Suprachoroidal Delivery of RGX-314 for Diabetic Retinopathy Without CI-DME: Early Results from the Phase II ALTITUDE™ Study

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# RGX–314 for the Treatment of Diabetic Retinopathy (DR)

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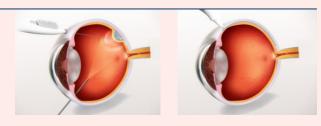
#### **RGX–314 PRODUCT CANDIDATE**

Vector: AAV8

Gene: anti-VEGF fab

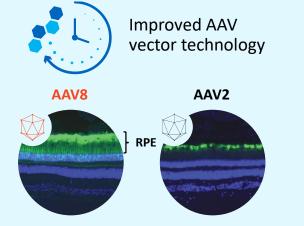
**Route of administration:** Subretinal (nAMD) or

Suprachoroidal (nAMD/DR)



#### **Mechanism of action:**

Reducing leaky blood vessel formation by giving ocular cells the ability to produce an anti-VEGF fab



More efficient gene delivery to the RPE<sup>1</sup>

Leveraging current standard of care in transgene

- FDA-approved mAbs and mAb fragments that inhibit VEGF are used for the prevention of DR complications
- RGX–314 gene encodes an anti-VEGF mAb fragment (fab)

**RGX–314**: AAV8 encoding anti–VEGF fab

Potential for long-term therapeutic anti-VEGF expression

## **ALTITUDE™: RGX-314 Phase II Clinical Trial in Diabetic Retinopathy**

#### **Primary Objective**

 Evaluate proportion of patients with ≥2 step improvement in severity on the Diabetic Retinopathy Severity Scale (DRSS) at one year

#### **Route of Administration**

In-office SCS Microinjector<sup>™</sup> delivers RGX-314 to the suprachoroidal space

#### **Secondary Objectives**

- Safety and tolerability of RGX-314
- Development of DR-related ocular complications
- Need for additional standard of care interventions

#### Subjects: Up to 60 total

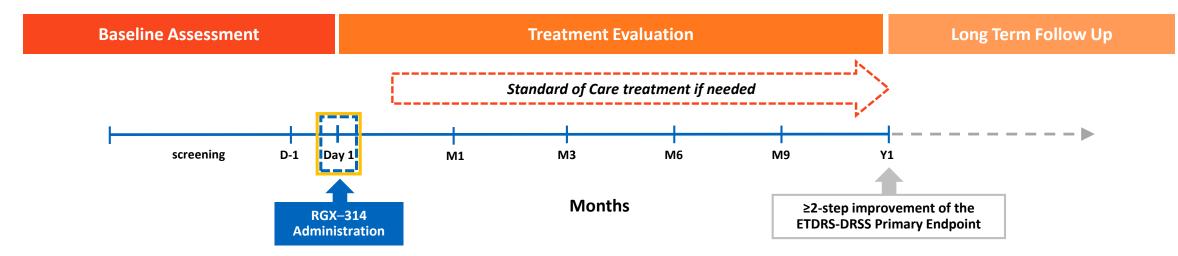
18 study sites across the United States

 Male or female ≥ 25 to 89 years of age with DR secondary to diabetes mellitus Type 1 or Type 2

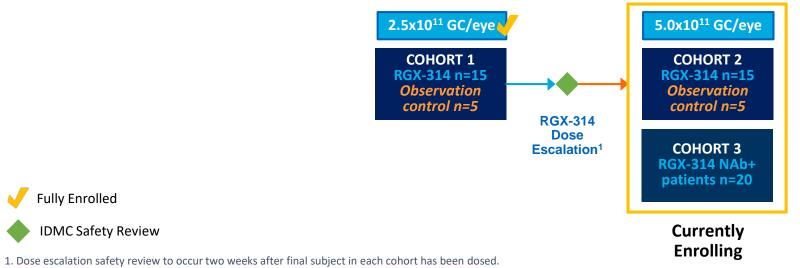
**Key Inclusion Criteria** 

- Moderately Severe NPDR, Severe NPDR, or Mild PDR (DRSS levels 47-61)
- No active CI-DME, CST < 320 μm</p>
- Vision of 20/40 or better (≥ 69 Early Treatment Diabetic Retinopathy Study [ETDRS] letters) in the study eye
- No anti-VEGF injection(s) in prior 6 months

## **RGX-314 ALTITUDE™ Study Design**



#### No prophylactic steroids given throughout the study



NAb+ = AAV8 neutralizing antibody positive. Y1= 48 weeks.

**Fully Enrolled** 

**IDMC Safety Review** 

## **ALTITUDE Baseline Characteristics (Cohort 1)**

Variable		Observational Control (N=5)	RGX-314 (N=15)	Total (N=20)
BASELINE <sup>1</sup>	Mean Age (Years)	51.0	50.7	50.8
	Gender – Female	1 (20%)	9 (60%)	10 (50%)
	Hemoglobin A1c	6.4	8.2	7.8
	Baseline DRSS score			
	47 (Moderately Severe, NPDR)	5 (100%)	5 (33.3%)	10 (50.0%)
	53 (Severe, NPDR)		2 (13.3%)	2 (10.0%)
	61 (Mild, PDR)		7 (46.7%)	7 (35%)
	65 <sup>2</sup> (Moderate, PDR)		1 ( 6.7%)	1 (5%)
	Screening BCVA (Snellen equivalents)	87.6 (20/20)	78.1 (20/32)	80.5 (20/25)
	Screening OCT CRT (µm)	259.2	259.5	259.5
	Lens Status – Phakic n (%)	4 (80%)	13 (86.7%)	17 (85%)
PRIOR THERAPY	Study Eye with anti-VEGF Injections in the Past 36-months n (%)	0	5 (33.3%)	5 (25%)
	Months Since DR Diagnosis <sup>3</sup> – Mean	31.9	27.8	28.8

1. Ocular variables refer to study eye only.

2. After randomization, central reading center DRSS was scored as Grade 65 on final masked adjudication.

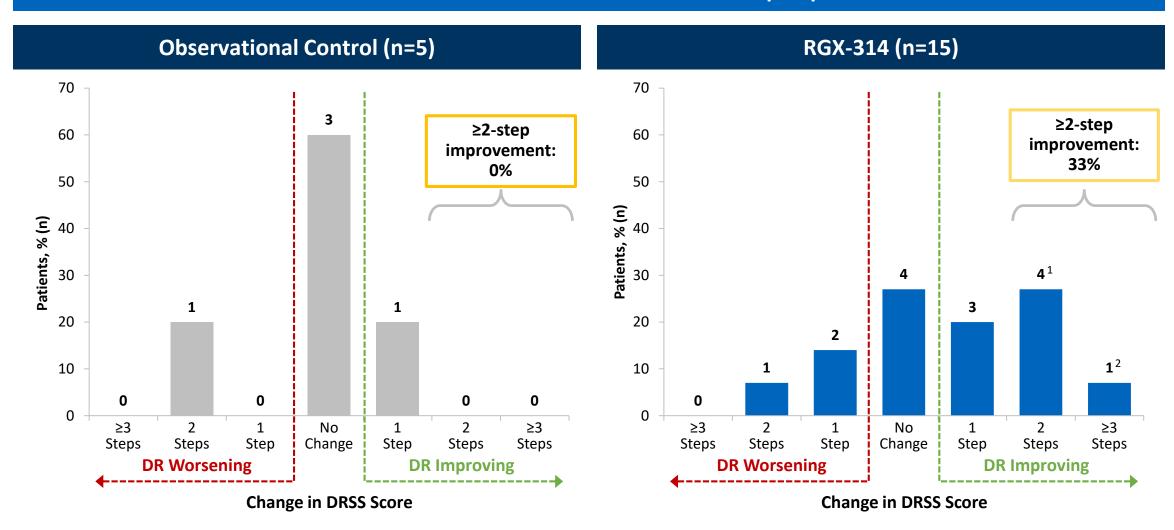
3. Based on randomization date.

## **ALTITUDE Safety Summary: Cohort 1**

- RGX-314 was well-tolerated (n=15)
  - 1 SAE that was not considered drug-related:
    - Vitreous hemorrhage in an untreated *fellow eye*
- Common ocular TEAEs<sup>1</sup> in the study eye were not considered drug-related and were predominantly mild:
  - Conjunctival hyperemia (2/15, 13%)
  - Conjunctival hemorrhage (2/15, 13%)
- One case of mild episcleritis<sup>2</sup> that resolved with topical corticosteroids
- No intraocular inflammation observed on slit-lamp examination

### **Cohort 1: Change in DRSS at Month 3**

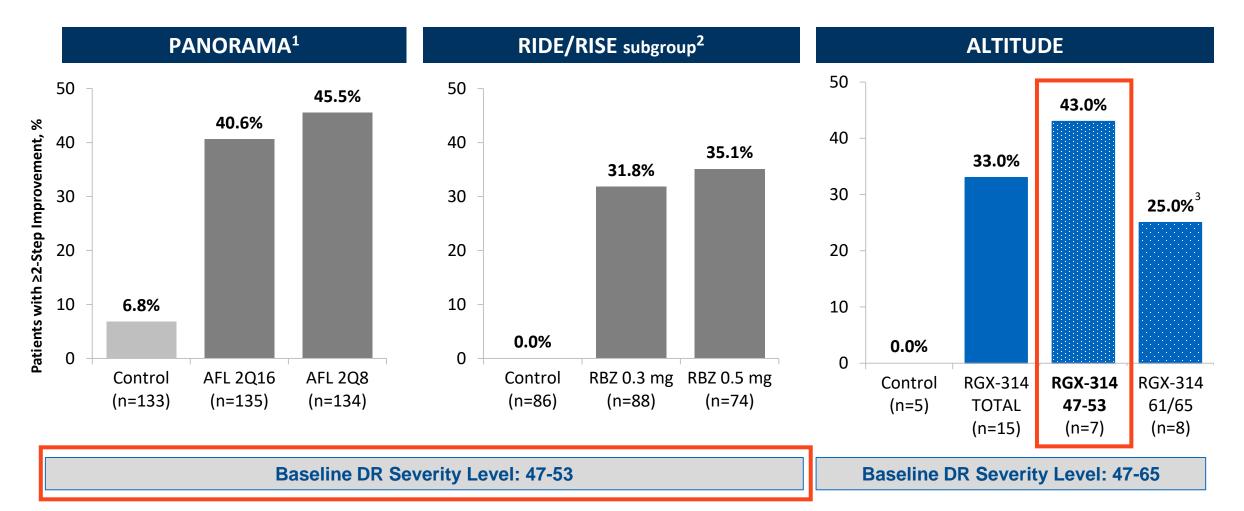
**33% of RGX-314 Treated Patients Achieved a ≥2-Step Improvement** 



#### Data cut Sep 29, 2021

1. One study eye (DRSS 61 at baseline) received a single Lucentis injection 8 days after RGX-314 dosing for trace vitreous hemorrhage, which was 10 weeks prior to their 3 month visit when DRSS was assessed. 2. One patient had a 4-step improvement.

## How do ALTITUDE Cohort 1 DRSS Outcomes at 3 Months Compare to Prior Clinical Trials?



#### Data cut Sep 29, 2021

1. DRSS assessment at the 12 week timepoint was after 3 Q4W aflibercept (AFL) injections; EYLEA® (aflibercept) Injection full U.S. Prescribing Information. Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc. March 2021.

2. DRSS assessment at the 3 month timepoint was after 3 Q4W ranibizumab (RBZ) injections; Wykoff CC et al. Ophthalmology Retina. 2018 DOI: (10.1016/j.oret.2018.06.005).

3. One patient had a 4-step improvement. Another study eye (DRSS 61 at baseline) received a single Lucentis injection 8 days after RGX-314 dosing for trace vitreous hemorrhage, which was 10 weeks prior to their 3 month visit when DRSS was assessed.

## Summary of Initial Results from the Phase II ALTITUDE<sup>™</sup> DR Study

- Suprachoroidal RGX-314 has been well-tolerated in Cohort 1 (2.5x10<sup>11</sup> GC/eye; n=15)
- No intraocular inflammation
  - No prophylactic corticosteroids administered
- In RGX-314 treated eyes, 33% achieved a ≥2 step improvement in DRSS at 3 months



Video: D. Marcus

ALTITUDE study is currently enrolling Cohorts 2 and 3 (Dose level 2: 5.0x10<sup>11</sup> GC/eye; NAb- and NAb+ patients)