

# IOL Con – Interface to Optical Biometer (version 2.2)

To whom it may concern,

The following document contains the information required for manufacturers of biometry devices and medical software developers to create the necessary interfaces to download intraocular lens data and upload surgical results as Extensible Markup Language or Comma Separated Values file.

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Specification of the Extensible Markup Language: <http://www.w3.org/XML>

You can provide a version number, e.g. **version=1.7**, to get XML elements specified in a particular version of this interface. Currently versions 1.4 to 1.7 and 2.0 to 2.2 are supported. Updates since version 2.0 are marked **green** for new, **yellow** for changed, **red** for removed.

## 1. Login

User login at iolcon.org is performed by a HTTP-POST method at

<https://iolcon.org/login.php>

You have to provide attributes “username” and “password”. IOLCon will then try to set a session cookie, named “sid”, which is used to identify the user and gets revoked after about 12 hours.

## 2. Surgical Results Upload

Results uploads may be performed by a HTTP-POST method after login and with the session cookie provided at

<https://iolcon.org/parseResultsFile.php>

### **Description of all tags in the surgical results file to upload:**

Element / Attribute	Description	Type / Unit
<?xml ... ?>	XML declaration of the data format	
<b>IOLCon</b>	Root tag contains all uploaded results	
<i>fileVersion</i>	Version of this file format ( <i>optional</i> )	text
<b>Result</b>	Root tag of a surgical result	
<b>Institution</b>	Name/identifier of the clinic	text
<b>Surgeon</b>	Name/identifier of the surgeon	text
<b>Biometer</b>	Type of the biometer	text
<b>Keratometer</b>	Type of keratometer ( <i>optional</i> )	text
<b>Patient</b>	Root tag of patient data	
<b>CaseID</b>	Case unique identifier ( <i>optional</i> )	text
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Specific ethnicity ( <i>optional</i> ), needed to filter constants, e.g. "caucasian", "hispanic"	text
<b>Sex</b>	Sex (male/female/other) of the patient ( <i>optional</i> )	text
<b>Age</b>	Age in years of the patient ( <i>optional</i> )	number
<b>Eye</b>	Right / OD / left / OS ( <i>optional</i> )	text
<b>Lens</b>	Root tag of lens data	
<b>Manufacturer</b>	Manufacturer name/identifier	text
<b>Name</b>	Lens name/identifier	text
<b>Position</b>	Intended implant position ( <i>optional</i> ): capsular bag ( <i>default</i> ) / sulcus ciliaris / retro iridal / pre iridal / anterior chamber	text
<b>PowerEquivalent</b>	Give either spherical equivalent or sphere and cylinder. If both are given, then PowerEquivalent will be preferred	dioptr
<b>PowerSphere</b>		dioptr
<b>PowerCylinder</b>		dioptr
<b>CylinderAxis</b>	Angle of cylinder axis ( <i>optional</i> )	degree
<b>Biometry</b>	Root tag of biometry related data	
<i>KeratometryIndex</i>	Based on the biometer to convert dioptr to millimetre, e.g. 1.3375	decimal
<b>AxialLength</b>	Axial length	millimetre
<b>AnteriorChamberDepth</b>	Anterior chamber depth	millimetre

Element / Attribute	Description	Type / Unit
<b>LensThickness</b>	Central thickness of the crystalline lens ( <i>optional</i> )	millimetre
<b>WhiteToWhite</b>	White-to-white corneal diameter ( <i>optional</i> )	millimetre
<b>KeratometryFlat</b>	Corneal front surface radius (flat meridian of keratometry)	millimetre/dioptr
<b>KeratometrySteep</b>	Corneal front surface radius (steep meridian of keratometry)	millimetre/dioptr
<b>FlatAxis</b>	Angle of flat axis ( <i>optional</i> )	degree
<b>BackSurface</b>	Mean corneal back surface radius ( <i>optional</i> )	millimetre
<b>CornealThickness</b>	Central corneal thickness ( <i>optional</i> )	micrometre
<b>PostOp</b>	Root tag of post-surgical data	
<b>MeasureDistance</b>	Distance of refraction, give unit if in foot ( <i>optional</i> )	metre/foot
<b>RefractionSphere</b>	Manifest spherical equivalent refraction sphere	dioptr
<b>RefractionCylinder</b>	Manifest spherical equivalent refraction cylinder, if negative it is interpreted as minus cylinder notation, otherwise as plus cylinder notation	dioptr
<b>RefractionAxis</b>	Angle of cylinder axis, former <b>CylinderAxis</b> ( <i>optional</i> )	degree
<b>VisualAcuity</b>	Best corrected visual acuity, former part of <b>Patient</b> ( <i>optional</i> )	decimal

### **Example results file:**

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<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<IOLCon fileVersion="2.2">
  <Result>
    <Institution>Saarland University</Institution>
    <Surgeon>Dr. Smith</Surgeon>
    <Biometer>OA-2000</Biometer>
    <Patient>
      <CaseID>abc</CaseID>
      <Ethnicity>caucasian</Ethnicity>
      <Eye>left</Eye>
    </Patient>
    <Lens>
      <Manufacturer>XO test</Manufacturer>
      <Name>iLens 1000</Name>
      <Position>capsular bag</Position>
      <PowerSphere>19.25</PowerSphere>
      <PowerCylinder>0</PowerCylinder>
    </Lens>
    <Biometry KeratometryIndex="1.332">
      <AxialLength>23.77</AxialLength>
      <AnteriorChamberDepth>3.64</AnteriorChamberDepth>
      <LensThickness>3.88</LensThickness>
      <WhiteToWhite>12.0</WhiteToWhite>
      <KeratometryFlat>41.3</KeratometryFlat>
      <KeratometrySteep>43.4</KeratometrySteep>
      <CornealThickness>540</CornealThickness>
    </Biometry>
    <PostOp MeasureDistance="6m">
      <RefractionSphere>0.25</RefractionSphere>
      <RefractionCylinder>-0.75</RefractionCylinder>
      <VisualAcuity>0.9</VisualAcuity>
    </PostOp>
  </Result>
</IOLCon>
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### 3. Lens Upload / Download

Lens downloads may be retrieved by a HTTP-GET method via

<https://iolcon.org/downloadLenses.php> or e.g.

<https://iolcon.org/downloadLenses.php?action=download&constants=optimized&ethnicity=all&biometer=all&institution=all&surgeon=all&lenses=170,171,172>

Parameter	Allowed values
action	download
lenses	ID number of selected lens
constants	nominal, optimized
ethnicity	all, caucasian, asian, hispanic, ...
biometer	all, IOLMaster, Lenstar, OA-2000, Pentacam, ...
institution	all, unique institution name
surgeon	all, display name or user name of the surgeon

The selected lenses may be provided as one comma separated list (***lenses***) or multiple times as array elements (***lenses[]***) with the unique lens identifier as value. If the lens identifier is unknown, you have to skip this parameter to get all lenses with their ID and name.

Fields can be empty, if they were not provided by the manufacturer or could not be calculated by us (mostly because of no matching clinical results).

### Description of all tags in the downloaded lens file:

Element / Attribute	Description	Type / Unit
<?xml ... ?>	XML declaration of the data format	
<b>IOLCon</b>	Root tag contains all downloaded lenses	
<i>fileVersion</i>	Version of this file format	text
<i>downloaded</i>	Download date (YYYY-MM-DD) of this file	date
<b>Lens</b>	Root tag of an intraocular lens	
<i>id</i>	Unique lens identifier in the IOLCon database	number
<b>updated</b>	Date (YYYY-MM-DD) of last constants update	date
<b>Manufacturer</b>	Name of the intraocular lens manufacturer/reseller	text
<b>Name</b>	Lens name given by the manufacturer/reseller	text
<b>Comment</b>	Comment or trade name for this lens	text
<b>Specifications</b>	Root tag of technical parameters	
<b>SinglePiece</b>	yes for monobloc/single piece IOL, otherwise no	boolean
<b>OpticMaterial</b>	PMMA, acrylic, silicone	text
<b>HapticMaterial</b>	PMMA, acrylic, silicone, PVDF	text
<b>Preloaded</b>	yes for preloaded IOL, otherwise no	boolean
<b>Foldable</b>	yes for foldable IOL, otherwise no	boolean
<b>IncisionWidth</b>	Minimum required incision width	millimetre
<b>InjectorSize</b>	Minimum required tip size of the injector	millimetre
<b>Hydro</b>	“hydrophilic” or “hydrophobic”	text
<b>Filter</b>	Filter information, e.g. “clear”, “yellow”, “UV”	text
<b>RefractiveIndex</b>	Refractive index of the lens material at 589 nm	decimal
<b>AbbeNumber</b>	Abbe number	decimal
<b>Achromatic</b>	yes for IOL with chromatic aberration, otherwise no	boolean
<b>OpticDiameter</b>	Optic diameter	millimetre
<b>HapticDiameter</b>	Haptic (full) diameter	millimetre
<b>OpticConcept</b>	Optical concept, e.g. “monofocal”, “bifocal”, “EDoF”	text
<b>HapticDesign</b>	Design of the haptic, e.g. “modified C-loop”	text
<b>IntendedLocation</b>	Intended location of the IOL, e.g. “posterior chamber”	text
<b>OpticDesign</b>	Design of the optical surfaces, e.g. “sphere” or “asphere”	text
<b>Aberration</b>	Spherical Aberration type of the IOL, e.g. “none”, “correcting” or “neutral”	text
<b>saCorrection</b>	Amount of correction of spherical aberration Z(4,0)	micrometre
<b>Toric</b>	yes for IOL with toric design, otherwise no	boolean

Element / Attribute	Description	Type / Unit
<b>Availability</b>	Root tag of available powers, interpreted as plus cylinder notation	
<i>refractivePower</i>	For toric lenses, either “sphere” or “spherical equivalent”	text
<i>tNotation</i>	For toric lenses, yes for cylinder power in t-notation, otherwise no	boolean
<b>Sphere</b>	Root tag of spherical power	
<i>range</i>	Number of range set	number
<b>From</b>	Minimum available power for this set	dioptr
<b>To</b>	Maximum available power for this set	dioptr
<b>Increment</b>	Power increment for this set	dioptr
<b>Cylinder</b>	Root tag of cylindrical power	
<i>range</i>	Number of range set (not t-notation)	number
<b>From</b>	Minimum available power for this set (not t-notation)	dioptr
<b>To</b>	Maximum available power for this set (not t-notation)	dioptr
<b>Increment</b>	Power increment for this set (not t-notation)	dioptr
<b>Power</b>	Single cylindrical power, given multiple times (for t-notation)	dioptr
<i>label</i>	Identifier for this power, e.g. “T2” (for t-notation)	text
<b>Addition</b>	Addition power	dioptr
<i>distance</i>	Distance information for this addition value, either “near” or “intermediate”	text

Element / Attribute	Description	Type / Unit
<b>Constants</b>	Root tag of lens constants, given two times: for manufacturer and for IOLCon provided constants	
<i>type</i>	Type of constant set, either “nominal” or “ULIB” (manufacturer provided) / “optimized” or “personalized” (IOLCon provided)	text
<i>results</i>	Number of results provided by the manufacturer or found with the given filters	number
<i>ethnicity</i>	Ethnicity of the patients where the optimized constants are based on or “all”	text
<i>biometer</i>	Name of the optical biometer which the constants are based on or “all”	text
<i>institution</i>	Name of the Institution/clinic of the ophthalmologist which contributed the data for the optimization or “all”	text
<i>surgeon</i>	(User) Name of this ophthalmologist or “all”	text
<b>Nominal</b>	Nominal A-constant, former <b>Ultrasound</b> (only from manufacturer)	number
<b>type</b>	Either “ultrasound” or “optical”	text
<b>SRKt</b>	A-constant for SRK/T formula	number
<b>predictionError</b>	Mean absolute prediction error (for every IOLCon provided constant)	dioptr
<b>Haigis</b>	Root tag for Haigis formula triplet	
<b>a0</b>	a0 constant	number
<b>a1</b>	a1 constant or default value 0.4	number
<b>a2</b>	a2 constant or default value 0.1	number
<b>HofferQ</b>	pACD for Hoffer-Q formula	number
<b>Holladay1</b>	Surgeon factor for Holladay 1 formula	number
<b>Barrett</b>	Root tag for Barrett formula (only from manufacturer)	
<b>LF</b>	Lens Factor	number
<b>DF</b>	Design Factor	number
<b>Olsen</b>	C constant for Olsen formula (only from manufacturer)	number
<b>Castrop</b>	Root tag for Castrop formula (only from IOLCon)	
<b>C</b>	C constant	number
<b>H</b>	H constant	number
<b>R</b>	R constant	number
<b>Cooke</b>	A-constant for Cooke K6 formula (only from IOLCon)	number

## Example lens file:

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<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<IOLCon fileVersion="2.2" downloaded="2023-11-01">
  <Lens id="123" updated="2023-05-17">
    <Manufacturer>XO test</Manufacturer>
    <LensName>First Lens</LensName>
    <Specifications> <!-- extract -->
      <OpticMaterial>PMMA</OpticMaterial>
      <Preloaded>no</Preloaded>
      <IncisionWidth>7.5</IncisionWidth>
      <Filter>clear</Filter>
      <OpticDiameter>6</OpticDiameter>
      <HapticDiameter>12</HapticDiameter>
      <OpticConcept>monofocal</OpticConcept>
      <OpticDesign>asphere</OpticDesign>
      <Aberration>neutral</Aberration>
      <Toric>no</Toric>
    </Specifications>
    <Availability>
      <Sphere range="1">
        <From>0</From>
        <To>20</To>
        <Increment>0.25</Increment>
      </Sphere>
      <Sphere range="2">
        <From>20</From>
        <To>30</To>
        <Increment>0.5</Increment>
      </Sphere>
    </Availability>
    <Constants type="nominal">
      <Nominal type="ultrasound">118.9</Nominal>
      <SRKt>118.7</SRKt>
      <Haigis>
        <a0>2.8</a0>
        <a1>0.4</a1>
        <a2>0.1</a2>
      </Haigis>
      <HofferQ>5.43</HofferQ>
      <Holladay1>1.23</Holladay1>
      <Barrett>
        <LF>1.8</LF>
        <DF></DF>
      </Barrett>
      <Olsen></Olsen>
    </Constants>
    <Constants type="personalized" results="159" ethnicity="all"
      biometer="all" institution="UKS" surgeon="Dr. Schmidt">
      <SRKt>118.7</SRKt>
      <Haigis>
        <a0>1.67</a0>
        <a1>0.4</a1>
        <a2>0.1</a2>
      </Haigis>
      <HofferQ>5.43</HofferQ>
      <Holladay1>1.23</Holladay1>
      <Castrop></Castrop>
    </Constants>
  </Lens>
</IOLCon>
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<Lens id="456" updated="2023-05-28">
  <Manufacturer>XO test</Manufacturer>
  <LensName>Second Lens</LensName>
  <Specifications> <!-- extract -->
    <OpticMaterial>Acryl</OpticMaterial>
    <Preloaded>yes</Preloaded>
    <IncisionWidth>2.5</IncisionWidth>
    <Filter>clear</Filter>
    <OpticDiameter>5</OpticDiameter>
    <HapticDiameter>11</HapticDiameter>
    <OpticConcep>monofocal</OpticConcept>
    <OpticDesign>sphere</OpticDesign>
    <Toric>yes</Toric>
  </Specifications>
  <Availability refractivePower="sphere" tNotation="yes">
    <Sphere range="1">
      <From>0</From>
      <To>20</To>
      <Increment>0.5</Increment>
    </Sphere>
    <Cylinder>
      <Power label="T2">1.0</Power>
      <Power label="T3">1.5</Power>
      <Power label="T4">2.25</Power>
      <Power label="T5">3.0</Power>
    </Cylinder>
  </Availability>
  <Constants type="ULIB" results="357">
    <Nominal type="">118.9</Nominal>
    <SRKt>118.7</SRKt>
    <Haigis>
      <a0>2.8</a0>
      <a1>0.4</a1>
      <a2>0.1</a2>
    </Haigis>
    <HofferQ>5.43</HofferQ>
    <Holladay1>1.23</Holladay1>
    <Barrett>
      <LF>1.8</LF>
      <DF></DF>
    </Barrett>
    <Olsen></Olsen>
  </Constants>
  <Constants type="optimized" results="753">
    <SRKt>118.7</SRKt>
    <Haigis>
      <a0>1.67</a0>
      <a1>0.4</a1>
      <a2>0.1</a2>
    </Haigis>
    <HofferQ>5.43</HofferQ>
    <Holladay1>1.23</Holladay1>
    <Castrop>
      <a0>0.42</a0>
      <a1>0.17</a1>
      <a2>0.03</a2>
    </Castrop>
  </Constants>
</Lens>
</IOLCon>

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