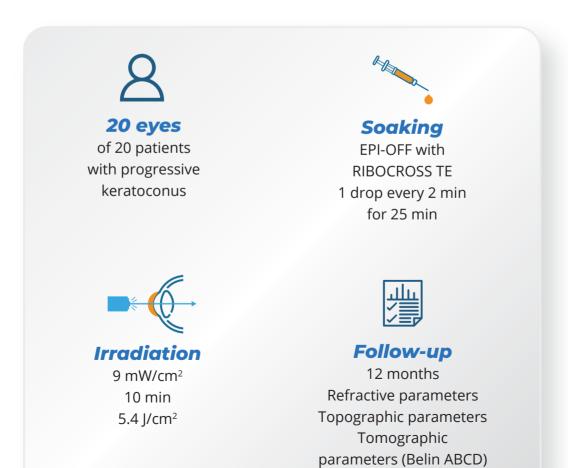


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### Study goal

Retrospective, single-center non-comparative interventional study to assess the short and mid-term outcomes of epithelium-off (epi-off) corneal collagen cross-linking using Riboflavin with Vitamin E TPGS (Ribocross® te) for progressive keratoconus (KC).

### Study design





# EPI-OFF CXL with RIBOCROSS TE stabilizes keratoconus progression at the 1-year follow up for all patients.

The efficacy of the treatment is confirmed by the statistically significant variation in:

#### Kmax

(Maximum anterior sagiital curvature)

improved by 4.2%

 $[\Delta = 2.22 D]$ 

#### ARC

anterior radius of curvature Belin ABC

improved by +7%



indicative of a non-progressive keratoconus

## **cylinder** refractive parameter

improved by 29%



associated with the reduction in corneal curvature

# EPI-OFF CXL with RIBOCROSS TE achieves a greater regularization of the corneal surface

Enhanced regularization of cornea anterior surface after CXL indicates a reduction in keratoconus progression, with the following topometric indices variation:

**-12.35**%

ISV

Index of Surface Variance *-13.86*%

IVA

Index of Vertical Asymmetry

*-3.25*%

KI\*

Keratoconus Index

\* statistically significant data



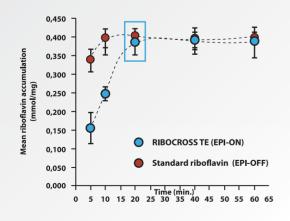
## RIBOCROSS TE is a safe solution for EPI-OFF protocols

- No adverse events or intra- and post-operative complications
- Stable 1-year risults after accelerated EPI-OFF CXL



# Study results could suggest a stronger CXL effect due to the synergy of Riboflavin and Vit- E TPGS contained in RIBOCROSS TE





# VE-TPGS is an ideal permeation enhancer to increase stromal penetration of riboflavin even in EPI-ON settings

Vit E TPGS creates amphiphilic micellar structures, helping Riboflavin in reaching the deeper stroma.

C. Ostacolo et al. / International Journal of Pharmaceutics 440 (2013)



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