

# Innovative Suprachoroidal Microneedle

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**Clinical Trial Results From Patients With  
Macular Edema Due to Noninfectious Uveitis**  
*Treated with 4.0 mg of triamcinolone acetonide using a  
suprachoroidal injection*

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# Key Take Home Points

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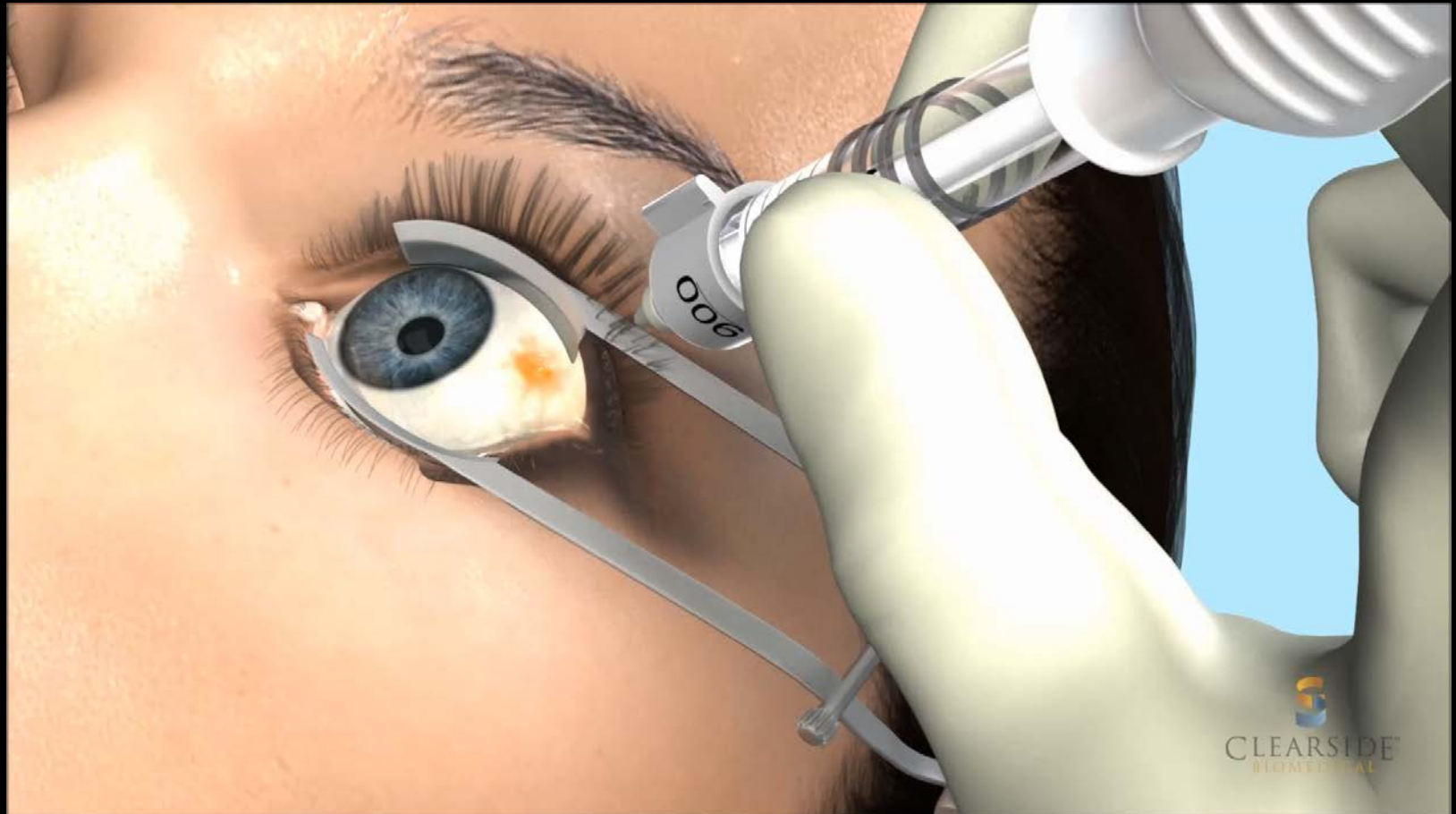
# Suprachoroidal Injection in Development

- **Potentially useful approach for the treatment of ocular conditions affecting the posterior segment of the eye**
- **Novel technique**
  - **30G needle (1000 micron in length)**
  - **Proprietary microinjector syringe**
- **Proposed benefits**
  - **High bio availability in target tissues<sup>1</sup>**
  - **Sparing anterior segment might result in fewer ocular side effects<sup>2</sup>**
  - **Potential for longer duration<sup>2</sup>**

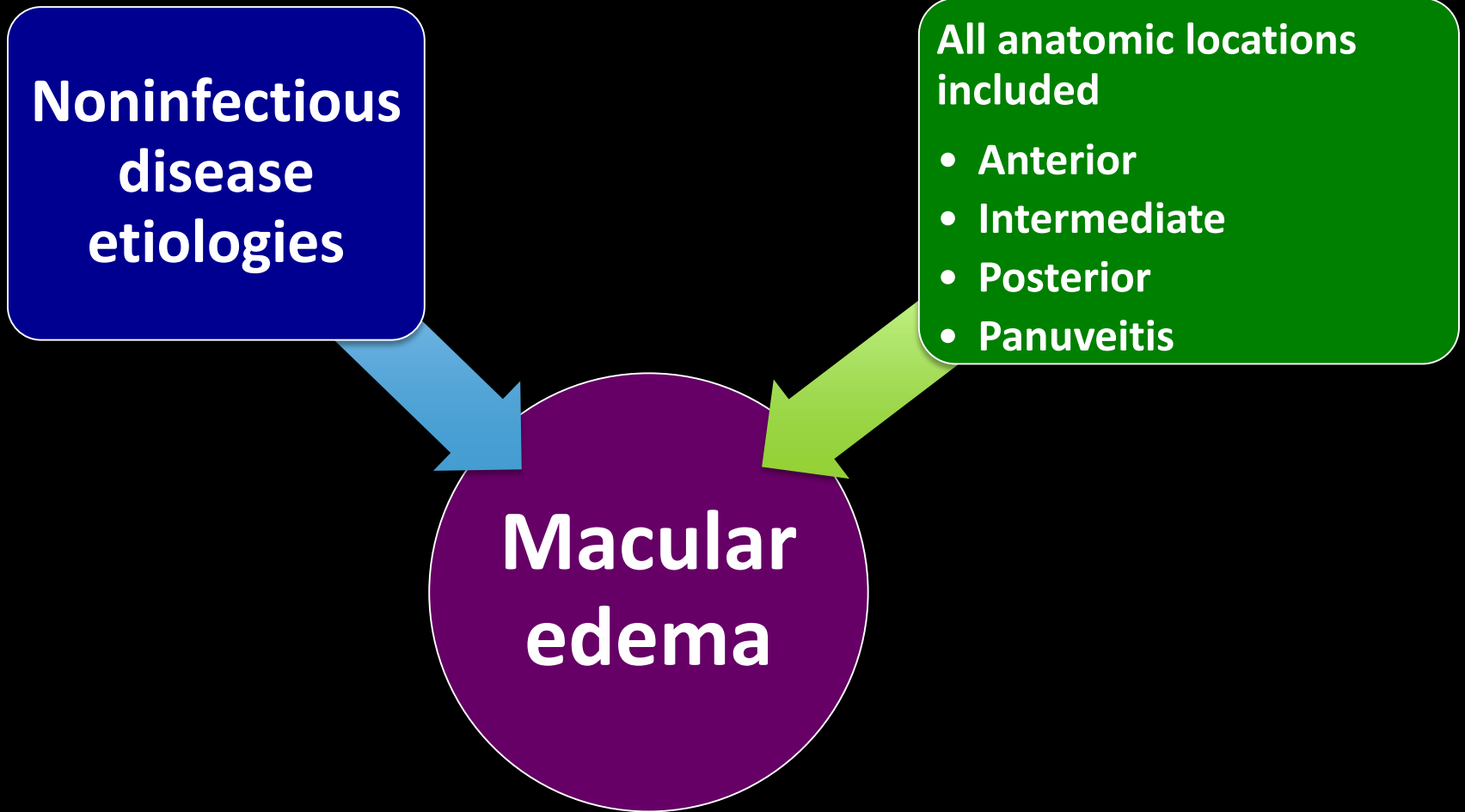
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# Novel Microinjector Provides Access Through the Suprachoroidal Space to the Choroid and Retina



# Phase 2 Clinical Study



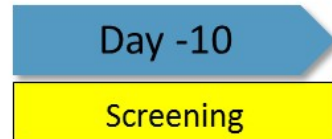
# Phase 2 Study Design

This study was powered only for the 4.0 mg dose

**4.0 mg Suprachoroidal CLS-TA: 0.8 mg Suprachoroidal CLS-TA; 4:1**

## High Dose Arm

4.0 mg Suprachoroidal injection of CLS-TA on Day 1



Primary Endpoint:  
Mean change in  
central retinal thickness

## Low Dose Arm

0.8 mg Suprachoroidal injection of CLS-TA on Day 1



Single suprachoroidal injection of triamcinolone to the study eye  
Subjects were followed for 2 months

# Phase 2 Study

Protocol Design: Target 20 (16:4) subjects - Actually Randomized: 22 (17:5)

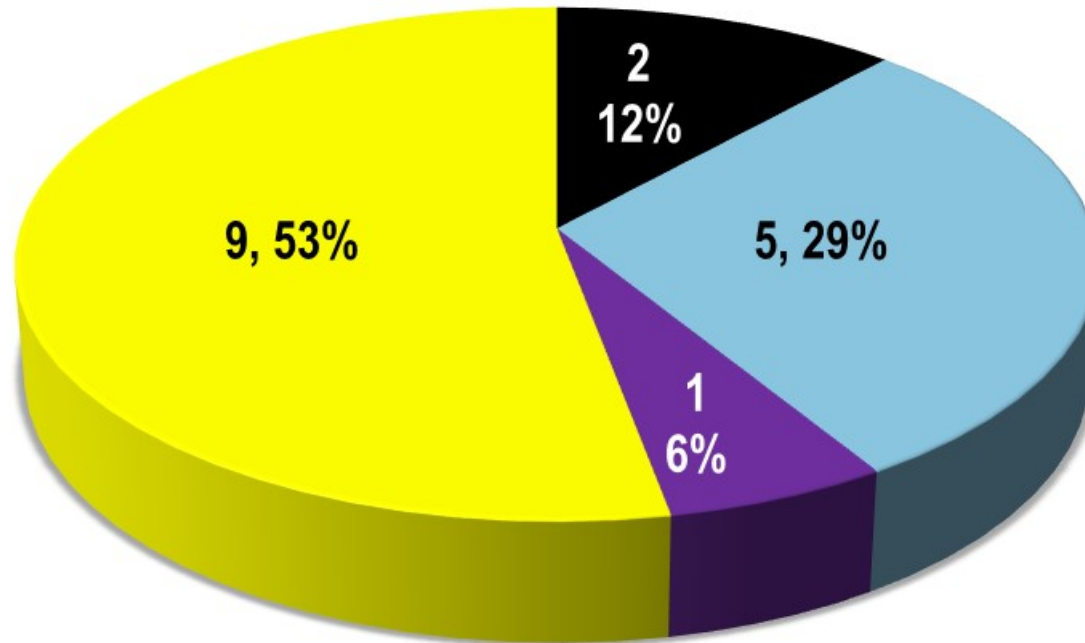
	CLS-TA 4.0 mg N=17	CLS-TA 0.8 mg N=5	TOTAL
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF SUBJECTS</b>			
<b>RANDOMIZED</b>	17	5	22
COMPLETED	17	5	22
DISCONTINUED	0	0	0
<b>SAFETY</b>	17	5	22
<b>INTENT-TO-TREAT</b>	17	5	22



# Study Demographics

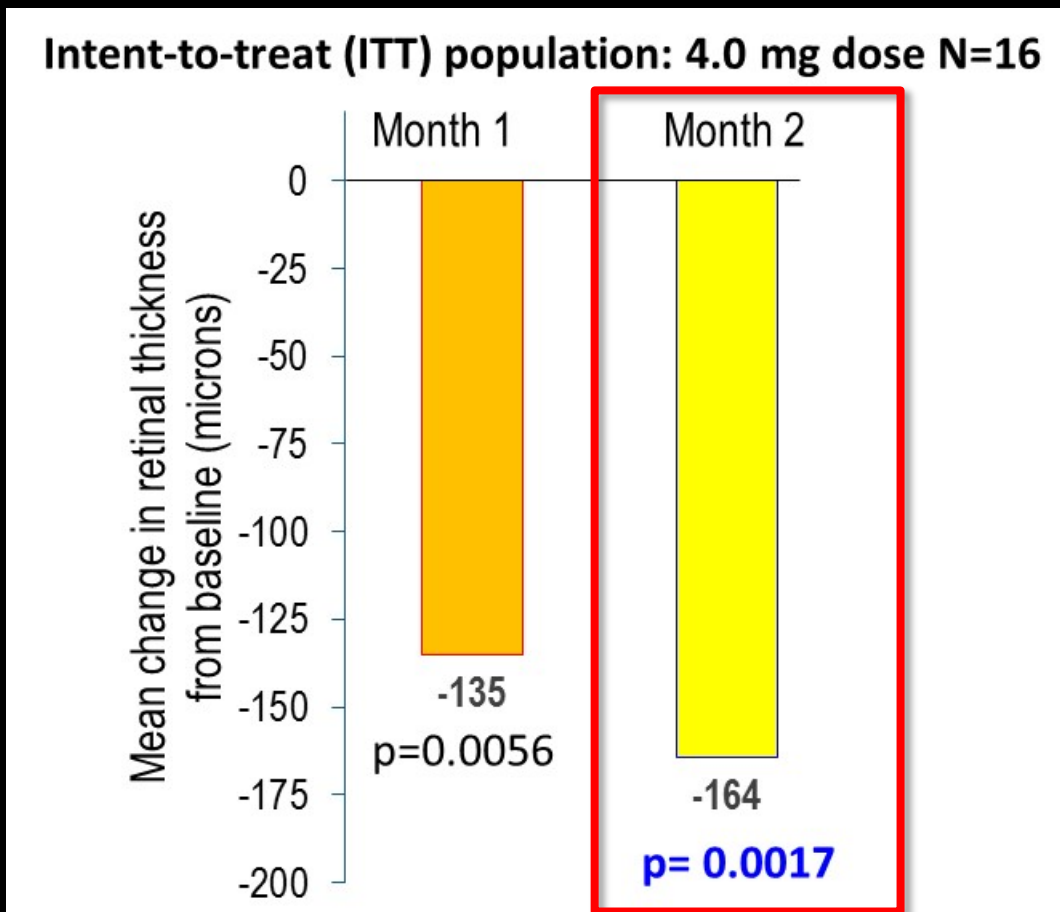
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<b>AGE (YEAR)</b>			
MEAN	52.2	51.8	52.1
MEDIAN	50.0	53.0	53.0
MIN, MAX	20, 83	24, 69	20, 83
<b>SEX n (%)</b>			
MALE	9 (52.9)	1 (20.0)	10 (45.5)
FEMALE	8 (47.1)	4 (80.0)	12 (54.5)
<b>RACE n (%)</b>			
BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN	2 (11.8)	2 (40.0)	4 (18.2)
WHITE	15 (88.2)	3 (60.0)	18 (81.8)

# Geographic Location of Uveitis: 4.0 mg Triamcinolone Group



■ Anterior    ■ Intermediate    ■ Posterior    ■ Pan

# Primary Endpoint: Central Subfield Thickness



<sup>1</sup> CST is the central retinal thickness measured using optical coherence tomography (OCT)

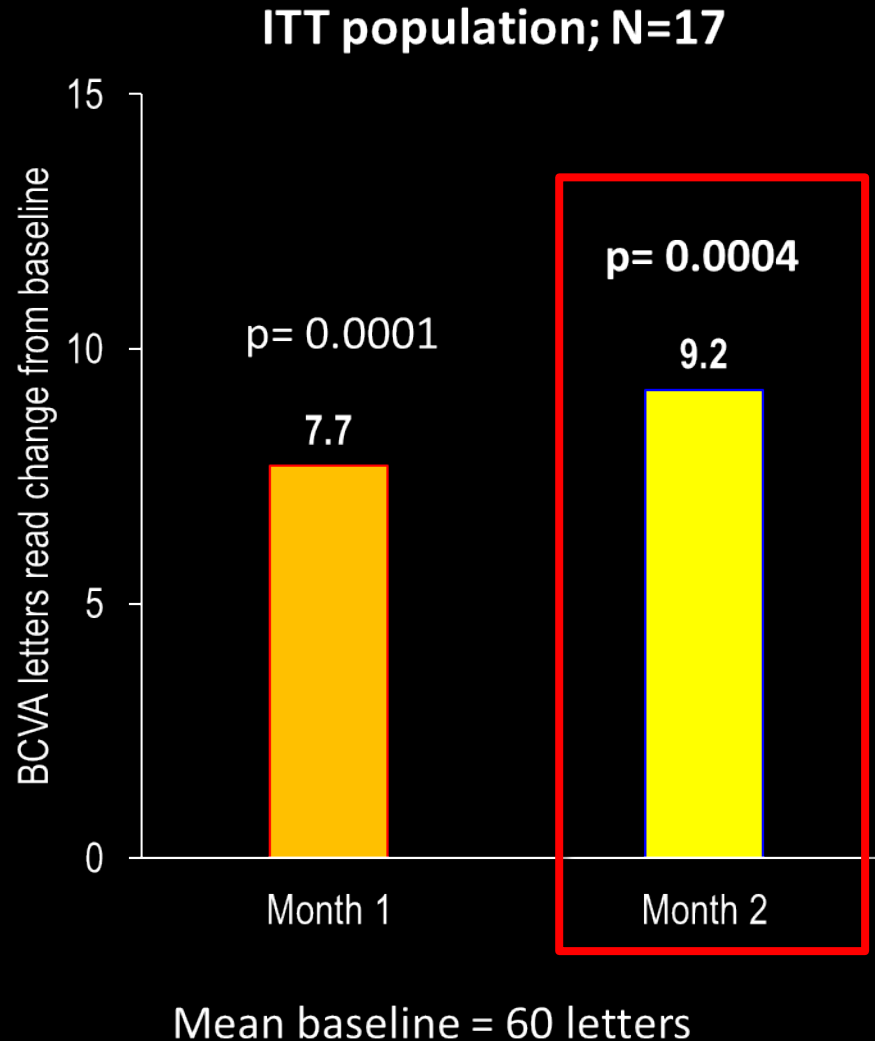
**Mean baseline = 526  $\mu\text{m}$**

# Secondary End Points: Macular Edema Reduction

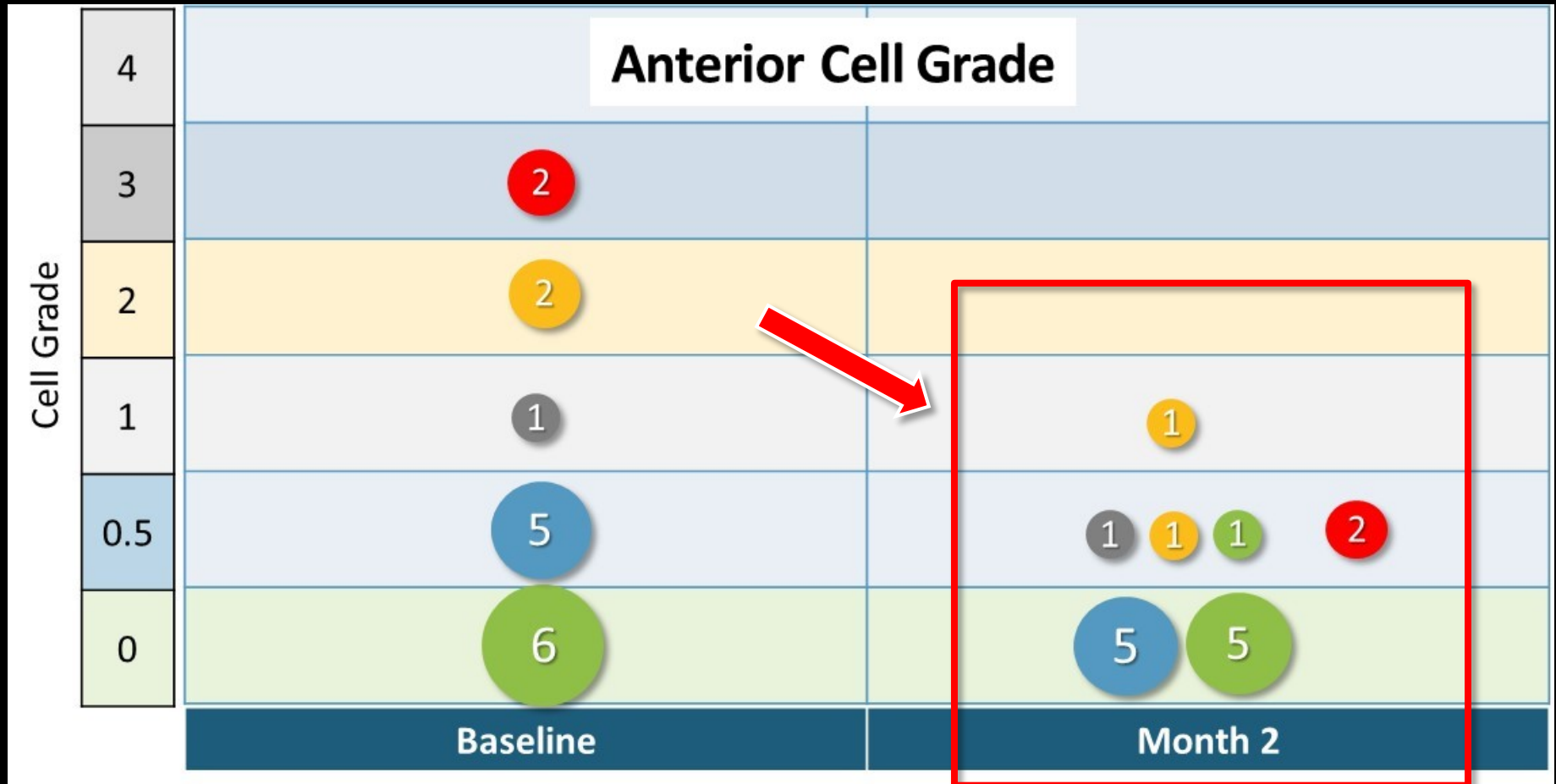
- Subjects with a  $\geq 20\%$  reduction in CST
- Subjects with CST  $<310$  microns

Visit	CST information	4.0 mg (N = 16)
Month 1	Subjects with $\geq 20\%$ reduction in CST	9
	Subjects with CST $<310$ microns	9
Month 2	Subjects with $\geq 20\%$ reduction in CST	11
	Subjects with CST $<310$ microns	9

# Change in Best Corrected Visual Acuity Secondary Endpoint



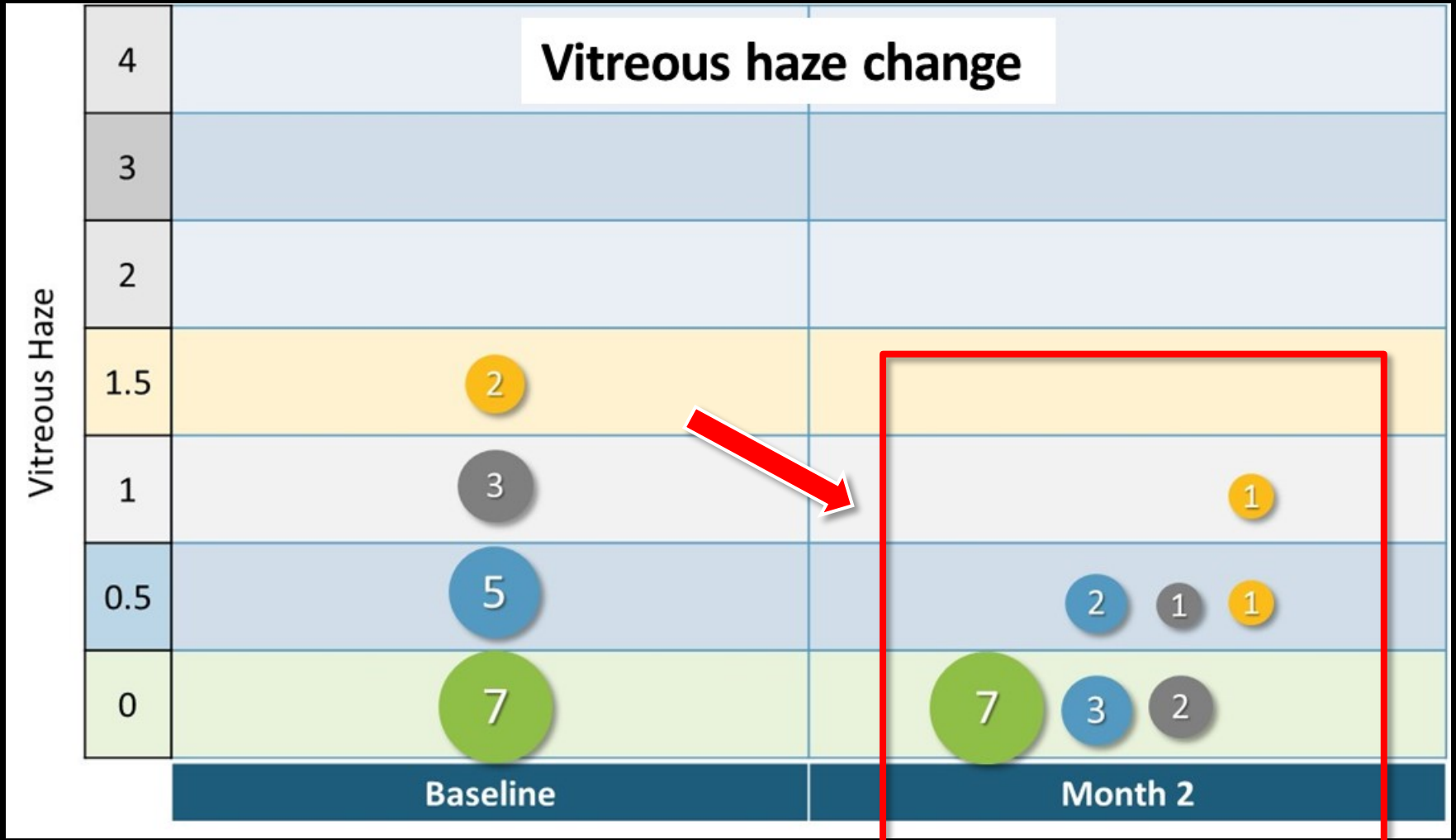
# Anterior Cell Grade Change: Baseline to Month 2



**Trend towards less ocular inflammation**

Numbers indicate number of patients

# Vitreous Haze Score Change: Baseline to Month 2



**Trend towards less ocular inflammation**

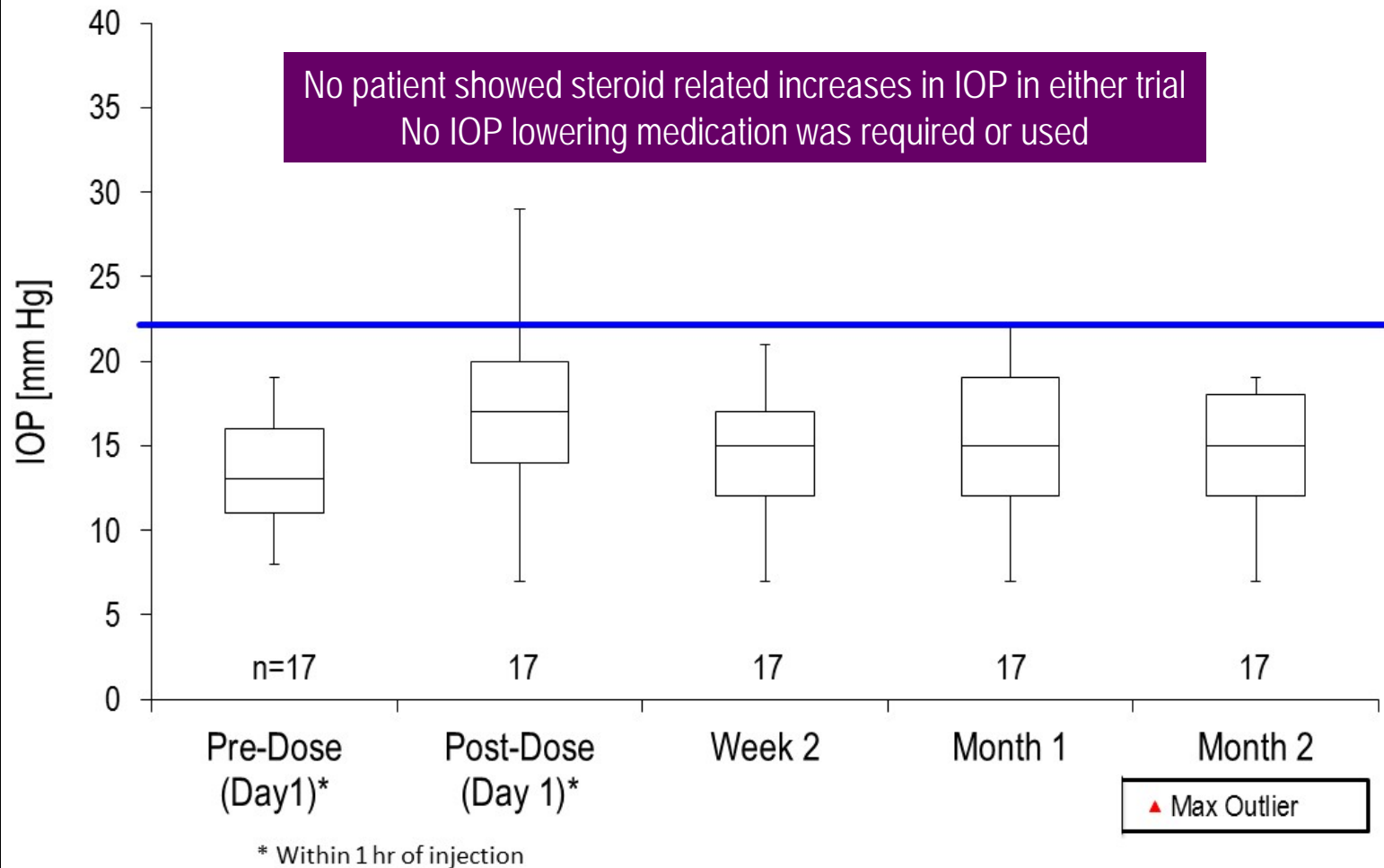
# Safety

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- **1 Serious systemic adverse event in the study: atrial fibrillation**
  - Occurred in the 4.0 mg group
  - Not related to study treatment
- **No adverse events (AEs) that led to discontinuation**
- **4 subjects received additional treatment (2 on 4 mg, 2 on 0.8 mg)**
- **No serious ocular adverse events**
- **No corticosteroid related increases in intraocular pressure (IOP)**



# 4 mg Triamcinolone: Intraocular Pressure Changes



# Summary

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- **Phase 3 clinical trial is ongoing**

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