Light and Myopia

- Proposed factors contributing to myopia progression:
 - Genetics
 - Near Work
 - Diet
 - Blur
 - Light Exposure

Physiological Theories

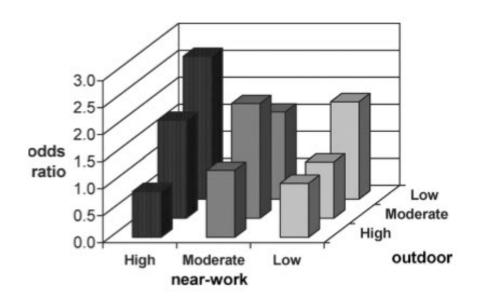
 May be associated with increased dopaminergic activity in the retina

- May involve ipRGC's (also dopamine-related).
- Lot's of research, especially in Asia.

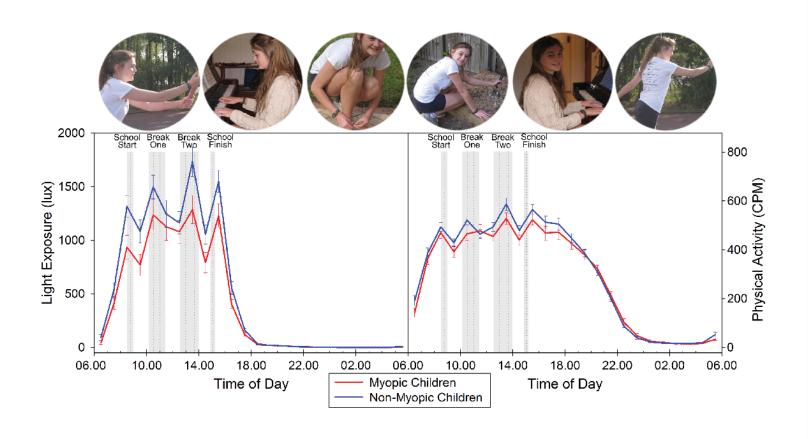
Australian Studies

- Rose, Morgan et al
 Amer. Acad. Ophthal. 2008
 1700 6 year olds / 2367 12 year olds
 Data gathered by questionaires
- Read, Collins, & Vincent
 IOVS 2015
 101 Children 10-15 years old
 Measured axial length
 Data gathered by Actiwatch (photic sensor)

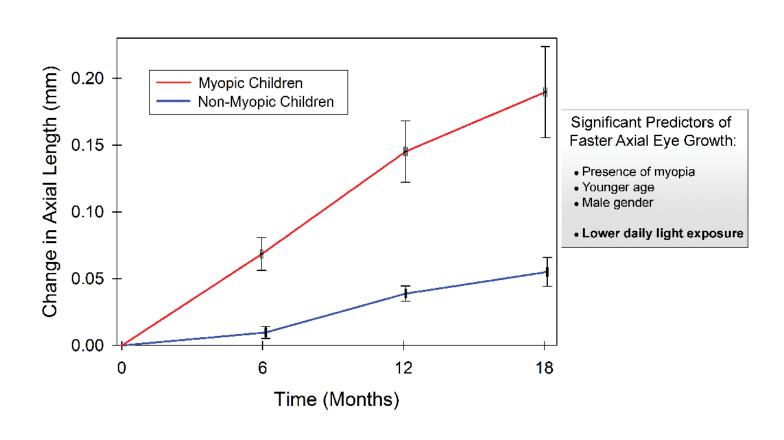
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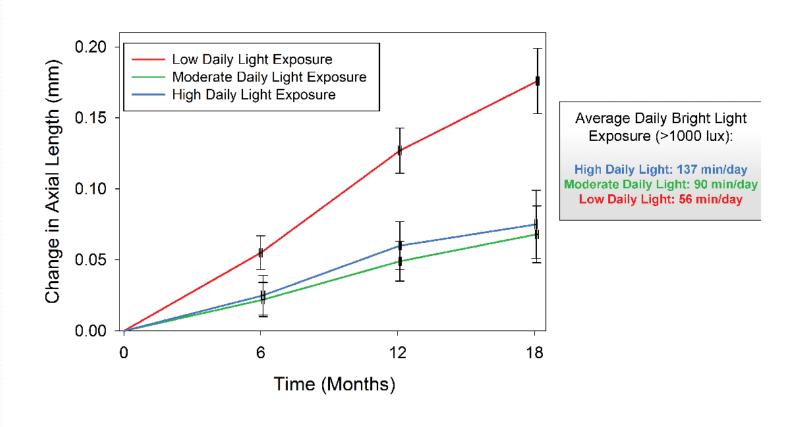
Outdoor Exposure



Axial Length vs Time



Axial Length vs Time (Exposure)



Violet (360-400 nm) Light Effects?

Tsubota & Kurihara (Keio Univeristy) 2018

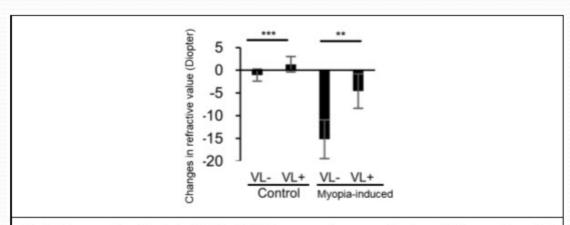


Fig. 1: Suppressive effect of violet light (VL) on myopia progression in a chick myopia model Chicks exposed to VL suppress myopia phenotype.

Violet Light in Humans

