Choroideremia Gene Therapy: Phase 2 Clinical Trial 36-Month Results and Overview

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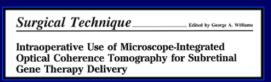
Choroideremia



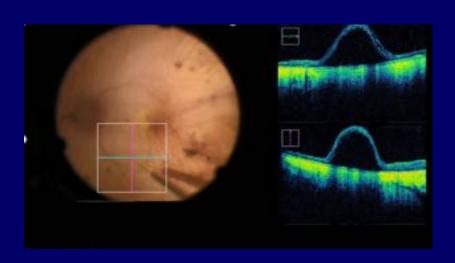
- X-linked recessive, primarily affecting males
- Gene encoding RAB escort protein 1 (REP1), mostly null mutations
- Gradual progressive loss of vision from chorioretinal degeneration starting from periphery toward fovea

Choroideremia Gene Therapy

- AAV2-REP1 vector
 - Chicken beta actin promoter
 - Woodchuck hepatitis viral post-translational regulatory element (WPRE), enhances expression
- To improve or maintain function of remaining RPE and photoreceptors
- Subretinal injection targeting fovea



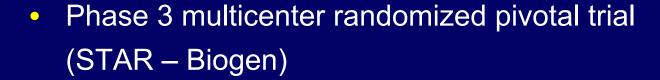
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Choroideremia Gene Therapy

- Phase 2 Oxford (MacLaren)
- Phase 1-2 UPenn, Mass Eye & Ear
- Phase 2 site initiated
 - Miami
 - Alberta
 - Germany







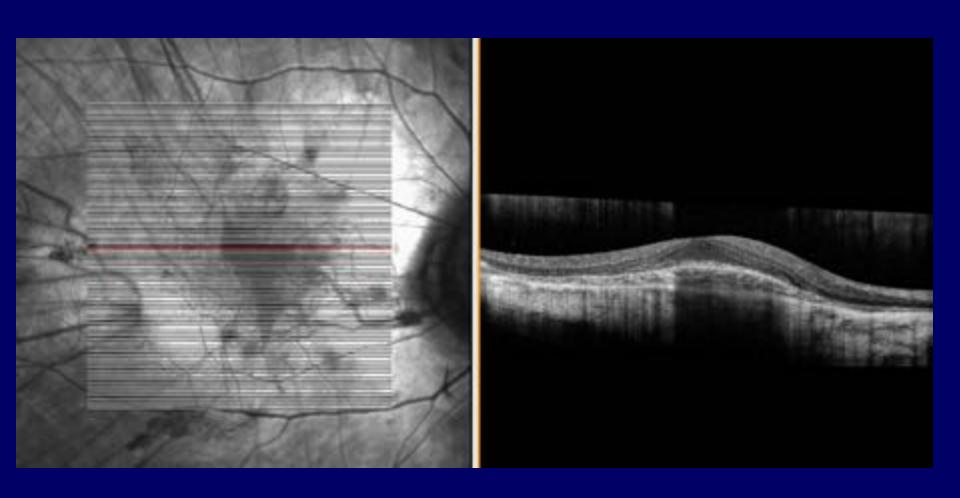
Choroideremia Gene Therapy AAV2-REP1 Open label Phase 2

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- 10¹¹ genome particles (high dose)
- 100 ul subretinal, subfoveal
- Male > age 18 years, genetically proven choroideremia
- Active disease visible within macula region
- BCVA: 20/32 to 20/200
- Study period: to 2 years with further follow-up
- Primary endpoint: Visual Acuity
- Patients were then recruited for 2nd eye surgery within the GEMINI study (Bilateral Phase 2 study)



Subject Example



Choroideremia Gene Therapy AAV2-REP1 Phase 2 2 Year Results ETDRS VA Scores

Patient No./ Age	Visual Acuity Baseline (ETDRS letter Score)		Visual Acuity 1 Year (ETDRS letter Score)		(ETDF	Acuity Year RS letter ore)	Letter Baseli	nge in Score ine to 2 ear	Change in Letter Score Study Eye vs. Control Eye
	Study Eye	Control Eye	Study Eye	Control Eye	Study Eye	Control Eye	Study Eye	Control Eye	2 Year
501 50 yo	65	81	69	79	70	80	5	-1	6
502 53 yo	61	77	71	78	71	77	10	0	10
503 49 yo	56	69	54	71	56	71	0	2	-2
504 72 yo	58	77	58	75	57	75	-1	-2	1
505 50 yo	75	78	78	84	77	82	2	4	-2
506 32 yo	77	80	80	80	79	80	2	0	2

AT 2 YEARS, 4 OUT OF 6 PATIENTS HAD SECOND EYE SURGERY

Choroideremia Gene Therapy AAV2-REP1 Phase 2 3 Year Results *IN THE FIRST TREATED EYE (n=6)*

ETDRS VA Score

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501	65	69	70	70	5
502	61	71	71	73	12
503	56	54	56	55	-1
504	58	58	57	61	3
505	75	78	77	73	-2
506	77	80	79	82	5

Choroideremia Gene Therapy AAV2-REP1 Phase 2 3 Year Results *IN THE SECOND TREATED EYE (n=4)*

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Adverse Events

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Vitreous cells	2	Mild	POD 1	POD 6
Subretinal fluid	5	Mild	POD 1	4 on POD 6 1 on POD 26
Extrafoveal Macular retinal hole in area of non-functioning retina*	2	Mild	POD 1	Not Resolved
Diplopia	1	Mild	POD 15	POD 36
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"Sees color better"		X				х	2	
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"Sees stars better"				х			1	
"Vision Brighter"						х	1	
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