

# Ixoberogene soroparvovec (Ixo-vec) Intravitreal Gene Therapy for Neovascular Age-Related Macular Degeneration

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# OPTIC Study: 2-Year Safety and Efficacy of Ixo-vec for nAMD



## Primary Objective

- Assess the safety and tolerability of a single IVT injection of Ixo-vec

## Secondary Objective

- Evaluate vision maintenance (BCVA)
- Evaluate anatomy (SD-OCT)
- Assess the need for supplemental therapy



## Prophylaxis Steroid Regimen

<b>Cohort 1</b> (n=6) 6 x 10 <sup>11</sup> high dose	Oral*, 13d
<b>Cohort 2</b> (n=6) 2 x 10 <sup>11</sup> low dose	Oral*, 13d
<b>Cohort 3</b> (n=9) 2 x 10 <sup>11</sup> low dose	Eye Drops**, 6 wks
<b>Cohort 4</b> (n=9) 6 x 10 <sup>11</sup> high dose	Eye Drops**, 6 wks

## Supplemental Aflibercept (2 mg IVT) Criteria:

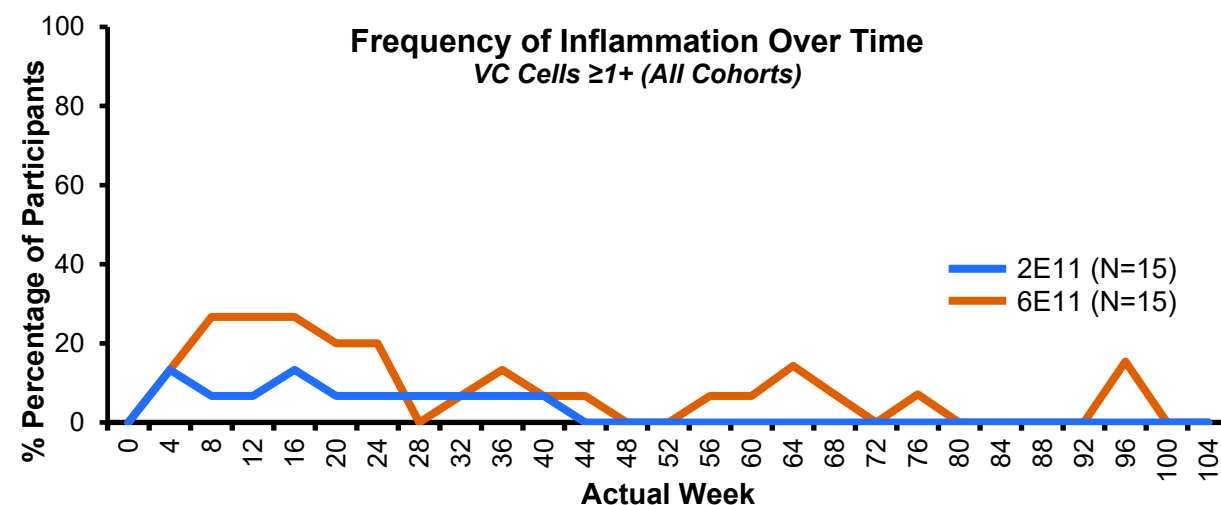
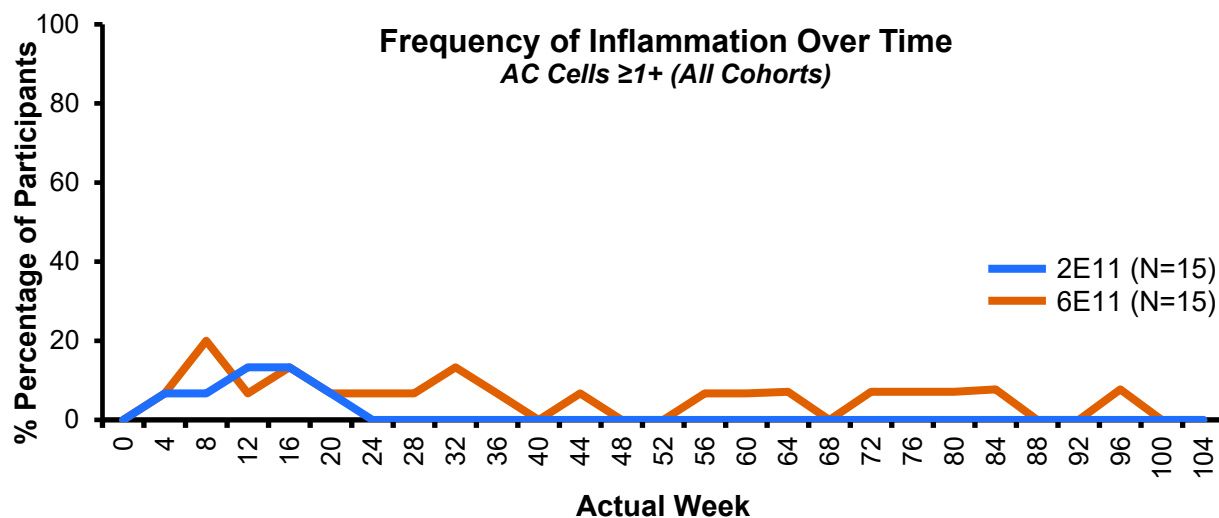
- Loss of  $\geq 10$  letters in BCVA (ETDRS) from baseline that is attributed to intraretinal or subretinal fluid observed by the investigator
- Increase in central subfield thickness  $> 75 \mu\text{m}$  from baseline
- Presence of vision-threatening hemorrhage due to AMD

*\*Subjects received prophylaxis of 60 mg oral prednisone for 6 days starting at Day -3 followed by 7-day taper. \*\*Subjects received prophylaxis of QID difluprednate eye drops for 3 weeks starting at Day 1 followed by a 3-week taper. Final analysis includes all participants regardless of baseline neutralizing antibody titer. AAV, adeno-associated virus; AMD, age-related macular degeneration; BCVA, best corrected visual acuity; CST, central subfield thickness; ETDRS, Early Treatment Diabetic Retinopathy Study; IVT, intravitreal therapy; QID, four times daily; SD-OCT, spectral domain optical coherence tomography; NCT03748784.*

# Ixo-vec OPTIC Study Safety Summary

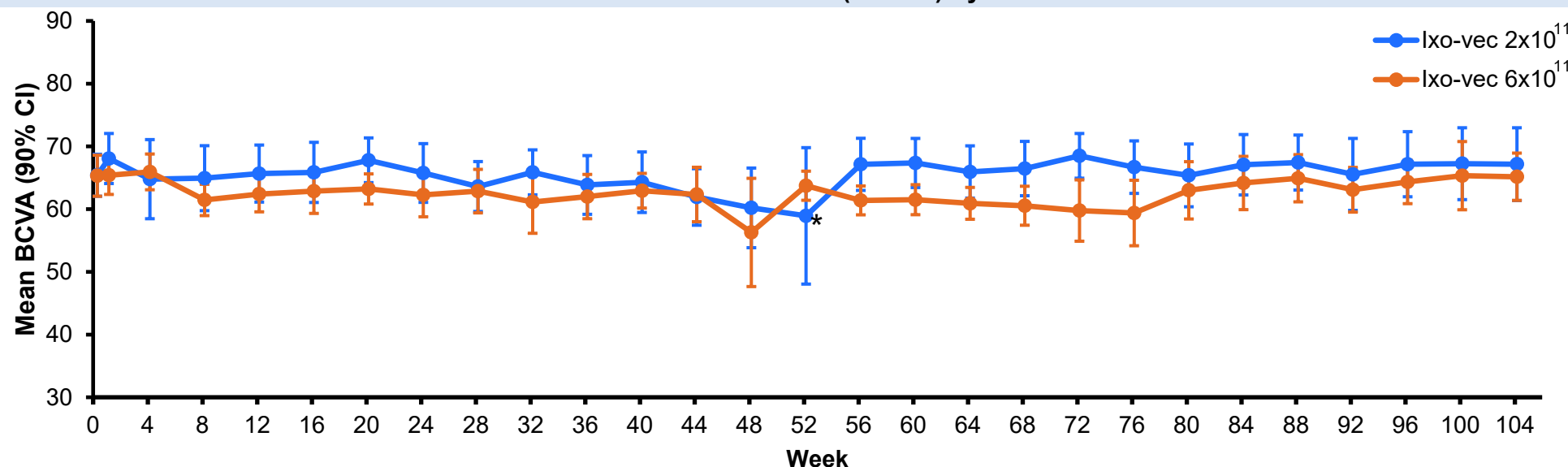
- Despite short corticosteroid prophylaxis, Ixo-vec was generally well tolerated. The most common AE was dose-dependent, mild to moderate inflammation responsive to topical corticosteroids
- At Year 2, inflammation at the  $2 \times 10^{11}$  dose resolved, and no participants required corticosteroids
- Across all cohorts, most Ixo-vec-related ocular AEs were mild (83.7%) to moderate (15.6%)
- Most commonly reported ocular AE was anterior chamber cell
- Two Ixo-vec related SAEs were reported: uveitis (responsive to topical corticosteroids) and dry AMD
- No vasculitis, retinitis, choroiditis, vascular occlusions, endophthalmitis, or clinically relevant low IOP events were observed at either dose

## Frequency of Inflammation Decreases Over Time



# Ixo-vec Maintains or Improves BCVA and CST Through 2 Years

Mean BCVA (90% CI) by Cohort and Week

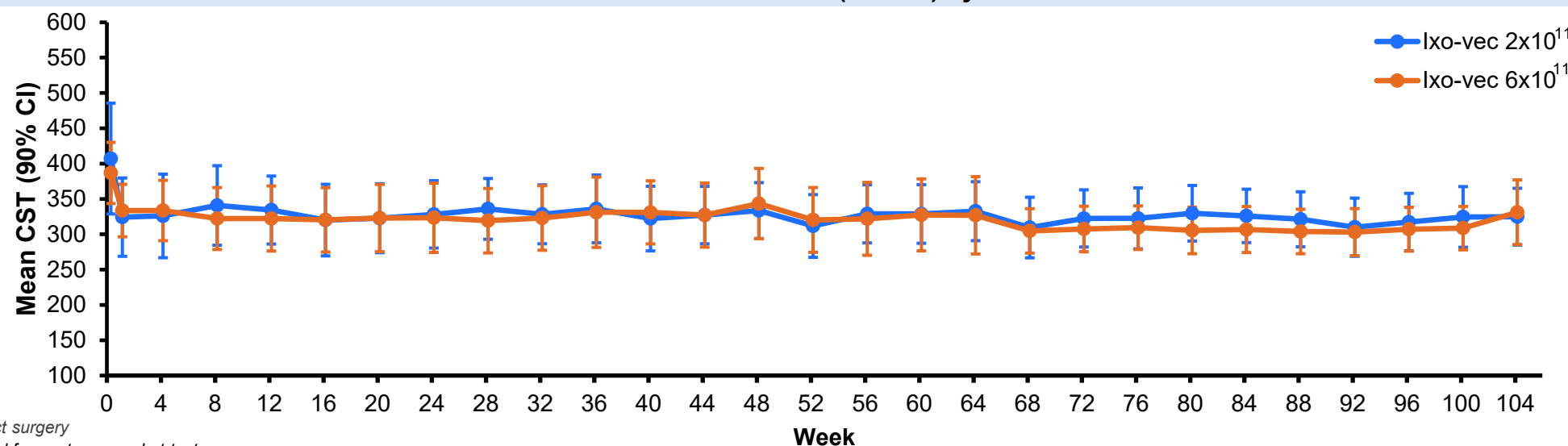


Mean BCVA  
(letters) change  
from baseline to  
last visit (90% CI)

+0.2 (-4.6, 5.0)  
 $2 \times 10^{11}$  vg/eye

-0.2 (-3.4, 3.0)  
 $6 \times 10^{11}$  vg/eye

Mean CST (90% CI) by Cohort and Week



Mean CST ( $\mu$ m)  
change from  
baseline to last visit  
(90% CI)

-60.2 (-99.1, -21.3)  
 $p = 0.017^{**}$   
 $6 \times 10^{11}$  vg/eye

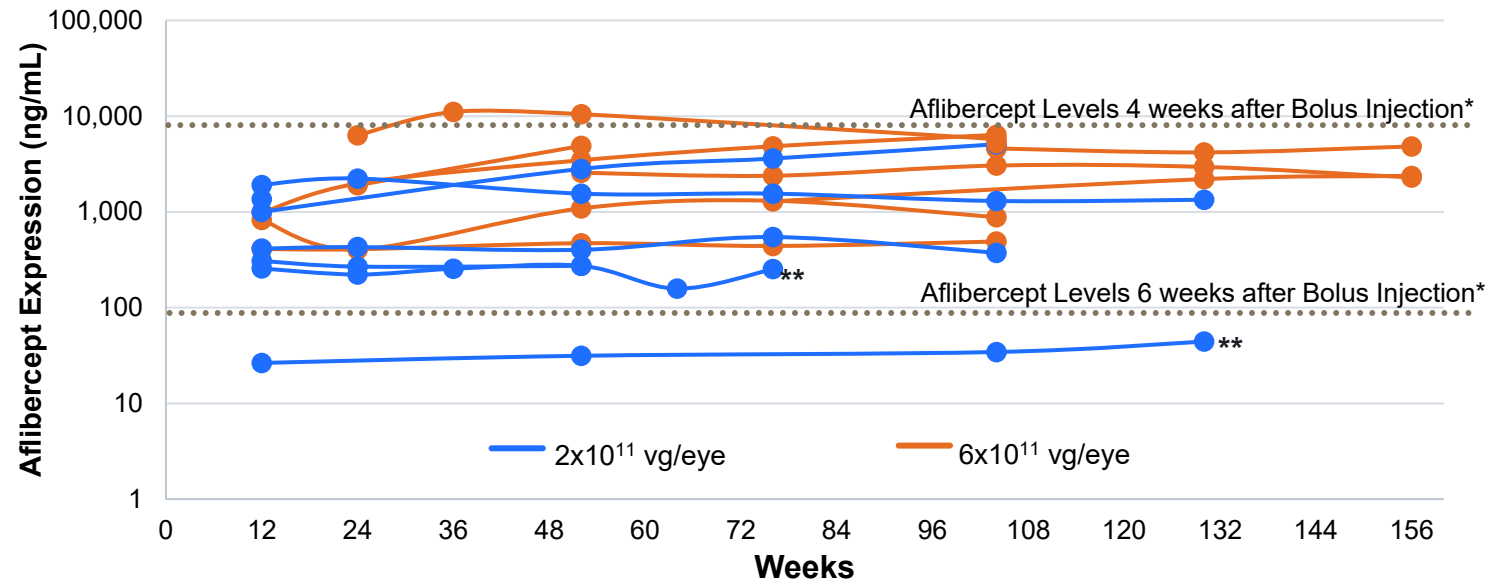
-92.9 (-153.3, -32.6)  
 $p = 0.017^{**}$   
 $2 \times 10^{11}$  vg/eye

\*Cataract surgery

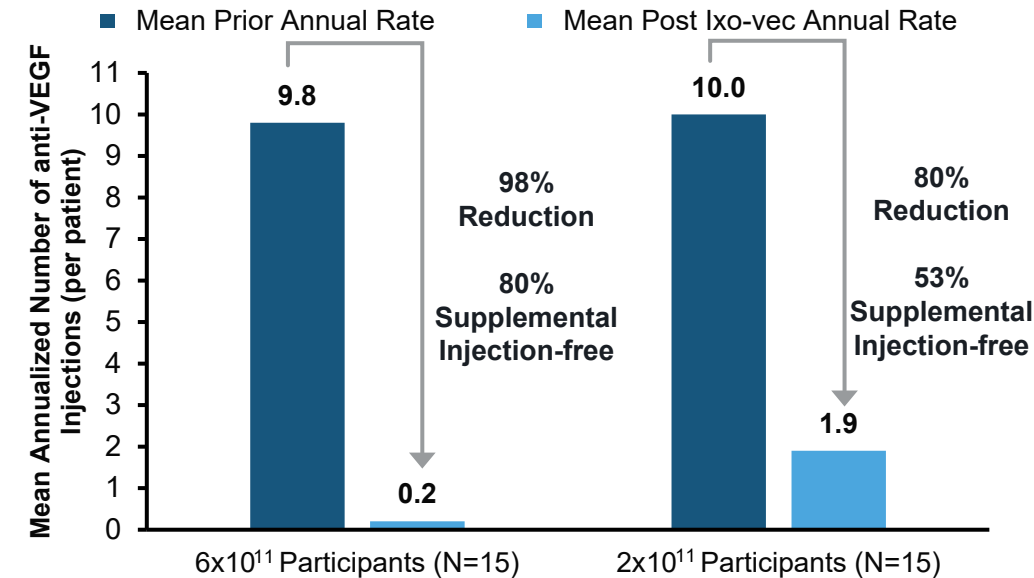
\*\*Derived from a two-sample t-test.

# Continuous Aflibercept Protein Expression Following Ixo-vec Resulted in a Clinically Relevant Reduction in Annualized Anti-VEGF Injections

## Aflibercept Expression - Individual Participant Plots



## Reduction in Annualized Anti-VEGF Injections



\*Modeled based on Do et al. Retina 2020; 40:643-647.

\*\* Participant received supplemental aflibercept injections

Protocol amendment for aqueous sample collection for participants that consented. To isolate the effect of Ixo-vec, samples that were collected within 2 months of supplemental aflibercept are not shown.

Annualized rate (Prior) = (number of IVTs in 12 months prior to Ixo-vec) / (days from the first IVT in the past 12 months to Ixo-vec / 365.25).

Annualized rate (Post) = (numbers of aflibercept IVTs since Ixo-vec) / (days from Ixo-vec to the last study follow-up / 365.25).

VEGF, vascular endothelial growth factor.

- Ixo-vec was generally well tolerated. Mild to moderate inflammation was the most common adverse event, which was dose-related and responded to topical corticosteroids
- All participants who received Ixo-vec  $2 \times 10^{11}$  vg/eye dose were inflammation free and did not require corticosteroids at the end of the study
- A single IVT injection of Ixo-vec resulted in sustained therapeutic aflibercept expression through at least 3 years. An extension study is ongoing and will follow subjects out to 5 years
- Mean annualized anti-VEGF injections were reduced by 80-98% in all participants, and majority of participants (53%) in  $2 \times 10^{11}$  vg/eye dose groups were supplemental injection free over two years
- BCVA and CST were maintained or improved through two years with both doses
- The  $2 \times 10^{11}$  dose demonstrated a favorable benefit/risk profile despite short duration corticosteroid prophylaxis, warranting further development for treatment of nAMD

# Further Development of Ixo-vec for Wet AMD: The LUNA Study

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Lessons Learned and the Path Forward





# Inflammation in Ocular Gene Therapy is Correlated with Dose

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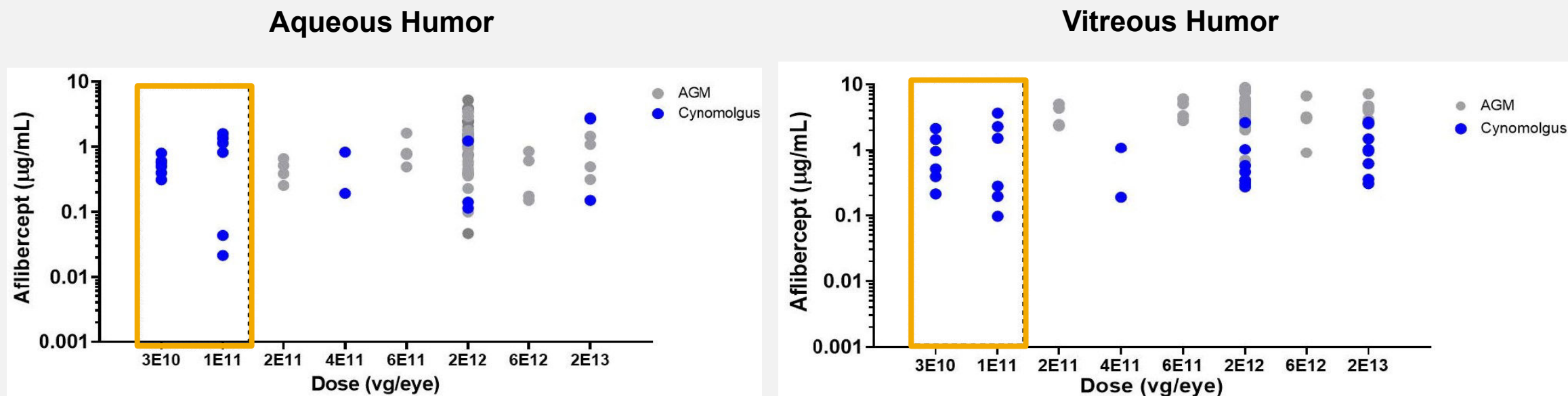
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*“The workshop’s discussions consistently suggested that, in both animals and people, ocular inflammation almost always accompanies gene therapy treatments by any route, and the degree of inflammation is correlated with dose.”*

# NHP Studies of Ixo-vec Support the Clinical Use of a Lower Dose

Administration of Ixo-vec at doses as low as  $3 \times 10^{10}$  vg/eye in NHPs (human equivalent dose\* of  $6 \times 10^{10}$  vg/eye) are anticipated to provide therapeutic levels of aflibercept in the clinic



**Historical data show a near flat dose response over 3 logs.** Historical NHP studies conducted in African green monkeys (AGMs, grey) or cynomolgus monkeys (blue). NHPs were administered Ixo-vec at doses of  $3 \times 10^{10}$  vg/eye –  $2 \times 10^{13}$  vg/eye. Peak aflibercept levels for each NHP in each study were measured via aflibercept ELISA and recorded. Samples from Study ADV-2110 are outlined with yellow.

\*Human equivalent dose is calculated based on a 2-fold difference in vitreous humor volume between NHP/human

# NHP GLP Study: Ixo-vec Well Tolerated Without Prophylaxis at Clinically Relevant Doses

## Summary of Ixo-vec Tolerability

- Minimal inflammation without prophylaxis
- No adverse clinical signs
- Dose-dependent, non-adverse slight to mild inflammation characterized by pigment and cells in the VH
- NOAEL has been determined at  $1 \times 10^{11}$  vg/eye (HED  $2 \times 10^{11}$  vg/eye)

Ixo-vec Treatment	NHP ID	Day 0	Day 3	Day 8	Day 15	Day 21	Day 25	Day 36	Day 50	Day 64	Day 78	Day 92	Color Codes
Vehicle	1001 OD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
	1001 OS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
	1002 OD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	1002 OS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
3E+10	2001 OD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5
	2001 OS	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.5	0	0	0
	2002 OD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
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	2103 OD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	2103 OS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	2004 OD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	2004 OS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
1E+11	3001 OD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	3001 OS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	
	3002 OD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	3002 OS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	3003 OD	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	0.5	0.5	0	
	3003 OS	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0.5	0.5	0	
	3004 OD	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	1	1	
	3004 OS	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	2	1	1	

NHP: non-human primate; NOAEL: no observed adverse effect level; HED: human equivalent dose

Non-Clinical Data Support Efficacy and Tolerability of a Human Equivalent Dose of  $6 \times 10^{10}$  vg/eye of ADVM-022 for the Treatment of Neovascular Age-Related Macular Degeneration. The American Society of Gene and Cell Therapy 2022.

# Prophylaxis of Inflammation is Believed to be a Better Strategy than Treatment. The Optimal Regimen Remains to be Determined

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*“Clearly a wide variety of different treatment protocols are being used before, during, and after gene therapy administration to suppress unwanted clinical inflammation, NAbs, or T cell responses. The heterogeneity in research and clinical protocols confounds conclusions about optimal strategies at this time.”*

## Objective I

### Determine the Right Dose

- The  $2 \times 10^{11}$  vg/eye dose in OPTIC demonstrated robust efficacy and acceptable safety despite suboptimal corticosteroid prophylaxis
- Non-human primate (NHP) studies support efficacy and tolerability of a human equivalent dose of  $6 \times 10^{10}$  vg/eye of Ixo-vec

## Objective II

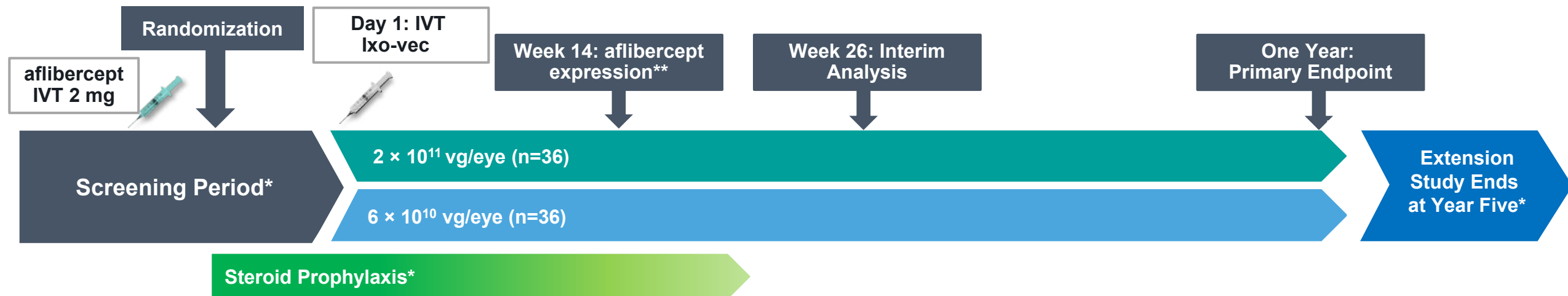
### Determine the Right Prophylactic Regimen

- Establish a prophylactic regimen that allows efficacy with minimal need for inflammation management post prophylaxis
  - Assess importance of patient adherence to drops
  - Evaluate systemic contribution to immune response
  - Ensure adequate prophylaxis covering the period of peak immune response post IVT gene therapy

# LUNA Phase 2 Study in nAMD - Study Design



**Objective:** The LUNA trial is a multicenter, double-masked, randomized, parallel-group Phase 2 study evaluating a one-time IVT injection of either of two doses of Ixo-vec (ADVM-022), including  $2 \times 10^{11}$  vg/eye dose and a new, lower  $6 \times 10^{10}$  vg/eye dose in 72 patients



## Study Population

- nAMD diagnosis
- 50 years or older
- Demonstrated response to anti-VEGF treatment

## Prophylactic Regimens

Durezol® topical 22 weeks (n=18)

Ozurdex® IVT (n=18)

Durezol® topical 22 weeks +  
Prednisone oral 10 weeks (n=18)

Ozurdex® IVT + Prednisone oral 10 weeks (n=18)

## Primary Endpoints

- Mean change in best corrected visual acuity (BCVA) from baseline to one year
- Incidence and severity of adverse events

## Secondary Objectives

- Evaluate the effect of Ixo-vec on Best Corrected Visual Acuity (BCVA)
- Assess the durability of a single IVT injection of Ixo-vec
- Evaluate the effect of Ixo-vec on Central Subfield Thickness (CST)
- Assess the effectiveness of prophylactic corticosteroid treatment regimens in minimizing post-prophylactic inflammation

*\*Study timeline and length of arrows depicted are not to scale*

*\*\*Additional levels of aflibercept expression will be measured throughout*