

Supplementary Material S1:

Choroidal Thickness in 3001 Chinese Children Aged 6 to 19 Years Using Swept-Source OCT

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We calculated the sample size using the following formula:

$$n = \Psi^2 \left(\sum (S_i^2) / K \right) / \left[\sum (X_{i\text{mean}} - X_{\text{mean}})^2 / (K-1) \right]$$

1) $\alpha = 0.05$, $\beta = 0.10$;

2) K: number of groups; in our study, three groups (myopes, emmetropes and hyperopes) were included; $K = 3$;

3) Ψ : $\Psi_{\alpha, \beta, K-1, \infty} = 2.52$;

4) $X_{i\text{mean}}$, S_i : represent the mean value and standard deviation of the group i ($i = 1, 2, 3 \dots$). In the present study, the mean value and standard deviation was estimated on the basis of previous study by Jin et al: Jin, P. et al. Choroidal and Retinal Thickness in Children With Different Refractive Status Measured by Swept-Source Optical Coherence Tomography. American journal of ophthalmology, doi:10.1016/j.ajo.2016.07.003 (2016).

The above calculation comes up with a number of 44 participants in each group. When we take the lost of follow-up rate into consideration (set as 20%), each group needs a minimum number of 53 participants. In our study, we enrolled 1548 myopes, 441 emmetropes and 1012 hyperopes, which are larger than the estimated sample size.