

# Learnings from the Phase 1 AXPAXLI HELIOS Diabetic Retinopathy Study

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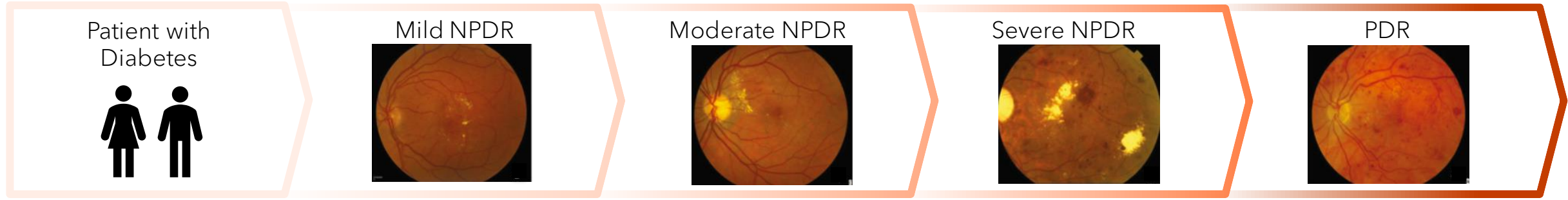
## STUDY AND PRODUCT DISCLOSURES

The following presentation discusses an investigational drug, AXPAXLI (also referred to as OTX-TKI), in development. AXPAXLI'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.

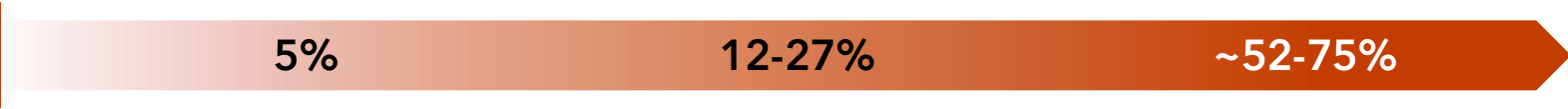
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# DR is Chronic, Progressive and Burdensome, with a Need for Earlier Treatment to Prevent Progression



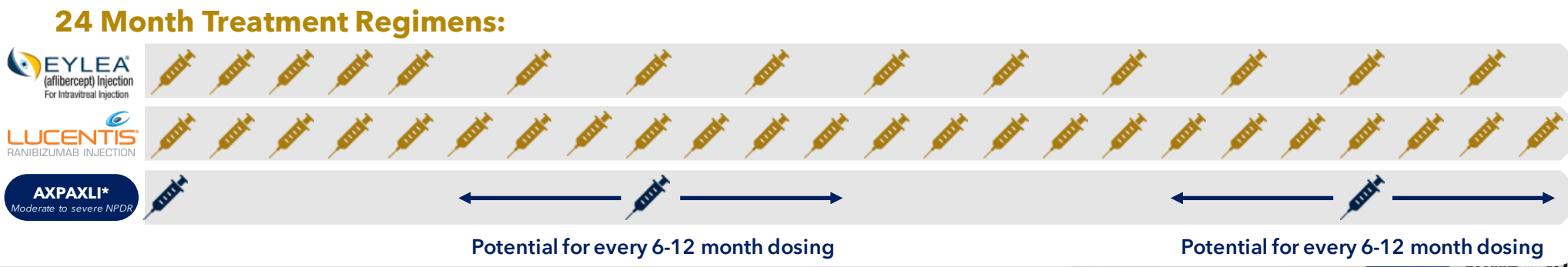
Risk of Progression to PDR (1 year)



Patient Journey Overview

- One of most **common, severe diabetes complications; leading cause of blindness** in working-age population
- Diabetic patients often screened for DR, referred to **ophthalmologists**
- **No established standard of care** for NPDR (mainly observation), but **earlier intervention could treat NPDR and prevent progression** to severe/vision-threatening disease
  - Anti-VEGFs approved in NPDR, but <1% of NPDR patients are treated with anti-VEGF therapy because, among other reasons, they require frequent injections

Current Approved Treatments and Planned AXPAXLI Position for Moderate to Severe NPDR



\*per planned protocol dosing

References: Eye care of the patient with diabetes mellitus. American Optometric Association, Second Edition; Market Scope - 2022 Retinal Pharmaceuticals Market Report, Global Analysis 2021-2027; Market Scope Q2-2022 US Retina Quarterly Update; AAO DR Preferred Practice Pattern; JAMA Ophthalmol. 2021;139(9):946-955 (PANORAMA); Arcadu F, et al. NPJ Digit Med. 2019;2:92.



# AXPAXLI: Sustained-Release Axitinib in Hydrogel

## ELUTYX TECHNOLOGY

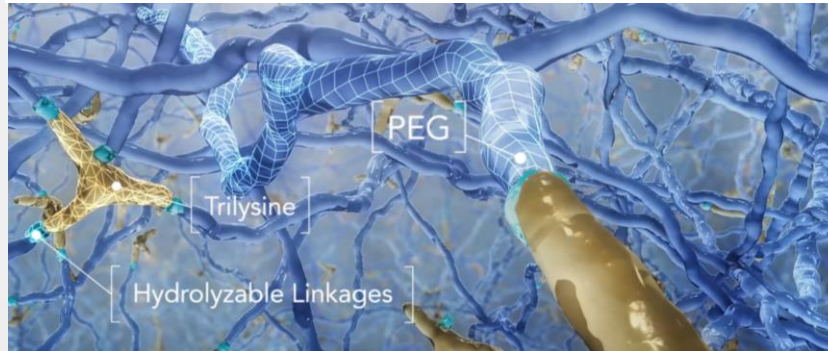
Bioresorbable, Targeted, Sustained Drug Delivery



## AXITINIB

Multi-target Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitor

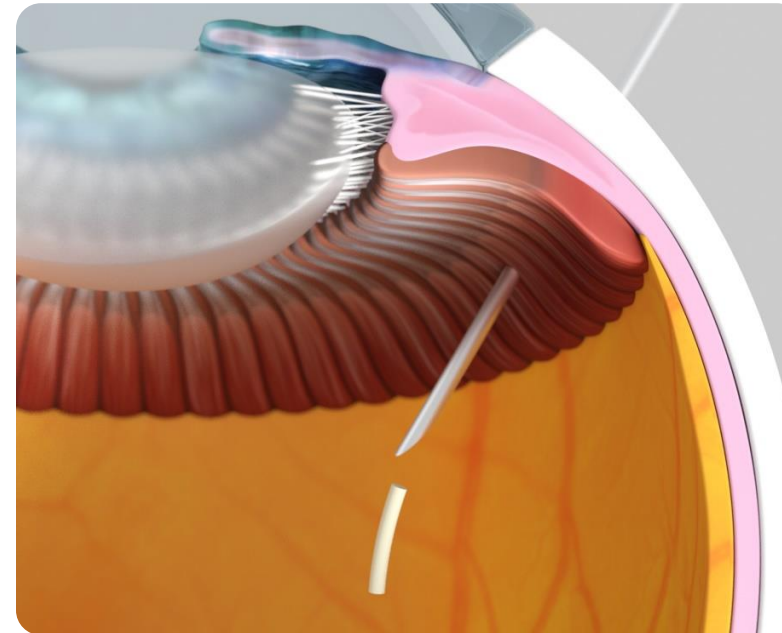
OTX's proprietary bioresorbable polymer matrix is a hydrogel-based, versatile, biocompatible platform for localized sustained drug delivery



Axitinib is a highly selective inhibitor of all VEGF and PDGF receptors with high affinity and low solubility compared to other ocular TKIs<sup>1</sup>

Drug	Inhibitory Concentrations for VEGFR2/KDR (IC <sub>50</sub> in nM) (lower values indicate higher affinity)
<b>Axitinib<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>0.2</b>
Sunitinib <sup>3</sup>	40
Vorolanib <sup>3</sup>	64

## AXPAXLI (axitinib intravitreal implant)



Completely bioresorbable over 9-12 months

Administered by a 25G needle

Covered by a US patent that expires 2041<sup>4</sup>

**Abbreviations:** KDR (Kinase insert domain receptor); PDGF (Platelet-derived growth factor); PEG (Polyethylene glycol); TKI (Tyrosine kinase inhibitor); VEGF (Vascular endothelial growth factor [receptor]).

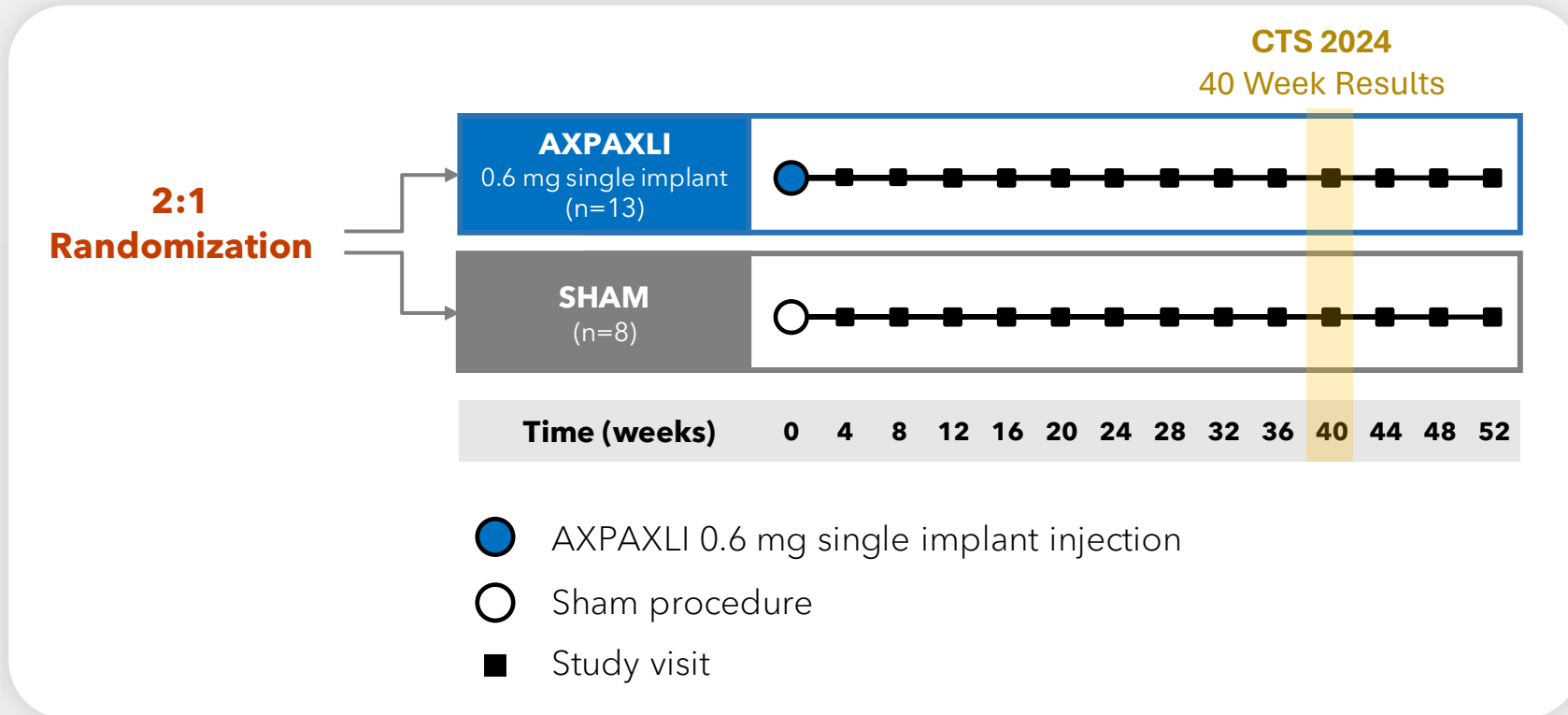
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# HELIOS: Phase 1 Study of AXPAXLI in NPDR without CI-DME



Multicenter, double-masked, randomized, parallel group study of AXPAXLI in patients with moderately severe to severe NPDR without DME



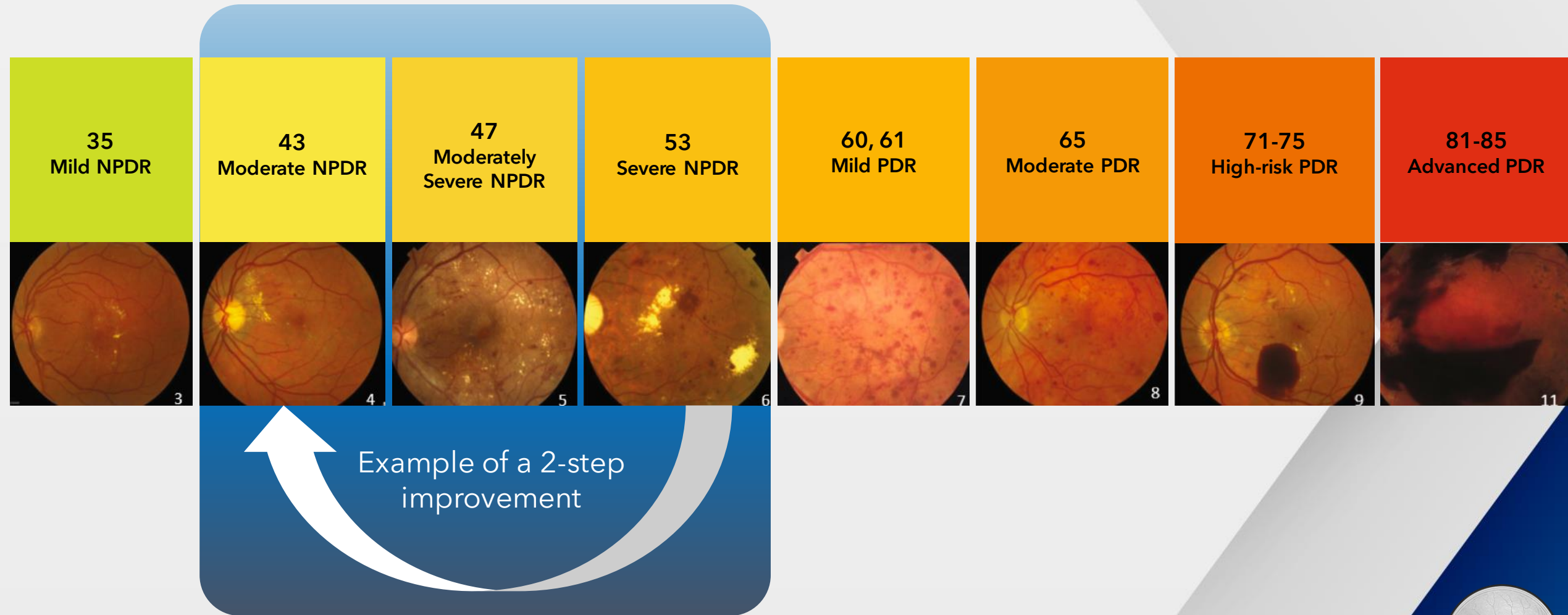
## STUDY OUTCOMES

**Primary outcomes:**  
Safety and tolerability of AXPAXLI

**Secondary outcomes:**  
DRSS changes, rescue therapy, BCVA and CSFT changes



# Diabetic Retinopathy Severity Scale (DRSS)



# HELIOS: Key Eligibility Criteria

## KEY INCLUSION CRITERIA

Males or non-pregnant females  $\geq 18$  years of age

Diabetic retinopathy secondary to diabetes mellitus type 1 or 2

**Moderately severe to severe NPDR** (DRSS level 47 or 53 determined by a central reading center) in the study eye

**BCVA  $\geq 69$  ETDRS letters** (Snellen equivalent  $\sim 20/40$  or better) in the study eye

## KEY EXCLUSION CRITERIA

**DME within 6 months involving center of macula**; or DME threatening the center (within 200 microns) of the macula in the study eye

OCT CSFT  $\geq 320$   $\mu\text{m}$  in the study eye

Any neovascular growth (including ASNV), vitreous hemorrhage, or tractional retinal detachment in the study eye

Chronic or recurrent uveitis, or ongoing ocular infection or inflammation in the study eye

Prior treatments in the study eye:

- Systemic or **ocular anti-VEGF treatment in the prior 12 months**
- Intraocular steroid injections within 4 months, dexamethasone intravitreal implant within 12 months, fluocinolone acetonide intravitreal implant at any time
- Grid or focal laser photocoagulation within 500 microns of foveal center or PRP at any time

Screening hemoglobin A1c  $> 12.0\%$

History of other clinically significant ocular or systemic disease per Investigator's discretion

# Safety Overview at 40 Weeks



**AXPAXLI was generally well tolerated**



**No ocular SAEs reported in either arm**



**All AEs were mild and balanced across the two arms, with no moderate or severe AEs reported in either arm**



**AXPAXLI injection did not result in any reported intraocular inflammation, iritis, vitritis, or vasculitis**

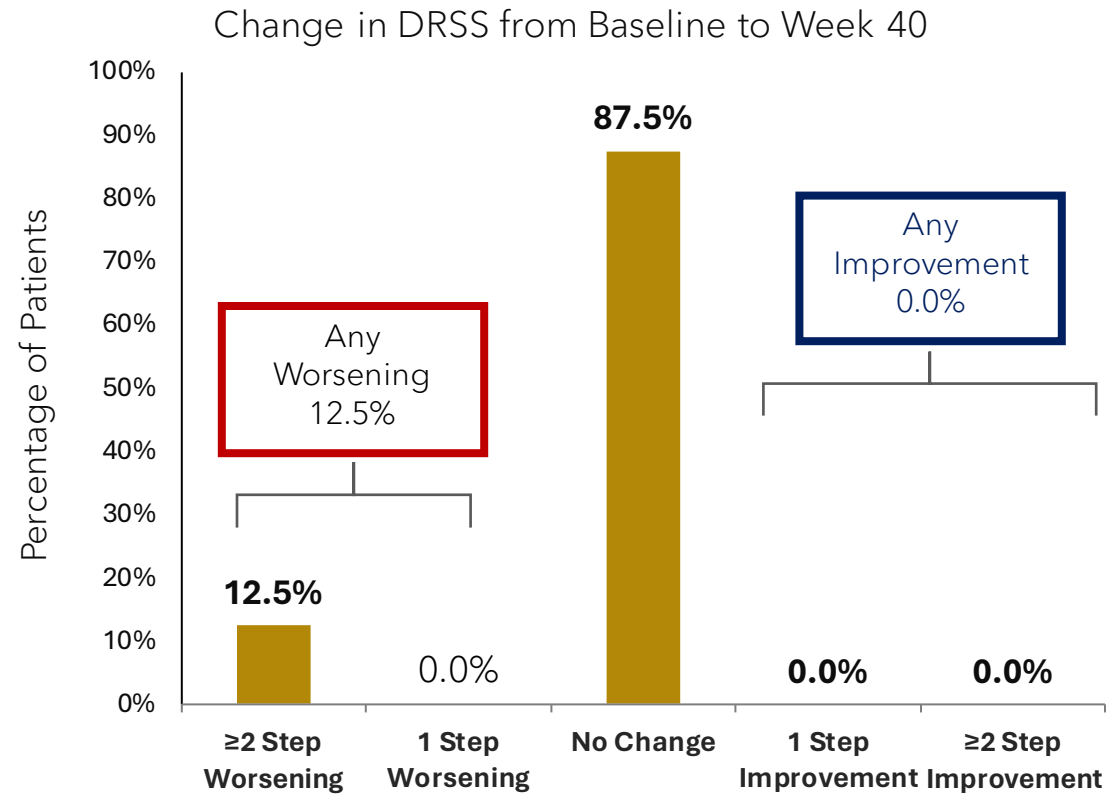


**No subjects in either arm received supplemental injections**

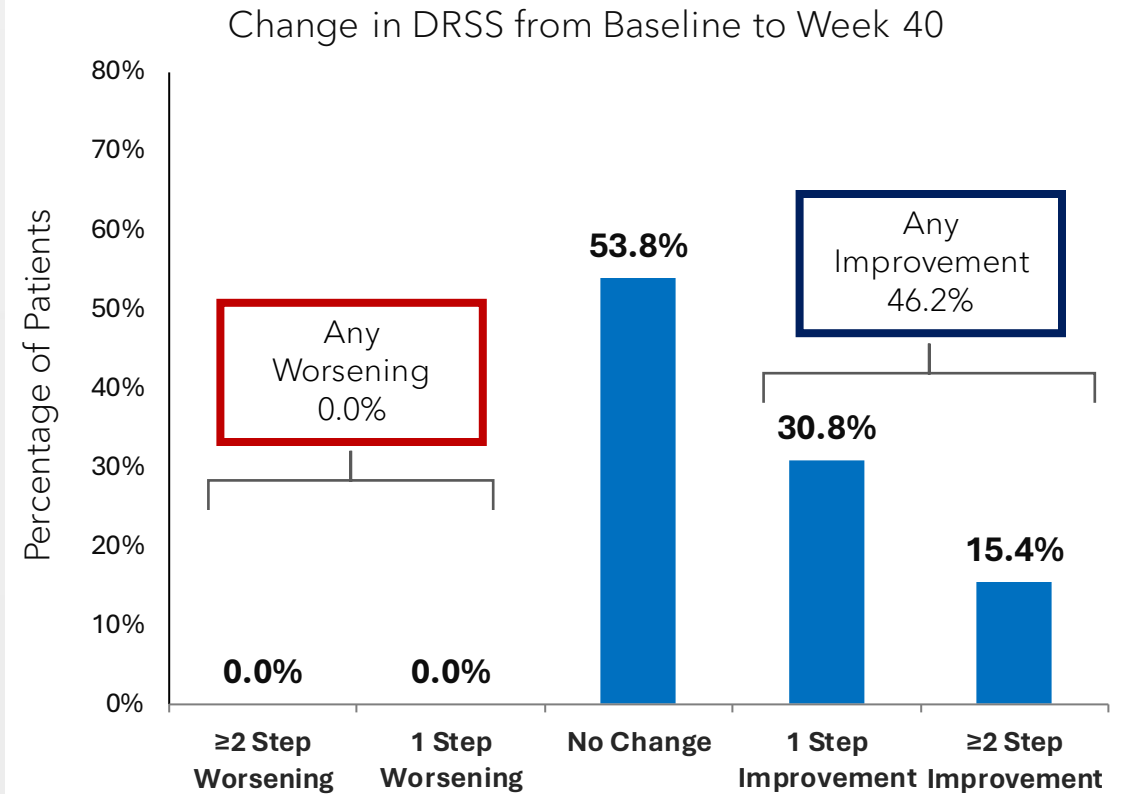


# 46.2% of Patients Demonstrated a 1- or 2-step DRSS Improvement at 40 Weeks in the AXPAXLI Arm\*

Sham Arm (N=8)



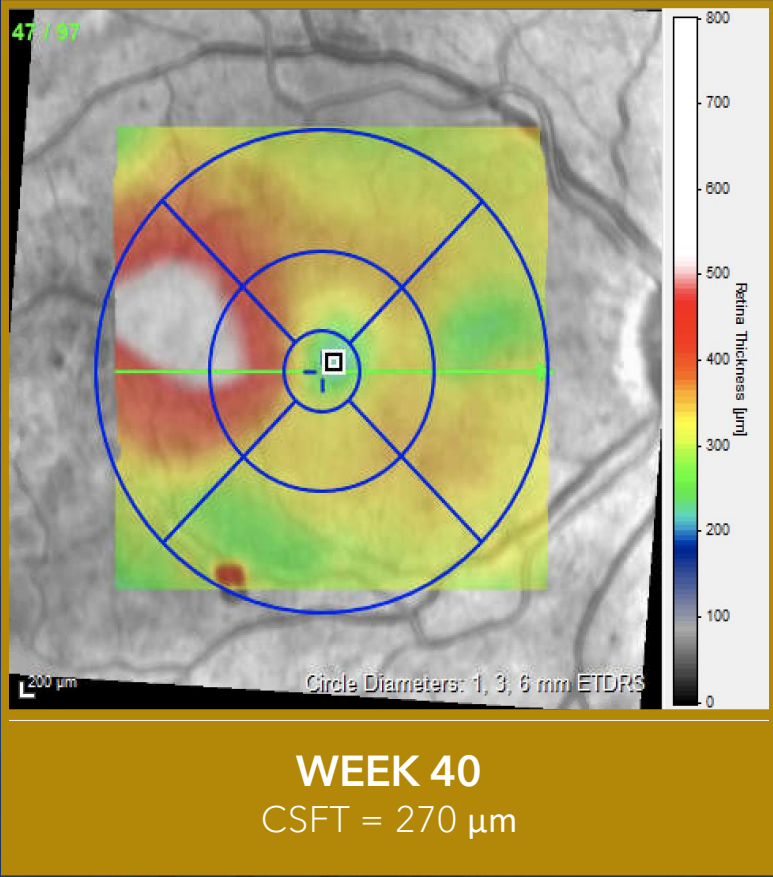
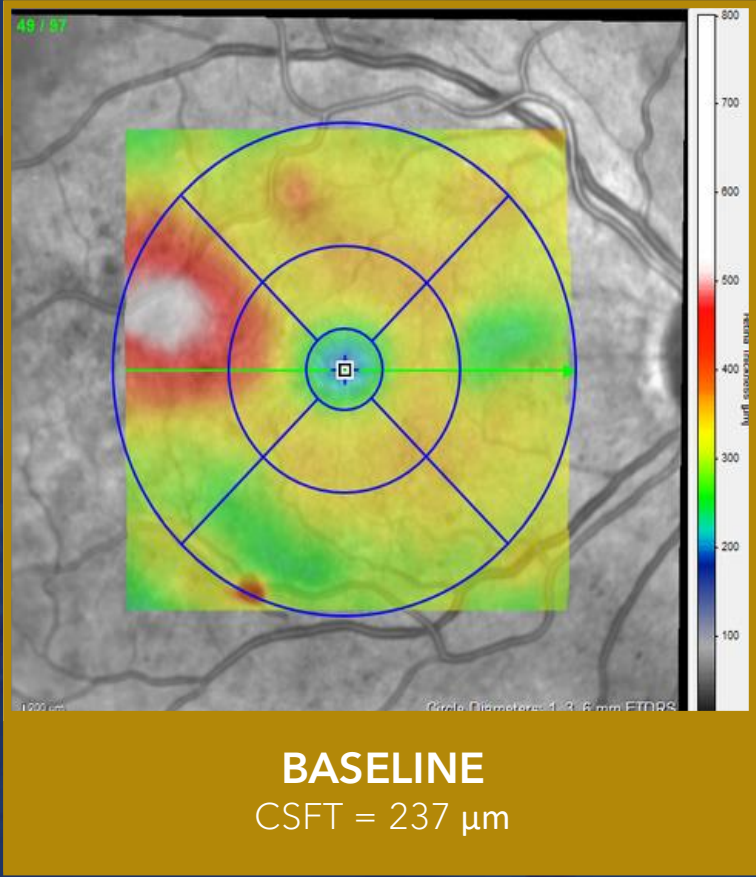
AXPAXLI Arm (N=13)



\*Datacut: March 21, 2024  
Abbreviations: DRSS (Diabetic Retinopathy Severity Scale)



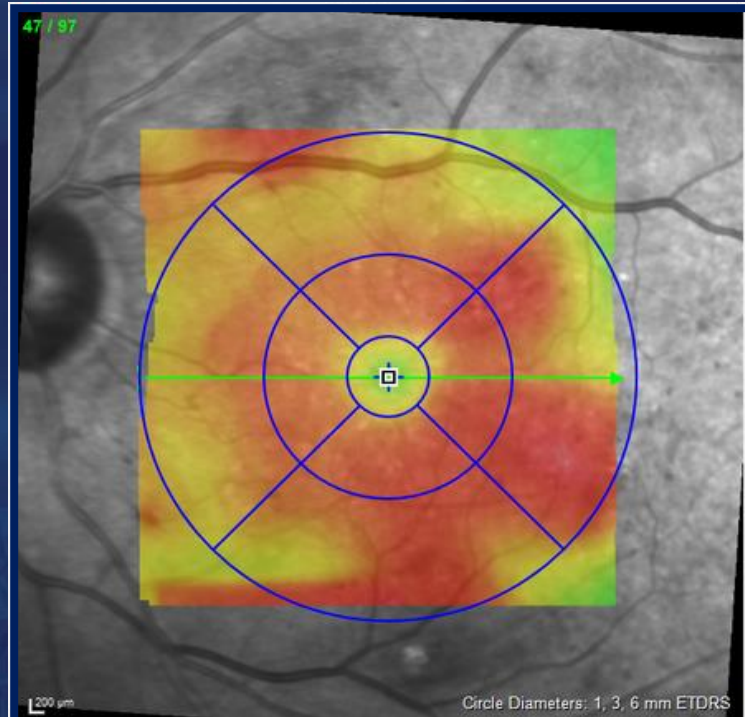
# Worsening of Diabetic Macular Edema in a Subject from the Sham Arm



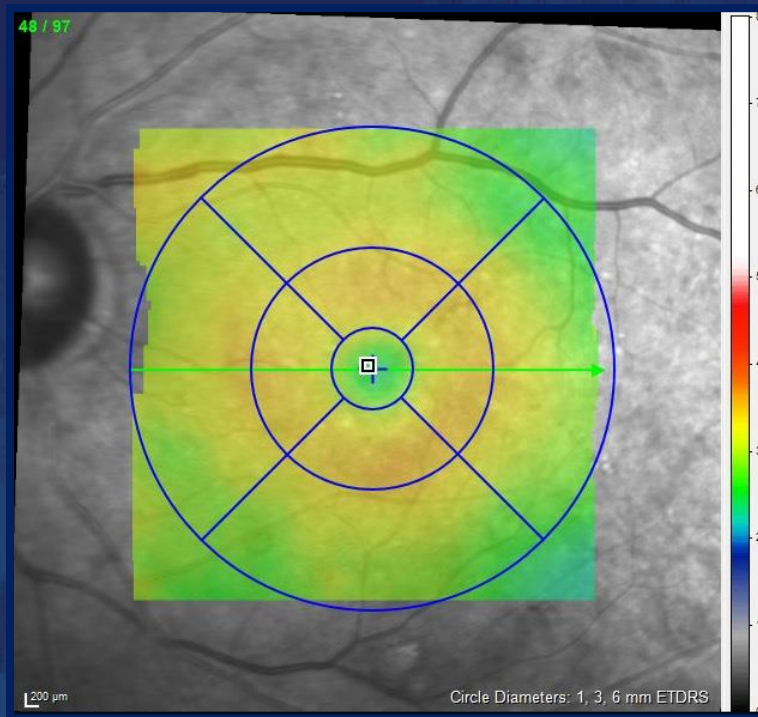
**Subject in Sham Arm Developed CI-DME**



# Regression of Diabetic Macular Edema in a Subject Receiving AXPAXLI



**BASELINE**  
CSFT = 320 μm



**WEEK 40**  
CSFT = 275 μm

Subject treated with AXPAXLI demonstrating regression at 40 weeks

# Summary

## **AXPAXLI was generally well-tolerated**

Did not result in any reported incidence of IOIs, iritis, vitritis, or vasculitis

No ocular SAEs reported

No ocular severe AEs reported

## **AXPAXLI demonstrated DRSS stability or improvement with durability through 40 weeks**

46.2% of patients demonstrated a 1- or 2-step DRSS improvement at 40 weeks in the AXPAXLI arm versus 0% in sham arm

No subjects in the AXPAXLI arm experienced worsening in DRSS at 40 weeks versus 12.5% in sham arm

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