

1 ANALYSIS OF RETINAL LAYERS IN FIBROMYALGIA PATIENTS WITH  
2 PREMIUM PROTOCOL IN OPTICAL TOMOGRAPHY COHERENCE AND  
3 QUALITY OF LIFE.

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28 **accordance with the guidelines determined by the Ethics Committee of the Miguel Servet**  
29 **Hospital and the principles of the Declaration of Helsinki.**

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31   **ABSTRACT**

32   **Purpose:** To evaluate the inner retinal layers in fibromyalgia (FM) patients compared to control  
33   subjects using posterior pole protocol (PPole) analysis in optical coherence tomography (OCT)  
34   and to correlate structural retinal changes with subjective quality of life.

35   **Methods:** Seventy-four eyes of healthy subjects and 55 eyes of those with FM were analyzed.  
36   All subjects underwent retinal evaluation using the PPole protocol for Spectralis OCT  
37   (Heidelberg Engineering) to obtain measurements of the retinal nerve fiber layer (RNFL) and  
38   the ganglion cell layer (GCL) in the macular area. The EuroQol (EQ-5D) questionnaire and  
39   Fibromyalgia Impact Questionnaire (FIQ) were performed to analyze health-related quality of  
40   life. Additionally, the FM group was divided into three groups depending on the disease  
41   phenotype (atypical, depressive and biological).

42   **Results:** Patients with FM presented with a reduction of the RNFL thickness compared to  
43   controls in 17/64 cells of the PPole area, and a reduction of the GCL thickness in 47/64 cells.  
44   Depressive FM phenotype showed the greatest number of cells with significant reduction  
45   compared with the control group in both RNFL and GCL layers. A correlation between  
46   temporal-inferior cells of the GCL and the EuroQol 5D questionnaire results was observed.

47   **Conclusions:** Patients with FM present with a reduction of the inner retinal layers in the  
48   macular area. This degeneration correlates with disease severity/reduced quality of life in these  
49   patients. The PPole protocol for OCT is a non-invasive and fast tool that might help clinicians  
50   diagnose and monitor neurodegeneration in FM patients.

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55 **INTRODUCTION.**

56 Fibromyalgia (FM) is a disease characterized by chronic muscular pain of unknown origin,  
57 accompanied by feelings of fatigue and other symptoms without a well-defined underlying  
58 organic disease. Although neither the etiology nor the pathogenesis of fibromyalgia are  
59 completely understood, elements such as central and autonomic nervous system dysfunction,  
60 alteration in neurotransmitters, hormonal factors, abnormal immune response, external factors  
61 and psychiatric disorders, all appear to have influence on the presentation and progression of the  
62 disease.<sup>1</sup>

63 The mainstream opinion holds that women are more prone to fibromyalgia than men.<sup>2</sup> And  
64 while there is no cure for fibromyalgia, there are several medications aimed at reducing pain and  
65 fatigue, improving sleep and activity levels, promoting adaptation and thus enhancing patient  
66 quality of life, as well as maintaining functionality and increasing their ability to cope with the  
67 disease and improve psychological well-being. Consequently, FM patients frequently report  
68 limitations in activities of daily living, as well as mental impairment.<sup>3,4</sup>

69 The fact that this disease affects the central nervous system, suggests that the visual system  
70 might be involved in these patients. Symptoms like dry eye, double vision, sensitivity to light,  
71 eye pain, and blurred vision are commonly reported in fibromyalgia patients.

72 In recent years, retinal changes in FM patients were observed by optical coherence tomography  
73 (OCT). Garcia-Martin et al<sup>5</sup> observed a significant decrease of the retinal nerve fiber layer  
74 (RNFL) thickness in patients with FM. Nowadays, the retinal ganglion cell layer (GCL) has  
75 become the most sensitive biomarker in other neurodegenerative processes, such as multiple  
76 sclerosis, Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's.<sup>6-9</sup> Due to this, analysis of the outermost layers of  
77 the retina could be established as a diagnostic method for FM.

78 Research on FM and the visual system is very scarce, and there are currently very few studies  
79 where neurodegeneration in the retina of these patients was observed. The aim of the present  
80 study was to evaluate and obtain objective measurements of the RNFL and the GCL in the  
81 macular area of patients with FM using a new protocol for Spectralis OCT, and to analyze the

82 possible association of structural changes with changes in quality of life caused by FM  
83 progression.

84 **METHODS**

85 Patients with FM were recruited from the primary care research group study population of FM  
86 patients in Zaragoza, Spain.

87 All procedures in this study adhered to the tenets of the Declaration of Helsinki; the  
88 experimental protocol was approved by the Ethics Committee of Miguel Servet Hospital  
89 (CEICA), and all participants provided written informed consent to participate in the study.

90 The protocol designed for this study included a study of the patient's medical history for the  
91 years since disease diagnosis, FM phenotype and demographic data, completion of quality of  
92 life questionnaires, and a complete neuro-ophthalmologic evaluation including retinal  
93 evaluation using optical coherence tomography (OCT).

94 A total of 55 eyes from 55 FM patients and 74 eyes from 74 healthy individuals were selected  
95 for this study. We included patients with FM diagnosis based on the 1990 American College of  
96 Rheumatology criteria.<sup>10</sup> Parameters such as type of fibromyalgia and questionnaires dates were  
97 recorded. The ophthalmologic evaluation included a best correction visual acuity test (BCVA),  
98 intraocular pressure measurement and fundoscopy which was used to detect any ocular  
99 alterations such as macular or optic disc damage, and cataract of media opacity which could  
100 affect functional vision or captured OCT images. The exclusion criteria were: patients with  
101 (BCVA) lower than 0.4 (decimal, measured with Snellen chart), significant refractive errors (>5  
102 diopters of spherical equivalent refraction or 3 diopters of astigmatism), intraocular pressure  
103 ≥21 mmHg, media opacifications, concomitant ocular diseases (including history of glaucoma  
104 or retinal pathology) and systemic conditions (especially neurodegenerative processes) that  
105 could affect the visual system. The healthy controls had no history and no evidence of ocular or  
106 neurologic disease of any nature; their best-corrected visual acuity (BCVA) was >0.4. Each eye

107 was considered independently and only one eye of each subject was randomly included unless  
108 only one of the eyes met the exclusion criteria.

109 Type of FM, disease duration, age at diagnosis and treatment were recorded by a psychiatrist  
110 specializing in FM, who evaluated the patients and was blind to the ophthalmology assessment.

111 We classified FM patients into three different subgroups based on the pressure-pain thresholds  
112 and psychologic factors described by Giesecke et al.<sup>11</sup> (Group 1, biological; Group 2,  
113 depressive; Group 3, atypical).

114 The subject questionnaire included two validated health-related quality of life questionnaires:  
115 EuroQol (EQ-5D) and Fibromyalgia Impact Questionnaire (FIQ) to scale FM's impact of  
116 quality in daily life. Five dimensions were evaluated in EQ-5D: mobility, self-care, performance  
117 of usual activities, pain or discomfort, and anxiety or depression. The application of the  
118 coefficients to each profile allows calculation of the "social rate", which ranges from value 1  
119 (best possible state of health) to value 0 (state of death).<sup>12</sup> The Fibromyalgia Impact  
120 Questionnaire (FIQ) measures 10 areas: physical impairment, feel good, work missed, doing  
121 work, pain, fatigue/tiredness, rested, stiffness, anxiety, and depression using ranges from 0 to  
122 100. Higher scale scores indicate greater impact of the disease.<sup>13</sup>

123 The Posterior Pole protocol (PPole) of Spectralis OCT device (Heidelberg Engineering,  
124 Germany) was used for all subjects to obtain structural measurements of the retina. Macular  
125 thickness is measured using 61 lines ( $30^{\circ} \times 25^{\circ}$  volume OCT scan) in the central area of  $20^{\circ}$  for  
126 each eye. Anatomic Positioning System (APS) uses a horizontal line between the axis of fovea  
127 to the entrance of Bruch's Membrane ensuring an accurate position of the macula for each  
128 individual based on his head tilt and eye cyclotorsion. (Fig 1)

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130 This line marks the reference for 61 parallel explorations that form the area of the retina scan.  
131 Analysis shows a color thickness map for an 8x8 grid centered on the foveal depression divided  
132 into small squares of  $3^{\circ} \times 3^{\circ}$  areas, which correspond to a little less than a square millimeter of  
133 the retina, showing the average thickness of the retina for each small square. Cells are  
134 denominated by row and column starting from left to right and from inferior to top. Cell 1.1 is

135 located in the inferior left corner, cell 1.8 is in the inferior right corner and so on. Cells on the  
136 left are in the temporal area of the retina and cells on the right are in the nasal area of the retina.

137 This protocol is able to detect thickness changes about 1  $\mu\text{m}$  and provides a color map scale in  
138 steps of 10 to 15  $\mu\text{m}$ , thus permitting improved detection of small tissue thickness losses to

139 visual inspection of the retinal thickness map. In this study, we evaluated the RNFL and the

140 GCL corresponding to the neuroretina. All measurements were obtained by a single operator

141 blind to the group. Artifacts and quality scores less than 25/40 in the analyses were excluded.<sup>14</sup>

142 The quality of the scans was assessed prior to analysis and poor-quality scans were rejected.

143 Only images scoring higher than 25/40 were analyzed. Descriptive data and 64 cells

144 measurements of both retinal layers, RNFL and GCL, were recorded in a database and analyzed

145 with Statistical Package IBM-SPPS (SPSS Unc, Chicago, IL, USA) software version 20.0.

146 Kolmogorov-Smirnov testing identified that the study variables were not normally distributed.

147 We used a Mann-Whitney U test to compare between patients and the control group.

148 Differences between FM phenotype groups were analyzed with a one-way ANOVA and post

149 hoc test. Due the volume of variables, Bonferroni correction for multiple comparisons was

150 applied and significance was considered with  $p$  value < 0.001.

151 Numerical data obtained from SPSS were analyzed with MATLAB (R2020a, Mathworks,  
152 Massachusetts, USA), which allows matrix representation using M language. This program has

153 been previously used in biological tissue research<sup>15</sup> and also in ophthalmic research.<sup>16</sup> Since

154 PPole Protocol analysis is based on an 8\*8 grid, which works as a matrix, numerical data can be

155 reassembled and processed in MATLAB.

## 156 RESULTS

157 The study was comprised by 74 eyes of healthy subjects; 10 males (13.5%) and 64 females  
158 (86.5%), and 55 eyes of FM patients; 7 males (12.7%) and 48 females (87.3%). The average age  
159 of the sample was  $53.97 \pm 14.16$  years, with no age differences existing between groups ( $p =$   
160 0.085). There were no differences in IOP values ( $p=0.990$  and  $p=0.911$ ). The FM phenotype

161 distribution was as follows: Group 1 with biological FM, 14 patients (10.90%); Group 2 with  
162 depressive FM, 10 patients (7.8%); Group 3 with atypical FM, 18 patients (14%). The FIQ  
163 mean score was  $61.49 \pm 17.96$ . The EQ-5D mean score was  $38.20 \pm 13.68$  ([table 1](#)).

164 *Retinal Nerve Fiber Layer*

165 Patients with FM presented with significant thinning of the RNFL thickness compared to  
166 healthy controls in 17/64 cells (p-value <0.05) ([table 2](#)) ([Fig 2](#)).

167 The ANOVA test amongst the three subgroups of FM phenotypes and controls also revealed  
168 significant differences in 26/64 cells (p-value <0.05) and 8/64 cells (p-value <0.001) ([table](#)  
169 [3](#)). Post hoc analysis with Bonferroni correction showed significant thinning in subgroup 2  
170 compared to healthy controls in 28 cells. Cells 3.6, 6.5 and 6.6 showed significant thinning in  
171 subgroup 2 compared with subgroup 1, Cell 2.8 in subgroup 1 was significantly thinner  
172 compared to control group and cells 2.8 and 8.1 were thinner in subgroup 3 but a significant  
173 engross was observed in cell 5.2 compared with control. ([Table 3](#)) ([Fig 3](#)).

174 *Ganglion Cell Layer*

175 Compared with controls, the FM group presented a significant thinning of the GCL in 33/64  
176 cells (p-value <0.05) and 14/64 cells (p-value <0.001) ([table 4](#)) ([Fig 2](#)).

177 Several areas of thinning were shown in ANOVA testing amongst the three phenotype  
178 subgroups and healthy controls, 27/64 cells with significant differences (p-value <0.05) and  
179 14/64 cells with highly significant differences (p-value <0.001) ([table 5](#)) ([Fig 2](#)).

180 Post hoc analysis showed significant thinning (p<0.001) in 27 cells in subgroup 2 and in 14 cells  
181 in subgroup 1 compared with control group. Cells 5.6, 6.4 and 6.5 in subgroup 2 showed a  
182 significant thinning compared with subgroup 3 and cells 4.3, 5.2 were thinner in subgroup 3  
183 compared with healthy subjects.

184 *Correlation study*

185 Mild significant correlations were observed between GCL and years of evolution of FM disease,  
186 in cells 5.8 (0.282), cell 6.8 (0.309), cell 7.8 (0.333) and cell 8.5 (0.327) and only one high  
187 positive correlation in RNFL in cell 5.2 (0.389). A significant positive correlation was observed  
188 between the RNFL and GCL and the EuroQol-5D questionnaire in inferior and temporal cells  
189 and an inverse correlation between the GCL thickness and the FIQ score in nasal, superior and  
190 inferior cells. (Table 6) (Fig 3)

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## 192 DISCUSSION

193 The aim of this study was to verify that the PPole premium protocol for OCT Spectralis  
194 provides objective information about the inner retinal layers in patients with FM and to evaluate  
195 possible changes in the neuroretina of these patients caused by the disease. There are other  
196 devices that allow wide protocols, such as Triton OCT (Topcon) which also scans big areas but  
197 nowadays, this protocol has the most complete analysis. Currently, there is a scarcity of material  
198 in the bibliography about this disease and its relationship with the retina, so this could be  
199 considered a novel study using a new diagnostic tool that might provide a new scientific  
200 contribution to this topic.

201 Plentiful studies on retinal alterations in FM could not be found. Loss of RNFL thickness in a  
202 group of FM patients had previously been observed at this hospital by our own team<sup>5</sup>. In the  
203 present study, significant thinning affecting both the RNFL and GCL in FM patients was  
204 detected in comparison with control subjects. In RNFL, affected grid cells were observed in the  
205 superior and inferior areas along the papillary arch. With regard to the GCL, more affected grid  
206 cells in the area of the analysis were detected, especially around the macular area and in the  
207 temporal area. In the GCL, a higher level of significance and a larger affected area of thinning  
208 were found compared to the RNFL, so it is postulated that, in FM, structural alterations affect  
209 the nuclei of the ganglion cells to a greater degree and earlier than the axon of the cell. These  
210 findings are important since, up to now, the diagnosis of FM has been made through subjective

211 tests and there are no quantifiable objective tests. Furthermore, the PPole protocol can  
212 determine the exact location of the papillomacular bundle, and therefore supply more accurate  
213 results. This area usually shows the first pathological changes established in neurodegenerative  
214 diseases, and hence, this new protocol might be a potential tool to provide new biomarkers for  
215 early diagnosis.<sup>17</sup>

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217 Neither the etiology nor the pathogenic mechanisms of fibromyalgia are not yet fully  
218 determined. It has been reported that in FM the sensitivity of the central and peripheral nervous  
219 system is altered in response to tissue stimulation, manifesting as hyperalgesia and allodynia.<sup>18</sup>  
220 It has also been mentioned that these disorders of muscular-skeletal pain are not only associated  
221 with alteration in functional neural plasticity, but also with changes in brain morphology.<sup>19</sup>

222 Studies such as Mountz et al<sup>20</sup> and Kwiatek et al<sup>21</sup> support the theory that many signs and  
223 symptoms of FM originate from central nervous system dysfunction. They found hypoperfusion  
224 in the bilateral thalamus and bilateral caudate nucleus, involved in the nociceptive stimulus  
225 processing, using single-photon emission computed tomography. Also, Katz et al<sup>22</sup> suggest that  
226 FM pain is the product of muscle hypoperfusion secondary to regional vasomotor dysregulation.

227 Prevalence of emotional and affective disorders in FM have presented as depression, anxiety,  
228 borderline personality, obsessive-compulsive personality, and post-traumatic stress disorder. It  
229 has been suggested that chronic stress may lead to changes in various hormones and  
230 neurotransmitters, resulting in various manifestations of FM such as pain and fatigue.<sup>23, 24</sup> We  
231 classified our patients into 3 distinct subgroups depending on the Giesecke classification, and  
232 observed no significant difference in RNFL and GCL among subgroups. However, the  
233 depressive phenotype presented with the thinnest values in RNFL and GCL measurements  
234 compared to healthy subjects. The exact mechanisms underlying the different disease  
235 phenotypes is still not well understood, but our results, showing greater neurodegeneration in  
236 the depressive subtype, might shed light on current pathophysiological theories on this disease.

237 Two questionnaires about Health-related quality of life were conducted in this study. The  
238 EuroQol 5D questionnaire correlated more strongly with the temporal-inferior area of the GCL.

239 However, the FIQ questionnaire did not correlate with structural data from either retinal layers,  
240 despite being more specific on FM than the EuroQol 5D. It is thought that, although the FIQ has  
241 the capacity to detect changes in disease progression, the functional elements of the test are  
242 oriented towards high levels of disability, which possibly results in false evaluation of mild  
243 stages.<sup>25</sup>

244 Since to this date there is no clear pathophysiological cause, FM has been determined as a state  
245 of pain that originates in the central nervous system. This hypothesis was proposed following  
246 observations of increased neuronal activity during non-harmful stimulation in brain regions  
247 involved in pain processing, and of dysfunctional endogenous pain modulators in FM patients.

248<sup>26,27</sup> Following this statement, we believe that the alterations in the central nervous system of  
249 FM patients might be reflected in the alterations observed in the neuroretina of these subjects,  
250 and thus, might possibly serve as a useful tool to monitor the disease, as neuroretinal changes  
251 occur in demyelinating diseases of the central nervous system and in other neurodegenerative  
252 diseases.<sup>28-30</sup>

253 This study also presents some methodological limitations. Firstly, the present study mostly  
254 recruited women, due to incidence; this allowed us to provide greater homogeneity in the  
255 sample, but future studies should be replicated including more men with fibromyalgia.  
256 Secondly, this is a monocentric study, and has used a single OCT acquisition system. It would  
257 be useful to analyze whether the conclusions of this work are generalized to other conditions  
258 and other populations and even other OCT devices. Thirdly, it is also important to state that the  
259 sample size was limited and so continuing this line of investigation in future studies with a  
260 larger sample could support these results. **We did not perform comparison of sensitivity in**  
261 **the detection of neurodegenerative changes. More studies using ROC analysis should be**  
262 **performed in the near future comparing the fast protocol, with the RNFL of the**  
263 **peripapillary area.**<sup>31,32</sup> And finally, this study did not consider environmental factors,  
264 nutritional disorders, and unhealthy sedentary lifestyle habits that may influence axonal loss as  
265 described in other studies.<sup>33</sup>

266 In addition to the present results, an analysis of the superficial plexuses by optical coherence  
267 tomography angiography may well be beneficial, to show if vascular flow in the superficial  
268 retina is affected by cause or by consequence, as well as providing an analysis of the deeper  
269 retinal layers and the choroid, for a much more complete study. Previous research by Ulusoy et  
270 al suggested a decrease in the thickness of the choroid in patients suffering from FM.<sup>34</sup> These  
271 findings in the vascular retina can be related to other studies that confirm hypoperfusion in the  
272 peripheral and central nervous system.<sup>20-22</sup> Today FM diagnosis is only clinical, there are not  
273 diagnostic imaging tests or laboratory tests that confirm this syndrome, and so these results  
274 might help us to establish quantifiable values to help diagnosis. More studies following this line  
275 of research would be useful in advancing understanding and diagnosis of FM.

276 In conclusion, the PPole in OCT is a useful, safe, easy and quick test for use in FM patients.  
277 Given the high sensitivity to measure the loss of nerve fibers and the measurable ganglion cell  
278 layer that this protocol has, it may be advantageous to add the PPole test as part of the FM  
279 evaluation protocol, to help quantify and monitor this disease in an objective fashion. Further  
280 studies with larger sample size to corroborate our findings would be of great benefit.

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447 **Figure 1.** Image of Posterior pole protocol. Right image: Color thickness map of the 64 OCT  
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452 **Figure 2.** Contour maps of mean thickness represented on the 64-cell grid (8 \* 8) and recreated  
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460 **Figure 3.** Significance representation of Ppole 64-cells (8 \* 8) gird in retinal fiber layer (RNFL)  
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**Table 1.** Demographic data in fibromyalgia subgroups and control group.

	CONTROL	FM		
		<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
	N = 74	N =14	N =10	N =18
AGE (Years)	55.12 ± 14.25	57.00±8.89	54.60±7.07	56.54±9.82
IOP (mmHg)	15.36 ± 1.95	115.64±2.27	15.50±1.51	15.94±1.51
GENDER	10 (M) / 64 (F)	3 (M) / 11 (F)	2 (M) / 8 (F)	2 (M) / 16 (F)
FIQ	-	69.12±19.53	75.08±9.49	49-88±13.56
EQ-5D	-	36.00±10.22	40.00±13.74	39.33±16.13

*Abbreviations: FM. Fibromyalgia; IOP. Intraocular pressure; FIQ. Fibromyalgia Impact Questionnaire ;EQ-5D. EuroQol ;M. Male; F. Female. 1. Subgroup biological; 2. Subgroup depressive; 3. Subgroup atypical.*

**Table 2.** Mean and standard deviation thickness in 64 cells of Ppole protocol in retinal nerve fiber layer in control subject and fibromyalgia patients and significative.

	CONTROL		FM		U Mann-Withnney <i>P</i>	
	N = 74		N = 57			
	Media(μm)	Dev. ±	Media(μm)	Dev. ±		
Cell 1.1 RNFL	31,08	6,31	30,80	13,50	0,226	
Cell 1.2 RNFL	36,7	7,66	35,53	9,74	0,699	
Cell 1.3 RNFL	43,58	9,25	40,53	11,89	0,256	
Cell 1.4 RNFL	51,14	11,05	47,40	14,08	0,122	
Cell 1.5 RNFL	62,97	15,24	58,67	19,49	0,128	
Cell 1.6 RNFL	84,58	20,08	76,58	25,05	0,085	
Cell 1.7 RNFL	99,58	19,19	87,53	20,45	0,001*	
Cell 1.8 RNFL	86,62	16,88	77,95	24,73	0,077	
Cell 2.1 RNFL	26,55	5,25	24,78	5,71	0,253	
Cell 2.2 RNFL	30,12	5,02	28,25	5,91	0,142	
Cell 2.3 RNFL	34,3	5,04	32,75	7,26	0,15	
Cell 2.4 RNFL	38,93	5,44	36,87	7,48	0,067	
Cell 2.5 RNFL	45,2	6,65	41,82	9,38	0,014	
Cell 2.6 RNFL	57,91	11,17	53,85	15,09	0,034	
Cell 2.7 RNFL	89,34	19,62	80,93	25,30	0,042	
Cell 2.8 RNFL	123,04	20,10	105,02	23,96	<0,001*	
Cell 3.1 RNFL	21,39	3,91	21,55	5,69	0,811	
Cell 3.2 RNFL	23,95	3,62	23,07	4,78	0,129	
Cell 3.3 RNFL	27,32	3,66	26,18	6,14	0,12	
Cell 3.4 RNFL	31,39	4,28	29,93	6,69	0,078	
Cell 3.5 RNFL	35,69	5,43	33,96	7,26	0,087	
Cell 3.6 RNFL	43,65	6,86	41,45	9,44	0,112	
Cell 3.7 RNFL	60,47	10,20	56,80	16,05	0,042	
Cell 3.8 RNFL	105,62	20,30	97,64	29,72	0,063	
Cell 4.1 RNFL	17,7	2,34	18,24	3,04	0,44	
Cell 4.2 RNFL	17,92	2,06	18,53	3,28	0,807	
Cell 4.3 RNFL	18,97	2,25	19,05	3,34	0,472	
Cell 4.4 RNFL	17,15	1,85	16,80	1,98	0,241	
Cell 4.5 RNFL	16,84	2,09	16,91	2,99	0,921	
Cell 4.6 RNFL	25,14	4,77	24,76	6,60	0,329	
Cell 4.7 RNFL	40,41	7,00	39,31	10,29	0,166	
Cell 4.8 RNFL	69,22	12,75	67,72	21,48	0,179	
Cell 5.1 RNFL	17,7	2,57	19,65	9,93	0,588	
Cell 5.2 RNFL	17,12	2,66	20,09	8,76	0,001*	
Cell 5.3 RNFL	15,51	1,84	17,24	5,93	0,017	
Cell 5.4 RNFL	15,49	1,74	15,62	2,40	0,961	
Cell 5.5 RNFL	16,28	1,96	16,38	2,47	0,805	
Cell 5.6 RNFL	25,74	4,41	24,91	6,82	0,083	
Cell 5.7 RNFL	42,5	6,97	40,04	7,73	0,055	
Cell 5.8 RNFL	69,49	11,71	65,59	17,58	0,030	
Cell 6.1 RNFL	16,73	1,97	17,13	3,78	0,915	
Cell 6.2 RNFL	17,88	2,25	17,95	2,71	0,747	
Cell 6.3 RNFL	20,86	2,88	19,87	2,92	0,027	
Cell 6.4 RNFL	26,24	3,88	24,44	4,16	0,017	
Cell 6.5 RNFL	32,41	5,00	30,64	5,75	0,084	
Cell 6.6 RNFL	41,57	6,56	39,51	8,10	0,125	
Cell 6.7 RNFL	55,78	8,67	53,07	11,42	0,058	
Cell 6.8 RNFL	84,45	15,13	79,98	20,77	0,085	
Cell 7.1 RNFL	18,15	3,83	18,02	3,19	0,852	
Cell 7.2 RNFL	20,82	4,46	19,96	3,60	0,37	
Cell 7.3 RNFL	25,32	5,28	23,82	4,57	0,082	
Cell 7.4 RNFL	31,19	5,97	29,29	6,28	0,038	
Cell 7.5 RNFL	40,03	7,55	37,09	8,51	0,010	
Cell 7.6 RNFL	49,08	8,96	47,11	11,54	0,064	
Cell 7.7 RNFL	64,01	13,64	62,67	18,56	0,142	
Cell 7.8 RNFL	95,65	19,70	89,78	27,93	0,031	
Cell 8.1 RNFL	22,58	1,59	19,61	4,85	<0,001*	
Cell 8.2 RNFL	24,93	6,50	23,02	6,05	0,148	
Cell 8.3 RNFL	29,86	7,54	27,98	6,88	0,234	
Cell 8.4 RNFL	35,78	8,10	34,15	8,43	0,245	
Cell 8.5 RNFL	43,93	10,15	41,91	10,86	0,123	
Cell 8.6 RNFL	56,24	13,56	53,44	15,61	0,102	
Cell 8.7 RNFL	76,68	16,90	69,40	18,45	0,015	
Cell 8.8 RNFL	93,32	17,56	83,09	19,29	0,001*	

*Abbreviations: FM. Fibromyalgia; Dev. Standard Deviation; RNFL. Retinal nerve fiber layer.*

*Asterisk marks significance based on Bonferroni correction for multiple comparisons*

**Table 3.** Mean and standard deviation in RFNL thickness between subgroups of FM and ANOVA test with Post hoc Kruskal-Wallis.

N	CONTROL		1		2		3		KRUSKAL-WALLIS	
	74		14		10		18			
	Media(μm)	Dev. ±	Media(μm)	Dev. ±	Media(μm)	Dev. ±	Media(μm)	Dev. ±		
Cell 1.1 RNFL	31,08	6,31	27,14	6,09	29,00	8,08	34,18	20,91	0,246	
Cell 1.2 RNFL	36,70	7,66	32,14	9,55	35,80	11,80	34,94	7,70	0,436	
Cell 1.3 RNFL	43,58	9,25	38,36	13,02	38,80	13,92	39,83	10,63	0,442	
Cell 1.4 RNFL	51,14	11,05	45,64	16,29	44,20	11,07	46,33	13,79	0,227	
Cell 1.5 RNFL	62,97	15,24	57,29	21,25	51,20	14,27	57,78	19,50	0,136	
Cell 1.6 RNFL	84,58	20,08	72,29	27,50	67,80	17,76	77,39	26,35	0,069	
Cell 1.7 RNFL	99,58	19,19	86,07	17,34	83,30	20,75	85,83	23,99	0,006	
Cell 1.8 RNFL	86,62	16,88	80,79	23,23	81,40	27,93	71,28	23,93	0,075	
Cell 2.1 RNFL	26,55	5,25	24,07	6,63	23,40	7,55	24,83	4,37	0,507	
Cell 2.2 RNFL	30,12	5,02	27,29	6,20	24,40	7,09	28,39	4,78	0,04	
Cell 2.3 RNFL	34,30	5,04	33,14	7,44	27,10	6,98	32,78	6,67	0,017	
Cell 2.4 RNFL	38,93	5,44	37,43	7,02	31,00	5,06	36,56	7,38	0,03	
Cell 2.5 RNFL	45,20	6,65	42,14	9,65	35,20	5,45	40,78	9,05	0,001*	
Cell 2.6 RNFL	57,91	11,17	55,46	16,99	41,80	5,14	52,67	13,63	<0,001*	
Cell 2.7 RNFL	89,34	19,62	79,46	29,35	65,30	9,79	81,44	24,58	0,007	
Cell 2.8 RNFL	123,04	20,10	101,85	29,79	100,80	10,25	104,50	24,32	<0,001*	
Cell 3.1 RNFL	21,39	3,91	23,29	9,60	18,60	3,10	20,67	2,97	0,22	
Cell 3.2 RNFL	23,95	3,62	24,07	5,94	19,60	3,60	22,17	3,02	0,007	
Cell 3.3 RNFL	27,32	3,66	28,21	8,68	22,90	3,07	25,00	4,78	0,013	
Cell 3.4 RNFL	31,39	4,28	32,36	8,38	25,70	3,43	29,06	6,80	0,004	
Cell 3.5 RNFL	35,69	5,43	36,21	8,88	29,30	3,53	33,17	7,60	0,007	
Cell 3.6 RNFL	43,65	6,86	44,29	11,17	34,70	3,83	39,78	9,27	0,002	
Cell 3.7 RNFL	60,47	10,20	57,50	19,29	47,10	5,34	54,67	15,91	0,001*	
Cell 3.8 RNFL	105,62	20,30	97,64	32,33	80,20	13,33	96,94	30,50	0,008	
Cell 4.1 RNFL	17,70	2,34	18,71	4,78	16,90	1,97	18,28	2,22	0,463	
Cell 4.2 RNFL	17,92	2,06	19,36	4,78	16,70	1,77	18,06	2,21	0,141	
Cell 4.3 RNFL	18,97	2,25	20,57	4,86	17,00	1,05	18,67	2,85	0,033	
Cell 4.4 RNFL	17,15	1,85	17,21	2,39	15,80	1,69	17,22	2,05	0,226	
Cell 4.5 RNFL	16,84	2,09	18,14	5,13	15,10	1,60	16,56	1,29	0,066	
Cell 4.6 RNFL	25,14	4,77	27,71	10,23	20,50	3,44	23,78	4,40	0,026	
Cell 4.7 RNFL	40,41	7,00	42,77	13,59	32,20	5,16	37,17	7,70	0,008	
Cell 4.8 RNFL	69,22	12,75	68,00	18,80	54,10	11,91	63,78	19,14	0,015	
Cell 5.1 RNFL	17,70	2,57	22,36	15,25	16,70	2,83	18,61	2,57	0,287	
Cell 5.2 RNFL	17,12	2,66	23,29	16,19	18,80	3,52	19,67	2,33	0,001*	
Cell 5.3 RNFL	15,51	1,84	19,50	10,94	15,80	2,04	16,78	2,58	0,067	
Cell 5.4 RNFL	15,49	1,74	16,00	3,94	14,80	1,14	16,06	1,16	0,166	
Cell 5.5 RNFL	16,28	1,96	16,86	3,90	15,40	1,17	16,11	1,41	0,561	
Cell 5.6 RNFL	25,74	4,41	27,36	11,81	21,10	3,11	24,17	3,62	0,011	
Cell 5.7 RNFL	42,50	6,97	39,79	8,54	33,90	4,58	39,56	7,06	0,002	
Cell 5.8 RNFL	69,49	11,71	63,77	17,54	54,20	5,43	63,11	14,56	0,001*	
Cell 6.1 RNFL	16,73	1,97	18,00	4,13	15,10	1,60	16,83	1,58	0,047	
Cell 6.2 RNFL	17,88	2,25	18,43	4,20	17,10	2,03	17,89	1,84	0,72	
Cell 6.3 RNFL	20,86	2,88	20,50	3,65	18,80	2,10	19,83	3,37	0,099	
Cell 6.4 RNFL	26,24	3,88	25,29	4,73	22,30	2,36	24,72	4,81	0,028	
Cell 6.5 RNFL	32,41	5,00	32,64	6,83	26,70	2,75	30,39	5,61	0,007	
Cell 6.6 RNFL	41,57	6,56	41,86	9,87	32,90	2,56	39,44	7,87	0,001*	
Cell 6.7 RNFL	55,78	8,67	53,64	12,94	45,70	5,38	52,89	10,69	0,005	
Cell 6.8 RNFL	84,45	15,13	77,92	21,31	67,60	10,72	80,00	21,15	0,009	
Cell 7.1 RNFL	18,15	3,83	18,71	4,16	17,60	2,41	17,72	3,05	0,884	

Cell 7.2 RNFL	20,82	4,46	19,86	3,90	19,70	3,20	19,83	4,00	0,775
Cell 7.3 RNFL	25,32	5,28	22,86	4,90	22,90	3,87	24,06	4,63	0,197
Cell 7.4 RNFL	31,19	5,97	28,21	6,33	26,80	3,29	29,78	6,42	0,044
Cell 7.5 RNFL	40,03	7,55	35,86	8,41	33,10	4,25	38,50	8,91	0,008
Cell 7.6 RNFL	49,08	8,96	46,36	11,39	41,00	8,94	48,83	11,84	0,033
Cell 7.7 RNFL	64,01	13,64	66,29	26,39	54,50	11,96	61,50	16,70	0,109
Cell 7.8 RNFL	95,65	19,70	95,00	42,71	83,90	24,24	86,00	20,09	0,1
Cell 8.1 RNFL	22,58	1,59	19,79	7,14	19,40	3,86	20,44	4,15	<0,001*
Cell 8.2 RNFL	24,93	6,50	22,79	8,30	22,30	6,78	24,22	5,12	0,818
Cell 8.3 RNFL	29,86	7,54	27,07	8,50	27,30	8,56	29,61	5,19	0,784
Cell 8.4 RNFL	35,78	8,10	33,64	9,87	32,60	9,51	35,17	6,65	0,795
Cell 8.5 RNFL	43,93	10,15	41,07	14,06	40,40	11,12	42,83	8,62	0,571
Cell 8.6 RNFL	56,24	13,56	53,93	20,62	50,30	16,81	54,50	12,95	0,485
Cell 8.7 RNFL	76,68	16,90	69,50	23,03	66,00	22,84	70,67	13,43	0,118
Cell 8.8 RNFL	93,32	17,56	79,21	26,62	76,70	22,63	89,22	10,13	0,02

*RNFL. Retinal nerve fiber layer; Groups of fibromyalgia: Group 1, biological fibromyalgia. Group 2, Depressive fibromyalgia. Group 3, atipic fibromyalgia. Asterisk marks significance based on Bonferroni correction for multiple comparisons*

**Table 4.** Mean and standard deviation thickness in 64 cells of Ppole protocol in Ganglionar cells layer in control subject and fibromyalgia patients and significative.

	CONTROL		FM		U Mann-Withnney <i>P</i>	
	N = 74		N = 57			
	Media(μm)	Dev. ±	Media(μm)	Dev. ±		
Cell 1.1 GCL	21,34	2,41	20,24	3,62	0,01	
Cell 1.2 GCL	22,61	2,26	21,22	3,18	0,019	
Cell 1.3 GCL	23,72	2,87	22,07	3,71	0,017	
Cell 1.4 GCL	24,50	4,12	22,95	3,41	0,042	
Cell 1.5 GCL	24,41	4,09	23,60	3,29	0,452	
Cell 1.6 GCL	22,91	3,05	22,58	3,20	0,692	
Cell 1.7 GCL	21,26	2,18	22,16	3,60	0,213	
Cell 1.8 GCL	21,26	1,81	21,38	3,24	0,707	
Cell 2.1 GCL	23,95	2,12	22,13	3,76	0,007	
Cell 2.2 GCL	26,66	2,88	24,80	4,00	0,009	
Cell 2.3 GCL	30,36	4,04	28,05	4,08	0,008	
Cell 2.4 GCL	33,31	5,32	30,44	4,34	0,003	
Cell 2.5 GCL	33,80	5,39	30,65	4,63	0,002	
Cell 2.6 GCL	30,80	4,77	27,85	4,48	<0,001*	
Cell 2.7 GCL	25,66	3,60	24,69	4,70	0,157	
Cell 2.8 GCL	21,66	2,79	22,72	4,83	0,218	
Cell 3.1 GCL	28,28	3,14	26,47	3,32	0,007	
Cell 3.2 GCL	34,99	4,48	32,36	4,81	0,008	
Cell 3.3 GCL	43,85	6,01	40,55	5,68	0,009	
Cell 3.4 GCL	50,93	5,51	47,09	5,74	<0,001*	
Cell 3.5 GCL	50,70	5,37	47,40	6,39	0,002	
Cell 3.6 GCL	45,09	5,63	40,89	6,35	<0,001*	
Cell 3.7 GCL	34,82	4,24	32,04	5,60	0,003	
Cell 3.8 GCL	26,32	3,33	25,60	4,23	0,339	
Cell 4.1 GCL	30,54	3,97	27,87	4,59	0,003	
Cell 4.2 GCL	41,39	5,78	36,60	7,18	<0,001*	
Cell 4.3 GCL	52,73	4,83	48,04	7,27	<0,001*	
Cell 4.4 GCL	41,54	7,15	37,64	7,95	0,004	
Cell 4.5 GCL	39,99	6,92	37,96	8,13	0,121	
Cell 4.6 GCL	55,84	4,58	52,11	5,64	<0,001*	
Cell 4.7 GCL	43,88	4,97	40,70	5,33	0,001*	
Cell 4.8 GCL	31,58	3,38	30,44	4,17	0,145	
Cell 5.1 GCL	25,84	4,83	23,82	4,78	0,012	
Cell 5.2 GCL	36,72	6,86	30,96	7,25	<0,001*	
Cell 5.3 GCL	49,47	5,48	43,76	7,39	<0,001*	
Cell 5.4 GCL	35,09	6,61	31,91	7,57	0,015	
Cell 5.5 GCL	37,05	7,57	35,75	6,39	0,183	
Cell 5.6 GCL	55,73	5,07	52,31	5,69	0,001*	
Cell 5.7 GCL	43,39	4,92	40,35	5,20	0,002	
Cell 5.8 GCL	30,07	3,71	30,52	5,23	0,677	
Cell 6.1 GCL	26,32	4,13	24,16	3,83	0,003	
Cell 6.2 GCL	35,42	5,11	31,51	5,15	<0,001*	
Cell 6.3 GCL	46,00	5,08	42,25	6,49	0,001*	
Cell 6.4 GCL	53,39	4,87	49,55	6,74	0,001*	
Cell 6.5 GCL	53,00	5,37	49,24	5,74	<0,001*	
Cell 6.6 GCL	46,00	6,06	42,82	5,46	0,005	
Cell 6.7 GCL	35,73	5,47	33,67	4,12	0,059	
Cell 6.8 GCL	27,51	4,04	26,94	3,94	0,387	
Cell 7.1 GCL	24,12	2,57	22,49	3,38	0,005	
Cell 7.2 GCL	28,74	4,35	26,40	4,34	0,006	
Cell 7.3 GCL	33,70	5,65	31,31	4,26	0,016	
Cell 7.4 GCL	37,95	6,80	34,91	4,42	0,002	
Cell 7.5 GCL	37,73	6,57	35,20	4,94	0,034	
Cell 7.6 GCL	33,51	6,41	30,84	4,16	0,002	
Cell 7.7 GCL	27,88	5,60	26,33	3,43	0,042	
Cell 7.8 GCL	23,34	2,92	23,89	4,24	0,510	
Cell 8.1 GCL	21,45	2,86	19,70	3,99	0,003	
Cell 8.2 GCL	23,69	3,26	22,15	4,35	0,031	
Cell 8.3 GCL	26,03	4,58	24,35	4,49	0,053	
Cell 8.4 GCL	27,89	5,73	25,87	4,58	0,017	
Cell 8.5 GCL	28,53	6,16	26,36	4,38	0,009	
Cell 8.6 GCL	25,91	5,52	24,73	3,30	0,089	
Cell 8.7 GCL	23,07	3,70	23,33	3,33	0,364	
Cell 8.8 GCL	21,27	2,63	22,94	3,18	0,004	

*Abbreviations: FM. Fibromyalgia; Dev. Standard Deviation; GCL. Ganglionar cell layer. Asterisk marks significance based on U Mann-withnney.*

**Table 5.** Mean and standard deviation in GCL thickness between subgroups of FM and ANOVA test with Posthoc Kruskal-Wallis.

N	CONTROL		1		2		3		KRUSKAL-WALLIS P	
	74		14		10		18			
	Media(μm)	Dev. ±	Media(μm)	Dev. ±	Media(μm)	Dev. ±	Media(μm)	Dev. ±		
Cell 1.1 GCL	21,34	2,41	19,57	3,13	19,70	4,52	21,41	4,20	0,137	
Cell 1.2 GCL	22,61	2,26	21,36	3,18	20,20	4,78	21,22	2,73	0,129	
Cell 1.3 GCL	23,72	2,87	22,50	3,90	20,20	5,12	22,22	3,59	0,090	
Cell 1.4 GCL	24,50	4,12	22,64	3,27	22,10	3,35	22,89	4,23	0,073	
Cell 1.5 GCL	24,41	4,09	23,21	3,02	23,10	2,42	23,22	4,10	0,509	
Cell 1.6 GCL	22,91	3,05	21,93	3,32	22,00	2,63	22,56	3,62	0,699	
Cell 1.7 GCL	21,26	2,18	23,21	5,56	21,60	2,27	21,56	3,00	0,857	
Cell 1.8 GCL	21,26	1,81	23,07	4,46	20,30	1,89	21,33	3,11	0,377	
Cell 2.1 GCL	23,95	2,12	22,14	4,19	20,20	5,59	22,72	2,47	0,041	
Cell 2.2 GCL	26,66	2,88	24,64	3,80	21,90	6,17	25,50	3,03	0,017	
Cell 2.3 GCL	30,36	4,04	28,07	3,65	25,20	5,87	28,22	3,66	0,010	
Cell 2.4 GCL	33,31	5,32	30,00	4,10	28,70	4,99	30,39	4,57	0,007	
Cell 2.5 GCL	33,80	5,39	29,50	4,38	28,50	5,46	31,33	4,63	0,003	
Cell 2.6 GCL	30,80	4,77	26,07	5,80	27,70	4,72	28,33	3,46	0,002	
Cell 2.7 GCL	25,66	3,60	24,64	7,28	24,00	4,35	25,44	3,29	0,601	
Cell 2.8 GCL	21,66	2,79	24,08	7,31	21,60	4,01	22,56	4,42	0,639	
Cell 3.1 GCL	28,28	3,14	26,50	3,67	24,50	3,69	26,56	2,92	0,008	
Cell 3.2 GCL	34,99	4,48	32,07	4,84	29,30	4,81	32,39	4,47	0,003	
Cell 3.3 GCL	43,85	6,01	38,93	5,73	37,80	3,29	40,44	6,21	0,001	
Cell 3.4 GCL	50,93	5,51	45,57	4,99	44,30	3,13	46,78	6,58	<0,001*	
Cell 3.5 GCL	50,70	5,37	45,71	4,87	43,90	2,73	47,33	8,26	<0,001*	
Cell 3.6 GCL	45,09	5,63	38,86	5,49	38,10	3,64	41,72	7,66	<0,001*	
Cell 3.7 GCL	34,82	4,24	30,71	6,22	30,40	5,32	33,11	5,93	0,015	
Cell 3.8 GCL	26,32	3,33	26,14	3,76	23,90	4,04	25,67	5,11	0,473	
Cell 4.1 GCL	30,54	3,97	26,79	5,19	25,80	3,23	27,39	3,93	0,001	
Cell 4.2 GCL	41,39	5,78	35,79	8,11	33,80	4,52	35,94	7,08	<0,001*	
Cell 4.3 GCL	52,73	4,83	47,93	7,51	44,80	4,13	47,83	8,55	<0,001*	
Cell 4.4 GCL	41,54	7,15	38,57	7,19	35,00	8,21	38,33	10,00	0,065	
Cell 4.5 GCL	39,99	6,92	36,36	6,79	33,10	7,11	39,11	8,60	0,017	
Cell 4.6 GCL	55,84	4,58	50,21	6,23	48,20	2,20	52,83	6,23	<0,001*	
Cell 4.7 GCL	43,88	4,97	39,69	4,68	37,10	4,86	42,11	5,76	0,001	
Cell 4.8 GCL	31,58	3,38	30,85	3,39	28,70	5,08	31,17	4,11	0,416	
Cell 5.1 GCL	25,84	4,83	23,36	6,13	21,80	3,29	22,72	3,44	0,002	
Cell 5.2 GCL	36,72	6,86	30,21	8,65	28,10	3,76	29,89	6,27	<0,001*	
Cell 5.3 GCL	49,47	5,48	43,71	7,43	42,20	4,94	44,78	8,06	<0,001*	
Cell 5.4 GCL	35,09	6,61	32,00	5,44	32,60	8,29	33,89	6,56	0,385	
Cell 5.5 GCL	37,05	7,57	33,86	3,92	33,20	5,27	37,28	7,00	0,076	
Cell 5.6 GCL	55,73	5,07	50,43	5,79	47,60	3,50	53,89	6,37	<0,001*	
Cell 5.7 GCL	43,39	4,92	40,29	4,62	36,40	5,52	41,50	5,77	0,002	
Cell 5.8 GCL	30,07	3,71	31,54	4,74	28,30	5,62	30,94	6,08	0,669	
Cell 6.1 GCL	26,32	4,13	25,21	4,30	23,40	3,20	24,06	3,57	0,044	
Cell 6.2 GCL	35,42	5,11	31,71	5,77	29,50	4,70	31,22	4,05	<0,001*	
Cell 6.3 GCL	46,00	5,08	42,07	6,81	38,40	4,60	42,33	5,33	<0,001*	
Cell 6.4 GCL	53,39	4,87	49,64	5,81	44,40	4,14	50,94	5,53	<0,001*	
Cell 6.5 GCL	53,00	5,37	48,50	5,07	44,00	4,35	50,72	5,68	<0,001*	
Cell 6.6 GCL	46,00	6,06	41,64	4,31	38,60	5,95	43,94	6,15	0,001*	
Cell 6.7 GCL	35,73	5,47	32,93	3,52	31,00	5,14	34,83	4,38	0,029	
Cell 6.8 GCL	27,51	4,04	26,92	2,93	25,80	5,03	27,39	5,03	0,784	
Cell 7.1 GCL	24,12	2,57	22,64	3,41	21,20	3,82	22,33	2,95	0,008	

Cell 7.2 GCL	28,74	4,35	25,86	4,40	24,90	4,61	26,17	3,68	0,006
Cell 7.3 GCL	33,70	5,65	29,79	4,15	29,20	4,59	31,89	3,71	0,004
Cell 7.4 GCL	37,95	6,80	34,14	4,52	32,00	5,77	35,61	3,70	0,002
Cell 7.5 GCL	37,73	6,57	34,43	4,83	32,10	6,37	35,89	4,89	0,014
Cell 7.6 GCL	33,51	6,41	30,57	3,63	28,30	6,09	31,22	3,93	0,005
Cell 7.7 GCL	27,88	5,60	26,50	2,71	25,30	5,14	26,33	3,71	0,208
Cell 7.8 GCL	23,34	2,92	25,79	6,39	22,80	3,46	23,39	3,13	0,593
Cell 8.1 GCL	21,45	2,86	18,71	5,58	19,00	4,40	20,33	2,99	0,034
Cell 8.2 GCL	23,69	3,26	21,00	5,75	20,70	5,29	22,72	2,93	0,091
Cell 8.3 GCL	26,03	4,58	23,36	5,34	22,40	5,84	25,00	3,50	0,117
Cell 8.4 GCL	27,89	5,73	24,36	5,27	23,60	6,19	26,83	3,33	0,007
Cell 8.5 GCL	28,53	6,16	25,43	5,61	23,90	5,67	27,11	3,05	0,009
Cell 8.6 GCL	25,91	5,52	23,79	4,76	24,00	2,49	24,89	2,85	0,099
Cell 8.7 GCL	23,07	3,70	23,21	4,87	23,40	2,76	23,11	3,07	0,938
Cell 8.8 GCL	21,27	2,63	23,21	4,04	23,20	2,53	22,39	2,95	0,075

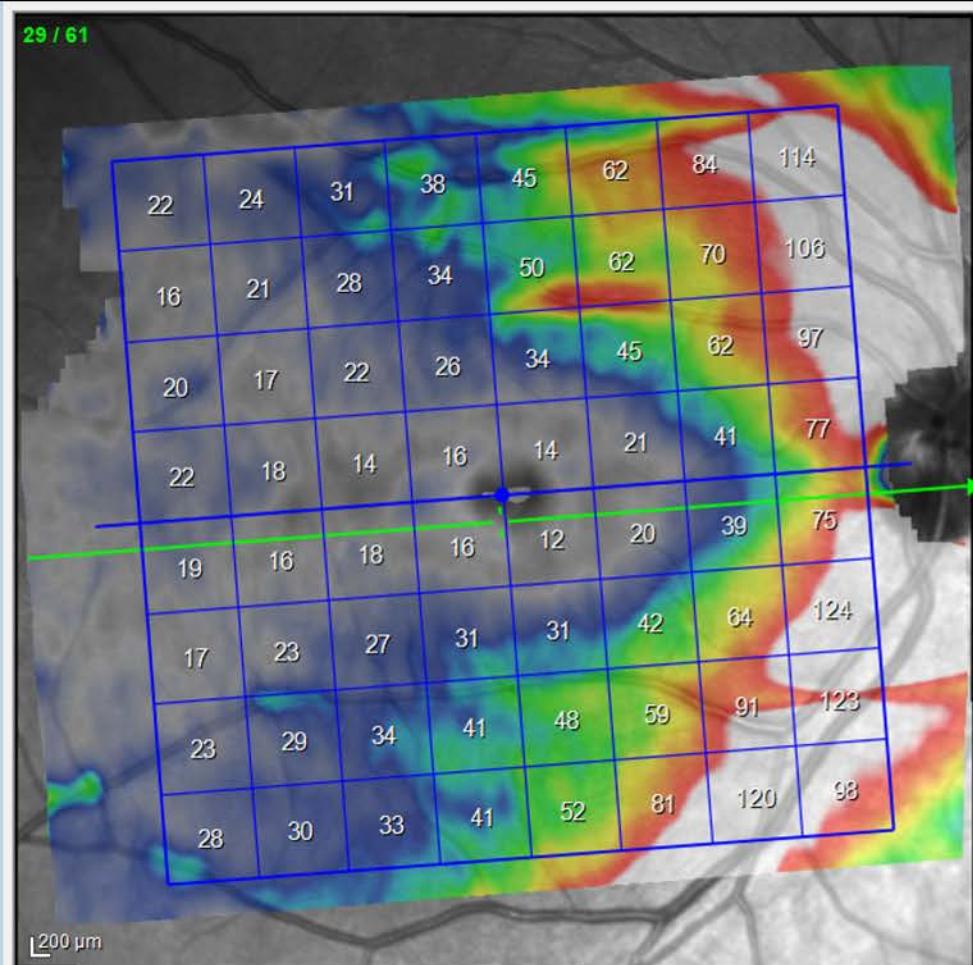
*GCL. Ganglionar cell layer; Groups of fibromyalgia: Group 1, biological fibromyalgia. Group 2, Depressive fibromyalgia. Group 3, atipic fibromyalgia. Asterisk marks significance based on Bonferroni correction for multiple comparisons*

**Table 6.** Spearman correlation between cells of grid Ppole and values of Fibromyalgia impact questionnaire and EuroQol 5 dimensions in both, retinal nerve fiber layer and ganglionar cells layer.

	RNFL				GCL			
	IMPACTP SFM FIQ		SCALE EQ 5D		IMPACTP FIQ		SCALE EQ 5D	
	<i>Spearman Correlation</i>	<i>Sig.</i>						
Cell 1.1	-0,110	0,515	0,293	0,070	0,145	0,384	-0,019	
Cell 1.2	-0,158	0,345	0,298	0,062	-0,173	0,306	,401*	0,011
Cell 1.3	-0,297	0,070	,389*	0,013	-0,122	0,466	,495**	0,001
Cell 1.4	-0,293	0,074	,341*	0,032	-,327*	0,045	,586**	0,000
Cell 1.5	-0,269	0,103	,322*	0,042	-,365*	0,024	,475**	0,002
Cell 1.6	-0,240	0,146	,401*	0,010	-0,152	0,361	,363*	0,021
Cell 1.7□	-0,037	0,827	,402*	0,010	-0,191	0,249	0,226	0,161
Cell 1.8	0,224	0,177	,324*	0,041	-0,019	0,909	0,011	0,944
Cell 2.1	-0,126	0,451	0,306	0,055	-0,092	0,582	0,144	0,374
Cell 2.2	-0,291	0,076	0,185	0,253	-0,279	0,089	,426**	0,006
Cell 2.3	-0,196	0,237	0,005	0,976	-0,303	0,065	,342*	0,031
Cell 2.4	-0,139	0,404	0,008	0,962	-0,202	0,225	0,302	0,058
Cell 2.5	-0,174	0,295	0,165	0,310	-0,181	0,276	,314*	0,049
Cell 2.6	-0,164	0,333	0,146	0,376	-0,270	0,102	0,289	0,070
Cell 2.7	-0,227	0,176	0,097	0,556	-0,199	0,230	,493**	0,001
Cell 2.8	-0,116	0,494	0,258	0,113	-0,084	0,616	,388*	0,013
Cell 3.1	-0,083	0,619	-0,067	0,682	-0,084	0,623	0,235	0,149
Cell 3.2	-0,136	0,417	-0,215	0,182	-0,156	0,348	0,301	0,059
Cell 3.3	-0,041	0,807	-0,278	0,083	-0,179	0,283	0,206	0,203
Cell 3.4	0,044	0,795	-0,142	0,383	-0,313	0,056	0,235	0,144
Cell 3.5	-0,069	0,682	-0,087	0,595	-0,296	0,071	0,233	0,148
Cell 3.6	-0,052	0,755	-0,117	0,470	-,388*	0,016	0,212	0,189
Cell 3.7	-0,179	0,283	-0,017	0,919	-,402*	0,012	0,269	0,094
Cell 3.8	-0,161	0,336	0,023	0,888	-0,299	0,068	0,163	0,316
Cell 4.1	-0,009	0,955	-0,058	0,722	-0,099	0,554	0,109	0,502
Cell 4.2	-0,080	0,633	,341*	0,031	-,398*	0,013	,417**	0,007
Cell 4.3	-0,099	0,554	-0,137	0,401	-0,256	0,121	0,150	0,355
Cell 4.4	-,359*	0,027	0,106	0,515	-0,183	0,272	0,194	0,231
Cell 4.5	-0,212	0,200	0,001	0,996	-0,222	0,179	,392*	0,012
Cell 4.6	-0,105	0,529	-0,124	0,445	-0,305	0,062	0,248	0,123
Cell 4.7	-0,162	0,338	-0,086	0,604	-,417**	0,009	0,248	0,123
Cell 4.8	-0,190	0,267	-0,040	0,810	-,385*	0,019	0,228	0,164
Cell 5.1	0,049	0,770	0,058	0,723	-0,143	0,399	0,275	0,090
Cell 5.2	0,115	0,490	-0,074	0,649	-0,289	0,078	0,176	0,276
Cell 5.3	0,094	0,574	-0,291	0,069	-0,167	0,317	0,076	0,641
Cell 5.4	-0,100	0,549	,388*	0,013	-0,126	0,449	0,179	0,268
Cell 5.5	0,200	0,228	-0,138	0,395	0,027	0,874	0,199	0,217
Cell 5.6	-0,152	0,361	-0,160	0,323	-0,123	0,462	0,135	0,405
Cell 5.7	-,396*	0,014	-0,035	0,832	-,502**	0,001	0,217	0,178
Cell 5.8	-0,238	0,156	-0,053	0,747	-,321*	0,050	0,175	0,280
Cell 6.1	-0,077	0,647	-0,098	0,548	-0,135	0,427	0,217	0,185
Cell 6.2	0,047	0,779	-0,260	0,106	-0,002	0,989	0,229	0,156
Cell 6.3	0,136	0,416	,360*	0,022	-0,190	0,253	0,182	0,261
Cell 6.4	-0,021	0,899	-0,304	0,056	-0,288	0,080	0,131	0,419
Cell 6.5	-0,040	0,813	-0,188	0,246	-,332*	0,041	0,066	0,687
Cell 6.6	-0,219	0,188	-0,131	0,421	-,419**	0,009	0,172	0,287
Cell 6.7	-0,277	0,092	0,019	0,906	-,428**	0,007	0,200	0,217
Cell 6.8	-0,287	0,085	0,036	0,829	-,411*	0,010	0,165	0,308

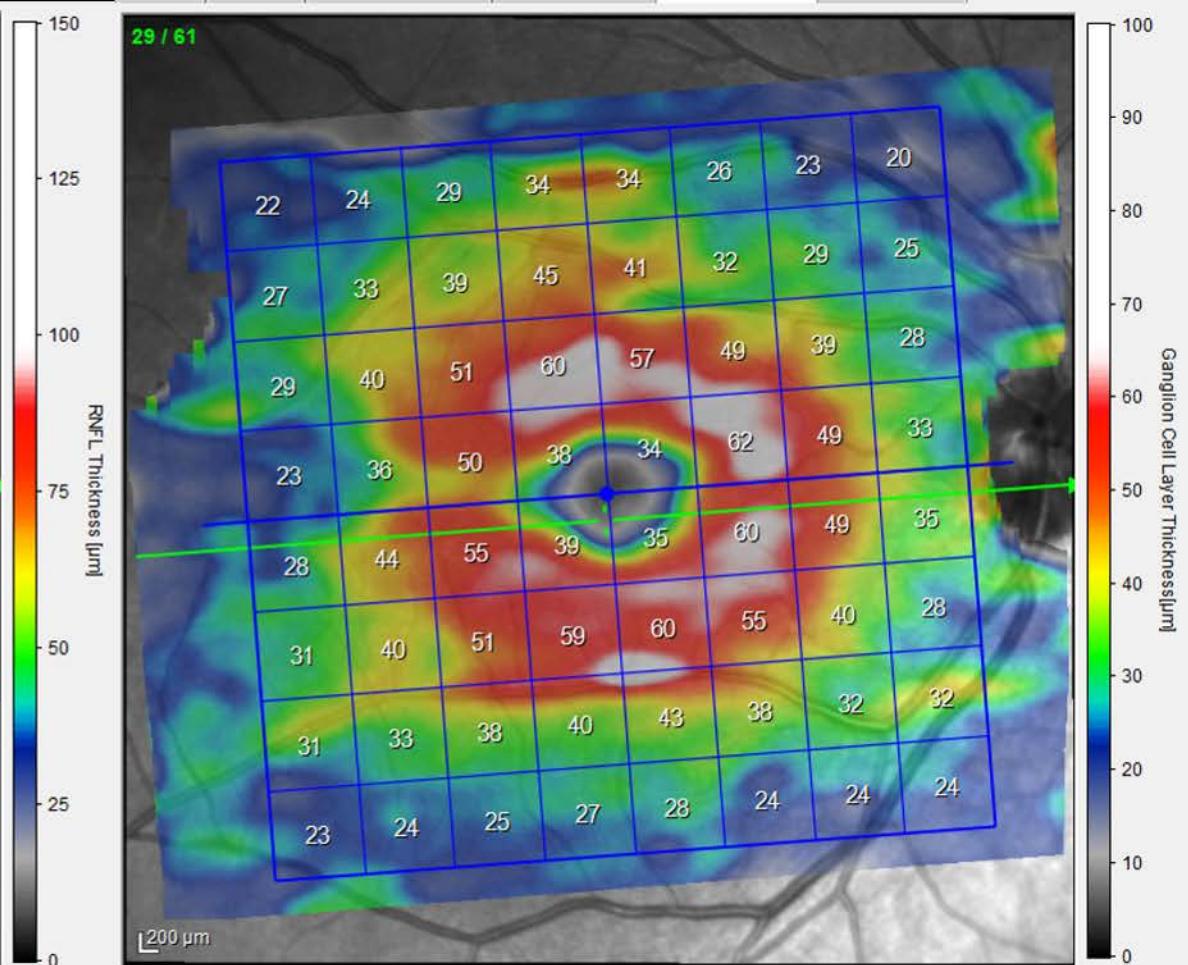
Cell 7.1	-0,093	0,580	0,083	0,612	-0,181	0,285	0,045	0,785
Cell 7.2	-0,067	0,691	0,011	0,947	-0,233	0,158	,430**	0,006
Cell 7.3	0,011	0,946	-0,123	0,449	-0,274	0,096	,358*	0,023
Cell 7.4	-0,004	0,983	-0,136	0,401	-,450**	0,005	0,279	0,081
Cell 7.5	-0,144	0,390	-0,107	0,511	-,443**	0,005	0,188	0,246
Cell 7.6	-0,191	0,250	-0,077	0,638	-,479**	0,002	0,199	0,219
Cell 7.7	-0,091	0,588	-0,006	0,969	-,409*	0,011	0,228	0,158
Cell 7.8	-0,142	0,395	0,075	0,645	-0,266	0,107	0,174	0,283
Cell 8.1	-0,286	0,081	,314*	0,048	-0,072	0,667	0,042	0,797
Cell 8.2	-0,219	0,186	,377*	0,016	-0,195	0,240	0,301	0,059
Cell 3.3	-0,187	0,260	,361*	0,022	-0,294	0,073	,330*	0,038
Cell 8.4	-0,039	0,818	0,215	0,182	-0,260	0,115	0,311	0,051
Cell 8.5	0,028	0,866	0,225	0,163	-,373*	0,021	0,307	0,054
Cell 8.6	-0,034	0,838	0,169	0,298	-0,279	0,090	0,084	0,607
Cell 8.7	-0,224	0,177	0,247	0,124	-0,139	0,406	0,118	0,469
Cell 8.8	-0,256	0,121	0,148	0,363	-0,056	0,739	-0,022	0,892

RNFL. Retinal nerve fiber layer GCL. Ganglionar cell layer; Groups of fibromyalgia:.. FIQ. Fibromyalgia Impact Questionnaire EZ-5D. EuroQol 5 dimensions. Asterisk marks significance based on Bonferroni correction for multiple comparisons



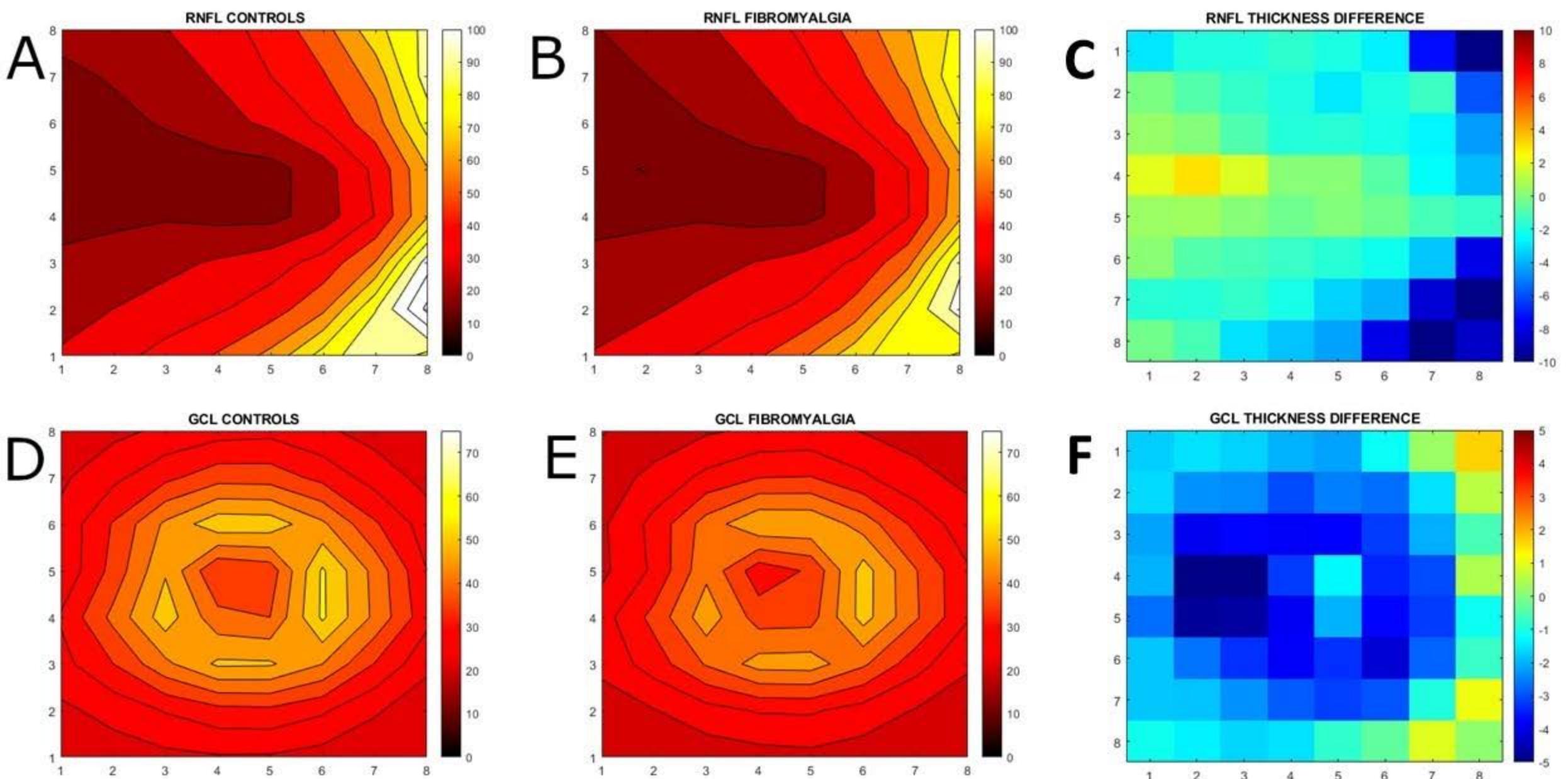
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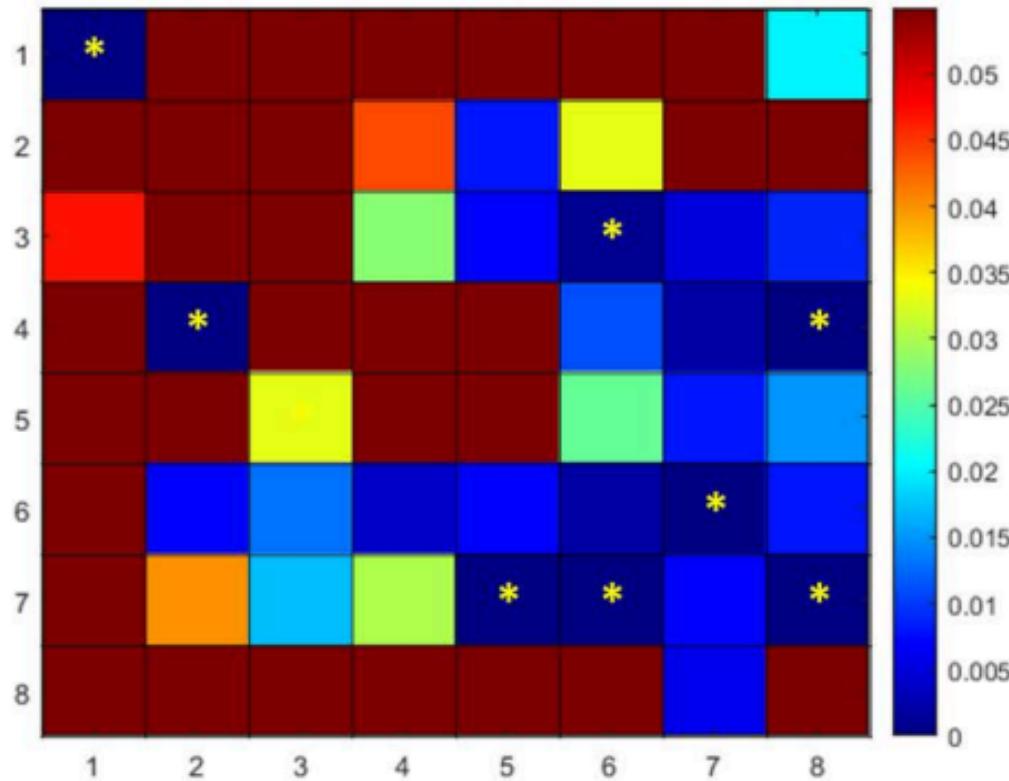


Auto Overlay:  Layer: Ganglion Cell Layer

8x8 Posterior Pole Grid



## RNFL K-W



GCL K-W

