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## OCS-05 Phase 2 Topline Results in Acute Optic Neuritis



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## Agenda & Speakers

1	Opening Remarks	Sylvia Cheung Chief Financial Officer
2	ACUITY Trial Results	Riad Sherif, MD Chief Executive Officer
3	KOL Interpretation	Prof Mark Kupersmith, MD (U.S.) Prof Leonard Levin, MD, PhD (U.S. & Canada) Prof Pablo Villoslada, MD, PhD (U.S. & Spain) Prof Sebastian Wolf, MD, PhD (Switzerland)
4	Q&A	Oculis Management KOLs



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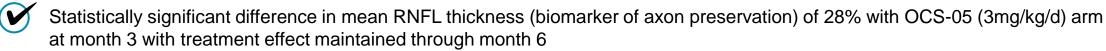
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5 AE: Adverse Events, GCIPL: Ganglion Cell Inner Plexiform Layer, RNFL: Retinal Nerve Fiber Layer, CNS: Central Nervous System, MS: Multiple Sclerosis. Data, analysis and conclusions are preliminary, and subject to change as full analysis is ongoing. Statistical significance achieved based on prespecified statistical analysis plan.

# OCS-05

**Development status** 



# OCS-05 | Novel Peptidomimetic with Trophic Factors Impacting Neuroprotective Activity

## Unique pathway for neuro-ophthalmology indications

## Disease modifying drug aimed to protect and repair neurons

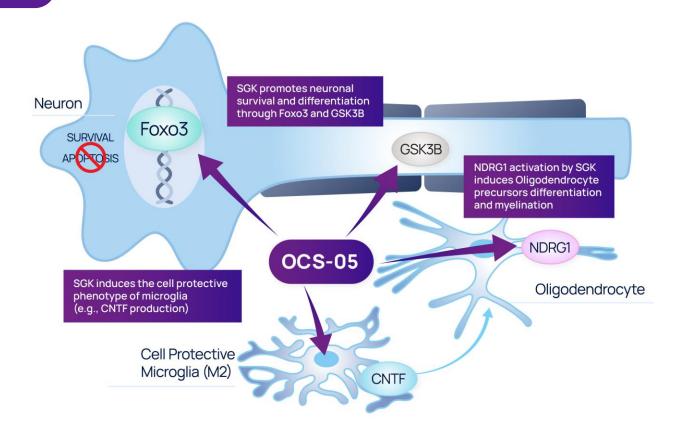
• Activates neurotrophic signalling pathways supporting neuronal survival and repair

#### Multiple potential clinical applications:

- Acute Optic Neuritis
- Glaucoma
- Ischemic Optic Neuropathy
- Neurotrophic Keratitis
- Diabetic Retinopathy
- CNS disorders (MS)

#### **Differentiated Pathway**

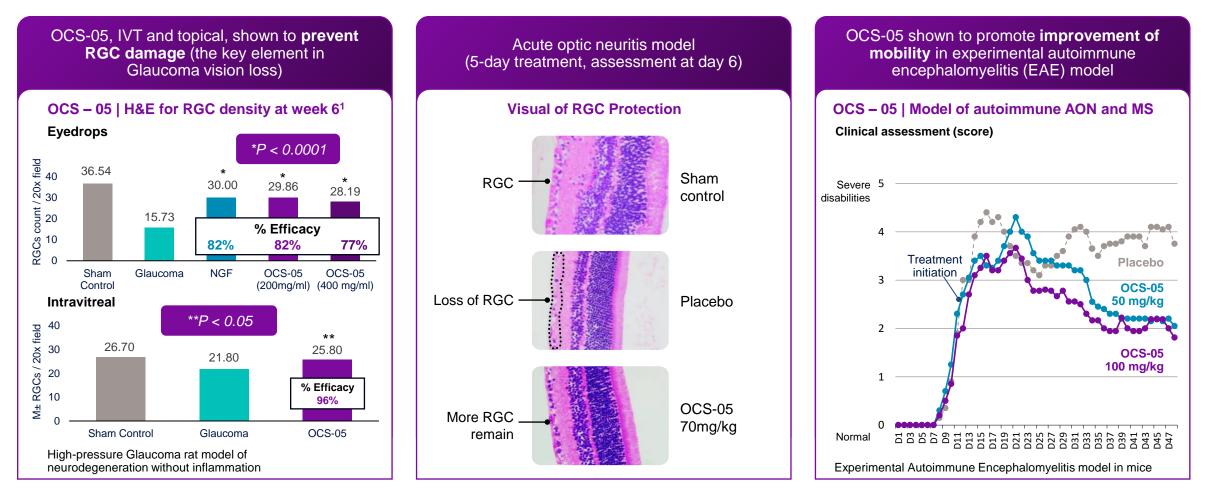
OCS-05 targets IGF-1 signalling including SGK as part of the neurotrophic factor pathways triggering multiple beneficial effects on apoptosis, oxidation and inflammation



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## OCS-05 | Pre-clinical Evidence of Neuroprotective Activity (1/2)

## Compelling data showing prevention of RGC damage in glaucoma and acute optic neuritis and functional improvement in EAE models

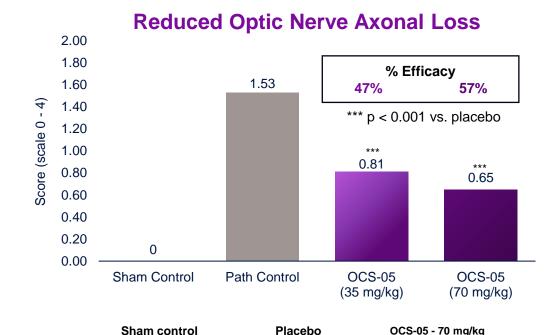


EAE: experimental autoimmune encephalomyelitis; H&E: hematoxylin and eosin staining; MS: multiple sclerosis; RGC: retinal ganglion cell; IVT: intravitreal; NGF; nerve growth factor. 1. Villoslada P. et al. Neurotherapeutics. 2019; 16(3):808-827

## OCS-05 | Pre-clinical Evidence of Neuroprotective Activity (2/2)

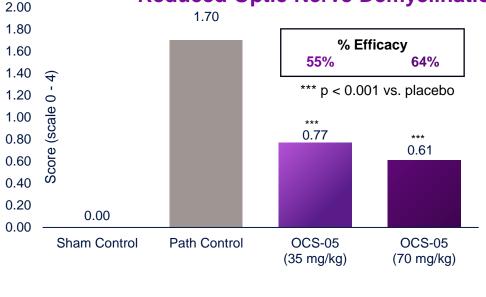
#### Promotes axonal sparing and reduces demyelination in model of acute optic neuritis

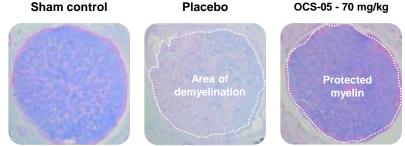
Assessment after 5-days of treatment<sup>1</sup>





Lysolecithin induced demyelinating model in rat (model of acute optic neuritis)





**Reduced Optic Nerve Demyelination** 

#### \*\*\* p < 0.001 vs. placebo 1. Villoslada P, et al. *Neurotherapeutics*. 2019;16(3):808-827.

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### **OCS-05 | Development Status**

Compelling pre-clinical data set, IND clearance and positive phase 2 well-positioning OCS-05 development in Acute Optic Neuritis and future potential Neuro Ophthalmology applications

1 **Preclinical data** showing neuroprotection by preventing retinal ganglion cell death, promoting axonal sparring, reducing demyelination and improving function in MS model.

#### 2 Successfully completed Phase 1:

 Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, single and multiple ascending dose study of the safety, tolerability and PK (UK, MHRA) in 48 healthy volunteers (36 OCS-05, 12 placebo)

**3** U.S.\* IND cleared with clinical hold lifted for OCS-05 in acute optic neuritis

#### 4 Successfully completed Phase 2 ACUITY trial: First-in-patient trial in acute optic neuritis

 Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, multi-center trial in France to evaluate safety and explore efficacy of OCS-05 + steroid compared to placebo + steroid in 36 patients diagnosed with a first unilateral acute optic neuritis of a demyelinating origin

## **Acute Optic Neuritis**

An acute inflammation of the optic nerve that can lead to permanent visual impairment

## Orphan indication with ~ 65k patients a year (US/EU)<sup>1</sup>

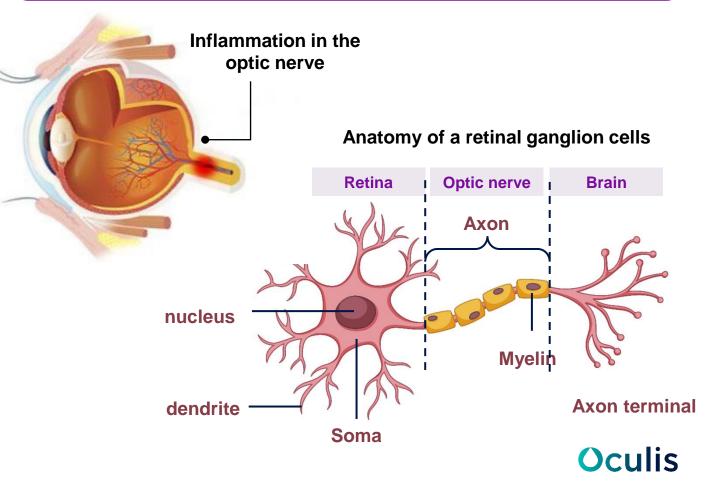
• Type of neuropathy causing vision loss particularly affecting color and contrast





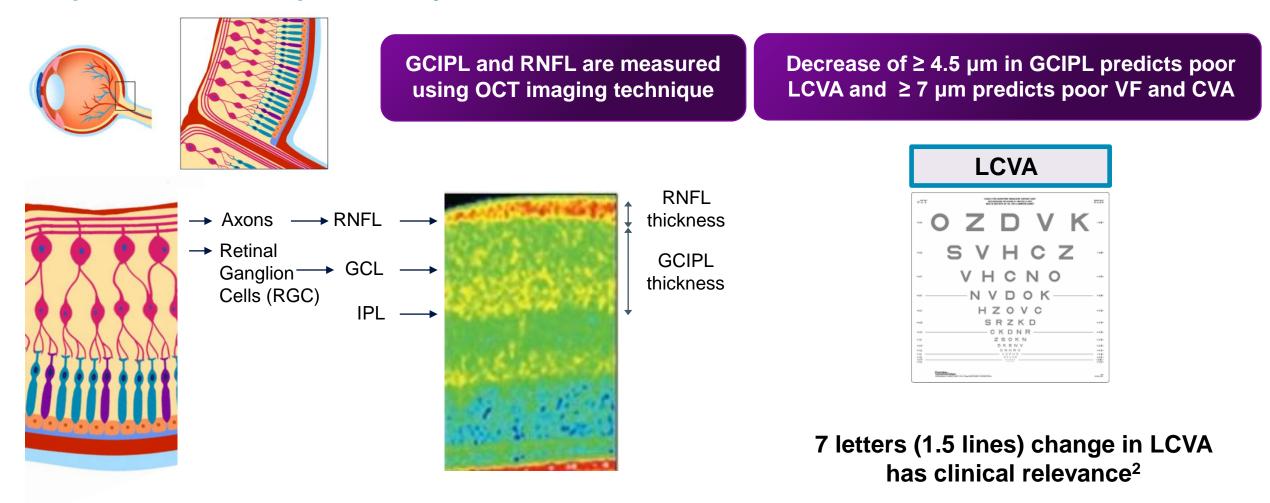
- Inflammation affects the signals through the optic nerve, which connects the eyes and the brain
- Fibers in the optic nerve are protected by the **myelin sheath** which is damaged in optic neuritis
- Strong link with chronic conditions like **multiple** sclerosis (MS) and other autoimmune diseases
- Timely treatment may help prevent more severe longterm effects

## Acute inflammation of the optic nerve impacting retinal ganglion cells



#### **Acute Optic Neuritis**

OCT Biomarker Predicts Visual Outcome: Change in GCIPL thickness in the first month predicts visual impairment by month 6<sup>1</sup>



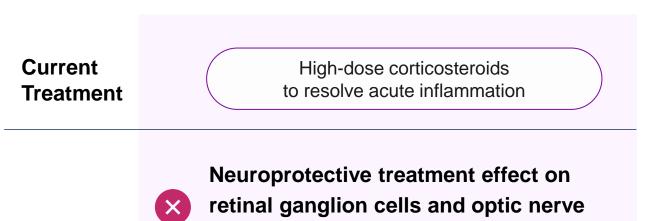
OCT: optical coherence tomography, LCVA: low-contrast visual acuity, CVA: color visual acuity, VF: visual fields 1. Gabilondo et al. Ann Neurol. 2015 Mar;77(3):517-28.



### Acute Optic Neuritis: an Orphan indication without an Approved Therapy

#### **Current treatment landscape**

atrophy



Unmet Needs

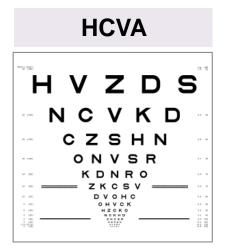
Reduce degree of vision deficits / loss

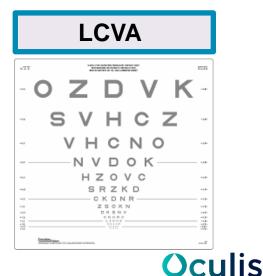
#### **Visual Sequelae**

- Decreased contrast
- Decreased visual acuity
- Decreased visual fields



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Uhthoff's phenomenon

Pulfrich phenomenon

# Phase 2 ACUITY Trial Study Design and Topline Results



#### **OCS-05 ACUITY Trial in Acute Optic Neuritis**

**ACUITY Phase 2 Trial Objectives** 

1

Evaluate the safety and tolerability of OCS-05 + steroid compared with steroid I.V. alone

2

Explore the potential neuroprotective effects of OCS-05 by focusing on retinal structure (GCIPL and RNFL) and visual function (LCVA)

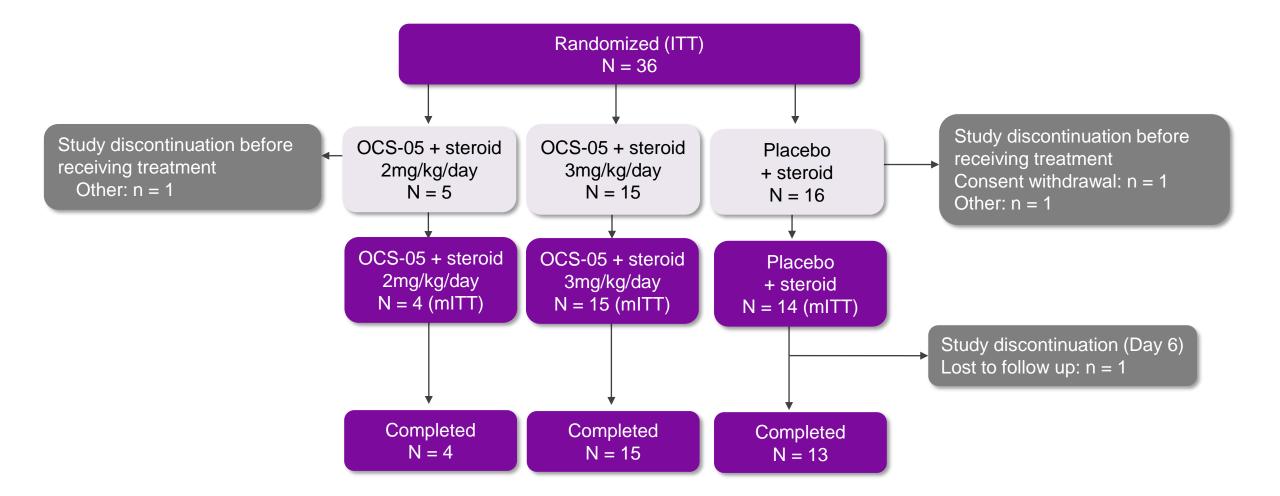
## **OCS-05 | Phase 2 ACUITY trial in Acute Optic Neuritis**

Objectives of the study		Study Population	
<ul> <li>Secondary Endpoints:</li> <li>Change in Ganglion Cell and Plexiform Layer (GCIPL) this assessed by OCT</li> <li>Change in Retinal Nerve Fib (RNFL) thickness as assess</li> </ul>	d Inner ckness as er Layer ed by OCT	<ul> <li>Patients diagnosed with a unilateral acute optic neuritis with a demyelinating origin</li> <li>Onset of visual loss symptoms in the last 12 days before randomization</li> </ul>	
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mITT: Modified Intent to Treat https://clinicaltrials.gov/study/NCT04762017

16 \* D1 is when treatment starts and D180 is at Month 6

### **OCS-05 | Phase 2 ACUITY Trial - Patient Disposition**



ITT: Intent to Treat. mITT: Modified Intent to Treat.
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# OCS-05 | Phase 2 ACUITY Trial: Patient Demographics and Baseline Characteristics

	OCS-05 + steroid			Placebo + steroid
	2 mg/kg/day (N = 4)	3 mg/kg/day (N = 15)	Pooled (N = 19)	1g per day (N = 14)
Age, mean (SD), years	44.0 (9.8)	33.7 (9.8)	35.9 (10.5)	32.7 (10.3)
Female, n (%)	4 (100.0)	9 (60.0)	13 (68.4)	10 (71.4)
GCIPL thickness, mean (SD), µm	85.9 (17.5)	89.3 (8.3)	88.6 (10.3)	84.3 (13.8)
RNFL thickness, mean (SD), µm	174.3 (134.1)	104.6 (13.1)	119.3 (63.1)	115.5 (54.1)
HCVA, mean (SD), ETDRS	28.5 (28.8)	54.1 (34.5)	48.7 (34.4)	42.6 (34.5)
LCVA, mean (SD), ETDRS	1.5 (3.0)	19.4 (22.3)	15.6 (21.1)	17.8 (24.3)
Visual Field Mean Deviation, mean (SD), dB	-18.2 (12.5)	-14.1 (11.9)	-15.0 (11.8)	-14.5 (12.5)
Time since first visual loss symptoms at date of first dose, mean (SD), days	11.3 (1.7)	9.5 (2.7)	9.8 (2.6)	9.6 (2.5)
Multiple sclerosis at baseline, n (%)	1 (25%)	10 (66.7%)	11 (57.9%)	9 (64.3%)

ECG, electrocardiogram; GCIPL, ganglion cell plus inner plexiform layer; HCVA, high contrast visual acuity; LCVA, low contrast visual acuity; RNFL, retinal nerve fibre layer; Data, analysis and conclusions are preliminary, and subject to change as full analysis is ongoing.

# Safety: Primary Endpoint of Cardiac ECG Showed No difference in % of Patients that Shifted to Abnormal Electrocardiogram (ECG) Events

Percentage of patients with shift from normal (baseline) to abnormal in any ECG parameter from Visit 3 (after treatment) through Visit 4

#### ECG parameters measured:

- Heart rate
- PR interval
- QRS duration
- QTcB interval
- QTcF interval

#### Prespecified Primary Analysis

Patients with any abnormal ECG at baseline were excluded from analysis

	OCS-05 + steroid (2mg and 3mg/kg/day) (N = 16*)	Placebo + steroid (N = 8*)	
Overall	2 (12.5%)	1 (12.5%)	
Risk Difference (90% CI)	0.0% (-34.4%; 25.1%)		

 Events observed in the OCS-05 arms were mild and transient and qualified as not clinically significant by the central review reading center

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### **Safety Summary**

- No AEs leading to drug withdrawal or study discontinuation ٠
- No drug-related serious adverse events (SAEs) ٠
- 2 unrelated SAEs: hospitalization due to MS relapse (OCS-05 + steroid) and due to Myelitis (Placebo + steroid) ٠

Event, n (%)	OCS-05 + steroid			Diasaha Lataraid
	2 mg/kg/day (N = 4)	3 mg/kg/day (N = 15)	Pooled (N = 19)	Placebo + steroid (N = 14)
At least one TEAE Related to study treatment	4 (100.0%) <i>4 (100.0%)</i>	12 (80.0%) <i>6 (40.0%)</i>	16 (84.2%) <i>10 (52.6%)</i>	14 (100.0%) <i>6 (42.9%)</i>
At least one grade ≥2 TEAE <i>Related to study drug</i>	2 (50.0%) 0	9 (60.0%) 2 <i>(13.3%)</i>	11 (57.9%) 2 (10.5%)	6 (42.9%) <i>0</i>
At least one serious TEAE Related to study drug	0 <i>0</i>	1 (6.7%) <i>0</i>	1 (5.3%) <i>0</i>	1 (7.1%) <i>0</i>
At least one SAE leading to death	0	0	0	0
At least one TEAE leading to a dose reduction	0	0	0	0
At least one TEAE leading to a dose interruption	0	0	0	0
At least one TEAE leading to a drug withdrawn	0	0	0	0
At least one TEAE leading to premature discontinuation of the study	0	0	0	0

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SAE, serious adverse event; TEAE, treatment emergent adverse event. Data, analysis and conclusions are preliminary, and subject to change as full analysis is ongoing.

# Safety – Most Common Treatment-related TEAEs (Occurring in ≥5% of Patients in Any Single Cohort) (1/2)

Event, n (%)	OCS-05 + steroid Pooled (N = 19)	Placebo + steroid (N = 14)
Skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders Acne Rash pruritic Dermatitis acneiform Papule Pruritus Rosacea	2 (10.5%) - 1 (5.3%) 1 (5.3%) 1 (5.3%) -	- 1 (7.1%) - - - 1 (7.1%)
Gastrointestinal disorders Constipation Vomiting Abdominal pain Diarrhoea Nausea	- 1 (5.3%) 1 (5.3%) 1 (5.3%)	2 (14.3%) 1 (7.1%) - - -
Infections and infestations Pharyngitis	1 (5.3%)	-
Cardiac disorders Tachycardia	1 (5.3%)	-
Respiratory, thoracic and mediastinal disorders Oropharyngeal pain	1 (5.3%)	-

# Safety – Most Common Treatment-related TEAEs (Occurring in ≥5% of Patients in Any Single Cohort) (2/2)

Event, n (%)	OCS-05 + steroid Pooled (N = 19)	Placebo + steroid (N = 14)
Nervous system disorders Headache Dizziness Dizziness postural Electric shock sensation	2 (10.5%) 1 (5.3%) 1 (5.3%) -	- - - 1 (7.1%)
General disorders and administration site conditions Catheter site pain Fatigue Infusion site phlebitis	1 (5.3%) 1 (5.3%) 1 (5.3%)	- - -
Investigations Electrocardiogram QRS complex prolonged Electrocardiogram QT prolonged	- 1 (5.3%)	1 (7.1%) -
Musculoskeletal and connective tissue disorders Myalgia Neck pain	1 (5.3%) -	- 1 (7.1%)

## Safety: Relapses or Worsening of CNS inflammatory disorders

Adverse events related to new relapses or worsening of CNS inflammatory disorders

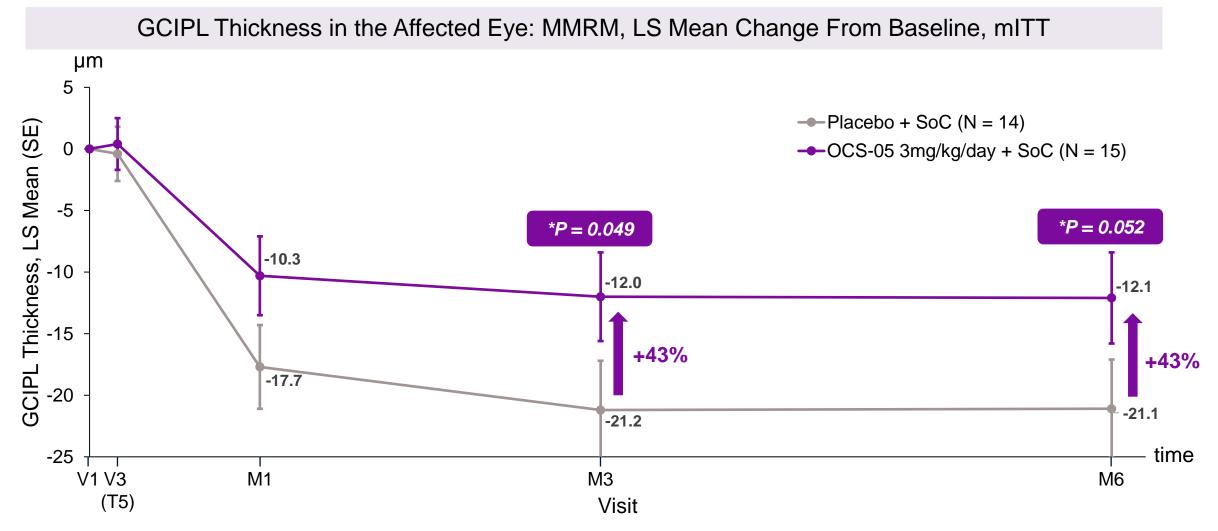
vent, n (%) OCS-05 + steroid			Placebo + steroid	
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At least one new relapse of CNS inflammatory disorder	0	2 (13.3%)	2 (10.5%)	4 (28.6%)
At least one event related to worsening of CNS inflammatory disorder	0	0	0	2 (14.3%)
Overall	0	2 (13.3%)	2 (10.5%)	5 (35.7%)*

\*One "placebo + steroid" patient had 1 TEAE related to new relapse and worsening

- Lower incidence of AEs related to new relapses or worsening of CNS inflammatory disorders in patients receiving OCS-05: 10.5% in the OCS-05 (2 or 3 mg/kg/day) + steroid, and 35.7%\* in the placebo + steroid treatment groups.
- In patients with MS at baseline: 9% (1/11)\*\* in the OCS-05 (2 or 3 mg/kg/day) + steroid, and 44% (4/9)\*\* in the placebo + steroid treatment groups.

\*\* All patients had MS except 1 OCS-05+ steroid patient with idiopathic optic neuritis and 1 Placebo+ steroid patient with seronegative neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorder

# Patients in the OCS-05 3mg/kg/day Arm Achieved Preservation in GCIPL Thickness



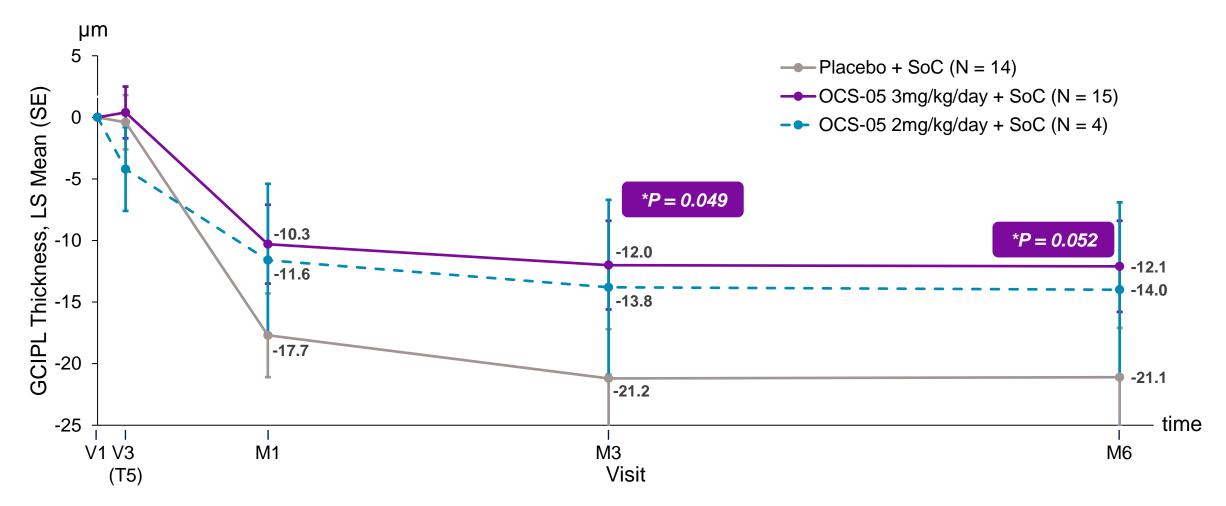
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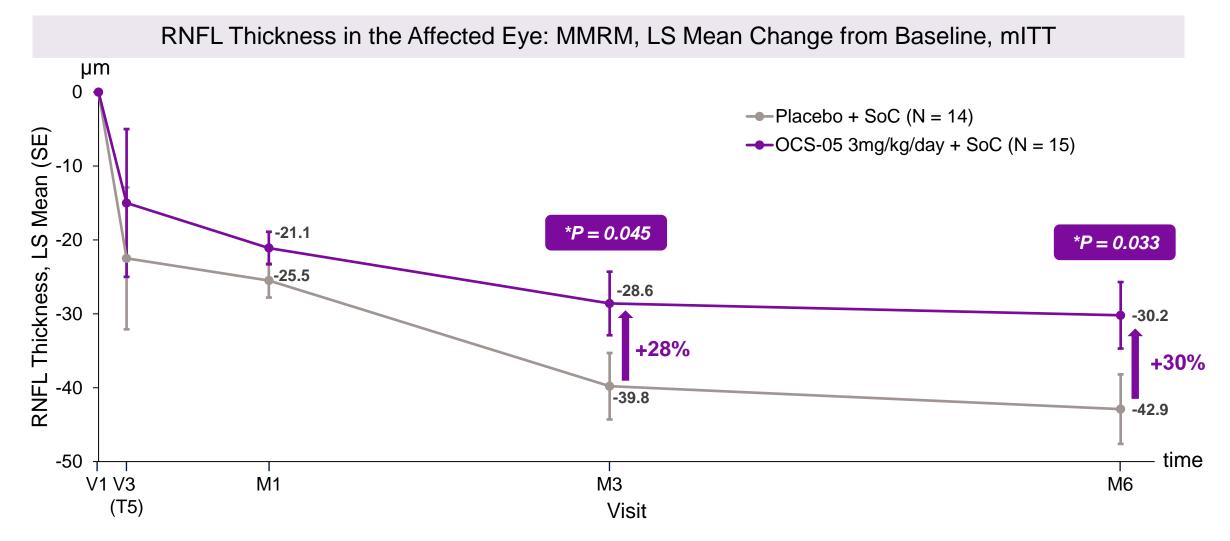
### Patients in the OCS-05 3mg/kg/day and 2mg/kg/day Arms Achieved Preservation in GCIPL Thickness



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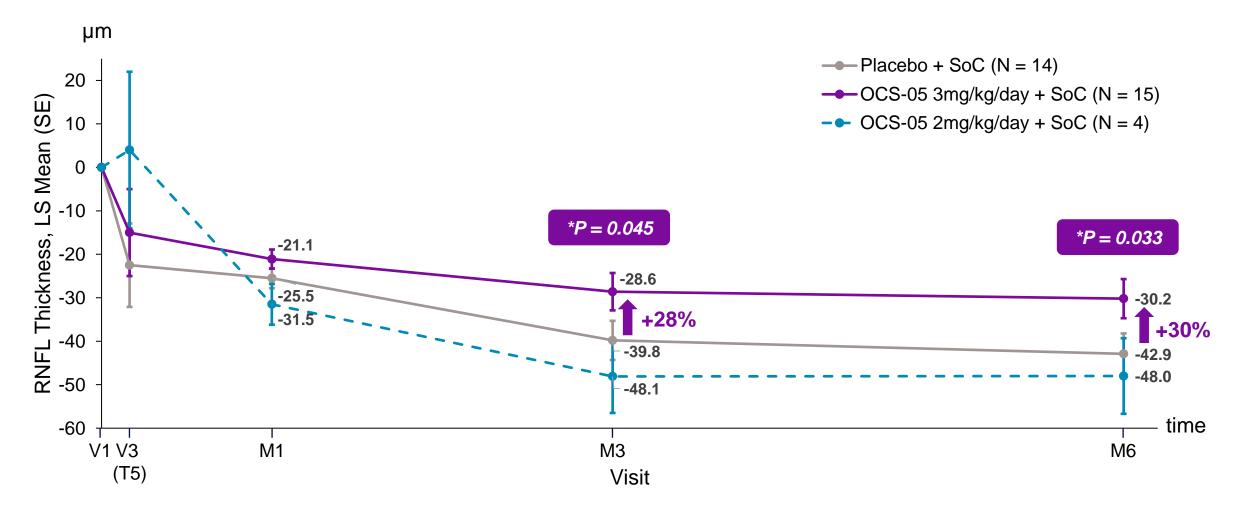
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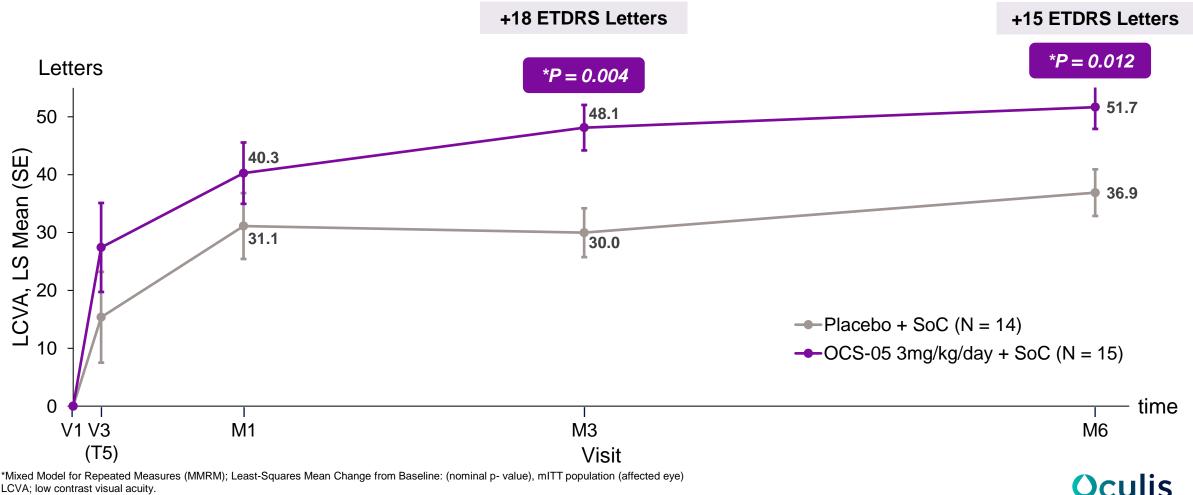


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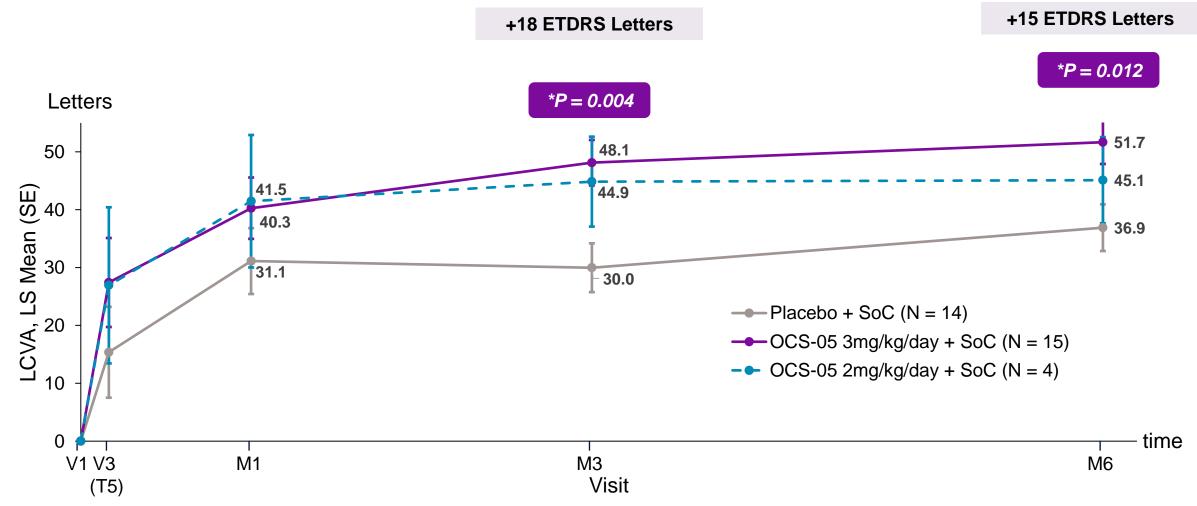
2.5% ETDRS LCVA in the Affected Eye: MMRM, LS Mean Change From Baseline, mITT



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28 LCVA; low contrast visual acuity.

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Statistically significant difference in mean RNFL thickness (biomarker of axon preservation) of 28% with OCS-05 (3mg/kg/d) arm at month 3 with treatment effect maintained through month 6



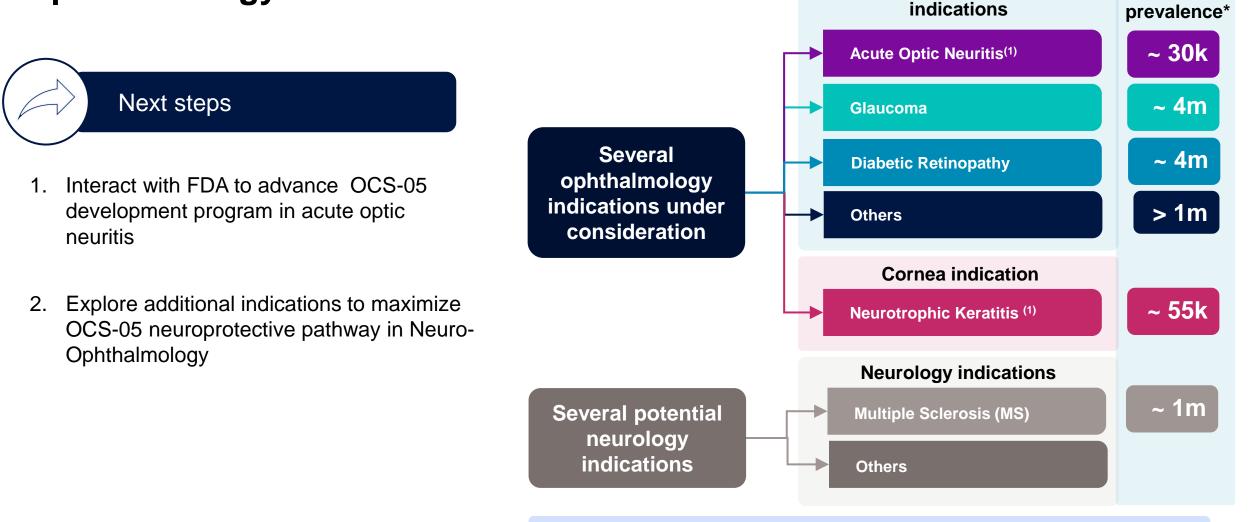
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#### FDA IND Clearance and Successful Acuity Trial Drive Acute Optic Neuritis Development Program and Maximize OCS-05 in Neuro-Ophthalmology



<sup>(1)</sup> Acute optic neuritis & neurotrophic keratitis are both orphan indications

32 \*Prevalence references: Acute optic neuritis: 8 per 100,000 \* US and EU population, Glaucoma: Glaucoma Research Foundation, GA: American Macular Degeneration Foundation, DR: Prevent Blindness, JAMA Ophthalmology 2021, NK: Sacchetti, Clinical Ophthalmology, 2014 (from Clearview report), MS: MS International Federation

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