INTRODUCTION

With ongoing advances in medical science, expectations toward refractory outcomes after cataract surgery are growing. Surgical techniques, accurate biometry, and newer intraocular lens formulas have enabled the control of refractive outcomes with ever-increasing accuracy. In 2018, one large multi-center retrospective study of total 18501 cases reported up to 81% and 98% of eyes within ±0.50D and ±1.00D of predicted refraction, respectively.
For many years, only a few intraocular lens (IOL) formulas have been used to estimate the IOL for patients undergoing cataract surgery: SRK/T, HofferQ, Haigis, and Holladay1.3,4 In recent years, numerous modern formulas have been introduced in an attempt to improve the accuracy of their refractive outcome predictions. Newer generation formulas included Holladay2, Barrett Universal II, Hill-RBF, Olsen, and Kane.5 Predominantly, these differ from the older generation formulas in the number of relevant variables assessed in the formulas: the number of metric assessed: 2 or 3 in older generation (SRK/T, HofferQ, Haigis, Holladay1) vs. 5 to 7 in newer generation (Olsen, Barrett Universal II, Hill-RBF 2.0, Holladay2, Kane).6 Furthermore, some of the modern formulas, such as Hill-RBF and Kane, have incorporated the technology of adaptive learning from a large dataset to predict refractive outcomes.3,7

With the advent of several new IOL formulas, many studies have attempted to evaluate which of the formulas for IOL power calculation is the best predictor of the actual postoperative refractive results. In 2018, Melles, et al.2 reported that Barrett Universal II and Olsen formula yielded the most accurate outcomes. However, their study did not include modern formulas such as Hill-RBF, EVO, and Kane for the analysis, and the newer update published in 2019 reported that Kane, Barrett Universal II, and Olsen formulas showed comparable results.8 Many additional studies have demonstrated Kane formula’s potency in IOL power predictability, and some of the studies even reported more favorable results by Kane compared to Barrett Universal II formula, which was known to be the most accurate among modern formulas for years.3,5,9 However, many of the published studies about Kane formula analyzed data from multiple IOLMaster models for assessment, and often omitted lens thickness (LT) and central corneal thickness (CCT) as optional metrics for IOL power calculation due to the lack of availability of the newest version of IOLMaster device.5,6

The purpose of this study was to evaluate the accuracy of the Kane formula for IOL power calculation in comparison with other existing formulas using a single version of biometry device (IOLMaster 700) while incorporating LT and CCT variables into calculation.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Participants

This retrospective, observational study consisted of 78 eyes of 63 patients who had already undergone uneventful phacoemulsification with IOL implantation by a single surgeon at Severance Hospital in Seoul, Korea between February 2020 and January 2021. Inclusion criteria were as follows: availability of preoperative ocular biometry measurements from IOLMaster 700, auto-refraction performed at 1 month after cataract surgery, absence of complications during or after cataract surgery, and Tecnis ZCB00 (Abbott Medical Optics, Santa Ana, CA, USA) IOL implantation during surgery. Exclusion criteria were corneal astigmatism more than 2 diopters, previous ocular surgery, ocular trauma, active ocular infection or inflammation, or ocular diseases and opacities that may impaire postoperative refractive outcomes.

This study was approved by the Institutional Review Board of the Yonsei University College of Medicine (4-2021-0204), and was conducted in accordance with the tenets of the Declaration of Helsinki. Informed consent was waived due to the retrospective nature of the study.

Preoperative and postoperative assessments

Each patient underwent routine preoperative examination performed within 3 months prior to cataract surgery with IOLMaster 700 (Carl Zeiss Meditec, Jena, Germany) and high-resolution Scheimpflug corneal tomography (Pentacam HR, Oculus, Wetzlar, Germany). Optical biometer parameters, including axial length (AL), anterior chamber depth (ACD), white-to-white distance (WTW), CCT, LT, flat keratometry (K1), steep keratometry (K2), and mean keratometry (Km) were measured with IOLMaster 700. Furthermore, preoperative examination included assessments of best-corrected visual acuity (BCVA), intraocular pressure (IOP) (CANON, TX-20, Tokyo, Japan), manifest refraction, auto-refraction (Topcon, KR-1, Tokyo, Japan), slit-lamp examination, fundoscopy, retinal examination using Heidelberg spectris optical coherence tomography (software V5.4.7.0; Heidelberg Engineering, Heidelberg, Germany), and specular microscopy OA-2000 (Tomey, EM4000, GmbH, Nagoya, Japan).

All of the included patients had a documented follow-up visit at 1 day, 1 week, and 1 month postoperatively during which auto-refraction, manifest refraction, slit-lamp examination, IOP measurements, and keratometry measurements were performed. Postoperative refractive errors measured 1 month after the surgery using automatic refracto-keratometry were compared with the predicted postoperative refraction calculated by the IOLMaster for analysis.

IOL calculation

The power of the implanted IOL was determined by SRK/T, HofferQ, Haigis, Holladay1, Holladay2, Barrett Universal II formulas using User Group for Laser Interference Biometry constants. Calculations for Kane formula were performed using their online calculators (available at: https://www.iolformula.com/). Optional values, including LT and CCT, were included for all cases. A single experienced surgeon selected the IOL power for each patient according to surgical preferences, and the predicted postoperative spherical equivalent (SE) refractions for all formulas were documented.

Surgical technique

All patients underwent scheduled cataract surgery per-
formed by a single surgeon (K.S.). Topical anesthesia with proparacaine hydrochloride (Alcaine, Alcon, Fort Worth, TX, USA) was administered for local anesthesia prior to the operation. Using a 2.8-mm microkeratome, a clear corneal incision was made at the temporal cornea, and the anterior chamber was stabilized with the ophthalmic visco-surgical device. The crystalline lens was removed through conventional phacoemulsification using a Centurion Vision System (Alcon). After phacoemulsification, one-piece aspheric foldable IOL, Tecnis ZCB00, was implanted into the capsular bag using an injector. The remaining ophthalmic viscoelastic device was aspirated from the anterior chamber, and the incision sites were hydrated using BSS to prevent leakage.

Statistical analyses
The refractive outcomes were evaluated based on the absolute prediction errors (APEs) and proportion of eyes within ±0.25D, ±0.50D, and ±1.00D of the predicted postoperative SE. The mean prediction error (ME) was calculated as the mean value of the actual postoperative refraction minus the refractive result predicted by each formula. APE was defined as the absolute difference between the actual postoperative SE and the predicted postoperative SE, and the mean absolute errors (MAEs) and the median absolute errors (MedAEs) were the mean and median values of APE, respectively.11

The percentages of eyes within ±0.25D, ±0.50D, and ±1.00D of the predicted postoperative SE in different IOL formulas were compared using Cochran Q test, and McNemar chi-squared t test was applied for significant results. For the assessment of MAEs and MedAEs from each formula, Friedman test was used. In the event of a significant result, post hoc analysis was performed using the Wilcoxon signed-rank test with Bonferroni correction. A p value less than 0.05 was considered statistically significant. Data analysis was done using SPSS Statistics software (version 25; IBM Corp., Armonk, NY, USA) and Microsoft Excel 2016 (Microsoft Corp, Redmond, WA, USA).

RESULTS
Patient characteristics and preoperative measurements
Baseline patient characteristics and preoperative measurements are shown in Table 1. A total of 78 eyes (45 right, 33 left) of 63 patients (21 male, 42 female) were included. The patients’ mean age was 70.01±8.91 years. The mean AL was 23.66±1.18 mm, and the mean ACD was 3.16±0.44 mm. The mean LT was 4.54±0.44 mm, and the mean CCT was 533.99±34.56 μm. The mean K1, K2, and Km were 43.99±1.21D, 44.77±1.24D, and 44.36±1.38D, respectively. The mean preoperative and postoperative BCVAs (LogMAR) were 0.45±0.30 and 0.01±0.04, respectively. The mean IOL power selected by the surgeon was 22.17±3.11D.

Refractive outcomes
Tables 2 and 3 shows refractive errors calculated by seven IOL formulas (SRK/T, HofferQ, Haigis, Holladay1, Holladay2, Barrett Universal II, and Kane). The MAEs ranged from 0.264 to 0.375D, and the MedAEs ranged from 0.225D to 0.330D. There was a statistically significant difference between groups (p<0.05). The most accurate formula was the Barrett Universal II formula, which showed the lowest MAEs (0.264D) and MedAEs (0.225D). The difference was statistically significant when compared with HofferQ, Haigis, Holladay1, and Holladay2 (all p<0.05), but not in comparison to SRK/T and Kane formulas (p=0.063 and p=0.506, respectively). Following Barrett Universal II formula, the second most accurate formula was the Kane formula with MAEs (0.279D) and MedAEs (0.280D). The difference was statistically significant compared to HofferQ, Haigis, Holladay1, and Holladay2 (all p<0.05), but not in comparison to SRK/T and Barrett Universal II formulas (p=0.142 and p=0.506, respectively).

The percentage of eyes which had a prediction error within ±0.25D, ±0.50D, and ±1.00D for each formula are shown in Fig. 1 and Tables 4 and 5. There was a statistically significant difference between the seven IOL formulas. The highest percentage of eyes within ±0.25D, ±0.50D, and ±1.00D of prediction errors was comparable between groups: Barrett Universal II, Kane, Haigis, and Hoffer2 yielded the highest values of 98.7%. Furthermore, our analysis showed

### Table 1. Patient Demographics and Ocular Biometry

| Parameter        | Value   |
|------------------|---------|
| Patients/Eyes   | 63/78   |
| Right/Left      | 45/33   |
| Male/Female     | 21/42   |
| Age (yr)        | 70.01±8.91 |
| Preop BCVA (LogMAR) | 0.45±0.30 |
| Postop BCVA (LogMAR) | 0.01±0.04 |
| AL (mm)         | 23.66±1.18 |
| ACD (mm)        | 3.16±0.44 |
| LT (mm)         | 4.54±0.44 |
| WTW (mm)        | 11.70±0.38 |
| CCT (μm)        | 533.99±34.56 |
| Flat keratometry (K1) (D) | 43.99±1.21 |
| Steep keratometry (K2) (D) | 44.77±1.24 |
| Mean keratometry (Km) (D) | 44.36±1.38 |
| IOL power (D)   | 22.17±3.11 |
| Postop Refraction (SE) | -0.69±0.86 |

BCVA, best-corrected visual acuity; AL, axial length; ACD, anterior chamber depth; LT, lens thickness; WTW, white-to-white distance; CCT, central corneal thickness; IOL, intraocular lens; SE, spherical equivalent. Results are expressed as means±standard deviation.
that the Kane formula showed more accurate predictions when incorporating optional variables, LT and CCT, provided by IOLMaster 700, as shown in Tables 2–5.

**DISCUSSION**

Cataract extraction is the most frequently performed surgical intervention worldwide, and its demand is continuously rising due to an increase in elderly population. With the growing popularity, patients’ refractive expectations after the cataract surgery continue to increase, and achieving the desired refractive outcome has become a key principle in recent years. Identifying an IOL formula that best predicts the postoperative refractive outcome is one of the most important factors leading to a successful cataract surgery. Recently, newer generation of IOL formulas, which integrate artificial intelligence and larger number of preoperative eye parameters for prediction, have been introduced.

The Kane formula is a novel IOL power calculation formula.
that uses theoretical optics which also incorporates both re-
gression and artificial intelligence components.3,5,9 The Kane
formula requires the AL, ACD, K values, and gender to make
its estimations, and LT and CCT are optional values which are
known to improve the accuracy of the formula.3,5 Since the
advent of the Kane formula in September 2017, multiple pub-
lications have demonstrated its outstanding performance in
IOL power calculation, yielding the lowest MAEs and MedAEs,
and the highest percentage of eyes within ±0.25D, ±0.50D, and
±1.00D of prediction errors compared to other well-known
existing formulas.3,5,14 As conventional biometry devices do not
provide measurements for LT and CCT, many of the studies
relied on IOL calculations without optional values for the IOL
formulas. Therefore, there is a paucity of data evaluating the
Kane formula when all of the optional values of LT and CCT
are taken into consideration. Hence, we aimed to evaluate the
accuracy of the Kane formula for IOL power calculation in com-
parison with existing formulas using the newest version of bi-
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mula, having a lower MAE and MedAE and a higher percentage of eyes with prediction errors within ±0.25D, ±0.50D, and
±1.00D. However, the Kane formula was the second most ac-
curate formula, exhibiting comparable performance with the
Barrett Universal II formula; no statistically significant difference was noted between the two groups.

Our study followed the process of assessing IOL power pre-
diction accuracy based on the MAE and MedAE as suggested
by Kane, et al.,6 as well as the methodologies for IOL power
studies recommended by Hoffer, et al.15 In order to minimize
the potential bias from diverse operating styles or techniques,
we used a single IOL model, and all surgeries were performed
by a single surgeon.16

Previous literatures have demonstrated higher prediction
accuracy for IOL calculation in patients undergoing conven-
tional cataract surgery using the Kane formula. In a retrospec-
tive study including 846 eyes, Connell, et al.3 reported that the
Kane formula had the lowest MAE (0.329) and the highest
percentage of eyes within ±0.25D, ±0.50D, and ±1.00D of pre-
diction errors (52.4%, 77.9%, and 96.6%, respectively) compared
to other IOL power formulas (Hill-RBF V .2.0, Holladay2, Ol-
sen, Barrett Universal II, Haigis, Holladay1, HofferQ, and SRK/T).
Melles, et al.8 analyzed a retrospective data of 18501 patients
who underwent cataract surgery with either SN60WF and
SA60AT implants and reported that the Kane formula was the
most accurate, with 83% of the eyes predicted within 0.50D of
the actual postoperative refractive result when compared with
Olsen, Barrett Universal II, Evo, Hill-RBF, Holladay1, Holla-
day2, Haigis, SRK/T, and HofferQ. Reitblat, et al.9 compared
the Kane formula with Barrett Universal II, Haigis, HofferQ,
Holladay1, and SRK/T formulas in the elderly population, and
showed that the Kane formula was found to be of equal preci-
sion to the Barrett Universal II and superior to the HofferQ,
Holladay1, and SRK/T formulas. Savini, et al.14 analyzed the
results of IOL power calculation using measurements by a
swept-source optical coherence tomography (SS-OCT) optical
biometer. Overall, better refractive outcome was observed
in all IOL formulas analyzed using SS-OCT optical biometer,
Tomey OA-2000 (Tomey Corporation, Nagoya, Japan), and the
Barrett Universal II, EVO, Holladay2, Kane, RBF, and SRK/T2
achieved the highest percentages of eyes (90%) with a predic-
tion error of ±0.50D.

Although our study incorporated the optional metrics (LT and CCT) into IOL power calculation, our preliminary results were in concordance with the previous publications comparing existing formulas with the Kane formula, highlighting its superiority over other conventional formulas in IOL power calculation. Although no statistically significant difference was shown in our study, a trend toward better refractive outcome using Barrett Universal II formula was demonstrated, and the Kane formula was presented as the second most accurate method. This was not surprising since both Barrett Universal II and Kane formulas are designed to yield better results with optional values that are provided by the new SS-OCT type biometry, IOL Master 700 (Carl Zeiss Meditec, Jena,

| Table 4. Percentage of Eyes within ±0.25D, ±0.50D, and ±1.00D of the Predicted Postoperative Spherical Equivalent Refraction between All Intraocular Formulas |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| IOL formula                       | ±0.25D | ±0.50D | ±1.00D |
|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| SRK/T                             | 41.0   | 80.8   | 94.9   |
| Haigis                            | 33.3   | 82.1   | 98.7   |
| HofferQ                           | 33.3   | 82.1   | 98.7   |
| Holladay1                         | 41.0   | 76.9   | 94.4   |
| Holladay2                         | 41.0   | 76.9   | 97.4   |
| Barrett Universal II              | 52.6   | 88.5   | 98.7   |
| Kane                              | 47.4   | 85.9   | 98.7   |
| Kane (without LT, CCT)            | 43.6   | 79.5   | 98.7   |

IOL, intraocular lens; LT, lens thickness; CCT, central corneal thickness.

| Table 5. Comparison between IOL Formulas Regarding Percentage of Eyes within ±0.25D and ±0.50D of Predicted Postoperative Spherical Equivalent Refraction |
|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Comparison between formulas       | p value |        | Comparison between formulas       | p value |        | Comparison between formulas       | p value |        |
|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|
| SRK/T                             | 0.19   | >0.99  | Holladay2                         | >0.99  | 0.58  | SRK/T                             | >0.99  | 0.58  |
| Haigis                            | 0.26   | 0.26   | HofferQ                           | >0.99  | 0.21  | Haigis                            | 0.21   | 0.29  |
| HofferQ                           | >0.99  | 0.58   | Holladay1                         | 0.23   | 0.45  | Holladay1                         | >0.99  | >0.99 |
| Holladay2                         | >0.99  | 0.58   | Holladay1                         | >0.99  | >0.99 | Holladay1                         | >0.99  | >0.99 |
| Barrett Universal II              | 0.12   | 0.15   | Barrett Universal II              | 0.09   | <0.05*| Barrett Universal II              | 0.09   | <0.05*|
| Kane                              | 0.56   | 0.34   | Kane                              | 0.41   | 0.12  | Kane                              | 0.41   | 0.12  |
| Haigis                            | 0.19   | >0.99  | Barrett Universal II              | 0.12   | 0.15  | Haigis                            | <0.05* | 0.13  |
| HofferQ                           | >0.99  | 0.07   | HofferQ                           | 0.01   | <0.05*| HofferQ                           | 0.01   | <0.05*|
| Holladay1                         | 0.21   | 0.29   | Holladay1                         | 0.09   | <0.05*| Holladay2                         | 0.09   | <0.05*|
| Holladay2                         | 0.21   | 0.29   | Holladay1                         | 0.09   | <0.05*| Holladay2                         | 0.09   | <0.05*|
| Barrett Universal II              | <0.05* | 0.13   | Barrett Universal II              | 0.09   | <0.05*| Barrett Universal II              | 0.09   | <0.05*|
| Kane                              | 0.05   | 0.32   | Kane                              | 0.52   | 0.73  | Kane                              | 0.52   | 0.73  |
| HofferQ                           | 0.26   | 0.26   | Kane                              | 0.56   | 0.34  | SRK/T                             | 0.56   | 0.34  |
| Haigis                            | >0.99  | 0.07   | HofferQ                           | 0.05   | 0.32  | Haigis                            | 0.05   | 0.32  |
| Holladay1                         | 0.23   | 0.45   | Haigis                            | 0.05   | <0.05*| Holladay1                         | 0.05   | <0.05*|
| Holladay2                         | 0.23   | 0.45   | Holladay1                         | 0.41   | 0.12  | Holladay2                         | 0.41   | 0.12  |
| Barrett Universal II              | <0.05* | <0.05* | Holladay2                         | 0.41   | 0.12  | Barrett Universal II              | 0.41   | 0.12  |
| Kane                              | 0.05   | <0.05* | Barrett Universal II              | 0.52   | 0.73  | Kane                              | 0.52   | 0.73  |
| Holladay1                         | >0.99  | 0.58   | Kane                              | 0.21   | 0.29  | SRK/T                             | 0.21   | 0.29  |
| Haigis                            | 0.21   | 0.29   | HofferQ                           | 0.23   | 0.45  | Haigis                            | 0.23   | 0.45  |
| Holladay2                         | >0.99  | >0.99  | Holladay2                         | >0.99  | >0.99 | Holladay2                         | >0.99  | >0.99 |
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IOL: intraocular lens.
Cochran Q test, paired McNemar’s chi-square test for post hoc analysis, p < 0.05 within ±0.25D, ±0.50D; p > 0.05 within ±1.00D.
*statistically significant.
Germany). The Barrett Universal II formula uses a theoretical model of the eye in which ACD is related to the AL and corneal curvature (K). The effective lens position is calculated based on a combination of ACD and a lens factor (LF). Furthermore, LF is dependent on five variables, including AL, ACD, K, LT, corneal diameter, and WTW. Among them, LT, WTW, and CCT are optional values which were not often available in previously used models of anterior biometry devices. Therefore, the additional values measured from the new biometry device not only improved the prediction accuracy of the Kane formula, but also the Barrett Universal II formula.17 Among multiple existing IOL formulas, the Barrett Universal II yielded the lowest MAEs and MedAEs. The Kane formula yielded the second lowest MAEs and MedAEs. The superiority of Kane and Barrett Universal II over other formulas was statistically significant (all p<0.05, except for SRK/T). Furthermore, the Barrett Universal II demonstrated the highest percentage of eyes with prediction errors within ±0.25D, ±0.50D, and ±1.00D (52.6%, 88.5%, and 98.7%, respectively), followed by the Kane formula (47.4%, 85.9%, and 98.7%, respectively). However, no statistical difference was found between most of the formulas.

This study had some limitations. First, the inclusion of bilateral eyes from some of the patients enrolled in the study may lead to bias. As ocular measurements between fellow eyes tend to have similar values, Hoffer, et al. recommended that lead to bias. As ocular measurements between fellow eyes from some of the patients enrolled in the study may lead to bias. As ocular measurements between fellow eyes from some of the patients enrolled in the study may lead to bias. As ocular measurements between fellow eyes from some of the patients enrolled in the study may lead to bias. As ocular measurements between fellow eyes from some of the patients enrolled in the study may lead to bias. As ocular measurements between fellow eyes from some of the patients enrolled in the study may lead to bias. As ocular measurements between fellow eyes from some of the patients enrolled in the study may lead to bias. As ocular measurements between fellow eyes from some of the patients enrolled in the study may lead to bias. As ocular measurements between fellow eyes from some of the patients enrolled in the study may lead to bias. As ocular measurements between fellow eyes from some of the patients enrolled in the study may lead to bias. As ocular measurements between fellow eyes from some of the patients enrolled in the study may lead to bias. As ocular measurements between fellow eyes from some of the patients enrolled in the study may lead to bias.

In conclusion, using a single SS-OCT type biometry, IOLM700, we were able to compare the Kane formula with other existing formulas by incorporating all of the optional metrics for IOL power calculation. Our preliminary analysis suggests that the Barrett Universal II formula most accurately predicts the postoperative refraction in cataract surgery. Furthermore, we found the Kane formula to be the second most accurate formula that showed a comparable performance with the Barrett Universal II formula in IOL calculation, marking its superiority over many of the conventional IOL formulas, such as the HofferQ, Haigis, Holladay1, and Holladay2.

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