



# Manchester Hydrus Study: 7 years efficacy and safety outcomes

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### Hydrus microstent

- 8mm flexible aqueous drainage device
- Designed to be implanted ab-interno into the schelmm's canal to bypass the trabecular meshwork
- It is mainly designed to lower IOP and reduce topical medications burden in mild to moderate glaucoma
- It is one of the MIGS procedures, and is commonly combined with cataract surgery



# Objectives

 To determine the efficacy and safety of combined phacoemulsification and Hydrus Microstent implantation over 84 months in real-world settings



# Methods

- Single-centre, retrospective study
- 46 eyes with open-angle glaucoma from 37 patients underwent phaco-Hydrus surgery and monitored over the subsequent 84 months
- The primary outcome measure: Intraocular pressure (IOP)
- Secondary outcome measures: Number of glaucoma drops, visual acuity (VA), cup-disc-ratio (CDR), mean deviation (MD) and visual field index (VFI)
- Twenty (54.1%) patients survived to 84 months.

 At 84 months, we found an absolute mean reduction of IOP from 20.6 ± 1.64 to 14.52 ± 1.39 mmHg, and reduction in number of glaucoma drops from 2.24 ± 0.46 to 1.72 ± 0.54 Fig. 1: Variation of mean intraocular pressure (95% Confidence interval) and mean number of eye drops (95% confidence interval) over the 84 months period



IOP reduction seemed to gradually come down over time until the last visit. IOP lowering drops were gradually reintroduced, and almost stabilized after 12 months





Paired student t-test confirms statistical significance at the level of p < 0.05 for VFI. The change in BCVA, CDR and MD was not statistically significant



Fig. 3: Proportional stacked histogram showing number of IOP

After 84 months, 32% of patients were drop free, 16% were on a single drop. No patients required 4 drops.

- Attrition was mainly due to death (24.3%), further glaucoma intervention (15.2%) and 3 patients (8.1%) DNA their follow up
- 4 eyes (8.7%) required further SLT laser after a mean of 4.25 yrs
- 3 eyes (6.5%) required trabeculectomy after a mean of 4.17 yrs
- Complication rate was at 13%, including 3 stents (6.5%) blocked with iris, one stent (2.2%) was located into suprachoroidal space, one patient developed CMO and one case had intraoperative bleed due to iris trauma

# Conclusions

- Our 7 year results show that phaco-Hydrus surgery is highly likely to maintain a reduction in IOP and number of glaucoma drops
- The number of glaucoma drops tend to stabilise at 12 months but IOP can still decline until 7 years
- Central VA shows sustained improvement with minimal progression of VF
- In comparison to the 7 years Manchester iStent Study (Ziaei et al, 2020), the Hydrus stent seems to lower IOP further by >1mm Hg, and further 10% of eyes were drop free after 7 years
- A comparable percentage of eyes required further glaucoma intervention, while Hydrus stent had a higher probability of complications compared to iStent without significant morbidity