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Acute optic Neuritis with a demyelinating origin



# Improved Low Contrast Visual Acuity and Reduction in Retinal Ganglion Cell Loss with Privosegtor in Acute Optic Neuritis: Results from a Multicenter Randomized Placebo-Controlled Double-Masked Trial

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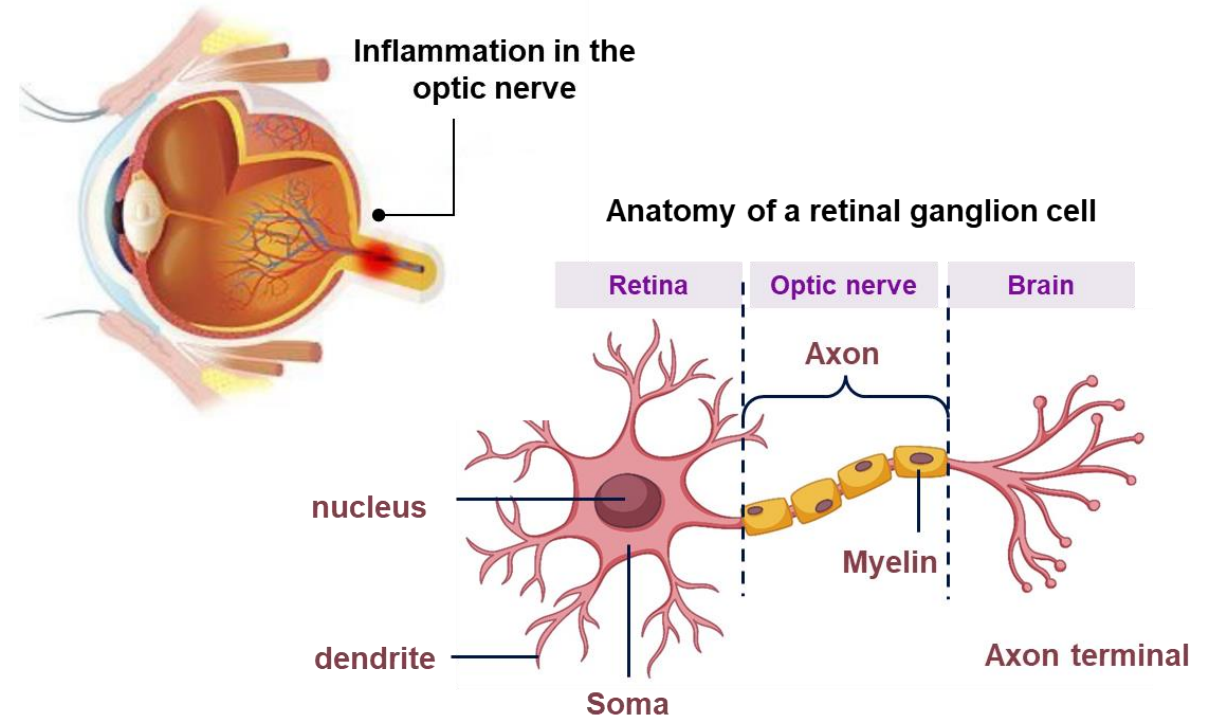
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# Privosegtor (OCS-05) Overview

New class of drug with neuroprotective benefits

- 1 Privosegtor is a small molecule peptoid that penetrates the blood brain and retinal barriers
- 2 Pre-clinical data in various in-vivo models validated **preservation of neurons and axons**<sup>1</sup>
- 3 Acute optic neuritis was chosen as a **predictive clinical neuroprotection model**



**Positive neuroprotective proof of concept:  
ACUITY Phase 2 data showed neuroprotective anatomical benefits  
with clinically meaningful visual function improvement**

# Phase 2 ACUIITY Trial in Acute Optic Neuritis

## Proof-of-concept for neuroprotection

### Study Design

- Randomized, double-masked, placebo-controlled study
- Multi-center, 6-month trial with 36 patients randomized (mITT: 33)
- Once-daily IV infusion of Privosegtor + steroid vs. placebo + steroid for 5 consecutive days

### Key endpoints

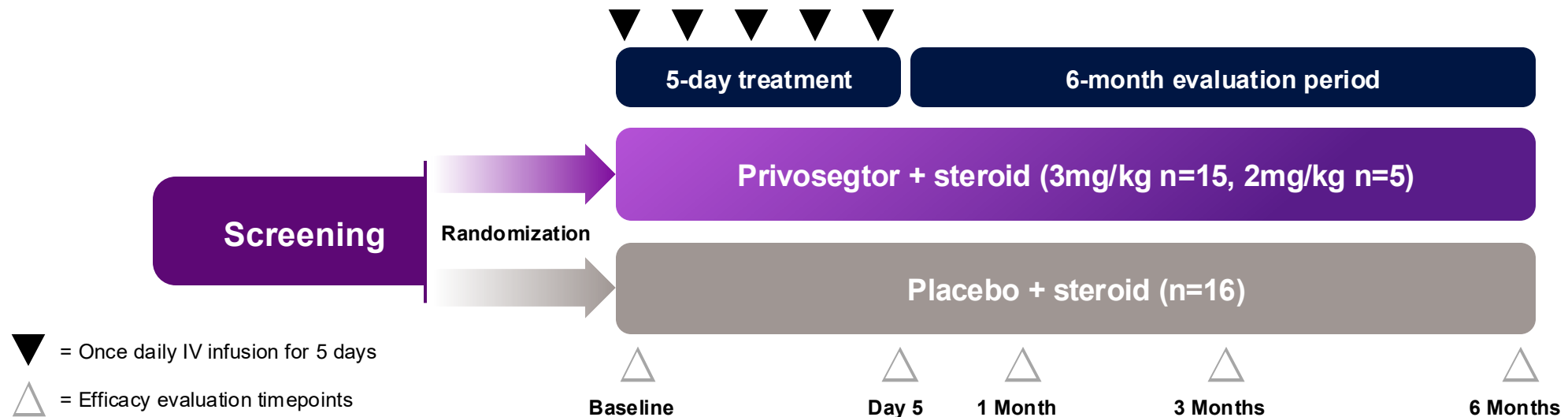
Primary endpoint: Cardiac safety

Secondary endpoints:

- Change in Ganglion Cell and Inner Plexiform Layer (GCIPL) thickness as assessed by OCT
- Change in Retinal Nerve Fiber Layer (RNFL) thickness as assessed by OCT
- Change in visual function (LCVA)

### Study Population

- Patients diagnosed with a unilateral acute optic neuritis
- Onset of visual loss symptoms in the last 12 days before randomization



# Patient Demographics and Baseline Characteristics

	Privosegtor + steroid 3 mg/kg/day (N = 15)	Placebo + steroid (N = 14)
Age, mean (SD), years	33.7 (9.8)	32.7 (10.3)
Female, n (%)	9 (60.0)	10 (71.4)
GCIPL thickness, mean (SD), $\mu\text{m}$	89.3 (8.3)	84.3 (13.8)
RNFL thickness, mean (SD), $\mu\text{m}$	104.6 (13.1)	115.5 (54.1)
HCVA, mean (SD), ETDRS	54.1 (34.5)	42.6 (34.5)
LCVA, mean (SD), ETDRS	19.4 (22.3)	17.8 (24.3)
Visual Field Mean Deviation, mean (SD), dB	-14.1 (11.9)	-14.5 (12.5)
Time since first visual loss symptoms at date of first dose, mean (SD), days	9.5 (2.7)	9.6 (2.5)
Multiple sclerosis at baseline, n (%)	10 (66.7)	9 (64.3)
Disease Modifying Therapies n (%)	10 (66.7)	9 (64.3)

GCIPL, ganglion cell plus inner plexiform layer; HCVA, high contrast visual acuity; LCVA, low contrast visual acuity; RNFL, retinal nerve fiber layer;

# Safety Summary

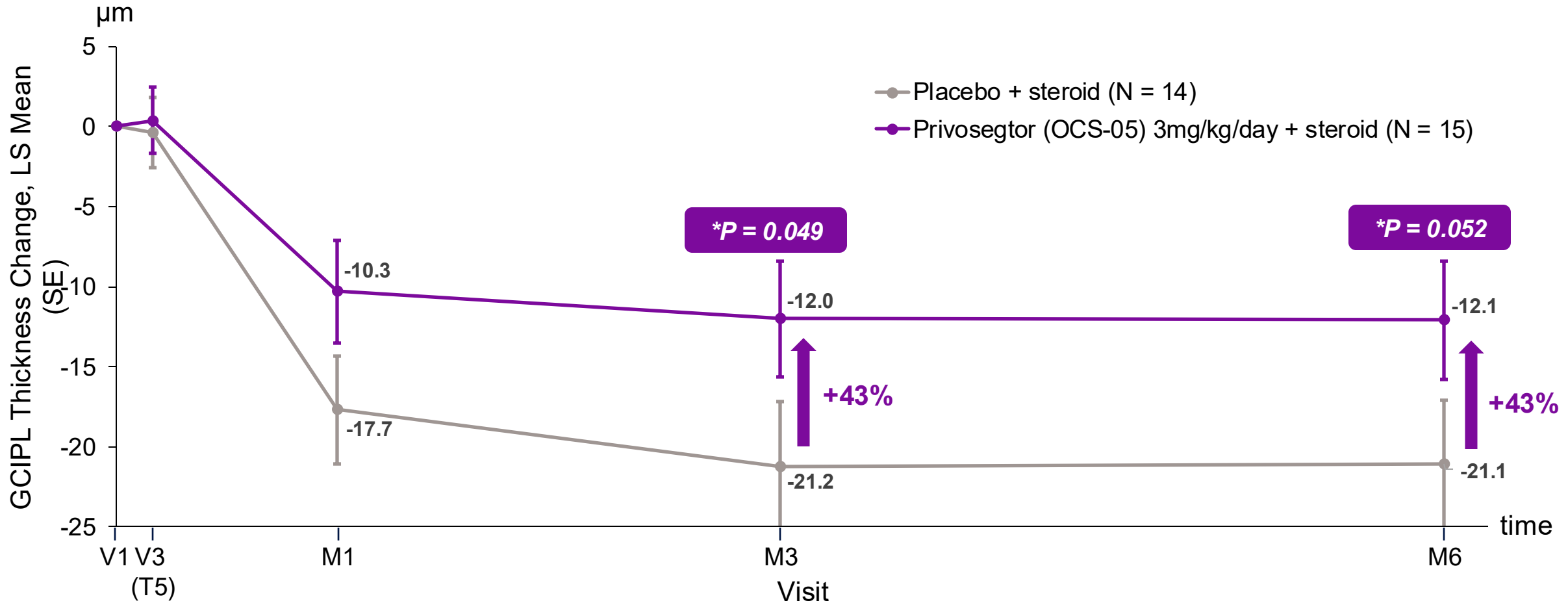
- **Cardiac safety (shifts in ECG parameters) showed no differences between groups**
- **No AEs leading to drug withdrawal or study discontinuation**
- **No drug-related serious adverse events (SAEs)**
- **2 Unrelated SAEs:** Hospitalization due to MS relapse (Privosegtor + steroid) and due to myelitis (placebo + steroid)

Event, n (%)	Privosegtor + steroid			Placebo + steroid (N = 14)
	2 mg/kg/day (N = 4)	3 mg/kg/day (N = 15)	Pooled (N = 19)	
At least one TEAE <i>Related to study treatment</i>	4 (100.0%) 4 (100.0%)	12 (80.0%) 6 (40.0%)	16 (84.2%) 10 (52.6%)	14 (100.0%) 6 (42.9%)
At least one grade ≥2 TEAE <i>Related to study drug</i>	2 (50.0%) 0	9 (60.0%) 2 (13.3%)	11 (57.9%) 2 (10.5%)	6 (42.9%) 0
At least one serious TEAE <i>Related to study drug</i>	0 0	1 (6.7%) 0	1 (5.3%) 0	1 (7.1%) 0
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

SAE, serious adverse event; TEAE, treatment emergent adverse event.

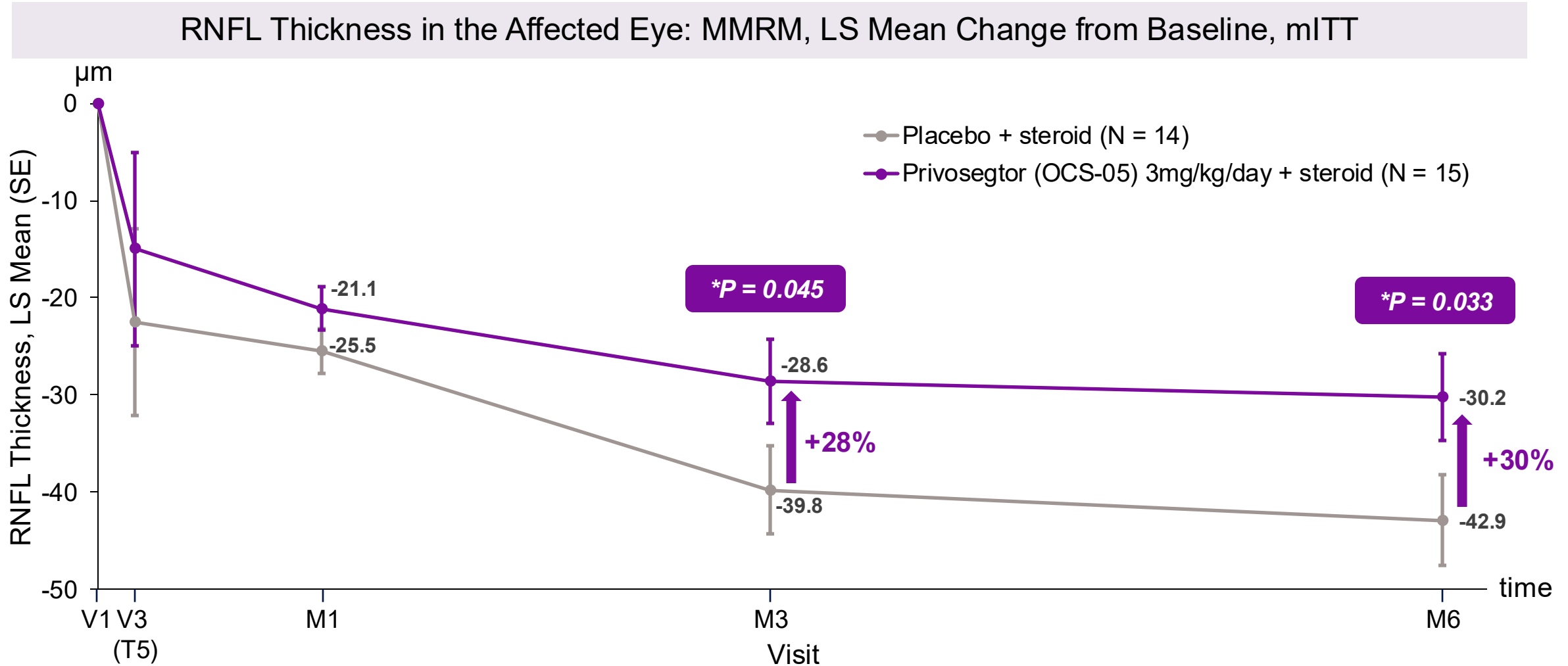
# Patients in the Privosegtor 3mg/kg/day Arm Achieved Less GCIPL Thickness Decrease

GCIPL Thickness in the Affected Eye: MMRM, LS Mean Change From Baseline, mITT



\*Mixed Model for Repeated Measures (MMRM); Least-Squares Mean Change from Baseline: (1-sided directional nominal p-value), mITT population (affected eye)  
GCIPL; ganglion cell plus inner plexiform layer.

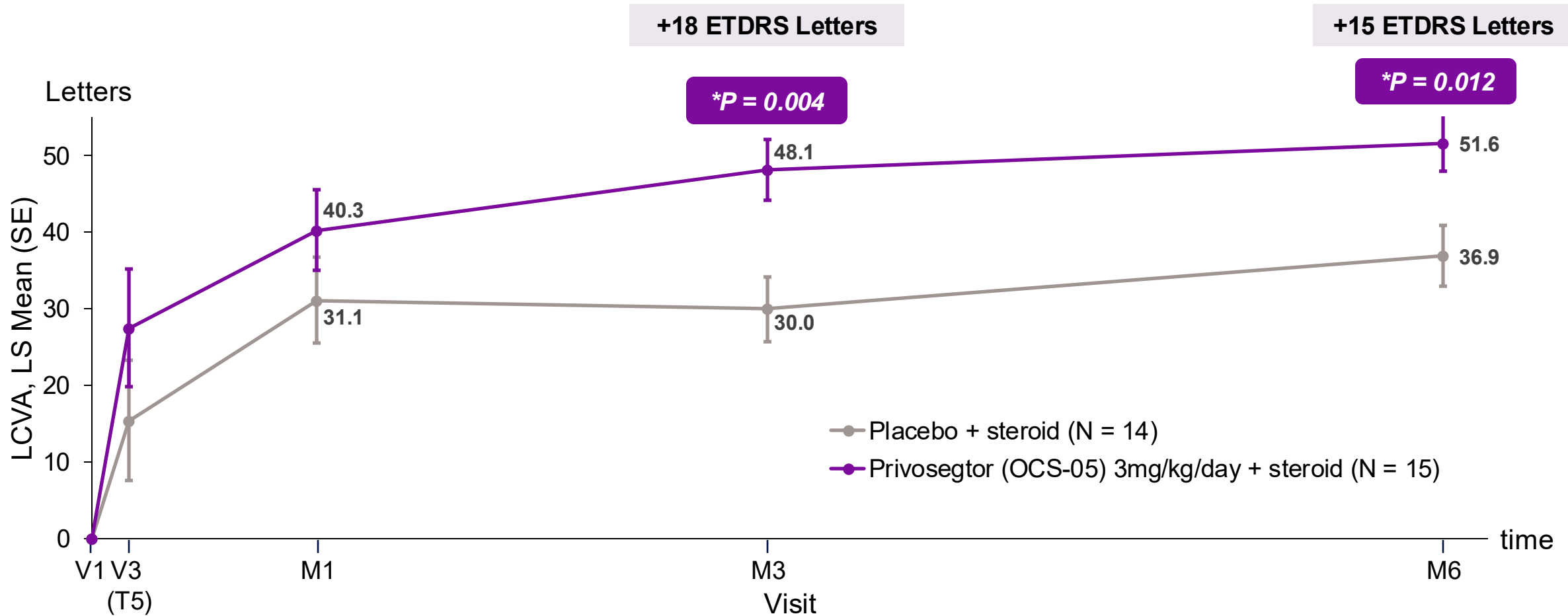
# Patients in the Privosegtor 3mg/kg/day Arm Achieved Less RNFL Thickness Decrease



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 RNFL; retinal nerve fiber layer.

# Patients in the Privosegtor 3mg/kg/day Arm Achieved Clinically Meaningful Improvement in Visual Function

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



\*Mixed Model for Repeated Measures (MMRM); Least-Squares Mean Change from Baseline: (2-sided nominal p-value), mITT population (affected eye)  
LCVA; low contrast visual acuity.

# ACUITY Phase 2 Topline Results Summary

- 1 **Safety: Cardiac safety** showed no differences between groups with no drug-related SAEs
- 2 **Function: Significant improvement in LCVA** with 18 letters difference at month 3
- 3 **Structure: less GCIPL and RNFL thickness decrease** preserving axons and RGCs

Privosegtor showed promising results in protecting vision and structure in AON,  
which could have benefits in multiple other conditions