

## **PRESENTATION OF RP11 CLINICAL TRIAL DATA AT APVRS 2024**

- **PYC is developing the first drug candidate (VP-001) for a blinding eye disease of childhood called Retinitis Pigmentosa type 11 (RP11)**
- **A/Prof. Fred Chen of the Lions Eye Institute will present data from PYC's ongoing phase 1/2 studies of VP-001 in patients with RP11 at the Asia Pacific Vitreo-Retina Society (APVRS) scientific conference in Singapore on 23 November 2024**
- **Highlights of the presentation include continued improvement in the VP-001 treated eye (compared to both baseline assessment and the untreated eye) on two registrational endpoints in:**
  - **Low Luminance Visual Acuity (LLVA); and**
  - **Microperimetry**
- **PYC is now preparing to engage with the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in 1H 2025 regarding the design of a registrational trial for VP-001 that is expected to commence in mid-2025<sup>1</sup>**

### **PERTH, Australia and SAN FRANCISCO, California – 22 November 2024**

PYC Therapeutics (ASX:PYC) is a clinical-stage biotechnology company creating first in class precision therapies for patients with genetic diseases and no treatment options available. One of the Company's assets<sup>2</sup> is a drug candidate (known as VP-001) that addresses the underlying cause of a blinding eye disease called Retinitis Pigmentosa type 11 (RP11).

PYC today announces that Associate Professor Fred Chen of the Lions Eye Institute will present data from PYC's ongoing Phase 1/2 studies of VP-001 in patients with RP11 at the Asia Pacific Vitreo-Retina Society (APVRS) meeting in Singapore on 23 November 2024. A copy of A/Prof. Chen's presentation is provided as an attachment to this announcement.

Highlights of A/Prof. Chen's presentation include improved vision in patients who have received VP-001 with both sensitivity of the retina to light and visual acuity improving over time in VP-001 treated eyes (when compared to both baseline assessment and the contralateral untreated eye)<sup>3</sup>. Retinal sensitivity as assessed by microperimetry and visual acuity as assessed by Low Luminance Visual Acuity (LLVA) assessment are both potentially

<sup>1</sup> Subject to the risks and uncertainties set out in the Company's ASX disclosures of 14 March 2024

<sup>2</sup> PYC owns 96.2% of VP-001 with the remaining 3.8% owned by the Lions Eye Institute

<sup>3</sup> As assessed by microperimetry and Low Luminance Visual Acuity testing

registrational endpoints in Retinitis Pigmentosa (RP) and are closely correlated to experienced disability in patients with RP<sup>4</sup>.

PYC is currently preparing for the transition into a registrational trial for VP-001 in patients with RP11 including engaging with the US FDA in 1H 2025.

### **PYC's RP11 Program Overview**

- Retinitis Pigmentosa type 11 (RP11) is a blinding disease of childhood affecting 1 in every 100,000 people
- RP11 is caused by a mutation in 1 copy of the *PRPF31* gene leading to a protein insufficiency in photoreceptor and Retinal Pigment Epithelial (RPE) cells
- VP-001 increases expression of *PRPF31* back to wild-type ('unaffected') levels in RP11 patient-derived retinal organoids and iPSC-RPE<sup>5</sup> (RPE cells grown from patients after turning a skin sample from the patient into an induced Pluripotent Stem Cell (iPSC) and then into the specific cell type in the eye that is affected by the disease to provide a human model of the disease-affected eye outside of a human)
- VP-001 is the first drug candidate to have progressed into human trials for RP11 and has been granted fast track and orphan drug status by the FDA<sup>6</sup>
- RP11 represents an estimated >\$1 billion p.a. addressable market<sup>7</sup>

### **About PYC Therapeutics**

PYC Therapeutics (ASX: PYC) is a clinical-stage biotechnology company creating a new generation of RNA therapies to change the lives of patients with genetic diseases. The Company utilises its proprietary drug delivery platform to enhance the potency of precision medicines within the rapidly growing RNA therapeutic class. PYC's drug development programs target monogenic diseases – **the indications with the highest likelihood of success in clinical development**<sup>8</sup>.

The Company has multiple ongoing clinical trials and is set to deliver human efficacy data for first-in-class drugs with disease modifying potential across multiple indications within the coming 12 months. The Company's existing drug development pipeline includes four programs addressing indications affecting 1 in every 1,000 people. PYC continues to conduct drug discovery activities to scale its platform technology into additional diseases of the eye, central nervous system, kidney and beyond.

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<sup>4</sup> Karuntu JS, Nguyen XT, Boon CJF. Correlations between the Michigan Retinal Degeneration Questionnaire and visual function parameters in patients with retinitis pigmentosa. *Acta Ophthalmol.* 2024 Aug;102(5):555-563. doi: 10.1111/aos.16601. Epub 2023 Dec 29. PMID: 38158751.

<sup>5</sup> See ASX Announcement of 7 October 2020

<sup>6</sup> FDA: US Food and Drug Administration. Refer to ASX announcements of 2 August 2023 and 21 October 2024

<sup>7</sup> Market valuation informed by patient prevalence (See: Sullivan L, et al. Genomic rearrangements of the *PRPF31* gene account for 2.5% of autosomal dominant retinitis pigmentosa. *Invest Ophthalmol Vis Sci.* 2006;47(10):4579-88) and median orphan drug pricing of \$150k p.a. (Evaluate Pharma. Orphan Drug Report. 2019)

<sup>8</sup> Advancing Human Genetics Research and Drug Discovery through Exome Sequencing of the UK Biobank <https://doi.org/10.1101/2020.11.02.20222232>

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VP-001 for the treatment of Retinitis Pigmentosa  
type 11 (RP11)

APVRS Presentation - Results of ongoing SAD  
and MAD studies in RP11 patients

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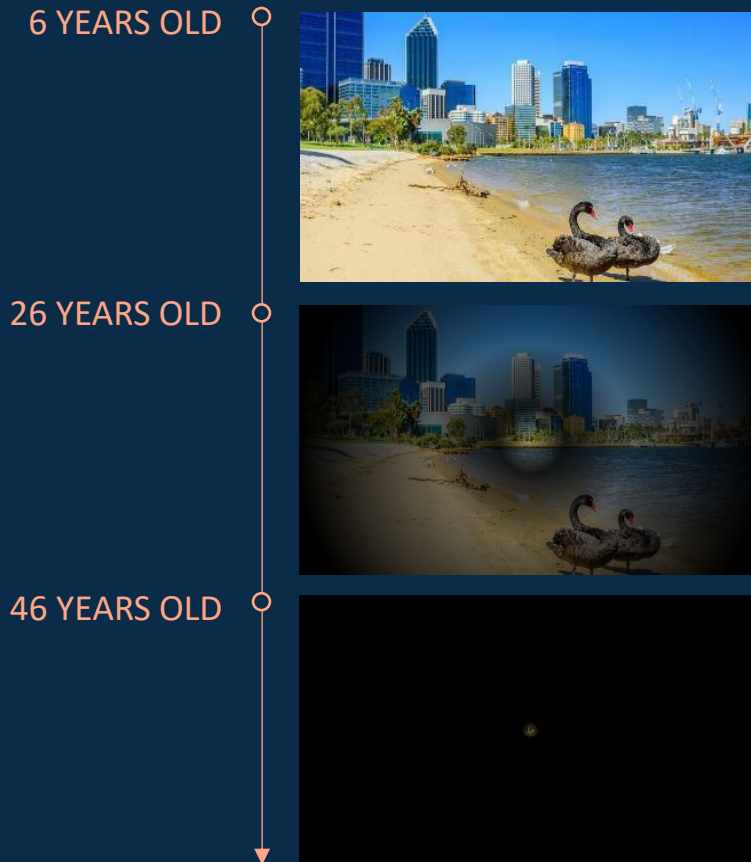
# Executive Summary

- VP-001 is the first drug candidate to have entered human trials in a blinding eye disease of childhood called Retinitis Pigmentosa type 11 (RP11)
- VP-001 has disease-modifying potential in RP11 as it addresses the underlying cause of the disease
- This presentation highlights the results seen to date in the ongoing Phase 1/2 studies of VP-001 in RP11 patients
  - Safety: VP-001 is safe and well-tolerated with no Treatment Emergent-Serious Adverse Events in any patient dosed to date
  - Efficacy: Patients who have received VP-001 have improved vision as assessed by Low-Luminance Visual Acuity and Microperimetry



# VP-001 is the first drug candidate to have entered human trials in RP11

## Degenerative sight of an RP11 patient

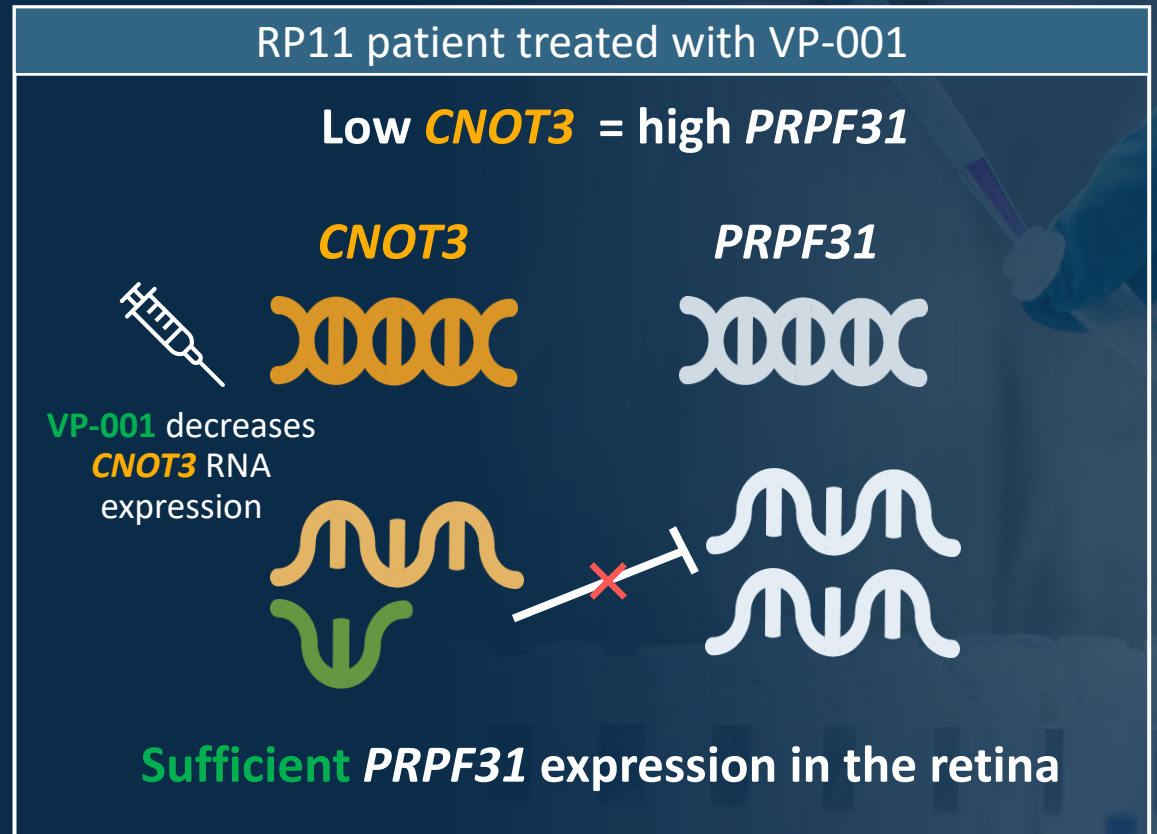
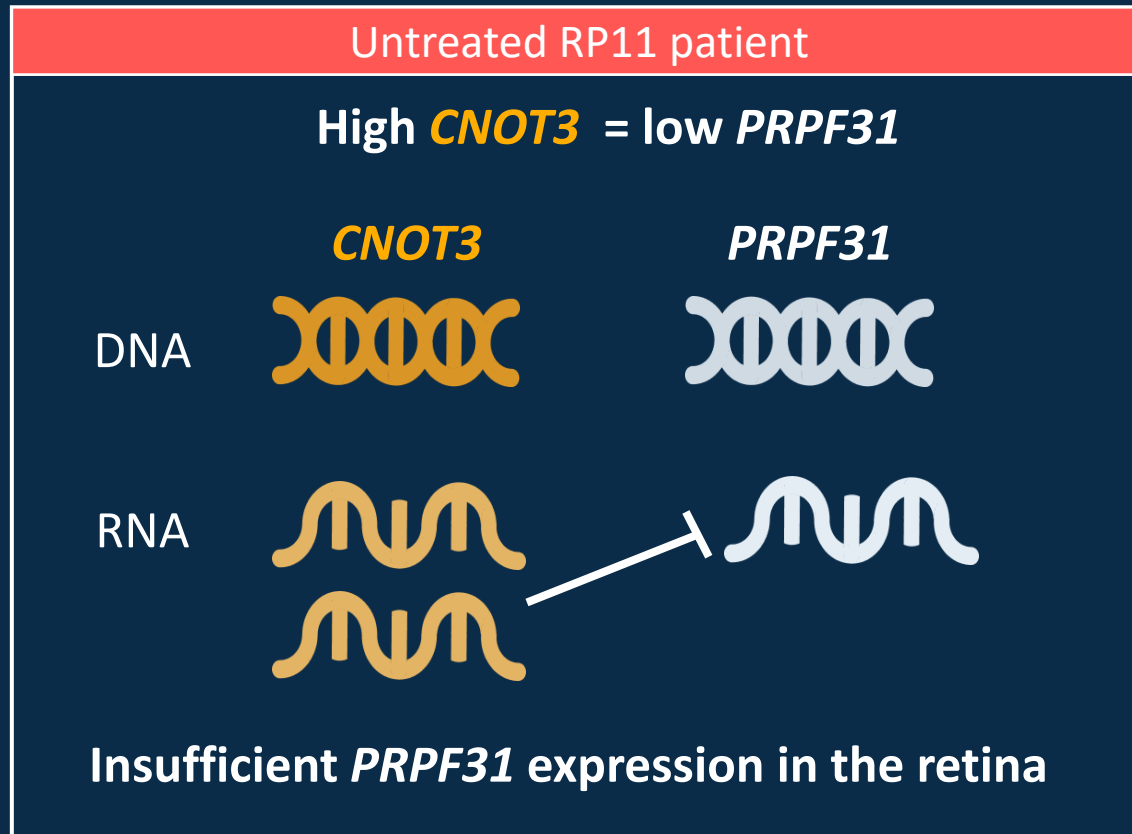


## Retinitis Pigmentosa (RP)<sup>1,2</sup>

- A severe and progressive blinding eye disease that begins in childhood
- Affects 1 in every 3,500 people (RP11 accounts for 3-4% of RP)
- Patients experience night blindness followed by loss of peripheral and then central vision - legal blindness occurs in the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> decade of life
- RP11 is caused by haploinsufficiency of the splicing factor *PRPF31* in Photoreceptors (PR) and Retinal Pigment Epithelia (RPE)<sup>3</sup>

# VP-001 has disease-modifying potential in RP11 as it addresses the underlying cause of the disease

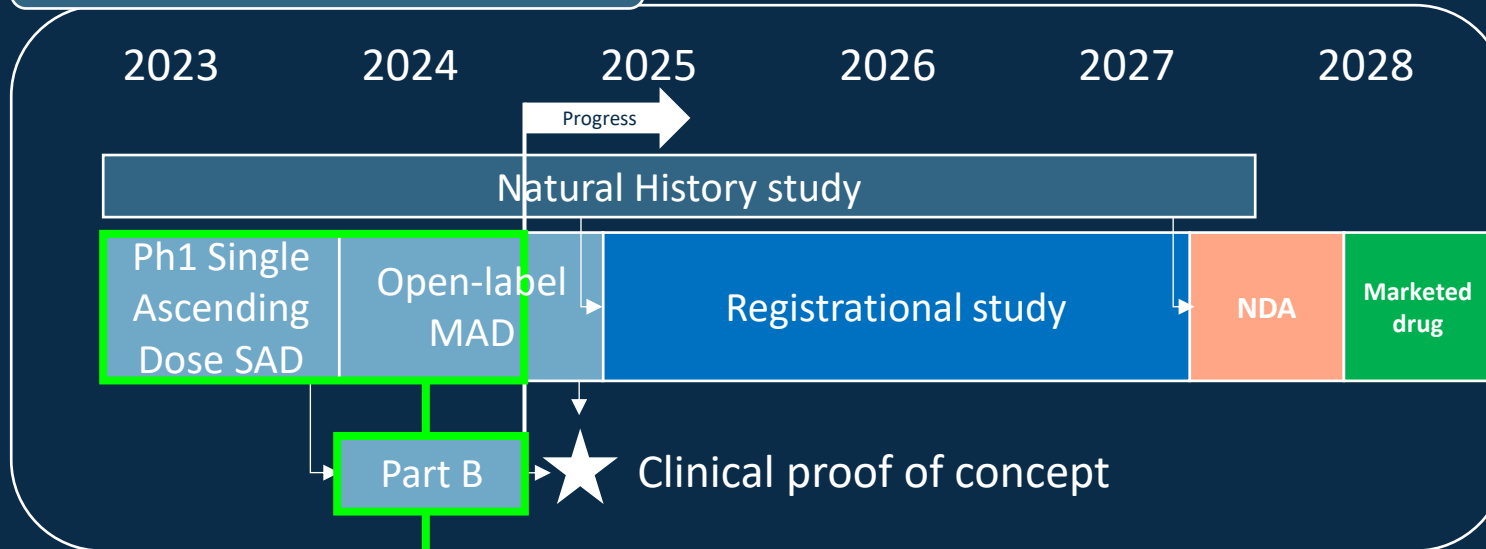
Insufficient *PRPF31* expression causes RP11<sup>1</sup> → *CNOT3* reduces *PRPF31* expression<sup>2</sup> → VP-001 inhibits *CNOT3* to increase *PRPF31* expression





# VP-001 is currently progressing through Phase 1/2 trials in patients with RP11

## Clinical pathway<sup>2</sup>



## FDA special designations

### Potentially accelerating path to market:

1. **Fast Track** – Granted in 2023<sup>2</sup>
2. **Orphan Drug Designation** – Granted in 2024<sup>3</sup>
3. **Rare Pediatric Disease Designation** – Application pending<sup>4</sup>

**Today's focus:** clinical data available from patients receiving  $\geq 30$  mcg of VP-001 in SAD and MAD

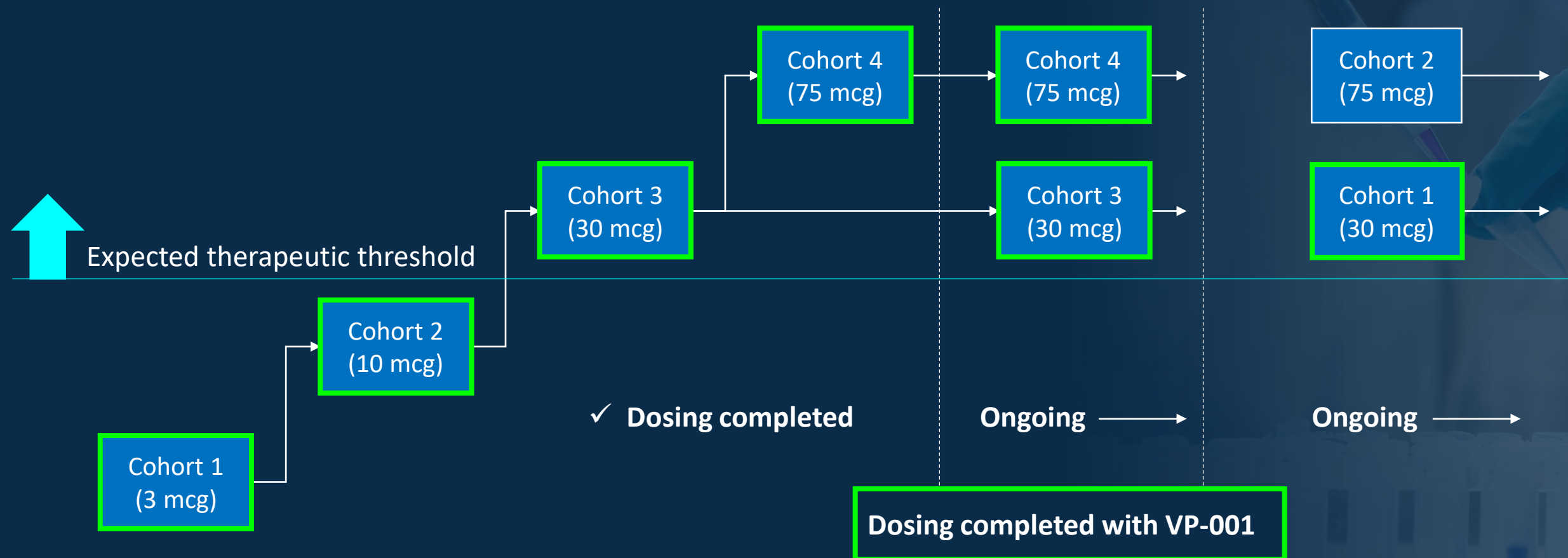
VP-001 is administered by intravitreal injection (50  $\mu$ L volume)

# VP-001 is currently progressing through two concurrent multiple dose studies in patients with RP11

## Single Ascending Dose (SAD) study

## SAD 'Part B' Extension study

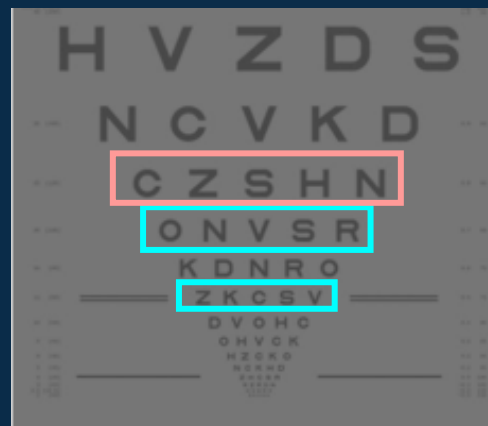
## Multiple Ascending Dose (MAD) study



# Patients who have received VP-001 have seen meaningful improvements in vision in their treated eye

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## Low-Luminance Visual Acuity (LLVA)



Baseline

Month 4 (+6 letters in treated eye, n=8)<sup>1</sup>

Month 6 (+14 letters in treated eye, n=3)<sup>1</sup>

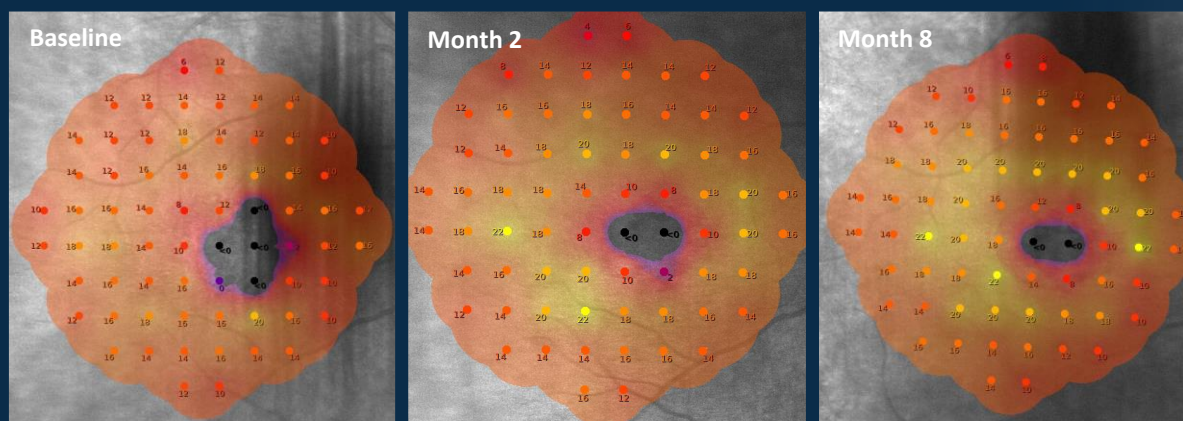
## Efficacy highlights

Improvement in LLVA in VP-001 treated eyes compared to untreated eyes

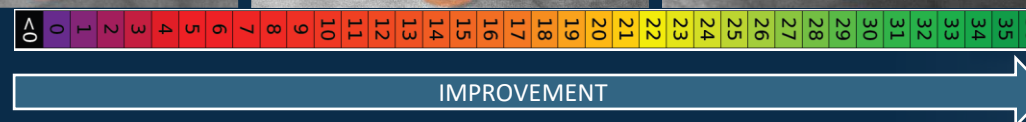
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## Microperimetry (MP)

Baseline → After VP-001 treatment<sup>2</sup>



MAIA colour  
scale (dB)

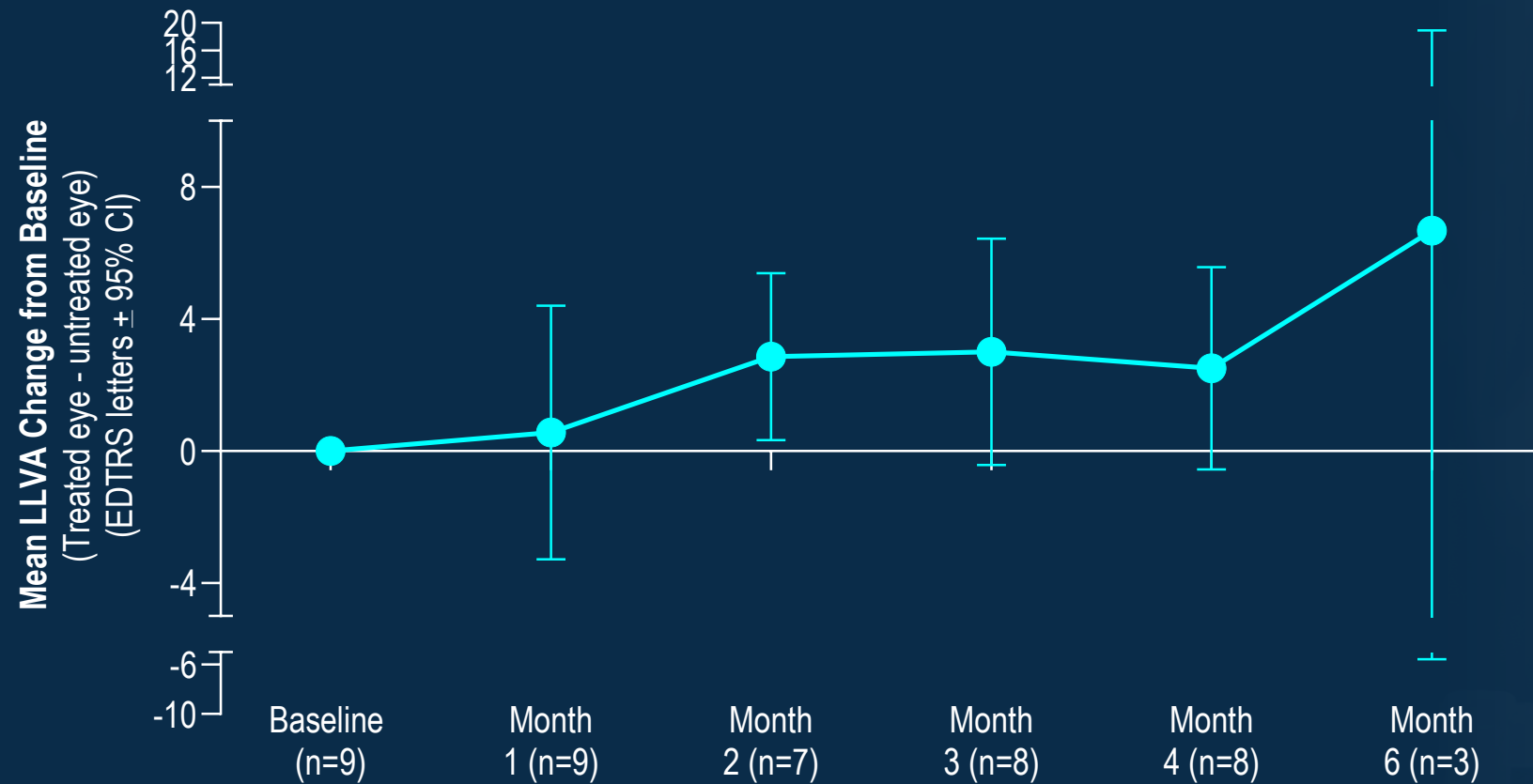


Improved outcomes on MP across multiple measures in VP-001 treated eyes

- Mean whole grid sensitivity
- Number of scotomas

# 1) Improvements in functional vision (LLVA) have been observed following treatment with VP-001

VP-001 treated eyes<sup>1</sup> show greater mean change from baseline in LLVA compared to untreated eyes



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CI: Confidence Interval

1. All patient cohorts receiving  $\geq 30$  mcg of VP-001. One patient did not have LLVA assessed at Month 3. 2 patients did not have LLVA assessed at Month 2, one of these patients did not have LLVA assessed at Month 4

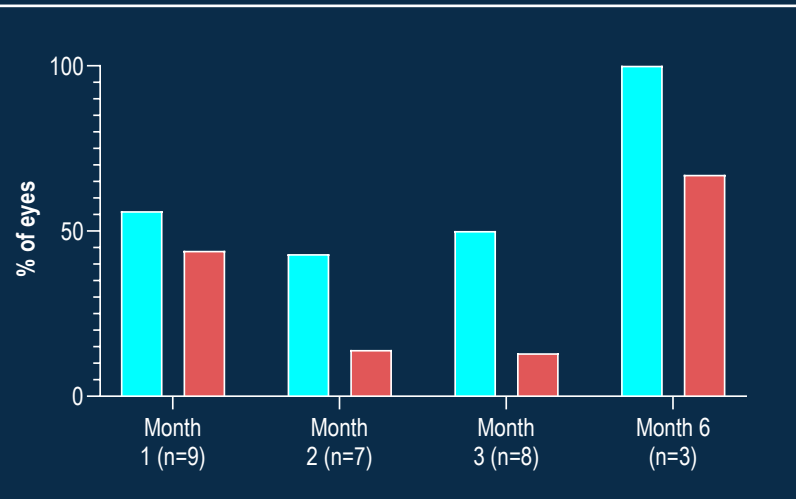


# 1) Improvements in functional vision (LLVA) have been observed following treatment with VP-001

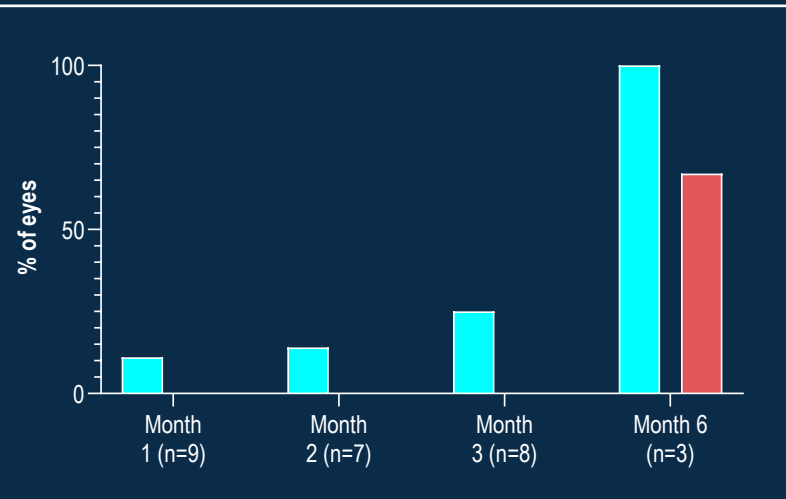
A greater % of VP-001 treated eyes<sup>1</sup> demonstrate  $\geq 5$ ,  $\geq 10$ ,  $\geq 15$  letter change from baseline in LLVA

VP-001 Treated    Untreated

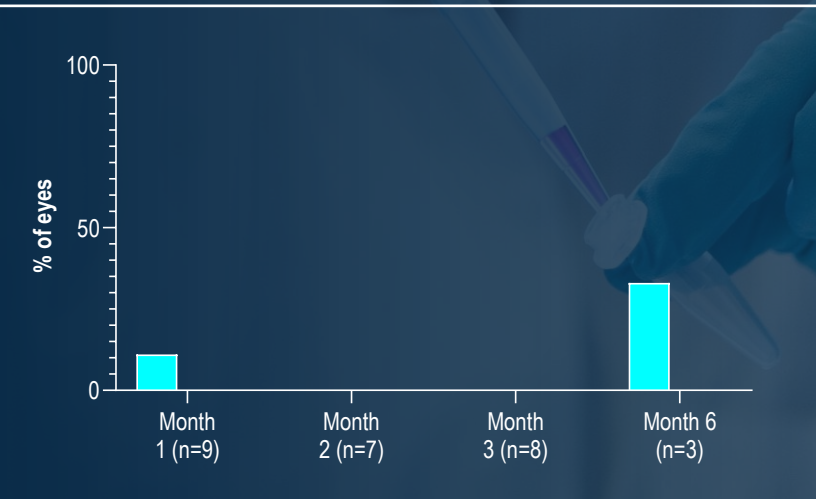
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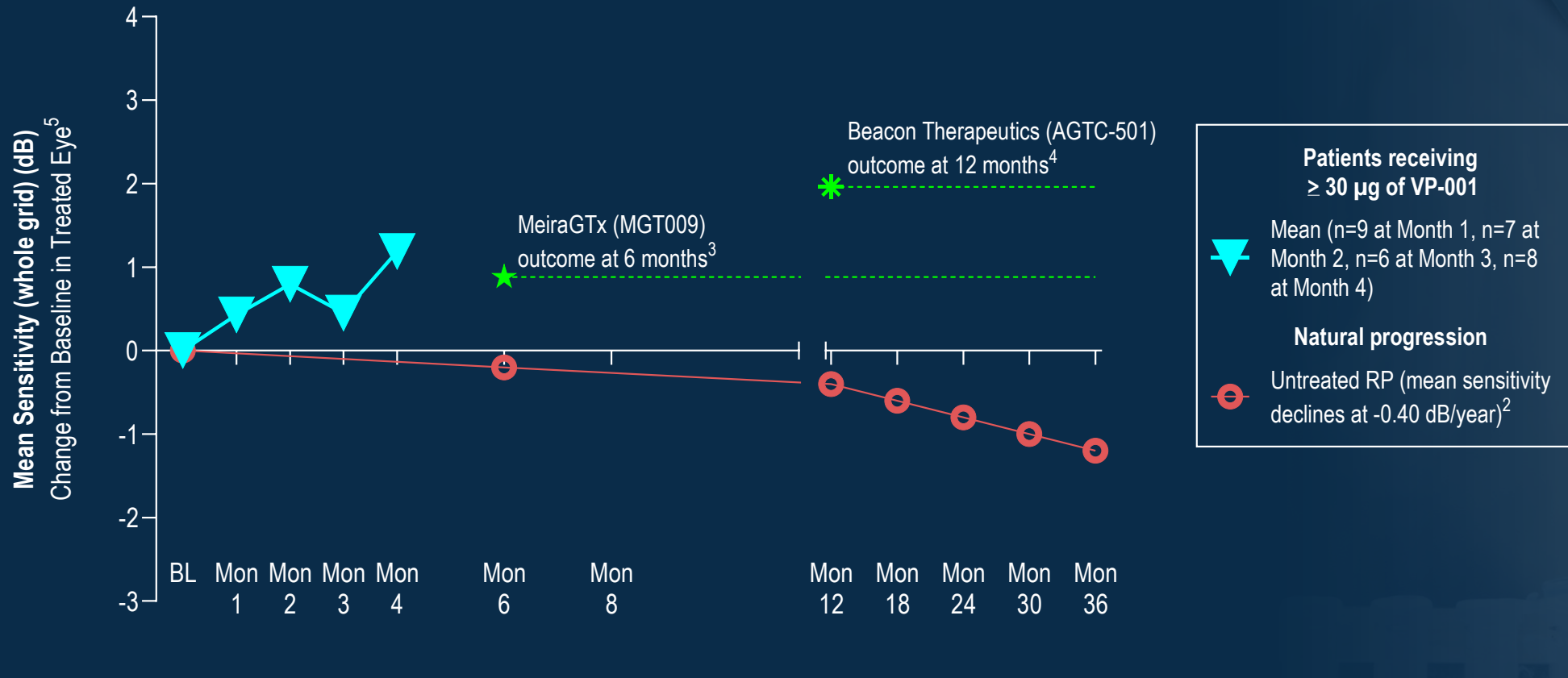


- LLVA is a more sensitive marker of impaired central visual function in Retinitis Pigmentosa than BCVA<sup>2,3</sup>
- Lower visual acuity in low luminance has been linked to higher experienced disability in Retinitis Pigmentosa<sup>4</sup>
- Lower luminance deficit correlates with microperimetry retinal sensitivity in RP<sup>2</sup>

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## 2) Improvements in mean retinal sensitivity have been observed following treatment with VP-001

Retinal sensitivity as assessed by microperimetry (MP) is enhanced in eyes<sup>1</sup> treated with VP-001



1. All patient cohorts receiving  $\geq 30 \text{ mcg}$  of VP-001. Patient 1 of SAD 30 mcg dose cohort did not have microperimetry assessment at Month 2 or 3. Patient 2 of SAD 30 mcg dose cohort did not have microperimetry assessment at Month 2 or 3. Patient 3 of SAD 30 mcg dose cohort did not have a microperimetry assessment at Month 2, 3 or 4.

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4. Subretinal gene therapy AGTC-501 for X-linked retinitis pigmentosa in the Phase 1/2 Horizon study: Post-hoc analysis of microperimetry results in the high dose groups – Birch, ARVO 2024

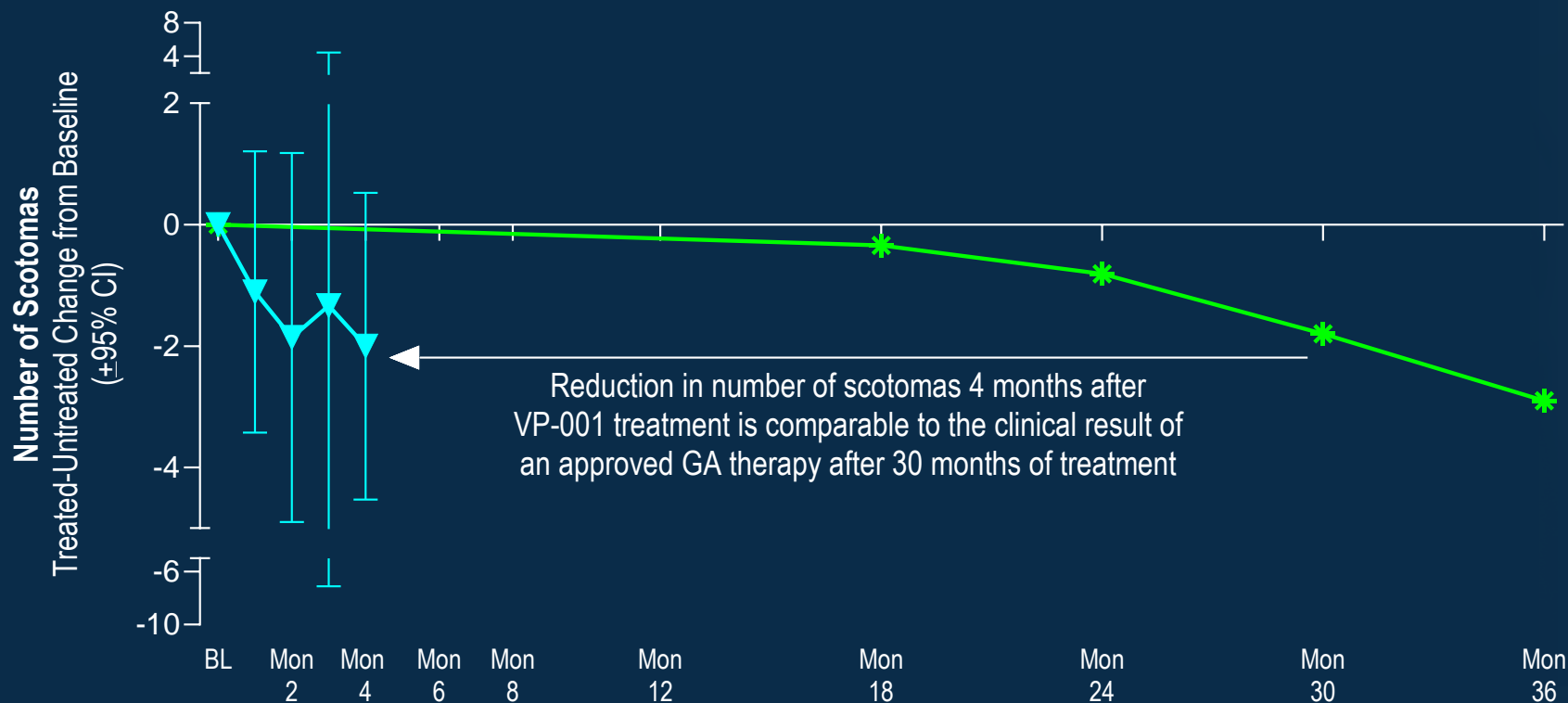
5. Microperimetry under mesopic or scotopic conditions

See ASX announcement of 26 September 2024



### 3) A reduction in the number of scotomas<sup>1</sup> has been observed following treatment with VP-001

Eyes treated<sup>2</sup> with VP-001 demonstrate a reduced number of scotomas (nonfunctional area of retina<sup>1</sup>)

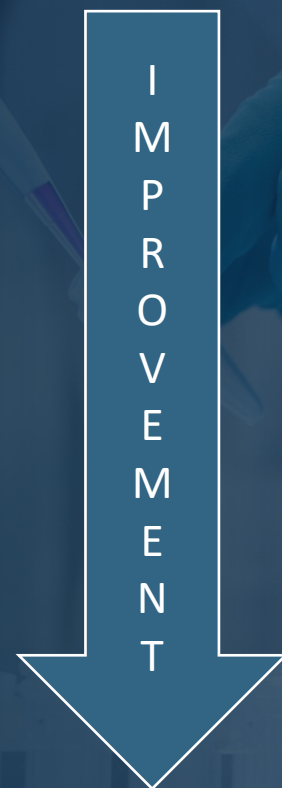


**Patients receiving  $\geq 30 \mu\text{g}$  of VP-001**

Mean (n=9 at Month 1, n=7 at Month 2, n=6 at Month 3, n=8 at Month 4)

**Precedent pivotal result in approved therapy**

Syfovre/Pegcetacoplan - first approved GA therapy to show visual function benefit in prespecified analysis (reduced number of scotomas compared to control)<sup>3</sup>

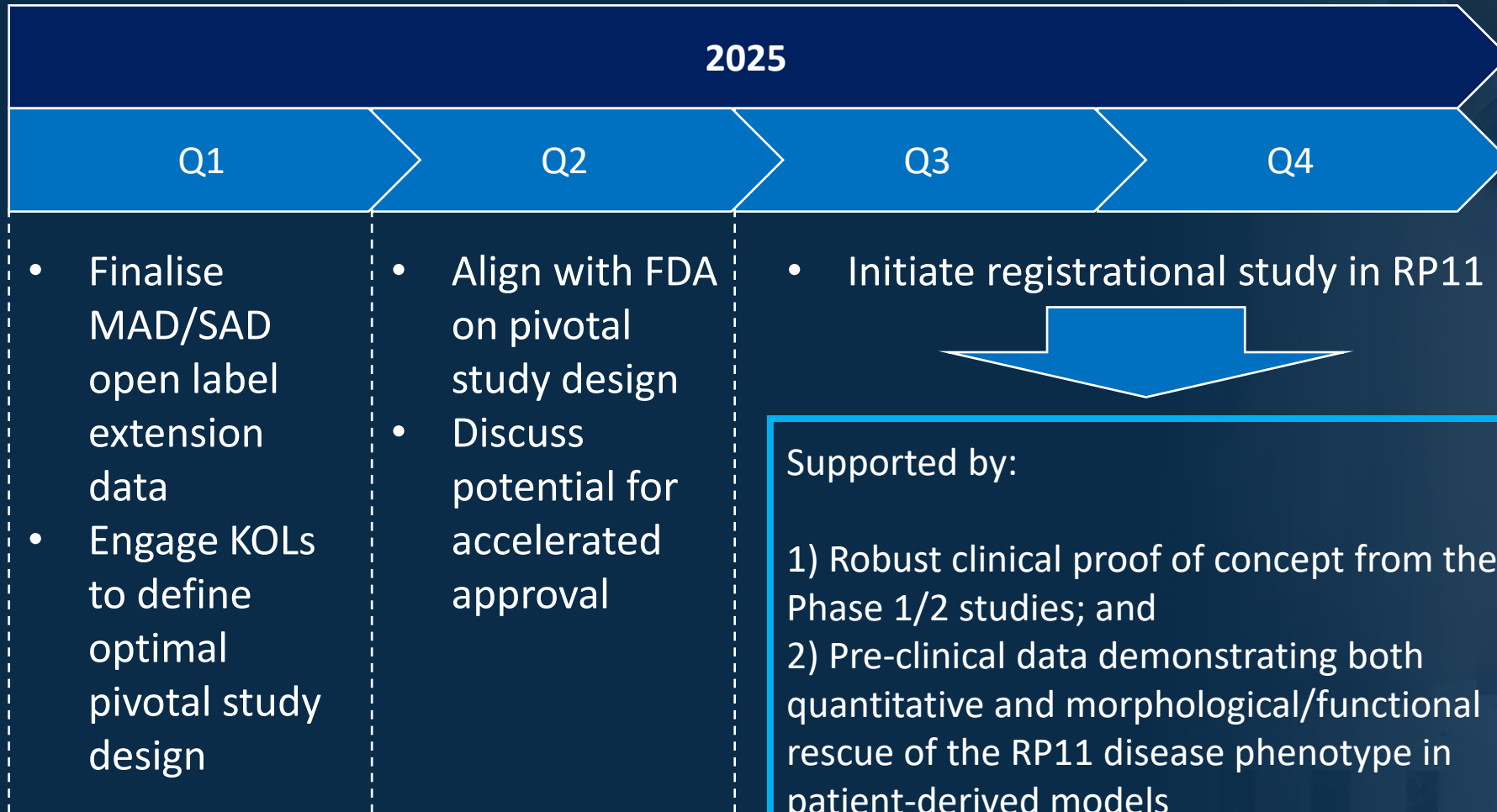


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1. Scotomatous points measure areas of the retina that have lost all light sensitivity and therefore are no longer functioning.  
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3. Apellis - Second Quarter 2024 Financial Results Conference Call - <https://investors.apellis.com/static-files/bcbe4eff-ecb5-4029-a924-e8ddcebb468a>

# PYC will now seek to initiate a registrational study in RP11 designed to support a New Drug Application for VP-001<sup>1</sup>

## Objectives



1. Subject to the risks and uncertainties inherent to life sciences companies conducting clinical trials and outlined in detail in the Company's ASX disclosures of 14 March 2024. There are 3 additional patients scheduled to be dosed in the Multiple Ascending Dose study of VP-001 who have not yet received the drug candidate and progression into a registrational study in this indication is subject to the results observed in the SAD and MAD patient populations in their entirety (including these 3 patients) as well as successful engagement of the relevant regulatory authority on acceptable registrational study design.

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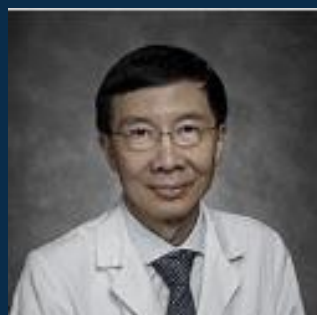
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