

Greatest Posterior Segment Disease Talk - Ever!

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Hot Topics

- AMD – will we have a Tx for dry
 - Will the new anti-VEGF drugs any better?
- Changing paradigm in the management of diabetic retinopathy
- AI
- OCT and OCTA
- Management of flashes/floaters
- Pigmented lesion of the fundus

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Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD)


- Degenerative disorder that affects the macula
- Leading cause of legal blindness in people > 65 yo
- 90% of vision loss is 2 to CNV



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Geographic Atrophy

- Advanced/late form of dry AMD
- Atrophy of the RPE and photoreceptors



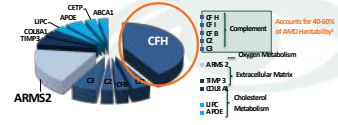
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Geographic Atrophy Impact on Quality of Life

- **Global Geographic Atrophy Insights Survey (GAINS)**
 - Sponsored by Apellis Pharmaceuticals and conducted by The Harris Poll last year
 - Included 203 adult participants with GA, in 9 countries
 - **7 in 10** believe the impact on their independence and quality of life due to visual decline is worse than they expected
 - **Majority felt** the disease negatively affects their ability to read, drive, and travel;
 - **1 in 3** recently **withdrawn from social activities** due to their disease

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Key Genes Involved in the Development of AMD




Accounts for 40-60% of AMD Heritability!

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The Complement System

- **Complement Pathway** is one of the body's primitive defense immune systems
 - Made up of a group of proteins that:
 - Mounts inflammation
 - Destroys foreign invaders
 - Removes debris resulting from that destruction
- Complement Factor H is a gene that gives instructions for making Factor H
 - Factor H is an important **inhibitory regulator** of this system
- Drusen contain most all of the proteins that make up the complement system



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Complement System and Potential GA Therapies

- The complement cascade is a strategic target for GA therapy
- The COMPLEMENT SYSTEM is first line of defense of the immune system
- It protects us from microorganisms
- It constitutes our innate immunity, which is not adaptable and does not change as we age
- Activated by the adaptive immune system (through antigen antibody interaction)

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August 4, 2023

Iveric Bio Receives U.S. FDA Approval for IZERVAY™ (avacincaptad pegol intravitreal solution), a New Treatment for Geographic Atrophy



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Release Details

FDA Approves SYFOVRE™ (pegcetacoplan injection) as the First and Only Treatment for Geographic Atrophy (GA), a Leading Cause of Blindness

Reference: NDA 202127Orig1s01

- SYFOVRE slowed GA progression with increasing effects over time
- Approved for subjects with GA with strong readability every 20 to 30 days
- High-dimensional safety profile: 12,000 injections every 4 months

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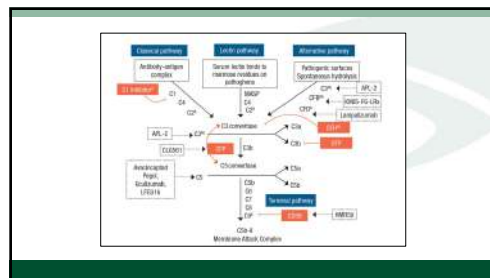
Current FDA Approved Complement Inhibitors - 2nd Generation

NOVEL THERAPIES FOR GA THAT TARGET THE COMPLEMENT PATHWAY

Study drug (Company)	Complement Target	Delivery Method	Current Trial Phase	Most Recent Trials	Study Status
Axicofcept (Iveric Bio)	C5	IVI	3	GATHER2, GATHER1	Complete
Pegcetacoplan (Apellis)	C3	IVI	3	OAKS, DERBY	Complete

GA, geographic atrophy; IVI, intravitreal injection

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Pegcetacoplan (Syfovre)

Phase 3 DERBY & OAKS Objective:

Assess the efficacy and safety of multiple intravitreal injections of pegcetacoplan in patients with GA secondary to AMD

Phase 2 FILLY Results

Change from baseline in square root GA lesion area (mm²)

*P < 0.1 was the predefined threshold for statistical significance in FILLY. [L] least squares; M-Monthly, PECOM/pegcetacoplan every other month; PECOM/pegcetacoplan monthly; SE, standard error.

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Global Phase 3 Program: OAKS & DERBY Study Design

Double-Masked, Randomized 2:2:1:1

Pegcetacoplan 1000 mg IVI monthly	Pegcetacoplan 1000 mg IVI every other month	Sham monthly	Sham every other month
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Primary Endpoint at 12 Months: Change in total area of GA lesions based on fundus autofluorescence

End of study at 24 months

- 1. OAKS (L, ECOM, M, M+PECOM, DERBY)
- 2. FLY (M, M+PECOM, DERBY)
- 3. M+PECOM (OAKS study)
- 4. M+PECOM (DERBY study)
- 5. M+PECOM (M+PECOM study)

GALE Extension Study (3 years)

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OAKS and DERBY

Monthly and every-other-month pegcetacoplan continued to reduce GA lesion growth at 18 months

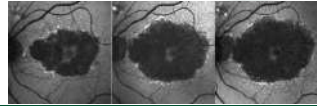
Pegcetacoplan showed continued and clinically meaningful reductions in GA lesion growth from baseline to month 18.

April 18, 2023. Pegcetacoplan (Syfovre) continues to reduce GA lesion growth at 18 months in phase 3 OAKS and DERBY studies. © 2023 Apellis Pharmaceuticals. All rights reserved. www.apellis.com. www.syfovre.com. www.pegcetacoplan.com. OAKS and DERBY. Submitted to NEJM. Approved March 16, 2023.

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Pegcetacoplan: Take-Away Points


- ◊ Pegcetacoplan monthly and every other month met the primary endpoint in OAKS
- ◊ Pegcetacoplan monthly and every other month **did not meet the primary endpoint** in DERBY
- ◊ Data at 18 months from the combined studies show the potential for improving treatment effects with pegcetacoplan over time.
- ◊ **Pegcetacoplan treatment effect accelerated between months 18-24**, demonstrating a robust reduction of GA lesion growth compared to sham



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OAKS and DERBY

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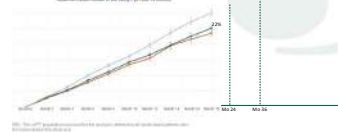
Study	Month Range	Reduction (%)	p-value
OAKS	Months 0-6	17%	p=0.0141
	Months 6-12	17%	p=0.0009
DERBY	Months 0-6	14%	p=0.0008
	Months 6-12	14%	p=0.0004
Combined	Months 12-18	20%	p=0.0001
	Months 18-24	24%	p<0.0001

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OAKS and DERBY

Big Picture

The longer you go the delta gets wider and wider and the treatment effect is greater

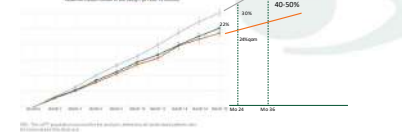


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Apellis: Pegcetacoplan

Is that a significant treatment effect for GA?

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Pegcetacoplan: Take-Away Points

- ◊ Pegcetacoplan **treatment effect accelerated between months 18-24, demonstrating a robust reduction of GA lesion growth compared to sham**
- ◊ Pegcetacoplan demonstrated greater efficacy in patients with extrafoveal lesions at baseline
- ◊ In a post-hoc analysis, after correcting for disparities in baseline characteristics, OAKS and DERBY results are more convergent
- ◊ OAKS and DERBY show consistent efficacy of pegcetacoplan in treated study eyes versus untreated fellow eyes
- ◊ Overall, pegcetacoplan administered monthly or every other month was well tolerated in patients with GA
 - ◊ Majority of IOI cases were mild, and most patients resumed IP administration
 - ◊ 6.0%, 4.1%, and 2.4% of patients in the combined PM, PEOM, and sham groups experienced **new-onset investigator-determined exudative AMD**

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Apellis: Pegcetacoplan

Is that a significant treatment effect for GA?




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July 19, 2023

ASRS American Society of Retina Specialists

ASRS reports six cases of occlusive retinal vasculitis linked to pegcetacoplan injection

Jul 19, 2023
David Hutten



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Syfovre – Serious Adverse Events (SAE's)

Here is what we know

- July 15 initial email from ASRS describing 6 cases of occlusive retinal vasculitis
- Developed between 7-13 days after initial injection
- To date: 83,000 total injections
 - 1 in 10,000 risk
 - Lower than endophthalmitis
 - Is that an acceptable risk?
- Retinal specialists are “spooked”

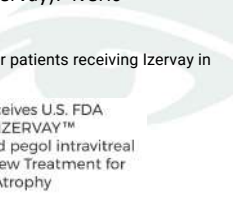


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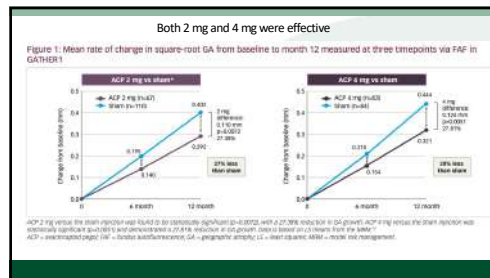
Avacincaptad Pegol (Izervay): Iveric

- Complement C5 inhibitor
- Reduction in GA growth for patients receiving Izervay in the U.S. was **25.5 - 35.0%**

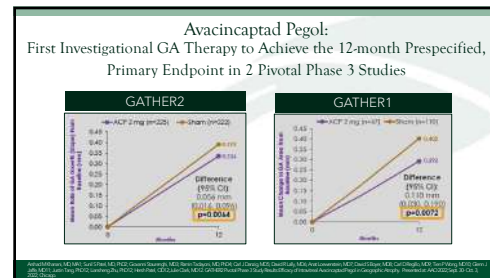
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Cross-trial comparison of Zimura and intravitreal pegcetacoplan in geographic atrophy

Project (company)	Zimura (Iveric Bio)		intravitreal pegcetacoplan (Apellis)			
	Gather2	Gather1	Daily		Oxys	
			Monthly	Every other month	Monthly	Every other month
Change in GA area vs sham at 12mo	14%*	27%*	12%	11%	22%	16%
p value	0.0064	0.0072**	0.0528 (N/S)	0.0750 (N/S)	0.0003	0.0052
Choroidal neovascularisations	7%***	9%***	7%*	3%*	9%*	5%*

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Avacincaptad Pegol (Zimura): Iveric

- Complement C5 inhibitor
- Reduction in GA growth for patients receiving Zimura in the U.S. was **25.5 - 32.0%**

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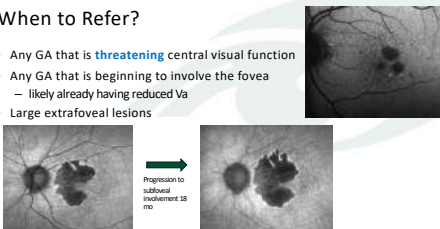
Where we are today with GA?

- 2 FDA approved treatment
- Monthly intravitreal injection
- Syfovre: takes at least ~ 12 months to show any significant therapeutic benefit
 - By 18-24 months the treatment affect accelerates
 - Increased risk of occlusive vasculitis
- IZERVAY shows up to 35% reduction in growth rate at 12 mo
 - May be too early to know about SAE or IOI
- Keep in mind many patients will have good acuity

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When to Refer?


- Any GA that is **threatening** central visual function
- Any GA that is beginning to involve the fovea
 - likely already having reduced Va
- Large extrafoveal lesions



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When to Refer?

- Extrafoveal lesions that are not a threat to central Va?
- Central GA lesions that have already have sig. loss of visual function?



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What do we tell our patients who have genetic link to AMD?

53 yo white male

- Father lost central vision from AMD by age 70
- RE macular is normal; LE has a few small drusen

- What do you tell this patient?
 - Genetic testing
 - Nutritional supplement

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The Dawn of A New Age:

How Personalized Medicine Will Make Us Healthier

Personalized Medicine → Precision Medicine

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Genetic Testing in Eye Care

DNA TESTS SOLD

The DNA market is projected to double in 2021 – for the 5th year in a row.

Mark Dunbar DNA

- 40% Genetic Testing
- 30% Eye Care
- 20% Health
- 10% Other

View Full Results

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Genetic Testing for AMD

- Identify those high-risk patients – who have the potential to develop AMD
- Determine which patients benefit the most from nutritional supplements?
 - No prospective clinical trials showing the value
 - There are retrospective studies but the data analysis varies
- Identify patients who may respond better to various target therapies

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23andme genetic testing variant for AMD

23andMe

Hi everyone, I'm a 23 year old college student. I recently took 23andMe genetic testing and was shocked to go forth and see the health report on and to find the genetic information.

It looked for an increased risk of developing AMD (age-related macular degeneration) based on information for the 19q13.32 gene with genotype GG, and I'm happy to be GG. I'm 23 years old with genotype GG. The variant that has been linked to an increased risk of AMD, the 19q13.32 gene, is at a 0.08 (8%) frequency in the population of the US.

I'm a bit confused about the results and I'm wondering if you can help me understand the results better.

I know that it's possible to identify if you have the variant, which is pretty interesting to see in my genetic report.

For people who don't see their results and can't seem to access them, what are your thoughts on what could be the cause of that? I'm a genetic test user!

I want to ask this for you, what were your experiences with AMD, what were your experiences with your family's AMD? It's so scary to people think of the disease being linked really really really! I'm not sure if you can help me with this, or if you carry AMD variants? Please advise, I'm appreciate your time of course!

Thanks!

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Diabetic Retinopathy

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Macular Edema

- Thickening of the retina
- Secondary to leaky microaneurysms
- **90% of visual loss in diabetes**

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CSME

- Retinal thickening within 500 microns from the center of the FAZ
- Hard exudates associated with retinal thickening 500 microns from center of FAZ
- Zones of retinal thickening > 1 DD in area, any part of which is 1 DD from the center of the fovea

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Diabetic Macular Edema (DME)

SD-OCT of a retina with DME Color Fundus photo with DME

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How we diagnose diabetic macular edema is changing

ETDRS definition has been modified in the era of OCT and anti-VEGF therapy

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Diabetic Macular Edema (DME)

- CSME
- Center involved vs. Not center involved

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2017 DME Classification:

Center Involved or Not?

- ETDRS definition of "clinically significant macular edema" modified in era of OCT
- Randomized clinical trials of anti-VEGF agents used presence of DME in **OCT central subfield**

Central subfield

© 2017. Quin-Gong et al. "Retinal thickness and visual acuity in patients with diabetic macular edema: results from the VEGF and Anti-VEGF Clinical Trials." Optometry 118 (4):2017. DOI: 10.1016/j.opt.2017.03.002

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The Debate...

- Is it better to treating early – before they develop PDR?
 - Would earlier treatment result in better visual outcomes?
 - Would it result in less # of injections?
 - Does the cost/burden of treatment warrant early treatment?

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“The Fate of 47...”

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PANORAMA

- Phase 3 double-masked, randomized **Prospective Study**
- Efficacy and safety of intravitreal **afibercept (IAI)** in patients with **moderately severe to severe NPDR**
 - DRSS 47 & 53
- Primary Endpoint:
 - Week 24
 - Proportion of patients improving ≥ 2 steps on DRSS
 - IAI groups combined
- Follow up through week 100

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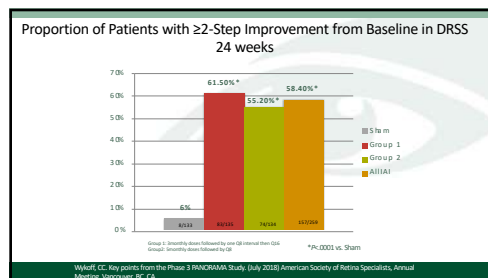
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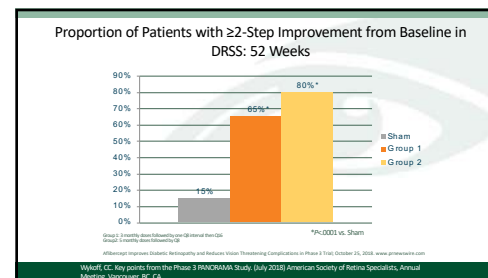
*IAI 2mg monthly doses until week 24, then weekly
**IAI 2mg biweekly doses, then weekly from week 24 to week 100

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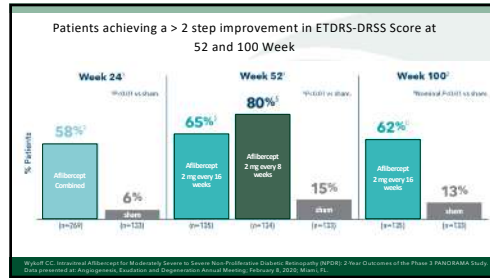
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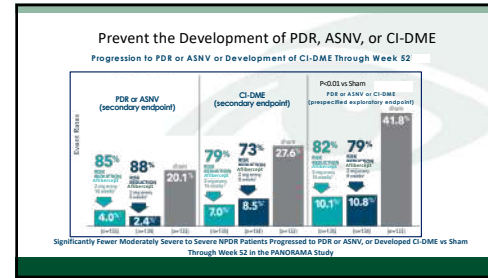
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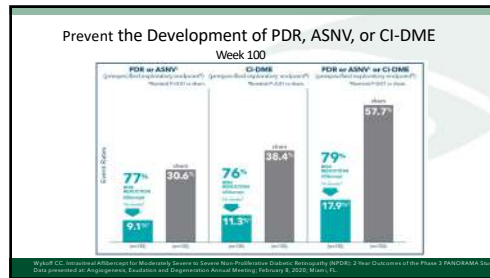
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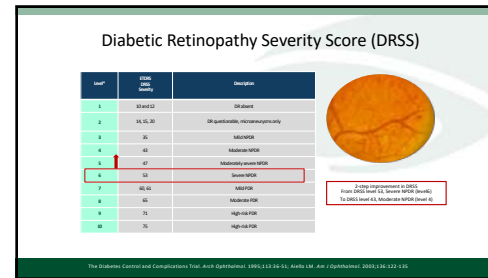
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PANORAMA Week 52 Results

- Vision threatening complications were reduced by 82% to 85% compared with sham injection
- Development of CI-DME was reduced by 68% to 74% compared with sham

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Ranibizumab Induces Regression of Diabetic Retinopathy in Most Patients at High Risk of Progression to Proliferative Diabetic Retinopathy

Charles C. Wyke, MD, PhD; Daniel A. Eichenbaum, MD; David B. Bek, MD; Lauren Pfl, MS; Anne E. Fung, MD; Satcha Hadwin, MD, PhD

- The main objective of this exploratory post hoc analysis of the RIDE and RISE clinical trials was to examine DR outcomes in patients who were at highest risk for progressing to PDR (baseline DRSS levels 47/53).

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RISE AND RIDE POST HOC ANALYSIS

PATIENTS WHO HAD NPDR AND PDR WITH DME

Post hoc analysis:

- Included 746 patients (LUCENTIS 0.3 mg, n=245; LUCENTIS 0.5 mg, n=247; sham, n=254) who had DR with DME and were randomized for treatment in RISE & RIDE
- DR outcomes with LUCENTIS were evaluated in patients along the spectrum of the severity scale (baseline ETDRS levels 10-75)
- Patients with prior panretinal photocoagulation (PRP) were not included in this analysis

Myoff et al. Ophthalmology Retina 2016

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RISE AND RIDE POST HOC ANALYSIS

2-STEP REGRESSION IN DR AT 2 YEARS

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Ranibizumab induces Regression of Diabetic Retinopathy

Myoff et al. Ophthalmology Retina October 2018

- At month 24, DR levels 47/53 **80% of eyes had a 2-step improvement** in ranibizumab treated eyes vs 12% in the sham treated eyes
- The regression of DR was not seen in earlier in less severe DR or in more severe DR
- Study Conclusion:** In patients with baseline DR levels 47/53, ranibizumab treatment reduced the probability of patients experiencing a new proliferative event at month 36 by **3 times vs. sham treatment**

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JAMA Ophthalmology | Original Investigation

Effect of Intravitreal Anti-Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor vs Sham Treatment for Prevention of Vision-Threatening Complications of Diabetic Retinopathy

The Protocol W Randomized Clinical Trial

Fig. 1. Makris, MD, Adam H. Gilchrist, MD, Kristin Janda, PhD, Andrew N. Antoniou, MD, Barbara A. Boud, MD, Lee M. Jampol, MD, Dennis W. Kasper, MD, Daniel E. Skarlan, MD, Vinodkumar Reddy, MD, Marc Goldberg, MD, Cynthia K. Stouffer, MD, Cesar S. Pujuguet, MD, Jennifer K. Sun, MD, MPH, for the DRCR Retinal Network

CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE: In this randomized clinical trial, among eyes with moderate to severe NPDR, the proportion of eyes that developed PDR or vision-reducing CI-DME was lower with periodic aflibercept compared with sham treatment. However, through 2 years, preventive treatment did not confer visual acuity benefit compared with observation plus treatment with aflibercept only after development of PDR or vision-reducing CI-DME. The 4-year results will be important to assess longer-term visual acuity outcomes.

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PROTOCOL W: EYLEA VS. SHAM IN MODERATE TO SEVERE NPDR (DRSS OF 43 - 53)

PROTOCOL W Study Design

Phase 3, double-masked, randomized, study of Intravitreal Anti-VEGF Treatment for Prevention of Vision-Threatening Diabetic Retinopathy in Eyes at High Risk

N = 200

Sham (n=100) vs. Eylea 2 mg (n=100)

2 years

Primary endpoint: Development of CI-DME with vision loss or PDR

Key Secondary Endpoints: Mean VFL, Change in Best-Corrected Visual Acuity

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Protocol W: 2 Year Conclusions

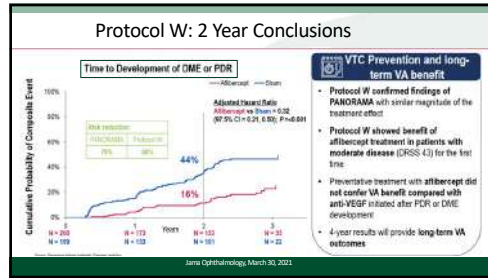
Time to Development of DME or PDR

Adjusted Hazard Ratio: 0.32 (95% CI = 0.24, 0.43); $P=0.001$

- The 2-year data did not confer visual acuity benefit compared to sham group
- Note: sham group received aflibercept once they developed DME or PDR

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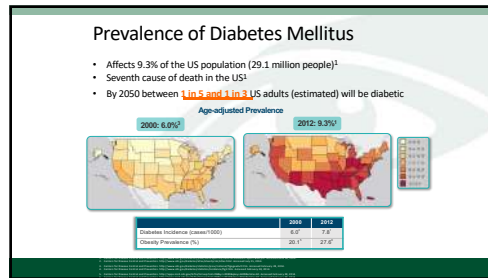


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Is there a benefit from early Tx of Severe NPDR?

- So, what is the benefit of early treatment if it doesn't result in any visual acuity improvement?
- Does it matter that there is a regression in DR if when all and said and done the patient ends up with the same visual outcome?

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Discussion

- Does the data suggest patients with severe NPDR should be treated?
- How early should we refer patients with DR?
- Will the burden of early treatment be too overwhelming for ophthalmology?

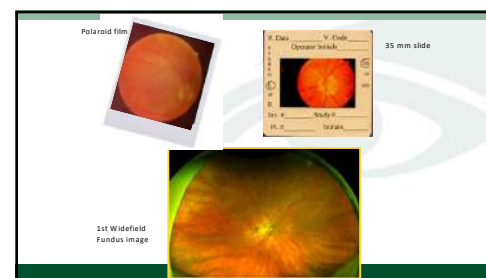
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Retinal Imaging:

A Camera is a Camera...

Does it matter which one you have?

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Abstract

Improved Automated Detection of Diabetic Retinopathy on a Publicly Available Dataset Through Integration of Deep Learning

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Conclusions: A deep-learning enhanced algorithm for the automated detection of DR, achieves significantly better performance than a previously reported, otherwise essentially identical algorithm that does not employ deep learning. Deep learning enhanced algorithms have the potential to improve the efficiency of DR screening, and thereby to prevent visual loss and blindness from this devastating disease.

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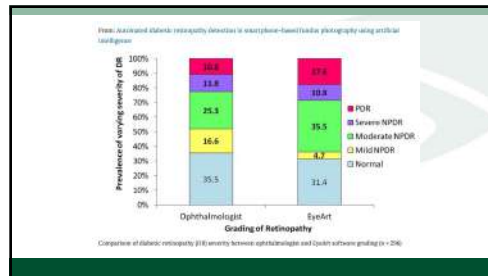
AI device for detecting diabetic retinopathy earns swift FDA approval

By Wang Zhi Lin
FDA



- Images captured by Topcon NW400 non-mydiatric retinal camera
- Images sent to a cloud-based server that utilizes the IDx-DR software and a 'deep learning' algorithm
- The technology was **87% sensitive and 90% specific** for detecting **more than mild** diabetic retinopathy
- The algorithm correctly identified **100% of with ETDRS level 43 or higher (moderate NPDR)**

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The Evolution of OCT Imaging

- OCT has changed how clinicians look at the retina
- The assessment of retinal abnormalities based on OCT imaging has advanced eye care
- OCT in Optometry practices ~ 20-40%
- As the technology has evolved -> prices continue to come down

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ARVO
The Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology

November 2016

New Videos, Resources Launch Outreach Campaign On Vision-Preserving Technology

Impact of optical coherence tomography on patients, general public revealed

OCT has become the predominant means of detecting and monitoring diseases like macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy and glaucoma. Everyone over the age of 60 is recommended to get an OCT scan once a year.

"Everyone over the age of 60 is recommended to get an OCT scan once a year"

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Crossfire on OCT...

- Has OCT become "Standard of Care" in Optometry?
- Should OCT be done on "every" patient as a screening tool?
- Should OCT be done only when there is an indication?
 - Diabetes, macular degeneration

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The Challenge...

- Being able to correlate what you are seeing clinically with what is happening anatomically
 - and then making the correct diagnosis
 - Is there fluid or retinal thickening?
 - Where is the fluid?
- Being able to diagnose conditions that may not be seen with traditional ophthalmoscopy

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Advances in Diagnostic Technology can Help Establish a Diagnosis

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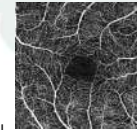
Where is the Fluid?



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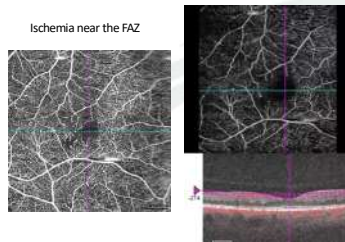
OCT Angiography: A New Way of Visualizing Vessels

- Identify retinal circulation using the intrinsic motion of blood cells in the vessel
- Functional and structural, information with en face projections
- No contrast medium, and the data are 3-dimensional and depth resolved



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Ischemia near the FAZ



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Why it might work

- Strong relationship between exogenous cortisol and CSR
- Mineralocorticoid receptor (MR) pathway may play a role in the disease pathogenesis
- Aldosterone controls retinal fluid homeostasis through upregulating the ion and water channel, which is expressed in the apical region of RMGs

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55 yo Caucasian Male

- **Presents with sudden onset of floaters RE**
 - “Feels like I am looking through an oil slick or water”
- BCVA: 20/20 each eye
- CVF: FTFC OU
- Dilated patient with 1% Tropicamide, 2% Neo
- Examines with 90 D and peripheral retina with BIO and 20 D lens
- Notes Weiss Ring and attached retina

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55 yo Caucasian Male

- Diagnosis: PVD
- Educated regarding signs and symptoms of retinal detachment
- Explains need to **return immediately** if he should see these symptoms
- RTC 1 yr

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Crossfire...

- Did the OD manage this patient correctly?
- Was there anything else they **should have** done?
- Was he obligated to do scleral depression?
- Should he have referred this patient to a retinal specialist?

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OPTOMETRIC CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE

Care of the Patient with Retinal Detachment And Related Peripheral Vitreoretinal Disease

Approved by the ADA Board of Trustees April 27, 1995 (1st ed),
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I. CASE PRESENTATION

II. OBJECTIVES

III. INDICATIONS

IV. CONTRAINDICATIONS

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the detached retina, a helpful sign in detecting the presence of a retinal detachment. Scleral depression may be needed to detect small, asymptomatic peripheral retinal detachments. The biomicroscope can be used to search for breaks in detachments using a mirrored fundus contact lens, a hand-held precorneal fundus lens, or a wide-field fundus contact lens. A search for all possible retinal breaks should be performed, and

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65 yo Caucasian Male PVD

The rest of the story...

- Patient return about 5 weeks later complaining he can't see out of his right eye for th past 4 days
- Has a macula-off RD
- RD repaired but VA 20/200

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Crossfire Topics

- Should optometrists should refer all patients with flashes and floaters because the risk of having a retinal tear is too great?
- The standard of care for evaluating a patient with flashes and floaters is scleral depression

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PVD

- Retinal tears occur 8-15% of eyes with symptomatic PVD
 - 90% are superior
- VH occurs in 13-19% of symptomatic PVD's
- VH + PVD -> 70% will have a retinal break
- PVD No VH -> 2-4% will have retinal break




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Lattice Degeneration as a Routine Finding?

Is this any cause for concern?

How do you manage it?


What is the Risk for developing a retinal tear or RD



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Lattice Degeneration

- Present 5-20% of the general population
- Localized area of retinal thinning associated with a fluid pocket in the overlying cortical vitreous



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Lattice Degeneration and Risk of RD

- RD develop in **0.7%** of eyes with lattice degeneration followed for 10.8 yrs
- Eyes with lattice that developed tractional retinal tears
 - 40% occurred in areas not associated with lattice...normal-appearing retina

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Macular Degeneration

- One of the most common causes for vision loss in the elderly population
- 85% with dry AMD; 15% with Wet AMD
- Nutritional supplements have been shown to **decrease** the risk of progression to **wet** AMD
- Newer Anti-VEGF treatments have greatly improved the visual outcome
 - Earlier detection of CNV results in even better visual come
- We now understand there is a strong genetic link to AMD
 - There is a genetic test commercially available – ArtixDx

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The evolution of Anti-VEGF

- Lucentis
- Avastin
- Eylea

New drugs in the pipeline (phase III)

- Brolicizumab – Novartis: quarterly treatment
- Abicipar – Allergan: quarterly treatment

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Recent FDA Approvals for AMD and DME

- Port Delivery System (PDS): Susvimo
- Vabysmo: Farcimab

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Port Delivery System (Susvimo)

- Surgically implanted, refillable reservoir
- Median time to first refill was 18 months
 - But large range: 7-8 months - 2 years



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Port Delivery System (PDS)

- A permanent refillable eye implant that continuously delivers ranibizumab over a period of months
- Refilled every **6 months**, PDS demonstrated non-inferior and equivalent efficacy compared to the standard of care – monthly ranibizumab eye injections
- Archway Study: Phase 3 results presented July 2020
 - Port delivery equivalent to monthly Ranibizumab injections
 - 248 pts PDS vs. 167 monthly injections
 - **98% did not need supplement injection**

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Wet AMD Patients Prefer PDS Implant Over Injections

Patients underwent only 3 procedures in 40 weeks.

- Patients in Genentech's phase 3 ARCHWAY trial **strongly preferred the PDS** sustained-release implant over regular injections of ranibizumab
- > 93% of the 228 patients who received the implant cited such reasons as **fewer injections, reduced discomfort, and less nervousness** and apprehension
- Patients in injection arm averaged ~ 10 injections over 40 weeks
 - Implant had only the initial implantation in the operating room and a mandated in-office refill at 24 weeks
 - **Only 4 of 228 patients required a PDS refill prior to 24 weeks.**
- PDS with a custom formulation of ranibizumab **provided essentially the same efficacy as monthly injections of regular ranibizumab**

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Angiopoietin/Tie-2 Signaling Pathway

A key player in the pathogenesis of AMD and DME

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The Angiopoietin/Tie2 signaling pathway maintains vascular homeostasis

- ▶ Responsible for blood vessel growth during embryonic development
- ▶ Controls vascular stability, vascular permeability, and inflammation

Key Players	
Ligand/growth factor	Receptor
Angiopoietin-1 Constitutively expressed to maintain healthy vasculature	Tie2 Expressed in the endothelium
Angiopoietin-2 Only upregulated under pathological conditions	

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Ang-2 and VEGF-A are key drivers of angiogenesis, leakage, and microvascular inflammation

Healthy vasculature: Ang1 maintains stable vasculature and endothelium.

Pathogenic State: Angiogenic excess (Ang-2 levels increase, competitively inhibiting Ang1 and inactivating Tie2). Ang-2 + VEGF-A promote leaky, permeable vessels, and increased VEGF sensitivity. VEGF-A promotes leakage, increased vessel permeability.

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Faricimab

Bispecific antibody targeting both Ang-2 and VEGF

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Faricimab: first bispecific antibody designed for intraocular use

► Engineered for efficacy, duration within the eye, and fast systemic clearance

1 molecule, 2 targets

Anti-Ang-2 Fab **Anti-VEGF-A Fab**

Modified Fc
Reduced systemic exposure and inflammatory potential

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Neutralizing both Ang-2 and VEGF with faricimab

Targeting both:

- Promotes pericyte and vessel stabilization
- Reduces fluid leakage
- Reduces growth of new vessels
- Reduces inflammation

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Faricimab for DME

At 100 wk, noninferior vision gains with faricimab up to Q16W vs aflibercept Q8W

► 80% able to maintain Q12W-Q16W dosing

No new safety signals

YOSEMITE
Avg of wk 80-100*
Faricimab Q8W: +12.7 ETDRS letters
Aflibercept Q8W: +11.4 ETDRS letters

RHINE
Avg of wk 80-100*
Faricimab Q8W: +13.8 ETDRS letters
Aflibercept Q8W: +9.8 ETDRS letters

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FARICIMAB PHASE 3 PROGRAM IN DME – YOSEMITE AND RHINE 2 YEAR RESULTS

MORE THAN 50% OF PATIENTS IN THE FARICIMAB PTI ARMS ACHIEVED Q16W DOSING AT WEEK 52

YOSEMITE Week 52*

Dosing	Percentage
Q8W	12.8%
Q12W	21.9%
Q16W	52.8%
Q12W + Q16W	73.8%

RHINE Week 52*

Dosing	Percentage
Q8W	13.3%
Q12W	21.9%
Q16W	52.9%
Q12W + Q16W	71.1%

62% of patients completed one full Q12W dosing cycle and maintained Q12W or Q16W dosing without an interval reduction below Q12W through week 56*

10% of patients were on Q8W dosing or a combination of Q8W and Q8W dosing through week 56*

7% of patients remained on Q8W dosing through week 56*

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FARICIMAB PHASE 3 PROGRAM IN NAMD – YEAR 2 RESULTS

Vision Gains With Faricimab Up to Q16W Were Comparable With Aflibercept Q8W Through Week 112

Median number of injections through week 112: Faricimab up to Q16W: 50 injections and Aflibercept Q8W: 18 injections

Median number of injections during PTI phase (after week 42): Faricimab up to Q16W: 4 injections and Aflibercept Q8W: 6 injections

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Average of week 105-112: + 8.3 letters (Faricimab up to Q16W) vs + 8.3 letters (Aflibercept Q8W)

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