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Exploration of Machine Learning–Enhanced Compartmental Retinal Integrity Assessment for Progression Risk and Treatment Response in the GATHER1 Study

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Advanced AMD and Compartmental Assessment with OCT

- There are no approved therapies to slow the progression of geographic atrophy (GA); however, several are under investigation.
- Identifying optimal imaging and image analysis strategies will be important for future therapeutic decision-making.
- Fundus autofluorescence (FAF) is the traditional gold standard to measure area of GA.^{1,2}
- However, OCT availability is more widespread throughout practices.
- Compartmental OCT analysis may provide important biomarkers for therapeutic response and enable measurement of specific features, such as GA area and ellipsoid zone (EZ) integrity.





AMD, age-related macular degeneration. 1. Jaffe GJ, et al. Ophthalmology. 2021;128(4):576-586; 2. Liao DS, et al. Ophthalmology. 2020;127(2):186-195.

Ellipsoid Zone Integrity as Biomarker for GA progression

- The EZ is a hyperreflective outer retinal band observed on OCT associated with a mitochondrial rich area of the photoreceptors.¹
- EZ integrity has been found to be a predictor of GA progression and linked to visual function.²
- Emerging technology now enables quantitative EZ integrity assessment.²
- In eyes with AMD, progression to subfoveal GA over 2 and 5 years was associated with²:
 - Multiple EZ parameters, including total EZ attenuation and progressive loss of EZ preservation.



Image from Sarici K, et al. Ophthalmic Surg Lasers Imaging Retina. 2022;53(1):31-39.

AMD, age-related macular degeneration; BM, Bruch's membrane; EZ, ellipsoid zone; GA, geographic atrophy; ILM, internal limiting membrane; RPE, retinal pigment epithelium.
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Longitudinal Assessment with Minimal EZ Attenuation



Image from Sarici K, et al. Ophthalmic Surg Lasers Imaging Retina. 2022;53(1):31-39.

Longitudinal Assessment with Significant EZ attenuation



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EZ, ellipsoid zone; GA, geographic atrophy; RPE, retinal pigment epithelium.

GATHER1 study design

GATHER1 was a randomized, double-masked, phase 2/3 study that examined efficacy and safety of avacincaptad pegol (ACP), an investigational complement C5 inhibitor, in eyes with GA.¹ Primary end point

at month 12

Key inclusion criteria:

- Nonfoveal^a GA
- Total GA area \geq 2.5 and \leq 17.5 mm²

Key exclusion criteria:

• Evidence of CNV in either eye



^aNonfoveal GA included lesions inside and outside the 1.5-mm diameter area of the fovea but not the foveal center point. ACP, avacincaptad pegol; CNV, choroidal neovascularization; GA, geographic atrophy; IVT, intravitreal. 1. Jaffe GJ, et al. *Ophthalmology*. 2021;128(4):576-586.

GATHER1 Met Primary End Point: ACP significantly reduced growth of GA area over 12 months¹

Change in square-root GA area



Note: Based on LS means from MMRM model; ITT population Hochberg procedure was used for significance testing. These LS means are estimates from the MMRM model, drawing on all available data, including data from groups with different randomization ratios in Part 1 and Part 2, and should not be interpreted as directly observed data.

ACP, avacincaptad pegol; GA, geographic atrophy; ITT, intention to treat; LS, least squares; MMRM, mixed model repeated measures. 1. Jaffe GJ, et al. *Ophthalmology*. 2021;128(4):576-586.

GATHER1 Post-hoc Analysis Objectives

- Primary objectives:
 - To examine the effect of ACP on EZ integrity change and OCT-measured GA growth in the GATHER1 study.¹
 - To examine the relationship between EZ integrity and GA growth.
- Secondary objective:
 - To examine the correlation between FAF-measured and OCT-measured GA progression.

EZ, ellipsoid zone; FAF, fundus autofluorescence; GA, geographic atrophy.

Machine Learning-Enhanced OCT Analysis with EZ Mapping

- Macular cube OCT scans from the ACP 2 mg, ACP 4 mg, and sham groups were loaded into an OCT mapping software.
- Key outer retinal layers identified included:
 - Ellipsoid zone (EZ)
 - Retinal pigment epithelium (RPE)
 - Bruch's membrane (BM)





macular cube

En face view

Various OCT measures of outer retinal atrophy were exported

OCT Measure	Description
EZ total attenuation (%)	Percentage of macular cube with EZ-RPE thickness = 0 μ m
RPE total attenuation (%)	Percentage of macular cube with RPE-BM thickness = 0 μ m
GA area (mm²)	Area of macular cube with RPE-BM thickness = 0 μ m
EZ partial attenuation (%)	Percentage of macular cube with EZ-RPE thickness \leq 20 µm
EZ/GA Ratio	Total EZ loss / OCT-based GA
EZ-GA Gap (%)	EZ Loss Excess relative to GA (i.e., EZ total attenuation – GA)
EZ-GA Gap Index	(EZ-GA Gap)/OCT based

BM, Bruch's membrane; EZ, ellipsoid zone; GA, geographic atrophy; RPE, retinal pigment epithelium.

EZ Integrity Results

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ACP Demonstrated Reduction in Progressive Total EZ Attenuation



Note: Based on LS means from model for repeated measures. ACP, avacincaptad pegol; BL, baseline; EZ, ellipsoid zone; LS, least squares.

Representative Example: Sham-treated Eye



EZ, ellipsoid zone; RPE, retinal pigment epithelium.

Representative Example: ACP-treated Eye



B scans

En face EZ-RPE thickness map

En face sub-RPE thickness map

ACP, avacincaptad pegol; EZ, ellipsoid zone; RPE, retinal pigment epithelium.

EZ – GA Associations



Association of Baseline EZ Measures with OCT-based GA Area



Note: Parameters with absolute value of correlation coefficient ≥0.3 are displayed. ^aMid-subfield refers to the 2-mm diameter area centered on the fovea. EZ, ellipsoid zone; GA, geographic atrophy; RPE, retinal pigment epithelium.

Baseline EZ Integrity and Association with GA Growth



Correlation with change from baseline in OCT GA at month 18 for sham



Note: Parameters with absolute value of correlation coefficient ≥0.25 are displayed. ^aCentral subfield refers to the 1-mm diameter area centered on the fovea. ^bMid-subfield refers to the 2-mm diameter area centered on the fovea.

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Association of Change in EZ Parameters with Change in GA



Correlation with change from baseline in OCT GA at month 18



Note: Parameters with absolute value of correlation coefficient ≥0.25 are displayed. ^aMid-subfield refers to the 2-mm diameter area centered on the fovea. ^bCentral subfield refers to the 1-mm diameter area centered on the fovea.

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OCT-based GA Results

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ACP demonstrated reduction in OCT-based GA Growth



Note: Based on LS means from model for repeated measures. ACP, avacincaptad pegol; GA, geographic atrophy; L<u>S, least squares.</u>

Correlation Between FAF and OCT-based GA Measurements





^aMultiple timepoints were included in the correlation. ACP, avacincaptad pegol; FAF, fundus autofluorescence; GA, geographic atrophy.

Mean GA Area Difference between OCT and FAF was Minimal

Month	Mean (SD) Difference Between OCT- and FAF- Measured GA Area (mm ²)
0	0.07 (1.33)
6	0.04 (1.61)
12	-0.16 (1.80)
18	-0.01 (1.74)

FAF, fundus autofluorescence; GA, geographic atrophy.

Conclusions and Future Directions

- ACP reduced progressive EZ degradation by 22% compared with sham.
- EZ integrity measures correlated with GA features, including lesion size.
- OCT-measured GA growth was reduced by 30% with ACP compared to sham at 12 months, consistent with FAF findings.
- OCT-measured GA area strongly correlated with FAF-measured GA area, demonstrating the consistency between measures for consideration of future clinical trial design.
- Ongoing exploration of the role of EZ integrity as a biomarker for GA progression, functional correlation, and potential for future clinical trial enrichment is underway.



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