

ACQUISITION OF IVERIC BIO



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In connection with the proposed acquisition, Iveric Bio will be filing documents with the SEC, including preliminary and definitive proxy statements relating to the proposed acquisition. This press release is not a substitute for the proxy statement or any other document which Iveric Bio may file with the SEC. The definitive proxy statement will be mailed to Iveric Bio's stockholders in connection with the proposed acquisition. BEFORE MAKING ANY VOTING DECISION, IVERIC BIO'S INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE PRELIMINARY AND DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENTS AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS TO BE FILED WITH THE SEC IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION OR INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THE PROXY STATEMENT WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION. Any vote in respect of resolutions to be proposed at Iveric Bio's stockholder meeting to approve the proposed transaction or other responses in relation to the proposed transaction should be made only on the basis of the information contained in Iveric Bio's proxy statement. Investors and security holders may obtain free copies of these documents (when they are available) and other related documents filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") at the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov, and all documents filed by Iveric Bio with the SEC are available to all stockholders of Iveric Bio free of charge at [<https://investors.ivericbio.com/financial-information/sec-filings>]

Participants in the Solicitation

Iveric Bio, and its directors, executive officers and other members of management and certain other people may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in connection with the proposed acquisition. Information about Iveric Bio's directors and executive officers is included in the proxy statement for Iveric Bio's annual meeting of stockholders for 2023, filed with the SEC on April 5, 2023. Additional information regarding these persons and their interests in the merger will be included in the proxy statement relating to the proposed acquisition when it is filed with the SEC. These documents, when available, can be obtained free of charge from the sources indicated above.

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AGENDA

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TRANSACTION SUMMARY

Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• IVERIC bio, Inc. (New Jersey; listed on NASDAQ)
Purchase Price	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• US\$40.00 per share in cash<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Premium of 64% to Iveric Bio's unaffected closing share price of US\$24.33 as of March 31, 2023• Premium of 75% to Iveric Bio's 30 trading day volume weighted average price as of March 31, 2023• Acquisition amount: approximately US\$5.9 billion*
Acquisition Method	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A wholly-owned subsidiary of Astellas US Holding, Inc. (Berry Merger Sub, Inc.) will acquire 100% of the outstanding shares of Iveric Bio
Timing for Closure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The acquisition is expected to close during Q2 FY2023, subject to approval by Iveric Bio's stockholders and other customary closing conditions

*Acquisition amount includes the full amount required to purchase all outstanding options and restricted stock units.

IVERIC BIO OVERVIEW

IVERIC bio, Inc. (NASDAQ: ISEE)

Headquarters	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Parsippany, New Jersey, United States
Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A biopharmaceutical company focusing on discovery and development of therapeutic drugs specialized in the field of ophthalmology
Employees (As of March 2023)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">~260 (~90 in Commercial, ~60 in R&D)*

Clinical & Nonclinical Pipelines

Clinical Asset	MOA / modality	Target disease	Stage
Avacincaptad Pegol (ACP)	C5 inhibitor / RNA aptamer	Geographic Atrophy (GA) secondary to age-related macular degeneration (AMD)	NDA (US; PDUFA date: August 19, 2023)
		Stargardt disease	Phase 2b

Nonclinical Asset	MOA / modality	Target disease	Stage
IC-500	HtrA1 inhibitor / small molecule	GA secondary to AMD	Preclinical
Mini-CEP290	miniCEP290 gene replacement (AAV)	Leber's congenital amaurosis 10	Research
Mini-ABCA4	miniABCA4 gene replacement (AAV)	Stargardt disease type 1	Research
Mini-USH2A	miniUSH2A gene replacement (AAV)	Usher syndrome type 2	Research

*Commercial includes Sales and Commercial Market Development & Reimbursement, R&D includes Research, Clinical Development, Medical Affairs and Regulatory/Pharmacovigilance
MOA: Mechanism of action, NDA: New Drug Application, PDUFA: Prescription Drug User Fee Act, AAV: Adeno-associated virus



1. Avacincaptad Pegol (ACP): Potential as a New Revenue-generating Pillar

- Anticipated to enter geographic atrophy (GA) market with large patient population and significant unmet medical needs
- Opportunity to become standard of care for GA
- Anticipated to contribute to the mid-term revenue to help compensate for XTANDI LOE

2. Establishing Foundational Ophthalmology Capabilities for PF-BR

- Enhance commercial capabilities in ophthalmology
- Access to ophthalmology experts and medical institutes
- Acquire know-how in development and research platform

AVACINCAPTAD PEGOL (ACP) OVERVIEW

ACP has the potential to be an innovative medicine to address significant unmet medical needs in ophthalmology

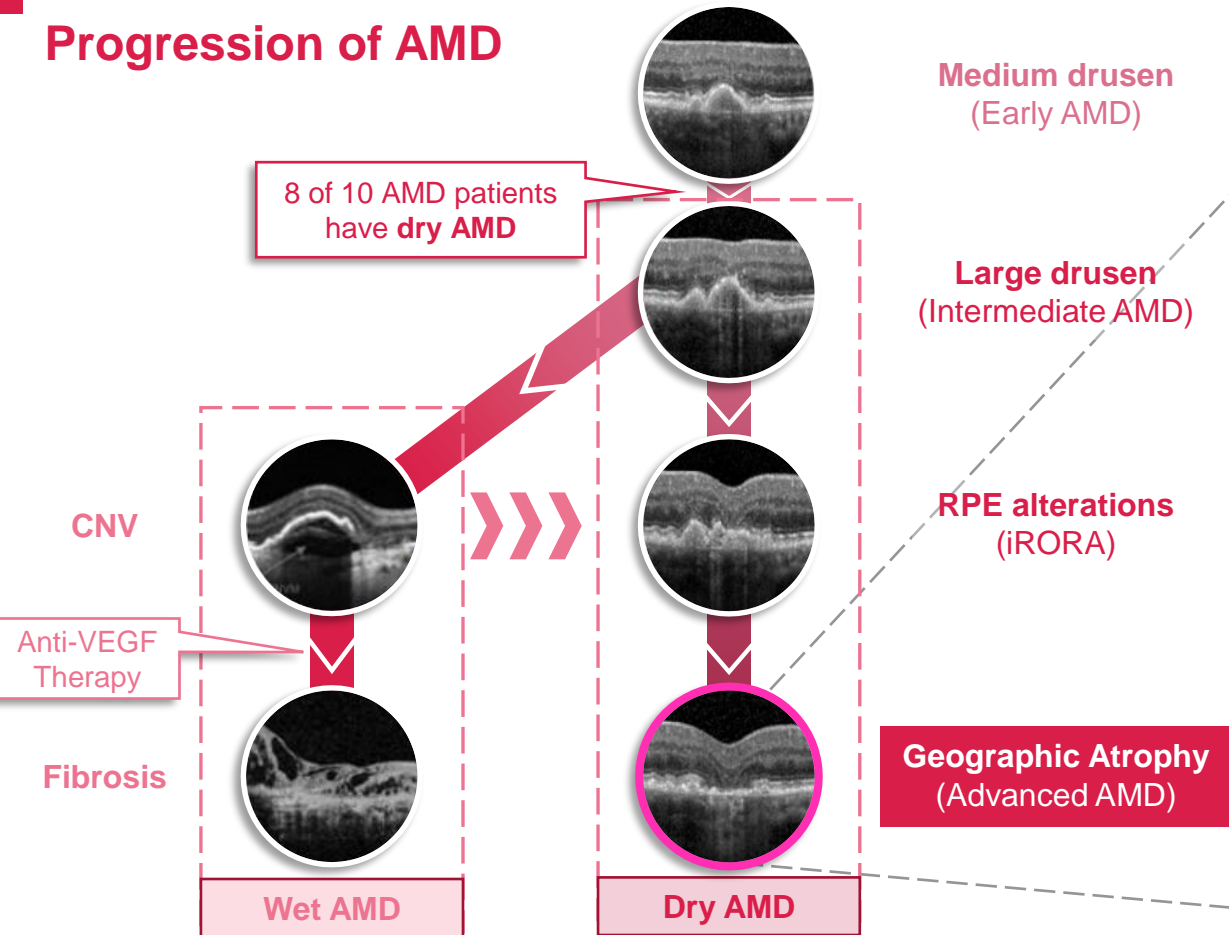
MOA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complement C5 inhibitor: Suppresses activity of complement system that causes retinal cell degeneration, leading to a decrease in the rate of geographic atrophy (GA) progression
Modality	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pegylated RNA aptamer (Chemically synthesized)
Administration method	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monthly or bi-monthly* intravitreal injections
Target disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Geographic atrophy (GA) secondary to age-related macular degeneration (AMD)• Stargardt disease
Regulatory status	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Breakthrough Therapy designation granted by FDA (November 2022)• NDA filed (PDUFA date: August 19, 2023, under Priority Review)

*Bi-monthly regimen is under investigation.

MOA: Mechanism of action, FDA: Food and Drug Administration, NDA: New Drug Application, PDUFA: Prescription Drug User Fee Act

GEOGRAPHIC ATROPHY (GA) OVERVIEW

Progression of AMD



GA Market

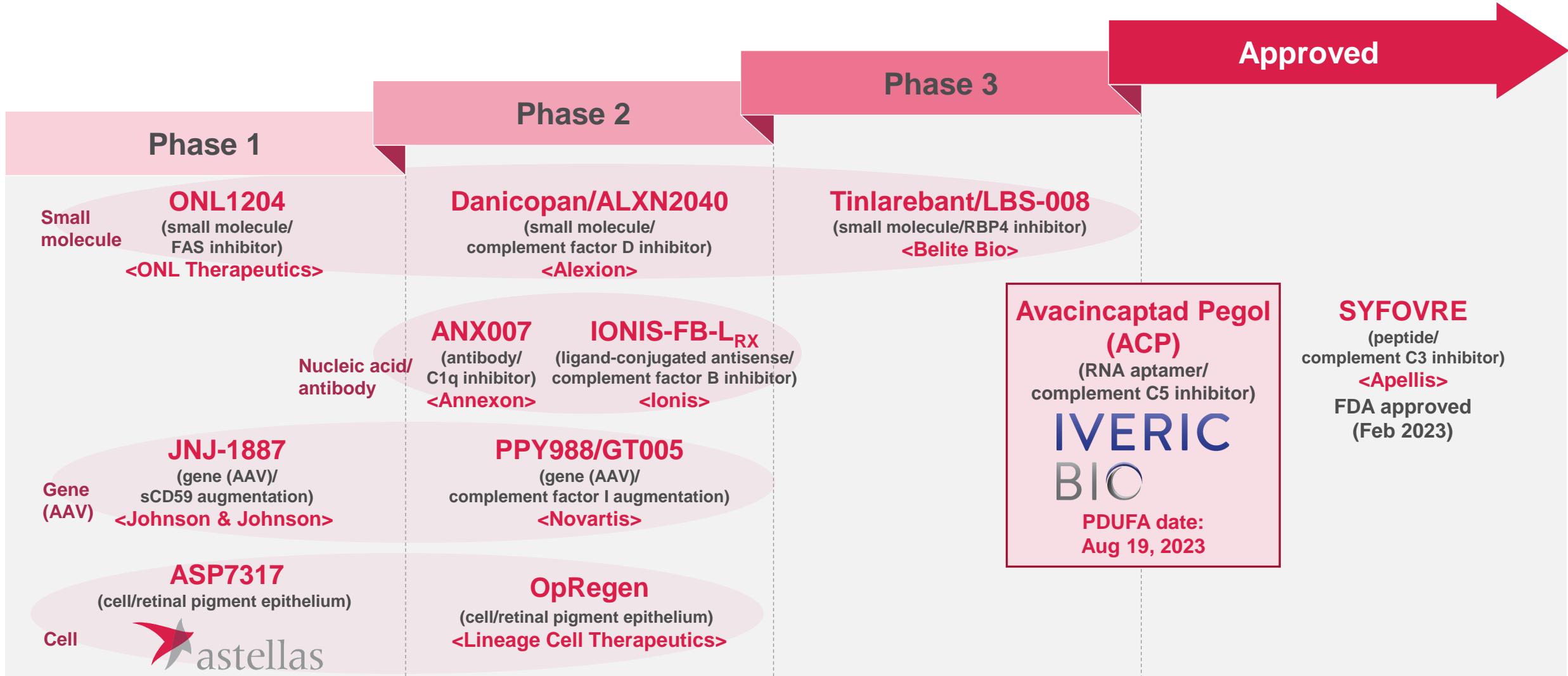
- ~40% of eyes with GA are blinded
- Leading cause of increasing irreversible blindness
- ~50% of patients are affected bilaterally
- Severely underdiagnosed, with exact cause unknown
- ~1.6M patients in the U.S. ¹
- Currently only one FDA approved treatment

Long-standing need for effective treatment

1. Arch Ophthalmol. 129:75-80 (2011)

AMD: Age-related macular degeneration, CNV: Choroidal neovascularization, VEGF: Vascular endothelial growth factor, RPE: Retinal pigment epithelial, iRORA: Incomplete retinal pigment epithelial and outer retinal atrophy

SELECTED CLINICAL PIPELINE ASSETS TARGETING GEOGRAPHIC ATROPHY (GA)



AAV: Adeno-associated virus, PDUFA: Prescription Drug User Fee Act, FDA: Food and Drug Administration

PIVOTAL TRIALS (GATHER1 AND GATHER2): OVERVIEW

GATHER1

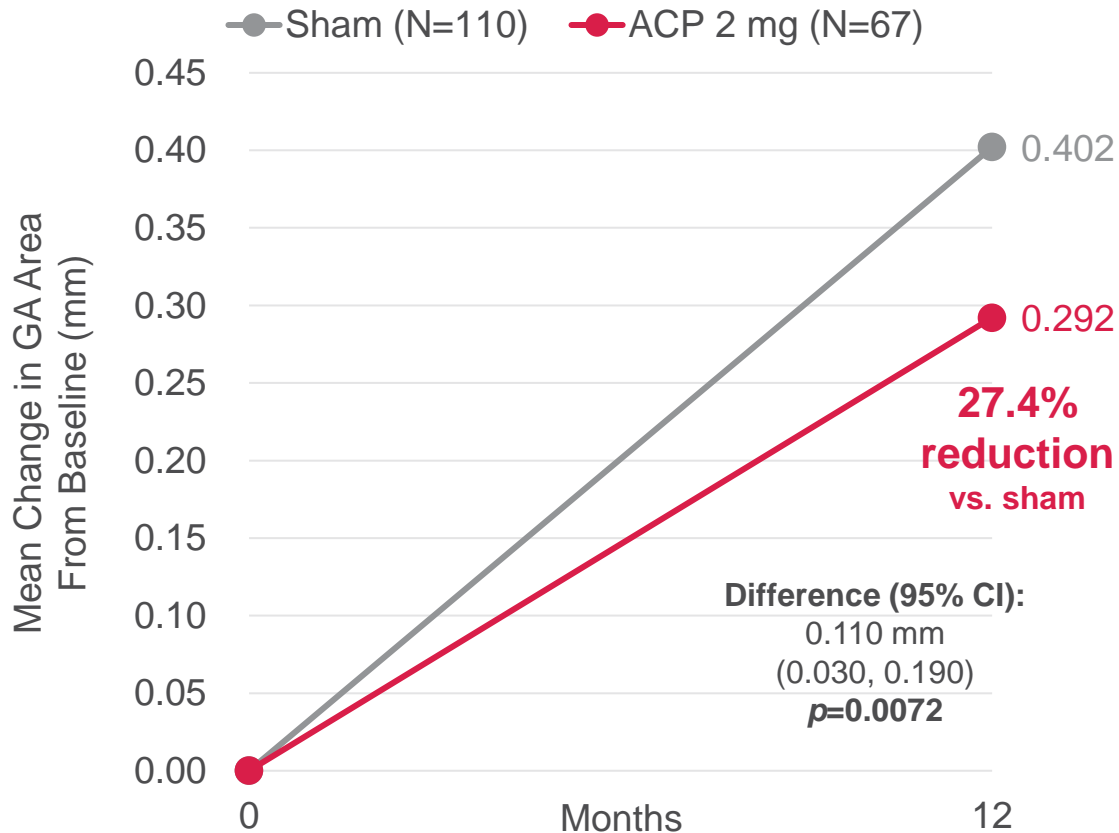
GATHER2

Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Randomized, double masked, sham controlled, multicenter	
Phase	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phase 2/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phase 3
Dosing Interval	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monthly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monthly (first 12 months)• Monthly or bi-monthly (after 13 months)
Primary Endpoint	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mean change in GA area from baseline to month 12 measured by fundus autofluorescence (square root transformation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mean rate of growth (slope) in GA area from baseline to month 12 measured by fundus autofluorescence (square root transformation)
Patients Enrolled	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 286	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 448
Cohort	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Part 1: 1 mg, 2 mg, Sham (N=77)• Part 2: 2 mg, 4 mg, Sham (N=209)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 mg, Sham (N=448)

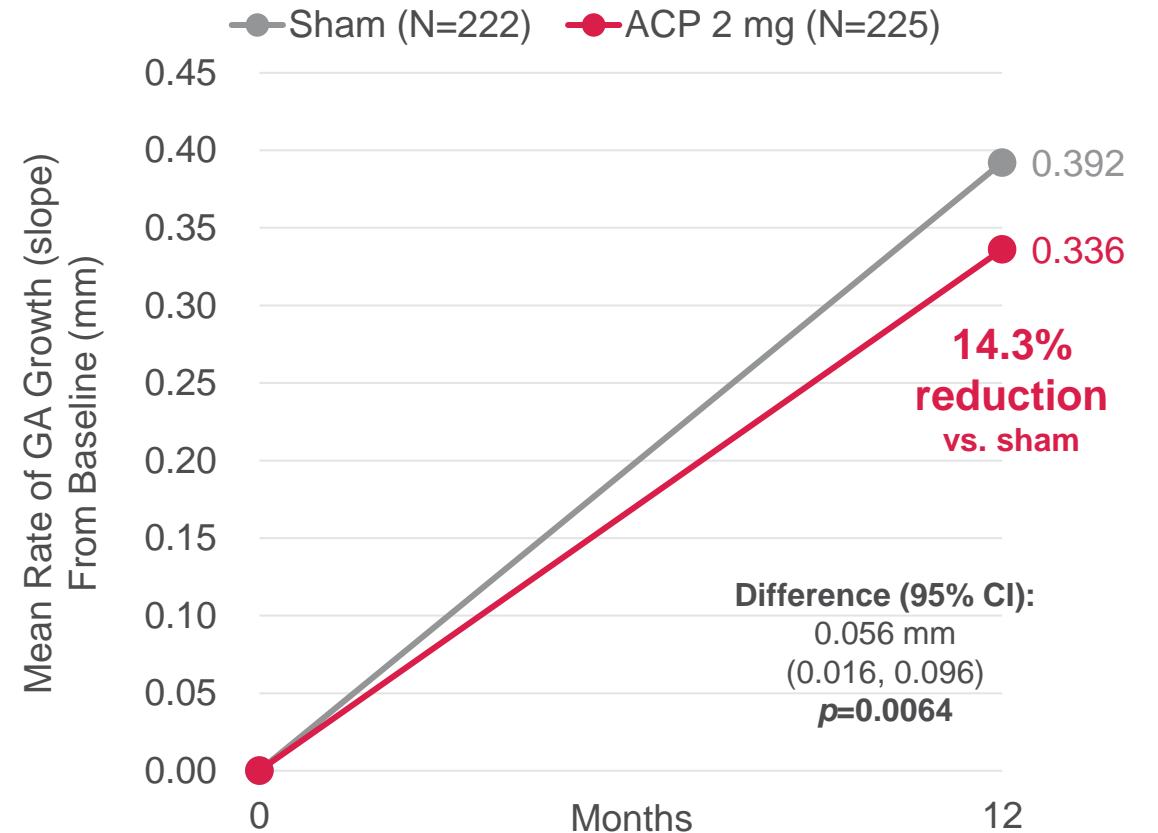
PIVOTAL TRIALS (GATHER1 AND GATHER2): EFFECT ON GA AREA

Significant reduction in progression of GA by ACP treatment

GATHER 1



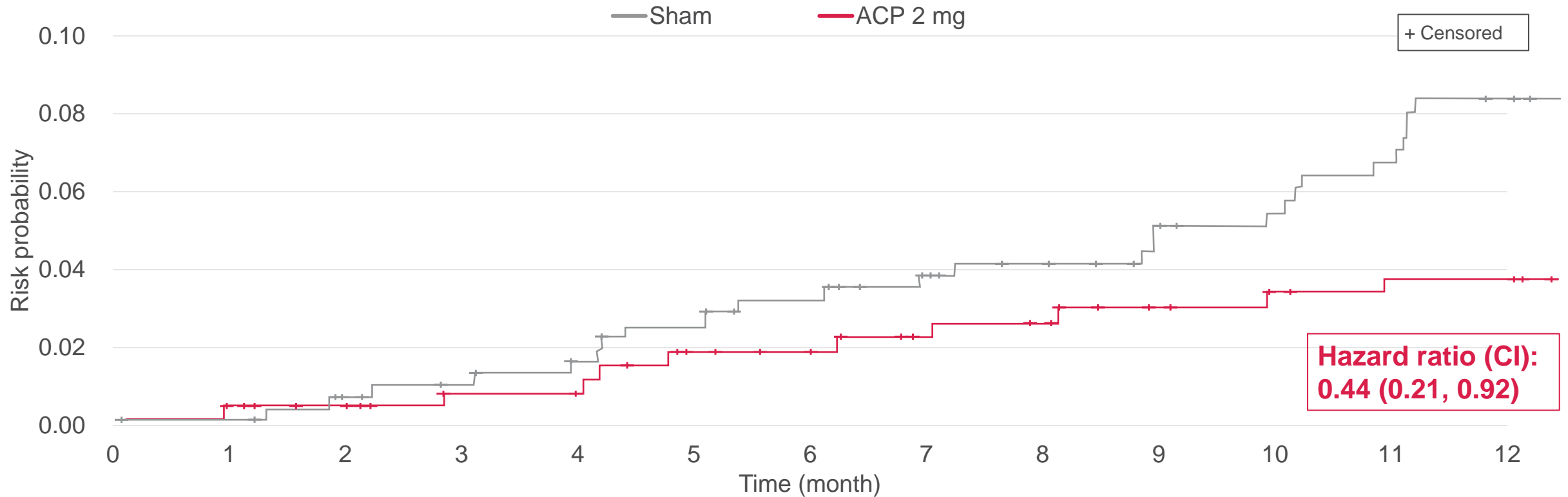
GATHER 2



Khanani AM, et al. Presented at: Retina Society: November 2-5, 2022.
Changes in GA area are determined using the square root transformation (mm).
CI: Confidence interval

PIVOTAL TRIALS (GATHER1 AND GATHER2): EFFECT ON VISION LOSS

56% risk reduction in rate of vision loss by ACP treatment



Number of patients at risk (events)

ACP 2 mg:	292 (0)	288 (1)	281 (1)	277 (2)	276 (2)	269 (5)	264 (5)	258 (6)	256 (7)	251 (8)	248 (9)	246 (10)	246 (10)
Sham:	332 (0)	329 (0)	323 (2)	320 (3)	316 (5)	312 (8)	307 (10)	300 (12)	296 (13)	289 (16)	285 (17)	281 (21)	275 (26)

Post hoc time-to-event analysis.

Vision loss: a loss of ≥ 15 letters in Best Corrected Visual Acuity (BCVA) from baseline measured at any two consecutive visits up to month 12

CI: Confidence interval

PIVOTAL TRIALS (GATHER1 AND GATHER2): SAFETY

ACP group showed a consistent safety profile with Sham group with no intraocular inflammation and infectious endophthalmitis events

GATHER1

12 months*

GATHER2

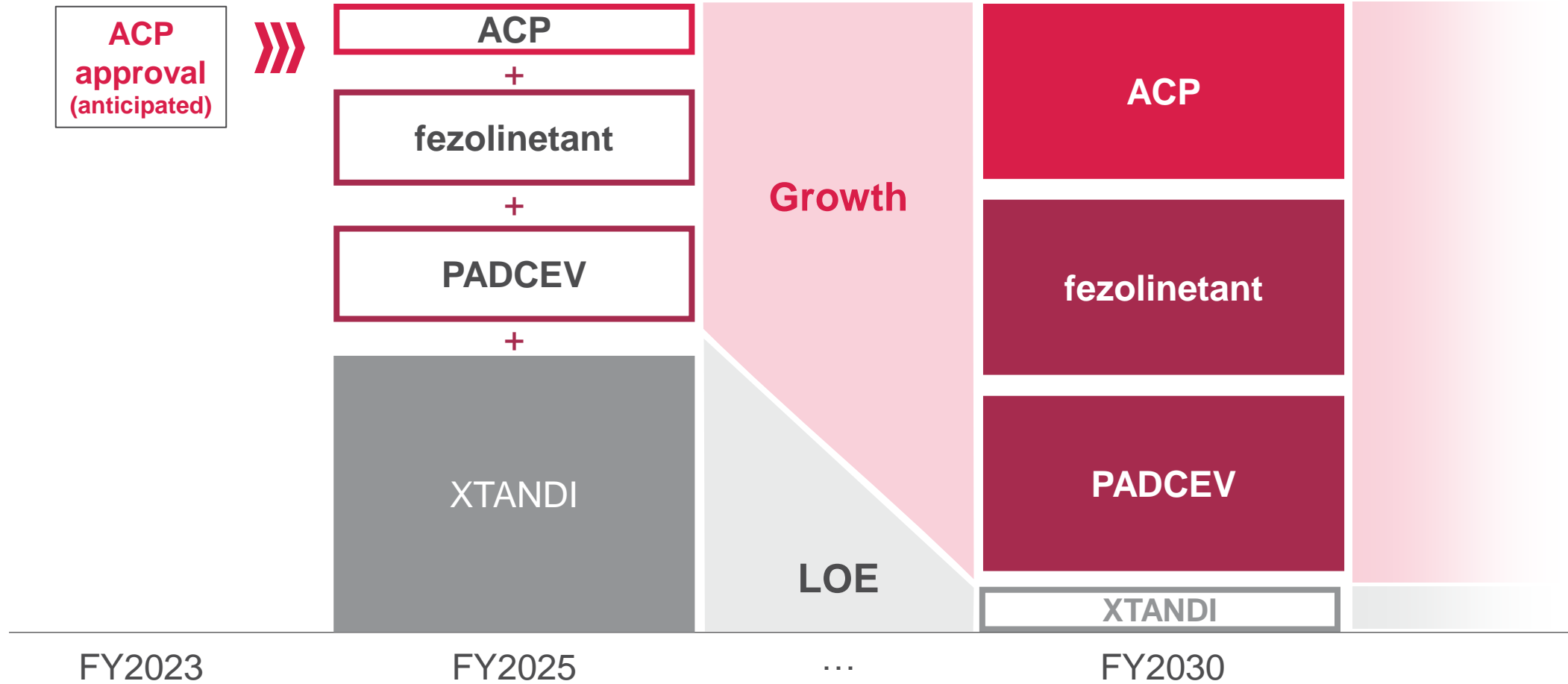
12 months

	ACP 2 mg (N=67)	Sham (N=110)	ACP 2 mg (N=225)	Sham (N=222)
TEAEs, N (%)	50 (74.6)	77 (77.0)	178 (79.1)	157 (70.7)
Ocular in study eye	35 (52.2)	38 (34.5)	110 (48.9)	83 (37.4)
Non-ocular	39 (58.2)	60 (54.5)	125 (55.6)	127 (57.2)
Serious TEAEs, N (%)	7 (10.4)	20 (18.2)	30 (13.3)	37 (16.7)
Ocular in study eye	0	0	2 (0.9)	2 (0.9)
Non-ocular	7 (10.4)	20 (18.2)	29 (12.9)	35 (15.8)
TEAEs leading to study drug discontinuation, N (%)	0	1 (1.9)	6 (2.7)	2 (0.9)
Ocular in study eye	0	0	2 (0.9)	0
Non-ocular	0	1 (0.9)	4 (1.8)	2 (0.9)
CNV** (%)	9.0	2.7	6.7	4.1
Intraocular inflammation*** (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Infectious endophthalmitis (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

*Both ACP and sham groups are a combination of Part 1 and Part 2. **Choroidal neovascularization. ***Excluding those reported as related to injection procedure.
 Note: N = study eyes with events. A patient with multiple occurrences of an AE under one treatment is counted only once. TEAE: Treatment-emergent adverse event
 Kaiser PK, et al. Presented at: Retina Society: November 2-5, 2022.

REVENUE CONTRIBUTION OF ACP (ILLUSTRATIVE)

Potential to help compensate for XTANDI LOE as the “third pillar”



Note: The figure above is for illustrative purposes only, and does not represent the exact figures of each drugs' sales
LOE: Loss of exclusivity

ESTABLISHING FOUNDATIONAL OPHTHALMOLOGY CAPABILITIES

The acquisition of Iveric Bio is expected to provide capabilities as a leader at the forefront of ophthalmology field

Commercial and Market Access

- Enhance commercial capabilities in ophthalmology to maximize ACP's value
- Advance market access proficiencies with payers
- Build a foundation to support the future launch and commercialization of PF-BR assets

Medical and R&D

- Access to network of ophthalmology experts and medical institutes
- Acquire the know-how that succeeded in clinical development in GA
- Acquire research platform and assets in retinal gene therapy

Transaction financing

- Bridge financing through CPs and short-term loans (total approx. 800 billion yen), and cash on hand
- Afterwards, consider corporate bonds and long-term loans



Possible to complete repayments within the next five to seven years through robust cash flow

Capital allocation policy

- 1 Top priority is investment for business growth
- 2 Raise dividend level aligned with profit / cashflow plan and actual performance throughout CSP2021 period
- 3 Flexibly execute share buyback with excess cash

- ✓ **No change in capital allocation policy is anticipated due to the acquisition**
- ✓ **Diligently control financial structure to allow for future opportunistic investments**
- ✓ **Dividends to be paid out in line with CSP2021**

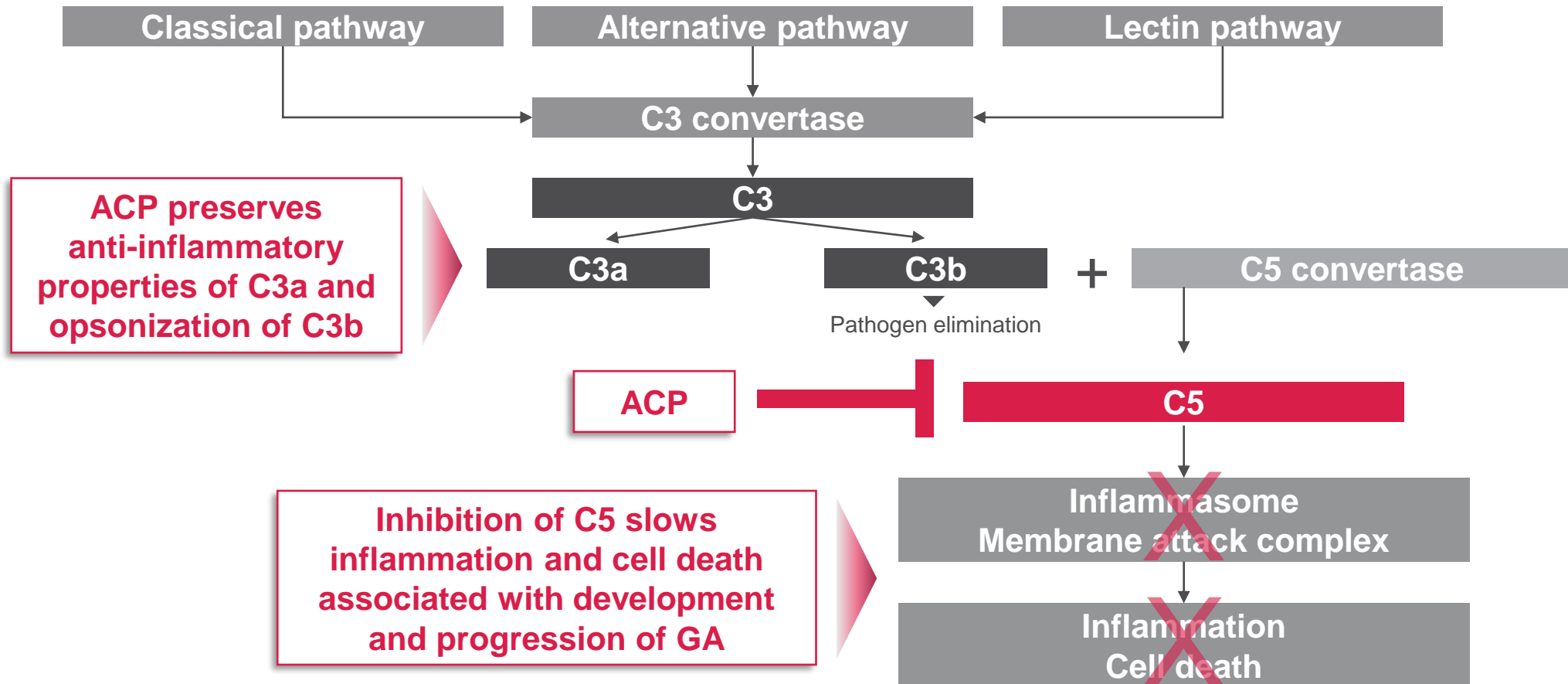
APPENDIX



MECHANISM OF ACTION

Complement pathway associated with the pathogenesis of AMD, which has been demonstrated by genetic analysis¹

Complement hyperactivity leading to overactivation of the immune system and chronic inflammation in the macula is a hypothesized contributing factor to GA²



1: Nature Genetics 45: 433-439 (2013). 2: Eye (Lond) 36: 294-302 (2022)

ON THE FOREFRONT OF HEALTHCARE CHANGE

