

SALWEEN 1-Year Results

Deep Dive



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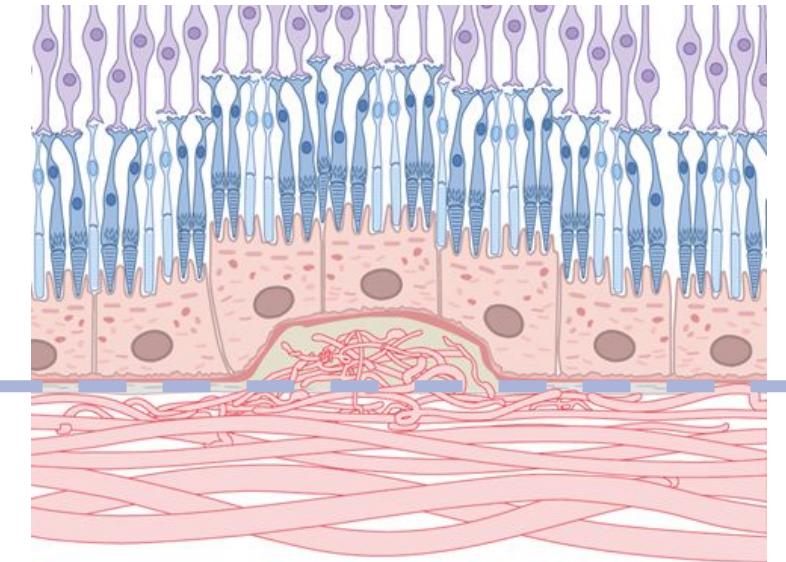
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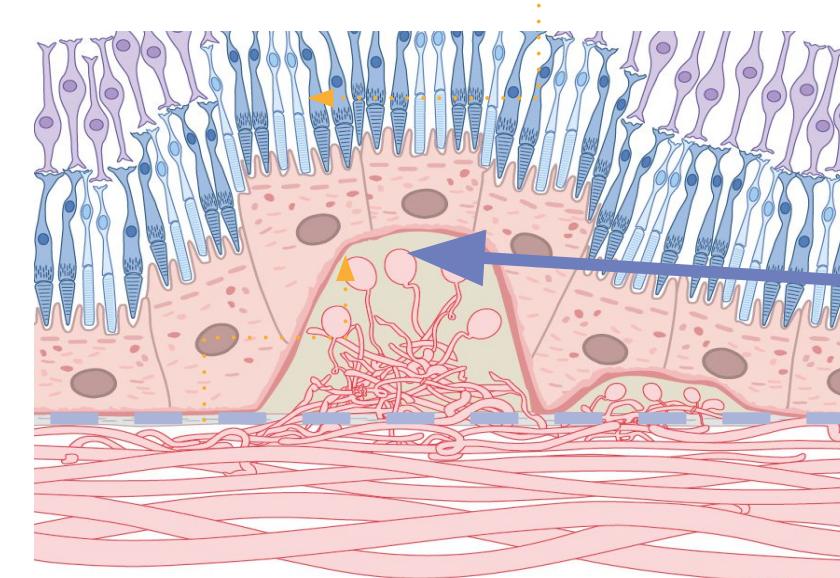
PCV is a subtype of nAMD

Polypoidal lesions are located under the Bruch's membrane and RPE^{3–6}

nAMD



AND



POLYPS
in PCV

*PCV is diagnosed based on early subretinal ICG-A hyperfluorescence and must include at least one characteristic as described by the EVEREST II guidelines⁶
 BVN, branching vascular network; CNV, choroidal neovascularisation; ICG-A, indocyanine green angiography; MNV, macular neovascularisation; nAMD, neovascular age-related macular degeneration; OCT, optical coherence tomography; PCV, polypoidal choroidal vasculopathy; PED, pigment epithelial detachment; RPE, retinal pigment epithelium
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Prevalence of PCV:

PCV a subtype of nAMD is highly prevalent in Asian populations (22.3–61.6%) ¹ compared to Caucasians (8–13%) ^{3,4,5}

- PCV accounts for up to 50% of all nAMD cases among Asian patients (e.g., India: 49.7%, Singapore: 33–61%, Japan: 23–55%, Taiwan/China: 24.5–49%, South Korea: 24.6%) ^{2,6}

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Substantial unmet need exists with current treatments for PCV^{1,2}



Treatment type	Disadvantages
Anti-VEGF	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Limited polyp regression (25–40%)• Multiple injections may be needed
Laser photocoagulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Laser limited to extrafoveal polypoidal lesions: Treating BVN may result in large scar and paracentral scotoma• High recurrence rate
PDT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Repeated PDT may cause cumulative damage to the normal choroidal vasculature and RPE• Rare cases of acute vision loss resulting from subretinal haemorrhage, choroidal infarct and RPE tear• High cost and availability of PDT is quite challenging.

BVN, branching vascular network; ICG-A, indocyanine green angiography; PCV, polypoidal choroidal vasculopathy; PDT, photodynamic therapy; RPE, retinal pigment epithelium; VEGF, vascular endothelial growth factor
1. Ophthalmology. 2018;125:708–24 2. Ophthalmol Ther (2022) 11:1175–1186

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Polypoidal Choroidal Vasculopathy (PCV) Is a Highly Prevalent Subtype of nAMD in Asia¹

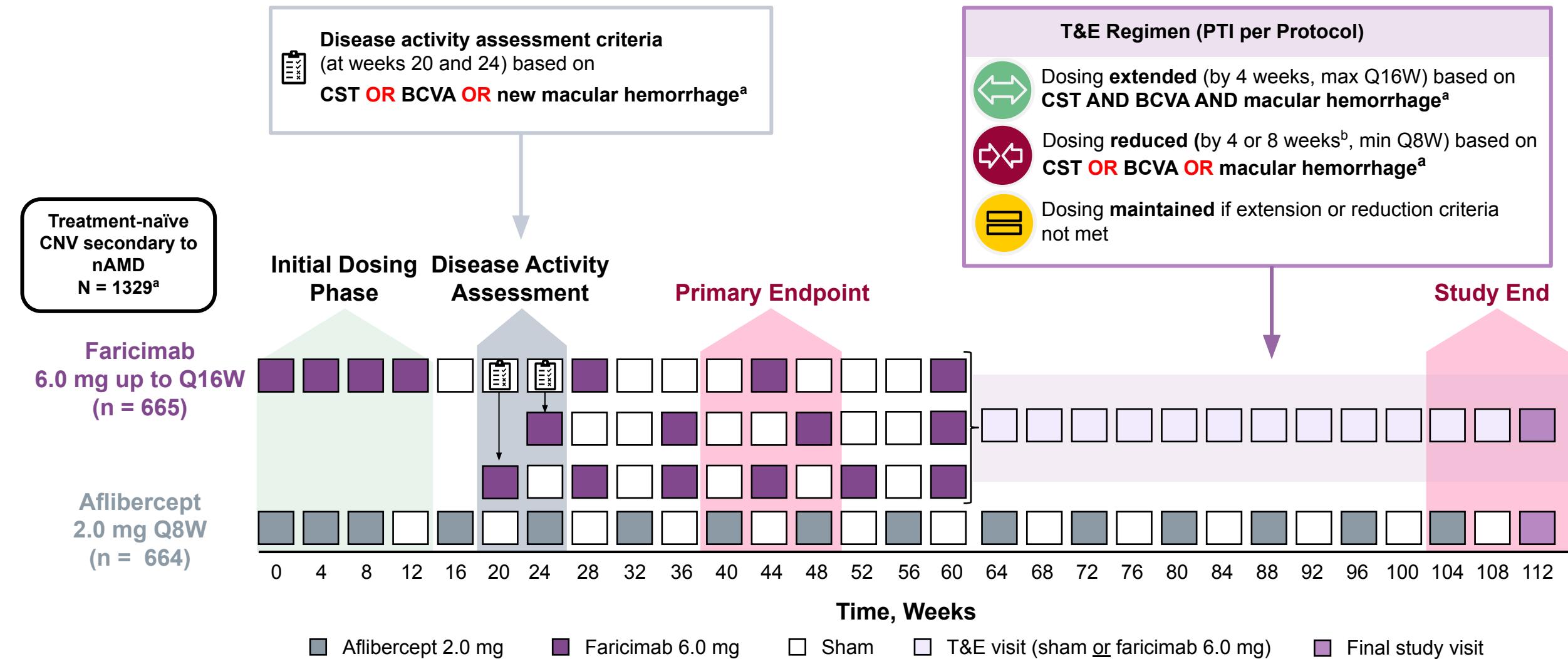
The phase 3 TENAYA/LUCERNE trials demonstrated that **individualised faricimab** dosing **controls anatomic outcomes** and **maintains vision**, with **fewer injections** than **aflibercept**, through 2 years in patients with **nAMD**

Patients with PCV **comprised a small proportion of the population** in the phase 3 TENAYA/LUCERNE trials

SALWEEN is evaluating the **efficacy, durability and safety** of **dual Ang-2/VEGF-A inhibition** with **faricimab** in patients with **PCV** in **Asia**

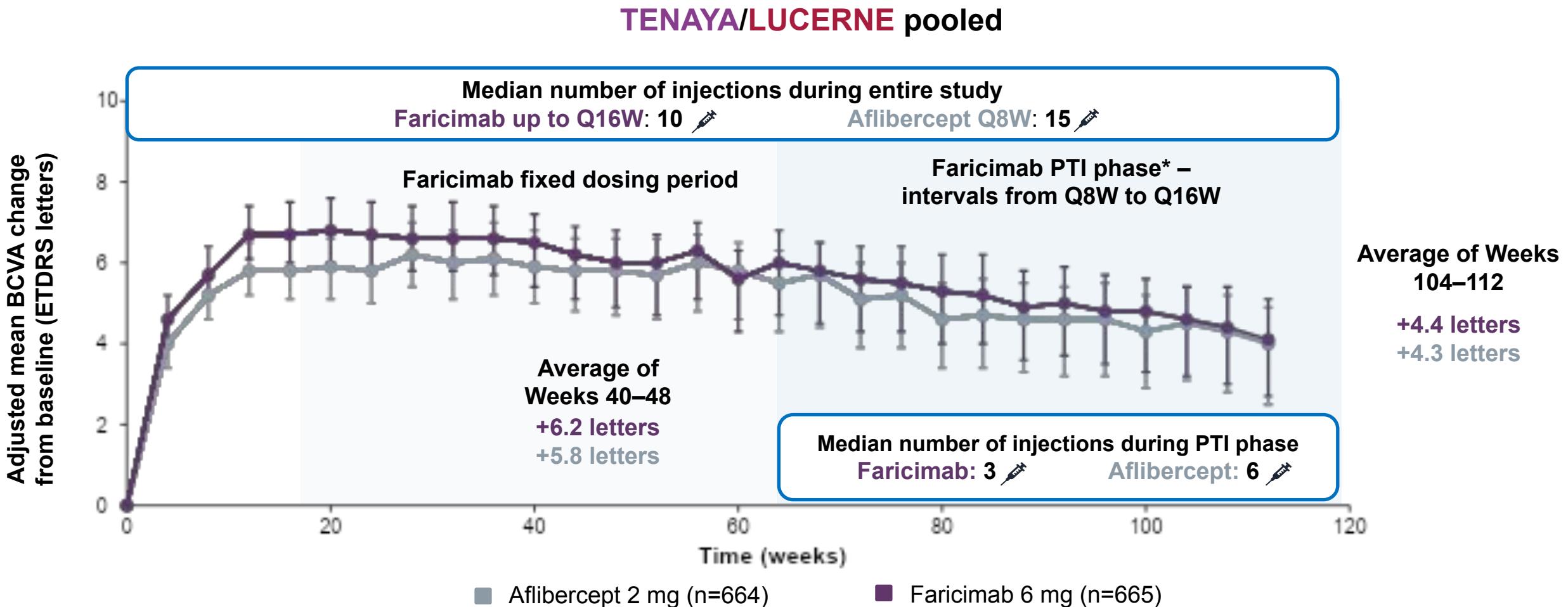
TENAYA and LUCERNE Trial Design

Faricimab nAMD Trials Use Disease Criteria Reflective of Clinical Practice



T&E regimen in TENAYA (NCT03823287) and LUCERNE (NCT03823300) uses different criteria than those used in the YOSEMITE and RHINE clinical trials. ^a Per the investigator. ^b if ≥ 2 of the reduction criteria were met or 1 criterion includes new macular hemorrhage, the interval was reduced to an 8-week interval. BCVA, best-corrected visual acuity; CST, central subfield thickness; max, maximum; min, minimum; nAMD, neovascular age-related macular degeneration; PTI, personalized treatment interval; Q8W, every 8 weeks; Q16W, every 16 weeks; T&E, treat-and-extend.

Vision gains from baseline with faricimab up to Q16W were noninferior to aflibercept Q8W at Week 48

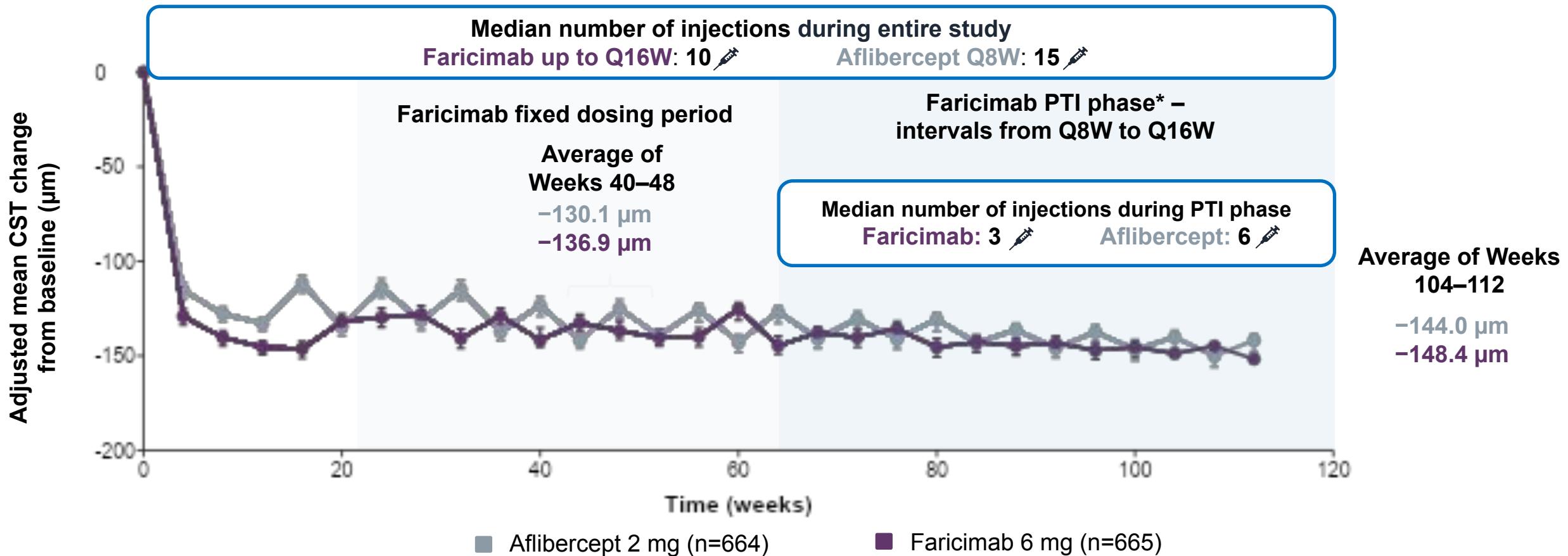


*Lines reflect treatment interval assigned at Weeks 20/24; after Week 60, actual dosing intervals vary depending on disease activity (Q8W–Q16W)
Results are based on a Mixed-Model Repeated-Measures (MMRM) analysis, using the primary estimand strategy
BCVA, best-corrected visual acuity; ETDRS, Early Treatment Diabetic Retinopathy Study; PTI, personalised treatment interval; QxW, every x weeks



Comparable reductions in CST through Week 112 with faricimab and aflibercept

TENAYA/LUCERNE pooled



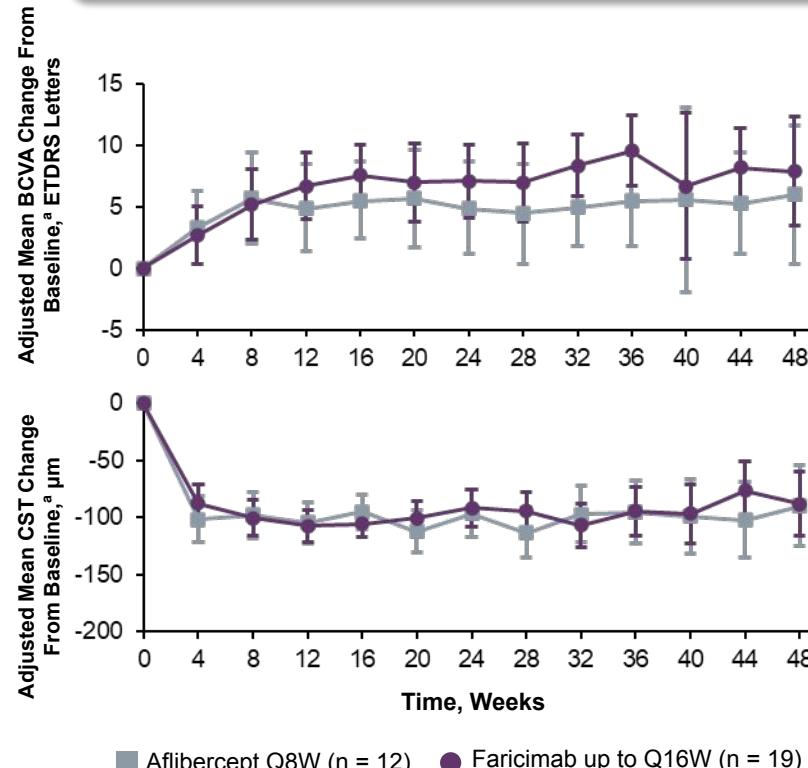
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Results are based on a Mixed-Model Repeated-Measures (MMRM) analysis, using the primary estimand strategy; CST is measured as ILM-RPE, as graded by central reading centre
CST, central subfield thickness; ILM, internal limiting membrane; PTI, personalised treatment interval; QxW, every x weeks; RPE, retinal pigment epithelium

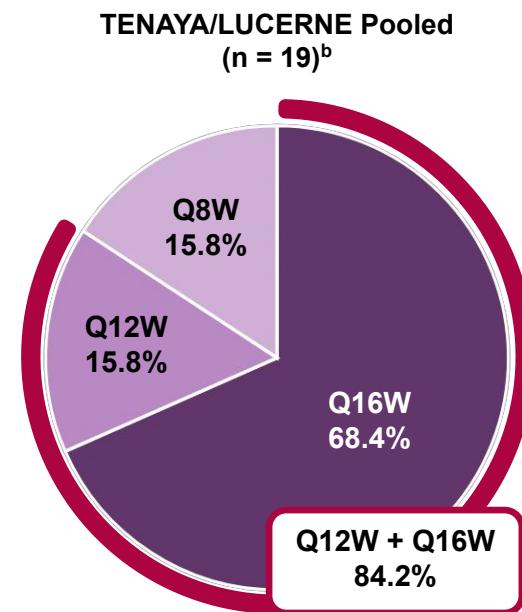


Results in patients with PCV: Efficacy of Faricimab in the PCV Subgroup of TENAYA/LUCERNE Was Consistent With the Global Results in Year 1 (Post Hoc Analysis)

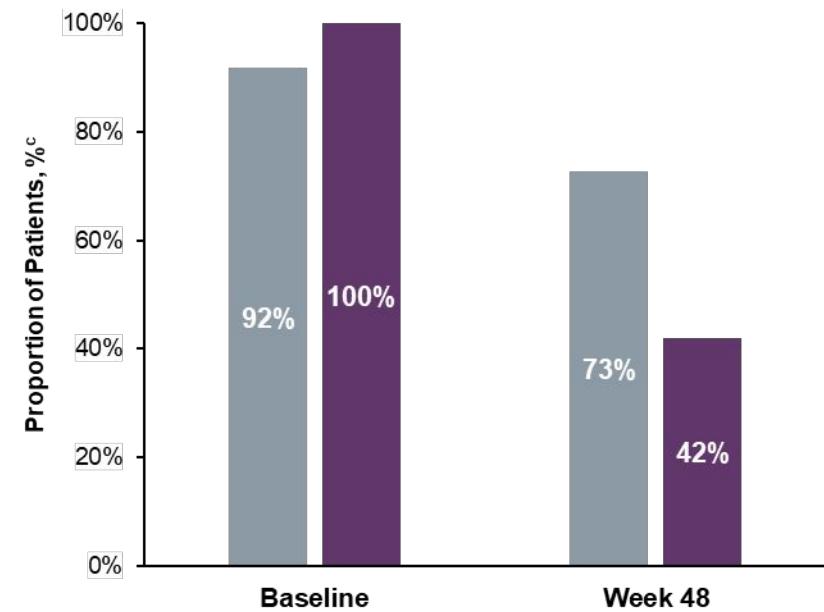
Visual Acuity and Anatomic Outcomes in PCV Subgroup



Durability in PCV Subgroup



Presence of Polypoidal Lesions in PCV Subgroup



Patients with PCV composed a small proportion of the patients in the phase 3 TENAYA/LUCERNE trials (n = 31)

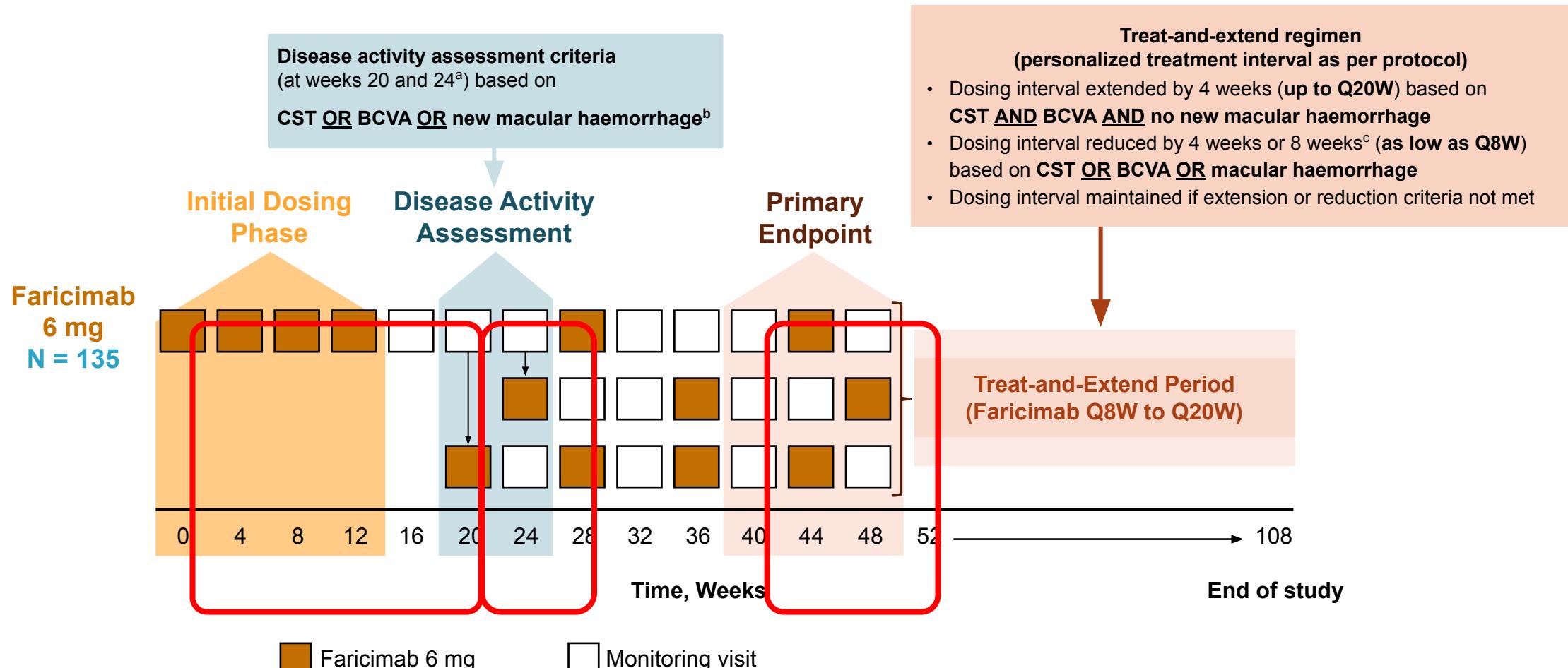
Includes patients from the global TENAYA/LUCERNE trials and the Japan extension study and includes Japanese, Korean and Chinese patients. ^a Adjusted mean change from baseline at 1 year. ITT population, pooled TENAYA, including Japan extension study, and LUCERNE studies. PCV status "Yes" defined per ICGA. Invalid BCVA values excluded from analysis. Assessments were censored following COVID-19-related intercurrent events. Baseline is defined as the last available value on or before randomisation. Results are based on a mixed model for repeated measures analysis. 95.00% CIs are shown. ^b Percentages are based on number of patients randomised to the faricimab arm who have not discontinued the study at week 48. ^c Judgement of PCV was made by the central reading centre. Percentages are based on the total number of patients assessed at the given time point. BCVA, best-corrected visual acuity; CST, central subfield thickness; COVID-19, coronavirus disease 2019; ETDRS, Early Treatment Diabetic Retinopathy Study; ICG-A, indocyanine green-angiography; ITT, intent-to-treat; PCV, polypoidal choroidal vasculopathy; Q8W, every 8 weeks, Q12W, every 12 weeks, Q16W, every 16 weeks.

Faricimab for Polypoidal Choroidal Vasculopathy: 1-Year Results From the Phase 3b/4 SALWEEN Trial



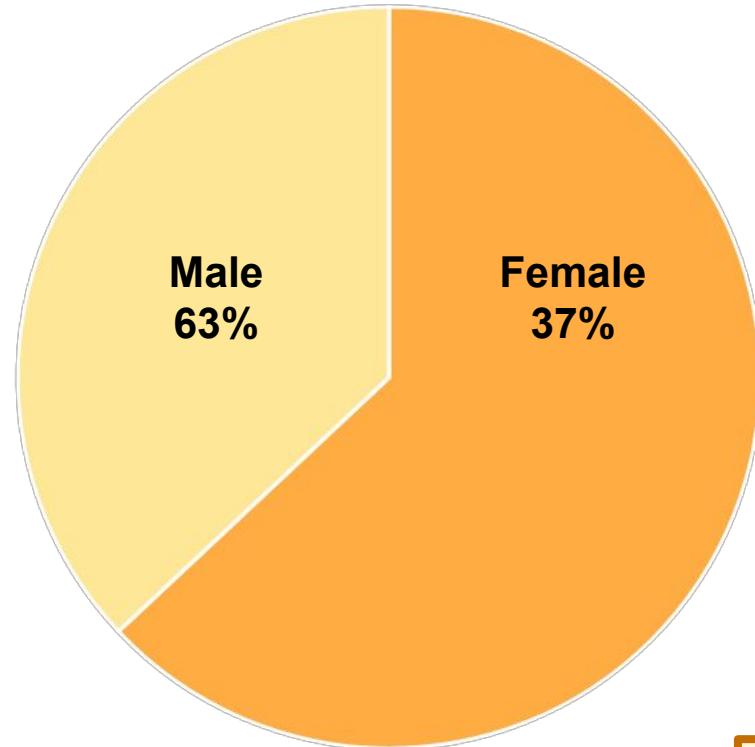
Timothy Y. Y. Lai, MD et al, Presented at the 25th EURETINA Congress | Paris, France | 4–7 September 2025

SALWEEN Study Design Is Adapted From TENAYA/LUCERNE Trial Design

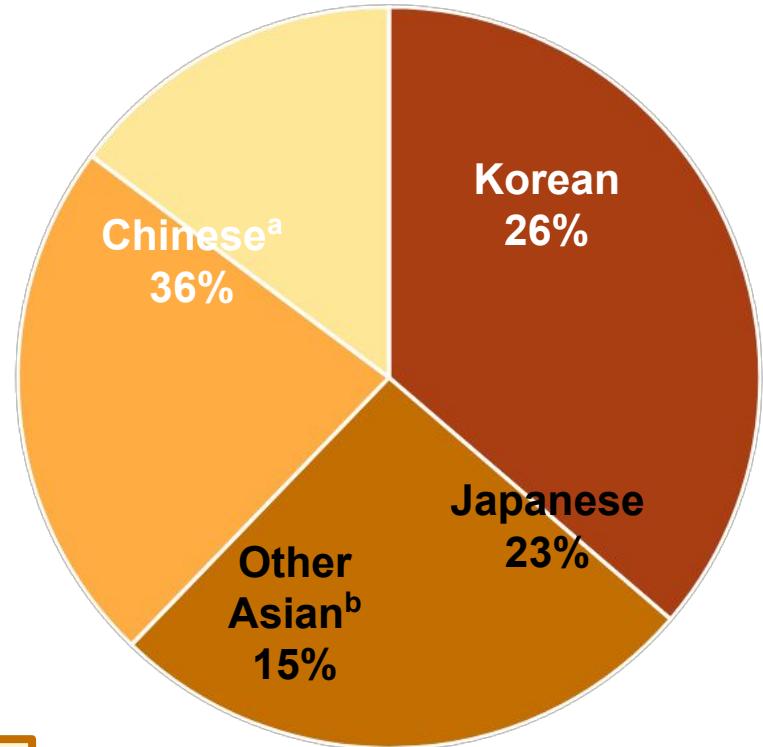


SALWEEN (ISRCTN69073386). During weeks 20–104, investigators may have the possibility to temporarily increase the frequency of study treatment to Q4W, where permitted by the local label, for patients with persistent polypoidal lesion activity who have been dosed Q8W and meet ≥ 2 criteria for treatment interval reduction. ^a Investigator opinion of significant PCV disease activity at week 24 that requires immediate treatment. ^b Due to PCV activity, as determined by the investigator. ^c If ≥ 2 of the reduction criteria are met, the interval will be reduced by 8 weeks. BCVA, best-corrected visual acuity; CST, central subfield thickness; PCV, polypoidal choroidal vasculopathy; QXW, every X weeks.

Most Patients Enrolled in SALWEEN Are Chinese, Korean or Japanese



N = 135



Age, years, mean (SD): 68.6 (8.3)

SALWEEN Key Eligibility Criteria

General inclusion criteria



Age \geq 50 years

Key ocular inclusion criteria



Confirmed diagnosis by the investigator of active symptomatic macular PCV defined by:

- Macular polypoidal lesion shown by ICGA **AND** presence of **exudative** or **haemorrhagic** features involving the **macula**



BCVA of 78–24 ETDRS letters (20/32 to 20/320 approximate Snellen equivalent)

- Recruitment of participants with BCVA $>$ 73 letters will be **capped at 20%**

Key ocular exclusion criteria



Any prior or concomitant treatment for PCV or other retinal diseases



Subretinal haemorrhage of $>$ 4 MPS disc area and/or that involves the fovea



Fibrosis or atrophy of $>$ 50% of the total lesion area and/or that involves the fovea

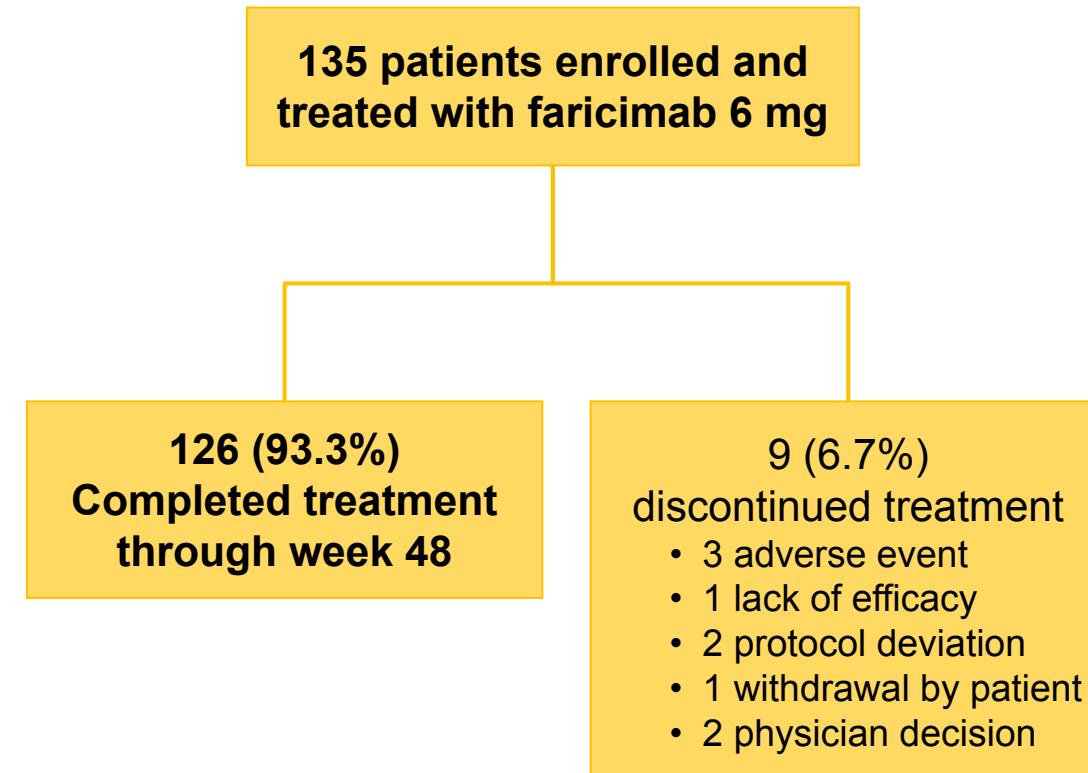


History or presence of macular pathology unrelated to PCV



Any intraocular condition that could reduce the potential for visual improvement or require medical or surgical intervention during the study

More Than 90% of Patients Completed Treatment Through Week 48



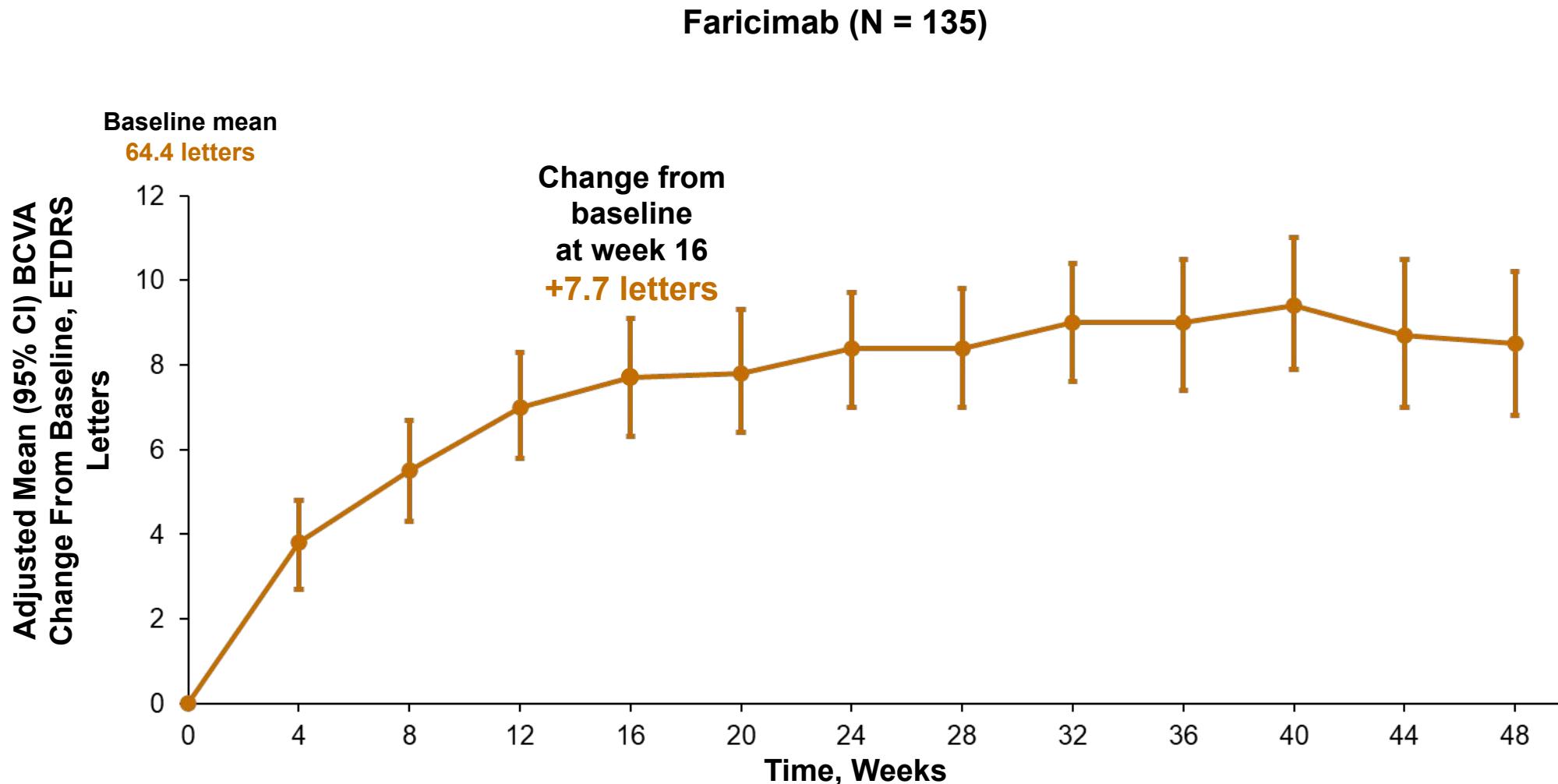
Baseline Ocular Characteristics



Characteristic	Investigator-Confirmed PCV ^a N = 135
BCVA, mean (SD), letters	64.4 (11.3)
BCVA category, n (%)	
≤ 54 (20/80 or worse)	26 (19.3)
55–73 (between 20/80 and 20/40)	86 (63.7)
≥ 74 letters (20/32 or better)	23 (17.0)
CST,^b mean (SD), µm	417.0 (155.2)
IRF^c present, n (%)	25 (18.5)
SRF^c present, n (%)	105 (77.8)
PED^d present, n (%)	132 (97.8)
Reading center–confirmed PCV, n (%)	104 (77.0)
Polypoidal lesion area,^a mean (SD), mm²	n = 104; 0.25 (0.26)
Branching neovascular network area, mean (SD), mm²	n = 99; 3.28 (2.74)
Total lesion area by FFA, mean (SD), mm²	n = 123; 8.1 (6.8)

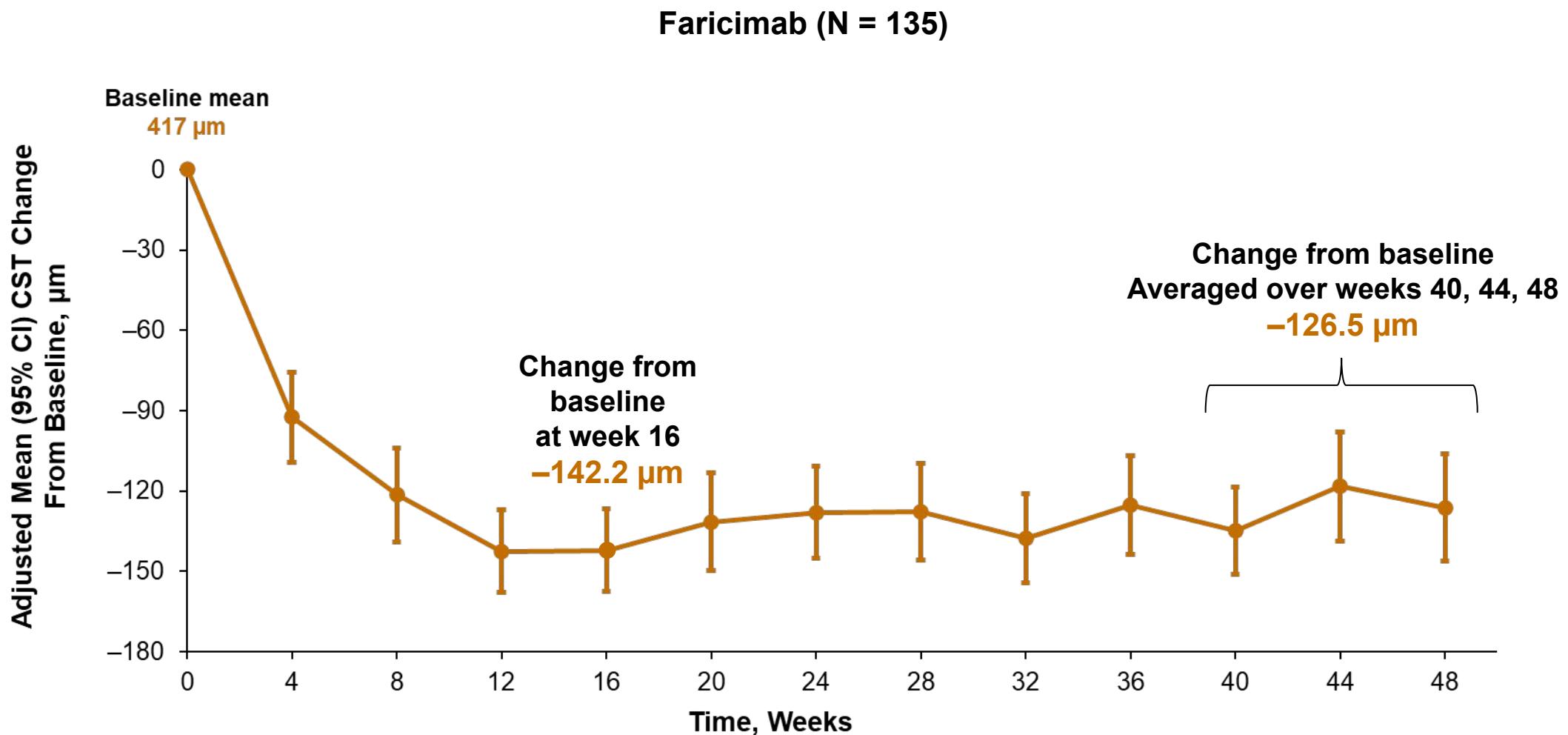
^a Confirmed diagnosis by the investigator of active symptomatic macular PCV defined by macular polypoidal lesion shown by ICGA AND presence of exudative or haemorrhagic features involving the macula. Months since PCV diagnosis in the study eye, mean (SD): 0.67 (1.31). ^b CST is measured from ILM to BM. ^c Measured in the central subfield (centre 1 mm). ^d Measured in whole field of view. BCVA, best-corrected visual acuity; BM, Bruch's membrane; CST, central subfield thickness; FFA, fundus fluorescein angiography; ICGA, indocyanine green angiography; ILM, internal limiting membrane; IRF, intraretinal fluid; PCV, polypoidal choroidal vasculopathy; PED, pigment epithelial detachment; SD, standard deviation; SRF, subretinal fluid.

Robust BCVA Increase From Baseline Through Week 48



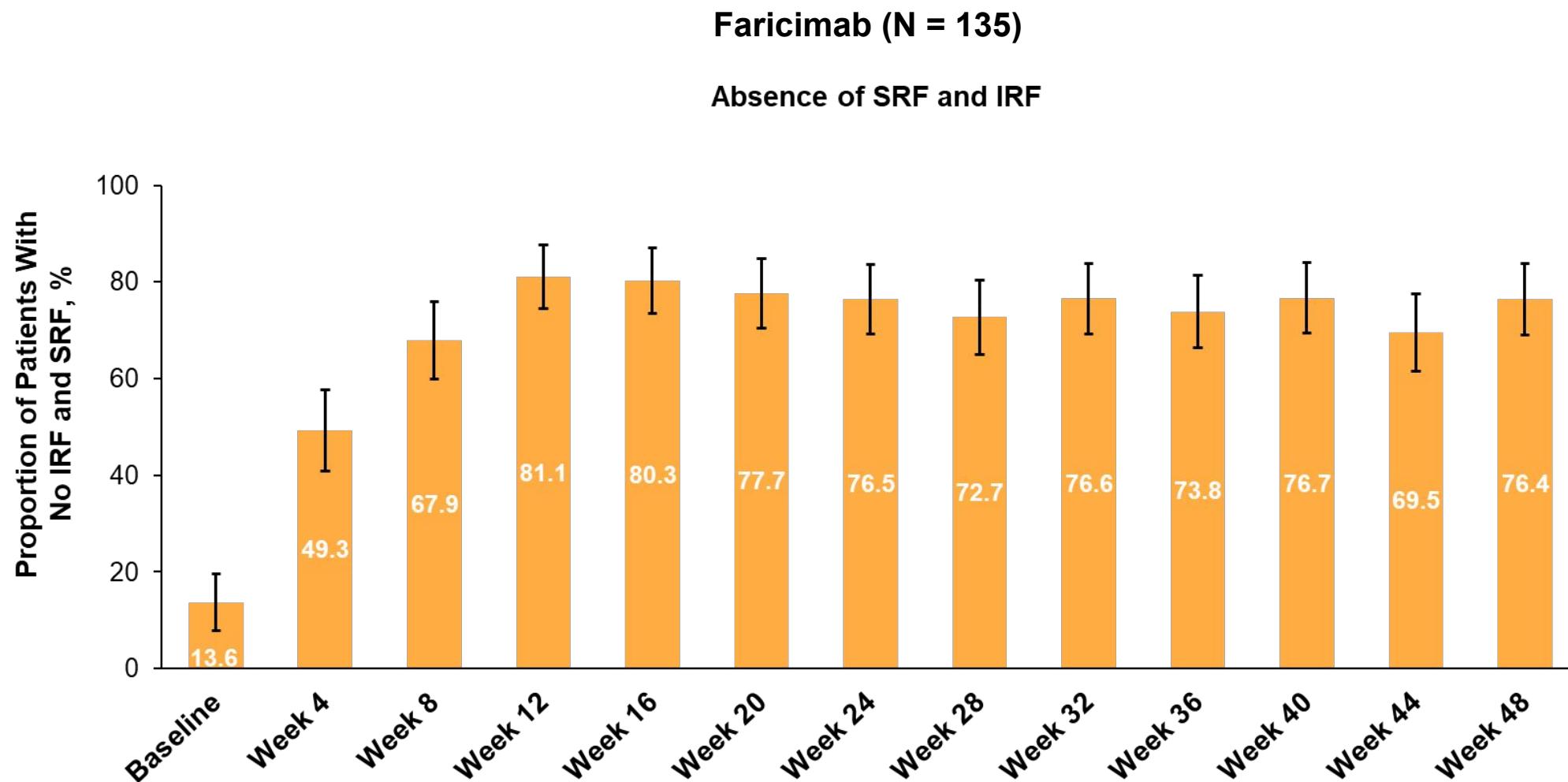
Results are based on an MMRM analysis, adjusted for visit, baseline BCVA (continuous). An unstructured covariance structure was used. Treatment policy strategy was applied to intercurrent events, except for death. Missing and unmeasurable outcomes after death were implicitly imputed by MMRM. Baseline is defined as the last available measurement obtained on or prior to first exposure to study drug. Invalid BCVA values were excluded from analysis. Includes measurements with onset up to day 346 (last day of week 48 of the time window). 95% CIs are shown. BCVA, best-corrected visual acuity; CI, confidence interval; ETDRS, Early Treatment Diabetic Retinopathy Study; MMRM, mixed-effect model with repeated measures.

Clinically Relevant CST Decrease From Baseline Through Week 48



18 CST is defined as the distance between ILM and BM. For the MMRM analysis, the model adjusted for visit, and baseline CST (continuous). An unstructured covariance structure was used. Treatment policy strategy was applied to intercurrent events, except for death. Missing and unmeasurable outcomes after death were implicitly imputed by MMRM. Baseline was defined as the last available measurement obtained on or prior to first exposure to study drug. Includes assessments with onset up to day 346 (last day of week 48 of the time window). 95% CIs are shown. BM, Bruch's membrane; CI, confidence interval; CST, central subfield thickness; ILM, internal limiting membrane; MMRM, mixed-effect model with repeated measures.

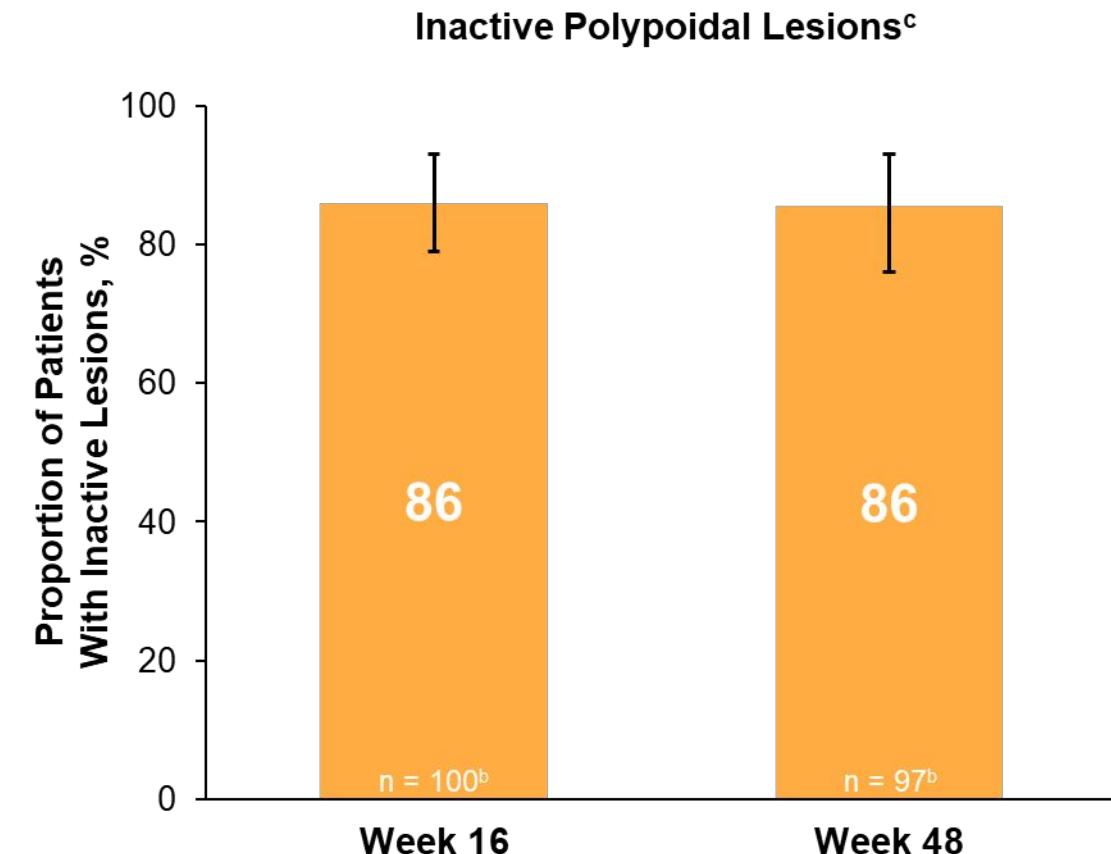
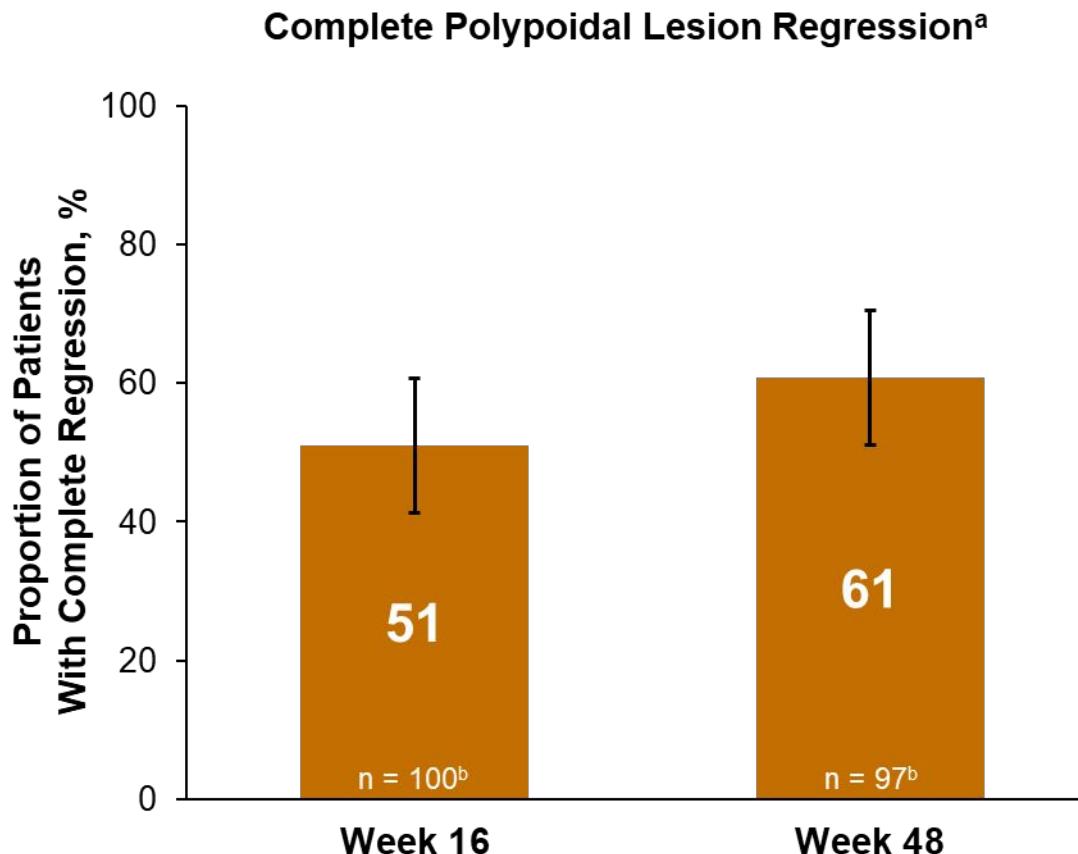
76% of Patients With Absence of Retinal Fluid at Week 48



IRF and SRF were measured in the central subfield (center 1 mm); if this is missing then the result from whole field of view assessment will be considered. Treatment policy strategy was applied to intercurrent events, except for death. Missing and unmeasurable outcomes after death were not imputed. 95% CI was computed following Wald's method. 95% CI limits below 0% or above 100% are imputed as 0% or 100% respectively. Baseline is defined as the last available measurement obtained on or prior to first exposure to study drug. Includes measurements with onset up to day 346 (last day of week 48 of the time window). 95% CIs are shown.

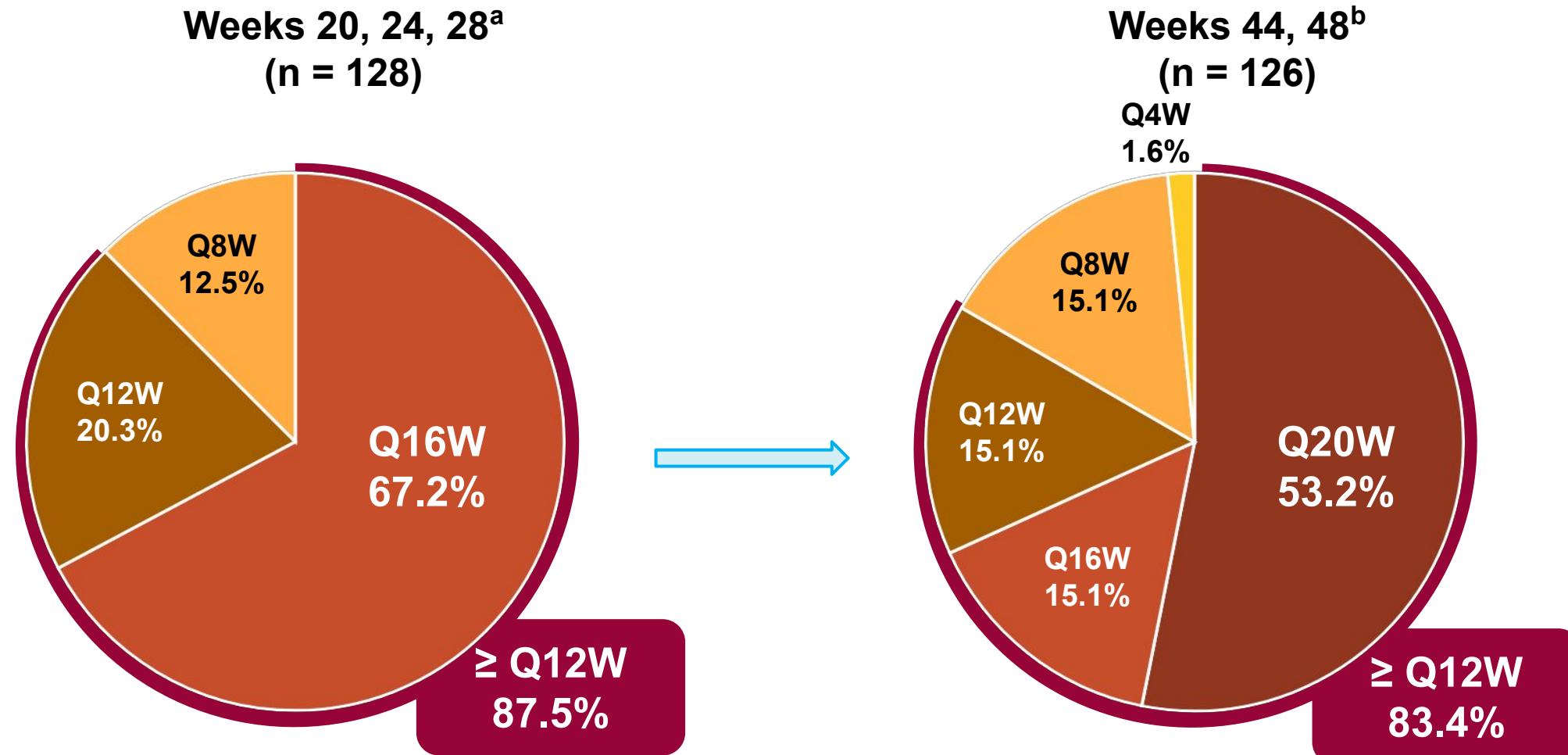
CI, confidence interval; IRF, intraretinal fluid; SRF, subretinal fluid.

61% of PLs Had Completely Regressed and 86% Were Inactive at Week 48



^a Based on ICGA. Complete polypoidal lesion regression is defined as patient with no polypoidal lesion at corresponding visit. Treatment policy strategy was applied to intercurrent events, except for death. Missing and unmeasurable outcomes after death were not imputed. ^b Number of patients with polypoidal lesion at screening who did not discontinued treatment before week 16/48. ^c Included patients with no polypoidal lesion in study eye at week 16/48 and patients with polypoidal lesion at week 16/48 with no IRF and no SRF at week 16/48. IRF and SRF were measured in the central subfield (center 1 mm). PL were assessed by ICGA, OCT, and FFA. FFA, fundus fluorescein angiography; ICGA, indocyanine green angiography; IRF, intraretinal fluid; OCT, optical coherence tomography; SRF, subretinal fluid.

More Than 50% of Patients Were Assigned To Faricimab Q20W Dosing Intervals at Weeks 44/48



Percentages are based on number of patients enrolled who had not discontinued the study at the specified visit. Treatment interval at a given visit is defined as the treatment interval decision followed at that visit. ^a Patients received faricimab Q4W up to week 16 and underwent protocol-defined disease activity assessments at weeks 20 and 24. Patients with no evidence of active disease at weeks 20 and 24 received study treatment at week 28 and continued to receive study treatment every Q16W; those with active disease at week 20 received Q8W dosing; patients with active disease only at week 24 received Q12W dosing. ^b Only patients who entered the treat-and-extend phase were included. Q4W, every 4 weeks; Q8W, every 8 weeks; Q12W, every 12 weeks; Q16W, every 16 weeks; Q20W, every 20 weeks..

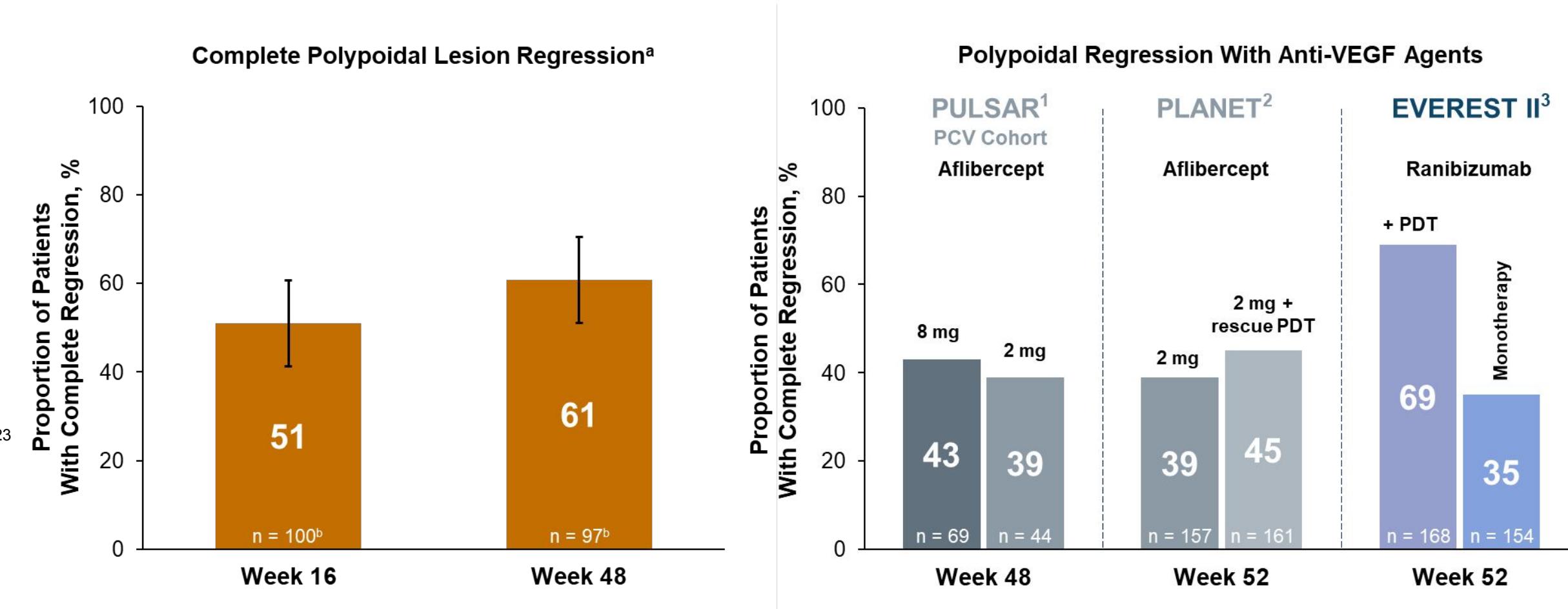
Faricimab Was Well Tolerated Through Week 48

Patients With ≥ 1 Event Through Week 48, n (%) ^a	N = 135
Ocular AEs^b	40 (29.6)
Serious ocular AEs^b	5 (3.7)
Ocular AEs of special interest^c	5 (3.7)
Intraocular inflammation^{b,d}	4 (3.0)
Iridocyclitis	2 (1.5)
Iritis	1 (0.7)
Retinal occlusive vasculitis (diagnosis not confirmed on review by independent RC) ^e	1 (0.7)
Endophthalmitis	1 (0.7)
Retinal pigment epithelial tear	1 (0.7)
Retinal vascular occlusion	0
Serious nonocular AEs	9 (6.7)
Arterial thromboembolic events	2 (1.5) ^f
Deaths	0
Withdrawal from study due to an AE	0
Withdrawal from study treatment due to an AE	3 (2.2)

^a Percentages are based on n values in the column headings; multiple occurrences of the same AE in an individual are counted only once. Includes AEs with onset up to day 346 (last day of week 48 of the time window). Results are based on all enrolled participants who received any amount of study medication. ^b Ocular AEs in the study eye only are presented. ^c Ocular AEs of special interest were defined as events associated with severe intraocular inflammation, events requiring surgical or medical intervention to prevent permanent loss of sight, or events associated with BCVA loss of ≥ 30 letters for > 1 hour. ^d Includes serious and nonserious IOI events; excludes endophthalmitis events. ^e On independent Duke RC image review, there was no evidence of retinal occlusive vasculitis or intraocular inflammation. ^f lacunar infarction and peripheral artery disease. AE, adverse event; BCVA, best-corrected visual acuity; RC, reading center.

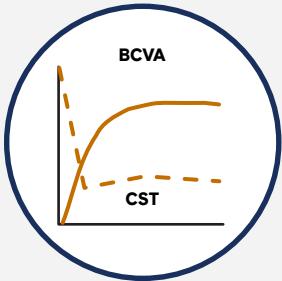
Unprecedented polypoidal lesion regression for intravitreal injections after 1 year of Faricimab treatment in PCV

Cross-trial comparisons are limited by differences in trial design and definitions

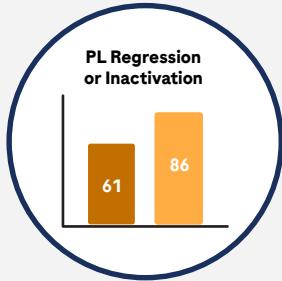


Faricimab in PCV: Robust Disease Improvement Through Week 48

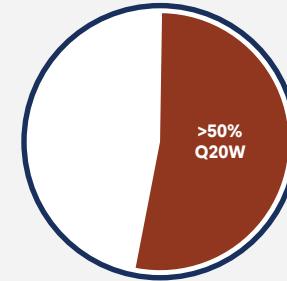
Dual Ang-2/VEGF-A inhibition with faricimab for PCV at week 48:



Showed **robust improvement** in BCVA (+8.9 letters) and **clinically relevant** CST reduction



Was associated with **complete regression** (61%) and **inactivation of polypoidal lesions** (86%) in the majority of eyes



Allowed **more than 50%** of patients to be assigned to **Q20W dosing**

Was **well tolerated** and consistent with the known safety profile of faricimab

Common Abbreviations and full forms

- OS- oculus sinister
- OD- oculus dexter
- OU- oculus uterque
- HM- hand movement
- CNVM- choroidal neovascular membrane
- OCT- optical coherence tomography
- OCT-A- OCT angiography
- CSME- central submacular edema
- IV- intravitreal
- MTH- month
- IOP- intraocular pressure
- VA- visual acuity
- IRF/SRF- intraretinal fluid/subretinal fluid
- HRF- hyper reflective foci
- H Ex- hard exudates
- BVN- branched vascular networks
- SR- sub retinal
- BCVA- best corrected visual acuity
- CR- central retinal
- PED- pigment epithelial detachment
- PCV- polypoidal choroidal vasculopathy
- IOL- intraocular lens
- SHRM- subretinal hyper reflective material
- FA- fluoresceine angiography
- FFA- fundus fluoresceine angiography
- DRIL – disruption of retinal inner layers
- DROL- disruption of retinal outer layers
- HAEM- haemorrhage
- ERM- epiretinal membrane
- VEGF- vascular endothelial growth factor
- DME- diabetic macular edema
- DR- diabetic retinopathy
- Ang, angiopoietin;
- nAMD, neovascular age-related macular degeneration;
- Tie2, tyrosine kinase with immunoglobulin-like domains 2;
- Yr- years
- M/F- Male/female
- HT- hypertension
- POAG- primary open angle glaucoma
- Eylea- aflibercept
- Avastin- Bevacizumab
- Vabysmo- faricimab
- NVI- neovascularization of iris
- ICG-(A)- Indocyanine green (angiography)
- HbA1c- hemoglobin A1c
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- PDR- proliferative DR
- HNRR stands for Healthy Neuro Retinal Rim
- CDR- cup disc ratio

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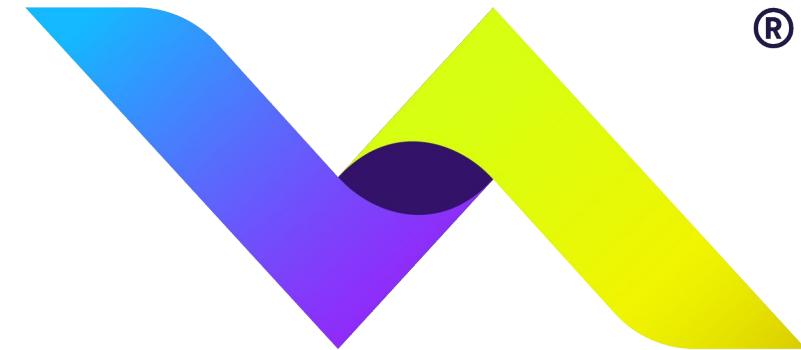
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- ▶ West China Hospital of Sichuan University
- ▶ Tianjin Medical University Eye Hospital
- ▶ Shanghai First People's Hospital
- ▶ Shanghai Ninth People's Hospital Affiliated to Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of Medicine
- ▶ Beijing Hospital of Ministry of Health
- ▶ Xiamen Eye Center of Xiamen University
- ▶ Singapore Eye Research Institute
- ▶ Tan Tock Seng Hospital
- ▶ Asan Medical Center
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