



# Key Opinion Leader Event

Phase 1/2 6-month Safety and Efficacy  
Data of OPGx-LCA5, an Adeno-Associated  
Virus (AAV)-Based Gene Therapy

December 11, 2024



Braydon,  
RDH12 patient

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# Introductions and Agenda

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# Today's Agenda

Topic	Speaker
1 Welcome, Introductions, and Opus Genetics Updates	Ash Jayagopal, PhD, MBA
2 Overview of <i>LCA5</i> -IRD and Multi-Luminance orientation and Mobility Test	Jean Bennett, MD, PhD
3 6 Month Results of Phase 1/2 Study of OPGx-LCA5	Tomas S. Aleman, MD
4 Panel Discussion and Q&A	<b>Moderator:</b> Arshad M. Khanani, MD, MA, FACS <b>Panelists:</b> Christine Kay, MD; Jean Bennett, MD, PhD; Tomas S. Aleman, MD; Ash Jayagopal, PhD, MBA



# Meet Our Speakers



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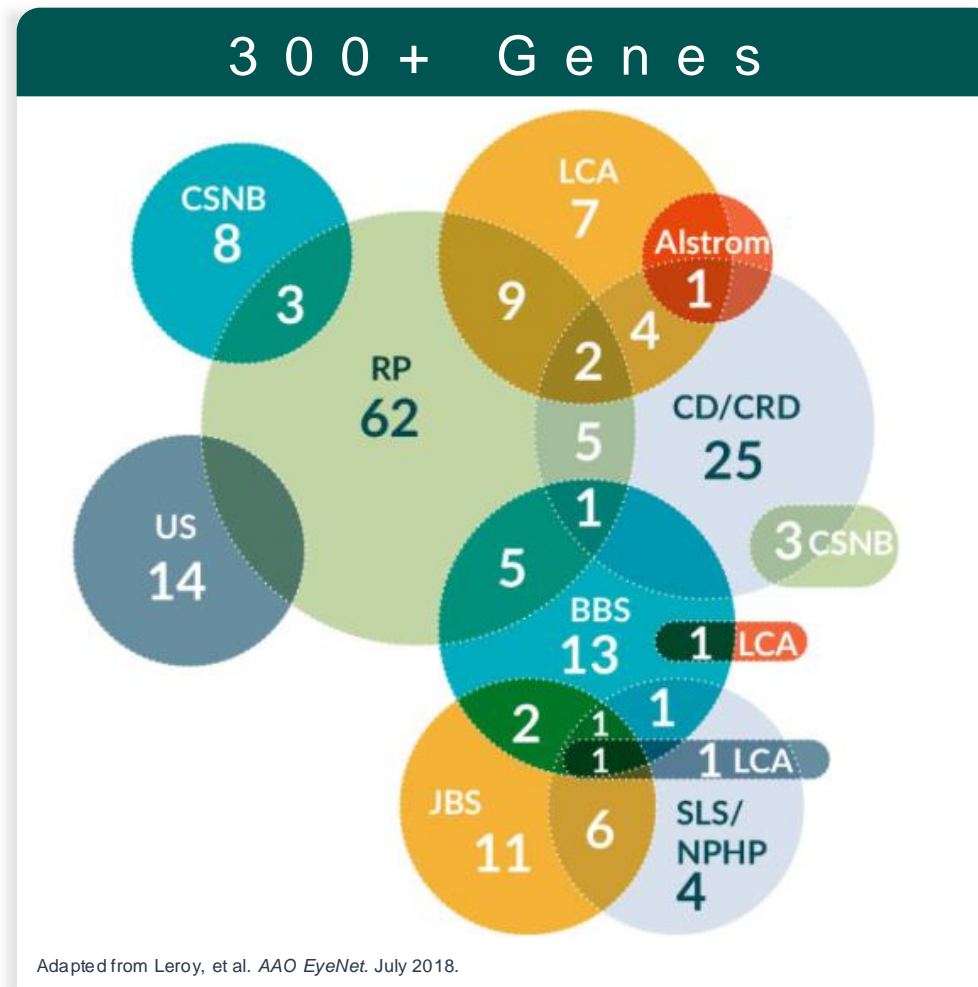
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# Limited Treatment Options Despite Key Advances in Gene Therapy

- Over 300 genes are known to cause inherited retinal diseases (IRDs), which severely affect vision in more than 180,000 people in the United States\*<sup>1,2</sup>
- Almost all IRDs lack treatment to halt progression and rescue vision<sup>2</sup>
- Luxturna® is the only FDA-approved IRD gene therapy and targets the *RPE65* gene mutation<sup>2</sup>



\*Based on 2019 estimates

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FDA, Food and Drug Administration; IRD, inherited retinal disease; RPE65, retinal pigment epithelium 65 kDa protein.

1. RetNet Retinal Information Network. 2024. Accessed on November 25, 2024. <https://retnet.org/summaries#a-genes>

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# There are Multiple Barriers to the Clinical Translation of IRD Gene Therapies



**Small addressable market:** Cost/benefit justification is challenging for low prevalence IRDs



**Small patient population** poses challenges for patient recruitment



**Manufacturing geared to high volume production,** not IRD gene therapies



**Clinical, scientific, and regulatory excellence is required** to have success in treating IRDs



# The Opus Approach Overcomes These Challenges



## Building a robust IRD-focused gene therapy pipeline

- Multiple assets for unaddressed IRDs to balance risk across programs
- Favorable competitive landscape



## Partnering with patient networks and advocacy organizations

- Significant relationships with key patient advocacy groups
- Strategic partnerships to access global IRD patient registries and natural history studies



## Focusing on small-scale, high-quality production

- Favorable COGS with high-quality gene therapy vectors
- Dedicated production lines tailored for IRDs (100s to 10,000s of patients)



## Establishing strong partnerships and leveraging synergies between programs enables:

- Natural history and interventional trials at IRD centers of excellence with high-resolution readouts of safety and efficacy
- Harmonization across programs to streamline manufacturing and regulatory processes
- Development of shared biomarkers/endpoints across multiple IRD indications



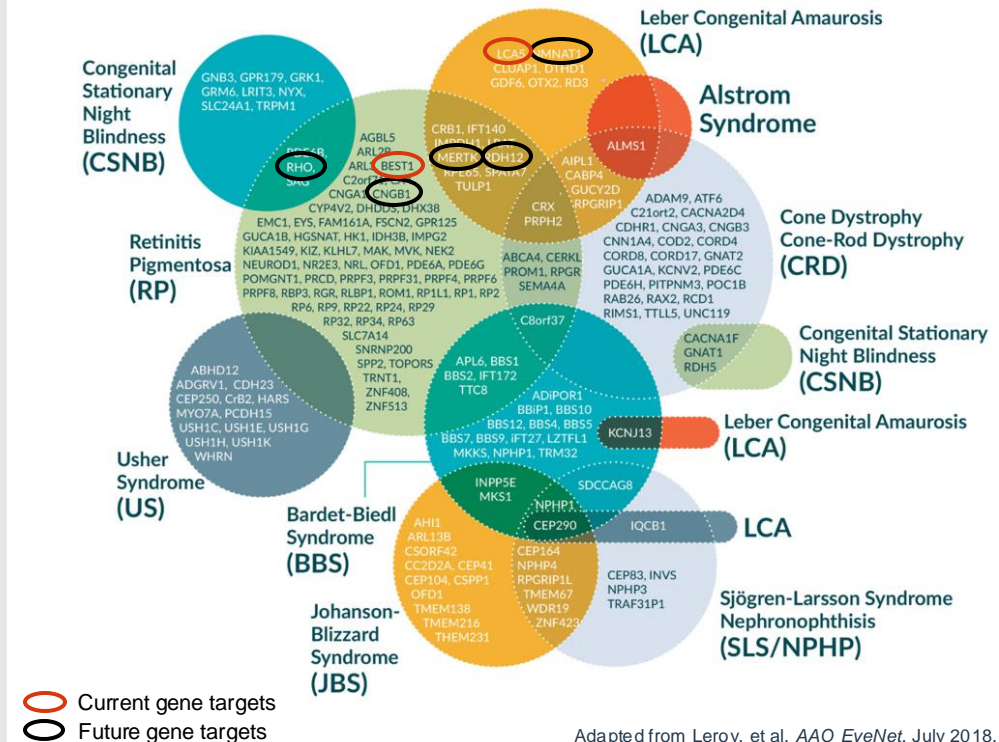


# One of the Largest Dedicated IRD Portfolios and an Established Blueprint for Development

## Our Foundational Roadmap

- Clinically derisked AAV technology
- Rigorous prioritization of two clinical-stage gene therapies
- Strategic optionality to advance new candidates into development in additional IRD indications

## Gene targets selected based on clinical derisking and commercial value



# Efficient IRD Pipeline with Multiple Near-Term Value Inflection Points Anticipated

	U.S. Prevalence	Preclinical	IND-enabling	Phase 1/2	Phase 2/3	RPDD / ODD From FDA	Status
<b>Lead Candidates</b>							
<b>OPGx-LCA5</b> <i>LCA</i>	~200 patients <sup>1,2</sup>					Granted	• Ph 1/2 pediatric data expected in 2025
<b>OPGx-BEST1</b> <i>Bestrophinopathies</i>	~9,000 patients <sup>1,2</sup>					Eligible	• Ph 1/2 data expected in 2025

## Future IRD Programs

<b>OPGx-RHO</b> <i>adRP</i>	~5,600 patients <sup>2</sup>					Eligible	• IND-enabling studies
<b>OPGx-RDH12</b> <i>LCA</i>	~1,100 patients <sup>1,2</sup>					Eligible	• NHP GLP toxicology study
<b>OPGx-MERTK</b> <i>RP</i>	~600 patients <sup>1</sup>					Eligible	
<b>OPGx-NMNAT1</b> <i>LCA</i>	~800 patients <sup>1</sup>					Eligible	
<b>OPGx-CNGB1</b> <i>RP</i>	~400 patients <sup>1</sup>					Granted	

adRP, autosomal dominant retinitis pigmentosa; BEST1, bestrophin 1; CNGB1, cyclic nucleotide-gated channel  $\beta$ 1; FDA, Food and Drug Administration; GLP, Good Laboratory Practice; IND, Investigational New Drug; IRD, inherited retinal disease; LCA, Leber congenital amaurosis; MERTK, MER proto-oncogene tyrosine kinase; NHP, nonhuman primate; NMNAT1, nicotinamide mononucleotide adenylyltransferase 1; ODD, Orphan Drug Designation; RDH12, retinol dehydrogenase 12; RHO, rhodopsin; RP, retinitis pigmentosa; RPDD, Rare Pediatric Disease Designation.



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# Overview of *LCA5*-LCA and Multi-Luminance orientation and Mobility Test (MLoMT)

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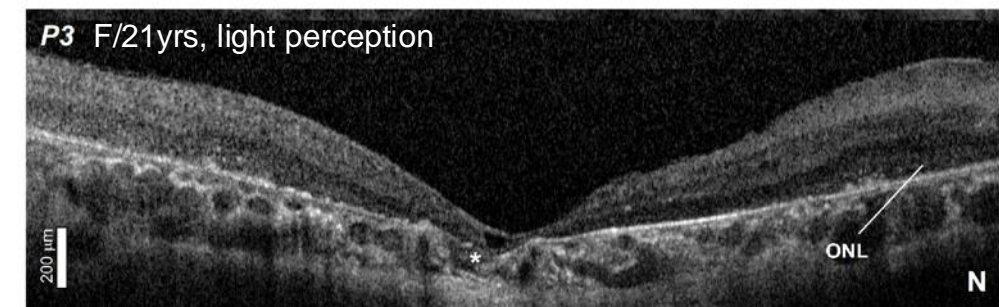
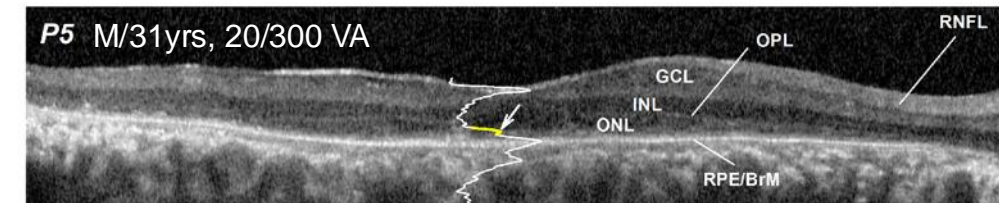
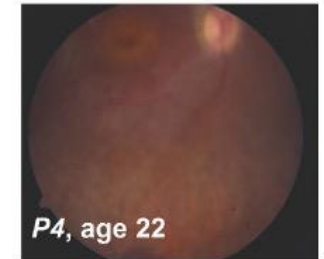


# LCA5 is an Early-Onset, Severe Hereditary Retinal Degeneration

- Presentation in 1<sup>st</sup> year of life with nystagmus and vision loss<sup>1,2</sup>
- Severe and early photoreceptor loss results in severely abnormal or non-detectable visual fields<sup>1,2</sup>
- Visual acuity often limited to hand motions or light perception<sup>1,2</sup>
- Fundus photography exhibits pigmentary retinopathy with areas of RPE and photoreceptors<sup>1</sup>
- OCT demonstrates spared photoreceptors (ONL) and inner/outer segments (*P5*), even at a severe disease stage (*P3*)<sup>1</sup>

**Structure-function disassociation creates favorable pathobiology for AAV gene replacement**

LCA5 patients exhibit preserved photoreceptors in the central retina in adulthood despite disease severity and early onset



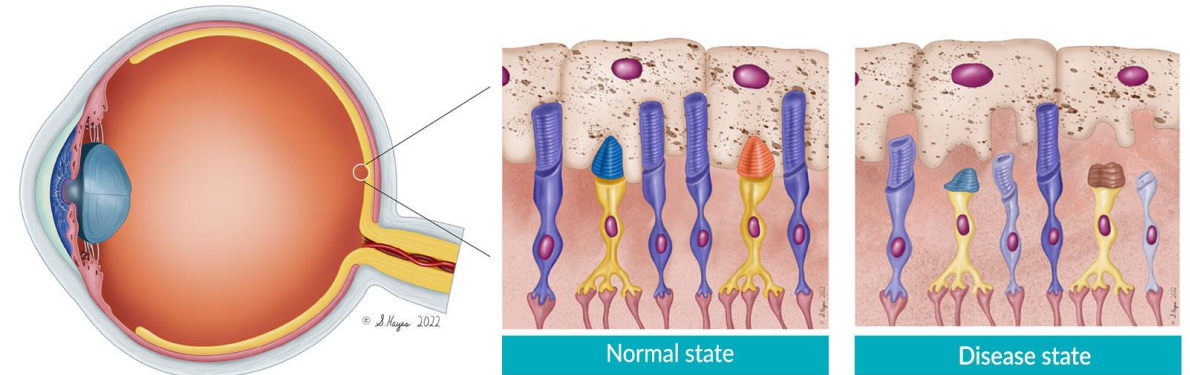
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# OPGx-LCA5 Restores Structure and Function in Photoreceptors

- Lebercilin is a ciliary protein critical for the function of photoreceptor inner and outer segments<sup>1</sup>
- In *LCA5*-LCA patients, photoreceptor function is severely impaired due to a lack of functioning lebercilin<sup>1</sup>
  - However, photoreceptors can survive through the third decade of life, suggestive of a broad window for therapeutic intervention<sup>2</sup>



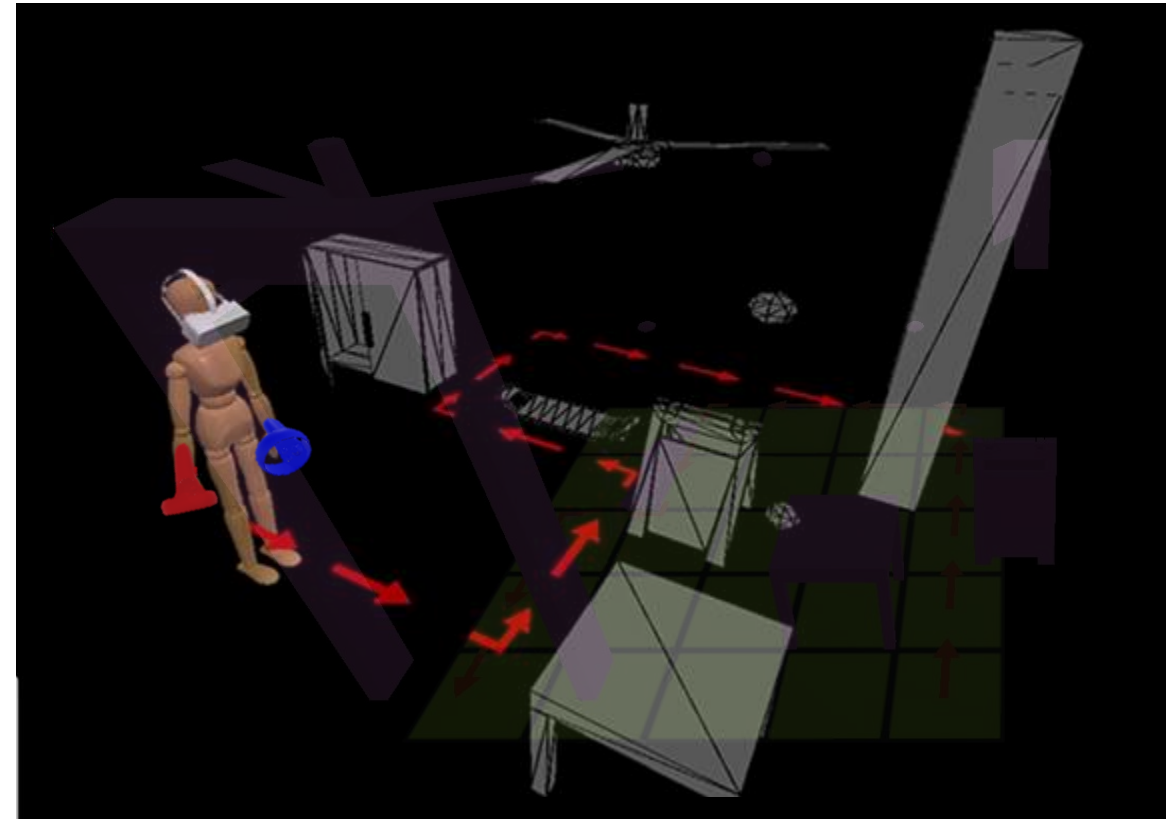
- **OPGx-LCA5 is designed to address mutations in the *LCA5* gene, which encodes for the lebercilin protein**
  - Clinically derisked AAV8 vector delivers a functional *LCA5* gene directly to photoreceptor cells
  - Same promoter technology as Luxturna
  - Validated surgical delivery method via subretinal injection





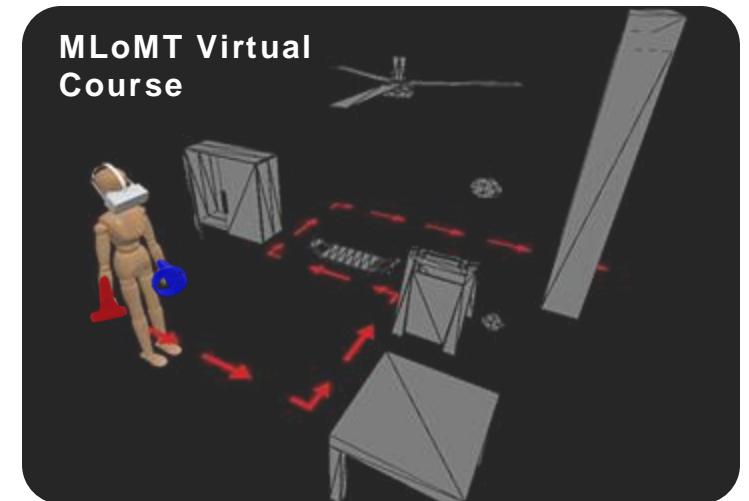
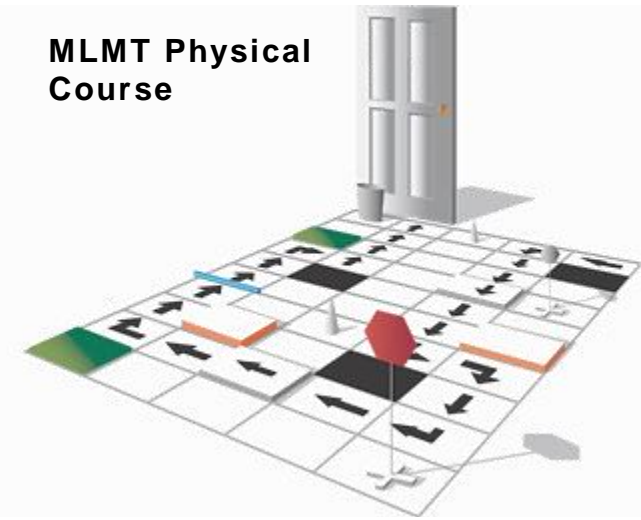
# Easing the Answer to a Regulatory Need: Functional Vision Assessment with a Multi-Luminance orientation and Mobility Test (MLoMT)

- MLoMT utilizes a **readily available VR headset** with body trackers to navigate a virtual course
- Household objects are presented at increasing illumination while the subject follows a path of red arrows
- Subject identifies and “touches” obstacles while following the path
- Establishes a “threshold” of functional vision that may be used to assess impact of disease and treatments
- Enormous amount of data automatically collected
- Relates well with clinical readouts (visual acuity, visual fields, and visual sensitivity)



# MLoMT Builds Upon the Success of MLMT®

- Allows automatic randomization of dozens of configurations
- Extends operating range (>3 log units)
- Can be tailored to different diseases by altering variables (light intensities, wavelength, contrast, color, motion, etc.)
- Delivers test in a relatively short time (20 mins)
- Equipment/space affordable
- Easy to deploy and duplicate at multiple sites
- No physical obstacles that could cause harm in a collision
- Can test one eye at a time or both eyes
- Can adjust to subject's height
- Attractive to digital-savvy pediatric population
- Quantitative information (timing, direction of gaze, acceleration, deceleration, collisions) captured automatically as digital data
- Data obtained instantaneously and analyzed objectively (no need for reading center)
- No personal identifiers



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MLoMT, Multi-luminance orientation and Mobility Test; MLMT, Multi-Luminance Mobility Test.

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# 6 Month Results of Phase 1/2 Study of OPGx-LCA5

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# OPGx-LCA5-1001 Study to Treat a Severe Photoreceptor Disease

## Design

- Phase 1b/2a, open-label of uniocular subretinal injection of OPGx-LCA5
- Nonrandomized, single ascending, dose escalation (**1E10 vg/eye**, 3E10 vg/eye, and 1E11 vg/eye) unilaterally injected
- Minimum of 3 evaluable patients are treated at each dose level
- Preliminary results to Day 180 in three patients

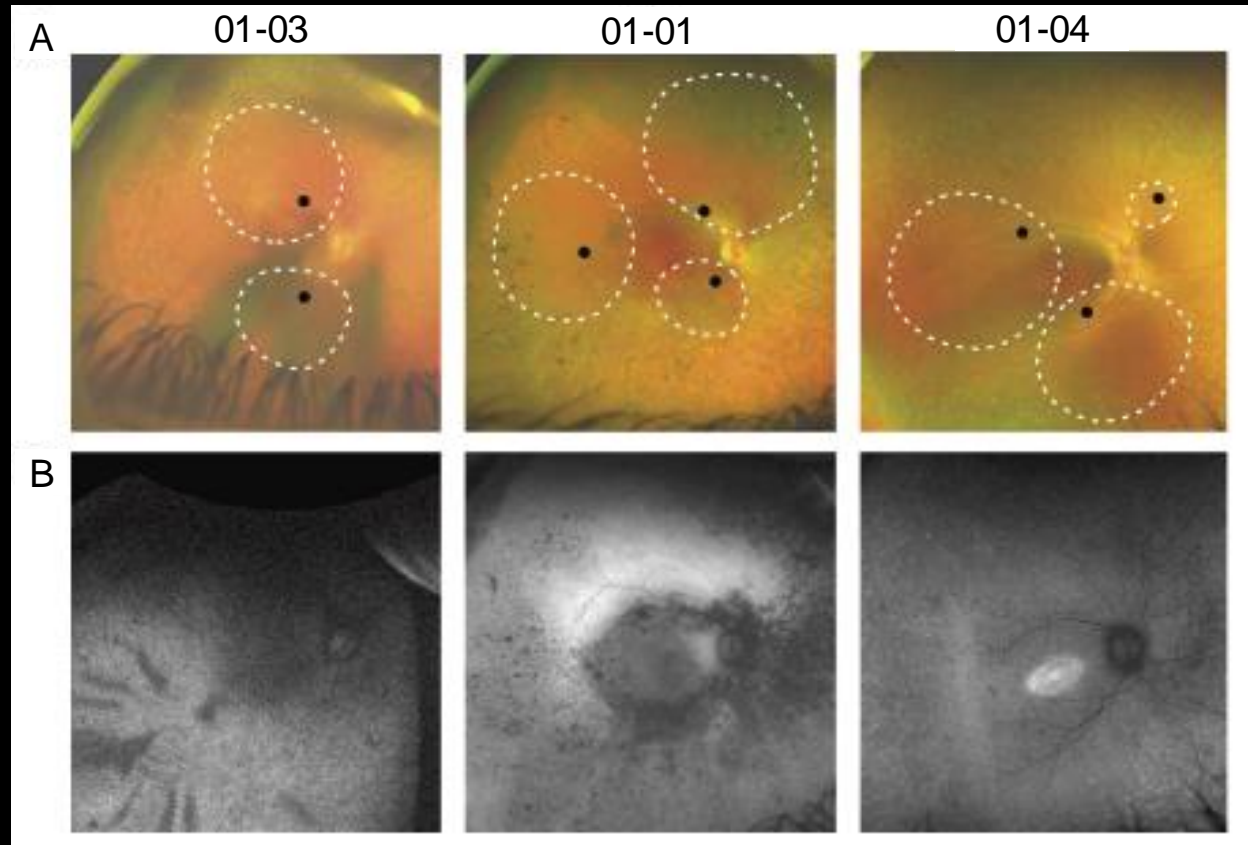
# Characteristics of Patients

Study ID	Age* / Gender	Date IP Administration	Study Eye	LCA5 Variants† Allele 1/Allele 2	Visual Acuity†		Refraction§		Foveal Thickness [µm]			
					OD	OS	OD	OS	BL		3MO	
					OD	OS	OD	OS	OD	OS	OD	OS
0103	26/M	07Aug2023	OS	Gln279*/Gln279*	HM	HM	+3.00	+3.00	121	NA	136	133.5
0101	34/F	11Sep2023	OS	Arg255Gln/del. Exon 1	20/300	20/400	-1.50	-2.50	123.5	127.1	127.1	119.3
0104	19/F	13Nov2023	OD	Arg255*/Arg255*	20/200	20/200	+2.25	+2.00	232.2	226.5	170.8	205.1

- Null or non-functional proteins
- Poor VA
- Severe photoreceptor loss (thin retinas/foveas)

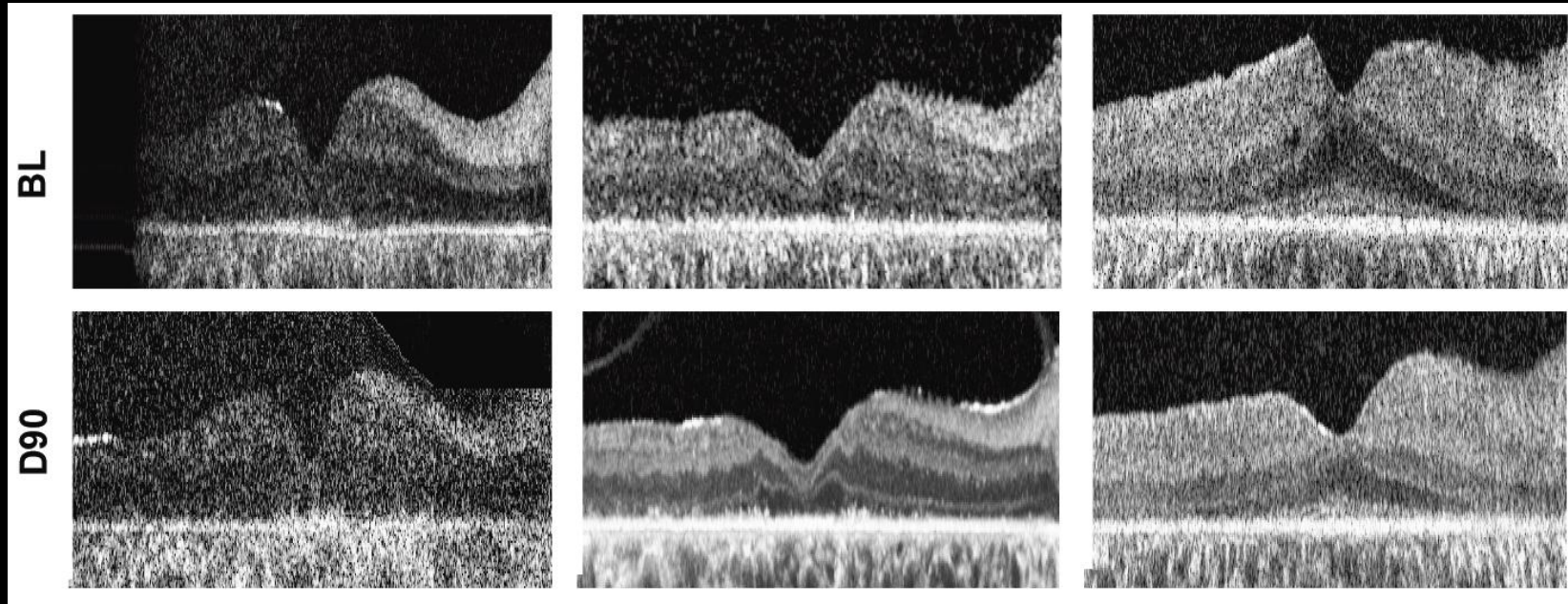


# Uneventful Subretinal Injections



- 300  $\mu$ l volume
- Multiple SR injections extending near the fovea

# Safety: Central Retinal Structure



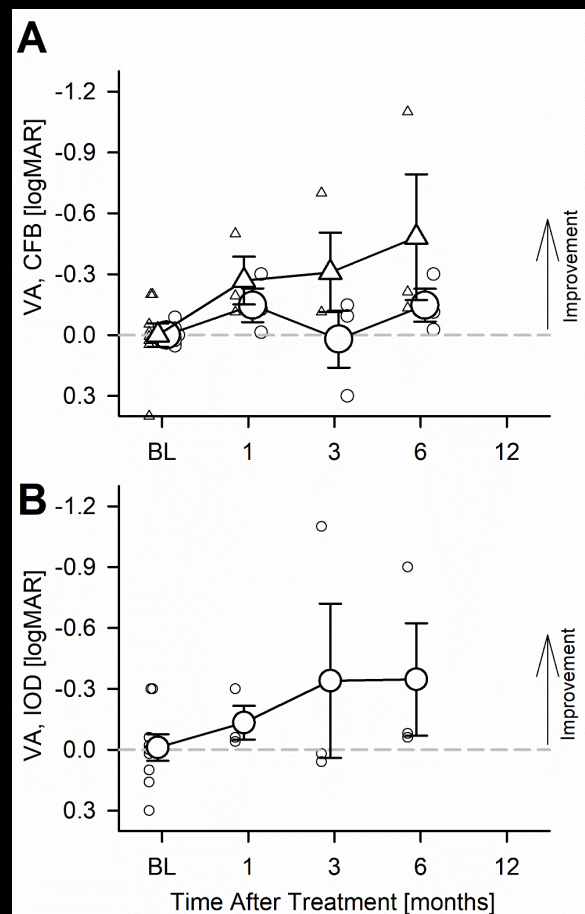
- Retina reattached
- No major changes post-treatment

# Safety and Tolerability

Subject	Date of onset	Date of Resolution	Diagnosis (if known) or Sign/Symptoms (list one per AE)	Ocular AE?	Specify eye(s)	Severity	Unexpected	Serious	Frequency	Outcome	Relationship to Investigational Product	Action taken (Add all that apply):
0101	11-SEP-2023	12-SEP-2023	Eye Pain	Yes	Study	Grade 1 - Mild	No	No	Intermittent	Recovered/Resolved	Unrelated	2 = Con Med (enter on Con Meds Page)
0101	18-SEP-2023	18-SEP-2023	Corneal Abrasion	Yes	Study	Grade 1 - Mild	No	No	Single Episode	Recovered/Resolved	Unrelated	2 = Con Med (enter on Con Meds Page) 3 = Other
0103	07-AUG-2023	08-AUG-2023	Eye Pain	Yes	Study	Grade 1 - Mild	No	No	Intermittent	Recovered/Resolved	Unrelated	2 = Con Med (enter on Con Meds Page)
0104	08-AUG-2023	14-NOV-2023	Eye Pain	Yes		Grade 1 - Mild	No	No	Continuous	Recovered/Resolved	Unrelated	2 = Con Med (enter on Con Meds Page)

- No dose limiting toxicities
- AEs were anticipated, mild, and not related to OPGx-LCA5
- All resolved

# Visual Acuity Gains

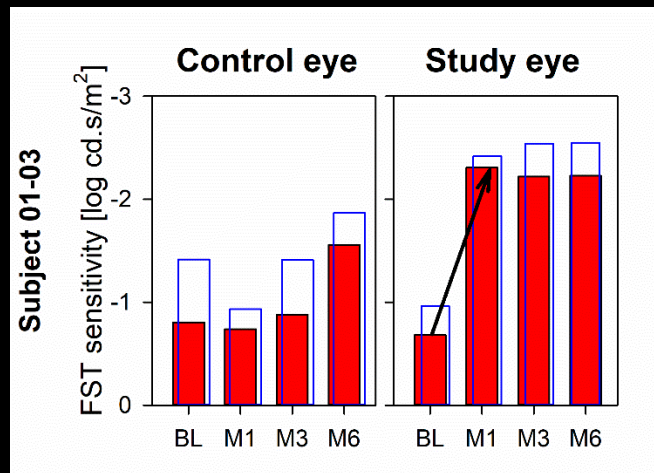


- Formed vision possible for the first time in most affected
- On average, better VAs in treated compared to baseline (BL) and untreated eye

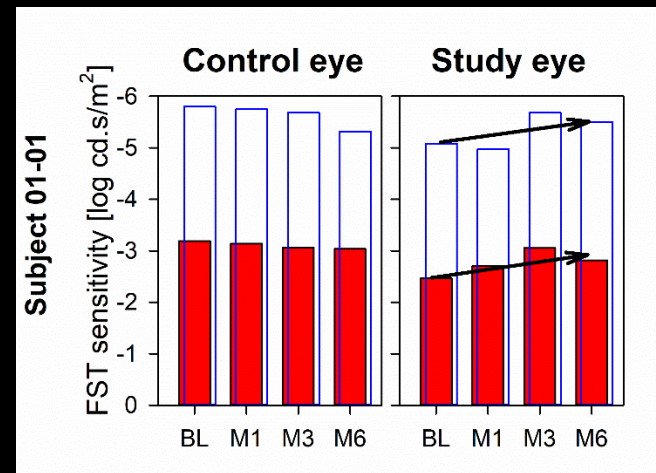


# Large Sensitivity Gains Full-field Stimulus Testing

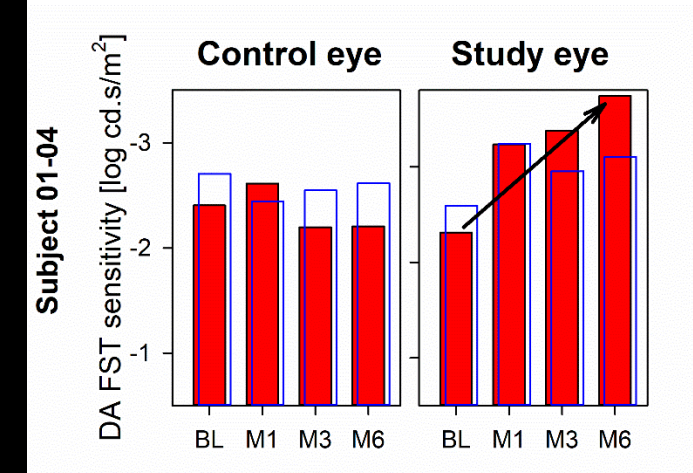
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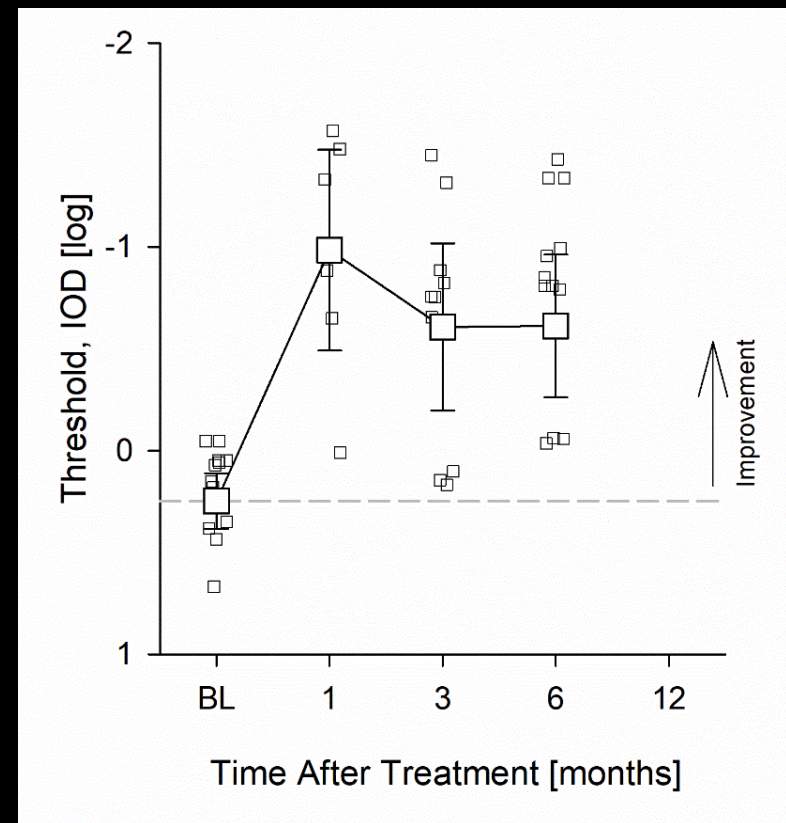
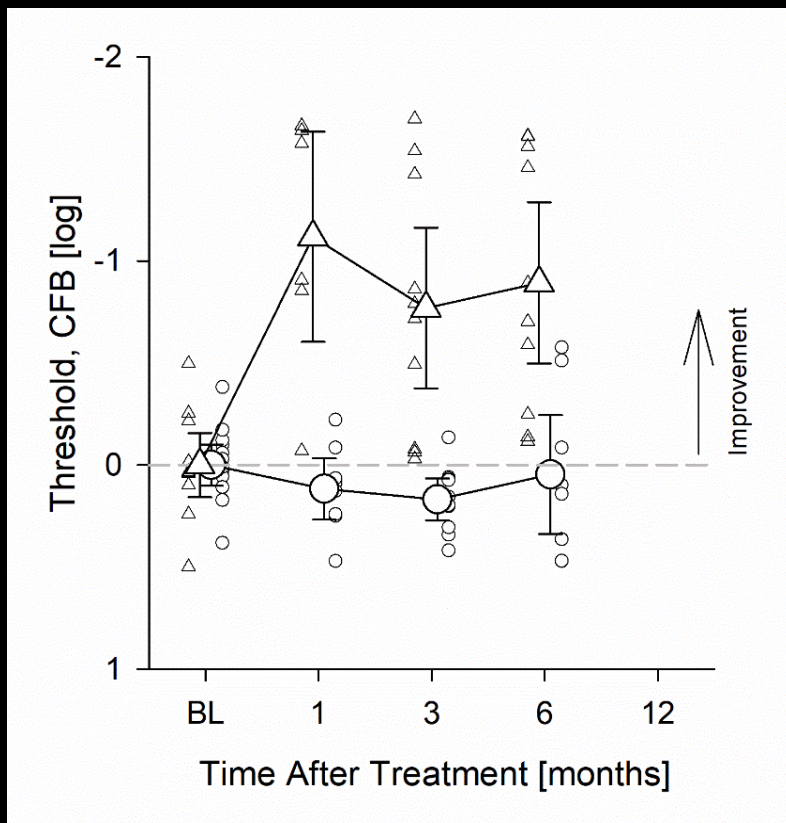


## LARGE GAINS IN SENSITIVITIES

- Significant gain (>1.5 log u) in sensitivity compared to contralateral control eye and baseline (BL)
- Results similar for both red (red bars) and blue (blue outlined bars) stimuli in 01-03 and 01-04
- Mechanistically plausible = restoration of function of the cilia



# Gains are Mediated by Cones



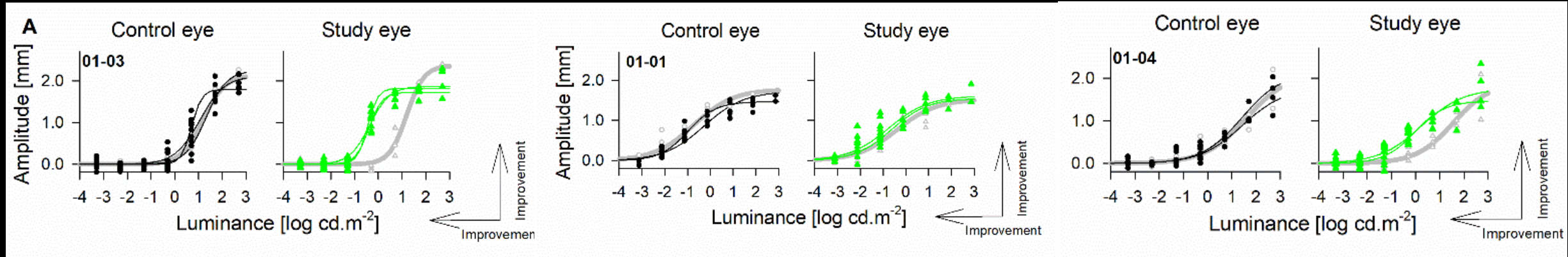
- Gains in cone-mediated sensitivity (light adapted in 01-01) in all three patients compared to baseline (BL) and contralateral control eye

# Pupillometry Objectively Confirms Efficacy

01-03

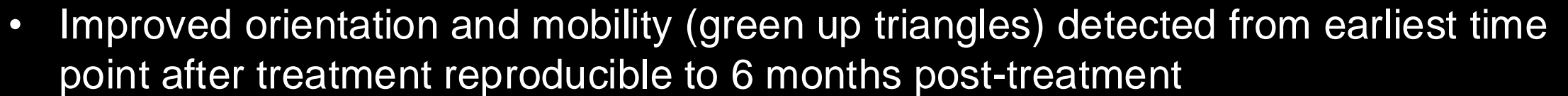
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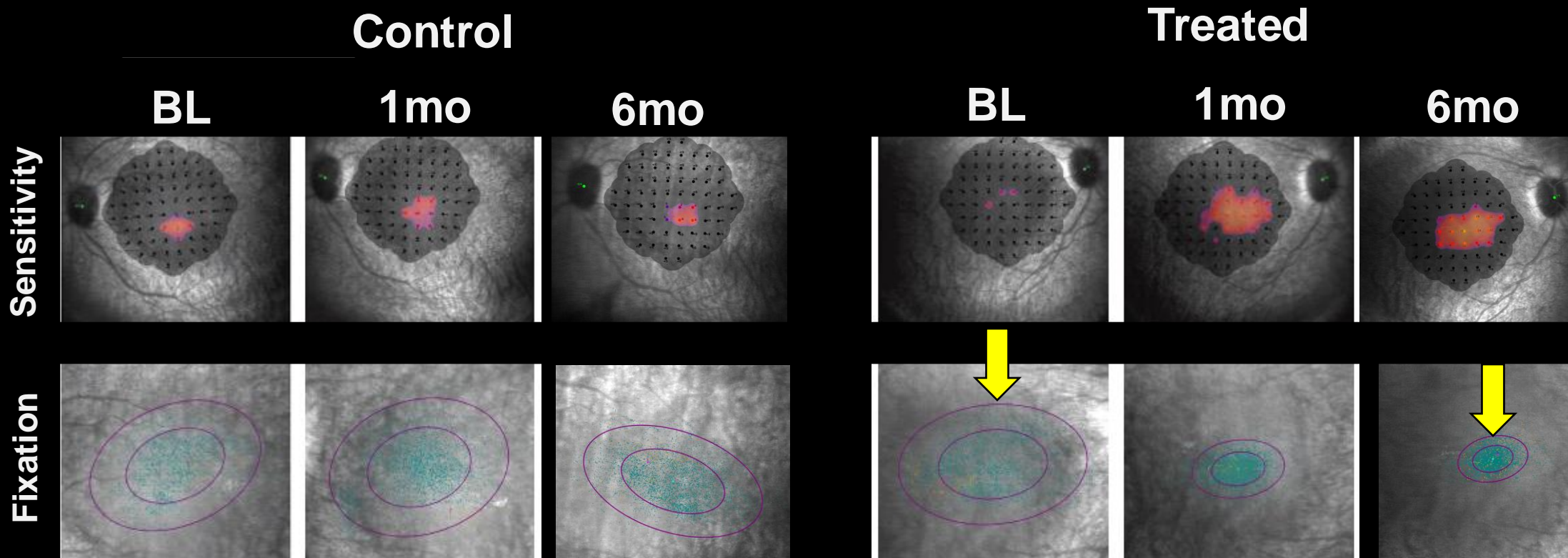
## PUPILLOMETRY OBJECTIVELY CONFIRMS EFFICACY/BIOLOGIC ACTIVITY

- Pupil responses are more sensitive (left shifted green symbols) compared to baseline (gray curves) and the contralateral control eye
- Comparable sensitivity change compared to FSTs





# Restoration of the Fovea Fundus Tracking Perimetry [01-04]



## MICROPERIMETRY CONFIRMS FOVEAL IMPROVEMENT


- Microperimetry, possible in one patient, demonstrates sensitivity gain
- Movement of a more stable fixation to the foveal center

# Conclusions

- Gene augmentation demonstrated robust biologic efficacy in LCA5
- Efficacy corroborated through multiple, mechanistically-driven readouts
- Treatment efficacy is possible in a severe neurodegeneration
- Approach may be used as a template for other severe IRDs
- Inclusion of earlier disease stages in clinical trials is needed

**Approved to dose 1st pediatric patient with rolling  
data readout expected in 2025**



A Newton's cradle with five spheres is shown in a dark teal, semi-transparent background. The spheres are arranged in a slight arc, and the central sphere is slightly offset, creating a sense of motion. The background has a subtle grid pattern.

# Panel Discussion and Q&A



# Meet Our Panel



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A Newton's cradle with five spheres is shown in a dark teal environment. The spheres are arranged in a semi-circle, and one sphere is in motion, having just struck or about to strike the others, creating a dynamic sense of movement. The background is a gradient of dark teal with some faint, glowing particles.

# Closing Remarks

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# Thank You

