



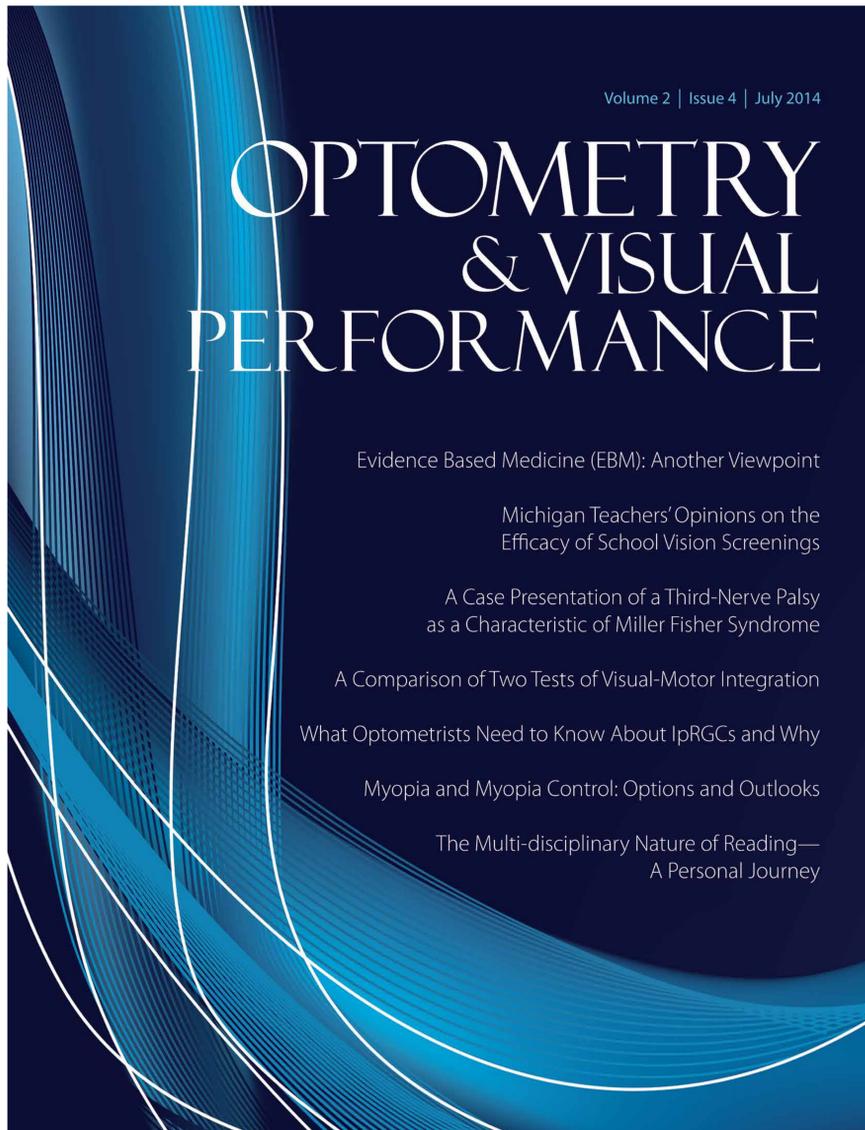
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This includes comprehensive review of a broad or complex subject. The reference list can be extensive if one of the intentions of the research underpinning the review of the compilation of a comprehensive bibliography. Otherwise, the reference list should be limited to the originating references and the most important and/or most recent subsequent references.

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- Usefulness to the practicing optometrist
- Compliance with the editorial standards and objectives of the journal with regard to the originality of the contribution, its clinical or scientific significance to the profession, and the suitability of the subject matter
- Enrichment of the optometric and other scientific literature

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