Two Year Results from the Subretinal RGX-314 Gene Therapy Phase 1/2a Study for the Treatment of Neovascular AMD, and an Update on Suprachoroidal Trials

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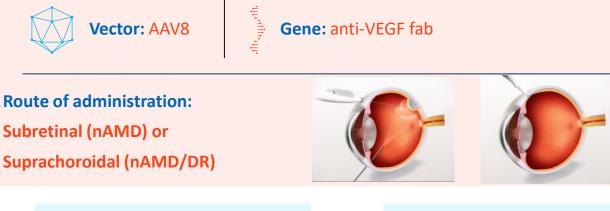
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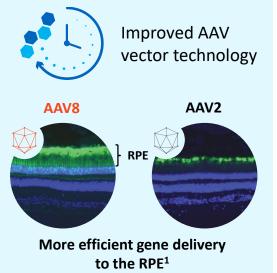
# RGX–314 for Treatment of Neovascular Age-related Macular Degeneration (nAMD) and Diabetic Retinopathy (DR)

#### **RGX–314 PRODUCT CANDIDATE**



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

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



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Leveraging current standard of care in transgene

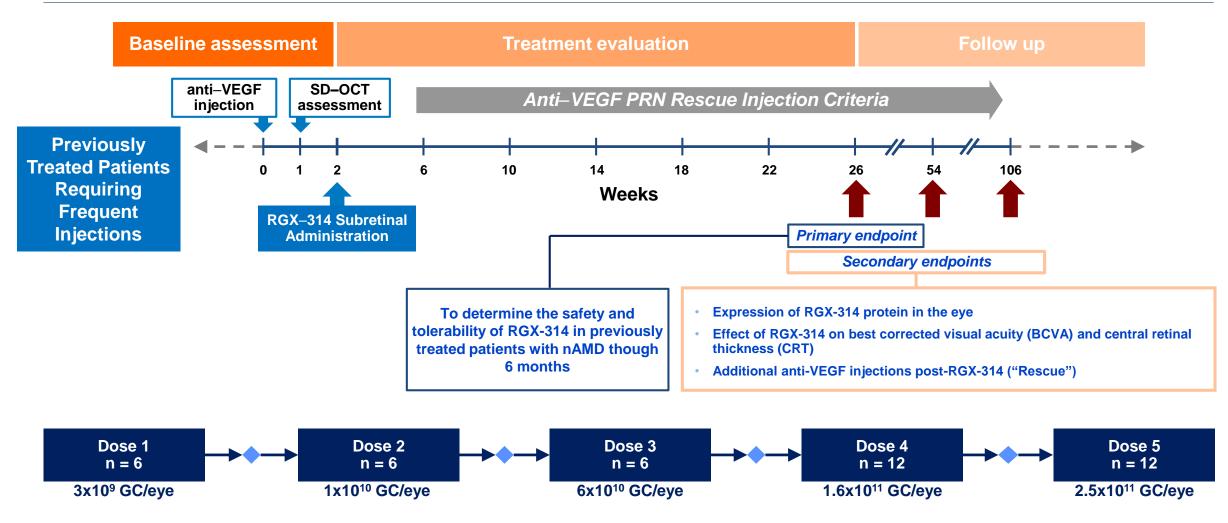
- FDA-approved mAbs and mAb fragments that inhibit VEGF are the current standard of care for treatment of nAMD, and are used for the prevention of DR complications
- RGX–314 gene encodes an anti-VEGF mAb fragment (fab)

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RGX–314: AAV8 encoding anti–VEGF fab

Potential for long-term therapeutic anti-VEGF expression

# **RGX-314 Phase I/IIa nAMD Study is Complete**



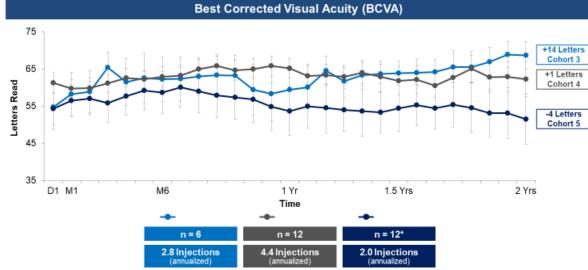
# **RGX-314 Phase I/IIa nAMD: Overall Safety**

- RGX–314 continues to be generally well–tolerated across all doses (n=42)
- 20 SAEs were reported in 13 patients<sup>1</sup>; one possibly drug-related SAE reported in a patient in Cohort 5<sup>2</sup>
- Common ocular AEs<sup>3</sup> in the study eye included:
  - Retinal pigmentary changes<sup>4</sup> (69% of all patients; 87% of patients in Cohorts 3-5) 62% mild, 2 severe (Cohort 5)<sup>5</sup>
  - Post-operative conjunctival hemorrhage (69% of patients) 100% mild, majority resolved within days to weeks
  - Post-operative inflammation<sup>6</sup> (36% of patients) resolved within days to weeks, 100% mild
  - Retinal hemorrhage (26% of patients) an anticipated event in the severe nAMD population, 91% mild
  - Post-operative visual acuity reduction (17% of patients) majority resolved within days to weeks, 100% mild
  - Eye irritation (17% of patients 57% mild) and eye pain (17% of patients 86% mild)
- No reports of clinically-determined immune responses, drug-related ocular inflammation, or post-surgical inflammation beyond what is expected following routine vitrectomy

Data cut: September 13, 2021

- 1. Includes two deaths unrelated to RGX-314.
- 2. Significant decrease in vision.
- 3. Common ocular AEs defined by  $\geq$  15% of patients.
- 4. Retinal pigmentary changes observed were hypo and hyper pigmentation on imaging occurring in the bleb area or inferior retina.
- 5. The two severe cases occurred at the highest dose after receiving a superior bleb. These patients developed pigmentary changes peripherally, and in the macula, and had a decrease in vision.
- 6. Postoperative inflammation includes AC cells, flare, or inflammation.

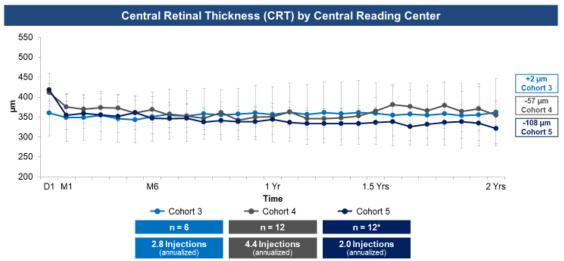
#### RGX-314 Phase I/IIa Trial: Stable to Improved VA, Including VA Improvement through 3 Years in Cohort 3



**Best Corrected Visual Acuity (BCVA)** 75 +12 Letters 65 3 Years Letters Read +14 Letters 55 2 Years 45 35 2 Yr 2.5 Yr 3 Yr D1M1 M6 1 Yr 1.5 Yrs Time —Cohort 3 (n=6)

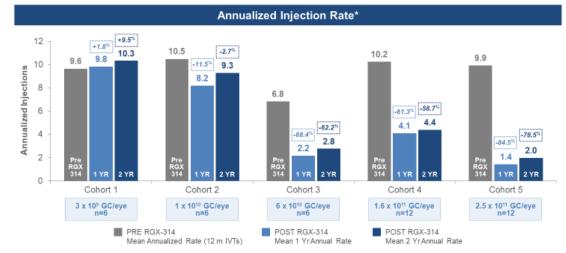
\* One patient in Cohort 5 discontinued the study prior to the Week 22 visit and missing data post discontinuation was not imputed. Another patient in Cohort 5 has missed the visits due to COVID-19 from Week 80 through Week 94. For this patient, missing visits were imputed using last observation carried forward (LDCF). Ten additional missing BCVA results were intercolated.

#### **Stable to Improved Anatomy**



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#### with Meaningful Reduction in anti-VEGF Injection Burden



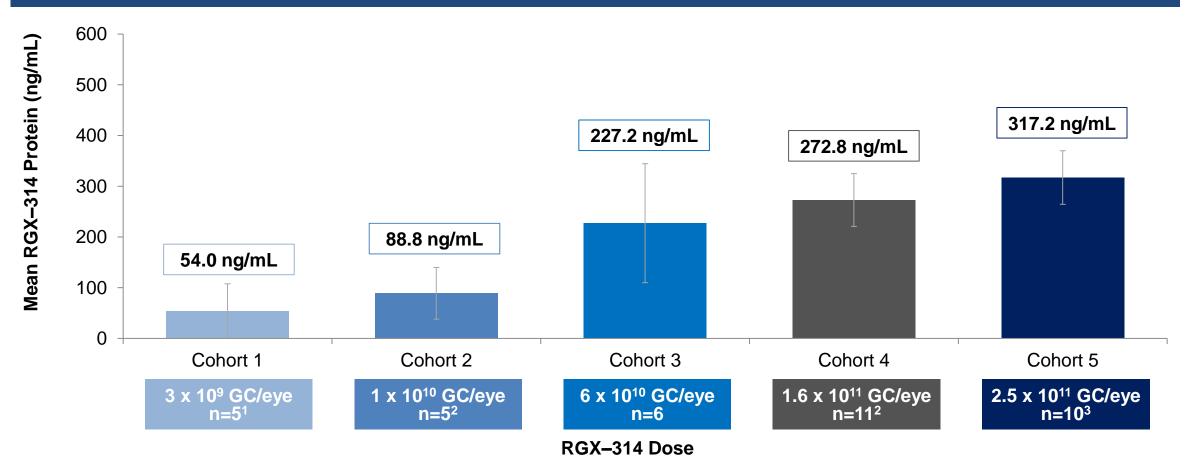
Retreatment Criteria: Any CNV-related increased, new, or persistent fluid; Vision loss of >5 letters associated with fluid; New ocular hemorrhage

\*Prior annual rate is (Total # of prior IVTs/\minimum/388 days, Duration between first ever NT and Day 1)/385.25). Post RGX-314 annual rate is (Total # of IVTs on Study)/(Duration on Study/385.25) where on study/s defined from RGX-314 annual rate is (Total # of IVTs) (Total # of

# **RGX-314 Protein Levels at Year 2 in All Cohorts**

**Dose-dependent intraocular RGX-314 protein levels across all 5 cohorts** 

#### As Measured from Aqueous Samples by ECL



<sup>1</sup> One patient in Cohort 1 discontinued the study prior to the Week 22 visit.

<sup>2</sup> One patient did not have a year 2 sample taken.

<sup>3</sup> One patient in Cohort 5 discontinued the study prior to the Week 22 visit; another patient did not have a year 2 sample taken.



# **ATMOSPHERE™: RGX-314 Pivotal Trial in nAMD**

#### Partially Masked, Controlled Pivotal Study **Active Run-In Period** Mean change in BCVA 1º Endpoint SD-OCT of RGX-314 relative to Assessment ranibizumab at Week 54 EOS/ W98 D2 & D8 W54 Wk-6 Wk-5 Wk-2 D1 W2 W6-50 RGX-314 Dose 1 6.4 X10<sup>10</sup> GC/eye (n=100) RGX-314 Dose 2 1.3 X10<sup>11</sup> GC/eye (n=100) **Ranibizumab Control** Q4W (n=100) **RGX-314 Subretinal** Administration

Ranibizumab

Post-op visit RGX-314 only
RGX-314 subretinal dosing

PRN ranibizumab

# **Current Program Status for RGX–314**

#### **Subretinal**

Phase I/IIa study for <u>wet AMD</u> is complete; Long-term follow-up continues

**Pivotal trial for <u>wet AMD</u> is** active and enrolling patients



On-track to initiate **second pivotal trial** in Q4 2021

#### **Suprachoroidal**

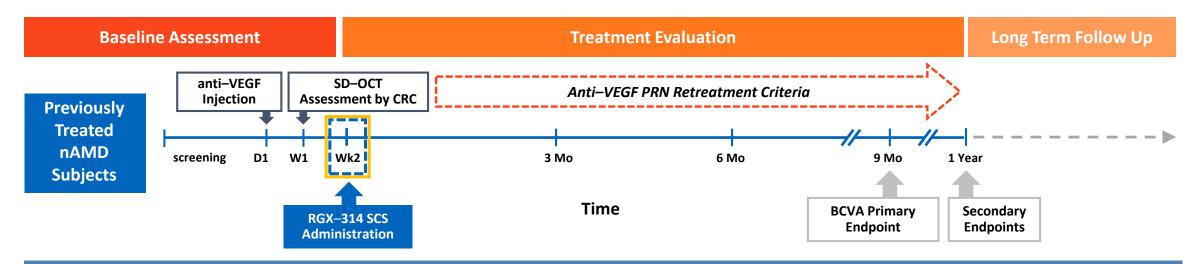
#### Phase II trial in wet AMD is ongoing



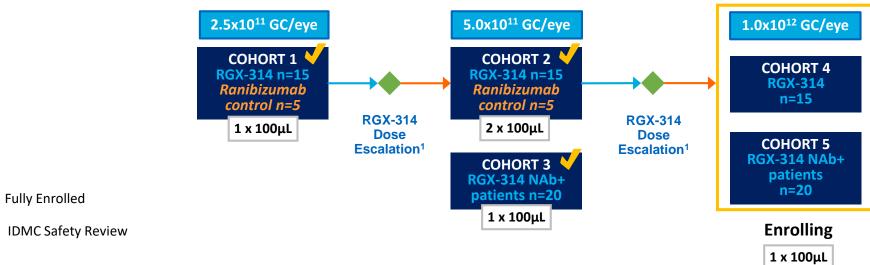
Phase II trial for diabetic retinopathy is ongoing



# AAVIATE®: RGX-314 Phase II Clinical Trial in nAMD



#### No prophylactic steroids given throughout the study



1. Dose escalation safety review to occur two weeks after final subject in each cohort has been dosed.

SCS: Suprachoroidal Space; NAb+ = AAV8 neutralizing antibody positive

# **AAVIATE Baseline Characteristics (Cohort 1 – Cohort 3)**

| Vari                 | able  | Control<br>Ranibizumab<br>(N=10) | Cohort 1<br>(N=15) | Cohort 2<br>(N=15) | Cohort 3<br>(N=20) | Total<br>(N=60)   |
|----------------------|---|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| BASELINE             | Mean Age (Years)  | 75.9                             | 74.0               | 77.9               | 72.6               | 74.8              |
|                      | Screening BCVA (Letters)  | 72.7                             | 75.1               | 70.7               | 72.8               | 72.9              |
|                      | Screening OCT (Microns)   | 240.3                            | 269.2              | 275.7              | 265.8              | 264.9             |
|                      | Phakic n (%)  | <b>3</b> (30.0%)                 | <b>6</b> (40.0%)   | <b>7</b> (46.7%)   | <b>10</b> (50.0%)  | <b>26</b> (43.3%) |
| <b>PRIOR THERAPY</b> | Months Since nAMD Diagnosis (Mean)                              | 26.7                             | 30.4               | 19.9               | 18.6               | 23.2              |
|                      | # Injections Since nAMD Diagnosis (Mean)                        | 13.4                             | 20.6               | 11.1               | 9.7                | 13.4              |
|                      | # Injections in the Past Year (includes Day 1)                  | 6.8                              | 7.2                | 6.0                | 6.2                | 6.5               |
|                      | Average Annualized Injections in the Past Year (includes Day 1) | 8.8                              | 9.7                | 8.7                | 8.9                | 9.0               |

Ocular variables refer to study eye only.

Average annualized injections in the past year is: (Total # of prior injections)/(minimum(366 days, Duration between first injection and Day 1)/365.25).

## **AAVIATE Safety Summary**

- RGX–314 was well–tolerated in Cohorts 1–3 (n=50) with follow-up ranging from 2 12 months
  - 4 SAEs: None considered drug-related
  - No cases of chorioretinal vasculitis or occlusion, or hypotony were observed

| RGX-314 Common Ocular TEAEs <sup>1</sup> in the Study Eye through 6 Months: | Cohort 1<br>2.5x10 <sup>11</sup> GC/eye<br>1 injection<br>(N=15) | Cohort 2<br>5.0x10 <sup>11</sup> GC/eye<br>2 injections<br>(N=15) | Total<br>(N=30)  |
|---|--|---|------------------|
| Conjunctival hemorrhage   | <b>5</b> (33.3%)   | <b>3</b> (20.0%)  | <b>8</b> (26.7%) |
| Intraocular Inflammation <sup>2</sup>                                       | <b>4</b> (26.7%)   | <b>3</b> (20.0%)  | <b>7</b> (23.3%) |
| Worsening of nAMD <sup>3</sup>  | <b>3</b> (20.0%)   | <b>1</b> (6.7%)   | <b>4</b> (13.3%) |
| Dry eye   | <b>2</b> (13.3%)   | <b>2</b> (13.3%)  | <b>4</b> (13.3%) |
| Episcleritis <sup>4</sup>   | <b>0</b> (0.0%)  | <b>3</b> (20.0%)  | <b>3</b> (10.0%) |
| Conjunctival hyperemia  | <b>2</b> (13.3%)   | <b>1</b> (6.7%)   | <b>3</b> (10.0%) |

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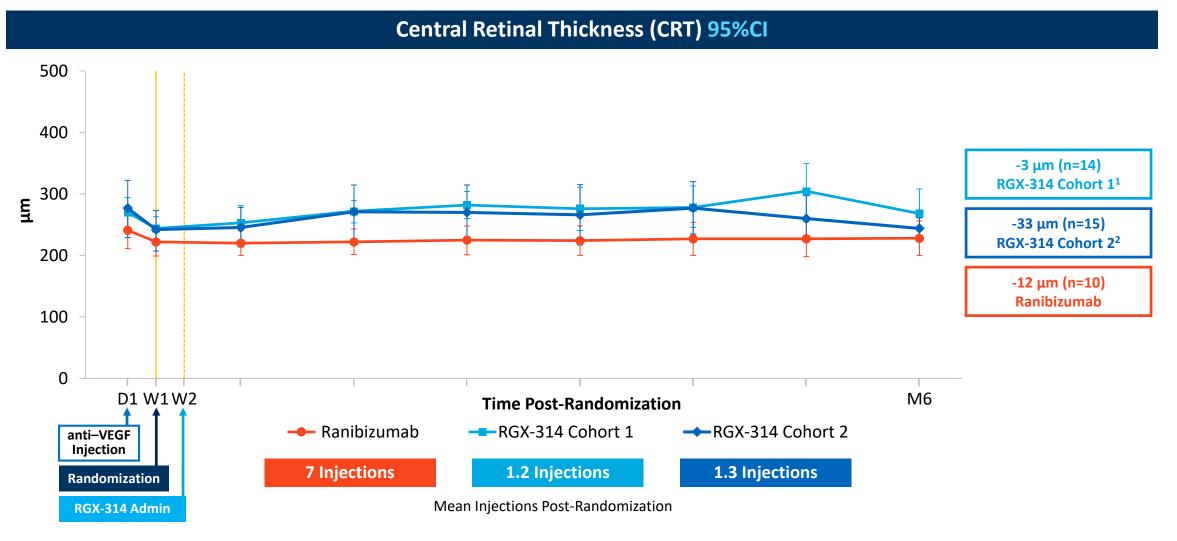
1. Includes AEs for total group  $\geq$ 10% with onset up to 6m visit.

2. All mild, observed on slit lamp examination. Cohort 1: 3 patients presented with anterior cell (+0.5, +2, +2) and 1 patient presented with vitreous cell (trace). Cohort 2: 3 patients presented with anterior cell (+0.5, +1, +1). Resolved within days to weeks on topical corticosteroids.

3. All reported at one site.

4. All mild, presented 4 weeks post double injection and resolved within days to weeks on topical corticosteroid or NSAID treatment.

# Cohorts 1 and 2: Mean CRT from Day 1 (Screening) Through Month 6

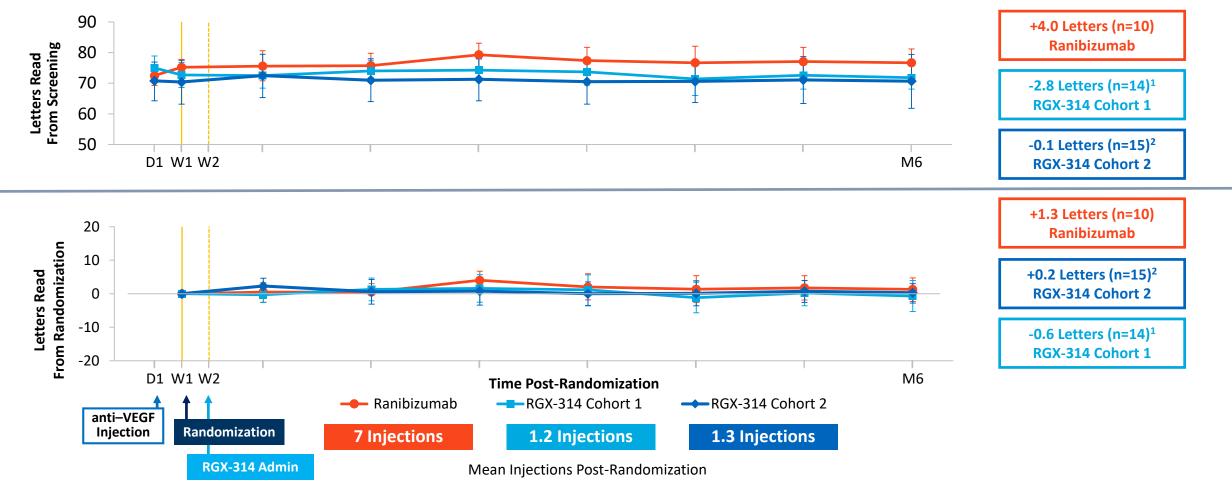


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- 1. One patient discontinued the study after Week 12, and only data up to week 12 is included for the subject. For one patient who has missing Weeks 8 and 28 visits, the missing data has been interpolated using the average of before and after the missing visit.
- 2. For one patient who missed the Week 28 visit, the missing data has been interpolated using the average of before and after the missing visit.

# **Cohort 1 and 2: Mean Change in BCVA Through Month 6**

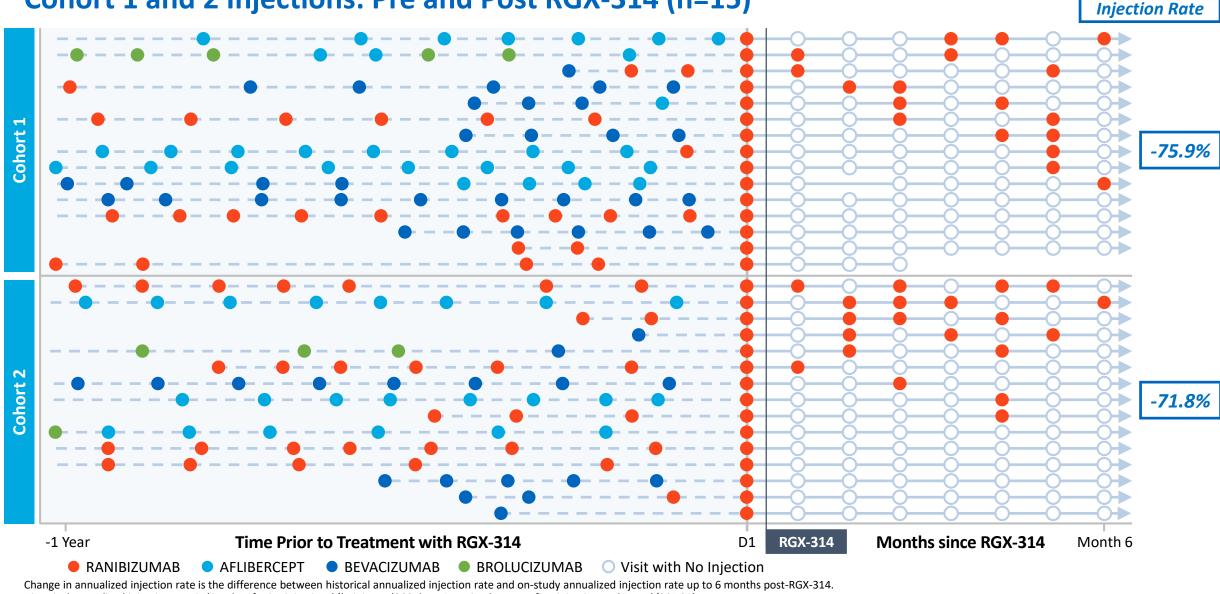
Best Corrected Visual Acuity (BCVA) 95% CI



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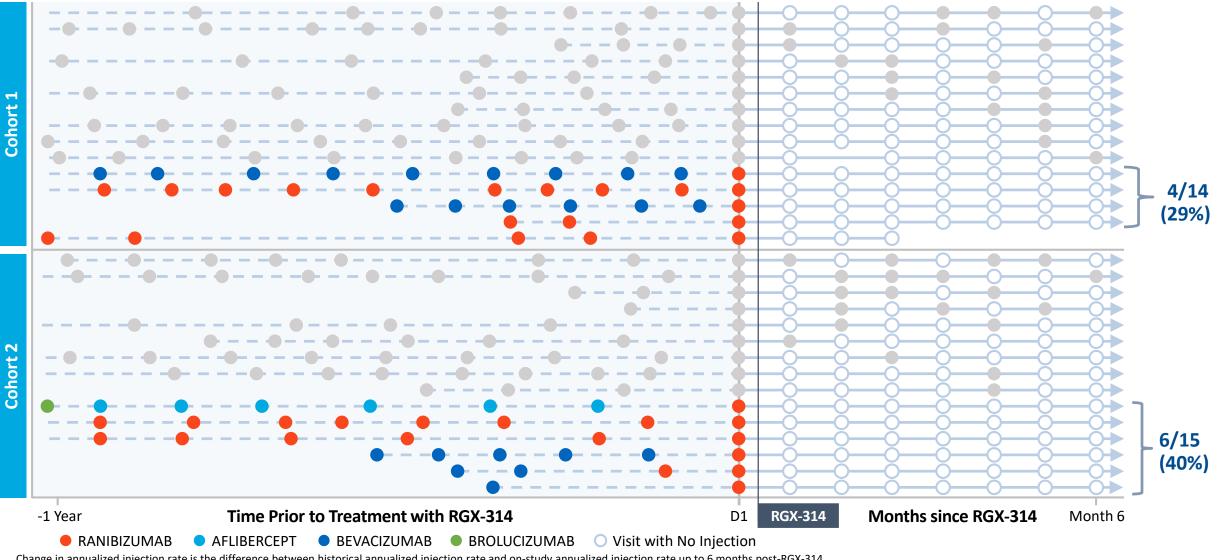
#### Cohort 1 and 2 Injections: Pre and Post RGX-314 (n=15)

Subject

Historical annualized injection rate is (Total # of prior injections)/(minimum(366 days, Duration between first injection and Day 1)/365.25). On-study annualized injection rate is (Total # of injections on Study)/(Duration on Study/365.25) where on-study is defined from post-D1 to a specified cut-off date. Change in Annualized

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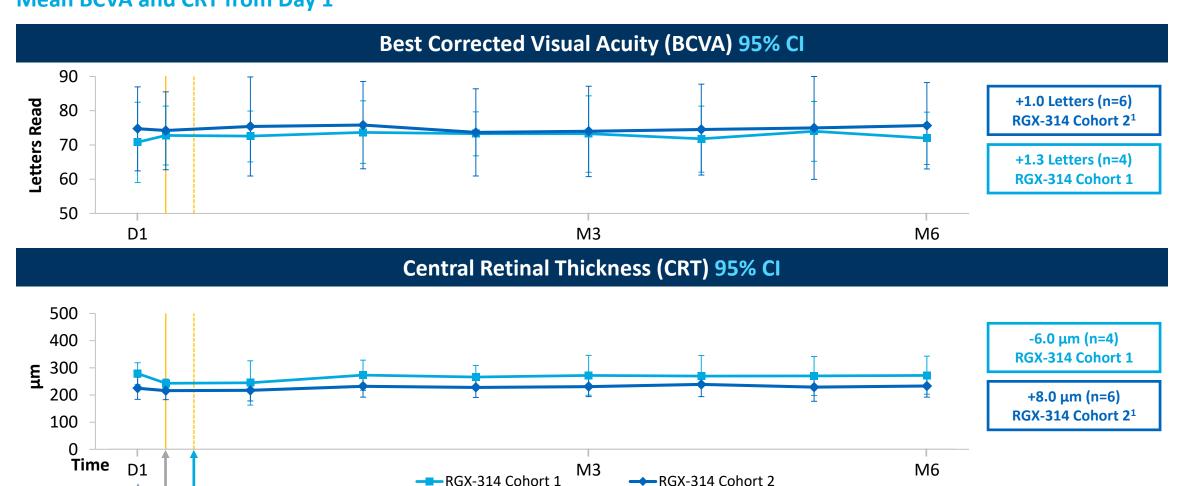


Change in annualized injection rate is the difference between historical annualized injection rate and on-study annualized injection rate up to 6 months post-RGX-314. Historical annualized injection rate is (Total # of prior injections)/(minimum(366 days, Duration between first injection and Day 1)/365.25). On-study annualized injection rate is (Total # of injections on Study)/(Duration on Study/365.25) where on-study is defined from post-D1 to a specified cut-off date. Number of injection-free

patients

## **Cohorts 1 and 2 Subjects with No Anti-VEGF Injections over 6 Months** Mean BCVA and CRT from Day 1

**10.7 Injections** 



Average Prior Annualized Injection Rate

8.1 Injections

Data cut: November 4, 2021

anti–VEGF

1. For one patient who missed their Week 28 visit, the missing data has been interpolated using the average of before and after the missing visit.

**RGX-314** 

Randomization

# Summary of Results from the Phase II AAVIATE® nAMD Study

#### RGX-314 Cohorts 1-3 (n=50): Safety

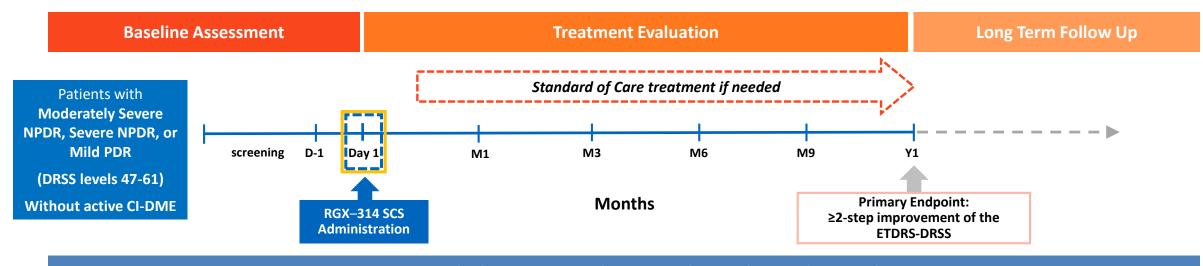
Suprachoroidal RGX-314 has been well-tolerated

#### RGX-314 Cohorts 1-2 (n=30): 6 Month Results

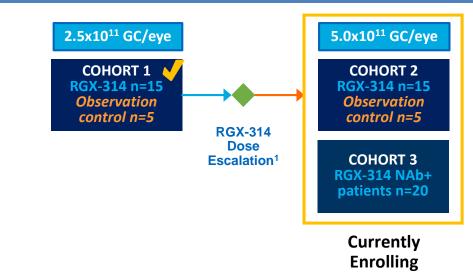
- Similar incidence of intraocular inflammation observed among cohorts with dose escalation
  - All mild and resolved within days to weeks with topical corticosteroids
- RGX-314 treated patients had stable vision and retinal thickness with a meaningful reduction (>70%) in treatment burden
  - 29% in Cohort 1 were injection-free
  - 40% in Cohort 2 were injection-free

AAVIATE is currently enrolling Cohorts 4 and 5 (Dose level 3: 1x10<sup>12</sup> GC/eye, NAb- and NAb+ patients)

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



#### No prophylactic steroids given throughout the study



1. Dose escalation safety review to occur two weeks after final subject in each cohort has been dosed.

SCS: Suprachoroidal Space; NAb+ = AAV8 neutralizing antibody positive. Y1= 48 weeks.

**Fully Enrolled** 

**IDMC Safety Review** 

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

| Varia                 | ble   | Observational Control<br>(N=5) | RGX-314<br>(N=15) | Total<br>(N=20) |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
|                       | 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   |                                |                   |                 |
| BASELINE <sup>1</sup> | 47 (Moderately Severe, NPDR)                                    | 5 (100%)                       | 5 (33.3%)         | 10 (50.0%)      |
| SELI                  | 53 (Severe, NPDR)   |                                | 2 (13.3%)         | 2 (10.0%)       |
| BAS                   | 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<br>THERAPY      | Study Eye with anti-VEGF Injections in the Past 36-months n (%) | 0                              | 5 (33.3%)         | 5 (25%)         |
| PR<br>THE             | 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: 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
- Stable BCVA

|                           | Observational Control<br>(N=5) | Cohort 1<br>2.5x10 <sup>11</sup> GC/eye<br>(N=15) |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Mean change in BCVA at M3 | -0.4 letters                   | +2.6 letters                                      |

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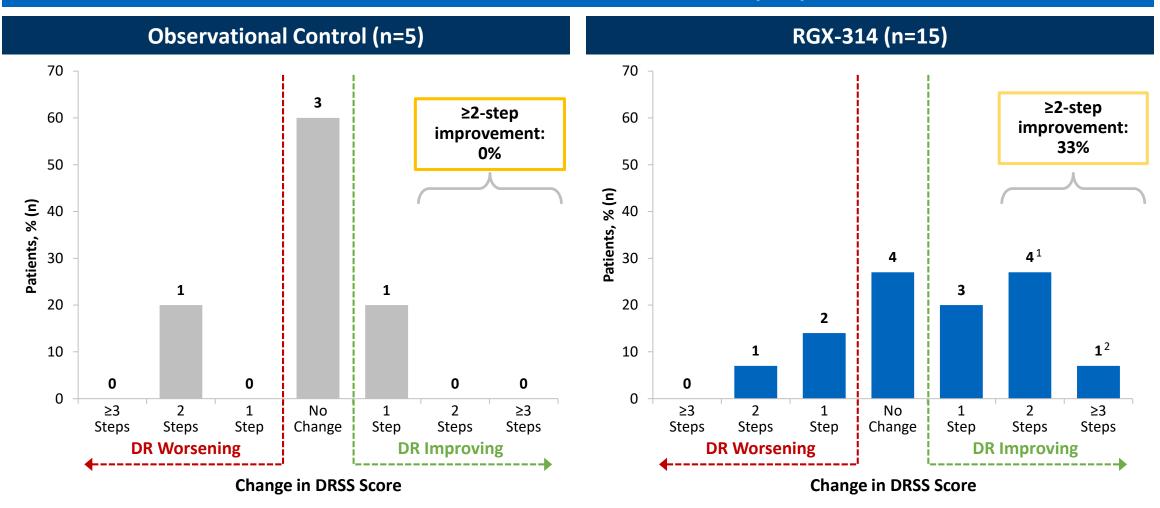
1. Common ocular TEAEs defined as  $\geq$  10% of RGX-314 treated study eyes.

2. Onset was 2-weeks post-dosing.

SAE: Serious Adverse Event; TEAE: Treatment Emergent Adverse Event

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

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

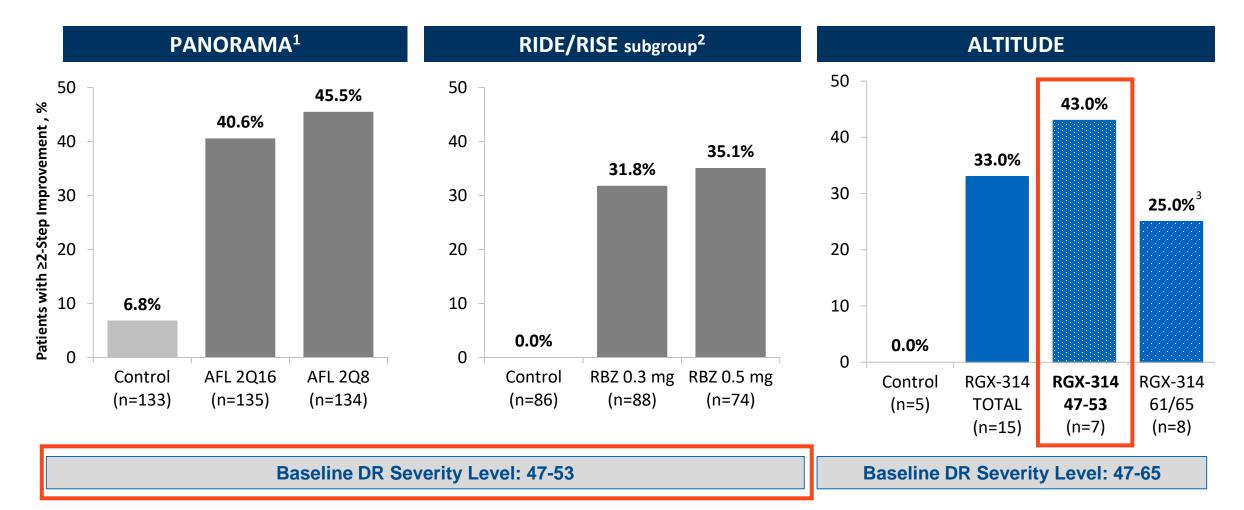


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1. One study eye (DRSS 61 at baseline) received a single Lucentis injection 8 days after RGX-314 dosing for trace vitreous hemorrhage, which was 10 weeks prior to their 3 month visit when DRSS was assessed.

2. One patient had a 4-step improvement.

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



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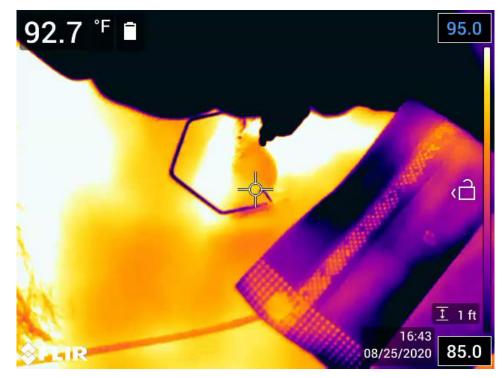
1. DRSS assessment at the 12 week timepoint was after 3 Q4W aflibercept (AFL) injections; EYLEA® (aflibercept) Injection full U.S. Prescribing Information. Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc. March 2021.

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™ 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: M. Barakat

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

# **Current Program Status for RGX–314**

#### Subretinal

Phase I/IIa study for <u>wet AMD</u> is complete; Long-term Follow-up continues

**Pivotal trial for <u>wet AMD</u> is** active and enrolling patients



On-track to initiate **second pivotal trial** in Q4 2021

#### Suprachoroidal

#### Phase II trial in wet AMD is ongoing



Phase II trial for diabetic retinopathy is ongoing

