

Table 2. Age-standardized prevalence estimates in subjects aged 55 years or more, stratified by sex, time period and geographical area (prevalence (%) and 95 % confidence interval)

	Non-refractive visual impairment (WHO) (BCVA<20/60)		Non-refractive visual impairment (US) (BCVA<20/40)		Non-refractive blindness (BCVA<20/400)	
<b>Sex</b>						
Men	1.38	(0.72-2.03)	3.17	(1.98-4.36)	0.32	(0.12-0.52)
Women	1.81	(0.96-2.66)	4.24	(2.65-5.83)	0.39	(0.17-0.62)
<b>Period</b>						
1991-2006	2.22	(1.34-3.10)	4.68	(2.68-6.68)	0.53	(0.24-0.81)
2007-2012	0.92	(0.37-1.42)	2.86	(1.52-4.20)	0.13	(0.01-0.26)
<b>Geographical area</b>						
Northern countries <sup>1</sup>	1.64	(0.34-2.93)	3.90	(1.46-6.33)	0.38	(0.00-0.79)
Western countries <sup>2</sup>	1.55	(0.70-2.41)	3.67	(1.49-5.85)	0.33	(0.10-0.56)
Southern countries <sup>3</sup>	1.53	(0.65-2.42)	3.99	(2.79-5.19)	0.54	(0.08-1.00)

1: United Kingdom, Norway, Estonia

2: France, Germany, Netherlands

3: Greece, Italy, Portugal