

# Phase 1 Results from Intravitreal Axitinib Implant (OTX-TKI) for the Treatment of Non-Proliferative Diabetic Retinopathy

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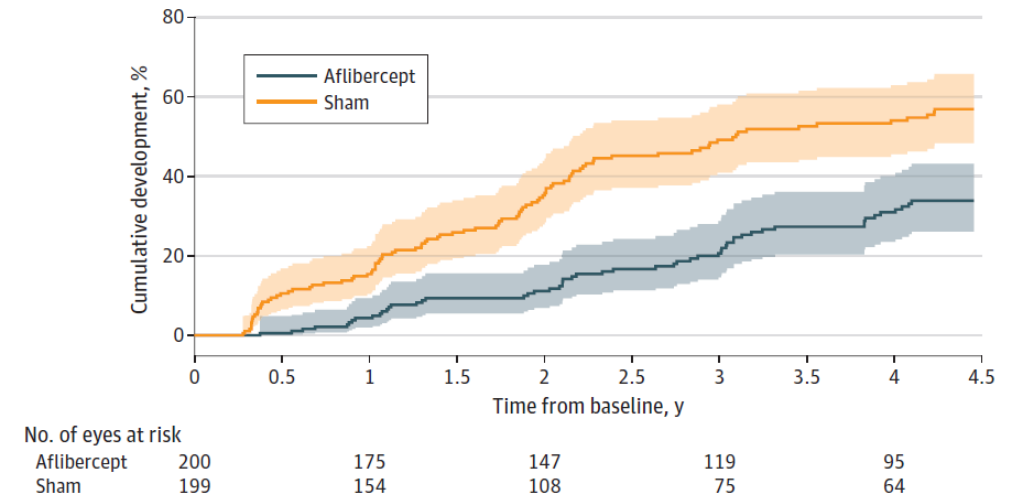
The following presentation discusses an investigational drug candidate, OTX-TKI, in development. OTX-TKI's efficacy and safety profiles have not been established, and it has not been approved for marketing by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or any other health agency.

Ocular Therapeutix sponsored this clinical trial.

# Diabetic Retinopathy is Chronic, Progressive, and Burdensome. Earlier Treatment to Prevent Progression is Needed

- Efficacy of anti-VEGF therapy and **need for proactive treatment of NPDR established** in PANORAMA and Protocol W studies<sup>1,2</sup>
- Despite this, **<1% of NPDR patients are treated** with anti-VEGF therapy and majority of retina specialists (62.7%) **do not recommend treating NPDR** patients without DME<sup>3-5</sup>
- **Unsustainable treatment burden** of frequent injections and **worse outcomes in eyes that had interrupted or reduced treatment** compared to those never treated at all<sup>6</sup>

Cumulative Development of PDR or CI-DME with Vision Loss<sup>1</sup>



Early intervention with 3 aflibercept loading doses followed by Q16W, prevents progression to severe or vision-threatening disease

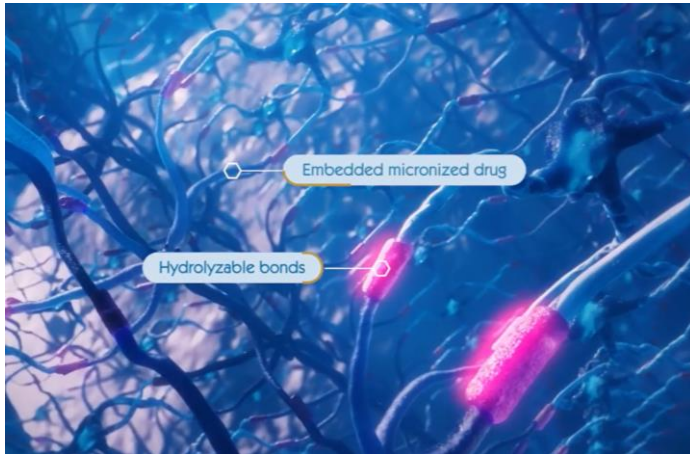


There is an unmet need for early intervention with a longer lasting treatment option

**Abbreviations:** CI-DME (center-involved diabetic macular edema); DR (diabetic retinopathy); NPDR (non-proliferative DR); PDR (proliferative DR); VEGF (vascular endothelial growth factor);

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# OTX-TKI: Sustained-release Axitinib in Hydrogel



## ELUTYX TECHNOLOGY

Bioresorbable, Targeted, Sustained Drug Delivery

- Proprietary bioresorbable polymer matrix is a hydrogel-based, versatile, biocompatible platform for localized sustained drug delivery

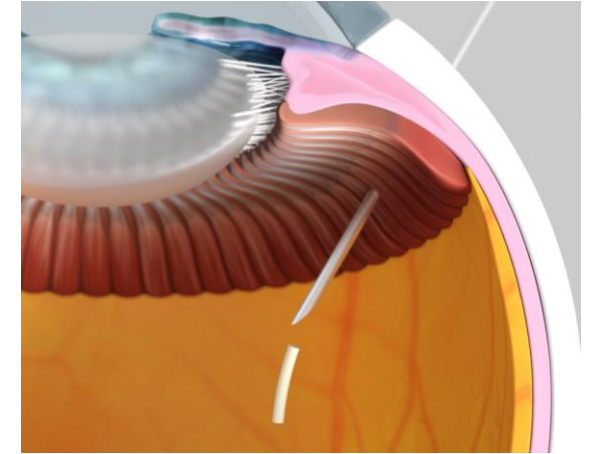


Drug	Inhibitory Concentrations for VEGFR2/KDR (Kinase Domain Receptor) in nM (lower Inhibitory Concentration-50 values indicate higher affinity)
<b>Axitinib<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>0.2</b>
Sunitinib <sup>6</sup>	40
Vorolanib <sup>6</sup>	64

## AXITINIB

Multi-target Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitor

- ~100X more potent for VEGFR-2 compared to sunitinib and vorolanib<sup>1-3</sup>
- Highly selective for all VEGF receptors<sup>4-6</sup> with no TIE2 inhibition at physiologic tissue concentrations<sup>1</sup>



## OTX-TKI

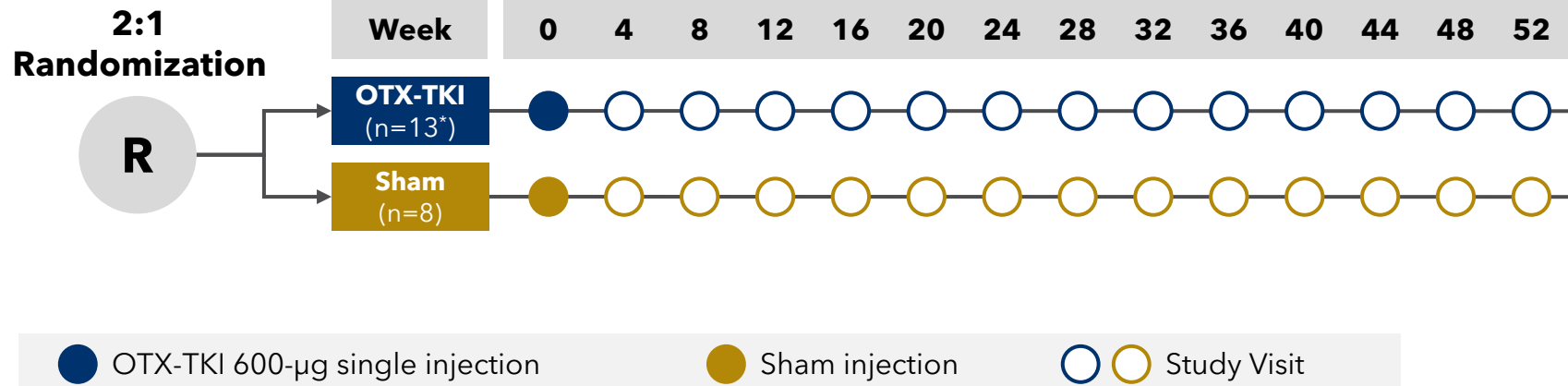
Single Intravitreal Bioresorbable Hydrogel Injection

- Sustained axitinib release allowing a redosing interval for 6-12 months
- Administered by a 25G needle
- Patent coverage through 2041<sup>7</sup>

**Abbreviations:** IC (inhibitory concentration); KDR (kinase domain receptor); TIE2 (Tyrosine kinase with immunoglobulin-like and EGF-like domains-2); TKI (Tyrosine kinase inhibitor); VEGF (Vascular endothelial growth factor [receptor]).

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# HELIOS Phase 1 Study of OTX-TKI in NPDR



Multicenter, double-masked, randomized, parallel group study of OTX-TKI in patients with moderately severe to severe NPDR without CI-DME (as assessed by the investigator)

## STUDY OUTCOMES

PRIMARY: Safety and tolerability of OTX-TKI

SECONDARY: DRSS changes, rescue therapy, BCVA, and CSFT changes

\*14 patients enrolled in OTX-TKI treatment arm, with 1 patient death unrelated to treatment.

Abbreviations: BCVA (Best-corrected visual acuity); CI-DME (Center-involved diabetic macular edema); CSFT (Central subfield thickness); DRSS (Diabetic retinopathy severity scale); NPDR (Non-proliferative diabetic retinopathy).

# Baseline Characteristics

Characteristic	OTX-TKI (N=14)	Sham (N=8)
<b>Age</b> , mean, years	53.7 (14.7)	64.0 (7.1)
<b>Sex</b> , n (%)		
Female	5 (35.7)	5 (62.5)
Male	9 (64.3)	3 (37.5)
<b>DRSS</b> , n (%)		
Level 47 (Moderately severe NPDR)	0	2 (25.0)
Level 53 (Severe NPDR)	14 (100)	6 (75.0)
<b>BCVA</b> , mean (SD), ETDRS letters	82.9 (5.2)	84.5 (5.2)
<b>CSFT</b> , mean (SD), $\mu\text{m}$	268.7 (21.5)	283.0 (32.1)

# HELIOS Safety Overview at Week 48

OTX-TKI was generally well tolerated, with no ocular SAEs reported

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All AEs were mild and balanced across the two arms, with no moderate or severe AEs reported in either arm

No ocular SAEs reported in either arm

No treatment- or injection procedure-related intraocular inflammation, iritis, vitritis, or vasculitis

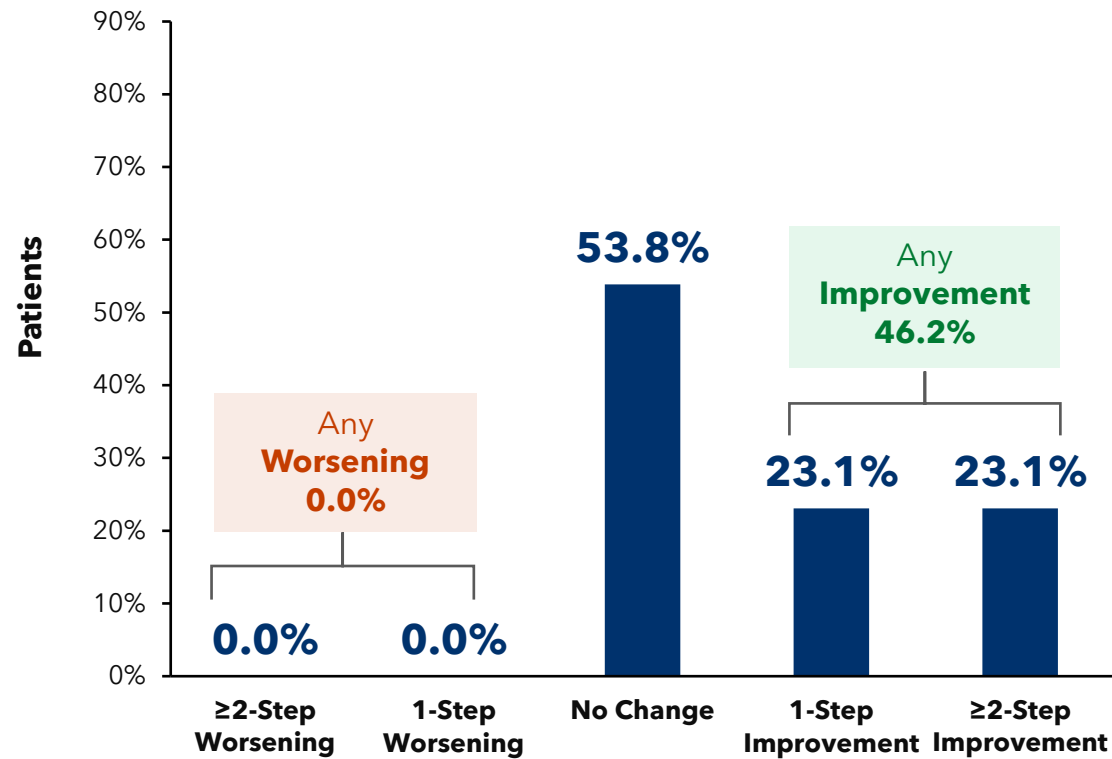
No subjects in either arm received rescue medication

# DRSS Changes at Week 48:

23.1% in OTX-TKI arm had a  $\geq 2$ -step DRSS improvement vs 0% in sham

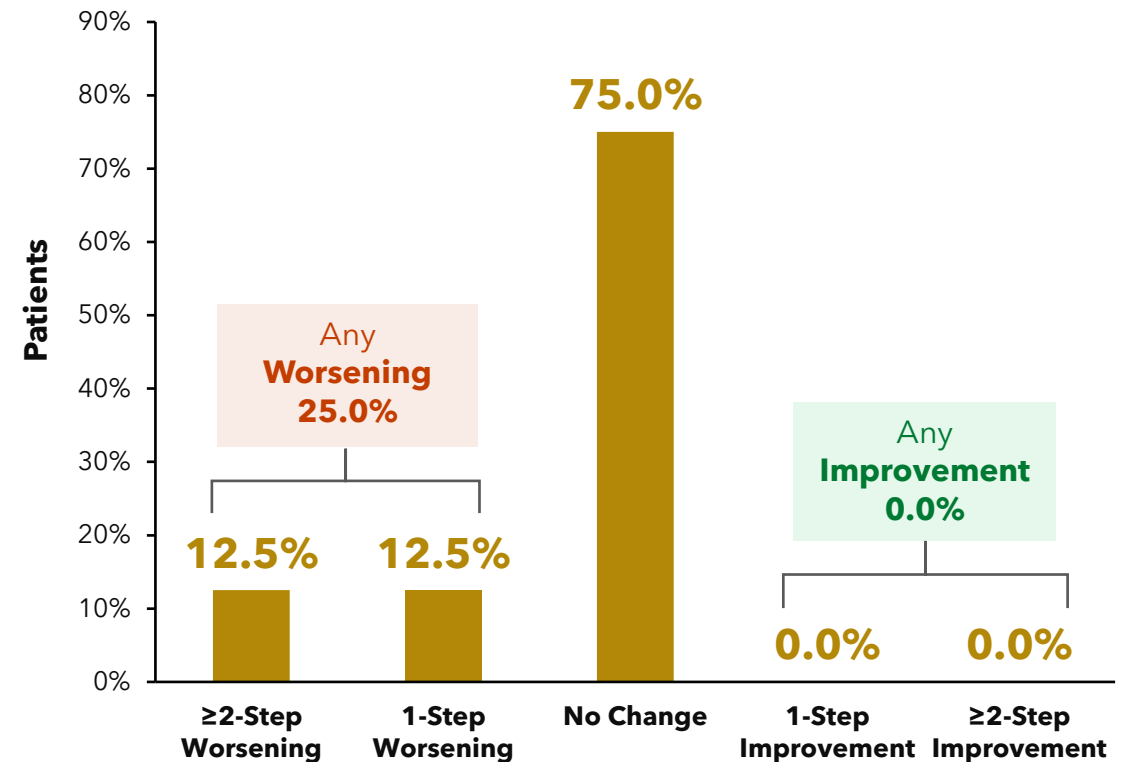
## OTX-TKI (n=13)

Change in DRSS From Baseline to Week 48



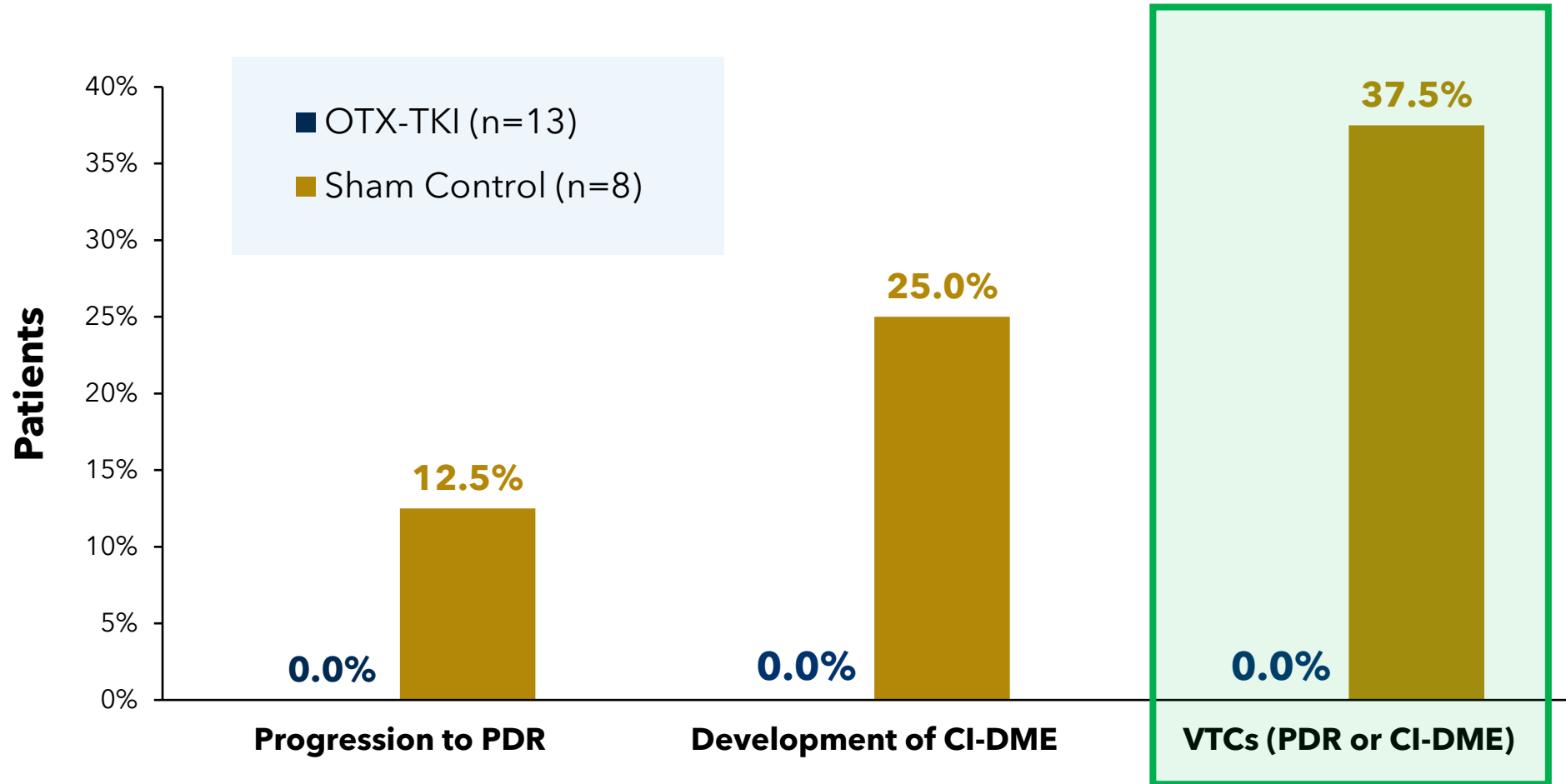
## Sham Control (n=8)

Change in DRSS From Baseline to Week 48



# Vision-Threatening Complications (VTCs) at Week 48:

0% in OTX-TKI arm developed PDR or CI-DME vs 37.5% in sham

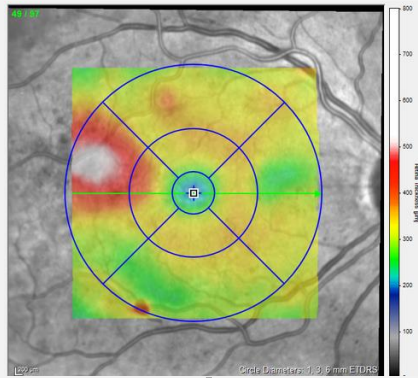


# Case Example: Patient 11-002, 61yo Male in Sham Control Group

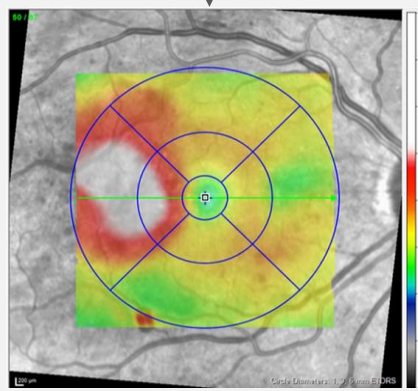
Developed CI-DME by Week 48

## MACULAR THICKNESS MAPS

Baseline



Week 48



DRSS SCORE

53

Baseline

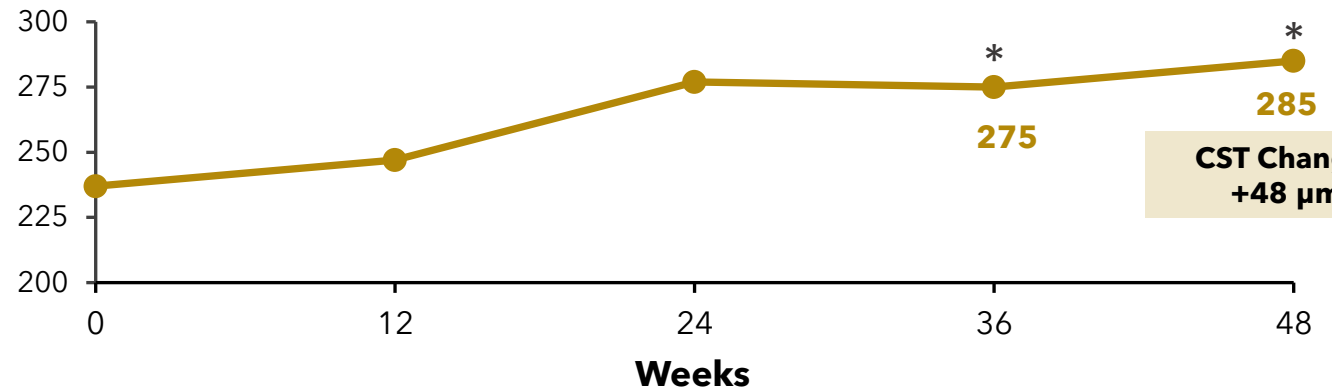
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24 Weeks

53

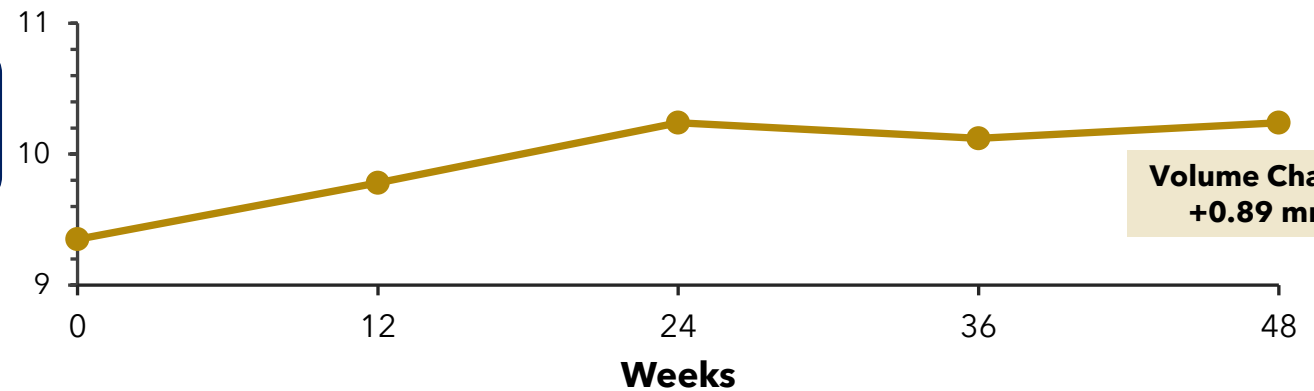
48 Weeks

CST (μm)



CST Change: +48 μm

MACULAR VOLUME (mm<sup>3</sup>)



Volume Change: +0.89 mm<sup>3</sup>

\*OCT CI-DME

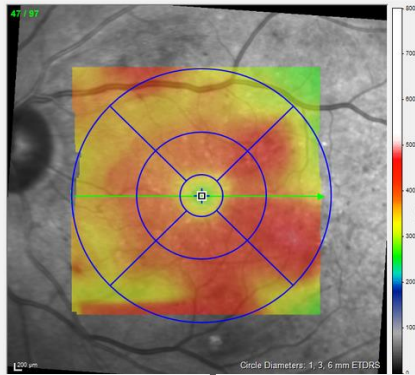
Abbreviations: DME (diabetic macular edema), DRSS (diabetic retinopathy severity scale), CST (central subfield thickness), OCT ci-DME (optical coherence tomography center-involved- diabetic macular edema)

# Case Example: Patient 11-008, 60yo Male that Received OTX-TKI

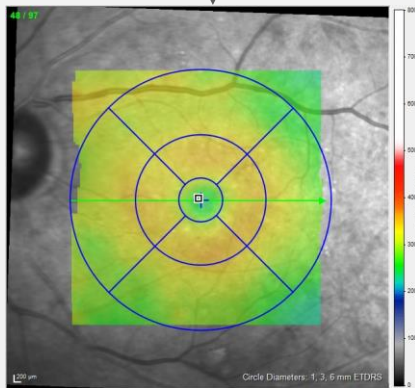
## 1-step DRSS Improvement by Week 48

### MACULAR THICKNESS MAPS

Baseline



Week 48



DRSS  
SCORE

**53**  
Baseline

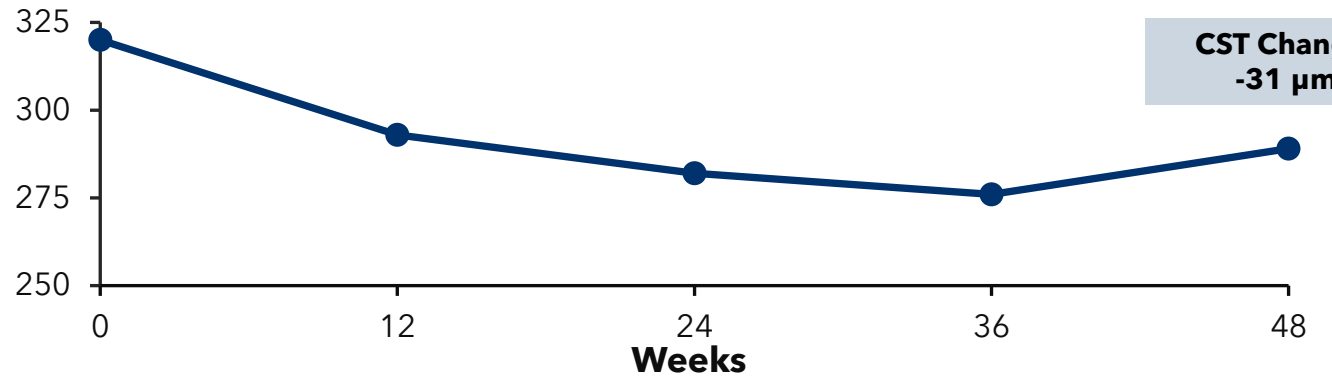
1-step  
improvement

**47**  
24 Weeks

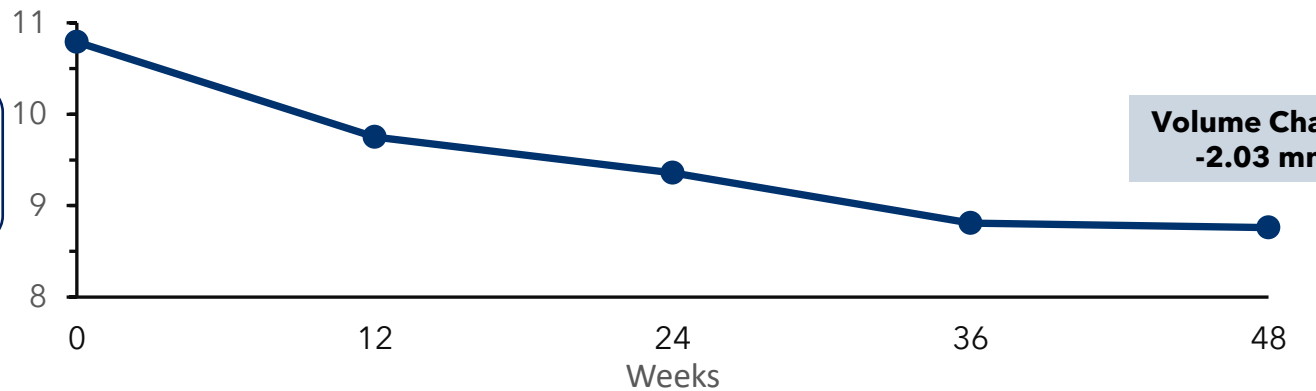
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48 Weeks

CST  
( $\mu\text{m}$ )



MACULAR  
VOLUME  
( $\text{mm}^3$ )

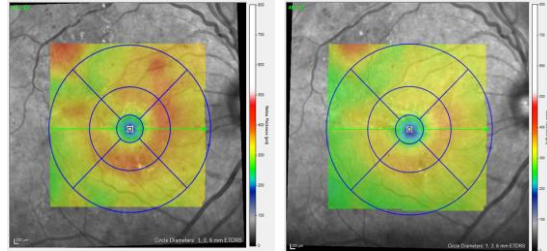


# Improvement in DME in Patients Receiving OTX-TKI

**BASELINE**      **WEEK 48**

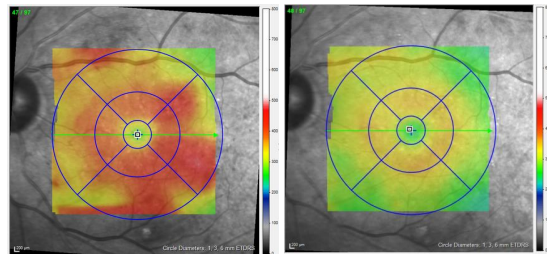
**Patient 11-007**

Baseline Vol. = 9.39 mm<sup>3</sup>  
Week 48 Vol. = 8.75 mm<sup>3</sup>



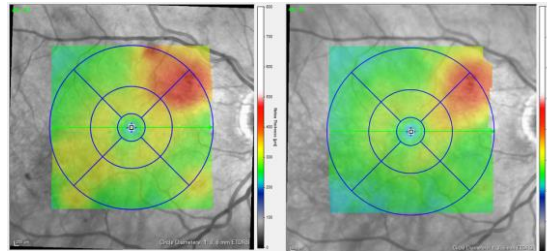
**Patient 11-008**

Baseline Vol. = 10.79 mm<sup>3</sup>  
Week 48 Vol. = 8.76 mm<sup>3</sup>



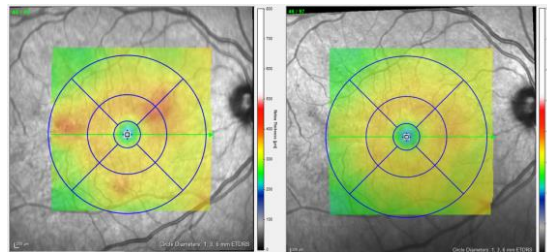
**Patient 13-001**

Baseline Vol. = 8.60 mm<sup>3</sup>  
Week 48 Vol. = 7.90 mm<sup>3</sup>



**Patient 15-004**

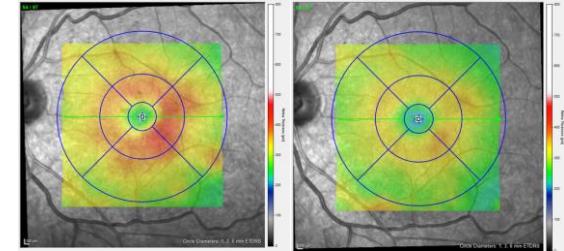
Baseline Vol. = 9.25 mm<sup>3</sup>  
Week 48 Vol. = 8.87 mm<sup>3</sup>



**BASELINE**      **WEEK 48**

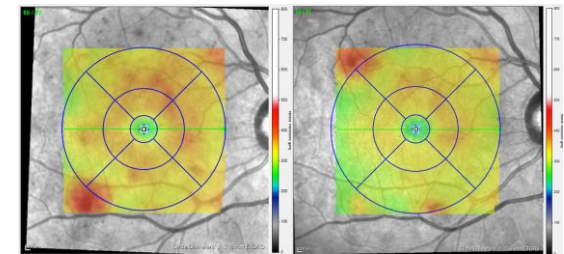
**Patient 16-005**

Baseline Vol. = 9.46 mm<sup>3</sup>  
Week 48 Vol. = 8.51 mm<sup>3</sup>



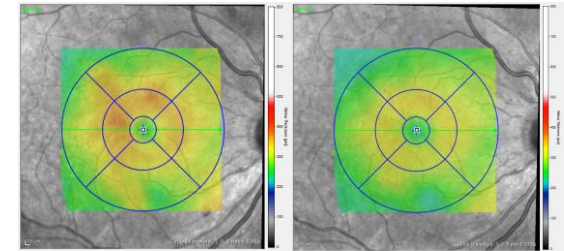
**Patient 16-006**

Baseline Vol. = 9.59 mm<sup>3</sup>  
Week 48 Vol. = 9.01 mm<sup>3</sup>



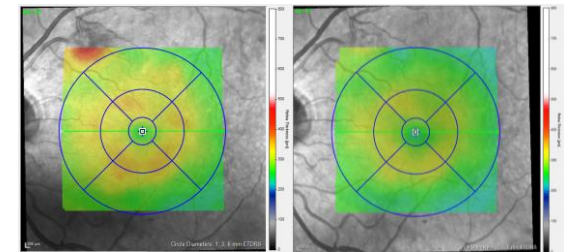
**Patient 12-002**

Baseline Vol. = 8.93 mm<sup>3</sup>  
Week 48 Vol. = 8.23 mm<sup>3</sup>



**Patient 16-009**

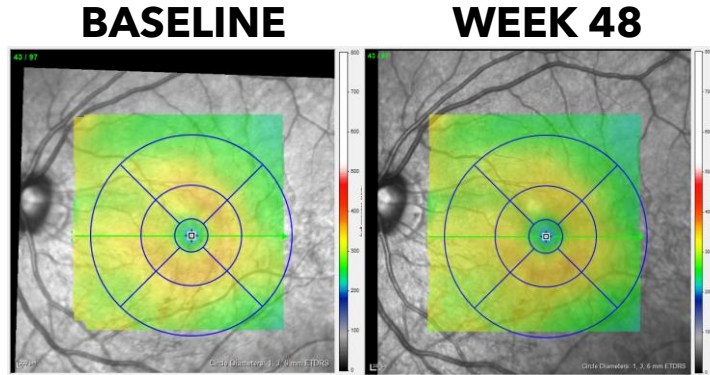
Baseline Vol. = 8.56 mm<sup>3</sup>  
Week 48 Vol. = 7.85 mm<sup>3</sup>



# OTX-TKI-treated Patients without Initial DME Remained DME-Free at Week 48

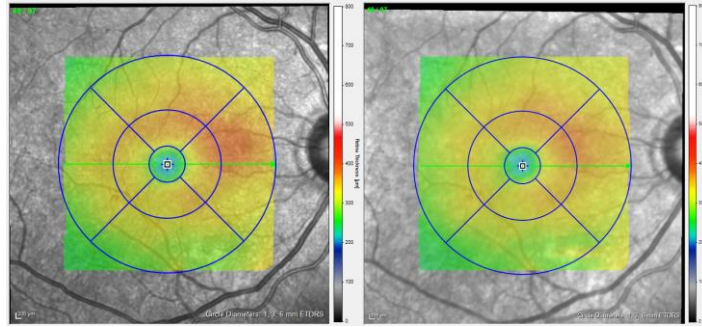
## Patient 10-004

Baseline Vol. = 8.59 mm<sup>3</sup>  
Week 48 Vol. = 8.44 mm<sup>3</sup>



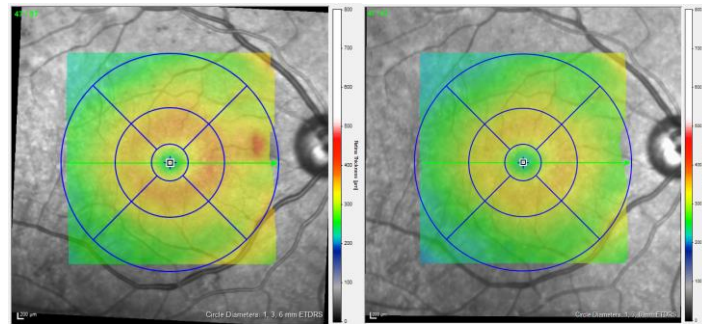
## Patient 11-004

Baseline Vol. = 9.19 mm<sup>3</sup>  
Week 48 Vol. = 8.99 mm<sup>3</sup>



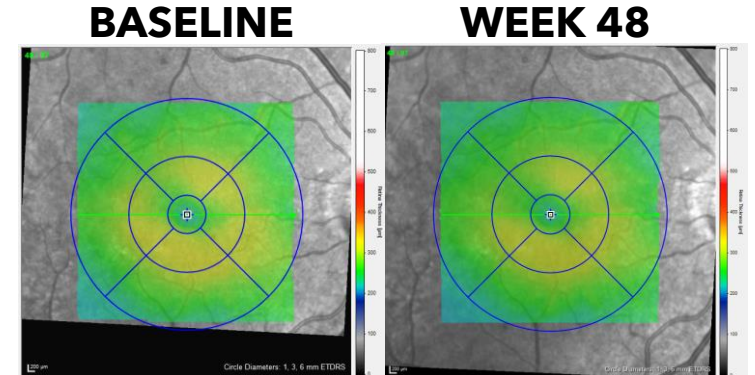
## Patient 11-011

Baseline Vol. = 8.68 mm<sup>3</sup>  
Week 48 Vol. = 8.11 mm<sup>3</sup>



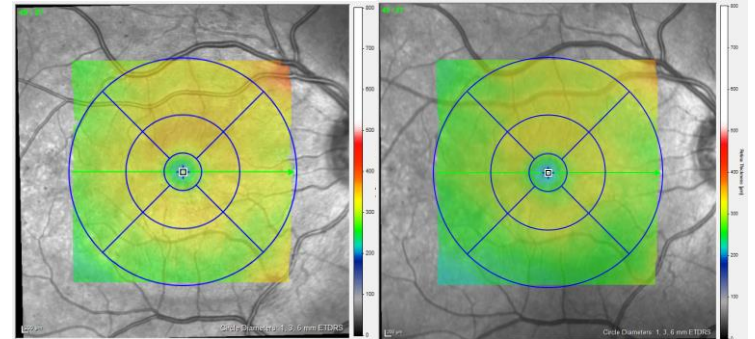
## Patient 11-013

Baseline Vol. = 7.82 mm<sup>3</sup>  
Week 48 Vol. = 7.69 mm<sup>3</sup>



## Patient 16-003

Baseline Vol. = 8.74 mm<sup>3</sup>  
Week 48 Vol. = 8.14 mm<sup>3</sup>



# HELIOS Phase 1 Summary

## **OTX-TKI demonstrated DRSS stability or improvement with durability through 48 weeks**

23.1% of patients in the OTX-TKI arm demonstrated a  $\geq 2$ -step DRSS improvement, and 46.2% of patients demonstrated a 1- or  $\geq 2$ -step DRSS improvement at 48 weeks

No subjects in the OTX-TKI arm experienced worsening in DRSS at 48 weeks

## **No OTX-TKI patients developed PDR or CI-DME through Week 48**

37.5% in the sham control arm developed PDR or CI-DME through Week 48

## **OTX-TKI was generally well tolerated with no incidence of treatment or injection procedure-related intraocular inflammation, iritis, vitritis, or vasculitis**

**Thank you.**