

# PACK-CXL

## as first-line treatment in infectious keratitis

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## Financial disclosures

- Named co-inventor on PCT applications CH2012/0000090 and PCT2014/CH000075
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# AMR (Antimicrobial resistance), a global problem

## 1. Background



**G7 GERMANY**  
2015 | Schloss Elmau

# Infectious keratitis - “Silent epidemic” (WHO)



**Developed countries**



Antibiotic resistance



Mixed infections



High costs



**Developing countries**



6-8 Million new cases / year

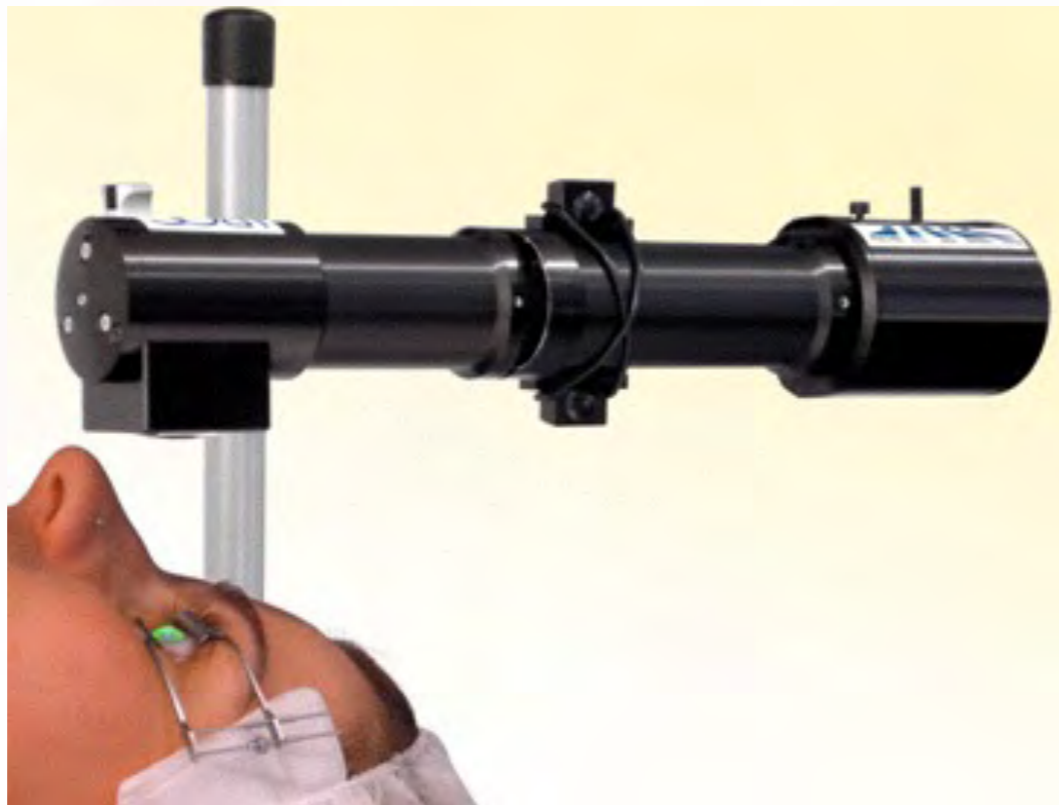


205'000 ophthalmologists

## 1. Background

# Zurich, Switzerland: 2004

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**IROC**

(Seiler, Mrochen, Hafezi, Iseli)



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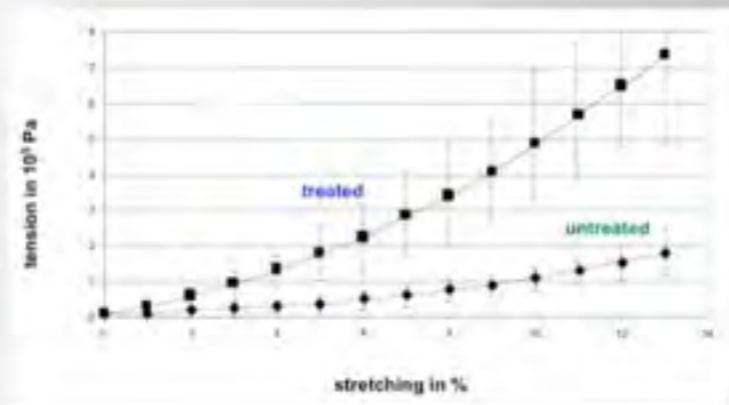
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# Cross-Linking effects

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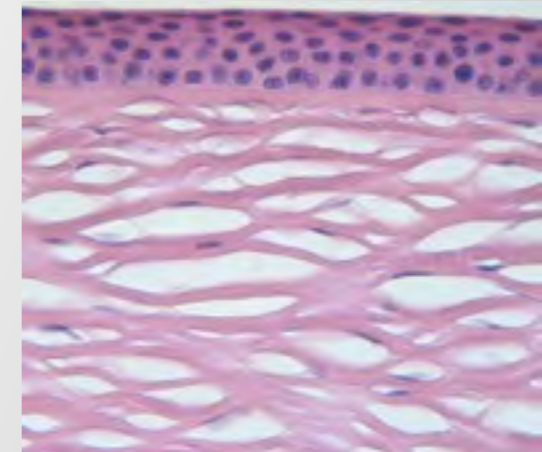
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### Biomechanical stiffening



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### Steric hindrance



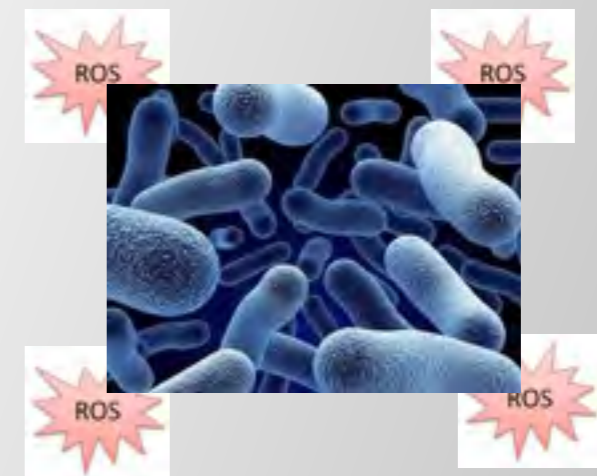
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### DNA/RNA intercalation



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### Oxidative stress



# 2008. Switzerland. Proof of principle.

## 1. Background

## 2. First Results



***Post-LASIK keratitis***



***Ten days after PACK-CXL***

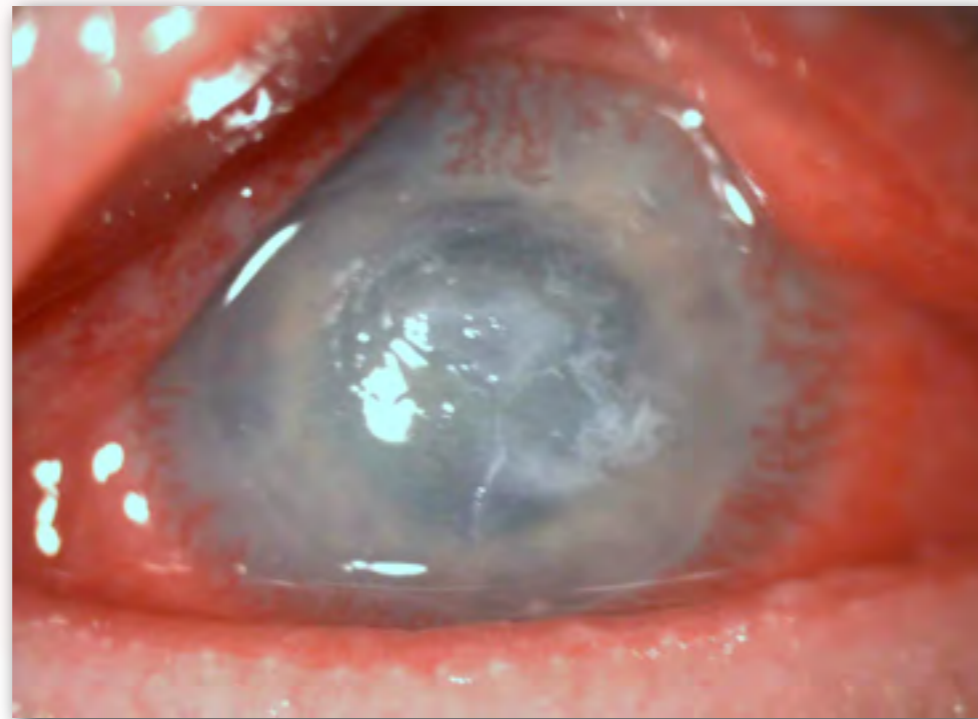
*Iseli et al, 2008, Cornea*

## 2011 Phase 2 Clinical Trial

# No antibiotics

### 1. Background

### 2. First Results



*Before PACK-CXL*



*Two weeks after PACK-CXL*

*Makdoui et al., Curr Eye Res, 2011*

# Future treatment needs

- Simplify
- Accelerate
- Access to all

1. Background

2. Results

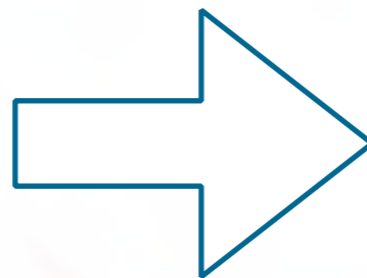
3. Optimize

# Simplify

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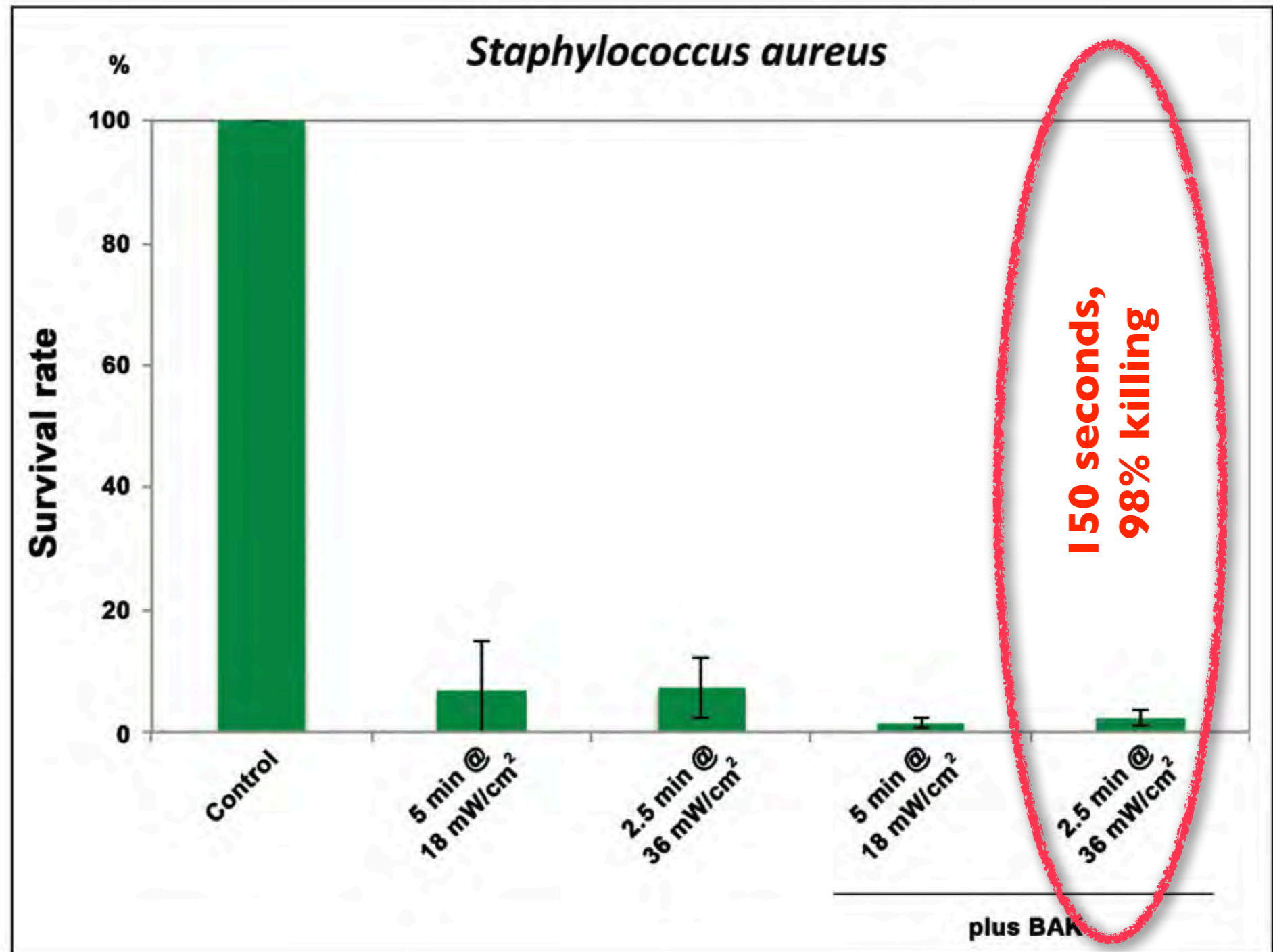


# Accelerate

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*Richoz et al, JRS, 2014*

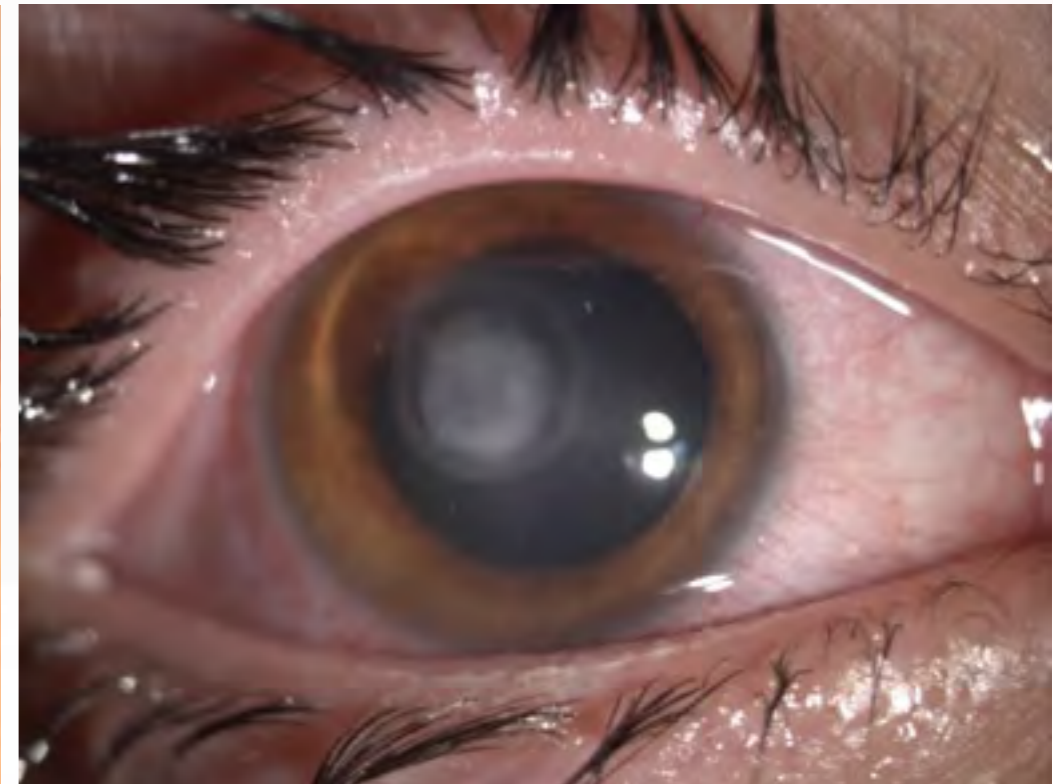
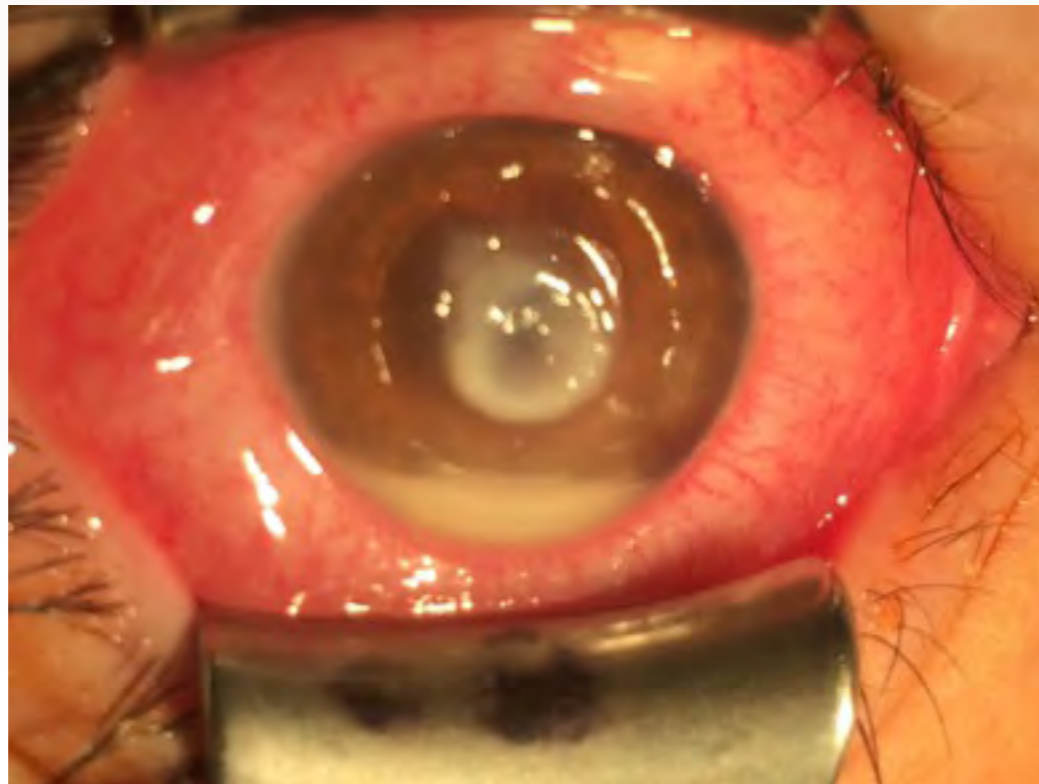
## Phase 2 trial: accelerated PACK-CXL

- 180 seconds @ 30 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>
- Adjuvant to antibiotics

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3. Optimize



*Knyazer et al., in preparation*

# Swiss PACK-CXL multicenter trial

- Phase 3 prospective, randomized, multicenter trial
- Non-inferiority study
- Infiltrates and small ulcers < 2 mm, < 300 µm depth

1. Background

2. First Results

3. Optimize

4. Clinical data



*11 sites  
10 countries*

# C-Eye<sup>®</sup> device



1. Background

2. First Results

3. Optimize

4. Clinical data

5. CXL  
at the slit lamp



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# Introduction at ESCRS 2016 Copenhagen



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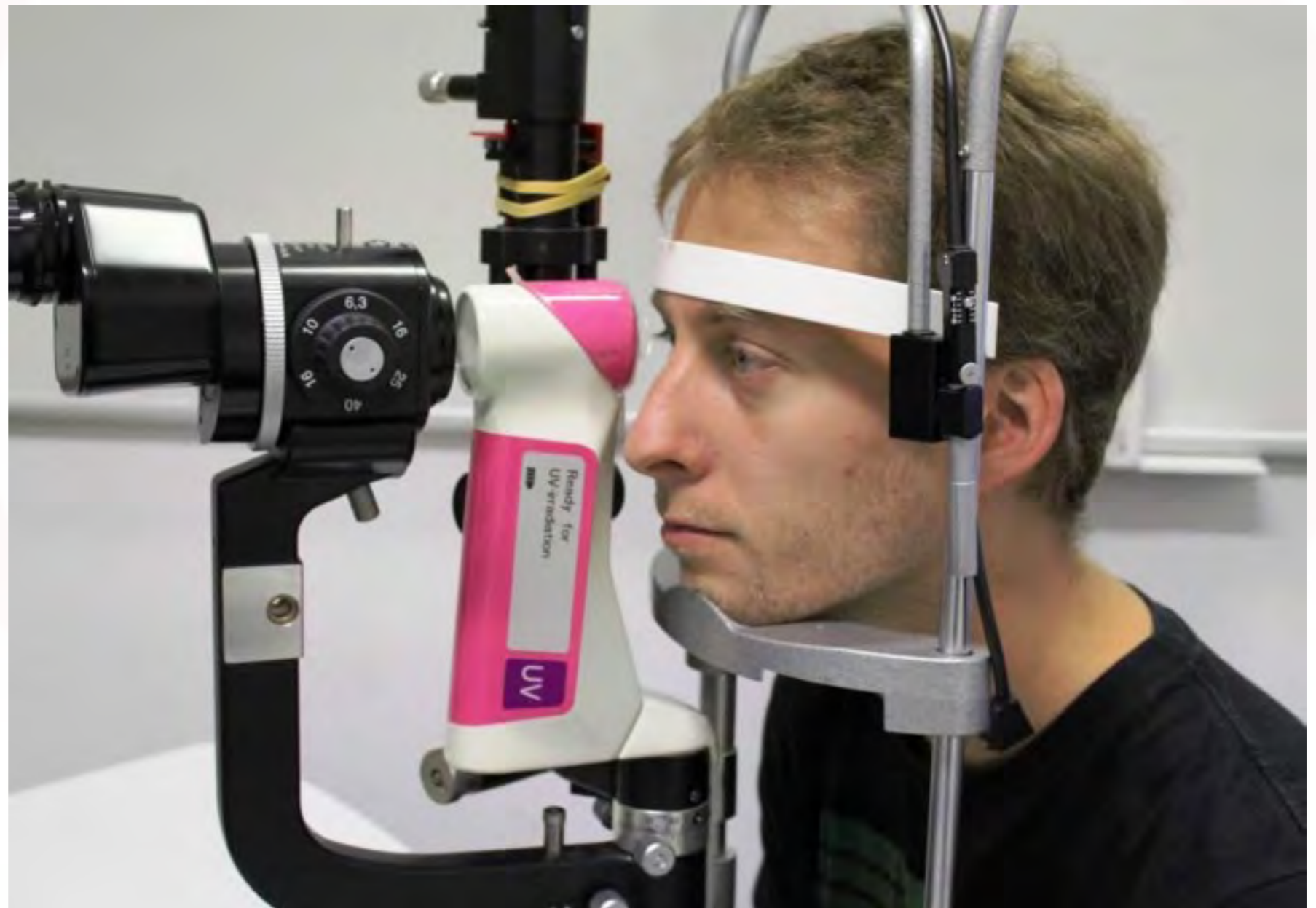
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# Conclusions PACK-CXL

- Accelerated to 180 seconds
- Highly efficient in bacteria and fungi
- CXL at the slit lamp: access to all

1. Background

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at the slit lamp

6. Conclusions

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