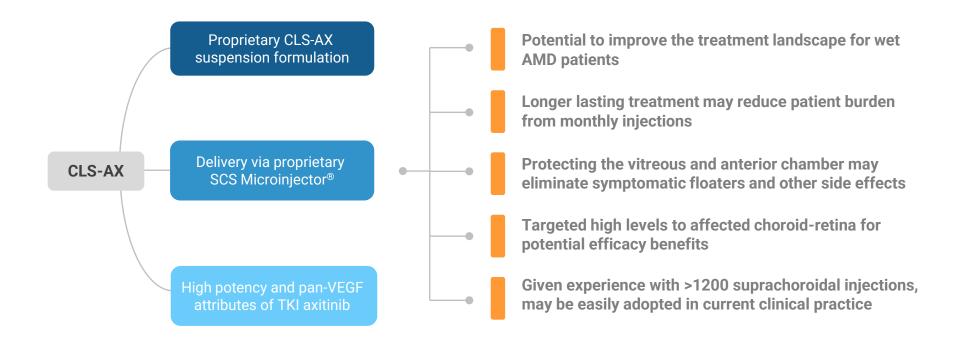
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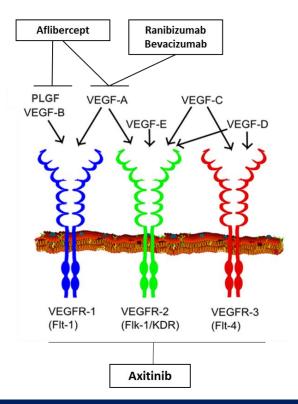
# Axitinib: a Highly Potent, Pan-VEGF TKI to Treat Wet AMD



- Axitinib's intrinsic pan-VEGF inhibition through receptor blockade
- Approved treatments are focused VEGF-A inhibitors
- Inhibits VEGFR-1, VEGFR-2, VEGFR-3 receptors
- More effective than anti-VEGF-A in *in-vitro* angiogenesis model<sup>1-2</sup>
- Highly potent tyrosine kinase inhibitor (TKI)
- >10x more potent than other TKIs in preclinical studies
- Better ocular cell biocompatibility than other TKIs<sup>3</sup>
- More effective than other TKIs for experimental corneal neovascularization in preclinical models



Preclinical data showed axitinib inhibition and regression of angiogenesis



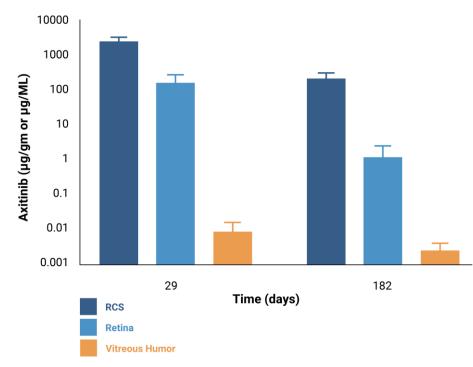


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# **CLS-AX has Potential for Meaningful Durability**



Therapeutic Levels > IC50 for 6 months after 1.05 mg/eye SCS Injection in Rabbits

### Rabbit toxicology study with single bilateral suprachoroidal injection of axitinib, 1.05 mg/eye (n=4 eyes/ timepoint)

- On day 182, mean axitinib levels in the RPE-choroid-sclera (199 µg/gm) and in the retina (1.1 µg/gm) were 3-5 log orders higher than the in-vitro IC50 value (0.2 ng/mL, VEGFR2 autophosphorylation inhibition assay).
- Based on this IC50 value, therapeutic levels were achieved in the RPE-choroid-sclera and retina for 6 months after a single suprachoroidal injection of axitinib in rabbits.



# CLS-AX Phase 1/2a Clinical Trial in Wet AMD

#### **TRIAL DESIGN AND OBJECTIVES**

- Open-label study with a primary endpoint to evaluate safety and tolerability of escalating single doses of CLS-AX administered through suprachoroidal injection following IVT aflibercept
- 3 Cohorts of 5 patients each: n=15
- Dose-escalation of CLS-AX (in mg): Cohort 1 at 0.03; Cohort 2 at 0.10; Cohort 3 planned at 0.50
- · Secondary endpoints: visual function, ocular anatomy, and need for additional treatment
- Assessment for additional treatment with aflibercept: loss from best measurement of ≥10 letters in BCVA with exudation; increase in CST >75 microns; a vision-threatening hemorrhage





# Wet AMD History

Wet AMD Disease Characteristics	COHORT 1: 0.03 mg (N=6)	COHORT 2: 0.10 mg (N=5)
No. of participants	6	5
Bilateral wAMD, n	0	4
Mean duration of wAMD diagnosis (range), months	50.13 (12.4-110.3)	49.78 (24.7-81.3)
Mean duration since first wAMD treatment (range), months	50.08 (12.4-110.3) 49.70 (24.7-81.1	
Total mean number of wAMD treatments prior to screening (range)	25.8 (6-40)	23.2 (11-38)
wAMD treatments administered prior to Screening, n (%) [No. of injections]		
Aflibercept	1 (16.7%) [29]	2 (40.0) [16]
Bevacizumab	1 (16.7%) [6]	2 (40.0) [21]
Ranibizumab	4 (66.7%) [114]	4 (80.0) [79]
Blinded therapy	1 (16.7%) [6]	0
Total number of wAMD treatments prior to Screening (within 3 years), n (%)		
3-6	1 (16.7)	0
7-12	0	1 (20.0)
13-18	1 (16.7)	2 (40.0)
>18	4 (66.7)	2 (40.0)
Mean (range)	22.5 (6-33)	21.6 (11-33)



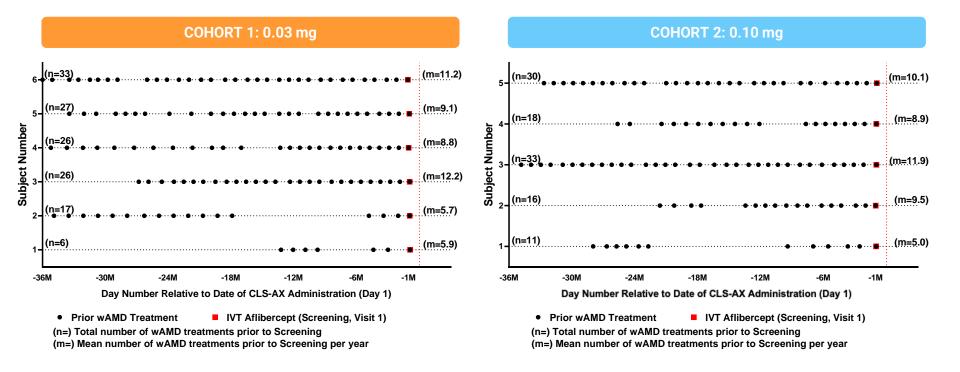


# **Demographics and Characteristics at Baseline**

CHARACTERISTICS	COHORT 1: 0.03mg (N=6)	COHORT 2: 0.10mg (N=5)
No. of participants	6	5
Mean age (range), years	81.8 (66-93)	78.2 (65-90)
Women, no. (%)	2 (33.3)	3 (60.0)
Mean baseline best corrected visual acuity (range), letters	59.0 (29-74)	65.6 (52-75)
Mean central subfield retinal thickness (range), µm	231.2 (208-294)	209.4 (184-227)
Mean total lesion area (range), mm2	6.252 (3.58-9.58)	7.712 (1.06-18.02)











# **Injection Procedure Questionnaire Responses**

INJECTING PHYSICIAN QUESTION	COHORT 1: 0.03 mg (N=6)	Cohort 2: 0.10 mg (N=5)
Were you able to inject all contents of the syringe? <b>YES, n (%)</b>	6 (100)	5 (100)
Needle length used to perform procedure: 900 µm needle, <b>n (%)</b>	6 (100)	5 (100)
IF 900 µm NEEDLE WAS USED: Were adjustments in the syringe positioning/alignment required during this procedure? <b>NO, n (%)</b>	6 (100)	5 (100)
Did you have to remove the needle and reinsert that same needle into a new location during this procedure? <b>NO</b> , <b>n</b> (%)	6 (100)	5 (100)
Did you feel adequately prepared to give an injection based on the training you received? <b>YES</b> , <b>n</b> (%)	6 (100)	5 (100)
How do you rate the force necessary to complete the injection? ACCEPTABLE, n (%)	6 (100)	5 (100)
Were you able to perform the injection based on the training you received? YES, n (%)	6 (100)	5 (100)





# **Safety Overview**

#### COHORT 1: 0.03 mg

- No study suspension or stopping rules were met
- No Serious Adverse Events (SAEs)
- No treatment emergent adverse events (TEAEs) related to aflibercept, CLS-AX or suprachoroidal injection procedure
- No dispersion of investigational product into the vitreous
- No adverse events related to intraocular pressure (IOP), inflammation, or vasculitis

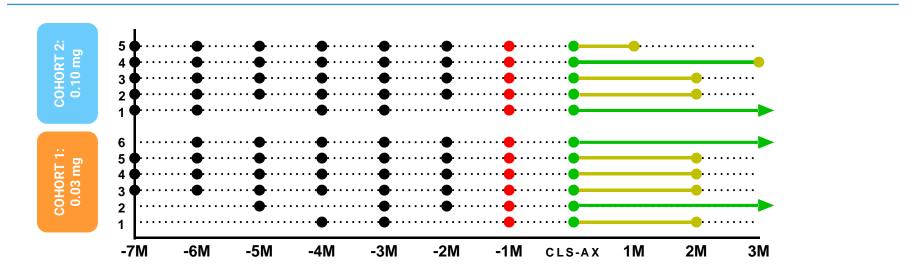
#### COHORT 2: 0.10 mg

- No study suspension or stopping rules were met
- No Serious Adverse Events (SAEs)
- No treatment emergent adverse events (TEAEs) related to aflibercept, CLS-AX or suprachoroidal injection procedure
- No dispersion of investigational product into the vitreous
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## 6 Month Prior Anti-VEGF Therapies and Time to Additional Therapy



SC CLS-AX injection	Time to Additional Therapy	Number (%) of Participants
IVT Aflibercept injection	≥3 months	4 (36.4%)
Anti-VEGF injection prior to study entry	2 months	6 (54.5%)
Additional IVT anti-VEGF injection	1 month	1 (9.1%)





## **Reason for Retreatment**

COHORT	SUBJECT	RETREATMENT VISIT	REASON FOR RETREATMENT
COHORT 1: 0.03 mg (N=6)	5	2 months post CLS-AX	BCVA
	4	2 months post CLS-AX	CST
	3	2 months post CLS-AX	CST
	1	2 months post CLS-AX	BCVA
COHORT 2: 0.10 mg (N=5)	5	1 month post CLS-AX	CST – retreatment criteria not met according to independent reading center
	4	3 months post CLS-AX	BCVA
	3	2 months post CLS-AX	Hemorrhage – no hemorrhage observed by the independent reading center; retreatment criteria not met
	2	2 months post CLS-AX	CST – retreatment criteria not met according to independent reading center

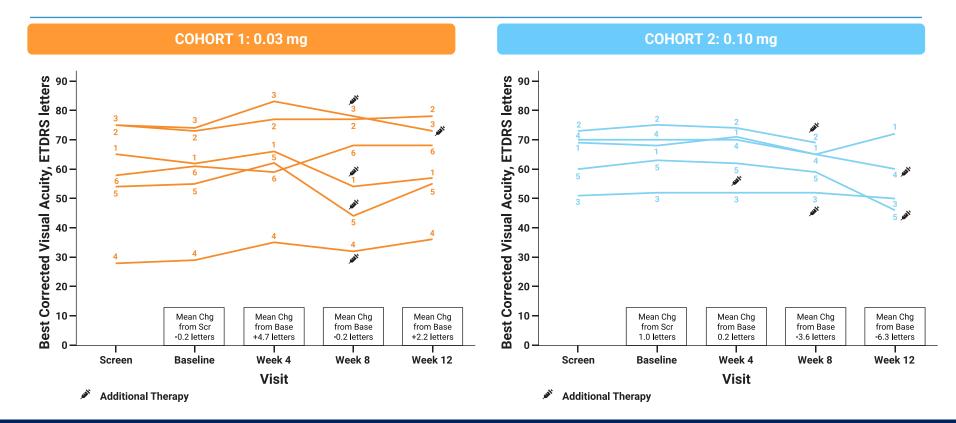
#### **Protocol based Assessment for additional aflibercept treatment:**

- loss from best measurement of  $\geq$ 10 letters in BCVA with exudation
- increase in CST >75 microns
- a vision-threatening hemorrhage





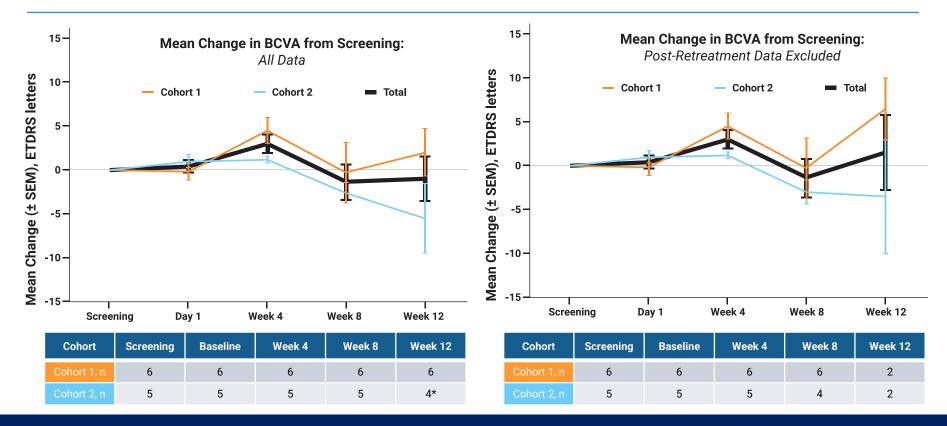
### Individual Best Corrected Visual Acuity Letter Score, by Visit





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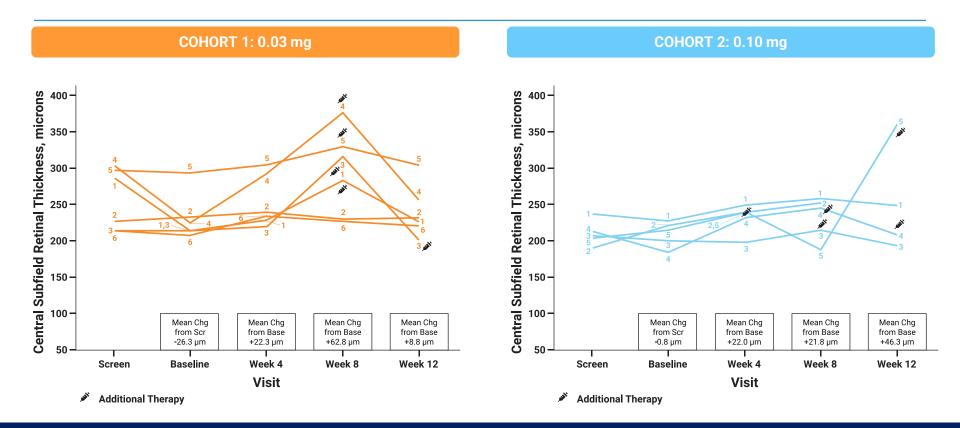
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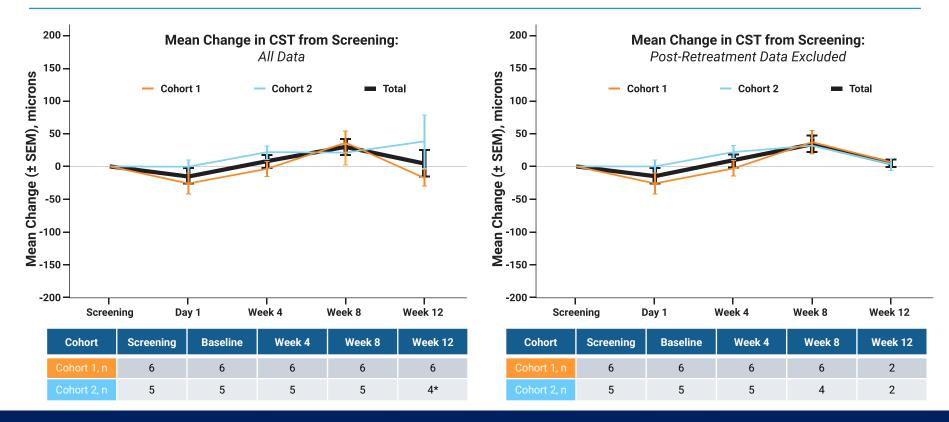
## Individual Central Subfield Thickness, by Visit





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## Mean Change Central Subfield Thickness, Change from Screening







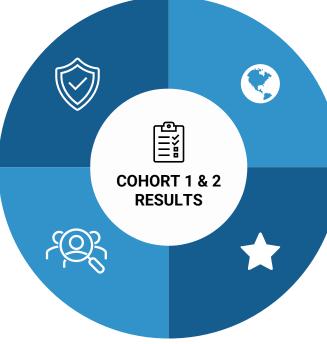
# **OASIS Cohort 1 & 2 Results Support Advancing to Cohort 3**

#### SAFETY

- CLS-AX well tolerated with no dose limiting toxicities
- No dispersion of investigational product into the vitreous
- No adverse events related to intraocular pressure (IOP), inflammation, or vasculitis

#### **ANATOMIC EFFECTS**

Stable disease activity (based on CST), on average, over three months even after excluding patients who were retreated



#### **VISUAL ACUITY**

Stable visual acuity, on average, over three months even after excluding patients who were retreated

# DURABILITY POST CLS-AX IN HEAVILY PRE-TREATED PATIENTS

- 4/11 (36%) of patients did not require additional therapy for ≥ 3 months
- 6/11 (55%) of patients did not require additional therapy for 2 months
- 1/11 (9%) patient was retreated at 1 month



Source: Clearside data on file

# **Protocol Dosing Change for Cohort 3**



Given that this is the first time a tyrosine kinase inhibitor has been injected suprachoroidally in humans, we initiated OASIS with a low dose to establish a foundation for safety.

The lack of dose limiting toxicities in Cohorts 1 and 2, along with preclinical toxicology studies, support greater dose escalation than previously planned.





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