²¹ In addition, several authors have highlighted the need for additional studies of the prevalence and causes of blindness and visual impairment in Africa.^{1,2} The objective of this portion of the Tema Eye Survey was to determine the age- and sex-specific prevalence of glaucoma in an urban West African population.

METHODS

STUDY DESIGN

The Tema Eye Survey is a cross-sectional, population-based study of 5603 individuals 40 years and older residing in 37 randomly selected clusters in 5 communities in Tema, Ghana. Details of the study design and population have been previously reported.²⁶ Participants were paid the equivalent of US \$2 for their participation in field examinations and the equivalent of US \$5 for their participation in clinic examinations and ancillary testing. If participants were asked to repeat clinic examinations or ancillary testing, an additional US \$5 was provided. The study was conducted from September 1, 2006, through December 31, 2008.

FIELD EXAMINATION

After written informed consent was obtained, a demographic and health interview was performed. Participants had their presenting visual acuity checked using the reduced logMAR tumbling E chart²⁷ at 4 m and then 1 m, if necessary. Screening frequency doubling perimetry (Humphrey FDT; Carl Zeiss Meditec), portable applanation IOP (Tonopen XL; Reichert Ophthalmic Instruments), central corneal thickness by ultrasonic pachymetry (Pachmate DGH55; DGH), and dilated optic disc and macular photographs using a handheld digital fundus camera (Genesis-D; Kowa Company, Ltd) were then performed.²⁶

Frequency doubling perimetry was conducted on both eyes of each participant using the Screening C-20-5 program. If the participant had more than one false-positive or false-negative response, the test was stopped and restarted until there was one or fewer false-positive or false-negative responses on the entire test. If the participant was unable to perform the test with one or fewer false responses in either eye, he or she was referred to the clinic for formal visual field testing and examination. A positive frequency doubling perimetry result was deemed to be more than one abnormal spot ($P < .05$). If the participant tested positive, the test was repeated in that eye. If a participant had 2 positive test results in either eye, he or she was referred to the clinic for repeat frequency doubling perimetry testing and possible standard automated perimetry and ocular examination.

If occludable anterior chamber angles were excluded,²⁸ pupils were dilated using tropicamide, 1.0%, and phenylephrine, 2.5%. The Kowa Genesis-D camera was used to obtain digital photographs of the optic disc and macula.²⁶ These images were read by the Moorfields Eye Hospital Reading Center. Early in the study, anyone with a vertical or

horizontal cup-disc ratio (CDR) greater than 0.6, as read by the reading center, was contacted and given an appointment to come to the clinic for complete evaluation. However, because this criterion alone produced a high rate of false-positive results, the cutoff for referral was changed to a CDR greater than 0.725 part way through the study. This decision was supported by known statistically normal upper limits for CDRs in other African glaucoma prevalence studies that reliably determined CDRs^{18,20-22} and results from the current study indicating that a vertical CDR (VCDR) of 0.725 represented the 97.5th percentile cutoff in this population.

The VCDR was calculated from the Moorfields Eye Hospital Reading Center's determination of the VCDR from photographs. Some participants had photographs taken in the field and the clinic. From this subset, we calculated a regression equation. For those patients who had clinic photographs and no field photographs, we used this equation to convert clinic photographic VCDRs to the same scale as the field photographs. We then combined these estimated VCDRs with the measured ones to determine the distribution of VCDRs. The VCDR was calculated as the mean of the right and left eyes. A VCDR greater than 0.725 was considered in the highest 2.5th percentile; a VCDR greater than or equal to 0.85 was considered in the highest 0.5th percentile.

CLINIC EXAMINATION

All participants who failed the visual acuity or frequency doubling technology (FDT) tests, had a mean IOP greater than 20 mm Hg, or had a VCDR greater than 0.725 on optic disc photographs were told they might have an eye problem and given a card with an appointment date and time at the Tema Christian Eye Center for complete evaluation. Free transportation was provided to and from the clinic examination. Manifest refraction was obtained by an optometrist, and visual acuity was rechecked with the tumbling E chart with manifest refraction in a trial frame. Automated static perimetry was performed using the Humphrey Visual Field Analyzer 2 with the 24-2 Swedish Interactive Threshold Fast Algorithm using the individual's best correction with age-appropriate presbyopic correction. Clinic staff members were trained to perform visual field testing by an experienced and certified ophthalmic technician.

A complete eye examination, including gonioscopy and dilated fundus examination, was performed by a US- or UK-trained ophthalmologist (D.L.B., K.B., J.W.d.V., W.N., L.H., G.H.-S.). Participants who failed only the FDT test in the field were given the opportunity to retake this test on presentation to the clinic and opt out of complete evaluation if the FDT test result was normal. After dilation and examination, stereoscopic photographs of the optic disc and macula were taken with the Nidek 3Dx camera (Nidek, Inc). Images from the Humphrey Visual Field Analyzer 2 and Nidek camera were uploaded to the visual field and photography website and read by a glaucoma subspecialist (J.W.d.V.) and the Moorfields Eye Hospital Reading Center, respectively.

DEFINITION AND CLASSIFICATION OF GLAUCOMA

The definition of glaucoma by Foster et al,¹⁸ summarized in Table 1, was used in this study. The upper cutoffs (>97.5th and 99.5th percentiles) for VCDR in African eyes were greater

than 0.725 and greater than 0.85, respectively, based on a calculation of the current population's distribution of the VCDR. The cause of the glaucoma was determined by the investigator after complete examination and gonioscopy according to the classification published by Foster et al.¹⁸

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

For determination of the highest 99.5th percentile IOP, the mean IOP in the right and left eyes was used. The IOP distribution determined that the highest 99.5th percentile was represented by an IOP of greater than or equal to 34 mm Hg.

Prevalence rates were calculated using 3 methods. In the first, those who met the definition of POAG constituted the numerator and those who received a field examination (n = 5603) served as the denominator. The observed age- and sex-specific prevalences of POAG were calculated by dividing the number of participants with POAG in a specific age and sex group by the number of individuals who participated in the field examination in that age and sex group. The second method adjusted for non-participation in the clinic examination by applying the rate of disease among those who presented for the clinic examination to those who did not. This method assumed that the rate of disease was the same for those who received and did not receive the clinic examination within each age and sex stratum. The third approach adjusted for nonparticipation in the field examination by applying the age- and sex-specific rates based on the aforementioned second method to the total number of eligible participants (n = 6806).

The CIs of the prevalence estimates were calculated using the exact binomial distribution. The CIs of the adjusted prevalence estimates were calculated using the direct adjustment, weighted mean method.²⁹

To compare with other epidemiological surveys of glaucoma, prevalence rates for the current and other relevant studies were adjusted for age and sex using the population structure of Barbados in 1990, which was 92.5% black and 2.4% mixed.³⁰ Data for blacks in the Baltimore Eye Survey were obtained for the calculations (David S. Friedman, MD, PhD, and J.M.T., written communication, June 23, 2011). Otherwise, previously reported adjusted prevalence rates for East Africa and rural and urban South Africa³¹ were recorded.

In this study, the male-female ratios of the prevalences, both observed and adjusted for nonparticipation in field and clinic examination, were calculated. The male-female ratio of glaucoma prevalence was adjusted also for age and sex to the population structure of Ghana in 2006.³² To compare with other epidemiological surveys of glaucoma, where data were available for such calculations, the male-female ratios of glaucoma prevalence of other surveys were adjusted to the local population structure at the time the surveys were conducted. Otherwise, the adjustments or conclusions regarding male-female ratios reported by the surveys' authors were recorded.

RESULTS

There were a total of 230 clusters available for sampling, 37 of which were randomly chosen for inclusion. The house-to-house census enumerated 6806 eligible individuals in these clusters, of whom 5603 (82.3%) came for the field examination. The field examination identified 1869 individuals (33.3%) who failed one or more screening examinations. Of these, 1538 (82.2%) came to the clinic for definitive examination by an ophthalmologist.

The mean (SD) age of the participants was 52.7 (10.9) years (range, 40–115 years). There were 3379 women (60.3%) and 2224 men (39.7%). A reasonable representative sample of the Ghanaian population was obtained despite running the study in one location.²⁶ Although 29.3% of individuals were from the Greater Accra region, 70.7% were born elsewhere in Ghana; 7.7% were from outside Ghana, from nearby Mali (n = 40), Togo (n = 37), Nigeria (n = 14), and Côte d'Ivoire (n = 13). Two thousand eighteen individuals (37.8%) stated that they had a history of an eye examination before the study.

There were 362 individuals identified as having any type of glaucoma, almost all by category 1 criteria (optic disc and visual field abnormality consistent with glaucoma, Table 2), for a prevalence of 6.5% (95% CI, 5.8%–7.1%). The underlying diagnosis was POAG in 342 participants (94.5%), followed by primary-angle closure glaucoma in 9 (2.5%), glaucoma secondary to trauma in 7 (1.9%), and other secondary glaucomas in 4 (1.1%). Only 12 of the 362 individuals (3.3%) with glaucoma were aware that they had it before the study, one of whom denied having it but was taking glaucoma medications. Fifty-two individuals with glaucoma (14.4%) were considered visually impaired from glaucoma (best-corrected visual acuity <20/40 but 20/400 in the better-seeing eye). Nine individuals (2.5%) with glaucoma had best-corrected visual acuity less than 20/400 in the better-seeing eye and were classified as blind by World Health Organization criteria.

The prevalence of POAG increased with increasing age, from 3.7% among those aged 40 to 49 years to 14.6% among those 80 years and older (Table 3). Adjustment for nonparticipation in the clinic examination accounted for an 11% increase (6.8% vs 6.1%) in the estimated overall prevalence of POAG (Table 3). Further adjustment for nonparticipation in the field examination accounted for a 13% increase (6.9% vs 6.1%) in the estimated overall prevalence of POAG (data not shown). The prevalence of POAG was higher in men than in women in all age groups (Table 3). The greater prevalence of POAG in men persisted even after adjustment for differential rates of nonparticipation in the clinic (Table 3) and field (data not shown) examinations and after adjustment for the population structure of Ghana, with an adjusted ratio of 1.5 overall.

COMMENT

As Ghana and other sub-Saharan countries move through the epidemiological transition, chronic eye diseases in elderly populations will increase the burden of blindness in this region. The prevalence of POAG in our urban West African population increased from 3.7% among those aged 40 to 49 years to 14.6% at 80 years or older. Given the aging population of Ghana and other West African countries and considering the early age at onset and aggressive course in this population, blindness from undiagnosed and untreated glaucoma

will be a significant problem in the aging population in the future. Some of the strengths of the current glaucoma survey are that it measured central corneal thickness, used automated perimetry in the field and clinic, used masked reading centers for evaluation of digitally produced visual fields and optic disc photographs, and did not require elevated IOP for the diagnosis of glaucoma.

A comparison of different population prevalence studies is difficult because of the differences in sampling methods, sample sizes, definitions of glaucoma, type of examiners, diagnostic tools, local population structures at the times the studies were conducted, age and sex variations in field and clinic examination participation rates, and reporting of observed vs age- and/or sex-adjusted prevalence. Table 4 and Table 5 compare the observed age-specific prevalence of POAG in the Tema Eye Survey with similar population-based surveys of high quality¹⁹ conducted in other African (South and East) and African-derived (North American) peoples. The current study suggests a higher prevalence and younger age at onset of glaucoma compared with studies of people residing in the United States and in South or East Africa and more similar to studies of people of African descent residing in the Caribbean. The age-specific and adjusted prevalences of POAG (and their 95% CIs) for the studies summarized in Table 4 and Table 5 suggest that POAG has the earliest age of onset in Ghana and St Lucia, the steepest increase with age in Barbados, and the highest adjusted total prevalence in Ghana and the Caribbean, followed by Baltimore and East and South Africa. These findings support the hypothesis that POAG is more prevalent and occurs at a younger age in populations of West African descent. Comparison of the prevalences of POAG, adjusted for age and sex to a standard population, in survey samples of different ethnicities suggests that glaucoma prevalence is highest in Ghanaians and Afro-Caribbeans and lowest in European-derived populations, with that of Latinos or Hispanics, African Americans, Japanese, East and South Africans, Chinese, Malay, and Indian Asians between the 2 extremes (Table 5 and eTable 1; <http://www.jamaophth.com>).^{33–47}

The high prevalence of POAG in West African–derived peoples may be related to a genetic causal variant.^{48–50} Ghanaians have a striking genetic homogeneity,^{51–54} whereas most East and many South Africans have greater genetic heterogeneity.^{55,56} Afro-Caribbeans and African Americans are primarily of West African origin. Their percentage of West African genetic composition depends on the intermingling of their ancestors with individuals of European, Native American, and Asian or other African ancestry. The higher prevalence of POAG in Afro-Caribbeans than in African Americans might be related to a higher West African genetic admixture.^{57,58} Environmental factors, gene-gene and gene-environment interactions, epigenetics, natural selection, and genetic drift also may play a role.^{25,59,60} Primary open-angle glaucoma is a complex disease both mechanistically and genetically.^{61–63} Environmental factors could influence the phenotypic expression of POAG as they do other complex genetic diseases, such as hypertension and diabetes mellitus, that are more prevalent among West African–derived peoples.⁶⁴ Latitude, sun exposure, vitamin D metabolism, diet, exercise, and other environmental differences could alter the risk of POAG in those exposed and in subsequent generations.^{61–63,65,66}

In the current study, the prevalence of POAG was higher in men than in women in all age groups before and after adjustment for nonparticipation in the field and clinic examinations.

Women were 60.3% of the current study's total sample compared with 51.8% of Ghana's population 40 years and older in 2006.³² The prevalence of POAG remained higher in men even after adjustment for the population structure of Ghana by age and sex in 2006, with a ratio of 1.5. Several previous studies^{5,34,35,39,43} have reported a higher prevalence of glaucoma in men than in women in individuals of African, European, Indian Asian, and Asian heritage, with male-female ratios of 1.2 to 1.8, whereas others,^{3,4,38,41,46,47} including one of Latino ethnicity, have demonstrated a ratio closer to 1 (eTable 2). In the Barbados Eye Study, the prevalence of POAG was higher in men than in women in all age categories, with an age-adjusted prevalence ratio of 1.4.⁵ In the Baltimore Eye Survey, the prevalence of POAG was slightly higher overall in black males than in black females, but this finding was not consistent across all age categories and was not significant when adjusted for the population structure of blacks in the United States in 1988.³ The South African urban and rural surveys found a higher age-adjusted prevalence of all glaucomas in men than in women but the prevalence of POAG failed to reach statistical significance.^{21,22} In the St Lucia study,⁴ no difference was found in POAG prevalence by sex. Study results could vary because of differences in sample sizes, diagnostic criteria, population structures, or participation rates by age and sex. Survey results also could vary because of sample population differences in hormonal, reproductive, or dietary factors; body mass index; or other environmental, genetic, or epigenetic factors.⁶⁷⁻⁷³ The preponderance of evidence suggests that the prevalence of POAG is greater in men than in women.⁷⁴

Most glaucoma identified in this survey was POAG (94.5%). Only 2.5% of participants with glaucoma had closed angle as the cause. In a clinic-based survey in Accra, Ghana, Herndon and associates⁷⁵ found that POAG represented approximately 70% (44% confirmed and 30% suspected) and primary angle closure represented 6.6% of glaucoma cases. Interestingly, even with a comprehensive examination, 12.7% of the people had glaucoma of indeterminate subtype. Selected populations in South Africa (Bantu/Zulu) have demonstrated a surprisingly high prevalence of pseudoexfoliation glaucoma⁷⁶; we observed no such cases. A recent study in people of African descent, including participants in the current study, had a low frequency of variants of the *LOXLI* gene⁷⁷ known to be associated with pseudoexfoliation syndrome.⁷⁸ These differences in causes of glaucoma support the hypothesis that the West African population is phenotypically and genetically distinct from the southern African population with regard to glaucoma.

The current study found that 96.7% of participants diagnosed as having glaucoma were unaware they had the disease before our examination. A nonrandomly collected survey of 1843 Ghanaians 30 years and older found a similar result.¹⁷ In developing regions in Africa and South Asia, the percentage of undiagnosed glaucoma in the population studied has been reported to be greater than 90%^{17,20-22,39-41} compared with studies in developed countries, which reveal the rate of undiagnosed glaucoma to be approximately 50% to 75%.^{3-5,33-38} It is unclear whether this is related to differences in methods for identifying glaucoma or overall access to eye care professionals in developing vs developed countries or to improved efforts to screen high-risk populations in the developing world. The current study suggests that glaucoma screening may be particularly beneficial in developing countries, although its cost-effectiveness needs to be assessed in these settings.⁷⁹

We acknowledge that there are several limitations with the current study, which are discussed in greater detail in a previous publication.²⁶ First, a nationwide survey might have provided better estimates of the prevalence of glaucoma in Ghana. This was not feasible for budgetary and logistical reasons.²⁶ The study population was ethnically diverse in that most of the participants were born in regions outside the Tema district study area. We recognize, however, that the results may not be generalizable to the rest of Ghana or all of West Africa. Second, the percentage of female participants in our study (60.3%) was higher than for the Ghana population 40 years and older (51.8%) in 2006.³² One reason for this is that more women are available during weekdays to participate, particularly in developing countries where fewer women work outside the home. A third practical limitation of the current study is that participants were examined by 7 different ophthalmologists rather than by the same ophthalmologist. Most of the investigators were glaucoma subspecialists with many years of experience diagnosing anterior segment, optic nerve, and retinal diseases. More important, the diagnosis of glaucoma was based solely on visual fields read by a masked glaucoma specialist (J.W.d.V.) and fundus photographs read by masked readers at a reading center. Thus, we do not believe this to be a significant limitation.

In summary, the current study demonstrates a high prevalence of POAG in an urban West African setting. The high prevalence of glaucoma is similar to that found in Caribbean populations of African descent, possibly because they are more similar genetically than to people in East and South Africa. There was a higher prevalence in men than in women in all age groups.

Supplementary Material

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Table 1

Glaucoma Definitions Used in the Tema Eye Survey

Category	Definition ¹⁸
1	VCDR >97.5th percentile for healthy population and a definite visual field defect consistent with glaucoma and no other explanation for VCDR or visual field findings Neuroretinal rim width reduced to a CDR 0.1 (between the 11 to 1 o'clock and 5 to 7 o'clock positions) AND a definite visual field defect consistent with glaucoma AND no other explanation for CDR or visual field findings Asymmetry of VCDR between eyes >97.5th percentile AND a definite visual field defect consistent with glaucoma AND no other explanation for VCDR or visual field findings
2	VCDR >99.5% for healthy population AND no other explanation for VCDR findings Asymmetry of VCDR >99.5% for healthy population and no other explanation for asymmetry of VCDR findings
3	Visual acuity <20/400 and IOP >99.5th percentile for normal population Visual acuity <20/400 and evidence of previous glaucoma filtering surgery or medical record confirmation of glaucomatous visual morbidity

Abbreviation: CDR, cup-disc ratio; IOP, intraocular pressure; VCDR, vertical cup-disc ratio.

Table 2Prevalence of Glaucoma in the Tema Eye Survey^a

Category	Definition ¹⁸	No. of Participants (n = 5603)	Prevalence, % (95% CI)
1	VF plus optic disc changes	316	5.6 (5.1–6.3)
2	Advanced optic disc damage with unproved VF loss	23	0.4 (0.3–0.6)
3	Blind with IOP >35 mm Hg but optic disc not seen and VF impossible	23	0.4 (0.3–0.6)
Total		362	6.5 (5.8–7.1)

Abbreviations: IOP, intraocular pressure; VF, visual field.

^a All glaucoma diagnoses.

Table 3

Age- and Gender-Specific Prevalence of Open-angle Glaucoma

Age, y	No./No.	Female		Male		Both	
		Prevalence/100, % (95% CI)	Adjusted ^a	No./No.	Observed	Prevalence/100, % (95% CI)	Adjusted ^{a,b}
40-49	48/1663	2.9 (2.1-3.8)	3.1 (2.3-4.0)	40/943	4.2 (3.0-5.7)	4.6 (3.2-5.9)	3.7 (3.0-4.4)
50-59	45/939	4.8 (3.5-6.4)	5.4 (4.0-6.8)	45/648	6.9 (5.1-9.2)	7.7 (5.7-9.7)	6.3 (5.2-7.5)
60-69	40/459	8.7 (6.3-11.7)	10.0 (7.4-12.7)	53/405	13.1 (10.0-16.8)	14.6 (11.2-17.9)	12.2 (10.1-14.3)
70-79	21/210	10.0 (6.3-14.9)	11.5 (7.3-15.7)	30/186	16.1 (11.2-22.2)	17.8 (12.4-23.2)	14.6 (11.2-17.9)
80	12/108	11.1 (5.9-18.6)	12.3 (6.3-18.4)	8/42	19.0 (8.6-34.1)	20.1 (8.1-32.1)	14.6 (9.0-20.1)
Total	166/3379	4.9 (4.2-5.7)	5.5 (4.8-6.3)	176/2224	7.9 (6.8-9.1)	8.7 (7.6-9.8)	6.8 (6.2-7.4)

Abbreviation: No./No., number with glaucoma/number who received field examination.

^a Adjusted prevalence was adjusted for nonparticipation in the clinic examination.

^b Observed prevalence for both males and females is displayed in Table 4.

Table 4

Observed Age-Specific Prevalence of OAG in People of African Descent

Source	No. Enrolled	No. of OAG Cases	Response, %	Female, %	Observed Prevalence/100 by Age, % (95% CI)					
					40–49 y	50–59 y	60–69 y	70–79 y	80 y	
Tema Eye Survey, 2006–2008	5603	342	82	60.3	3.4 (2.7–4.1)	5.7 (4.6–6.9)	10.8 (8.8–13.0)	12.9 (9.7–16.6)	13.3 (8.3–19.8)	
St Lucia, ⁴ 1986–1987	1300	147	87	66.5	7.3 (4.8–10.6)	8.7 (5.8–12.7)	15.2 (11.3–20.0)	9.5 (6.3–13.9) ^a	9.5 (6.3–13.9) ^a	
Barbados (black and mixed), ⁵ 1988–1992	4498	308	84	57.1	1.4 (0.8–2.2)	4.1 (3.0–5.4)	6.7 (5.3–8.4)	14.8 (12.5–17.4)	23.2 (17.9–29.3)	
Baltimore Eye Survey, ³ 1985–1988	2395	100	84	62.5 ^b	1.0 (0.4–2.1)	3.6 (2.3–5.3)	5.1 (3.4–7.2)	7.7 (4.9–10.5)	10.9 (4.8–17.0)	
East Africa, ²⁰ 1996	3268	100	90	55.4	1.7 (1.1–2.5)	3.2 (2.2–4.5)	4.7 (3.1–7.0)	5.6 (3.1–9.2)	4.4 (1.2–11.3)	
South Africa, urban, ²¹ 1998	839	31	75	66.6	0.6	2.4	4.2	6.0	10.7	
South Africa, Rural, ²² 1998–1999	1005	28	90	72.1	1.2 (0.2–3.4)	1.9 (0.6–4.3)	2.8 (1.1–5.8)	4.9 (2.2–9.3)	7.7 (2.1–19.7)	

Abbreviation: OAG, open-angle glaucoma.

^aPrevalence was not reported separately for ages 70 to 79 and 80 years and older but for age 70 years and older.^bDavid S. Friedman, MD, PhD, and J.M.T., The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, written communication, June 23, 2011.

Table 5

Total Prevalence of Open-angle Glaucoma in People of African Descent

Source	Total Prevalence, % (95% CI)	
	Observed	Adjusted
Tema Eye Survey, 2006–2008	6.1 (5.5–6.8)	8.0 (7.4–8.6) ^a
St Lucia, ⁴ 1986–1987	10.2 (8.5–12.0)	9.6 (8.0–11.2) ^a
Barbados (black and mixed), ⁵ 1988–1992	6.8 (6.1–7.7)	7.4 (6.7–8.1) ^a
Caribbean total		7.8
Baltimore Eye Survey, ³ 1985–1988	4.2 (3.0–5.0)	4.4 (3.6–5.2) ^{a,b}
East Africa, ²⁰ 1996	3.1 (2.5–3.8)	3.6 ^{31,c}
South Africa, urban, ²¹ 1998	3.7 (2.5–5.3)	3.5 ^{31,c}
South Africa, rural, ²² 1998–1999 ^c	2.8 (1.8–4.2)	3.2 ^{31,c}

^a Adjusted for age and sex using the population structure of Barbados in 1990.³⁰

^b David S. Friedman, MD, PhD, and J.M.T., The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, written communication, June 23, 2011.

^c Data not available for 95% CI calculations.