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46 Abstract

47 **Objective:** To evaluate the effect of glaucoma on functional vision and vision and health-related quality of life in

48 children up to the age of 16 years.

49 **Design:** Cross-sectional observational study

50 **Participants:** 119 children aged 2 to 16 years (mean 9.4, SD 4.56) with glaucoma and their parents.

51 **Methods/Interventions:** Completion of three validated instruments for children to assess (i) functional visual ability

52 (FVA) with the Cardiff Visual Ability Questionnaire for Children (CVAQC), (ii) vision -related quality of life (VR-QoL)

53 with the Impact of Vision Impairment for Children (IVI-C) and (iii) health-related quality of life (HR-QoL) with the

54 PedsQL[™] V 4.0.

Main Outcome Measures: Cardiff Visual Ability Questionnaire for Children, Impact of Vision Impairment for Children
 and PedsQL[™] scores.

57 Results: Scores for FVA, VR- and HR-QoL are reduced in children with glaucoma: median CVAQC score -1.24

58 (interquartile range IQR -2.2 to -0.11, range: -3.00 higher visual ability to +2.80 lower visual ability), mean IVI-C score

59 67.3 (SD 14.4) (normal VR-QoL = 96), median PedsQL[™] self-report 78.8 (IQR 67.4-90.2), parent report 71.2 (IQR

60 55.7-85.8) and family impact score 74.3 (IQR 56.9-88.5) (normal HR-QoL = 100). Psychosocial PedsQL[™] subscores

are lower than physical subscores. Older children report less impairment on CVAQC, IVI-C and PedsQL[™] than

62 younger children. Parents state greater impact on their child's HR-QoL than children themselves.

63 **Conclusions:** Glaucoma and its management have a marked impact on a child's functional visual ability and quality

64 of life. Children with glaucoma report HR-QoL scores similar to those described by children with severe congenital

65 cardiac defects, liver transplants or acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

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67 **Precis (35 words)**

68 Childhood glaucoma not only impacts a child's vision, but also severely affects their quality of life and that of the69 family.

70 Introduction

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72 Childhood glaucoma (CG) is a rare, but significant and potentially sight-threatening condition associated with 73 elevated intraocular pressure (IOP).¹² Common causes of childhood glaucoma are primary developmental 74 defects of the aqueous drainage pathways leading to primary congenital glaucoma (PCG), and more extensive 75 ocular maldevelopment and/or systemic disease such as Axenfeld-Rieger anomaly, aniridia, phakomatoses along 76 with acquired glaucoma after lensectomy for congenital cataract. CG poses significant management challenges 77 and visual outcomes may be disappointing. ^{3 4 5} Primary treatment for PCG is surgical but secondary glaucomas 78 often also require surgical intervention to control intraocular pressure (IOP) should topical medications fail.⁶ 79 Surgical success is often compromised by aggressive postoperative inflammation and scarring, potentially 80 leading to multiple surgical interventions. ⁶ Children often require topical medication to control IOP prior to and 81 after surgery, which may cause discomfort and be a burden to families. Correction of ametropia and amblyopia 82 in young children require additional monitoring and treatment. Furthermore, examinations under anesthesia 83 (EUA) may be necessary in infants and young children for accurate assessment.

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85 The diagnosis of glaucoma in a child can be very stressful for the child and for the parents/caregivers 86 (henceforth referred to as "parents"), siblings and extended family members for many reasons. Glaucoma is a 87 chronic, sight threatening condition with an uncertain prognosis which requires lifelong treatment and follow 88 up. Associated visual impairment may have a significant impact on the child's development, education, social 89 integration and independence. Treatment may involve multiple operations often when the patient is a neonate 90 or infant. A decision to proceed to incisional or laser surgery may be made during an EUA, so children and 91 parents face the anxiety of not knowing whether the child will wake up in discomfort or pain. The challenges 92 associated with assessing and controlling glaucoma in children also result in numerous hospital appointments 93 requiring parents to take time off work and absences from school as the child grows older, affecting education.

Secondary glaucoma may be associated with systemic disease requiring treatment, which may further
compound these absences. Furthermore, buphthalmos, a physical manifestation of glaucoma in infancy, may
further highlight a child's difference from their peers especially if unilateral, as may a port wine stain. Lastly, the
potential financial burden on the family should not be underestimated. In some countries, medical expenses
may have to be paid for by the family. Loss of earnings due to hospital visits affects parents everywhere.

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100 Published data on the impact of glaucoma on children and their families is scarce partly due to a paucity of 101 suitable instruments in children to measure functional visual ability (FVA) (i.e. an individual's use of their given 102 vision in activities of daily living) and quality of life (QoL) (i.e. an individual's subjective impression of various 103 aspects of their life such as physical, emotional, social and schooling), as it relates to their vision (VR-QoL) and 104 health (HR-QoL). Three previous studies have used validated tools to explore QoL in children with glaucoma and 105 their parents. Children with glaucoma report lower VR-QoL scores than healthy children ⁷ and better visual 106 acuity is associated with higher VR-QoL.⁸ Glaucoma surgery in children is associated with an improvement in the 107 quality of life of their parents. ⁹ No study has assessed HR-QoL or FVA in children with glaucoma. Our main 108 objective was therefore to explore FVA, VR-QoL and HR-QoL in children with glaucoma and their parents.

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110 Methods

111 This work presents an analysis of children with glaucoma who took part in a larger cross-sectional

112 observational study of quality of life in children with developmental eye defects, approved by the National

113 Research Ethics Committee South Central – Oxford A (14/SC/1052). It adhered to the tenets of the

114 Declaration of Helsinki.

115 Between 25 June 2014 and 03 June 2015 we enrolled children age 2-16 years with primary or secondary

116 glaucoma who attended clinics at Moorfields Eye Hospital, London, UK. Exclusion criteria were: inability to

117 communicate in English, surgical intervention (incisional or laser) within one month of date of completing

questionnaires (before or after). We screened the notes of all children attending our pediatric glaucoma clinics in advance to identify those who met the inclusion criteria. These children were then approached consecutively for inclusion in the study. For those who did not wish to take part, we noted the reasons given. Age-appropriate written information material was provided; we addressed any questions before obtaining written consent and assent.

123 We recorded age at study participation, gender and ethnic background. From the medical notes, we 124 recorded ocular and systemic diagnoses, age at diagnosis of the eye condition (primary glaucoma, or eye 125 defect causing secondary glaucoma), and best corrected visual acuity (BCVA) with both eyes open in logMAR 126 on the day of study participation. Where visual acuity was recorded as "counting fingers", we noted a BCVA 127 of 2.1 logMAR, for "hand movements only" we noted 2.4 logMAR, for "perception of light" 2.7 logMAR, and 128 for "no perception of light" or "ocular prosthesis/artificial eye", 3 logMAR. ¹⁰ Details of previous and current 129 treatment were recorded. The number of previous glaucoma-related surgical interventions performed in 130 the operating room only were noted, as these were considered more significant than clinic procedures due 131 to factors such as the potential traumatic experience of hospital admission, anesthesia and postoperative 132 pain. The sum of interventions to the right and left eye including incisional surgery (angle surgery, 133 trabeculectomy and glaucoma drainage device surgery), laser treatment, bleb needling, and removal of 134 sutures and/or subconjunctival injections performed under EUA. The number of general anesthetics for 135 both surgical procedures and examinations under anesthesia, and the number of current topical medications 136 (sum of eyedrop applications per day right and left eye) were also noted.

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138 Main outcome measures

To evaluate functional vision, children from the age of 5 years completed the Cardiff visual ability questionnaire for children (CVAQC). ¹¹ The CVAQC was developed to assess the difficulty in performing activities in children's daily lives in the developed world following extensive work with focus groups of children with and without sight 142 impairment to determine the relevant questions. The tool was validated in children with visual impairment. It is 143 self-report tool consisting of 25 questions with answers selected on a four-point scale ("very easy" to "very 144 difficult") which cover the areas of education, near and distance vision, getting around, social interaction, 145 entertainment and sports. ¹¹ For example, children were asked "Because of your eyesight and with your glasses 146 and low vision aids if you use them, how difficult do you find it to walk in a crowded place ?" or "Because of your 147 eyesight and with your glasses and low vision aids if you use them, how difficult do you find it to watch 148 television ?". Using a Rasch conversion calculator provided by the developers of the CVAQC tool, we 149 transformed the raw CVAQC scores into logarithmic scores. The resulting scores range from -3.00 (higher visual 150 ability) to +2.80 (lower visual ability). 151 152 To assess VR QoL, a subgroup of children aged 8 years and older enrolled after 01 August 2014, when required 153 agreements and permissions were granted, completed the Impact of Vision Impairment for Children (IVI-C) tool. 154 ¹² The IVI-C tool was validated in visually impaired and normally sighted children. It entails 24 questions with 5 155 possible answers plus an additional option of "no, for other reasons". We scored the IVI-C responses using the 156 relevant scoring sheet which allocates values between 0 and 4 to the responses from "never" to "always" to 157 questions covering areas of school (aspects of school life and classroom activity), mobility (travel and access to 158 the environment), interaction (with non vision impaired peer group and people in broader community) and 159 emotion (the emotional impact of visual impairment on day-to-day life). For example children were instructed 160 to give an answer which best described what they did and felt most of the time in response to a questions such 161 as "Do you find it difficult to go down stairs or to step off the footpath ?", "Are you confident in places you don't 162 know ?" and "Can you find your friends in the playground at lunch and play time?". We did not allocate a score 163 when the response "no, for other reasons" was selected. As the tool comprises 24 items, the resulting raw 164 scores range from 0 to 96, with the highest score indicating normal VR-QoL. No Rasch conversion table is

165 available for this tool as yet, and we did not carry out a Rasch transformation on our data, as the sample size

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166 was small.

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168 For HR QoL, age-specific versions of the PedsQL[™] Inventory (www.pedsql.org) enable children aged 5-18 169 years to express their views on different aspects of their physical and emotional state and their social and 170 school life.^{13 14} Parents completed two questionnaires, one about the child ("parental report") and another 171 about the impact on the family ("family report"). The parental report is specific to the age of the child and 172 usually consists of 23 questions covering children aged 2-4 years (21 questions), 5-7 years, 8-12 years and 173 13-18 years. The family report contains 36 questions. Children from the age of 5 up to 16 self-administered 174 the questionnaire (PedsQL[™] administration guidelines) and gave answers on a 5-point Likert scale from 0 175 ("never a problem") to 4 ("always a problem") to questions such as "It is hard to keep up when I play with 176 other kids" or "I worry what will happen to me". 177

We calculated the PedsQL[™] scores as detailed in the scoring instructions. If items were left blank, we
adjusted the denominator, using the number of completed items instead of the number of total items. It is
recommended to remove questionnaires from the analysis if 50% or more of the items have been left blank;
this did not occur in our sample. PedsQL[™] scores range from 0 to 100 providing physical functioning,
psychosocial (school, social, emotional) functioning and summary total scores with a score of 100 indicating
normal HR-QoL.

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185 All questionnaires were completed on the same day, during a regular clinic appointment. When children 186 needed help completing the questionnaires, they were assisted by a member of the research team or play 187 leaders, but not by family members.

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190 Statistics

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We aimed for a sample size of 100 children to allow for a limits of agreement comparison (Bland-Altman plot) of 192 parent and child scores for the PedsQL[™] questionnaire. Demographic and clinical data, CVAQC, IVI-C scores and 193 PedsQL[™] scores were transferred to a dedicated database in Microsoft Office Excel by a member of the research 194 team. Calculation of scores and data transfer were double-checked by a second member of the team. 195 Where data were missing for individual items in the PedsQL[™] and IVI-C, we adjusted the denominator accordingly. 196 For the CVAQC, a Rasch-analysis based calculator transforms raw data into standardized scores, and this takes into 197 account missing data. 198 Analysis was carried out in SPSS v23 (IBM) and Stata (V14). Where data were missing, datasets were excluded from 199 the relevant analyses. We applied descriptive statistics throughout, reporting means and standard deviations for 200 normally distributed data or median and interquartile range (IQR) for data not normally distributed. We assessed 201 relationships between age at participation, age at diagnosis, unilateral / bilateral disease, BCVA in better eye, sum of 202 surgical interventions, sum of eyedrops, sum of general anaesthetics and CVAQC, IVI-C and Peds QL[™] scores using 203 Spearman rank correlation and assessed whether differences observed between groups were statistically significant 204 using the Rank Sum test or independent t-test. Agreement between adult and child PedsQL[™] scores was assessed 205 using Bland-Altman techniques. Statistical significance was set at the 5% level and all tests conducted were two-206 tailed.

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208 Enrollment

209 We approached 158 consecutive children with glaucoma and their families who met the inclusion criteria; 30 210 declined because of a perceived lack of time to complete the questionnaires. We enrolled 128 children (Fig 211 1). We removed six children who had undergone incisional surgery or laser treatment within four weeks of 212 study participation. One child who developed glaucoma after extensive trauma related injury and surgery 213 along with another child with multiple non-glaucoma surgical interventions had significant visual loss

214 unrelated to secondary glaucoma and so were excluded on the basis that their complex ophthalmic history 215 prior to glaucoma management may have influenced their responses leading to a different impact on our 216 main outcome measures. We also excluded one dataset, as neither parents nor child completed the 217 questionnaires after having given consent. The statistical analysis was carried out on the remaining 119 218 datasets (Fig 1). 219 220 **Missing data** 221 The proportion of missing data was low. No data were missing for age, gender, diagnoses, laterality, BCVA 222 and number of daily eye drops. Ethnicity was unknown in 14 participants (11.76%). Age at diagnosis of the

eye condition could not be determined exactly in 2 children (1.7%). Five children had previous surgical

224 interventions at other centers, and information about previous number of operations and general

anesthetics was incomplete (4.2%). For all questionnaires administered, response and completion rates were

high (Supplementary Material).

227 CVAQC and IVI-C response rates were 85.87% and 90.91%, respectively. CVAQC and IVI-C scores both contain a

228 "for other reasons" category; selection of this category is taken into account during calculation of the scores.

229 The response rate for the PedsQL[™] self-report was 96.74%, parent report 97.48% and the family report was

230 98.32%. The proportions of fully completed questionnaires were 94.38%, 92.24% and 94.02%, respectively.

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232 Results

233 Participants

The mean age (SD) of participants was 9.40 (4.56) years (Table 1). Fifty-seven participants (47.9%) were

female. Seventy percent of participants were White, 4.2% Asian or Asian British, 5.9% Black or Black British,

236 0.84% mixed, 7.56% other; ethnicity was unknown in 11.76%.

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238 Clinical details

- 239 Fifty-two participants (43.7%) had PCG, most commonly diagnosed before the age of two years. Glaucoma
- 240 following lensectomy for infantile cataract (n=32, 26.9%) was the commonest cause of secondary glaucoma
- 241 (Table 1). Glaucoma was bilateral in 89 cases (74.79%), and the mean age (SD) at diagnosis was 1.56 years
- 242 (2.94). Further clinical data are summarized in Table 1.
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244 Functional visual ability

- 245 Seventy-nine children age 5-16 years completed the CVAQC. The median of the Rasch transformed scores
- was -1.24 (IQR -2.2 to -0.11) indicating moderate impairment of FVA (-3.00 higher visual ability to +2.80
- lower visual ability) (Table 2). Median scores were better in older children than in the younger age groups
- 248 (Fig. 2). There was evidence of an association between CVAQC score with age, BCVA and bilateral glaucoma
- 249 (Table 3).
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251 Vision-related quality of life

- 252 Thirty children age 8-16 years completed the IVI-C. The mean score was 67.3 (SD 14.4) with 96 indicating normal VR-
- 253 QoL (Table 2). The mean score was higher in older than younger children (Fig 2). There was evidence of an
- association between IVI-C score with age and BCVA (Table 3). Bilateral glaucoma was not associated with worse VR-
- 255 QoL, but the sample size for this analysis was small (unilateral glaucoma n=10 with bilateral glaucoma n=20).
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257 Health-related quality of life

- The PedsQL[™] self report was completed by 89 children, with a median score of 78.8 (IQR 67.4-90.2) with 100
- indicating normal HR QoL (Table 2). Self-report scores were higher in the older age groups than the younger
- 260 ones but there was variability and overlap in score distribution (Fig 2). There was an association between self-
- report scores and BCVA but no association with laterality (Table 3) nor the number of daily eye drops,

262 operations and anesthetics (p value > 0.05, data not presented). The PedsQLTM parent report (n=116) median 263 score was 71.2 (IQR 55.7-85.8) and family impact report (n= 117) median score was 74.3 (IQR 56.9-87.5) (Table 264 2). Parental HR-QoL scores were lower than child self-report scores, with a mean difference of -7.901 265 (confidence interval Cl -11 to -4.8) (Fig.3). 266 267 The median "psychosocial wellbeing" subscores were lower than the "physical wellbeing" scores. Parent report 268 scores were lower than self-report scores, with a mean difference of -8.24 (Cl -12.4 to -4.1) for physical and -269 8.21 (CI -11.35 to -5.1) for psychosocial subscores (Table 2). 270 271 Discussion 272 The main aim of this study was to explore the effects of childhood glaucoma (CG) on functional visual ability, vision 273 related QoL and health related QoL, as perceived by children and their parents. A strength of our approach is that 274 we included both children and parents, and used multiple instruments to address these questions. 275 276 Our study demonstrates that most children with glaucoma have to apply numerous eyedrops and have undergone 277 several surgical procedures and additional general anesthetics. Children with glaucoma report a significant reduction 278 in their VR-QoL and HR-QoL compared to normal-sighted individuals, and decreased functional visual ability. 279 Psychosocial HR-QoL is affected to a greater degree than physical HR-QoL. Although our study was not powered to 280 detect associations, older children reported less impairment than younger children and better BCVA was associated 281 with higher functional visual ability, VR- and HR-QoL (even when unilateral cases which may have skewed BCVA to 282 better visual acuity were excluded). Bilateral glaucoma was associated with worse functional visual ability only. 283 With regards HR-QoL, there was no association between the number of eye drops, surgical interventions or general 284 anesthetics and PedsQL[™] self-report scores, however our sample size is likely to have limited our ability to find 285 associations had they existed.

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The reduction in HR-QoL in children with CG we report here is comparable to levels reported by children with severe congenital heart defects, liver transplants and acute lymphoblastic leukemia. ^{15 16 17} A previous study exploring HR-QoL in children with congenital cataract and their parents reported similarly reduced levels ¹⁸. The reporting of children with glaucoma stratified by age results in the novel finding which suggests that perceived HR-QoL is higher in older children than in younger children. Possibly child and family adjust over time, and children develop a better understanding of their condition and a greater range of coping strategies to deal with their condition and visual disability.

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We found that parents report a greater impact of glaucoma on their child's HR-QoL than children themselves. A similar observation has been made in parents of children with cataract and other conditions.^{18,19} This may be explained by parents having different expectations, and children themselves having a different benchmark for "normality".

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299 Our study design is prone to some bias. Firstly, enrolling children attending a single site may induce selection 300 bias. We reduced this as far as possible by approaching consecutive patients eligible for inclusion, of which 301 19% of families declined to take part citing time constraints. Some families may have stopped attending 302 clinics due to dissatisfaction with the services, or unwillingness or inability to comply with intense treatment 303 regimes. However, from clinical experience consider the overwhelming majority of parents to be eager to 304 provide the best possible healthcare for their child. We limited inclusion to families able to communicate in 305 English, which may induce selection bias. Lack of a control group of normally sighted children stratified by 306 age may be considered a limitation as it may have helped determine whether the effect of age on the 307 CVAQC and IVI-C was due to a better understanding of the questionnaire by older children. Although this is 308 possible, these tools were completed by children within the age range for which they were developed and 309 validated. In addition, all tools we used have either been specifically developed for children with sight

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impairment leading to an expected ceiling effect if used in healthy children (CVAQC), or normative data are available from healthy children (IVI-C, PedsQL[™]). Whilst logMAR visual acuity is a well established measure of visual function, it is not always possible to use logMAR methods in children with sight impairment, and "hand movements" or "counting fingers" at a specified testing distance are still occasionally used. Complete blindness, "no perception of light", or "artificial eye/ocular prosthesis" can also not be expressed in logMAR. In order to allow a quantitative analysis, we used logMAR values of 2.1 to 3 in these cases. ¹⁰ This may have led to an underestimation of logMAR acuity, however this was only necessary in 3 children.

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318 Within the limits of the study design, such as selection bias which may have led to inclusion of a higher 319 proportion of more treatment-adherent families and the limitation of enrolling participants at a single site in 320 a highly developed country, our findings can be generalized to other children with glaucoma who receive 321 care in similar settings. But, it is possible that our study over- or underestimates the impact of glaucoma on 322 children and their families due to the number of participants studied. Whilst treatment for glaucoma in 323 adults is mainly medical and often successful at preserving vision, childhood glaucoma requires intensive 324 management and frequent surgical interventions with dramatic impact on the life of affected children and 325 also their families. It is important to highlight this multifaceted impact, and encourage its assessment to be 326 part of the management of childhood glaucoma. More research is needed into childhood glaucoma specific 327 instruments to better identify and measure the effect of glaucoma and its management on the quality of life 328 on both children and their families. Along with clinical outcomes such as IOP control and visual acuity, the 329 quality-of-life of children with glaucoma should be considered as a crucial outcome when evaluating 330 treatment success and when comparing established with new interventions.

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393 Figure legends

394	Fig. 1. Enrollment, intervention and analysis flowchart (modified from CONSORT, <u>www.consort-statement.org</u>).
395	Fig. 2. Box plots of median and interquartile range (IQR) Cardiff Visual Ability for Children (left), Impact of Vision
396	Impairment for Children (center) and PedsQL [™] self-report scores (right) of children with glaucoma. Overall,
397	there is a trend towards self-reported less impairment with increasing age, however there is considerable
398	variation in scores within age groups.
399	Fig. 3. Bland Altman plot showing agreement between parental and child self-report PedsQL scores. The fact so
400	many of the points lie below the y = 0 line highlights the point that parents tend to rate the impact on HR- QoL
401	greater than the children themselves.
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408 Table legends

409 **Table 1.** Age at study participation and at diagnosis and clinical characteristics (top); detailed diagnostic

410 categories of study participants and laterality of glaucoma (bottom).

411 **Table 2.** Scores for functional visual ability (FVA), vision- and health-related quality of life (VR-QoL, HR-QoL)

412 reported by children and parents according to age and laterality. Possible CVAQC scores (FVA) extend from -3.00

413 (higher FVA) to +2.80 (lower FVA). IVI-C scores range from 0 to 96 (severe reduction to normal VR-QoL);

414 participants reported markedly reduced VR-QoL. PedsQLTM scores range from 0 to 100 (severe reduction to

415 normal HR-QoL); scores were significantly reduced in all versions and subscales of the instrument (parent report,

416 family report, self report, physical and psychosocial subscores).

417 **Table 3.** Statistical significance and strengths of associations. Younger age is significantly associated with

418 reduced functional visual ability (CVAQC) and vision-related quality of life (IVI-C). Lower visual acuity is

419 significantly associated with all outcome measures. Bilateral glaucoma is significantly associated with lower

420 functional visual ability (CVAQC) and parent-reported and family health-related quality of life (PedsQL[™]).

421 Supplementary Material:

422 Table "Response and Completion Rates". Parents were asked to complete two questionnaires, and children from

423 the age of 5 years were asked to complete two or three questionnaires. Response and completion rates were

424 high.

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