Evaluating Safety, Tolerability and Biological Activity of OTX-TKI, a Hydrogel-Based, Sustained-Release Intravitreal Axitinib Implant, in Subjects with Neovascular Age-Related Macular Degeneration

Interim Analysis of a Phase 1 Clinical Trial

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UNMET NEED IN RETINAL DISEASE

Problem with Immediate-Release Injections

- Repeated intravitreal anti-VEGF injections are necessary to reach and maintain effective concentrations due to rapid vitreous clearance¹⁻³
- Multiple visits and injections challenging for patients/families, 98% of retina specialists prefer treat and extend (TAE) paradigm³

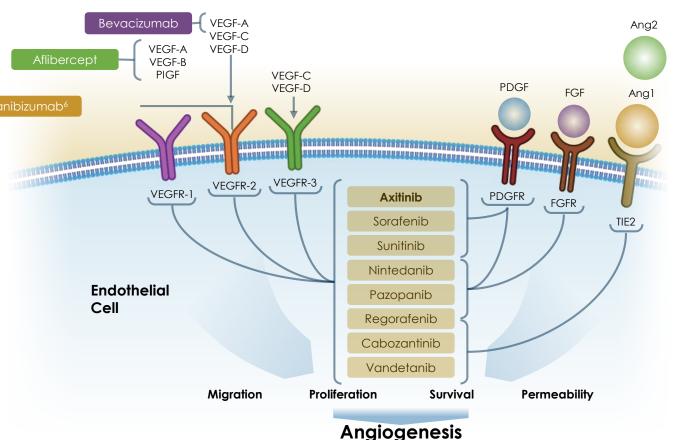
Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitors Act Directly on VEGF Receptors⁵

- Axitinib targets VEGFR-1, 2, 3 and PDGFR signaling
- Axitinib acts intracellularly and interferes with cellular signaling through inhibition of the receptor tyrosine kinases, potentially varying the "time to biological onset of action" based on intracellular vs extracellular MOA of anti-VEGF
- Axitinib is more potent compared to other TKIs (e.g., sunitinib, sorafenib and pazopanib)⁶ and has greater biocompatibility with ocular cell lines⁷

A New Therapy is Needed

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- New Mechanism of Action TKIs act directly on VEGF receptors
- Longer Duration of Action TKIs are potent small molecules



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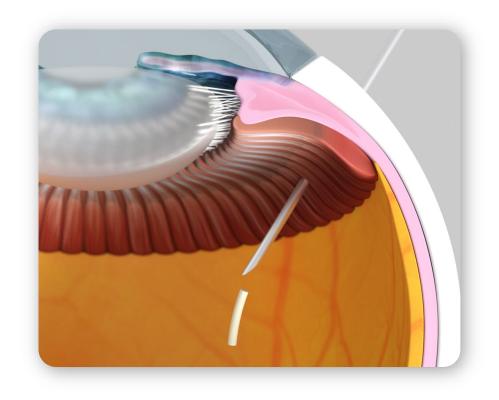
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OTX-TKI (Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitor Implant) For Intravitreal Injection

Hydrogel Implant incorporates axitinib, a small molecule tyrosine kinase inhibitor, delivered by intravitreal injection

- Polyethylene glycol-based hydrogel fiber containing TKI biodegrades via ester hydrolysis in the presence of water
- Goal of sustained TKI release for 4 to 6+ months
- Hydrogel degrades; cleared from the vitreous
- Potential for broader anti-angiogenic profile Vs anti-VEGF
- Goal of longer duration with sustained delivery without surgical intervention
- Small fiber (minimal/no visual impact; product can be monitored by physician)
- Preservative-free
- Systemic TKI efficacy established in oncology



OTX-TKI Phase 1 Study

DESIGN

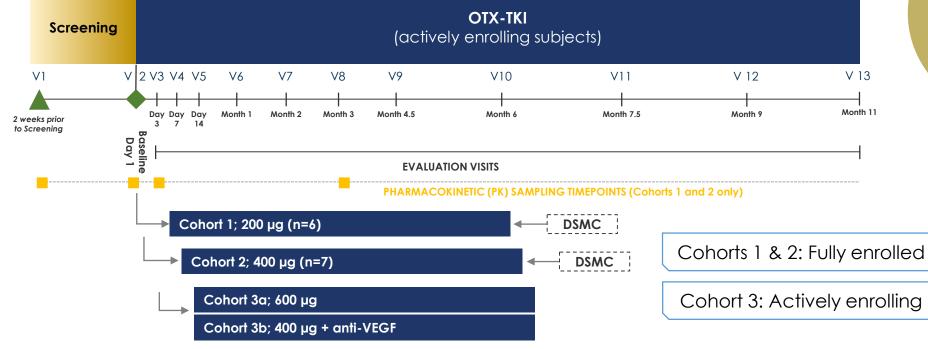
- Open-label, dose-escalation, feasibility study
- 5 sites in Australia
- 9-month study
- One eye per patient treated
- Key Inclusion criteria:
 - Active primary sub foveal neovascularization (SFNV) secondary to AMD previously treated or naïve subjects but with retinal fluid present

OBJECTIVES

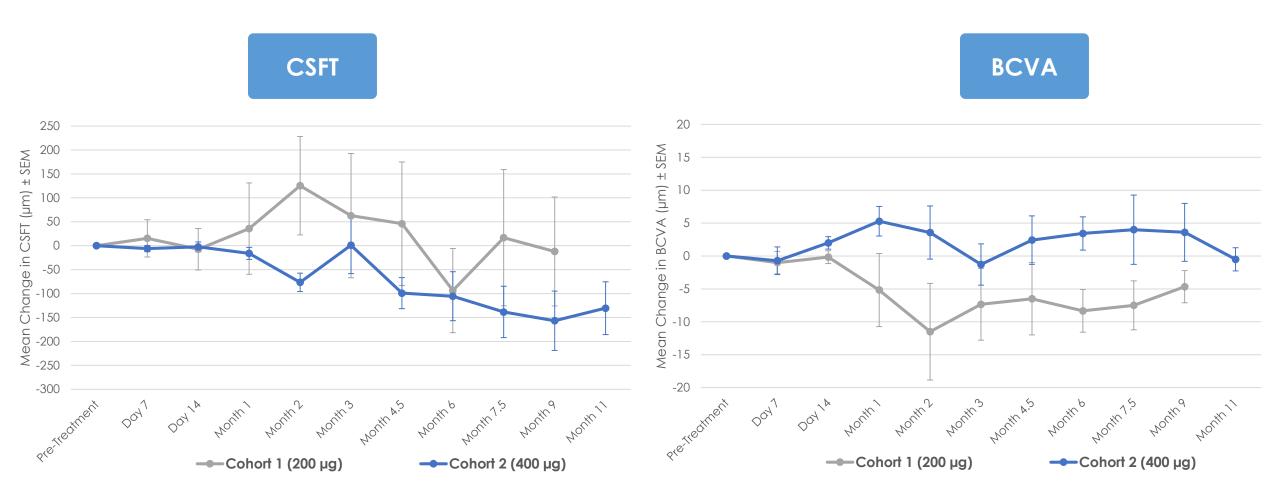
- Safety, tolerability, and biological activity
- Safety evaluations at all visits; mean change in central subfield thickness (CSFT) measured by SD-OCT, BCVA, and clinically-significant leakage on FA and/or OCT-A at 6 months

Question:

Does axitinib (a tyrosine kinase inhibitor; TKI) injected into the eye have biological activity?

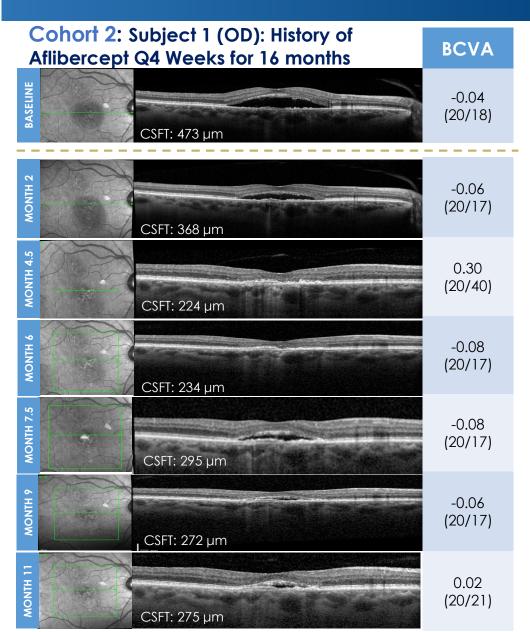


Cohort 1 & 2: MEAN CHANGE IN CENTRAL SUBFIELD THICKNESS VALUES & BEST CORRECTED VISUAL ACUITY



Cohort 1: n=6 until Month 9 Cohort 2: n=7 until Month 6; n=5 for Months 7.5 & 9; n=2 for Month 11

COHORT 2 (400 µg) & 3a (600 µg): SD-OCT EVALUATION



Cohort 3a: Subject 1 (OS): Treatment Naïve Subject	BCVA
СSFT: 484 µm	0.58 (20/76)
СSFT: 236 µm	0.22 (20/33)
СSFT: 232 µm	0.24 (20/40)

COHORTS 1-2: SAFETY OVERVIEW

			had IOP elevation needed ocular steroids	
Number of subjects with:	Cohort 1 200 µg n=6	Cohort 2 400 µg n=7	Total n=13	
Adverse Events (AEs)	14	17	31	
Ocular AEs	12	12	24	
Serious Ocular AEs	0	0	0	
By severity				
Mild Moderate Severe	12 2 0	14 3 0	26 5 0	
Treatment-related Ocular AEs	1	2	3	

Percentage of Subjects Without Needing Rescue Medications

Cohorts	At 3 months % (n/N)	At 6 months % (n/N)	At 7.5 months % (n/N)	At 9 months % (n/N)
Cohort 1 (200 µg)	66.7 (4/6)	50 (3/6)	50 (3/6)	50 (3/6)
Cohort 2 (400 µg)	71.4 (5/7)	57.1 (4/7)	42.9 (3/7)	20 (1/5)*

Pharmacokinetics

Plasma concentrations of axitinib were below the limit of quantification of assay (BLQ) <0.1 ng/ml at all sampled timepoints in all subjects in Cohorts 1 & 2

* Only 5 of 7 subjects reached 9 months in the study

NOTE: Interim review, unmonitored data; Data cut on October 23rd, 2020, (Cohorts 1 & 2 only)

OTX-TKI CONCLUSIONS:

OTX-TKI was generally well tolerated

To date, observed to have a favorable safety profile, with no ocular serious adverse events; No measurable systemic exposure to axitinib observed in Cohorts 1-2

Preliminary biological signal of clinically-meaningful decrease in retinal fluid

Some subjects showed a decrease in intraretinal or subretinal fluid by 2 months in 400 µg Cohort 2 and 600 µg Cohort 3

Therapy durability suggests extended duration of action

In the 400 µg Cohort 2, several subjects demonstrated durability of therapy for up to 6 months and one subject demonstrated durability to 11 months

Consistent bio-resorption observed Implant biodegraded in all subjects in Cohort 1 by 9-10.5 months

Implant location observation suggests limited movement Implant was able to be adequately monitored



Study is ongoing; Next steps

- Continued long-term evaluation of OTX-TKI cohorts: Need to establish durability of treatment
- New high-dose 600 µg Cohort 3 currently enrolling: Evaluate tolerability with a higher dose & explore OTX-TKI with an initial anti-VEGF injection