



Invitation to participate in this study

Research title: Evaluating the repeatability of tear biomarkers, corneal immune cell dynamics, and lipid layer thickness measurement in healthy participants.

Researchers at UNSW are conducting a study about the repeatability of tear biomarkers, corneal immune cell dynamics, and lipid layer thickness measurement in healthy participants.

Investigators: Associate Professor Maria Markoulli, Professor Eric Papas, Dr. Azadeh Tavakkolinasab, and Abel Sinshaw Assem (PhD candidate)

The research study is looking to recruit people who meet the following criteria:

- Healthy individuals aged 18 years or older who do not have any eye problems or symptoms.

Participants meeting the following criteria will be excluded from the study:

- History of ocular surgeries and trauma within the last three months, dry eye disease, current contact lens use, history of epilepsy or seizures.

Participants will be asked to complete the following research activities if they agree to participate:

- Attend two study visits at the School of Optometry and Vision Science, UNSW.
- Each visit will take 45 minutes to complete the eye examination and tear collection.

A full description of all research activities is included in the attached Participant Information Statement and Consent Form.

Please contact the following person via email or phone to register your interest in taking part in the research:

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