

# Clinical results of OPT-302 (VEGF-C/D 'Trap') Combination Treatment in nAMD and DME

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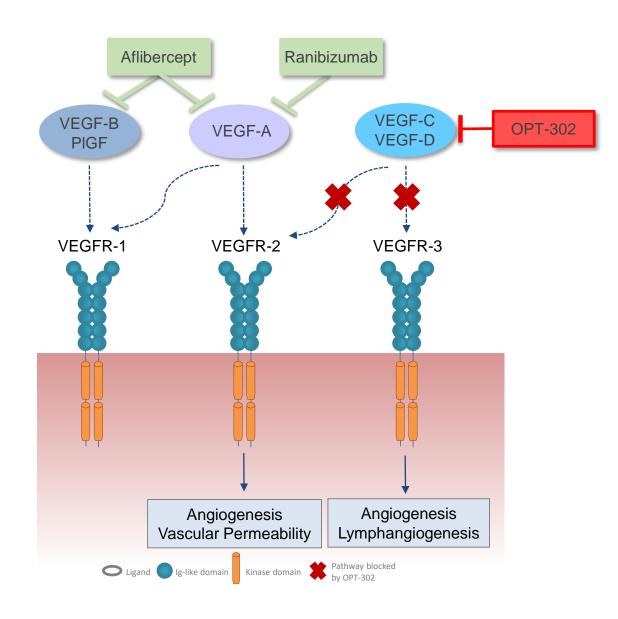
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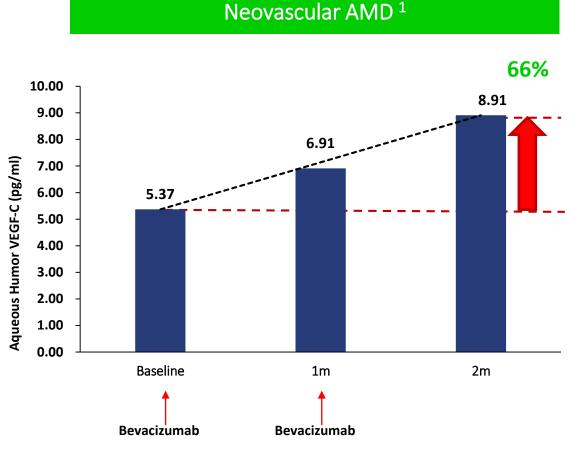
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### OPT-302 Inhibits VEGF-C and VEGF-D

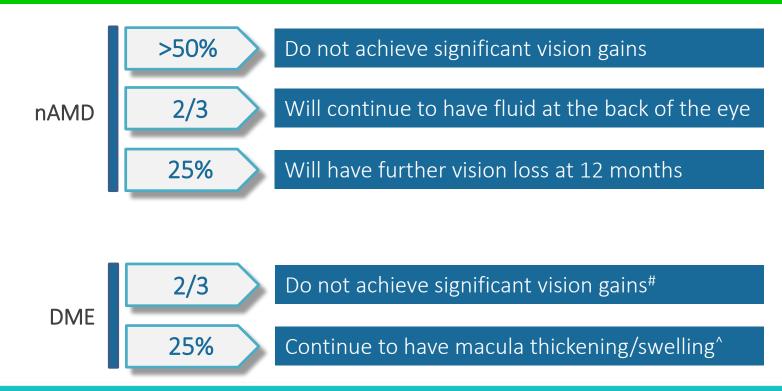






### An Unmet Medical Need for nAMD & DME

Despite receiving a VEGF-A inhibitor (Ranibizumab, Aflibercept or Bevacizumab)\*:

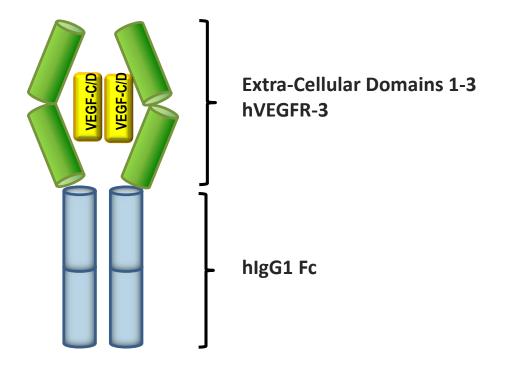


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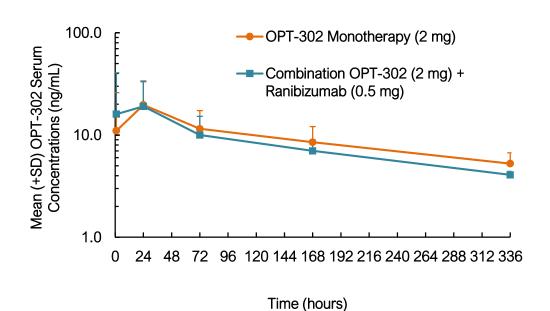


### **OPT-302**

- Potent inhibitor of VEGF-C (~5pM) and VEGF-D (~0.5 nM)
- A 'trap' that blocks VEGF-C and VEGF-D binding to the receptors VEGFR-2 and VEGFR-3

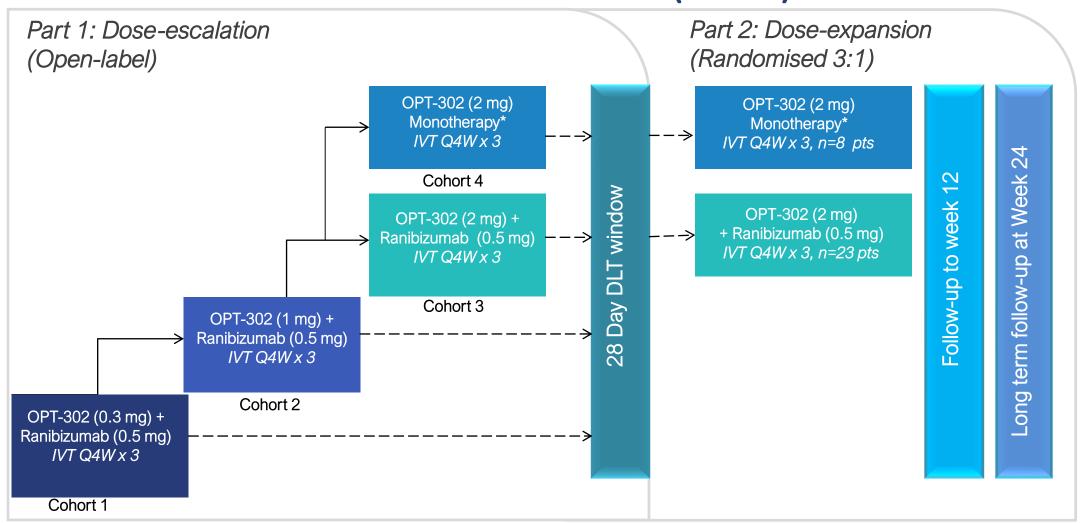


#### Mean OPT-302 serum concentrations

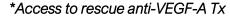


- Non-compartmental OPT-302 PK analysis indicated:
  - Low systemic exposure
  - Half-life of 8 ± 2 days
  - Mean C<sub>max</sub> of ~21 ng/mL at ~31 hours post IVT injection at a dose of 2 mg
  - No accumulation
  - No influence from ranibizumab on the PK profile.

## OPT-302 Phase 1/2a First-in-Human Study in Neovascular AMD (n=51)



Comprises of 4 treatment cohorts of 5 subjects each



## OPT-302 +/- Ranibizumab - Phase 1/2a Safety Summary

#### OPT-302 <u>+</u> Lucentis administered by repeat IVT injection (Baseline, Week 4, Week 8)

• No missed doses, safety experience with ~150 intravitreal (ocular) injections of OPT-302

#### OPT-302 at ocular doses up to 2 mg + Lucentis (0.5 mg):

- No dose limiting toxicities (MTD was not reached)
- No drug-related serious adverse events or systemic adverse events

#### Majority of ocular emergent adverse events primarily related to IVT injection procedure

• (31 / 51 patients; 59%); majority Grade 1 / Mild or Grade 2 / Moderate and Manageable

#### Two patients (4%) had ocular adverse events related to OPT-302 study drug

- AEs were Grade 1 / Mild inflammation indicative of anterior uveitis in the low- and mid-dose combination groups
- No OPT-302 related AEs observed in the high dose (2mg) combination or monotherapy treated patients (n=41)

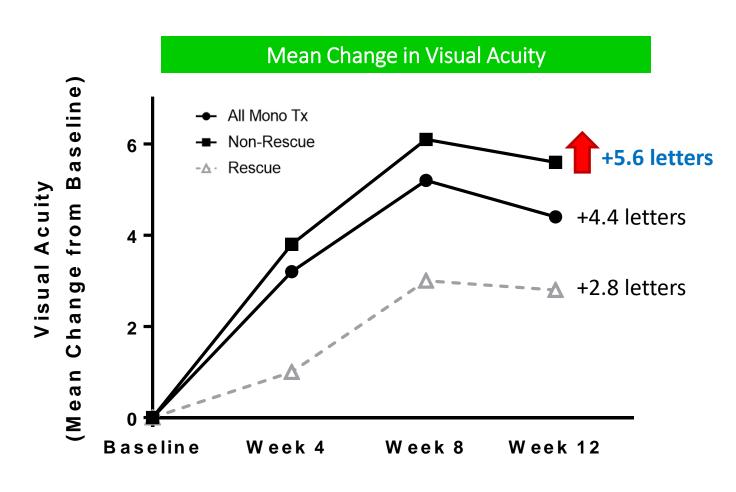
No clinically significant changes in IOP, ECG's, blood pressure, vitals

No evidence of OPT-302-related immunogenicity



## Evidence of biological activity in patients treated with intravitreal OPT-302 (2 mg) monotherapy

- Of the 13 patients who received OPT-302 monotherapy treatment:
  - 7/13 (54%) did not receive anti-VEGF-A rescue therapy through week 12
  - An additional 5/13 (38%) received only 1 rescue injection through week 12
  - One subject (8%) received 2 rescue injections.
  - The mean time to rescue therapy was 58 days.
  - Use of rescue therapy in 4/6 cases was based on Investigator discretion

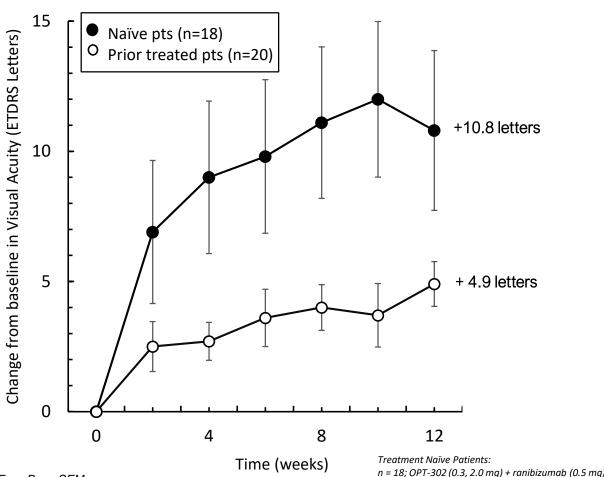


Mean Baseline VA = 55.7 Letters Ranibizumab rescue therapy available week 2 through week 12 at investigator discretion or if patients met pre-defined criteria: <10% decrease in CST and ≥5 letter loss of BCVA



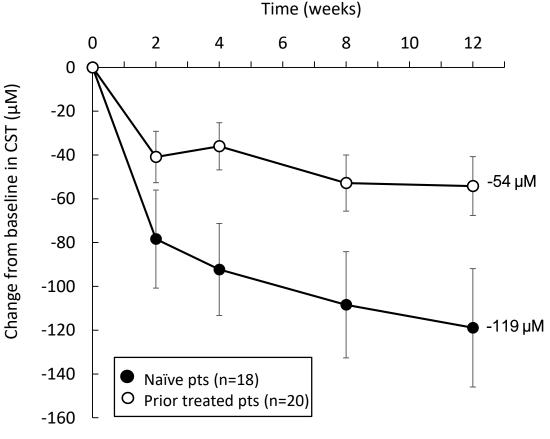
## Gains in Visual Acuity and Reduced Retinal Thickness in Patients with OPT-302 + Ranibizumab Therapy

#### Change in mean BCVA



Mean Baseline VA = 56.5 Letters

#### Change in mean Central Subfield Thickness

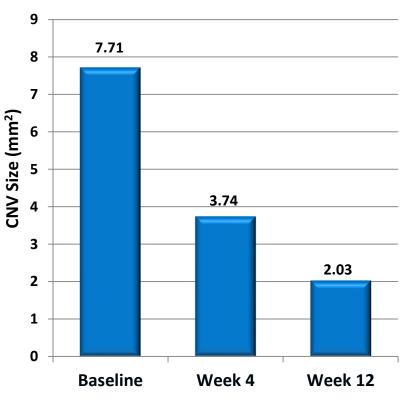


Prior-Treated Patients: n = 20 (wk 4, 8), 19 (wk 12); OPT-302 (0.3-2.0 mg) + ranbizumab (0.5 mg) Mean Baseline VA = 64.5 Letters: Mean number prior anti-VEGF-A injections =



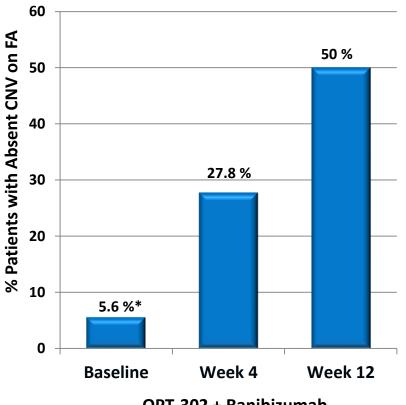
## Reductions in CNV in Treatment-Naïve Patients with OPT-302 + Ranibizumab Therapy

#### Reduction in CNV Size on FA

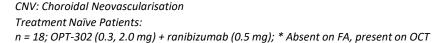


**OPT-302 + Ranibizumab** 

#### % Patients with Absent CNV on FA

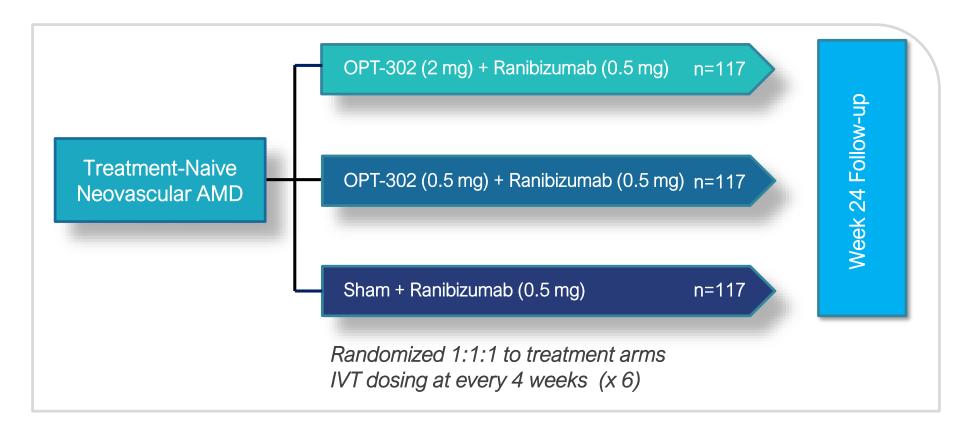


**OPT-302 + Ranibizumab** 





## OPT-302 +/- Ranibizumab Phase 2b Trial in Treatment-Naïve nAMD (n=351)



- Currently enrolling
- Primary data analysis early 2020



## OPT-302 Mechanism of Action Supports Investigation in DME

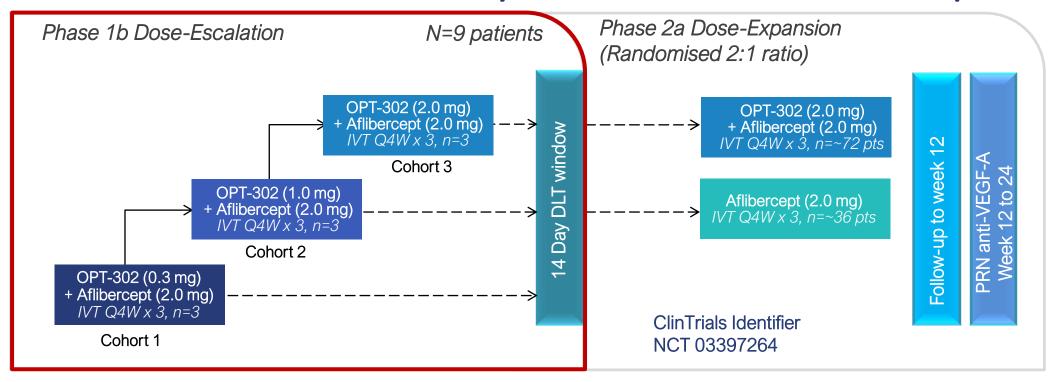
#### VEGF-C and its interaction with VEGFR-2 and VEGFR-3 plays a functional role in pathogenesis of DME:

- OPT-302 has shown evidence of activity to resolve retinal fluid <sup>1</sup>
- VEGFR-2 expression is greater in diabetic retina than non-diabetics <sup>2,3,4</sup>
- VEGF-C is elevated in diabetic retinopathy <sup>4</sup>
- Vitreous levels of VEGF-D are elevated in diabetes
- VEGF-C expression is elevated by glucose & pro-inflammatory cytokines <sup>6,7</sup>
- Inhibition of VEGF-C and VEGF-D in adipose tissue of mice improves metabolic parameters and insulin sensitivity <sup>8,9</sup>
- ullet Advanced glycation end products accumulate faster in diabetics and stimulate VEGF-C expression and secretion from the RPE  $^6$
- ullet Single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) in diabetic patients indicate that genetic variation in the VEGF-C gene is associated with diabetic retinopathy and diabetic macular edema  $^{10}$

#### VEGF-C/D Signaling Pathway is Implicated in Diabetes



## Phase 1b Dose Escalation study of OPT-302 + Aflibercept in DME



#### **Key Inclusion Criteria**

- Age ≥ 18 years; centre-involving DME
- CST ≥ 335 µm\*
- BCVA 73 24 ETDRS letters (20/40 20/320 Snellen
- Prior exposure to anti-VEGF-A therapy with sub-optimal therapeutic response
  - ≥ 3 intravitreal injections
  - Last injection ≤ 6 wks prior to study day 1
  - Prior bevacizumab only allowed if switched to IVT aflibercept or ranibizumab prior to study

#### **Key Exclusion Criteria**

- HbA1c ≥ 12%
- Uncontrolled hypertension ≥ 180 mmHg systolic or
   ≥ 110 mmHg diastolic
- Eyes needing PRP within 3 months of screening
- Concurrent / prior use of intravitreal injections of steroids within 4 months of study start
- Concurrent / prior use of dexamethasone or fluocinolone implant in study eye



### Baseline Ocular Characteristics – Prior Treated

Characteristic	OPT-302 (0.3 mg) + Aflibercept (2.0 mg) (n=3)	OPT-302 (1 mg) + Aflibercept (2.0 mg) (n=3)	OPT-302 (2 mg) + Aflibercept (2.0 mg) (n=3)	Total Number of Subjects (N=9)
Vision				
Mean BCVA, ETDRS letters (SD)	64.3 (9)	64.6 (5)	66.7 (3.1)	65 (5.5)
Better than 55 letters vision, n (%)	3 (100%)	3 (100%)	3 (100%)	9 (100%)
Worse than 55 letters vision, n (%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Anatomic				
Mean CST, μm (SD)	460 (103)	410 (26)	432 (24)	434 (58)
CST ≤ 450 μm, n (%)	1 (33%)	3 (100%)	2 (67%)	6 (67%)
CST ≥ 450 μm, n (%)	2 (67%)	0 (0%)	1 (33%)	3 (33%)
Mean duration of diabetes at screening, years (SD)	14 (7.9)	17.3 (13)	10.9 (12.6)	14.1 (10.3)
Mean prior intravitreal injections of anti-VEGF-A therapy, number (SD)	5 (2.6)	7.3 (2.5)	6.7 (2.3)	6.3 (2.4)
Mean time from prior Tx to day 1, days	42 (0)	33.7 (7.2)	31 (4.4)	35.6 (6.5)
Mean HbA1c*, % (SD)	7.5 (2.4)	7.1 (0.3)	7.4 (1.4)	7.3 (1.4)



## OPT-302 + Aflibercept Safety Results

- OPT-302 (0.3, 1 or 2 mg) + aflibercept (2 mg) administered by IVT injection (Baseline, Week 4, Week 8)
- OPT-302 intravitreal doses up to 2 mg in combination with aflibercept (2 mg)
  - No dose limiting toxicities (Maximum Tolerated Dose not reached)
  - No study drug related adverse events
- Ocular AEs in the study eye primarily related to IVT injection procedure (Mild/moderate, resolved)
- No clinically significant changes in IOP, ECG's, or vitals.
- OPT-302 was generally safe and well tolerated + aflibercept



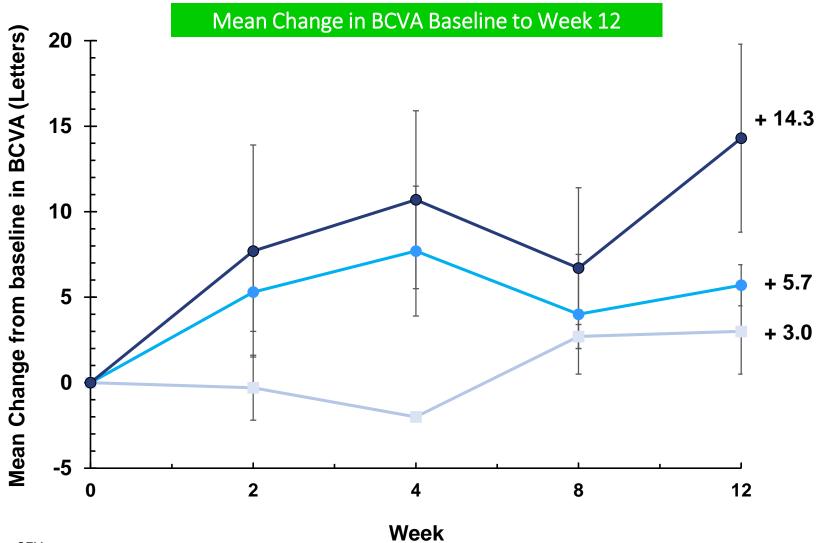
## OPT-302 + Aflibercept – Safety Summary of selected AEs

Selected Adverse Events: Ocular or Systemic	OPT-302 (0.3 mg) + Aflibercept (2.0 mg) (n=3)	OPT-302 (1 mg) + Aflibercept (2.0 mg) (n=3)	OPT-302 (2 mg) + Aflibercept (2.0 mg) (n=3)	Total Number of Subjects (N=9)
Intraocular inflammation	0	0	0	0
Endophthalmitis	0	0	0	0
Retinal detachment	0	0	0	0
Vitreous hemorrhage	0	0	0	0
Hypertension	1*	0	0	1*
APTC events#				
Nonfatal myocardial infarction	0	0	0	0
Nonfatal stroke	0	0	0	0
Vascular or cardiac death or death of unknown cause	0	0	0	0
Combined APTC events	0	0	0	0
Any other death	0	0	0	0
IOP, mmHg: Baseline, week 12; (change from baseline)	13.0; 15.7 (2.7)	17.3; 15.3 (-2.0)	16.7; 17.0 (0.3)	15.7; 16.0 (0.3)

No safety signals or unexpected findings



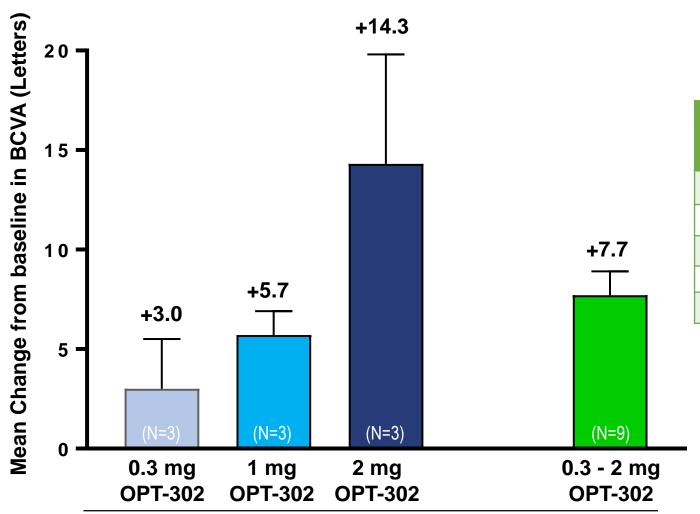
## Dose Response in BCVA changes from Baseline to Week 12



Aflibercept (2 mg)
+ OPT-302
- 2 mg
- 1 mg
- 0.3 mg



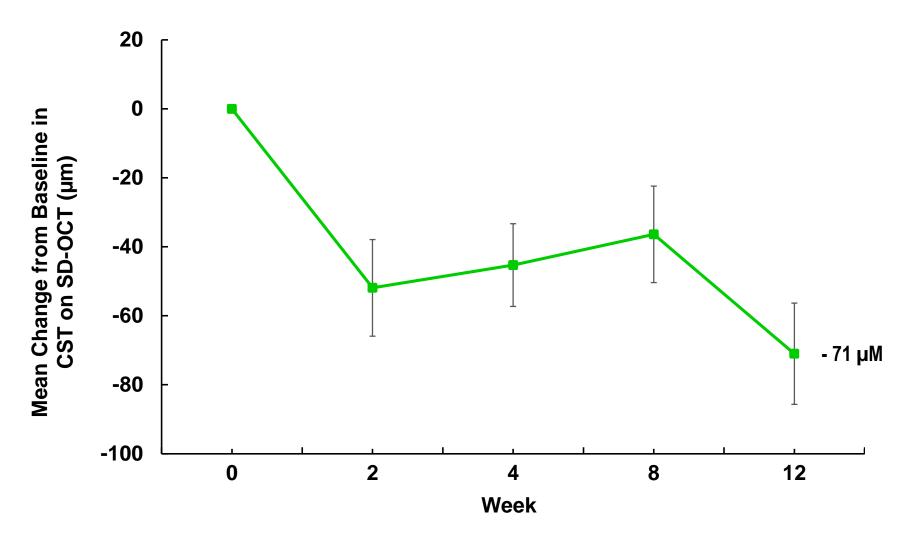
## OPT-302 + Aflibercept: Gains in BCVA at Week 12 Dose Response Relationship



Dose of OPT-302	% of pts with	Mean # prior
+ Aflibercept	BCVA gain	anti-VEGF-A
(2 mg)	≥ 5 letters	injections
0.3 mg	1/3 (33%)	5
1 mg	2/3 (67%)	7.3
2 mg	3/3 (100%)	6.7
0.3 to 2 mg	6/9 (67%)	6.3



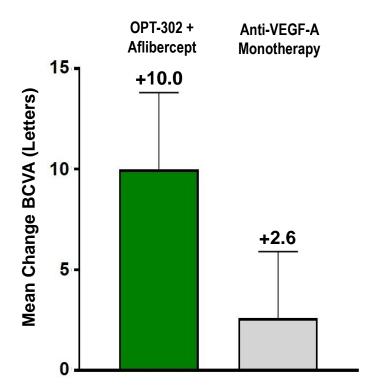
## OPT-302 (0.3-2 mg) + Aflibercept (2 mg): Mean changes in CST from Baseline to Week 12



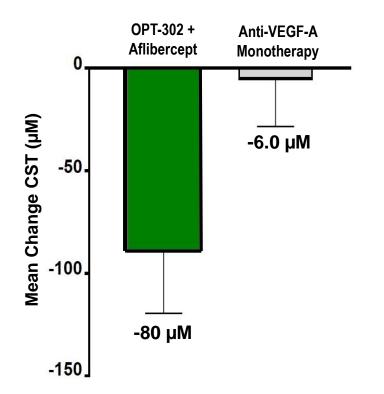


## DME Patients with Bilateral Disease\* Study Eye vs Fellow Eye (N=5)

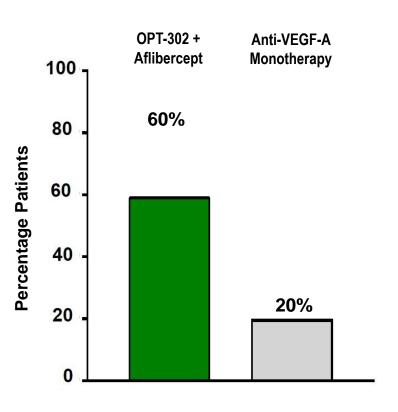
## Mean Change in BCVA Baseline to Week 12



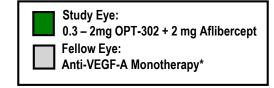
## Mean Change in CST (uM) Baseline to Week 12



## % Pts with ≥ 50% Reduction in Excess Foveal Thickness

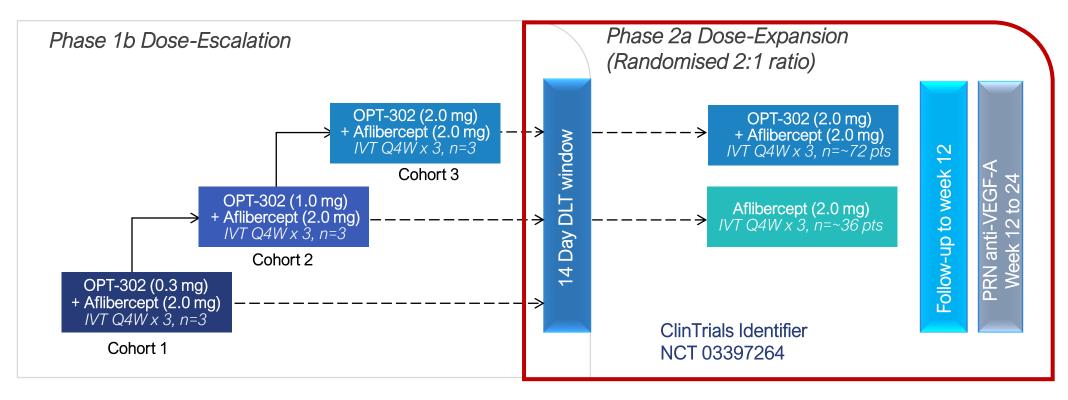


\*Patients with bilateral disease and persistent DME in the fellow eye receiving anti-VEGF-A (ranibizumab or aflibercept) monotherapy Prior anti-VEGF-A therapy in Fellow Eyes BL to Wk 12: 3x Aflibercept, 3x Ranibizumab, 1x Ranibizumab, 4x Ranibizumab, 3x Aflibercept





## Phase 2a Randomised Dose Expansion study of OPT-302 + Aflibercept in Persistent DME

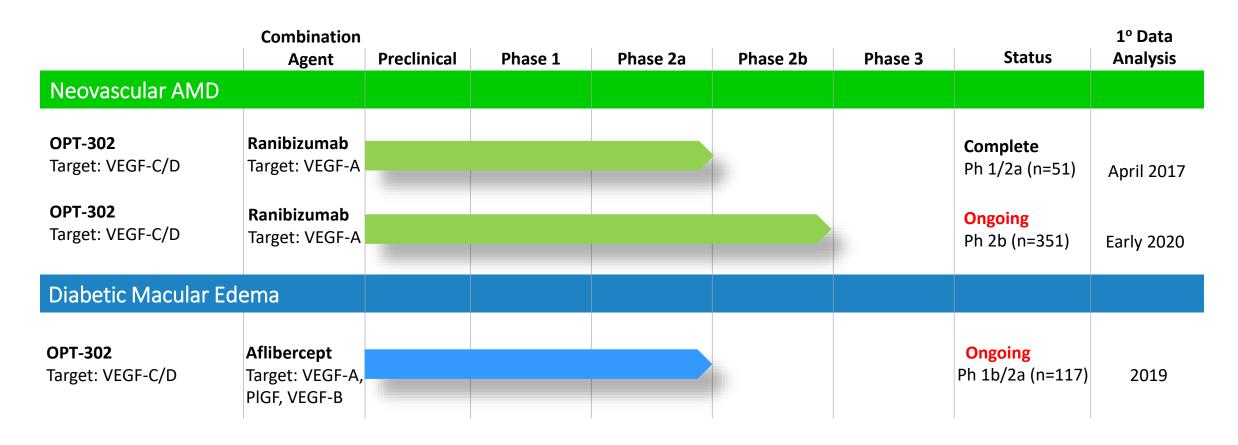


- Phase 2a currently enrolling patients in US and Australia
- Primary data analysis 2019



## **OPT-302 Clinical Program**

Two ongoing randomised controlled clinical trials in nAMD & DME





### Conclusion

- Current treatments target primarily VEGF-A; OPT-302 inhibits VEGF-C/D
- The successful dose escalation of OPT-302 in combination with aflibercept in DME builds upon the similar favourable safety profile in combination with ranibizumab in nAMD
- Evidence of a dose response for OPT-302 combination treatment on gains in BCVA in persistent DME, together with biological responses on anatomic measures in nAMD and DME indicates that Pan-VEGF (A, C and D) inhibition may offer benefits that exceed the inhibition of VEGF-A alone
- Currently recruiting patients in two Phase 2 multi-center international trials:
  - ~108 patient randomised controlled Phase 2a trial in DME
  - 351 patient randomised controlled Phase 2b trial in nAMD
- Primary data readouts 2019 (DME) and early 2020 (nAMD)





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