

Retinopatia Diabetica

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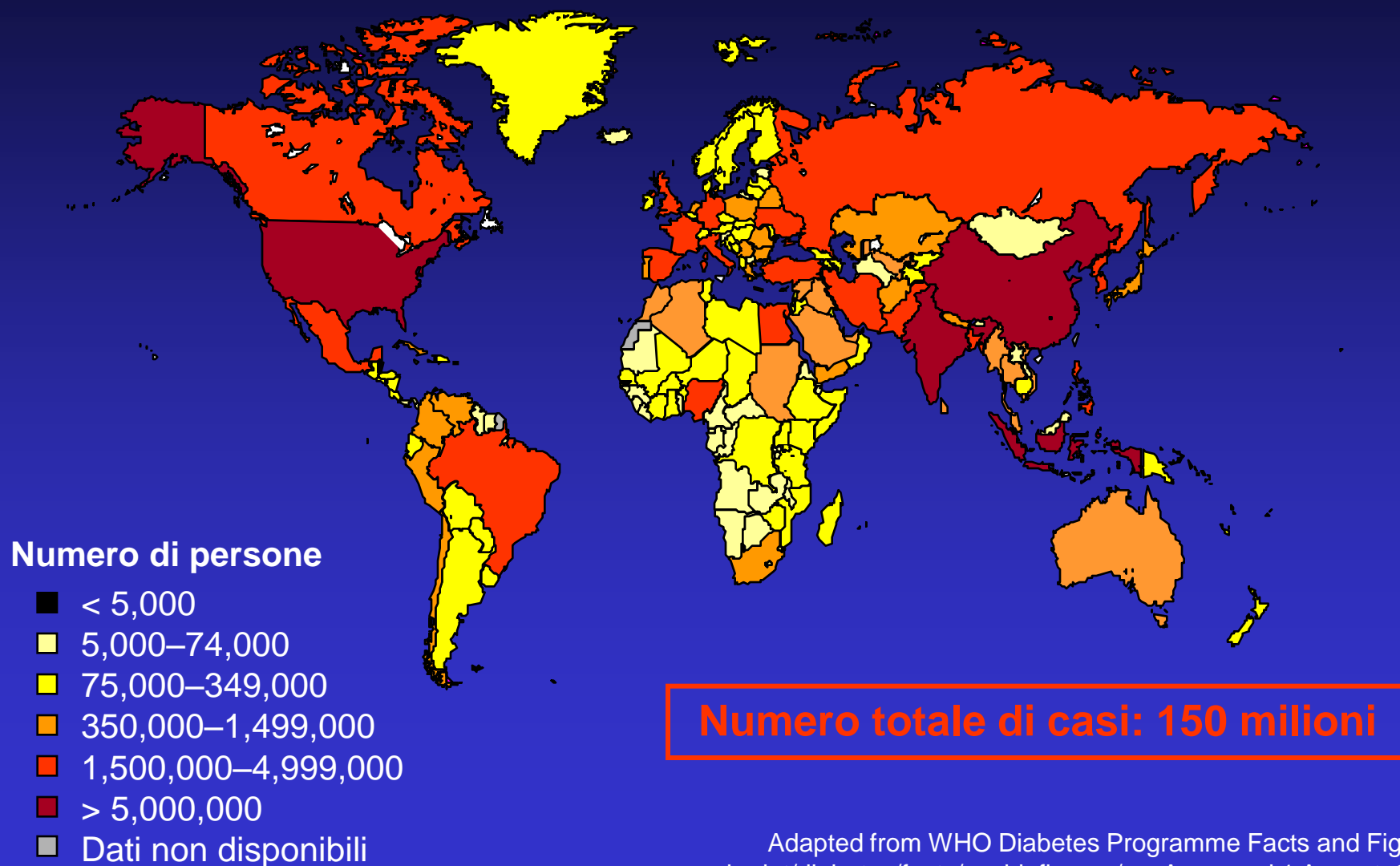
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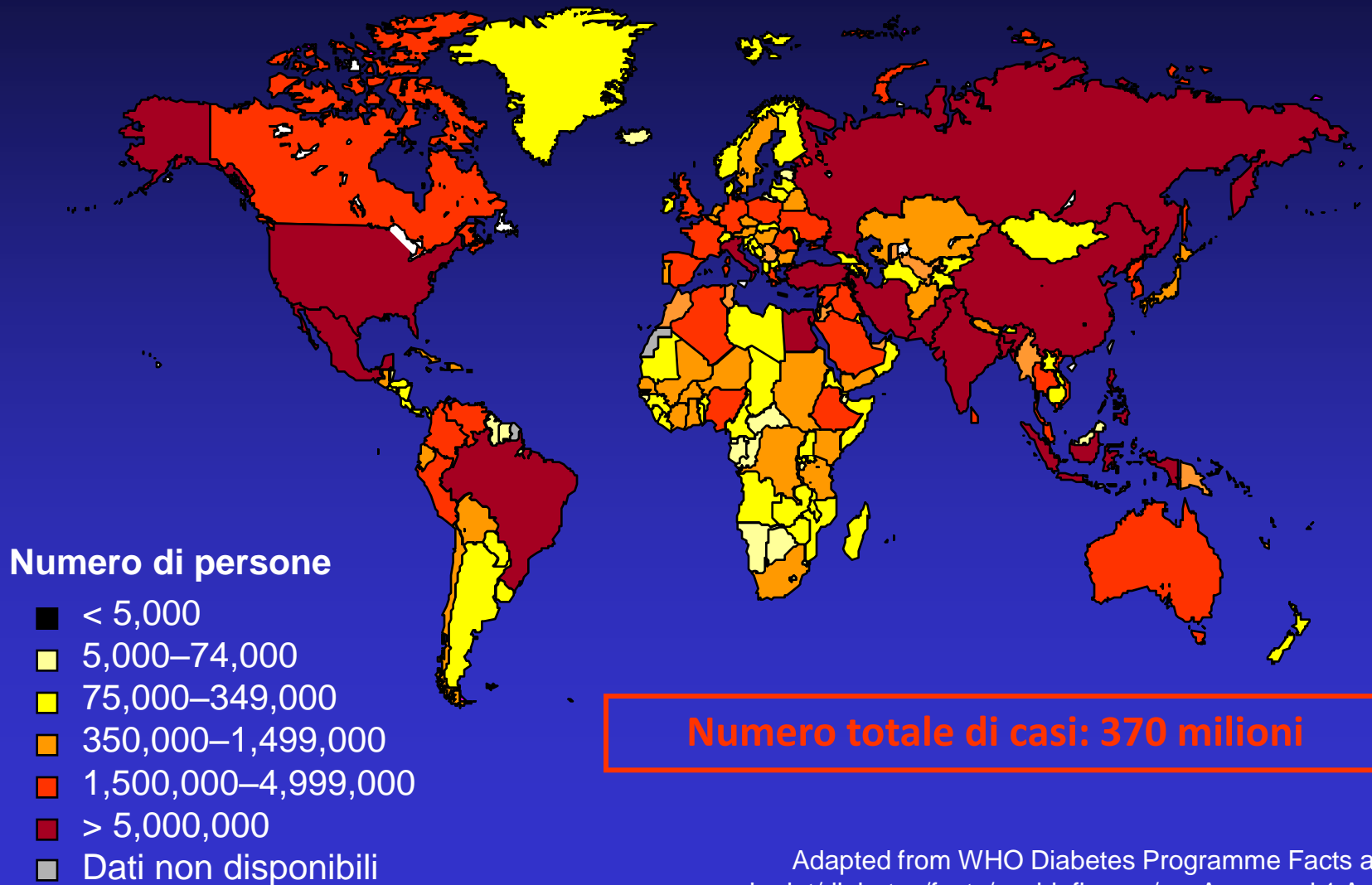
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Prevalenza Globale del Diabete nel 2000



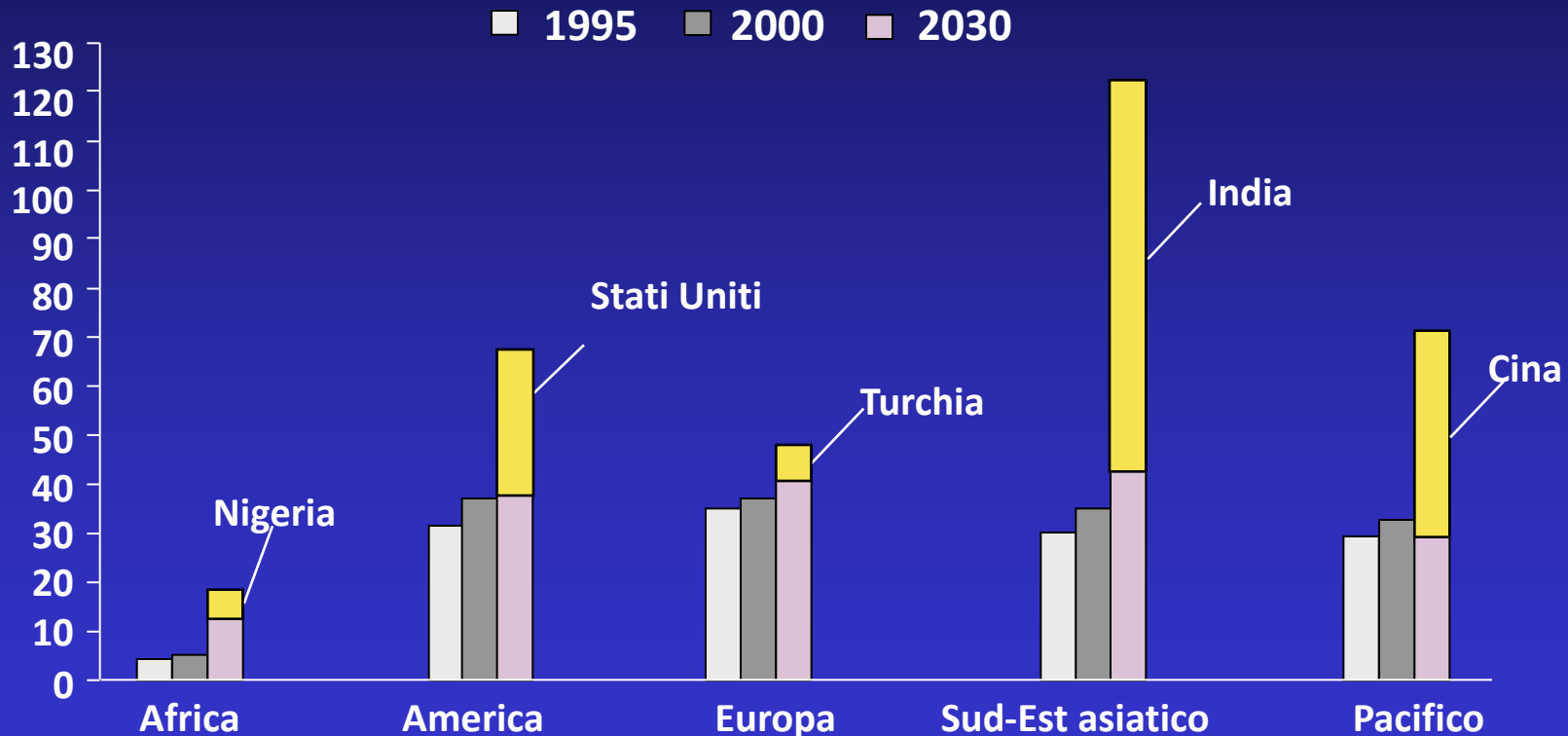
Prevalenza Globale del Diabete nel 2030 (proiezione)




Adapted from WHO Diabetes Programme Facts and Figures:
www.who.int/diabetes/facts/world_figures/en. Accessed 1 August, 2006.

Prevalenza Globale del Diabete nel 2030 (proiezione)

150 → 370 milioni di persone



 Nazioni con il più alto incremento previsto di casi

Trend epidemiologico

Nonostante tutto ciò... la disabilità associata con le complicanze da DM si va riducendo

- In DMT1 prevalence and severity of DR decreased since insulin therapy use
Over 20 years the cumulative incidence of DR has decreased
43% (1° WESDR) → 18% (2° WDR)

- In DMT2, despite its increase, prevalence and severity of DR are decreased
Improvement in primary care:

Intensive screening

Early diagnosis

Intensive medical therapy

Glycemic Control: How Much Intensive?

- Intensive glycemic control lowers the risk for DR incidence and progression significantly more than conventional therapy



- Risk of DR: 6.2% vs 23.2% ($p < 0.00001$)
- Risk of progression over 2 years: 23.2% versus 38.7% ($p < 0.0001$), **but with an initial worsening in the first year**
- Highly cost effective strategy
- Same quality of health-related life

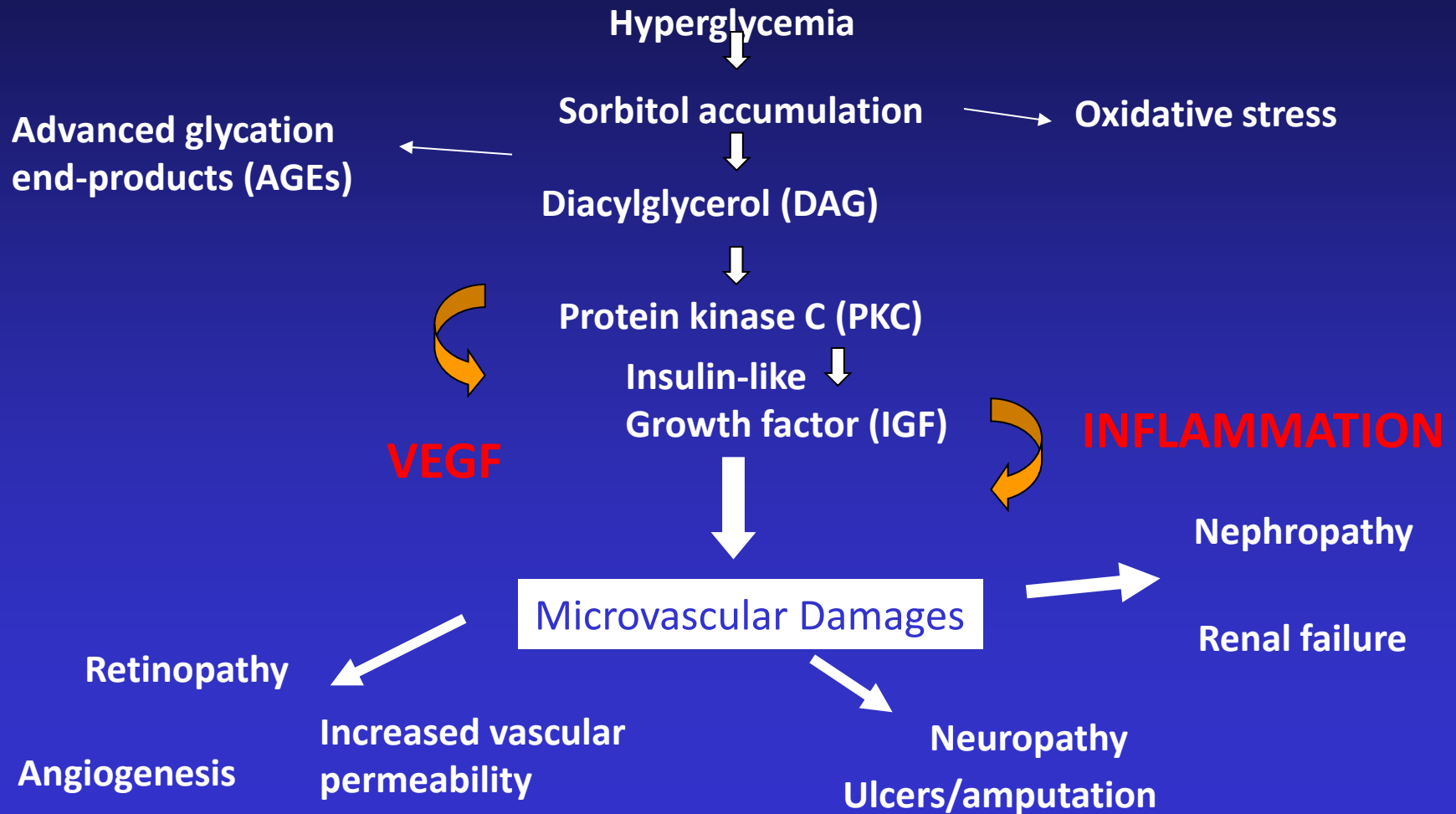
DR Prevalence

Prevalence of DR increases with:

- Blood glucose (DCCT, UKPDS)
- Blood pressure (UKPDS)
- Duration of diabetes (DCCT)
- Lipids (ACCORD)
- Pregnancy (DCCT)
- Nephropathy (UKPDS, WESDR)

- Obesity (WESDR, SiME)
- Genetics (GOLDR, TUDR)
- Nutrition (JDCSG)

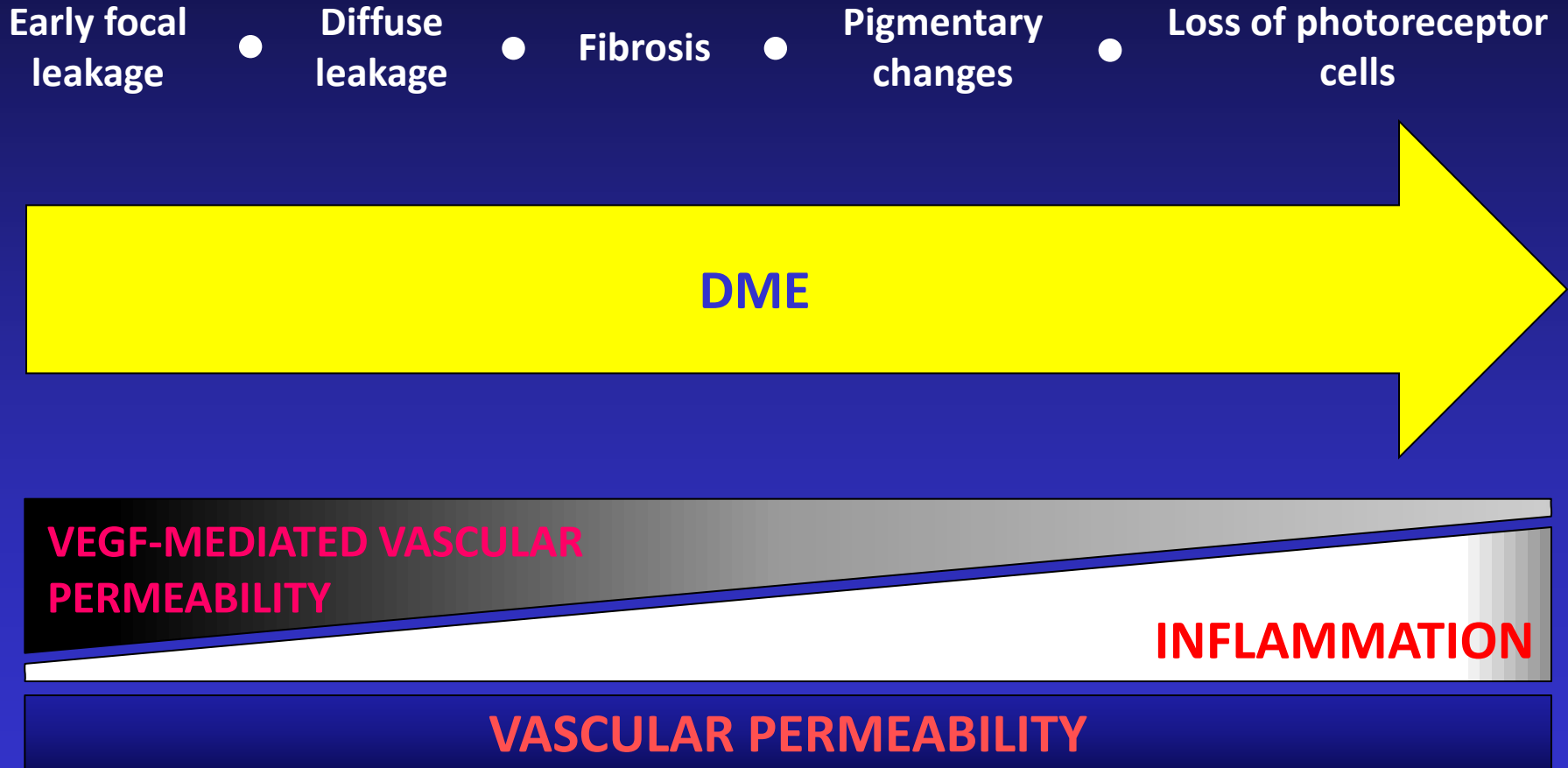
DR Pathogenesis



DME Pathogenesis

- Increased vascular permeability
- Disruption of the blood-retinal barrier (inner/outer)
- Accumulation of fluid and serum macromolecules in the intercellular space
- Accelerated apoptosis of pericytes and endothelial cells, acellular capillaries, basement membrane thickening, capillary occlusion
- **Intracellular retinal cells edema**
 - Capillary closure / Tissue hypoxia

Life Cycle of DME



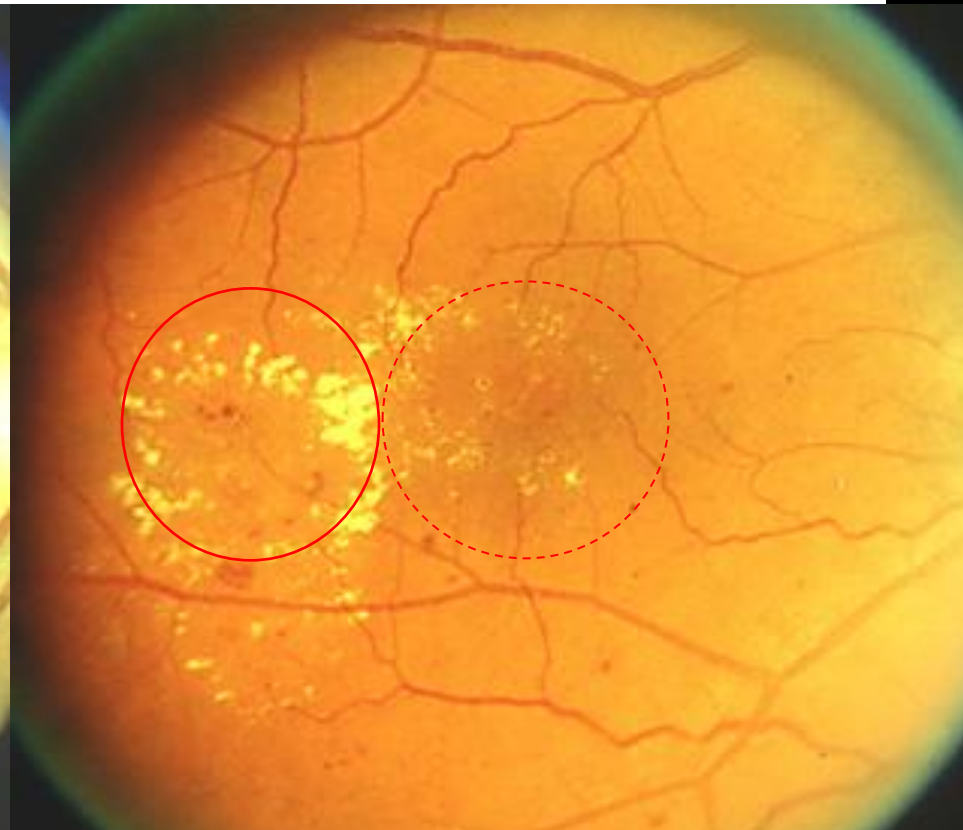
Classificazione della RD

- RD NON PROLIFERANTE
 - Iniziale
 - Moderata
 - Severa (RD Preproliferante)
- RD PROLIFERANTE
 - Iniziale
 - Severa (Alto Rischio)
 - Complicata (emovitreo, distacco di retina secondario, glaucoma neovascolare)

DME ETDRS Classification

Clinically significant diabetic macular edema (ME)

1. Thickening of the retina located $\leq 500 \mu\text{m}$ from the center of the macula or
2. HE located $\leq 500 \mu\text{m}$ from the center of the macula with thickening of the adjacent retina or
3. A zone of retinal thickening, 1 disk area or larger in size any portion of which is located ≤ 1 disk diameter from the center of the macula

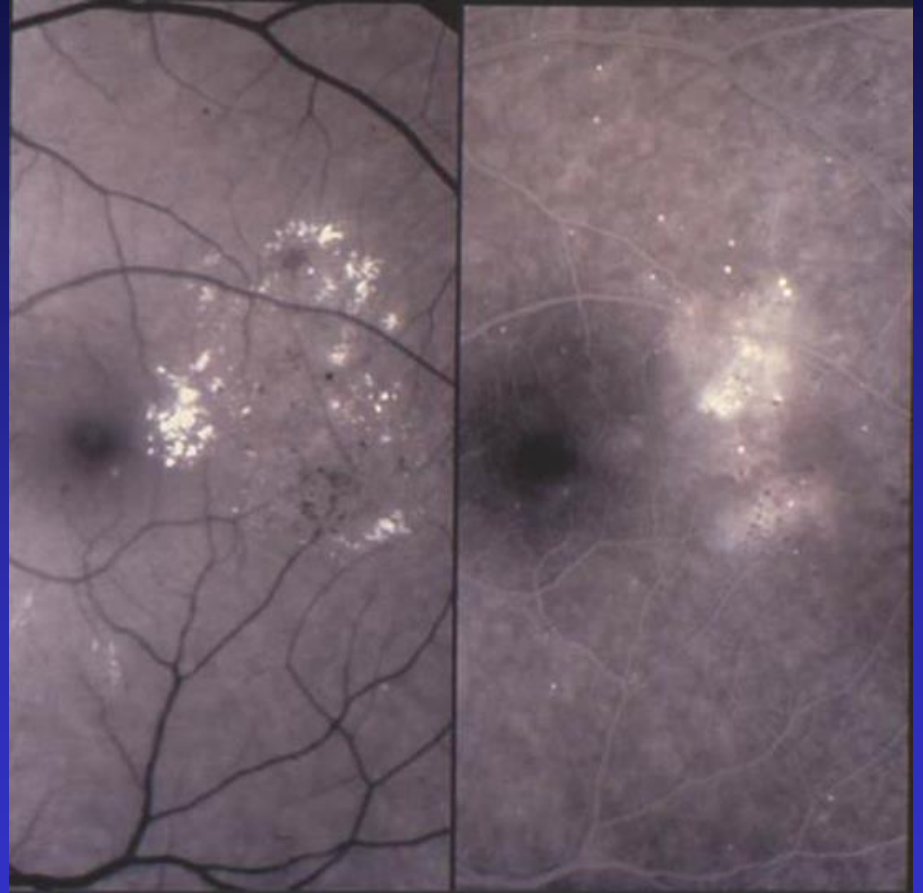


Proposed Simplified DME Classification

- Vasogenic DME
 - Ischemic/Non-Ischemic
- Non-Vasogenic DME
 - Ischemic/Non-Ischemic
- Tractional DME
- Mixed DME

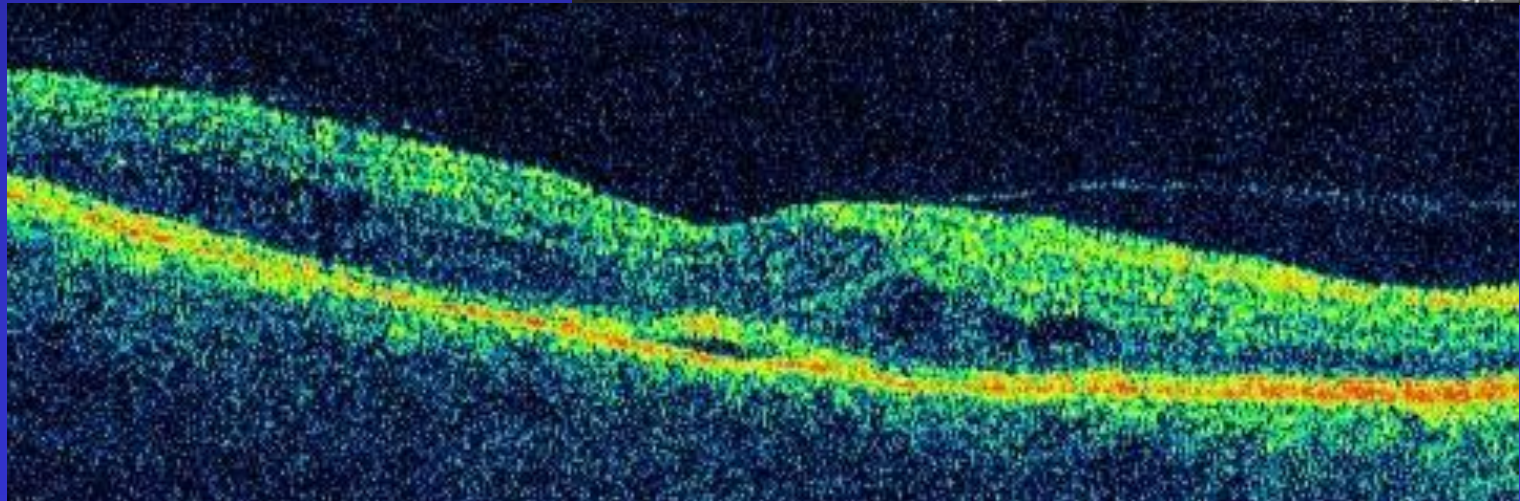
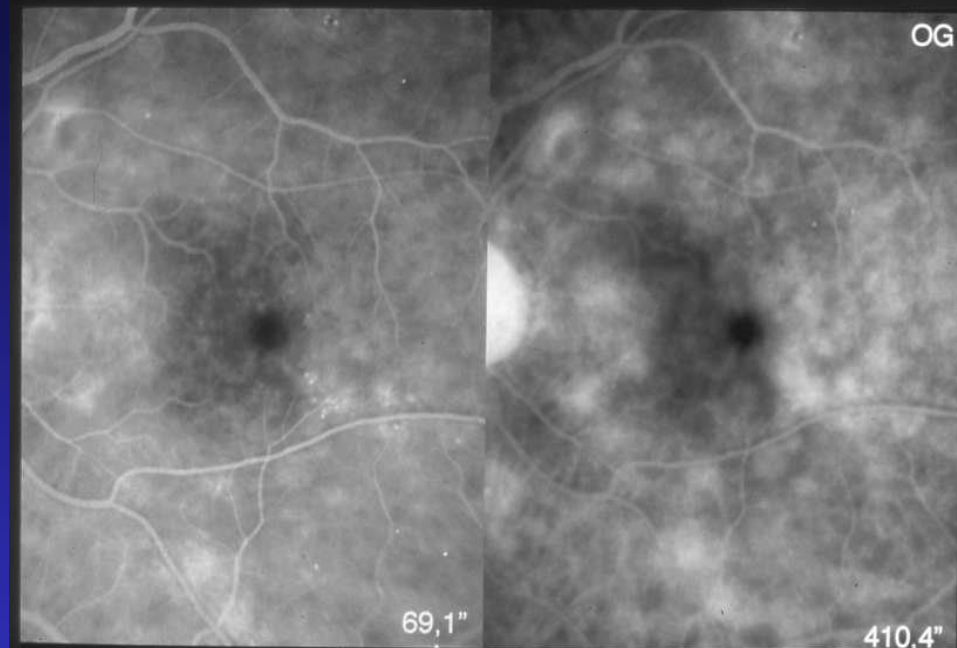
Vasogenic DME

- Localized areas of retinal thickening derived from leakage of microaneurysms
- Areas of focal leakage are often demarcated by a partial or complete ring of hard exudates
- FA demonstrates that microaneurysms are the major source of dye leakage



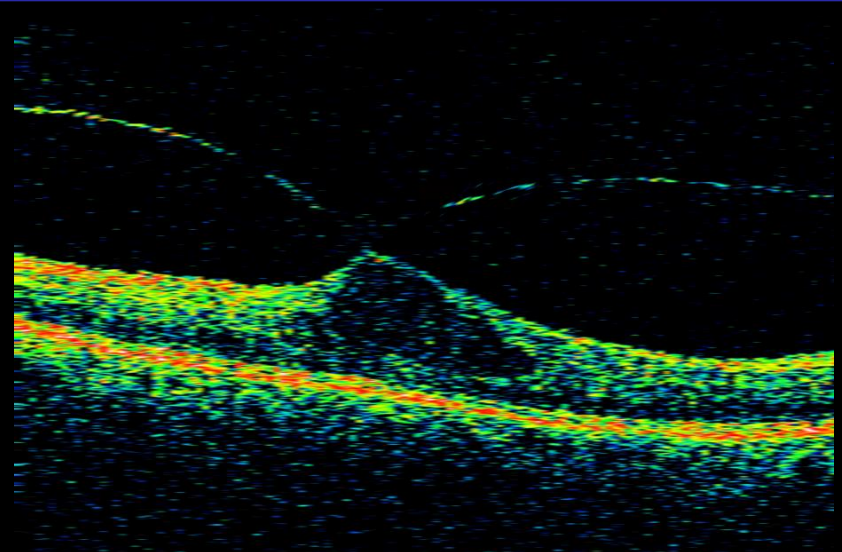
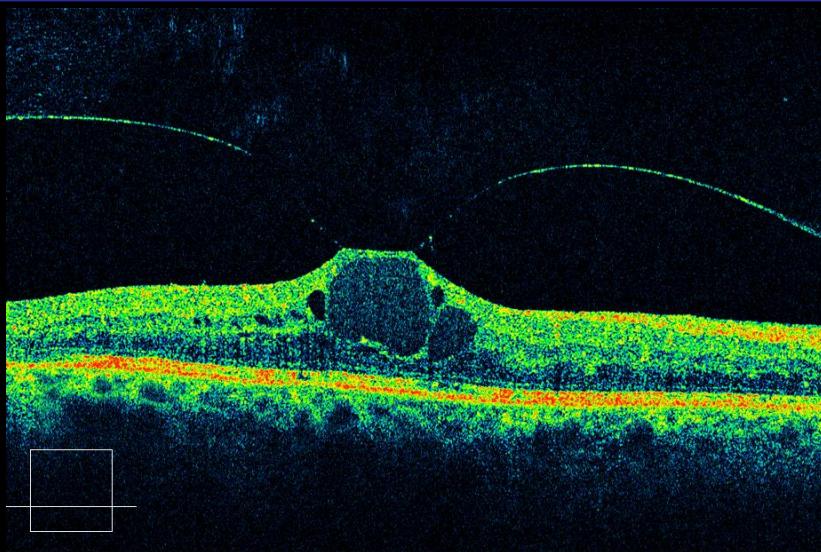
Non-Vasogenic DME

- Limited leaking lesions
- Widespread thickening of the macula



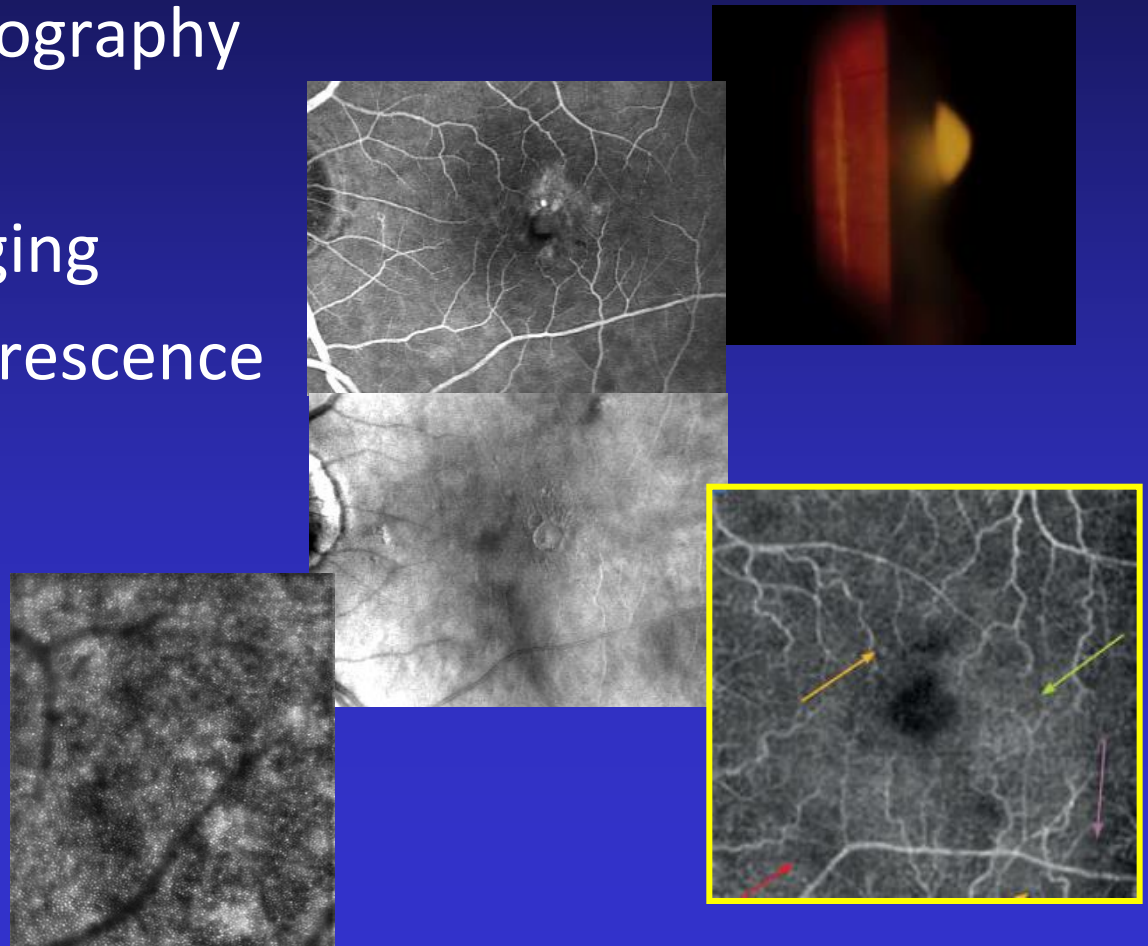
Tractional DME

- BIOMICROSCOPY: Thick glistening posterior hyaloid detectable
- FA: Early hypofluorescence and deep, diffuse round late leakage, often vascular arcade to arcade
- OCT: More accurate than biomicroscopy in determining the status of a posterior hyaloid



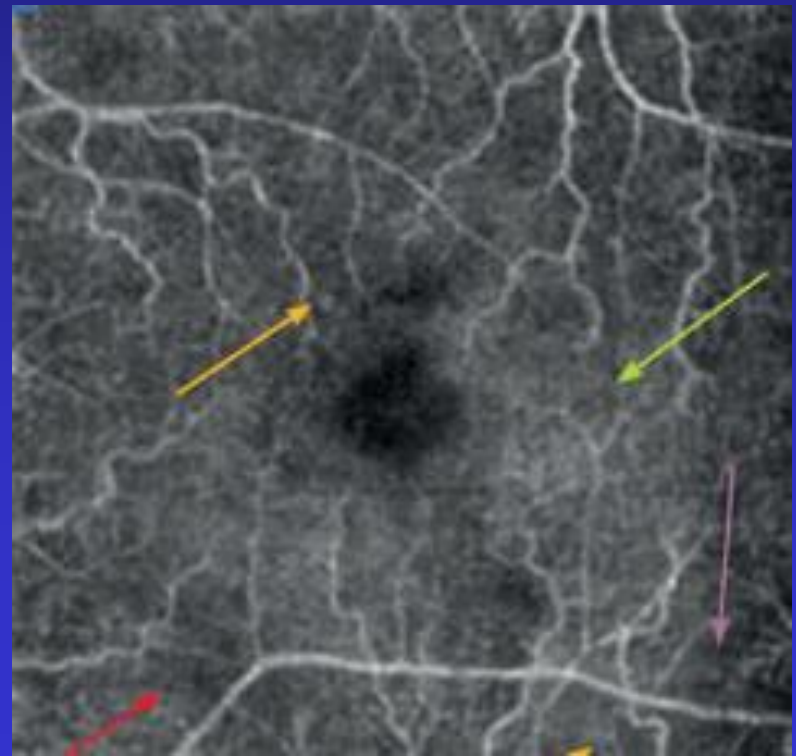
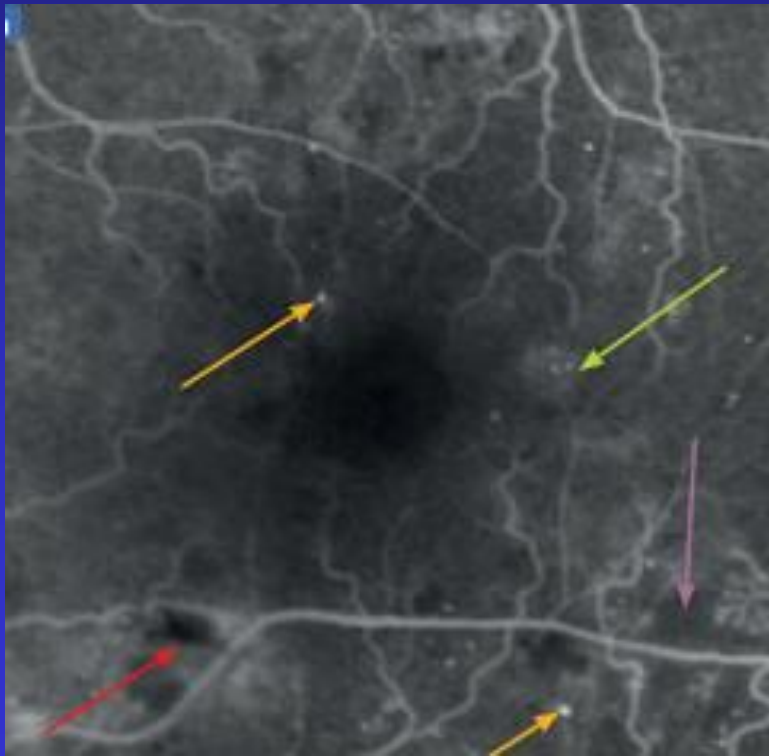
Diagnosis of DR

- Biomicroscopic examination with non contact lenses
- Fluorescein angiography
- SD-OCT
- Retromode imaging
- Fundus autofluorescence
- Adaptive optics
- Microperimetry
- **Angio-OCT**



Diagnosis of DR: Angio-OCT

- Non-invasive imaging of retinal vascularization based on blood reflectivity analysis
- Static evaluation (\neq from FA)
- Difficult detection of microaneurysms



Diagnosis of PDR: UltraWide-field fundus fluorescein angiography



- Used to study the relationship between peripheral capillary nonperfusion and the development of neovascularization, a precursor to PDR
- Visualizes 3.2 times more retinal surface area than the conventional 7-standard fields
- Better management of retinal ischemia (new vessels)

Current Treatment Options for DME

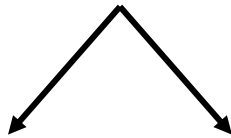
- Towards treatment tailoring
- Laser Treatment
 - Conventional Grid/Focal Laser
 - Light Laser
 - Sub-threshold Laser Treatment
 - Pascal/NAVILAS Photocoagulation
- Steroids
- Anti-VEGF
- Combined Therapies

Proposed Treatment Algorithm for DME

Vasogenic DME



Laser ETDRS
Threshold/Subthreshold Laser



Responders

Non-Responders



Monitoring every
6 mos (VA, OCT)

Anti-VEGF/Steroids

Non-Vasogenic DME



Anti-VEGF/Steroids



Responders

Non-Responders



Laser ETDRS

Steroids

Tractional DME

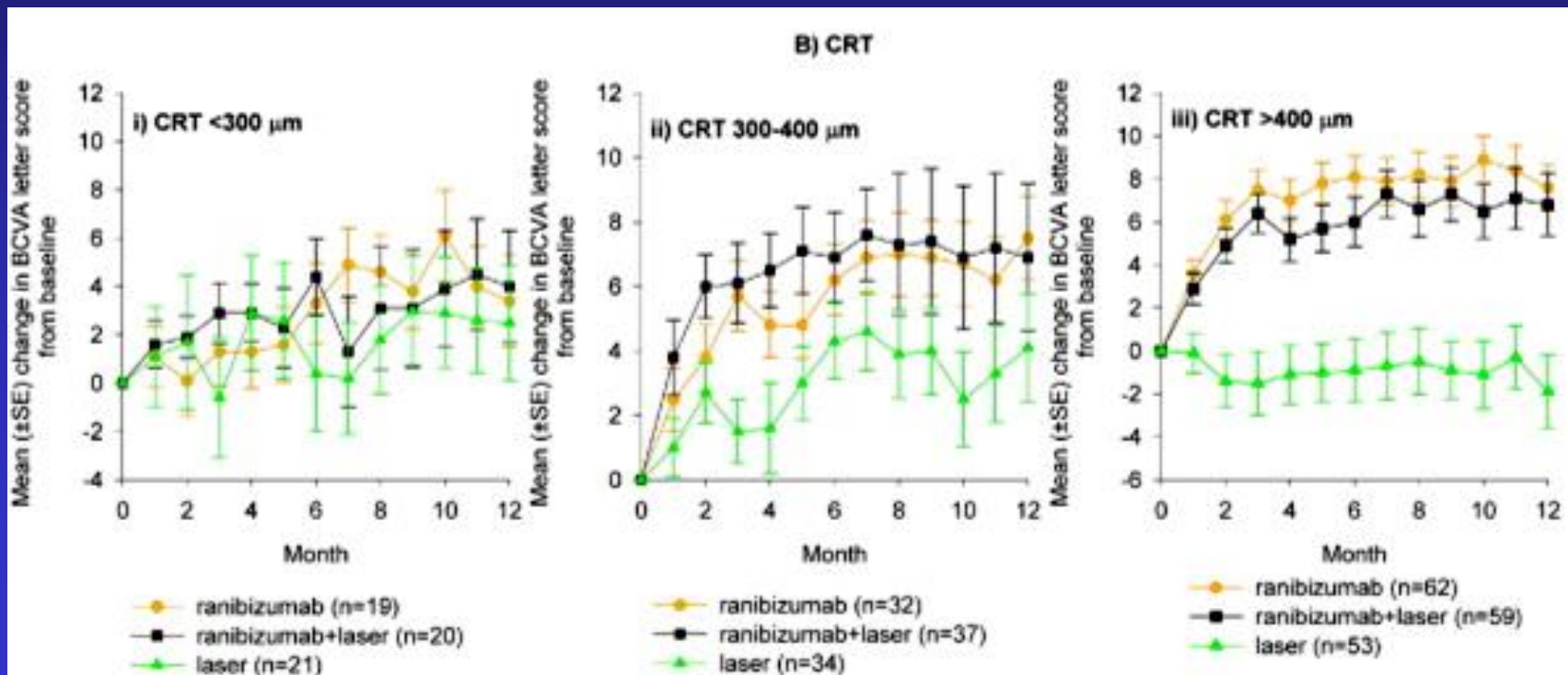


Surgery + Steroids/Anti-VEGF

Effect of Retinal Thickness in RESTORE Trial

Difference in VA respons at 12-month:

- 2.2 letters if CRT < 400 micron
- 8.2 letters if CRT > 400 micron



DME Subtypes

	Vasogenic	Non-Vasogenic	Mixed	Tractional
Frequency	63% (116/184)	24% (44/184)	7% (13/184)	6% (11/184)
Mean BCVA (LogMAR)	0.43	0.47	0.46	0.64
Mean CRT	458	467	454	483
% < 300µm	22% of whole Vasogenic DME (26/116)	7% of whole Non- Vasogenic DME (3/44)	0%	9% of whole Non- Vasogenic DME (1/11)
% 300 to 400µm	22% of whole Vasogenic DME (25/116)	25% of whole Non- Vasogenic DME (11/44)	30% of whole Mixed DME (4/13)	0%
% within 400 µm	44% of whole Vasogenic DME (51/116)	32% of whole Non- Vasogenic DME (14/44)	30% of whole Mixed DME (4/13)	9% of whole Non- Vasogenic DME (1/11)

DME subtypes frequency from 184 consecutive pts requiring examination in a tertiary centre

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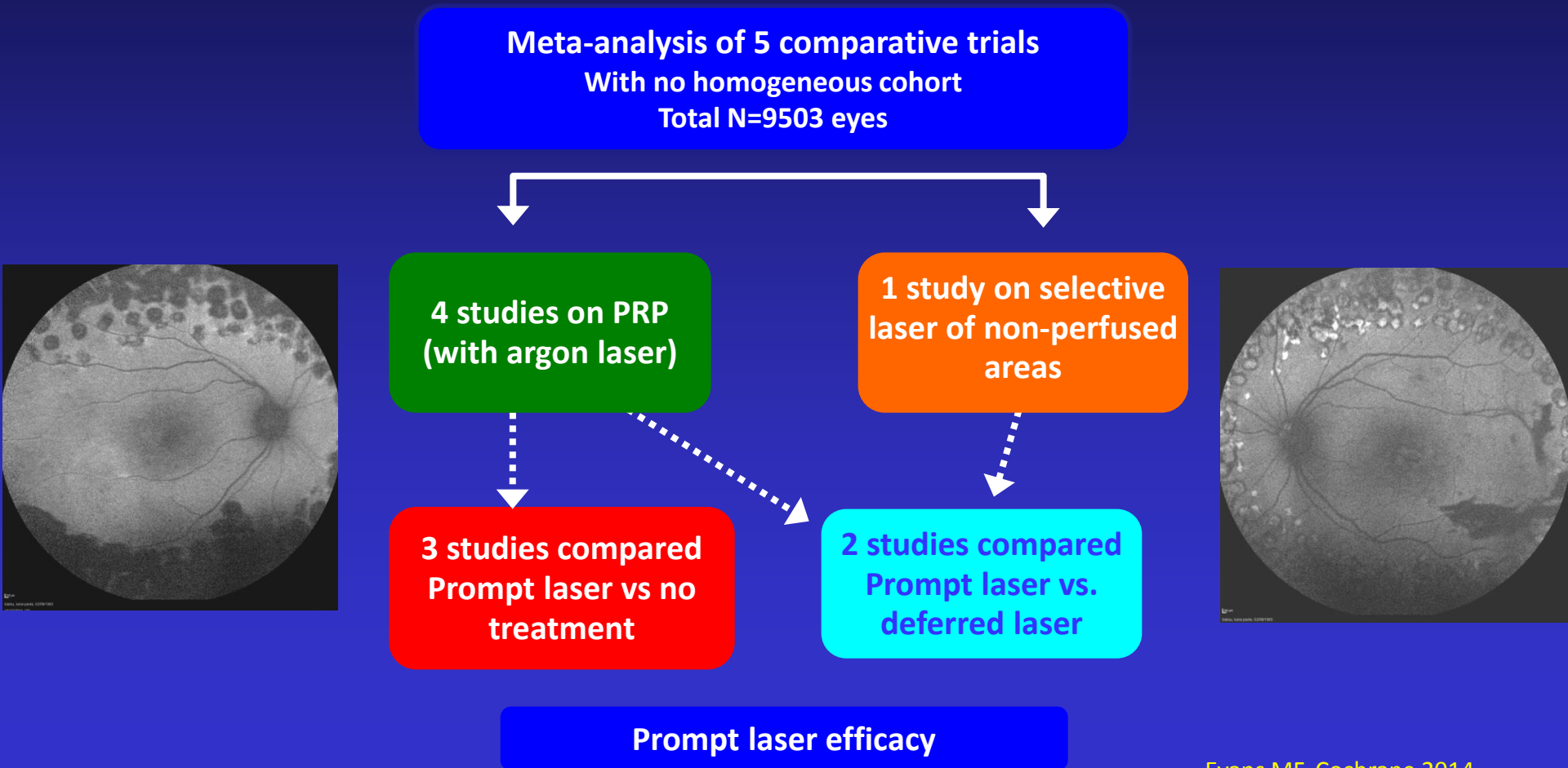
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P = 0.03

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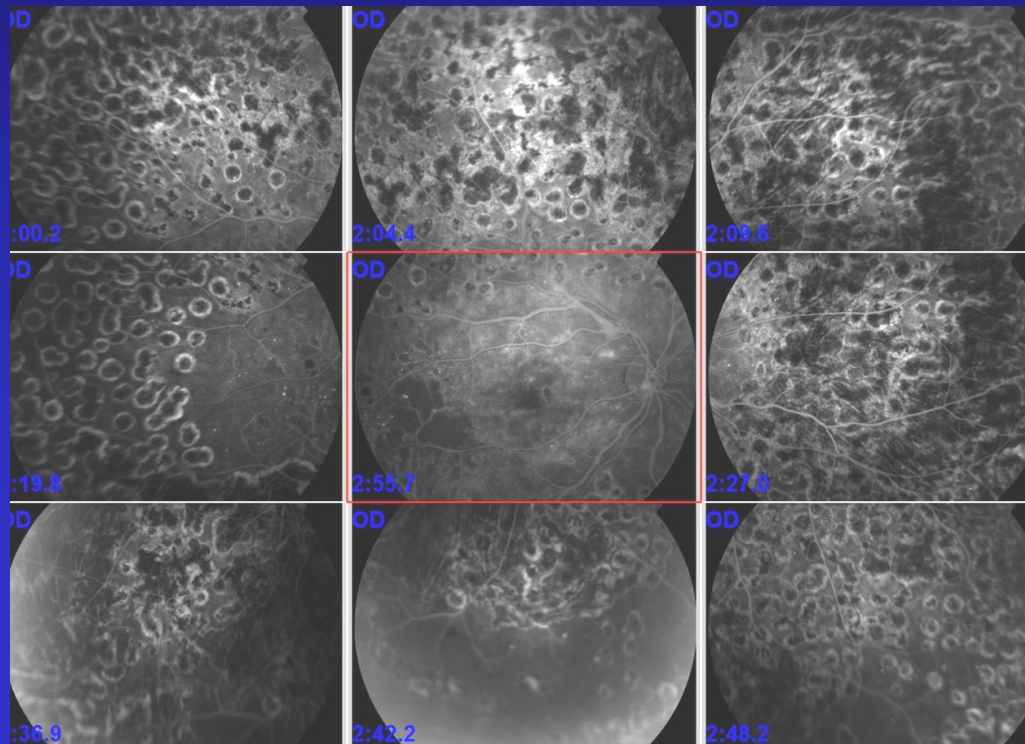
Current Treatment Options for PDR

- Laser Treatment



Current Treatment Options for PDR

- Over 4 clinical trials, at 12 months, laser therapy significantly:
 - reduced the risk by 50% of severe visual loss (RR 0.46, 95%)
 - reduced the risk by > 50% of DR progression (RR 0.49, 95%)
- Over 2 clinical trials, Reduced the risk of hemovitreous (RR 0.56, 95%)



Current Treatment Options for PDR

- Anti-VEGF

Meta-analysis of 18 RCT
With no homogeneous cohort
Mainly bevacizumab tested versus sham therapy
Mean of 6 mo. follow-up
Total N=1131 eyes

8 RCT on pts
eligible for PRP

9 RCT on pts eligible
for vitrectomy

1 study on pts undergoing
cataract surgery

Very low or low evidence on safety and efficacy of anti-VEGF use in PDR:

- AntiVEGF reduces the risk of intraocular bleeding in PDR (RR 0.32, 95%)
- Some evidence of better visual acuity at 12 months (MD -0.07 logMAR, 95%)
- Some evidence of regression of PDR with smaller leakage on fluorescein

Current Treatment Options for DME

- Laser Treatment
 - Conventional Grid/Focal Laser
 - Light Laser
 - Sub-threshold Laser Treatment
 - Pascal/NAVILAS Photocoagulation
- Steroids
- Anti-VEGF
- Combined Therapies

Steroids

(Sustained Drug Delivery Systems)

- Dexamethasone
- Fluocinolone

MEAD Study

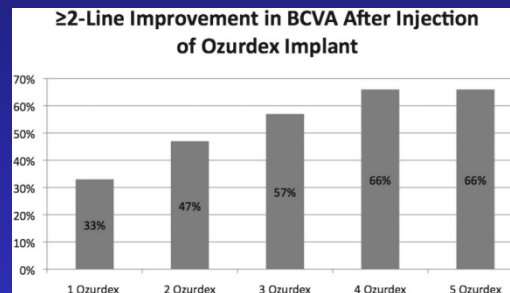
- 3-year multicenter, RCT
- To evaluate safety and efficacy of dexamethasone (700 or 350 μ g) implant vs sham
- 1048 pts – randomization 1:1:1
- BCVA improvement ≥ 15 letters in:
 - 22% improvement in 700 μ g subgroup
 - 18% improvement in 350 μ g subgroup
 - 12% improvement in sham subgroup ($p < 0.018$)
- Mean retreatment #:
 - 4.1 in 700 μ g subgroup
 - 4.4 in 350 μ g subgroup

MEAD Study Adverse Events

- Cataract
 - 68% in 700 μg subgroup
 - 64% in 350 μg subgroup
 - 20% in sham subgroup
- Glaucoma Surgery
 - 0.3% in 700 μg subgroup
 - 0.3% in 350 μg subgroup

Ozurdex: Emerging data

- Repeated Ozurdex on an “as needed” interval produces long-term clinical benefits¹
- 4 subsequent repeated implants showed to be safe¹

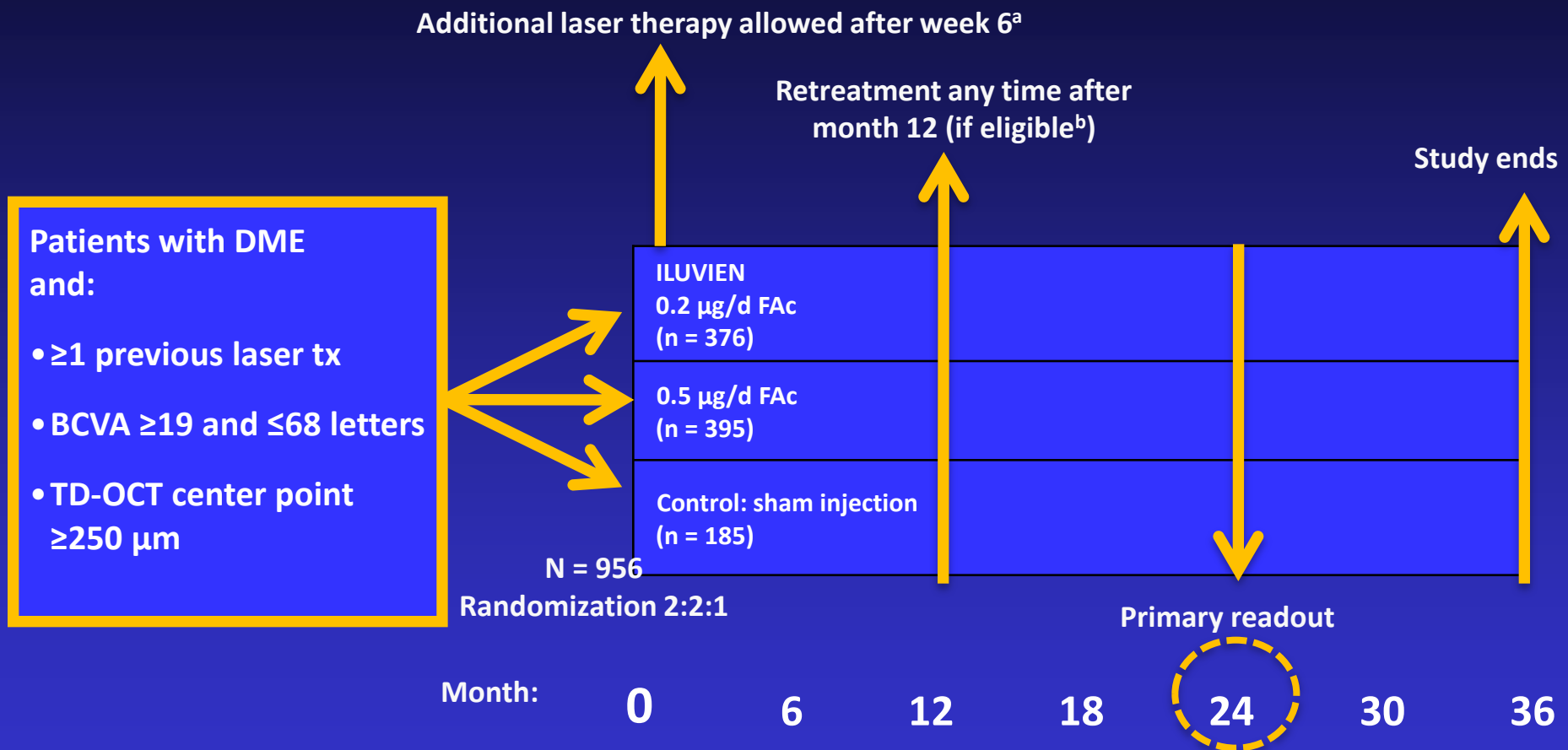


- Ozurdex vs. Bevacizumab²- 88 eyes -randomization 1:1
- BCVA improvement ≥ 10 letters: 41% vs. 40% ($p=0.83$)
 - BCVA decrease ≥ 10 letters: 11% vs. 0% (mostly due to cataract)
 - CRT improvement: 187 μ vs. 122 μ ($p=0.015$)
 - Mean retreatment # (over 12 months): 2.7 vs. 8.6 injections

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Iluvien: Design of Phase 3 FAME Studies

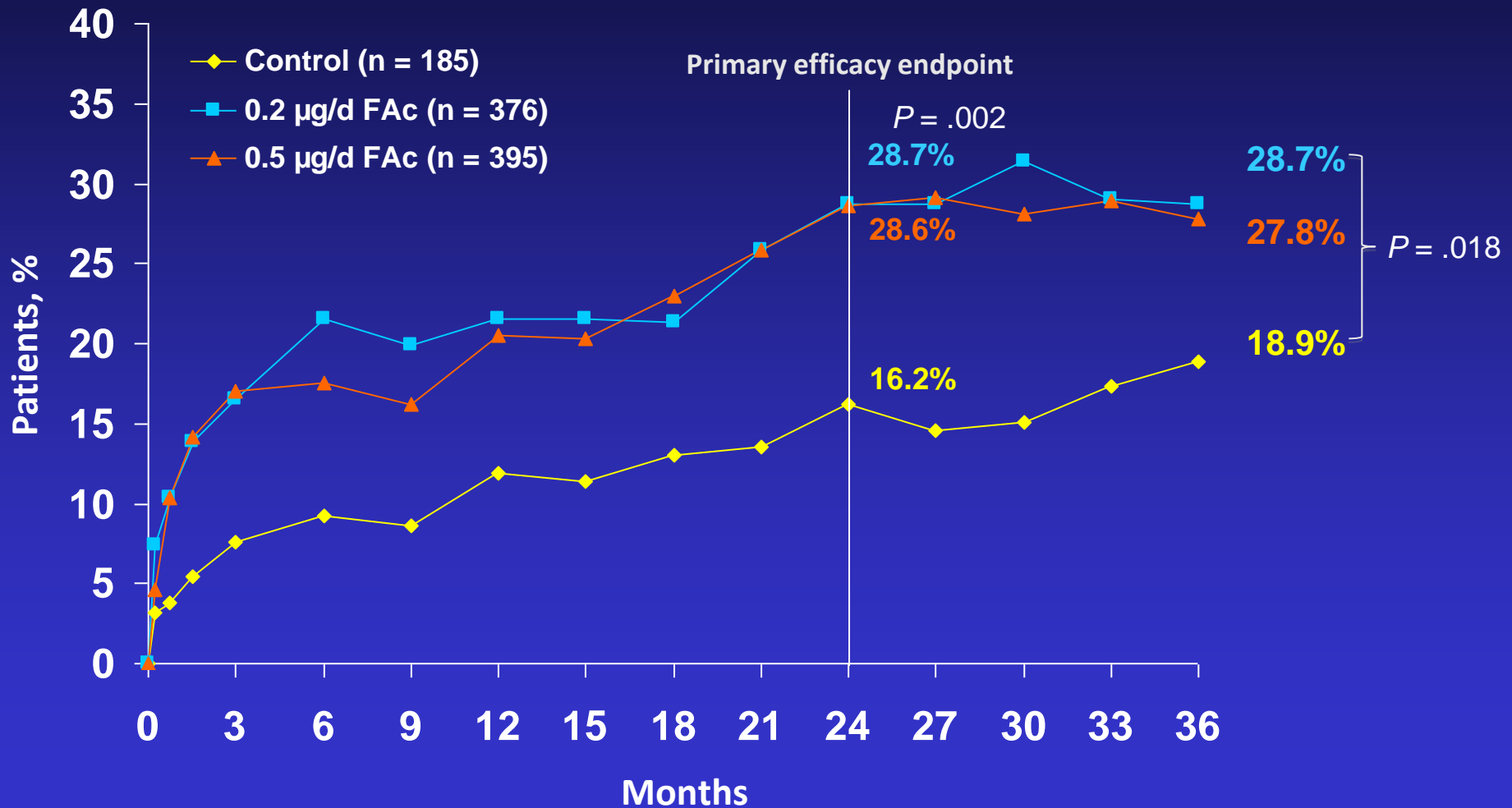


BCVA=best corrected visual acuity; DME=diabetic macular edema; TD-OCT,=time domain optical coherence tomography.

^a At masked investigator's discretion.

^b If BCVA loss ≥ 5 letters or retinal thickening $\geq 50 \mu\text{m}$ from best reading in previous 12 months.

Percentage of Patients With ≥ 15 -Letter Improvement Over Baseline



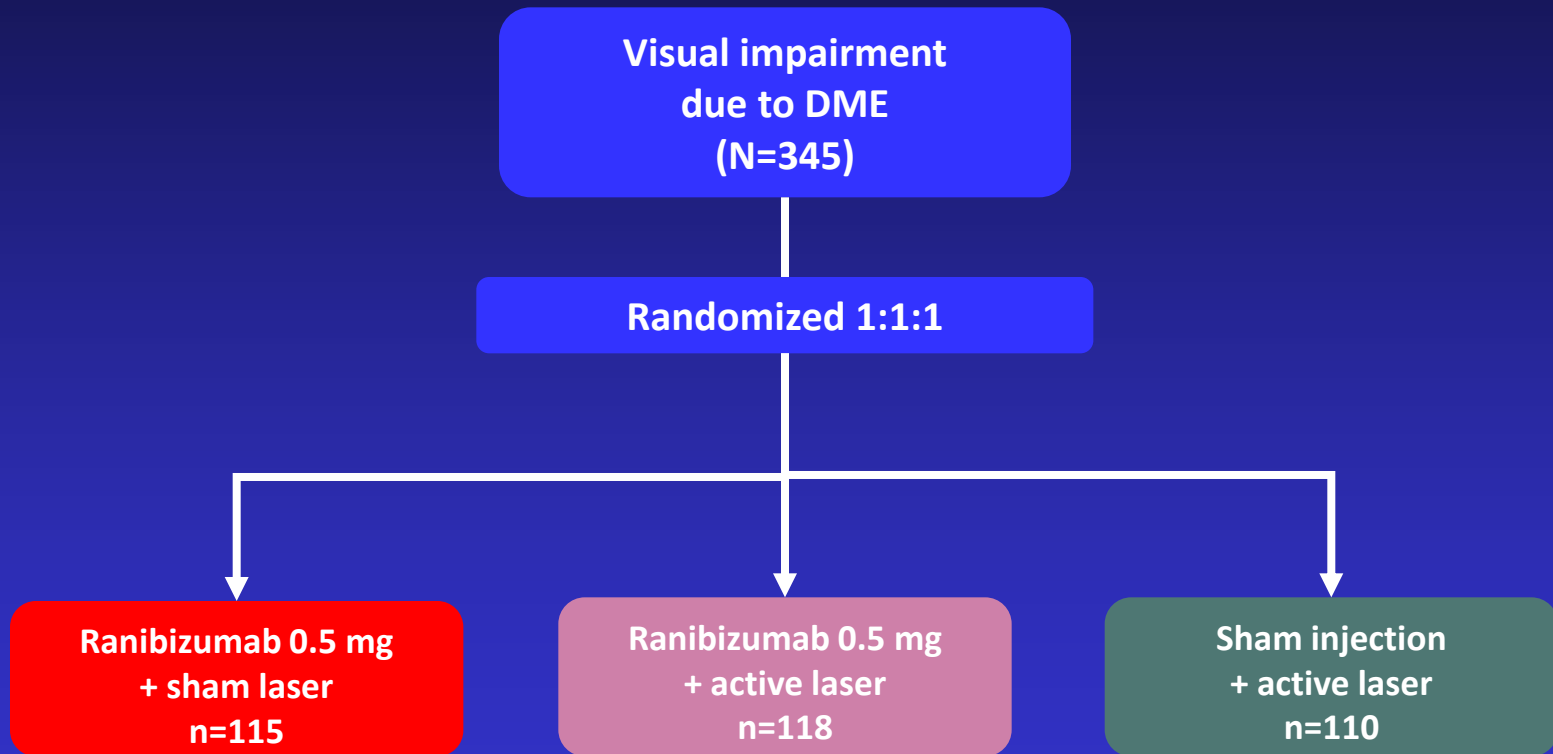
Fluocinolone Acetonide (Retisert®)

- RCT of 4-year duration including 196 eyes with refractory DME
- Patients randomized 2:1
 - 0.59-mg FA implant (n = 127)
 - standard of care (SOC) -additional laser or observation- (n = 69)
- VA improved ≥ 3 lines in:
 - 16.8% of implanted eyes at 6 mos (P=0.0012; SOC, 1.4%)
 - 16.4% at 1 year (P=0.1191; SOC, 8.1%)
 - 31.8% at 2 years (P=0.0016; SOC, 9.3%)
 - 31.1% at 3 years (P=0.1566; SOC, 20.0%)
- 61.4% IOP ≥ 30 mmHg in (SOC, 5.8%) at any time
- 33.8% requiring surgery for ocular hypertension by 4 years
- 91% phakic eyes cataract extraction by 4 years (SOC, 20%)

Anti-VEGF Drugs

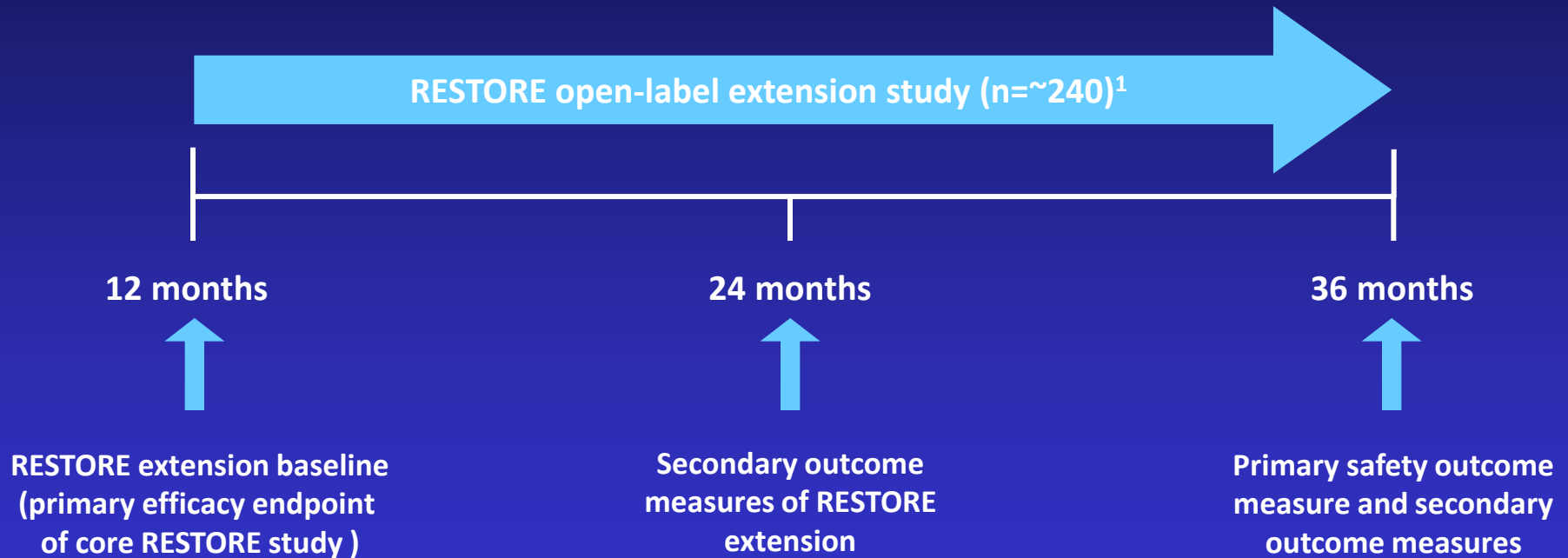
- Ranibizumab
- Bevacizumab
- Pegaptanib
- VEGF-Trap

RESTORE: Phase III Trial



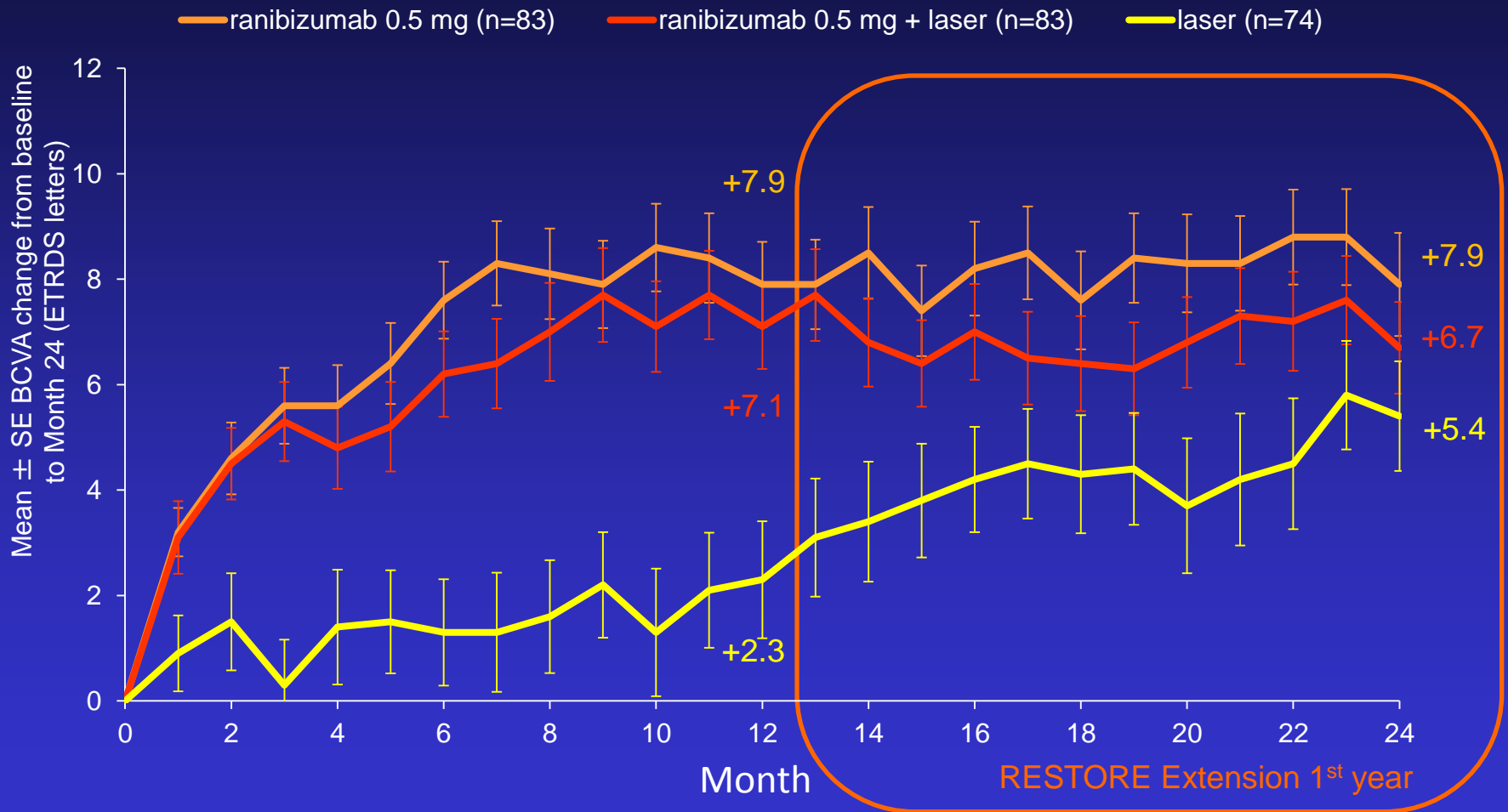
Active/sham laser treatment was administered before sham/intravitreal injection on the same day (minimum interval between the 2 treatments was 30 minutes)

Evidence for Long-Term Safety of Ranibizumab: Ongoing RESTORE Extension



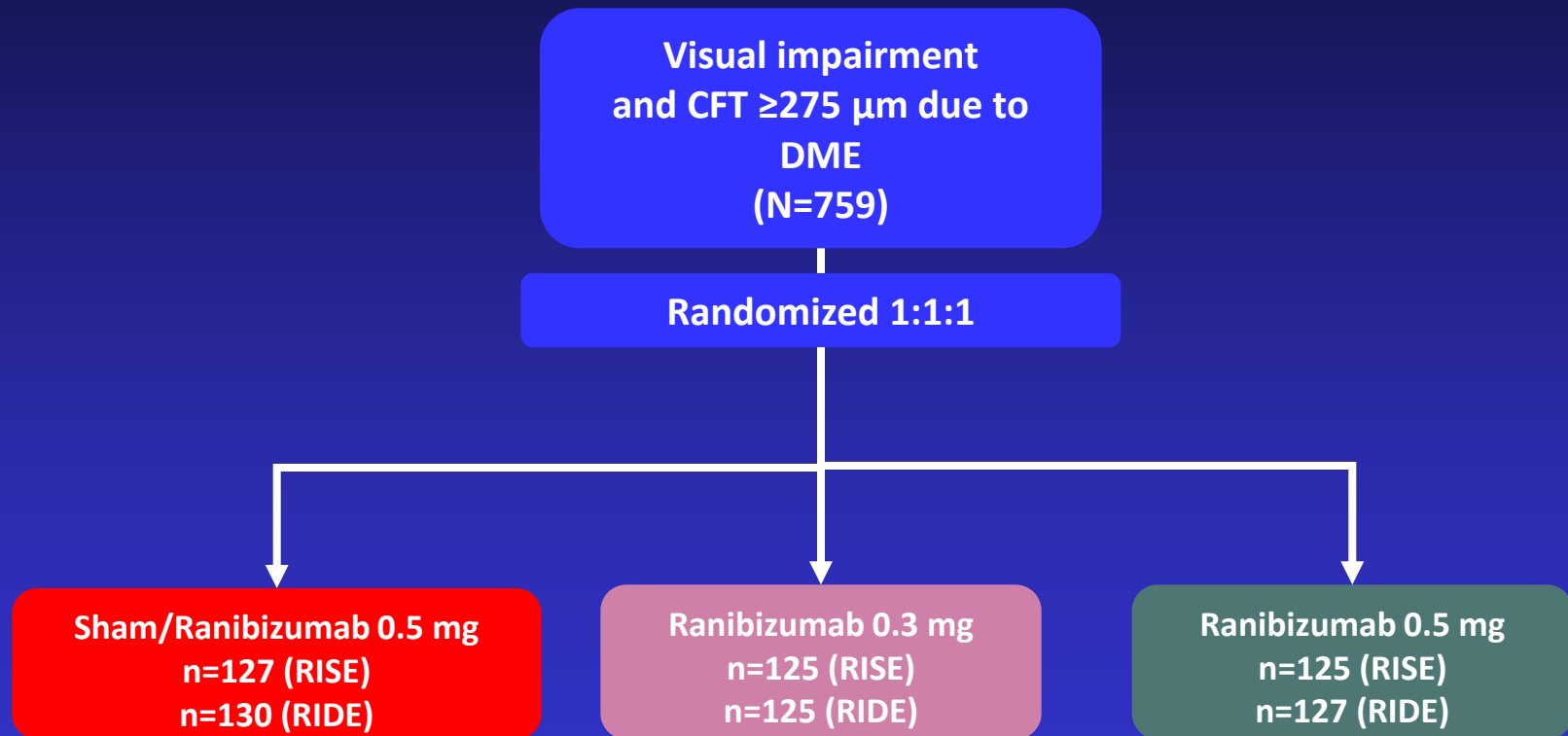
The primary outcome measure is the incidence of AEs during the 24-month extension phase only

Mean BCVA Change from Core Study Baseline Over Time

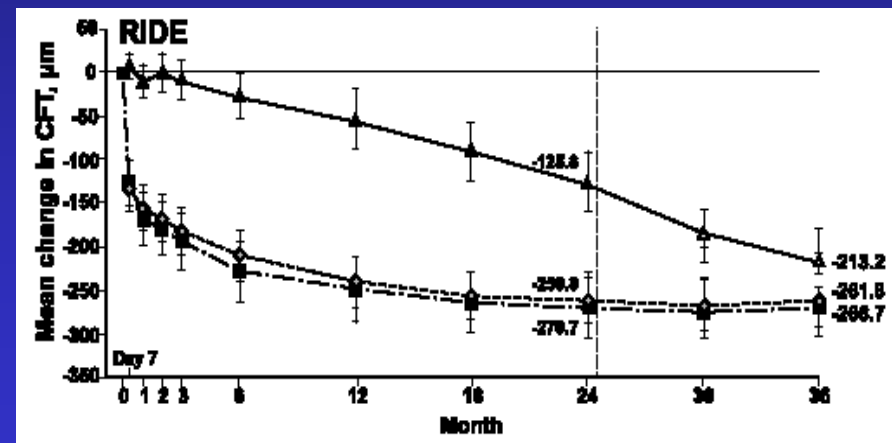
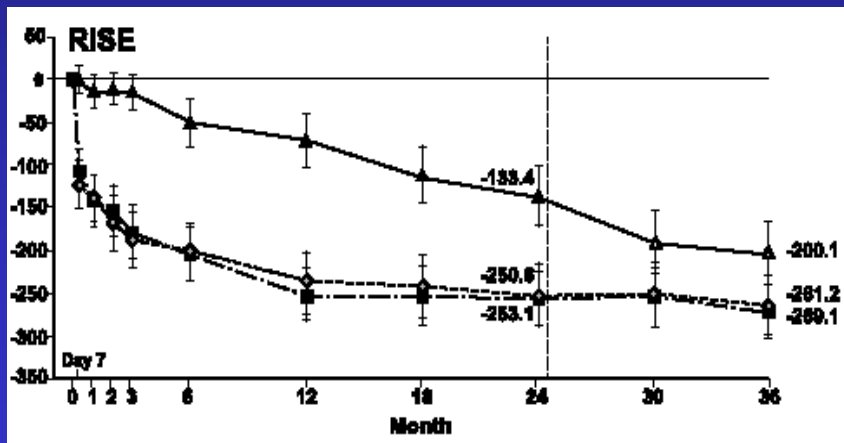
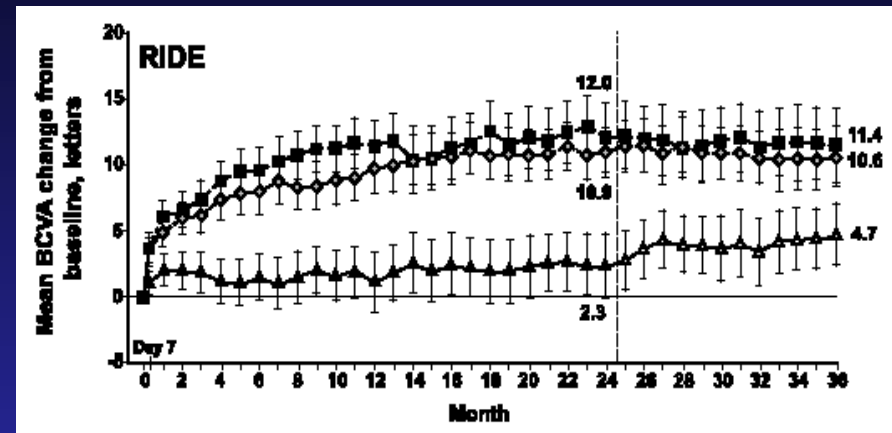
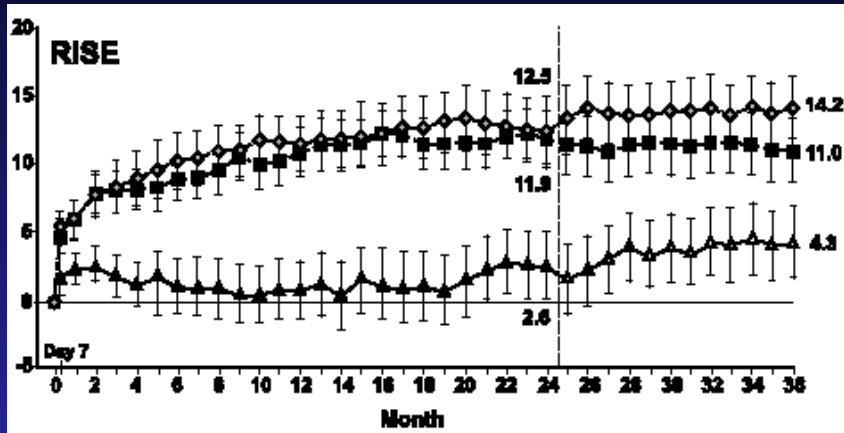


- Study treatment during the extension phase (Month 12 onwards) is open label ranibizumab 0.5 mg intravitreal injections
- Patients in all treatment groups (including “Laser”) can be administered ranibizumab 0.5 mg from Month 12 onwards

RISE and RIDE: 36-months long-term outcomes from two phase III trials



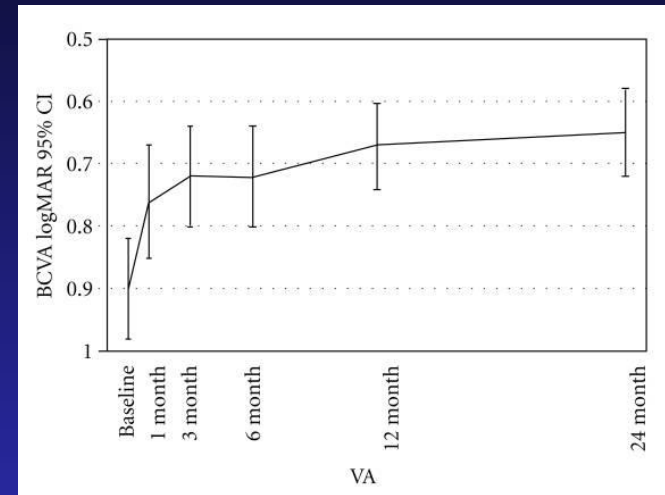
RISE and RIDE Mean BCVA and CFT Changes



▲ Sham △ Sham/0.5 mg ◇ Ranibizumab 0.3 mg ■ Ranibizumab 0.5 mg

Bevacizumab for Diffuse DME

- Retrospective, multicenter, case series
- 115 consecutive patients (139 eyes)
- At least 1 IVB 1.25 or 2.5 mg
- In 1.25 mg subgroup: BCVA 20/150 → 20/75
- In 2.5 mg subgroup: BCVA 20/168 to 20/114
- No difference between IVB 1.25 or 2.5 mg
- 5.8 mean # IVB injections per eye (range: 1-15)



Bevacizumab vs Laser for DME

- RCT including 80 eyes presenting DME
- 24 months follow-up
- Randomization to:
 - IVB (6 weekly)
 - Grid laser
- IVB group gained a mean of 9 letters
- Grid laser group gained a mean of 2.5 letters
- CMT decreased of 146 μ m in IVB group, and of 118 in grid laser group
- IVB superior to grid laser treatment

DA VINCI Study Design

Randomized, multicenter, double-masked trial
in patients with clinically significant DME
with central involvement (>250µm in the central subfield)
and ETDRS BCVA 20/40 to 20/320

N=220

Patients randomized

1:1:1:1:1

n=219

VEGF Trap-Eye
0.5 mg q4 wks

VEGF Trap-Eye
2.0 mg q4 wks

VEGF Trap-Eye
2.0 mg q8 wks*

VEGF Trap-Eye
2.0 mg PRN*

Focal Laser

Primary endpoint:
Mean change in BCVA

Treatment to Week 24
(primary endpoint)

n=200

Secondary endpoint:
Change in retinal thickness
(OCT)

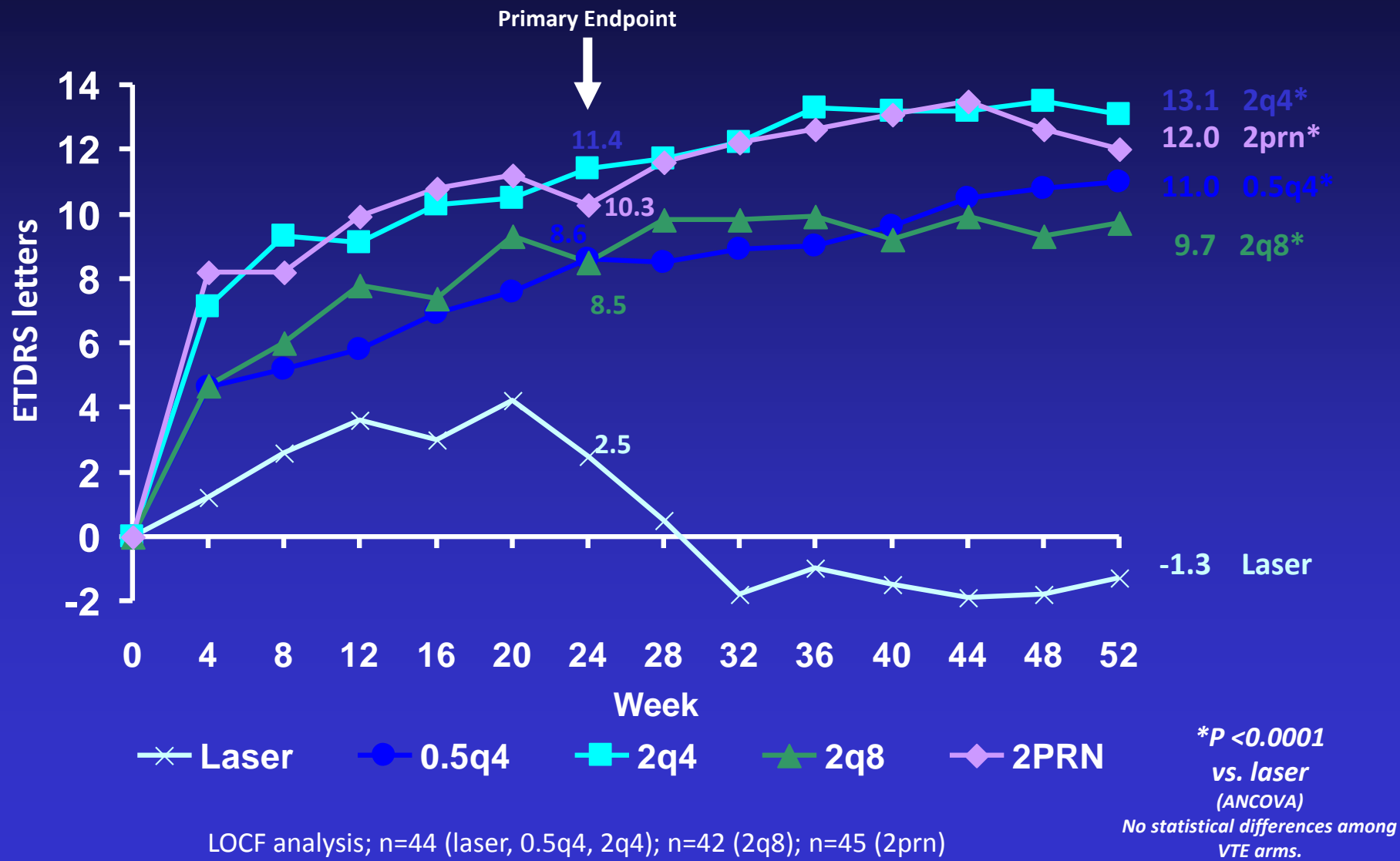
Treatment to Week 52

n=176

*Following 3 monthly
loading doses

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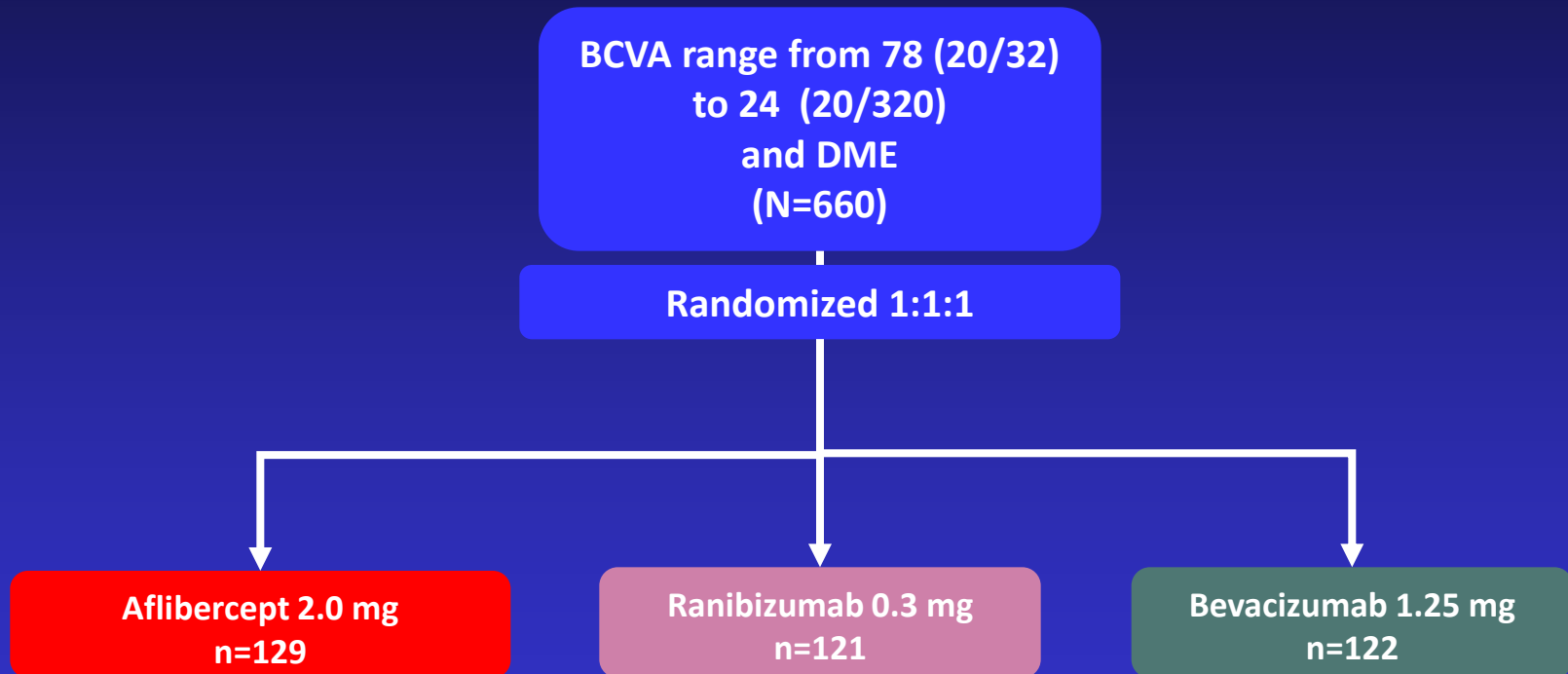
DA VINCI Study BCVA Changes



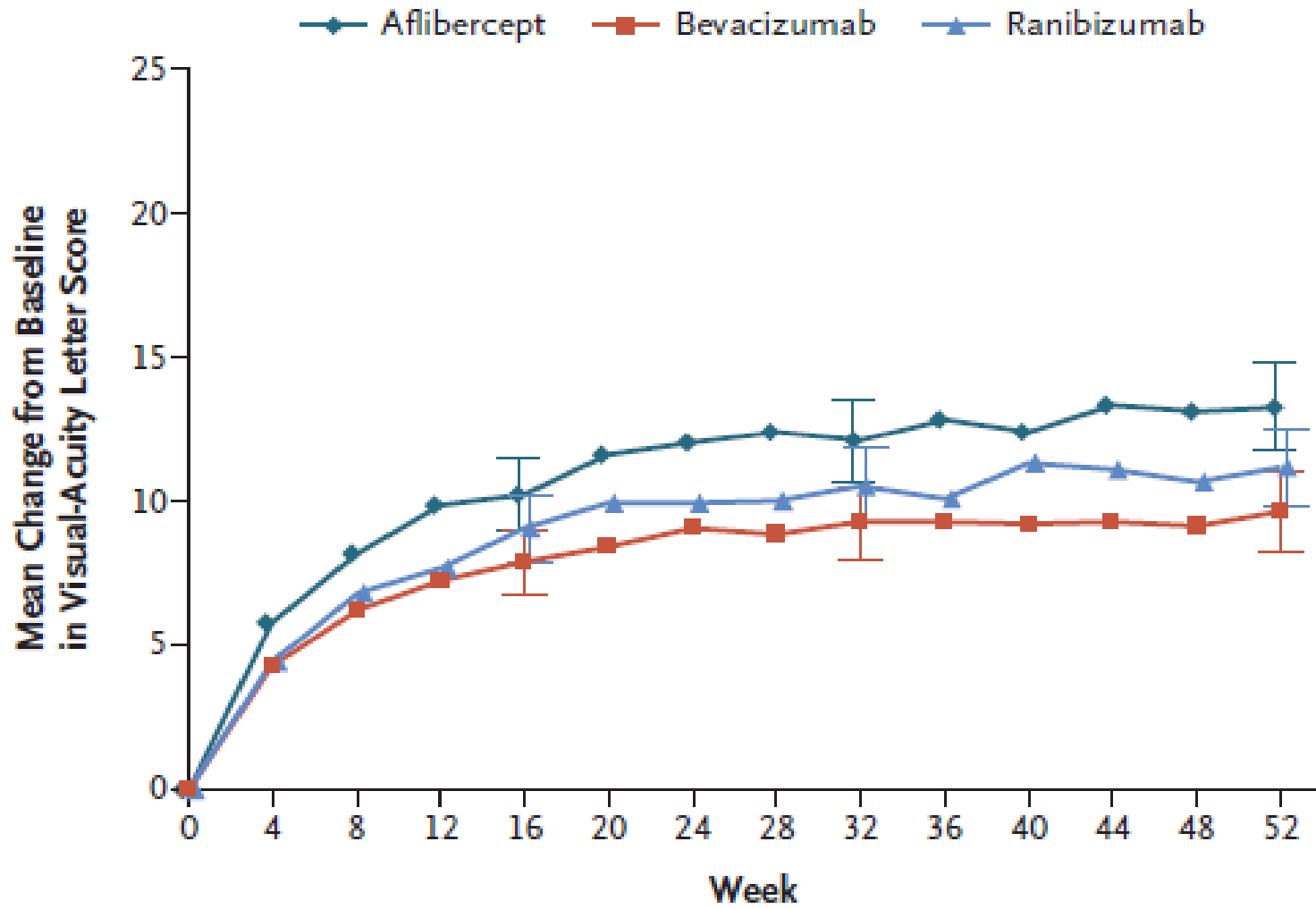
VISTA & VIVID Study

- RCT including 872 eyes from 2 different cohorts
- 12 months follow-up
- Randomization to:
 - IV Aflibercept 0.2 mg 4 weekly
 - IV Aflibercept 0.2 mg 8 weekly
 - Laser therapy
- Aflibercept superior to laser treatment in improving VA
- No difference of efficacy between 4 and 8 weekly
- Difference in terms on # of injections

DME and anti-VEGF *DRCR.net clinical trial*



A Overall



B According to Baseline Visual Acuity

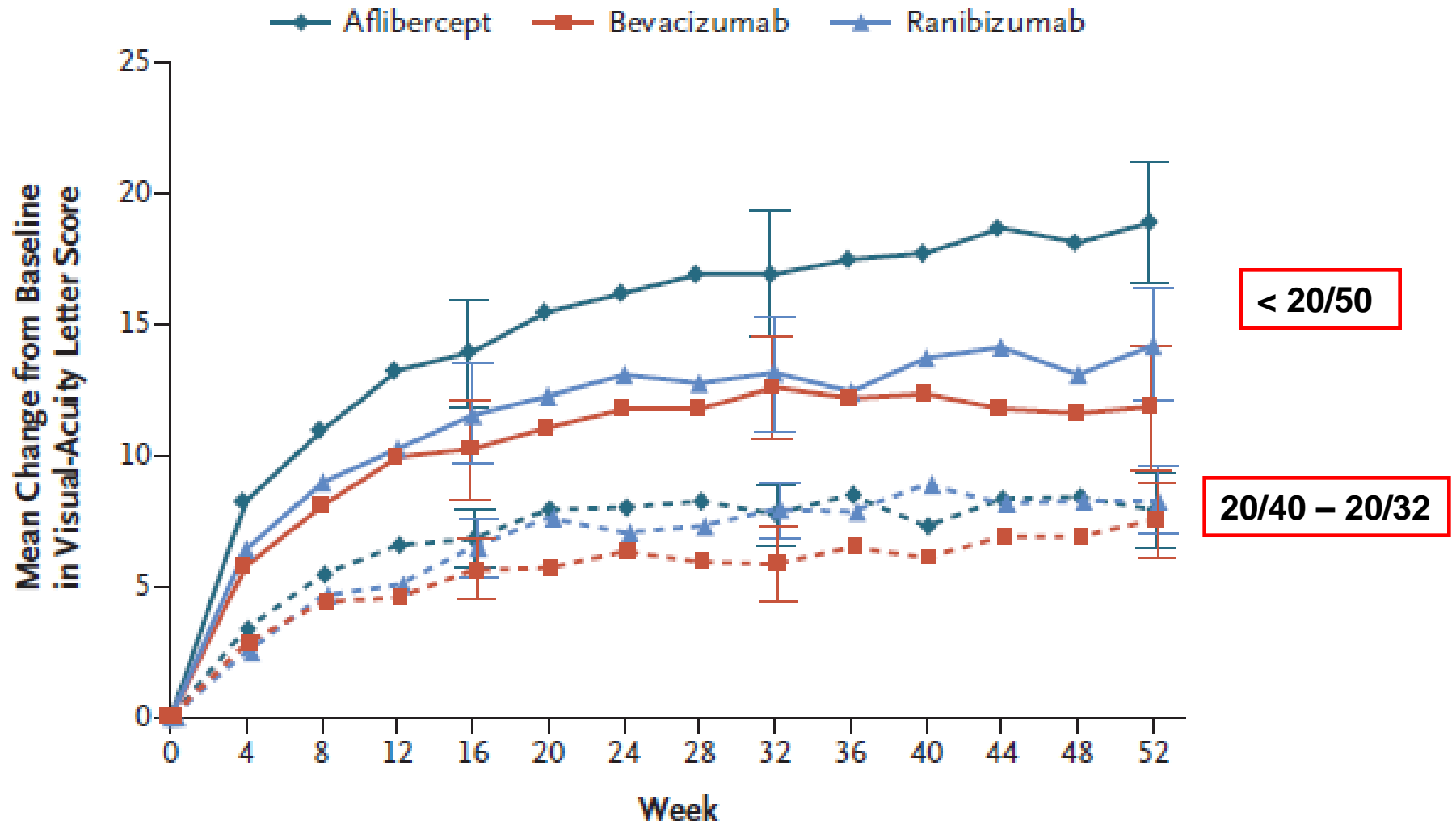


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				Difference (95% CI)	P Value	Difference (95% CI)	P Value	Difference (95% CI)	P Value
Letter score of 78 to 69, equivalent to 20/32 to 20/40, at baseline									
No. of eyes	106	104	105						
Visual acuity at baseline									
Mean letter score	73.5±2.6	72.8±2.9	73.4±2.7						
Approximate Snellen equivalent	20/32	20/40	20/40						
Visual acuity at 1 yr									
Mean letter score	81.4±8.3	79.9±10.1	81.6±6.8						
Approximate Snellen equivalent	20/25	20/25	20/25						
Change from baseline in letter score									
Mean improvement	8.0±7.6	7.5±7.4	8.3±6.8	0.7 (-1.3 to 2.7)	0.69	-0.4 (-2.3 to 1.5)	0.69	1.1 (-0.9 to 3.1)	0.69
Improvement of ≥10 — no. (%)	53 (50)	47 (45)	52 (50)	6 (-9 to 21)	0.82	0 (-13 to 14)	0.95	6 (-10 to 21)	0.82
Worsening of ≥10 — no. (%)	4 (4)	2 (2)	1 (1)	2 (-3 to 6)	0.54	3 (-1 to 7)	0.54	-1 (-4 to 2)	0.54
Improvement of ≥15 — no. (%)	19 (18)	17 (16)	16 (15)	2 (-7 to 11)	0.73	4 (-5 to 12)	0.73	-2 (-10 to 7)	0.73
Worsening of ≥15 — no. (%)	2 (2)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (-2 to 4)	0.99	1 (-2 to 4)	0.99	0 (-3 to 3)	0.99

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Letter score of <69, equivalent to 20/50 or worse, at baseline									
No. of eyes	102	102	101						
Visual acuity at baseline									
Mean letter score	56.2±11.1	56.6±10.6	56.5±9.9						
Approximate Snellen equivalent	20/80	20/80	20/80						
Visual acuity at 1 yr									
Mean letter score	75.2±10.9	68.5±13.6	70.7±12.0						
Approximate Snellen equivalent	20/32	20/40	20/40						
Change from baseline in letter score									
Mean improvement	18.9±11.5	11.8±12.0	14.2±10.6	6.5 (2.9 to 10.1)	<0.001	4.7 (1.4 to 8.0)	0.003	1.8 (-1.1 to 4.8)	0.21
Improvement of ≥10 — no. (%)	79 (77)	61 (60)	70 (69)	17 (2 to 31)	0.02	10 (-4 to 23)	0.20	7 (-6 to 20)	0.28
Worsening of ≥10 — no. (%)	1 (1)	4 (4)	2 (2)	-3 (-7 to 2)	0.56	-1 (-5 to 3)	0.56	-1 (-6 to 3)	0.56
Improvement of ≥15 — no. (%)	68 (67)	42 (41)	50 (50)	24 (9 to 39)	<0.001	18 (4 to 32)	0.008	6 (-7 to 19)	0.34
Worsening of ≥15 — no. (%)	1 (1)	2 (2)	2 (2)	0 (-3 to 3)	0.85	-1 (-4 to 2)	0.85	1 (-3 to 4)	0.85

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