

# Six-Month First-in-Human Safety and Efficacy Data of Subretinal NG101 – A Novel Low-Dose AAV Gene Therapy for Wet AMD

Phase 1/2a Open-label and Dose-escalation Study: NG101WA-01

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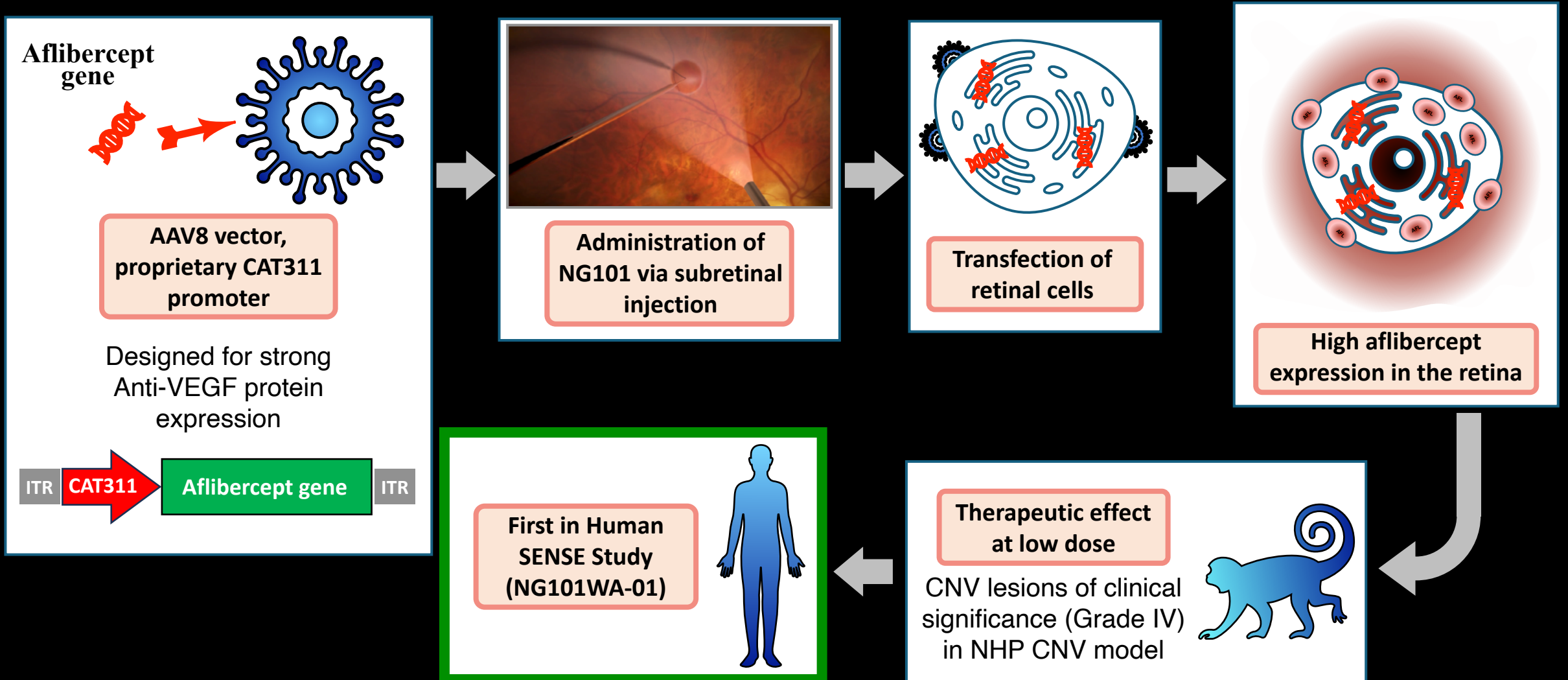
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## Key Features of NG101



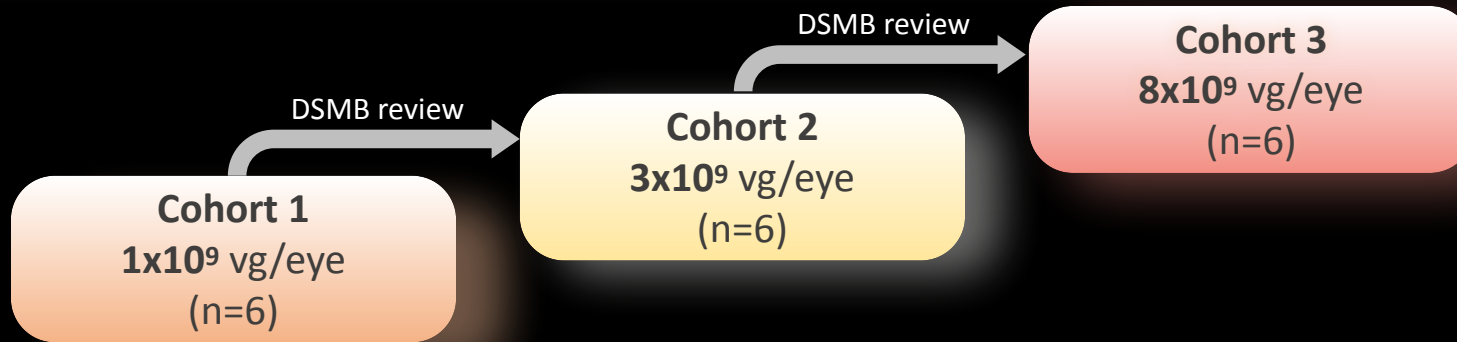
\* SENSE: A Phase 1/2a Open-label Study to Evaluate Safety, Tolerability, and Preliminary Efficacy of NG101 AAV Gene Therapy in Subjects with Wet Age-Related Macular Degeneration

ITR: Inverted Terminal Repeat, NHP: Non-Human Primate. IVT: Intravitreal injection, SRI: subretinal injection

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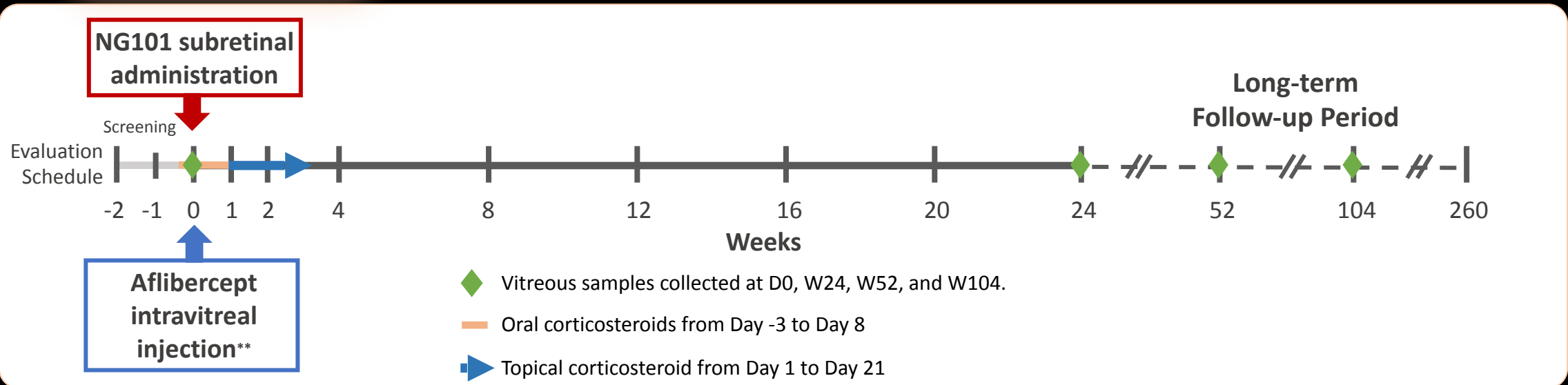
## Phase 1 Study Design and Current Status

Key End Points: Evaluate Safety, Tolerability, and Efficacy



### Current Status of the Study

- Cohort 1: 24-Week Safety and Efficacy
- Cohort 2: Preliminary Safety
- Cohort 3: Actively enrolling - no data yet



\* Approved by Health Canada and FDA (NCT05984927)

\*\*Aflibercept is administered to provide therapeutic coverage during the onset of NG101-mediated transgene expression.

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## Key Eligibility Criteria and Endpoints

|                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Key Inclusion Criteria</b>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Age: 50 to 89 years old</li><li>• Choroidal Neovascularization (CNV) due to wet Age-related Macular Degeneration (wAMD)</li><li>• Best Corrected Visual Acuity (BCVA) between 70 (20/40) and 20 (20/400) ETDRS letters</li><li>• At least 3 anti-VEGF injections in the past 6 months</li></ul>                                                                         |
| <b>Primary Endpoint (Safety)</b>                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Incidence and severity of ocular and non-ocular adverse effects (week 24)</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Secondary Endpoints (Safety and Efficacy)</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Incidence and severity of ocular and non-ocular adverse side effects through week 260</li><li>• Rescue retreatments</li><li>• Change in Best Corrected Visual Acuity (BCVA)</li><li>• Changes in Central Subfield Thickness (CST)</li><li>• Change in immunogenic responses in serum</li><li>• Changes in Choroidal Neovascularization (CNV) activity markers</li></ul> |

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## Rescue Criteria (Ranibizumab or Faricimab) After Week 4:

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- OCT central subfield thickness (CST) increase  $\geq 100 \mu\text{m}^*$  from active CNV, regardless of visual acuity.
- BCVA loss  $> 10$  ETDRS letters\* with intraretinal or subretinal fluid on OCT from active CNV.
- New subretinal hemorrhage, intraretinal hemorrhage, or lipid exudation observed on clinical examination or fundus photography attributable to active CNV.
- At the investigator's discretion for the subject's safety.

\* From baseline of Day -7

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## RESULTS: Cohort 1 Patient Baseline Characteristics

|                                                                   | <i>Patient 1</i> | <i>Patient 2</i>   | <i>Patient 3</i> | <i>Patient 4</i>   | <i>Patient 5</i>   | <i>Patient 6</i>   | Average |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------|
| Age (years)                                                       | 78               | 80                 | 73               | 66                 | 80                 | 77                 | 76      |
| Gender / Race                                                     | Male / Caucasian | Female / Caucasian | Female / Asian   | Female / Caucasian | Female / Caucasian | Female / Caucasian | -       |
| BCVA (EDTRS letters)                                              | 47               | 56                 | 47               | 72                 | 65                 | 57                 | 57      |
| CST (microns)                                                     | 267              | 305                | 390              | 295                | 254                | 256                | 295     |
| Time since Diagnosis (years)                                      | 8                | 4                  | 11               | 9                  | 4                  | 15                 | 9       |
| Number of Anti-VEGF Injections (1 year prior to NG101 injection)* | 10               | 10                 | 8                | 13                 | 9                  | 9                  | 9.8     |

\* Number of anti-VEGF injections before screening

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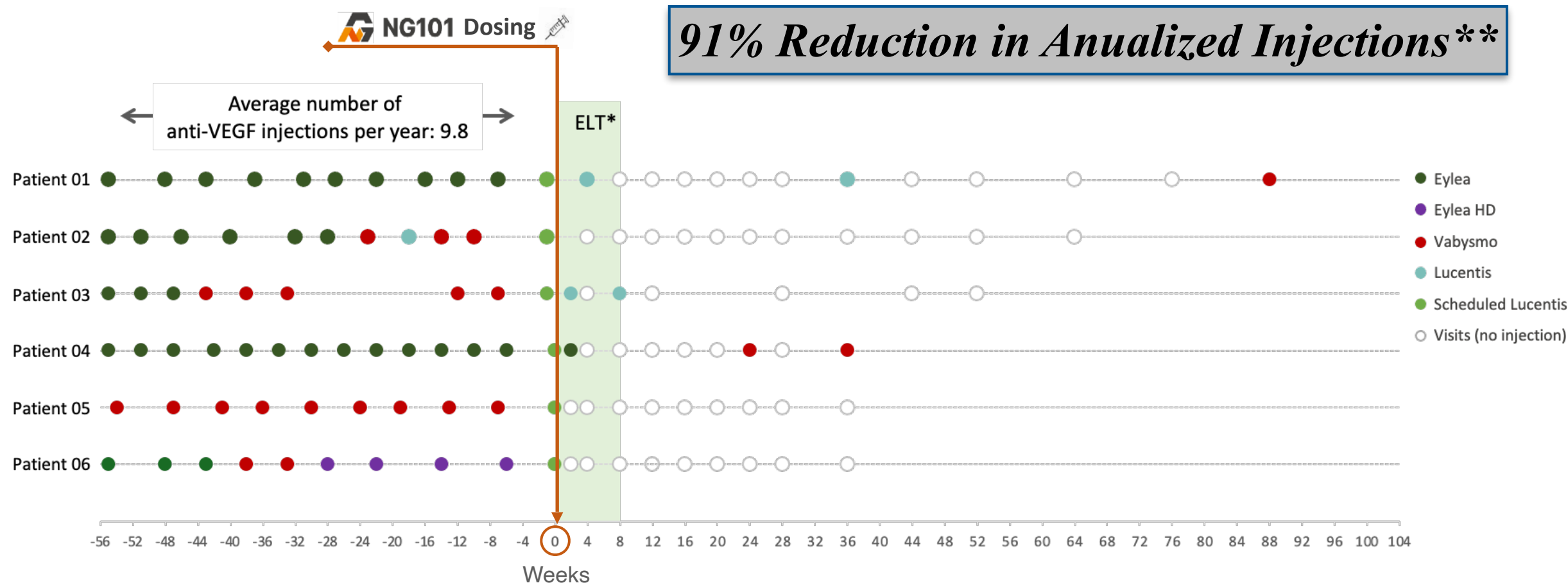
RESULTS: Favorable Safety and Tolerability Profile to Date - Cohorts 1 and 2

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- NG101 continues to be generally well-tolerated across all subjects (n=12) who have been enrolled and dosed through Cohort 2.
- No NG101-related serious adverse events (SAEs) or dose-limiting toxicities (DLTs).
- No NG101-related clinically significant RPE changes or retinal degeneration.
- No cases of hypotony, vascular occlusions, endophthalmitis, vasculitis, or retinitis.

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## RESULTS: Robust Treatment Burden Reduction in Cohort 1



Data Cutoff: 25 Aug 2025

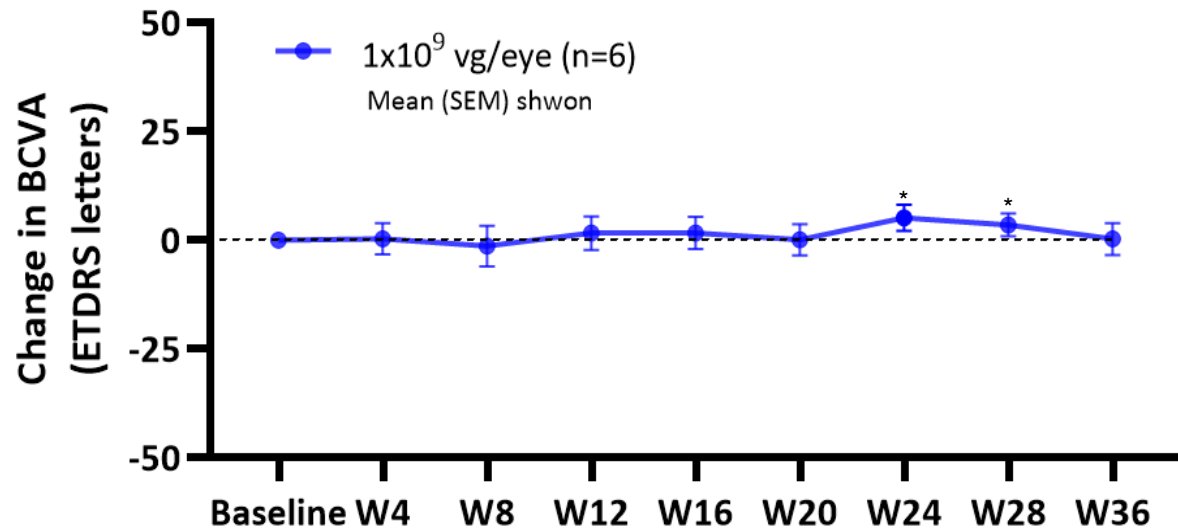
\*ELT (Expression Lag Time): Period required for the AAV8 vector to transduce target cells and for the transgene (NG101) to be expressed. Based on our non-clinical data, the ELT is estimated to be approximately 8 weeks.

\*\*The annualized reduction rate was calculated based on the total number of anti-VEGF injections during the baseline period (12 months prior to treatment) versus the total number during the study period. For this analysis, the initial 4-week observation period was excluded, and only injections administered from Week 8 onwards were included in the post-treatment count.

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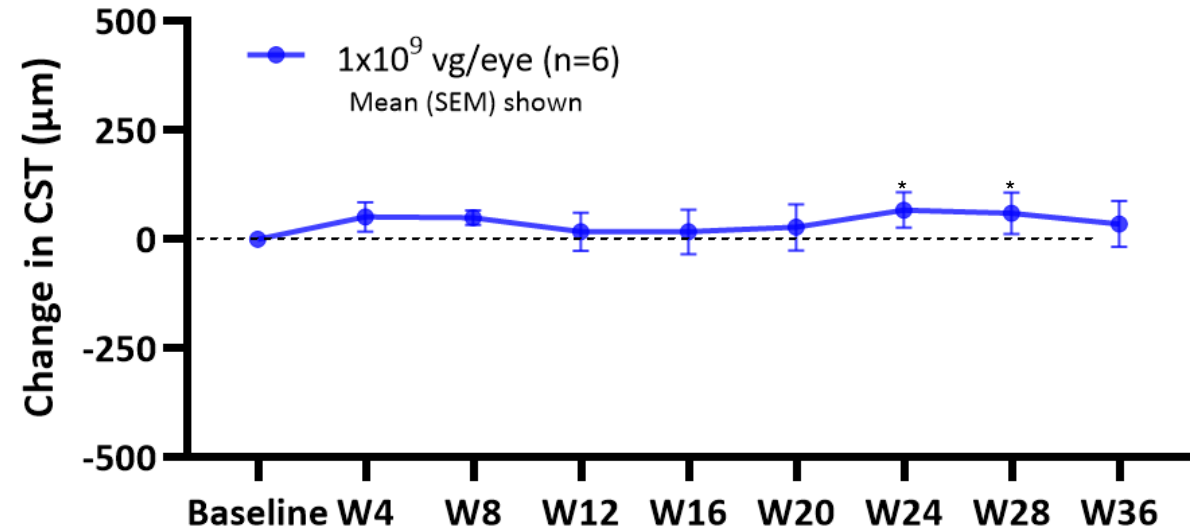
Efficacy: BCVA and OCT-CST

Best Corrected Visual Acuity (BCVA)



Mean BCVA change from  
baseline to W36  
**0 letter**

Central Subfield Thickness (CST)



Mean CST change from  
baseline to W36  
**+36 μm**

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Vitreous Aflibercept Concentration (n = 7) at Weeks 0, 12\*, 24 and 52

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- All vitreous levels of NG101 Transgene Protein (aflibercept) were below the 4 ng/mL Lower Limit of Quantification (LLOQ).
- Non-Human Primate data demonstrated that aflibercept was present in high concentrations in the retina with efficacy in inhibiting CNV despite not being detectable in the vitreous.
- Unlike intravitreal aflibercept injection, NG101 directly delivers aflibercept to the retina and RPE.
- The vitreous concentration of Transgene Protein associated with therapeutic efficacy after subretinal NG101 remains unknown
- Very low vitreous Transgene Protein levels may have positive systemic safety implications for NG101 and possibly other subretinal therapies.

\*A few vitreous samples were collected at Week 12 under a prior protocol.

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## NG101 vs Leading Gene Therapies

| Drug              | NG101                                                                             | RGX-314                                                                             |                                                                        | 4D-150                                                                              | ADVM-022                                                                            |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Company           |  |  |                                                                        |  |  |
| Transgene         | <b>Aflibercept</b>                                                                | Ranibizumab-like Fab                                                                |                                                                        | Aflibercept and RNAi                                                                | Aflibercept                                                                         |
| Promoter          | <b>CAT311</b>                                                                     | CAG                                                                                 |                                                                        | CAG                                                                                 | CMV                                                                                 |
| AAV               | <b>AAV8</b>                                                                       | AAV8                                                                                |                                                                        | R100                                                                                | AAV.7m8                                                                             |
| Delivery (volume) | <b>Subretinal (100µl)</b>                                                         | Subretinal (250µl)                                                                  | Suprachoroidal (100 - 200µl)                                           | Intravitreal                                                                        | Intravitreal                                                                        |
| Stage             | <b>Phase 1/2a</b>                                                                 | Phase 3                                                                             | Phase 2                                                                | Phase 3                                                                             | Phase 3                                                                             |
| Dose (vg/eye)     | <b>1 x 10<sup>9</sup><br/>3 x 10<sup>9</sup><br/>8 x 10<sup>9</sup></b>           | 6.4 x 10 <sup>10</sup><br>1.3 x 10 <sup>11</sup>                                    | 2.5 x 10 <sup>11</sup><br>5 x 10 <sup>11</sup><br>1 x 10 <sup>12</sup> | 3 x 10 <sup>10</sup>                                                                | 6 x 10 <sup>10</sup>                                                                |

NG101



Low Effective Dose



Favorable Safety Profile

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## Conclusions

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### ■ **Safety**

- NG101 has been well-tolerated by all Cohort 1 and 2 patients to date.

### ■ **Efficacy**

- A single injection of subretinal NG101 ( $1 \times 10^9$  vg/eye in 100  $\mu$ L) led to a 91% reduction in the annualized rate of anti-VEGF injections in Cohort 1
- BCVA and OCT-CST remained stable in Cohort 1 subjects.

### ■ **Next Steps**

- Enrollment for Cohort 3 (high dose:  $8 \times 10^9$  vg/eye).
- Phase 2b study design
- BD discussions (contact [BD@neuraclegen.com](mailto:BD@neuraclegen.com))

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