



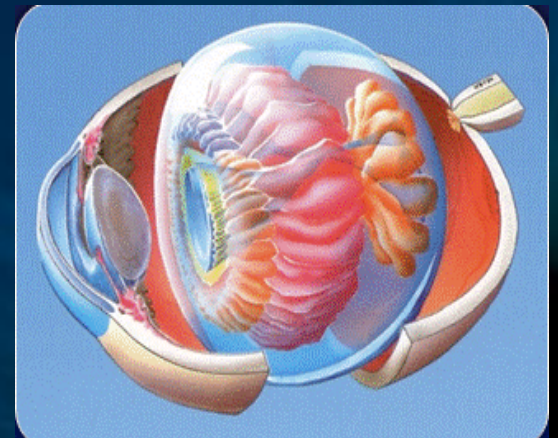
# Trattamento farmacologico della trazione vitreo-maculare

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# IL CORPO VITREALE<sup>1</sup>

- Composto per il 99% d'acqua
- 0,1 % macromolecole
  - glicoproteine
  - proteoglicani
  - collagene ( tipo II,V, VI,IX e XI)
  - glicosamminoglicani
  - altre strutture proteiche ( fibrillina)



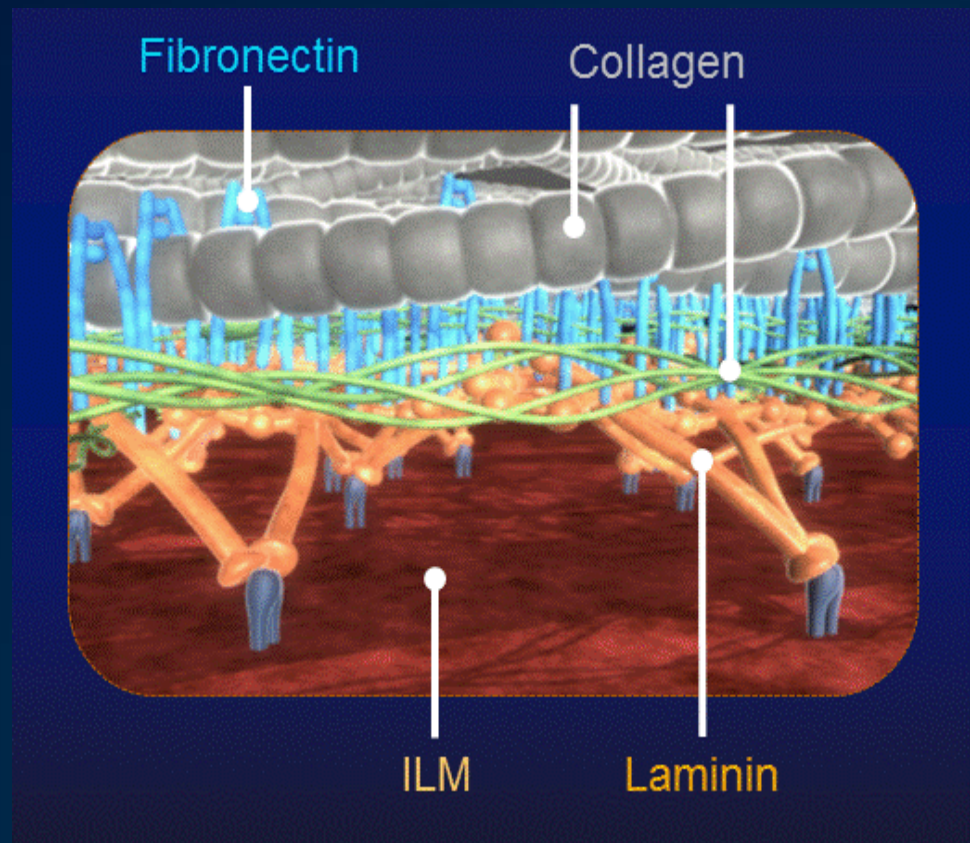
# INTERFACCIA VITREORETINICA<sup>1</sup>

La corteccia vitreale è aderente alla ILM grazie alla presenza di macromolecole:

- Fibronectina
- Laminina
- Condroitin solfato
- Proteoglicani
- Collagene

Maggiore aderenza:

- Base del vitreo
- Equatore
- Al di sopra dei vasi retinici
- Disco ottico e macula



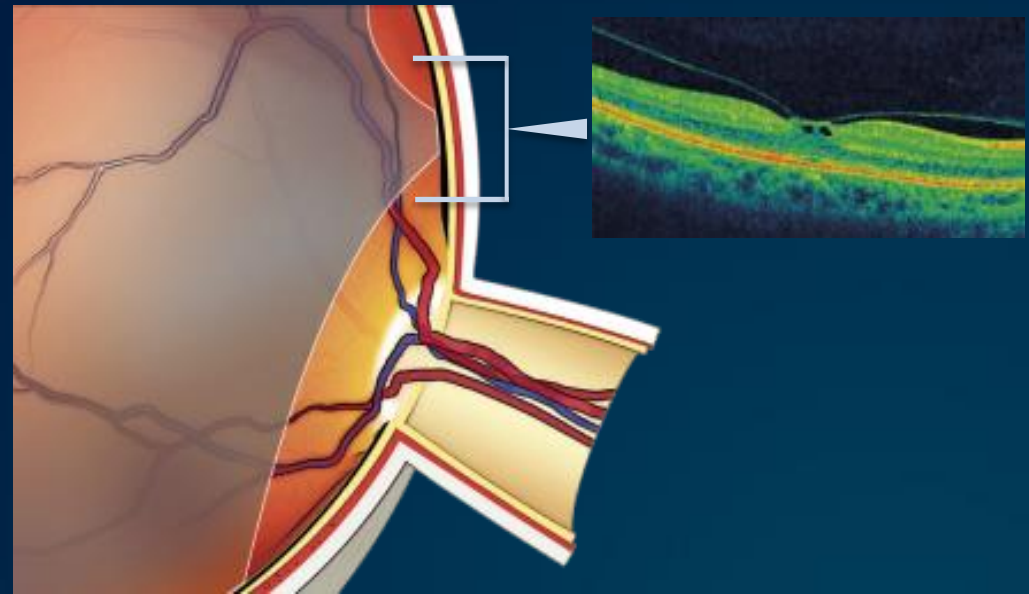
# TRAZIONE VITREOMACULARE (VMT)

VMA: adesione del vitreo in macula senza alterazioni morfologiche

La presenza di forze tangenziali e antero-posteriori può determinare uno stretching in macula



VMT



VMA in macula può indurre una VMT

# DISTACCO POSTERIORE DEL VITREO

## DPV anomalo: progressione patologica

Distacco parziale del vitreo con adesioni persistenti nella regione maculare

- Forze di adesione anomale a una o più strutture del polo posteriore
- Deformazione trattiva del tessuto retinico

Anomala liquefazione o contrazione del vitreo con aumento del distacco della corteccia vitreale

Adesione anomala della corteccia vitreale alla membrana limitante interna (MLI)

*oppure*

Combinazione di entrambe

PVD Anomalo

# VMI Diseases

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## International Classification of Diseases of the Vitreomacular Interface (VMI)

- International panel convened in 2012 to devise a new classification system for VMI disease
- Strictly Anatomic – OCT based
  - Objective
  - Not based on clinical findings
  - Not based on symptoms
- Simple, easy to use, predictive of surgical and pharmacological outcomes

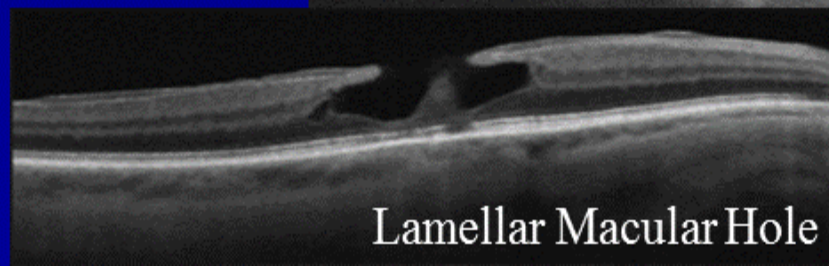
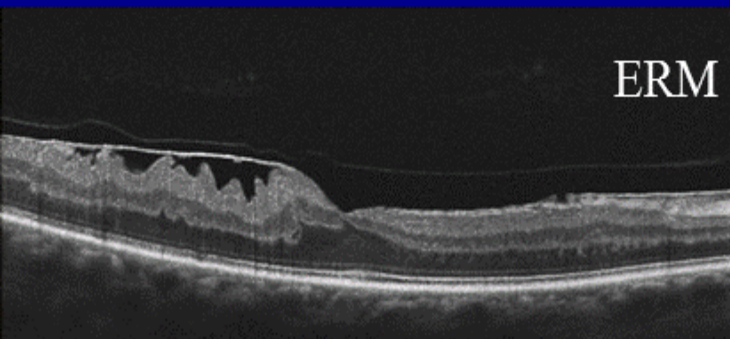
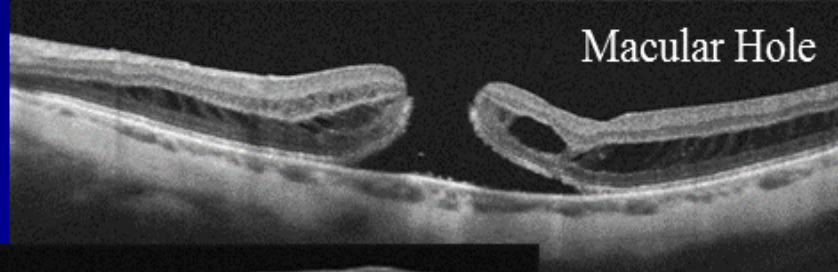
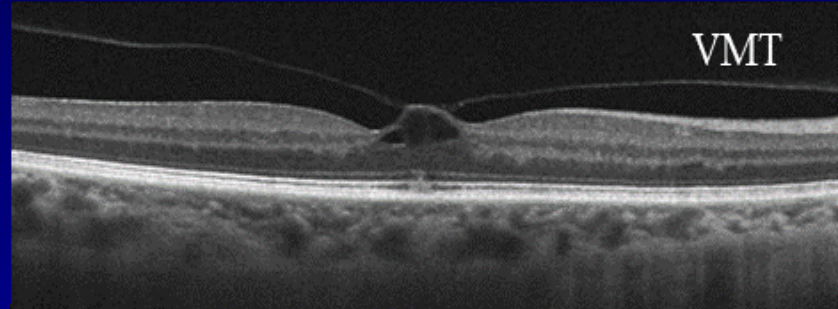
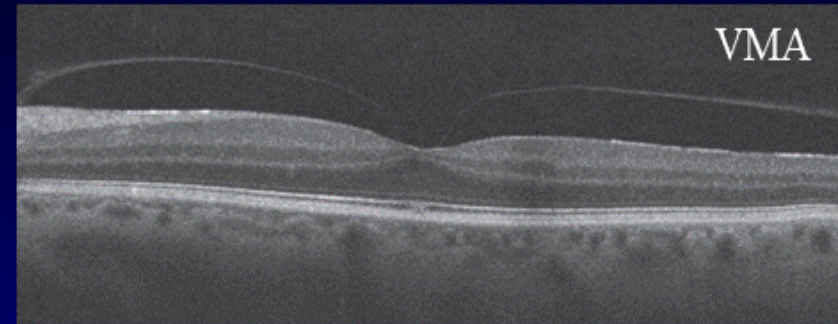
# VMI Classification System: One Finding. Five Diseases.

- “Finding”:

- Vitreomacular Adhesion (VMA)

- Diseases:

- Vitreomacular Traction (VMT)
- Full-Thickness Macular Hole (FTMH)
- Lamellar Macular Hole (LMH)
- Epiretinal Membrane (ERM)

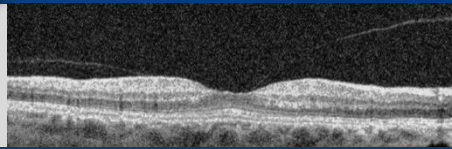


# CORRELAZIONE CLASSIFICAZIONI FM

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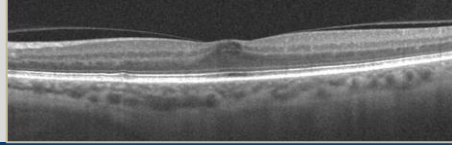
**NEW (IVTS)<sup>2</sup>**

Stage 0 macular hole



VMA in contralateral eye

Stage 1 macular hole



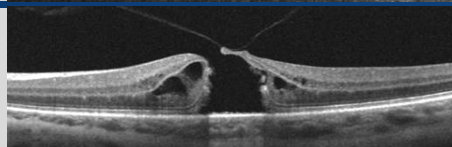
Symptomatic VMA (or VMT)

Stage 2 macular hole



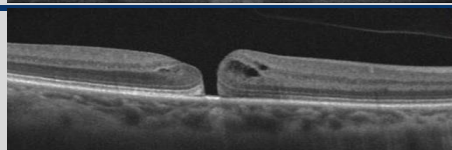
FTMH – small ( $\leq 250 \mu\text{m}$ ) or medium ( $>250$  but  $\leq 400 \mu\text{m}$ )

Stage 3 macular hole



FTMH – medium or large ( $>400 \mu\text{m}$ )

Stage 4 macular hole



FTMH – No VMA can be small, medium, large

FTMH, full-thickness macular hole; VMA, vitreomacular adhesion; VMT, vitreomacular traction; IVTS, international vitreomacular traction study group



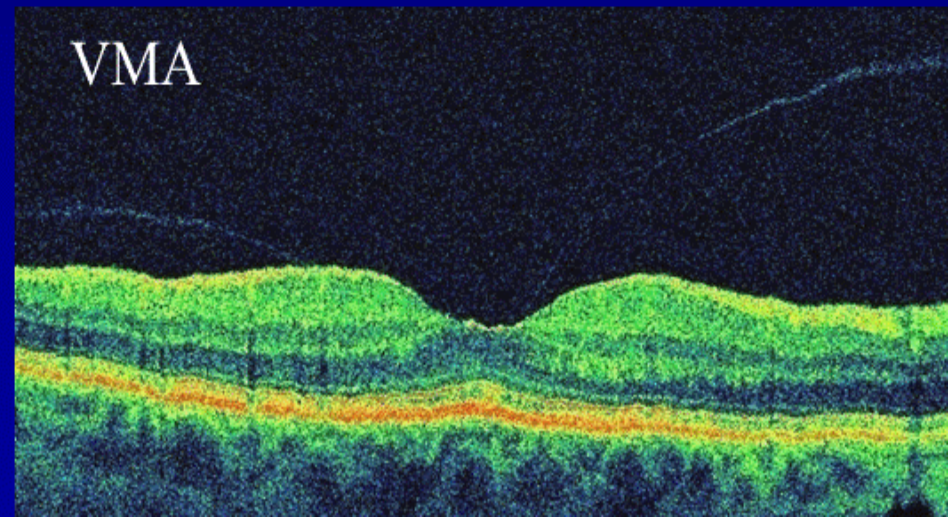
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International Classification = No Stages

Stage 0 Now = VMA

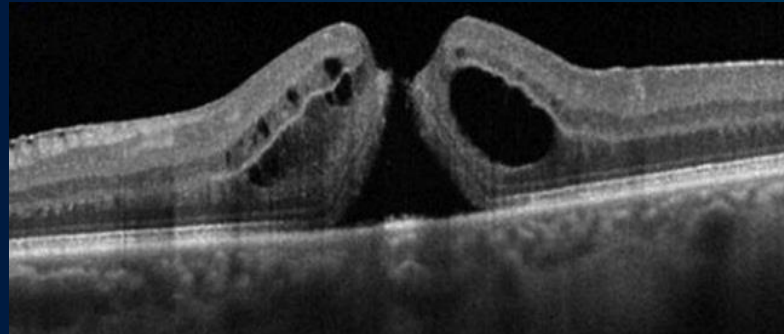
- VMA in contralateral eye of a patient with FTMH – that eye has a 42 % risk of going to FTMH within 2 years
- If no VMA = 3%



# TRAZIONE VITREOMACULARE (VMT)

- VMT è implicata nella formazione di CME, ERM, e MH <sup>1</sup>
  - VMT focale (< 1500  $\mu\text{m}$ ) di solito porta alla formazione di MH, CME trazionale, e distacco di retina in fovea<sup>2</sup>
  - VMT ampia (> 1500  $\mu\text{m}$ ) è generalmente associata ad ERM, diffuso ispessimento della retina, minor possibilità di recupero della depressione foveale<sup>2</sup>

## Foro maculare a tutto spessore



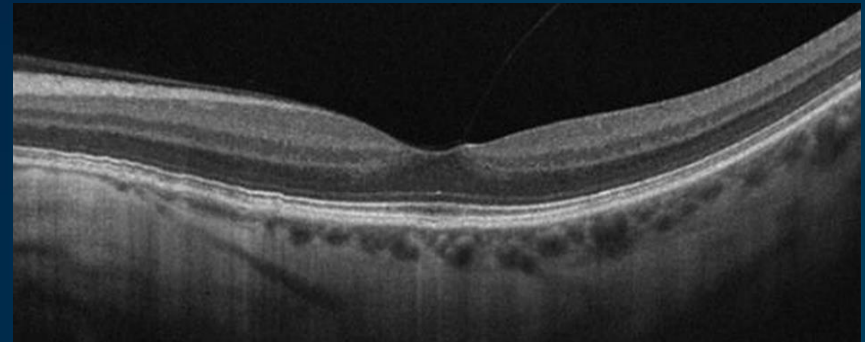
CME, cystoid edema maculare ; ERM, epiretinal membrane; MH, macular hole; VMT, vitreomacular traction

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2. Bottós J *et al. J Ophthalmic Vis Res* 2012;7:148

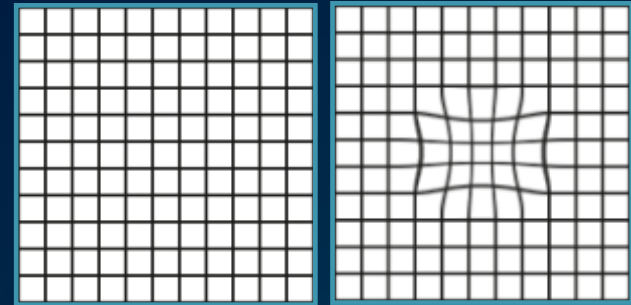
# SINTOMI E DIAGNOSI DI TRAZIONE VITREOMACULARE

- I sintomi variano da lieve visione offuscata con metamorfopsie a grave diminuzione della acuità visiva con fotopsie
- Il calo del visus può essere progressivo e svilupparsi lentamente per l'azione costante delle forze trazionali<sup>1</sup>
- La diagnosi di VMT è possibile grazie all'OCT<sup>2,3</sup> la cui alta risoluzione consente di verificare la presenza di VMA prima che i sintomi siano rilevabili



# DISTURBI VISIVI ASSOCIATI A TRAZIONE VITREOMACULARE

- Progressivo calo del visus,<sup>1,2</sup>  
può associarsi a :
  - Metamorfopsia  
(visione distorta)<sup>1,2</sup>
  - Fotopsia (presenza di lampi di luce)<sup>2</sup>
  - Micropsia ( gli oggetti appaiono più piccoli della dimensione reale )<sup>2</sup>
  - Difetti del campo visivo centrale <sup>1</sup>



Metamorfopsia

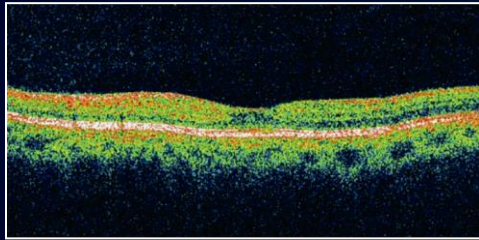


Riduzione del visus

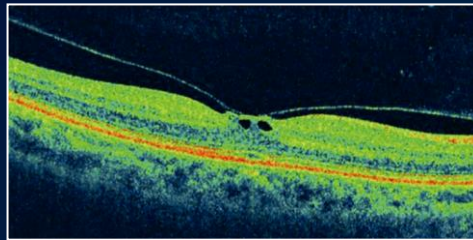
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2. Hikichi T *et al. Am J Ophthalmol* 1995;119:55

# PROGRESSIONE DELLA TRAZIONE VITREOMACULARE A FORO MACULARE

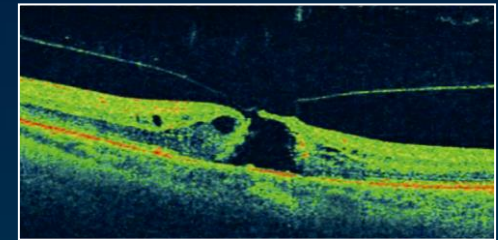
OCT NORMALE



VMA → VMT



VMT → foro maculare



Normale visione



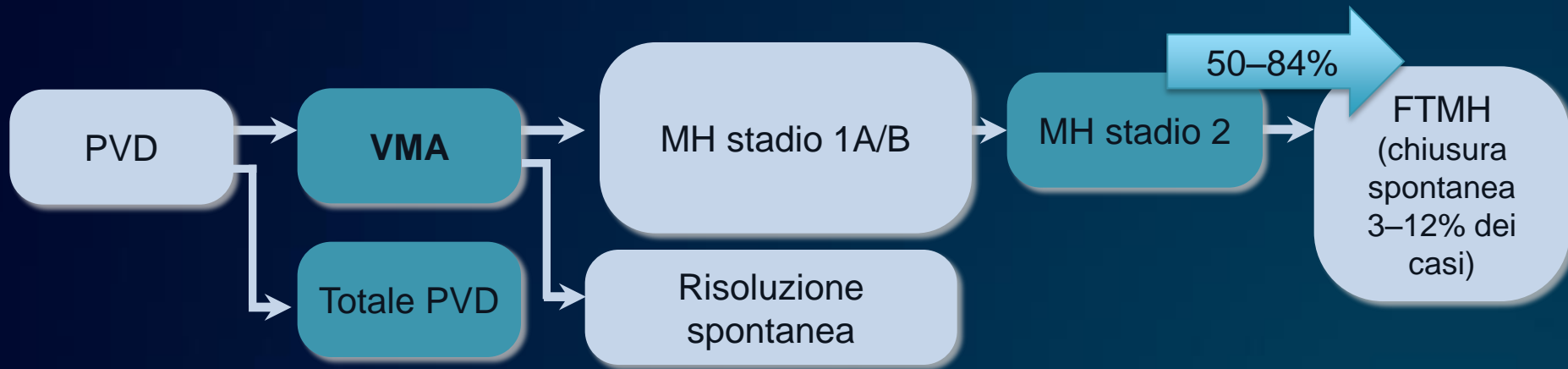
Metamorfopsia



Scotoma centrale

# Epidemiologia di Adesione Vitreomaculare, Trazione Vitreomaculare e Foro maculare

- Dati epidemiologici sulla VMA, MH, e FTMH sono limitati
- L'introduzione dell' OCT ha facilitato la diagnosi di VMA incompleta e delle sue complicanze correlate<sup>1</sup>
- 50-84% dello stadio 2 MH passa allo stadio 3 o 4<sup>2-5</sup>
- La chiusura spontanea di un FTMH si verifica solo nel 3-12% dei casi<sup>6</sup>



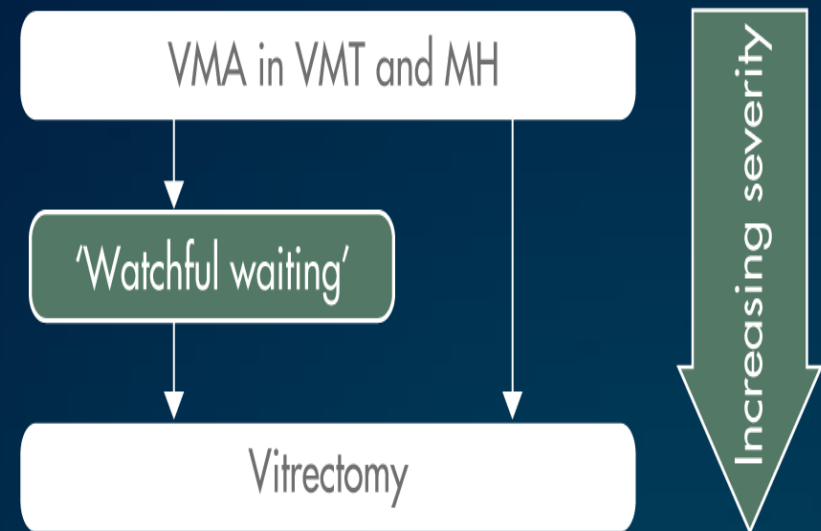
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# Attuali approcci terapeutici per il trattamento delle Adesioni vitreomaculari, Trazioni vitreomaculari e foro maculare

- **“Watchful waiting”**

*Il peggioramento dei sintomi può giustificare l'intervento*<sup>1</sup>, ad esempio quando il paziente ha un grave rischio di perdita di visione centrale o severi disturbi visivi

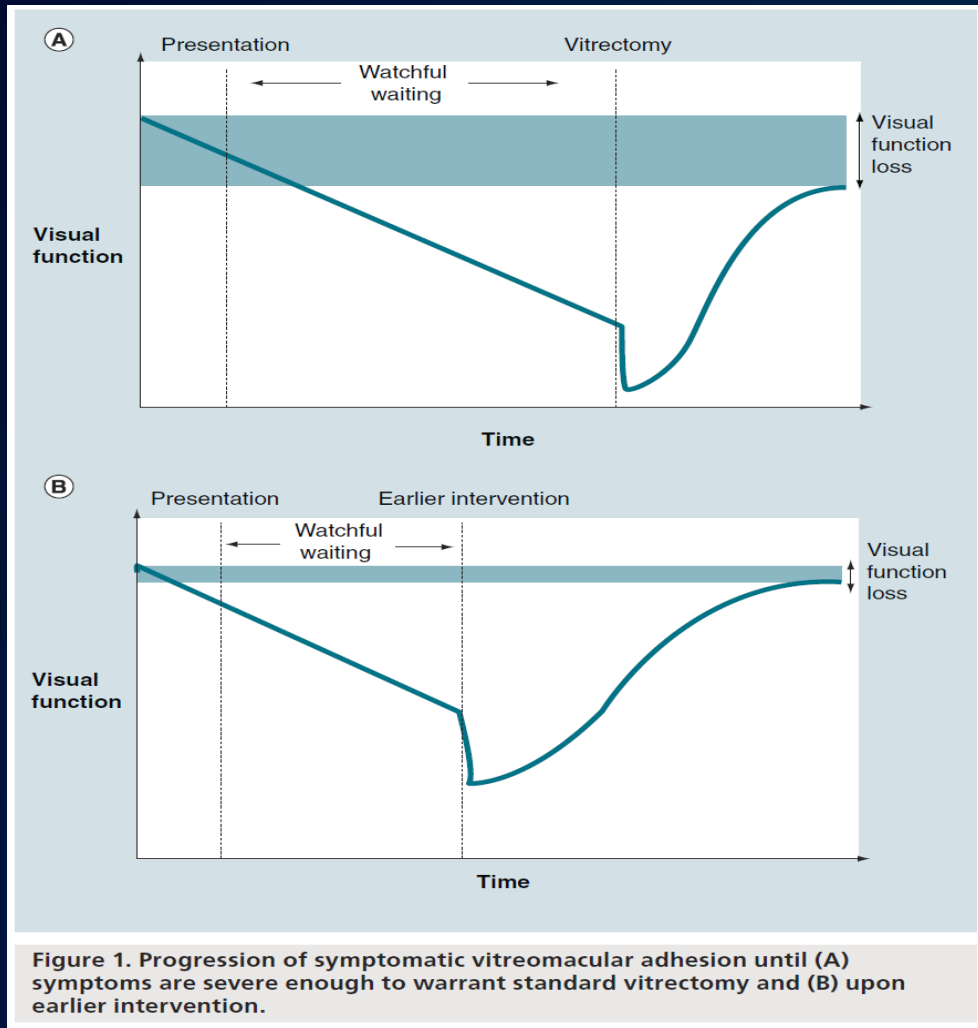
- **La chirurgia vitreoretinica è utilizzata per rimuovere l'adesione e le conseguenti forze trazionali**<sup>2</sup>



1. Girach A, Pakola S. *Expert Rev Ophthalmol* 2012;7:311;

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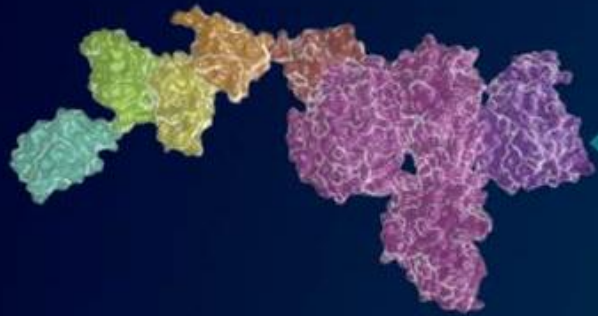
# I trattamenti farmacologici rappresentano una strategia alternativa “ Watchful Waiting ”



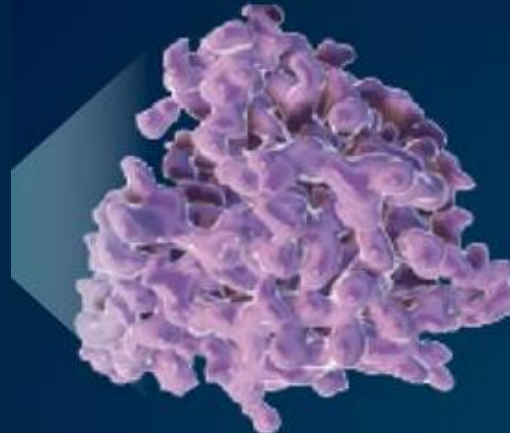


# OCRIPLASMINA

- L'Ocriplasmina ( Microplasmina) è una forma tronca della plasmina umana prodotta con tecnica di DNA ricombinante , con proprietà catalitiche <sup>1,2</sup>
- Il bersaglio della sua attività proteolitica è rappresentato dalle componenti dell'interfaccia vitreoretinica
  - ✧ Laminina, fibronectina, collagene



**Plasmin (88 kDa)**



**Ocriplasmin (27.2 kDa)**

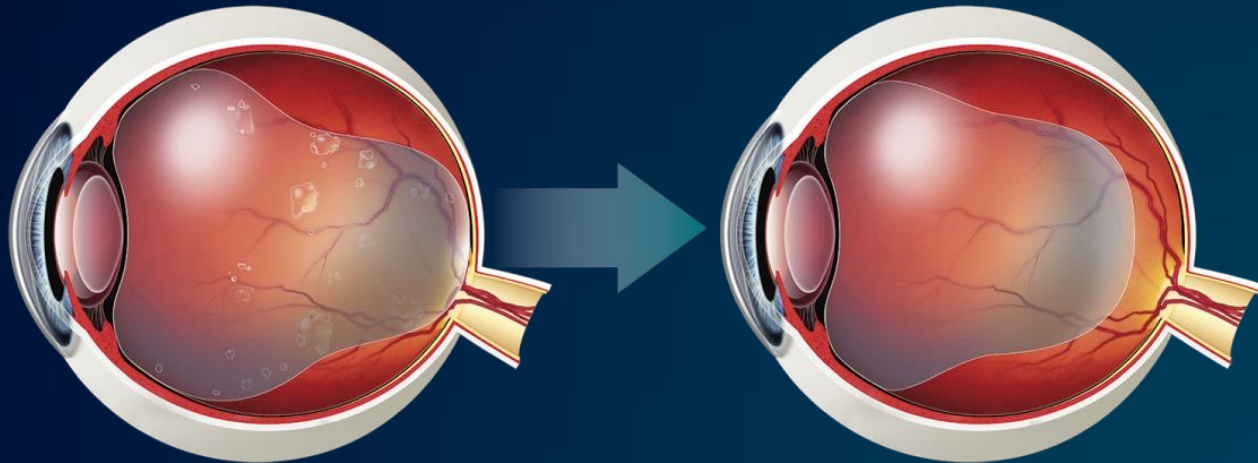
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5. Uemura A *et al.* *Arch Ophthalmol* 2005;123:209

# Attività proteolitica dell' Ocriplasmina

- L' Ocriplasmina detiene l'attività enzimatica della plasmina e determina un duplice effetto :

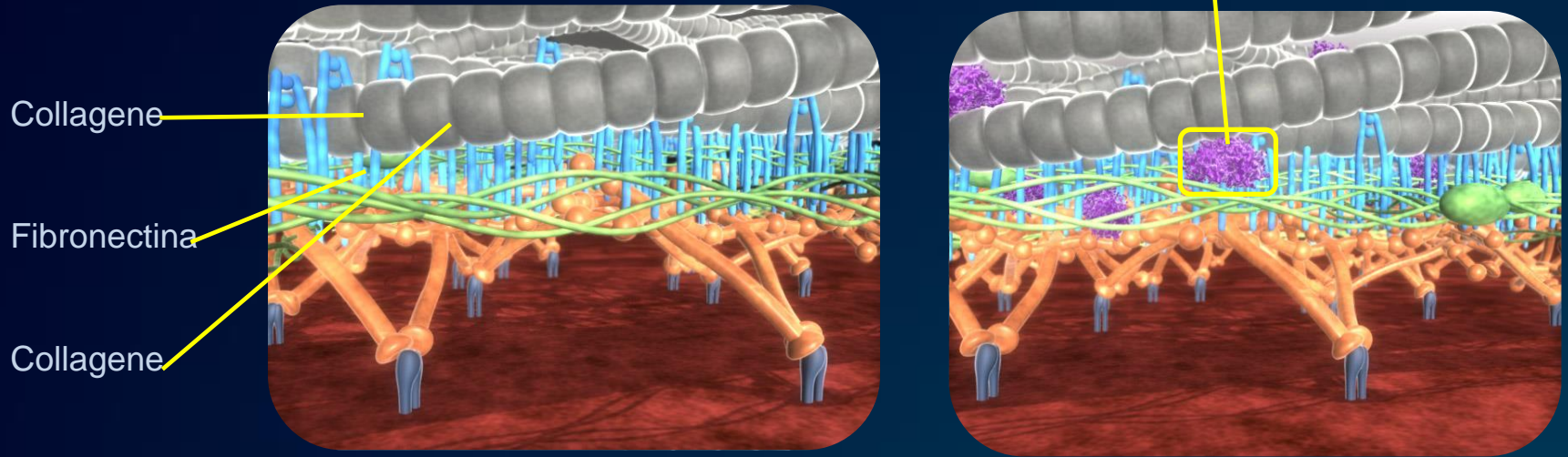
liquefazione vitreale

separazione vitreoretinica



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# Ocriplasmina

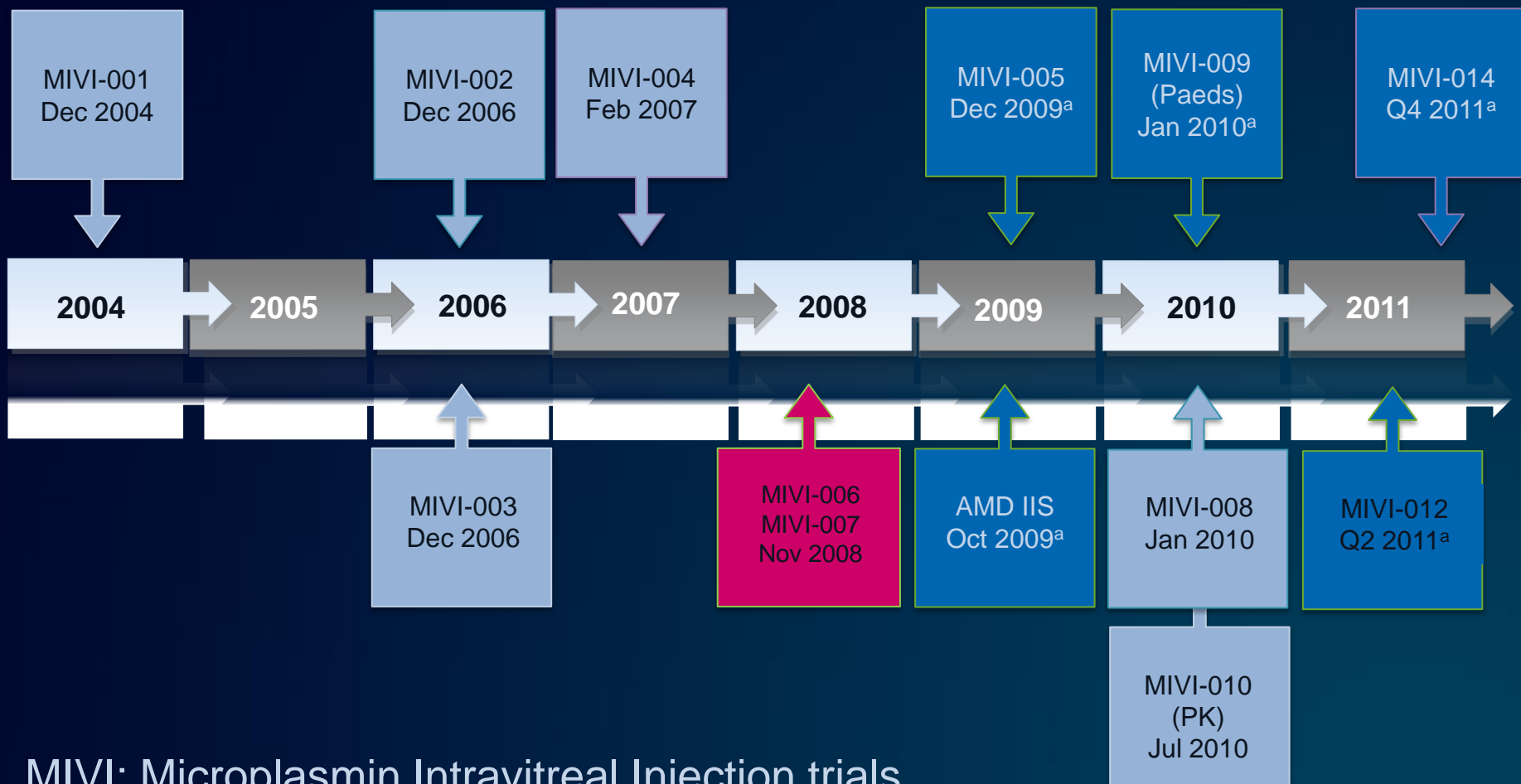


- Dati pre-clinici<sup>1,2</sup>
  - Targets: fibronectina, laminina e collagene
  - Induce liquefazione del vitreo e separazione del vitreo stesso dall'interfaccia vitreoretinica
  - Separa il vitreo dalla ILM (lasciando la ILM intatta a differenza della vitrectomia)

ILM: inner limiting membrane.

1. Gandorfer et al. Invest Ophthalmol Vis Sci. 2004;45:641–647. 2. In vitro experiments. ThromboGenics, Data on File.

# Cronologia degli sviluppi clinici dell' Ocriplasmina



MIVI: Microplasmin Intravitreal Injection trials

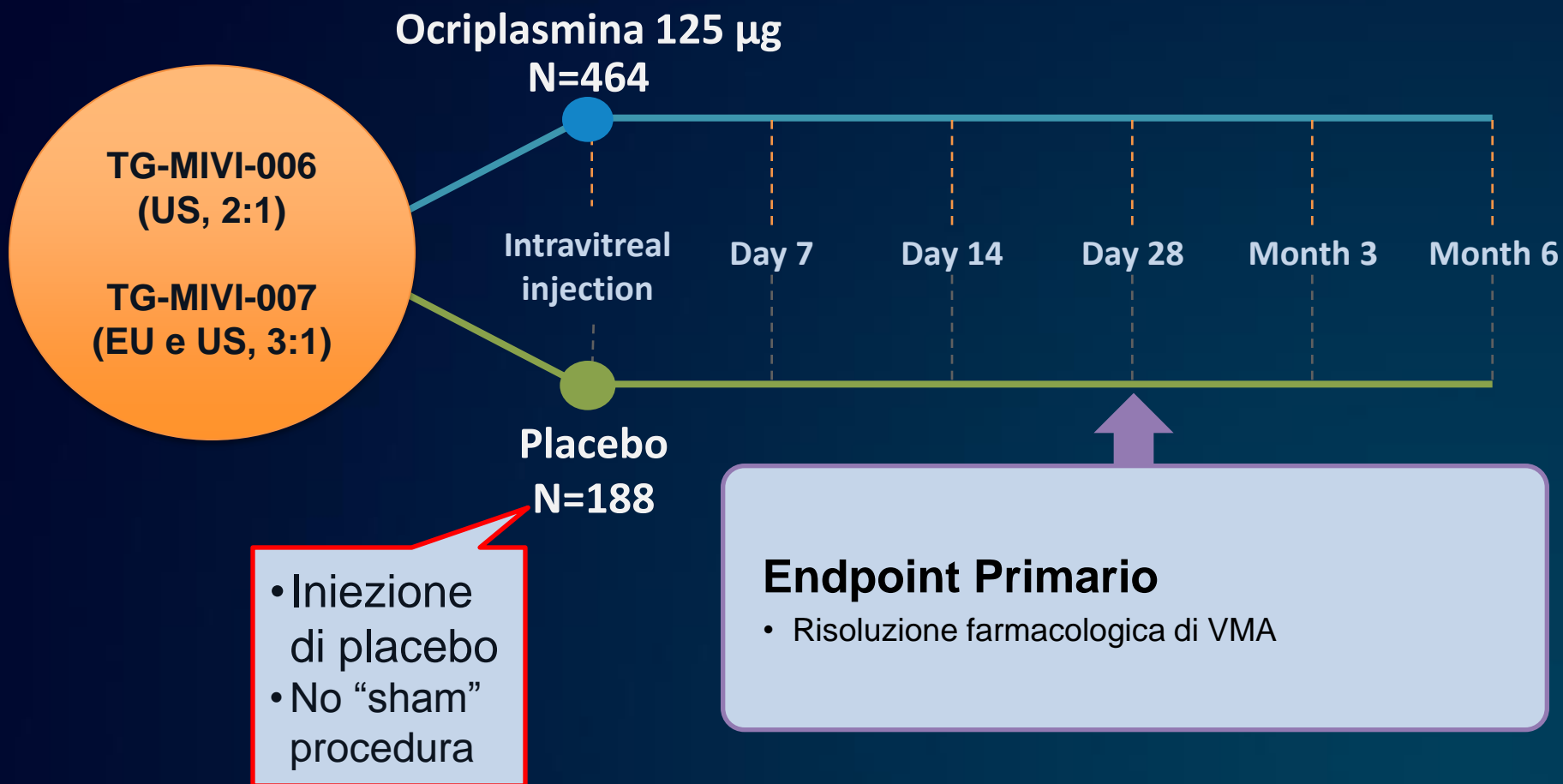
Total number of patients treated to date: >800

## MIVI-006 e 007

**MIVI-006 e MIVI-007: trial randomizzato, placebo-controllo, in doppio cieco, multicentrico per la valutazione dell' iniezione intravitreale di Ocriplasmina per il trattamento non chirurgico della VMA sintomatica**

- Due studi in fase III
- Endpoint primario d'efficacia: risoluzione della VMA al 28<sup>mo</sup> giorno
- 6 mesi di follow-up
- in totale 652 occhi trattati

# Study Design

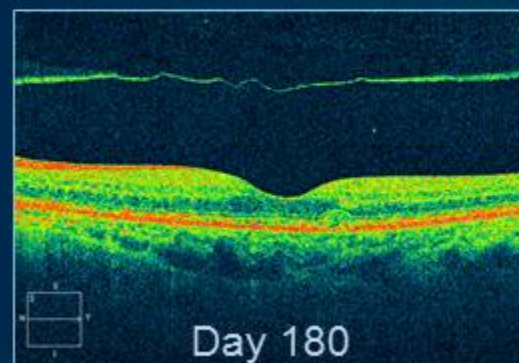
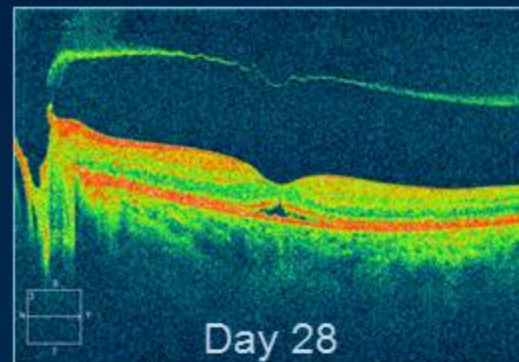
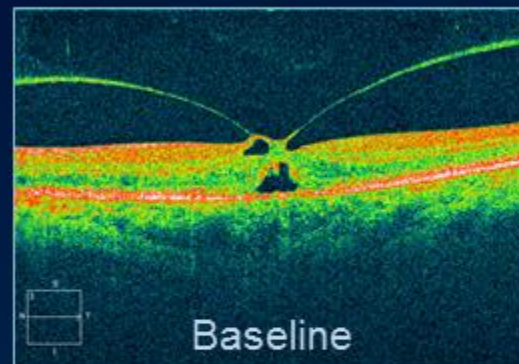
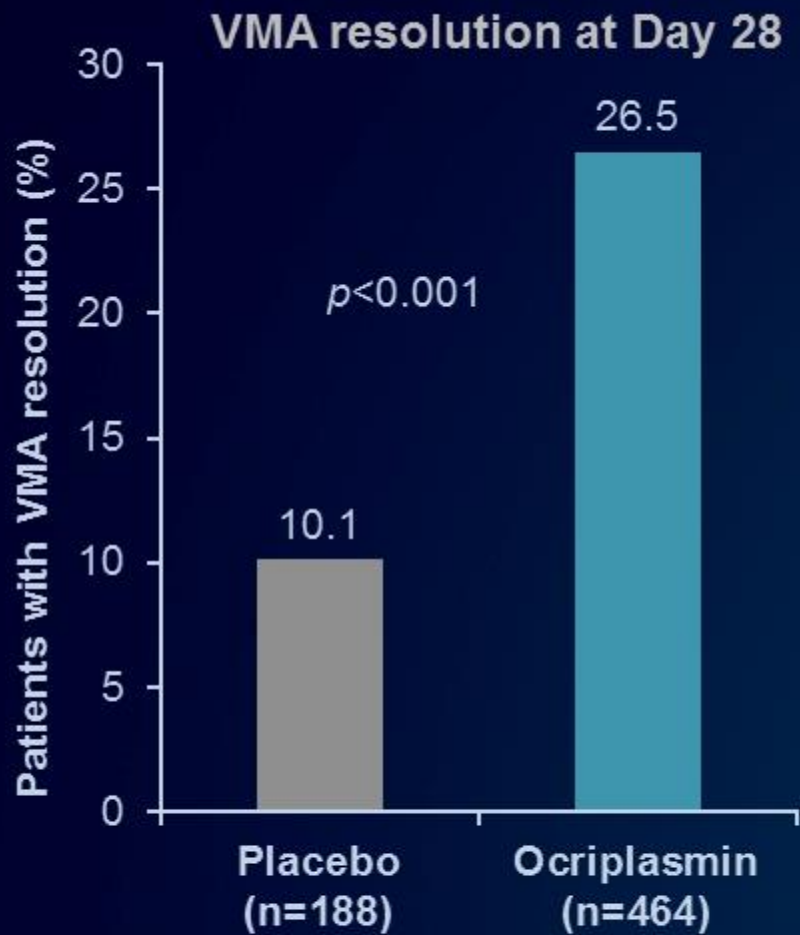


# Dati demografici dei pazienti e caratteristiche della malattia al baseline

Caratteristiche	Placebo (n=188)	Ocriplasmina (n=464)
Età media , anni (range)	70.7 (24–97)	72.1 (18–93)
Femmine, n (%)	115 (61.2)	314 (67.7)
Bianchi, n (%)	174 (92.6)	428 (92.2)
Pseudofachici, n (%)	53 (28.2)	<b>172 (37.1)</b>
AV media al baseline BCVA, ETDRS (Snellen)	65.1 (4/10)	63.9 (4/10)
Caratteristiche della patologia , n %		
VMT	126 (67.0)	328 (70.7)
MH	47 (25.0)	106 (22.8)
ERM	68 (36.2)	<b>184 (39.7)</b>

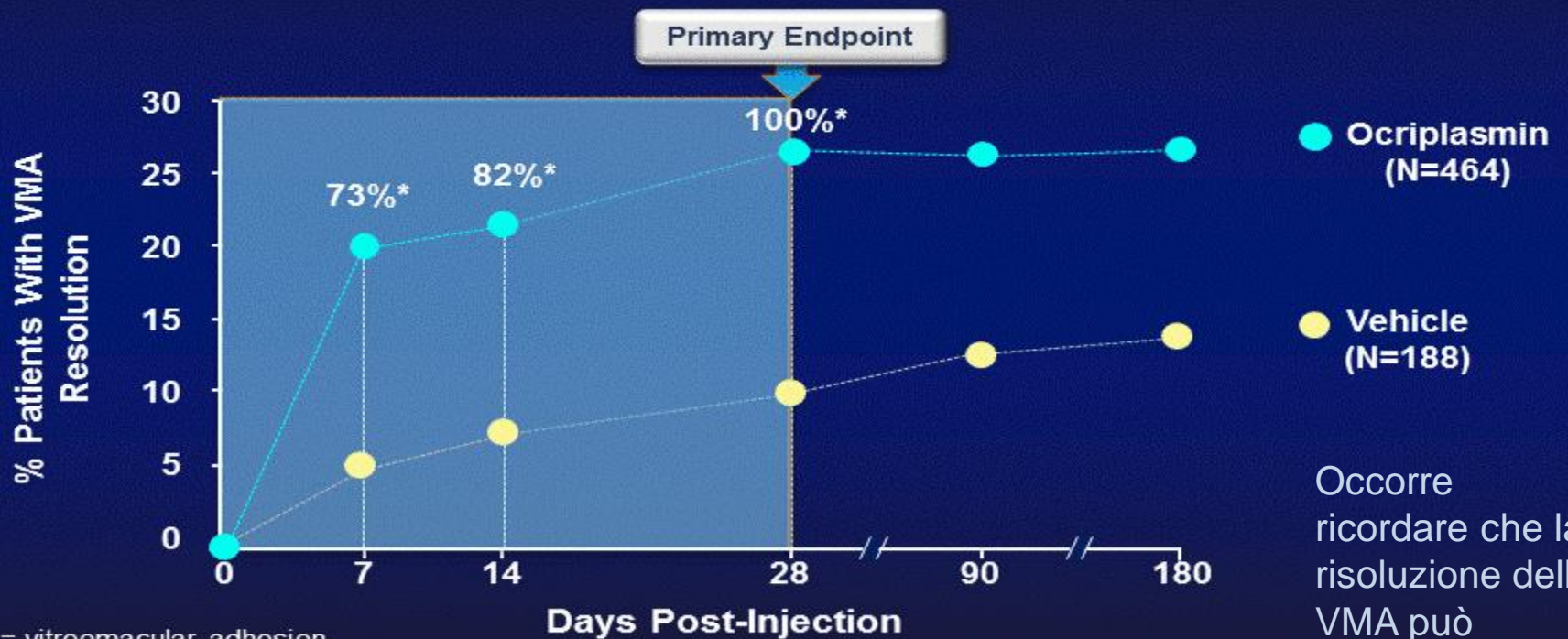
I gruppi di studio avevano caratteristiche demografiche e della malattia di base simili, con due eccezioni: pseudofachia era più comune nel gruppo ocriplasmina rispetto al gruppo placebo (37,1% vs 28,2%, rispettivamente,  $p < 0.05$ ), e c'erano più donne nel ocriplasmin gruppo rispetto al gruppo placebo (67,7% vs 61,2%, rispettivamente,  $p < 0.05$ )

# Percentuale di risoluzione di VMA al 28<sup>mo</sup> giorno dopo una singola iniezione intravitreale di Ocriplasmina





# Tempo di risposta in pazienti con risoluzione farmacologica di VMA



VMA = vitreomacular adhesion.

\*Proportion of patients with VMA resolution relative to Day 28.

1. Stalmans P, et al. *New Engl J Med*. 2012;367:606-615.

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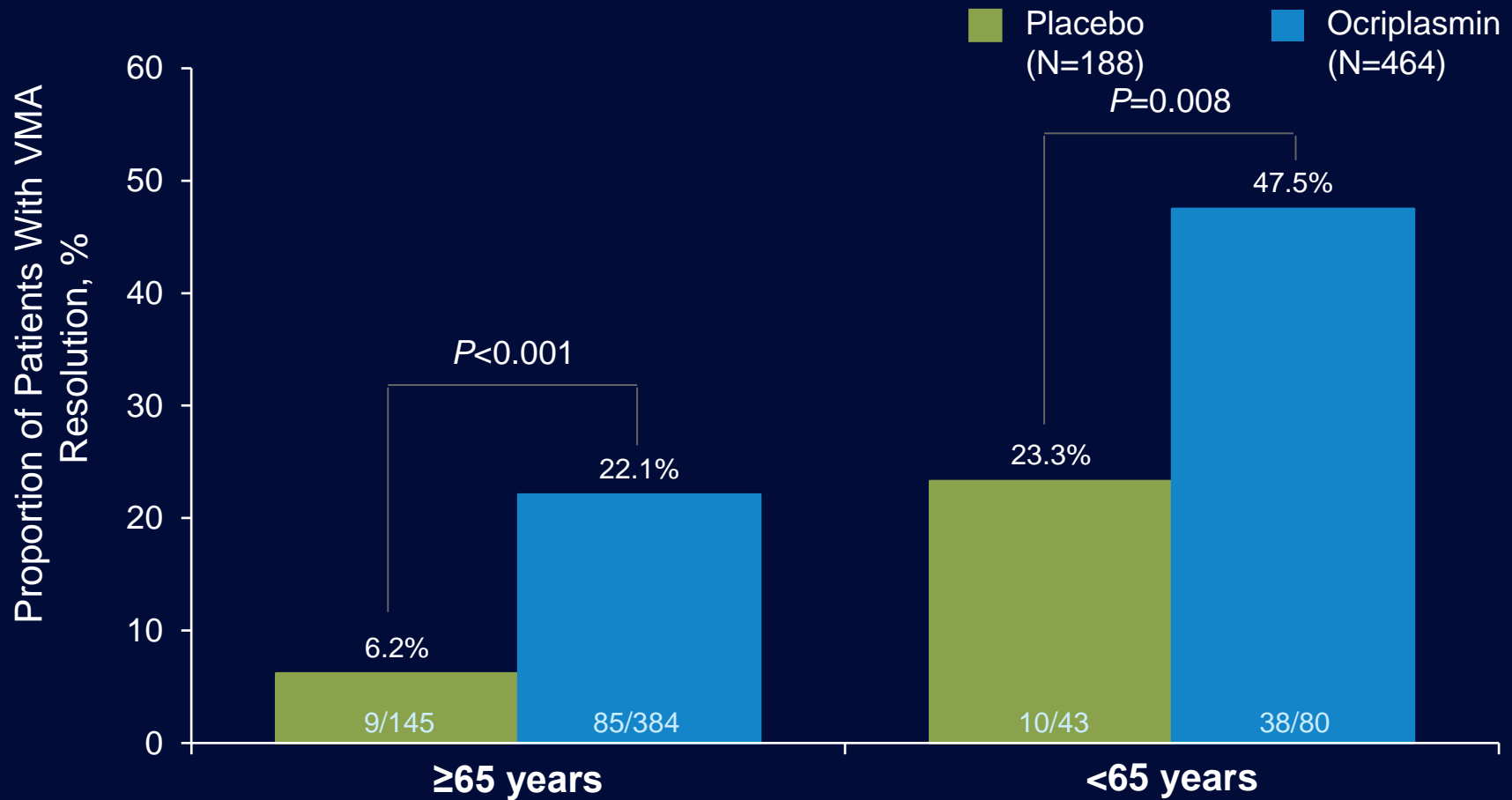
Occorre ricordare che la risoluzione della VMA può avvenire anche al 3° mese. Innesco meccanico

# Independent Baseline Features Predictive of Pharmacologic VMA Resolution

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Age <65 years, n (%)	43 (22.9)	80 (17.2)
FTMH present, n (%)	47 (25.0)	106 (22.8)
VMA diameter $\leq 1500 \mu\text{m}$ , n (%)*	123 (69.9)	314 (71.4)
ERM absent, n (%)	119 (63.3)	270 (58.2)
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\* VMA diameter percentages based on total patients in Modified Full Analysis Set

# Age and VMA Resolution at Day 28 By Treatment Group



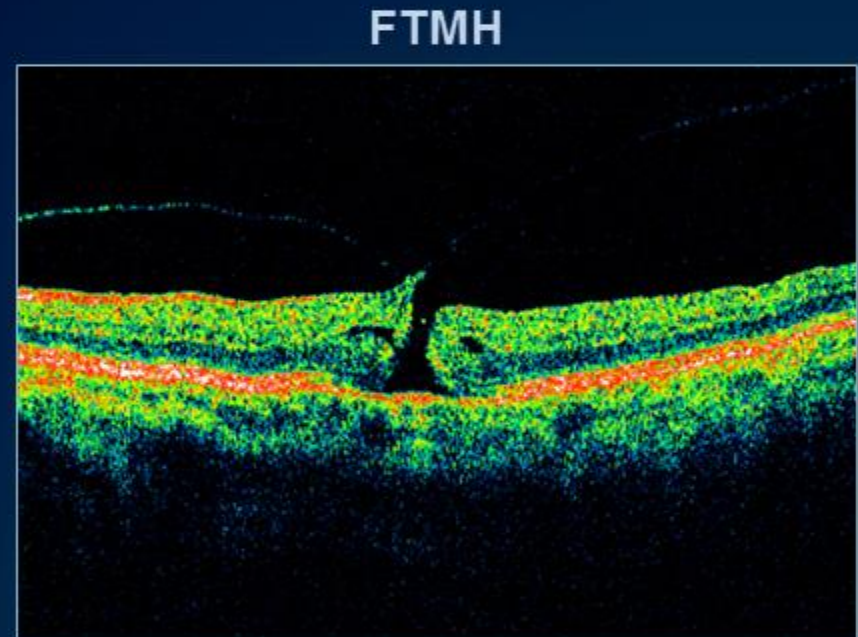
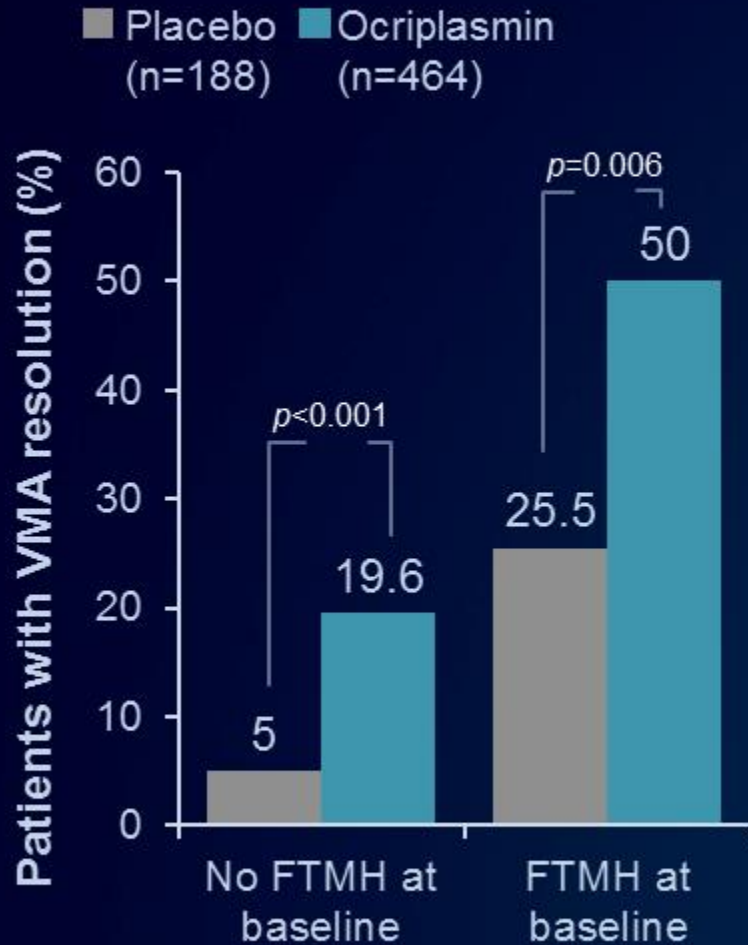
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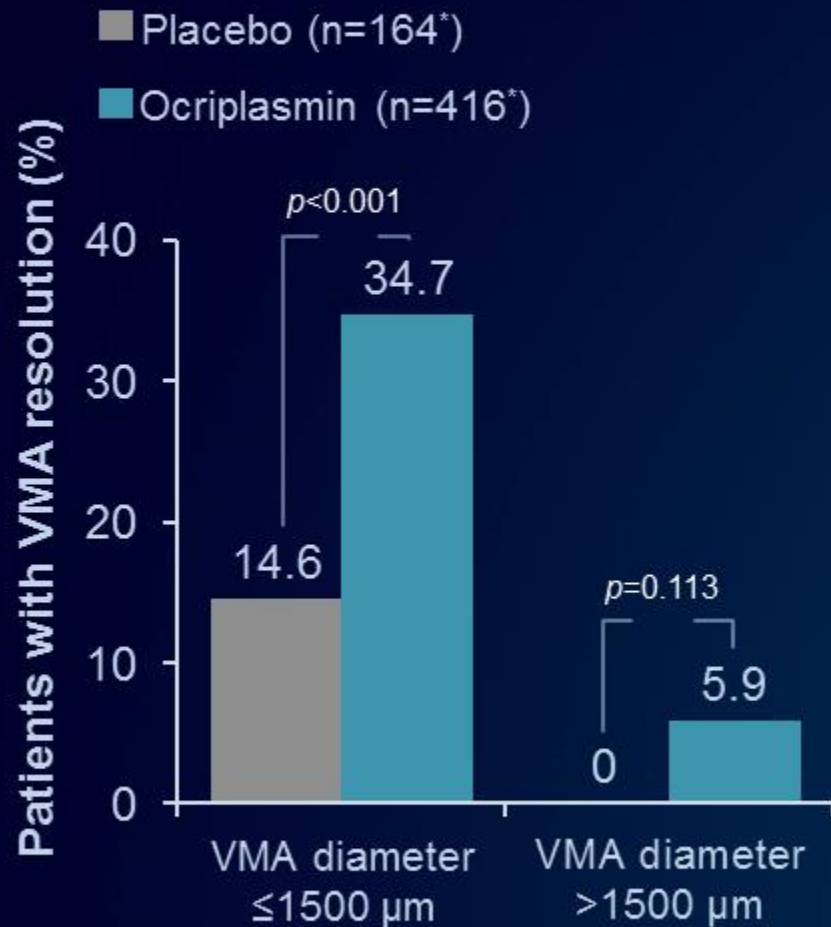


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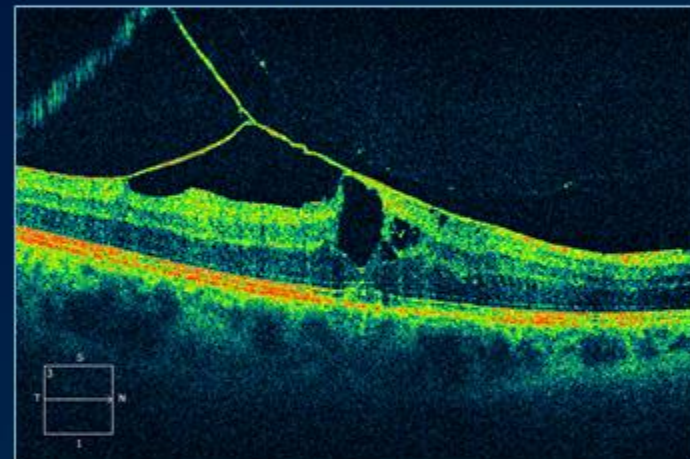
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# VMA Diameter $\leq 1500 \mu\text{m}$ Is a Baseline Predictor for VMA Resolution at Day 28



**Broad VMA diameter**



\*24 patients in the placebo arm and 48 in the ocriplasmin arm did not have a baseline measurement of VMA diameter; VMA diameter percentages based on total patients in Modified Full Analysis Set

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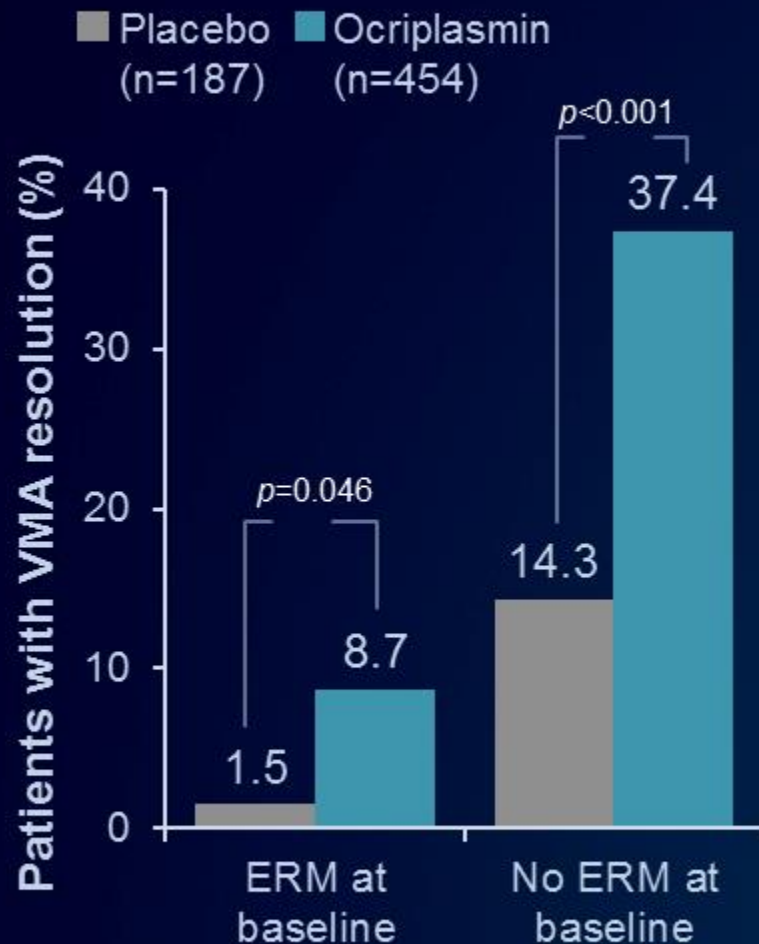
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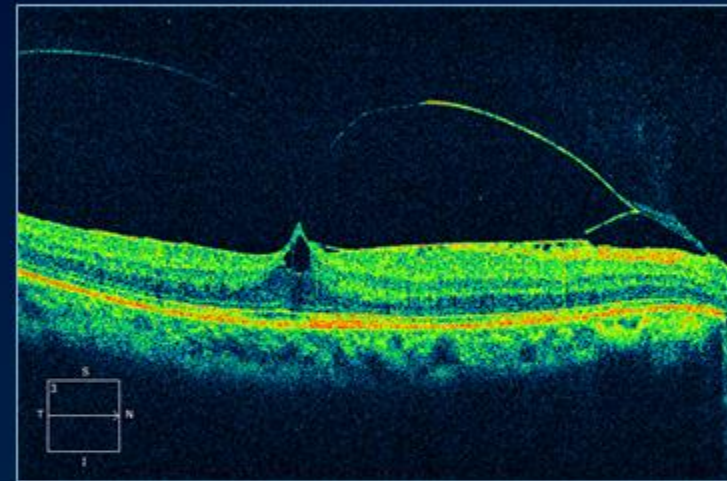
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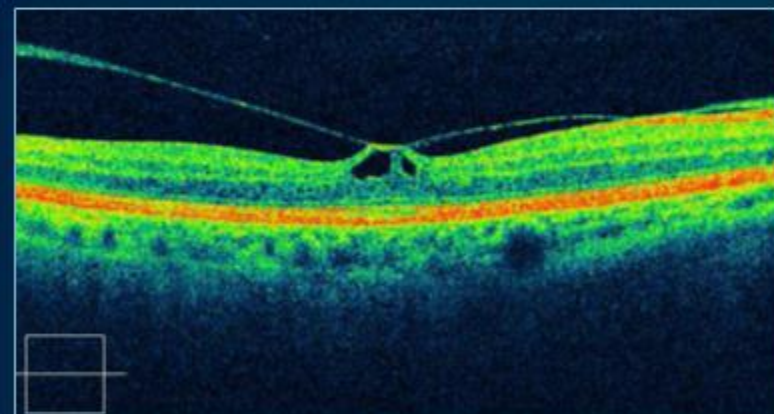
# Absence of ERM Is a Predictive Baseline Characteristic for VMA Resolution at Day 28



### VMT with ERM



### VMT with no ERM



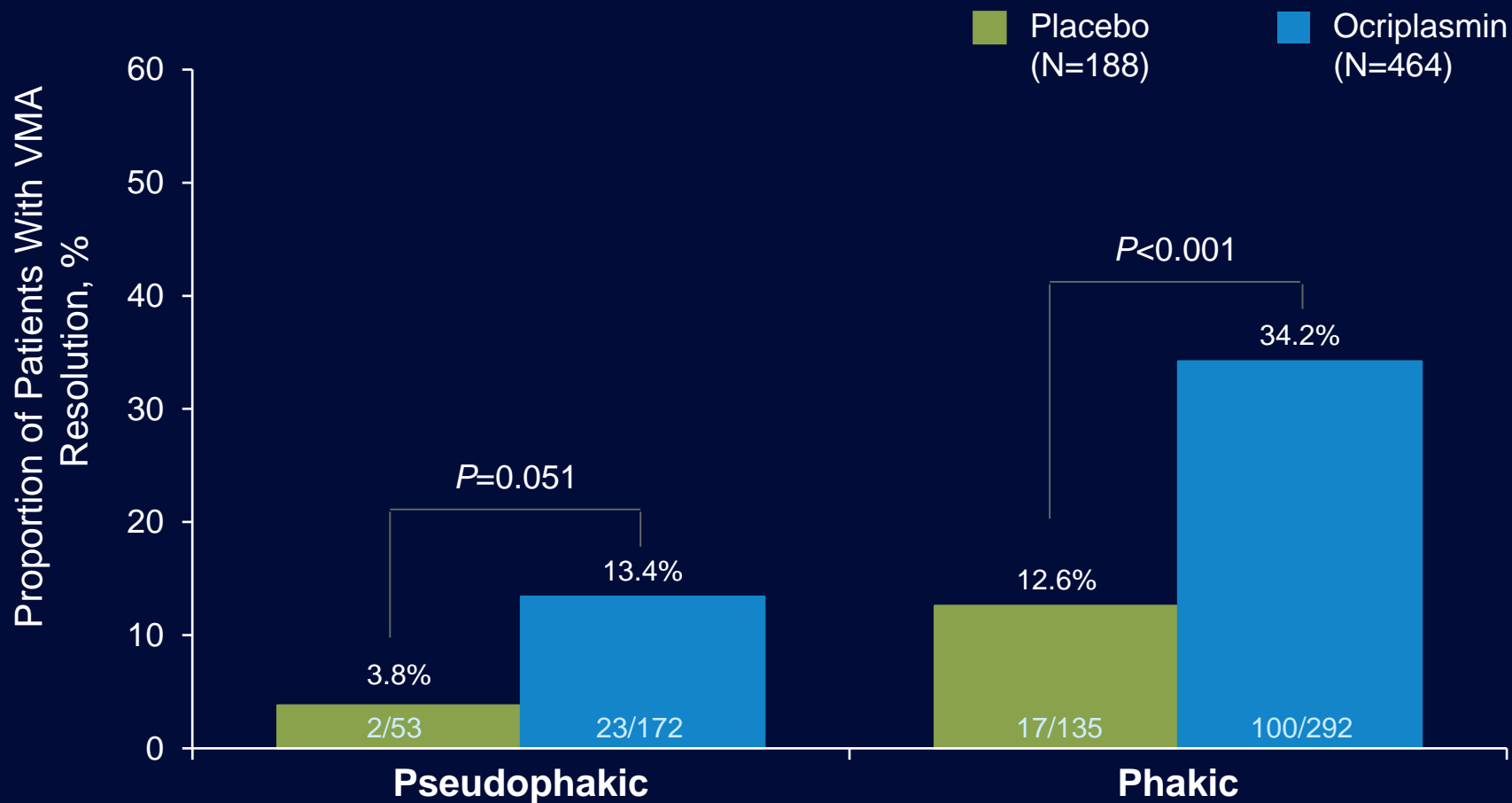
\*One patient in the placebo arm and 10 in the ocriplasmin arm had no recorded information regarding baseline ERM status  
ThromboGenics. Data on file. 2013

# Independent Baseline Features Predictive of Pharmacologic VMA Resolution

Baseline Characteristics	Placebo (N=188)	Ocriplasmin (N=464)
Age <65 years, n (%)	43 (22.9)	80 (17.2)
FTMH present, n (%)	47 (25.0)	106 (22.8)
VMA diameter $\leq 1500 \mu\text{m}$ , n (%) <sup>*</sup>	123 (69.9)	314 (71.4)
ERM absent, n (%)	119 (63.3)	270 (58.2)
Phakic, n (%)	135 (71.8)	292 (62.9)

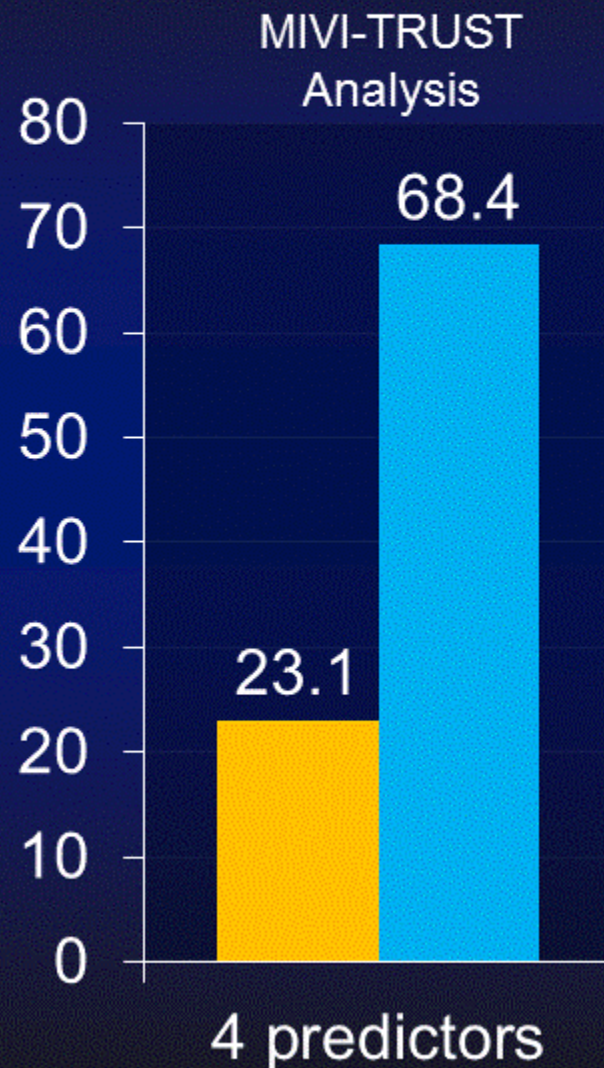
<sup>\*</sup> VMA diameter percentages based on total patients in Modified Full Analysis Set

# Baseline Lens Status and VMA Resolution at Day 28 By Treatment Group

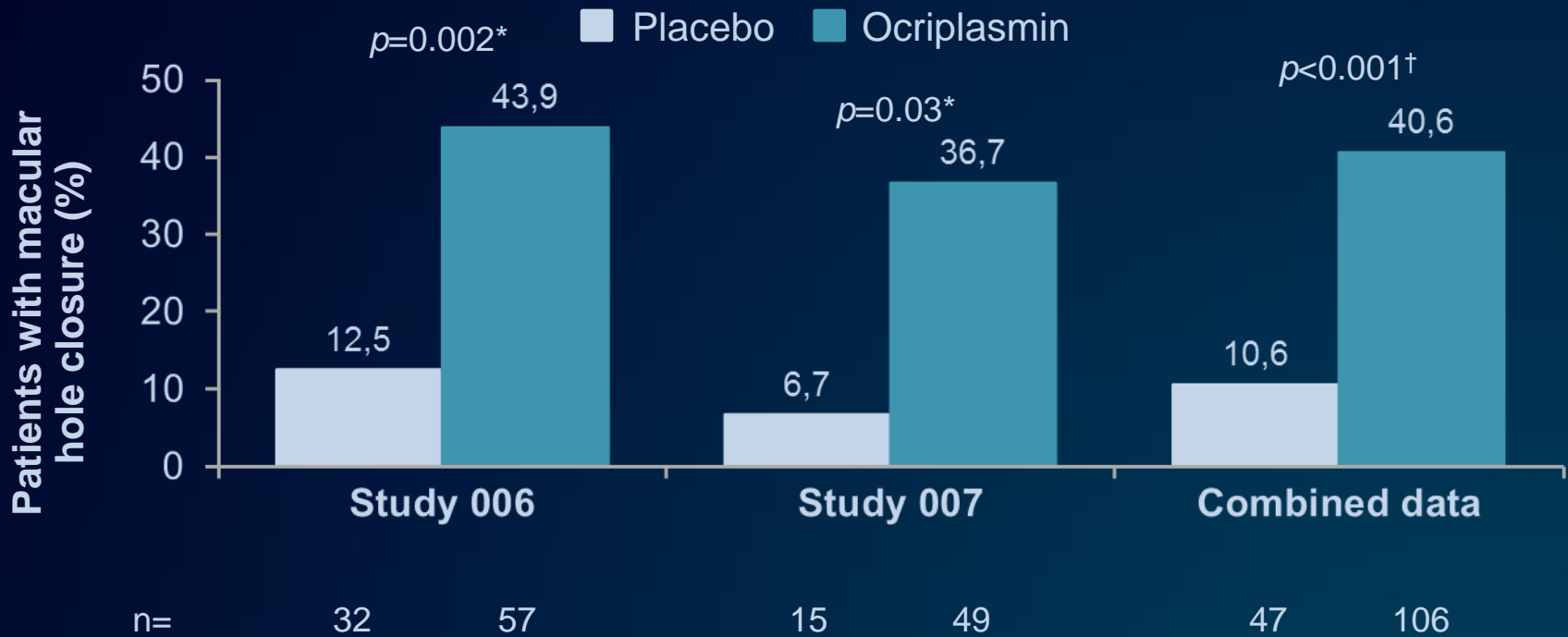


# “Very Good” Candidates for Ocriplasmin

“Very Good” Candidates
VMA <1500
No ERM
Phakic
< 65 years



# Chiusura di foro maculare al 28<sup>mo</sup> giorno



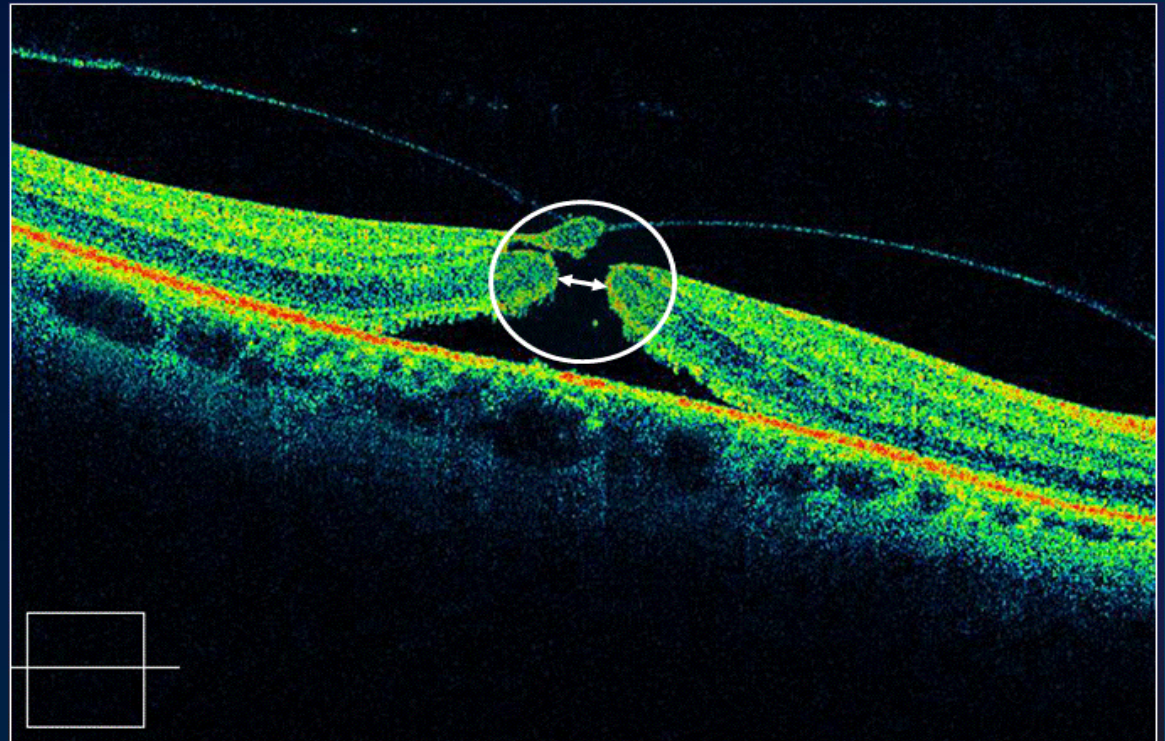
La percentuale è rimasta superiore nel gruppo trattato con Ocriplasmina vs placebo fino alla fine dello studio



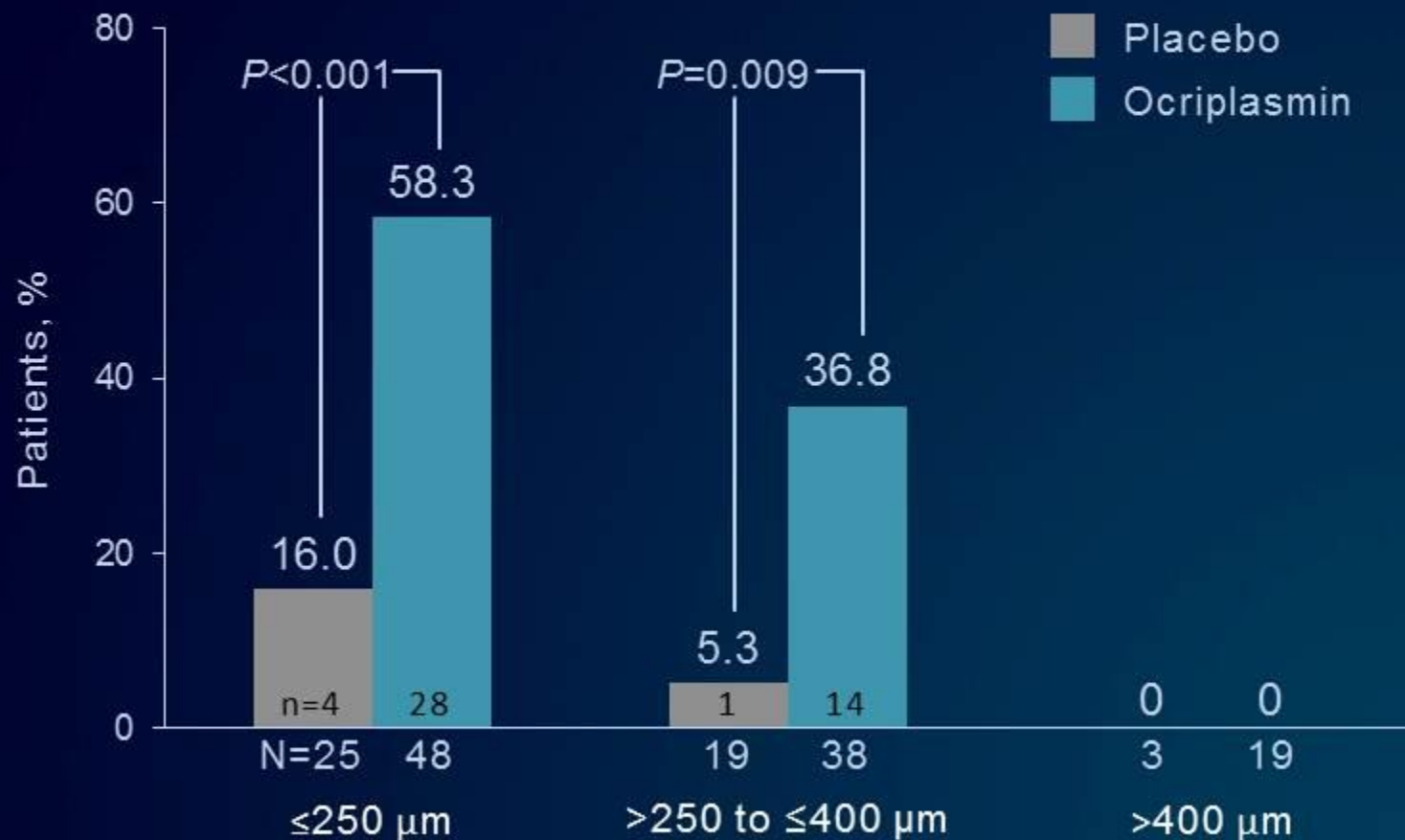
\*Fisher's exact test; †Cochran–Mantel–Haenszel test, stratified by study  
p-values were not adjusted for multiplicity

# DIMENSIONI DEL FORO MACULARE A TUTTO SPESSORE FTMH

piccolo  $\leq 250 \mu\text{m}$   
medio  $> 250 \leq 400 \mu\text{m}$   
grande  $> 400 \mu\text{m}$



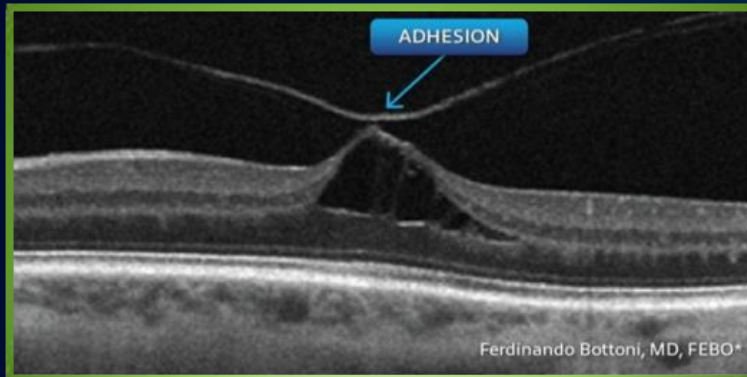
# Patients with FTMH $\leq 250 \mu\text{m}$ More Likely to Achieve Hole Closure at Day 28



# Two Patient Types to Consider Treating With JETREA®

## Vitreomacular Traction (VMT)

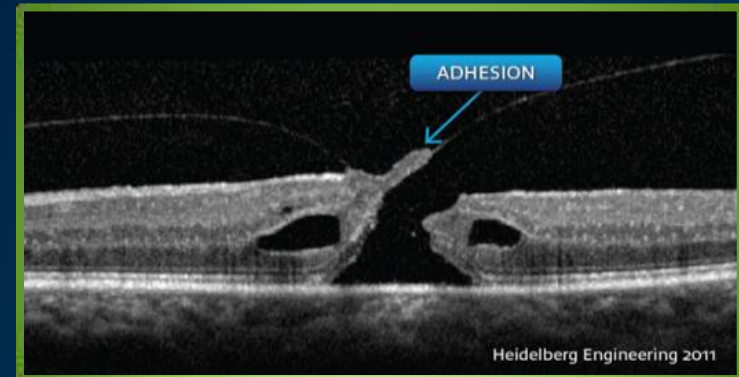
- Without ERM
- Adhesion size  $\leq 1500 \mu\text{m}$



JETREA® provides a method to **treat patients early and may improve their symptoms.**

## Vitreomacular Traction (VMT) with Macular Hole

- Macular hole diameter  $\leq 400 \mu\text{m}$
- Without ERM
- Adhesion size  $\leq 1500 \mu\text{m}$



JETREA® can be used as a **first line, less invasive option** before PPV.

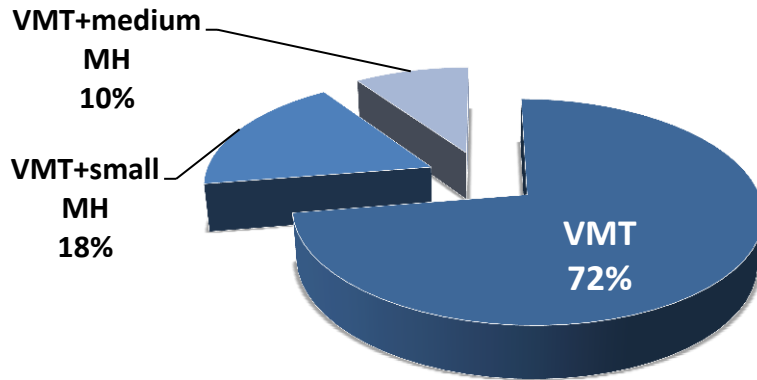


# REALE ESPERIENZA CLINICA NEL MONDO

*Post approvazione Ocriplasmina*

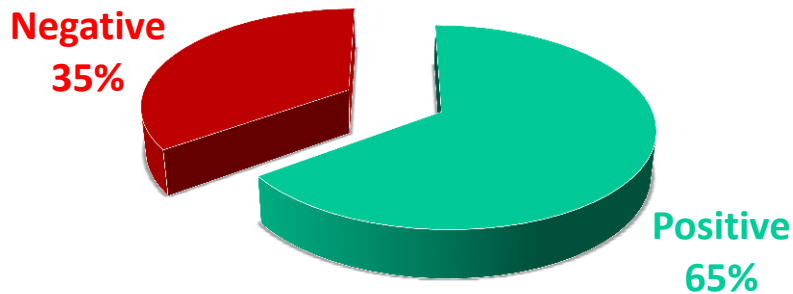
	% di risoluzione VMT				% di totale chiusura dei MH
	Totale	Diametro VMA 1500 $\mu\text{m}$	NO ERM	FTMH presenti	
Phase 3 trials	26,5	34,7	37,4	50	40,6
Bascom Palmer	42,1	50	54,5	66,7	50
Cole Eye	47,1	61,5	50	NR	80
California Retina	56	n/a	56,5	72,7	36,4
NJ Retina	35	38	41,5	73,3	32

### Patient Profiles

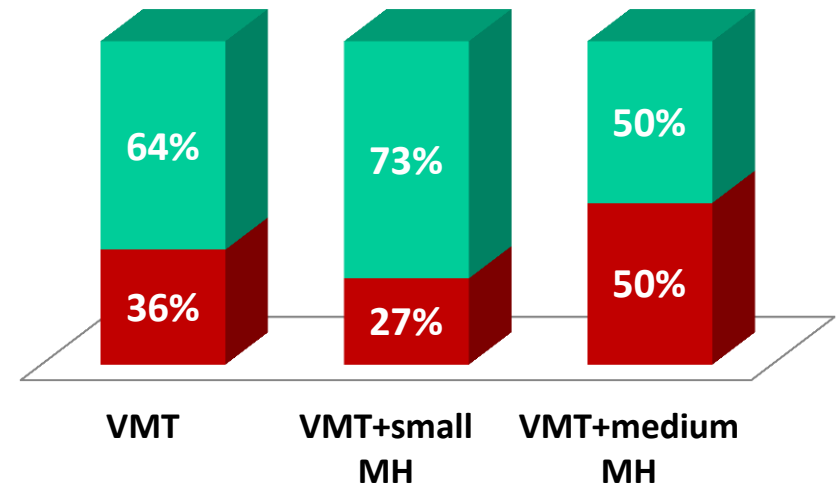


- 167 patients injected
- Treated mostly VMT patients
- Higher overall success rate compare to MIVI 6 and 7 studies due to rigorous patients selection
- Higher success rate in small MH closure although in a small patient population

### Overall Success Rate



### % VMT resolution & MH closure

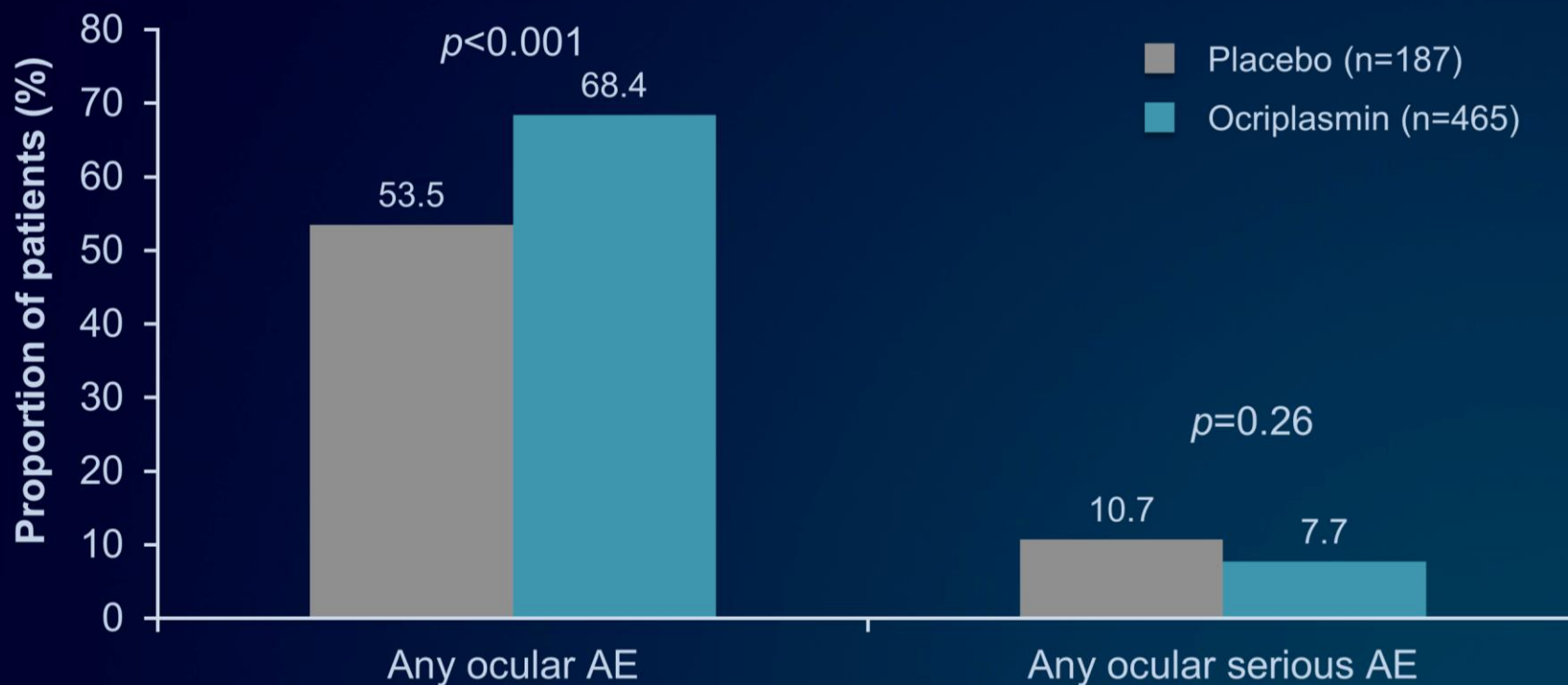


# Profilo di sicurezza dell'Ocriplasmina MIVI 6/7



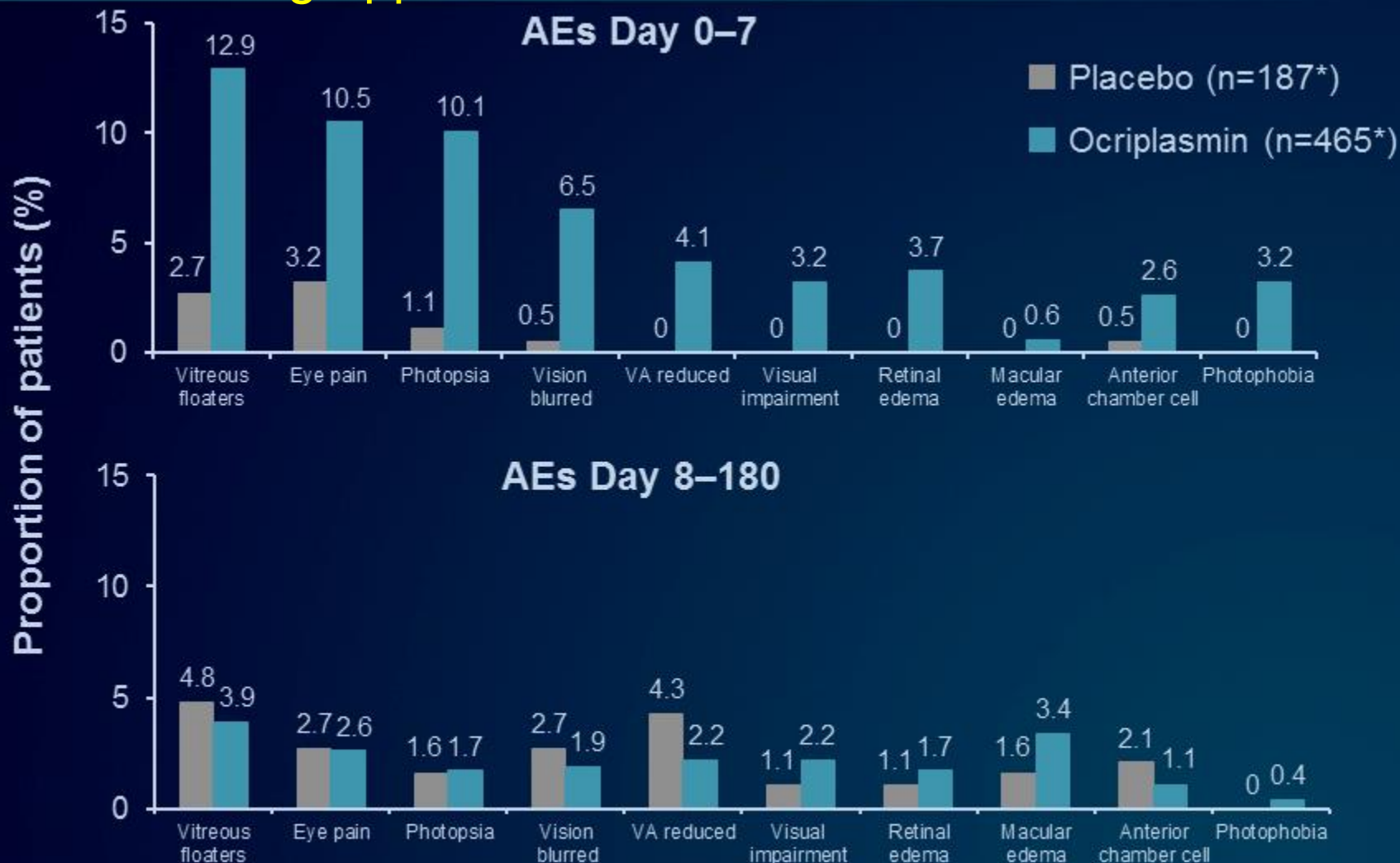
# Eventi avversi oculari MIVI 6/7

## Ocular AEs and serious ocular AEs in MIVI 6 and 7



Eventi avversi gravi legati al distacco di vitreo

# Dopo il settimo giorno l'incidenza degli eventi avversi sono simili nei due gruppi



\*One patient randomly assigned to placebo inadvertently received ocriplasmin and was included in the ocriplasmin group

# SEVERI EVENTI AVVERSI OCULARI

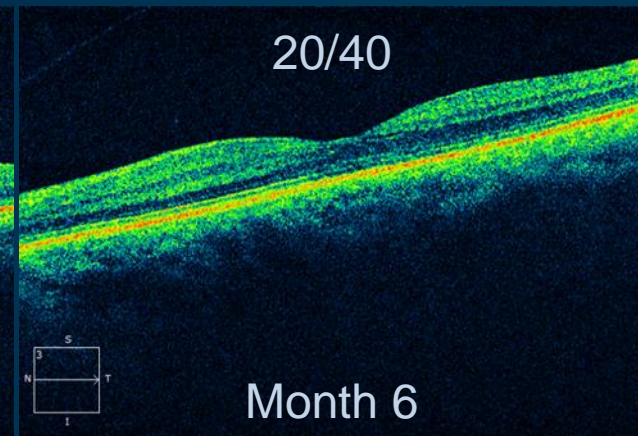
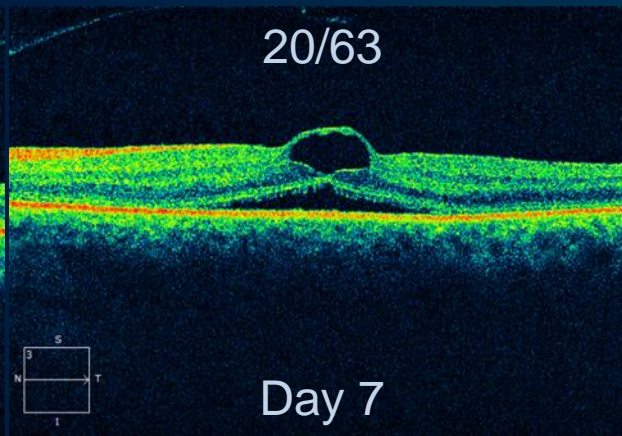
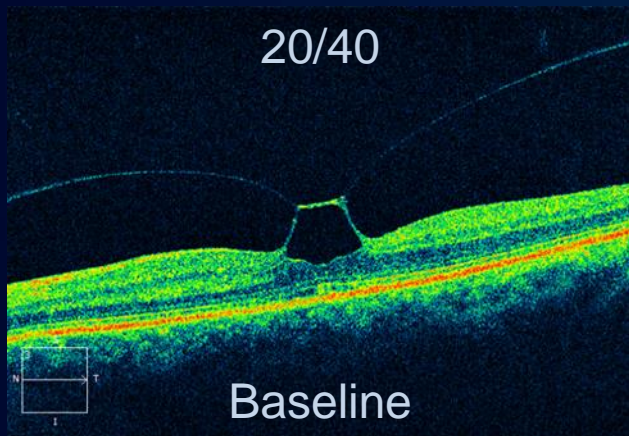
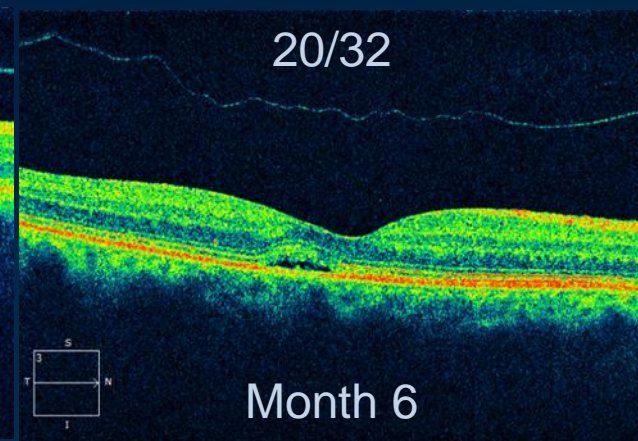
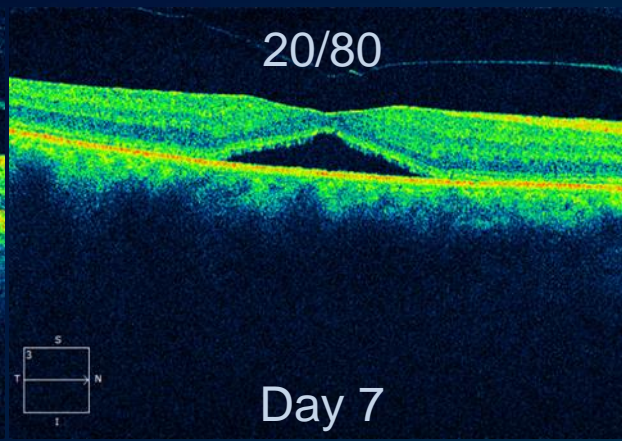
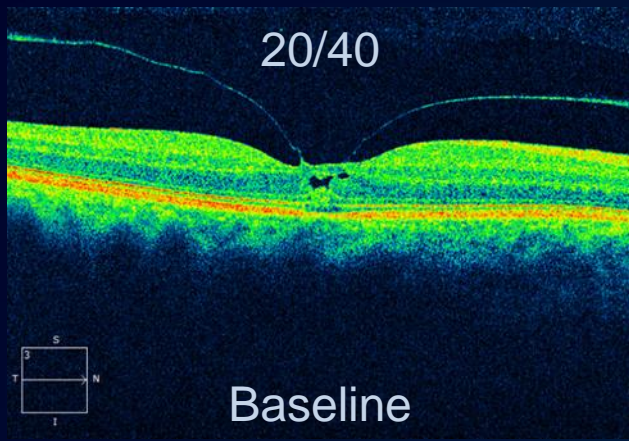
Event, n (%)	Placebo (n=187)	Ocriplasmin (n=465)	p-value*
Any serious AE	20 (10.7)	36 (7.7)	0.26
Macular hole	16 (8.6)	24 (5.2)	0.15
Retinal detachment	3 (1.6)	2 (0.4)	0.16
Reduced VA	1 (0.5)	3 (0.6)	0.94

\*p-values were calculated with the use of the Cochran–Mantel–Haenszel test, stratified according to study

A serious ocular adverse event was identified as such by the investigator and was defined as an adverse event that met one of the following descriptions: an event resulting in persistent or clinically significant disability, incapacity, or both; an event requiring inpatient hospitalization or prolongation of an existing hospital stay; or an event that was considered to be medically important

p-values were not adjusted for multiplicity

# VMA Resolution in Patients with Acute Vision Decrease (MIVI 6/7)



# Working in progress

## Studies due to commence in 2014\*

*Single arm: ocriplasmin administered according to the label*

- M-13-056<sup>1</sup>
  - Interventional phase IV study based in Europe and Canada<sup>2</sup>
  - Planned enrollment: N~400
  - Primary endpoint: VMA resolution at Day 28
  - Intended follow-up: 6 months
  - Estimated completion date: October 2015
- ORBIT (Ocriplasmin Research to Better Inform Treatment)<sup>3</sup>
  - Observational, prospective, phase IV study based in the US
  - Planned enrollment N~1500
  - Primary outcome measures (all within 12 months)
    - ✧ VMA resolution by SD-OCT
    - ✧ FTMH closure by SD-OCT
    - ✧ Change in VA from baseline
    - ✧ Occurrence and time to vitrectomy
  - Other outcome measures (all within 12 months)
    - ✧ Monitoring of ADRs
    - ✧ Change from baseline in ocular signs and symptoms over time
  - Estimated completion date: March 2016

## Ongoing clinical trials

- OASIS<sup>4</sup>: Currently ongoing
  - Phase IIIb, randomized, sham-controlled, double-masked study based in the US
  - Patients with symptomatic VMA (N=220)
  - Ocriplasmin administered according to the label
  - Primary endpoint: VMA resolution at Day 28
  - Estimated completion date: April 2015

## Registries

- INJECT<sup>5</sup>: Open for enrollment
  - Non-randomized worldwide study
  - Ocriplasmin administered according to the label; local standards of care will apply
  - Planned enrollment: N~1500
  - Efficacy evaluations will include: VMT resolution and MH closure, BCVA and NEI VFQ-25
  - Final visit recommended at ~Month 12

\*Studies registered but not currently recruiting patients (as of March 12, 2014)

1. Clinicaltrials.gov. NCT02035748 (accessed March 2014); 2. Alcon Research Ltd. Data on file. 2014; 3. ClinicalTrials.gov. NCT02079883 (accessed March 2014); 4. Clinicaltrials.gov. NCT01429441 (accessed March 2014); 5. Alcon Research Ltd. Data on file. 2013



# Conclusions

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- Il *Watchful waiting* nel caso di trazione vitreomaculare (VMT) può portare a danni retinici irreversibili, cisti e formazione di fori.
- La risoluzione spontanea di VMT si verifica raramente.
- La chirurgia vitreoretinica resta indicata in caso di riduzione del visus o per la progressione della patologia, ma il trauma chirurgico è un'evenienza possibile così come le complicanze.
- Il trattamento farmacologico di distacco del vitreo può essere tempestivo e causando una minore manipolazione della retina e consente di migliorare la visione in un numero considerevole di pazienti.