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Treatment Burden Remains a Significant Unmet Need in nAMD

INJECTION BURDEN

up to
12 injections/yr for patients¹



90% of patients require
injection **every 1-3 months**²

up to
12 days off/yr for patients
and caregivers



Frequent injections and visits
disrupt patients' daily routines
and activities³

40% discontinue treatment in the first year due to heavy treatment burden⁴

Suboptimal Frequency of Injections Contribute to Declining Real-World Outcomes

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Undertreatment of Neovascular Age-Related Macular Degeneration after 10 Years of Anti-Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor Therapy in the Real World: The Need for A Change of Mindset

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Abstract

Purpose: To assess the gap between visual acuity (VA) outcomes with anti-vascular endothelial growth factor (anti-VEGF) therapies in clinical trials and real-world practice, and explore the reasons for this gap. **Methods:** The literature was searched from January 1, 2013, to June 30, 2018, for studies reporting VA gains and injection frequencies in clinical trials and real-world practice. **Results:** Clinical trials of anti-VEGF agents and their extension studies demonstrated initial VA gains maintained at 4 years and beyond (up to 7 years) with continuous proactive treatment. Visual outcomes correlated with injection frequency. In real-world practice, patients are usually undertreated, accounting for the VA decline over time. Reasons for undertreatment include the burden of in-

jections and monitoring visits imposed on patients/caregivers. However, another primary reason is the general mindset in the ophthalmological community that sustained benefits with treatment are not possible, leading to poor compliance and creating a vicious circle. **Conclusions:** Initial VA gains can be maintained with more intensive/proactive approaches. Promising new treatments requiring less frequent injections/monitoring will help in the near future; meanwhile, better results could be achieved by changing the community mindset that contributes to undertreatment.

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Introduction

As improved healthcare extends life expectancy, it is estimated that by 2040 the number of individuals in Europe with late-onset age-related macular degeneration (AMD), including geographic atrophy and choroidal

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Impact of Anti-VEGF Treatment and Patient Characteristics on Vision Outcomes in Neovascular Age-related Macular Degeneration

Up to 6-Year Analysis of the AAO IRIS[®] Registry

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Purpose: To evaluate anti-VEGF treatment patterns and the influence of patient demographic and clinical characteristics on up to 6-year vision outcomes in neovascular age-related macular degeneration.

Design: Retrospective, multicenter, noninterventional registry study with up to 6 years of follow-up.

Participants: A cohort of 254 655 eyes (226 767 patients) with first anti-VEGF injection and at least 2 years of follow-up; 160 423 eyes had visual acuity (VA) data.

Methods: Anonymized patient data were collected in the United States through the IRIS[®] Registry (Intelligent Research in Sight).

Main Outcome Measures: Changes in VA from baseline; frequency of and gaps between intravitreal anti-VEGF injections; treatment discontinuations; switching anti-VEGF agents; and influence of baseline clinical and demographic characteristics on VA.

Results: After a mean VA increase of 3.0 ETDRS letters at year 1, annual decreases led to a net loss from baseline of 4.6 letters after 6 years. Patients with longer follow-ups had better baseline and follow-up VA. From a mean of 7.2 in year 1 and 5.6 in year 2, mean injections plateaued between 4.2 to 4.6 in years 3 through 6. Treatment was discontinued in 38.8% of eyes and switched in 32.3%. When adjusting for differences at baseline, every additional injection resulted in a 0.68 letter improvement from baseline to year 1; thus, multiple injections in a year have the potential to be clinically meaningful. Older age, male gender, Medicaid insurance, and not being treated by a retina specialist were associated with a higher likelihood of vision loss at year 1. Of the patients, 58.5% lost ≥ 10 letters VA at least once during follow-up, with 14.5% of patients experiencing sustained poor vision after a median of 3.4 years.

Conclusions: After modest mean VA improvement with intravitreal anti-VEGF injections at year 1, patients netted a loss of VA by year 6. Injection frequency decreased over time, and this was paired with a relatively high rate of discontinuation. Modeling suggested that more frequent injections were associated with better VA. Difficulty with continuous adherence to frequent intravitreal injections may have contributed to undertreatment resulting in less-than-optimal vision outcomes.

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Age-related macular degeneration (AMD) is a leading cause of blindness in people aged > 60 years.¹⁻⁴ Neovascular AMD (nAMD) is characterized by pathologic macular neovascularization with VEGF identified as a critical signal driving this process.^{5,6} Anti-VEGF agents, such as ranibizumab, bevacizumab, aflibercept, and brodalumab, as well

as the dual-pathway, anti-VEGF and angiopoietin-2 inhibitor faricimab, can inhibit the growth of neovascular lesions, resolve retinal edema, and have demonstrated positive vision outcomes in clinical trials⁷⁻¹³ and clinical practice studies in nAMD.¹⁴⁻¹⁹ To maintain the benefits of anti-VEGF, most patients must continue to receive regular

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Visual Acuity Outcomes and Anti-Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor Therapy Intensity in Neovascular Age-Related Macular Degeneration Patients

A Real-World Analysis of 49 485 Eyes

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Purpose: This study assessed anti-vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) therapy intensity and its relationship with visual acuity (VA) change in real-world neovascular age-related macular degeneration (nAMD) patients.

Design: This retrospective analysis was performed on a large database of aggregated, longitudinal, de-identified electronic medical records from a geographically and demographically diverse sample of patients of United States retina specialists (Vestrum Health Retina Database).

Participants: Treatment-naïve nAMD patients who underwent anti-VEGF injections between January 1, 2012, and October 31, 2016, were eligible if follow-up data were available before October 31, 2017.

Methods: Age, gender, anti-VEGF treatment type, number of treatments, and VA were extracted from the database.

Main Outcome Measure: Mean VA change assessed at 1 year and stratified based on number of anti-VEGF injections received over 1 year.

Results: In this analysis, 49 485 eyes were included. The mean age was 80.9 years, and 64% were female. Mean baseline VA was 53.8 letters (Snellen equivalent, 20/80). At 1 year, after a mean of 7.3 anti-VEGF injections, there was a mean gain of 1 letter (0.95 letter; 95% confidence interval [CI] for change in VA, +0.77 to +1.13 letter; $P < 0.001$). When stratified by anti-VEGF agent, the mean VA changes were nearly identical at 1 year. There was a linear relationship between mean letters gained and mean number of injections, between 4 and 10 injections over 1 year, with 4 or fewer or 10 or more injections associated with loss of vision or a plateau, respectively. Greater mean 1-year change in VA also trended with worse baseline VA; those patients with better VA at presentation tended to be particularly vulnerable to vision loss. Those who received the fewest injections tended to be older and have worse baseline VA.

Conclusions: Real-world nAMD patients receive fewer anti-VEGF injections and experience worse visual outcomes compared with patients receiving fixed, frequent therapy in randomized controlled trials. Mean change in VA correlates with treatment intensity at 1 year, but with ceiling effects related to treatment intensity and baseline VA. Older patients and those with poor baseline VA may be particularly prone to undertreatment. *Ophthalmology Retina* 2020;4:19-30 © 2019 by the American Academy of Ophthalmology. This is an open access article under the CC BY-NC-ND license (<http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/4.0/>).

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Anti-vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) therapy currently is the standard of care for neovascular age-related macular degeneration (nAMD). Registration trials for ranibizumab (monthly) and aflibercept (every 2 months after 3 monthly loading doses), as well as the monthly ranibizumab and bevacizumab arms of the Comparison of Age-Related Macular Degeneration Treatments Trials (CATT), described further in Table 1, suggest that these anti-VEGF agents can perform similarly, with an average 1-year improvement of 8.5

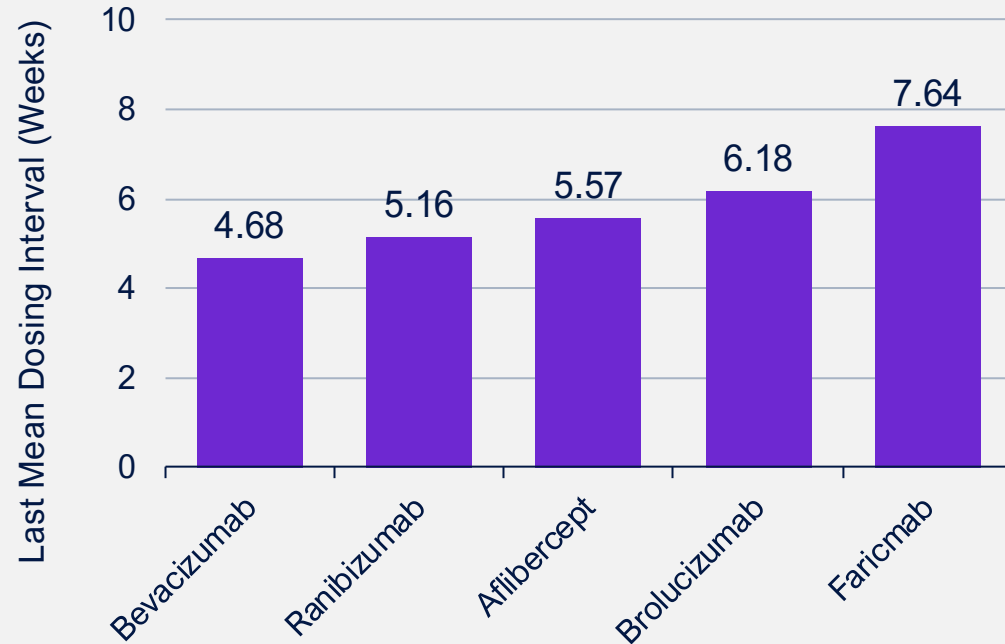
letters across these studies (Table 1).¹⁻⁴ However, real-world studies of anti-VEGF therapy in nAMD, based on chart reviews, electronic medical records (EMRs), or claims analyses, have reported less favorable visual outcomes.⁵⁻¹⁹ For example, our prior study showed no improvement in visual acuity (VA) in the 1-year cohort,¹⁸ and another United States-based real-world study reported a 1-year improvement of only 2.5 letters, with both studies excluding nAMD patients receiving fewer than 3 anti-VEGF injections.¹⁹

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Second Generation nAMD Agents Extend Injection Intervals Incrementally Over Previous Agents in the Real World

Comparison of Intravitreal Injection Intervals (n=190)¹



Real World Use of Aflibercept 8 mg: IRIS Registry Data²

Group	Achieved Interval
Treatment-naïve (n=1361)	~12 weeks
Switchers (n=8311)	~73% at <10 weeks after switch from 2 mg to 8 mg

Existing Literature Underestimates True Attrition in nAMD

Themes in Attrition Literature

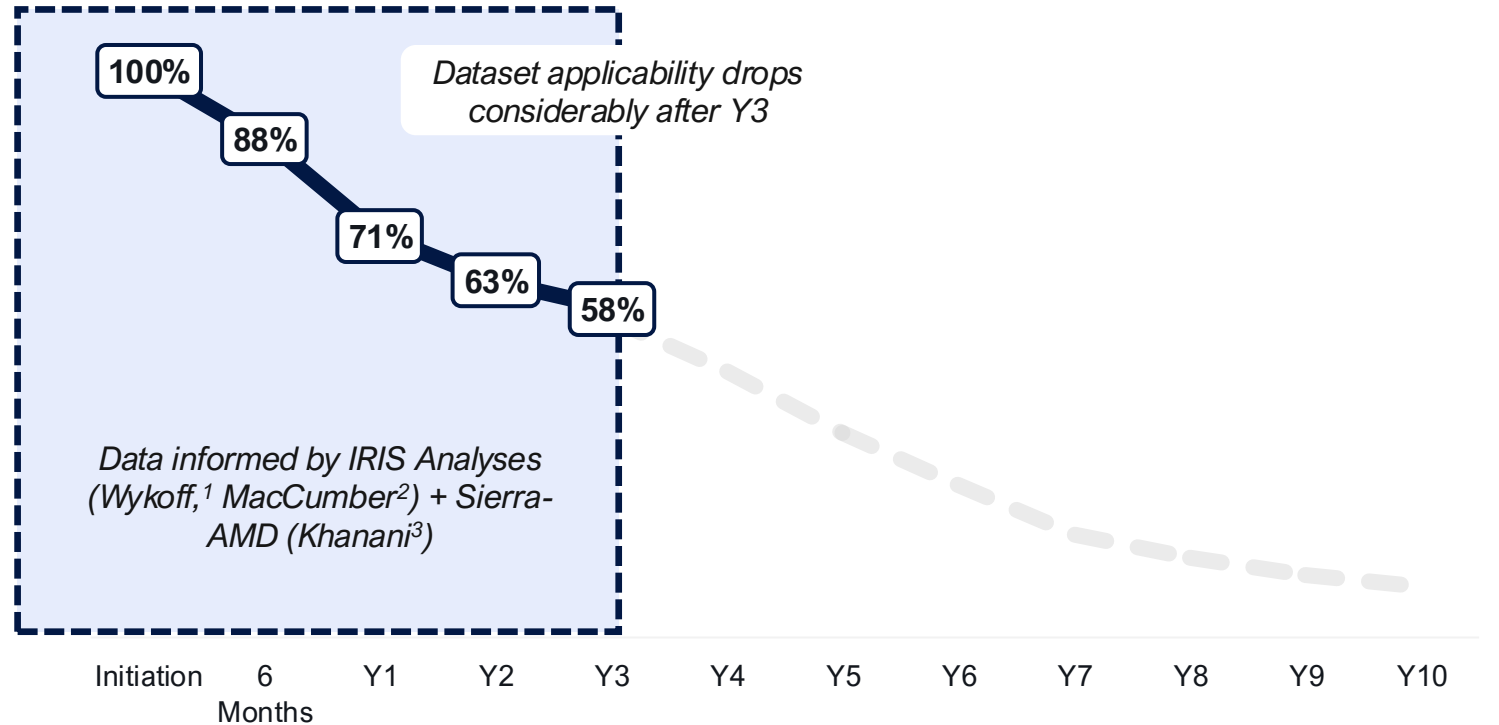
Varying Definitions of Discontinuation
Ranging from **6-12 Months**

Strict Inclusion Criteria Limit Relevance
Prior registry analyses required 1.5 & 2 years of **follow-up**

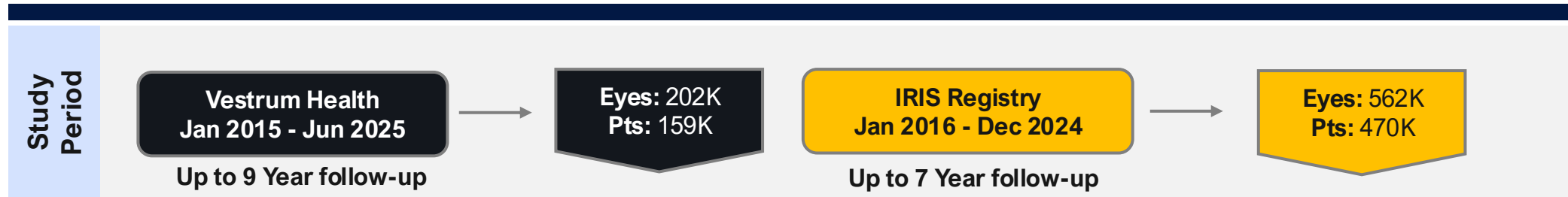
Limited Longer-Term Follow-Up
Large studies rarely **follow patients** beyond first **2-3 years**

Attrition appeared to be a secondary focus in large registry analyses with anti-VEGFs in nAMD

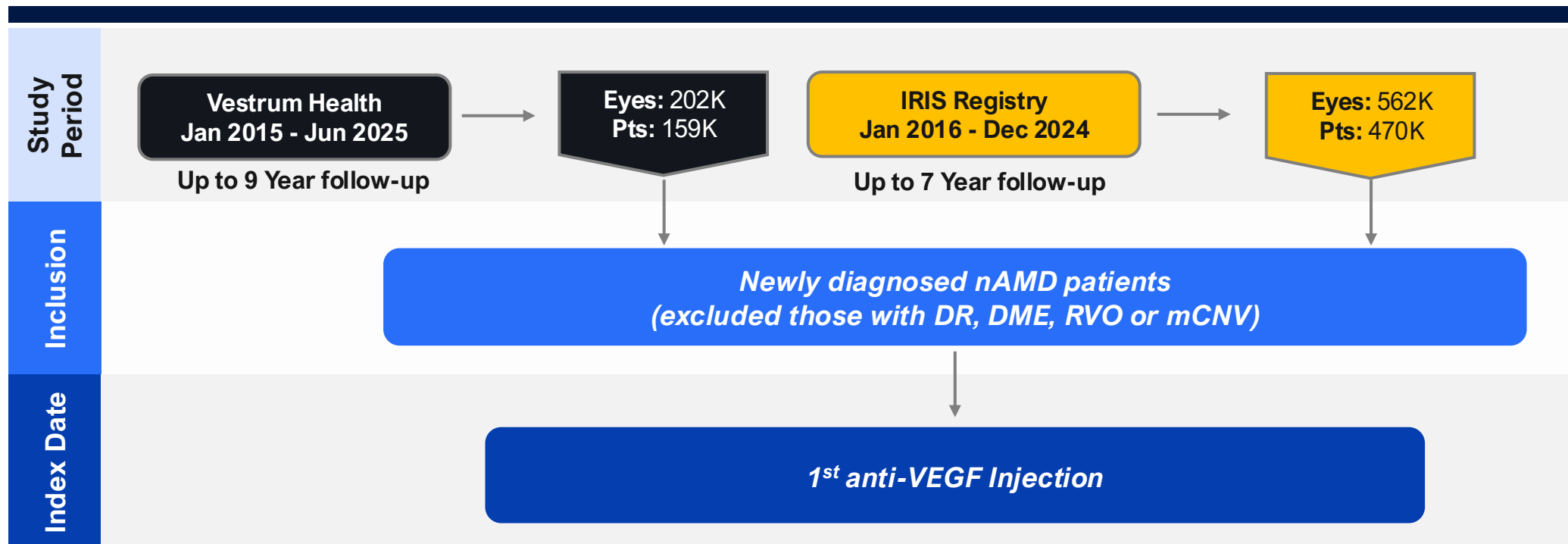
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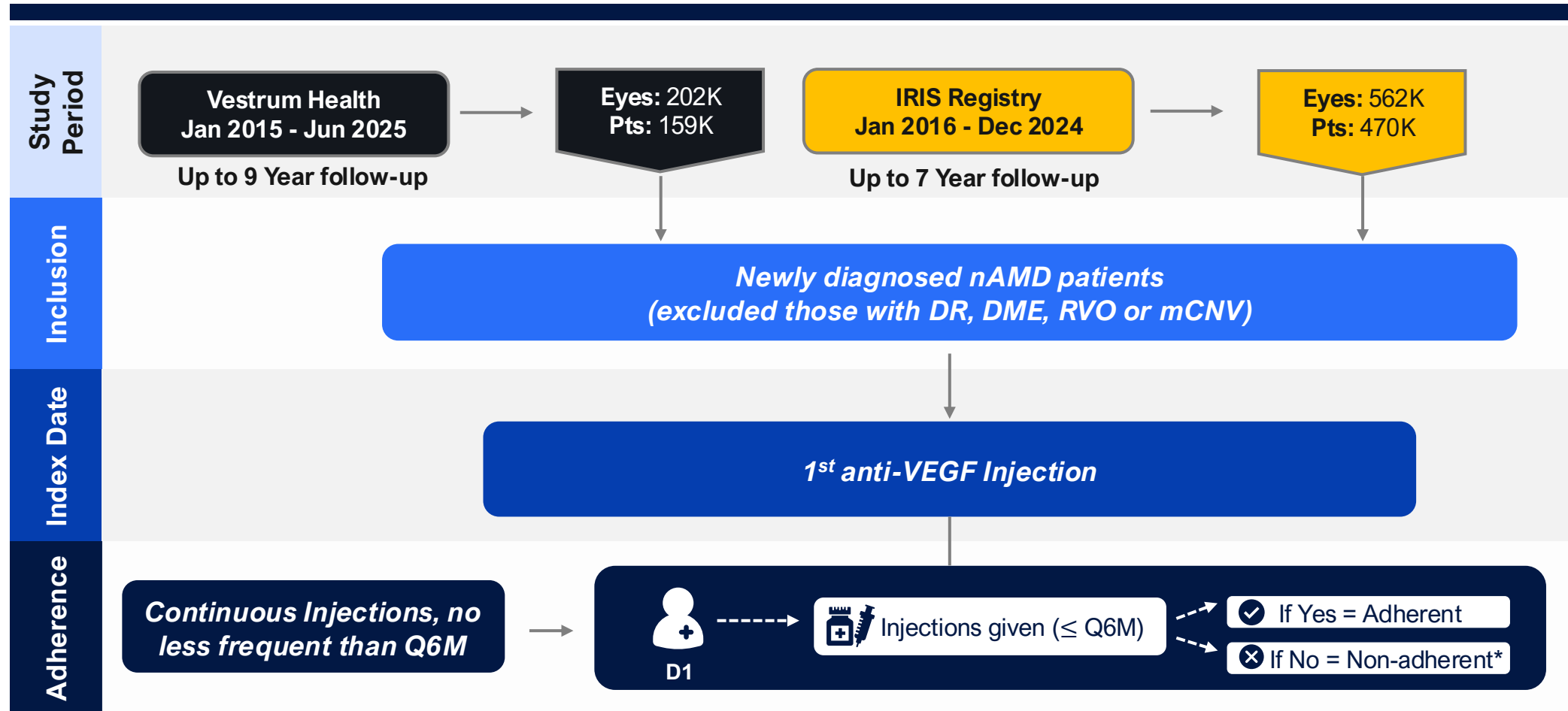
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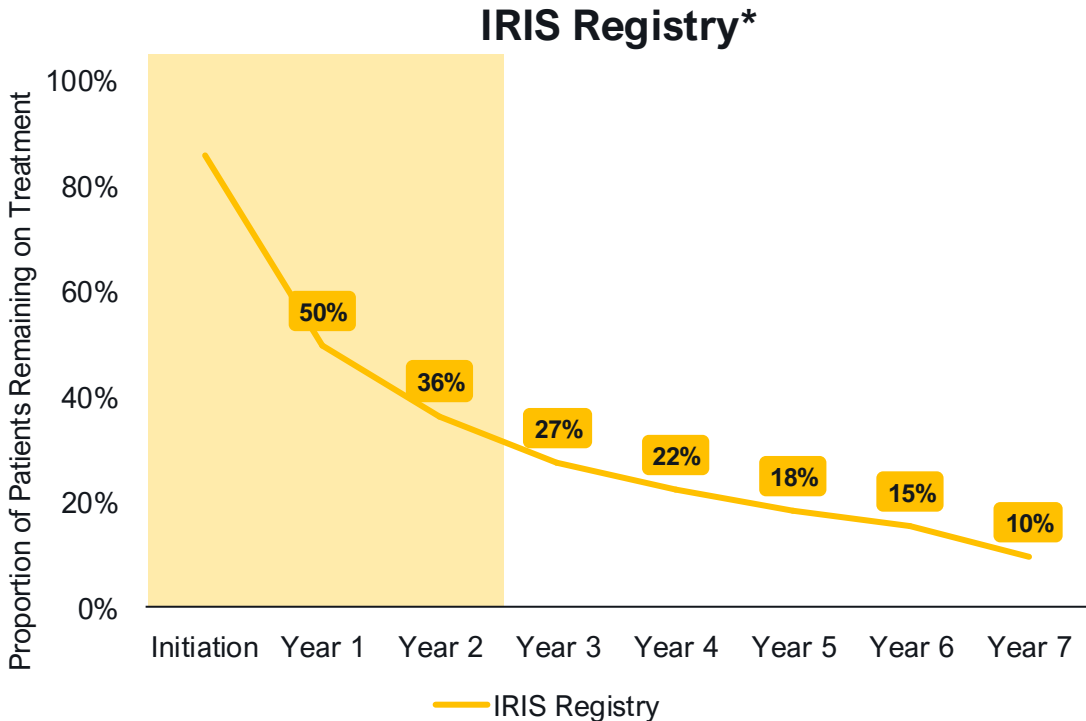
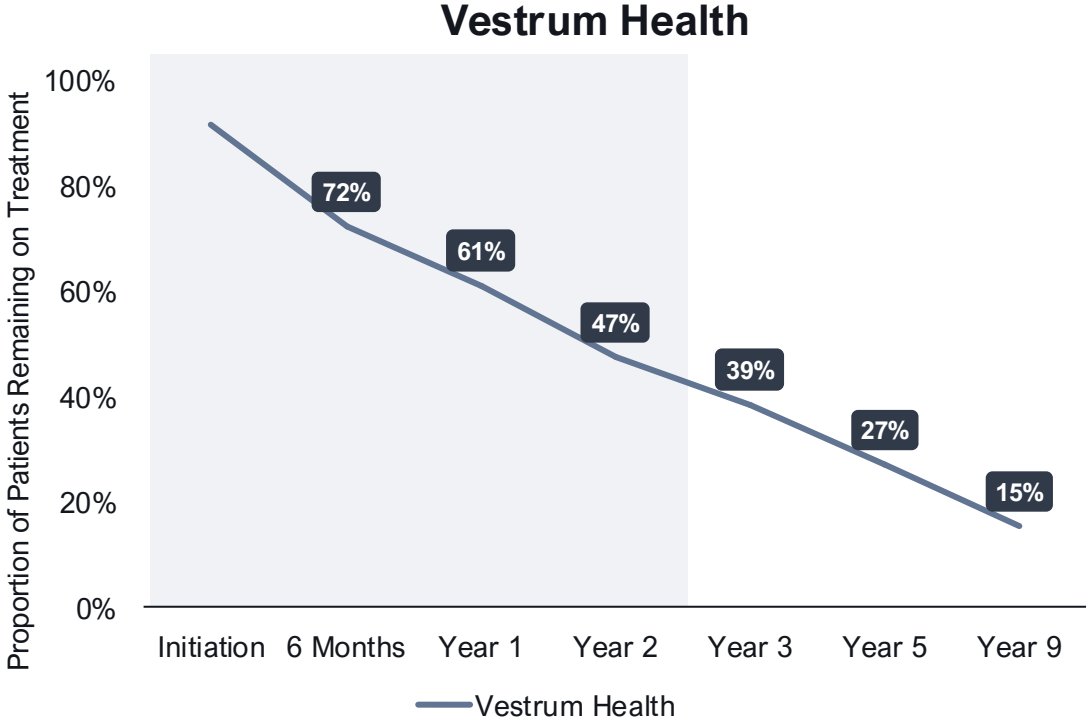


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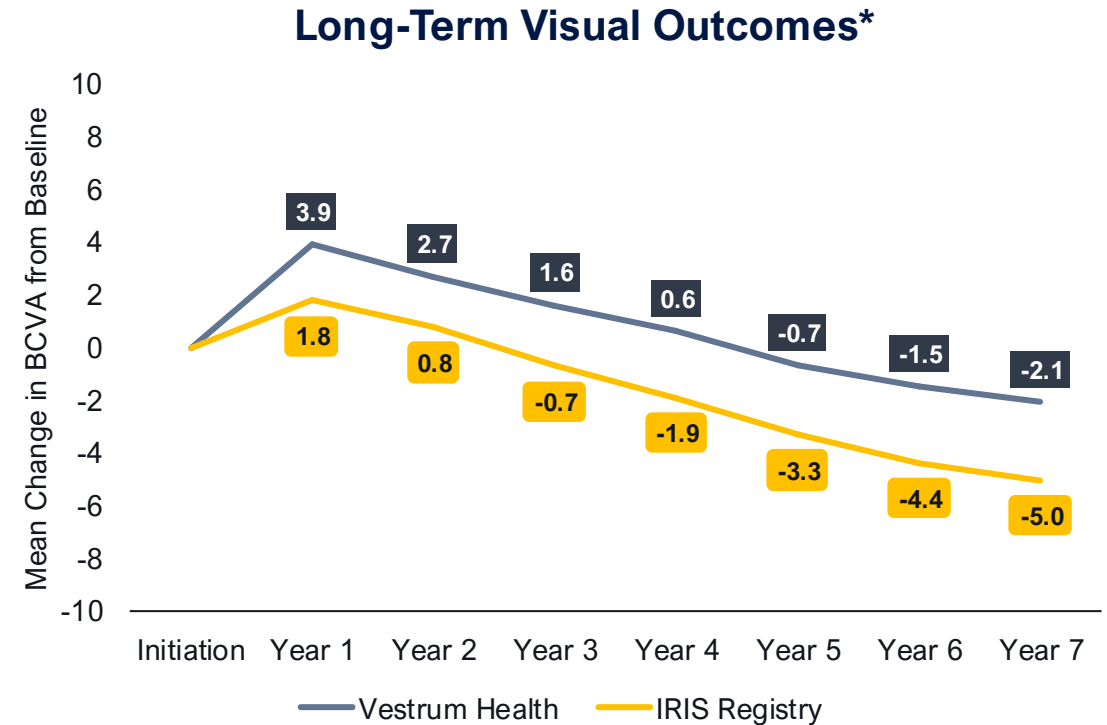
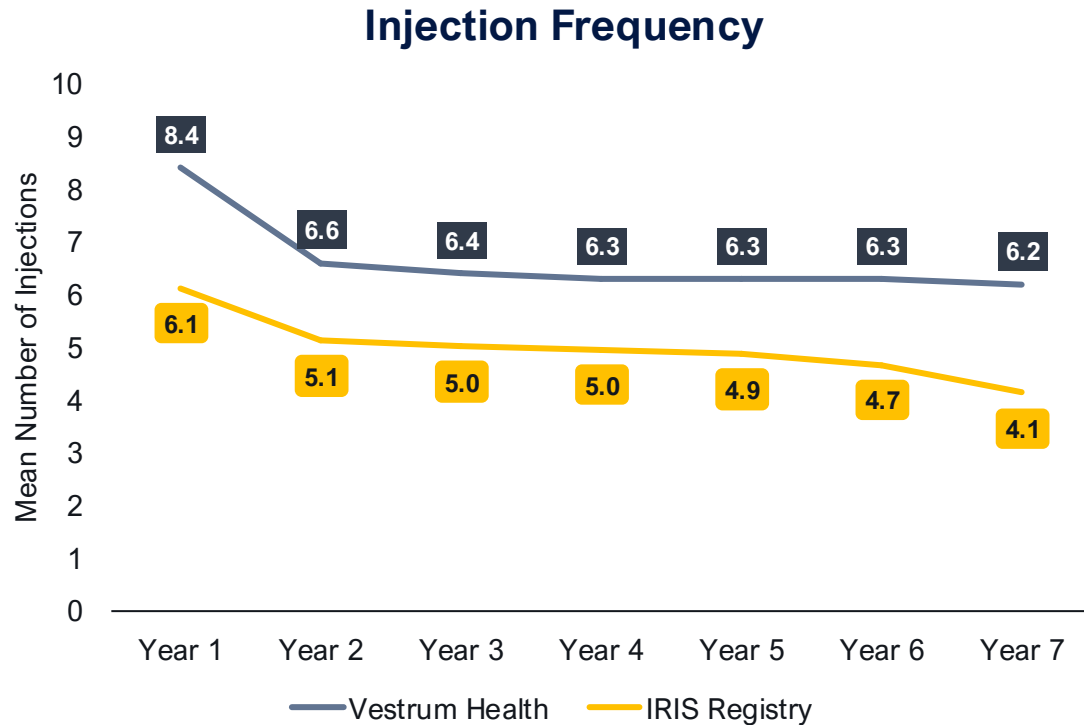
High Real-World Discontinuation Highlights Unmet Need for Durable, Low-Burden nAMD Therapy

Steepest Drop-Off in Years 1–2; Continued Decline Through Years 3–7+



*Cohort with the longest observation period for IRIS Registry with 67,156 eyes
Data on File, Ocular Therapeutix

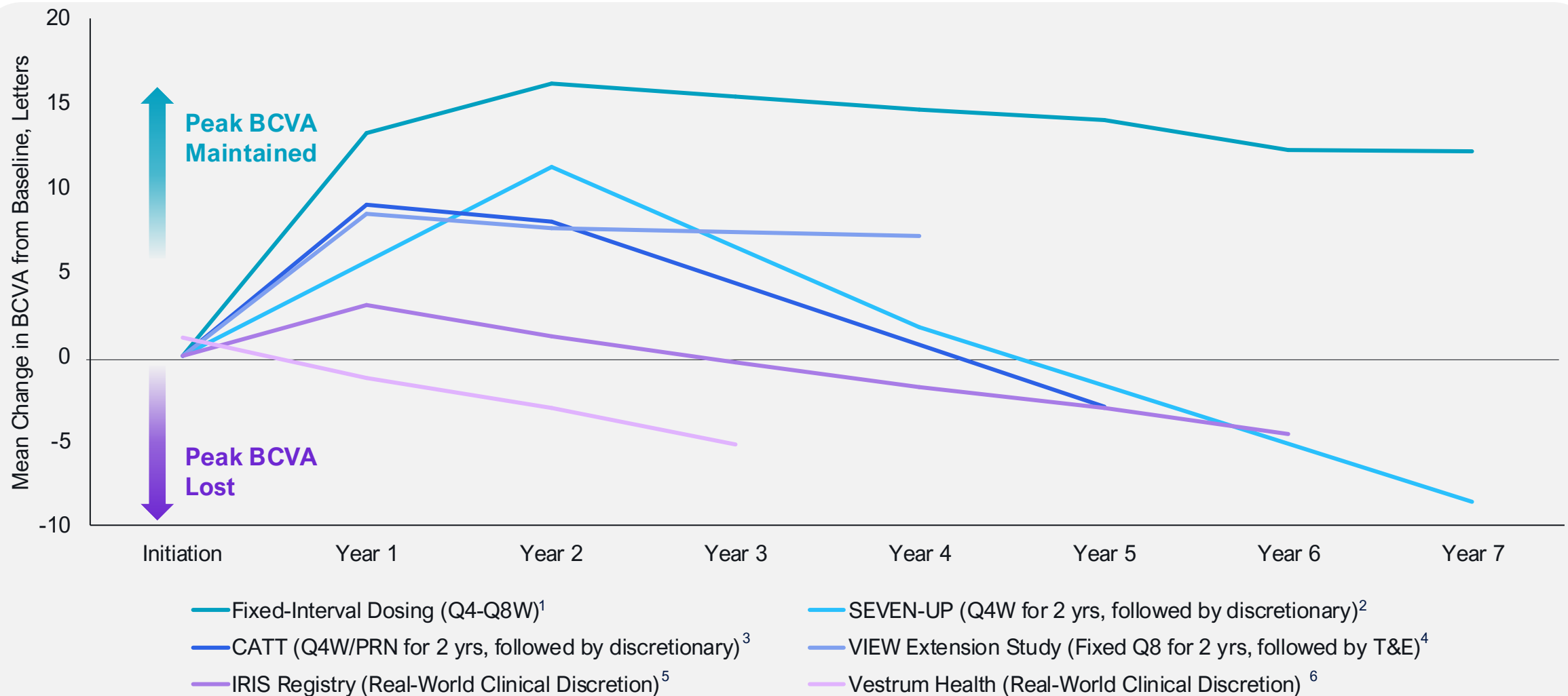
Real-World Anti-VEGF Use Shows Fewer Injections Over Time, Driving Initial Vision Gains Followed by Gradual Decline



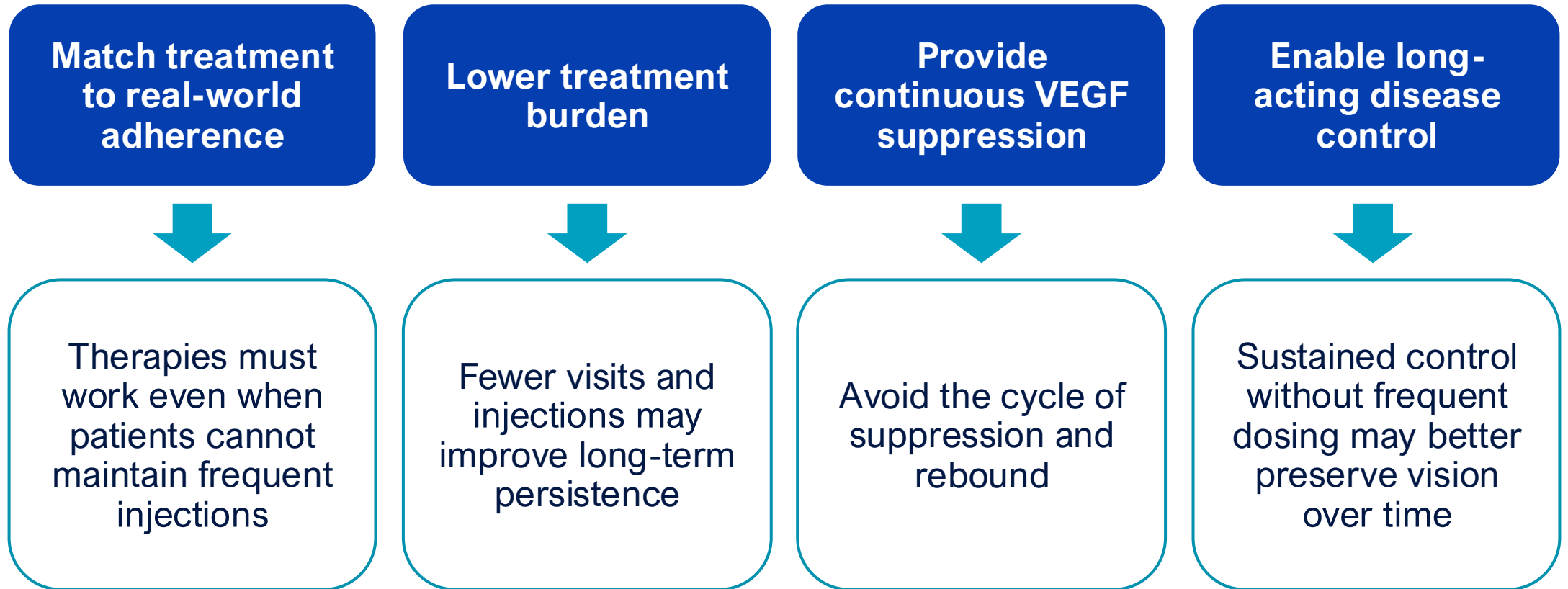
Injection Frequency Declines Over Time in Both Databases
 Vestrum Health drops from 8.4 at Year 1 to 6.2 by Year 7
 IRIS Registry drops from 6.1 at Year 1 to 4.1 by Year 7

Both Databases Show Early Gains Followed by Long-Term Decline
 Vestrum Health: +3.9 letters at Year 1 to -2.1 by Year 7
 IRIS Registry: +1.8 letters at Year 1 to -5.0 by Year 7

Persistent Dosing Could Provide for Sustained Visual Outcomes, Emphasizing the Need for Therapies that Deliver Continuous, Consistent Treatment



Redefining nAMD Therapy: What can we do better?



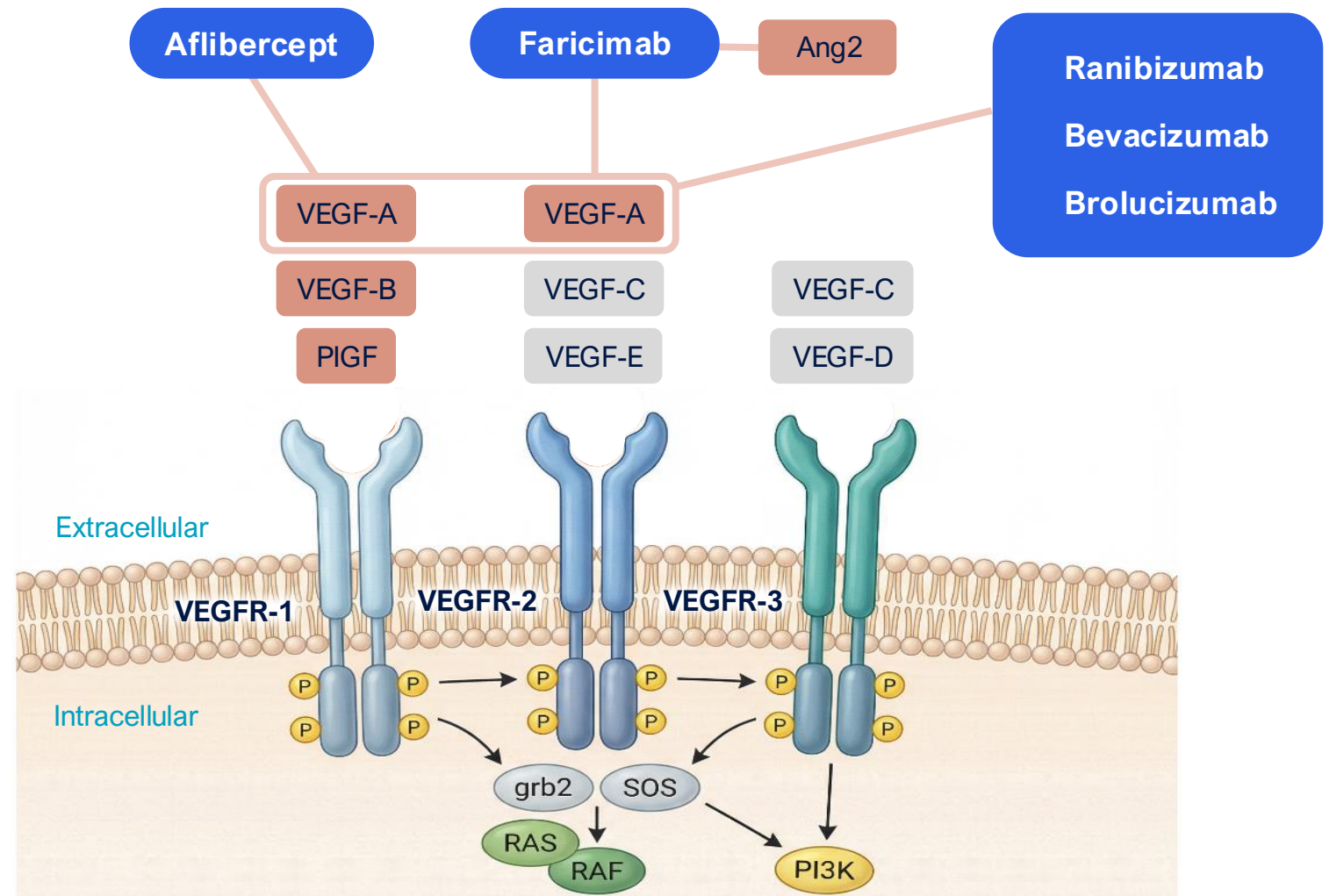
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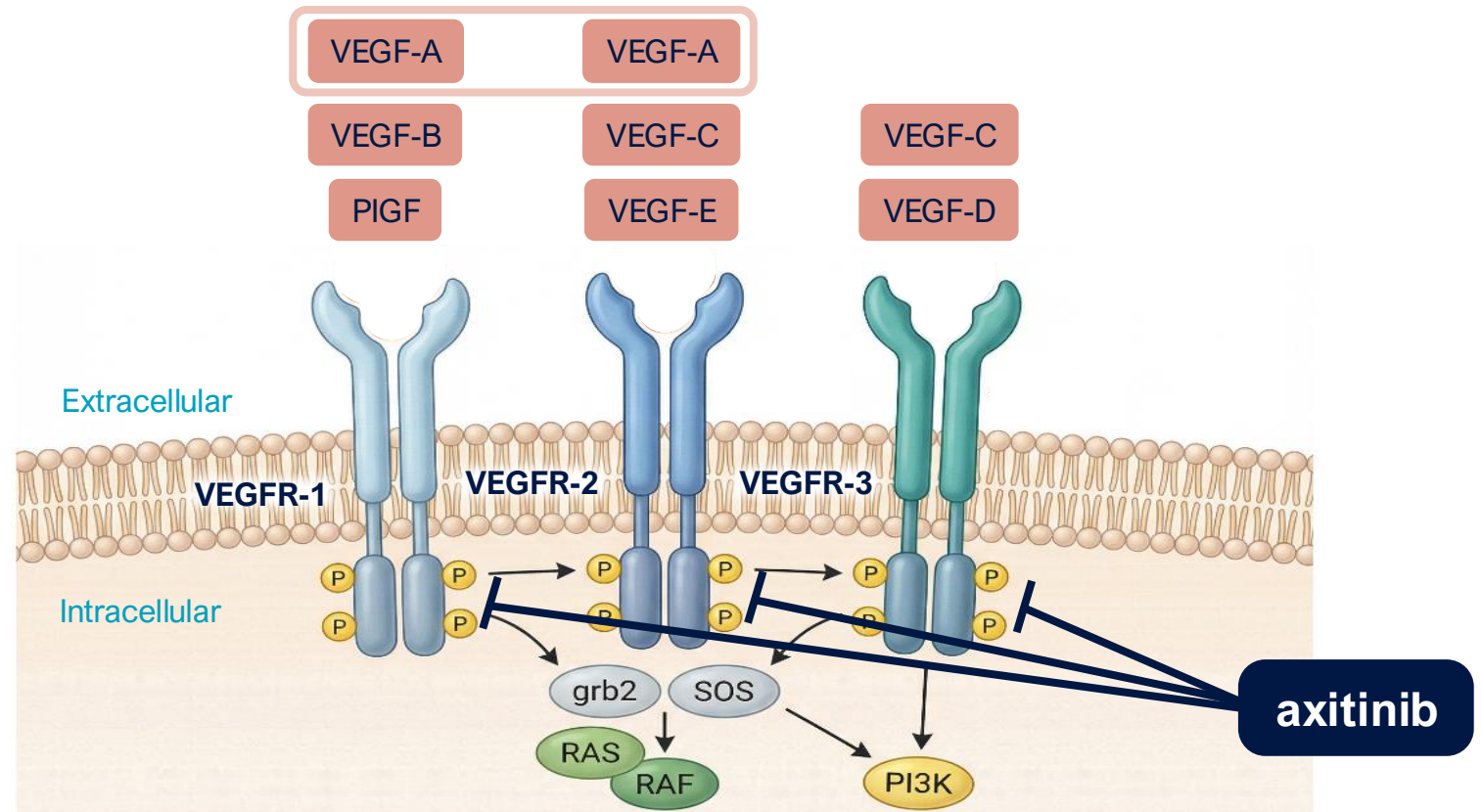
Current **Anti-VEGF** agents act **extracellularly** by binding **selective ligands**, like VEGF-A, preventing receptor binding and activation^{1,2}



Select extracellular target binding of VEGF, PlGF and Ang-II to inhibit angiogenesis. Adapted from Zhao et al. 2015.^{2,4}

Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitors Act Intracellularly to Inhibit Receptor Signaling

Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitors (TKI) bind at the **intracellular tyrosine kinase domains** of VEGF receptors, inhibiting ATP binding and preventing activation of pro-angiogenic signaling^{1,2}



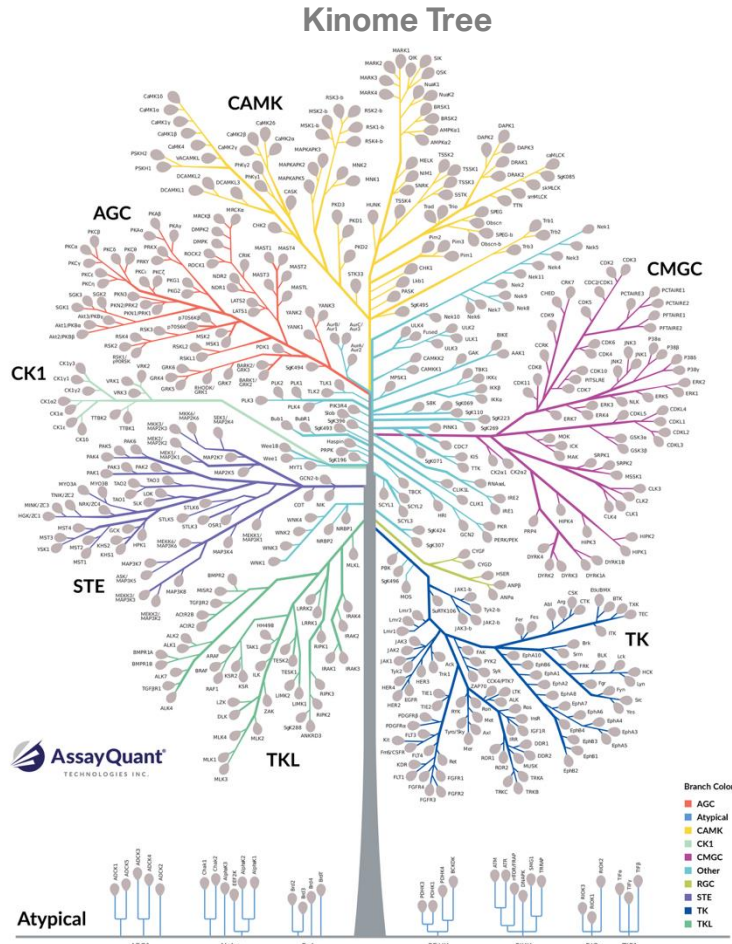
Select angiogenesis intracellular targets of inhibition for tyrosine kinase inhibitors. Adapted from Zhao et al. 2015.²⁻⁴

AssayQuant Kinome Tree

Independent, Quantifiable, Simultaneous Evaluation of Inhibition Activity of TKI drugs

AssayQuant Kinome tree is an independent, standardized visualization of kinase profiling data¹

Each kinase receptor is a node with color intensity reflecting magnitude of inhibition^{1,2}



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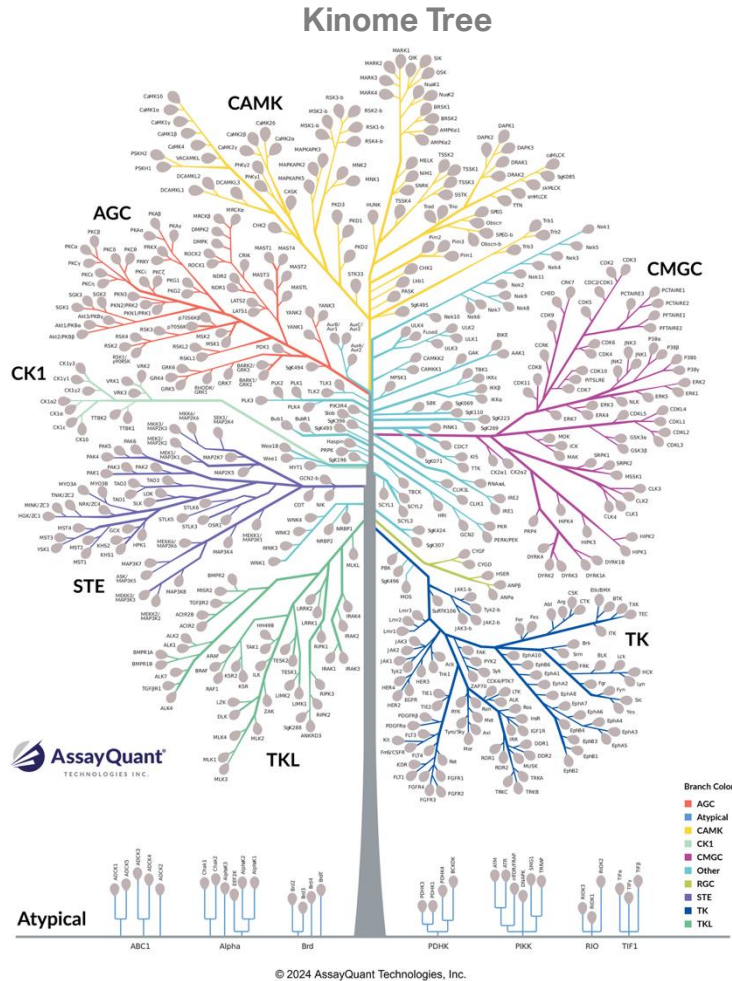
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Apparent % inhibition depends on ATP + drug concentration



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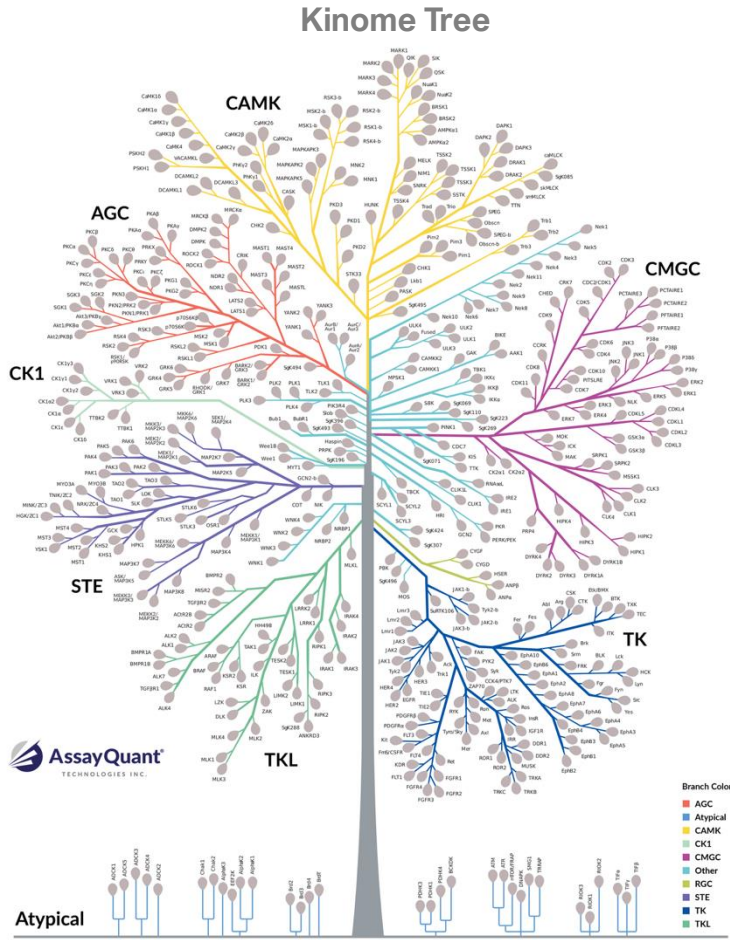


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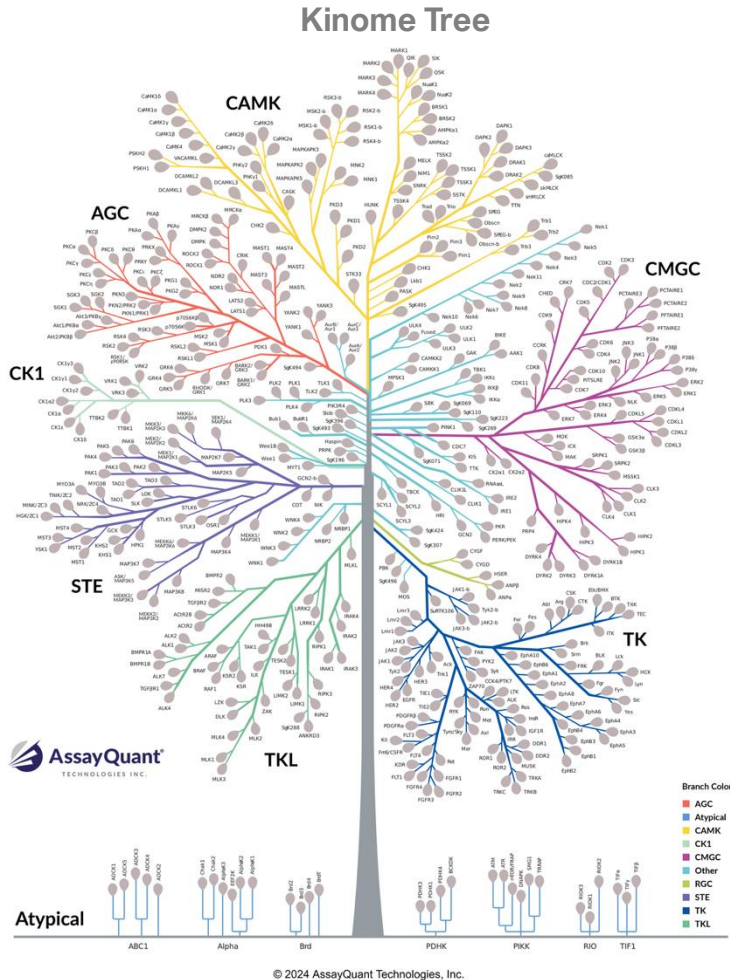


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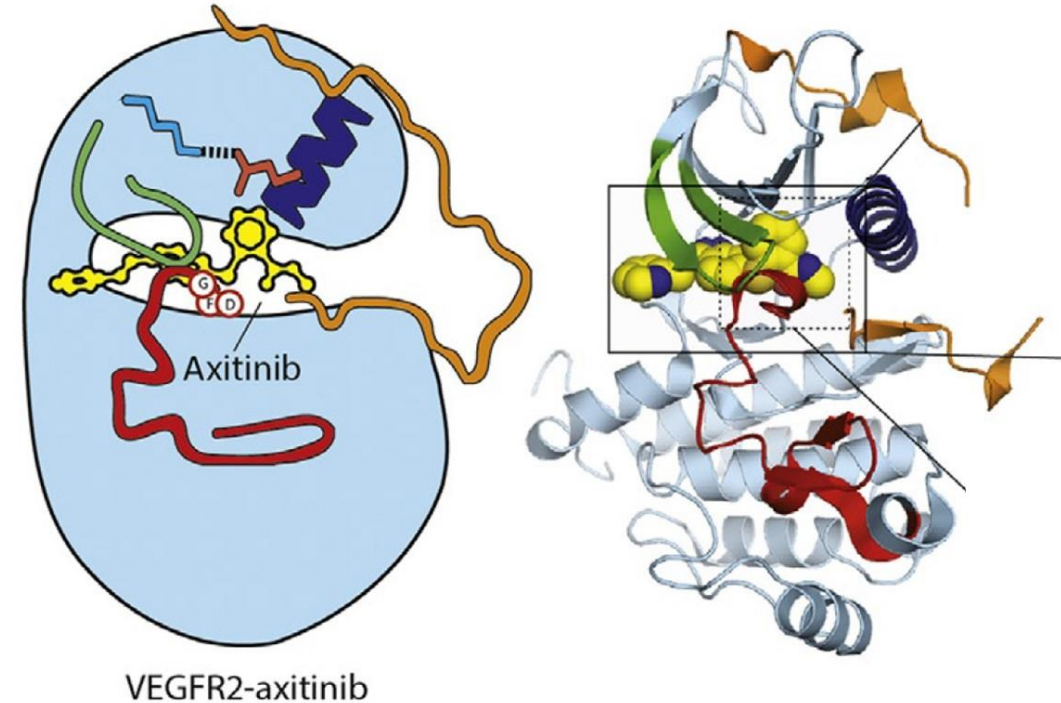
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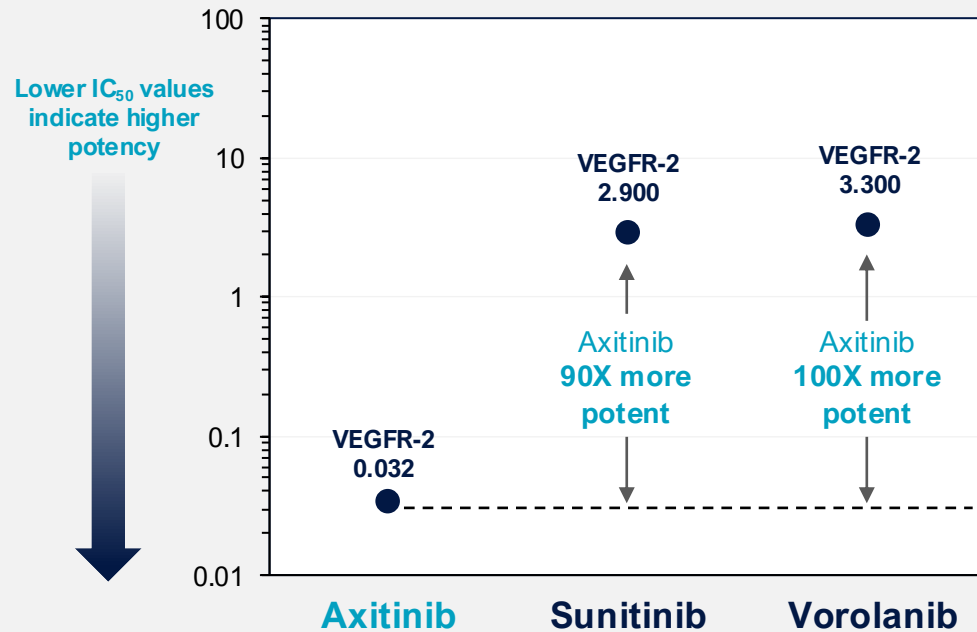
Axitinib: Highly Selective, Potent Pan-VEGFR Inhibitor

- 2nd generation TKI, approved in 2012 (Inlyta, Pfizer) for treatment of advanced renal cell carcinoma
- Axitinib's high potency and selectivity relates to its interaction inside the pocket of the kinase receptor domain combined with its interaction with the juxtamembrane segment (this links the cell membrane to the kinase domain)¹
- Potent inhibitor for VEGFR and PDGFR isoforms and has minimal inhibition against "off-target" protein kinases^{2,3,4}



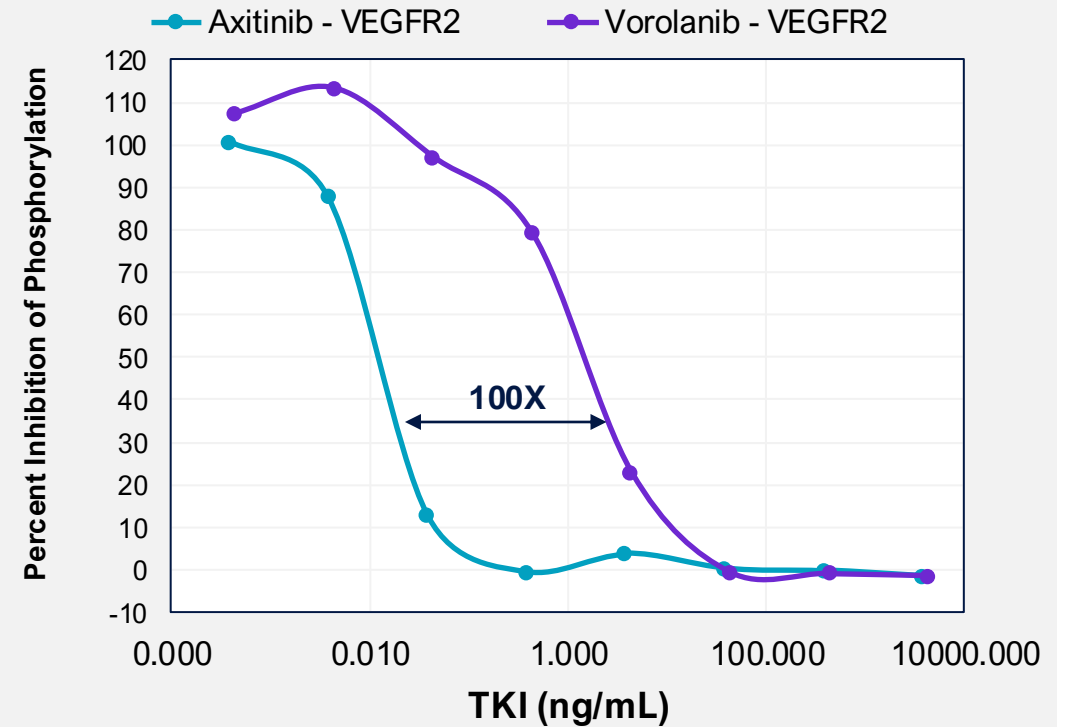
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IC₅₀ Values with Cell Phosphorylation (nM)¹



Highly selective for all VEGF receptors¹

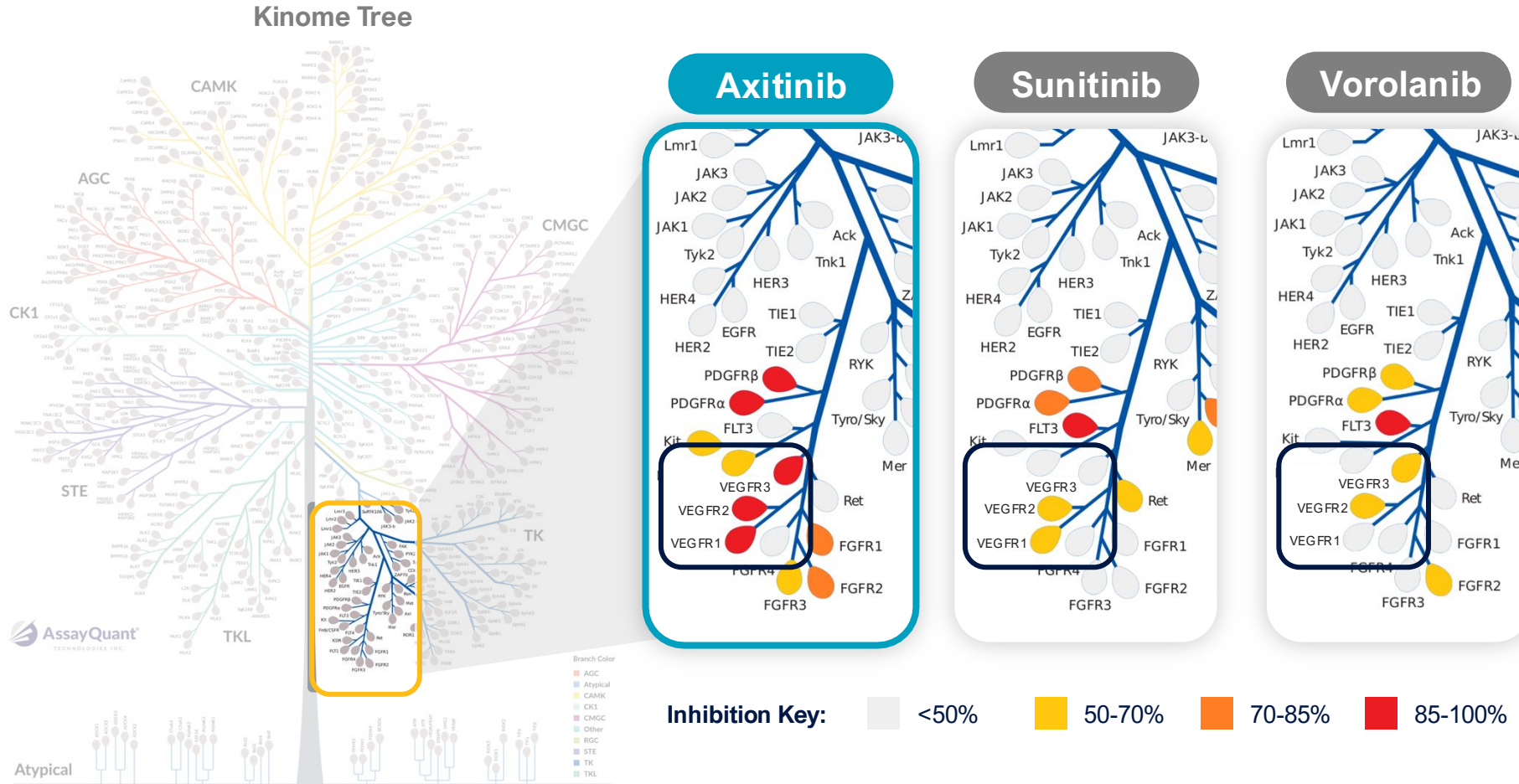
Percent Inhibition of Phosphorylation³



~100X more potent for VEGFR2 compared to vorolanib²

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VEGFR 1/2/3:
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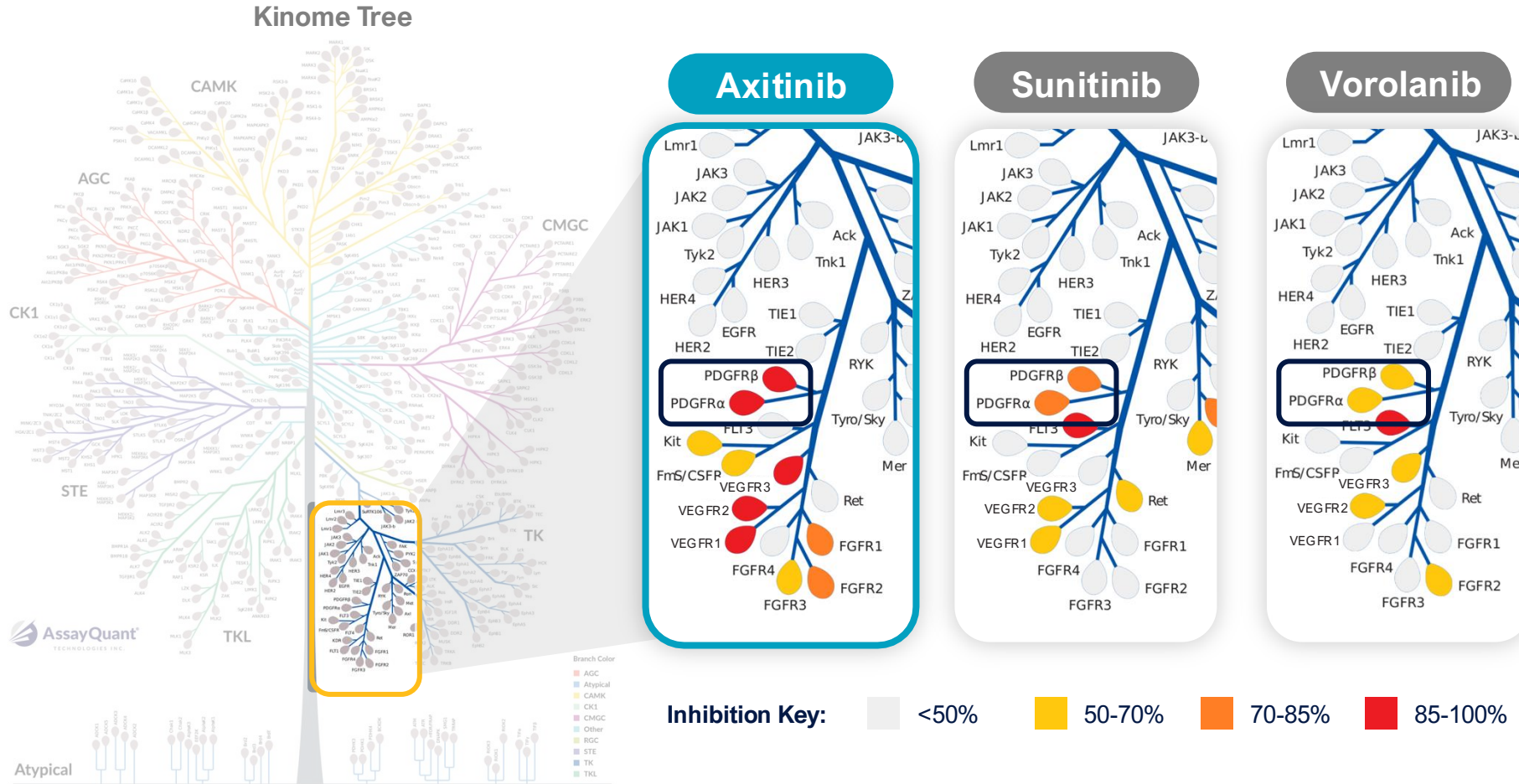
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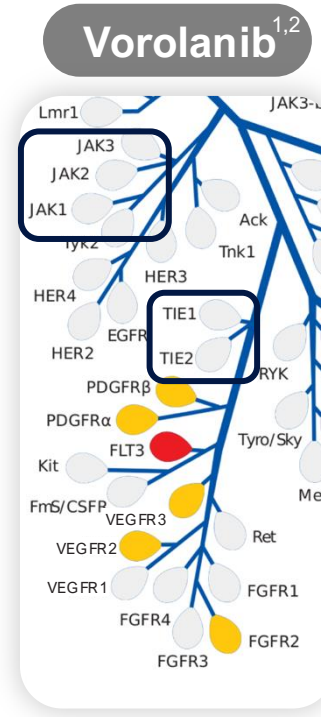
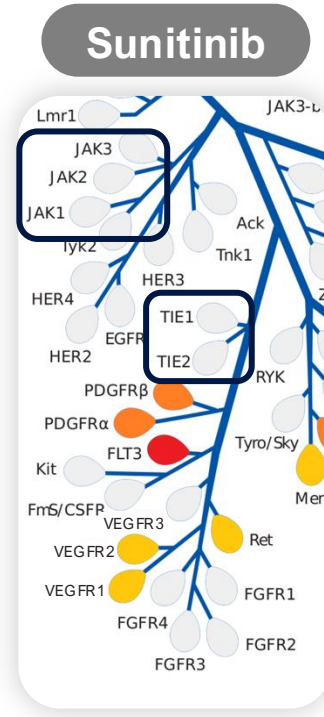
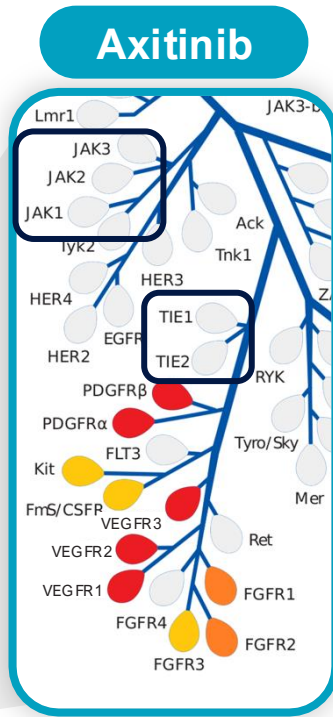
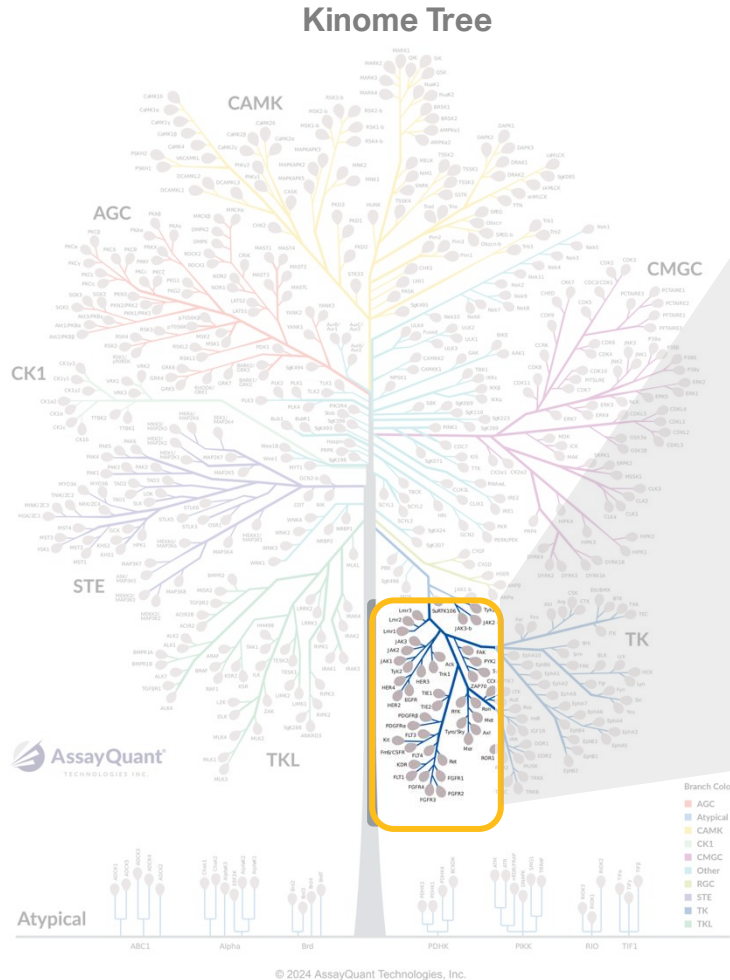
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Inhibition Key: <50% 50-70% 70-85% 85-100%

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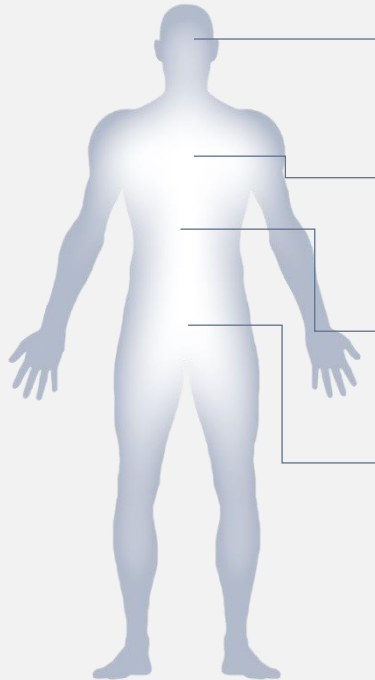
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Hydrogel-Based Platform Widely Utilized

Other Medical Specialties



Neurosurgery

DuraSeal® Dural Sealant System¹

Vascular Surgery

MYNXGRIP® Vascular Closure Device²

Interventional Radiology

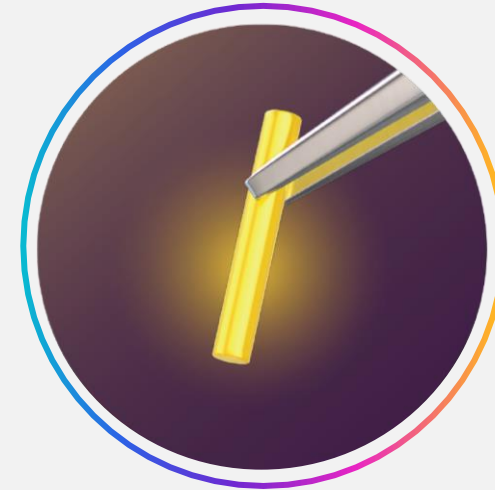
Nellix® Endovascular Aneurysm Sealing System³

Urology

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Polyethylene Glycol Hydrogels Used in Over 5 Million Subjects Across Multiple Specialties⁵

Hydrogel in Ophthalmology



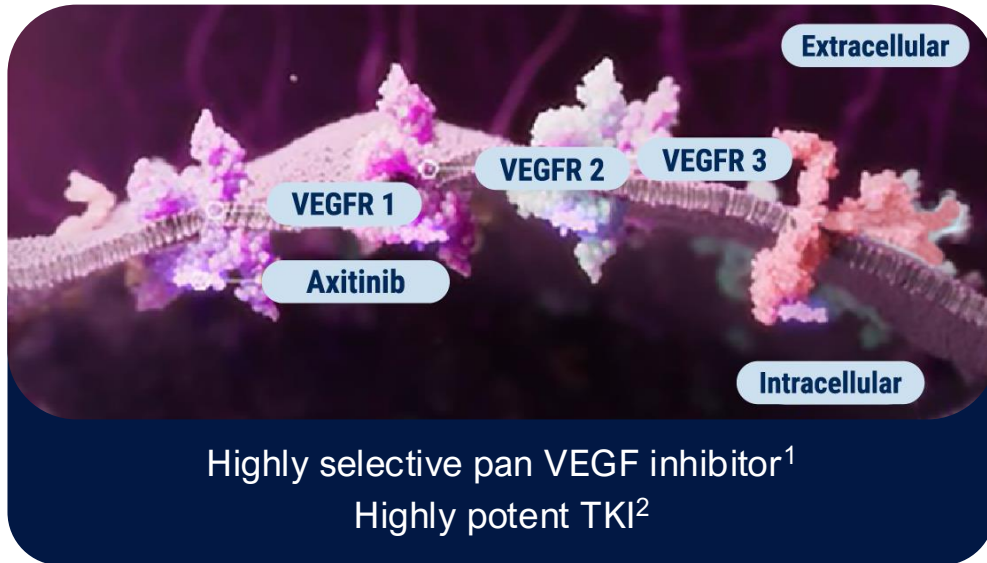
Ocular applications of polyethylene glycol hydrogel include **contact lenses, artificial tears, corneal wound repair, and sealants**⁶⁻⁸

More than **700,000 eyes** treated to date with DEXTENZA⁹

OTX-TKI: Axitinib via Hydrogel Allows for Tunable Sustained Release

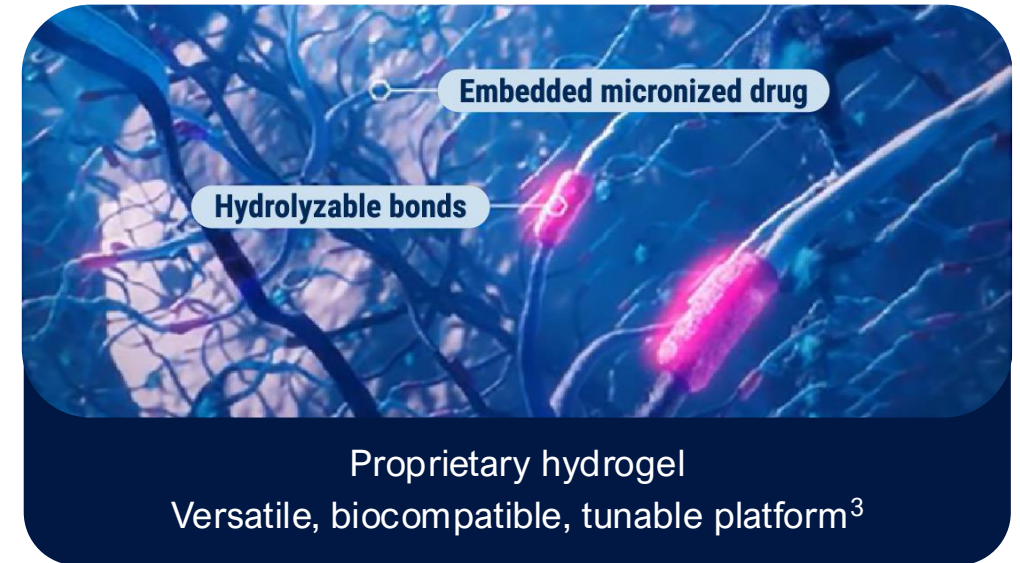
AXITINIB

Multi-target Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitor (TKI)



ELUTYX™ TECHNOLOGY

Bioresorbable, Sustained Drug Delivery



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OTX-TKI




is being developed with the aim to provide:

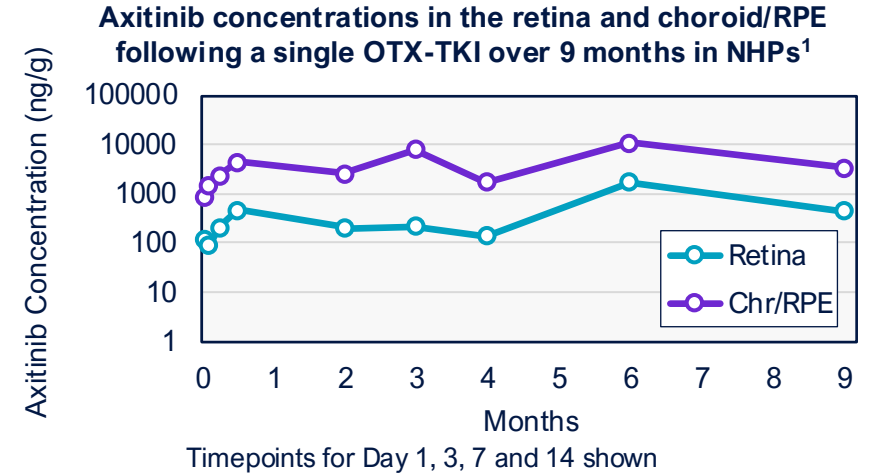
A single injection,
single hydrogel insert^{3,4}

Continuous and consistent
delivery up to 12 months^{3,5}

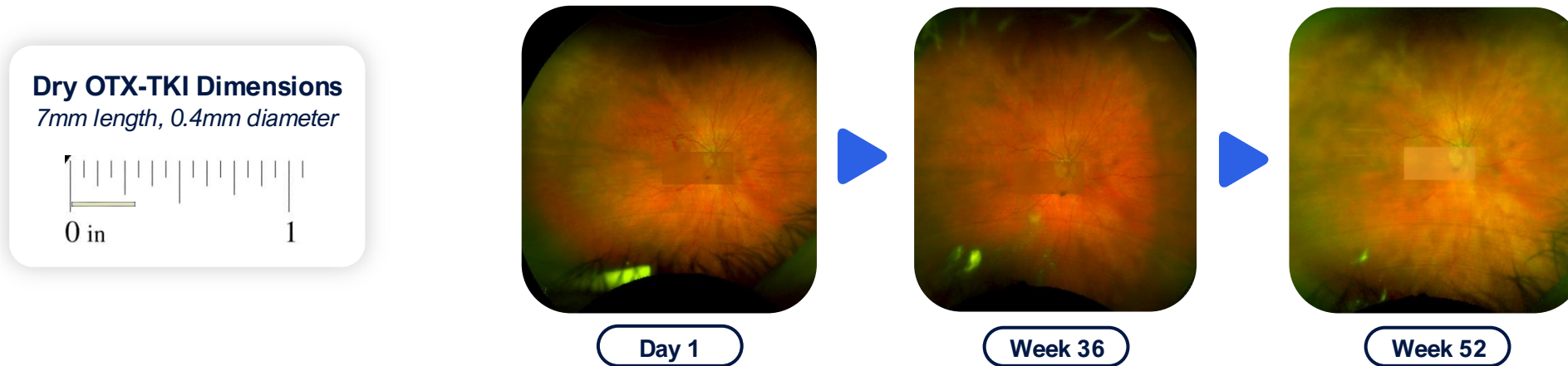
Complete and predictable
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OTX-TKI is Designed to Release Axitinib and Maintain Intraocular Drug Levels Over Time with Complete Bioresorption

-  Rapid, continuous and consistent axitinib delivery¹
-  Targeted drug delivery to retina and choroid¹
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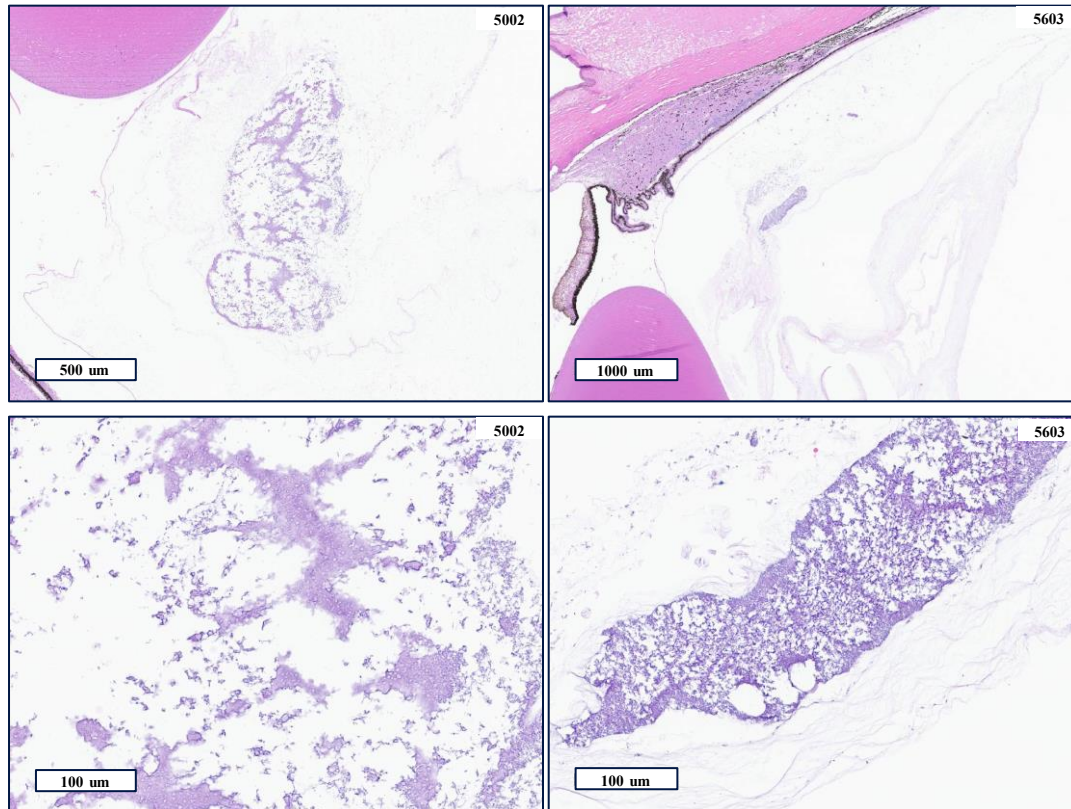


OTX-TKI hydrogel bioresorbs via hydrolysis for potential redosing.^{2,3}



Histology of Ocular Tissues Demonstrates Axitinib Elution with No Inflammatory Cells

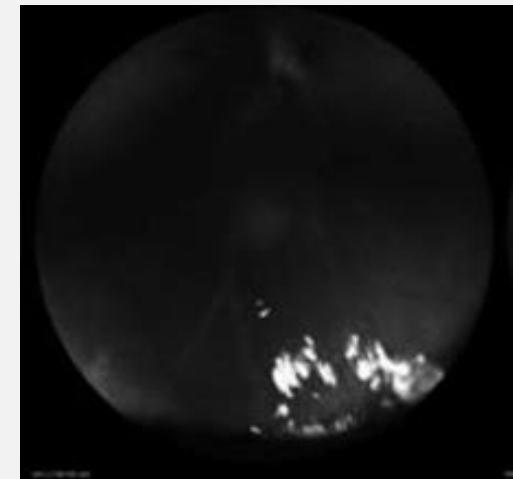
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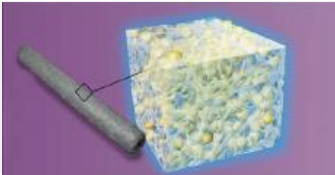



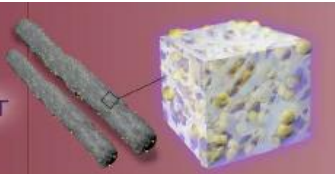

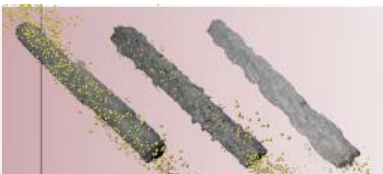

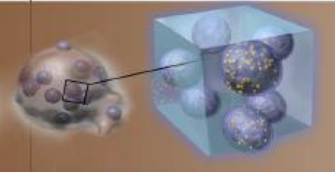
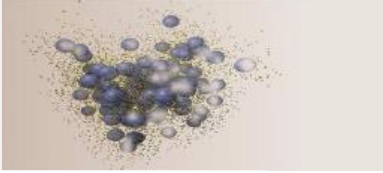

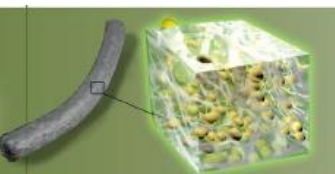


Microscopic Findings

White, refractile, basophilic, granular axitinib in the vitreous

No inflammatory cells in vitreous, retina, or AC



Comparison of Hydrogel vs Other Retinal Polymer Implants

	Implant (Full View)	Implant Dimensions (Length x Diameter)	Needle Size	Matrix Degradation & Release	Polymer Byproduct	Implant Remnants at 12 Months
OZURDEX 		6mm x 0.46mm* 	22-gauge*		Lactic acid and glycolic acid†	Lasts >12 months ‡
EYP-1901 		Two implants with length of 8mm¶ 	22-gauge#		>75KDa polyvinyl alcohol	Two remnants that last 18-24 mos**
GB-102 		N/A	27-gauge††		Lactic acid and glycolic acid††	N/A
OTX-TKI 		7mm x 0.40mm^ 	25-gauge^		Inert hydrogel PEG chains^	No remnants^

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Pan-VEGF and PDGF
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Optimizing Retina Practices

Familiar IVT
injection with 25g needle⁵

Predictable schedule for patients²

Designed for **improved treatment adherence**²

Trial Design

Addressing Regulatory and Clinical Objectives

Jeffrey S. Heier, MD

FDA Draft Guidance for Industry



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Special Protocol Assessment (SPA)

Agreement with FDA on critical design elements and statistical analysis plan (SAP) to support approval

With acceptance of SPA, study design, endpoints, and SAP cannot be changed

Adhering to protocol is critical to ensuring trial will be considered adequate and well-controlled

Conducting a trial under a SPA helps to derisk the regulatory process

Special Protocol Assessment Guidance for Industry

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Revision 1

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Current expiration date available at <https://www.reginfo.gov>
(Search ICR and enter OMB control number)
See additional PRA statement in section XI of this guidance.

FDA Recommendation for Endpoints to Demonstrate Superiority

≥ 15 -Letter Decrease

Statistically significant **smaller** % of subjects with ≥ 15 -letter decrease at 9 months or later

≥ 15 -Letter Increase

Statistically significant **greater** % of subjects with ≥ 15 -letter increase at 9 months or later

≥ 15 -Letter Difference

Statistically significant **difference** between groups in mean BCVA of ≥ 15 letters at 9 months or later

SOL-1 Primary Endpoint: Proportion of subjects who maintained visual acuity, defined as < 15 ETDRS letters of BCVA loss from baseline at Week 36

OTX-TKI Evaluated in a Superiority Trial for nAMD

SOL-1

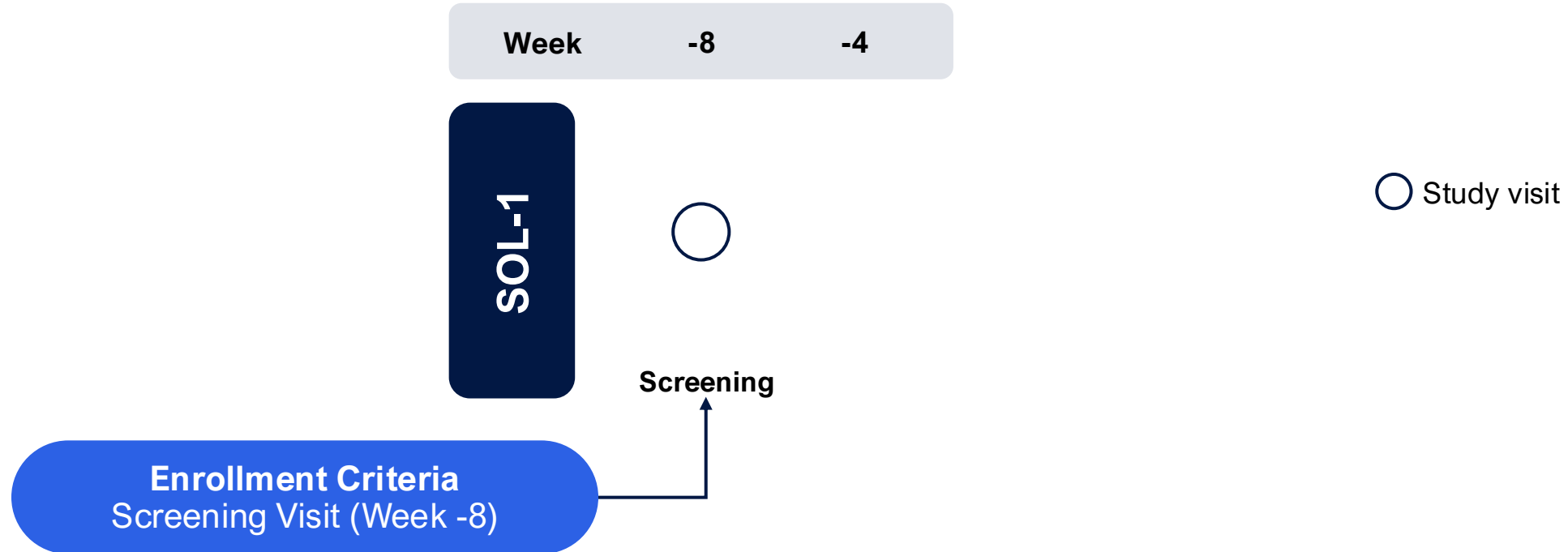
Compares a **Single OTX-TKI (0.45 mg) Dose** to a **Single Aflibercept (2 mg) Dose**

Multicenter, Double-Masked, Randomized Parallel-Group Trial

Designed to Assess Safety and Efficacy, including Durability, of OTX-TKI

Eligibility and Enrollment Criteria

Key Inclusion Criteria



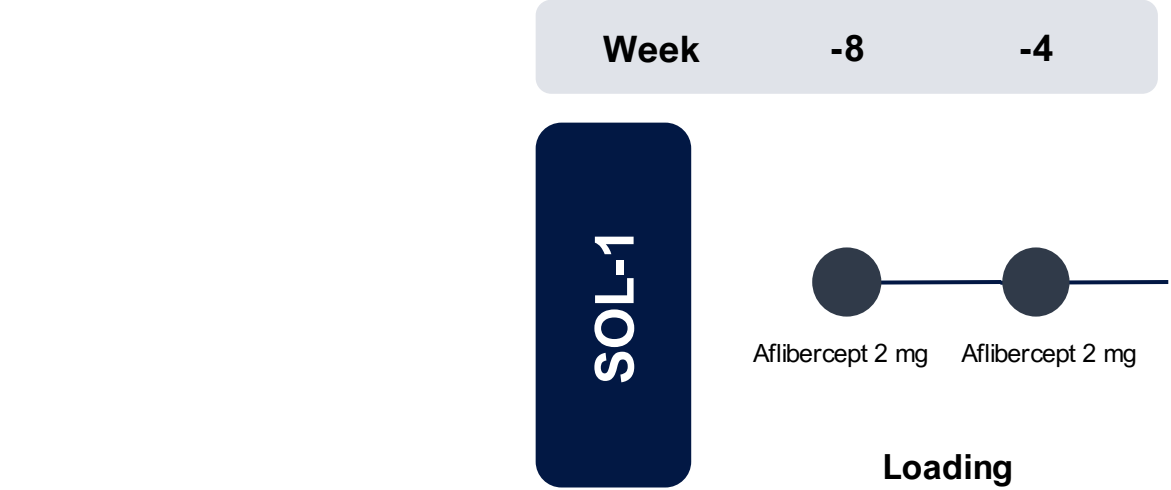
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Enrollment Criteria
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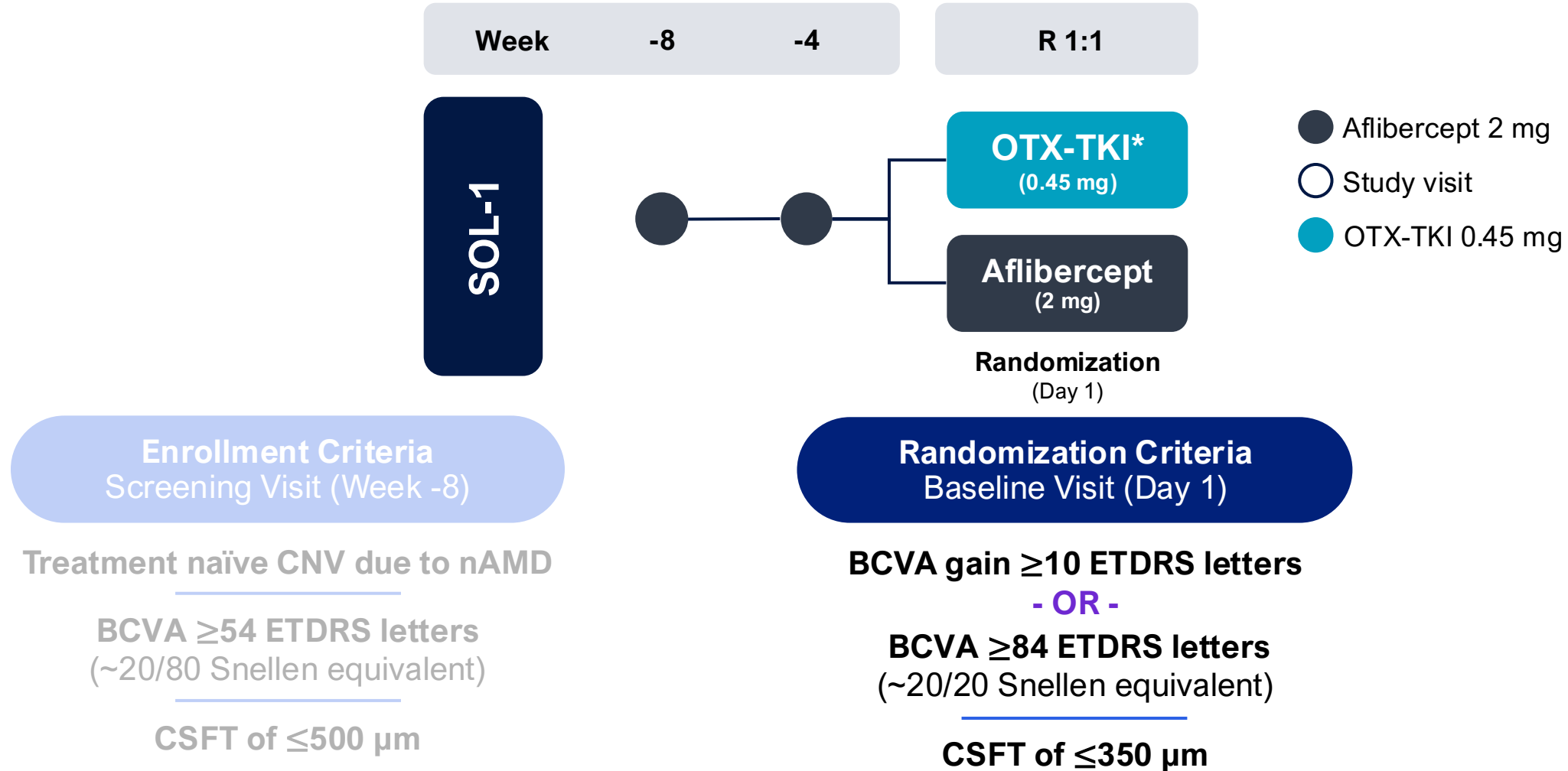
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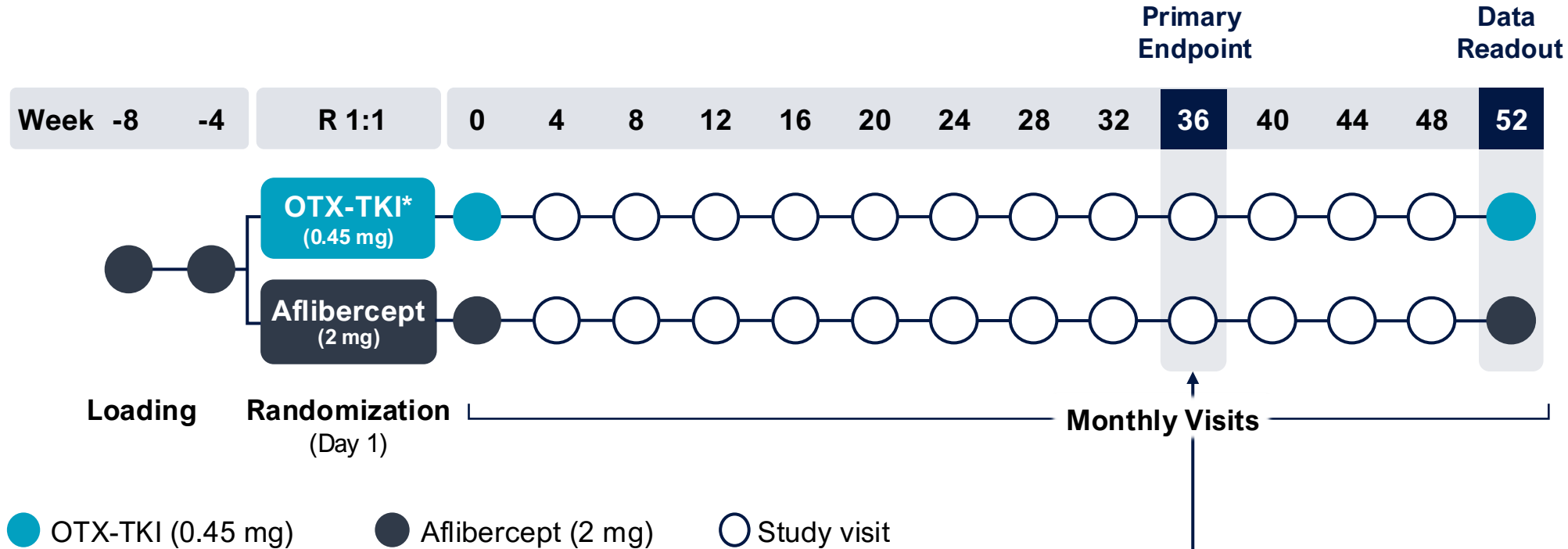
CSFT of \leq 500 μ m

Eligibility and Enrollment Criteria

Key Inclusion Criteria



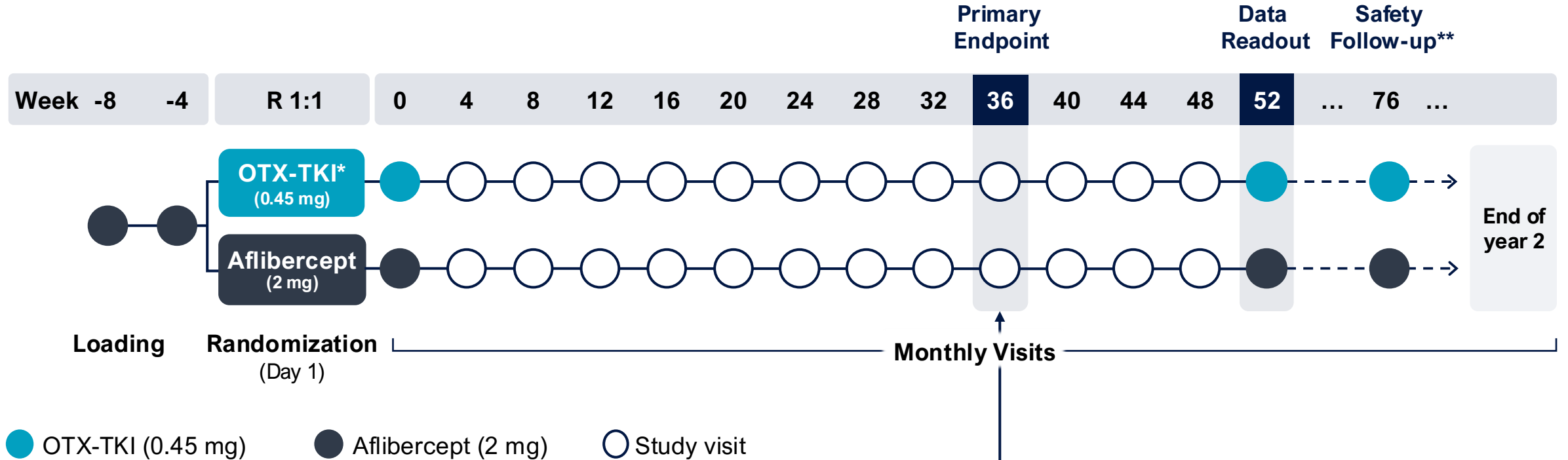
Direct Comparison: OTX-TKI and Aflibercept



Primary Endpoint (Week 36)
 Proportion of subjects who maintained visual acuity, defined as <15 ETDRS letters of BCVA loss from baseline at Week 36

*No aflibercept injection is given at baseline; ClinicalTrials.gov identifier: NCT06223958
 ETDRS, early treatment diabetic retinopathy study; BCVA, best-corrected visual acuity

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Trial Conduct

After the first rescue injection, rescue therapy can be provided at **investigator discretion** per their clinical judgement with aflibercept 2mg

Independent rescue monitor team of retina specialists were designated to provide guidance

Disclaimer

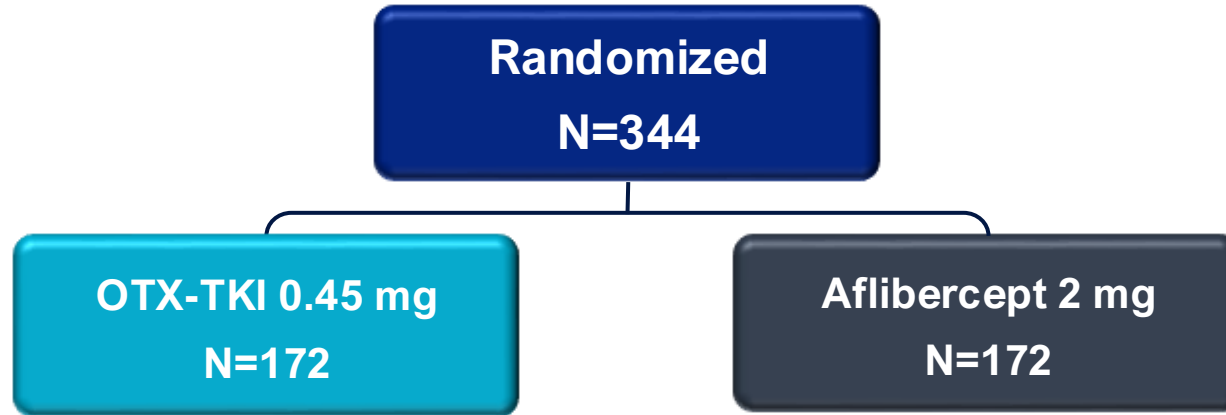
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Efficacy Results

Key Outcomes through Week 52

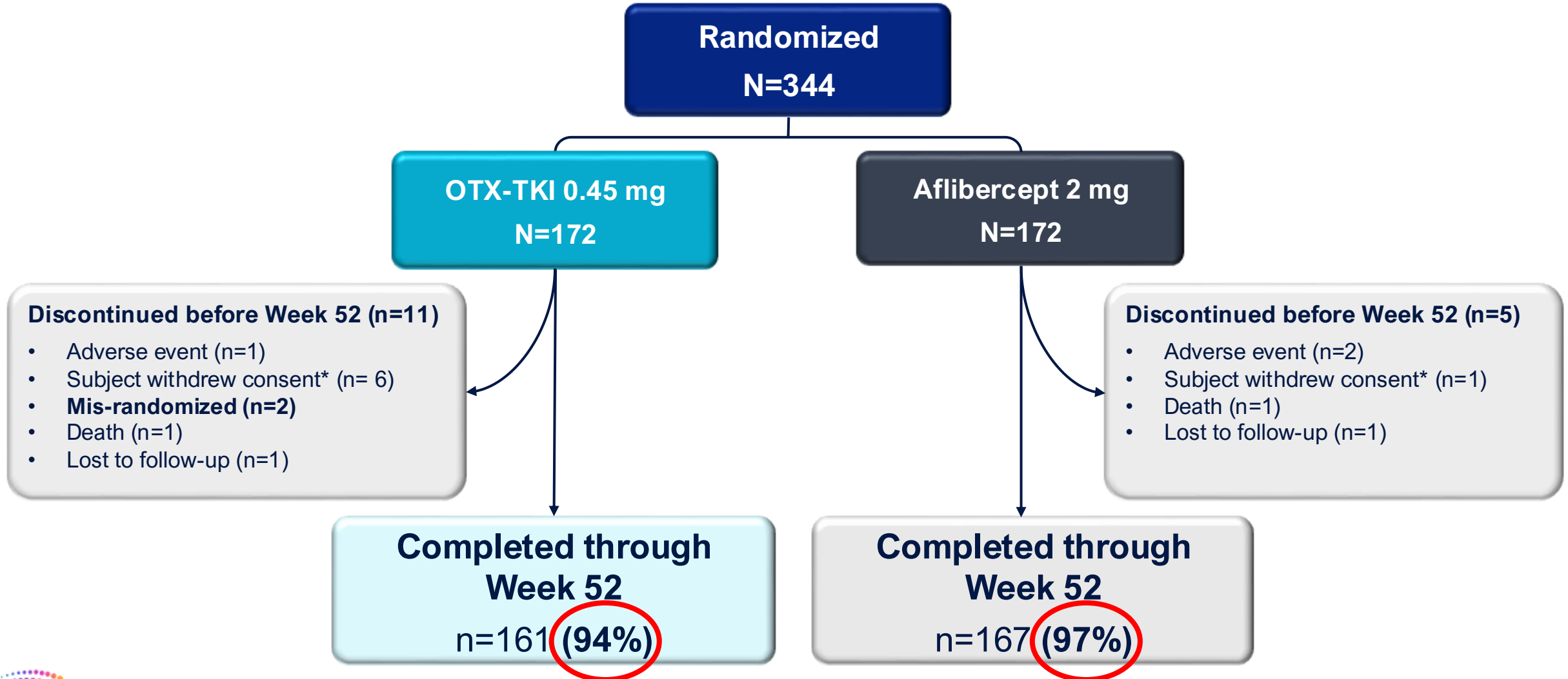
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Subject Disposition



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Strong subject retention maintained through Week 52



* Reasons included: personal, reason, no reason, travel, offered another treatment at a different practice; only Day 1 completed, subject refused week 52 assessment

Baseline Demographics

Treatment groups were well matched at baseline

Demographics	OTX-TKI 0.45 mg N = 172	Aflibercept 2 mg N = 172
Age , years, mean (SD)	75.7 (8.3)	76.3 (7.4)
Sex , n (%)		
Female	103 (59.9)	108 (62.8)
Ethnicity , n (%)		
Hispanic or Latino	33 (19.2)	47 (27.3)
Not Hispanic or Latino	139 (80.8)	125 (72.7)
Race , n (%)		
White	168 (97.7)	170 (98.8)
Asian	3 (1.7)	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1 (0.6)	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	1 (0.6)	2 (1.2)
Black or African American	0	1 (0.6)

Ocular Characteristics: Best-Corrected Visual Acuity

Majority of subjects demonstrated ≥ 10 -letter gain prior to baseline and had excellent vision at study entry

Screening Visit (Week -8)

Study Eye Characteristics	OTX-TKI 0.45 mg N = 172	Aflibercept 2 mg N = 172
BCVA, ETDRS letter score, mean (SD) Snellen Equivalent	70.9 (11.3) ~20/40	69.5 (10.8) ~20/40

Baseline (Randomization)

Study Eye Characteristics	OTX-TKI 0.45 mg N = 172	Aflibercept 2 mg N = 172
BCVA, ETDRS letter score, mean (SD) Snellen Equivalent	80.8 (7.6) ~20/25	79.2 (7.9) ~20/25
Change from Screening to Baseline, n (%)		
≥ 10 ETDRS letter gain	107 (62.9)	114 (67.1)
≥ 84 ETDRS letters (~20/20)	63 (37.1)	56 (32.9)

Ocular Characteristics: Central Subfield Thickness

Baseline CSFT improved from screening after two aflibercept injections

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CSFT, μm , mean (SD)	303.6 (72.5)	302.7 (78.3)

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CSFT, μm , mean (SD)	219.3 (37.1)	226.8 (42.1)

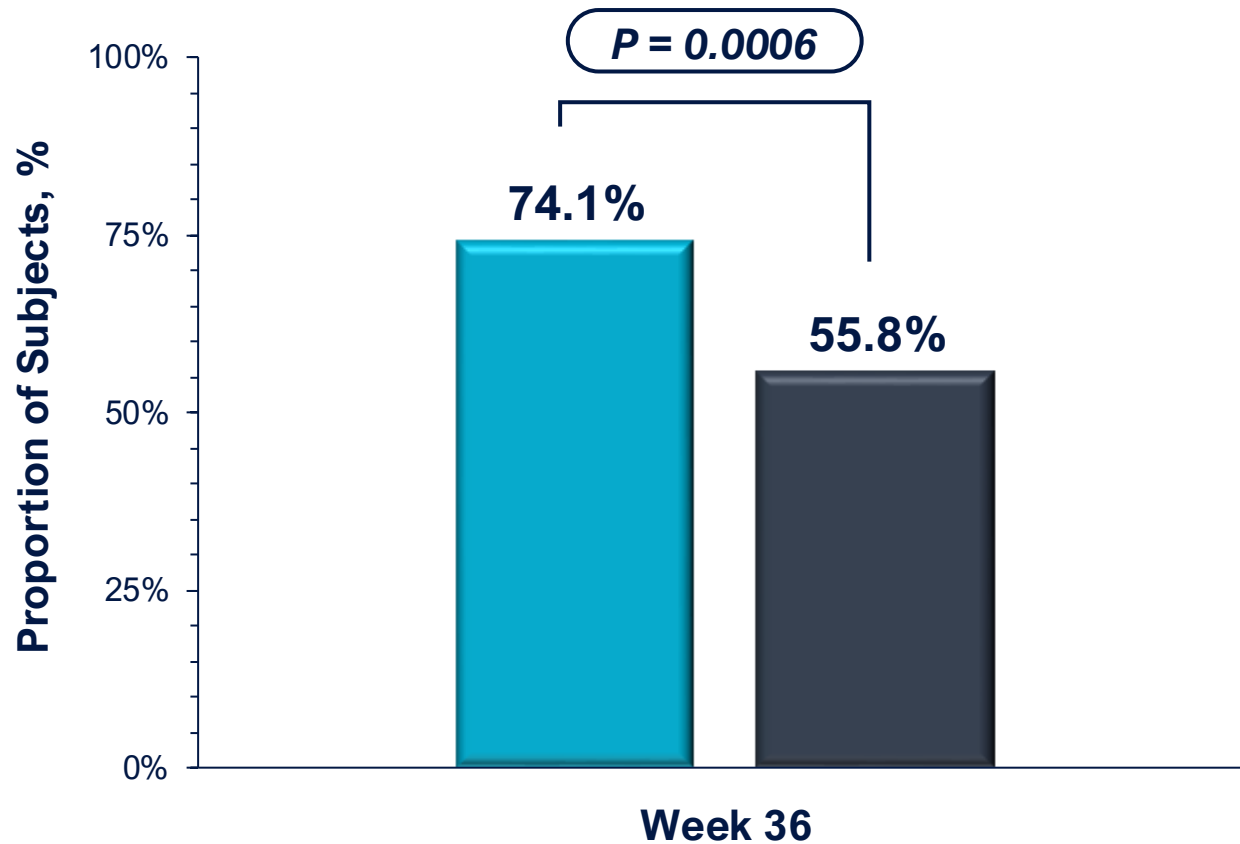
Ocular Characteristics at Baseline

Well-balanced between treatment arms

Study Eye Characteristics	OTX-TKI 0.45 mg N = 172	Aflibercept 2 mg N = 172
BCVA, ETDRS letter score >71 letters (~ 20/40)*, n (%)	145 (85.3)	136 (79.1)
Presence of Any Fluid (IRF and/or SRF), n (%) Presence of IRF, n (%) Presence of SRF, n (%)	63 (36.6) 34 (19.8) 33 (19.2)	72 (41.9) 36 (20.9) 48 (27.9)
Presence of Hemorrhage, n (%)	69 (40.6)	60 (34.9)
Phakic, n (%)	74 (43.5)	78 (45.3)

Primary Endpoint: Proportion of Subjects Who Maintain Visual Acuity* SOL-1

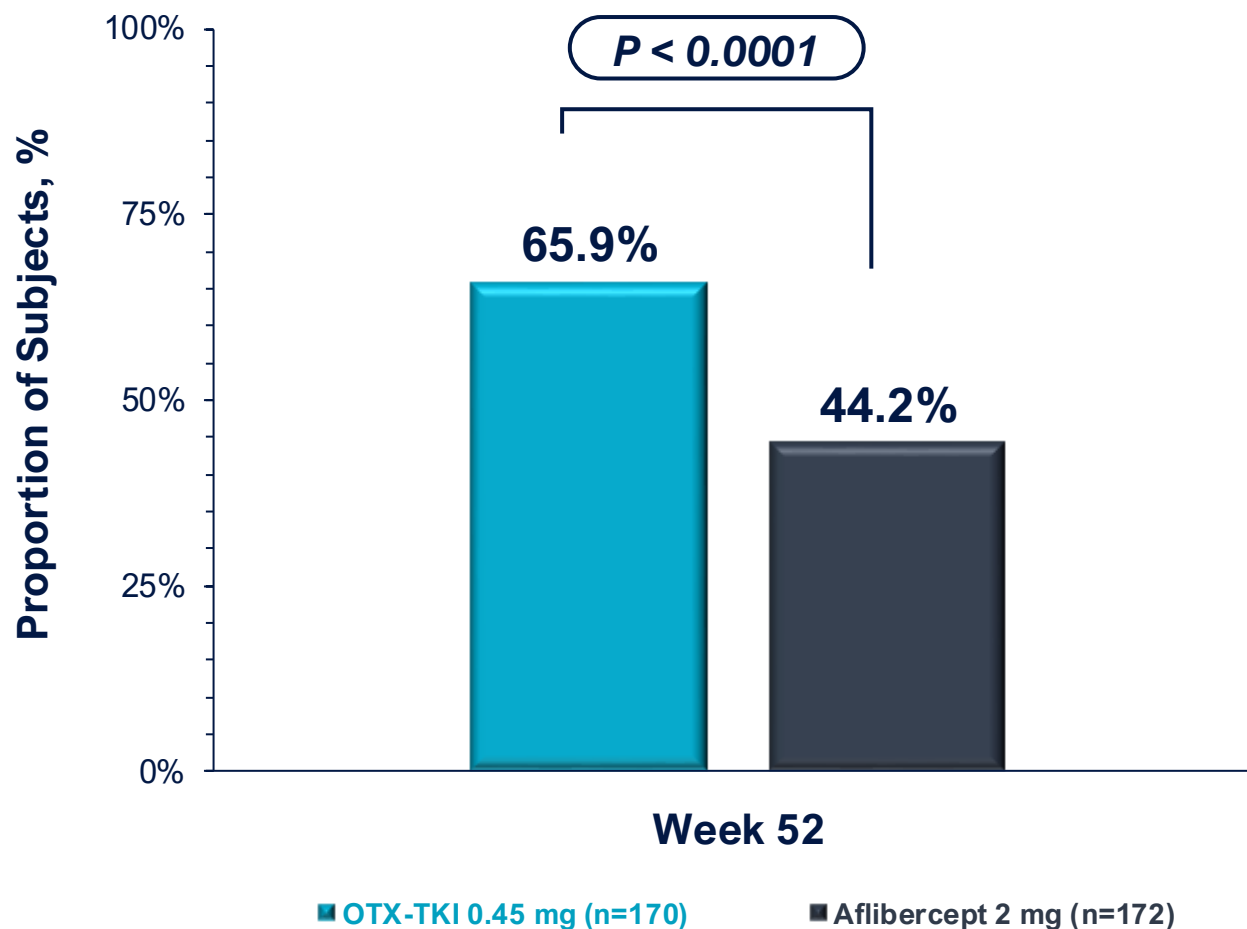
Statistically significant higher proportion of subjects maintained visual acuity* with OTX-TKI vs. aflibercept 2 mg at Week 36



	OTX-TKI (0.45 mg) n = 170	Aflibercept (2 mg) n = 172
Proportion of Subjects	74.1%	55.8%
Risk difference vs. aflibercept 2 mg 95% CI P value	17.5% (7.7, 27.4) 0.0006	
Observed difference vs. aflibercept 2 mg	18.3%	

Key Secondary: Proportion of Subjects Who Maintain Visual Acuity*

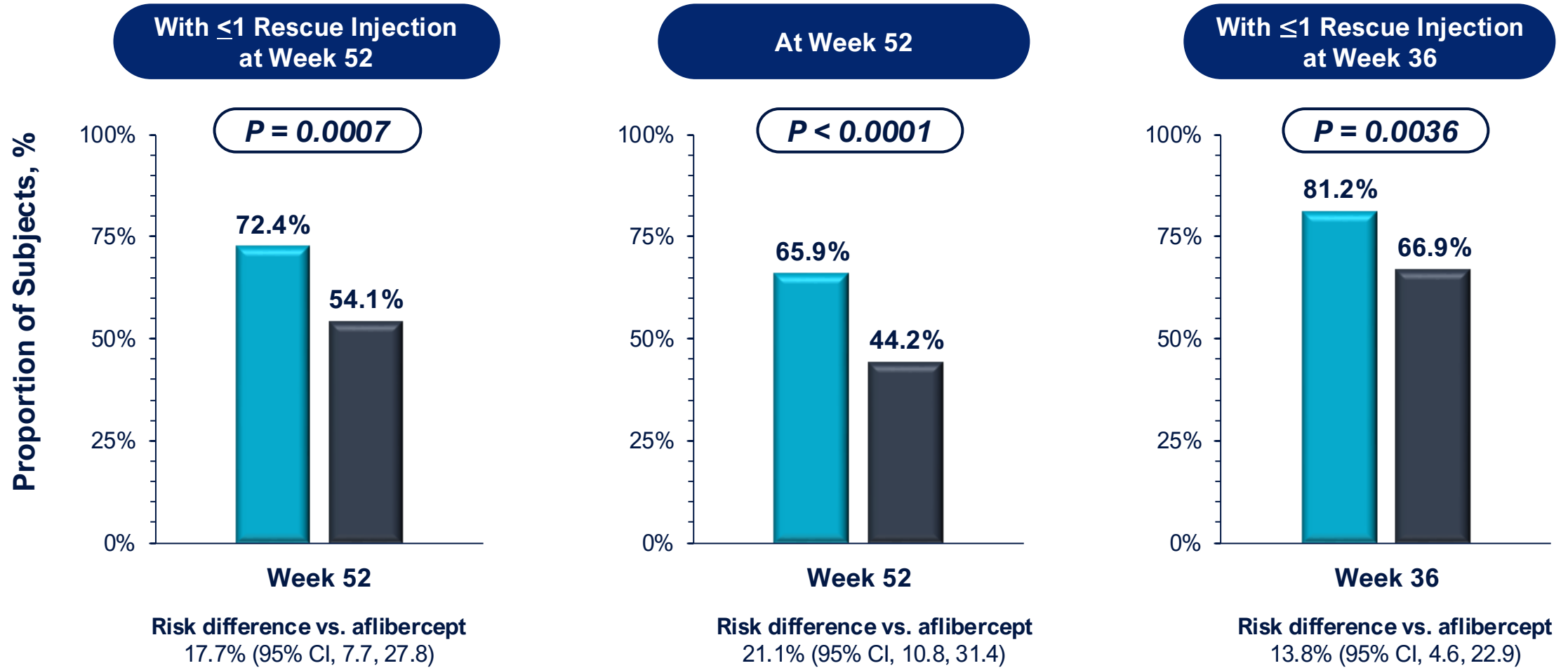
Treatment benefit continued through 52 weeks with high statistical significance



	OTX-TKI (0.45 mg) n = 170	Aflibercept (2 mg) n = 172
Proportion of Subjects	65.9%	44.2%
Risk difference vs. aflibercept 2 mg 95% CI P value	21.1% (10.8, 31.4) <math>< 0.0001</math>	
Observed difference vs. aflibercept 2 mg	21.7%	

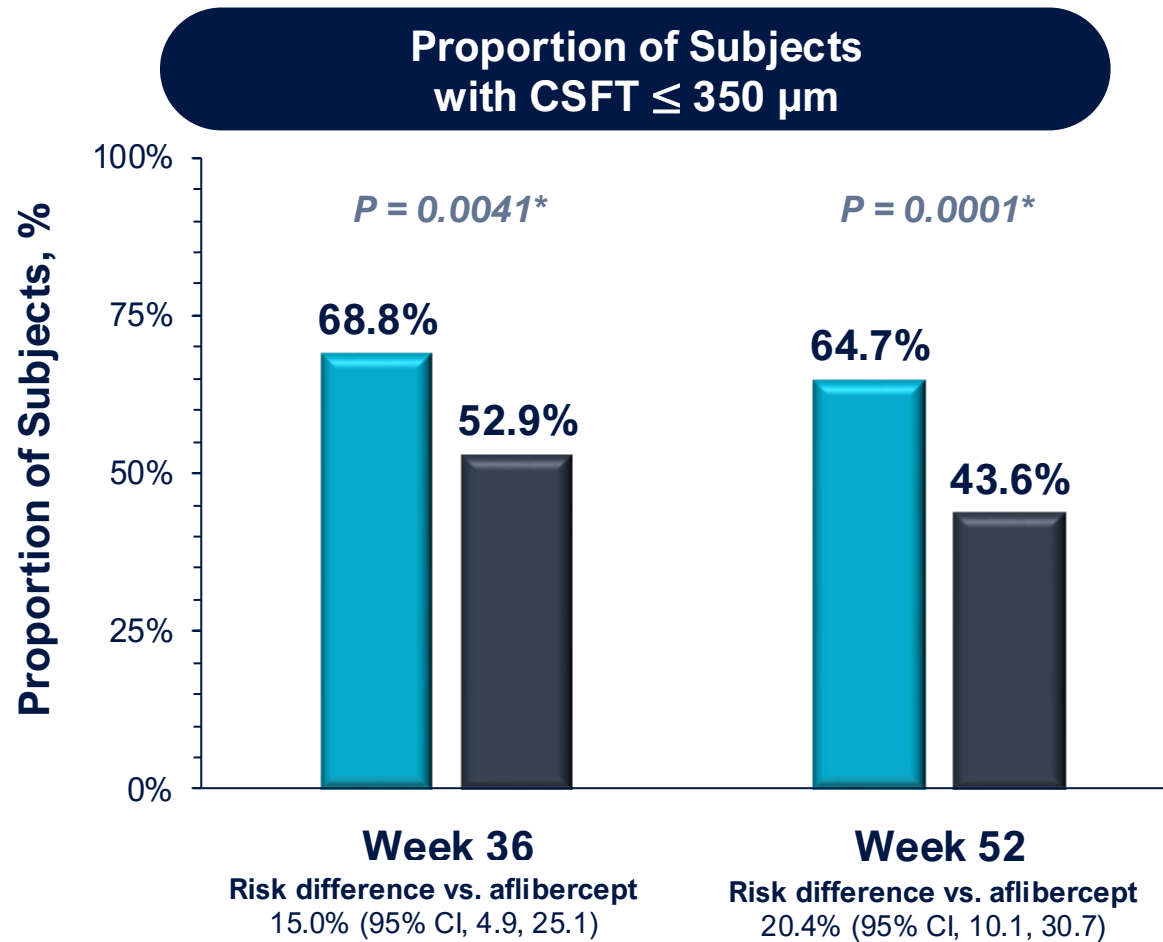
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Key secondary endpoints achieved in accordance with the prespecified hierarchy



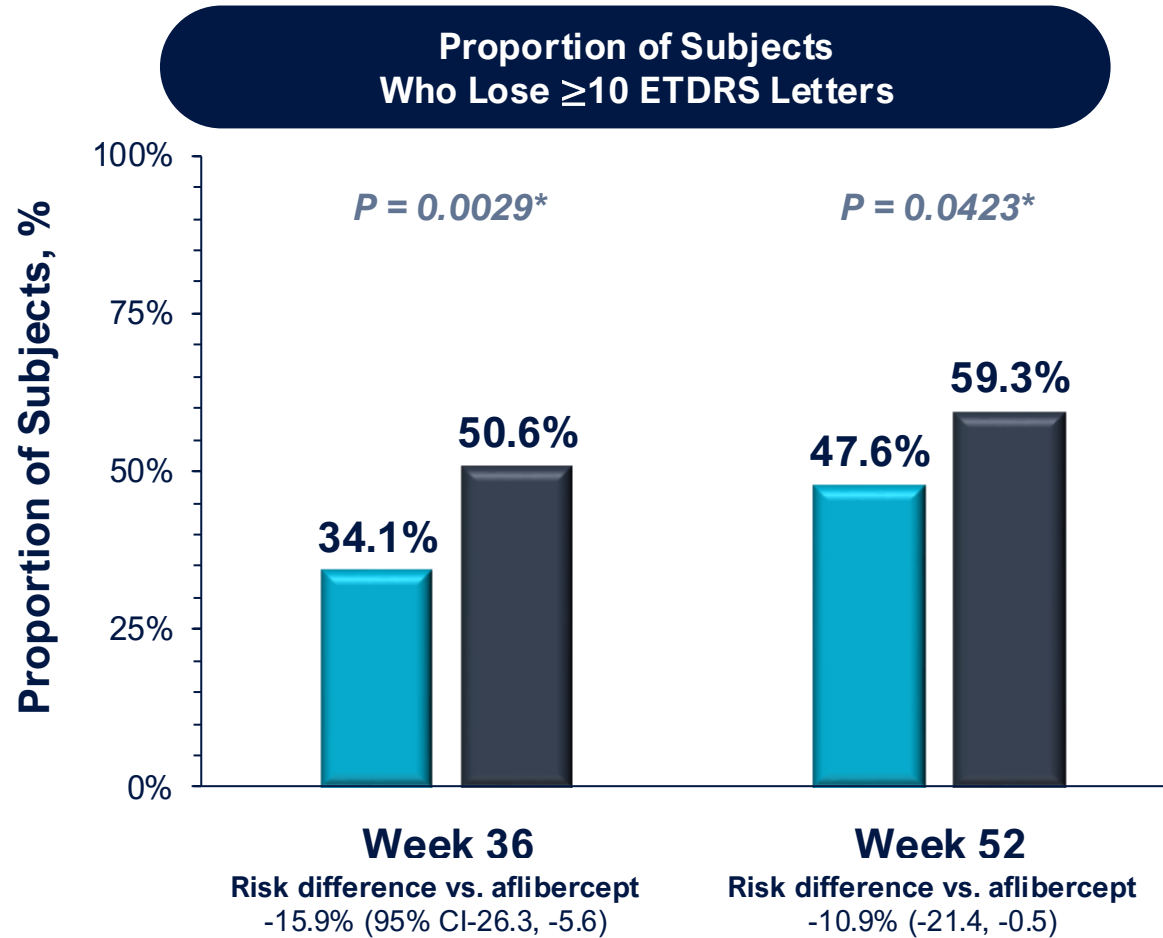
Secondary Endpoint

Significantly improved anatomic control with OTX-TKI



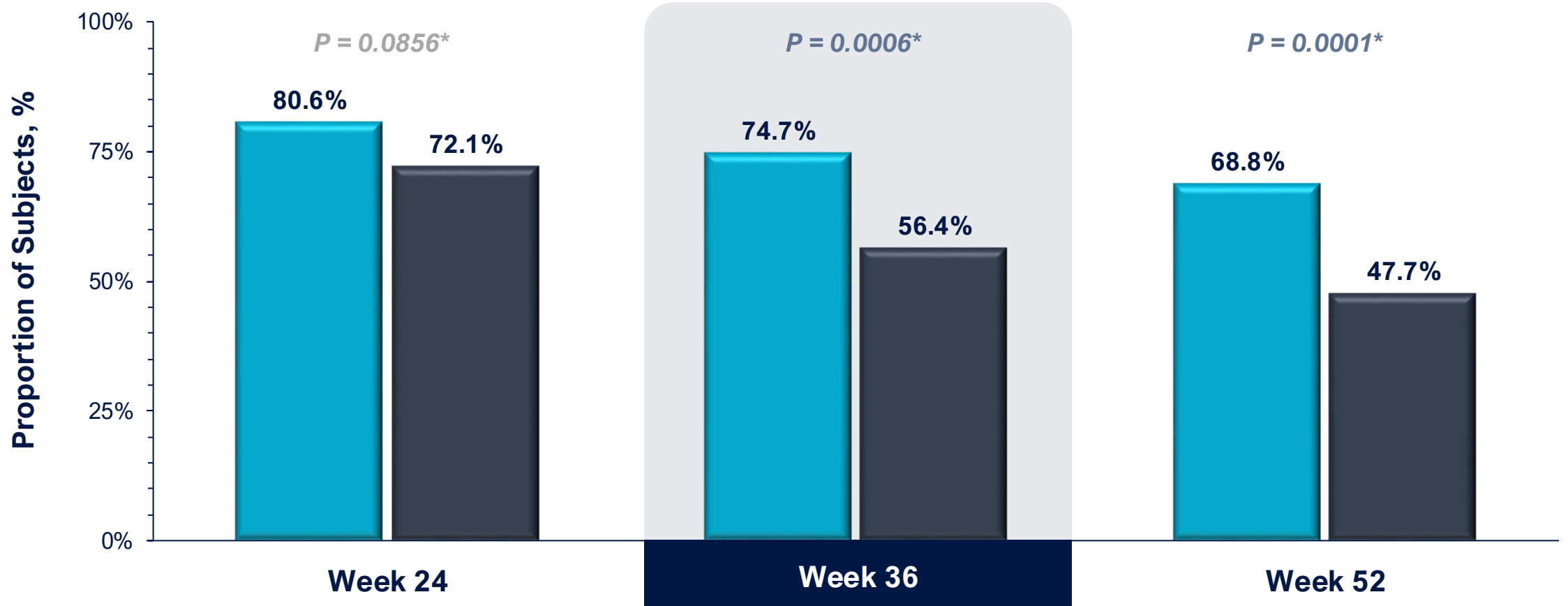
Secondary Endpoint

Significantly decreased rates of vision loss with OTX-TKI



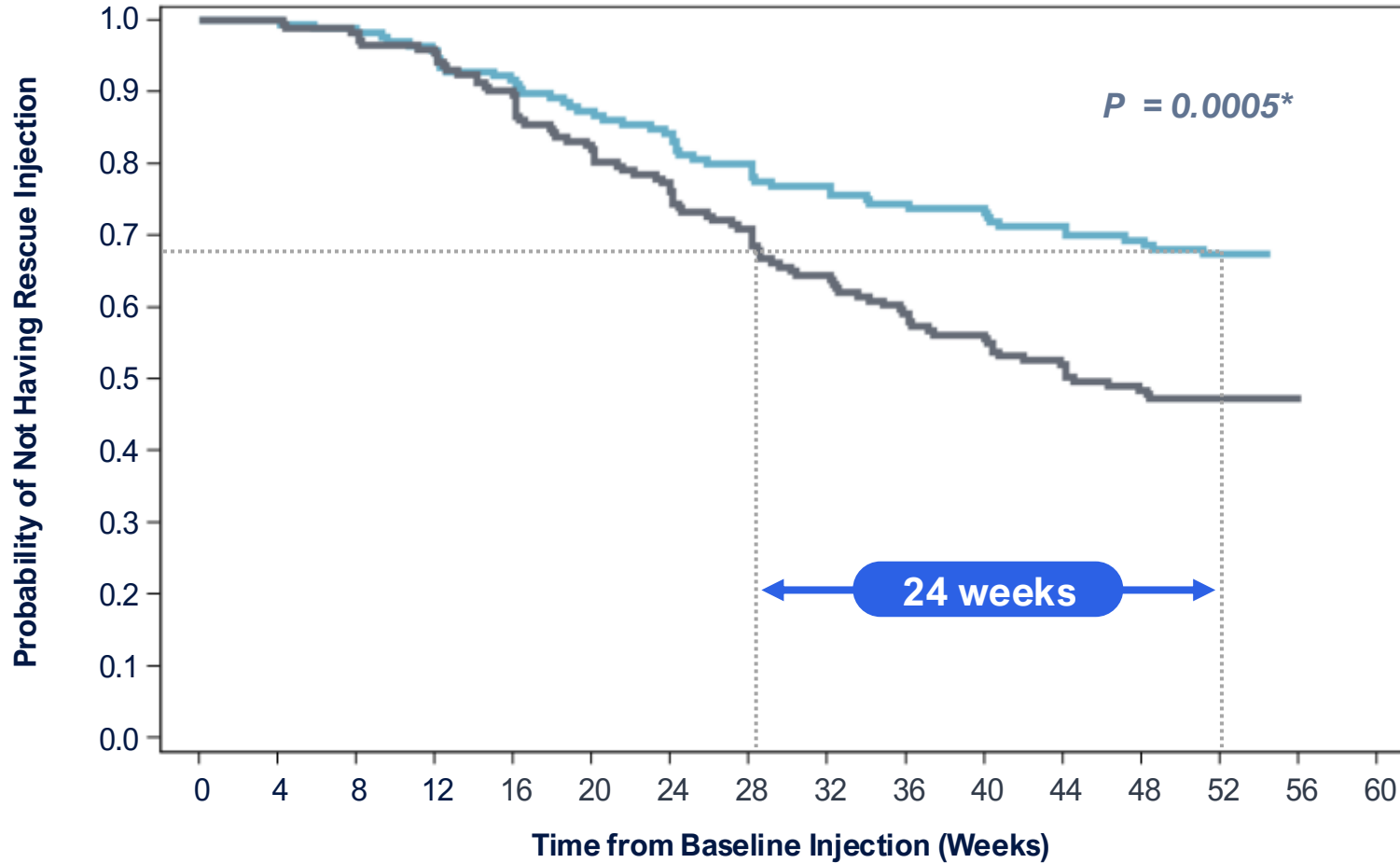
Proportion of Rescue Free Subjects

Significant reduction in need for rescue treatment through week 52



Secondary Endpoint: Time to First Rescue Treatment

OTX-TKI meaningfully extended durability, significantly delaying first rescue injection



Mean Change in BCVA and CSFT Over Time

75% of OTX-TKI subjects were rescue-free with maintenance of visual acuity and anatomy at Week 36



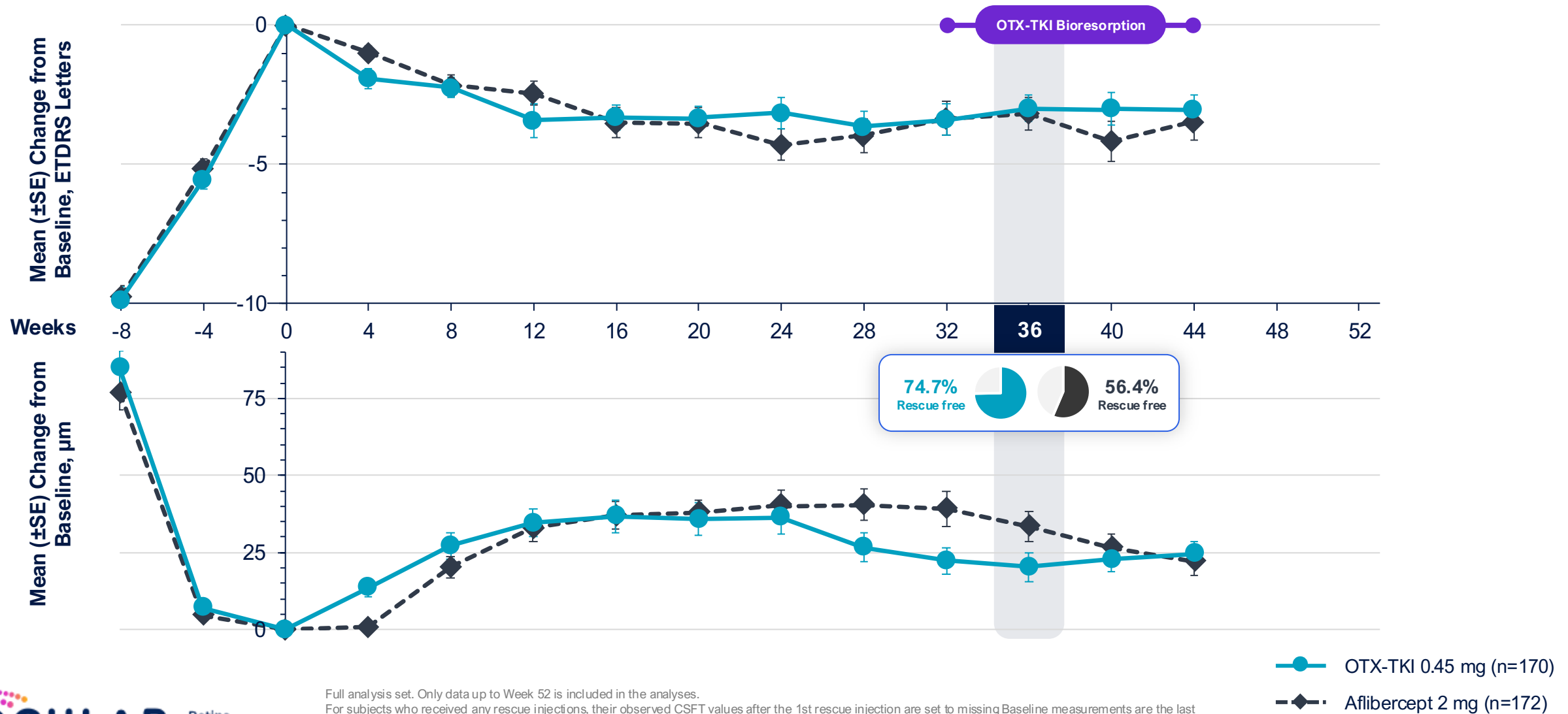
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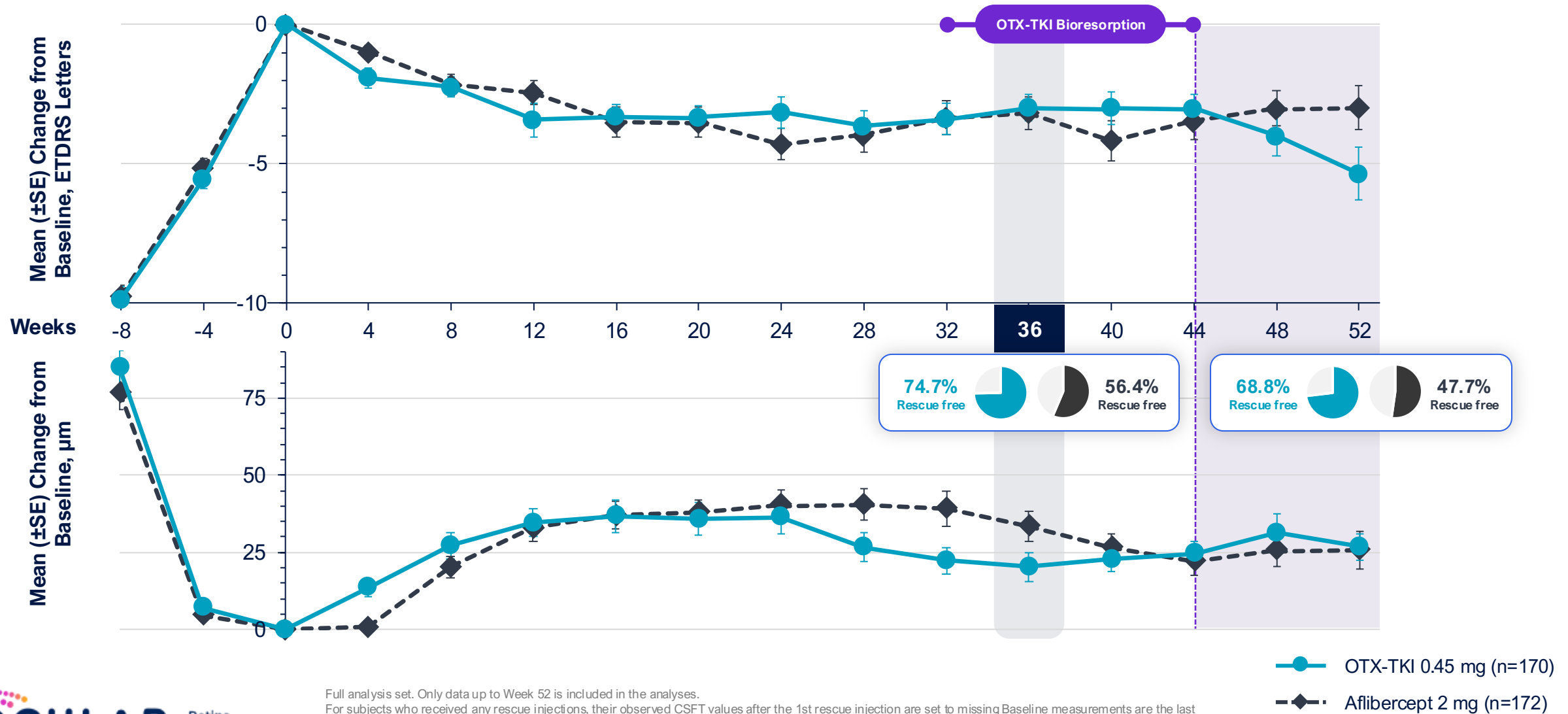
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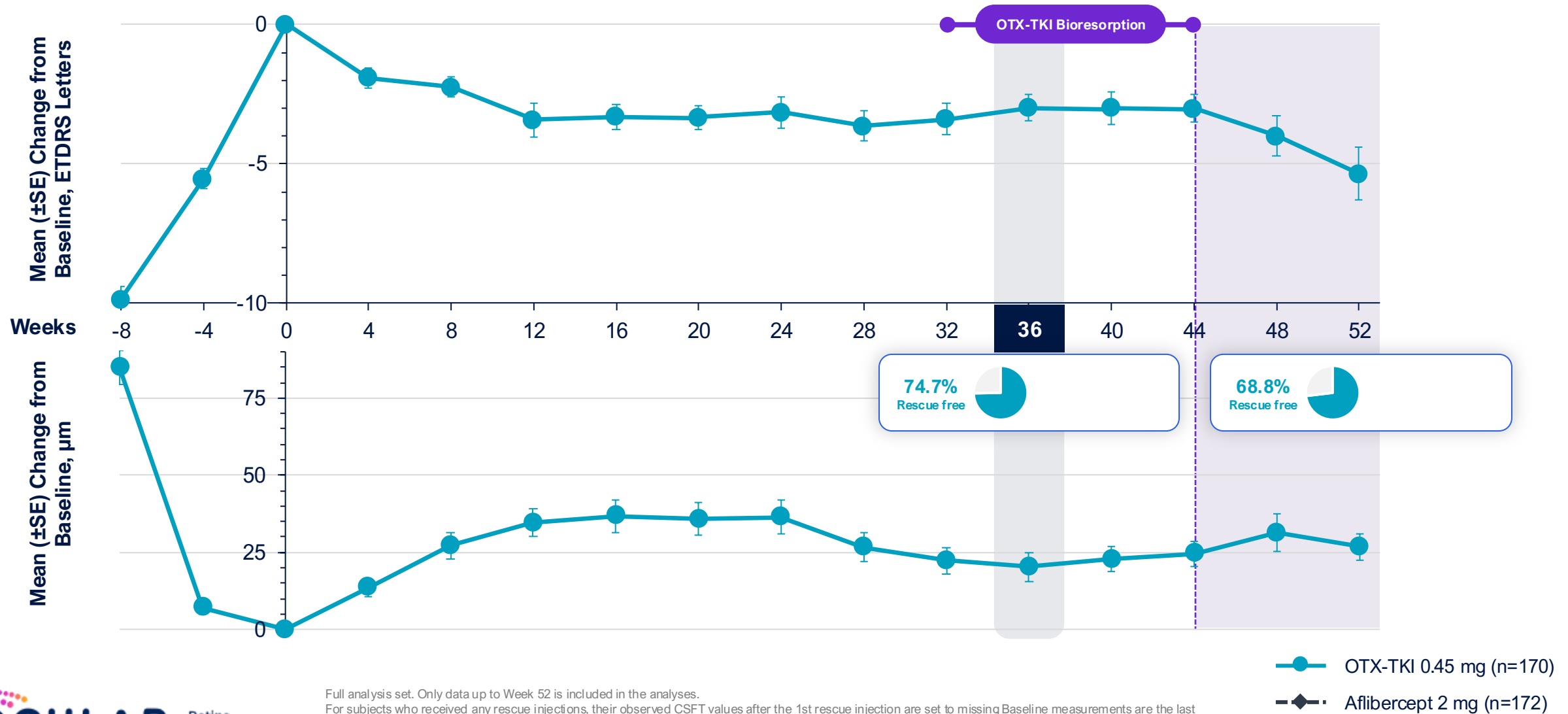
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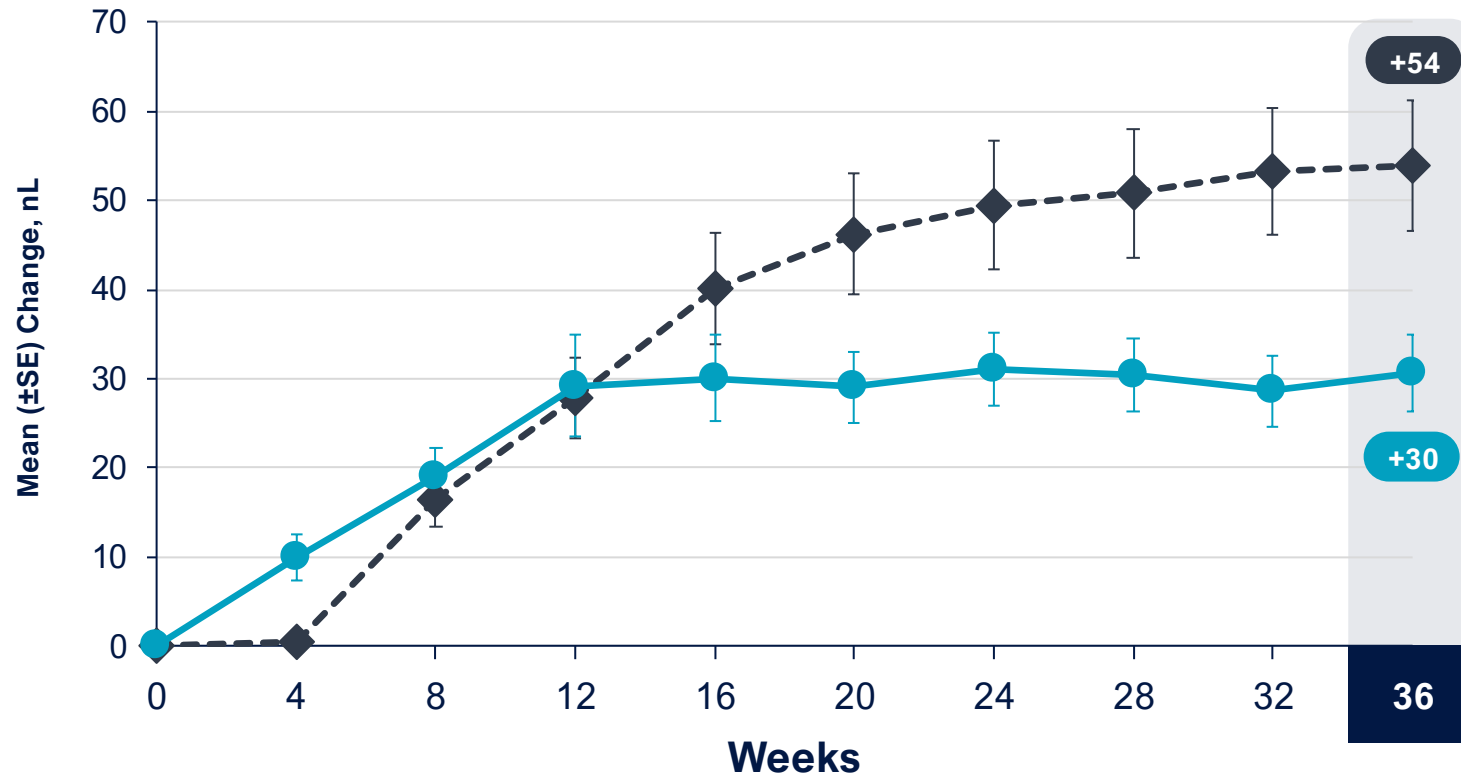
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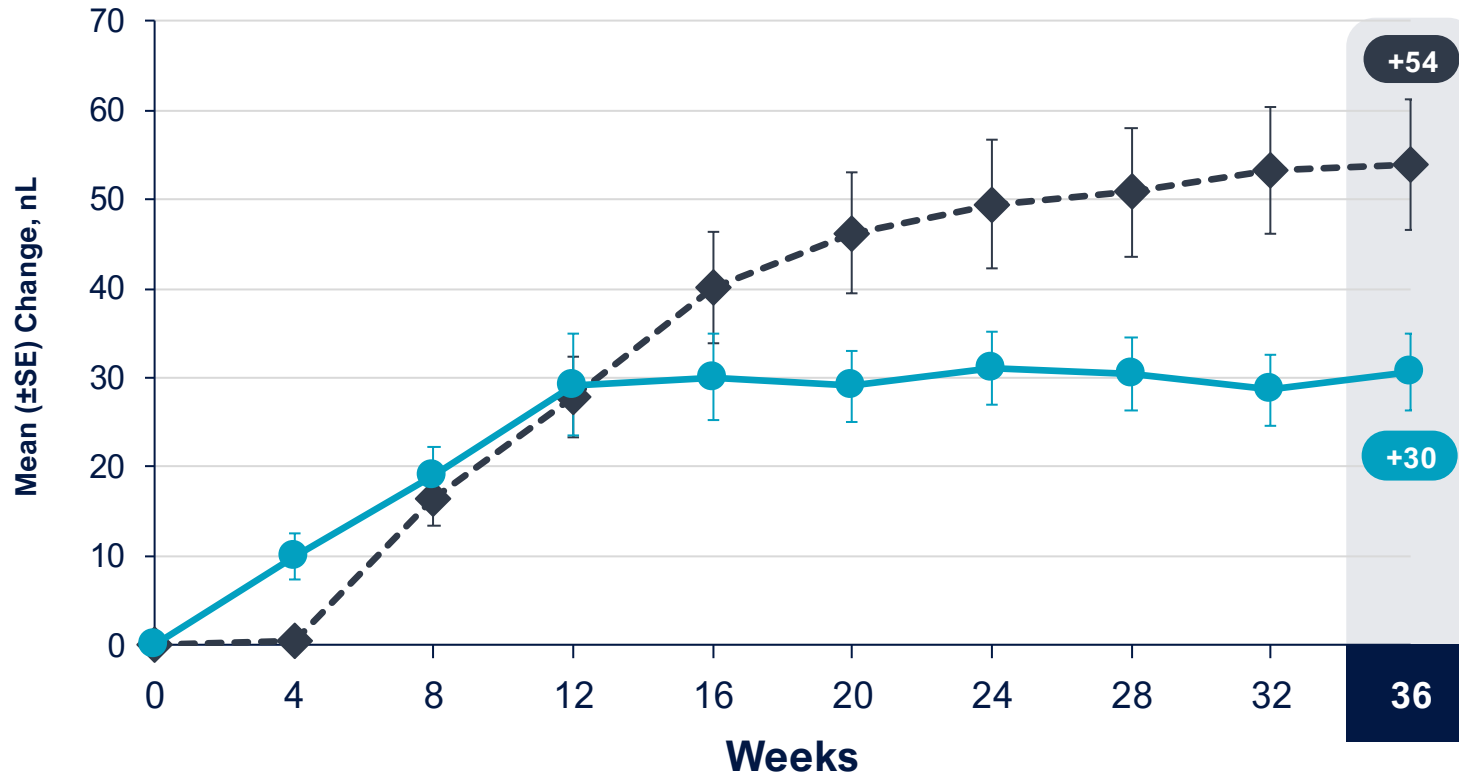
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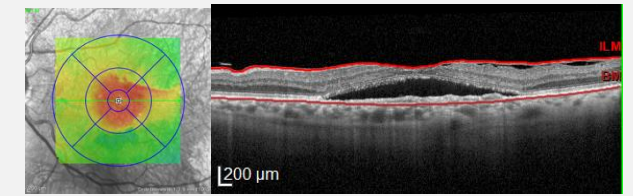
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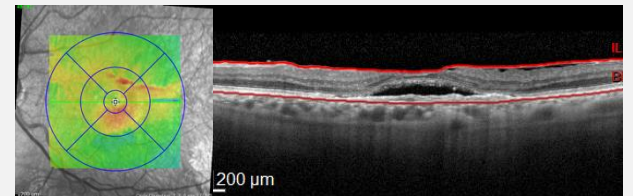
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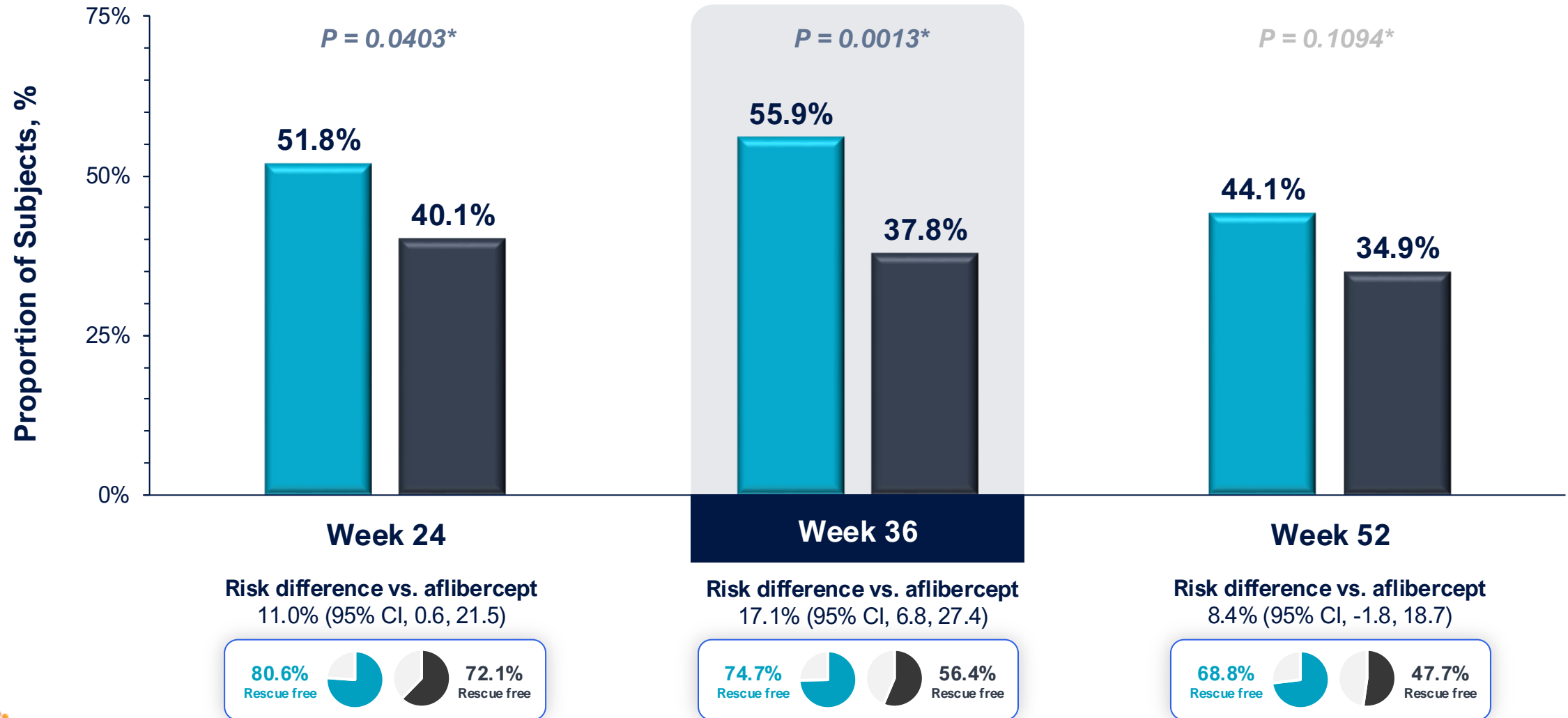
Total Fluid Volume: 30 nL



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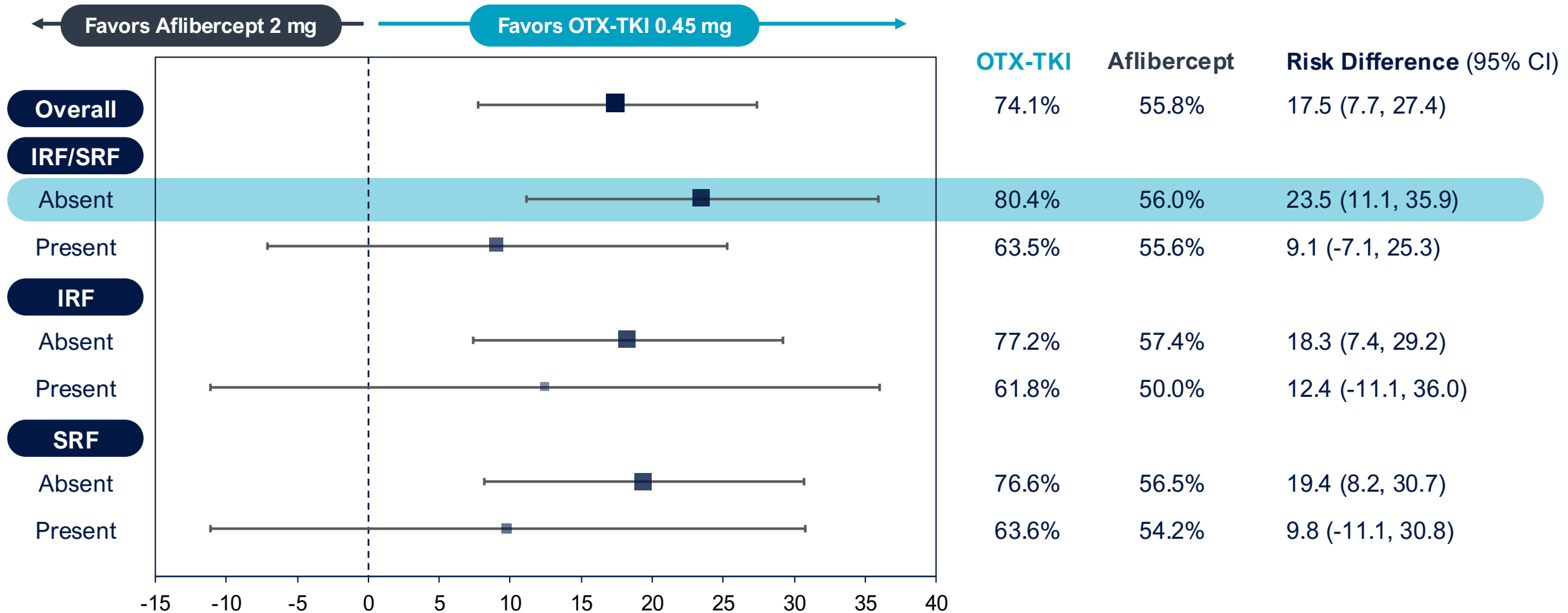
Proportion of Subjects with $\leq 30 \mu\text{m}$ Increase in CSFT vs Baseline

Superior fluid control in OTX-TKI arm



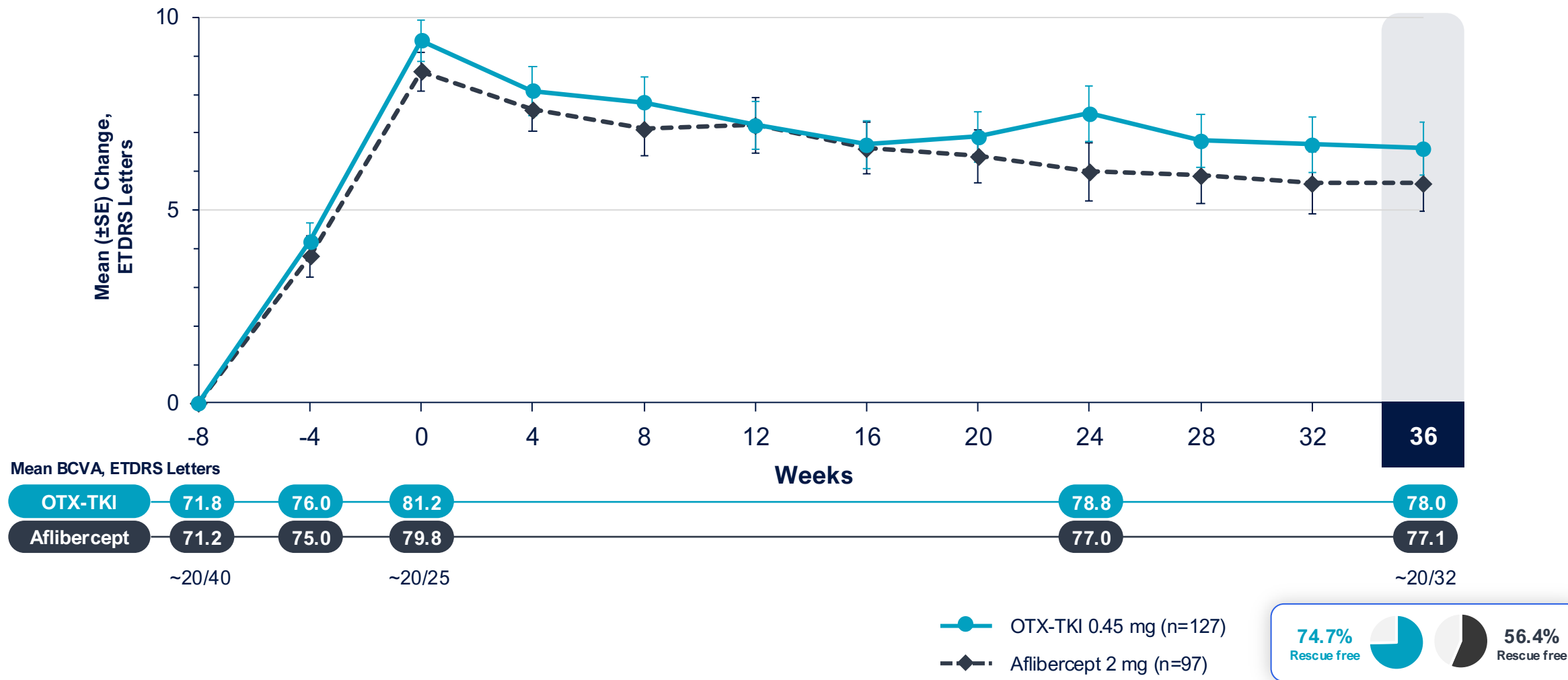
Effect of Baseline Fluid Status and Maintaining Vision* at Week 36

Subjects who were dry at baseline, maintained vision* with OTK-TKI



Visual Outcomes in Rescue-free Subjects through Week 36

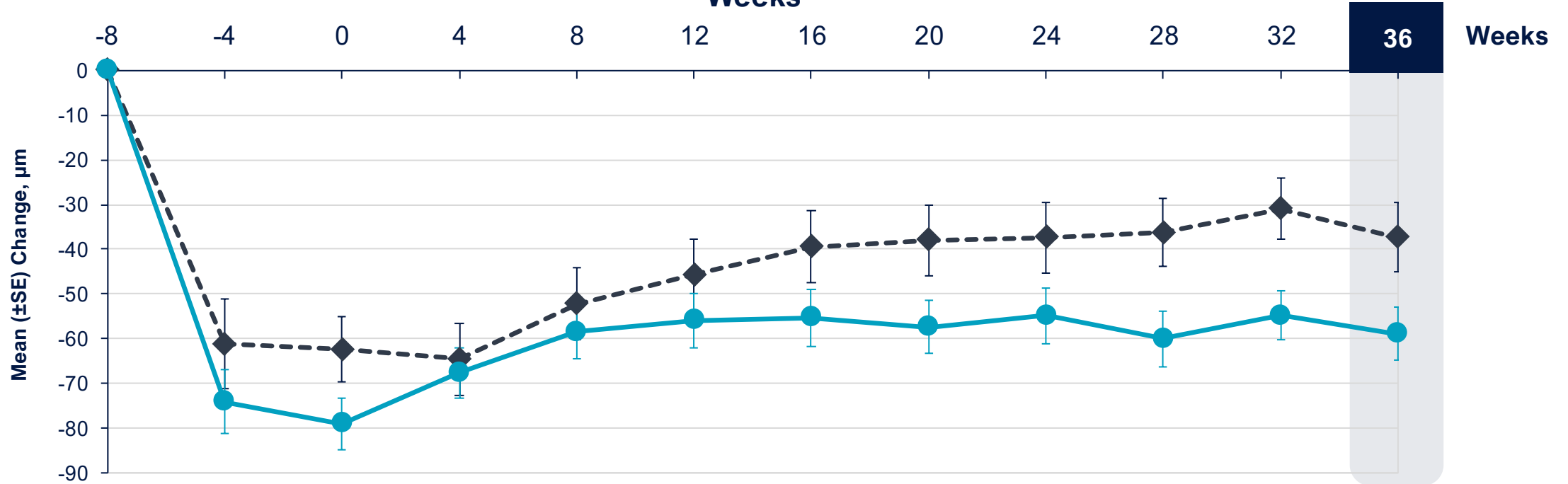
75% of OTX-TKI subjects were rescue-free vs 56% of aflibercept subjects



OCT Outcomes in Rescue-free Subjects through Week 36

Better disease control demonstrated in a greater proportion of OTX-TKI subjects

Weeks



Mean CSFT, µm

Group	Week -8	Week -4	Week 0	Week 4	Week 8	Week 12	Week 16	Week 20	Week 24	Week 28	Week 32	Week 36
OTX-TKI	297.7	227.1	218.9	218.9	218.9	218.9	218.9	218.9	218.9	218.9	218.9	238.3
Aflibercept	283.6	229.3	223.0	223.0	223.0	223.0	223.0	223.0	223.0	223.0	223.0	249.8

- OTX-TKI 0.45 mg (n=127)
- ◆ Aflibercept 2 mg (n=97)



SOL-1: Key Efficacy Outcomes

Superior Visual Outcomes

74% of OTX-TKI subjects maintained vision* to Week 36

Two-thirds of OTX-TKI subjects maintained vision* to Week 52

Superior Anatomic Control

56% of OTX-TKI subjects had $\leq 30 \mu\text{m}$ increase in fluid to Week 36

Robust intraretinal and subretinal fluid control

Durable CSFT control up to Week 52

Superior Rescue-Free Rates

75% of OTX-TKI subjects rescue-free to Week 36

Reduced cumulative rescue injection burden up to Week 52

Significantly reduced risk of requiring rescue over time up to Week 52

OTX-TKI is a novel, first-in-class, sustained delivery platform with 9-12 month durability

Safety Results

Treatment Tolerability through Week 52

Patricio G. Schlottmann, MD

Safety Summary: Non-Ocular Events

No treatment or procedure related SAEs

Subjects with Non-Ocular AEs Through Week 52, n (%)	OTX-TKI 0.45 mg n = 170	Aflibercept 2 mg n = 172
Non-ocular AEs		
≥ 1 AE	84 (49.4)	73 (42.4)
≥ 1 SAE	19 (11.2)	21 (12.2)
≥ 1 treatment-related AE	0	0
≥ 1 treatment-related SAE	0	0
≥ 1 study procedure-related AE	1 (0.6)	0
≥ 1 study procedure-related SAE	0	0
AE leading to study discontinuation	3 (1.8)	3 (1.7)
AE leading to death*	2 (1.2)	1 (0.6)

Safety Summary: Ocular Events in the Study Eye

No treatment or procedure related SAEs

Subjects with Ocular AEs Through Week 52, n (%)	OTX-TKI 0.45 mg n = 170	Aflibercept 2 mg n = 172
Ocular AEs in the study eye		
≥ 1 AE	90 (52.9)	58 (33.7)
≥ 1 SAE*	1 (0.6)	0
≥ 1 treatment-related AE	15 (8.8)	1 (0.6)
≥ 1 treatment-related SAE	0	0
≥ 1 study procedure-related AE	15 (8.8)	7 (4.1)
≥ 1 study procedure-related SAE	0	0
Ocular AE leading to study discontinuation	0	0

Ocular Adverse Events in the Study Eye

OTX-TKI was generally well tolerated

Subjects with Ocular AEs (> 2%) Through Week 52, n (%)	OTX-TKI 0.45 mg n = 170	Aflibercept 2 mg n = 172
Vitreous floaters	21 (12.4)	2 (1.2)
Cataract	12 (7.1)	5 (2.9)
Conjunctival hemorrhage	11 (6.5)	5 (2.9)
Retinal hemorrhage	10 (5.9)	17 (9.9)
Dry eye	7 (4.1)	2 (1.2)
Vitreous detachment	7 (4.1)	3 (1.7)
Punctate keratitis	6 (3.5)	0
Vitreous opacities	6 (3.5)	0
Eye pain	5 (2.9)	1 (0.6)
Anterior chamber opacity	4 (2.4)	0
Posterior capsule opacification	4 (2.4)	6 (3.5)

There were no cases of endophthalmitis, occlusive or non-occlusive retinal vasculitis

Safety Across nAMD Trials

OTX-TKI relative to other therapeutic agents

	SOL-1		DAVIO2 ¹	Prescribing Information			
	OTX-TKI (0.45 mg) n=170	Aflibercept (2 mg) n=172	EYP-1901 (3 mg) n=52	Aflibercept ² (2 mg)	Aflibercept ³ (8 mg)	Ranibizumab ⁴ (0.5 mg)	Faricimab ⁵ (6 mg)
Vitreous floaters	12.4%	1.2%	11.5%	6%	4%	19%	3%
Cataract	7.1%	2.9%	9.6%	7%	4%	11%	3%
Vision Blurred	0.0%	1.7%	N/A	2%	6%	13% [†]	<1%
Visual Acuity Reduced	1.2%	0.6%	15.4%	N/A	N/A	N/A	<1%
Endophthalmitis	0%	0%	5.8%	<1%	0%	<0.1%	<1%

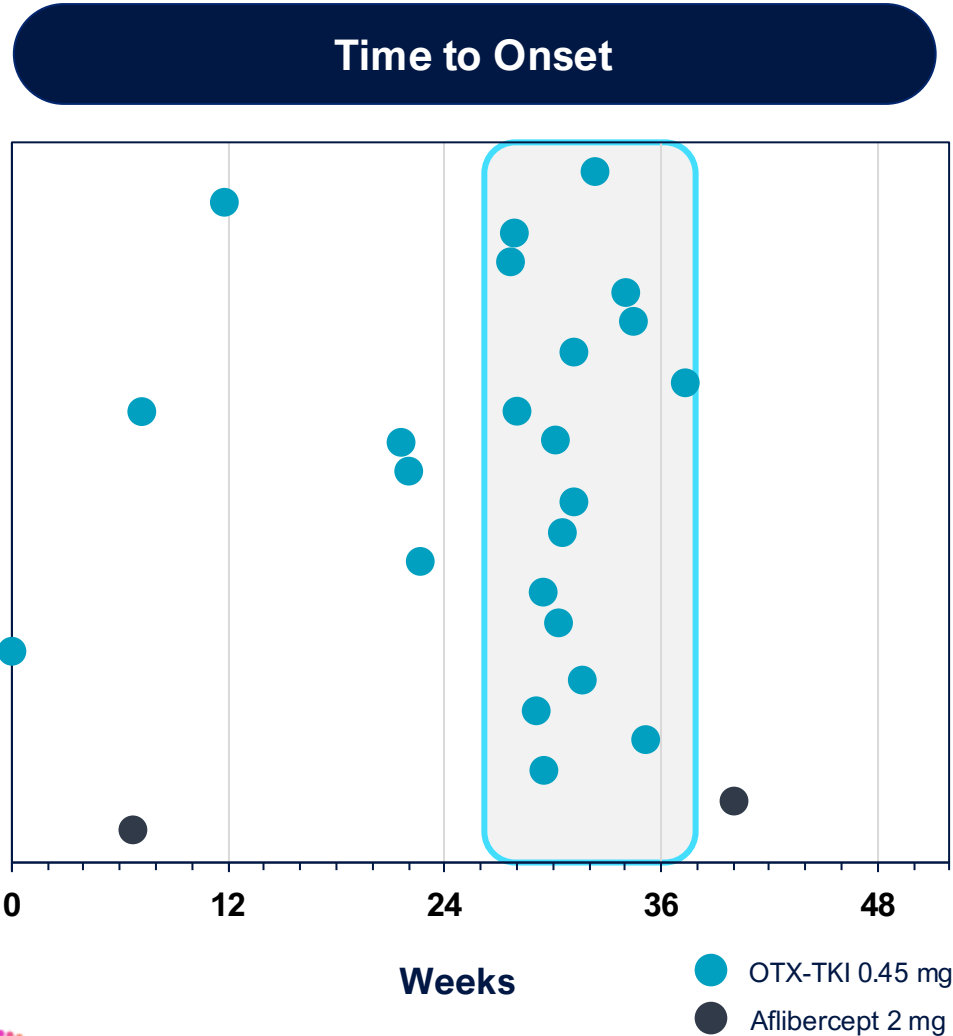
*Event rates in Q16W (every 16 weeks) arm;

†Includes both vision blur or vision disturbance

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Evaluation of Vitreous Floaters

Appearance of floaters likely corresponds to hydrogel dissolution and drug elution



	OTX-TKI 0.45 mg n = 23*	Aflibercept 2 mg n = 2
Time to onset, days		
Mean (SD)	187.9 (64.0)	164.5 (164.8)
Median	207.0	164.5
BCVA change from prior visit before onset of floaters, ETDRS letters		
Mean change (SD)	-0.4 (5.0)	-5.5 (6.4)
Median change	0.0	-5.5

- All cases were mild to moderate in severity with minimal impact on vision
- No evidence of IOI
- No case observed to be associated with cataract formation

Evaluation of Intraocular Inflammation (IOI)

Cases were mild/moderate in severity and resolved with topical treatment

- Nine events observed in 7 subjects in the OTX-TKI arm
- **All cases mild or moderate** in severity:
 - 8 events treated with topical corticosteroids and resolved
 - 1 event (vitreous cells), mild in severity, resolved without treatment

MedDRA AE Event	Number of Subjects	Classified as*
AC inflammation	1	Iritis
Eye inflammation	1	
Iridocyclitis	1	
Iritis	2	Uveitis
Uveitis	1 (bilateral)	
Vitreous cells	1	Vitreous cells

There were no cases of endophthalmitis, occlusive or non-occlusive retinal vasculitis, confirmed by wide-field fluorescein angiography in uveitis cases (Reading Center graded)

AC, anterior chamber

SOL-1: Safety Summary

OTX-TKI was generally well tolerated through Week 52

Vitreous Floaters

Timing likely corresponds with hydrogel dissolution and drug elution

No visual acuity impact

Not observed to be associated with IOI or cataracts

Intraocular Inflammation

Mild or moderate in severity per investigator

All resolved with topical treatment or observation

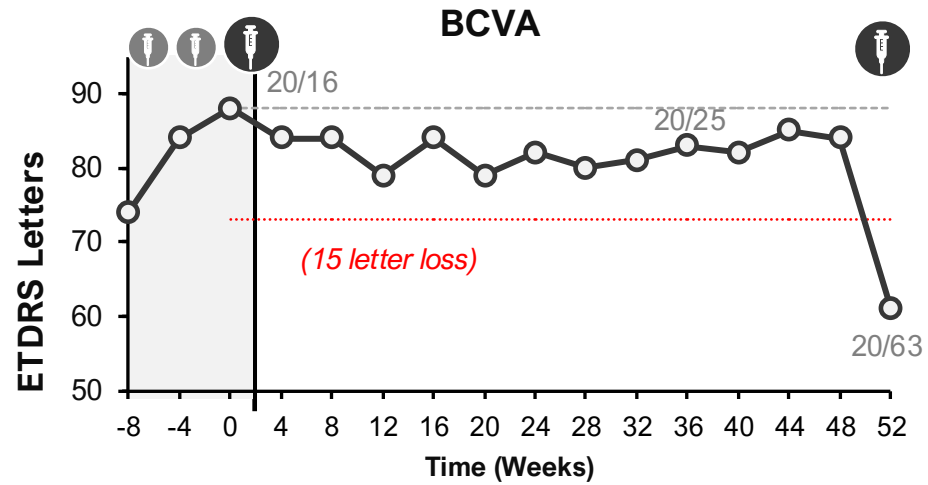
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Clinical Evidence

Representative Cases

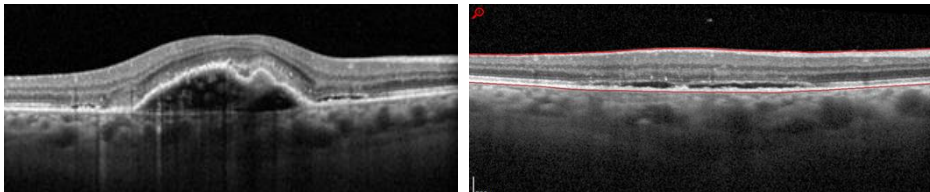
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Aflibercept Case 1




-8 Weeks

BCVA: 74 Ltrs CSFT: 227 μm



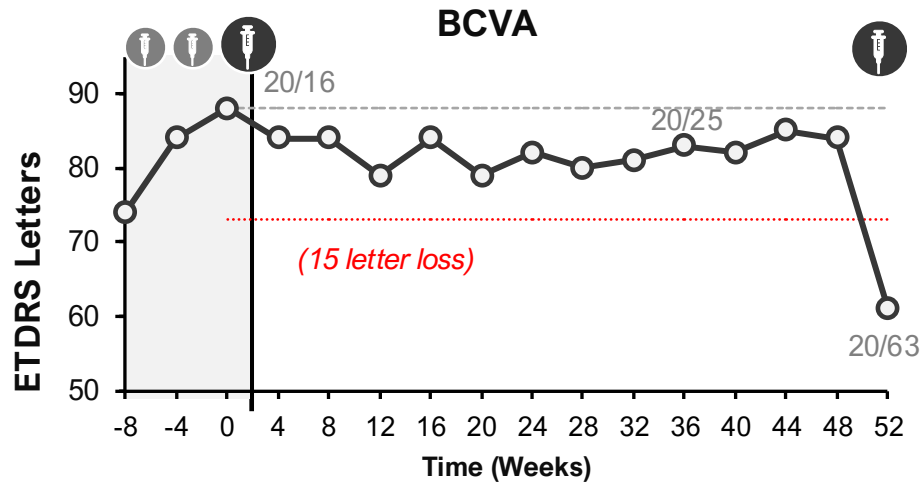
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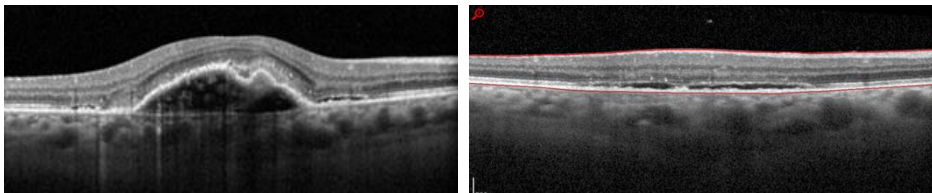
Case study of one subject; individual results may vary
BCVA, best corrected visual acuity; CSFT, central subfield thickness; ETDRS, Early Treatment Diabetic Retinopathy Study; Ltrs, letters


Aflibercept Case 1




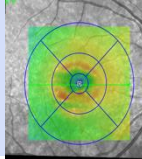
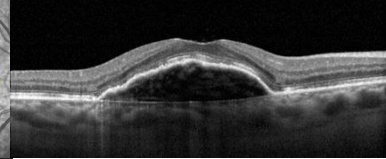
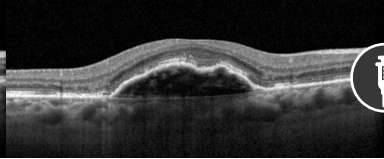

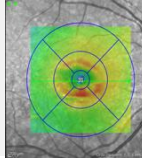
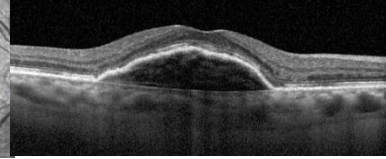
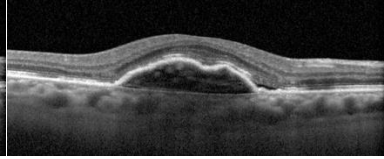
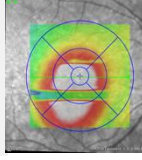
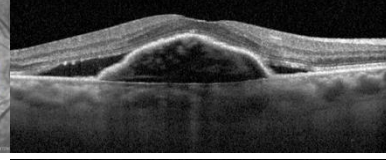
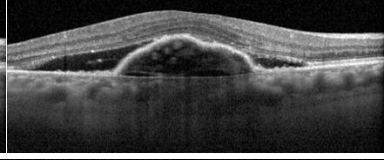

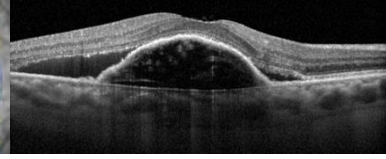
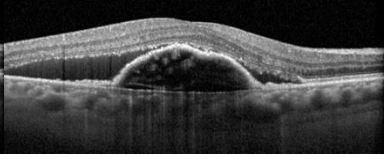
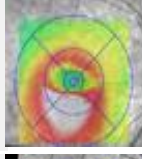
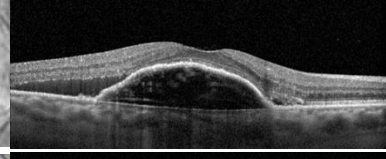
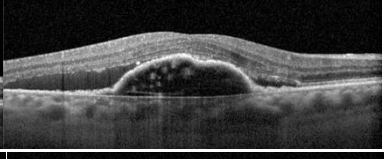
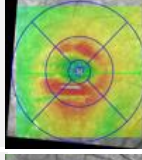
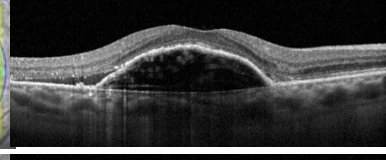
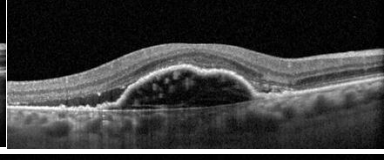
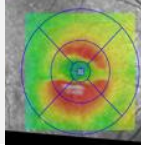
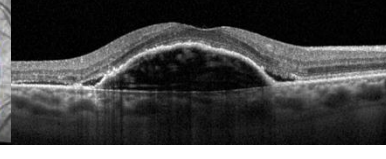
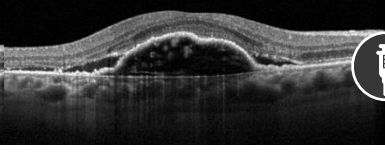

-8 Weeks

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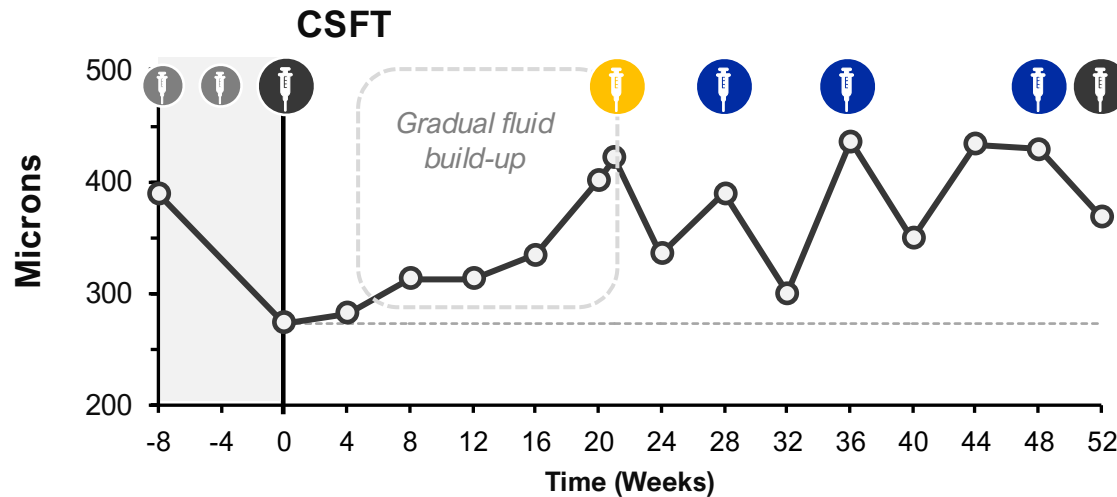
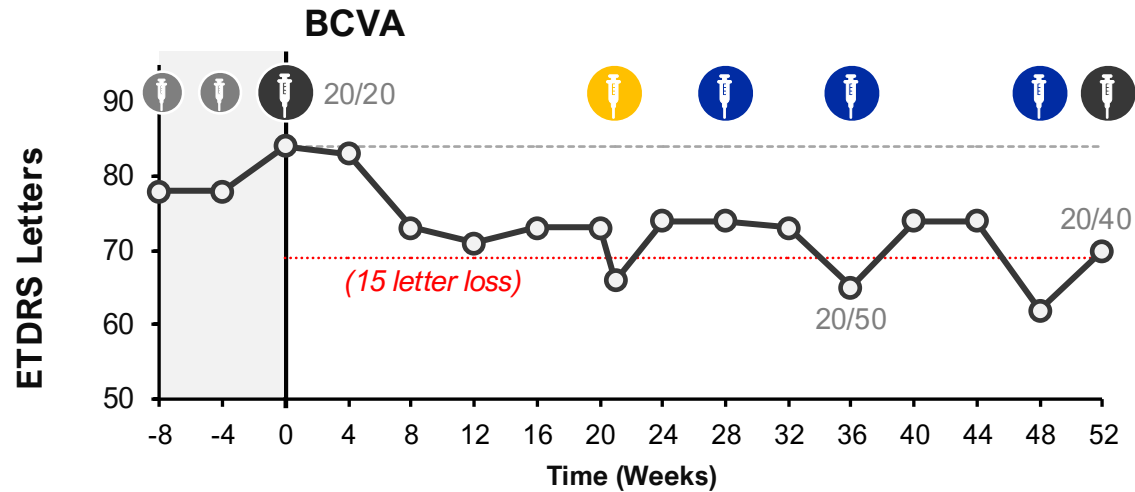


 Screening
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 Study
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Baseline	BCVA: 88 Ltrs <i>Snellen: 20/16</i> CSFT: 210 μm				
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Week 48	BCVA (Δ): 84 (-4) Ltrs CSFT (Δ): 203 (-7) μm				
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Aflibercept Case 2



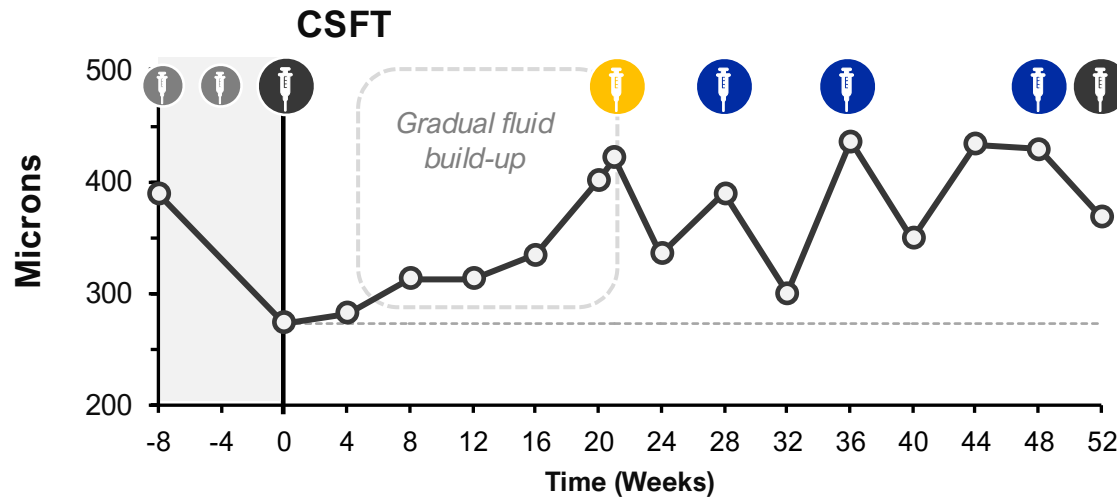
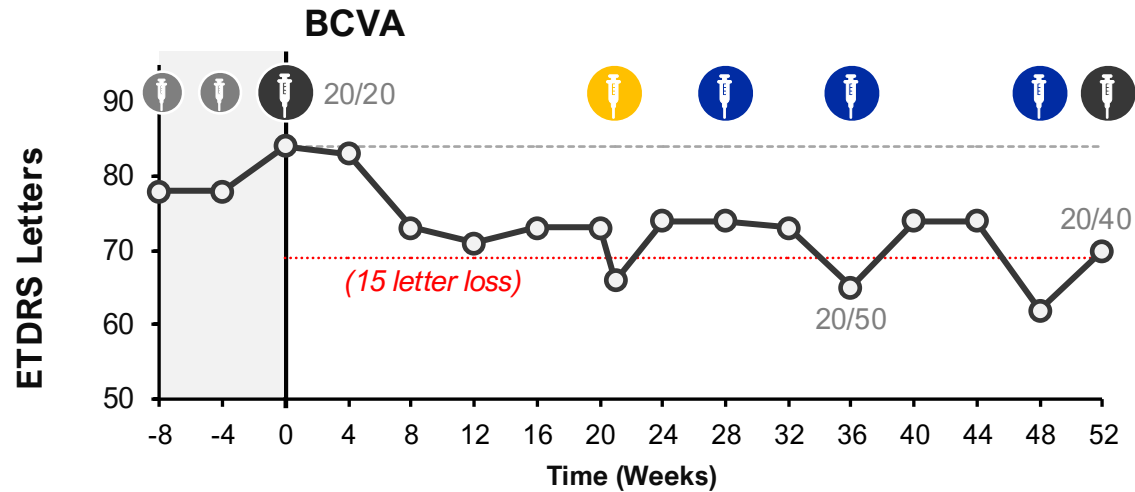
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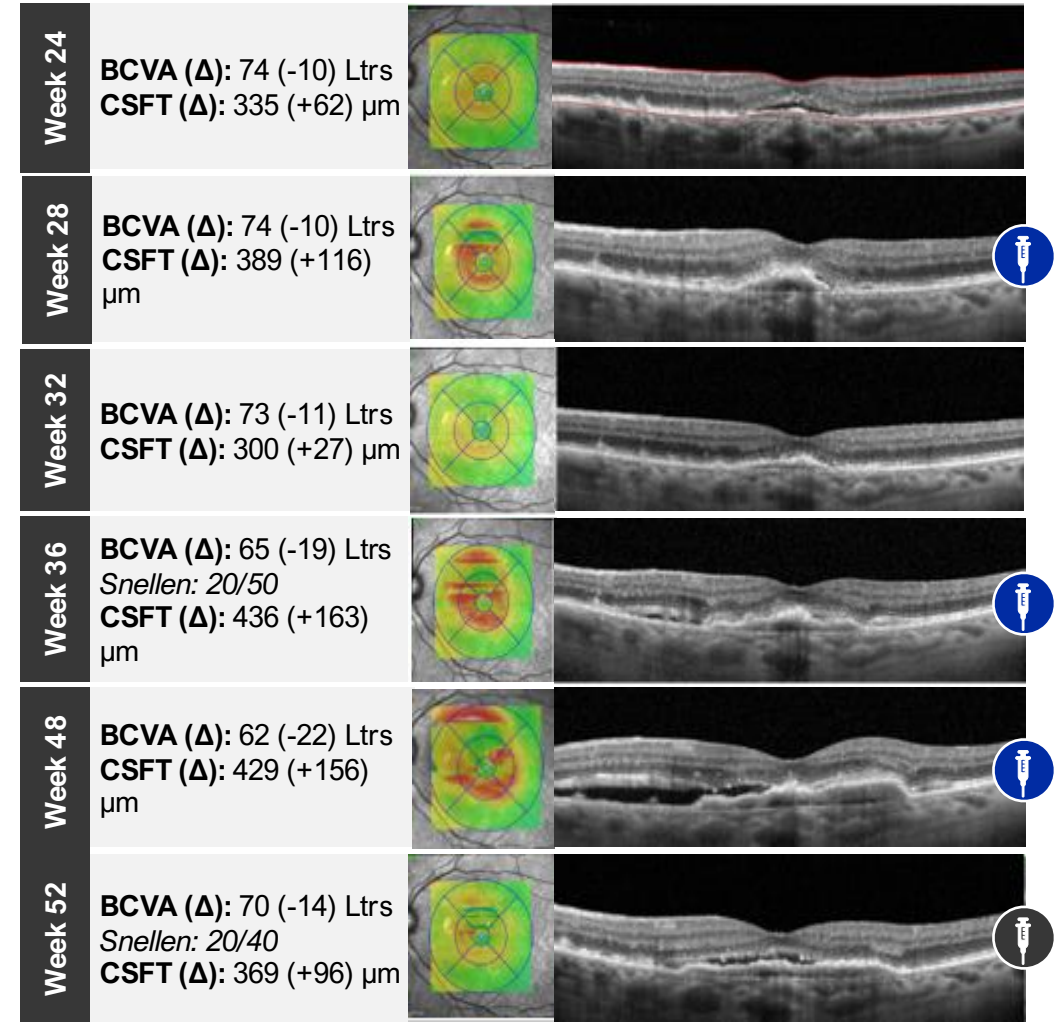
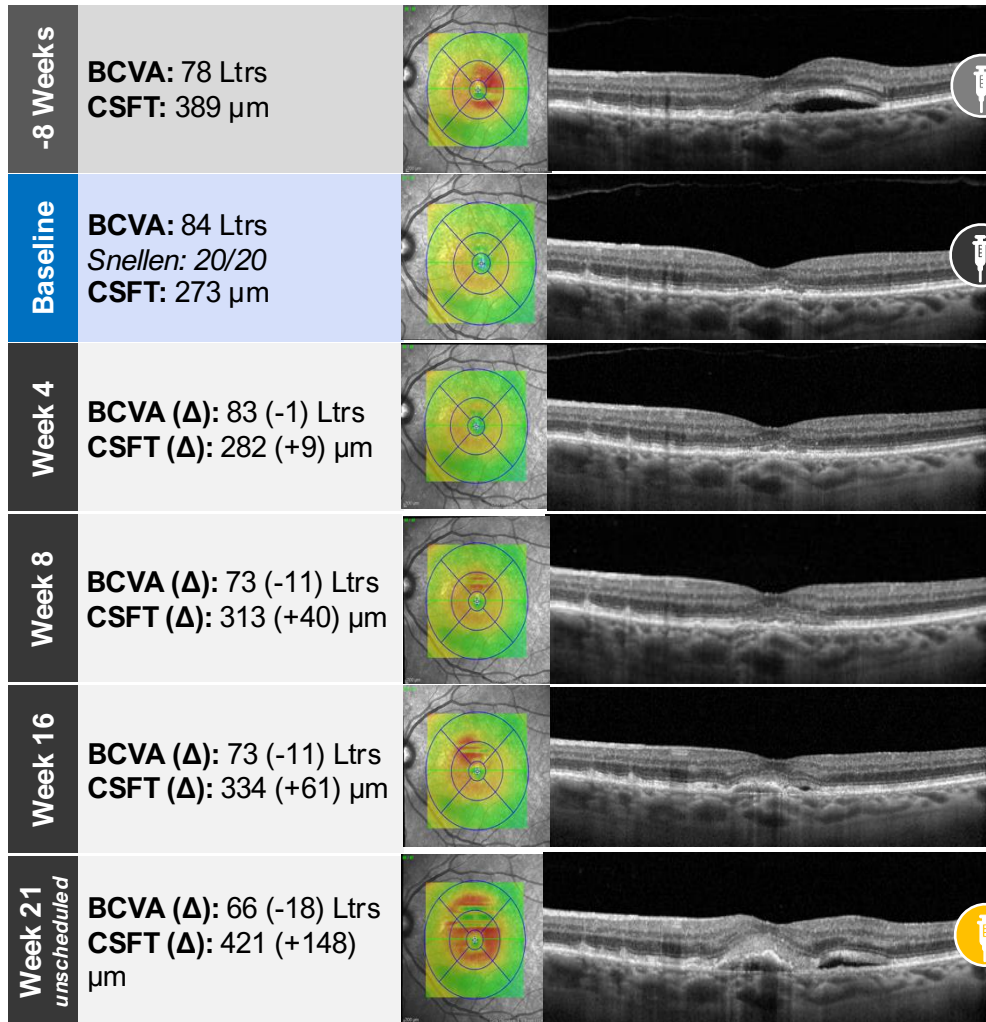
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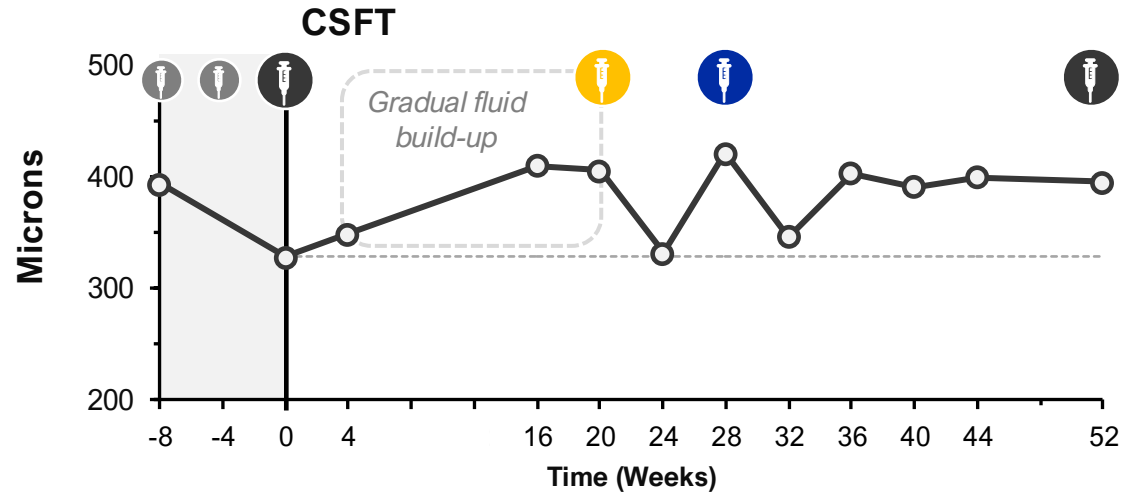
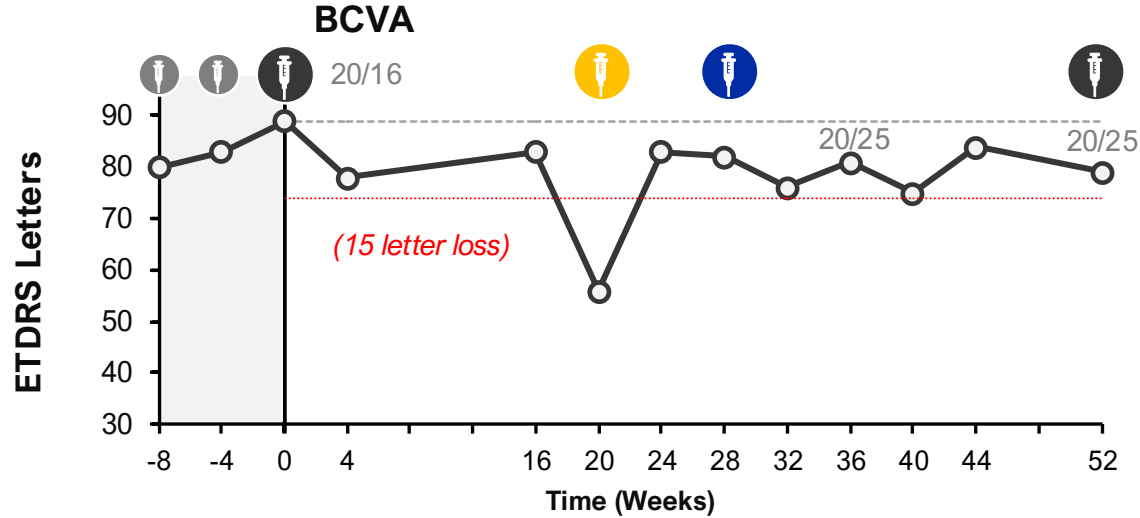
 Study Aflibercept (2 mg)

 Per-Protocol Rescue Aflibercept (2mg)

 Investigator Discretion Rescue



Aflibercept Case 3



- Screening Aflibercept (2mg)
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- Investigator Discretion Rescue

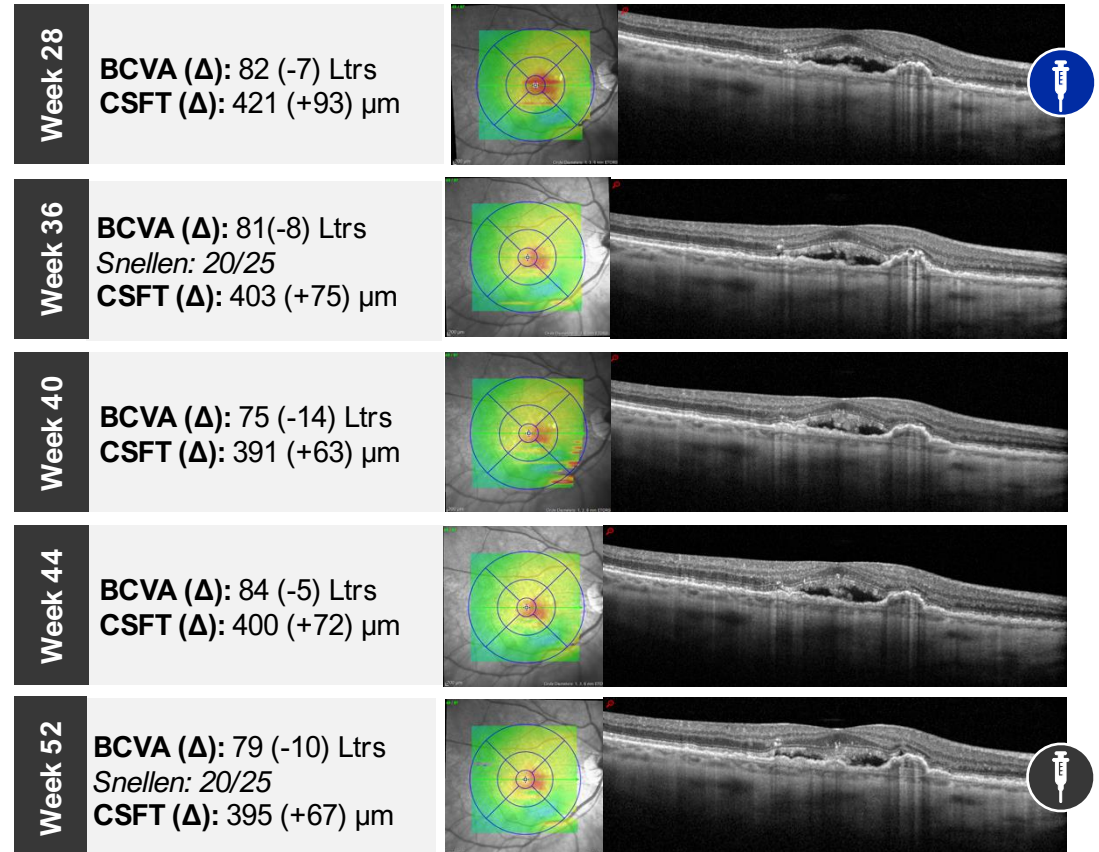
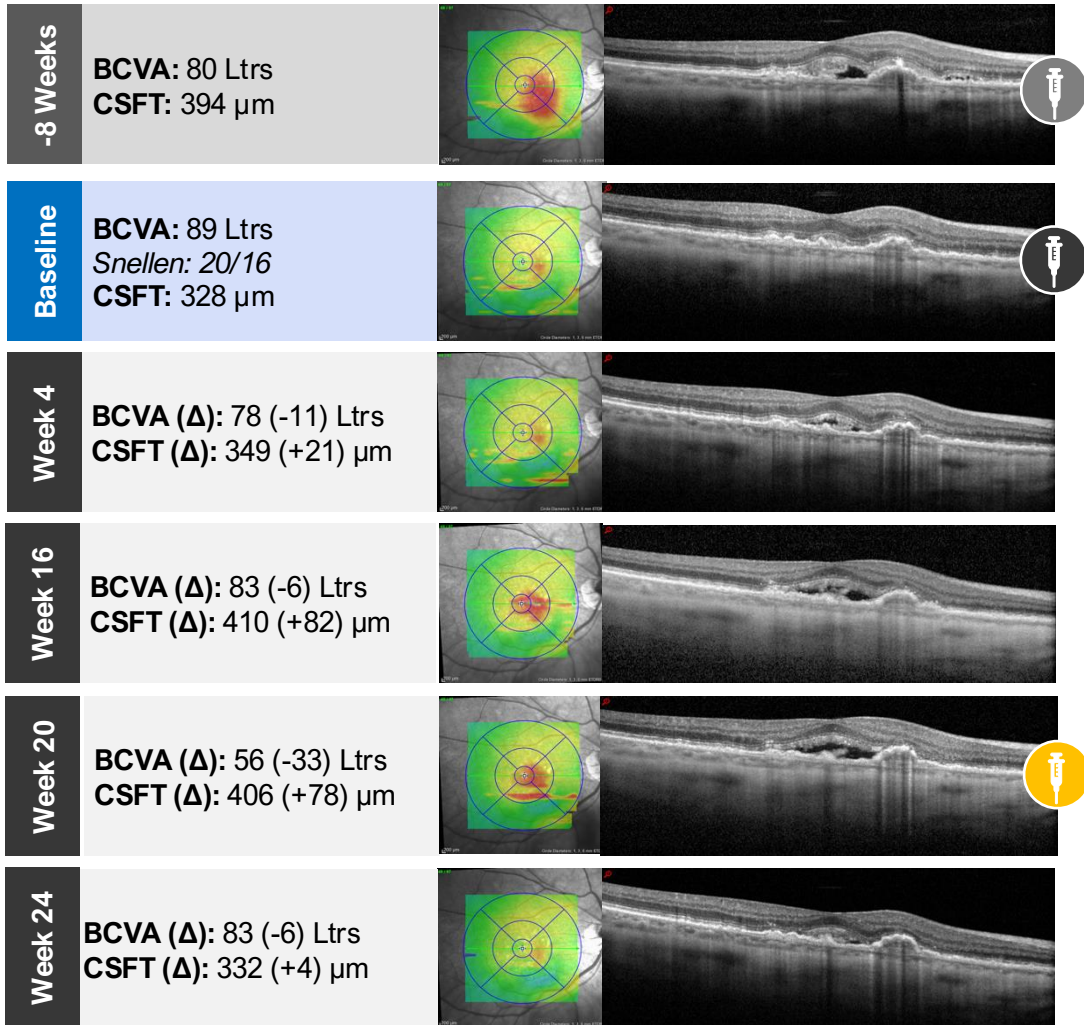


Subject missed W8/W12/W48 Visits
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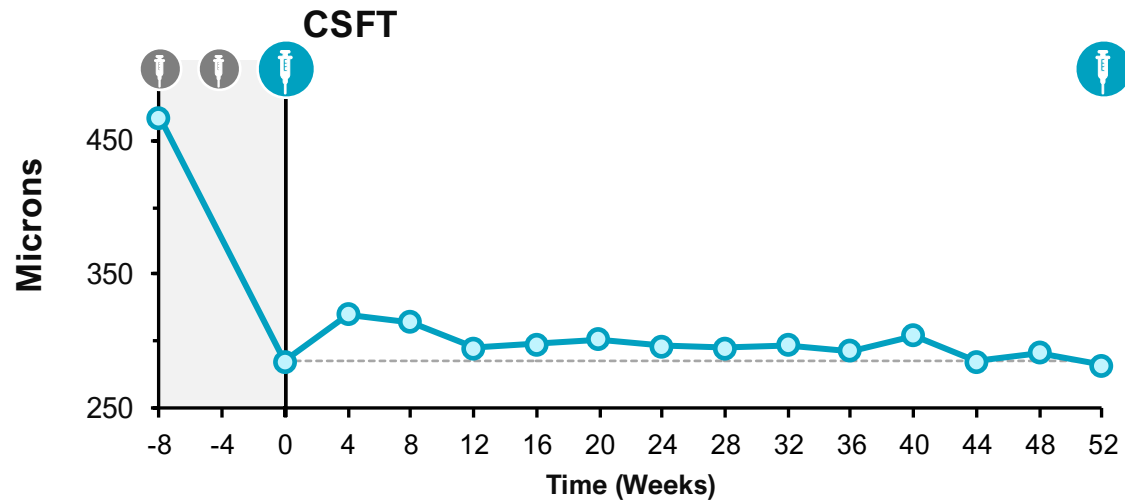
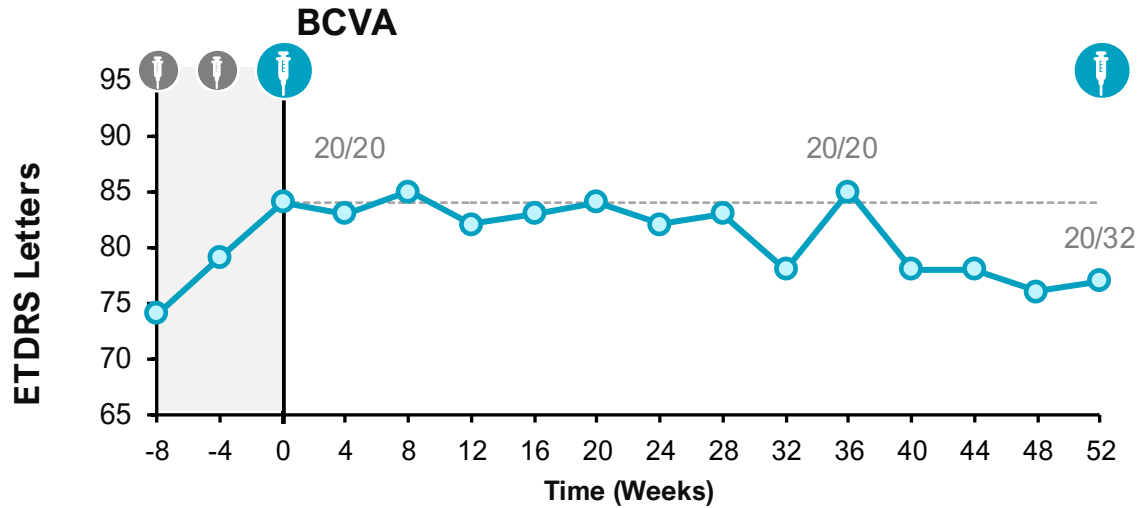
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Week 16	BCVA (Δ): 83 (-6) Ltrs CSFT (Δ): 410 (+82) μ m	
Week 20	BCVA (Δ): 56 (-33) Ltrs CSFT (Δ): 406 (+78) μ m	
Week 24	BCVA (Δ): 83 (-6) Ltrs CSFT (Δ): 332 (+4) μ m	
Week 28	BCVA (Δ): 82 (-7) Ltrs CSFT (Δ): 421 (+93) μ m	
Week 36	BCVA (Δ): 81(-8) Ltrs Snellen: 20/25 CSFT (Δ): 403 (+75) μ m	

Aflibercept Case 3

 Screening Aflibercept (2mg) injection
  Study Aflibercept (2 mg) administration
  Per-Protocol Rescue Aflibercept (2mg)
  Investigator Discretion Rescue



OTX-TKI Case 1



Screening
Aflibercept (2mg)

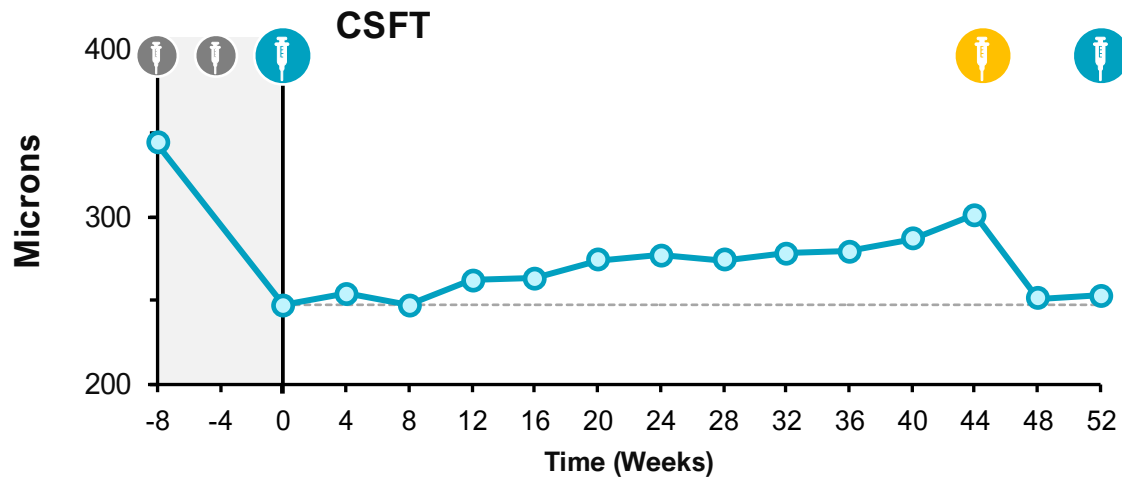
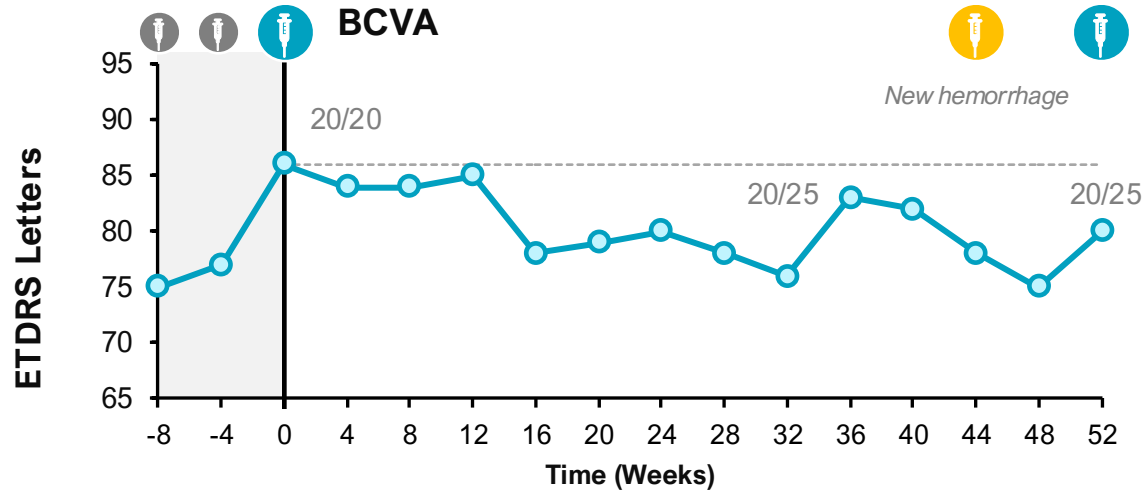
OTX-TKI
(0.45mg)



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-8 Weeks	BCVA: 74 Ltrs (-10) CSFT: 467 μ m	
Baseline	BCVA: 84 Ltrs Snellen: 20/20 CSFT: 285 μ m	
Week 4	BCVA (Δ): 83 (-1) Ltrs CSFT (Δ): 320 (+35) μ m	
Week 12	BCVA (Δ): 82 (-2) Ltrs CSFT (Δ): 295 (+10) μ m	
Week 24	BCVA (Δ): 82 (-2) Ltrs CSFT (Δ): 296 (+11) μ m	
Week 36	BCVA (Δ): 85 (+1) Ltrs Snellen: 20/20 CSFT (Δ): 293 (+8) μ m	
Week 44	BCVA (Δ): 78 (-6) Ltrs CSFT (Δ): 285 (0) μ m	
Week 52	BCVA (Δ): 77 (-7) Ltrs Snellen: 20/32 CSFT (Δ): 282 (-3) μ m	

OTX-TKI Case 2



Screening Aflibercept (2mg)

OTX-TKI (0.45mg)

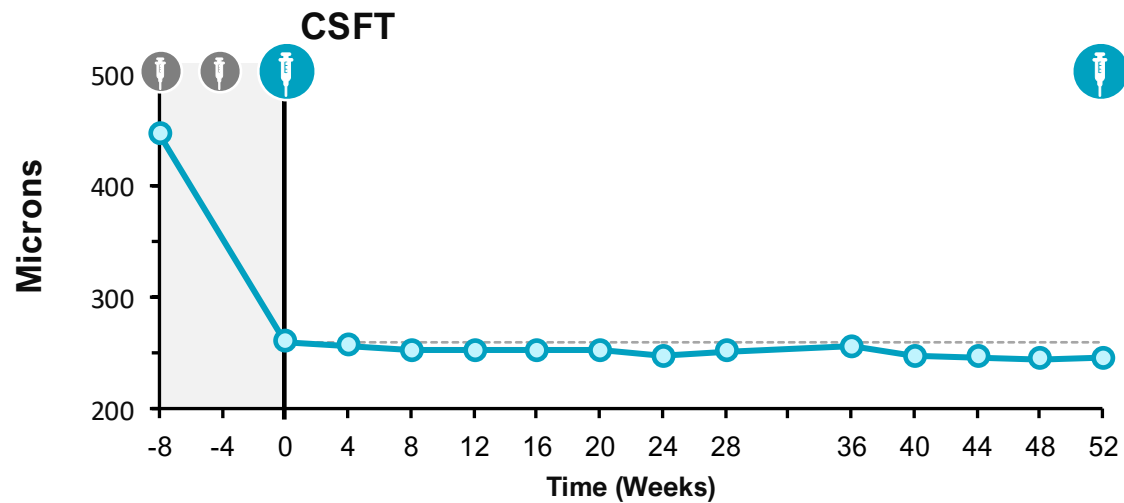
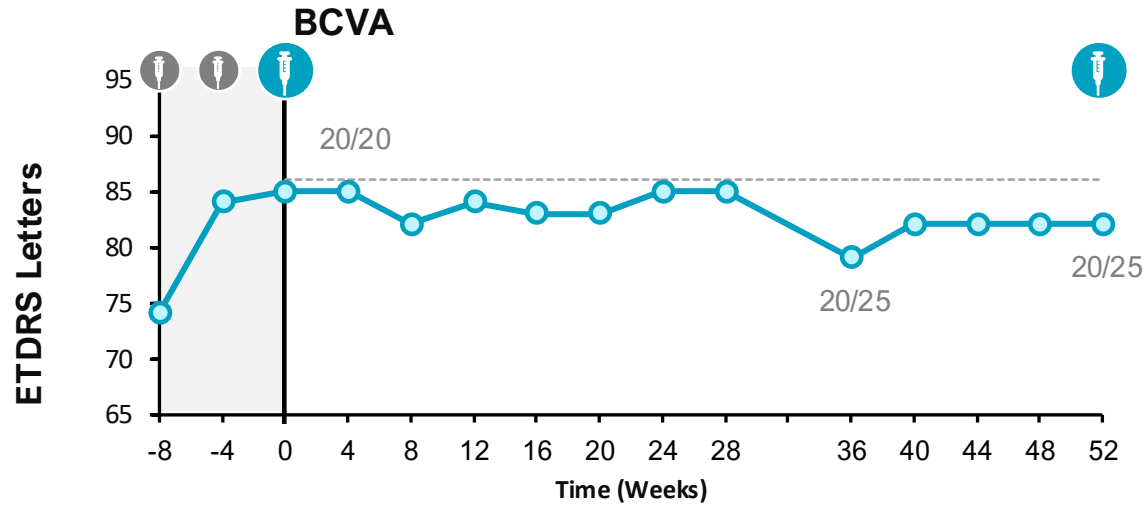
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-8 Weeks	BCVA: 75 Ltrs CSFT: 344 μ m	
Baseline	BCVA: 86 Ltrs Snellen: 20/20 CSFT: 247 μ m	
Week 4	BCVA (Δ): 84 (-2) Ltrs CSFT (Δ): 254 (+7) μ m	
Week 12	BCVA (Δ): 85 (-1) Ltrs CSFT (Δ): 262 (+15) μ m	
Week 24	BCVA (Δ): 80 (-6) Ltrs CSFT (Δ): 277 (+30) μ m	
Week 36	BCVA (Δ): 83 (-3) Ltrs Snellen: 20/25 CSFT (Δ): 279 (+32) μ m	
Week 44	BCVA (Δ): 78 (-8) Ltrs CSFT (Δ): 301 (+54) μ m	
Week 52	BCVA (Δ): 80 (-6) Ltrs Snellen: 20/25 CSFT (Δ): 253 (+6) μ m	

OTX-TKI Case 3



Screening
Aflibercept (2mg)

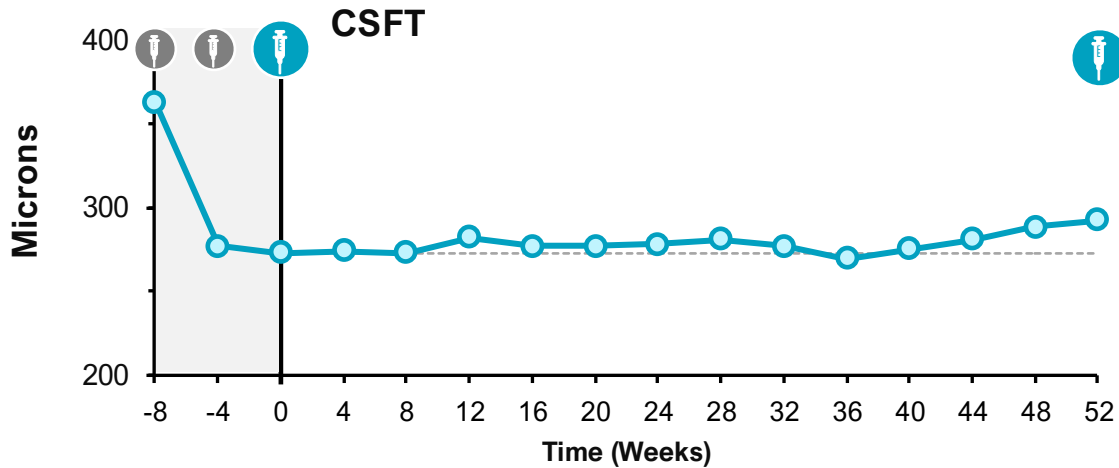
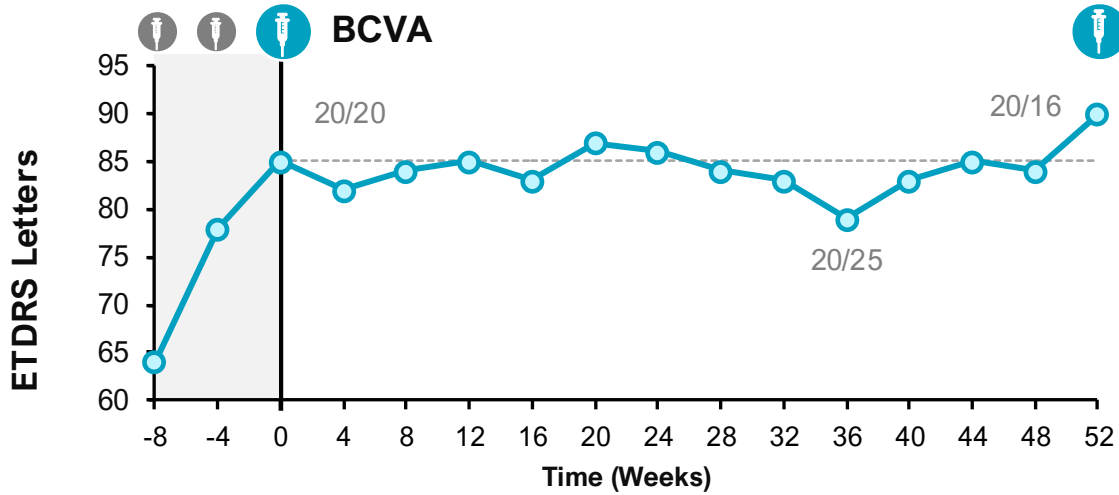
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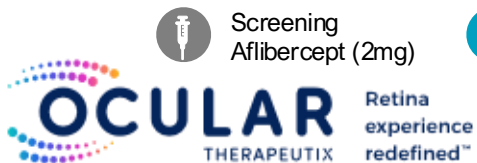
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-8 Weeks	BCVA: 74 Ltrs CSFT: 448 μ m	
Baseline	BCVA: 85 Ltrs Snellen: 20/20 CSFT: 261 μ m	
Week 4	BCVA (Δ): 85 (0) Ltrs CSFT (Δ): 257 (-4) μ m	
Week 12	BCVA (Δ): 84 (-1) Ltrs CSFT (Δ): 253 (-8) μ m	
Week 24	BCVA (Δ): 85 (0) Ltrs CSFT (Δ): 248 (-13) μ m	
Week 36	BCVA (Δ): 79 (-6) Ltrs Snellen: 20/25 CSFT (Δ): 256 (-5) μ m	
Week 52	BCVA (Δ): 82 (-3) Ltrs Snellen: 20/25 CSFT (Δ): 246 (-15) μ m	

OTX-TKI Case 4



-8 Weeks	BCVA: 64 Ltrs CSFT: 363 μm	
Baseline	BCVA: 85 Ltrs Snellen: 20/20 CSFT: 273 μm	
Week 4	BCVA (Δ): 82 (-3) Ltrs CSFT (Δ): 274 (+1) μm	
Week 16	BCVA (Δ): 83 (-2) Ltrs CSFT (Δ): 277 (+4) μm	
Week 24	BCVA (Δ): 86 (+1) Ltrs CSFT (Δ): 278 (+5) μm	
Week 36	BCVA (Δ): 79 (-6) Ltrs Snellen: 20/26 CSFT (Δ): 269 (-4) μm	
Week 44	BCVA (Δ): 85 (0) Ltrs CSFT (Δ): 281 (+8) μm	
Week 52	BCVA (Δ): 90 (+5) Ltrs Snellen: 20/16 CSFT (Δ): 292 (+19) μm	



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Key Insights

Interpreting the Data

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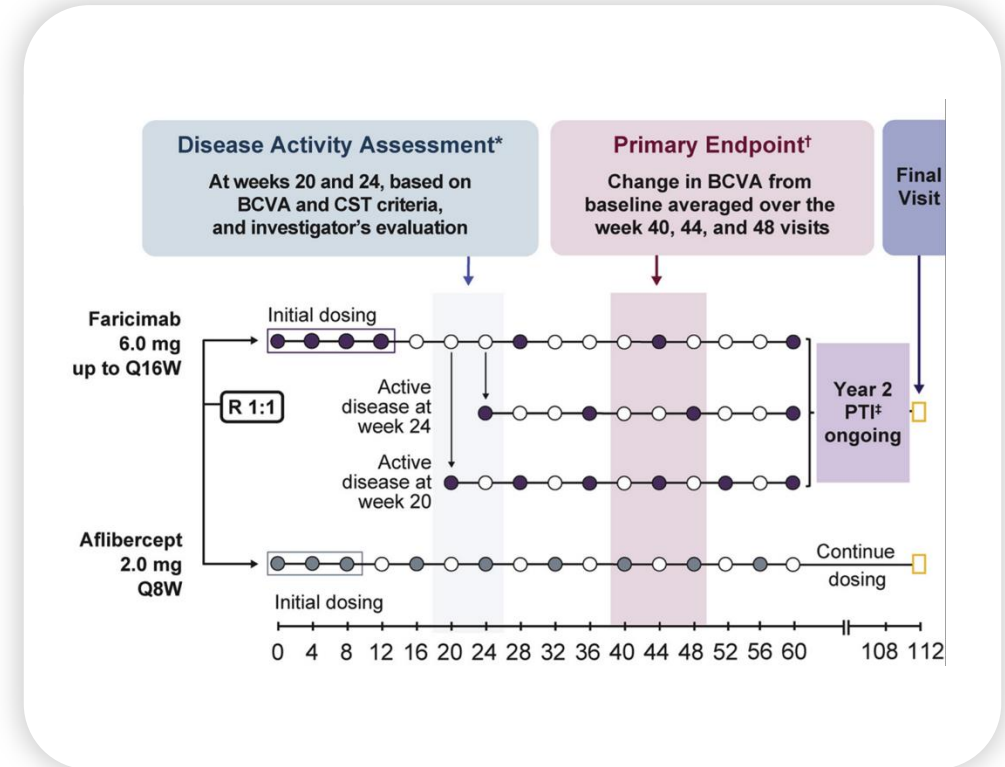
What is the Rationale for the SOL-1 Trial Design?

Clinical trials aimed to get **regulatory approval**

Evidence gap: translating from RCT to real world clinical management

Limitation of recent clinical trial designs

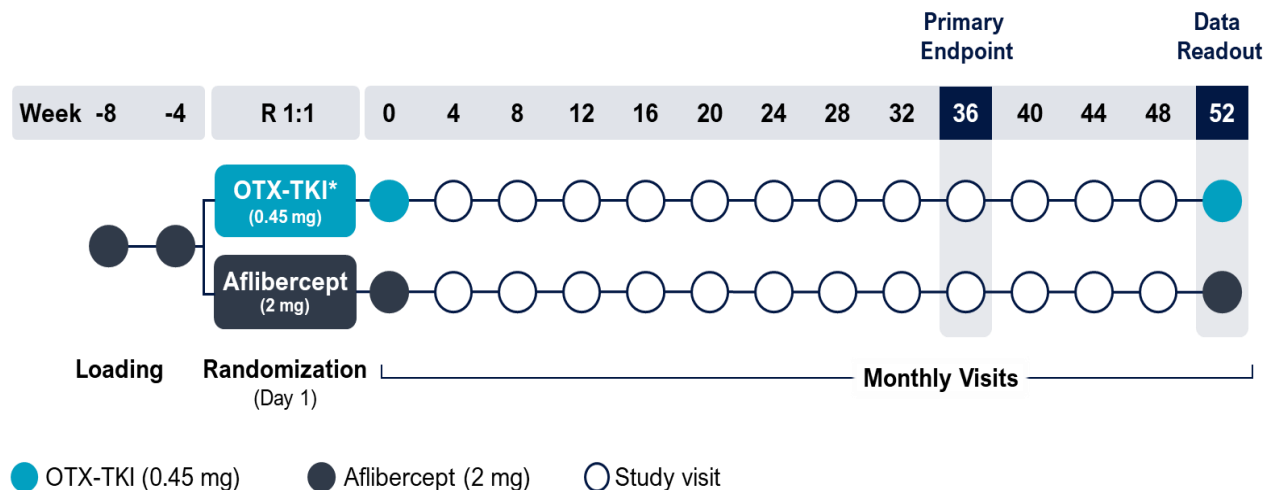
- Suggest extended interval in subgroups
- Investigational drug subgroup extended but not active control
- Cannot claim superior durability, only that a subgroup can mostly remain retreatment free for “x” amount of time
- Non-inferiority
- Results in step therapy



Disruptive Trial Design – Demonstrates Superiority

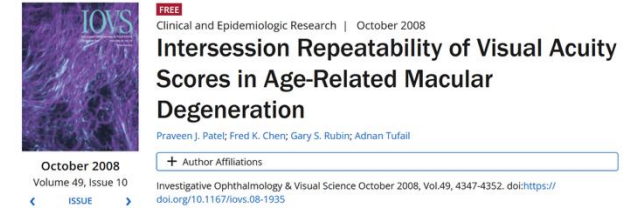
Only way to show superiority of duration in a meaningful time frame and be compliant with FDA guidance

- Proportion of 15-letter events
- Both arms treated identically
- Efficient trial design aligned with FDA with a Special Protocol Agreement (SPA)
- Potentially negates the requirement of step therapy

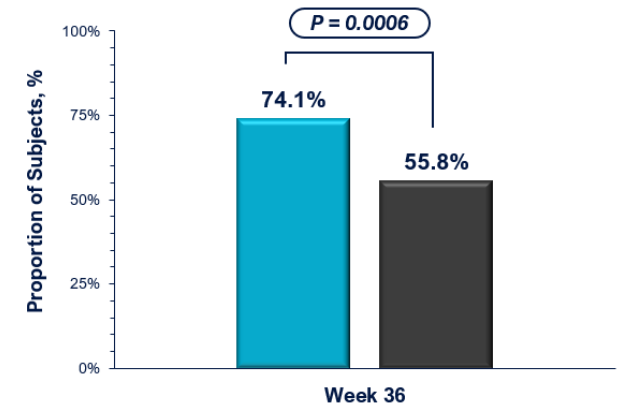


Why was 15-Letter Change Chosen as the Endpoint?

Threshold	Letters	Lines	Clinical Meaning	Regulatory Context
Minimum detectable (good vision)	5	1	Borderline real change; triggers closer follow-up	FDA non-inferiority margin (4.5) in some trials
Minimum clinically important	10	2	Real, patient-perceptible improvement	EMA acceptable endpoint for gains
Moderate loss or gain	15	3	Doubling of visual angle; moderate functional impact	FDA primary endpoint for wet AMD
Severe loss	30	6	Quadrupling of visual angle; severe functional impairment	Regulatory threshold for severe vision loss

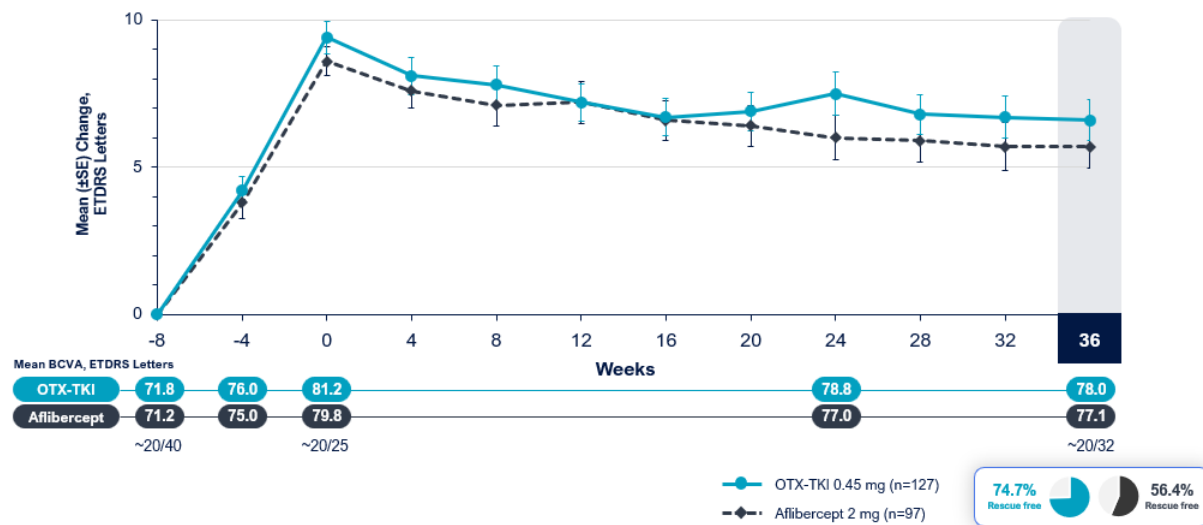


Primary Endpoint: Proportion of Subjects Who Maintain Visual Acuity



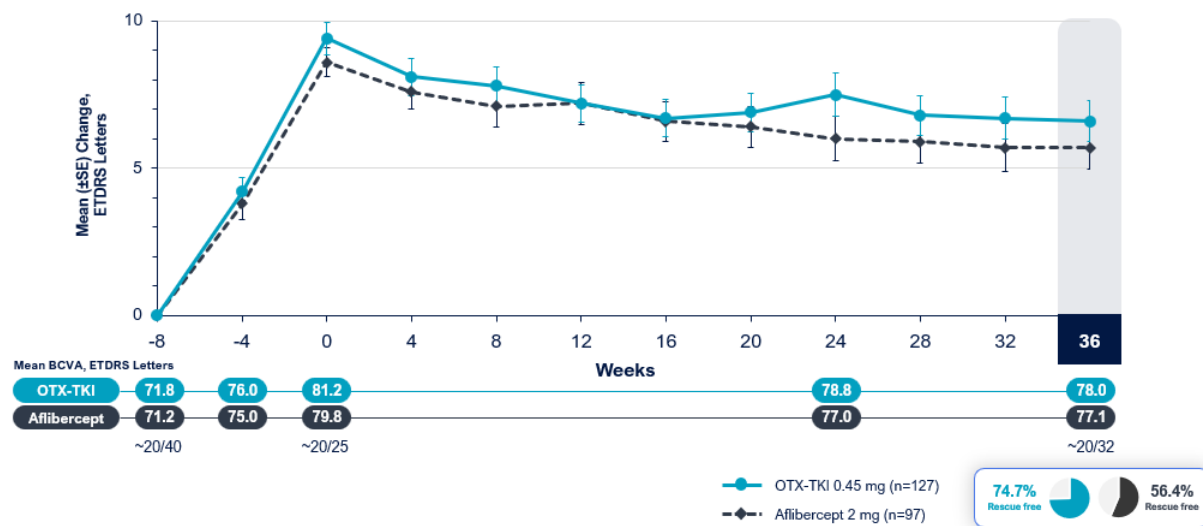
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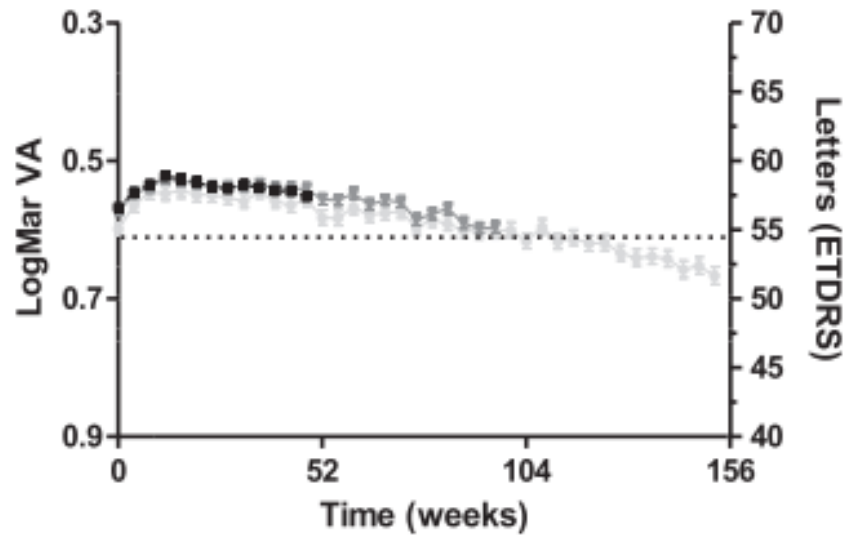
Trial	Arm	Baseline BCVA	Baseline BCVA SD
MARINA	Sham	53.6	14.1
	0.3mg ranibizumab	53.1	12.9
	0.5mg ranibizumab	53.7	12.8
VIEW 1 & 2	Ranibizumab Q4w	53.9	13.4
	Aflibercept 2mg Q4w	54.0	13.6
	Aflibercept 2mg Q8w	53.6	13.5
TENAYA	Faricimab	61.3	12.5
	Aflibercept	61.5	12.9
LUCERNE	Faricimab	58.7	14.0
	Aflibercept	58.9	13.3
PULSAR	Aflibercept 2mg Q8w	58.9	14.0
	Aflibercept HD Q12w	59.9	13.4
	Aflibercept HD Q16w	60.0	12.4

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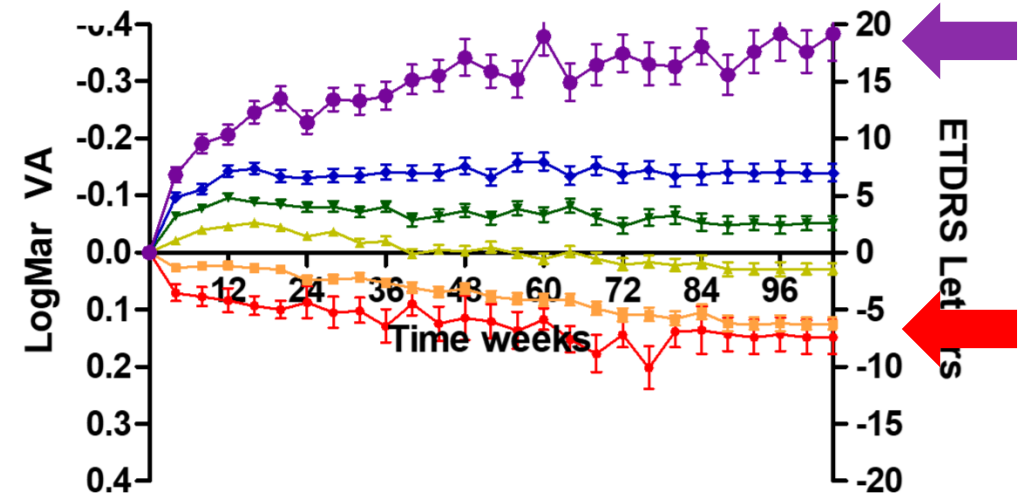
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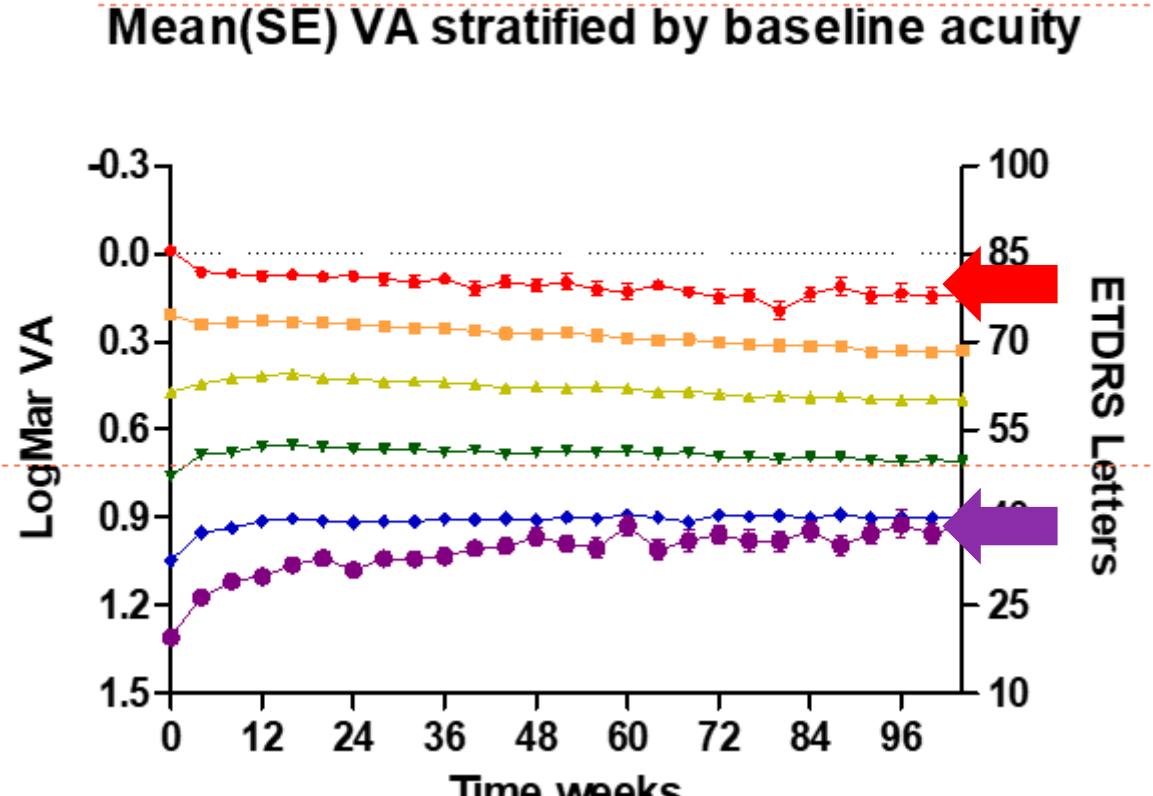
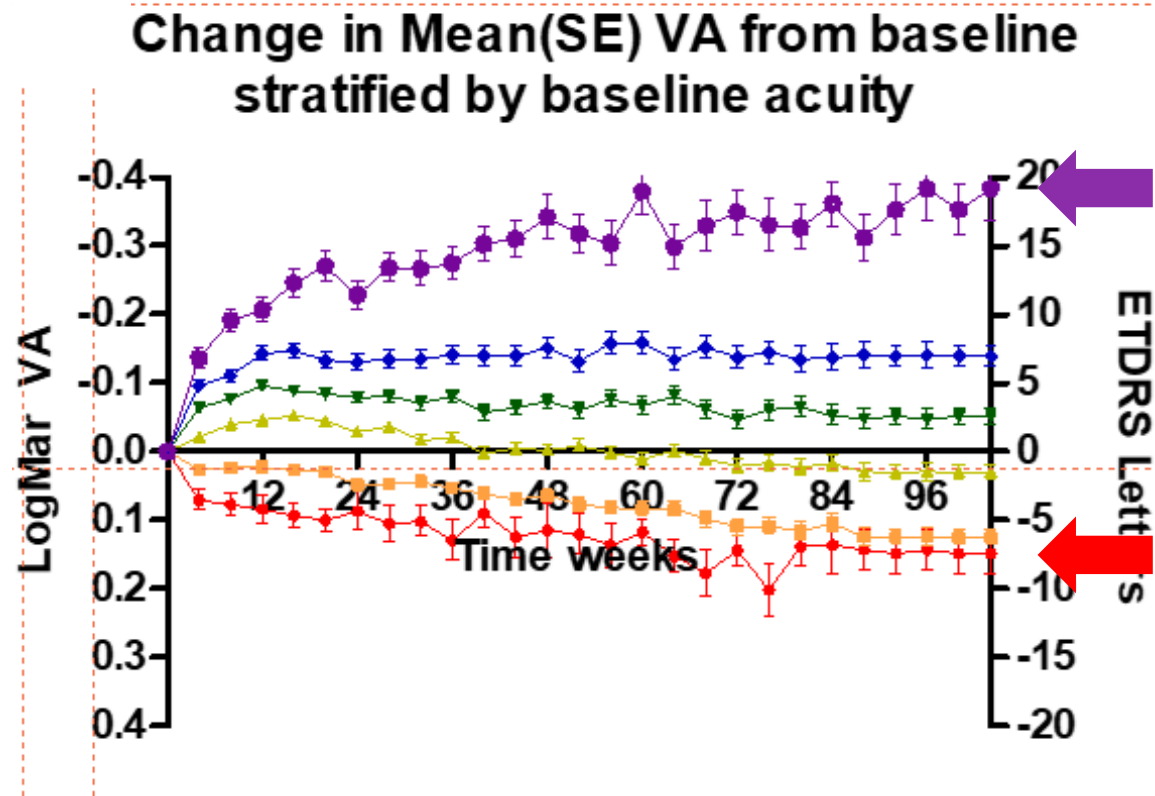


- 3-year follow up
- ▲- 2-year follow up
- 1-year follow up

Change in Mean(SE) VA from baseline stratified by baseline acuity



Visual Acuity State and NOT Change is what is Most Meaningful to Patients



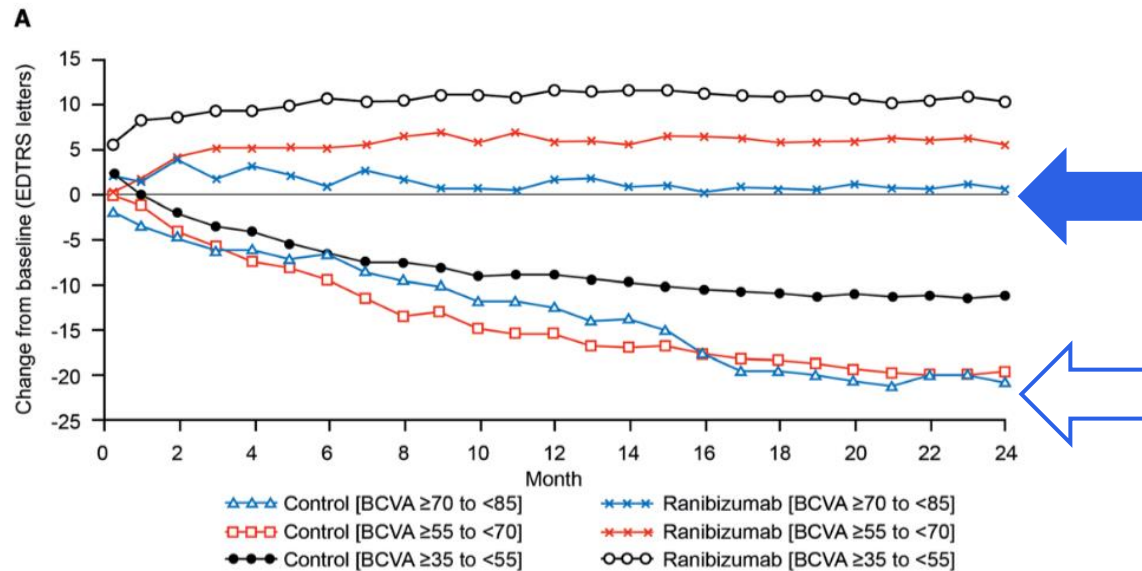
- Baseline -0.29-0.00 (n=166)
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- Baseline 1.21-1.50 (n=411)

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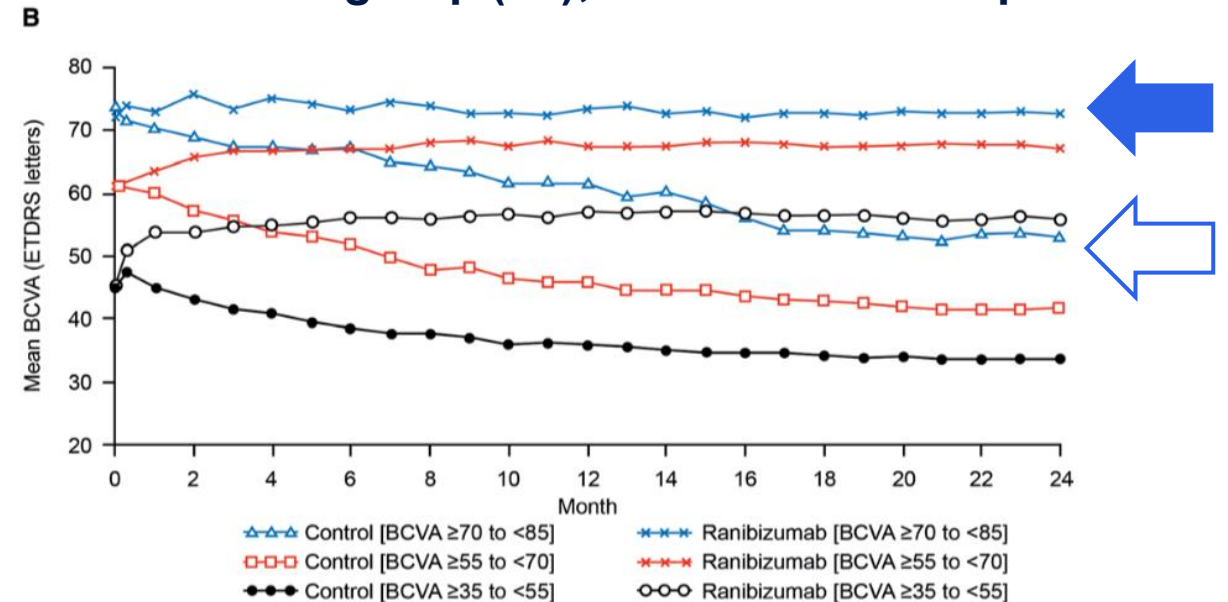
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In Good VA group (72), 4 letter loss from peak m6

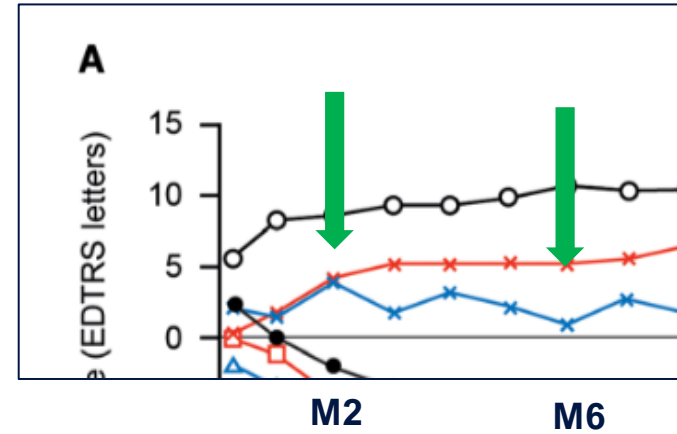
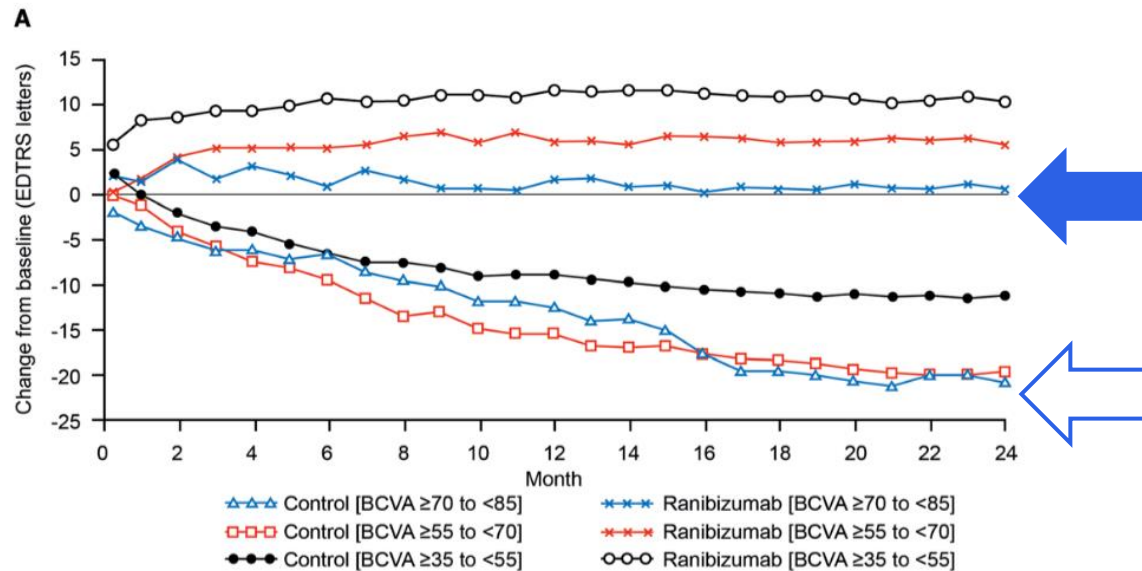


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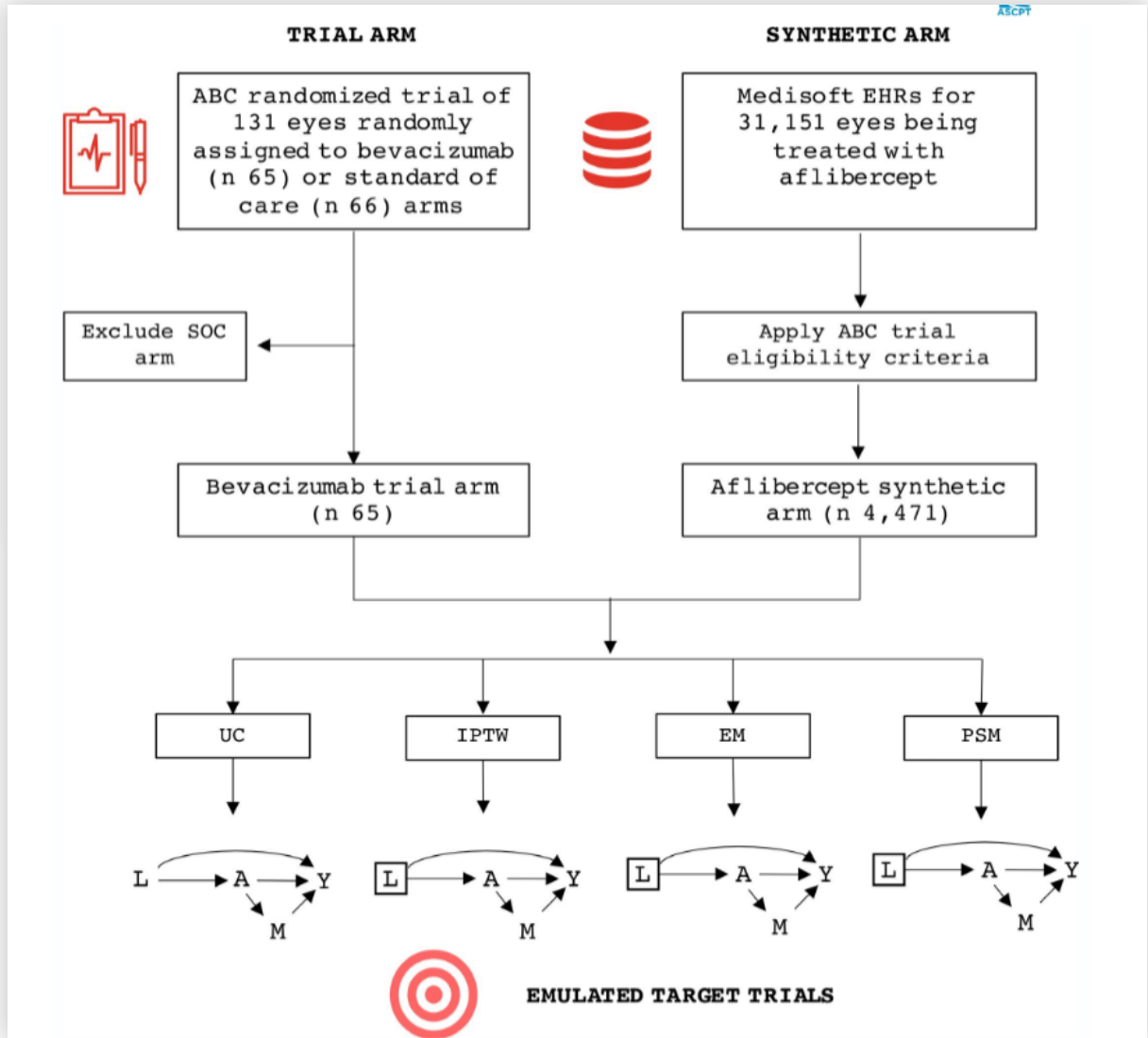


ARTICLE



Contextualizing single-arm trials with real-world data: An emulated target trial comparing therapies for neovascular age-related macular degeneration

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What does a real-world SOL-1 ‘eligible’ emulated anti-VEGF-treated population with good baseline VA look like (IRIS Registry)?

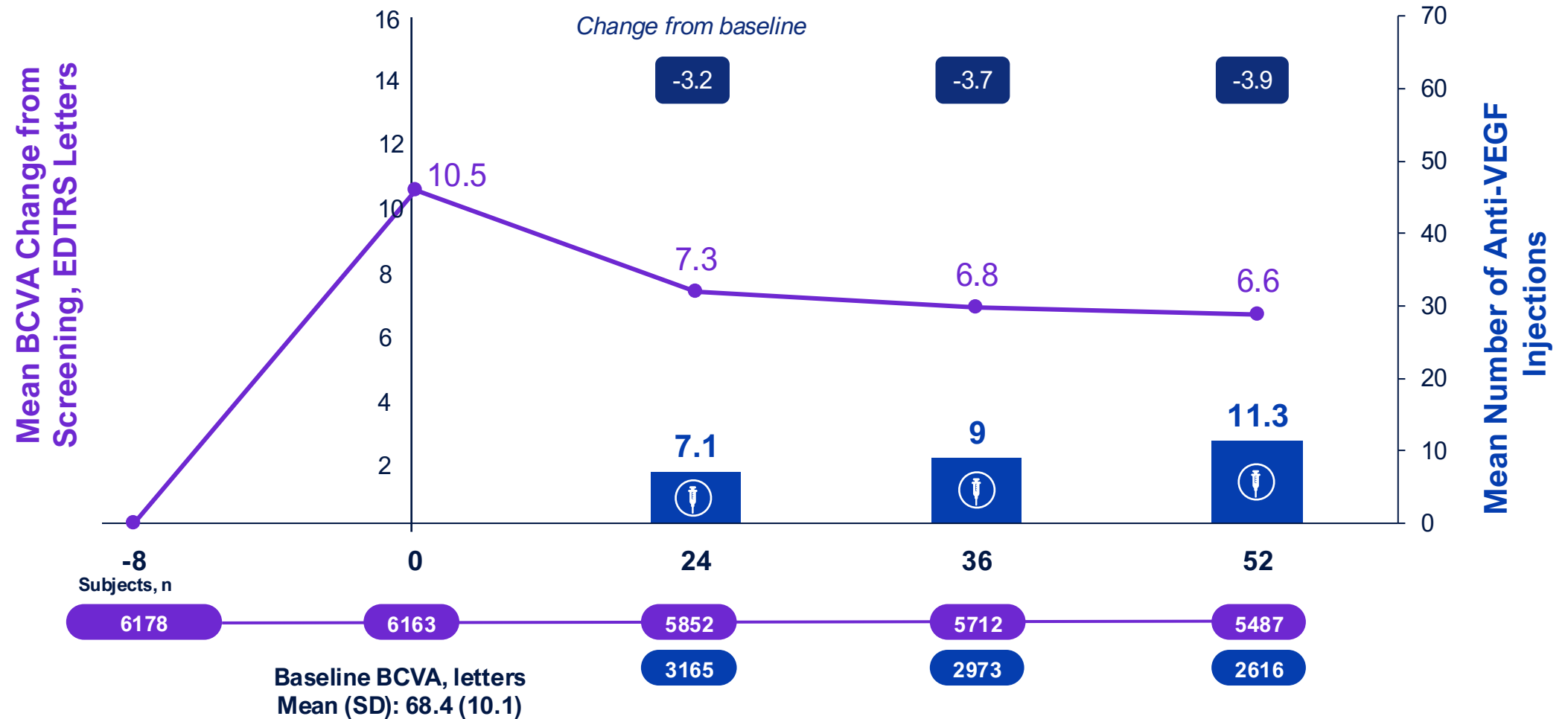
Step	Criteria	Patients (N)	Patients (%)
1	A first anti-VEGF injection (Injection 1, Week -8) in index period (no prior injection)	866,981	100.00%
2	First injection between January 1, 2017, and March 31, 2024; second injection 4 weeks (\pm 10 days) after Index date 1; third injection 8 weeks (\pm 10 days) after Index date 1	274,632	31.68%
3	Diagnosis of nAMD on or after January 1, 2016, to date of Injection 1	263,272	30.37%
4	Screening VA \geq 54 ETDRS letters within 60 days prior to Index date 1, and either of the following two - Baseline VA \geq 84 letters - Baseline VA \geq 10 letters better than Screening BDVA	43,805	5.05%
5	Screening CSFT \leq 500 μ m within 60 days prior to Index date 1, and Baseline CSFT \leq 350 μ m	47,779	5.51%
6	Exclude any cataract surgery in the study eye within 6 months prior to Injection 1	7,058	0.81%
7	Age \geq 50 on or after January 1, 2016, to date of Injection 1	6,178	0.71%

Baseline Characteristics

	SOL-1 OTX-TKI N = 172	RWE SOL-1 Emulated N = 6178
Age , years, mean (SD)	75.7 (8.3)	76.6 (7.8)
Sex , female, n (%)	103 (59.9)	3755 (60.8)
VA , ETDRS letters, mean (SD)		
Screening	70.9 (11.3)	68.4 (10.1)
Baseline	80.8 (7.6)	79.0 (6.1)
CSFT , μm , mean (SD)		
Screening	303.6 (72.5)	312.8 (71.3)
Baseline	219.3 (37.1)	257.4 (45.9)

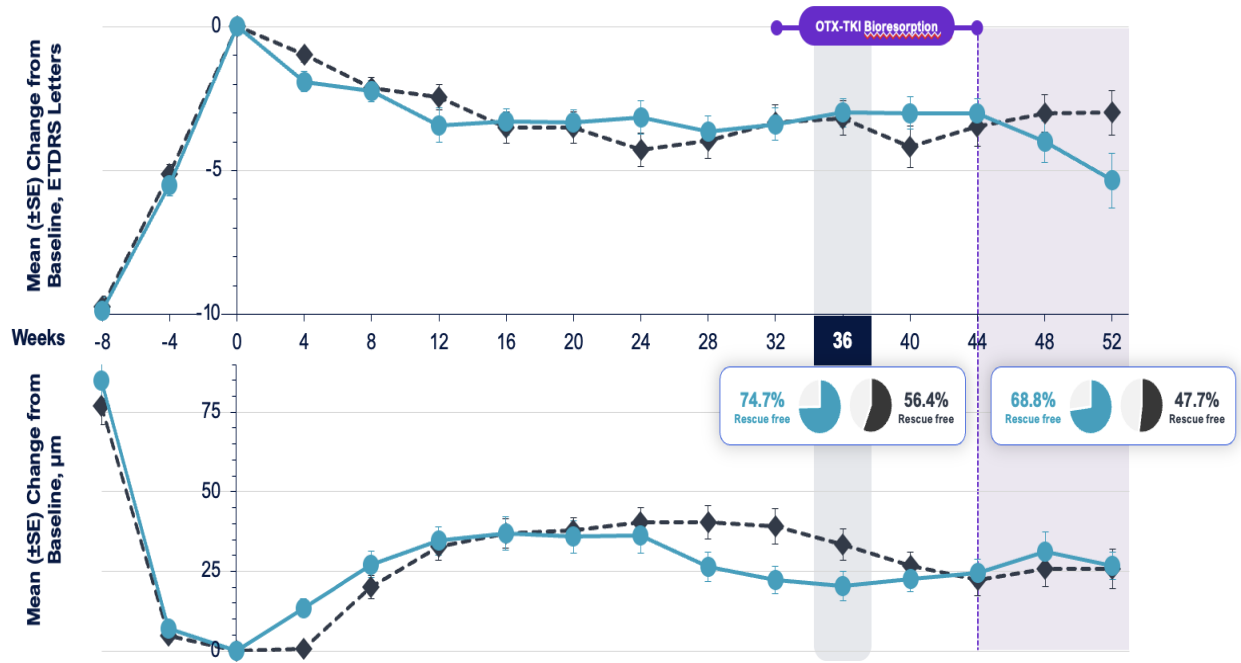
SOL-1 'Eligible' Emulated RWE Population

Mean Visual Acuity Change From Screening with Standard of Care Dosing

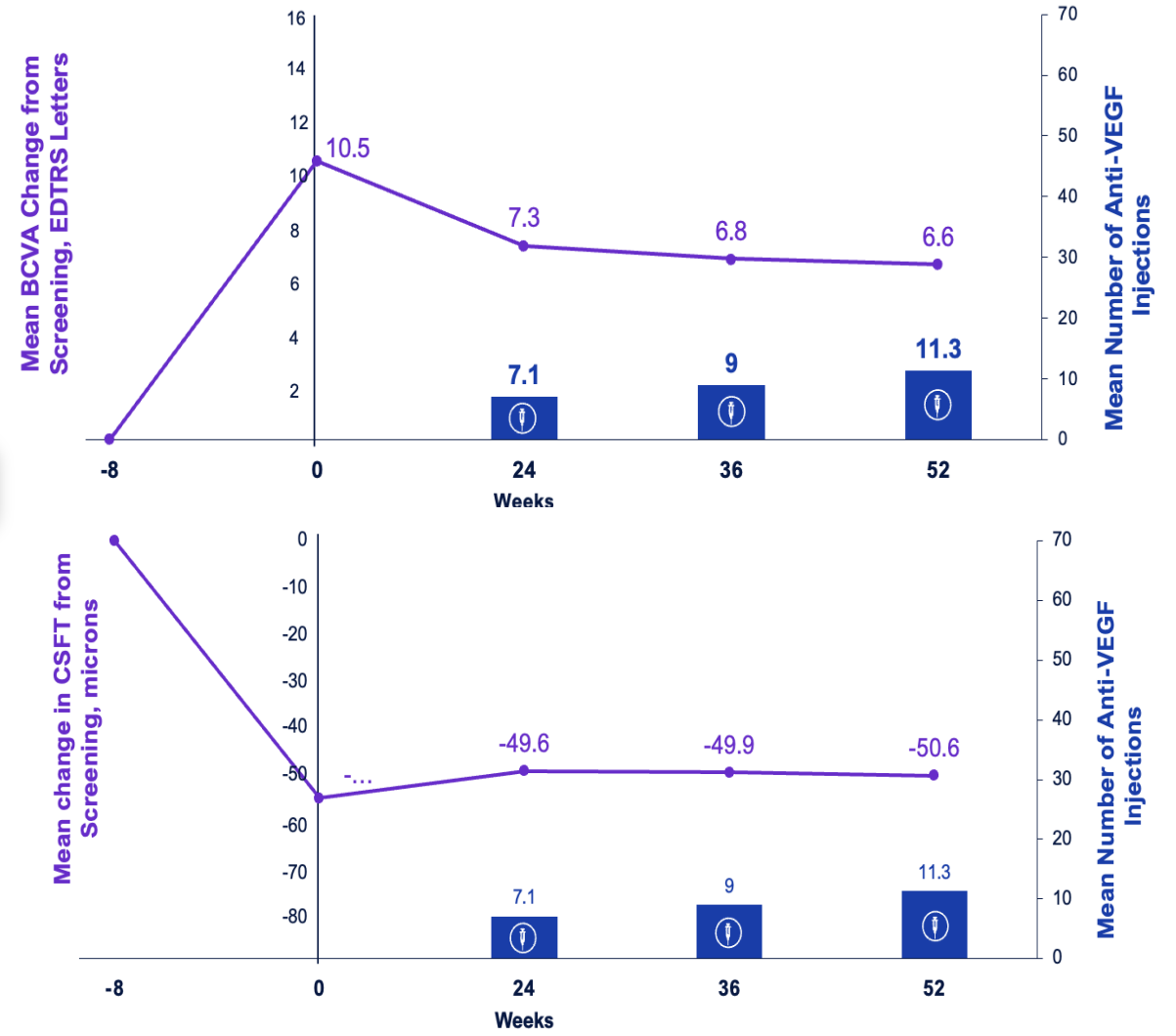


How Does this Align with Previous Studies?

SOL-1



IRIS Registry – SOL-1 Emulated



SOL: OTX-TKI Phase 3 Clinical Program in nAMD

Evaluating the efficacy, durability and safety of OTX-TKI in nAMD

Registrational Trials

SOL-1

Phase 3 Superiority Trial

Durability of a single
OTX-TKI injection

SOL-R

Phase 3 Non-Inferiority Trial

Repeat dosing
every 6 months

Complementary studies designed to
provide a comprehensive characterization of
OTX-TKI across patient populations

Extension Study

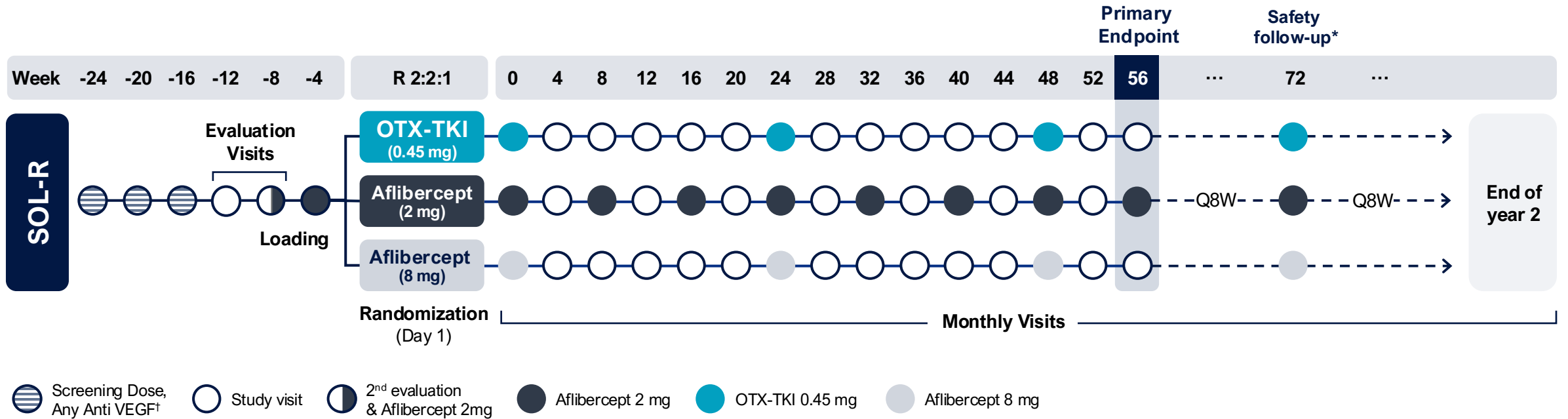
SOL-X

Open-Label Extension

Long-term safety and disease
modifying potential of continuous
VEGF suppression

Eligible patients who complete
year 2 visit in SOL-1 or SOL-R

SOL-R: Phase 3 nAMD Study Design



Further Insights Utilizing SOL-R Rescue Criteria to the SOL Program

SOL-R Rescue Treatment Criteria

BCVA loss >5 ETDRS letters from best recorded BCVA **AND**
≥75 μm increase in CSFT from lowest measure

— **OR** —

New macular hemorrhage that would likely lead to irreversible vision loss if left untreated in the opinion of the investigator after discussion with Medical Monitor

Proportion of subjects receiving
rescue treatment in **SOL-1**
(OTX-TKI) to Week 24

19.4%



Estimated proportion of
subjects meeting **SOL-R** rescue
criteria (OTX-TKI) to week 24

22.9%

Key Insights

OTX-TKI SHOWS SUPERIOR

Durability
(rescue-free rates)

Vision Outcomes

Anatomic Control

Future studies should consider superiority trial design

Defined Regulatory Strategy

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Next Steps: 505(b)(2)

Guidance for Industry

Applications Covered by Section 505(b)(2)

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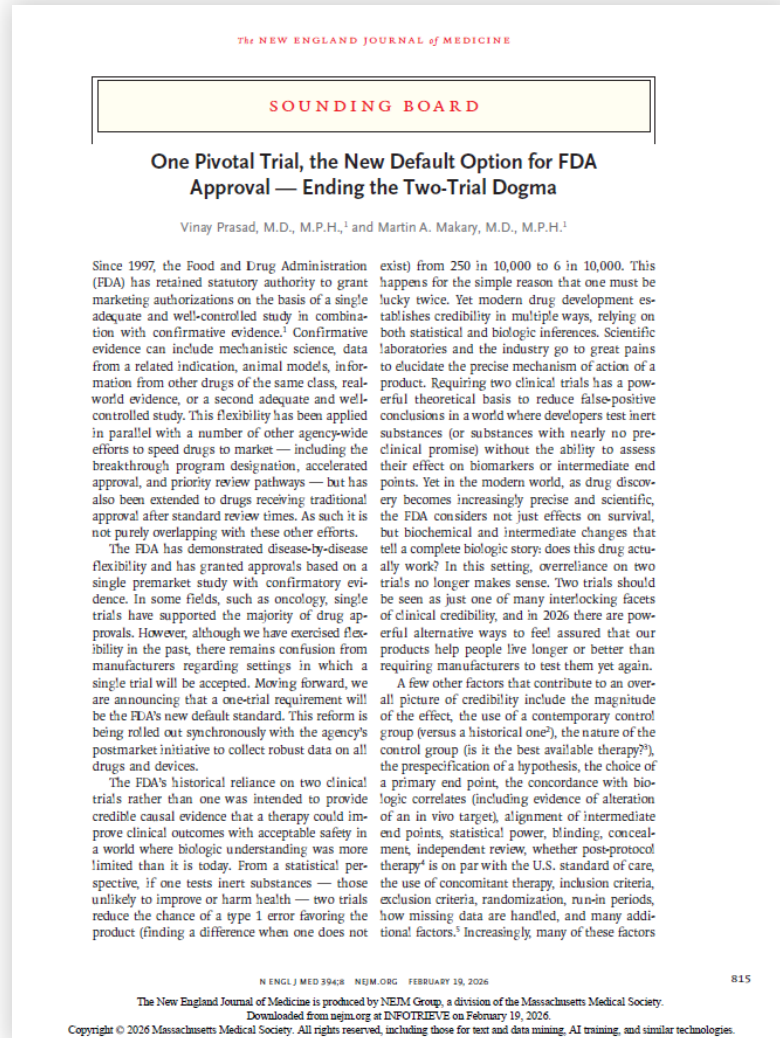
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505(b)(2) Pathway

- New drug application for approval of drugs that are similar to, but not identical, to previously approved drugs
- Allows reliance on established safety and efficacy
- **Accelerates approval for new** formulations, dosages, **route of administration** or indications
- Axitinib approved for renal cell carcinoma in 2012

One Pivotal Trial for NDA: The New Default



Factors that contribute to strength of submission

- Statistical significance
- Mechanistic science
- Blinding/masking
- Alignment with the FDA
- Supporting secondary data

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