



# **Topline Results: RZ402-201 Phase 2 Study in Patients with Diabetic Macular Edema (DME)**

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# Introduction

# Inhibiting Plasma Kallikrein: Oral-Systemic Approach to Diabetic Macular Edema (DME)

## Kallikrein-Kinin System (KKS): an Alternative Pathway to Target DME

- KKS is a 1<sup>st</sup> line defense against vascular injury
  - Promotes vascular permeability, inflammation, and coagulation
- Diabetes injures retinal blood vessels
  - PK over-activation leads to inflammation and macular edema
- Preclinical and clinical data implicate KKS as a VEGF-independent cause of DME
- A PKI should target the vascular site of action
  - RZ402 concentrations in blood correlate with DME response in animal model
  - May explain lack of effect of intravitreal PKIs

## RZ402: An Oral Once Daily PKI for DME

- Possible treatment alternative for patients with suboptimal response to anti-VEGF therapies
- Intended as monotherapy or combination with anti-VEGF injections
- Oral dosing and systemic levels enables sustained drug exposures for kallikrein inhibition at retinal blood vessel site of action
- Added advantage of treating both eyes

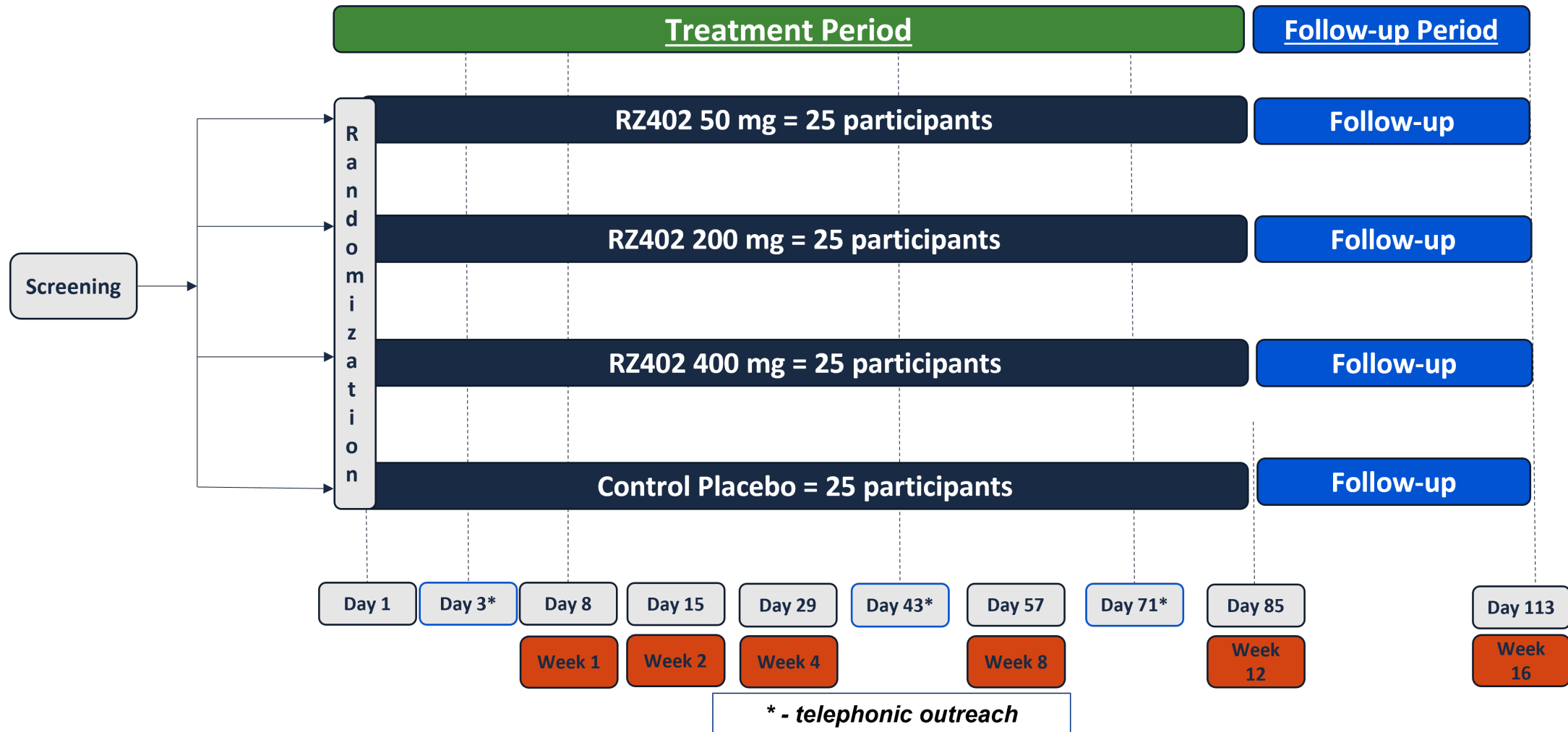
Potential systemic treatment and opportunity for early intervention to support prevention or treatment of DME



# **RZ402 Phase 2 Study Topline Results**



# RZ402-201 Study Design Overview



# Endpoints

## ○ Primary

- Safety, including AEs and SAEs, ocular exams, and systemic evaluations (e.g. vitals, ECG, labs)
- Efficacy – Change in Central Subthreshold Thickness (CST) from baseline compared to placebo
  - A recognized and objective Phase 2 anatomic marker of macular edema

## ○ Secondary

- Change in best corrected visual acuity (BCVA) from baseline compared to placebo
- Change in Diabetic Retinopathy Severity Score (DRSS) score compared to placebo
  - Exploratory and not expected to change in a 3-month study
- Repeat-dose PK profile of RZ402
- Fellow eye evaluation (in evaluable eyes not treated with anti-VEGF)

# Key Eligibility Criteria

- **Mild to moderate non-proliferative diabetic retinopathy with center-involved DME**
- **No more than 3 anti-VEGF injections previously**
  - None within 8 weeks of randomization
- **CST of  $\geq 320$  microns in males and  $\geq 305$  microns in females**
- **BCVA  $\leq 78$  letters on Early Treatment Diabetic Retinopathy Study (ETDRS)**
- **Stable glycemic control**



# Study Disposition and Populations

- **94 Participants Enrolled**
  - 84 Completed, 10 Discontinued (5 for anti-VEGF rescue, 5 Withdrew Consent)
- **12 Participants had an eligible/evaluable fellow-eye**
  - 94 Study Eyes, 12 Fellow Eyes
- **Rescue and/or use of anti-VEGF was uncommon in the study eye overall**

	50 mg	200 mg	400 mg	Placebo	Total
<b>Enrolled Participants (Study Eyes)</b>	23	23	24	24	94
<b>Evaluable Non-Study eyes</b>	0	2	4	6	12
<b>Completed Participants</b>	18	22	21	23	84
<b>Early Terminated</b>	5	1	3	1	10
Subject Withdrawal	2	1	2	0	5
Rescued with anti-VEGF	3	0	1	1	5

# Participant Demographics and Baseline Characteristics

	50 mg (N=22)	200 mg (N=23)	400 mg (N=24)	Placebo (N=24)	Total (N=93)
Age (Mean, Range)	61 (53-76)	60 (31-74)	62 (35-75)	64 (47-74)	62 (31-76)
Gender (n, M / F)	12 / 10	10 / 13	15 / 9	16 / 8	53 (57%) / 40 (43%)
Diabetes History (Mean Duration [y]; HbA1c (%))	16; 7.4%	17; 7.9%	18; 7.3%	13; 7.3%	16; 7.5%
Study Eye Prior Anti-VEGF History (yes / no [%]) Average number of Injections	5 / 17 0.4	6 / 17 0.5	6 / 18 0.5	5 / 19 0.3	22 (24%) / 71 (76%) 0.4
Study Eye CST (mean, Range [µm])	464 (314-625)	438 (313-824)	429 (329-629)	408 (307-680)	434 (307-824)
Study Eye BCVA (mean, Range [letters])	69 (53-81)	70 (27-81)	70 (56-80)	69 (72-80)	70 (27-81)
DRSS Score (n, %) ≤43 (Moderate NPDR or better) ≥47 (Moderately Severe NPDR or worse)	16 (73%) 6 (27%)	21 (91%) 2 (9%)	24 (100%) 0	23 (96%) 1 (4%)	84 (90%) 9 (10%)

*Low rates of pre-study anti-VEGF use in this patient population underscore that invasive treatments (anti-VEGF) are often deferred*

# RZ402 Was Safe and Well-Tolerated

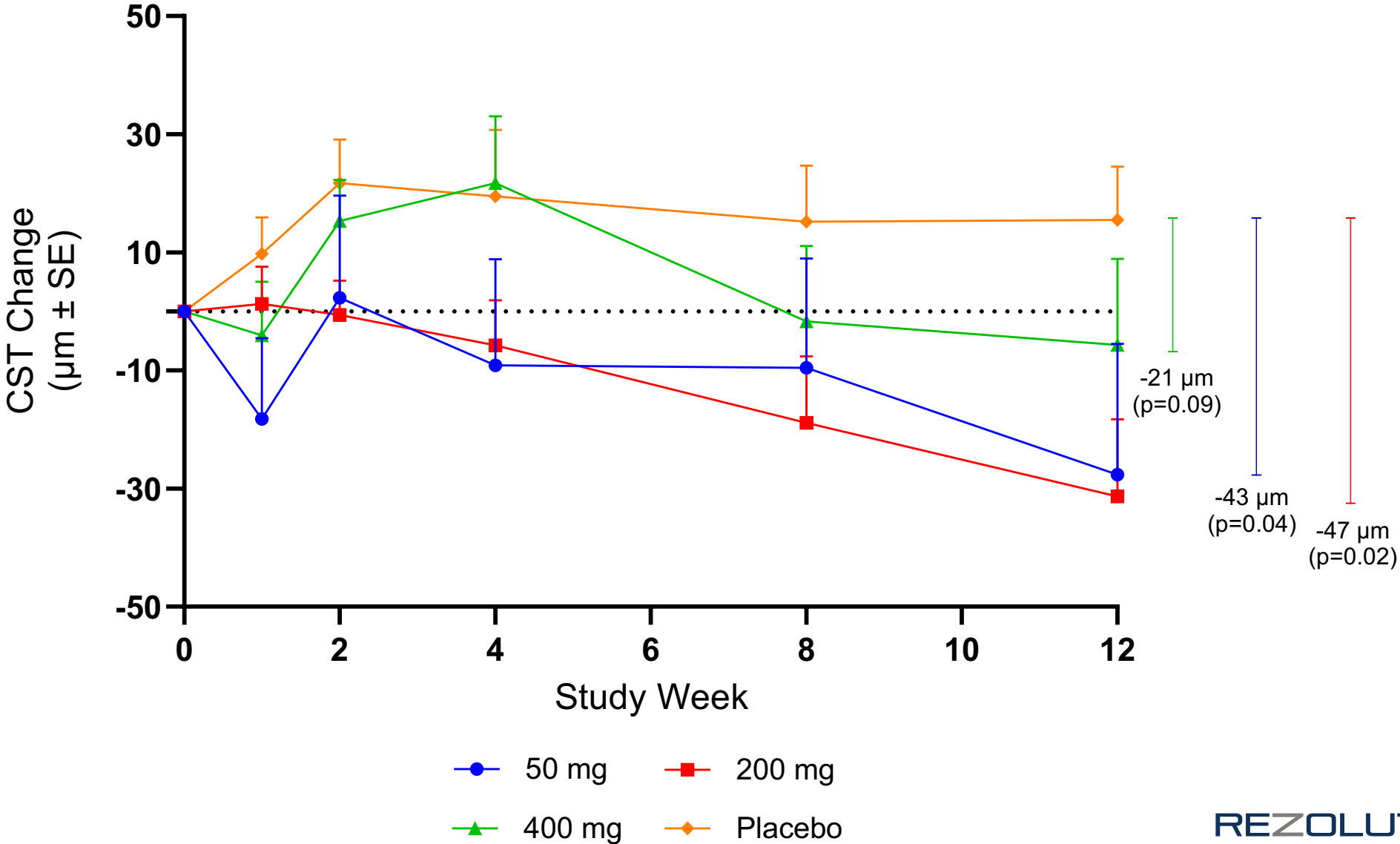
- AEs were generally mild and rates were comparable to placebo
- No adverse events of note that are associated with other PKIs
  - No liver enzyme abnormalities
  - No significant GI events
- SAEs were uncommon and judged by the Investigator as not related to study drug
- ECG, vitals, and safety labs unremarkable

Treatment-Emergent Adverse Events	50 mg (n=23)	200 mg (n=23)	400 mg (n=24)	Placebo (n=24)	Total (n=94)
Subjects with AEs	13 (57%)	11 (48%)	13 (54%)	12 (50%)	49 (52%)
Total AEs (mostly mild)	24	26	21	17	88
Subjects with SAEs (coincided with severe)	0	1	2	0	3
Total SAEs	0	2	2	0	4
Deaths	0	0	0	0	0
Discontinuations due to AE	0	0	0	0	0
<b>AEs by System Class/Term</b>					
Hypertension	2	2	0	1	5
Gastrointestinal	4	1	3	3	11
Hepatic Enzyme Increases	0	0	0	0	0
Ocular	1	0	3	3	7
diabetic retinopathy	1	0	1	1	3
cataract	0	0	0	1	1
dry eye	0	0	0	1	1
eye pain	0	0	1	0	1
vitreoretinal traction	0	0	1	0	1

# Preliminary Pharmacokinetics

- **Dose-dependent but not dose-proportional increases in concentrations**
- **Expected concentrations were achieved and profile supports once daily oral dosing**
- **Concentration which resulted in a 90% reduction in macular edema in rodent models of DME (EC90) was exceeded at all dose levels in the present study**
  - Assuming equivalent potency translation to humans, near maximal kallikrein inhibition was likely achieved across all doses

# Primary Endpoint Met: Clinically Significant Reduction in CST

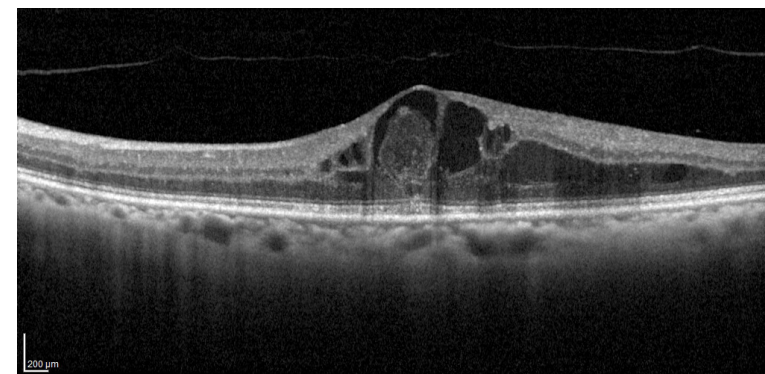
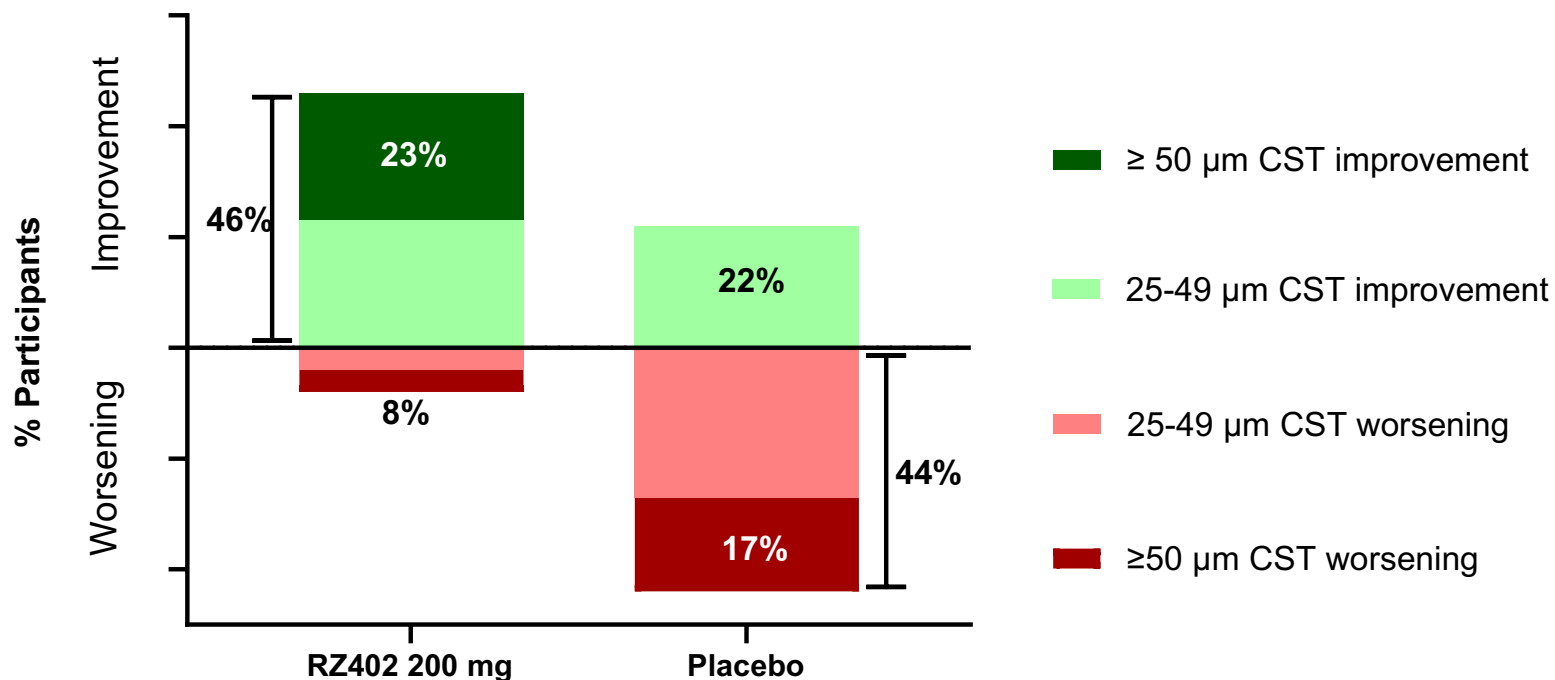


# Participant CST Responses at 200 mg RZ402 Compared to Placebo

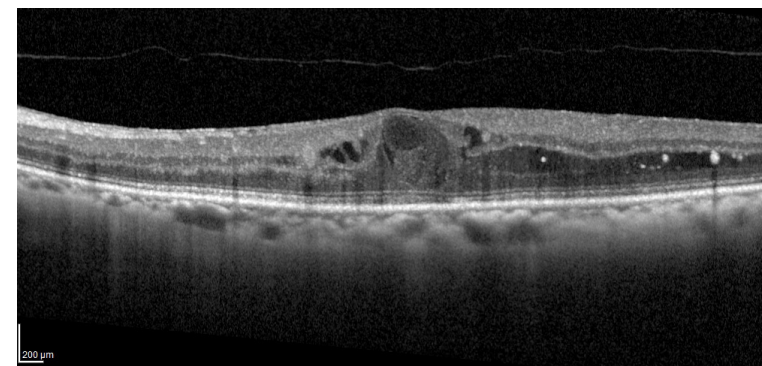
Representative OCT Scan for 200 mg Participant:

- Significant intraretinal fluid and cysts at Baseline

**CST Declines and Increases**



↓ >100 micron CST improvement and cyst resolution



# Additional Endpoints and Summary of Results

- **Achieved good systemic exposure and safe and well-tolerated**
- **First PKI and oral therapy of any class to demonstrate a CST improvement in patients with DME**
  - CST improved significantly in Study Eye at all doses compared to placebo (up to ~50 microns)
  - A pre-specified sub-analysis by CST severity indicates that CST improvements were even larger (~75 microns) in subset of patients with more baseline edema (CST values  $\geq$  400 microns)
  - CST declined in most patients who received 200 mg RZ402, including clinically significant improvements from baseline in more than 20% of participants, compared to none in placebo, with high rates of worsening
- **Maximal response at 200 mg likely explained by drug saturation of plasma kallikrein activity**
- **Vision is not expected to improve or correlate with CST changes over a 3-month study**
  - Observed improvements in CST predictive of visual improvements in a longer duration study
- **Five RZ402 treated participants at 200 mg (20%) experienced a 1-step improvement in DRSS compared to 1 participant in placebo**
- **Minority of non-study eyes retrospectively met eligibility criteria, and anti-VEGF use was not restricted in the non-study eye**
  - It is likely that both eyes would benefit simultaneously, in a study designed to assess this
- **Results support advancement into late-stage development (longer duration Phase 2b/3 studies)**

**Thank You**



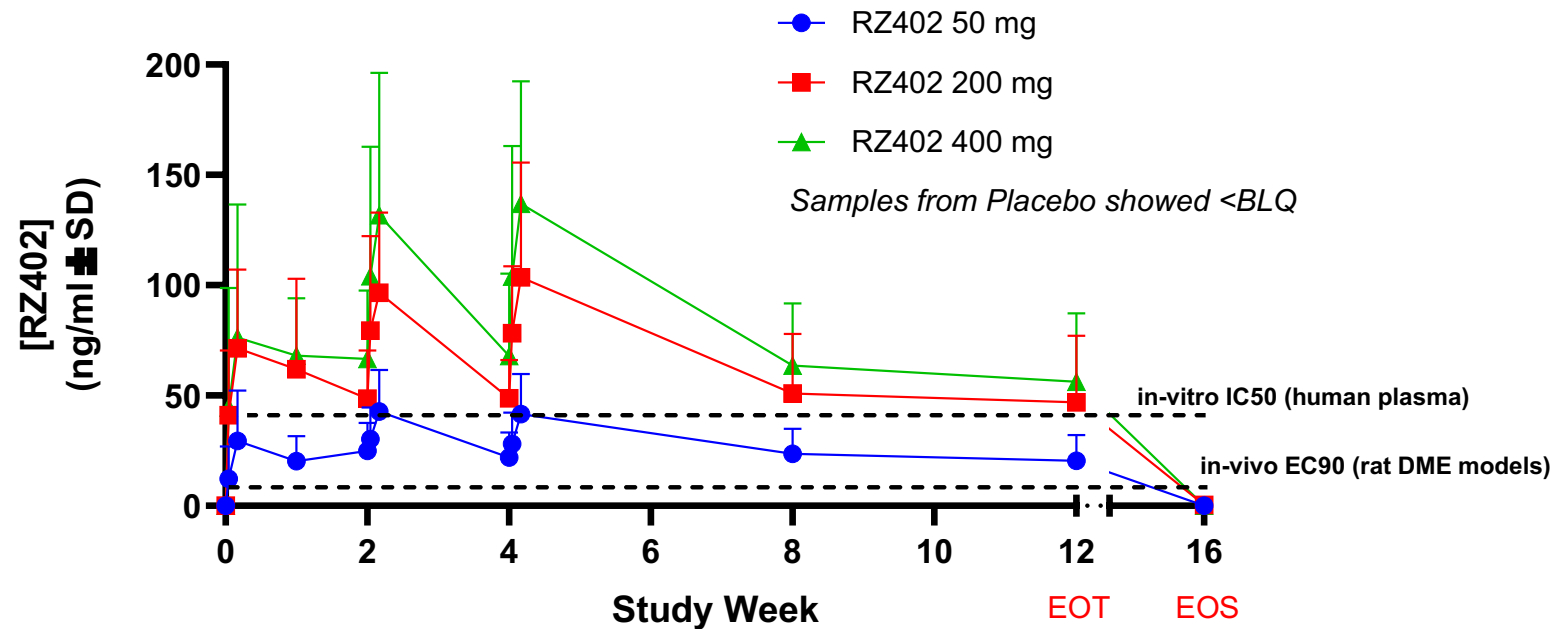


# Appendix

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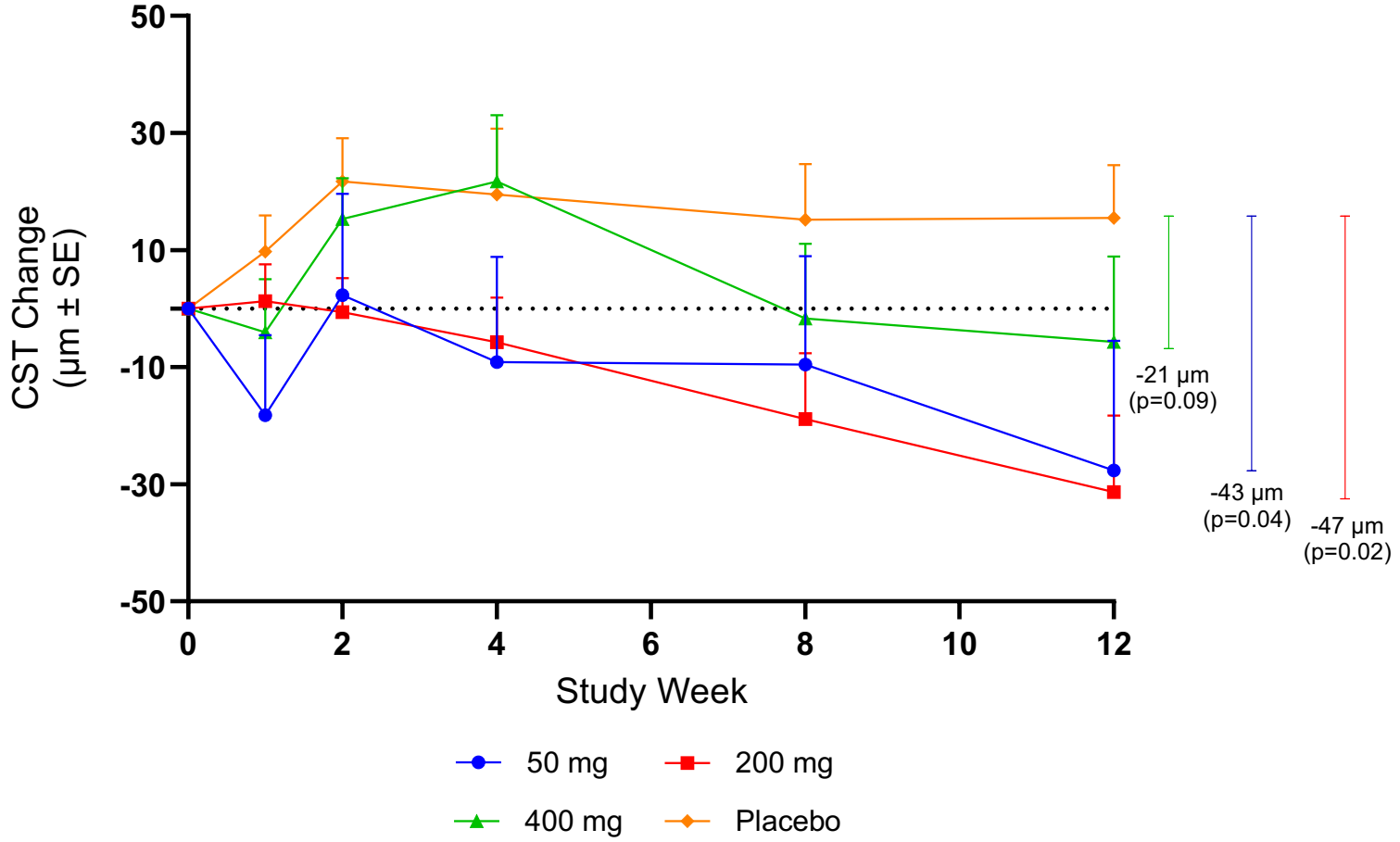
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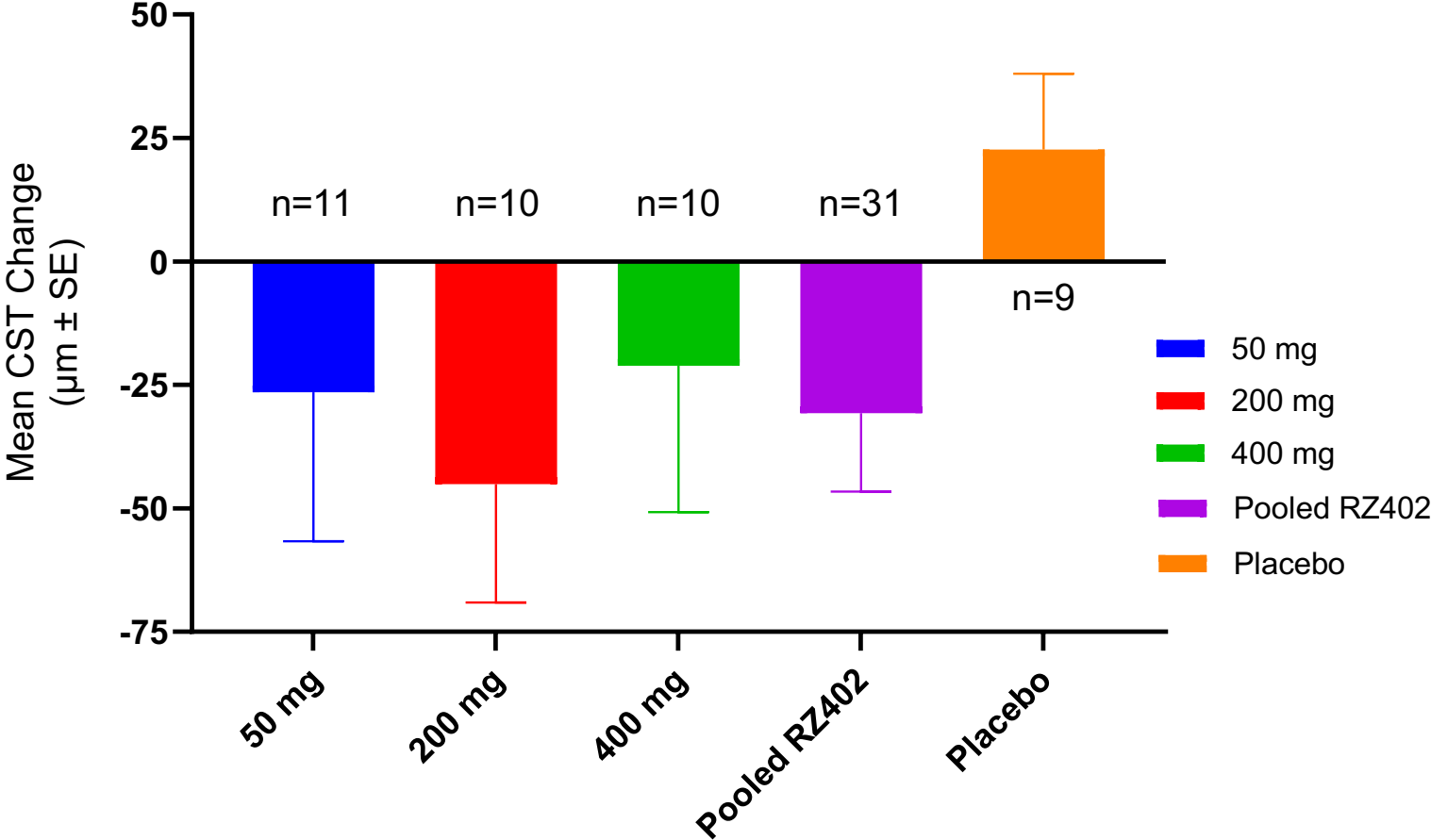


# Primary Endpoint Met: Clinically Significant Reduction in Study Eye CST

- All doses achieved clinically relevant reduction in CST, the primary biomarker associated with DME
- Active arms demonstrated non-progression as compared to placebo



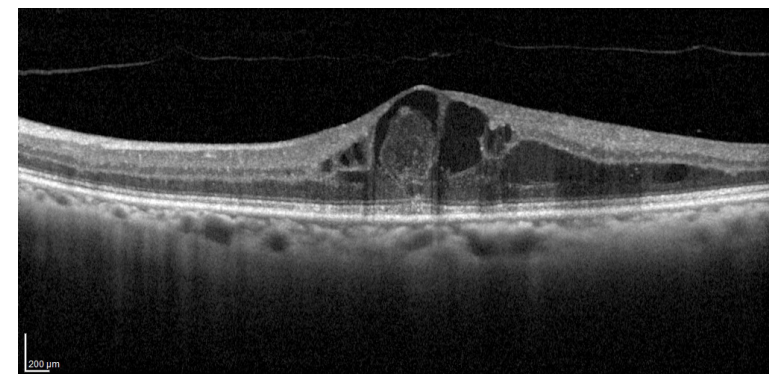
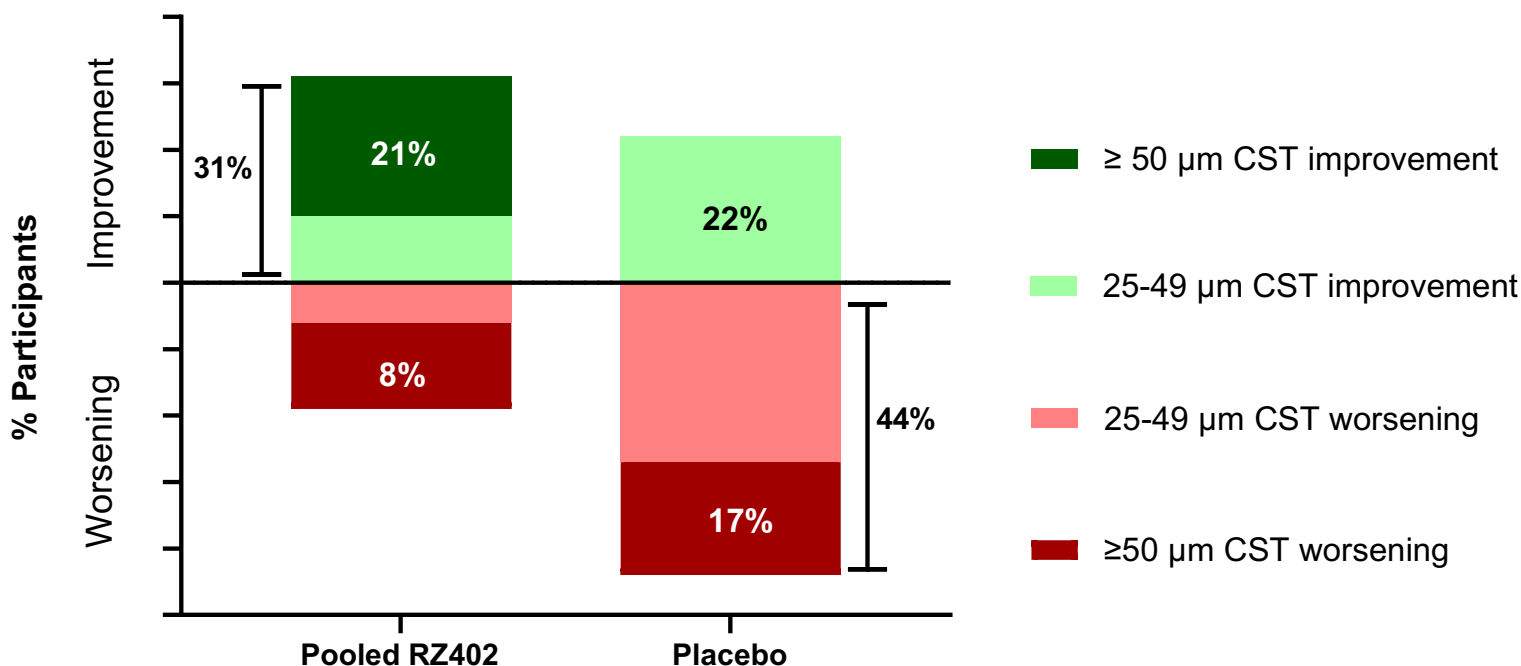
# RZ402 Led to Significant CST Improvements at All Dose Levels in Equivalent Patients (Baseline CST $\geq 400$ microns)



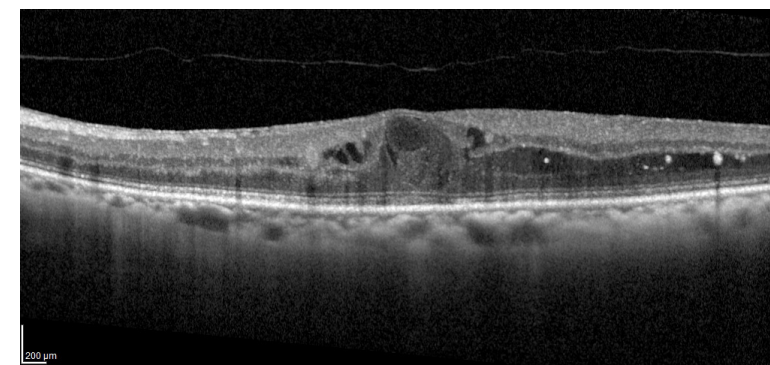
# Proportion of Patients Achieving a Clinically Significant CST Improvement

Representative OCT Scan for 200 mg anti-VEGF naïve participant:  
Significant intraretinal fluid and cysts at Baseline

CST Declines and Increases

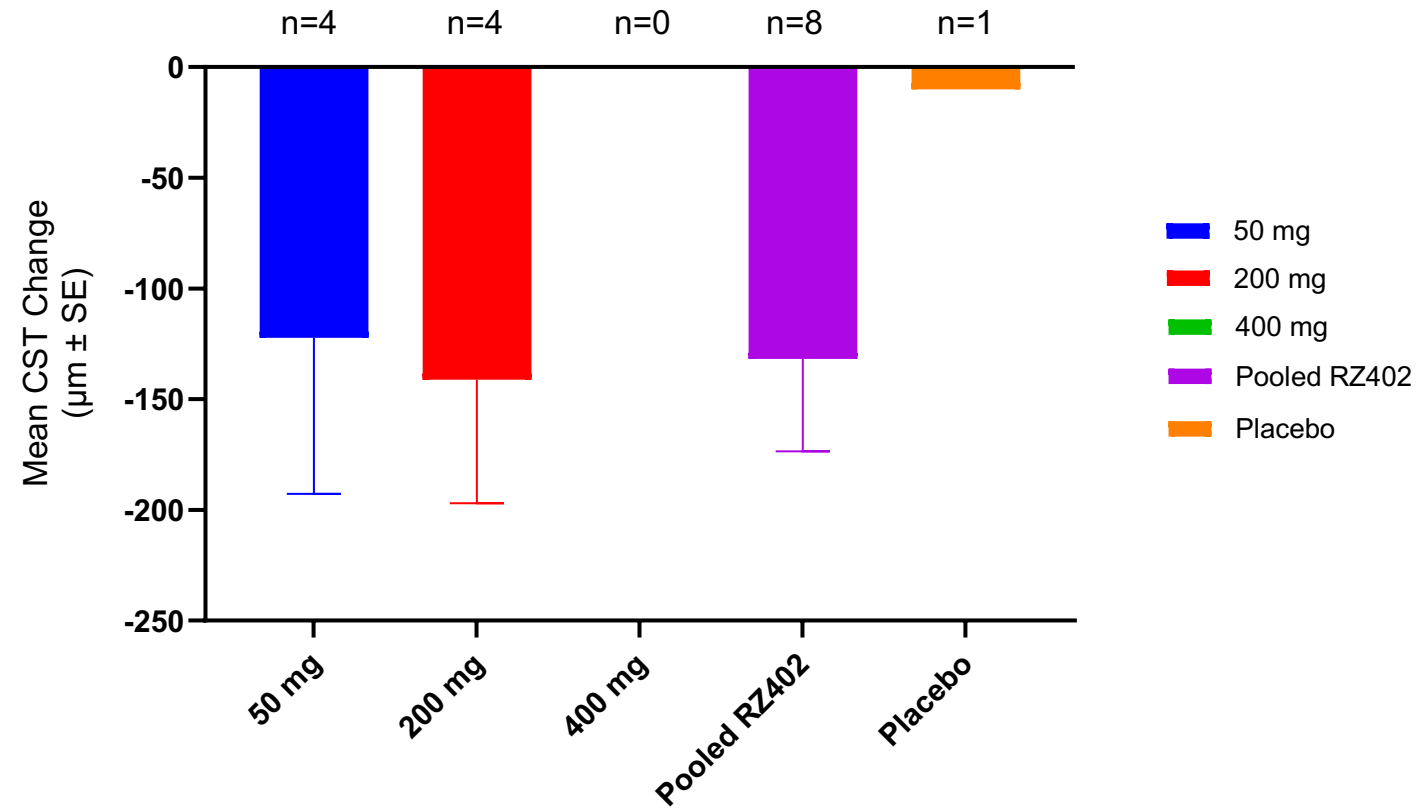


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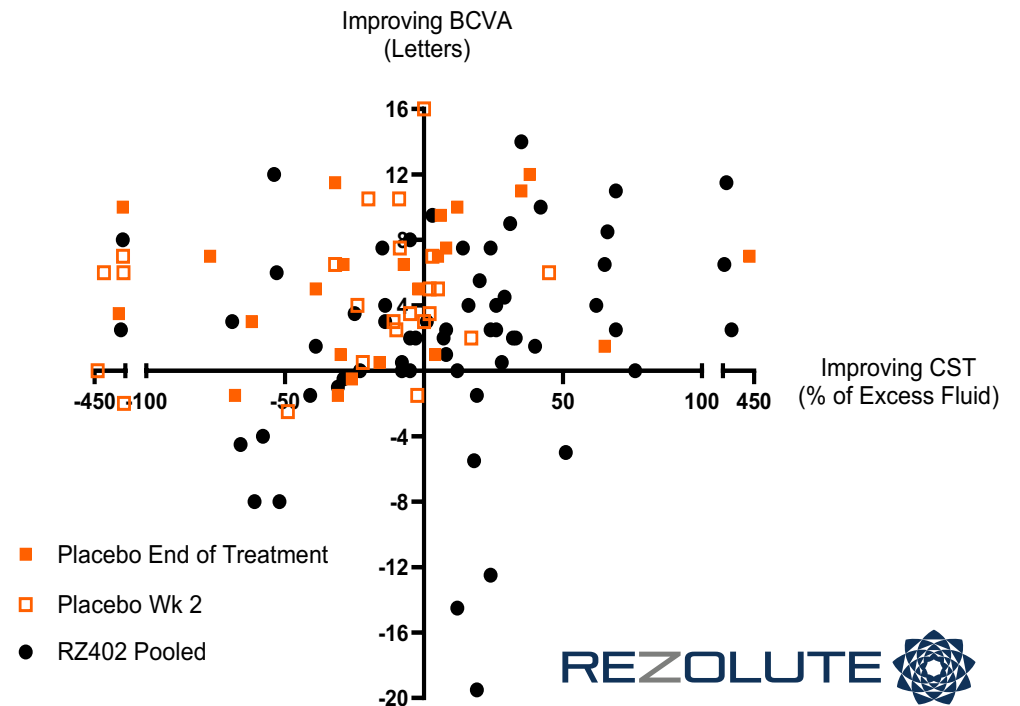
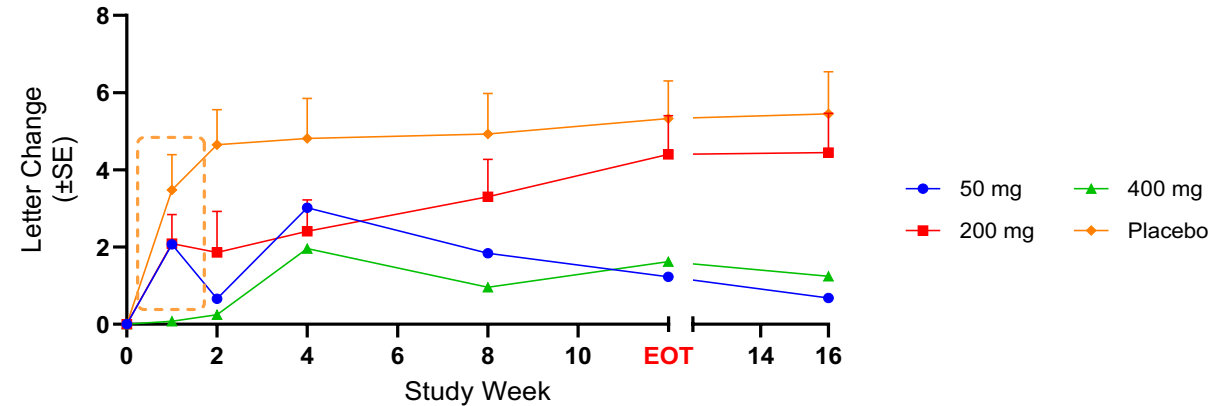
# Potential for Binocular Benefit Demonstrated in the Limited Evaluable Non-Study Eyes

- Most Fellow eyes were not eligible for efficacy evaluation due to lack of DME or excessive pre-study anti-VEGF use
- CST Improvements in Fellow Eyes with DME and new onset anti-VEGF use (during study)
- Binocular benefit would be an expected advantage of an effective oral, systemic treatment



# CST Declines and Trajectory Would Predict Continued Vision Improvement Over a Longer Study Period

- Acute vision increase in placebo group was artifact (no CST correlation)
- Trend of correlation between CST improvement and BCVA improvement is an encouraging signal in this short study
- Subsets of patients with similar disease severity in anti-VEGF studies showed modest BCVA improvement (~ 5-letters) after 1 year of treatment<sup>1</sup>



1. NEJM (Feb. 18, 2015): Aflibercept, Bevacizumab, or Ranibizumab for Diabetic Macular Edema, The Diabetic Retinopathy Clinical Research Network