

Showcasing C1q Inhibition in Geographic Atrophy Using Light Damage Animal Models

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Agenda / Executive Summary

- **Scientific Rationale**

- Classical complement pathway implicated in Neurodegenerative (Huntington's Disease) and Autoimmune (Guillain-Barre Syndrome) Diseases
- Classical complement pathway is implicated in Geographic Atrophy; drusen and other breakdown products of photoreceptor digestion activate C1q and the classical pathway

- **Laboratory Evidence**

- Animal and human pathology specimen show classical complement activation
- Inhibition of C1q is protective against retinal damage and maybe neuroprotective

- **Human Experience**

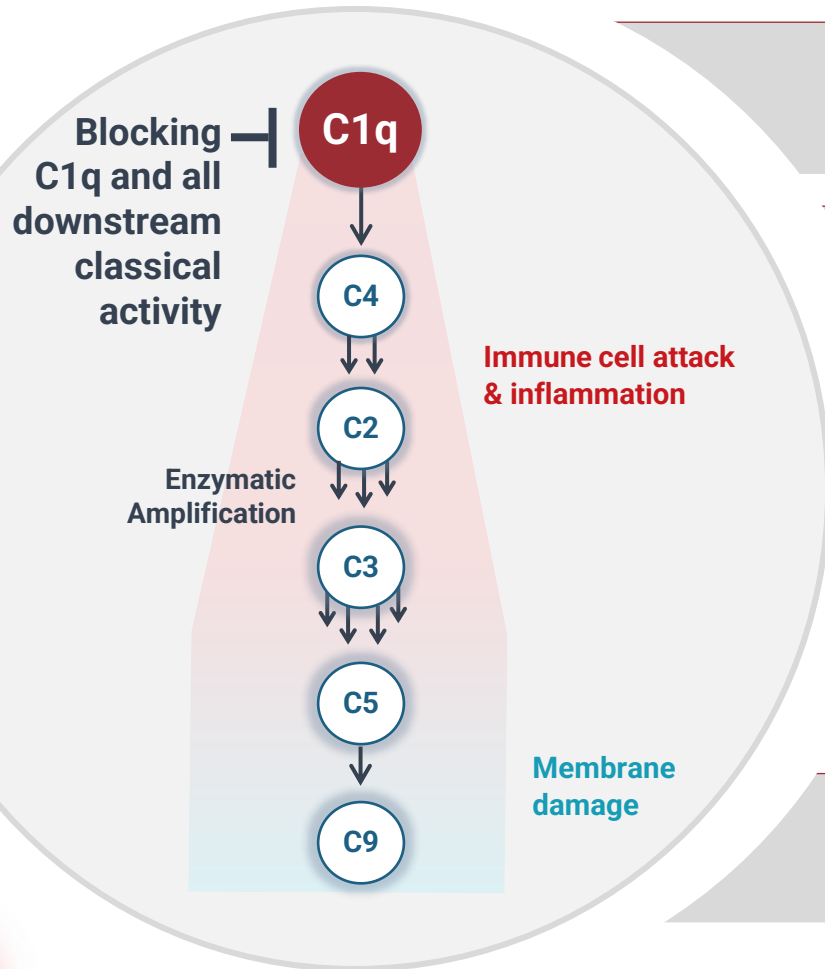
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- **ARCHER Clinical Trial**

- Randomization stratified for lesion location and size
- Phase 2 data anticipated in 1st half 2023

Annexon Pioneering a Powerful Approach to Classical Complement Inhibition

Classical Complement Pathway



Complement Inhibition Clinical & Commercially Validated

Next Generation Approach Blocking Both Up & Downstream Classical Complement

Unique Clinical Benefit Demonstrated in Autoimmune & Neurodegenerative Trials

5 'fit-for-purpose' Clinical Candidates in Autoimmune, Neurodegenerative & Ophthalmic Trials

Positioned for Significant Value Creation -- Several Upcoming Clinical Milestones & 2H 2025 Runway

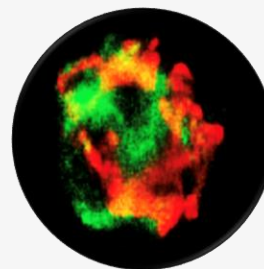
C1q: A Key Driver of Complement-Mediated Disease

Initiator of aberrant or excess complement activity in autoimmune and neurodegenerative diseases

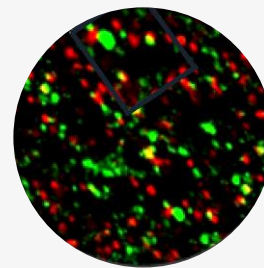
Key Takeaways

- C1q is initiating molecule in classical complement cascade
- C1q binds tissue surfaces to **anchor and amplify** complement activation and drive disease
- **C1q marks cells and synapses for elimination by microglia and tissue macrophages**

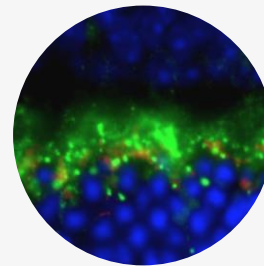
Initiator: C1q Binding to Tissues in Disease



Autoimmune
Guillain-Barré Syndrome
C1q Targeting the Neuromuscular Junction¹



Neurodegeneration
Huntington's Disease
C1q Targeting Striatal Synapses²



Ophthalmologic
Geographic Atrophy
C1q Targeting Photoreceptor Synapses³

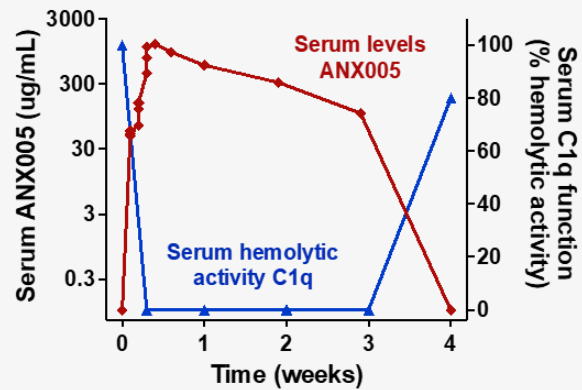
¹ Halstead, et al. 2004 Brain 127: 2109–2123 ² Jia, et al, 2018 Mol Neurodegen 14:45

³ C1q bound to photoreceptor synapses in aged mice: Annexon data on file

Annexon's Lead Candidates Demonstrate Robust Target Engagement in Body, Brain and Eye in Clinical Trials

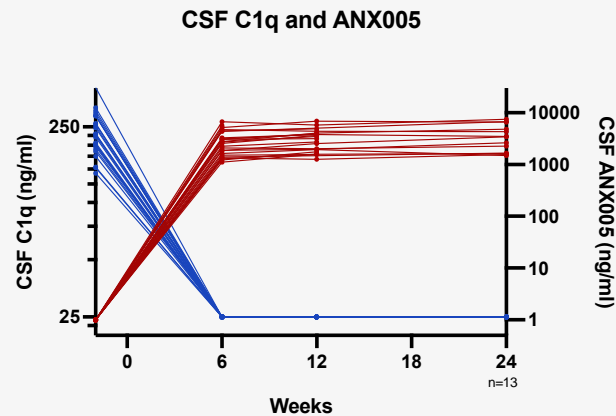
C1q Body Inhibition

ANX005 Full C1q Inhibition in Serum



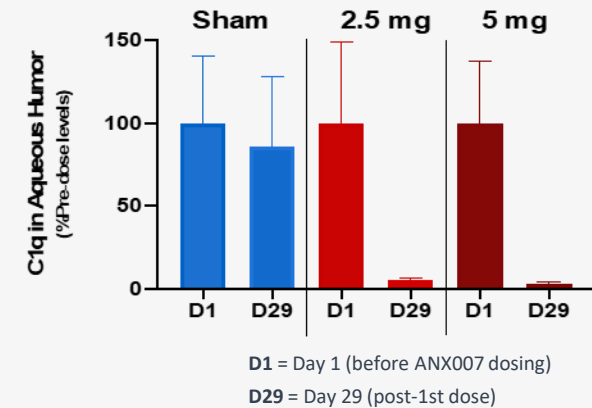
C1q Brain Inhibition

ANX005 Full C1q Inhibition in CSF



C1q Eye Inhibition

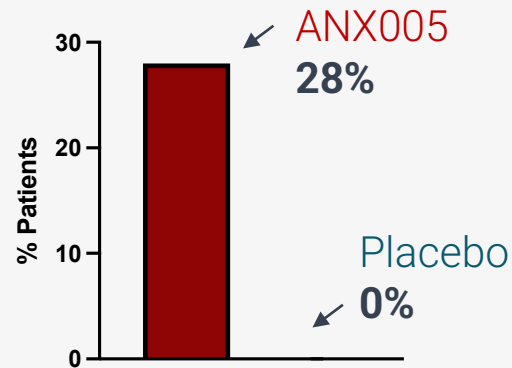
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Upstream Classical Complement Inhibition Associated with Clinical Benefit

Guillain-Barré Syndrome

Patients achieving **≥3 point improvement** in 8 weeks

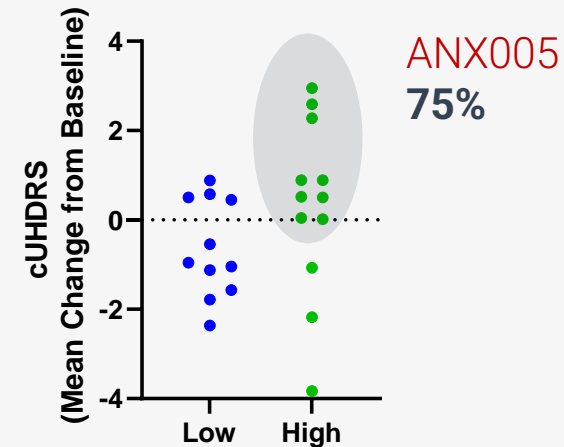


GBS Disability Scale

Patients improved from being bed bound to walking unassisted

Huntington's Disease

75% of patients with high baseline complement activity maintained improvement at week 36



Composite Unified Huntington's Disease Rating Scale

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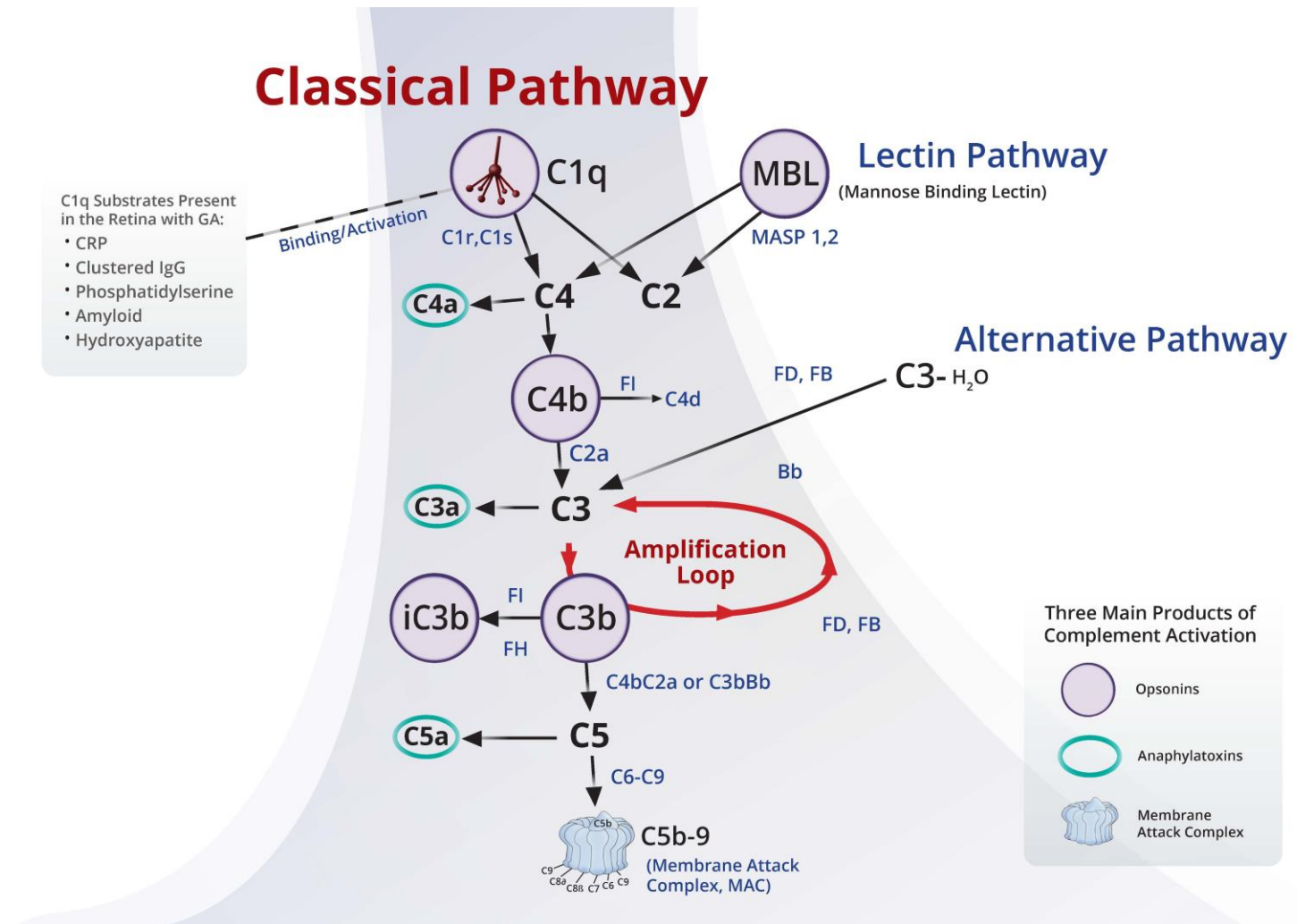
GBS Disability Scale and composite Unified Huntington's Disease Rating Scale are accepted regulatory endpoints.

Why target C1q in Geographic Atrophy?

- **Complement pathway** confirmed as a **key driver of disease**
 - **Polymorphisms** in 6 different complement genes
 - **Clinical trials** show inhibition of amplification loop (C3) and MAC (C5) slow progression of disease
- **Why and how is complement system activated** in geographic atrophy (GA)?
 - In age and disease, C1q tags synapses on photoreceptor cells
 - Drusen and other photoreceptor breakdown products activate C1q
 - C4 (classical pathway upstream of C3) is found at leading edge of GA lesion
 - In animal models, C1q inhibition slows atrophy and preserves function
 - **C1q and classical pathway activation is result of substrate-based activation**
 - C1q inhibition stops enzymatic cascade and may offer neuroprotection

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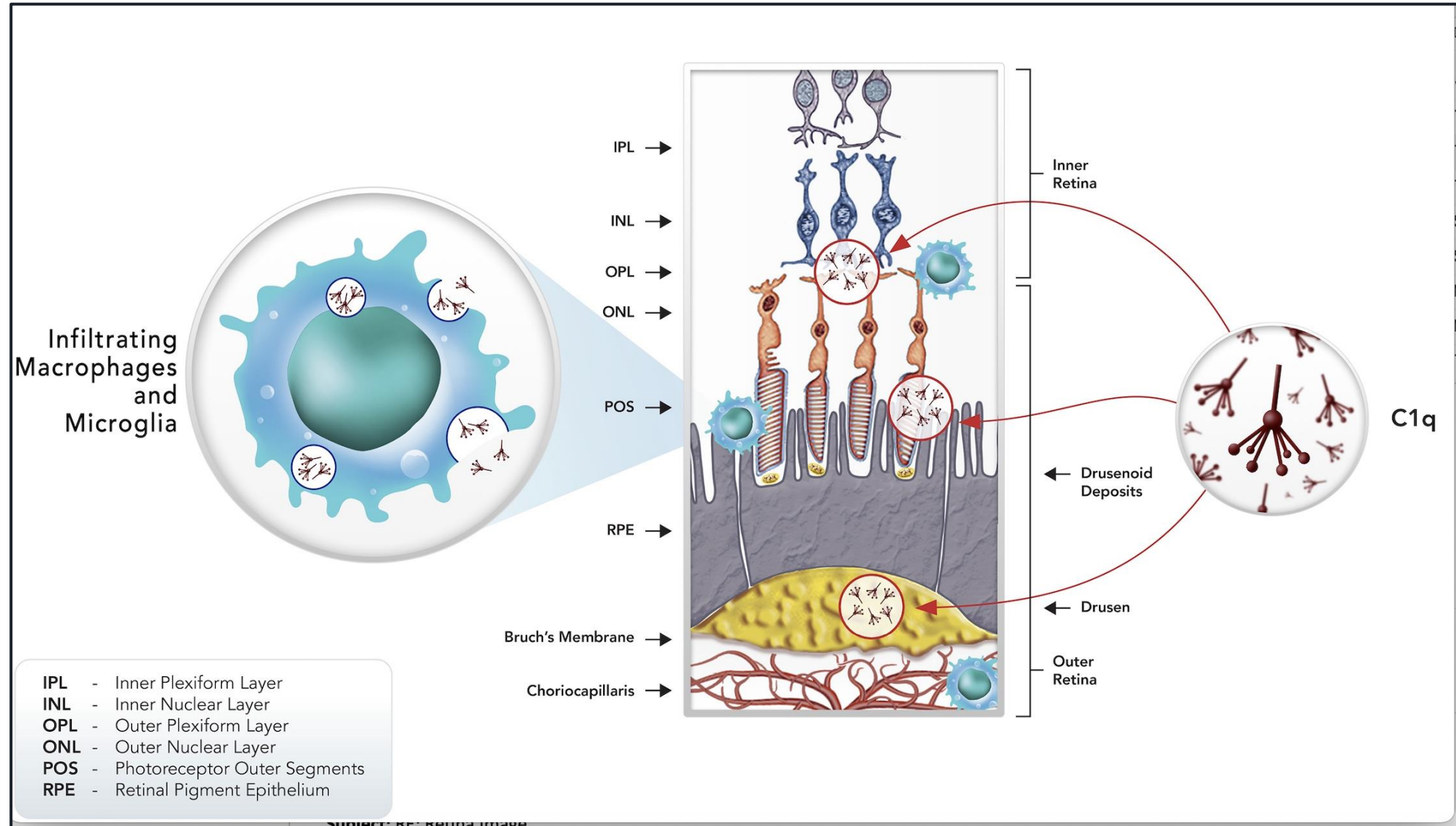
Aberrant Substrate-Based Complement Cascade



Katsche et al. Scientific Reports 2018
Law and Dodds. Protein Science 1997
Chirco and Potemp. Front Immunology 2018

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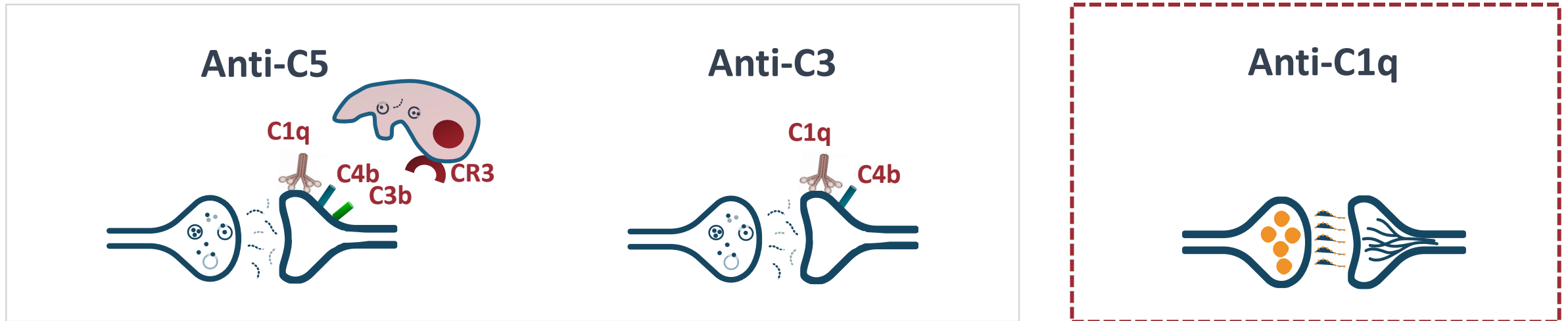
C1q Present in All Layers of the Outer Retina



Why target C1q in GA?

Anti-C1q Differentiated from Other Approaches

C1q, C4b and C3b are the major opsonins of the classical pathway for macrophage and microglial cell attack

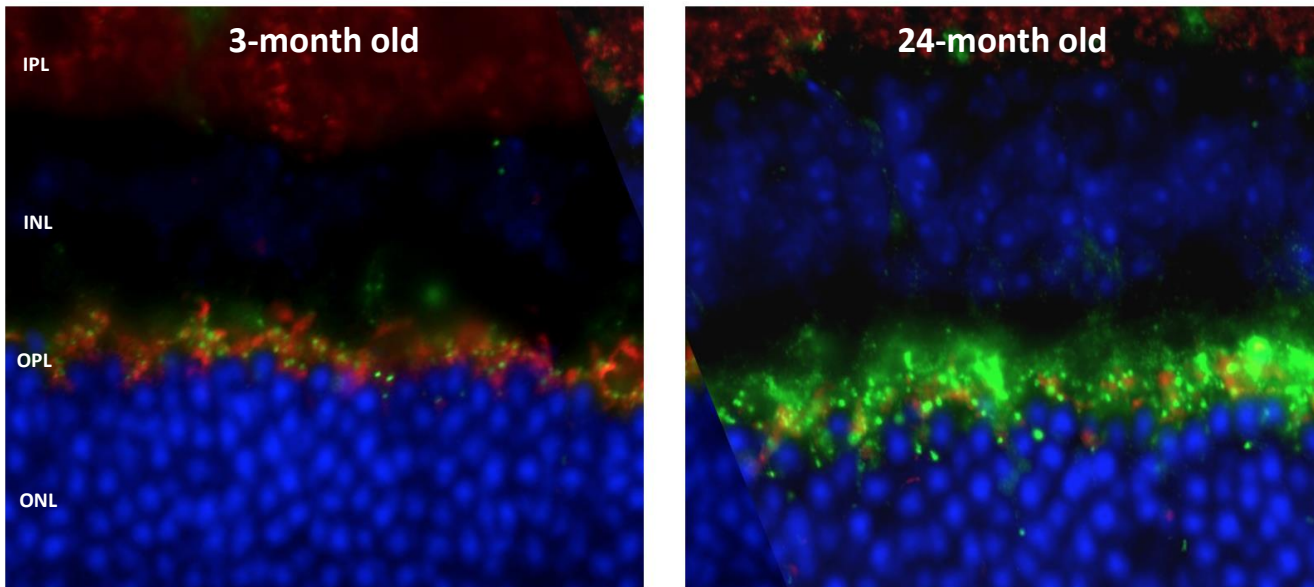


Selective inhibition of classical pathway allows alternative and lectin pathways to continue homeostatic functions

Why target C1q in GA?

C1q Accumulates with Age and in GA

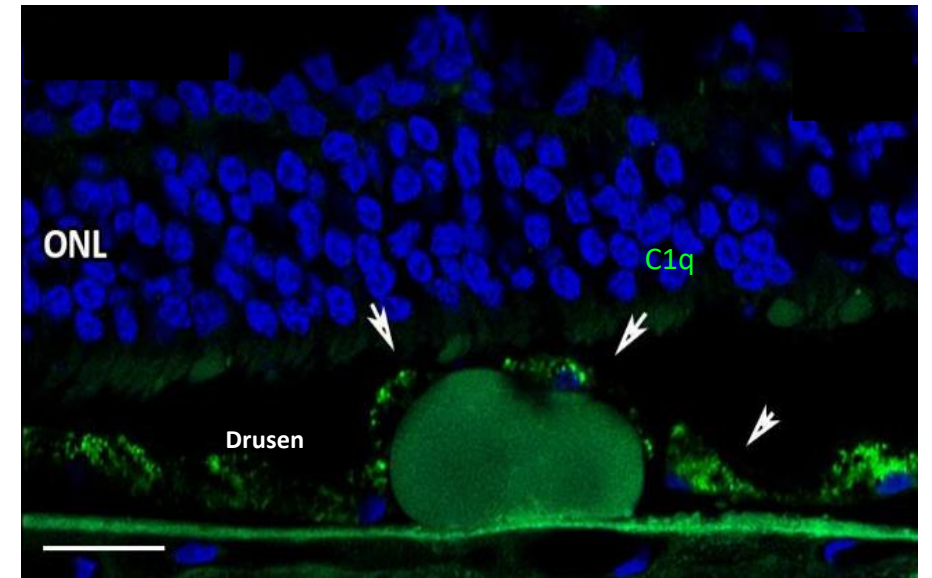
C1q accumulation on photoreceptor cell synapses
in mouse retina



Data on File, Annexon Biosciences

Synapses C1q Nuclei

C1q accumulation on drusen
in human retina with GA

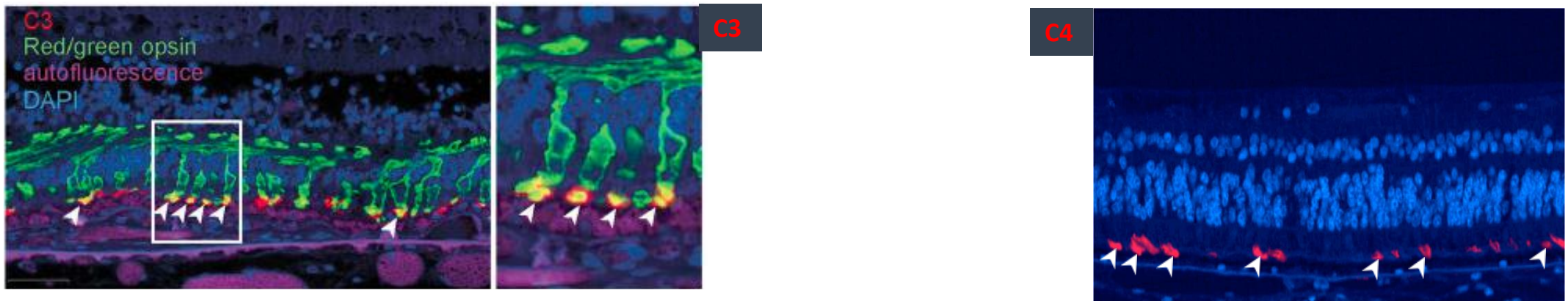


Human retinal micrograph: Jiao, et al., Mol Neurodegener. 2018 08 20;13(1):45

C4 Accumulation Support Classical Complement Cascade in GA

- 67% of photoreceptor cells (outer segments) show early stage accumulation of complement C4
- 26% show accumulation of C3 (see white arrows)

GA (86 yr GA patient) – 1.2 mm from lesion edge

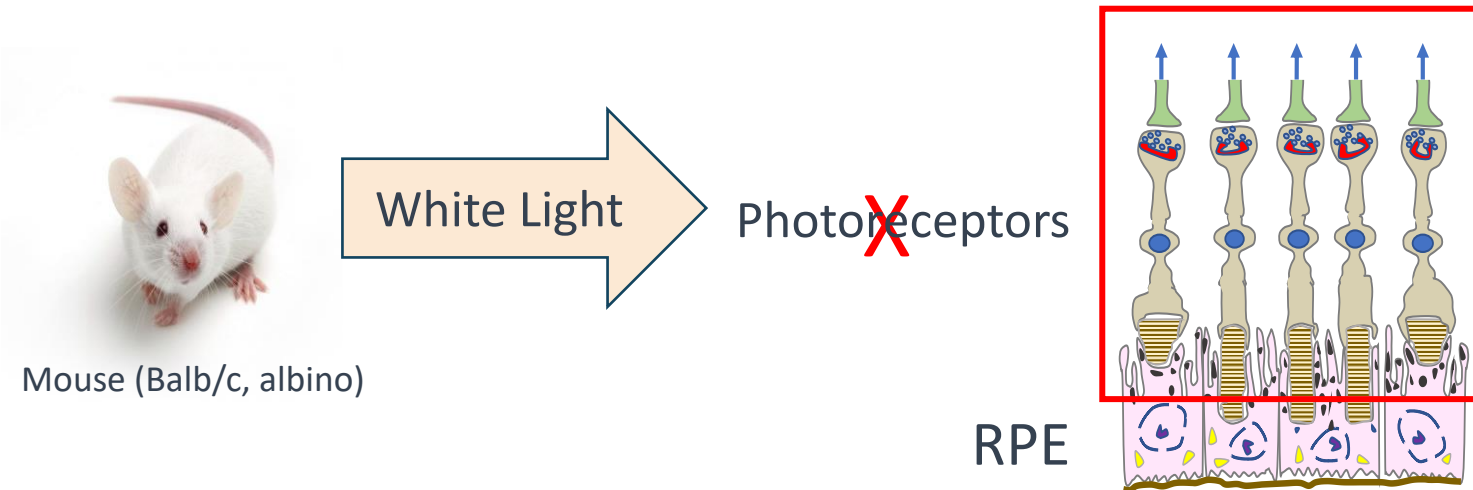


C3 and C4 staining on photoreceptor outer segments (POS)

	Mean age (\pm SD)	Donors	Total eyes	C3+ POS	C4+ POS
AMD	85.9 (\pm 5.1)	13	19	5/19 (26%)	12/18 (67%)
Control	76.4 (\pm 8.4)	9	13	0/11 (0%)	1/13 (8%)

New Data: Light Damage Model of Photoreceptor Degeneration

- To examine expression and tissue localization of complement proteins in synapses of mice retina exposed to damaging light
- To determine the potential therapeutic benefit of classical complement inhibition in the light damage model of photoreceptor degeneration



- Overactivation of visual transduction cascade in photoreceptor cells
- Photoreceptor oxidative stress
- Direct photoreceptor death

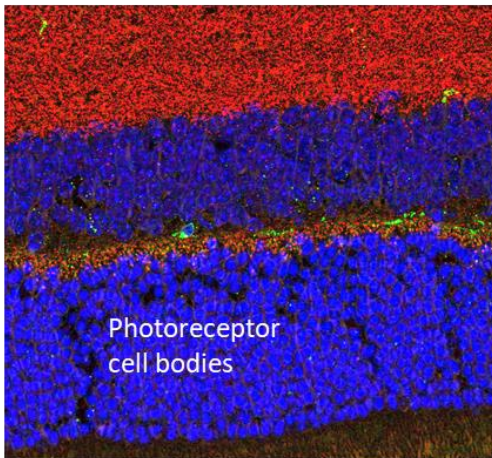
Light Damage Model of Photoreceptor Degeneration – Methods

- **Light Damage:** Balb/c mice were exposed to white light to cause retinal damage and observed at Day 1, 3 and 7 post light exposure (acute: 25K Lux for 4hs; mild: 5K Lux for 30min)
- **Complement Signature:** Classical complement component levels were measured in retinal lysates by standard sandwich ELISA
- **C1q deposition on synapses and microglia engulfment:** C1q expression in the tissue was assessed by Immunofluorescence (IF) and Confocal Microscopy. Microglia engulfment of synapses was assessed using IMARIS software
- **C1q inhibition:** C1q activity was pharmacologically blocked by intravitreal injection of a C1q inhibitory antibody one day prior light exposure. Tissue was assessed at Day 3 and 5 after treatment

Blocking C1q Protects Photoreceptors in Light Damage Mouse Model

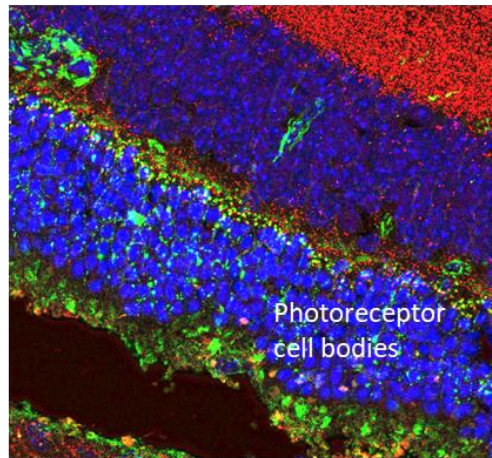
Increased C1q Expression on Photoreceptor Synapses and Cell Bodies

Naive



Synapses C1q

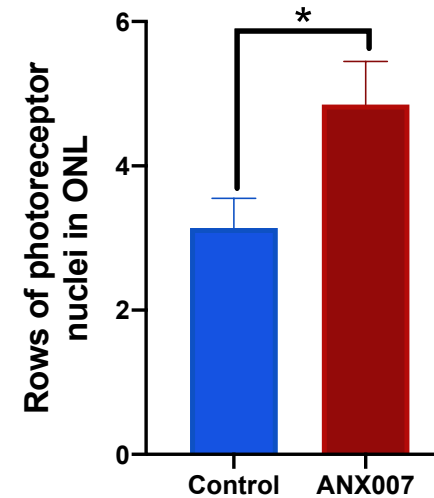
Light Damage



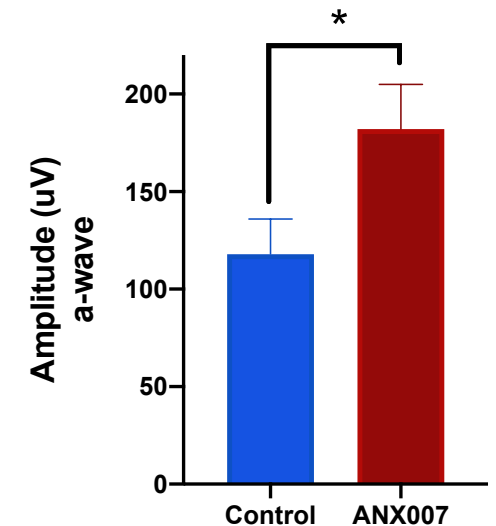
Annexon data on file

Anti-C1q Protects Photoreceptors & Retinal Function in Light damage Model

Anti-C1q Protects Photoreceptor Cells / Retinal Thickness



Protects Retinal Function



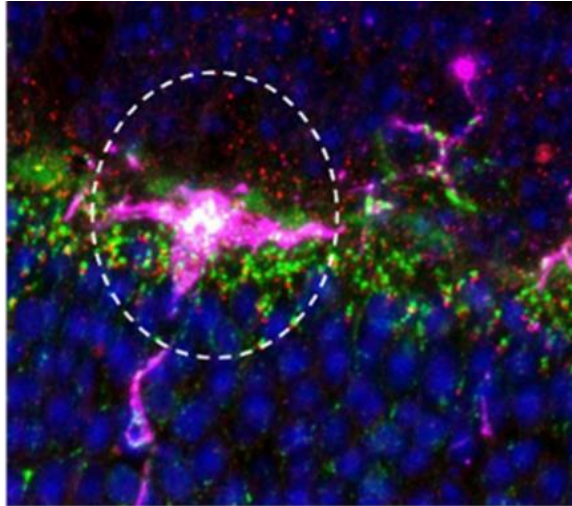
Jiao,, et al., 2018 Mol Neurodegener 13(1):45

* p < 0.05

Microglial Cell Engulfment of C1q-Tagged Photoreceptor Synapses

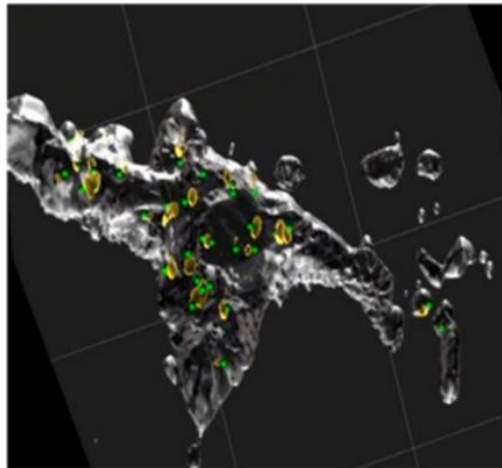
Microglial infiltration of OPL

Microglia/C1q/BSN

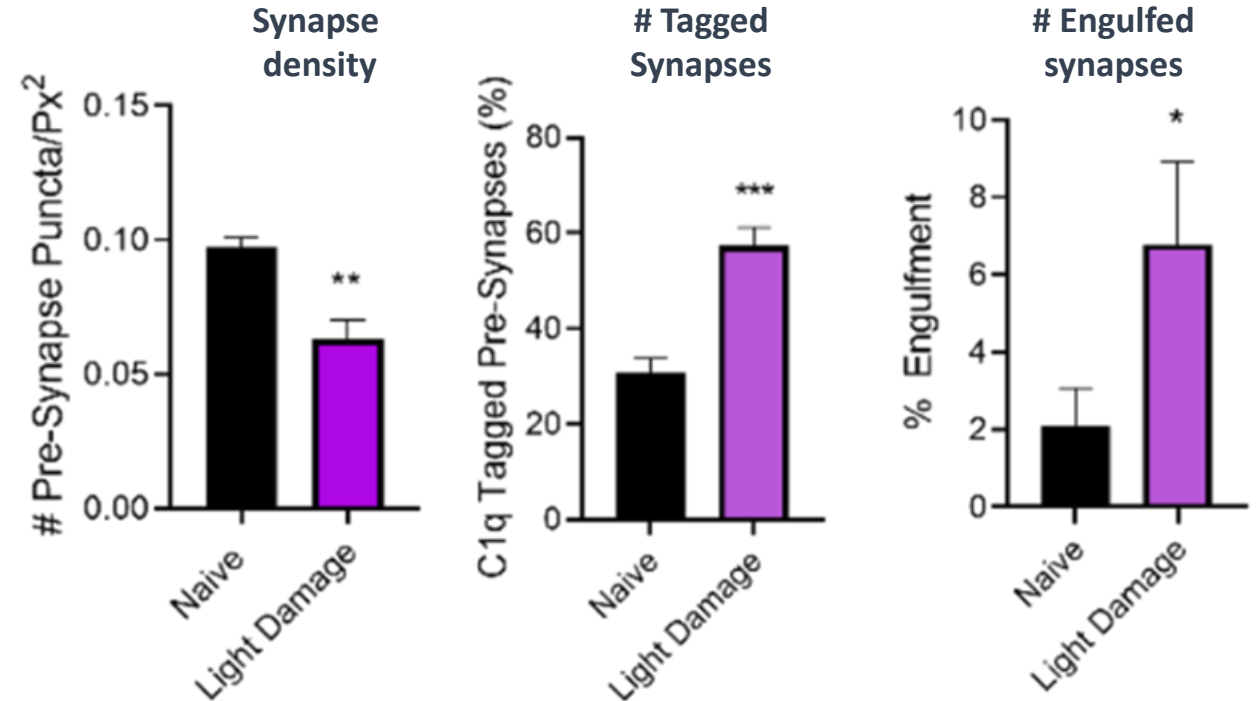


High resolution 3D surface rendering

Engulf. C1q-Synapse



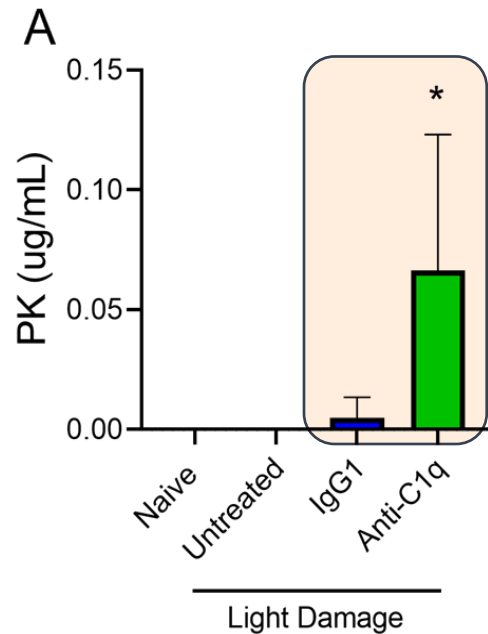
Microglial cell engulfment of C1q tagged synapses in light damaged retina



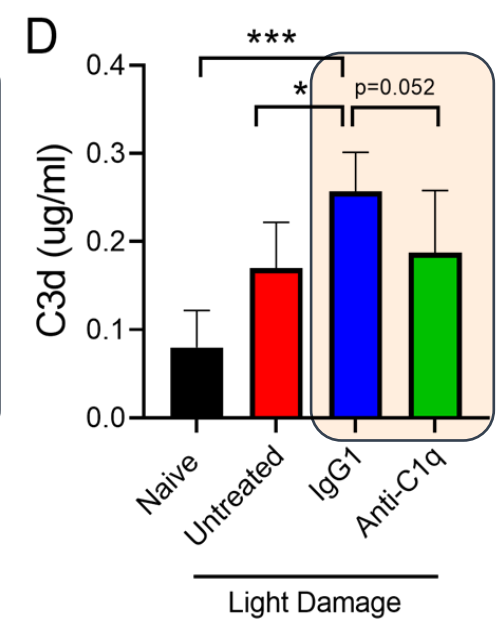
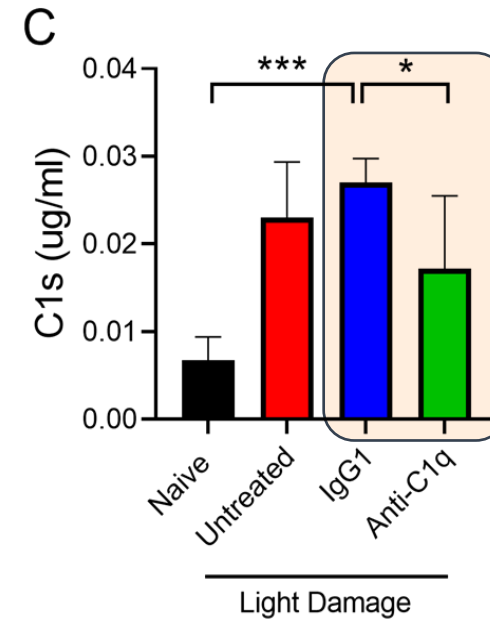
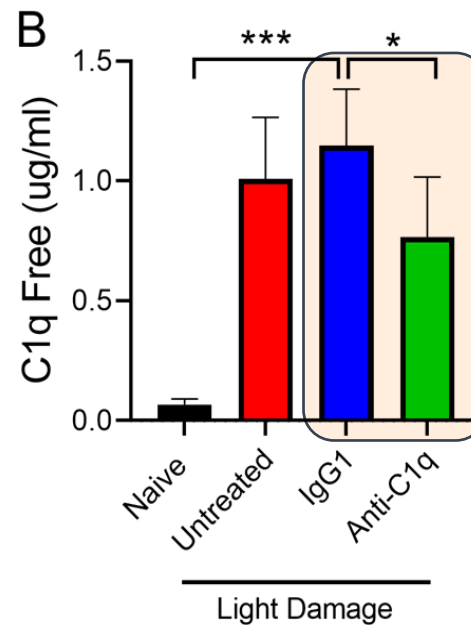
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Intravitreal Administration of Anti-C1q Reduces Retinal Complement Levels in Light Damage Mouse Model

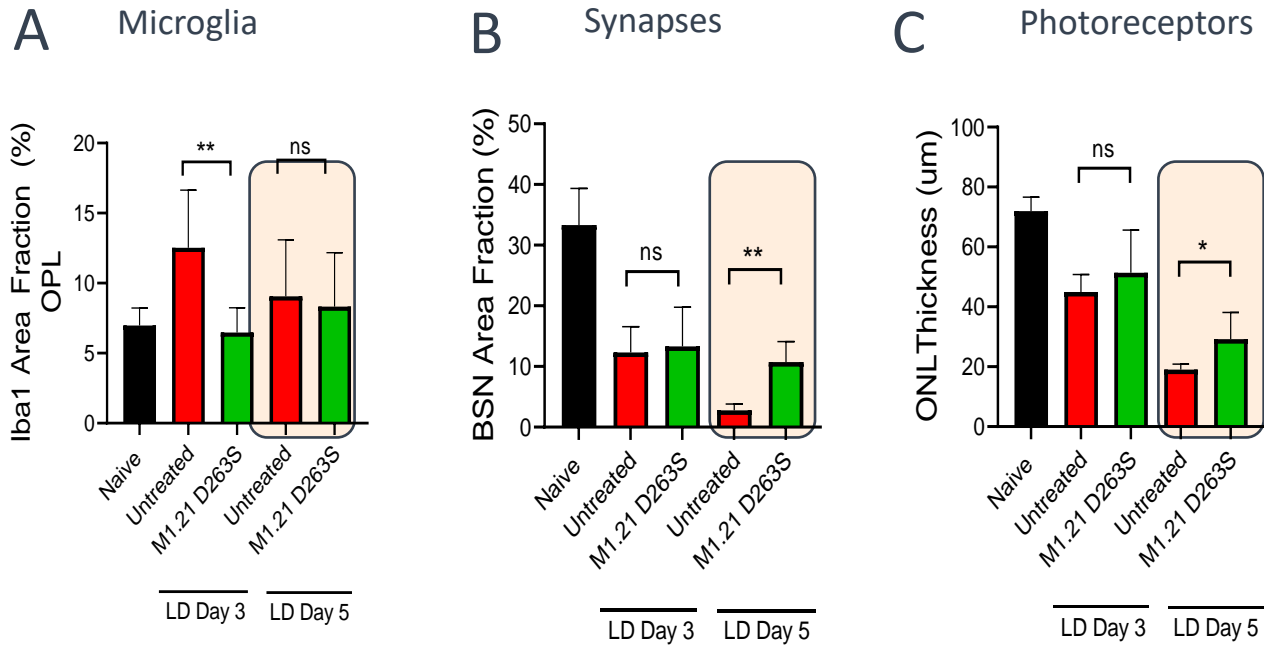
Measurable drug levels in
retina lysates



Significant decrease in C1q, C1s and C3d levels upon anti-C1q
treatment



Anti-C1q Reduces Neurodegeneration in Light Damage Mouse Model



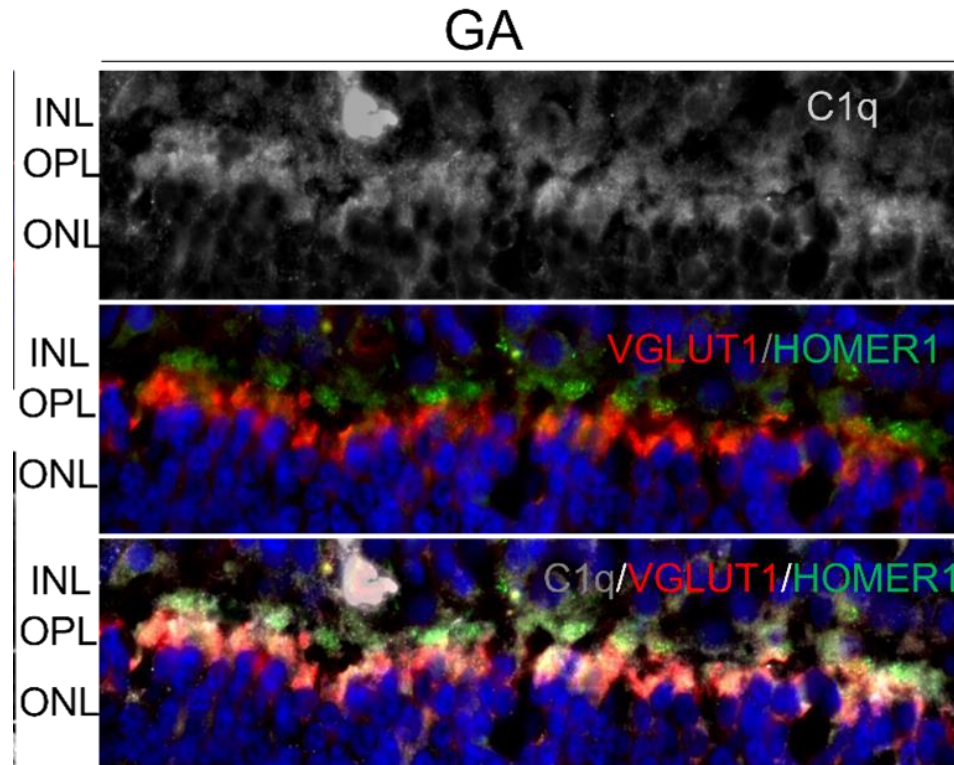
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Immunofluorescence data shows

- Reduced microgliosis in the OPL at Day 3 post treatment
- Significant preservation of photoreceptor synapses and cell bodies at Day 5 post treatment

Annexon data on file

C1q Deposition on Photoreceptor Synapses in Human GA Retina



Triple immunolabelling for C1q (grey), presynaptic marker VGLUT1 (red) and postsynaptic marker HOMER1 (green) confirming co-localization of C1q with photoreceptor synapses in human GA donor retina

Retina specimens from GA patients were procured from the San Diego Eye Bank

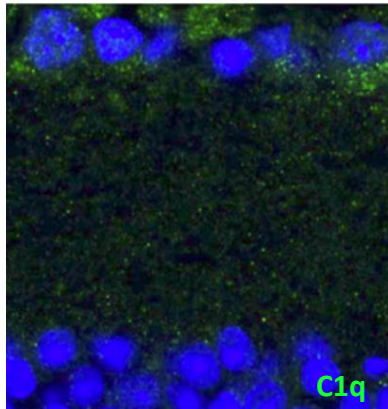
Other Evidence of Neuroprotection: C1q Drives Synapse Loss in Genetic Mouse Model of Glaucoma

DBA/2J Mouse model of glaucoma

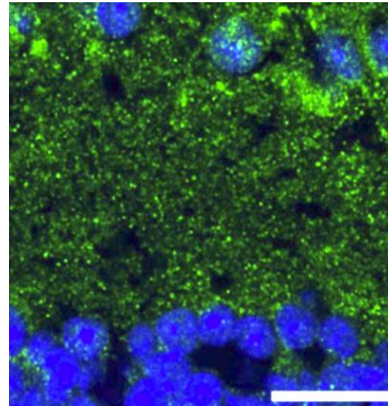
- Spontaneous disease with retinal degeneration and loss of optic nerve
- As with human disease, IOP correlates with progression

C1q accumulation on synapses prior to
axonal damage or neuronal loss

Control mice



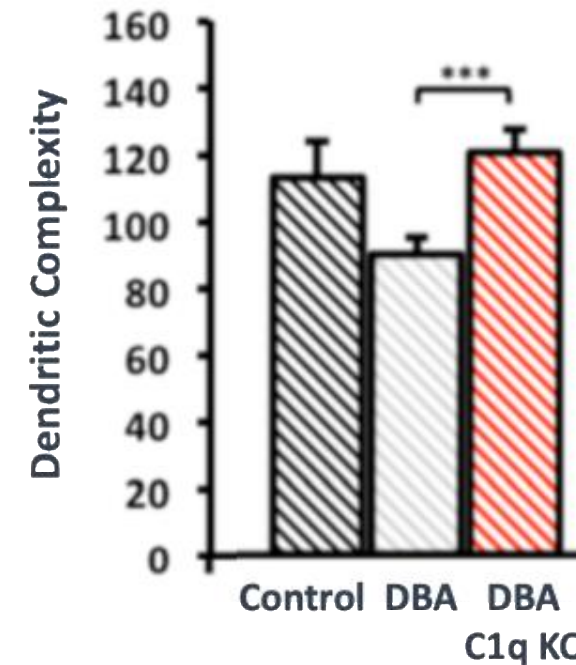
DBA/2J mice



Inner Plexiform
Layer (IPL)

Stevens and Barres, Cell 2007

Protection of Synapses with C1q Inhibition



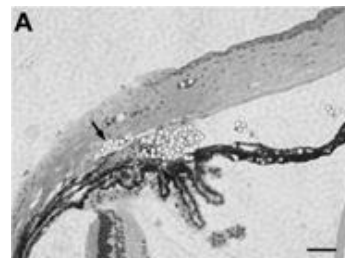
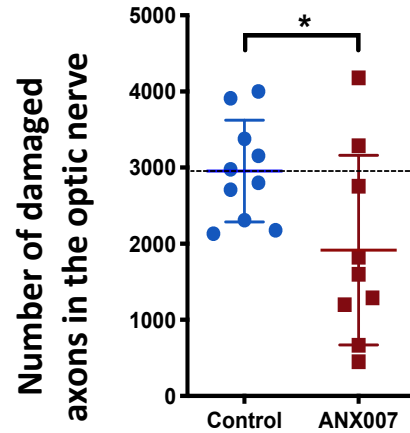
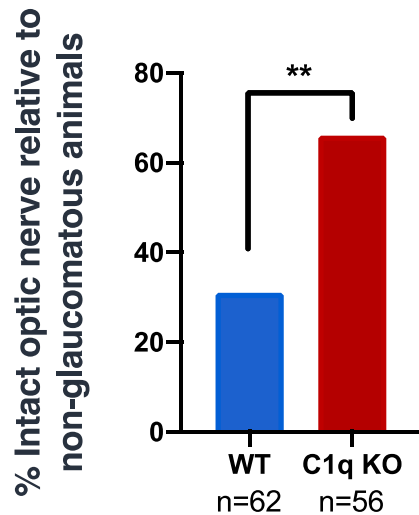
Williams, et al., Molecular Neurodegeneration, 2016

C1q Inhibition Protects Neurons in Both Chronic and Acute Mouse Models of Glaucoma / C1q Also Present in Human Glaucoma

Protective in both chronic and acute models of glaucoma

C1q KO protected optic nerve integrity at 12 months of age¹

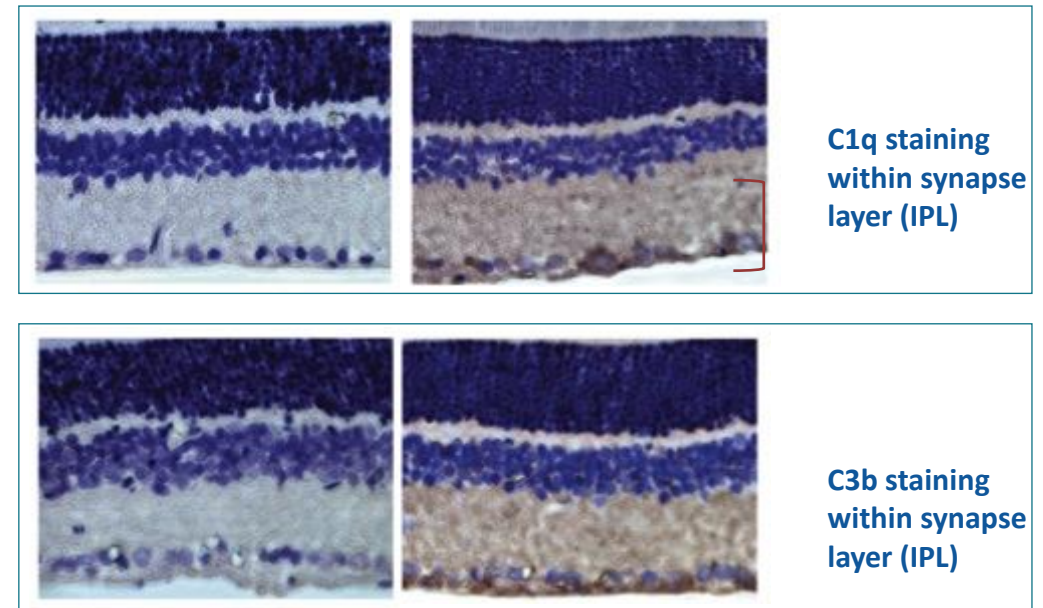
Anti-C1q protected against acute optic nerve damage²



C1q deposition in 34/34 glaucoma patients

Control

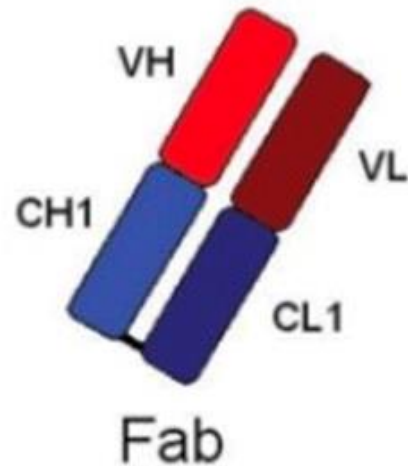
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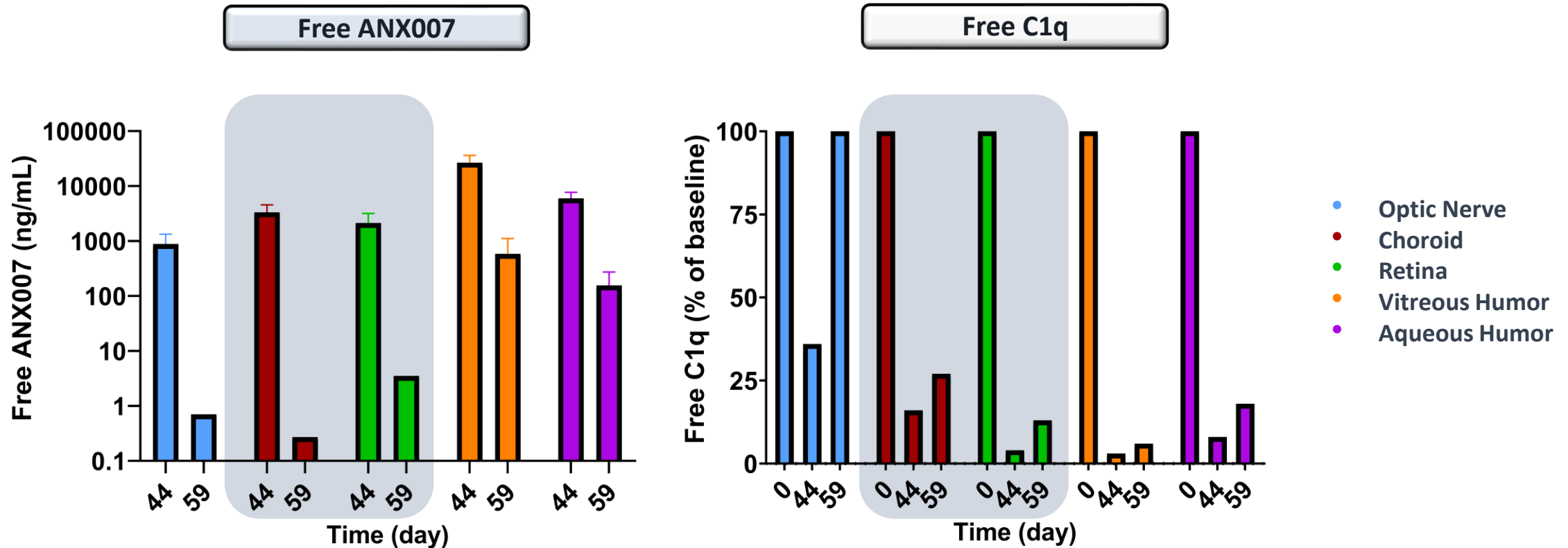
²Annexon data

ANX007 is Designed to Inhibit C1q



- Recombinant humanized antigen binding fragment (Fab) of a monoclonal antibody
- Composed of one VH and CH1 segment of an IgG1 heavy chain covalently linked to one kappa light chain
- Molecular weight - ~48 kDa
- Binds to the complement protein C1q via its antigen binding domain

ANX007 Reduces C1q Levels in Retina of Non-Human Primates

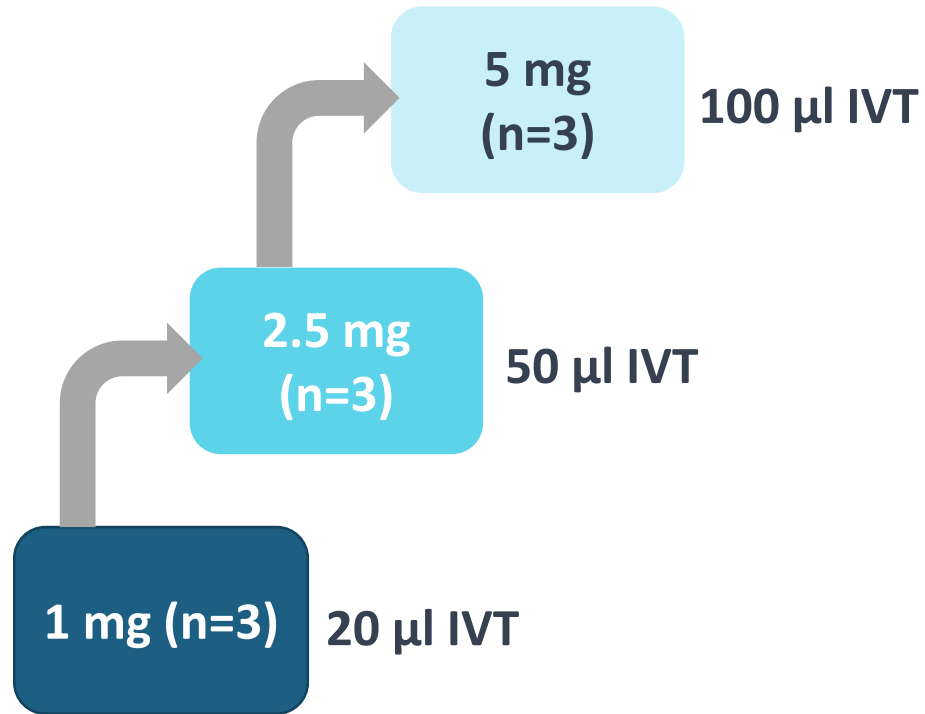


Two doses of 5 mg ANX007 administered IVT 28 days apart in cynomolgus monkeys

- **Day 44** = 15 days post-last dose
- **Day 59** = 30 days post-last dose

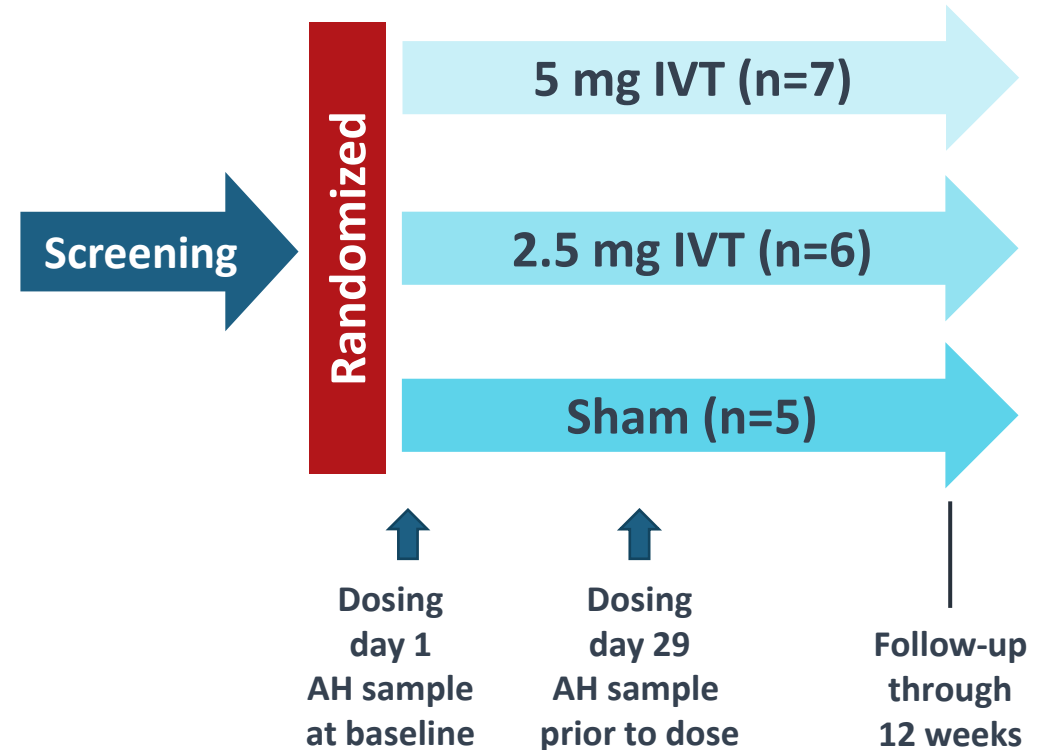
Phase 1 Studies Assessing the Safety and Tolerability of ANX007 in Those With Glaucoma

ANX007-GLA-01 phase 1a study



- Single ascending doses in participants with glaucoma
- Follow-up through 8 weeks

ANX007-GLA-02 phase 1b study



- Two monthly doses in participants with glaucoma
- AH samples were also collected to assess PK/PD

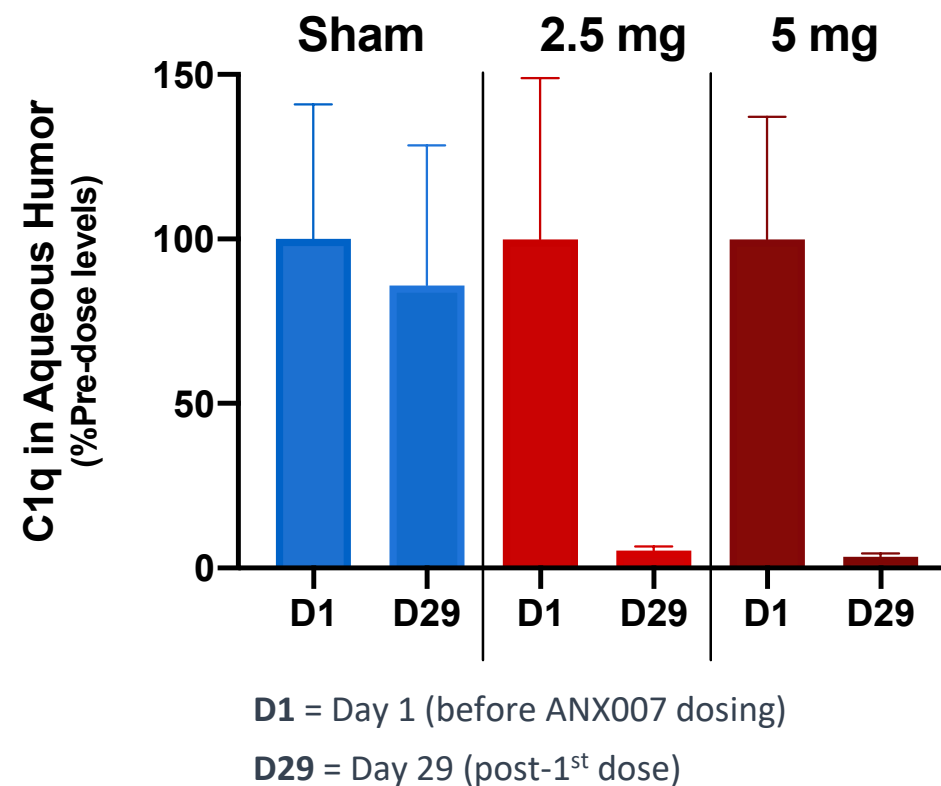
ANX007 Effectively Inhibits C1q in Phase 1b Patients

Full inhibition at low and high doses support monthly or less frequent dosing

ANX007 DATA SUMMARY

- **ANX007 well-tolerated** at all dose levels
- Single intravitreal injection **inhibited C1q in aqueous humor for at least 29 days** at both low and high doses

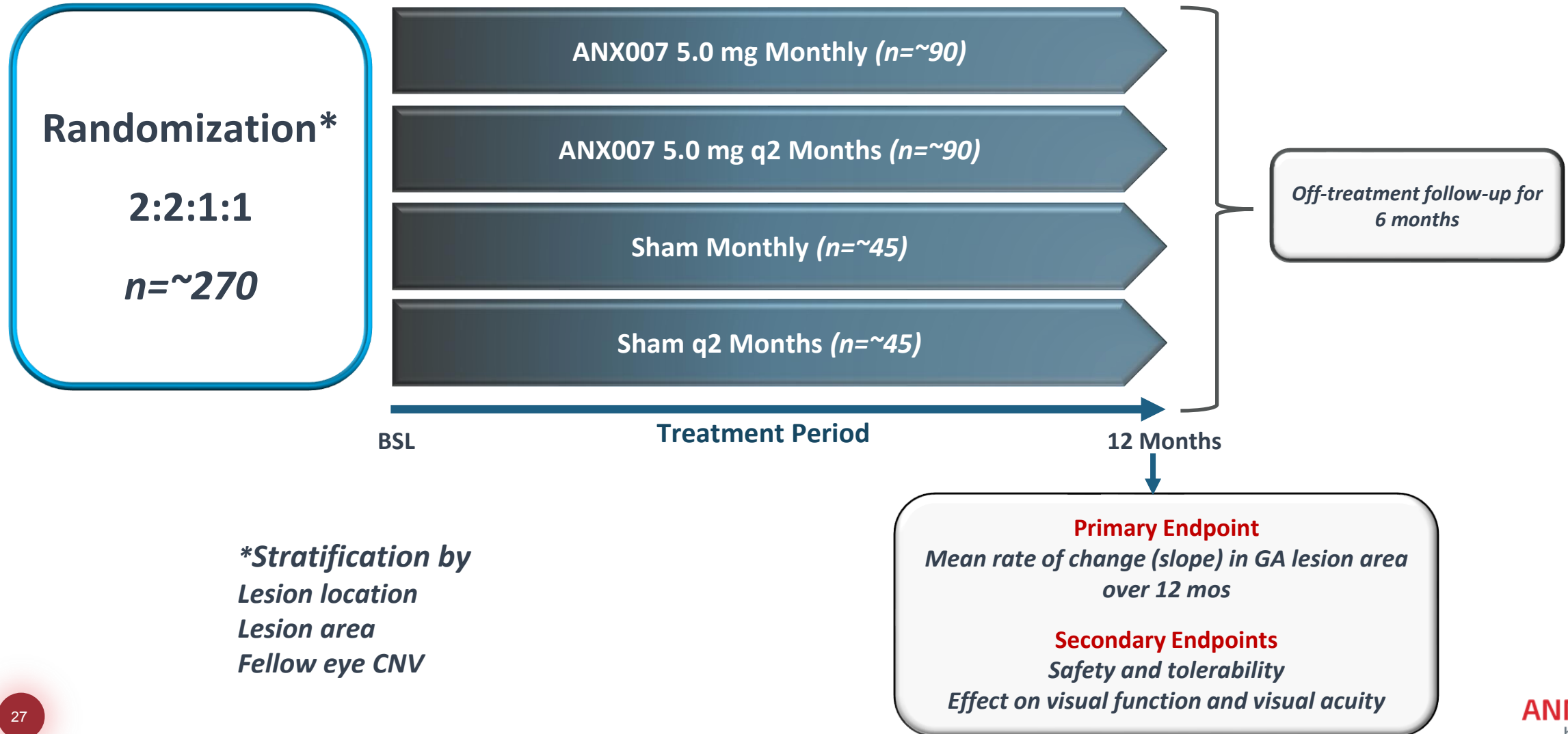
Free C1q Levels in Aqueous Humor



ARCHER Study:

Ongoing Phase 2 Study Evaluating Effect of ANX007 in GA

Data Anticipated 1st Half 2023



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