OCT Anatomic & Temporal Biomarkers in Uveitic Macular Edema

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Background

- There is limited information on longitudinal structure-functional correlations in Uveitic Macular Edema (UME).
- In clinical practice, physicians often base treatment decisions on BCVA and/or OCT assessment.
- This study assessed these relationships, focusing on baseline anatomic features with potential prognostic value for visual response.

Phase 3 – Suprachoroidal CLS-TA

- Post hoc analysis of 198 eyes with NIU enrolled in two phase 3, 24 week clinical trials with CLS-TA (triamcinolone acetonide injectable suspension)^{1, 2}.
- Assessed relationships between BCVA and
 - Ellipsoid zone (EZ) integrity
 - Presence and location of cystoid spaces
 - Presence and location of subretinal fluid (SRF)
- Correlation analyses performed to describe the relationship at baseline, and change from baseline at 24 weeks.
- A longitudinal treatment-response analysis modeled the temporal relationship between change in BCVA and CST.

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Moderate Relationships Between BCVA and CST



PCC: Pearson Correlation Coefficient

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Relationship between Baseline BCVA and EZ, Cystoid Spaces, SRF at Baseline

Baseline BCVA v. Baseline EZ: Mean BCVA statistically significantly worsened with each EZ grade







Relationship between Change in BCVA and Change in Cystoid Space & SRF Status



Eyes that **showed any improvement in cystoid spaces and/or SRF** showed a **significantly greater improvement in BCVA (***P* < 0.001 for both)

Longitudinal modeling showed more rapid response for CST



Longitudinal modeling showed that the frame of response was more rapid for CST than BCVA.

- CST required approximately 3 weeks to reach over 90% of full response
- BCVA required approximately 9 weeks to reach the same magnitude of response.

Longitudinal non-linear mixed effects model based on methods according to the US FDA guidance for determining population pharmacokinetics and the EU guidance on reporting population pharmacokinetic analysis results.

Conclusion

- In NIU-ME, normal EZ, center involved cystoid spaces, and SRF at baseline predict improved therapeutic response.
- Anatomic response may precede visual response in uveitic macular edema by one month or more.
- These analyses have received favorable review at the American Journal of Ophthalmology.