

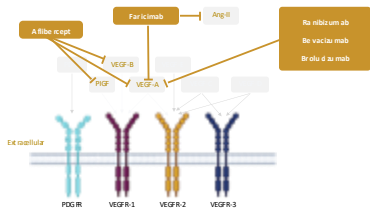
Intravitreal Axitinib Implant (OTX-TKI) for the Treatment of Retinal Vascular Diseases:

Phase 1 Data from nAMD and NPDR Trials

The following presentation discusses an investigational drug, OTX-TKI (also referred to as AXPRXL[®]), in development. OTX-TKI's efficacy and safety profiles have not been established, and it has not been approved for marketing by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or any other health agency.

Current Anti-VEGF Therapies Selectively Target Only Extracellular VEGF Ligands

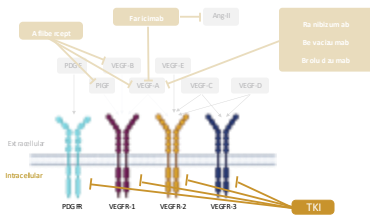
Anti-VEGFs act on the extracellular side by binding effective ligands, like VEGF-A, to prevent receptor binding and pro-angiogenic activity



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Axitinib Acts Intracellularly to Inhibit VEGF Receptors

TKIs bind the intracellular tyrosine kinase domains of VEGF receptors, inhibiting ATP binding and preventing activation of pro-angiogenic signaling



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Axitinib: Highly Selective, Potent Pan-VEGFR Inhibitor

Axitinib is an OTX-TKI

- ~100X more potent for VEGFR-2 compared with sunitinib and vandetanib
 - High potency allows for a lower dose of a smaller drug quantity to be administered as a single implant
- Highly selective for all VEGFR receptors**
 - Potent and selective for all VEGFR receptors and inhibits off-target effects
 - No TIE2 inhibition at physiologic concentrations via the gold standard adenosine triphosphatase assay performed in intact, living cells
- Small molecule**
 - Less prone to drug-related immunogenicity
- Low water solubility**
 - Enables optimal control of extended drug release

IC₅₀ Values With Cell Proliferation Assay Performed by Ocular Therapeutix (nM)

IC₅₀ values for axitinib and sunitinib are consistent with literature^{1,2}

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Hydrogel-Based Drug Delivery of Axitinib

KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- NETWORK:** Polymer is optimized to the dose and solubility of axitinib
- FORMATION AND STRUCTURE:** Multi-arm polymer crosslinks to form a hydrogel hydrogel matrix that entraps microencapsulated axitinib throughout
- RELEASE MECHANISM:** Drug must dissolve in water to elute from the gel, known as "diffusion controlled" drug release
- BIODEGRADATION:** Biomaterials completely into non-toxic byproducts

HYDROGELS USED IN OVER 5 MILLION PATIENTS ACROSS MULTIPLE SPECIALTIES*

Ocular applications of hydrogel include contact lenses, artificial tears, corneal wound repair, and sealants¹⁻⁴

Nearly 500,000 eyes treated to date with Dexamethasone⁵

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OTX-TKI: Sustained-release Axitinib in Hydrogel

ELUTYX TECHNOLOGY
Bioresorbable, Targeted, Sustained Drug Delivery

- Preparatory biocompatible polymer matrix is a hydrogel-based, versatile, biocompatible platform for localized sustained drug delivery

Drug	Inhibitory Dose (nM) based on VEGFR-2, VEGFR-3, and TIE2 inhibition
Axitinib	0.2
Sunitinib	40
Vandetanib	64

AXITINIB
Multi-target Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitor

- ~100X more potent for VEGFR-2 compared to sunitinib and vandetanib¹⁻³
- Highly selective for all VEGFR receptors¹⁻³ with no TIE2 inhibition at physiologic tissue concentrations¹

OTX-TKI
Single Intraocular Bioresorbable Implant

- Sustained axitinib release allowing a dosing interval for 12 months
- Administered by a 25 G needle
- Patent coverage through 2044⁴

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OTX-TKI in Neovascular Age-Related Macular Degeneration

Results from the Phase 1 Australia Dose-escalation and Phase 1 US Randomized Trials



Our Phase 1 Trials Established Proof of Biological Activity for OTX-TKI in Two Patient Populations

Australia Phase 1 Trial

PROOF OF CONCEPT: Does OTX-TKI have biological activity?

- 29 patients dosed with OTX-TKI
- To evaluate the safety and biological activity of OTX-TKI in treatment naïve or previously treated active wet AMD patients
- Study initiated in 2019
- Interim results demonstrate potential for durable, sustained release product demonstrating biological activity in subjects with pre-existing fluid

U.S. Phase 1 Trial

FEASIBILITY: How long does the biological activity of OTX-TKI last?

Randomized, Masked, Controlled Trial²

- 16 patients dosed with OTX-TKI
- To evaluate the safety and biological activity of OTX-TKI in previously treated wet AMD patients compared to aflibercept Q2W
- Study initiated 2021
- 12-month results showed potential as a durable, sustained release maintenance therapy for 6-12 months in subjects with controlled retinal fluid



OTX-TKI U.S.-based Wet AMD Clinical Trial Design

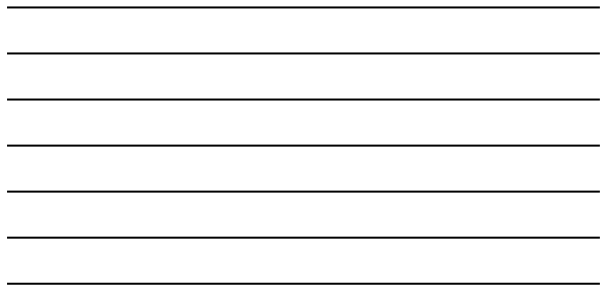
Multicenter, Randomized, Double-masked Trial

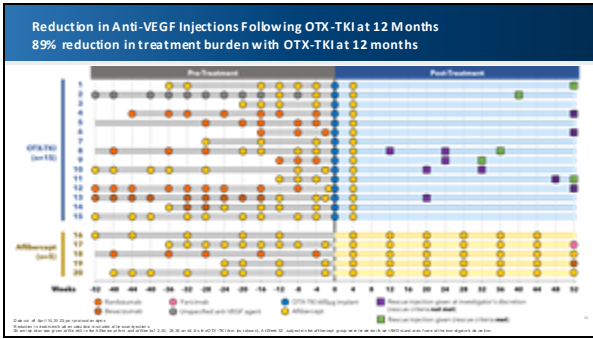
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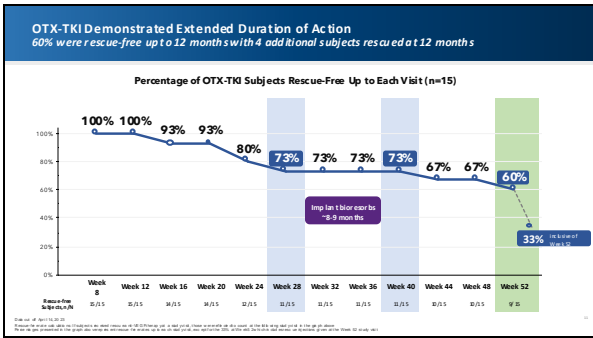
- Key inclusion criteria
- Subfoveal neovascularization secondary to AMD
- Control of fluid
- Previously treated with anti-VEGF injectable

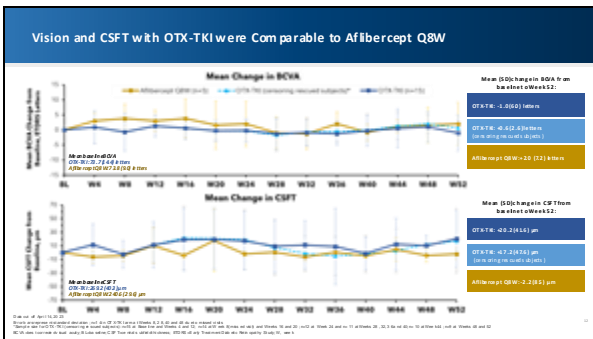
Randomization

1:1 (OTX-TKI/Aflibercept)



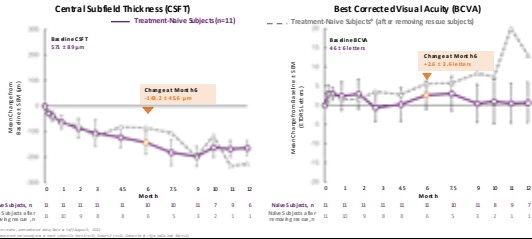






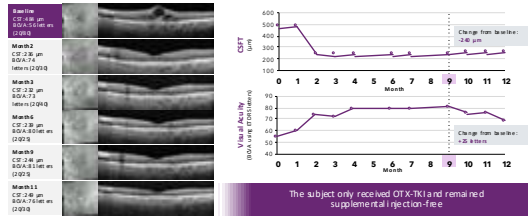
Post-Hoc Analysis of Australia Phase 1 Trial: Treatment Naïve Subjects

Evidence of biological activity observed after single treatment with OTX-TKI



OTX-TKI Case Study: Sustained Response Observed in Treatment-naïve Subject

CSFT and Visi on Improved following Treatment with 600 µg OTX-TKI



Safety Data Showed OTX-TKI was Generally Well Tolerated in the Phase 1 Program

IN THE AUS AND US PHASE 1 STUDIES^{1,2}:

No drug-related ocular or systemic serious AEs were reported with OTX-TKI.

No retinal detachment, retinal vasculitis, or implant migration into the anterior chamber AEs were reported in subjects who received OTX-TKI.

AUS STUDY¹

Ocular AEs not leading to permanent vision loss	CSFT 240 µg n=6	CSFT 480 µg n=6	CSFT 600 µg n=6	CSFT 900 µg n=6	Total n=24
Ocular AEs	4	2	6	3	15
MSI	4	2	6	3	15
Migraine	0	0	3	1	4
Strabismic AEs	0	0	0	0	0

¹Phase 1 study data for CSFT 240 µg, 480 µg, 600 µg, and 900 µg arms.

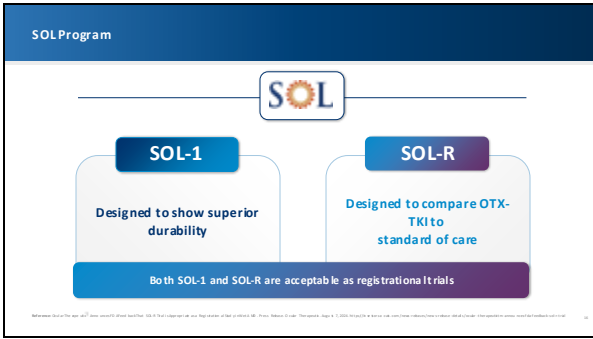
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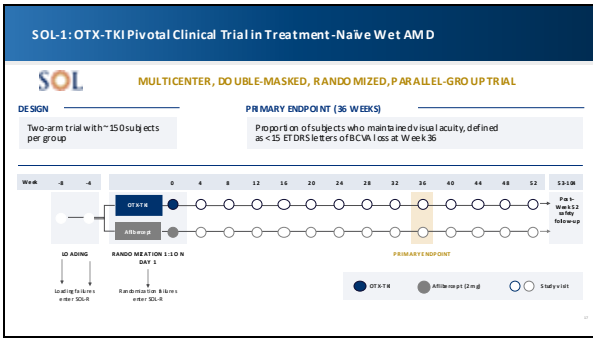
US STUDY²

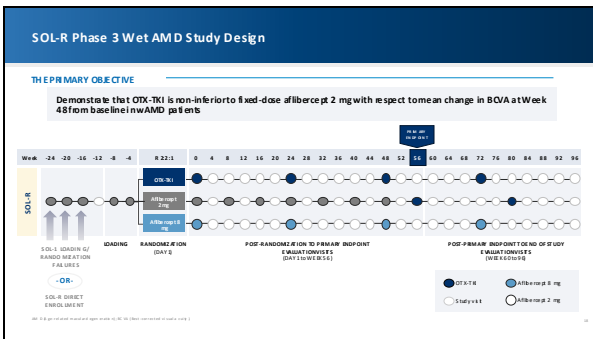
Ocular AEs not leading to permanent vision loss	OTX-TKI 600 µg n=6	Atropine n=6
Ocular AEs	1/6	0
MSI	1/6	0
Migraine	2/6	0
Strabismic	0	0
Strabismic AEs	0	0

²Phase 1 study data for OTX-TKI 600 µg arm.

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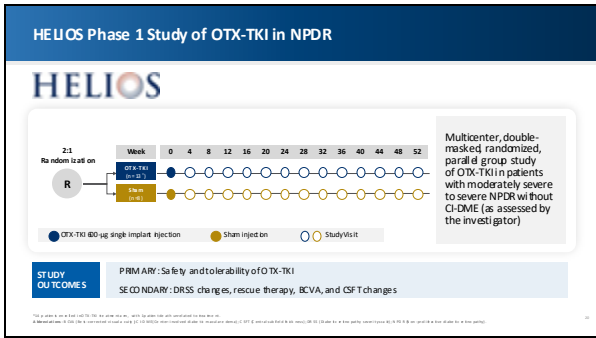






OTX-TKI in Moderately Severe to Severe Non-Proliferative Diabetic Retinopathy

Results from the HELIOS Phase 1 Trial



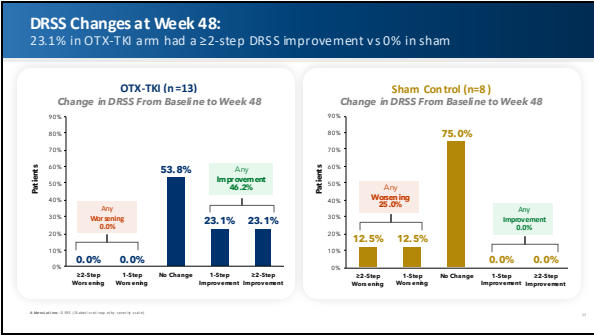
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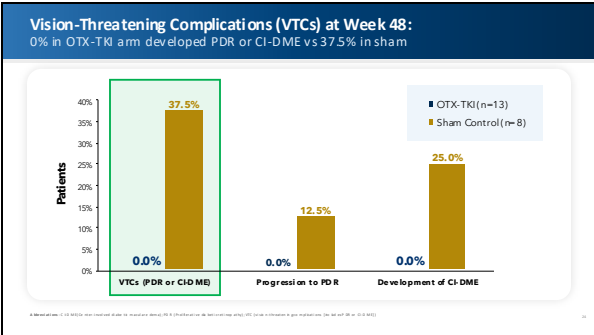
Characteristic	OTX-TKI (N=14)	Sham (N=6)
Age, mean, years	53.7 (14.7)	64.0 (7.1)
Sex, n (%)		
Female	5 (35.7)	5 (83.3)
Male	9 (64.3)	1 (16.7)
DRSS, n (%)		
Level 4/7 (Moderately severe NPDR)	0	2 (33.3)
Level 5/3 (Severe NPDR)	14 (100)	4 (66.7)
BCVA, mean (SD), ETDRS letters	82.9 (5.2)	84.5 (5.2)
Approximate Snellen equivalent	20/25	20/20
CSFT, mean (SD), µm	268.7 (21.5)	283.0 (32.1)

HELIOS Safety Overview at Week 48

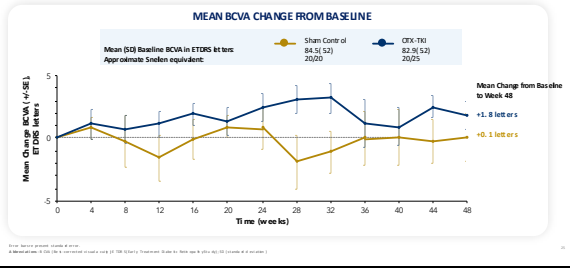
OTX-TKI was generally well tolerated, with no ocular SAEs reported

- OTX-TKI was generally well tolerated
- All AEs were mild and balanced across the two arms, with no moderate or severe AEs reported in either arm
- No ocular SAEs reported in either arm
- No treatment- or injection procedure-related intraocular inflammation, iritis, vitritis, or vasculitis
- No subjects in either arm received rescue medication

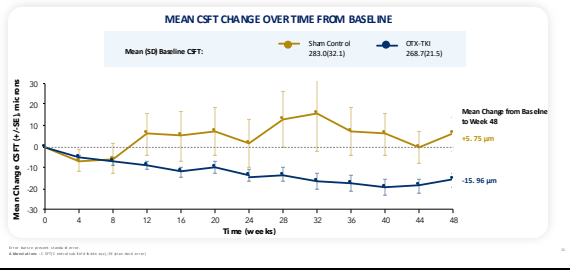




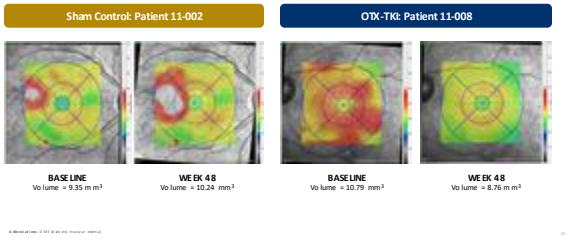
Mean BCVA Change from Baseline Over Time:
OTX-TKI-treated patients demonstrated stable vision through 48 weeks



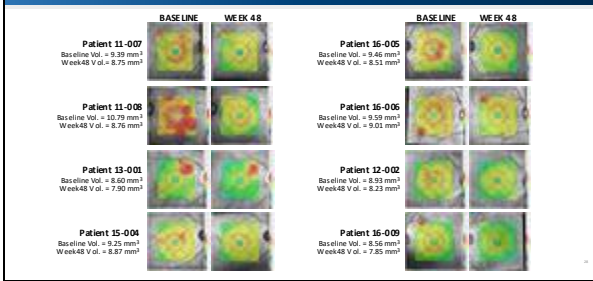
Mean CSFT Change from Baseline Over Time:
Strong trend towards consistent CSFT reduction observed with OTX-TKI



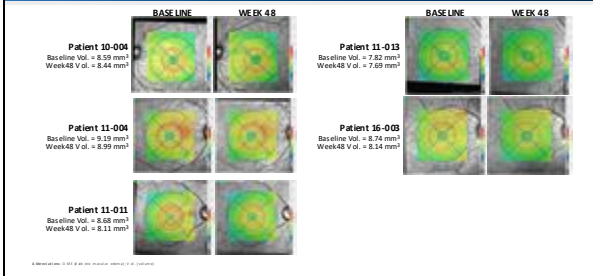
DME Changes from Baseline to Week 48: Sham vs OTX-TKI



Improvement in DME in Patients Receiving OTX-TKI



OTX-TKI-treated Patients without Initial DME Remained DME-Free Through Week 48



Thank you!



Interim Results from the PRISM Phase 1/2 Clinical Trial Evaluating Intravitreal 4D-I50 in Adults with Neovascular Age-related Macular Degeneration

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Key Takeaways

PRISM Phase 2 Clinical Trial Interim Results

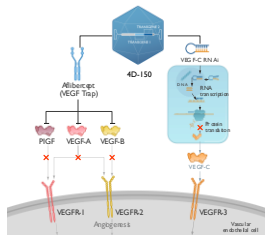
- 4D-I50: dual-transgene intravitreal gene therapy
 - Evolved retinotropic AAV vector, dual-transgene payload (aflibercept, VEGF-C RNA)
- PRISM Phase 1/2 clinical trial: Evaluation of 4D-I50 in a broad wet AMD population
- PRISM Phase 2 interim results (Week 24)— 3×10^{10} vg/eye:
 - 4D-I50 was safe and well tolerated
 - No 4D-I50-related serious adverse events and no clinically significant inflammation
 - 100% (9/9) of participants completed prophylactic corticosteroid regimen on schedule
 - Durable clinical activity observed in both Phase 2 cohorts
 - 89% reduction in annualized anti-VEGF injections
 - Stable visual acuity
 - Sustained reduction in CST, stabilization of CST fluctuations

AAV: self-inactivating, split-CMV promoter, VEGF, non-coding RNA, split-CMV promoter

4D-150

Dual-Transgene Intravitreal Gene Therapy

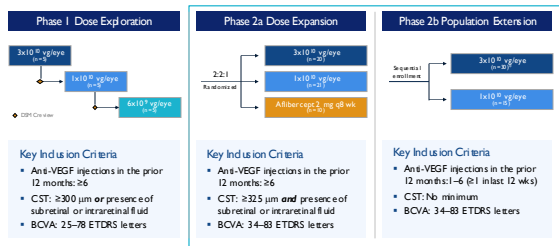
- Primate-evolved intravitreal RI00 capsid carrying a dual-transgene payload
 - Alibertecept and VEGF-C RNAi
- Single-dose intravitreal administration
- Widespread delivery to all major regions and layers of the macula
- Robust pan-retinal transgene expression
- Inhibition of 4 distinct VEGF family members: VEGF-A, -B, -C, and PlGF



RI00: primate-evolved hexon-VEGF-C capsid in dual-gene payload

PRISM Phase 1/2 Clinical Trial

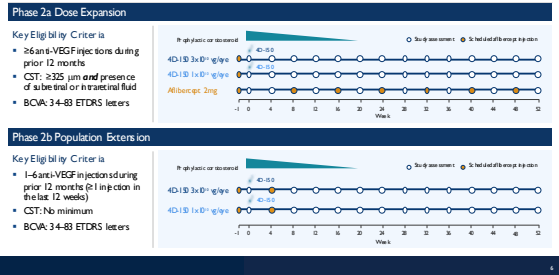
Evaluation of 4D-150 in a Broad Range of Wet AMD Populations

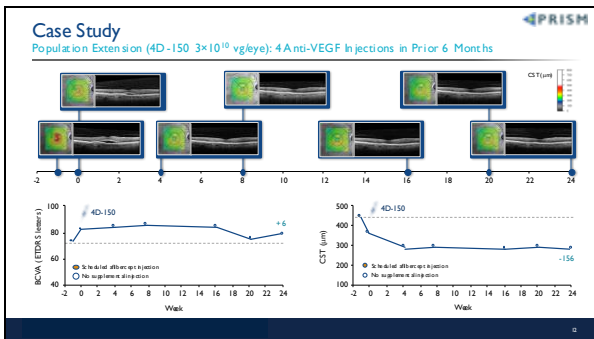
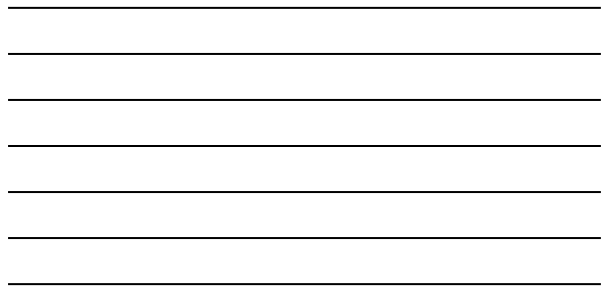
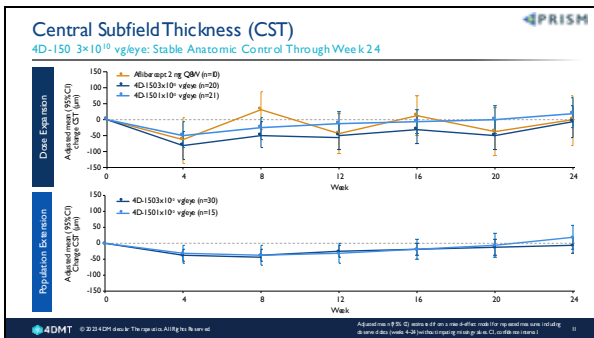
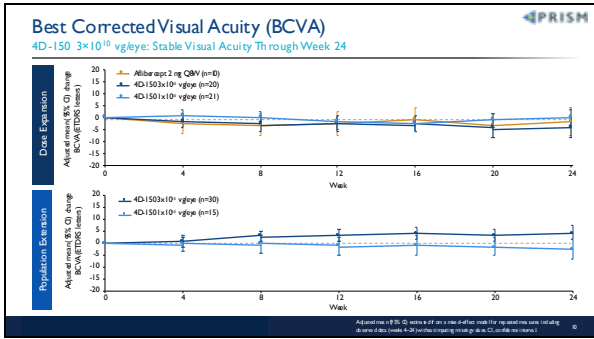


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Study Design

Phase 2 Dose Expansion and Population Extension Cohorts





Summary and Conclusions

- PRISM Phase 1/2 clinical trial
 - Broad wet AMD population with a wide range of disease activity and anti-VEGF treatment burden
- Phase 2 interim results (Week 24)— 3×10^{10} vg/eye:
 - 4D-150 was safe and well tolerated
 - No 4D-150-related serious adverse events and no clinically significant inflammation
 - No hypotony, endophthalmitis, retinal vasculitis, choroidal effusions, or retinal artery occlusions
 - 100% (49/49) of participants completed prophylactic corticosteroid regimen on schedule
 - Durable clinical activity observed in both Phase 2 cohorts
 - 89% reduction in annualized anti-VEGF injections
 - Stable visual acuity
 - Sustained reduction in CST, stabilization of CST fluctuations
- Initiation of Phase 3 clinical trial anticipated in early 2025

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Combination Therapy: Anti-VEGF and Steroid

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Combination Therapy: Studies you may know
Anti-VEGF and then steroid implant

- History first studied in 2005 in relation to retinal vein occlusion
- DRCR Protocol U 2017 (Dexamethasone implant)
- Reinforce 2018 (Dexamethasone implant)



True or False:
All DME patients are VEGF responsive




False: Approximately 1/3 of DME patients are functional non-responders to anti-VEGF^{1,2,3}


Clinical trial	Functional non-responders at Year 1 (%)
Protocol I	2.8%
Restore	3.5%
Boreal-DME	4.0%

DRCR-ret definitions
 non-responders: VEGF₁₂₁ < 5 letter or
 non-responders: < 0.7 fluorescein reduction < 20%

DME: diabetic macular edema; VEGF: vascular endothelial growth factor
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True or False: There are more non responders to steroids than to anti-VEGF in DME




False: The percentage of functional and anatomical non-responders in DME is higher with anti-VEGF than with steroids

	ANTI-VEGF	STEROIDS (DEX-implant)
% FUNCTIONAL non-responders	25% to 40% (= 13) ^{1,2}	≈ 18% (= 1/6) ³
% ANATOMICAL non-responders	25% to 35% (= 1/3) ⁴	≈ 14% (= 1/6) ³

Definitions
Functional non-responders: VEGF₁₂₁ < 5 letter p¹
Anatomical non-responders: OCT thickness reduction < 20%²
 DEX, dexamethasone implant

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True or false: If you give enough anti-VEGF shots everyone will respond



False: The rate of non-responders to anti-VEGF does not really vary over time, meaning that they may not be dependent on the number of injections!

Clinical trial	Functional non-responders at Year 1 (%)	Functional non-responders at Year 2 (%)	Functional non-responders at Year 3 (%)
Protocol 1 ^{1,3}	28% ¹	31% ²	33% ³
Restore 4 ⁴	39% ⁴	34% ⁴	34% ⁴
Clinical trial	Functional non-responder at Month 3 (%)	Functional non-responder at Month 6 (%)	Functional non-responder at Year 1 (%)
Boeal-DME ⁷	43%	39%	40%

Obstacly does not guarantee success

VEGF = vascular endothelial growth factor; DME, diabetic macular edema; VA, visual acuity; FL, foveal thickness; RPE, retinal pigment epithelium.
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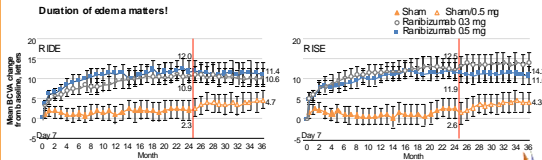


True or false: Time is not a factor in visual improvement in anti-VEGF treatment (Waiting is OK)



False: Delayed treatment is a loss of opportunity

Duration of edema matters!




If we treat effectively but too late, visual recovery will be lower



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True or false: The amount of edema has no effect on visual recovery



False: Persistence of macular edema is a negative prognostic factor for long-term visual acuity improvement in DME

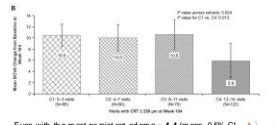
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Edema duration = number of study visits with CRT ≥ 250 μm during the first year of treatment by ranibizumab (Pilot trial)




Edema duration (visits)	Mean (SD) Best-Corrected Visual Acuity (logMAR)
0-1	~4.2
2	~4.4
3	~4.6
4	~4.8

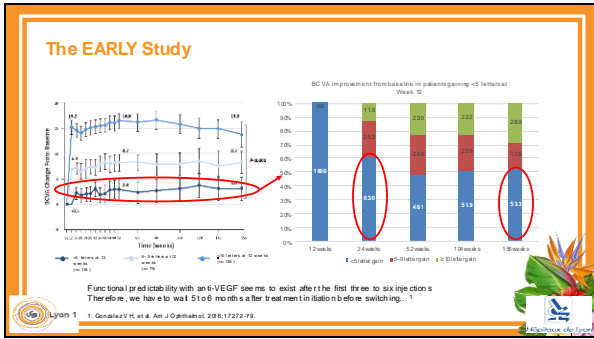
The longer the duration of DME, the more the VA decreases

Eyes with the most persistent edema = 4.4 (mean, 95% CI 0.1-8.7) lost ETDRS letter gain at week 156 in eyes with the least persistent edema (p=0.044)

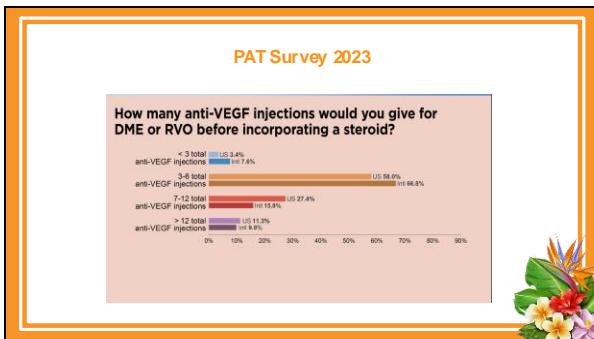


When can we predict functional response to anti-VEGF therapy?





True or False: As a result of the Early study most US retina specialists give how many injections

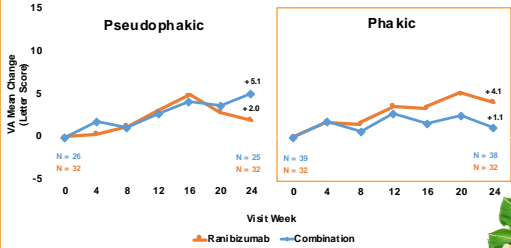


Protocol U by DRCR showed that there was not a difference in vision between patients who had combination therapy with dex implant and ranibizumab vs monthly ranibizumab.

True or False: In Protocol U, there was no difference in visual acuity between patients treated who were phakic vs pseudophakic



False: VA Mean Change: Baseline Lens Status

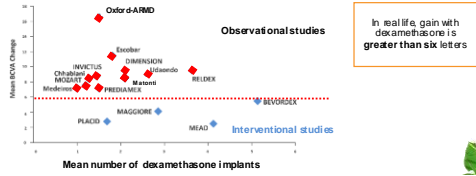


True or False: In terms of Protocol U, there was no difference in the percent of patients who were 2-line and 3-line gainers



False: Interventional vs observational (Real life) studies of DME with dexamethasone implant to date: Real life overperforms

The real-life outcomes are comparable if not superior to those of clinical trials



DME (diabetic macular edema) BCVA (best-corrected visual acuity). Oxior-ARM, Oxior Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Irvine, CA, USA; INVICTUS, Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation, East Hanover, NJ, USA; DIMENSION, Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation, East Hanover, NJ, USA; BELDEX, Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation, East Hanover, NJ, USA; PLACID, Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation, East Hanover, NJ, USA; MAGGIORE, Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation, East Hanover, NJ, USA; MEAD, Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation, East Hanover, NJ, USA.

True or False: Similar to anti-VEGF, early treatment with steroids is associated with better vision sooner

- TRUE

True or False: Treating eyes with better vision is associated with better final vision

True: What may favor good functional results?

To treat early!

The better the baseline VA, the better the final VA!

Visual acuity final VA

Visual acuity baseline

1702 eyes

Adapted from Koch-Lau et al. 2016

VA, visual acuity

Koch-Lau L, et al. *Statist Res* 2016 Aug 23;2(18):892253

Lygon 1

Combination therapy: A subset of the Reinforce dataset

Real life study USA:
REINFORCE: A Prospective Multicenter Study of Dexamethasone Intravitreal Implant (DEX) in Diabetic Macular Edema (DME)

Michael A. Singer, MD1; Pravin U. Dugel, MD2; Howard F. Fine, MD3; Antonio Caporaso, Jr., MD4; John Mattman, PhD5


Introduction

- Dexamethasone intravitreal implant (DEX) has shown efficacy in patients with diabetic macular edema (DME) in controlled trials
- Data on real-world outcomes in DME patients receiving DEX as monotherapy or adjunctive therapy are limited

Study Objective

- To assess the effectiveness, safety, and real-world use of DEX in clinical practice in patients with DME

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Study Design / Methods

- Prospective, multi-center, observational registry study
- Study did not provide, nor require by protocol, any treatment beyond the initial DEX treatment required for registry inclusion
- Ocular history, treatment, and outcomes data were collected at the patient's first DEX injection and each subsequent visit up to 1 year
- Assessments and schedule of follow-up visits at the discretion of the physician
- Amount of data collected depended upon the number of follow-up visits
- Snellen visual acuity was converted to approximate ETDRS letters for analysis using the method of Geigot et al

Primary Endpoints

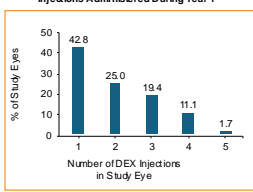
- Main maximum BCVA change (best improvement) from baseline following each DEX injection
- Percentage of patients with ≥ 15 -letter improvement in BCVA
- Average improvement in BCVA (area-under-the-curve [AUC] approach)

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DEX Usage


Frequency Distribution of Number of DEX Injections Administered During Year 1

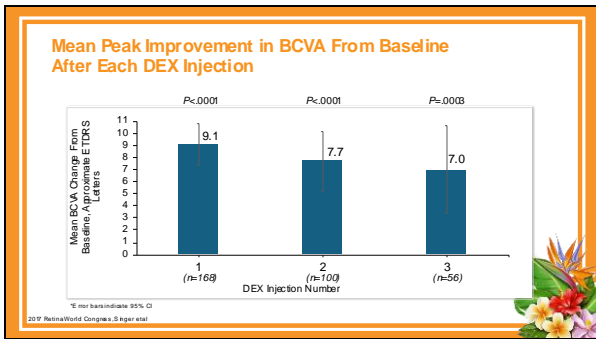


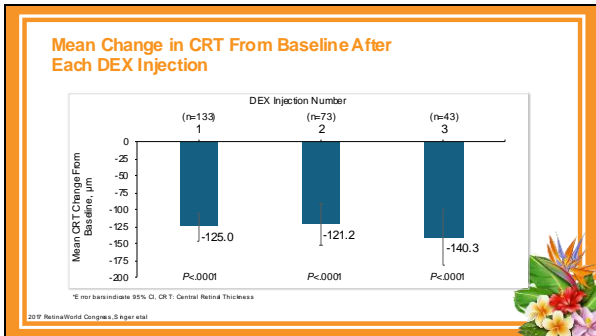
Number of DEX Injections in Study Eye	% of Study Eyes
1	42.8
2	25.0
3	19.4
4	11.1
5	1.7

- Mean DEX injection frequency was 2.0 (± 1.1 , SD) injections in Year 1
- Mean time between DEX injections was 152.7 (± 64.5 , SD) days
- DEX was used as monotherapy in 99 (55.0%) study eyes
- 81 study eyes (45%) received 1 or more other intravitreal injections during the study
- Most common: aflibercept, ranibizumab, or bevacizumab

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Other Key Efficacy Endpoints

Outcome Measure	Result	P Value
Percentage of study eyes with ≥15-letter improvement in BCVA from baseline during the study	36.0% (62/172)	
Mean average improvement in BCVA from baseline during the study using the AUC approach (95% CI)	3.6 letters (2.3, 5.0)	
Mean maximum change in BCVA from baseline during the study (95% CI)	11.7 letters (10.0, 13.5)	< .0001
Mean maximum change in CRT from baseline during the study (95% CI)	-137.7 µm (-15.82, -117.3)	< .0001
Percentage of study eyes achieving BCVA of 20/40 or better and CRT ≤300 µm at the same visit*	19.4% (19/98)	

* Percentage calculated among study eyes that had baseline BCVA worse than 20/40 and baseline CRT >300µm.
 AUC = area under the curve; BCVA = best-corrected visual acuity; CRT = central retinal thickness.
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Combination Therapy: Similar results in terms of vision and slightly better drying

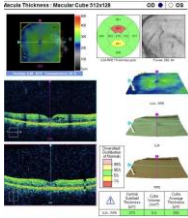
TABLE 3
Subgroup Analysis of Key Efficacy Parameters

Subgroup	Mean ± SD Maximum Improvement in BCVA After Each Injection, Letters	Injection 1	Injection 2	Injection 3	Mean ± SD Maximum Improvement in CRT Across All Months, µm
Baseline Lens Status					
Phakic	8.6 ± 11.5 (n = 52)	8.5 ± 14.8 (n = 29)	5.2 ± 17.8 (n = 13)	-120.8 ± 113.5 (n = 42)	
Pseudophakic	9.4 ± 11.6 (n = 100)	7.4 ± 11.1 (n = 60)	7.6 ± 12.4 (n = 37)	-142.4 ± 123.9 (n = 85)	
Duration of DME					
< 1 year	9.7 ± 8.9 (n = 62)	7.8 ± 11.0 (n = 36)	0.5 ± 9.2 (n = 15)	-145.0 ± 121.4 (n = 48)	
1-2 years	8.9 ± 12.5 (n = 36)	10.3 ± 10.5 (n = 19)	9.4 ± 10.8 (n = 14)	-118.7 ± 110.0 (n = 31)	
> 2 years	8.6 ± 12.3 (n = 70)	6.5 ± 13.9 (n = 45)	9.3 ± 15.6 (n = 27)	-142.1 (124.1) (n = 55)	
Prior Laser Treatment for DME					
Yes	10.1 ± 13.6 (n = 56)	10.3 ± 13.0 (n = 34)	10.7 ± 14.7 (n = 21)	-134.9 ± 115.6 (n = 35)	
No	8.5 ± 9.7 (n = 112)	6.3 ± 11.7 (n = 66)	4.8 ± 12.3 (n = 35)	-138.7 ± 121.5 (n = 99)	
Interventional Treatment During the Study					
DEX only	9.4 ± 11.7 (n = 92)	7.3 ± 12.7 (n = 51)	7.9 ± 14.0 (n = 31)	-134.7 ± 122.8 (n = 74)	
DEX and other treatment	8.6 ± 10.5 (n = 76)	8.0 ± 12.0 (n = 49)	5.9 ± 12.8 (n = 25)	-141.5 ± 116.4 (n = 60)	
History of Vitrectomy					
Yes	12.5 ± 13.3 (n = 48)	12.6 ± 13.7 (n = 27)	13.1 ± 14.7 (n = 11)	-159.0 ± 132.5 (n = 37)	
No	7.7 ± (9.9) (n = 120)	5.8 ± 11.3 (n = 73)	5.5 ± 12.8 (n = 45)	-129.4 ± 113.9 (n = 97)	

SD = standard deviation; BCVA = best corrected visual acuity; CRT = central retinal thickness; DME = diabetic macular edema; DEX = dexamethasone intravitreal injection



Case 2



Age 48 commercial pilot
Gender Male
Race White
Diagnosis Vitreous hemorrhage with DME OD
BCVA 20/50-2
Previous Ocular History phakic

All case images are courtesy of Dr. Singer unless otherwise noted. BCVA = best corrected visual acuity; DME = diabetic macular edema; LM = inner limiting membrane; IPDR = non-proliferative diabetic retinopathy; PFC = retinal pigmented epithelium

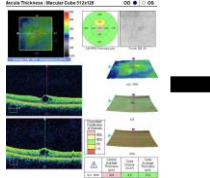


Patient received 3 bevacizumab injections to clear vitreous hemorrhage

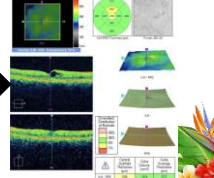
Last bevacizumab 1 month ago

- BCVA 20/40 → 20/30
- CST 280 → 208
- but patient is a pilot and notices the distortion

1 mo later; (1 month s/p, faricimab)

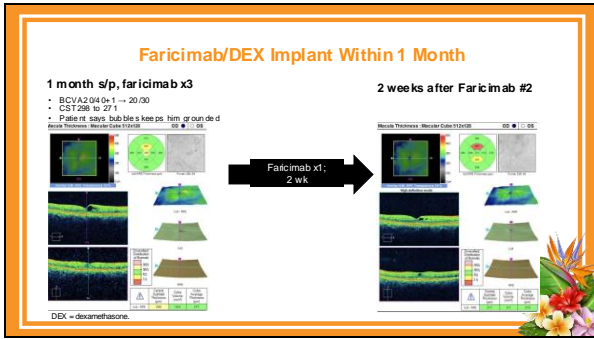


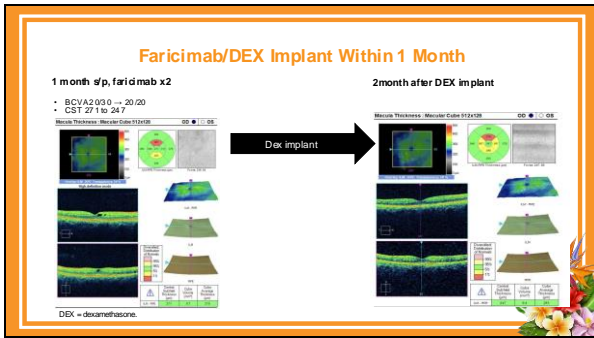
Faricimab x1

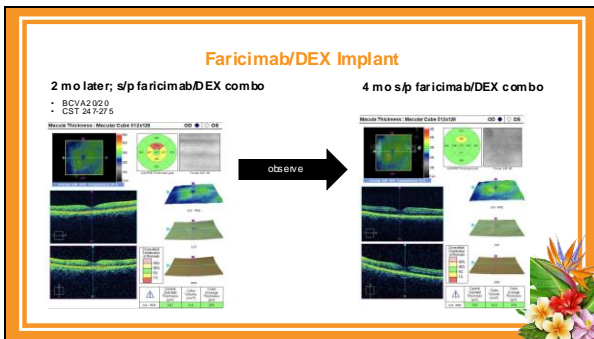


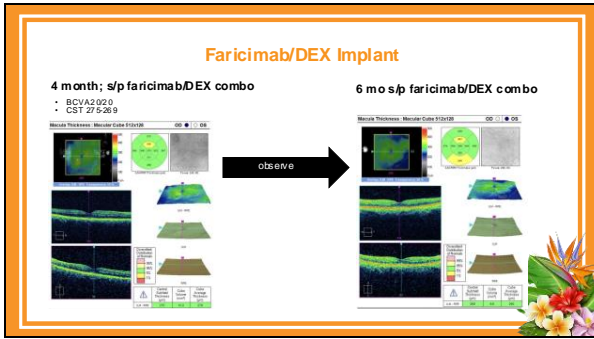
CST = central retinal thickness; mo = months; s/p = status post

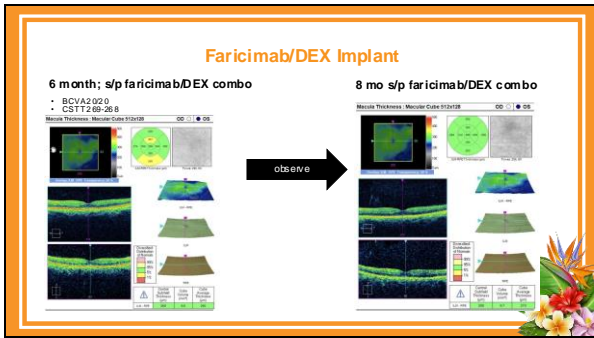


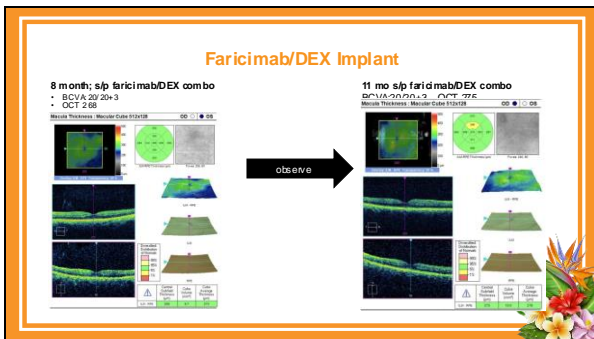












Conclusion: Dexamethasone intravit

Label in first and second line

EFRA CY

- Interventional studies: no difference in mortality between VEGF in RCTs¹⁻³
- Observational (real-life) studies: good observational results vs anti-VEGF⁴
- Outcomes effective and has rapid onset of action⁵
- Duration of efficacy up to 6 months⁶
- **SAFETY** (Dose-related toxicity, treatment-related manageable side effects)
 - Hypertension: rare in DME, typical treatment associated in 97%, detected after the 1st or 2nd injection (0% of the by per ton ic cases)⁷
 - Cataract: Outcomes permits a good control of DME during surgery (in low use of the DME after the surgery & no delay in visual recovery)⁸⁻¹⁰

LESS BURDEN

- Less intravitreal injections, the reference visits, than anti-VEGF¹¹⁻¹⁴
- Better observance¹⁵

FAVORABLE COST-EFFECTIVENESS RATIO FOR THE SOCIETY AND THE PATIENTS^{16,17}



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AVD-104 for Geographic Atrophy: Glyco-immunologic Modulation of Macrophage Activity




Complement Inhibition Is Efficacious, but AEs May Suggest Another Approach Is Needed¹⁻⁴

DERBY, OAKS, and GATHER

Trial Drug (2.4-month data)	↓ in GA vs sham (%) ^a	Rate of CNV Conversion
Pegcetacoplan EOM	16%-18% ^b	7%
Pegcetacoplan EM	19%-22% ^b	12%
Avaicinapatad pegol 12 mg EOM	19%	4%
Avaicinapatad pegol 12 mg EM	14%	7%
Avaicinapatad pegol 14 mg EM	30%	16%

Reported AEs

- Increased ONV conversion
- Inflammation
- Ischemic optic neuropathy
- Occlusive vasculitis^c

Reduction of complement over activation shows efficacy but may increase treatment-associated side effects

*Post-marketing AE with pegcetacoplan in the US (ASRS listerv, July 15, 2023)

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Siglec Receptors on Macrophages Control Polarization¹⁻⁴

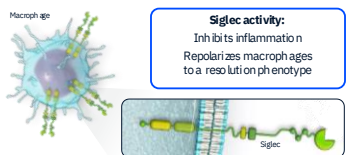
SIGLECS = Sialic acid-binding immunoglobulin-like lectins

Receptors expressed on all immune cells that are a primary mechanism of immune resolution

Siglec activity:
Inhibits inflammation
Repolarizes macrophages to a resolution phenotype

Siglecs bind sialic acids presented on other cells to identify them

Siglecs have inhibitory signaling pathways (ITIM) similar to PD-1 receptors on T-cells, which are targeted by oncology immune checkpoint inhibitors (ICI)

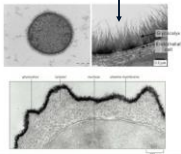


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Siglecs Recognize Sialic Acids on Other Cells

"Self" or "non-self" patterns modulate macrophage activity

Sialic acids (moieties of glycan sugars) are on all vertebrate cell surfaces as **immune markers**



Sialic acid patterns are like cell barcodes. Macrophage **Siglecs** bind **sialic acids** on other cells to recognize them as either **"self"** or **"non-self"**

<p>"Self"</p> <p>Healthy and native body cells</p> <p>Immune system OFF</p>	<p>"Non-self"</p> <p>Diseased, damaged, and foreign cells</p> <p>Immune system ON</p>
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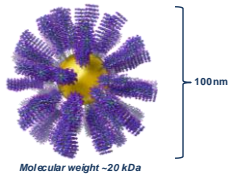
HALOS™-Generated Lead: AVD-104, a Polysialic Acid-Coated Nanoparticle that Inhibits Siglecs on Macrophages and Binds CFH

Ligands

- Nanoparticle coated with high-affinity polysialic acid ligands
- Tunable multivalent selectivity for desired Siglecs

Core & Linkers

- Biodegradable PLGA co-polymer core creates surface attachment and enhances durability and is established in IVT injection application
- PEG polymer enables high density and proper orientation of ligands
- Amide, azide and other conjugation linkages



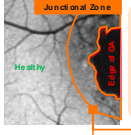
Molecular weight ~20 kDa

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Addressing Disease Progression in the Junctional Zone is Critical for an Effective, Disease Modifying Treatment for GA

Junctional Zone

Healthy



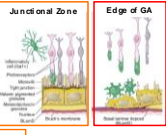
In the GA junctional zone, not all photoreceptors/RPE cells are dead – some may be dying, stunned, etc.

Rescuing the cells that are not yet dead may enable functional and structural stabilization or improvement

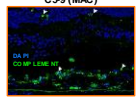
GA junctional zone is measured by hyperautofluorescence

Junctional Zone

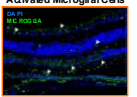
Edge of GA



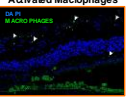
CS-9 (MAC)



Activated Microglial Cells



Activated Macrophages



Baek et al. Cell Reports (2022)

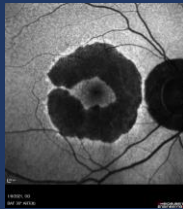
GA: The basics of diagnosis and treatment in the real world

- Carl J. Danzig, MD
- Rand Eye Institute
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- Gyroscope (Novartis)
- Hidrolog
- Invis
- MerckBio
- Janssen
- Stealth Therapeutics



Topics for today

- Introduction
 - Demographics and Natural course of disease
 - Coding
 - Imaging
- Early and mid-phase trials
- Phase III
- Safety
- Real-world cases and decisions

Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD)

- One of the most common causes of severe, irreversible vision loss
- Worldwide prevalence: 196 million in 2020 projected to be 288 million in 2040¹
- Approximately 11 million people in US have AMD

¹American Academy of Ophthalmology. Preferred Practice Patterns 2019

GA and neovascular AMD (nAMD)

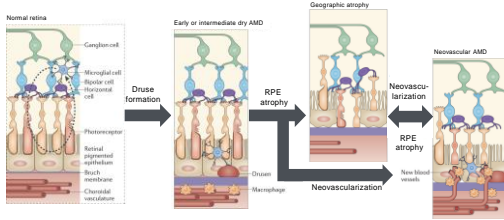
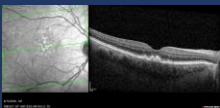


Image adapted from Ambati et al. Nat Rev Immunol 2015. AMD: Age-related macular degeneration. GA: Geographic atrophy. CNV: Choroidal neovascularization. RPE: Retinal pigment epithelium.

Stages of Dry AMD

- Early
- Intermediate
- Advanced
 - Extrafoveal
 - Subfoveal



Early and Intermediate AMD

- Early (H35.3111, H35.3121, H35.3122)
 - characterized by a combination of multiple small drusen, few intermediate drusen (63–124 μm in diameter)
- Intermediate (H35.3112, H35.3122, H35.3132)
 - extensive medium drusen (63–124 μm in diameter) or one or more large drusen (≥125 μm in diameter) with any pigmentary abnormalities

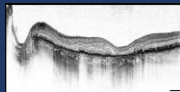
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Advanced AMD

- Extrafoveal (H35.3113, H35.3123, H35.3133)
 - Patients usually have good central vision in absence of other pathology
 - May have difficulty with near-vision activities
- Fovea-involving (H35.3114, H35.3124, H35.3134)
 - Central vision is often moderately or severely impaired
 - approximately 10% of all AMD-related visual loss of 20/200 or worse

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- When secondary to age-related macular degeneration (AMD), GA is defined by the presence of sharply demarcated atrophic lesions of the outer retina



- Lesions result from the loss of photoreceptors, retinal pigment epithelium (RPE), and underlying chorio capillaris
- These anomalies lead to irreversible vision loss



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GA is an advanced form of age-related macular degeneration



Images from: <https://www.aao.org/eye-health/eye-diseases/age-related-macular-degeneration-geographic-atrophy>

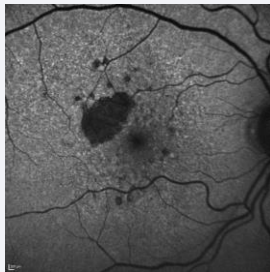
Early non-neovascular AMD
 combination of multiple small drusen, few intermediate drusen (63-124 μm), or mild RPE atrophy

Intermediate AMD
 large drusen (>125 μm), presenting as sharply defined, usually round or oval areas of atrophy in the RPE

Advanced AMD
 may present as neovascular disease or geographic atrophy (GA). GA is characterized by large, confluent regions of atrophied RPE

AMD=age-related macular degeneration; RPE=retinal pigment epithelium
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GA progression is relentless

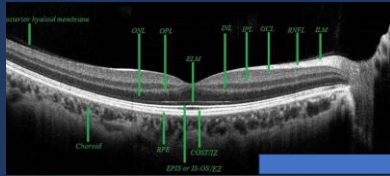


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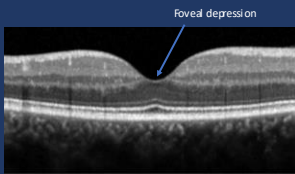
How to Follow Patients with GA

- OCT, OCT, OCT
- Fundus Autofluorescence Photos
 - Can use Blue Peak Autofluorescence (but not for clinical trials)
- Fundus Color Photos

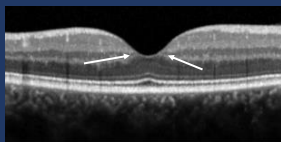
Normal Anatomy



How do I identify the Foveal Center?

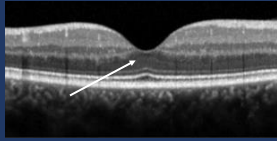


How do I identify the Foveal Center?



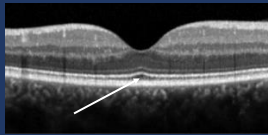
Ganglion cell complex tapers to a point on either side of foveal center

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Triangular outer nuclear complex (triangle with base down)

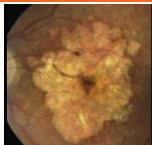
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Elongated photoreceptor outer segments "bumping up" ellipsoid zone and external limiting membrane

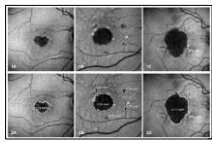
Imaging studies identify the clinical features of GA

A. Fundus photograph of geographic atrophy



Adapted from reference 1

B. Detection and quantification of atrophy on FAF

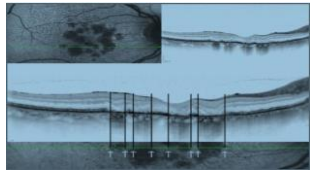


Adapted from reference 2

©2015, Early Treatment Diabetic Retinopathy Study. FAF, fundus autofluorescence; GA, geographic atrophy.
1. Farsakian M, et al. Ophthalmology 2016; 123:258-265.
2. Davis MD, et al. Invest Ophthalmol Vis Sci 2012; 53:4444-4454.

Degeneration of RPE and photoreceptor cell death are key features of GA

Severely decreased FAF over areas of atrophy is spatially confined to a loss of photoreceptors on the SD-OCT



Adapted from Holz FG, et al. 2014.

GA=geographic atrophy; RPE=retinal pigment epithelium; FAF=fundus autofluorescence; Holz FG, et al. Ophthalmology. 2014;121:1079-91.

2018 CAM classification system of GA is based on OCT findings

CAM criteria for diagnosing cRORA

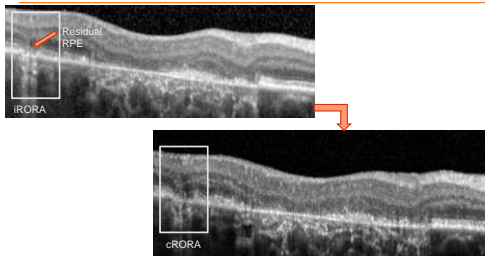
1. Region of hypertransmission $\geq 250 \mu\text{m}$ in diameter
2. RPE zone of attenuation/disruption $\geq 250 \mu\text{m}$ in diameter
3. Evidence of overlying photoreceptor degeneration
4. Absence of scrolled RPE or other signs of an RPE tear

CAM Consensus Classification of Atrophy in AMD

Term	Abbreviation
Complete RPE and outer retinal atrophy	cRORA
Incomplete RPE and outer retinal atrophy	IRORA
Complete outer retinal atrophy	cORA
Incomplete outer retinal atrophy	IORA

CAM terms may be used to describe atrophy in the presence or absence of CNV

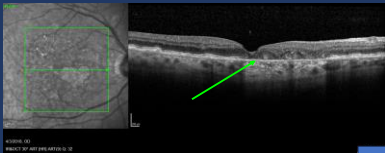
AMD=age-related macular degeneration; CAM=Classification of Atrophy Meetings; CNV=choroidal neovascularization; GA=geographic atrophy; OCT=optical coherence tomography; RPE=retinal pigment epithelium; Saito SK, et al. Ophthalmology. 2018;125:937-46.



Non Foveal Centered GA?

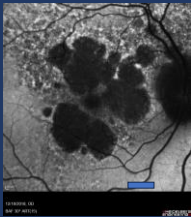


Use OCT!



Note loss of outer retinal layers, loss of RPE, and choroidal hypertransmission to right of green arrow

Non Central GA?

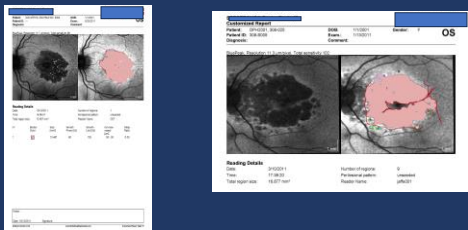


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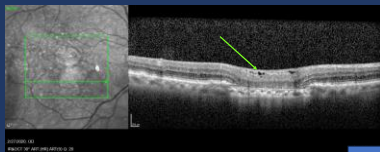


Here the region of outer retinal loss, RPE loss, and hyper-transmission (green arrow) is clearly away from foveal center (vertical green line)

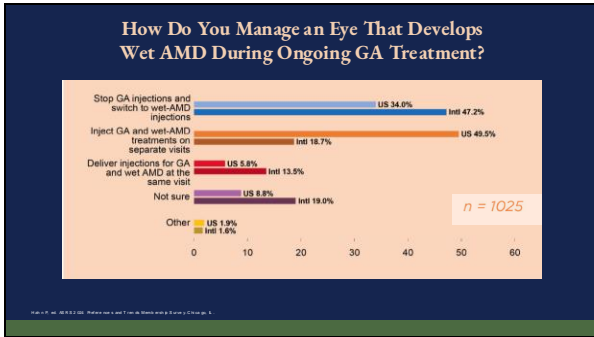
Determining Lesion Size: Region Finder



Cavitations: Not CNV



Note irregular shaped hyporeflective spaces corresponding to degenerative cavitations (tip of arrow)



SYFOVRE (pegcetocoplan) and IZERVAY (avacincaptad pegol)

Real-world clinical challenges

- GA lesion(s) characteristics and treatment risk/benefit
 - Safety concerns...IO/CNVM
- Bilateral GA
 - Treat better eye or worse eye first?
 - Same day bilateral treatment?
- GA and no/mild/wet AMD eye treated with anti-VEGF
 - Should we treat these patients?
 - When to treat for GA and when to treat for wet AMD? Same day? Alternate?
- Patients with history of vitrectomy
- Patients with significant glaucoma or history of glaucoma surgery
- Patients with concurrent port delivery system

73 y.o female....monocular

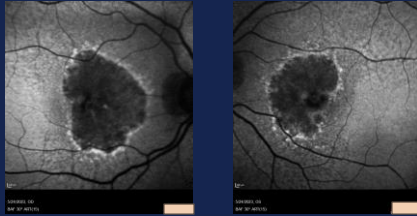
- BCVA 20/30 OD, CFOS
- Hx untreated CNVM OS w/ disciform scar

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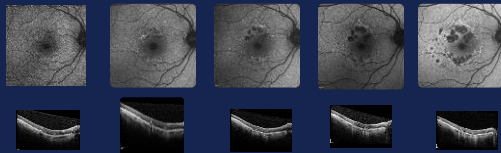
87 y.o. female....20/40 ou...GA is growing OU



87 y.o. female 20/400 od, 20/200 os
complaining of worsening vision, and depressed



78 y.o retired male; hx wet AMD OS



	Baseline	7 months	1 year 8 months	2 years 3 months	3 years 4 months
Lesion area	0.15 mm ²	0.27 mm ²	0.34 mm ²	1.49 mm ²	5.09 mm ²
Distance to fovea center	10.01 μm	93.5 μm	85.9 μm	57.1 μm	50.3 μm
BCVA	20/30	20/30*	20/40 -1	20/40 -1	20/40 -1
