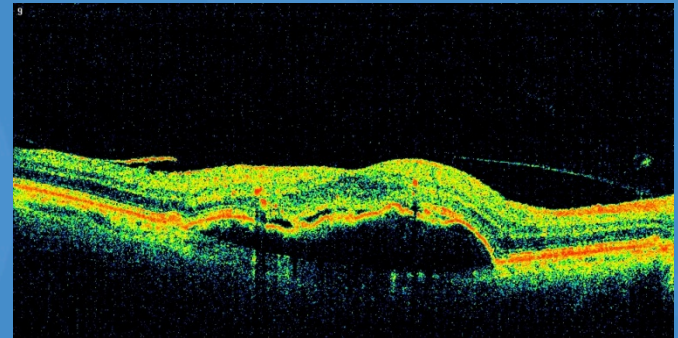


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Επαναπροσδιορίζοντας την Αποτελεσματικότητα της αντι-VEGF Θεραπείας στην Εξιδρωματική ΗΕΩ



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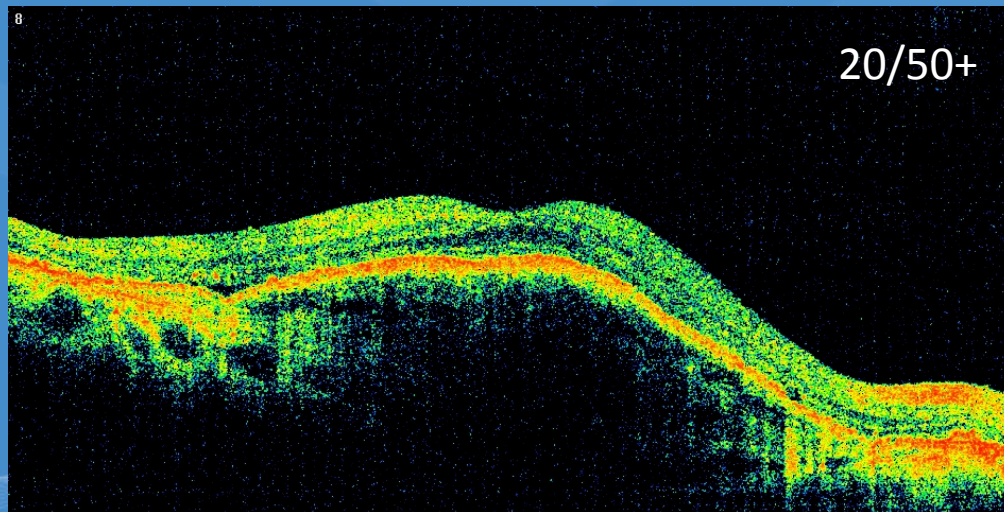
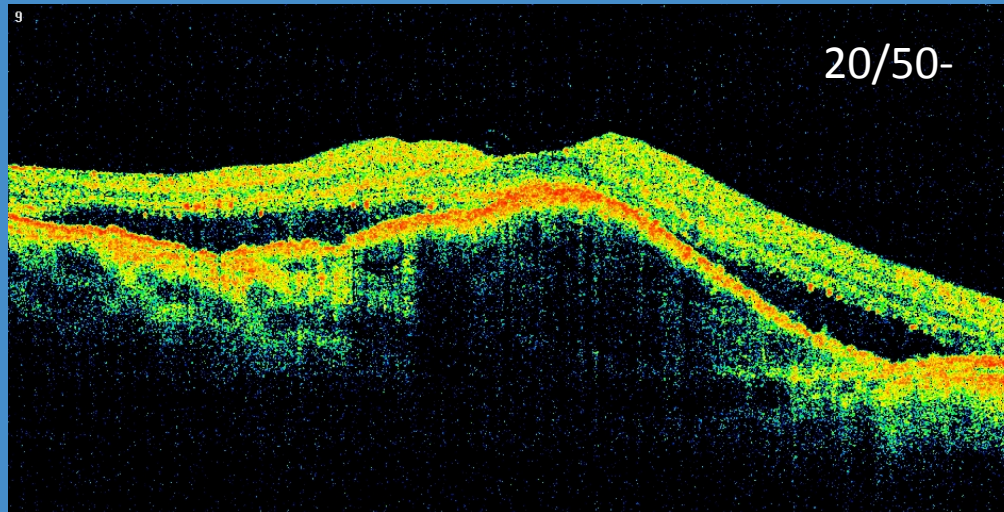
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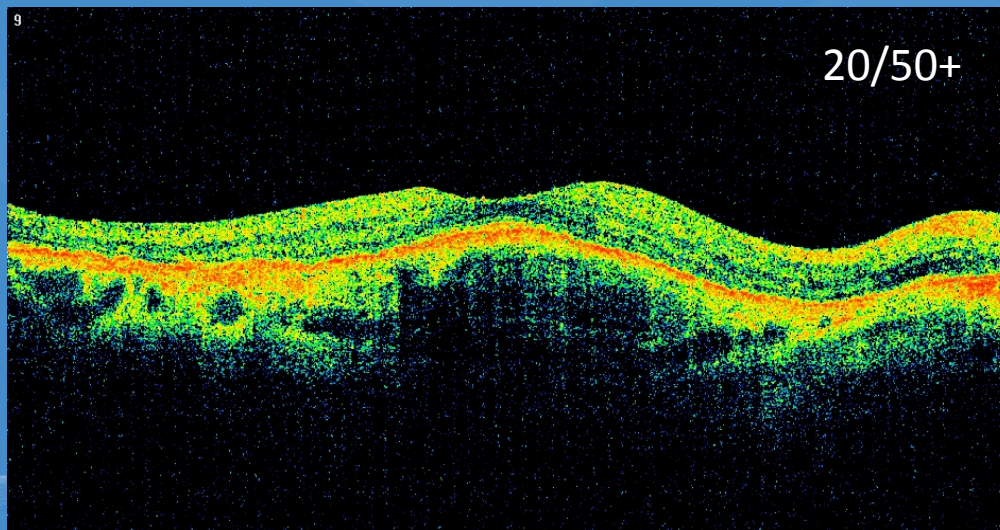
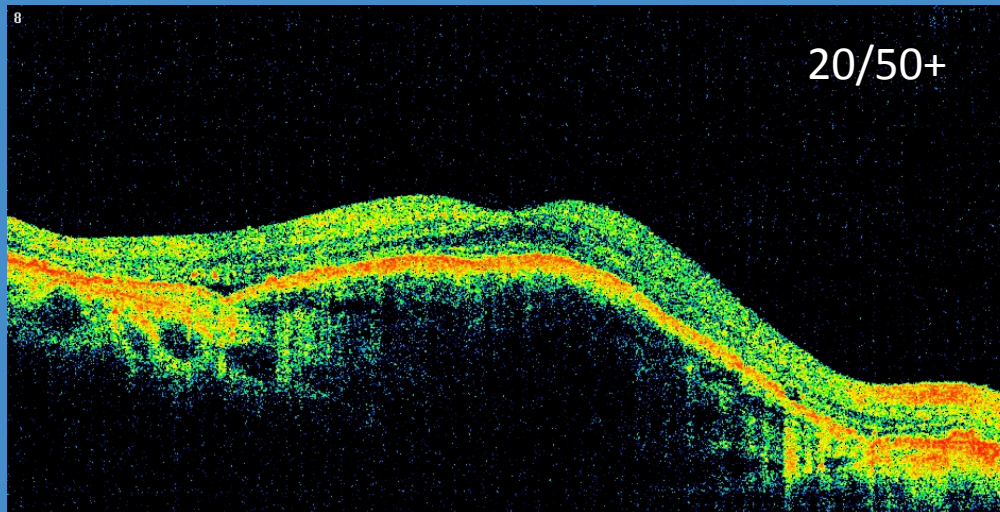
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# Το Πρόβλημα...

## AMD: Worldwide Prevalence is 31.9 Million<sup>1</sup>

### Global Prevalence of Eye Diseases<sup>2</sup>

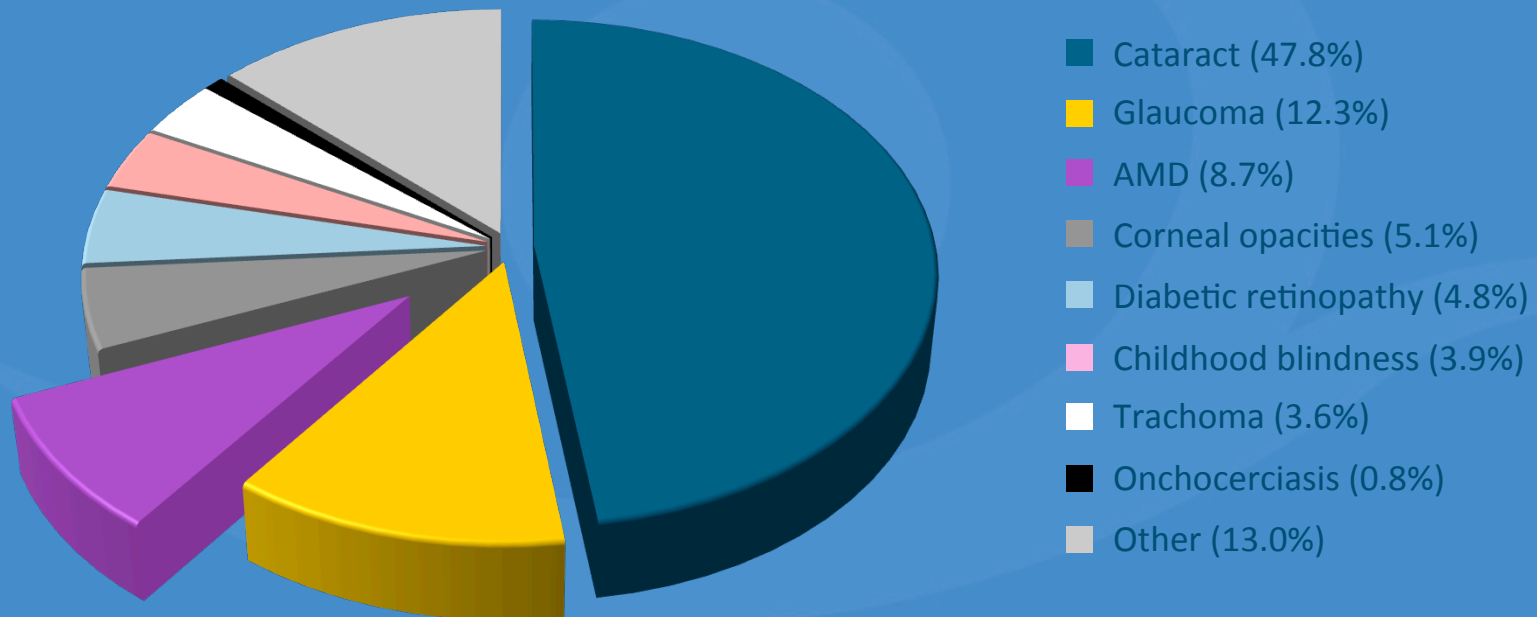


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# AMD: Prevalence Predicted to Increase With Growth of Aging Population<sup>1-2</sup>

By 2050:

- Estimated world population will be 8.9 billion<sup>3</sup>
- Life expectancy will have risen from 64.6 years to 74.3 years<sup>3</sup>
- AMD population globally will be **46.9 million**<sup>3,a</sup>

Distribution of Population by Age 1950–2050<sup>3</sup>

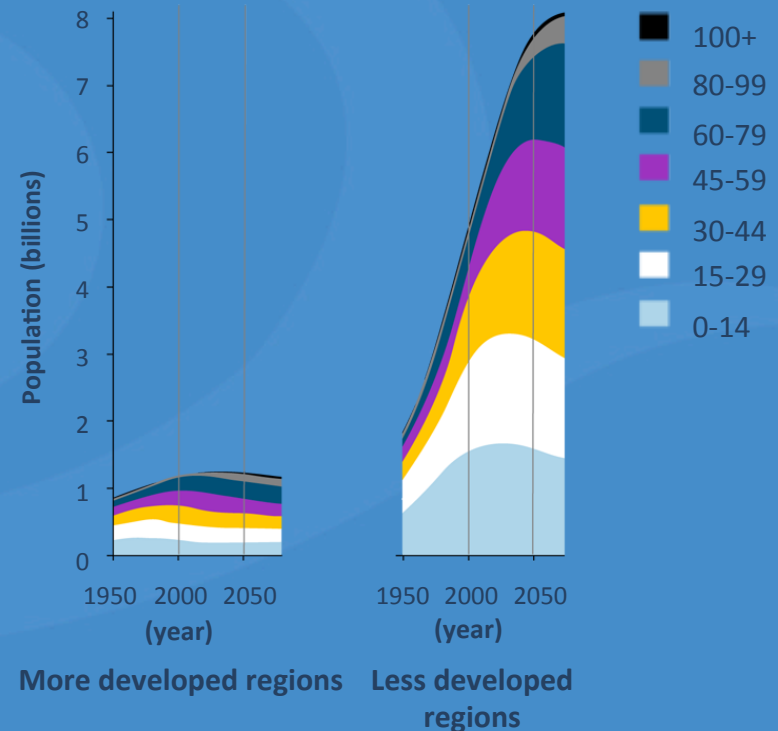


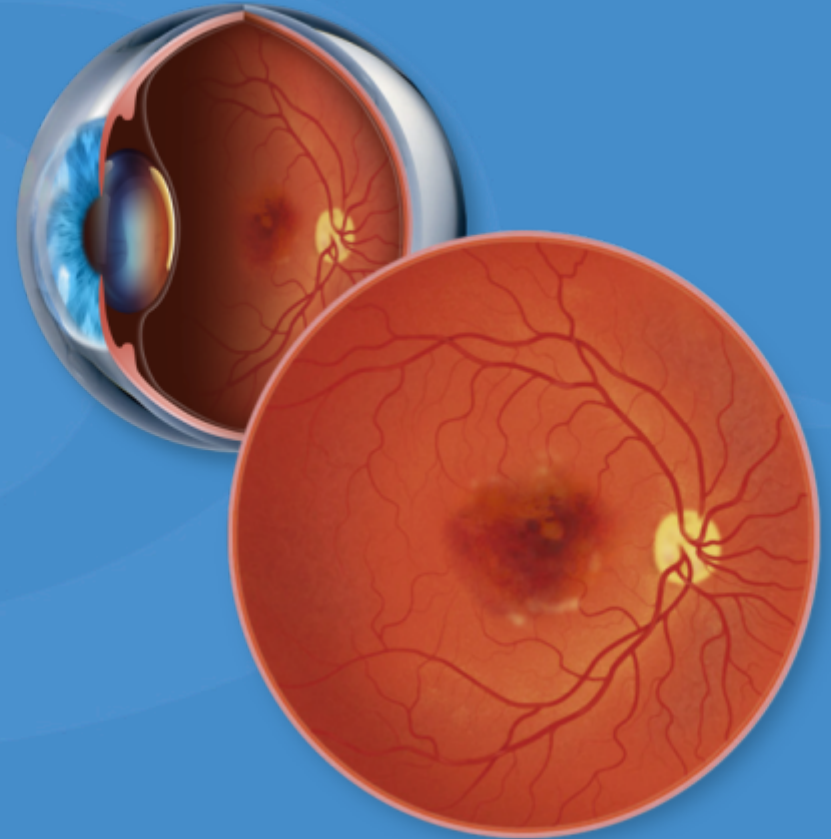
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<sup>a</sup>Estimation based on projected 47% population growth.<sup>3</sup>

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# Wet AMD ~ 90% of Severe Vision Loss Due to AMD<sup>1</sup>

- Characterized by<sup>2</sup>
  - Subretinal fluid
  - Subretinal hemorrhage
  - RPE detachment
  - Hard exudates
- Can be effectively treated with anti-angiogenic therapies<sup>2</sup>

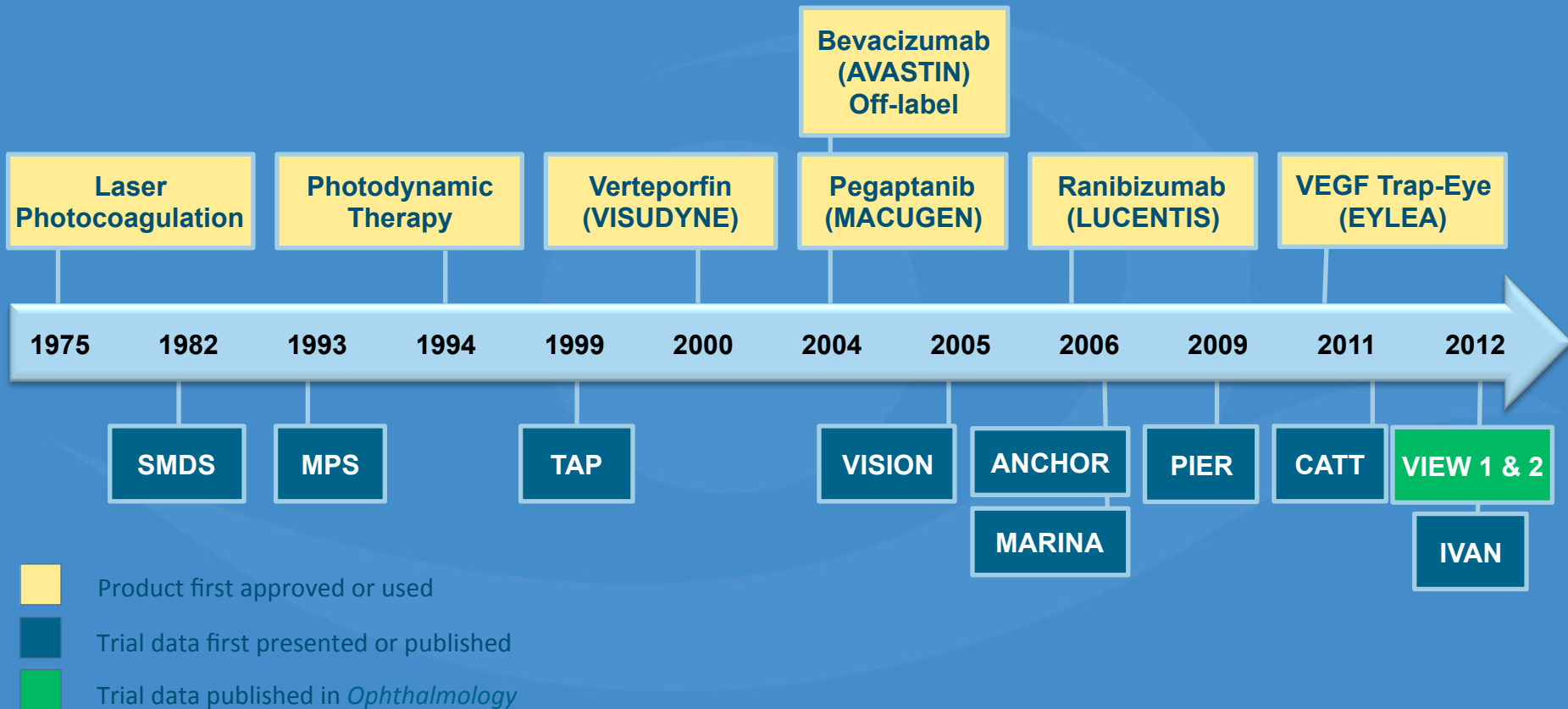


Wet AMD in the central retina

Image courtesy of Bayer HealthCare

1. Preferred Practice Pattern® Guidelines. American Academy of Ophthalmology; 2011.  
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# wet AMD: Milestones in Treatment

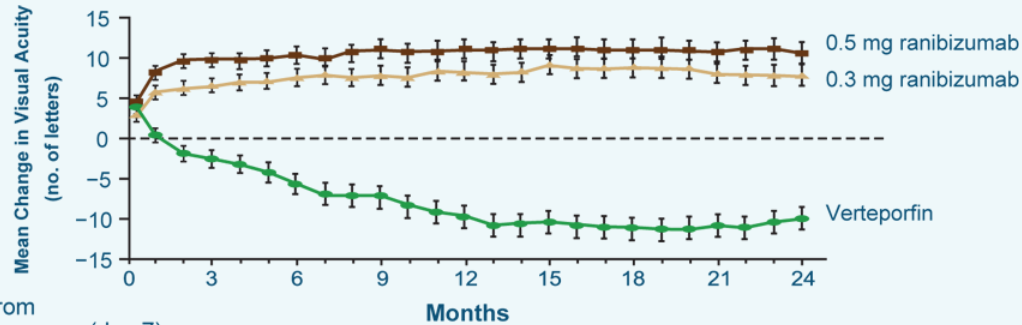


**ANCHOR** = Anti-VEGF Antibody for the Treatment of Predominantly Classic Choroidal Neovascularization in Age-Related Macular Degeneration;  
**CATT** = Comparisons of Age-Related Macular Degeneration Treatments Trials; **IVAN** = A Randomised Controlled Trial of Alternative Treatments to Inhibit VEGF in Age-Related Choroidal Neovascularisation; **MARINA** = Minimally Classic/Occult Trial of the Anti-VEGF Antibody Ranibizumab in the Treatment of Neovascular Age-Related Macular Degeneration; **MPS** = Macular Photocoagulation Study Group; **PIER** = Phase IIIb, Multi-center, Randomized, Double-Masked, Sham Injection-Controlled Study of Efficacy and Safety of Ranibizumab in Subjects With Subfoveal CNV With or Without Classic CNV Secondary to AMD; **SMDS** = Senile Macular Degeneration Study; **TAP** = Treatment of AMD With Photodynamic Therapy; **VIEW 1 & 2** = Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor Trap-Eye for Neovascular Age-Related Macular Degeneration; **VISION** = VEGF Inhibition Study in Ocular Neovascularization.



# ANCHOR<sup>1</sup> and MARINA<sup>2</sup>: Mean Change From Baseline Visual Acuity Improved With Ranibizumab

## ANCHOR<sup>1</sup>



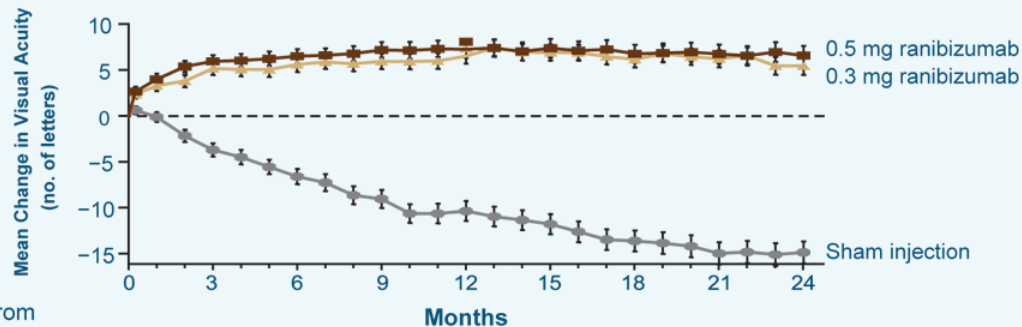
Both comparisons  $P < 0.001$  vs verteporfin

Mean Change From Baseline (day 7)

	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24
0.5 mg of ranibizumab	+4.6	+10.0	+10.6	+11.4	+11.3	+11.4	+11.1	+10.9	+10.7
0.3 mg of ranibizumab	+2.9	+6.8	+7.9	+8.1	+8.5	+9.4	+9.2	+8.4	+8.1
Verteporfin	+3.9	-2.5	-5.6	-7.2	-9.6	-10.4	-11.2	-10.7	-9.8

Figure adapted from Brown DM et al; ANCHOR Study Group. *Ophthalmology*. 2009.<sup>1</sup>

## MARINA<sup>2</sup>



Both comparisons  $P < 0.001$  vs sham

Mean Change From Baseline (day 7)

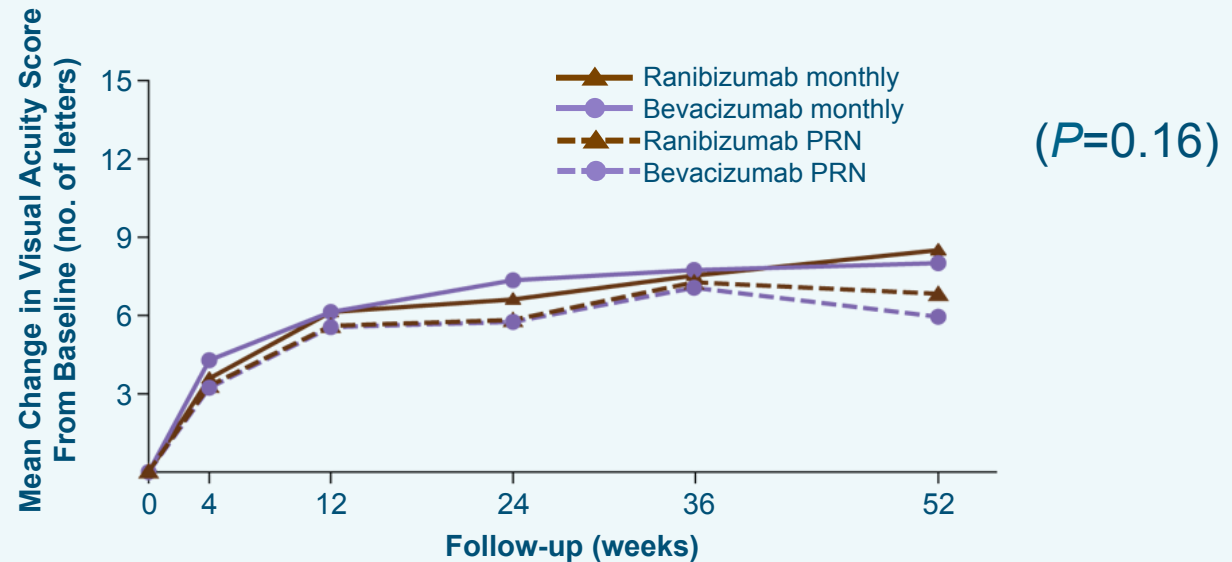
	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24
0.5 mg of ranibizumab	+2.6	+5.9	+6.5	+7.2	+7.2	+7.4	+6.8	+6.7	+6.6
0.3 mg of ranibizumab	+2.3	+5.1	+5.6	+5.9	+6.5	+6.9	+6.1	+6.2	+5.4
Sham injection	+0.6	-3.7	-6.6	-9.1	-10.4	-11.8	-13.6	-15.0	-14.9

Figure adapted from Rosenfeld PJ et al; MARINA Study Group. *N Engl J Med*. 2006.<sup>2</sup>

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# CATT: Visual Acuity Improved From Baseline to 1 Year in All Treatment Groups<sup>1</sup>

- Most of the improvement occurred during the first 6 months



Mean ( $\pm$ SE) Change in Visual Acuity Score From Baseline (no. of letters)

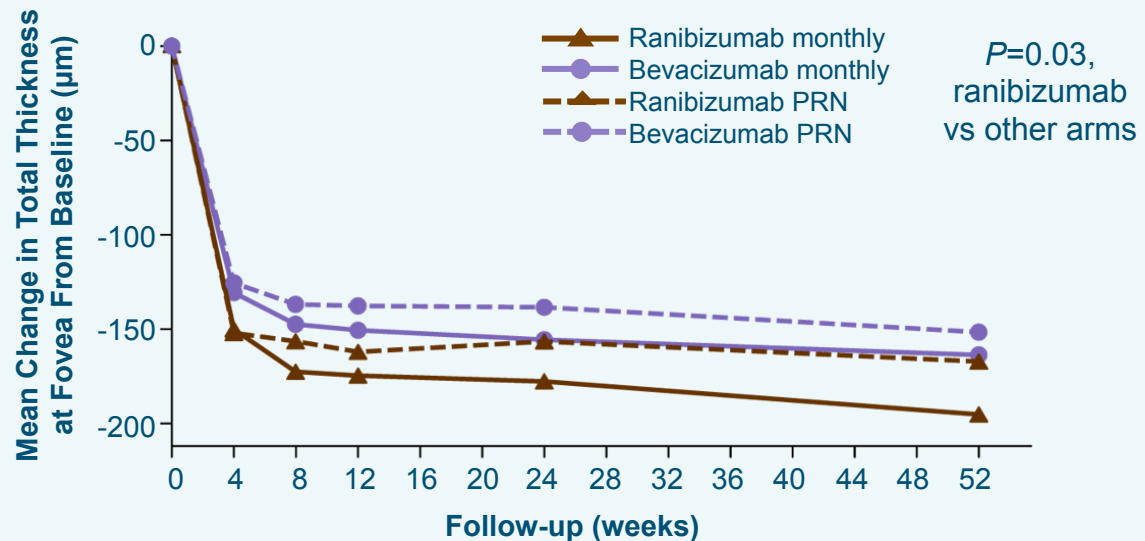
Ranibizumab monthly	+3.6 $\pm$ 0.5	+6.1 $\pm$ 0.7	+6.6 $\pm$ 0.8	+7.5 $\pm$ 0.9	+8.5 $\pm$ 0.8
Bevacizumab monthly	+4.3 $\pm$ 0.6	+6.1 $\pm$ 0.7	+7.3 $\pm$ 0.9	+7.7 $\pm$ 1.0	+8.0 $\pm$ 1.0
Ranibizumab PRN	+3.3 $\pm$ 0.6	+5.6 $\pm$ 0.7	+5.8 $\pm$ 0.7	+7.2 $\pm$ 0.7	+6.8 $\pm$ 0.8
Bevacizumab PRN	+3.2 $\pm$ 0.5	+5.6 $\pm$ 0.7	+5.8 $\pm$ 0.8	+7.1 $\pm$ 0.9	+5.9 $\pm$ 1.0

Figure adapted from Martin DF et al; CATT Research Group. *N Engl J Med.* 2011.

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# CATT: Monthly Ranibizumab Offered the Greatest Reductions in CRT and Fluid<sup>1</sup>

- The proportion of patients with no fluid on OCT ranged from **19.2%** (bevacizumab PRN) to **43.7%** (ranibizumab monthly) ( $P < 0.001$ )



Mean ( $\pm$ SE) Change in Thickness at Fovea From Baseline ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Wk 4	Wk 8	Wk 12	Wk 24	Wk 52
Ranibizumab monthly	-151 $\pm$ 9	-173 $\pm$ 9	-175 $\pm$ 10	-178 $\pm$ 10	-196 $\pm$ 11
Bevacizumab monthly	-131 $\pm$ 9	-147 $\pm$ 9	-151 $\pm$ 10	-156 $\pm$ 11	-164 $\pm$ 11
Ranibizumab PRN	-153 $\pm$ 9	-157 $\pm$ 10	-163 $\pm$ 11	-157 $\pm$ 11	-168 $\pm$ 11
Bevacizumab PRN	-126 $\pm$ 8	-137 $\pm$ 9	-138 $\pm$ 10	-139 $\pm$ 10	-152 $\pm$ 11

CRT = central retinal thickness.

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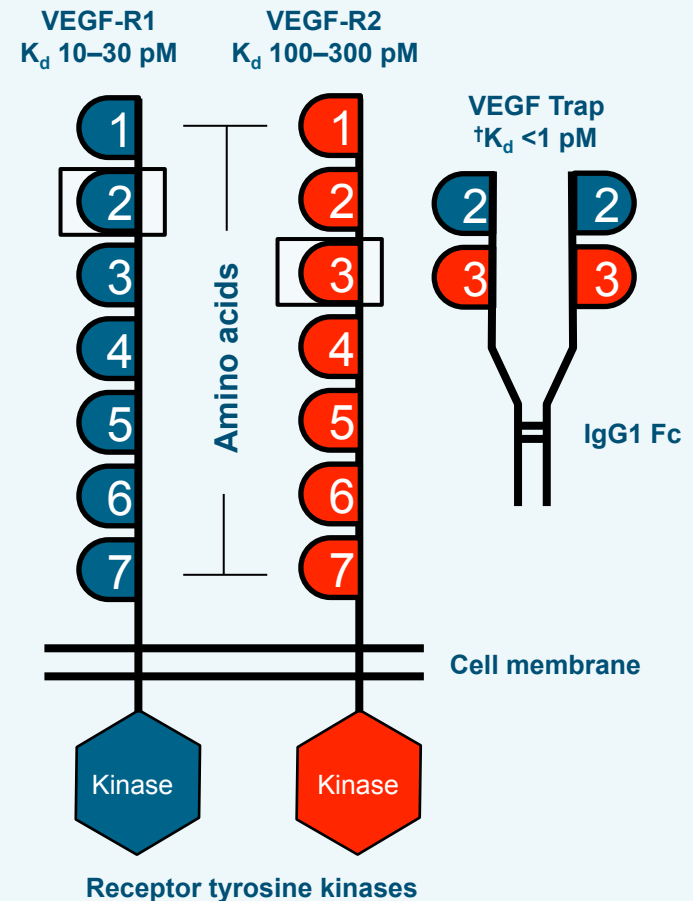
# VEGF Trap-Eye: Specifically Designed to Block Members of the VEGF Family

- **Fully human fusion protein<sup>1</sup>**
  - Human VEGF-R1 and VEGF-R2 domains and human IgG1 Fc
- **Traps all VEGF-A isoforms and PlGF<sup>2</sup>**
- Higher affinity than native receptors<sup>2</sup>
- Strict 1:1 binding<sup>2</sup>
- Formulated for intravitreal injection<sup>3</sup>
  - Iso-osmotic solution
  - Highly purified

Fc = fragment crystallizable/constant region;  $K_d$  = dissociation constant.

1. Holash J et al. *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A*. 2002;99(17):11393-11398.
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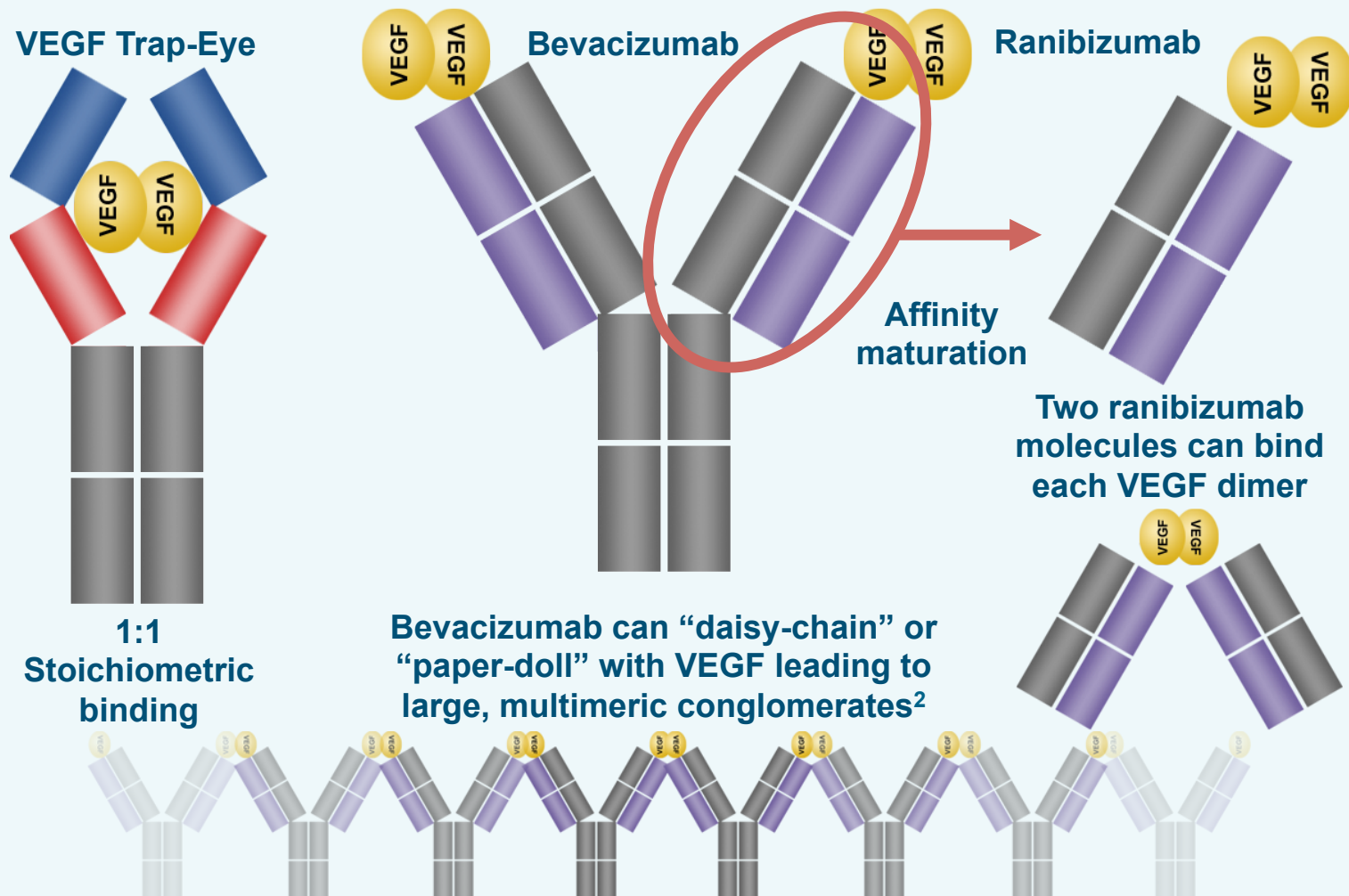
## VEGF Trap Development and Structure



Receptor tyrosine kinases

Figure adapted from Dixon JA et al. *Expert Opin Investig Drugs*. 2009.<sup>4</sup>

# VEGF Trap-Eye Binds VEGF Dimer on Both Sides<sup>1</sup> “Like a Trap”

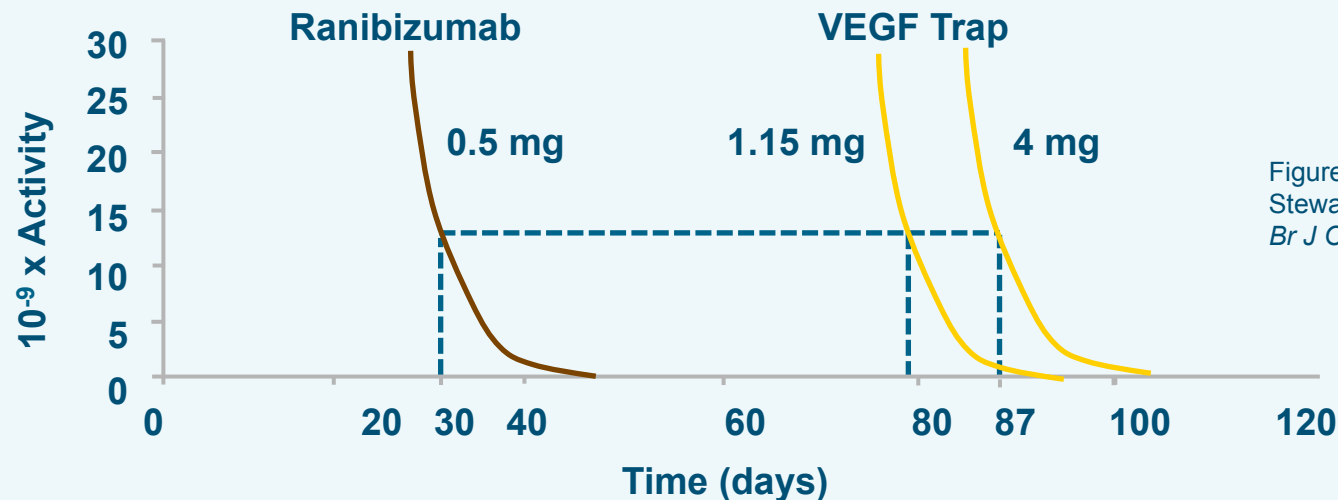


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2. Zhang A et al. *Pharm Res*. 2012;29(1):236-250.

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# Mathematical Modeling of Intravitreal Activity of VEGF Trap-Eye

- The predicted, time-dependent intravitreal biological activity of 0.5 mg ranibizumab at 30 days is comparable to the predicted activity of 1.15 mg VEGF Trap-Eye at 79 days post-injection and comparable to activity of 4.0 mg VEGF Trap-Eye at 87 days after injection<sup>1</sup>

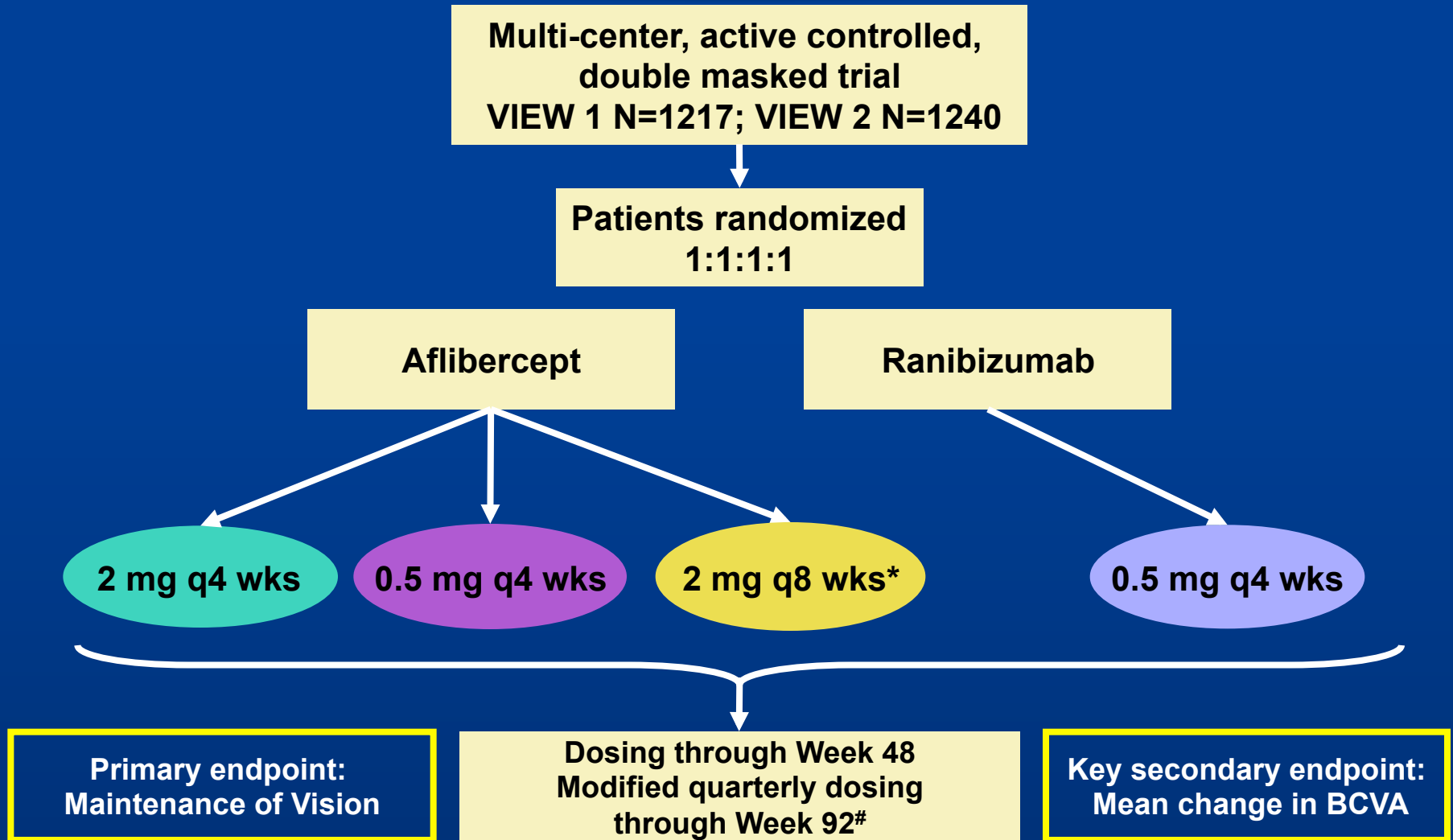


- The intravitreal half-lives of ranibizumab, bevacizumab, and VEGF Trap-Eye were estimated to be 3.2, 5.6, and 4.8 days, respectively<sup>2</sup>

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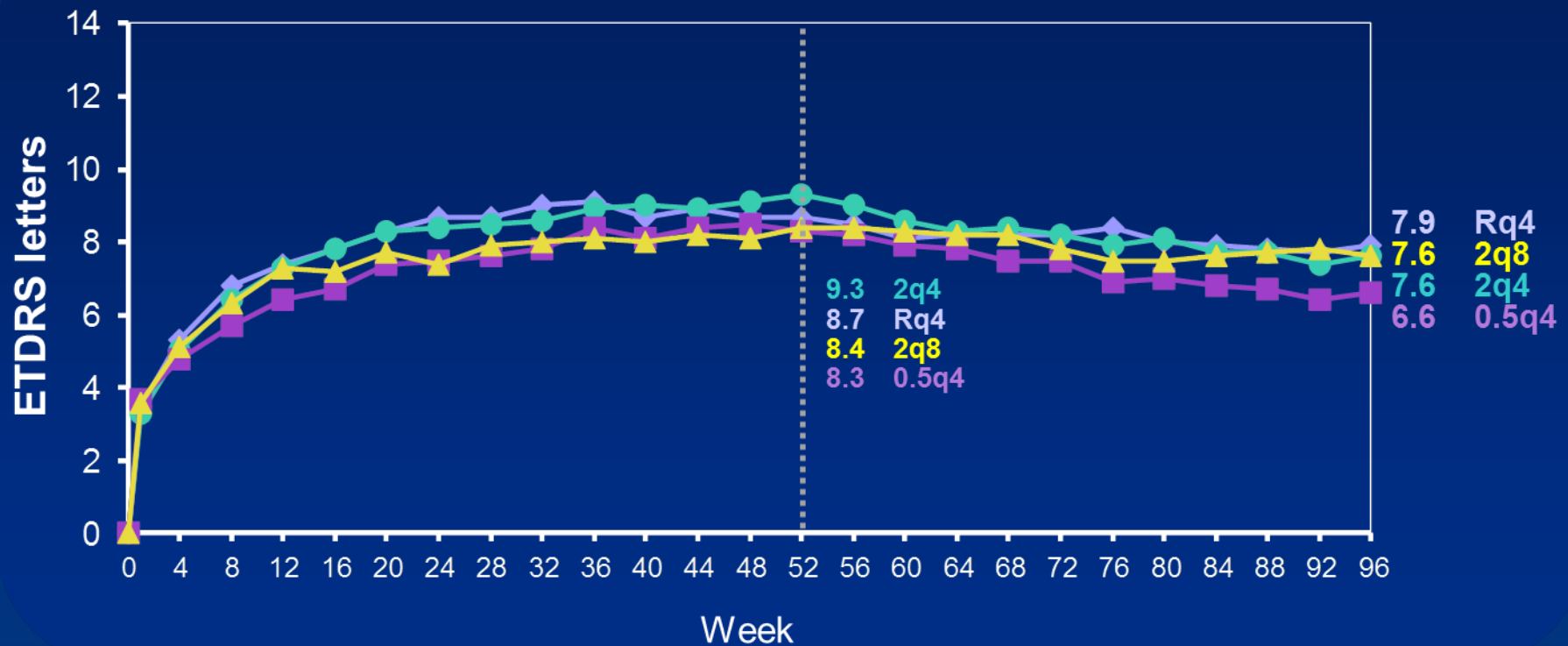
# VIEW - Study Design



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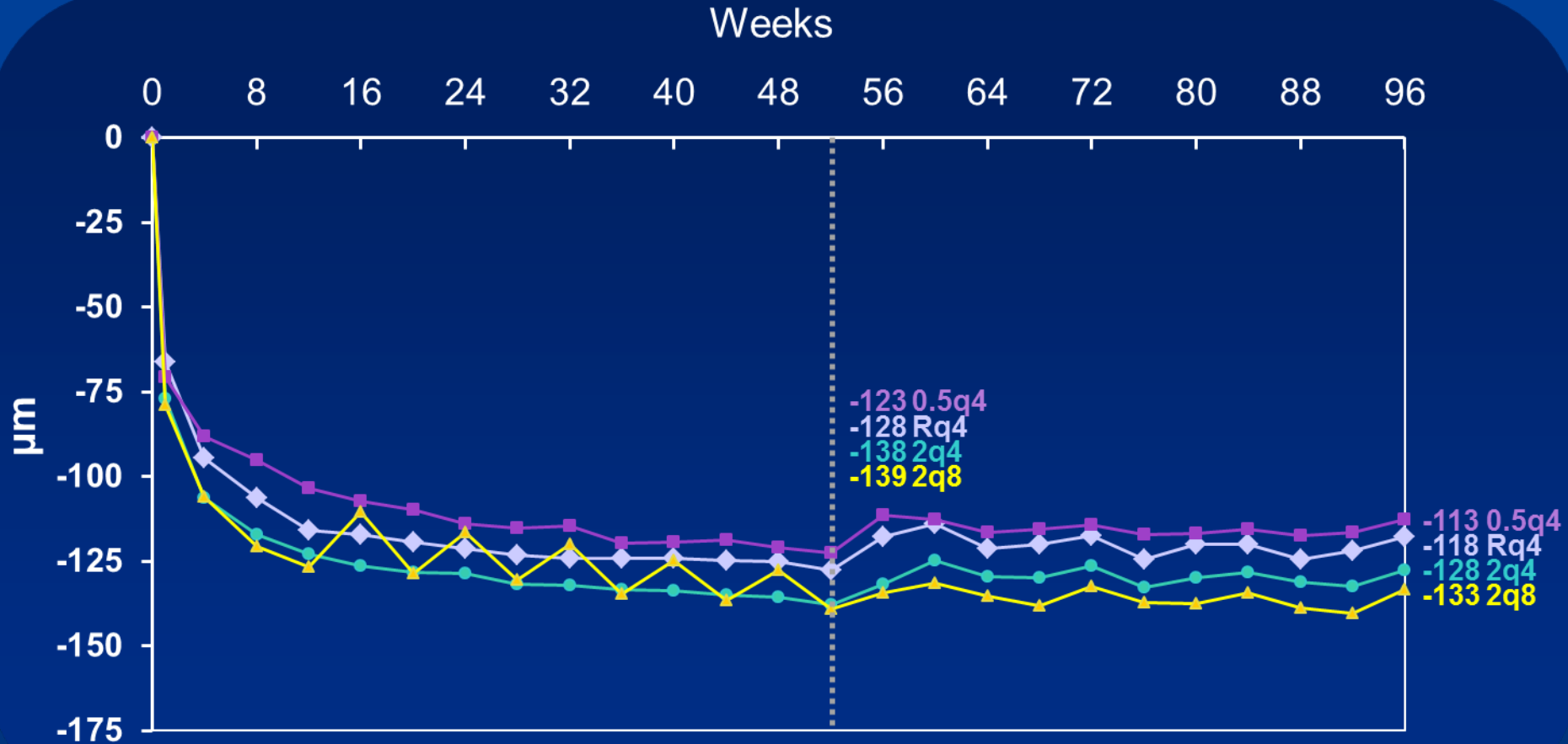
# With additional evaluation visits

# VIEW Studies: Mean Change in Visual Acuity Baseline to Week 96










# VIEW Studies: Mean Change in Central Retinal Thickness to Week 96



LOCF; Full analysis set; VIEW 1: OCTs mandatory at baseline, weeks 4, 12, 24, 36, and all visits weeks 52-96;  
 VIEW 2: OCTs mandatory at all visits






# VIEW Studies: Patients With Study Eye Ocular SAEs Over 96 Weeks



	 RBZ 0.5q4	 IVT-AFL 2q4	 IVT-AFL 0.5q4	 IVT-AFL 2q8	 All IVT-AFL
N (safety analysis set)	595	613	601	610	1824
# subjects w/at least 1 AE n(%)	26 (4.4%)	22 (3.6%)	19 (3.2%)	24 (3.9%)	65 (3.6%)
Cataract	1 (0.2%)	4 (0.7%)	3 (0.5%)	4 (0.7%)	11 (0.6%)
Macular degeneration	0	0	0	2 (0.3%)	2 (0.1%)
Macular hole	0	0	2 (0.3%)	0	2 (0.1%)
Posterior capsule opacification	2 (0.3%)	0	0	0	0
Retinal detachment	3 (0.5%)	1 (0.2%)	2 (0.3%)	0	3 (0.2%)
Retinal haemorrhage	4 (0.7%)	3 (0.5%)	5 (0.8%)	5 (0.8%)	13 (0.7%)
Retinal pigment epithelial tear	1 (0.2%)	0	1 (0.2%)	3 (0.5%)	4 (0.2%)
Visual acuity reduced	5 (0.8%)	4 (0.7%)	3 (0.5%)	7 (1.1%)	14 (0.8%)
<b>Endophthalmitis</b>	<b>5 (0.8%)</b>	<b>4 (0.7%)</b>	<b>1 (0.2%)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5 (0.3%)</b>
Intraocular pressure increased	1 (0.2%)	0	1 (0.2%)	2 (0.3%)	3 (0.2%)

# VIEW Studies: Patients With Non-Ocular SAEs Over 96 Weeks








	 RBZ 0.5q4	 IVT-AFL 2q4	 IVT-AFL 0.5q4	 IVT-AFL 2q8	 All IVT-AFL
<b>N (safety analysis set)</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>1824</b>
<b># subjects w/at least 1 AE n(%)</b>	<b>146 (24.5%)</b>	<b>131 (21.4%)</b>	<b>152 (25.3%)</b>	<b>154 (25.2%)</b>	<b>437 (24.0%)</b>
Cardiac disorders	39 (6.6%)	31 (5.1%)	34 (5.7%)	42 (6.9%)	107 (5.9%)
Gastrointestinal disorders	17 (2.9%)	11 (1.8%)	18 (3.0%)	19 (3.1%)	48 (2.6%)
General disorders and administration site conditions	9 (1.5%)	9 (1.5%)	7 (1.2%)	5 (0.8%)	21 (1.2%)
Hepatobiliary disorders	5 (0.8%)	7 (1.1%)	6 (1.0%)	2 (0.3%)	15 (0.8%)
Infections and infestations	36 (6.1%)	23 (3.8%)	24 (4.0%)	36 (5.9%)	83 (4.6%)
Injury, poisoning and procedural complications	17 (2.9%)	23 (3.8%)	23 (3.8%)	32 (5.2%)	78 (4.3%)
Metabolism and nutrition disorders	7 (1.2%)	7 (1.1%)	7 (1.2%)	5 (0.8%)	19 (1.0%)
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders	11 (1.8%)	10 (1.6%)	9 (1.5%)	11 (1.8%)	30 (1.6%)
Neoplasms benign, malignant and unspecified (incl cysts and polyps)	23 (3.9%)	19 (3.1%)	35 (5.8%)	27 (4.4%)	81 (4.4%)
Nervous system disorders	15 (2.5%)	24 (3.9%)	20 (3.3%)	22 (3.6%)	66 (3.6%)
Renal and urinary disorders	2 (0.3%)	9 (1.5%)	4 (0.7%)	7 (1.1%)	20 (1.1%)
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders	12 (2.0%)	12 (2.0%)	11 (1.8%)	15 (2.5%)	38 (2.1%)
Vascular disorders	12 (2.0%)	10 (1.6%)	12 (2.0%)	12 (2.0%)	34 (1.9%)

# VIEW Studies

## APTC Events Over 96 Weeks



	 RBZ 0.5q4	 IVT-AFL 2q4	 IVT-AFL 0.5q4	 IVT-AFL 2q8	 All IVT-AFL
<b>N (safety analysis set)</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>1824</b>
<b>Any APTC event</b>	<b>19 (3.2%)</b>	<b>15 (2.4%)</b>	<b>23 (3.8%)</b>	<b>22 (3.6%)</b>	<b>60 (3.3%)</b>
<b>Vascular deaths</b>	<b>3 (0.5%)</b>	<b>5 (0.8%)</b>	<b>8 (1.3%)</b>	<b>11 (1.8%)</b>	<b>24 (1.3%)</b>
<b>Non-fatal MI</b>	<b>12 (2.0%)</b>	<b>6 (1.0%)</b>	<b>12 (2.0%)</b>	<b>7 (1.1%)</b>	<b>25 (1.4%)</b>
<b>Non-fatal stroke</b>	<b>5 (0.8%)</b>	<b>5 (0.8%)</b>	<b>3 (0.5%)</b>	<b>5 (0.8%)</b>	<b>13 (0.7%)</b>

# Συστηματική Ασφάλεια “Post Clinical Trial” Data



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## EPAR Public Assessment Report for Eylea

>85 ετών AEE 7% (20) vs 1.5% (1) στο 1<sup>ο</sup> έτος  
9.5% (27) vs 3.5% (3) στα 2 έτη

### SAILOR interim 6 month analysis

AEE 0.5mgR 1.2% vs 0.3% 0.3mgR

# VIEW Extension Study

## 2-Year VIEW I Extension

### “4 years on aflibercept...”

- N = 323
- Continued “capped PRN” regimen x 2 years (q3 mo monitoring)
- Amended protocol to q2 mo dosing + monitoring
- Average 11 injections over 2 years
- BCVA maintained c/t end of VIEW I
- No new safety signals detected

# VIEW Subanalyses

## Influence of Anatomic Characteristics on Outcomes

### Early Persistent Fluid Analysis

N=1815

18.8% 2q4 vs 29.4% Rq4

**VA benefit @ 52w greatest in 2q4 (p<.05)**

### RPE Elevation Analysis

N=1349

RPE flattening 2q4 59.6% 2q8 52.6% Rq4 45.7% (p<.05)

**Aflibercept arms 23-50% more effective in RPE flattening**



# VIEW Subanalyses

## Proactive vs Reactive Rx during 2<sup>nd</sup> year

- Post hoc analyses
- Subgroup of pts lose vision during 2<sup>nd</sup> year – when Rx reactive
- **50% of pts did well on q3 months aflibercept**
- **20% of pts lost VA between visits > never came back despite > 5 Rx**
- **VA loss not preceded by OCT (CRT) changes**
- **“Mostly driven by pts /w PED component”**



**Proactive Rx**  
**PED component of CNV complex**



# «Αποτελεσματικότητα» Αλλαγή αντι VEGF Παράγοντα

## **Bevacizumab > Ranibizumab**

Ehlers JP et al, 30% 3+ γραμμές ΟΟ ↑

## **Ranibizumab > Aflibercept**

ΜΕΕΙ, n=102, ανατομική ανταπόκριση (IRF, SRF)  
διατήρηση ΟΟ στους 4 μήνες παρακολούθησης  
+ 2 εβδομάδες μεταξύ θεραπειών

Emory, n=96, ανατομική ανταπόκριση (23% PED)  
διατήρηση ΟΟ στους 4 μήνες παρακολούθησης

1. Ehlers JP et al, *Ophthalmic Surg Lasers Imaging* 2010;41(2):182-189
2. Yonekawa Y et al, *Am J Ophthalmol* 2013;in press
3. Ho VY et al, *Am J Ophthalmol* 2013; in press

# Athens Vision Case Series

## Aflibercept on “Refractory” wAMD Cases

- N = 10
- Pre-Eylea = 32 mo, 17 injections (4-40)
- Post-Eylea > 6 mos f/u
- Persistent exudation (IRF, SRF, PED)

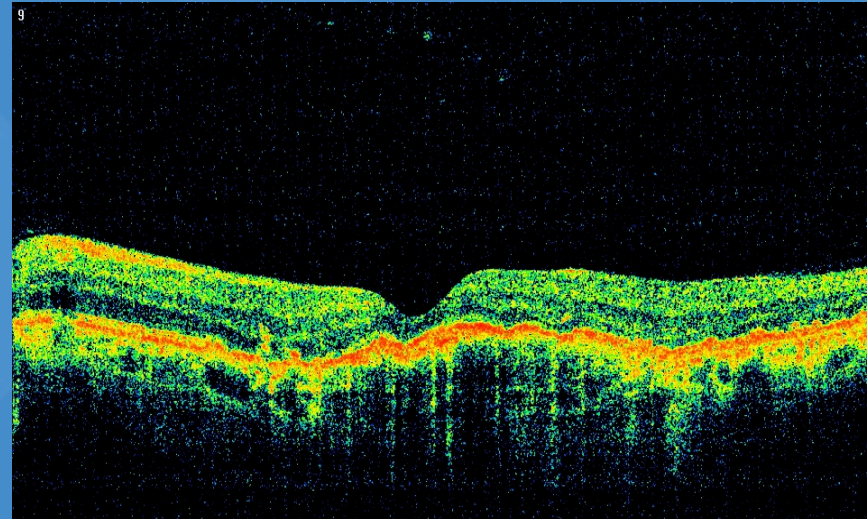
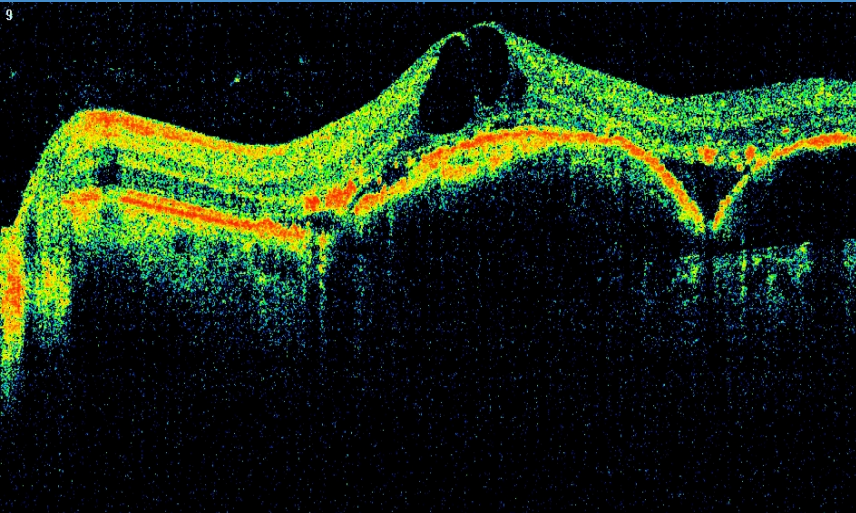
	PRE - EYLEA	POST - EYLEA
<b>BCVA</b>	20/78	20/64 (p=0.33)
<b>CFT</b>	530 (221)	329 (171) (p=0.06)
<b>SRF</b>	140 (86)	19 (34) (p=0.002)
<b>PED</b>	406 (211)	270 (226) (p=0.23)

**8/10 completely resolved SRF**

**8/10 reduced PED height**

**Most exudative features recurred at 6-7 weeks**

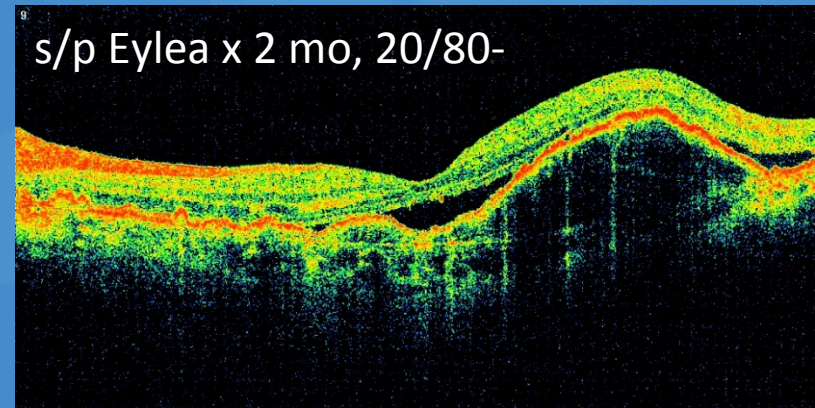
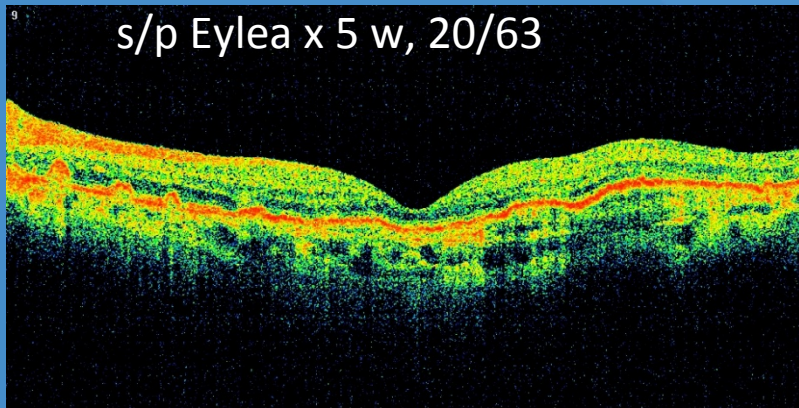
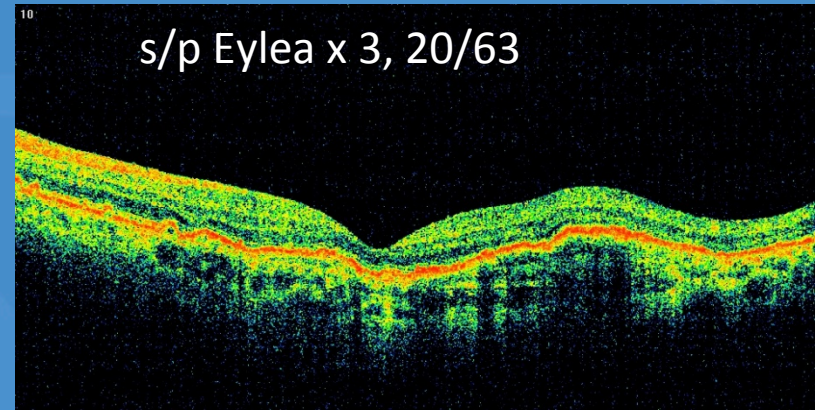
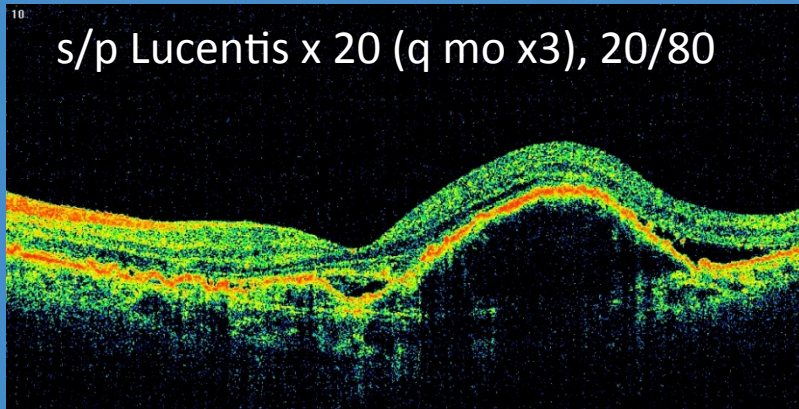
# Case Presentation 1



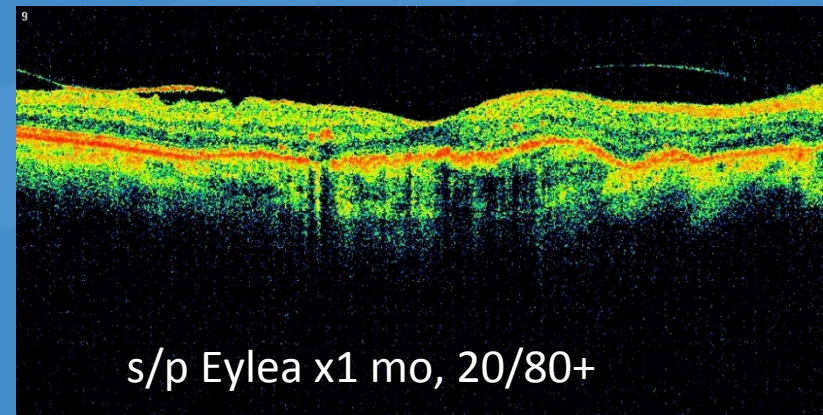
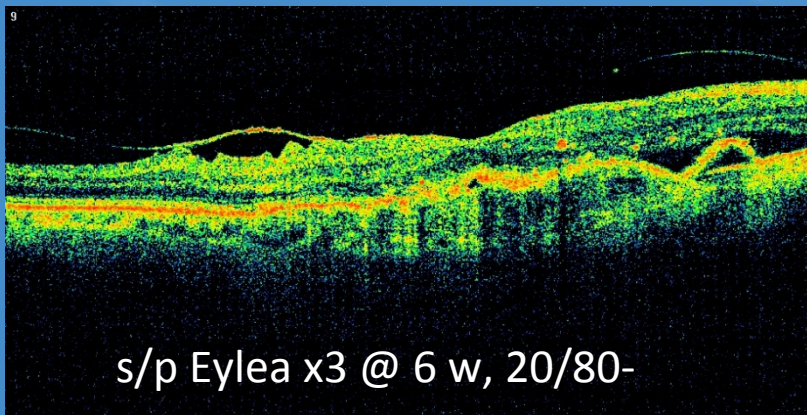
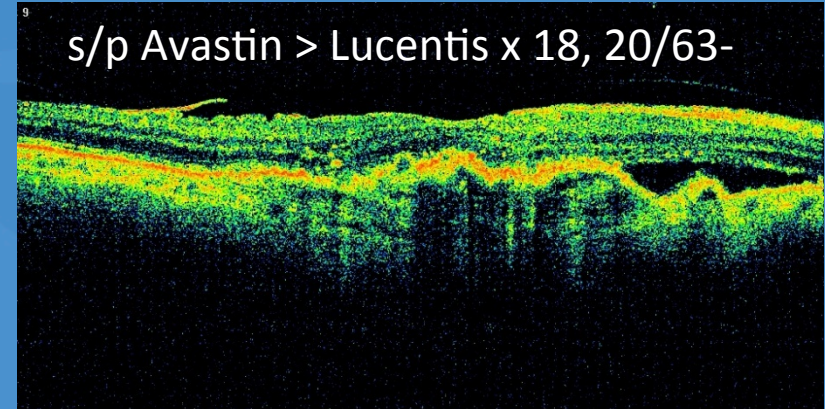
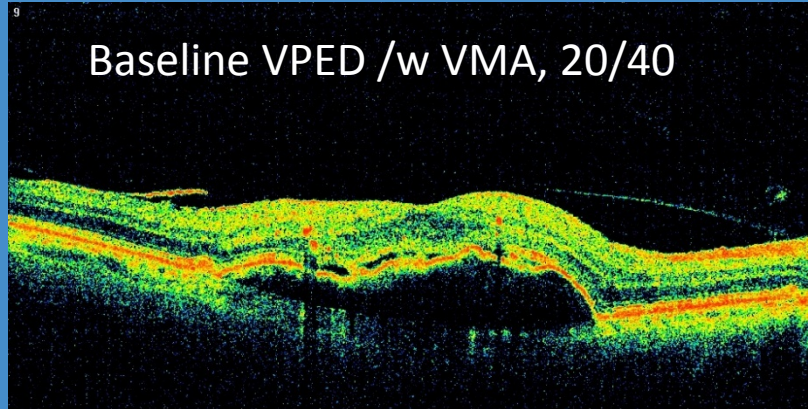
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BCVA 20/100

s/p Eylea x3 (qmo x3)  
BCVA 20/63

# Case Presentation 2



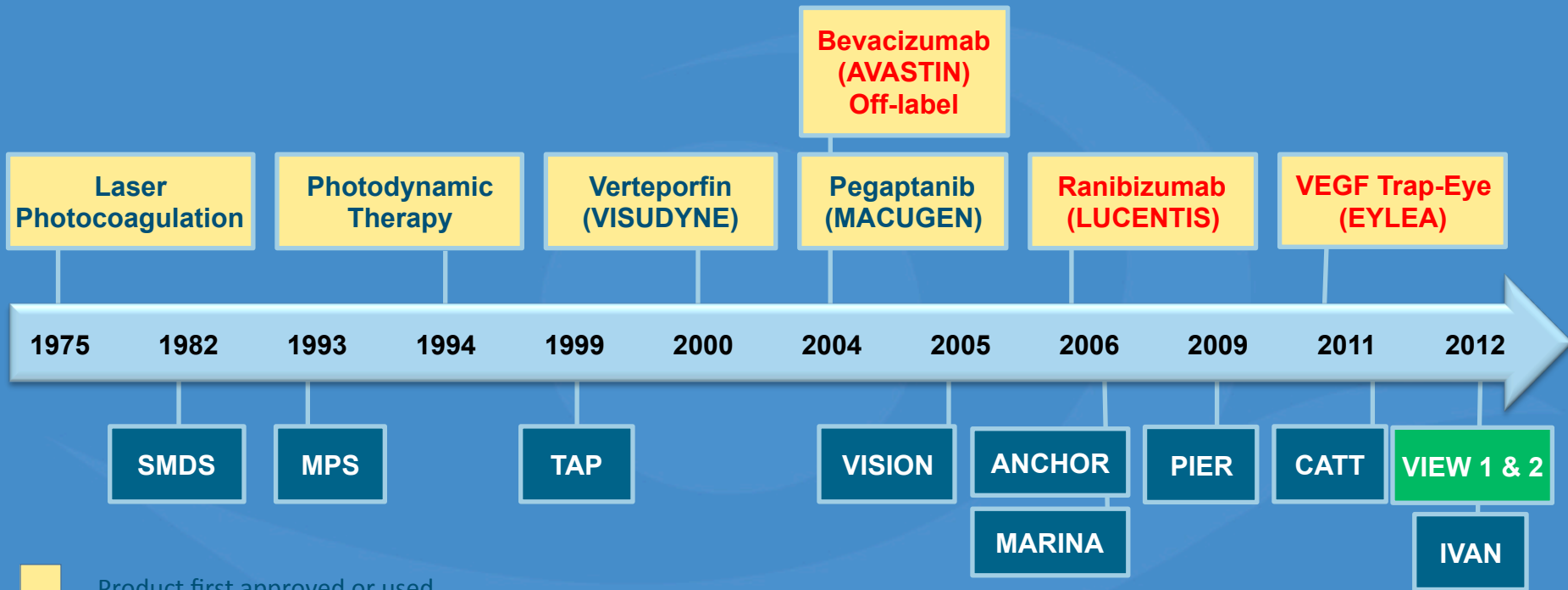
# Case Presentation 3



# Αποκωδικοποιώντας τα Δεδομένα των Πολυκεντρικών Μελετών...

- Προληπτική (proactive) vs Αντιδραστική (reactive) Rx
- Εξατομικευμένη (individualized) vs Βάσει πρωτοκόλλου Rx
- Επιλογή αντι VEGF παράγοντα
  - Βιοδείκτες (ανατομία βλάβης, μοριακοί + γενετικοί δείκτες)
  - Δυνατότητα εναλλαγής (? ταχυφυλαξία)
  - Προσβασιμότητα
  - Συμμόρφωση

# wet AMD: Milestones in Treatment



- Product first approved or used
- Trial data first presented or published
- Trial data published in *Ophthalmology*

ANCHOR = Anti-VEGF Antibody for the Treatment of Predominantly Classic Choroidal Neovascularization in Age-Related Macular Degeneration; CATT = Comparisons of Age-Related Macular Degeneration Treatments Trials; IVAN = A Randomised Controlled Trial of Alternative Treatments to Inhibit VEGF in Age-Related Choroidal Neovascularisation; MARINA = Minimally Classic/Occult Trial of the Anti-VEGF Antibody Ranibizumab in the Treatment of Neovascular Age-Related Macular Degeneration; MPS = Macular Photocoagulation Study Group; PIER = Phase IIIb, Multi-center, Randomized, Double-Masked, Sham Injection-Controlled Study of Efficacy and Safety of Ranibizumab in Subjects With Subfoveal CNV With or Without Classic CNV Secondary to AMD; SMDS = Senile Macular Degeneration Study; TAP = Treatment of AMD With Photodynamic Therapy; VIEW 1 & 2 = Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor Trap-Eye for Neovascular Age-Related Macular Degeneration; VISION = VEGF Inhibition Study in Ocular Neovascularization.



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