

# Ixoberogene soroparvovec (Ixo-vec) Intravitreal Gene Therapy for Neovascular Age-Related Macular Degeneration: Preliminary Results from the Phase 2 LUNA Study

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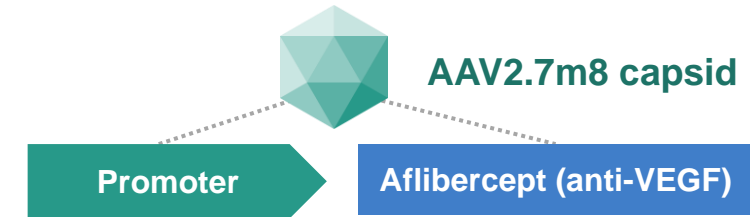


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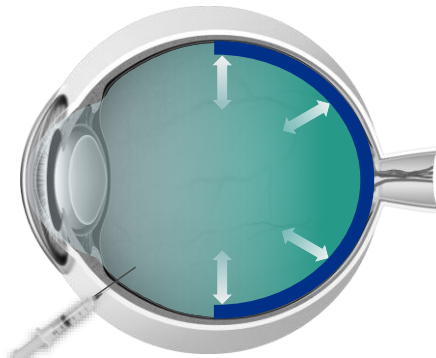
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# Ixo-vec IVT Gene Therapy is Designed to Provide Continuous Delivery of Aflibercept for Long-term nAMD Management and Preservation of Vision

**AAV2.7m8 capsid engineered via directed evolution for enhanced transduction carrying a coding sequence for the anti-VEGF protein aflibercept**

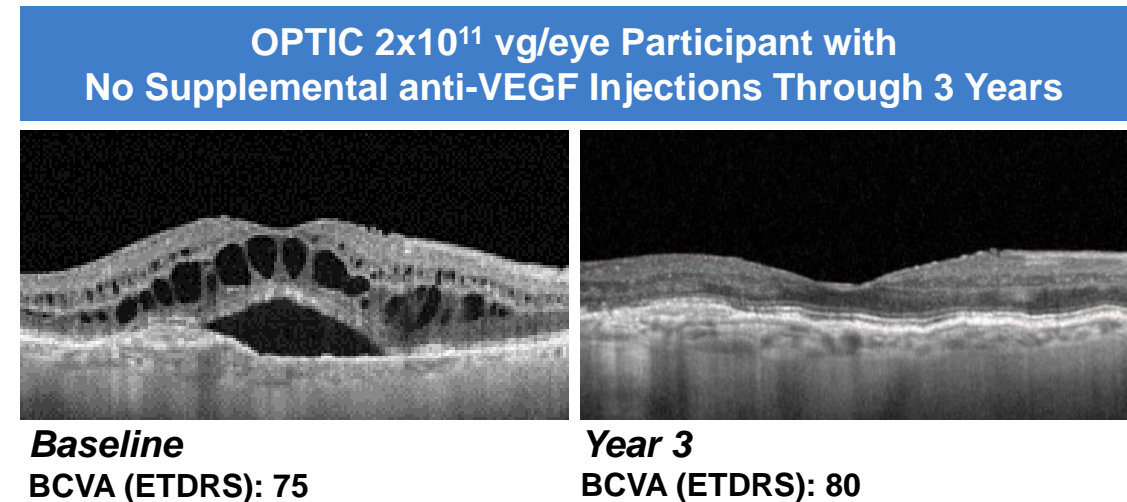


**Following a one-time IVT Ixo-vec injection, transduced retinal cells become the source of continual aflibercept production**



**IVT injection of Ixo-vec**

**Long-term data from the FIH OPTIC study demonstrate sustained efficacy outcomes through 3 years**



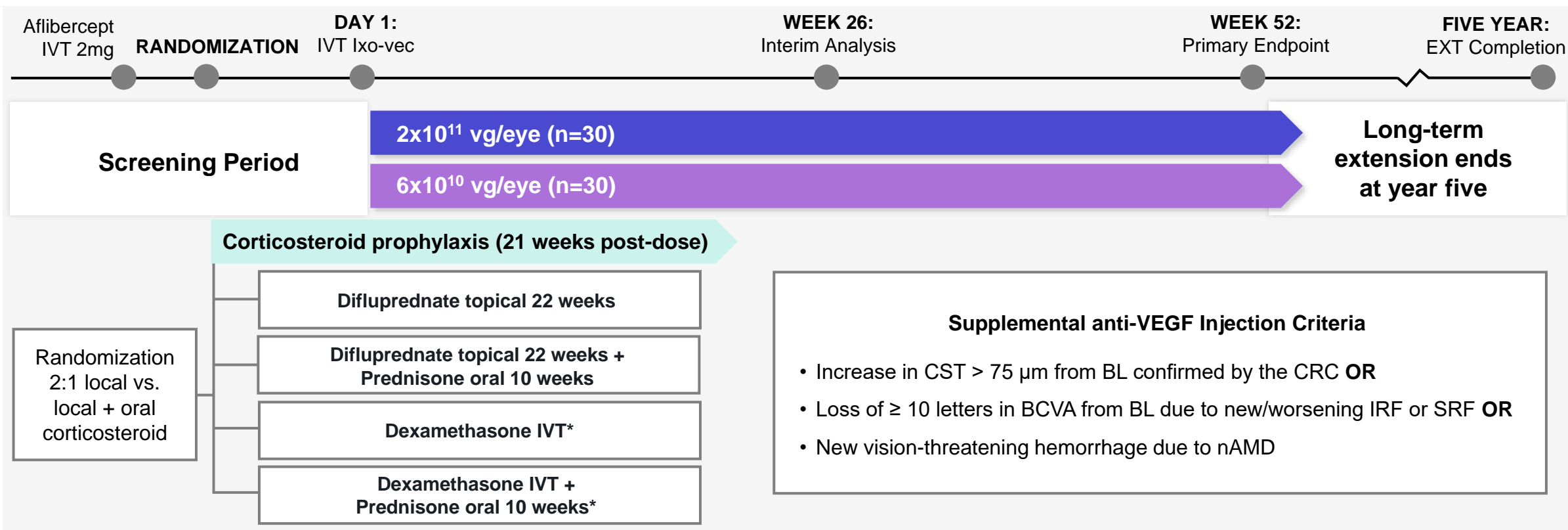
## Multicenter, double-masked, randomized, parallel-group Phase 2 study

### Key inclusion criteria

- Demonstrated response to anti-VEGF therapy and under active treatment for CNV due to nAMD (minimum of 2 injections within 4 months of entry)
- Study eye BCVA in the range of 25 – 83 ETDRS letters

### Primary endpoints

- Mean change in BCVA from baseline to one year
- Incidence and severity of adverse events



Participant Disposition	
<b>Number of participants randomized and dosed with Ixo-vec</b>	60
Number of participants who completed Week 14	54
Number of participants who completed Week 26	26
<b>Number of participants who discontinued after Ixo-vec dosing</b>	2
<b>Reason for discontinuation (not related to Ixo-vec)</b>	
• Death (Abdominal mesenteric mass, multiple organ failure, and septic shock – not related to study drug)	1
• Adverse event (Dementia – not related to study drug)	1
<b>Mean follow-up duration in Weeks from Day 1</b>	23.3

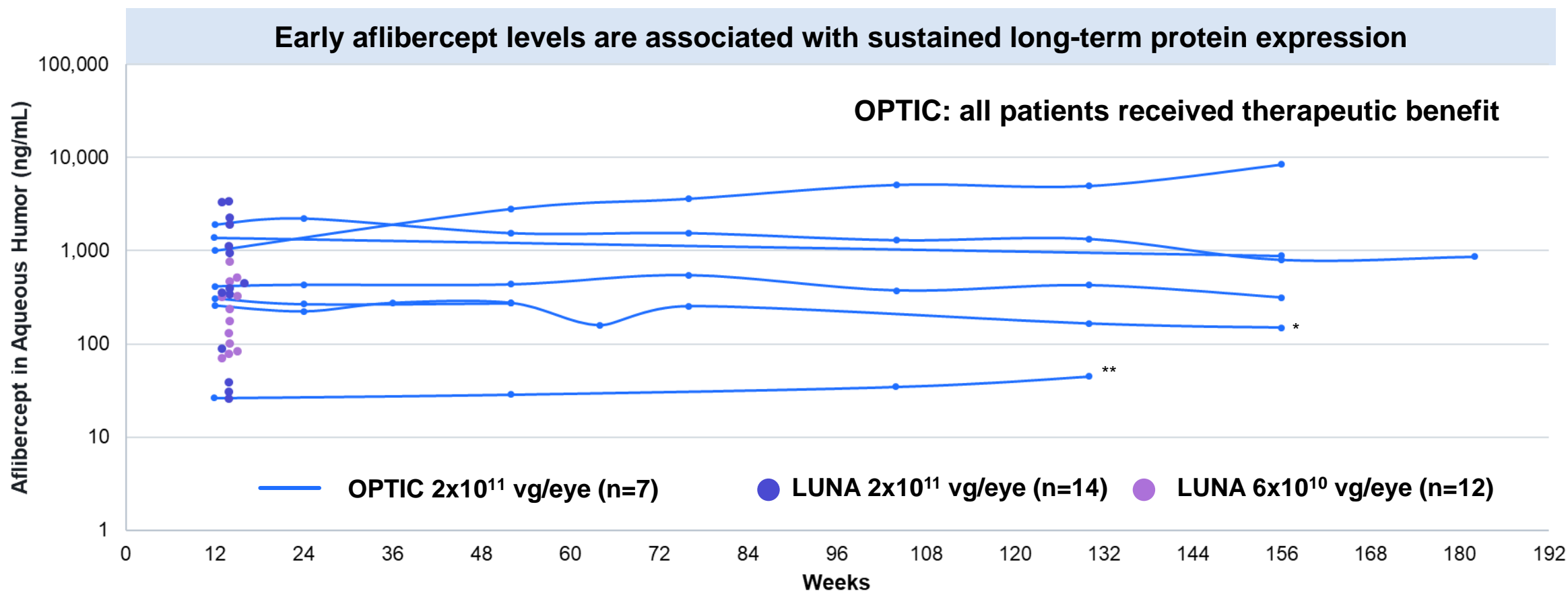
**A prespecified interim analysis will be conducted when all participants complete their 26-week study visit**

# LUNA Demographics and Baseline Characteristics



Demographics and Baseline Characteristics	Ixo-vec 6x10 <sup>10</sup> vg/eye N = 30	Ixo-vec 2x10 <sup>11</sup> vg/eye N = 30	LUNA Total N = 60
<b>Mean age, years (SD)</b>	75.4 (8.2)	77.7 (7.4)	76.6 (7.8)
<b>Female, n (%)</b>	16 (53%)	18 (60%)	34 (57%)
<b>Race, n (%)</b>			
<b>White</b>	27 (90%)	28 (93%)	55 (92%)
<b>Asian</b>	2 (7%)	2 (7%)	4 (7%)
<b>Mean years since nAMD diagnosis in the study eye (SD)</b>	2.6 (2.7)	2.8 (3.3)	2.7 (3.0)
<b>Mean annualized anti-VEGF injections prior to Day 1 (SD)</b>	10.0 (1.7)	9.7 (2.5)	9.9 (2.1)
<b>Mean BCVA, ETDRS letters (SD)</b>	72.9 (8.8)	71.8 (6.4)	72.3 (7.7)
<b>Mean CST, μm (SD)</b>	360.6 (112.0)	340.5 (119.3)	350.6 (115.2)
<b>Phakic lens status, n (%)</b>	10 (33%)	11 (37%)	21 (35%)

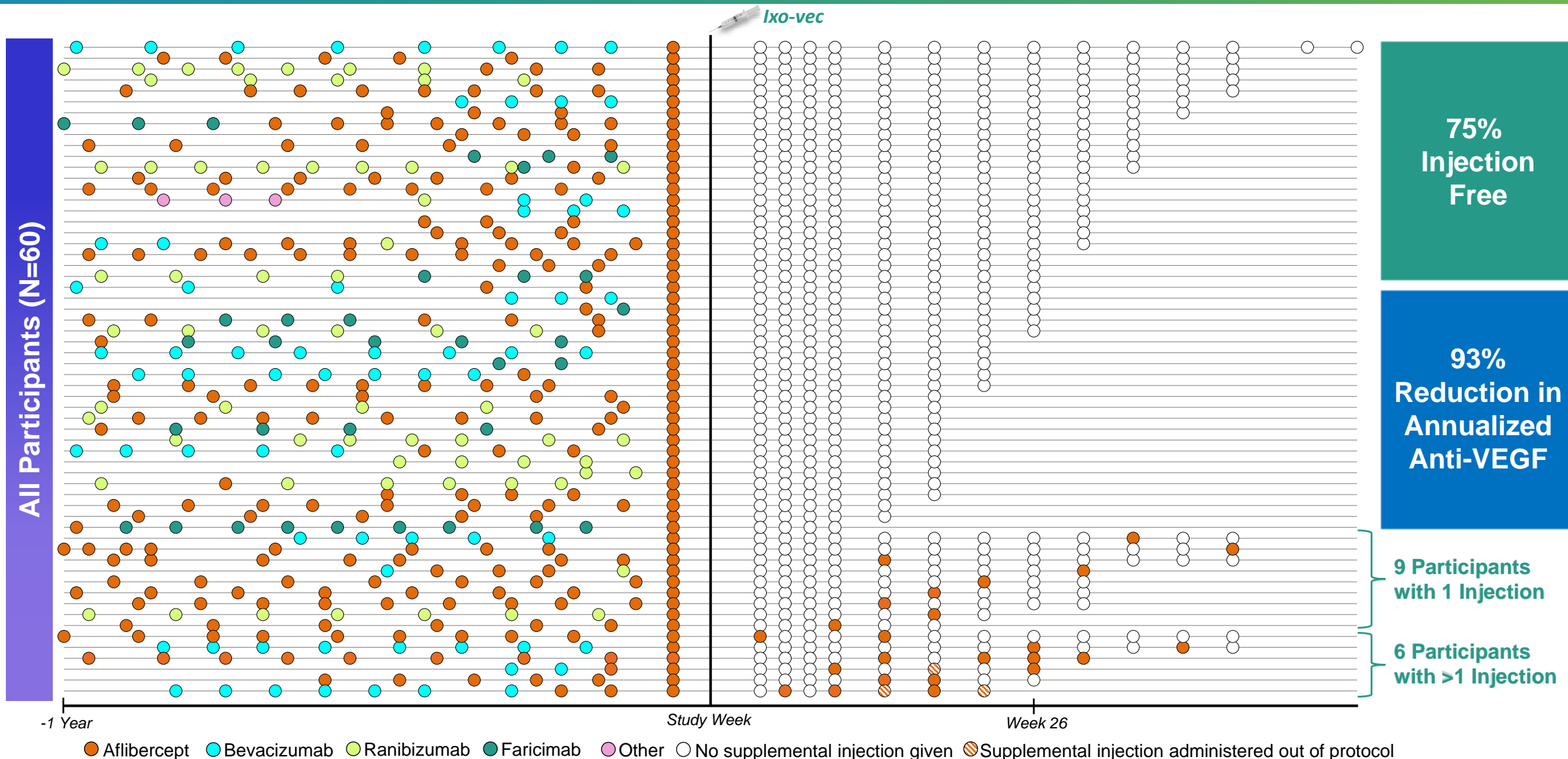
# Aqueous Aflibercept Levels at Both Doses in LUNA Demonstrate Ixo-vec Therapeutic Benefit



## OPTIC and LUNA: no minimum aqueous humor aflibercept threshold for clinical benefit observed

Data cut: 15Nov2023. LUNA Week 14 aflibercept levels plotted for 26 of 30 individual participants. 4 samples across both the  $2E11$  and  $6E10$  doses had aqueous aflibercept levels (ELISA assay BLOQ:  $<25$  ng/ml). Of these, 2 were free of injections and 2 had either 1 or 2 supplemental injections through at least week 26. LUNA revised to stop collection of AH samples. \*Participant received supplemental aflibercept injections at weeks 36, 52, 64, 68, 76, 80, 88, 92, 100, 130, 143, 156. 58% reduction in annualized anti-VEGF injections 3 years post-Ixo-vec compared to 12 months prior to Ixo-vec. \*\*Participant received supplemental aflibercept injections at weeks 24, 64, 72, 80, and 156. 81% reduction in annualized anti-VEGF injections 3 years post-Ixo-vec compared to 12 months prior to Ixo-vec. At three timepoints (not indicated on plot), aflibercept levels were BLOQ.

# 93% Anti-VEGF Treatment Burden Reduction Across Both Doses of Ixo-vec in a Heavily Pretreated nAMD Population



Doses pooled to preserve investigator masking in an ongoing double masked study. 71% reduction of annualized injections across both doses in subset of patients who received supplemental injections.

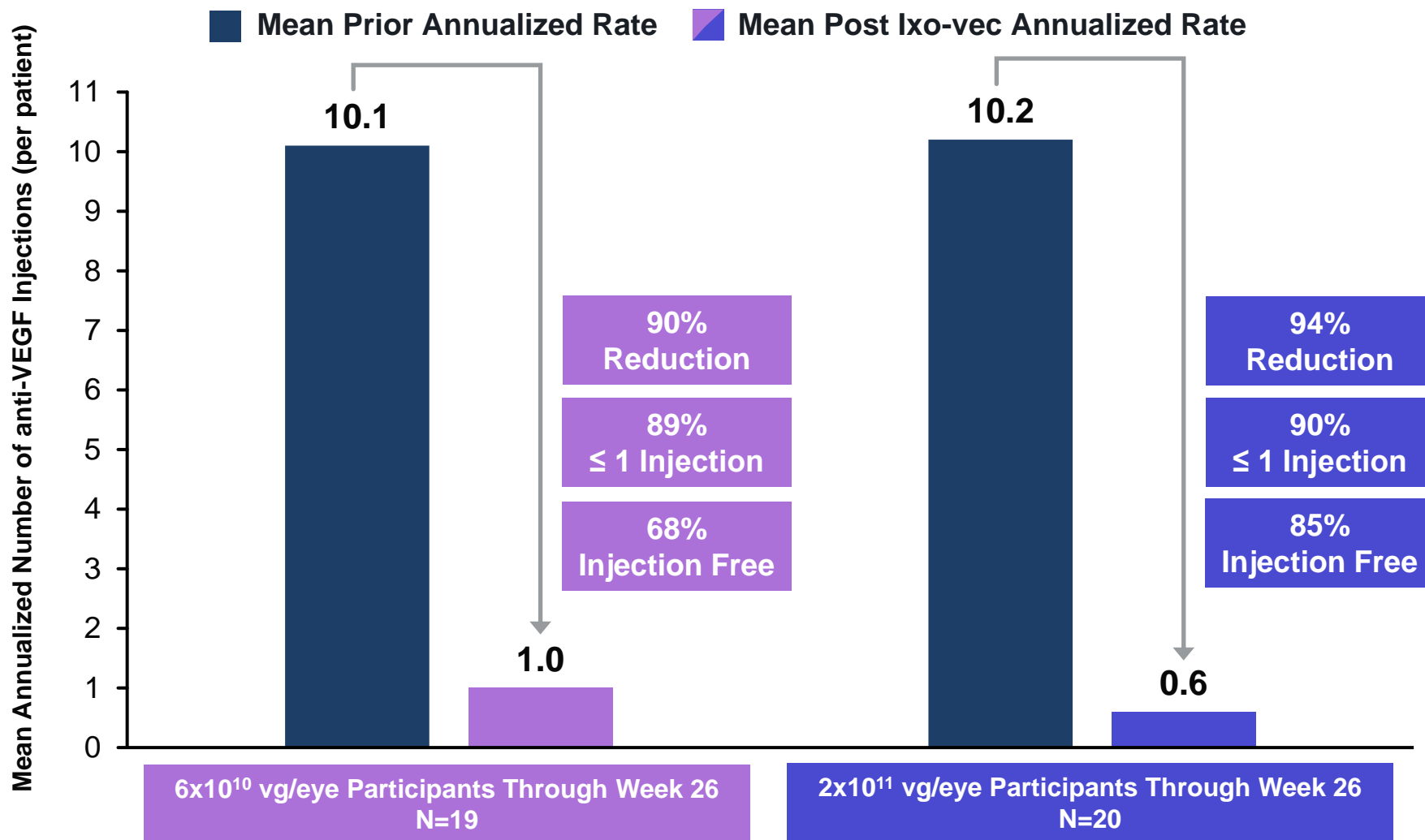
Annualized rate (Prior) = (number of IVTs in 12 months prior to Ixo-vec) / (days from the first IVT in the past 12 months to Ixo-vec / 365.25).

Annualized rate (Post) = (numbers of aflibercept IVTs since Ixo-vec) / (days from Ixo-vec to the last study follow-up / 365.25). Reduction in annualized anti-VEGF is based on all participants through most recent visit

Data cut: 02Jan2024



# 90-94% Reduction in Mean Annualized Anti-VEGF Injections with 89-90% $\leq 1$ and 68-85% Free of Injections Through Week 26



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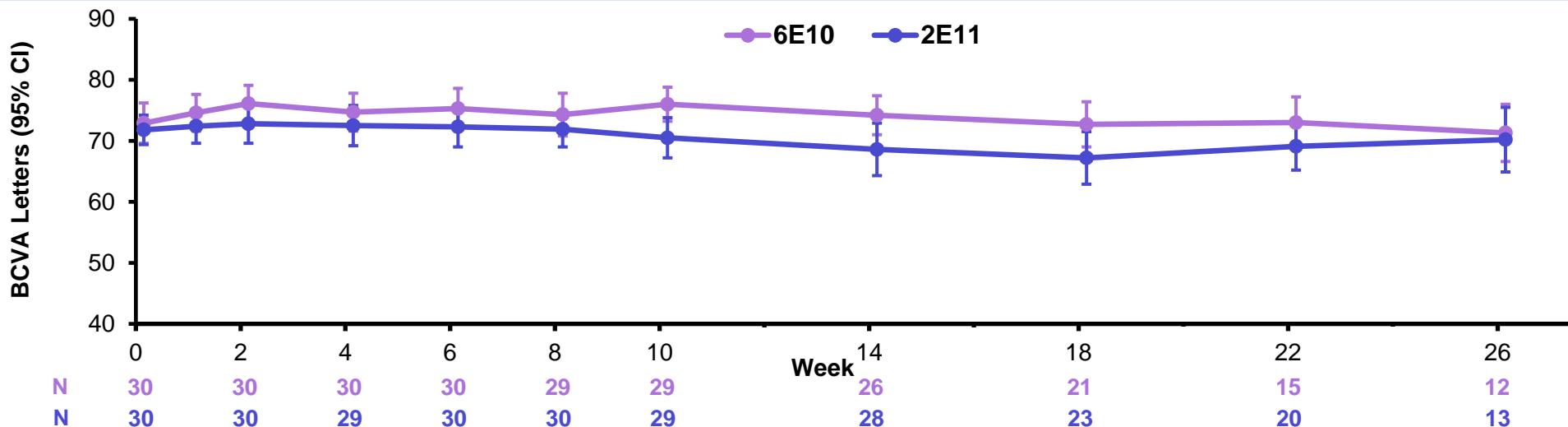
Reduction in annualized anti-VEGF through Week 26 among participants who have completed Week 26

VEGF, vascular endothelial growth factor; IVT: intravitreal.

# Stable Vision and Anatomic Control Maintained Through 26 Weeks in Both Ixo-vec Dose Groups



Best Corrected Visual Acuity (BCVA) Over Time by Dose

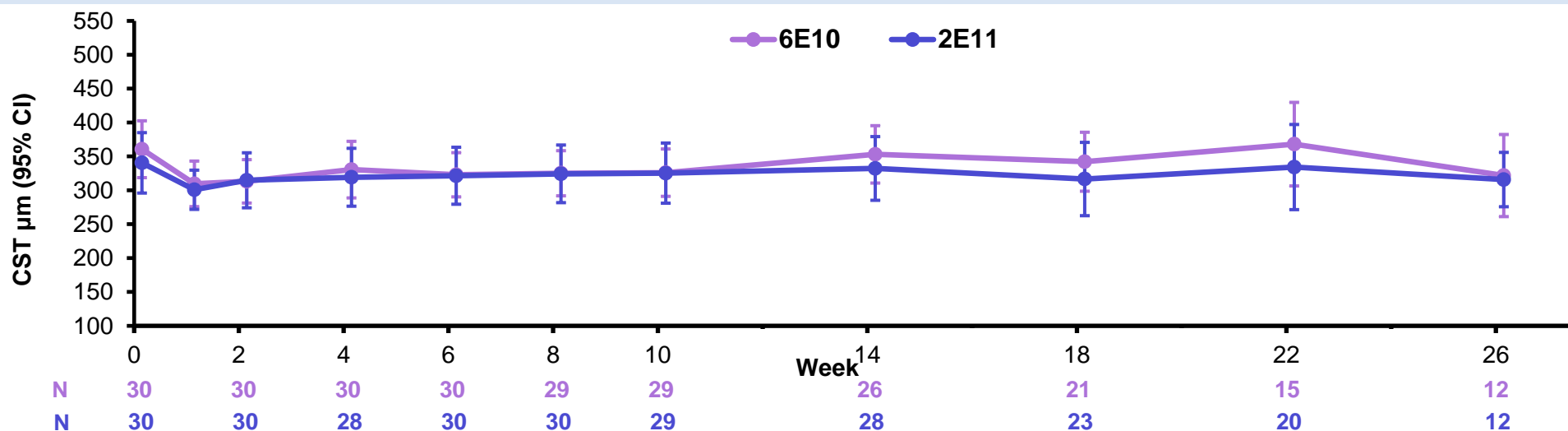


Mean BCVA change from baseline to last visit, letters (95% CI)

0.5 (-2.2, 3.3)  
6x10<sup>10</sup> vg/eye

-1.7 (-4.5, 1.2)  
2x10<sup>11</sup> vg/eye

Central Subfield Thickness (CST) Over Time by Dose



Mean CST change from baseline to last visit, μm (95% CI)

-7.9 (-30.9, 15.0)  
6x10<sup>10</sup> vg/eye

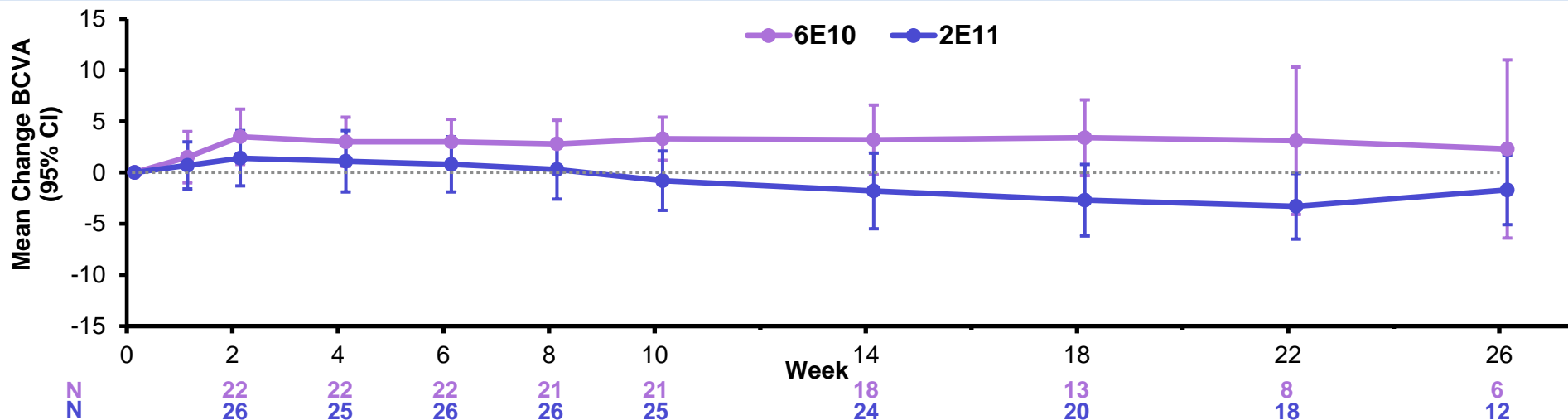
-16.4 (-31.5, -1.3)  
2x10<sup>11</sup> vg/eye

CST measurement missing for one participant at week 4 and week 26

# Stable Visual and Anatomic Control Maintained in Supplemental Injection Free Patients



Mean Change in BCVA Over Time in Supplemental Injection Free Participants, by Dose

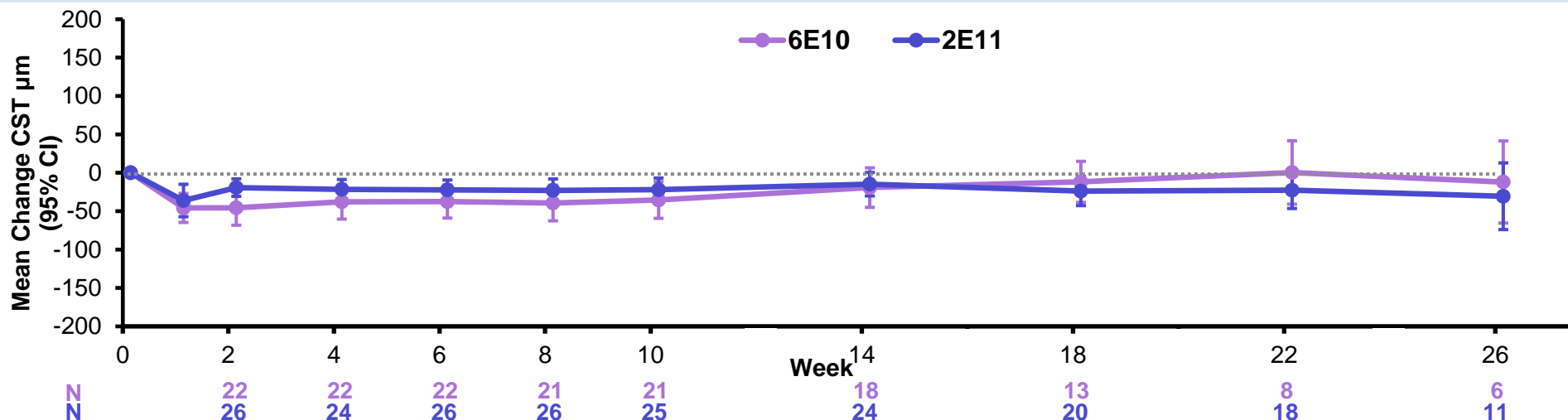


Mean BCVA change from baseline to last visit, letters (95% CI)

+2.7 (0.0, 5.4)  
6x10<sup>10</sup> vg/eye

-1.2 (-4.1, 1.7)  
2x10<sup>11</sup> vg/eye

Mean Change in CST Over Time in Supplemental Injection Free Participants, by Dose



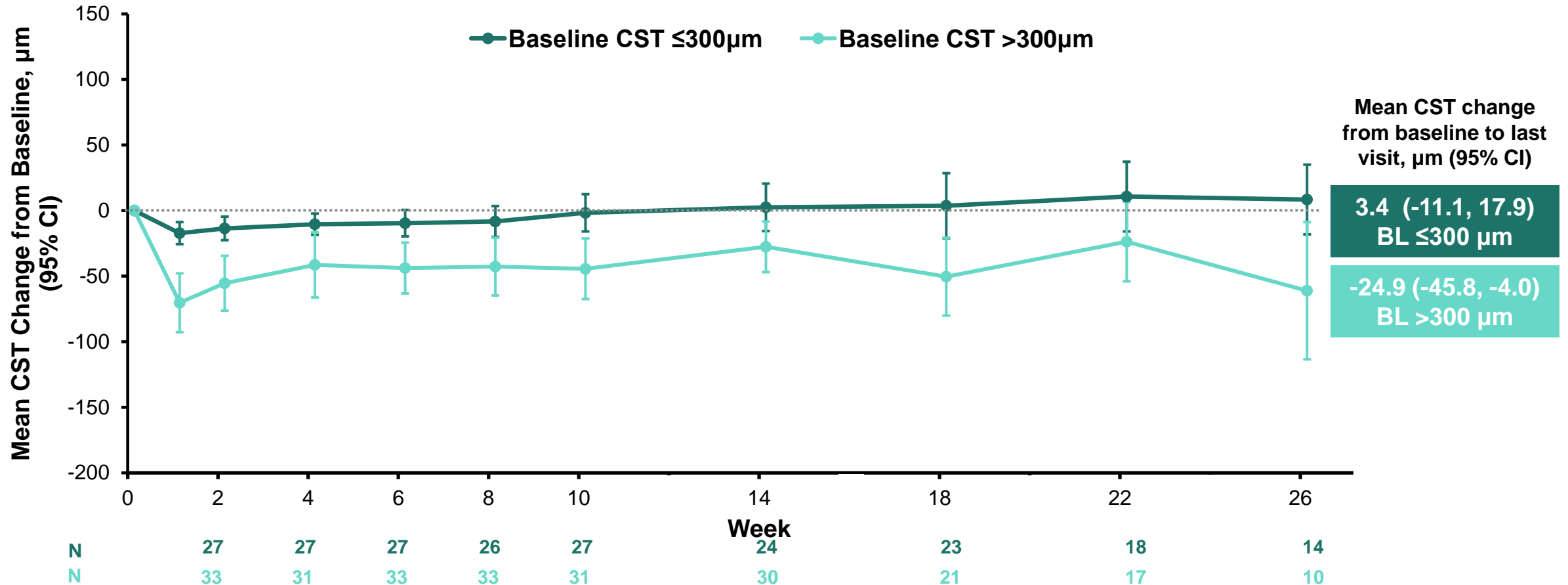
Mean CST change from baseline to last visit, μm (95% CI)

-2.8 (-19.7, 14.2)  
6x10<sup>10</sup> vg/eye

-14.8 (-32.1, 2.4)  
2x10<sup>11</sup> vg/eye

CST measurement missing for one participant at week 4 and week 26

# Anatomic Control Maintained with Greater CST Reduction Among Participants with Baseline CST >300 $\mu\text{m}$



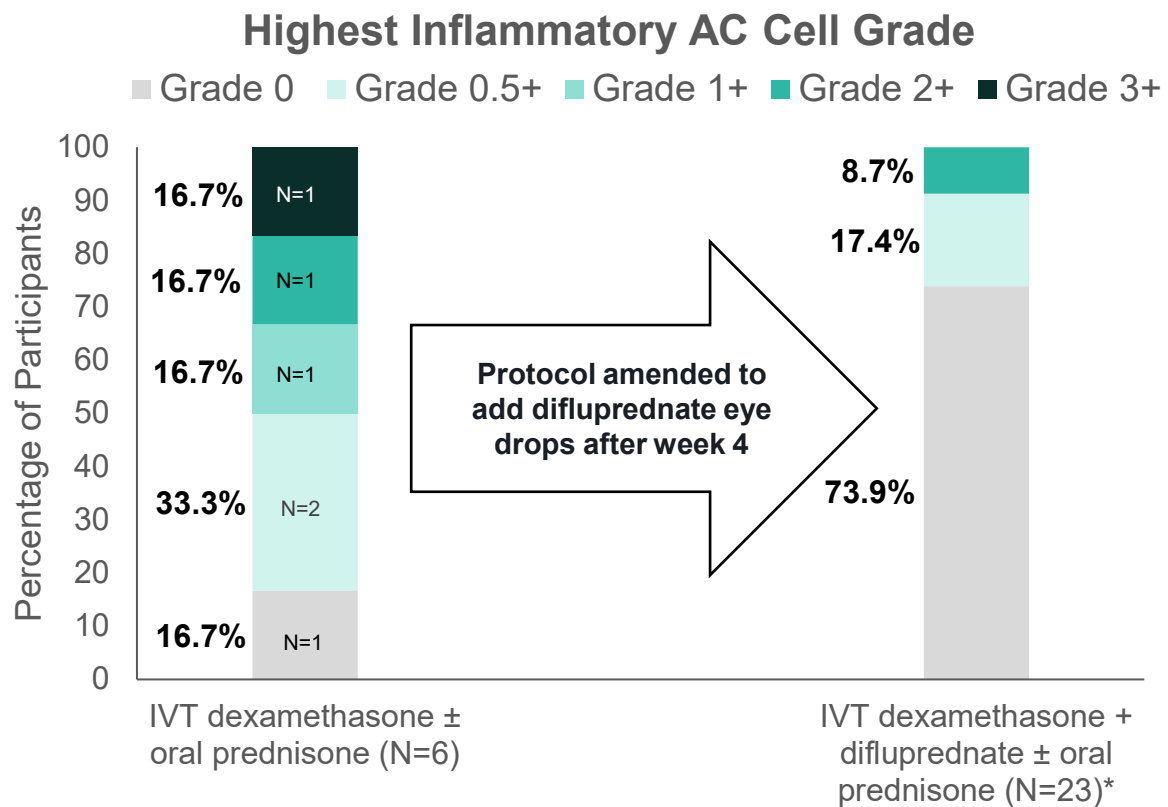
Baseline Characteristic for Subgroup	CST $\leq 300 \mu\text{m}$	CST $> 300 \mu\text{m}$
Mean CST, $\mu\text{m}$ (SD)	270 (19)	417 (119)

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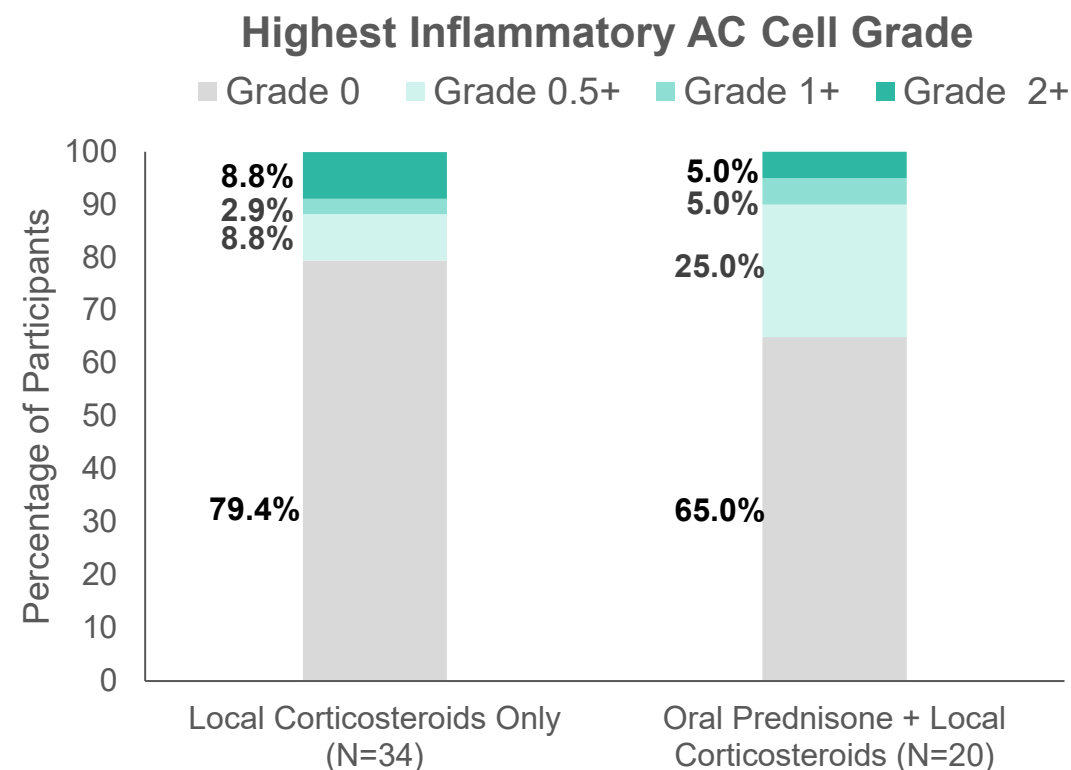
# Preliminary Safety Analysis Prophylaxis for Ixo-vec IVT Gene Therapy Key Learnings



## Observed Benefit of Difluprednate Added to IVT Dexamethasone



## No Observed Benefit of Oral Prednisone

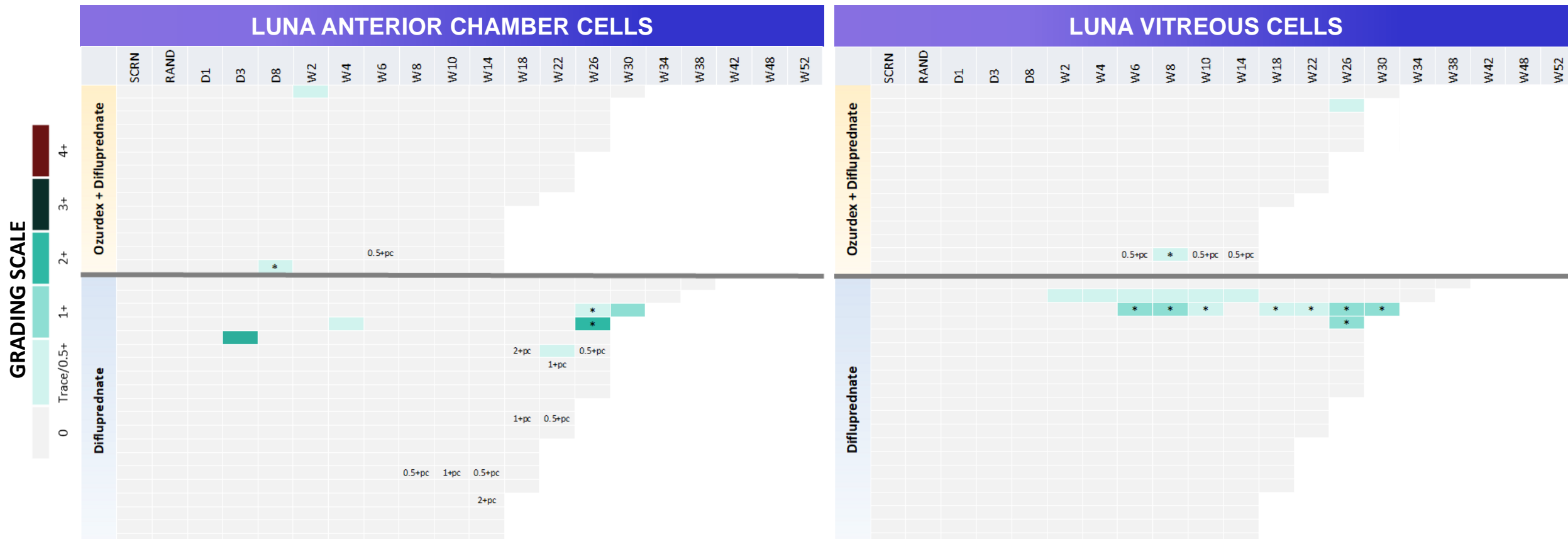


AC: anterior chamber cell. 100% pigmented cells excluded from analysis. One participant in IVT dexamethasone alone arm had a single visit with 3+ AC cells that responded to local corticosteroids. \*Includes one participant who received IVT dexamethasone + difluprednate with 2+ AC cells at a single timepoint during an unscheduled visit. Protocol amended early in study to include difluprednate after week 4 to match the taper in difluprednate regimens. 4+ AC cells due to Staph. epidermidis+ endophthalmitis post-AC tap (unrelated to Ixo-vec) in one participant excluded. Cell grades as assessed by slit lamp, Grade categories are based on the Standardization of Uveitis Nomenclature (SUN) criteria for white blood cells

# Potential Go Forward Prophylaxis Options: IVT Dexamethasone + Difluprednate or Difluprednate Alone



Preliminary LUNA data indicate that ocular inflammation is primarily located in anterior chamber, mild to moderate, and responsive to local corticosteroids<sup>1</sup>

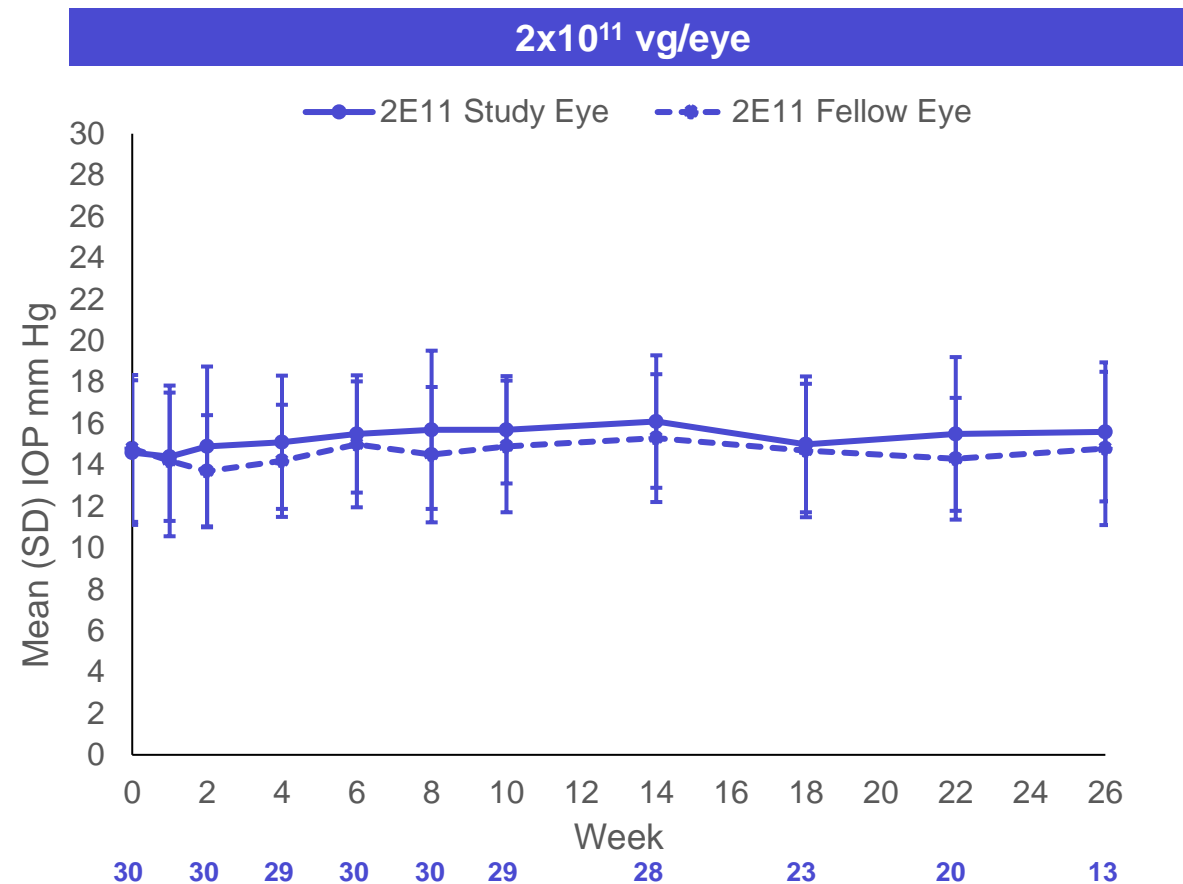
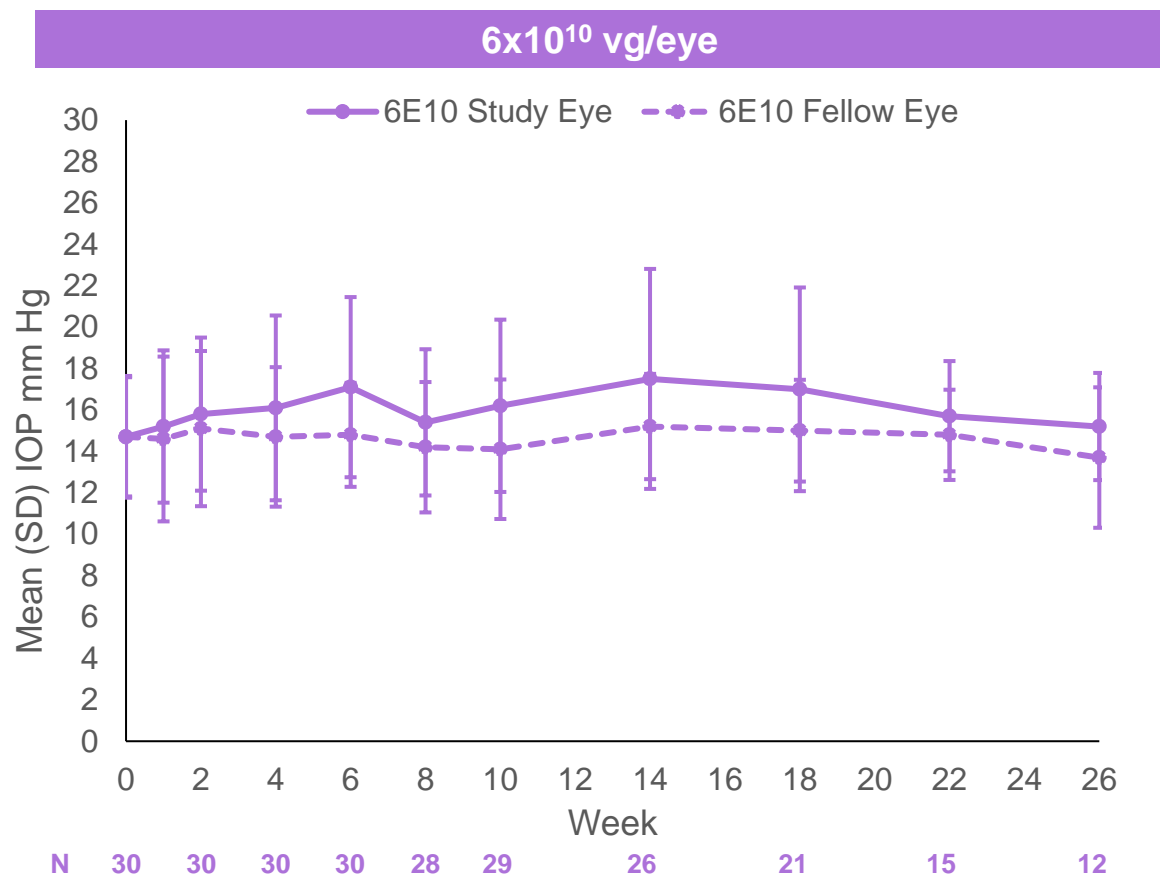


Data cut: 15Nov2023. No participant in the displayed arms had more than 2+. \*Mixed pigmented and non-pigmented cells; pc, pigmented cell. 1. Includes post-data cut review of outcomes in 4 individual patients. The second patient in the LUNA Vitreous Cells Heatmap had 0.5+ vitreous cells in both eyes starting from Week 4 with both eyes resolving at Week 18. Cell grades as assessed by slit lamp, Grade categories are based on the Standardization of Uveitis Nomenclature (SUN) and National Eye Institute Scores for white blood cells.

# Mean Intraocular Pressure Stable at Both Ixo-vec Doses



## Mean IOP Over Time by Dose



- Ixo-vec was well tolerated at both doses of  $6 \times 10^{10}$  and  $2 \times 10^{11}$  vg/eye
  - No Ixo-vec-related serious adverse events
    - One ocular SAE not related to Ixo-vec (Staph. epidermidis+ endophthalmitis post-AC tap) - resolved
  - All Ixo-vec-related AEs were either mild or moderate
    - Most common Ixo-vec-related AEs were dose-dependent anterior inflammation and anterior pigmentary changes, consistent with OPTIC study results<sup>1</sup>
    - Inflammation was responsive to protocol-defined local corticosteroids
  - No episcleritis, vasculitis, retinitis, choroiditis, vascular occlusion or hypotony
- Optimized prophylaxis in LUNA resulted in an improved inflammatory profile compared to  $2 \times 10^{11}$  vg/eye in the OPTIC study<sup>2</sup>
  - Oral corticosteroids showed no incremental benefit
  - IVT dexamethasone alone ( $\pm$  oral prednisone) did not provide adequate prophylaxis
  - IVT dexamethasone + difluprednate regimen resulted in > 90% of participants having no or minimal inflammation (0 or trace/0.5+ AC cells) during the period of peak inflammatory response

1. Khanani AM et al. Lancet eClinical Medicine. 2024

2. Khanani AM. Retina Society Annual Meeting Presentation 2021, Chicago, IL



## Efficacy

- BCVA was maintained and CST was reduced and remained stable at both Ixo-vec doses of  $6 \times 10^{10}$  and  $2 \times 10^{11}$  vg/eye, with greater CST reduction among participants with  $CST > 300$  at baseline
- Substantial treatment burden reduction observed in patients previously requiring  $> 9$  annualized anti-VEGF injections:
  - $\geq 90\%$  reduction in annualized anti-VEGF injections in both dose groups
  - 85% and 68% of patients remain free of injections at 6 months at  $2 \times 10^{11}$  and  $6 \times 10^{10}$  doses, respectively

## Safety

- Ixo-vec was well tolerated at both doses, with no Ixo-vec-related SAEs
- Two promising local prophylactic options emerging: IVT dexamethasone + difluprednate eye drops and eye drops alone
  - IVT dexamethasone + difluprednate eye drops led to  $> 90\%$  of participants having no or minimal inflammation (0 or trace/0.5+ AC cells) during the period of peak inflammatory response

## Next Steps

- A prespecified interim analysis will be conducted when all participants complete their 26-week study visit

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