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A yellow hydrogel implant is positioned on the left side of the slide, resting on a silver, thorned crown. The implant is a small, yellow, teardrop-shaped device with a thin needle-like tip extending from its top. The crown is made of many sharp, silver thorns and is set against a dark blue, textured background.

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# Unmet Need in Retinal Disease

## Problem with Immediate-Release Injections

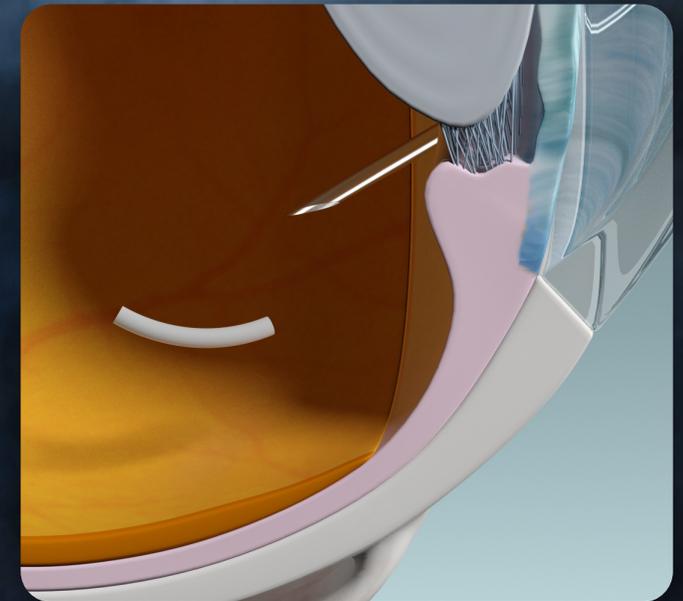
- Repeated intravitreal injections due to rapid vitreous clearance may cause side effects such as endophthalmitis, damage to the lens, and retinal detachment<sup>1</sup>
- Patient complaints include discomfort, eye pain, decreased vision, increased photosensitivity, and floaters<sup>1</sup>

## OTX-TKI (Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitor Implant) for Intravitreal Injection

- Polyethylene glycol-based hydrogel fiber containing TKI that biodegrades via ester hydrolysis in the presence of water
  - Targeting sustained TKI release for 3 to 6+ months
  - Hydrogel degrades and is cleared from the vitreous
- Broader anti-angiogenic profile than anti-VEGF alone and longer duration with sustained delivery
- Small fiber (27-30G needle) with minimal/no visual impact; product can be monitored by physician
- Preservative-free
- Systemic TKI efficacy established in oncology
- Different target than traditional VEGF therapies

## A New Therapy is Needed

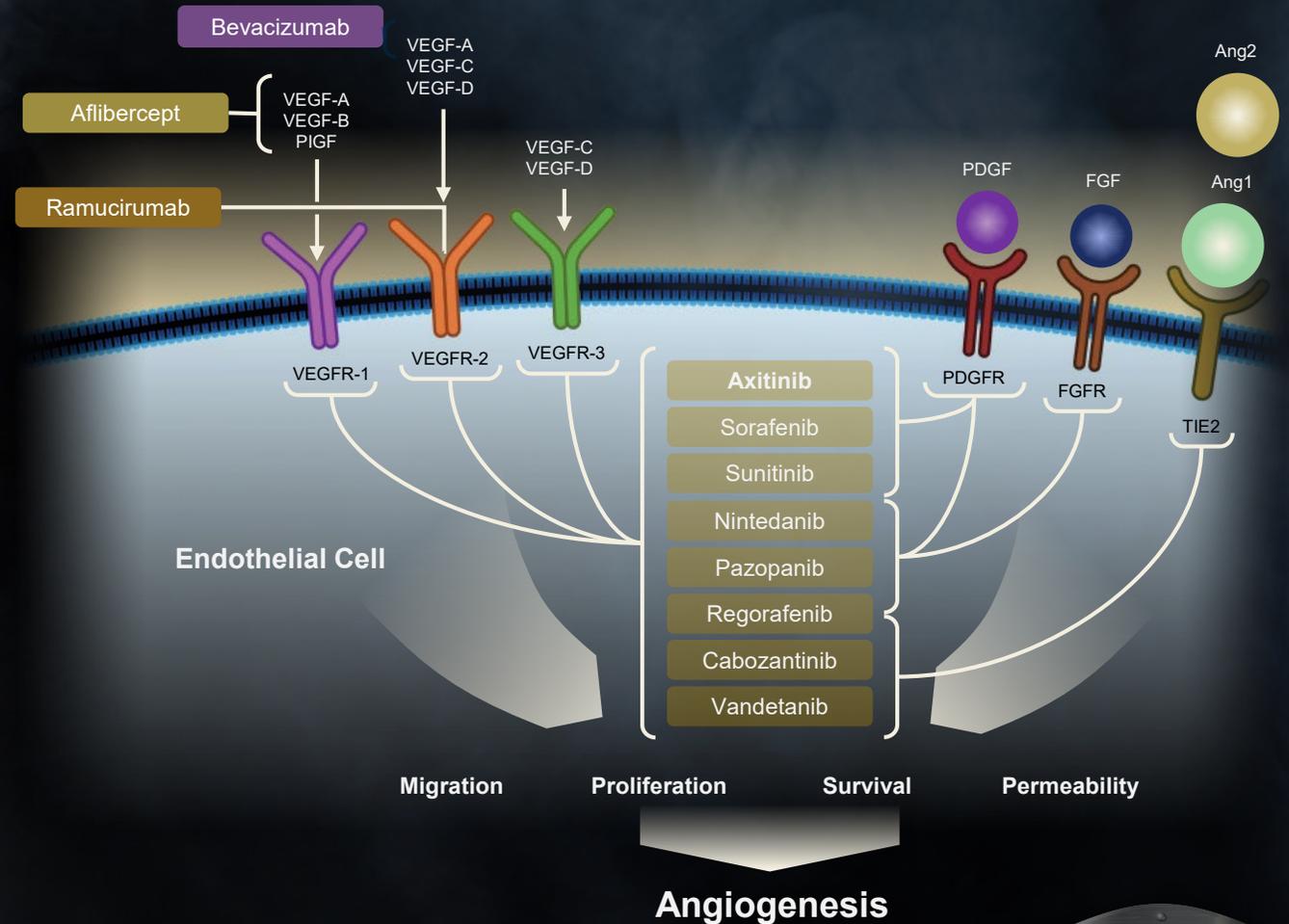
- **New Mechanism of Action**  
TKIs act directly on VEGF receptors
- **Longer Duration of Action**  
TKIs are potent small molecules



1. Bochet A, Fattal E. Liposomes for intravitreal drug delivery: a state of the art. *J Control Release*. 2012;161(2):628-634.

# Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitors Act Directly on VEGF Receptors

- Axitinib targets VEGFR-1, 2, 3 and PDGFR signaling
- Axitinib acts intracellularly and interferes with cellular signaling through inhibition of the receptor tyrosine kinases
- Anti-VEGF sequesters extracellular VEGF ligands
- Potential for “time to biological onset of action” variability based on intracellular vs extracellular MOA



# OTX-TKI Phase 1 Study

## DESIGN

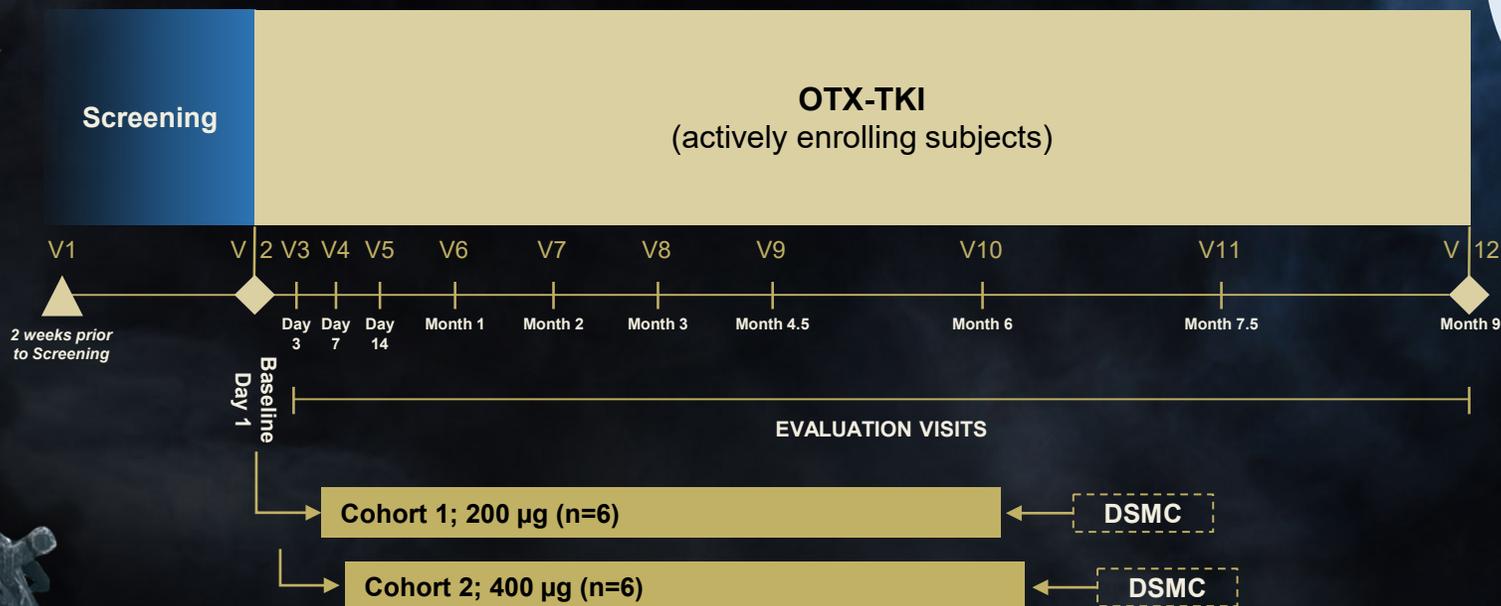
- Open-label, dose-escalation, feasibility study
- 5 sites in Australia
- 9-month study
- One eye per patient treated
- Key Inclusion criteria:
  - Active primary sub foveal neovascularization (SFNV) secondary to AMD – previously treated or naïve subjects but with retinal fluid present

## 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

## Research Question:

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



# Cohort 1 & 2: Safety Overview

## Total Adverse Events

Number of subjects with:	OTX-TKI 200 µg N=6	OTX-TKI 400 µg N=6	Total (N=12)
Adverse Events (AEs)	17	14	31
Ocular AEs	15	10	25
Serious Ocular AEs	0	0	0
By severity			
Mild	14	12	26
Moderate	3	2	5
Severe	0	0	0
Treatment-related AEs	2	1	3
Opacities around OTX-TKI implant	1	0	1
Tiny pigmented Keratic Precipitates*	1	0	1
Foreign material (fiber and reflective particles)	0	1	1

\*Event did not require treatment

Interim look; Unmonitored data.

# Cohort 1 & 2: Safety Overview

## Ocular Adverse Events (Study Eye)

**\*To date, no iritis, vitritis, or retinitis has been observed in any subject**  
No steroid treatment has been required

Number of subjects with:	OTX-TKI 200 µg N=6	OTX-TKI 400 µg N=6	Total (N=12)
Tiny pigmented Keratic Precipitates	3	0	3
Subconjunctival hemorrhage following injection	1	2	3
Subretinal hemorrhage	2	0	2
Pain following injection	0	2	2
Progressive/increased subretinal fluid	1	0	1
Discomfort/difficulty opening eyes upon waking	1	0	1
Dry eyes	1	0	1
Opacities around OTX-TKI implant	1	0	1
Visual distortion	0	1	1
Increased geographic atrophy	0	1	1
Vitreous floaters	0	1	1
Foreign material (fiber and reflective particles)	0	1	1

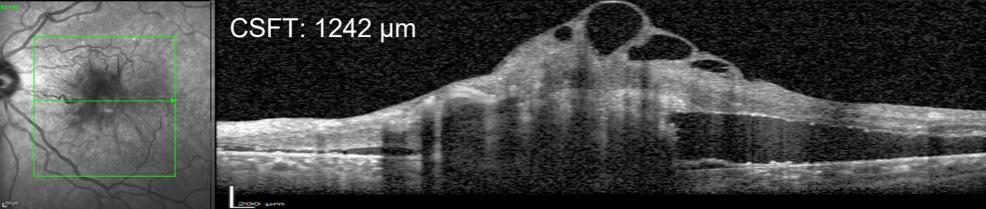
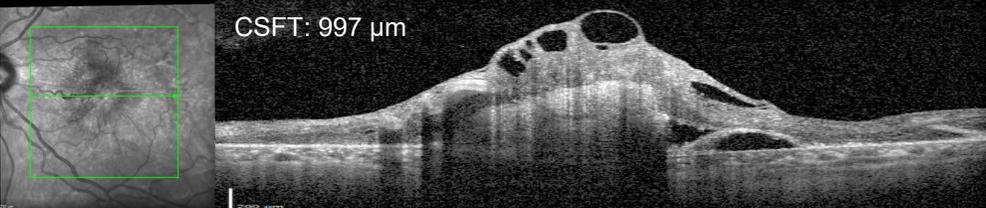
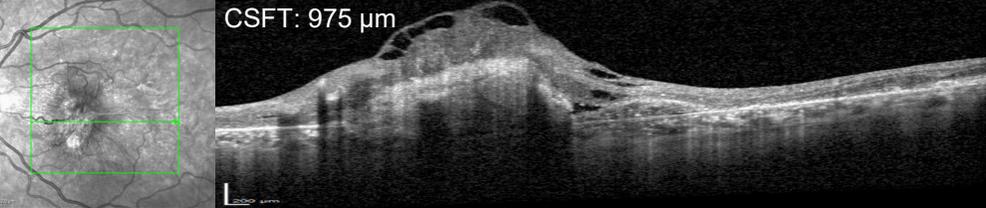
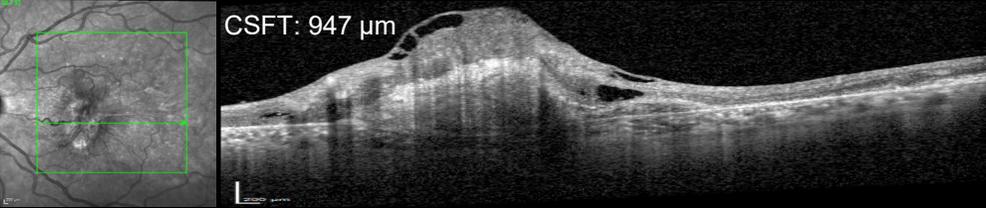
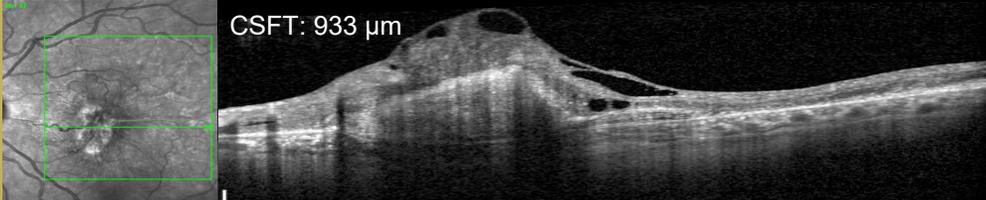
Interim look; Unmonitored data.



# Cohort 1: SD-OCT Evaluation

## Treatment Naïve Subject (OS)

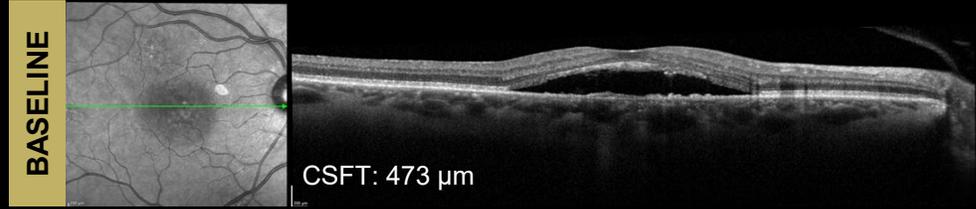
### BCVA

<b>BASELINE</b>	 <p>CSFT: 1242 <math>\mu</math>m</p>	1.14 @ 1m (20/276)
<b>MONTH 2</b>	 <p>CSFT: 997 <math>\mu</math>m</p>	1.10 @ 1m (20/252)
<b>MONTH 4.5</b>	 <p>CSFT: 975 <math>\mu</math>m</p>	1.04 @ 1m (20/219)
<b>MONTH 6</b>	 <p>CSFT: 947 <math>\mu</math>m</p>	1.10 @ 1m (20/252)
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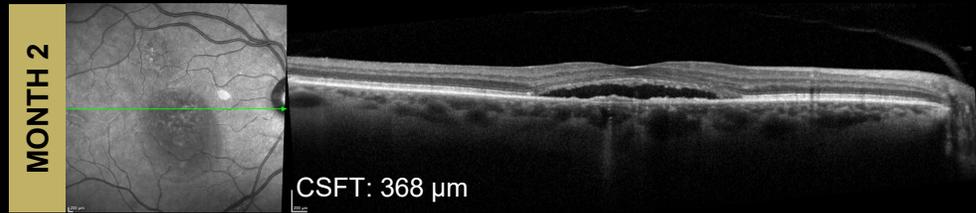
# Cohort 2: SD-OCT Evaluation

**Subject 1: History of EYLEA Q4 Weeks (OD)**

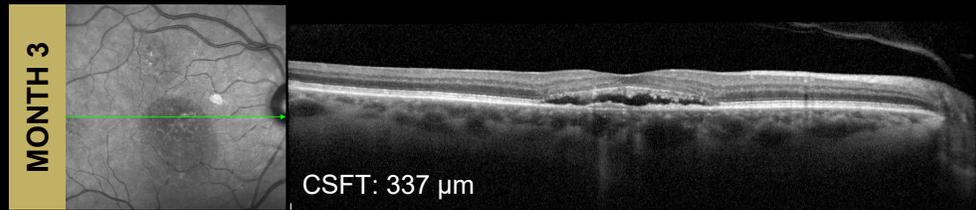
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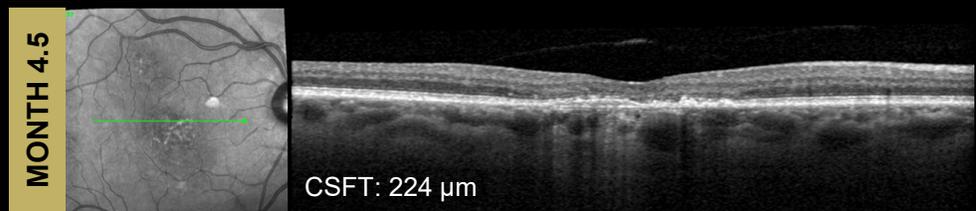
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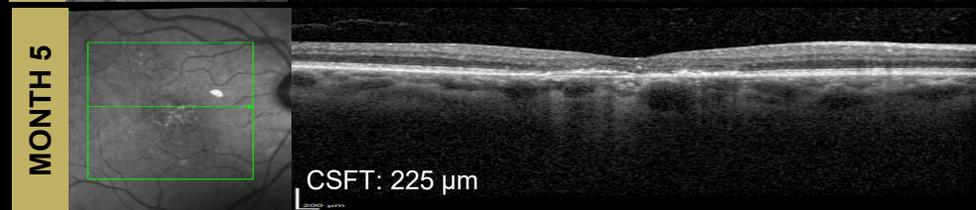
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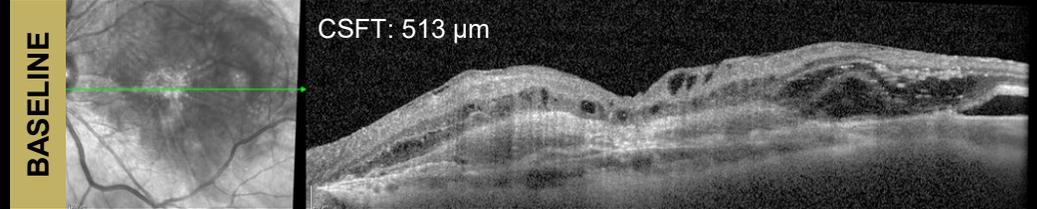
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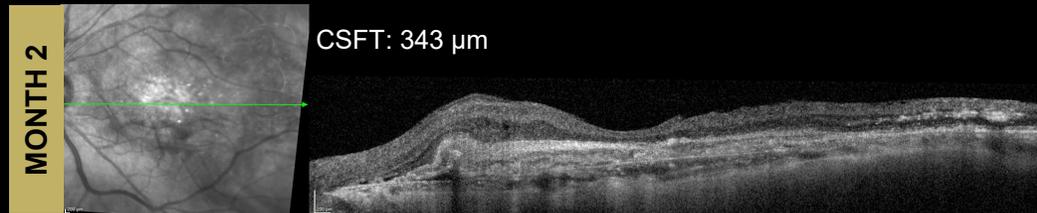
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**Subject 2: Treatment Naïve Subject (OS)**

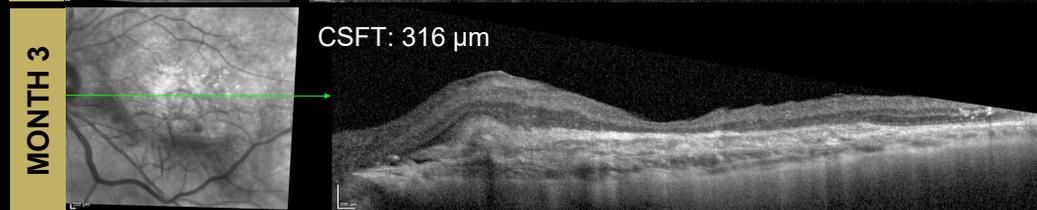
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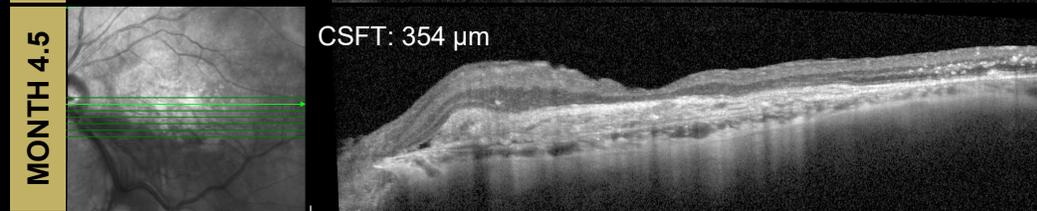
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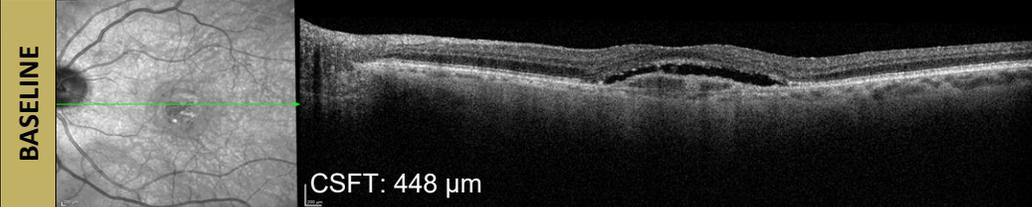
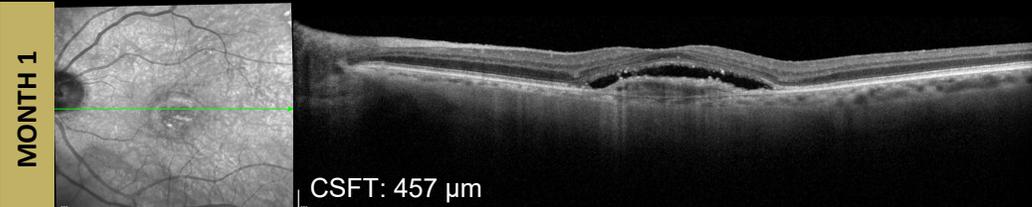
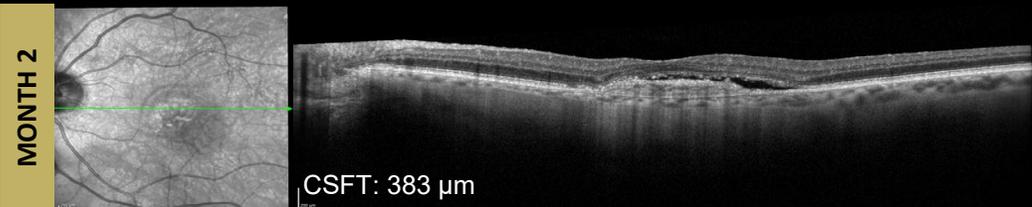
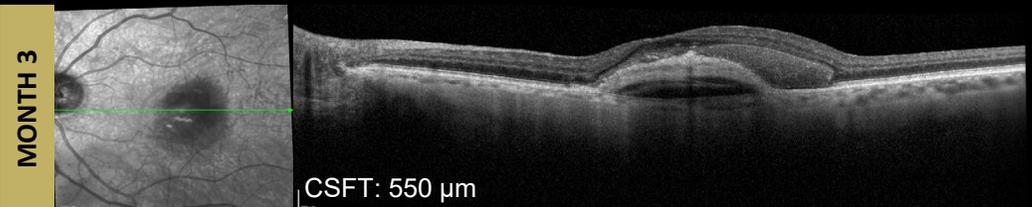
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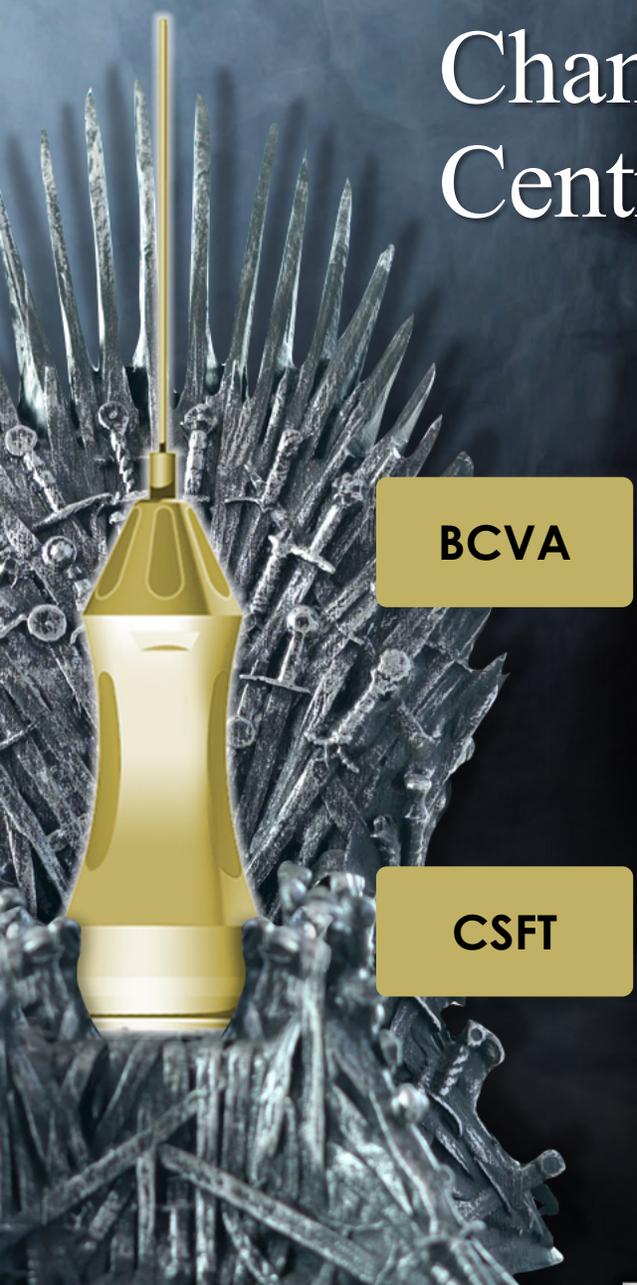
# Cohort 2: SD-OCT Evaluation Continued



History of EYLEA Q4 Weeks (OS)		BCVA	
<b>BASELINE</b>	 <p>CSFT: 448 <math>\mu</math>m</p>	0.28 (20/38)	
<b>MONTH 1</b>	 <p>CSFT: 457 <math>\mu</math>m</p>	0.26 (20/36)	
<b>MONTH 2</b>	 <p>CSFT: 383 <math>\mu</math>m</p>	0.62 (20/83)	
<b>MONTH 3</b>	 <p>CSFT: 550 <math>\mu</math>m</p>	0.54 (20/69)	Received rescue therapy (EYLEA)



# Change in Best Corrected Visual Acuity and Central Subfield Thickness Values: Cohort 2



**BCVA**

**CSFT**



○ Denotes administration of rescue therapy

\*All BCVA and CSFT values compared to Baseline visit  
NOTE: Interim review, unmonitored data

# OTX-TKI Conclusions: To be Confirmed

- ❑ **OTX-TKI was generally well tolerated**  
To date, observed to have a favorable safety profile in both cohorts
- ❑ **Preliminary biological signal of clinically-meaningful decrease in retinal fluid**  
Some subjects showed a decrease in intraretinal or subretinal fluid by 2 months
- ❑ **Therapy durability suggests extended duration of action**  
In the higher dose cohort, several subjects demonstrated durability of therapy for up to 4.5 months. Patients still being followed in cohort 2, to be further determined
- ❑ **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;**  
continued long-term  
evaluation of both cohorts

- Need to establish durability of treatment
- Identify Maximum Tolerated Dose (MTD)
- Understand utility of OTX-TKI with anti-VEGF injection

