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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15 (d)  
of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): **November 1, 2022**

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**OCUGEN, INC.**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

**001-36751**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**04-3522315**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**11 Great Valley Parkway  
Malvern, Pennsylvania 19355  
(484) 328-4701**  
(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of principal executive office)

N/A  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	OCGN	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (The Nasdaq Capital Market)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

Attached as Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 hereto and furnished herewith are presentations that Ocugen, Inc. (the "Company") intends to present at its in-person Research & Development Day on November 1, 2022 ("R&D Day").

In addition, attached as Exhibits 99.3, 99.4, 99.5, 99.6, 99.7, and 99.8 hereto and furnished herewith are copies of the poster presentations and displays that the Company intends to use and display throughout R&D Day.

The information disclosed under Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibits 99.1, 99.2, 99.3, 99.4, 99.5, 99.6, 99.7, and 99.8, is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference in any Company filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

The following exhibits are being furnished herewith:

**(d) Exhibits**

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Document</u>
99.1	<a href="#">Ocugen, Inc. Presentation – Long-Term Outlook</a>
99.2	<a href="#">Ocugen, Inc. Presentation – Modifier Gene Therapy Technology</a>
99.3	<a href="#">Poster Presentation (COVAXIN)</a>
99.4	<a href="#">Poster Presentation (Mucosal Vaccine)</a>
99.5	<a href="#">Poster Presentation (OCU400)</a>
99.6	<a href="#">Poster Presentation (OCU410)</a>
99.7	<a href="#">Poster Presentation (OCU200)</a>
99.8	<a href="#">Poster Presentation (NeoCart)</a>
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: November 1, 2022

OCUGEN, INC.

By: /s/ Shankar Musunuri  
Name: Shankar Musunuri  
Title: Chief Executive Officer and Chairman



# Long-Term Outlook

Shankar Musunuri, PhD, MBA  
Chairman of the Board, CEO & Co-founder

R&D Day  
November 1, 2022



# Forward Looking Statements

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# Pipeline Overview

	Asset/Program	Indication	Current Status
Vaccines	COVAXIN™ (BBV152) SARS-CoV-2 virus	COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EUA for adults in Mexico; EUA for 5 to 18-year-olds submitted</li> <li>Recruitment completed for U.S. Phase 2/3 Immuno-bridging and broadening clinical trial</li> </ul>
	OCU500 Mucosal vaccine	COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>License secured from Washington University</li> <li>Phase 1/2 pending FDA discussions</li> </ul>
Cell therapies (Regenerative Medicine)	NeoCart® (Autologous chondrocyte-derived neocartilage)	Treatment of Articular Cartilage Defects in the Knee	U.S. Regenerative Medicine Advanced Therapy (RMAT) designation; Phase 3 clinical trial under development and subject to finalization with FDA
Gene therapies	OCU400 ** AAV-hNR2E3	Gene mutation-associated retinal degeneration*	
		<i>NR2E3 Mutation (RP)</i>	Phase 1/2
		<i>RHO Mutation (RP)</i>	Phase 1/2
		<i>CEP290 Mutation (LCA)</i>	Phase 1/2
	OCU410 AAV-hRORA	Dry Age-Related Macular Degeneration (Dry AMD)**	IND planned for Q2
OCU410ST AAV-hRORA	Stargardt (orphan disease)	IND planned for Q2	
Biologicals	OCU200 Transferrin – Tumstatin	Diabetic Macular Edema	IND planned for Q1
		Diabetic Retinopathy	IND enabling
		Wet Age-Related Macular Degeneration (Wet AMD)	IND enabling



\*No approved therapies exist

<https://www.aaopt.org/eye-health/diseases/retinitis-pigmentosa-treatment> | <https://www.aaopt.org/eye-health/diseases/amd-treatment>

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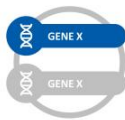


# Corporate Executive Summary

- 1 > Ocugen has an **exciting and unique portfolio** spanning ocular gene therapies, a novel biologic, an orthopedic regenerative cell therapy, and COVID-19 vaccines.
- 2 > We believe the **modifier gene therapy platform** assets (OCU400 and OCU410) are the **most significant drivers of value**. We believe each asset has the potential to be **significant** if clinical data and commercial assumptions are positive—more conservative estimates still offer a meaningful valuation upside.
- 3 > Ocugen will need to **carefully manage available capital** in the near-term to maximize value for the ocular gene therapies. Additional **capital raises and partnerships** will be required to extend the runway and accelerate the portfolio.
- 4 > Investments through **business development** in capability building and portfolio diversification will be important to enable the current portfolio and scale the portfolio in the longer-term.

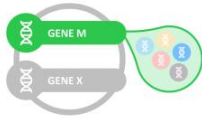


# Modifier Gene Therapy Platform—Compelling Value Proposition with Potential to Meaningfully Disrupt the Market



Traditional single-gene augmentation transfers a functional version of a non-functional gene into target cells

- This approach is limited by its ability to address one gene mutation at a time, meaning ability to address large populations is **significantly constrained**



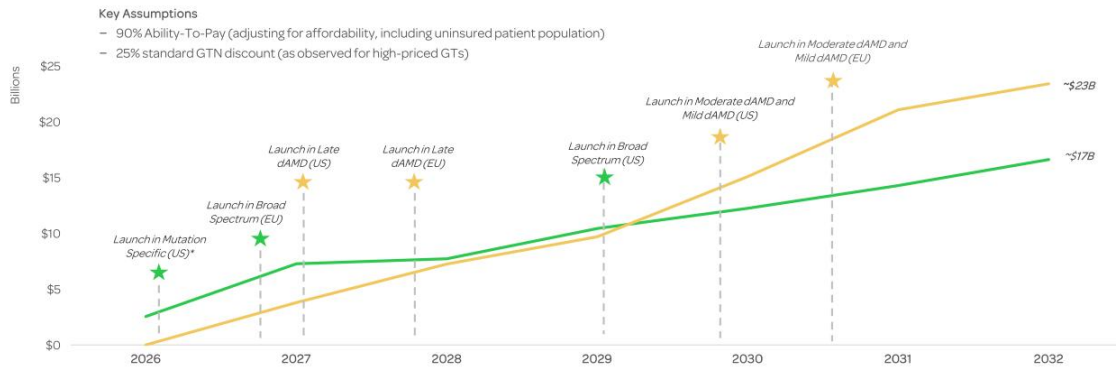
OcuGen's modifier gene therapy platform is designed to introduce a functional gene to modify the expression of many genes/gene networks

- This approach has the **potential to address significantly larger patient populations** in a much shorter period, given streamlined clinical development and regulatory filings

*We believe clinical success of the Modifier Gene Therapy platform will unlock the revenue potential of OCU400 and OCU410 and provide significant valuation upside to OcuGen*

# Potential Market Opportunity for Ocugen Gene Therapies— Revenue Potential of up to ~\$40B in 2032

## Forecasted Net-Revenue (OCU400, OCU410)



# Doses (in Thousands)\*

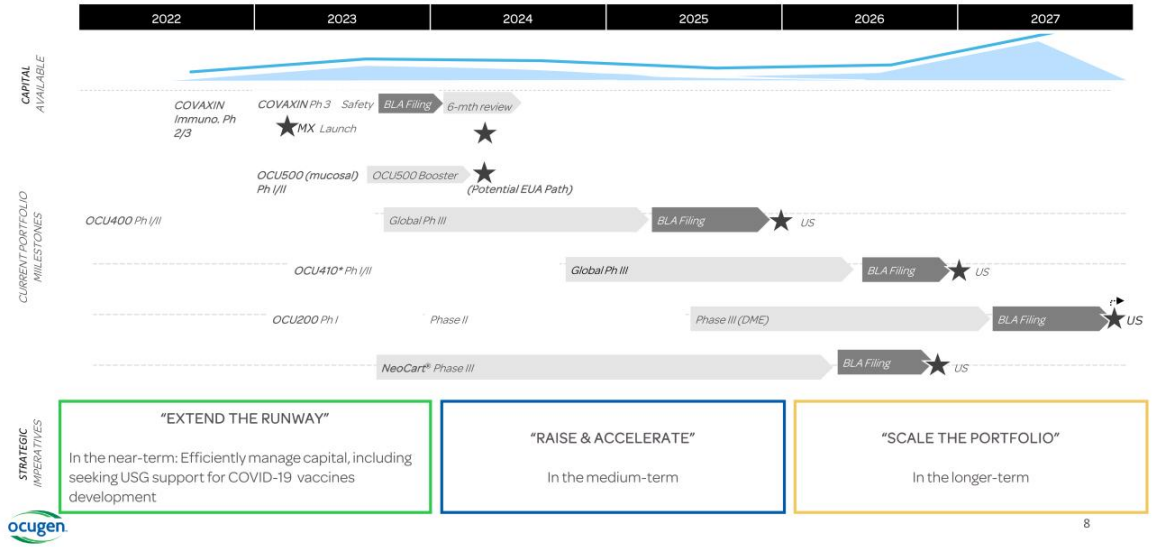
	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032
OCU400	6.0	18.6	19.8	25.5	29.4	34.1	39.5
OCU410	-	11.7	24.1	32.1	50.2	71.5	79.3



\* Not risk-adjusted

\*\* Disease prevalence: U.S./EU/UK RP/LCA > 250,000. U.S./EU/UK dAMD (Geographic Atrophy) > 2 million.

# Key Potential Milestones for Portfolio Assets



## Ocugen™ Vision

Fully integrated, patient-centric biotech company focused on vaccines in support of public health and gene and cell therapies targeting unmet medical needs through **Courageous Innovation**







# Modifier Gene Therapy Technology For Retinal Diseases

Arun Upadhyay, PhD  
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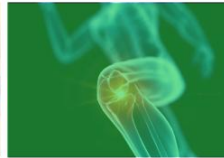
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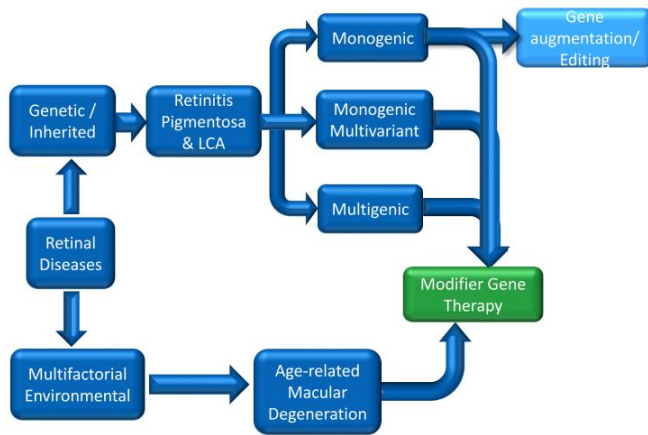


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# Why is Modifier Gene Therapy Needed?



## Retinal Diseases

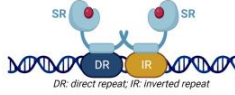
- > IRDs and AMD are most common cause of vision impairment and blindness
- > Can be broadly categorized into monogenic and complex (multifactorial) forms
- > High genetic heterogeneity significantly limits gene-specific therapeutic strategy
  - Monogenic inherited retinal diseases—Retinitis pigmentosa (RP), Leber congenital amaurosis (LCA), and others
- > Gene specific strategy may not be applicable for multifactorial diseases, such as dry age-related macular degeneration
- > Need for mutation-independent approach
  - Modulating key retinal gene-network involved in retinal damage

# Nuclear Hormone Receptors as Modifier Genes

## Classical Endocrine Receptors

AR	RAR $\alpha$
ER $\alpha$	RAR $\beta$
ER $\beta$	RAR $\gamma$
GR	TR $\alpha$
MR	TR $\beta$
PR	VDR

### Class I: Steroid Receptors (SR)



### Class III: Dimeric Orphan Receptors (DOR)



## Adopted and Orphan Receptors

FXR	RXR $\alpha$	ERR $\alpha$	<b>ROR<math>\alpha</math></b>	COUPTF $\alpha$	LRH-1
LXR $\alpha$	RXR $\beta$	ERR $\beta$	ROR $\beta$	COUPTF $\beta$	SF-1
LXR $\beta$	RXR $\gamma$	ERR $\gamma$	ROR $\gamma$	COUPTF $\gamma$	SHP
PPAR $\alpha$	GCNF	Rev-erba	CAR	NOR1	DAX-1
PPAR $\beta/\delta$	HNF4 $\alpha$	Rev-erb $\beta$	PXR	NR4A $\alpha$	TR2
PPAR $\gamma$	HNF4 $\gamma$	<b>NR2E3</b>	TLX	NR4A $\beta$	TR4

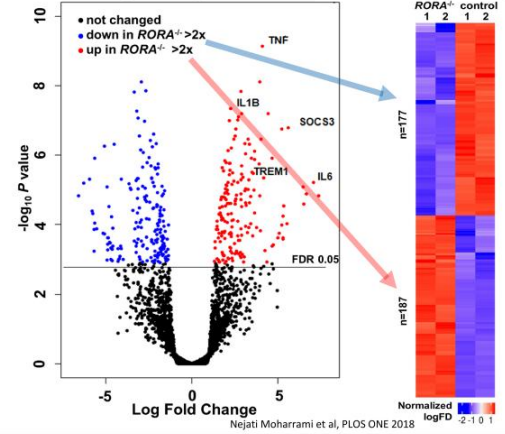
### Class II: Retinoid X Receptor (RXR) Heterodimers



### Class IV: Monomeric Orphan Receptors (MOR)

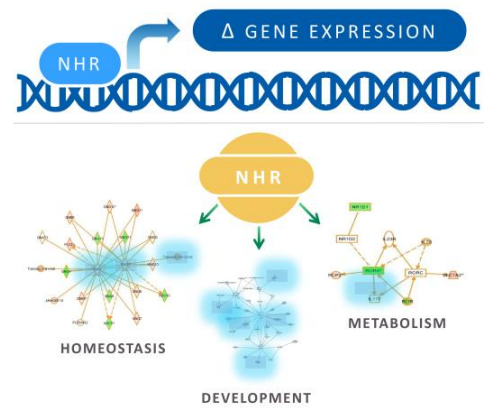


## RORA alone regulates expression of several hundred homeostasis genes






# Why Target Nuclear Hormone Receptor Genes?

- > **Nuclear hormone receptors (NHRs)** are intracellular receptors that **regulate gene expression**
  - NHRs act as “**Master Genes**” inside the cell
- > NHRs can regulate diverse physiological functions
  - Homeostasis
  - Cellular and tissue development
  - Cellular and tissue metabolism
- > The human genome contains 48 NHRs
  - Many have tissue-specific expression patterns
  - NHR dysregulation often leads to disease
    - o Therefore, NHRs are common drug discovery targets



# Pipeline Overview: Modifier Gene Therapy Technology

	 ASSET/PROGRAM	 INDICATION	 STATUS
Modifier Gene Therapy Platform	OCU400 **	<b>*Inherited retinal degeneration*</b>	
		<i>NR2E3</i> Mutation	Phase 1/2
		<i>RHO</i> Mutation	Phase 1/2
		<i>CEP290</i> Mutation	Phase1/2 to be initiated
	OCU410	<b>Dry Age-related Macular Degeneration (Dry AMD)*</b>	IND Enabling
OCU410-ST	<b>Stargardt Disease</b>	IND Enabling	

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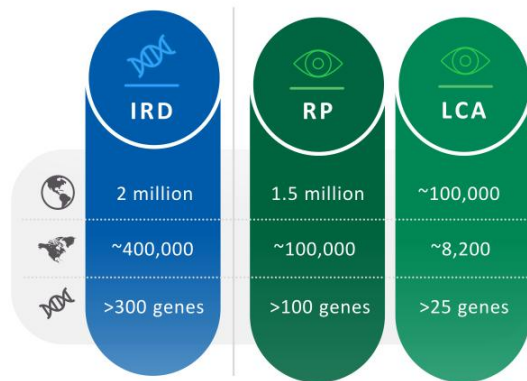
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# Modifier Gene Therapy Platform: OCU400

(AAV5-hNR2E3) for RP and LCA Diseases

# Inherited Retinal Diseases: Prevalence and Associated Genes



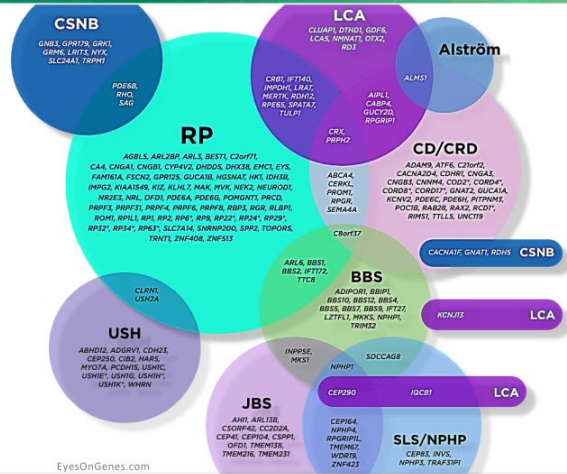
## IRDs: Diverse disease class with large phenotypic and genetic heterogeneity

- > A common cause of irreversible blindness due to retinal cell degeneration
- > Symptom onset can range from birth to adulthood
- > Varying rate of progression and severity
- > Limited information on disease natural history and windows of opportunities for therapeutic intervention
- > RP and LCA are the most common IRDs involving photoreceptors and the retinal pigment epithelium (RPE)
- > RP alone is associated with mutations in >100 genes

# Inherited Retinal Degeneration: A Broader Reach For OCU400

- > Only one approved gene therapy for LCA associated with RPE65 mutation: Luxturna® (Voretigene Neparvovec-rzyj)
- > Electronic Smart glasses as a low vision aid in patients with RP—IrisVision is a Class I medical device
- > No disease-modifying therapy options are available for broader IRD-associated mutations

Gene augmentation or editing can only treat a small fraction of the IRD population, but **OCU400** has the potential to treat a large group of patients with IRDs



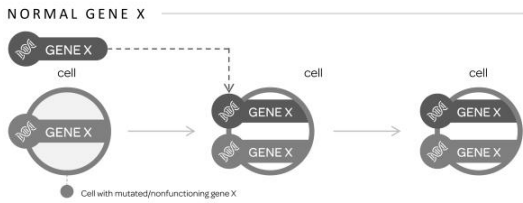
EyesOnGenes.com





# Current Limitations of Conventional Gene Therapy

**Gene Augmentation:** Transfer functional version of a non-functional gene into the target cells.



● Cell with mutated/non-functioning gene X



- Traditional approach that targets one individual gene mutation at a time
- Regulatory pathway focused on specific product for one disease
- Longer time to recoup development costs

> Two patients with the same disease but arising from mutations in different genes cannot benefit from the same gene therapy

- Example:

- RP affects 1.5 million people worldwide
- Associated # of genes exceeds 100
- **Up to 40% of patients cannot be genetically diagnosed → Difficult to Individualize Treatment**

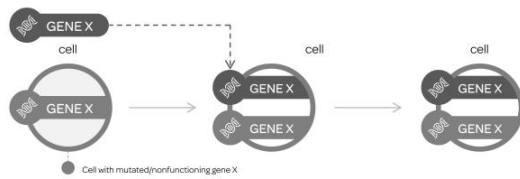
> Limited by the capacity of the vehicle

> Significant costs and effort required to develop and manufacture

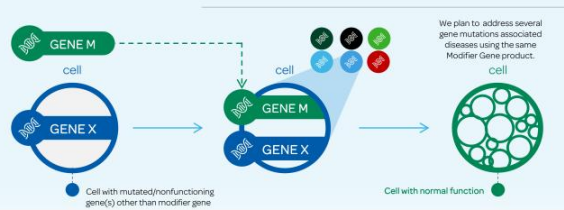
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NORMAL GENE X



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➤ Traditional approach that targets one individual gene mutation at a time

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➤ Novel approach that targets nuclear hormone genes (NHRs), which regulate multiple functions within the retina

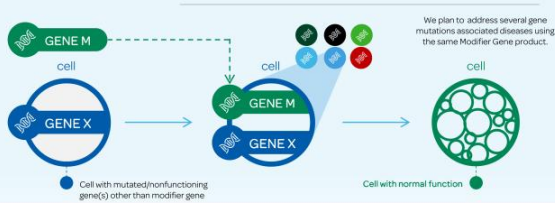
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> **Modifier gene therapy: Expression of an upstream “master gene” to affect expression of wide gene-networks downstream**

- The OCU400 platform delivers a nuclear hormone receptor (NHR) “master gene” *NR2E3* via viral vector

> **A gene agnostic approach:** Potential for restoring retinal integrity and function across a range of IRD-related genotypes

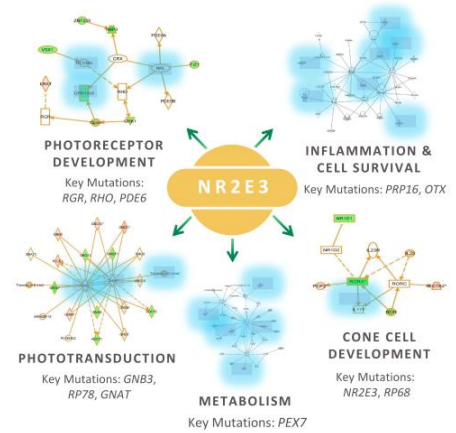


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**Potential to address multiple genetic defects in patients with IRDs using a single product**

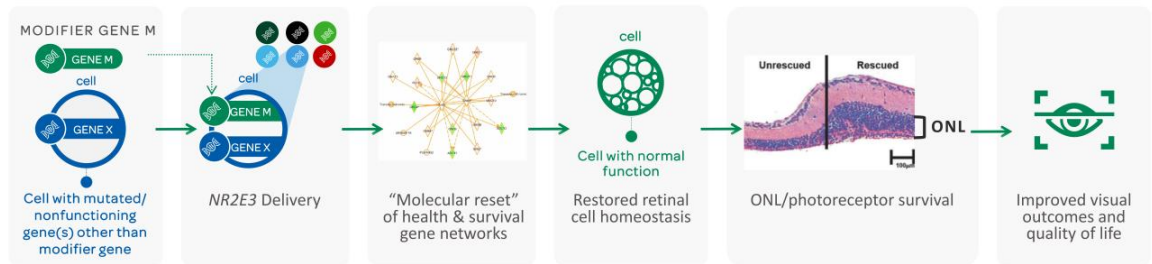
# OCU400 Targets the Retina-specific NHR Gene *NR2E3* to Potentially Treat IRDs

- > Why target the NHR gene *NR2E3*?
  - **NR2E3 is a retina-specific NHR**
    - o Act as a retinal “master gene”
    - o **Regulates:**
      - o **Retinal cell homeostasis** (eg, cell maintenance and survival)
      - o **Metabolism**
      - o **Visual cycle function**



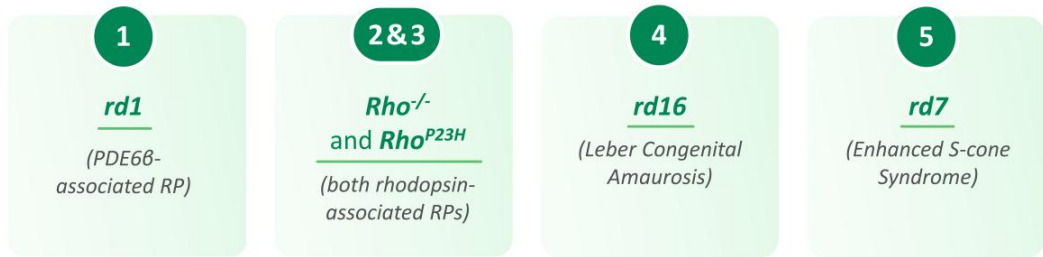
# Modifier Gene Therapy: A Broader Reach

Gene modifier therapy can potentially address multiple genetic defects with a single product.  
**In patients with IRDs, this could mean:**



# OCU400 Pre-clinical Data: Efficacy Across Multiple RP Mouse Models

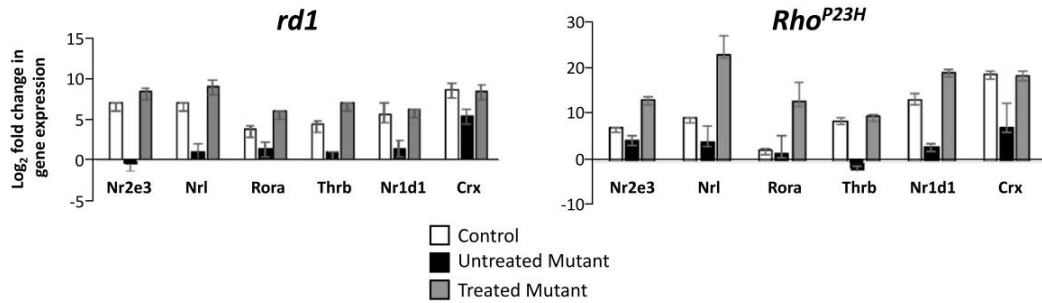
5 RP mouse models treated subretinally with OCU400



# OCU400 Pre-clinical Data: *NR2E3* Overexpression Restores Expression of Key Retinal Transcription Factors

***NR2E3* overexpression results in a “molecular reset”**

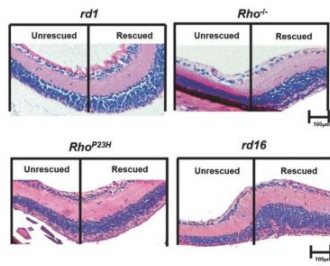
- > Restoration of pro-survival and pro-maintenance genes
- > Recruitment of transcription factors



Untreated *rd1* mutant mice were assessed at P7; untreated *Rho*<sup>P23H</sup> mutant mice were assessed at 1M  
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 Li S. *Gene Ther.* 2021;28(5):223-241.

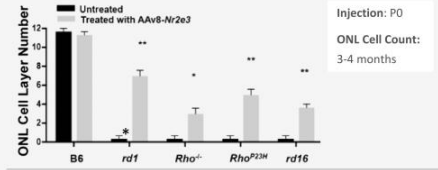
# OCU400 Pre-clinical Data: Rescue of Retinal Cell Counts in Early and Advanced Stage Disease

## OUTER NUCLEAR LAYER (ONL) STAINING

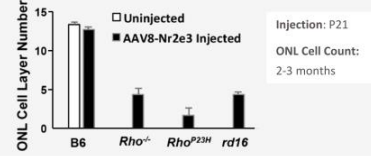


OCU400 helps preserve retinal cells, such as photoreceptors, which could translate to improved retinal health in patients with IRDs

## EARLY STAGE RESCUE



## ADVANCED STAGE RESCUE



\**rd1* evaluated one month post-injection  
ONL, outer nuclear layer; P, postnatal day  
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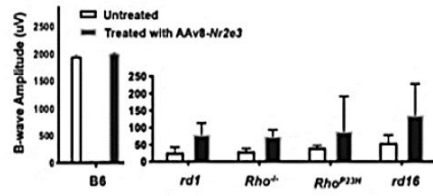


# OCU400 Pre-clinical Data: Improved ERG Signals



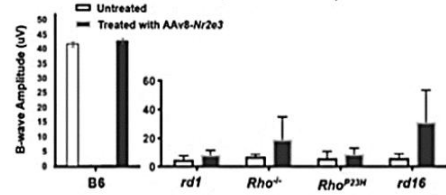
SCOTOPIC: ROD-FOCUSED

ERG B-WAVE AMPLITUDE



PHOTOPIC: CONE-FOCUSED

ERG B-WAVE AMPLITUDE



OCU400 enhances the retina's electrical activity, which could mean improved vision for patients with IRDs

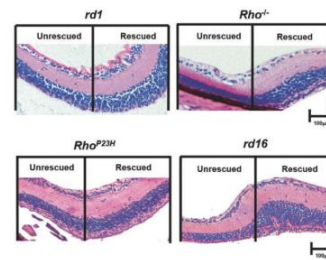


ERG response: P0 single subretinal injection, evaluation 3-4 months post injection  
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# OCU400: Clinical Opportunities Backed by Pre-clinical Science

- > OCU400 causes overexpression of the retina-specific “master gene” (ie, NHR) *NR2E3*
  - Viral vector-mediated delivery of functional *NR2E3* to the retina
- > In IRDs like RP, mutations can disrupt gene expression homeostasis
  - *NR2E3* regulates the expression of whole gene networks involved in retinal maintenance, resulting in
    - o Increased expression of pro-cell health and maintenance transcription factors
    - o Improved ONL morphology in **early and advanced disease**
    - o Rescued retina function (ERG response)

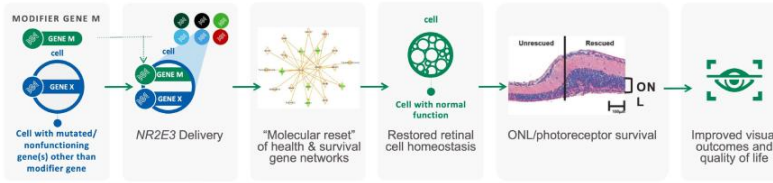
## OUTER NUCLEAR LAYER (ONL) STAINING



***NR2E3* overexpression can benefit RP disease state across multiple genotypes**

# Modifier Gene Therapy: A Broader Reach

Our pre-clinical data show that OCU400 could produce important anatomical and *clinical* benefits for patients with IRDs



## POTENTIAL PATIENT OUTCOMES

Maintained retinal health to **delay or prevent disease progression**

Patient anatomical and potentially **functional benefit in both early or advanced disease stage**

**Prolonged visual function for**

- Keeping an independent lifestyle
- Improved quality of life

# OCU400 Developmental Stage and Regulatory Milestones

## PHASE 1/2

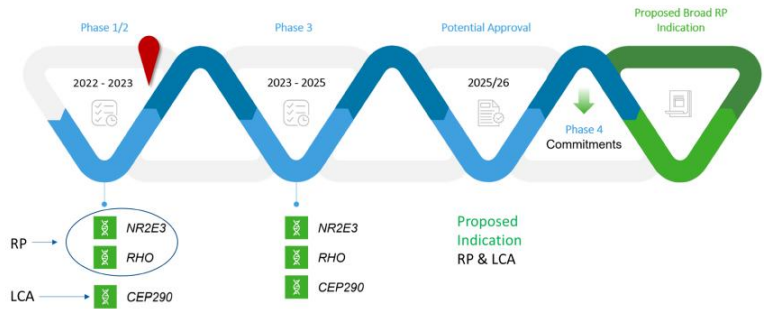
Dose escalation in *NR2E3* and *RHO* patients

Expansion to include *CEP290* patients

- > Orphan Drug Designations for *NR2E3*, *RHO*, *PDE6B* and *CEP290* mutations associated IRDs (FDA)

- Ocugen is also considering broader use of the platform

- > Orphan Medicinal Product Designation from EMA for the treatment of RP and LCA

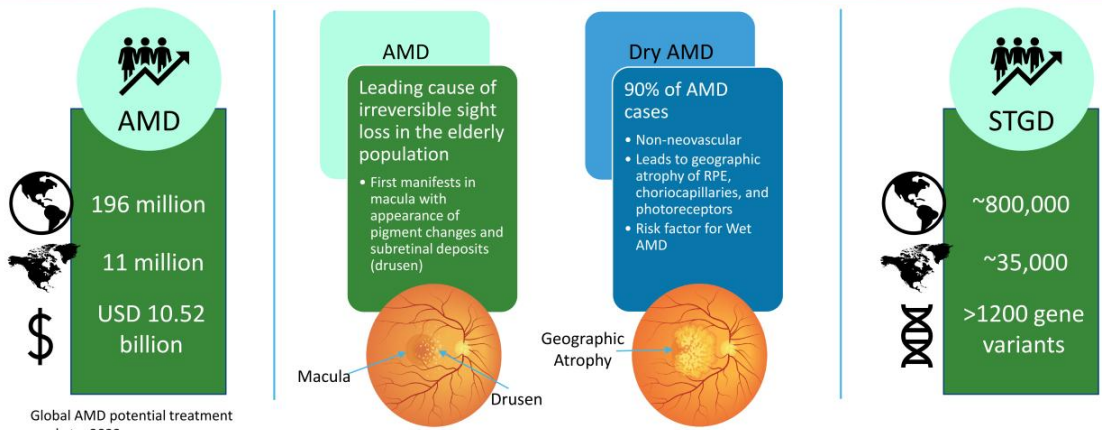




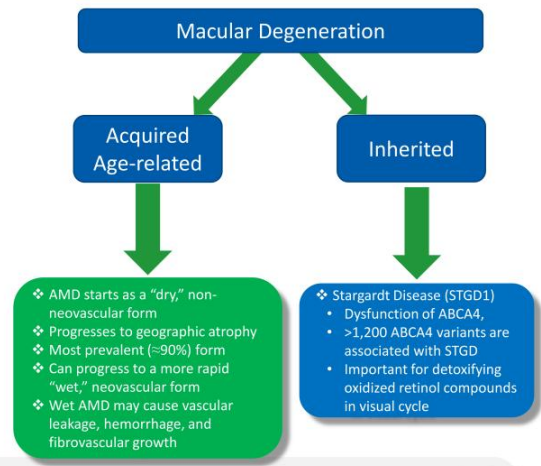
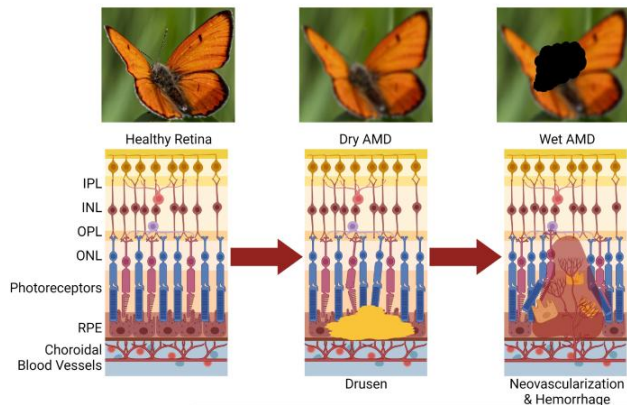
Modifier Gene Therapy  
Platform: OCU410 & OCU410-ST

AAV5-hRORA for Dry AMD and Stargardt Diseases

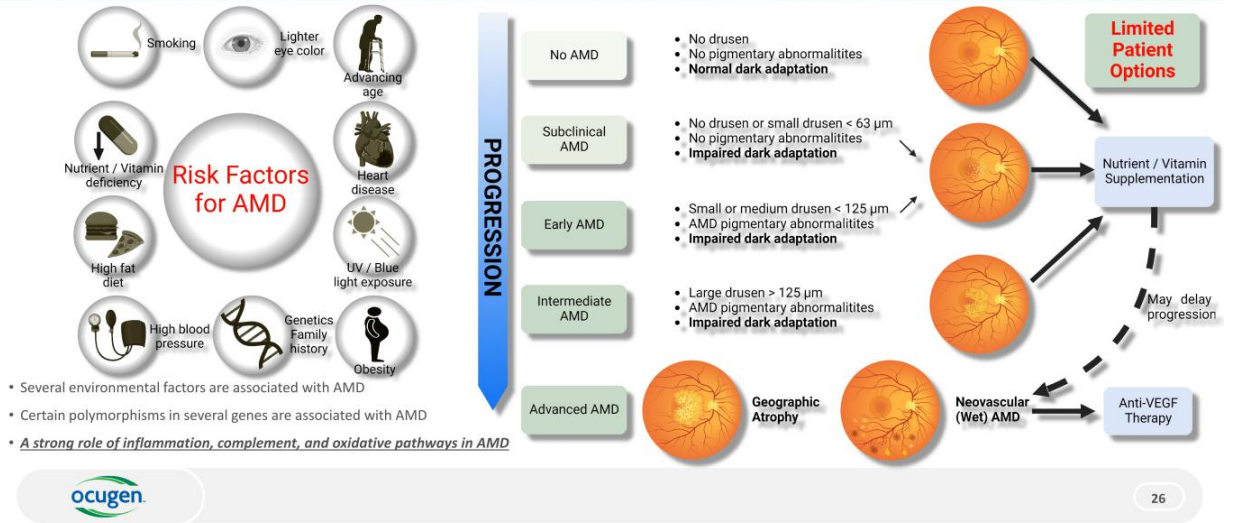
# Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD) and Stargardt Disease: Prevalence



# Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD) Stargardt Disease (STGD)



# AMD Pathogenesis and *Limited* Treatment Approaches

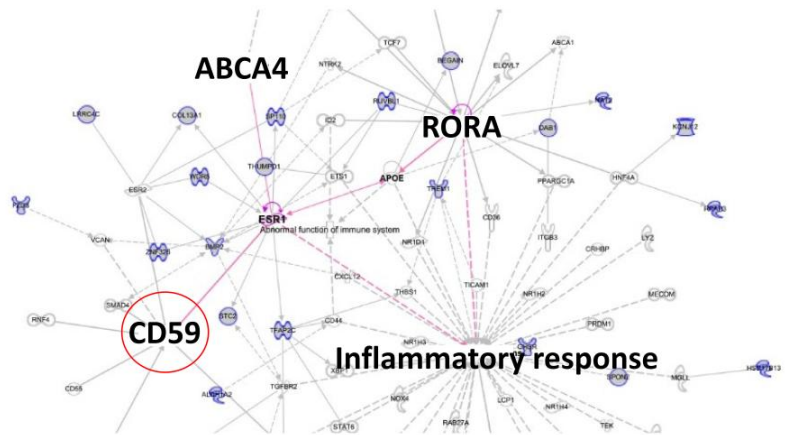




# RORA regulated gene networks are relevant in AMD and Stargardt disease

Ingenuity Pathway Analysis of Canonical Stargardt Gene Networks show significant overlap with

- RORA gene network
- Inflammatory response pathway
- Complement machinery

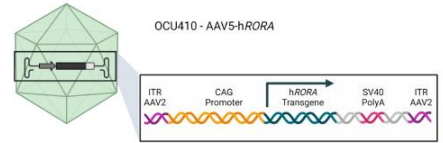
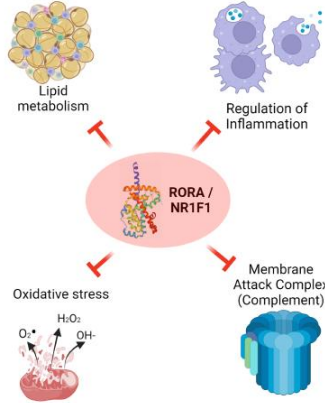


# OCU410 (RORA): A Potential Modifier Therapeutic for Dry-AMD

- Reduce oxidative stress
- Limit lipofuscin deposits
- Reduce chronic inflammation
- Improve choroidal blood flow insufficiency

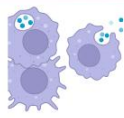


The Retinoic Acid Related (RAR) Orphan Receptor Alpha (**RORA**) regulates several gene networks



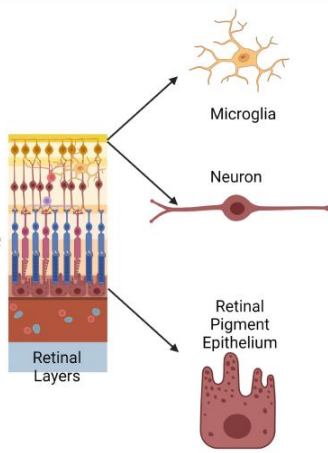
**OCU410 is an adeno-associated virus-based vector containing Human RORA (isoform 1)**

# OCU410: Anti-Inflammatory Response

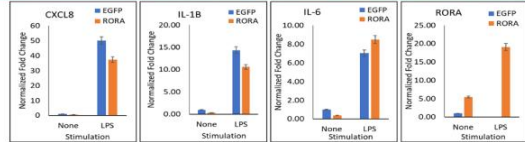


Regulation of Inflammation

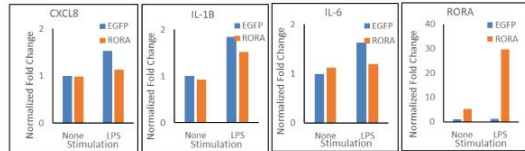
OCU410 suppresses inflammatory response in multiple cell lines



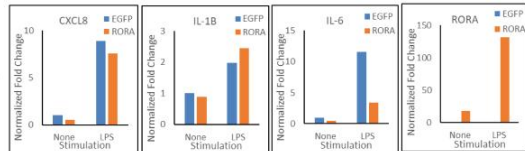
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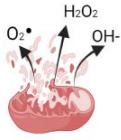


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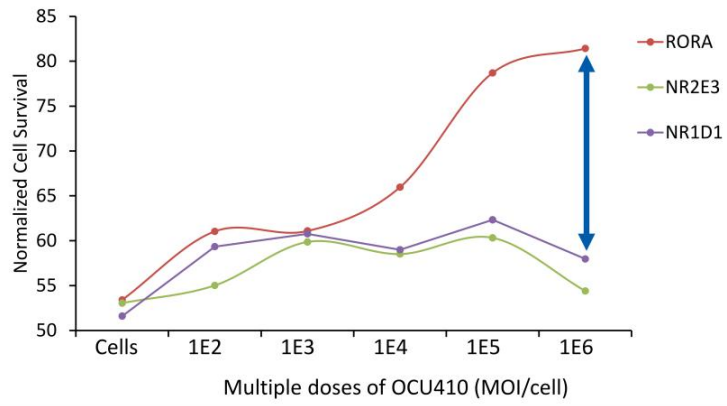


# OCU410 Protects Against Oxidative Stress

Oxidative stress

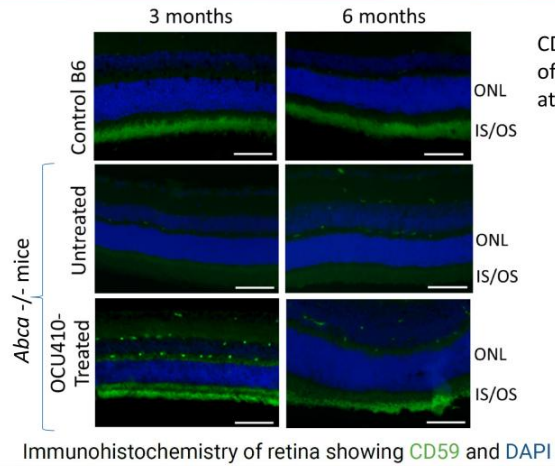


OCU410 Rescues  $NaIO_3$  mediated oxidative death in ARPE19 cells

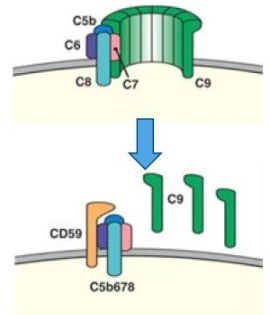


# OCU410 Restores CD59 Expression in ABCA4 <sup>-/-</sup> Mice

- ABCA4 transports oxidized retinol compounds from photoreceptors to RPE cells for detoxification
- Gene variants of ABCA4 are associated with both Stargardt disease and AMD. *ABCA4* <sup>-/-</sup> mice show very low CD59 expression in their retinas
- OCU410 CD59 expression in the RPE cells
- CD59 prevents the formation of the complement membrane attack complex (MAC)

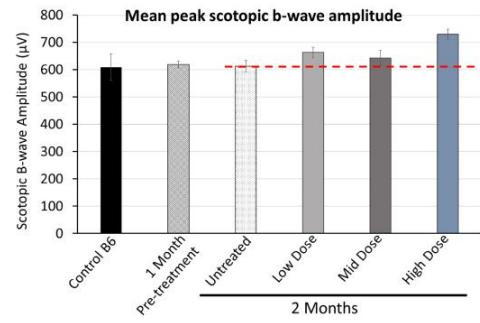
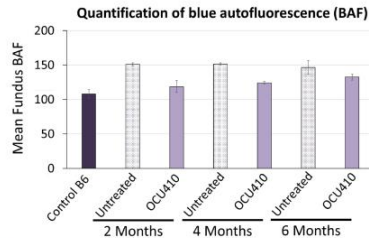
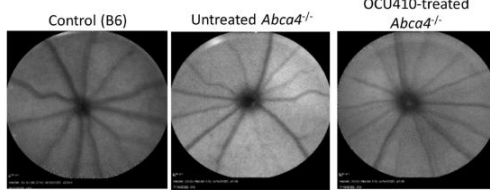


CD59 prevents the formation of the complement membrane attack complex



# OCU410: Restoring Retinal Function in *ABCA4* <sup>-/-</sup> Mice

## Fundus Blue Autofluorescence is restored by OCU410



## OCU410: Summary

- Significant global unmet medical need—more than 176 million of individuals affected with dry AMD with no approved therapy
- Stargardt disease involves >1200 gene variants of ABCA4 gene. Large gene size and number of variants makes gene augmentation/editing therapy difficult
- OCU410 reduced inflammation mediated by suppressing complement and other proinflammatory pathways
- OCU410 plays a role in regulating genes associated with Dry-AMD and Stargardt disease
- OCU410 in vitro and in vivo studies demonstrate its potential favorable role in Dry AMD and Stargardt disease treatment

**Target IND submission Q2 2023 to initiate Phase 1/2 clinical studies for GA and STGD**



## Ocugen™ Vision

Fully integrated, patient-centric biotech company focused on vaccines in support of public health and gene and cell therapies targeting unmet medical needs through **Courageous Innovation**





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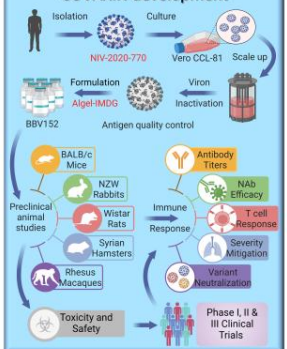
**COVID-19 Vaccine Challenges**

- Emergence of multiple mutations in Variants of Concern decreases efficacy of existing vaccines
- Immunological: Global SARS-CoV-2 pervasiveness due to viral reservoirs in unvaccinated
- Logistics: Ultra-cold chain storage, lack of community coordination & inaccurate vaccine demand forecast
- Safety: More adverse events after multiple mRNA boosters and insufficient long-term mRNA vaccine data
- Equitable Distribution: Vaccine hesitancy, manufacturing/distribution capacity & vaccine nationalism
- Heterologous Prime-Boost: No safety & efficacy data & clinical trial disparities make comparison difficult
- Neglected Groups: Patients with cancer, kidney disorders, HIV, pregnancy, transplants & children

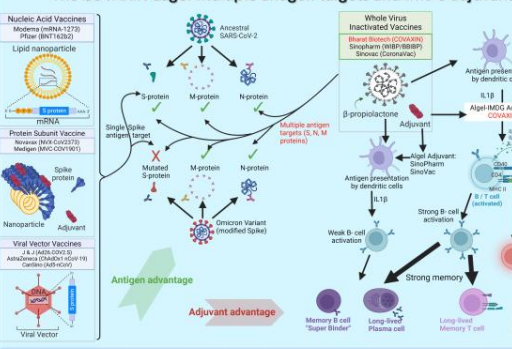
**COVAXIN: Rising to the Challenge**  
Whole virus inactivated vaccine, Strain NV-2020-770

- Strong Th1 immune response due to IM-DG adjuvant
- 98.4% Seroconversion, 77.8% protection from symptomatic COVID-19 & 94.9% protection from severe symptoms
- Booster dose provides robust neutralizing antibody titers against Omicron and Delta variants
- The vaccine is stable for 2 years at 2 - 8 °C and 6 months at room temperature
- Strong safety and immunogenicity in adult and pediatric age groups
- 1k, in 28 countries and over 350 million doses administered

**COVAXIN development**



**The COVAXIN Edge: Multiple antigen targets and IMDG adjuvant**



**Pre-clinical Studies**

- Neutralizing, binding, and cell mediated responses detected in all animal models
- Th1-biased responses observed in mice
- NHPs and hamsters show better viral clearance
- No eosinophilic infiltration from NHP lungs
- DART studies: No detrimental effects in NZW Rabbits

**Phase I / II**

- Algel-IMDG T-cell activity greater than Alum alone
- Strong helper CD4 & effector CD8 T-cell response
- Vaccine-induced neutralizing antibodies persisted for 3 months
- Low reactivity relative to other vaccines

**Phase III & Pediatric Trial**

- Solicited adverse events (8.5% vs. 8.2%)
- Serious Adverse events (0.3% vs. 0.47%) similar between both groups
- Overall efficacy of 78% (Severe = 93%)
- Asymptomatic = 63.6%
- All 95%CI were above the 50% success criteria
- Efficiency against Variants: Kappa: 90.1%, Delta: 65.2%

**Immunogenicity**

- Immunogenicity responses across 3 consecutive OMP lots was equivalent.
- Neutralizing Antibodies: Alpha, Beta, Delta & Omicron
- Pediatric study: Children (2-18 y) generated 1.7x higher NAb responses compared to adults

**Covaxin Booster Studies**

Polyclonal Activation of memory B cells

**COVAXIN HIGHLIGHTS**

- Nonclinical data supports vaccine effectiveness & safety immunogenic responses
- Phase 1 & 2 data for safety & persistent effectiveness & safety immunogenic responses
- Meets all safety data expectations (2 months after the second dose for 25,800 participants)
- Efficacy against severe COVID-19
- Final efficacy with a point estimate over 50%
- Neutralization data published against Alpha, Beta, Delta & Omicron
- Vaccine benefits outweigh its risks based on Phase 3 clinical trial
- Consistent manufacturing (lot to lot consistency)
- Robust AEFI system in-place
- Post marketing safety underway
- Trials in HIV infected, pregnant individuals are being planned



**Ocugen Clinical Studies**

**Immuno-bridging and Broadening Study (OCU002)**

A Phase 2/3, Immuno-bridging, and Broadening Study of a Whole, Inactivated SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine (BBV152) in Healthy Adults 18 to 65 years of age with no prior history of COVID-19

**Study Type**: Placebo-Controlled  
**Estimated Enrollment**: 400 participants  
**Allocation**: Randomized  
**Intervention Model**: Parallel assignment  
**Description**: 1:1 randomization ratio

**Interim Analysis (OCU003)**

**Safety Study (OCU003)**

**Age Group Participants**: 18 - 65 (90%)  
**Gender Participants**: Female 230 (54.5%), Male 152 (45.5%)

**Interim Blinded Safety Summary:**  
Serious Adverse Event (SAE): 0  
AE of Special Interest (AESI): 0  
Medically Attended AE (MAAE): None related to IP  
Potential Immune Mediated Medical Conditions (PIMMC): 0

**No incidence of myocarditis, pericarditis, thrombocytopenia & Guillain Barre syndrome**

**NCT: 05258669**

**COVAXIN** PUBLICATIONS

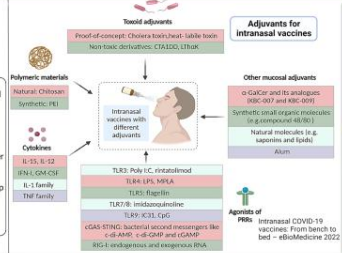
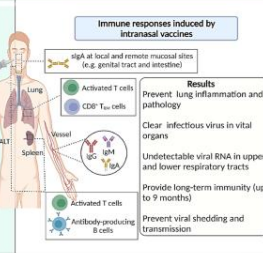
- PRECLINICAL TRIALS**: Hammer Efficacy Study, Non-Human Primate Efficacy Study, Preclinical Safety and Immunogenicity
- CLINICAL TRIALS**: Booster Dose, Pediatric Study (2-18 years), Phase 3, Phase 2, Phase 1
- NEUTRALIZATION OF VARIANTS**: Clinical Infectious Diseases (Alpha (B.1.1.7), Beta (B.1.617.1), Gamma (P.2/B.1.1.280)), The Lancet Infectious Diseases (Beta and Delta (B.1.251 & B.1.617.2 respectively))

**Complete List** [View List](#)



**Different types of intranasal vaccines for COVID-19**

- Virus-vectored vaccines**  
 Vectors: adenovirus\*, influenza virus, PIV, lentivirus, RVZ, NDV
- Protein subunit vaccines**  
 Addition of adjuvants is necessary to enhance the immunogenicity
- Other nasal vaccines in development**  
 Live-attenuated vaccines  
 Bacterium-vectored vaccines  
 DNA vaccines (require further study)



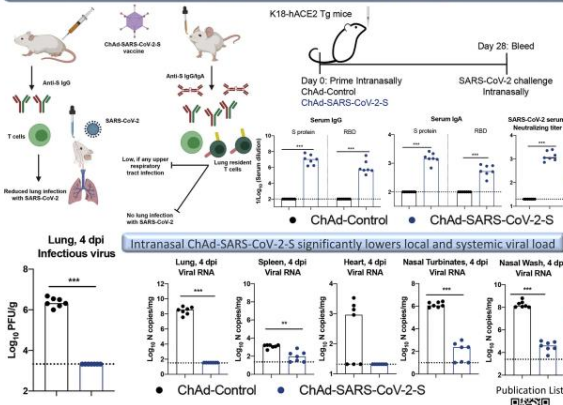
**Emerging Variants of Concern challenge all approved vaccines**

- All licensed COVID-19 vaccines are designed for intramuscular (IM) immunization
- IM vaccines do not induce mucosal immunity, crucial for preventing upper respiratory tract infection
- Mutations in the Omicron BA.5 Spike protein grant substantial, population-level, evasion of immunity from prior infection and immunity induced by vaccines.
- IM Vaccination with ancestral spike fails to prevent infection with BA.4 and BA.5

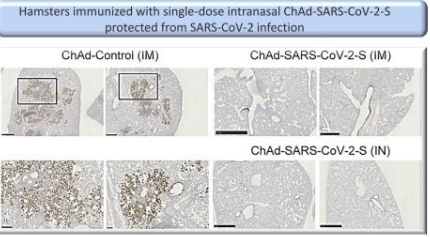
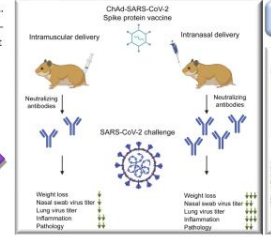
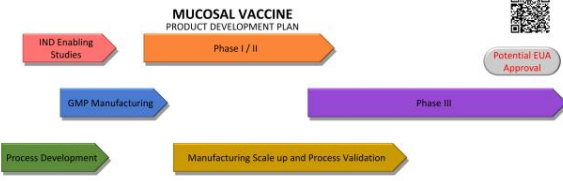
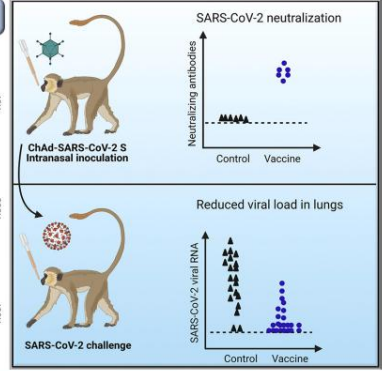
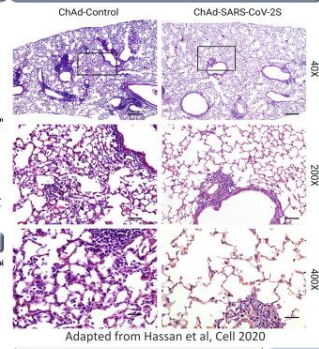
**ChAd-SARS-CoV-2S Adenoviral Vectored Mucosal Vaccine**

- COVID-19 vaccine include Adenoviral vectored vaccine expressing pre-fusion stabilized S-protein
- The mucosal vaccination method has demonstrated potent induction of both mucosal and systemic immune responses
- Currently 4 candidates in the U.S. are under investigation at different clinical trial phases

**A single intranasal dose of ChAd-SARS-CoV-2S promotes systemic and mucosal immunity and induces high levels of IgG and IgA (mucosal) neutralizing antibodies**



**Mice immunized with single-dose intranasal ChAd-SARS-CoV-2S protected from SARS-CoV-2 pneumonia**







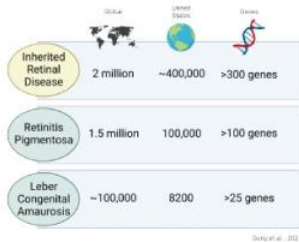


# OCU400: A Modifier Gene Therapy for Retinitis Pigmentosa and Congenital Amaurosis

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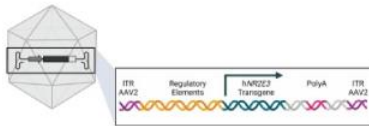
## INTRODUCTION

- Retinitis pigmentosa (RP) and Leber congenital amaurosis (LCA) are inherited retinal diseases (IRDs) with a worldwide prevalence of 1 in 4,000 and 3 in 100,000, respectively
- They are characterized by abnormalities in rod and cone photoreceptors
- LCA develops early in childhood, whereas RP develops over time
- In RP, progressive retinal degeneration often starts in the mid-periphery and advances toward the macula and fovea
- RP and LCA are caused by many different gene mutations



## OCU400 (AAV5-hNR2E3)

- OCU400 is a nuclear hormone receptor-based modifier gene therapy product consisting of an AAV5 capsid containing the human *NR2E3* transgene
- Granted **Orphan Drug Designations (ODDs)** for the treatment of *NR2E3*, *RHO*, *CEP290*, and *PDE6B* mutations associated IRDs from US FDA
- Received **Orphan medicinal product designations** for the treatment of RP and LCA from EMA



OCU400 consists of two inverted terminal repeats (ITRs) flanking regulatory elements, hNR2E3 transgene, and poly A sequence.

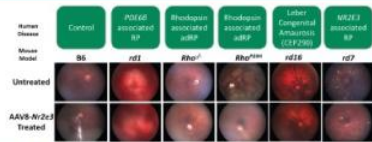
## NUCLEAR HORMONE RECEPTORS AS MODIFIER GENE THERAPY

- Nuclear hormone receptors (NHRs)** are intracellular receptors that **regulate gene expression**
- NHRs can regulate diverse physiological functions, acting as **"Master Genes"** inside the cell, such as:
  - Homeostasis
  - Cellular and tissue development
  - Cellular and tissue metabolism
- The human genome contains 48 NHRs
  - Many have tissue-specific expression patterns
  - NHR dysregulation often leads to disease
- Modifier gene therapies leverage these functions to provide an alternative to traditional gene replacement therapy

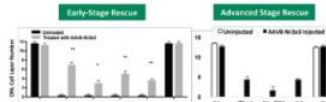
Retinal Gene Networks Regulated by *NR2E3*, a retina-specific NHR



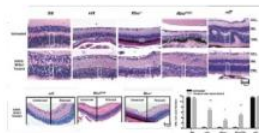
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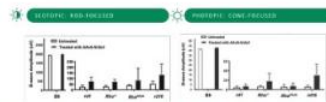
OCU400 rescues retinal degeneration in multiple RP and LCA mouse models



OCU400 rescues survival of photoreceptors in outer nuclear layer in early and advanced stages of disease



OCU400 rescues retina's structural integrity



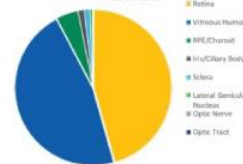
OCU400 enhances the retina's ERG response, which could mean improved vision for patients with IRDs

## SAFETY AND BIODISTRIBUTION

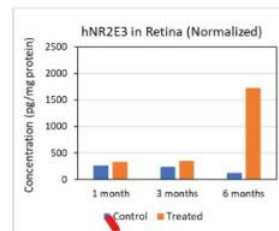
### OCU400:

- Specifically distributed in retina and RPE/choroid with sustained protein expression in retina
- No systemic distribution
- Good safety profile for overall clinical and ocular health
- Modest ADA response against AAV5 in mid and high dose groups
- No cell-based immune response against the drug product

Copies/ug DNA at 6 months post treatment



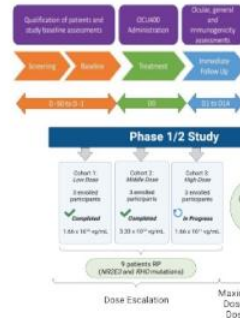
AAV5-hNR2E3 vector distribution in ocular tissues following subretinal administration



NR2E3 transgene protein expression in retina

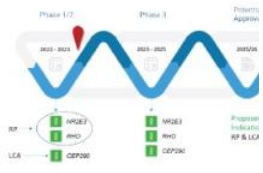
## CLINICAL STUDY

- Positive DSMB recommendations after reviewing safety
- No Serious Adverse Events (SAEs) related to the investigational product



## PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT AND P

- Process optimization and scale-up to 3 manufacturing is established and clinic been generated
- Efficacy established in multiple RP and Safety profile established in minipig
- IND was successful
- Phase 1/2 clinical trial - patient enrollm
- Phase 3 manufacturing, process chara process validation for BLA are in progr



Gong et al., Clin Ophthalmol 15, 2021  
Li et al., Gene Therapy 24(5), 2020







# OCU410: A Modifier Gene Therapy for Dry Age-Related Macular Degeneration and Stargardt Disease

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## INTRODUCTION

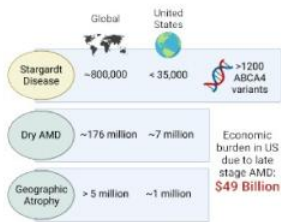
Dry age-related macular degeneration (AMD) and Stargardt are ocular diseases that lead to blindness

### Dry AMD

- Over 170 million people are affected worldwide
- ~90% of dry AMD cases convert to a more severe form of AMD
- Advanced dry AMD is also known as geographic atrophy (GA); ~1 million people affected in the US
- In GA, retinal pigment epithelium (RPE) and photoreceptor cells are significantly degenerated

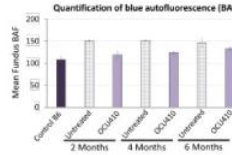
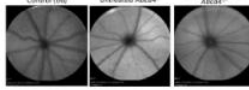
### Stargardt Disease (STGD)

- Rare disease that affects 1 in 8,000-10,000 people worldwide
- ~30,000-35,000 people affected with STGD in the US
- Clinically characterized by slow loss of central vision in both eyes from early childhood to youth
- Common symptoms include gray, black, or hazy spots in the visual center, sensitivity to light, longer dark adjustment duration, and color blindness
- Underlying common cause is mutations in the ABCA4 gene, which follows an autosomal recessive pattern of inheritance

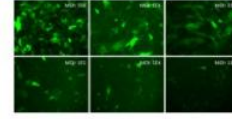


## OCU410 REDUCES DRUSEN IN STARGARDT (ABCA4<sup>-/-</sup>) MODEL

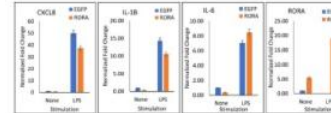
Fundus Blue Autofluorescence is restored by OCU410



## OCU410 SUPPRESSES INFLAMMATORY CYTOKINE RESPONSE

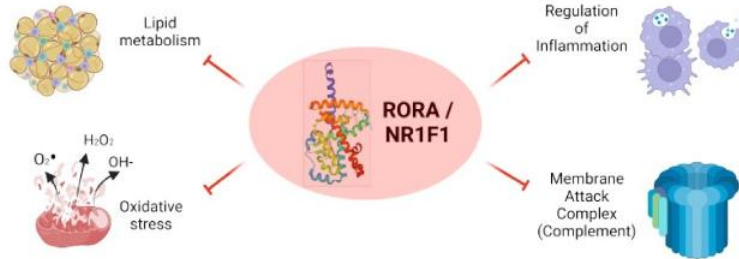
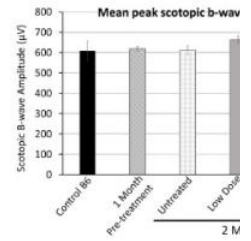


Dose-dependent increase in transduction of microglial cells



Cytokine expression following stimulation with lipopolysaccharide (LPS)

## OCU410 IMPROVES RETINAL FUNCTION

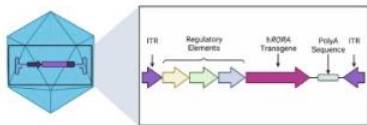


## SAFETY AND DISTRIBUTION

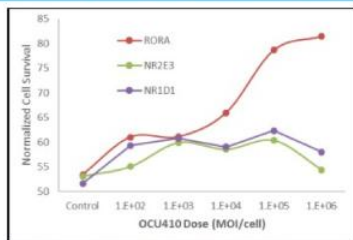
- Dose response pharmacokinetics in dry AMD and Stargardt models in progress
- Subretinal route of administration observed to be optimal for delivery in dry AMD and STGD
- OCU410 was well-tolerated in a dose range study
- A 2-month non-GLP toxicology study provided a range of safe doses
- A 6-month GLP toxicology study in progress to determine safety and biodistribution of drug product

## OCU410 (AAV5-hRORA)

OCU410 (AAV5-hRORA) is a nuclear hormone receptor based gene therapy intended to treat these diseases using a modifier gene therapy approach

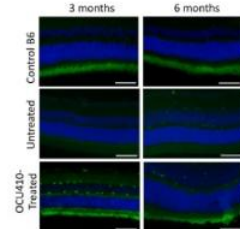


## OCU410 RESCUES OXIDATIVE DEATH IN VITRO



OCU410 rescues NaO<sub>2</sub> mediated oxidative death in ARPE19 cells in a dose-dependent manner

## OCU410 INCREASES CD59, A COMPLEMENT PATHWAY INHIBITOR



Immunohistochemistry of retina showing CD59 and DAPI

## DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE



## REFERENCE

Foundation for Fighting Blindness, 2023. Schultz et al., Clinical Therapeutics 4

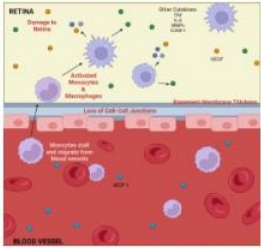




# OCU200: A Novel Therapeutic Offering Benefits Beyond Anti-VEGF for Diabetic Retinopathy, Diabetic Macular Edema, & Wet Age-Related Macular Degeneration

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## DIABETIC MACULAR EDEMA AND WET AMD



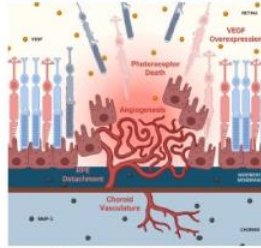
Pathophysiology of Diabetic Macular Edema (DME)

### Diabetic Retinopathy (DR) and Diabetic Macular Edema (DME)

- DR progresses to DME
- Leads to retinal abnormalities and vision loss
- Blood-Retina Barrier breakdown leads to intraretinal hemorrhages, exudates, and macular edema

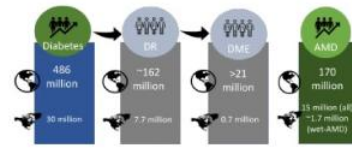
### Wet Age-Related Macular Degeneration (Wet AMD)

- Leading cause of blindness worldwide
- Angiogenesis and edema damage overlying structures, including retinal pigmented epithelium (RPE) layer
- VEGF known to play a key role



Pathophysiology of Wet Age-Related Macular Degeneration (WetAMD)

## PREVALENCE AND CHALLENGES

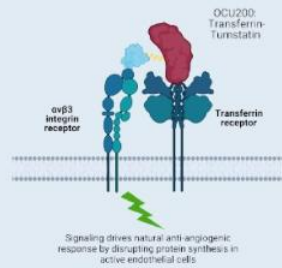


Prevalence of Diabetes, Diabetic Retinopathy, Diabetic Macular Edema, and Wet Age-Related Macular Degeneration



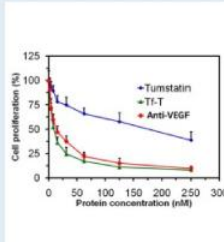
Challenges with Currently App

## DESCRIPTION OF OCU200, MECHANISM OF ACTION, AND PRE-CLINICAL RESULTS

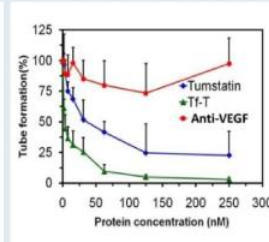


**Transferrin** enhances delivery of fused proteins across cellular barriers (including retinal barriers). It allows targeting of anti-angiogenic peptide to proliferating endothelial cells (a hallmark of neovascularization).

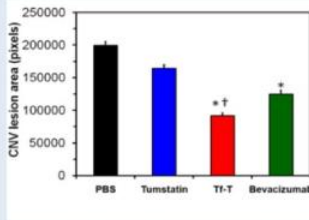
**Tumstatin** is an endogenous angiogenesis inhibitor derived from the C-terminus non-collagenous domain (NC1) of collagen IV. It inhibits neovascularization by binding to  $\alpha V \beta 3$  integrins.



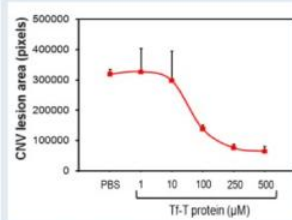
OCU200 (TI-T) inhibits VEGF-induced HUVEC cell proliferation



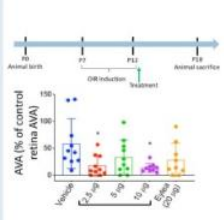
OCU200 (TI-T) inhibits tube formation in endothelial cells



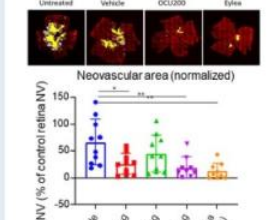
OCU200 (TI-T) showed superior efficacy as compared to bevacizumab and tumstatin alone. \* indicates  $p < 0.05$  when compared to PBS and/or tumstatin treatment. † indicates  $p < 0.05$  when compared to bevacizumab. Data is expressed as mean  $\pm$  S.D.



OCU200 (TI-T) reduces CNV lesion area in dose dependent manner, at concentrations ranging from 1 to 500 nM. Data is expressed as mean  $\pm$  S.D.



OCU200 reduces avascular areas (AVAs) comparable to aflibercept but at a lower dose



OCU200 inhibits neovascularization (NV) comparable to aflibercept but at a lower dose

## CONCLUSION

- Proof-of-concept study demonstrated potential of OCU200 in the treatment of DR and Wet-AMD
- Distinct mechanism of action through integrin pathway will provide benefit to currently approved therapies (responders) to currently approved therapies

## PATH TO THE CLINIC (PHASE I)

- Currently conducting IND-enabling pre-clinical and toxicology studies
- GMP manufacturing complete
- IND submission by Q1 2023
- Initiation of Phase I ascending dose study







### Knee Cartilage Damage: A Complex Problem

- Cartilage**
  - A complex shock absorber
  - Withstands significant pressure
  - Allows for rolling & sliding
- Immediate Problems**
  - Damage from acute injury or repetitive trauma
  - Debilitating pain and loss of function
- Long Term Problems**
  - Limited regeneration - lack of vascularity
  - Strong correlation with Osteoarthritis
- Current treatment options are sub-optimal with variable outcomes due to variable cellular response**
- Patients and physicians seeking alternatives that offer a more rapid and durable recovery**

### Economics & Unmet Needs of Knee Repair: The NeoCart Advantage

**1.2M Artroscopies** (Source: Annual Procedures for Knee Cartilage Defects)

**500K+ Corrective Procedures** (Source: Annual Procedures for Knee Cartilage Defects)

**50K Microfracture** (Source: Annual Procedures for Knee Cartilage Defects)

**Annual Procedures for Knee Cartilage Defects**

**Follow-up Arthroscopy Demonstrates NeoCart Integration**

**NeoCart®** is a proprietary ICT that rebuilds patient's own knee cartilage, reducing pain at the source and potentially prevents progression to osteoarthritis (OA)

**Powerful, proprietary platform that provides restorative cell therapies (ICTs) for active living**

**Large market opportunity to treat knee cartilage damage approximately 1.2M defects identified each year**

**Clinically meaningful Phase 3 top-line results reported in Q3-18**

**Planned expansion of NeoCart platform into additional markets and indications**

**Willingness to prescribe NeoCart (N=79 surgeons)**

- Extremely likely: 43%
- Likely: 8%
- Neutral: 41%
- Unlikely: 9%

### The NeoCart® Breakthrough

**NeoCart® bio-engineering breakthroughs enhance the autologous cartilage repair**

- Accelerated healing and reduced pain using patient's own cells in a 3D scaffold
- Patients receive functional cartilage at the time of treatment

**Attributes of an Optimal Treatment for Knee Cartilage Damage**

- Reduces pain
- Improves function
- Promotes repair of damaged cartilage
- Short rehabilitation / rapid return to daily activities
- Durable response
- No specialized surgical techniques and less operating room time
- Non-opioid approach

### Potential Benefits of NeoCart®

- Patient Satisfaction: pain relief, better QoL, improved productivity
- Physician Satisfaction: robust clinical data – 1-year superiority endpoint
- Payer Cost Effectiveness

**Surgical Steps:**

- Assessment of defect & biopsy
- Implantation into defect with CT3 bioadhesive
- 6-8 Week Process
- Callus formation
- Implant processing
- Continued growth in static culture
- Quality control: histology & biomarkers

### Phase I

**Study parameters:**

- Treatment group – 8 patients
- Cartilage injury – 1-2 cm

**Evaluations:**

- Through 60 months post-op
- International Knee Documentation Committee (IKDC) questionnaire
- Visual analog scale
- Range of motion
- Cartilage-sensitive MRI

**Results:**

- Lowered pain and improved functions after NeoCart
- Six patients had substantial defect fill at 24 months
- Improved IKDC score in 7 out of 8 patients

**Safety:**

- No adverse events reported
- No patient developed arthrofibrosis or implant hypertrophy

**Congenital MRI shows good fill of the cartilage defect 30 days to 6 months after NeoCart implantation (Crawford et al., ASM 2009)**

### Phase II

**Study parameters:**

- 30 patients at 6 U.S. centers
- 2:1 randomization (NeoCart v. Microfracture)
- Lesion size – 1-3 cm

**Superiority Endpoint: % of NeoCart "Responders" vs Mfx "Responders"**

**IKDC Score: Mean Change from Baseline**

**Results:**

- More patients responded to NeoCart than microfracture
  - at 6 months (43% vs 25%)
  - at 12 months (76% vs 22%)
- Improvement with NeoCart was significantly greater
  - IKDC, SF-36 & KOOS-ADL / pain
  - at 6 months for KOOS-symp
  - at 12 & 24 months for KOOS sports & VAS

**Safety:**

- No serious adverse events reported
- None of the AE were related to either treatments

### Phase III

**Phase 3 requires only**

- ~15-20% difference between NeoCart and microfracture

**1 year primary superiority endpoint**

**Endpoints at 1 Year**

Endpoint	NeoCart (n=170)	Microfracture (n=79)
IKDC Subjective Score	48%	29%
KOOS Pain Score	44%	29%
IKDC Objective Score	21%	7%

**Study parameters:**

- Screening: n = 249
- Randomization: n = 249
- Endpoints at 1 Year

**Key Inclusion Criteria:** Age 18-59, Severe and symptomatic cartilage lesions (3-6cm²), Femoral condyle and/or trochlear lesions

**Key Exclusion Criteria:** Prior lesion treatment, High BMI, Significant arthritis, Concomitant surgeries

**Primary endpoint narrowly missed**

Primary Efficacy Endpoint (ITT)	NeoCart (n=170)	Microfracture (n=79)	P-value*
Clinically significant improvements of ≥22 points in KOOS pain score and ≥20 points in IKDC subjective score at 1 year	122/170 (71.2%)	49/79 (62.0%)	0.0744

\* Pearson's Asymptotic P-Value (1-sided)

### Ocugen Phase III

#### A PROPOSED RANDOMIZED COMPARISON OF NEOCART® TO A COMPARATOR ARM FOR THE KNEE ARTICULAR CARTILAGE REPAIR

**COMBATING CONFOUNDERS: PROPOSED ALTERATIONS IN STUDY DESIGN**

- A dynamic randomization design should result in equipose in the baseline confounders.
- Ad hoc analyses demonstrated improvement in pain and function for the NeoCart group vs. microfracture for the following factors:
  - Larger lesion sizes
  - Younger patients
  - Larger BMI (Body Mass Index)
- These confounding factors will be controlled for using dynamic randomization in addition to:
  - Baseline KOOS (Knee Injury and Osteoarthritis Outcome Score) pain
  - Baseline KOOS ADL (Activities of Daily Living)
  - Maximum ICRS (International Cartilage Repair Society) Score on MRI

**PRIMARY OUTCOMES EFFICACY:** To demonstrate that NeoCart®, improves pain and function in the repair of knee cartilage defects and is superior to the comparator.

**SAFETY:** To evaluate NeoCart® safety up to 5 years post-implantation

**CO-PRIMARY EFFICACY ENDPOINT**

Mean change from baseline to 2 years for the Patients' Knee Injury and Osteoarthritis Outcome Score (KOOS) Pain and Function Activities of Daily Living (ADL) subscale scores.

**SECONDARY SAFETY OBJECTIVE**

To evaluate NeoCart® safety in the repair of cartilage defects of the femoral condyles and/or trochlea.

**NeoCart Highlights: Improved Outcomes Versus Established Suboptimal Alternatives**

	NeoCart	Microfracture	ICI & other Products
Accelerated recovery and improved clinical efficacy	✓	x	x
Shorter recovery times	✓	x	x
Excellent safety profile	✓	x	x
Long term performance	✓	x	x
Fewer complications and re-operations	✓	x	x
Tissue quality and competence at implantation	✓	x	x
Biomechanical competence after 1 year	✓	x	x
Earlier weight-bearing and return to activity	✓	x	x

**NeoCart Publications**

**Clinical Trials:**

**Change in Patient-Reported Outcomes From Baseline to Final Follow-up**

Outcome	Baseline	Final Follow-up	Change from Baseline	P-value	n
IKDC subjective	47.9 ± 17.4	75.5 ± 22.1	27.6 ± 19.1	<0.0001	29
VAS mean	34.8 ± 25.5	34.3 ± 38.4	-0.5 ± 24.6	<0.0001	29
VAS highest	60.5 ± 20.6	25.5 ± 27.0	-34.6 ± 29.7	<0.0001	21
KOOS Pain	64.8 ± 12.1	86.1 ± 17.3	21.4 ± 10.7	<0.0001	21
KOOS ADL	75.5 ± 14.8	93.6 ± 13.8	18.1 ± 13.0	<0.0001	21
KOOS-QoL	59.8 ± 15.5	88.6 ± 20.0	28.8 ± 27.5	<0.0001	21
KOOS Symptoms	65.8 ± 13.8	86.6 ± 15.4	20.8 ± 15.4	<0.0001	21
KOOS Sports	41.6 ± 24.3	72.4 ± 28.8	30.9 ± 26.4	<0.0001	21
KOOS Health	48.5 ± 7.0	54.4 ± 8.1	5.9 ± 7.4	<0.0001	21
SF-36 mental	55.1 ± 9.2	54.3 ± 6.7	-0.8 ± 8.5	0.8808	21
Active ROM	133.5 ± 7.9	140.7 ± 6.3	7.2 ± 9.8	<0.0001	29

Data are reported as mean ± SD unless otherwise indicated. Asterisks at a P value < 0.05.

### HIGHLIGHTS FROM HISTOGENESIS PHASE III STUDY

—A prospective randomized trial comparing NeoCart to the microfracture in the treatment of cartilage defects in the knee

- NeoCart narrowly missed the primary endpoint of a statistically significant improvement in pain and function
- Both NeoCart & microfracture were well tolerated with strong safety profiles
- Improvements in KOOS subscales (p < 0.05) and IKDC subscales (p = 0.126) favoring NeoCart® at 1 year
- Secondary outcomes met their target goals

