

BRILLIANCE: A Phase 1/2 Single Ascending Dose Study of EDIT-101, an *in vivo* CRISPR Gene Editing Therapy in CEP290-Related Retinal Degeneration





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## **Agenda**



Introduction

Overview of LCA10 and CEP290-Related Retinal Degeneration

Overview of EDIT-101

Phase 1/2 Brilliance Trial

Safety Assessments

**Efficacy Assessments** 

Summary

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### **EDIT-101 Timeline**





Editas Medicine Initiates Clinical Natural History Study to Evaluate Patients with Leber Congenital Amaurosis Type 10 (LCA10)

SEPTEMBER 21, 2017 Massachusetts Eye and Ear named as

 $INSTITUTE \Big|_{\text{CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Sept. 12, 2017}}$ (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) - Editas Medicine, Inc. (NASDAQ:EDIT), a leading genome editing company, today announced that the Company initiated a clinical natural history study of Leber Congenital Amaurosis type 10 (LCA10). LCA10 is caused by mutations in the CEP290 gene. The study will prospectively evaluate patients to assess the course of the disease and to pilot potential clinical trial endpoints and designs. This knowledge will inform the interventional clinical trial design for EDIT-101, Editas Medicine's pre-clinical product candidate to treat LCA10.

#### Editas & Allergan Dose First Patient in Phase I/II Historic Gene Editing Study Accomplished via In Vivo Treatment



Editas Medicine, Inc. (EDIT) and Allegan plc (AGN) announced they have dosed the first patient in a Phase I/II study called BRILLIANCE to evaluate their CRISPR-based candidate, AGN-151587 (EDIT-101), in patients with Leber congenital amaurosis 10 (LCA10), an inherited form of blindness. A historical milestone as for the first time a patient's genes are actually modified within the body-in vivo treatment. Until now, gene editing operated on a ex vivo basis—targeted cells are taken from the patient, modified and thereafter returned. This pathbreaking study assesses EDIT-101 on 18 LCA patients



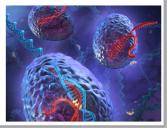
September 29, 2021

**Editas Medicine Presents Clinical** Data on First In Vivo **Gene Editing Treatment for LCA10** 

#### Broad Institute awarded first patent for engineered CRISPR-Cas9 system

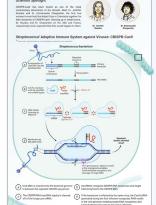


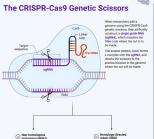
system can be programmed to target specific stretches of genetic code and to make cuts a



2020 Nobel Prize in Chemistry

#### A tool for genome editing: **CRISPR-Cas9**







Blind Patients Hope Landmark Gene-Editing Experiment Will Restore Their Vision



#### Editas Medicine to develop new class of genome editing therapeutics

Editas Medicine, a transformative genome editing company, today announced it has secured a \$43 million Series A financing led by Flagship Ventures, Polaris Partners and Third Rock Ventures with participation from Partners Innovation Fund. Following an explosion of high profile publications on CRISPR/Cas9 and TALENs, genome editing has emerged as one of the most exciting new areas of scientific research. These recent advances have made it possible to modify, in a targeted way, almost any gene in the human body with the ability to directly turn on, turn off or edit disease-causing genes. Editas' mission is to translate its genome editing technology into a novel class of human therapeutics that enable precise and corrective molecular modification to treat the underlying cause of a broad range of diseases at the genetic level.

"Editas is exclusively positioned to leverage the very latest in genome editing to develop lifechanging medicines for patients," said Kevin Bitterman, Ph.D., interim president, Editas Medicine and principal, Polaris Partners. "Our suite of foundational intellectual property, combined with the proprietary know-how of our founding team and our financial resources, will enable us to rapidly translate these groundbreaking discoveries into important medicines."



## **Key Findings & Acknowledgements**



#### **Initial Observations**

FDIT-101 was associated with no serious adverse events (AE) or doselimiting toxicities (DLT) to date.

Early efficacy signals in the mid-dose cohort suggest positive biological activity and potential early clinical benefits.

#### **Thank You**

Editas Medicine extends utmost gratitude to all trial participants and their families for their trust and support.

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# **CEP290-Related Retinal Degeneration & EDIT-101**

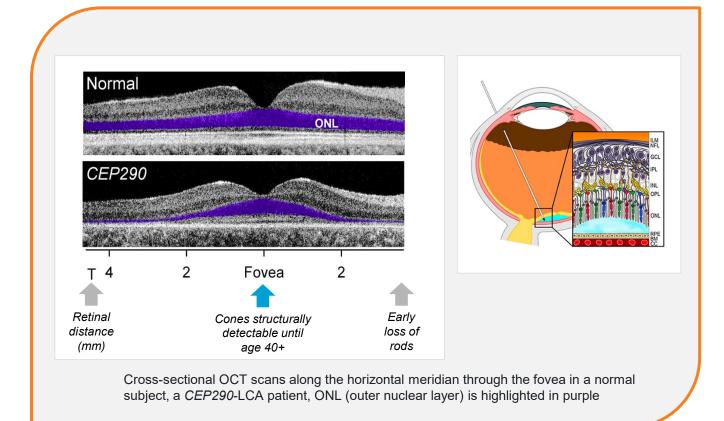


## **CEP290-Related Retinal Degeneration** A Rare Cause of Early Onset Loss of Vision



Currently No Approved Treatments for CEP290-related Retinal Degeneration

- CEP290-related retinal degeneration causes progressive vision loss/ blindness in children within the first decade of life<sup>1,2</sup>
- Autosomal recessive disease
- Disease characterized by early loss of photoreceptors in the eye
- Focal cone rich area of the retina in the area of the fovea however remains intact until adulthood, which provides the opportunity for gene correction







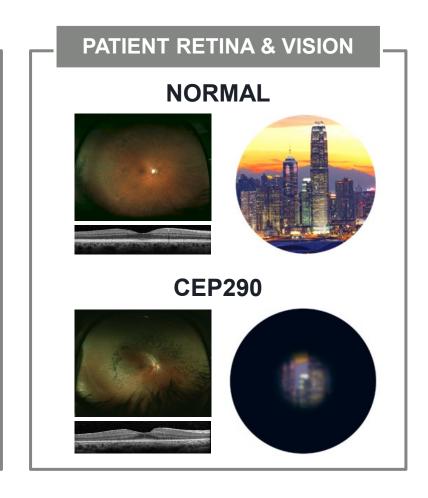
## Impact of CEP290-Related Degeneration on Patients

#### **DISEASE SYMPTOMS**

- Blindness usually diagnosed in infancy or early childhood
- Severely impaired visual acuity
- Loss of peripheral vision
- Night blindness
- Rapid, involuntary eye movements (nystagmus)

#### PATIENT IMPACT

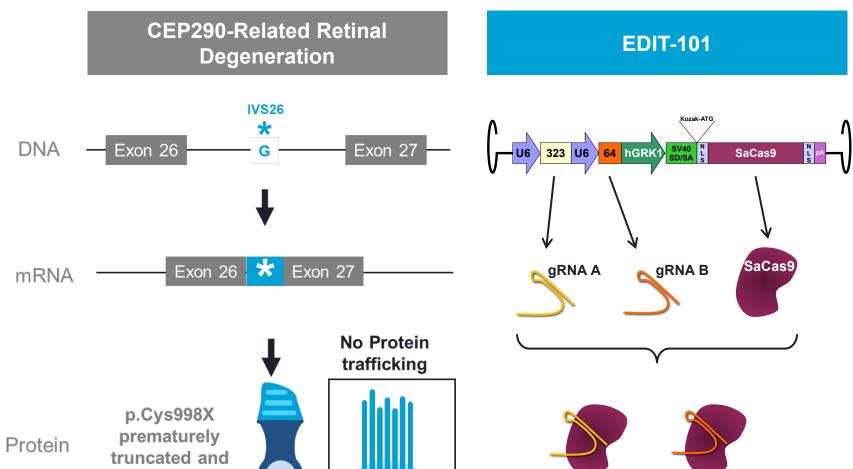
- Inability to adequately navigate enclosed spaces
- Risk of falls and injury
- Inability to be mobile or independently use public transportation
- Constrained social function
- Impaired academic performance
- Challenges with employment



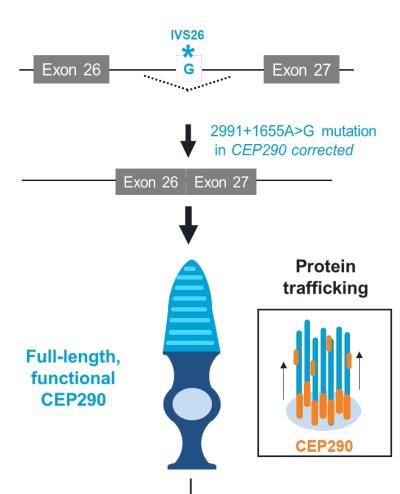


## The IVS26 Mutation in CEP290 is a Clearly Defined Target for Gene Editing





## **Gene Editing Therapeutic Concept**





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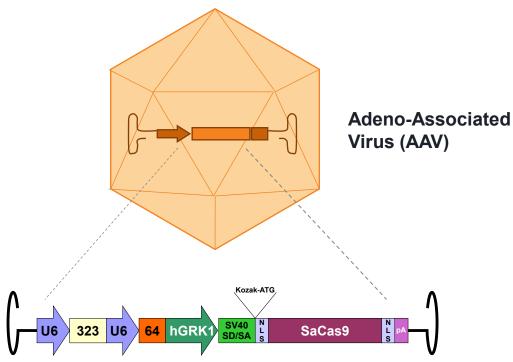
**CEP290** 

## **EDIT-101 Allows for Local Delivery of the Editing Complex** to Specifically Target the Photoreceptors to be Corrected



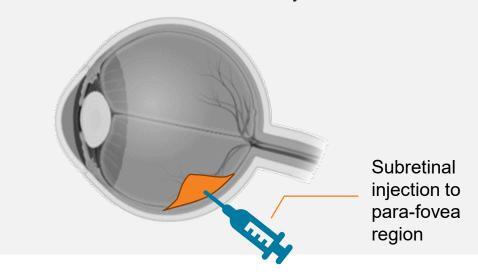
AAV5 encoding two gRNAs and SaCas9 delivered subretinally as a single administration

EDIT-101
CRISPR-Cas9 gene editing



## EDIT-101 specifically targets the part of the retina where viable photoreceptors are found

- Photoreceptor-tropic AAV5 vector
- Highly specific Guide RNAs
- Restricted Cas9 expression in Photoreceptor Cells
- Local delivery to subretinal space limits the risk of biodistribution outside of the eye







#### **Overview of Data Presentation**

Data collection cutoff date: August 4, 2021

- Safety data include all subjects in the adult low and mid dose cohorts (N=6).
- Efficacy data include all treated subjects with at least 3 months of post treatment follow-up (N=5).
- Topline efficacy data are focused on reliable and confirmed efficacy measures\* that are clinically relevant to CEP290-related retinal degeneration.
- Due to the limited number of subjects and differential follow-up, the efficacy findings are presented individually.



## **Natural History Study Assessments**

Assessment	Endpoints	Category	Reliability	Stability 1 year Follow-Up
Optical coherence tomography (OCT)	Thickness of the outer nuclear layer (ONL) and integrity of the ellipsoid zone	Anatomic	<b>?</b>	?
Pupillometry	Pupil size, pupil constriction	Physiologic	<b>Ø</b>	•
Oculomotor control and instability (OCI)	Gaze tracking	Physiologic	?	<b>?</b>
Visual acuity	logMAR measurement of best-corrected visual acuity (BCVA)	Visual Function	<b>Ø</b>	<b>Ø</b>
Full field light sensitivity threshold (FST)	Dark adapted visual sensitivity to white, red, and blue light	Visual Function	•	<b>Ø</b>
Contrast sensitivity+	LogMAR measurement of contrast sensitivity	Visual Function	?	?
Microperimetry+	Macular sensitivity	Visual Function	$\otimes$	$\otimes$
Kinetic perimetry	Visual field	Visual Function	$\otimes$	$\otimes$
Color vision+	Farnsworth 15 score	Visual Function	?	?
Quality of Life (QoL)	QoL questionnaire (CVFQ; NEI VFQ-25) Global Impressions of Change Global Impressions of Severity	Patient Reported Outcomes	•	•
Visual Function Navigation (Ora-VNC™)	Visual Function Navigation course score	Functional Vision	?**	•



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### **EDIT-101 Observations**

EDIT-101 for the treatment of CEP290-related retinal degeneration is the **first clinically investigated in vivo CRISPR gene editing therapy** 

To date, **no dose-limiting toxicities or serious adverse events** have been reported **in the six adult subjects** treated with the low and mid doses of EDIT-101

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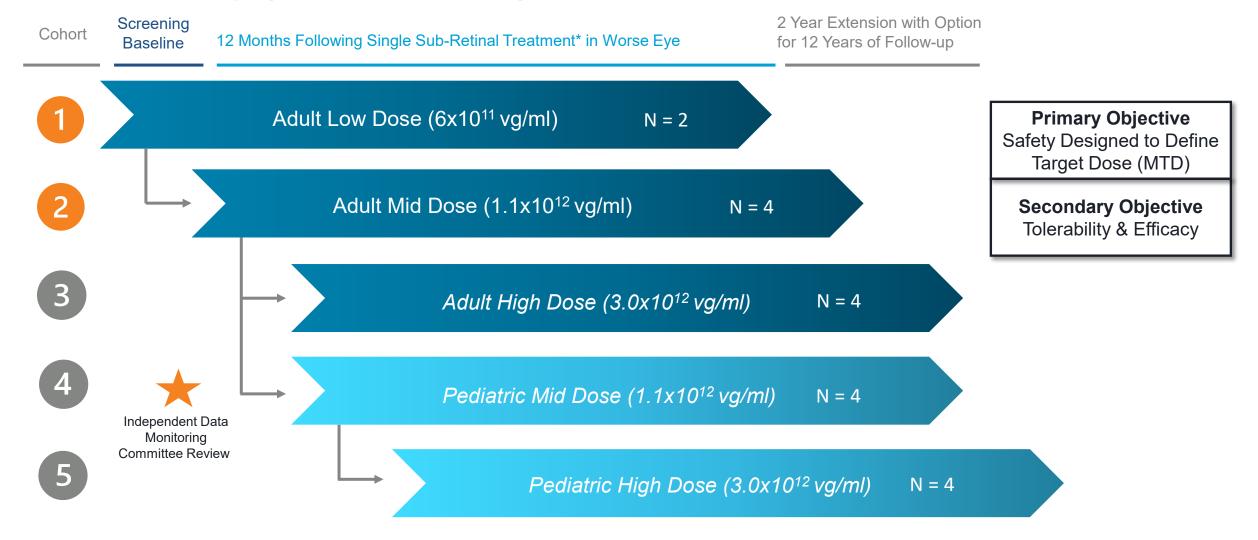


## **Brilliance Trial**





## BRILLIANCE Phase 1/2, Open-label, Single Ascending Dose Study (NCT03872479)





## **Eligibility Criteria**



#### **Key Inclusion Criteria**

- Adults aged 18 years or older in cohorts 1-3
- Pediatric and adolescent subjects aged 3 up to 17 years
- A clear genetic diagnosis of CEP290-associated retinal degeneration; being at least heterozygous for the c.2991+1655A>G mutation in CEP290

#### **Cohort 1**

Light Perception, Black White Discrimination, or White Field Projection

#### Cohort 2-5

First Subject in Each Cohort Light Perception to 1.6 logMar (20/800 Snellen)

#### Cohort 2-5

Subsequent Subjects
Light Perception
to 0.4 logMar
(20/50 Snellen)

#### **Key Exclusion Criteria**

- Other known disease-causing mutations detected in other retinal degeneration disease genes
- Able to pass the Visual Navigation Course at the highest level of difficulty
- Cataract surgery in the last 3 months
- Active ocular/intraocular infection or inflammation
- History of steroid-responsive intraocular pressure increase
- Inability or unwillingness to take oral prednisone
- Prior gene therapy or oligonucleotide treatment





### **Baseline Characteristics**

	Cohort 1		Cohort 2			
	C1-P1*	C1-P2	C2-P1	C2-P2	C2-P3	C2-P4
Age	50	42	54	20	19	63
Sex	F	M	F	M	F	F
Race/Ethnicity	Caucasian	Caucasian	Caucasian	Hispanic	Caucasian	Caucasian
Genotype	Heterozygous	Heterozygous	Homozygous	Heterozygous	Heterozygous	Heterozygous
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mutation	p.Leu482Ter: c.1445T>A	c.5587-1G>C	c.2991+1655A>G	p.Lys170Ter: c.508A>T	c.7344_7345delTT	p.Gly1890Ter: c.5668G>T
Trial Duration (months)	15	12	7	5	3	2
BCVA Study Eye (logMar)	3.5	3.9	2.7	1.4	0.6	0.9
BCVA CL Eye (logMar)	3.5	3.9	2.3	1.4	0.5	0.6

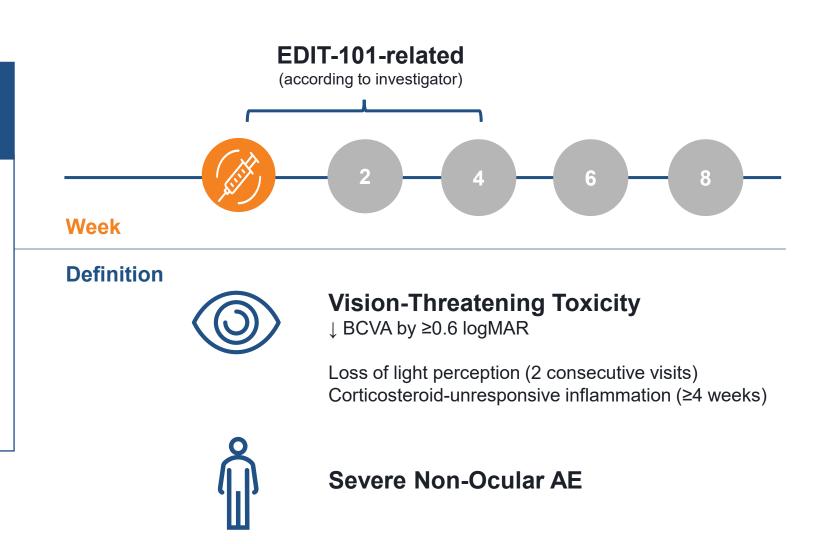


## **Assessment of Safety in Brilliance**



## **Evaluations of Safety**

- Dose-limiting toxicities (DLTs) resulting in significant vision loss
- Non-ocular AEs
- Treatment-related AEs
- Procedure-related AEs







## **Safety Summary**

- No DLTs or SAEs observed to date in first two cohorts.
- To date, no treatment-related cataracts, edema, or retinal thinning have been observed.
- Most frequently reported AE was eye pain in 4 subjects (1 low dose and 3 mid dose) related to the surgical procedure.
- Only mild cases of treatment-related inflammation have been reported.
- No Cas9-specific antibody detected.
- IDMC safety review allows enrollment of pediatric subjects into the mid dose cohort.

	Cohort 1 Adult Low Dose (n=2)	Cohort 2 Adult Mid Dose (n=4)
AEs	26 (22 Mild; 4 Moderate)	25 (23 Mild; 2 Moderate)
Ocular AEs	22 (18 Mild; 4 Moderate)	9 (9 Mild)
AEs Related to EDIT-101	8 (6 Mild; 2 Moderate)	3 (3 Mild)
Serious AEs	0	0
DLTs	0	0





## **Efficacy Assessment Overview**

Reliable and Confirmed Efficacy Measures that are Clinically Relevant to CEP290 Retinal Degeneration

Assessment	Endpoints	Category
Visual acuity	logMAR measurement of best-corrected visual acuity (BCVA)	Visual Function
Full field light sensitivity threshold (FST)	Dark adapted visual sensitivity to white, red, and blue light	Visual Function
Visual Function Navigation (Ora-VNC™)	Visual Function Navigation course score	Functional Vision



## **Visual Acuity Test**

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Best Corrected Visual Acuity (BCVA)



Able to read letters



OR)

**Unable to read letters** 

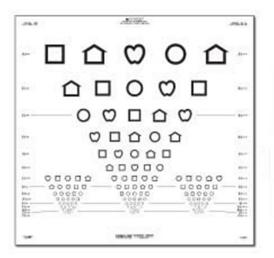


BCVA 20/800 or Worse

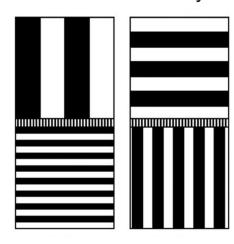
in at least one eye



Early Treatment Diabetic
Retinopathy Study (ETDRS)/
logMAR Visual acuity



**Lea Symbols 15-line Pediatric Eye Chart** 



Berkeley Rudimentary Visual Test (BRVT)



## Full Field Light Sensitivity Threshold Test (FST)

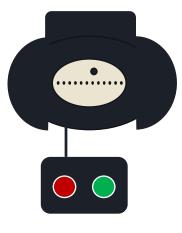




Well-established tool for testing retinal sensitivity in low vision patients



Measures the point of greatest sensitivity across the entire visual field by testing for lowest luminance flash which elicits visual sensation (visual sensitivity)





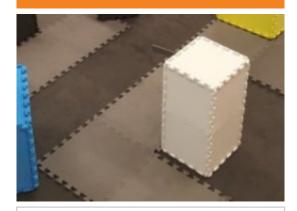
Blue, red, and white stimuli to assess rod/cone/mixed sensitivity



## **Visual Navigation Courses (VNC<sup>TM</sup>)**



LOW CONTRAST VISUAL NAVIGATION CHALLENGE (LCVNC)



Low Contrast Path Multiple Turns Numerous Obstacles 8 Illumination Levels

VNC Level Score 14 to 21

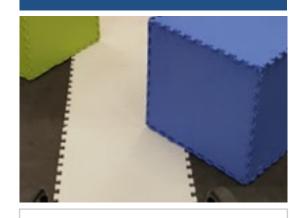
HIGH CONTRAST VISUAL NAVIGATIONS CHALLENGE (HCVNC)



High Contrast Path Wider Path with Turns High Contrast Obstacles 8 Illumination Levels

Score 6 to 13

HIGH CONTRAST ROOM EXIT (HCRE)



High Contrast Path
No Turns
High Contract Obstacles
3 Illumination Levels

Score 3 to 5

BACKLIT ROOM EXIT (BRE)



Illuminated Path
No Turns
Illuminated Obstacles
2 Illumination Levels

Score 1 to 2

Four different courses with decreasing difficulty to assess relative levels of visual function

**BETTER VISION** 

**WORSE VISION** 



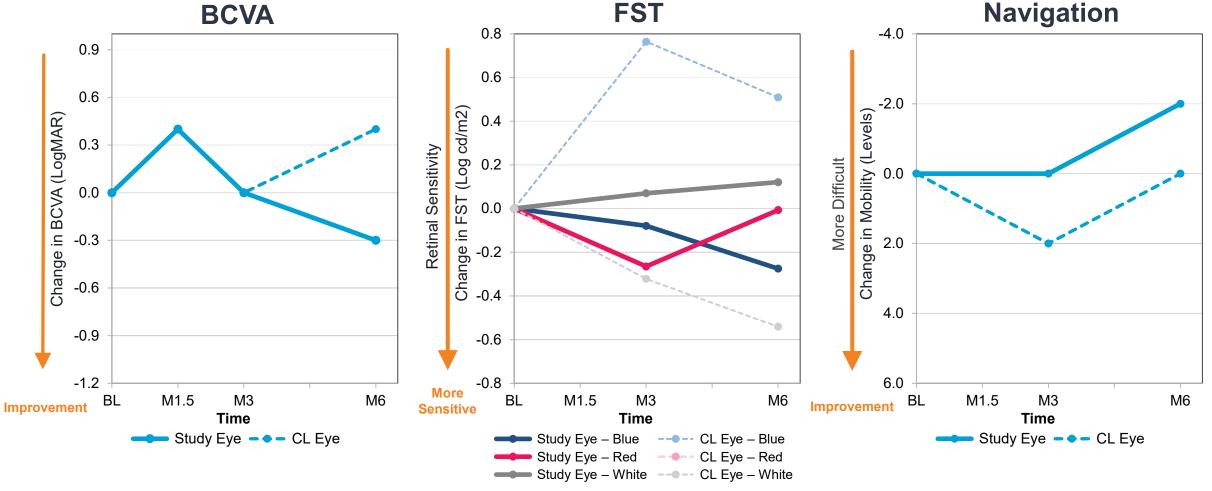
VNC™ Developed by Ora Clinical



## Cohort 1 (Low Dose) Subject 1

#### Indeterminant Changes in BCVA, FST or Visual Navigation

Efficacy data up to 6 months as patient unable to return for follow-up visits due to COVID

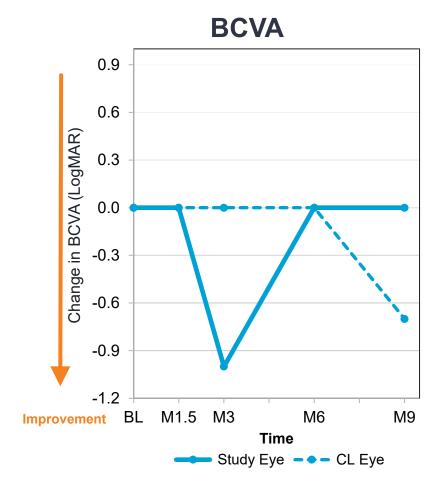


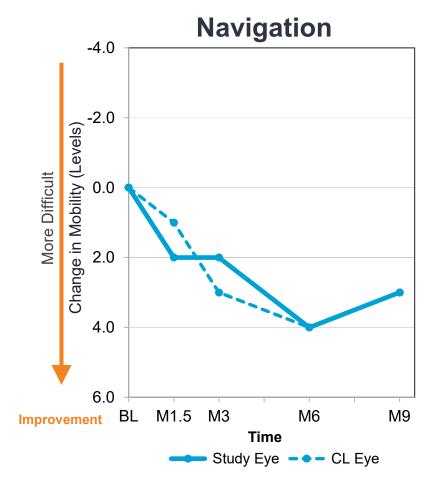




## Cohort 1 (Low Dose) Subject 2

Variable Data Outcomes for BCVA and Visual Navigation Unable to detect FST thresholds



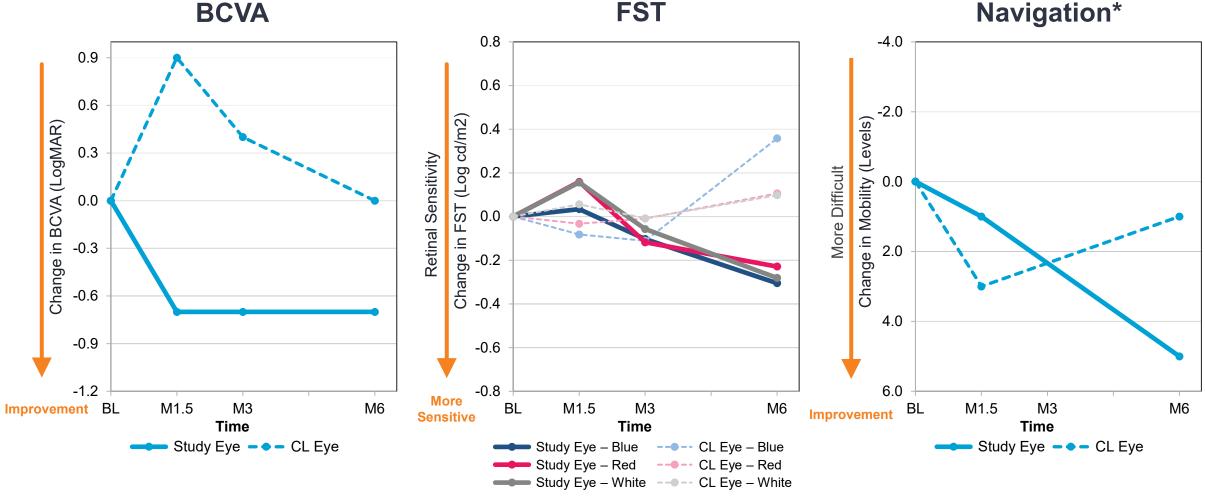




## Cohort 2 (Mid Dose) Subject 1

#### Early Signals of Productive Gene Editing and Clinical Efficacy

Early changes by month 3 with sustained or further improvements in BCVA, FST, and VNC by month 6





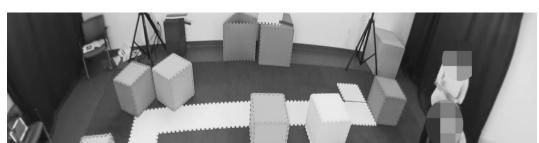
Change from baseline

## Cohort 2 (Mid Dose) Subject 1 in VNC

Fail

Improved ability to navigate visual navigation course over time in the study eye



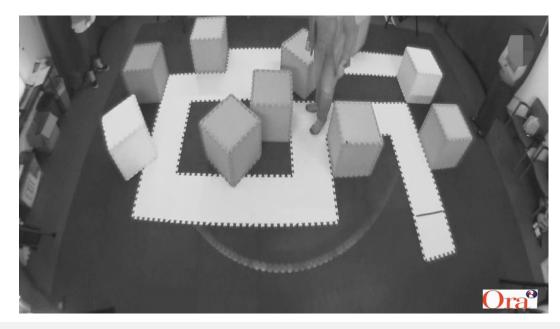






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"I can see lines more clearly now. I have been able to find things on the floor with my eyes sometimes. This is not all the time, but I have been able to notice objects on the floor more than before the treatment. I am also able to see doorways more easily at work."

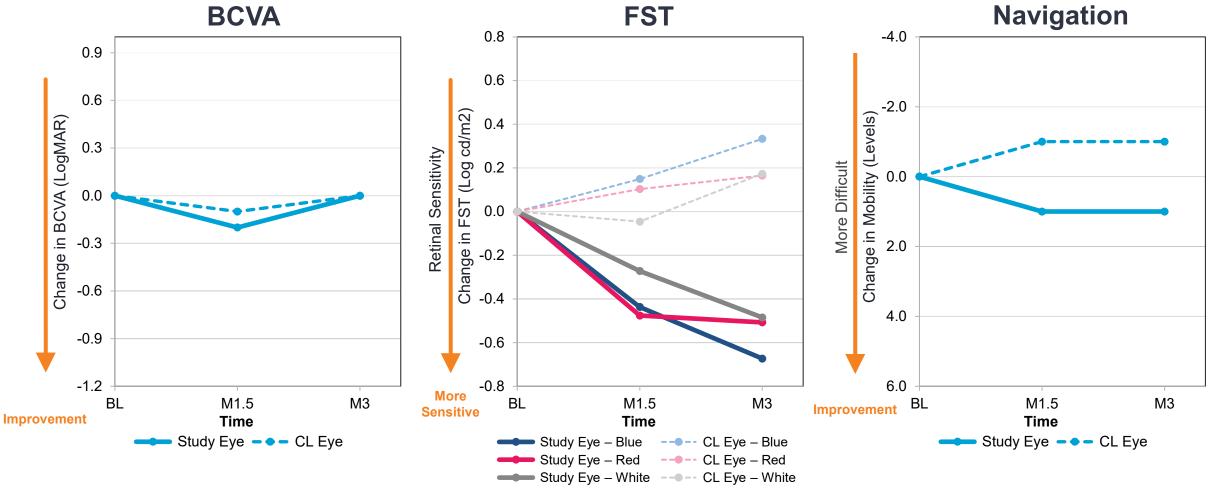




## Cohort 2 (Mid Dose) Subject 2

#### **Early Signals of Efficacy Based on FST Assessment**

Early changes by month 3 with more pronounced improvements observed in FST

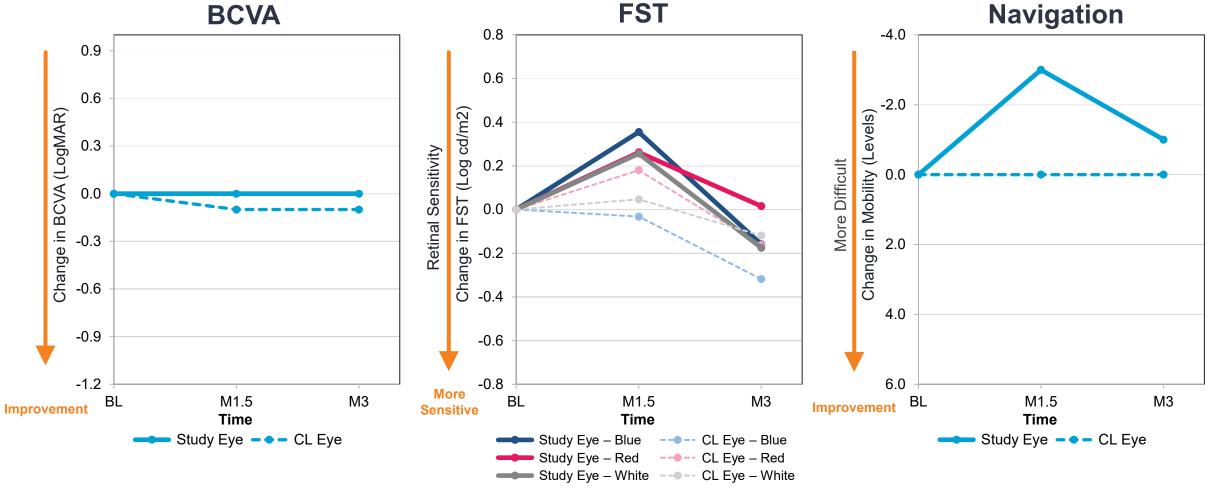






## Cohort 2 (Mid Dose) Subject 3

#### **Indeterminant Clinical Improvements Up To 3 Months**







## **Efficacy Summary**

Early analysis showed 2 of the 3 subjects in the mid dose cohort followed for up to 6 months showed efficacy signals

#### Mid Dose Cohort Subject 1

Early changes by month 3 with sustained or further improvements in BCVA, FST, and VNC by month 6

#### Mid Dose Cohort Subject 2

Early changes by month 3 with more pronounced improvements observed in FST



### Conclusion



EDIT-101 for the treatment of CEP290-related retinal degeneration is the **first** clinically investigated *in vivo* CRISPR gene editing therapy

#### SAFETY

To date, **no DLTs or serious AEs**have been reported in the first six
adult subjects treated with the low or
mid doses of EDIT-101

High dose adult cohort is currently ongoing with no DLTs or SAEs observed to date

#### **EFFICACY**

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Pediatric mid dose cohort is currently enrolling





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## **Thank You & Questions**



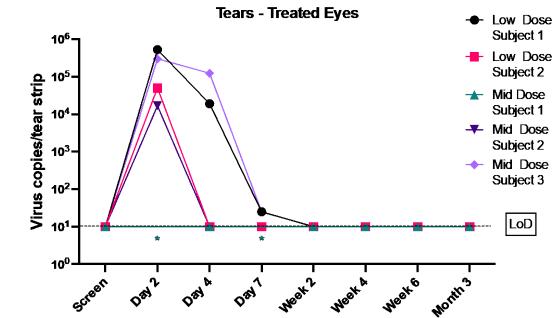
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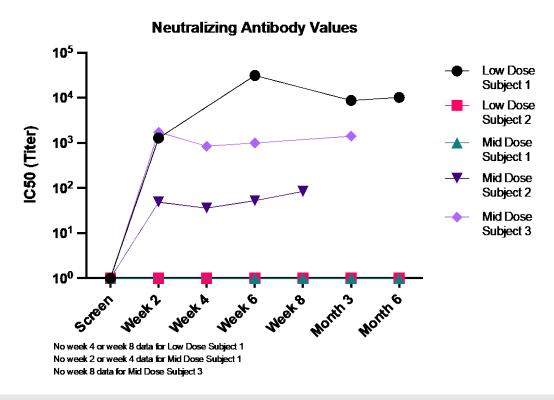
## **Viral Shedding and Neutralizing Antibodies**

#### AAV5 Viral Copy Numbers by qPCR



<sup>\*</sup> Early shedding data unable to be determined for Mid Dose Subject 1 as samples were not collected Low Dose Subject 1 Day 7 readout BLOQ

#### Plasma AAV5 Neutralizing Ab Titer



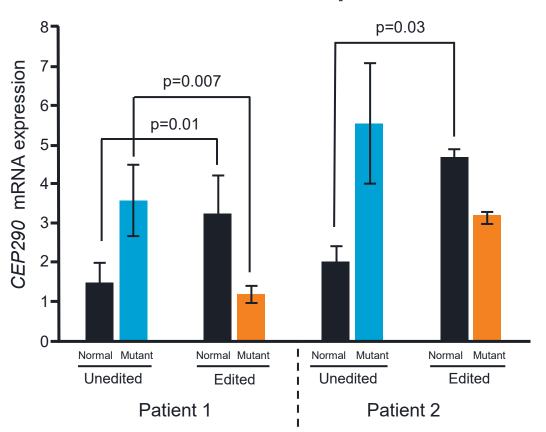
Transient viral shedding in blood and tears, approaching clearance around Day 7
No Cas9-specific antibody or T-cell response detected; AAV5-specific antibody detected in some subjects; No correlation with observed inflammation



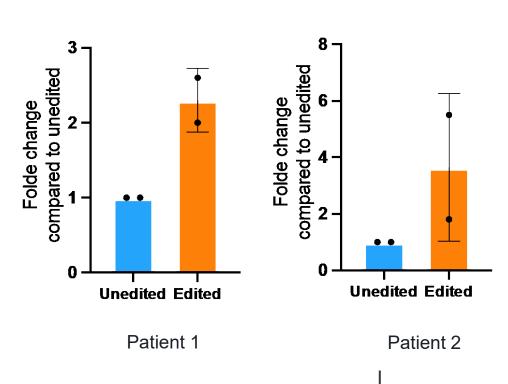


# Editing Corrects CEP290 Splicing, Restoring mRNA and Protein Expression in Fibroblasts of Patients with the 2991+1665A>G Mutation

#### CEP290 mRNA expression



#### **CEP290** protein expression

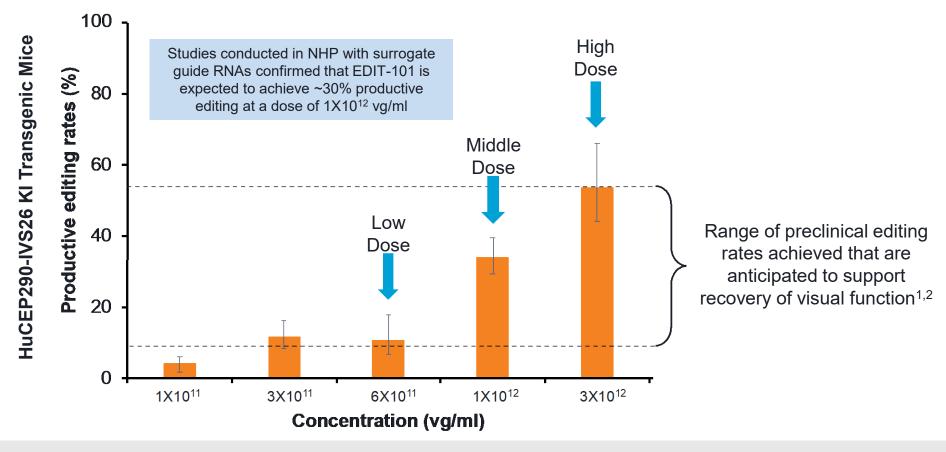






#### **Clinical EDIT-101 Dose Selection**

Based on Dose Response Studies in HuCEP290-IVS26 KI Transgenic Mice & Non-Human Primates



Comparable dose ranges in a clinical setting anticipated to have clinically meaningful and robust productive editing





### **Ocular Adverse Events**

	Cohort 1 Adult Low Dose (N=2)	Cohort 2 Adult Mid Dose (N=4)
Eye Pain	1 (50%)	3 (75%)
Photophobia	1 (50%)	0
Conjunctival Hyperemia	1 (50%)	0
Conjunctival Edema	1 (50%)	0
Conjunctival Hemmorhage	1 (50%)	0
Eye Pruritus	1 (50%)	0
Retinal Tear	0	2 (50%)
Hypotony of Eye	1 (50%)	0
Retinal Hemorrhage	0	1 (25%)
Subretinal Fluid	1 (50%)	0
Lens Subluxation	1 (50%)	0
Anterior Chamber Inflammation	1 (50%)	1 (25%)
Anterior Chamber Cell	1 (50%)	0
Vitreal Cell	1 (50%)	0
Subretinal Infiltrates/RPE Disruption	1 (50%)	0

Most reported AEs were mild and related to the surgical procedures and subretinal injection associated with EDIT-101 administration

