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FORM 6-K

**REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the month of August 2023

Commission File No. 001-39621

OPTHEA LIMITED

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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(Address of registrant's principal executive office)

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Yes No

EXHIBIT INDEX

| <u>Exhibit</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|----------------|---|
| 99.1 | Press Release - ASRS Presentation 2023 - PK and safety of sozinibercept (OPT-302) |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

OPTHEA LIMITED

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Date: 8/1/2023

Population Pharmacokinetics and Safety of sozinibercept (OPT-302), an anti-VEGF-C/-D 'trap' in Patients with Retinal Vascular Diseases

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Disclosures

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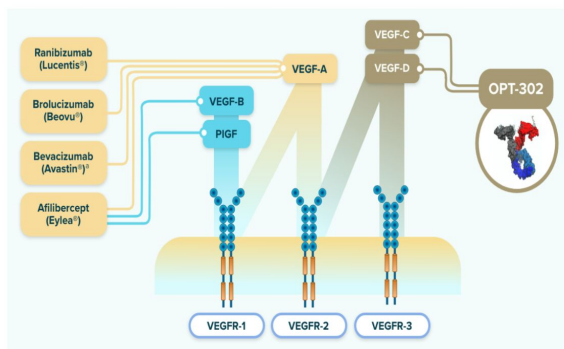
- Adverum (C), Gemini, Genentech, Inc., Iveric Bio, NGM, Opthea (C), Regeneron, Regenxbio

- This presentation will discuss IRB/IEC approved research of an investigational product.

(C): Consultant; (S): Stock/shareholder; (R): Grants/Research Support

Sozinibercept (OPT-302): A novel “Trap” Inhibitor of VEGF-C/-D

When used in combination is complementary/agnostic with anti-VEGF-A molecule used



| | Sozinibercept (OPT-302) |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Molecule type | 'Trap' fusion protein |
| Structure | |
| MW | 140 kDa |
| Dose | 2 mg |
| IVT injection volume | 0.05 mL |
| VEGF-A inhibition | NO |
| VEGF-C/-D inhibition | YES |

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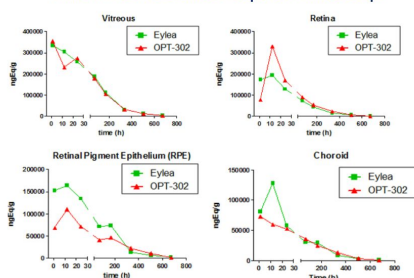
| | LUCENTIS Ranibizumab Injections | EYLEA (aflibercept) Injections for neovascular macular degeneration |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Antibody fragment | | 'Trap' fusion protein |
| MW | 48 kDa | 115 kDa |
| Dose | 0.5 mg | 2 mg |
| IVT injection volume | 0.05 mL | 0.05 mL |
| VEGF-A inhibition | YES | YES |
| VEGF-C/-D inhibition | NO | NO |

OPT-302 can also be potentially combined with Bevacizumab, Faricimab, Biosimilars, HD Eylea

- In combination with any VEGF-A inhibitor, Sozinibercept (OPT-302) **completely blocks** VEGFR-2 and VEGFR-3 signaling, inhibiting the most important pathways driving angiogenesis and vascular leakage

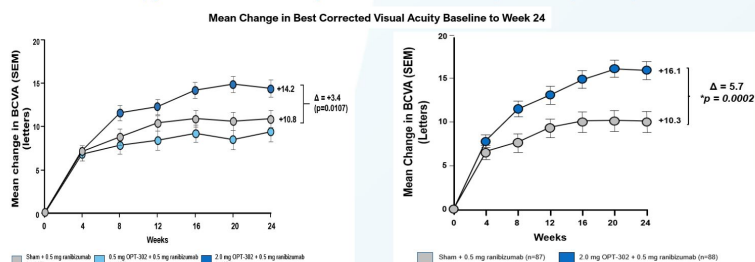
Sozinibercept (OPT-302) combination therapy for retinal vascular diseases

Similar ocular biodistribution & PK of intravitreal Sozinibercept to Aflibercept



[¹²⁵I]OPT-302, or [¹²⁵I]aflibercept IVT injection of 500 µg/eye (rabbit)

Superiority in BCVA gains with Sozinibercept (2 mg) combination therapy vs anti-VEGF-A monotherapy in Phase 2b study of treatment naïve patients (n=366) with nAMD



Additional +3.4 letter gain ($p=0.0107$) over ranibizumab in total population

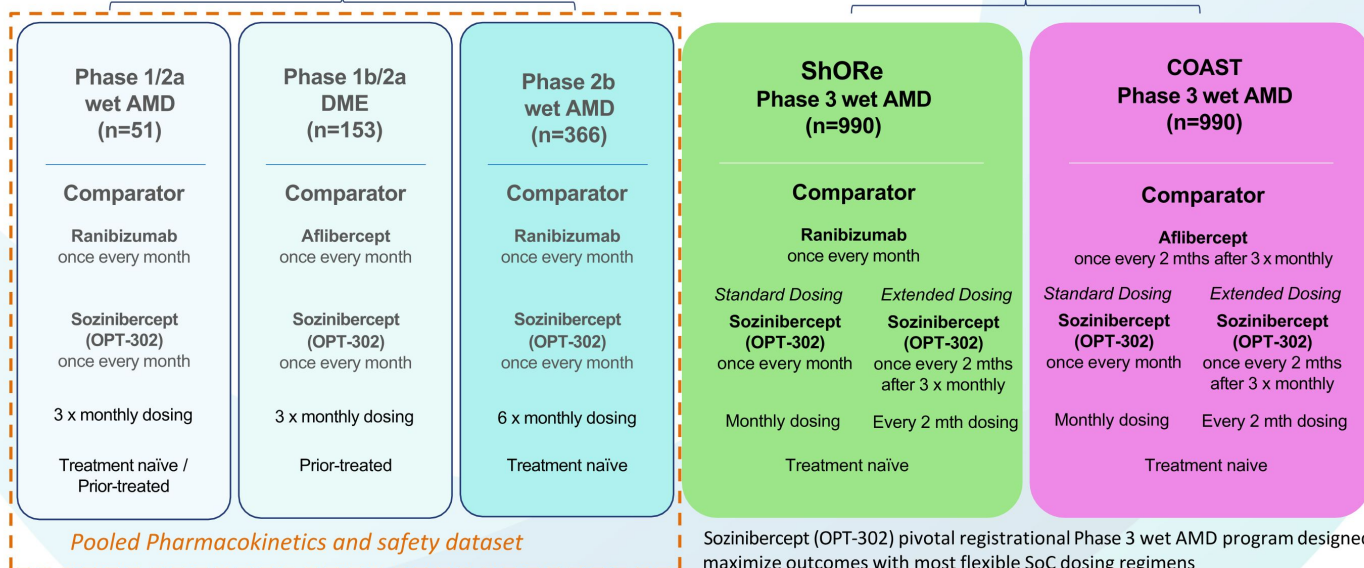
Additional +5.7 letter gain in high responder subgroup (minimally classic & occult lesions)

- Currently two ongoing global pivotal registrational Phase 3 studies in wet AMD
- Analysis of OPT-302 serum pharmacokinetics (PK) of completed studies is important for interpreting safety and efficacy results and informing dosing for phase III trials
- A population PK model and pooled data analysis from clinical studies in patients with wet AMD and DME were used to describe PK parameters and safety following intravitreal (IVT) OPT-302 administration

Sozinibercept (OPT-302) Combination Therapy Clinical Program

Completed

Now Recruiting



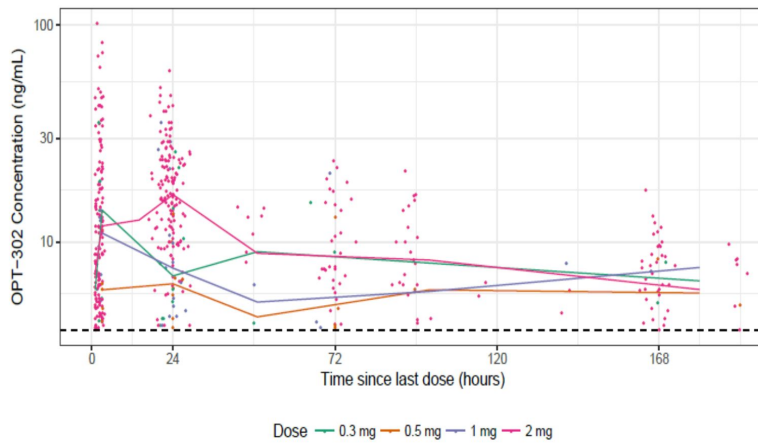
Exposure and demographics of pooled PK / safety dataset

Pooled data from a total of 1,853 intravitreal injections of sozinibercept (OPT-302: 0.3, 0.5, 1 or 2 mg)

- includes 1,130 IVT injections of 2.0 mg OPT-302
- PK samples in human serum were mostly collected at pre-dose, then ≥ 1 to 168 hours post-dose
- The PK bioanalytical method used a ELISA assay for determination of total OPT-302 serum concentrations (VEGF-C and -D bound and free OPT-302), the lower limit of quantitation of the assay was 3.91 ng/mL

| | Age (years) | Weight (kg) | BMI (kg ² /m ²) | CrCL (mL/min) | eGFR (ml/min/1.73m ²) | Sex | Race | Pr Tx | Disease |
|--------|----------------|----------------|---|------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| N | 394 | 394 | 394 | 394 | 394 | Male: 176 | White: 375 | No: 265 | nAMD: 291 |
| Mean | 73.8 | 78.4 | 28.6 | 81.1 | 77.8 | (44.7%) | (95.2%) | (67.3%) | (73.9%) |
| SD | 11.3 | 18.4 | 5.58 | 40.4 | 26 | Female: 218 | Black: 10 | Yes: 129 | DME: 103 |
| CV% | 15.3 | 23.5 | 19.5 | 49.9 | 33.4 | (55.3%) | (2.5%) | (32.7%) | (26.1%) |
| Median | 76 | 75 | 27.9 | 72.6 | 76.8 | | Asian: 1 | | |
| Min | 39 | 47 | 18.8 | 17.7 | 18.5 | | (0.3%) | | |
| Max | 95 | 178 | 61.6 | 318 | 178 | | Other: 8 | | |
| | | | | | | | (2%) | | |

Sozinibercept (OPT-302) systemic PK profile & noncompartmental parameters



The solid lines show the median, with the filled circles representing the observed data, dashed black line = LLOQ (3.9 ng/mL). Plots truncated at 180 hours post-dose. Data below the LLOQ (3.9 ng/mL) excluded. Y-axis on log-scale.

Pooled systemic serum PK data:

- C_{max} ~20 ng/mL [4 - 83]
- T_{max} ~30 hrs [1.8 - 96]
- $T_{1/2}$ ~7 days [2 -12]

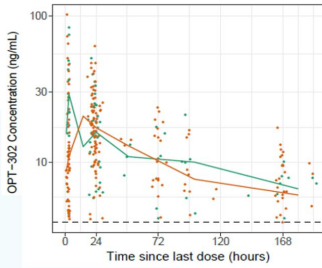
The majority of the PK data for OPT-302 was collected following an IVT dose of 2 mg, where serum (C_{max}) occurs ~30 hours after administration. Quantifiable concentrations remained in some subjects at 168 hours post-dose.

The interpretation of linear kinetics across dose range studied is challenging given the limited data from low dose groups ≤ 1 mg due to BLQ.

Sozinibercept (OPT-302) PK profiles by:

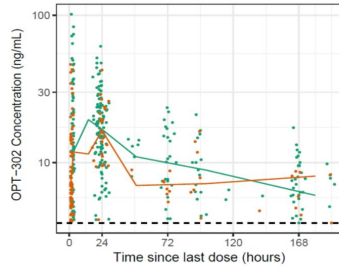
(A) ranibizumab co-therapy (nAMD); or (B) disease indication, nAMD vs DME; or (C) age group; or (D) renal impairment classification

(A) ± ranibizumab co-therapy (nAMD)



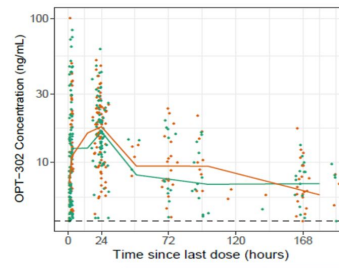
Disease — AMD — DME

(B) nAMD vs DME



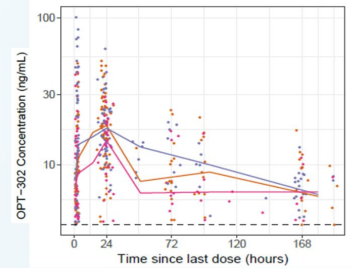
Co-administered with Ranibizumab — No — Yes

(C) age group



Age Group — < 75 years — ≥ 75 years

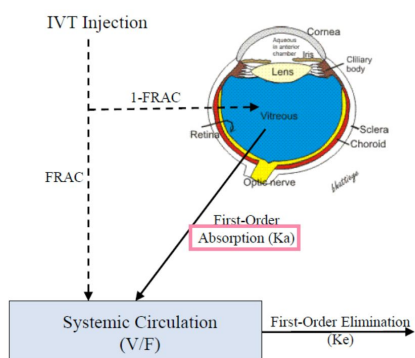
(D) renal impairment



Severe RI (<30 ml/min) — Moderate RI (30 - <60 ml/min)
Mild RI (60 - <90 ml/min) — Normal (>= 90 ml/min)

No evidence of altered sozinibercept (OPT-302) PK by co-variates, as the profiles are comparable irrespective of (A) ranibizumab co-administration or (B) disease indication or (C) Age or (D) renal impairment classification

Vitreous Parameter Estimates from sozinibercept (OPT-302) Population PK Model



| Parameter | Estimate (% RSE) | 95% CI |
|---|------------------|-----------------|
| Elimination $t_{1/2}$ (days) | 0.145 (12.8) | 0.113 – 0.189 |
| Volume of Distribution (V/F, L) | 3.52 (15.9) | 2.65 – 4.96 |
| Absorption $t_{1/2}$ (days) | 4.64 (10.5) | 3.62 – 5.78 |
| Fraction absorbed directly into systemic circulation (%) [‡] | 6.94 (12.8) | 3.10 - 12.1 |
| Between subject variability on elimination $t_{1/2}$ (%CV) | 26.4 (36.6) | 0.26 – 44.3 |
| Between subject variability on V/F (%CV) | 50.3 (13.5) | 36.4 – 67.0 |
| Between subject variability on FRAC (variance) [‡] | 0.342 (47.7) | 3.42E-05 – 1.57 |
| Between occasion variability on absorption $t_{1/2}$ (%CV) | 40.7 (19.3) | 24.5 – 56.1 |
| Residual unexplained variability (proportional, %CV) | 43.5 (10.7) | 31.6 – 53.4 |
| Residual unexplained variability (additive SD, ng/mL) | 1.63 (13.9) | 1.10 - 2.27 |

[†]V/F = $3.2 \cdot (1 - 0.391)^{\text{SEX}}$, where SEX = 0 for males and 1 for females. [‡]FRAC = $\exp(-2.596 + \eta) / (1 + \exp(-2.596 + \eta))$, where η followed a normal distribution with a mean of zero and a variance of 0.342. 95% CI from bootstrap analysis of 1000 samples.

The PK model retained the single distribution compartment and linear elimination. Absorption from the vitreous space was described by a first-order process. During selected dosing occasions, a small fraction, (=7%) of the administered OPT-302 bypassed the vitreous compartment into the systemic circulation. This phenomena has previously been described for IVT ranibizumab using a population PK approach. The absorption of OPT-302 was the rate-limiting step, with the PK of OPT-302 via IVT administration described by 'flip-flop' kinetics. The model assumes no clearance of OPT-302 in the vitreous compartment. The M3 method was used during estimation given the BLQ data.

Pooled safety for completed sozinibercept (OPT-302) Trials

Combination therapy well-tolerated and comparable to standard of care monotherapy

| N Participants (%) | OPT-302 Any dose* N=399 (N=1,842 injections) | OPT-302 2.0 mg N=263 (N=1,121 injections) | Sham + anti-VEGF-A control N=169 (N=854 injections) |
|--|---|--|--|
| Ocular TEAEs - Study Eye – related to study product(s) | 41 (10.2%) | 22 (8.4%) | 20 (11.8%) |
| Ocular TEAEs - Study Eye – Severe | 4 (1.0%) | 2 (0.8%) | 2 (1.2%) |
| Intraocular inflammation – Study Eye | 7 ^{1,2,3} (1.8%) | 3 ¹ (1.1%) | 3 ¹ (1.8%) |
| Participants with AEs leading to treatment discontinuation | 4 ^{2,4-6} (1.0%) | 1 ⁴ (0.4%) | 2 ^{7,8} (1.2%) |
| Any APTC event | 4 ^{4,5,9,10} (1.0%) | 3 ^{5,9,10} (1.1%) | 2 ^{11,12} (1.2%) |
| Deaths | 2 ^{10,13} (0.5%) | 2 ^{10,13} (0.8%) | 2 ^{14,15} (1.2%) |

¹Transient anterior chamber cell (trace 1-4 cells); ²SAE of endophthalmitis, with AE's of hypopyon and anterior chamber cell (n=1; 0.5 mg); ³SAE of vitritis (n=1; 0.5 mg); ⁴Non-fatal myocardial infarction; ⁵Cerebrovascular accident; ⁶Enteritis; ⁷Abdominal pain; ⁸Increased IOP; ⁹Non-fatal angina pectoris; ¹⁰Fatal congestive heart failure/myocardial infarction; ¹¹Non-fatal arterial embolism; ¹²Embolic stroke; ¹³Metastatic ovarian cancer; ¹⁴Pneumonia; ¹⁵infective endocarditis

* Any dose (OPT-302 0.3 mg, 0.5 mg, 1 mg or 2 mg)

Phase 3 trials of Sozinibercept (OPT-302) Combination therapy (ongoing)

ShORE

Study of OPT-302 in combination with Ranibizumab

Treatment naïve wet AMD patients

Randomised 1:1:1 (n=990)

Ranibizumab (0.5 mg) q4w + OPT-302 (2 mg) q4w

Ranibizumab (0.5 mg) q4w + OPT-302 (2 mg) q4w x 3; then q8w

Ranibizumab (0.5 mg) q4w + Sham q4w

Key Inclusion Criteria

- Active CNV $\geq 50\%$ lesion, classic / minimally classic / occult
- BCVA between 25 & 60 letters (20/63 – 20/320)

Key Exclusion Criteria

- Subfoveal fibrosis or $>25\%$ of total lesion
- Haemorrhage $>50\%$ total lesion
- Other clinically significant ocular disease

COAST

Combination OPT-302 with Aflibercept Study

Treatment naïve wet AMD patients

Randomised 1:1:1 (n=990)

Aflibercept (2 mg) q4w x 3; then q8w + OPT-302 (2 mg) q4w

Aflibercept (2 mg) q4w x 3; then q8w + OPT-302 (2.0 mg) q4w x 3; then q8w

Aflibercept (2 mg) q4w x 3; then q8w + Sham q4w

Primary Efficacy Endpoint
Mean change from Baseline in ETDRS BCVA letters at Week 52

Continued dosing through Year 2 safety follow-up
Final Assessment at Week 100

• Design: Multi-centre, double-masked, randomised (1:1:1), sham control
• Regulatory quality: 90% power, 5% type I error rate

• Sham administered at visits when OPT-302 is not administered

Summary: Sozinibercept (OPT-302) pooled PK and safety

- The PK profiles of intravitreal sozinibercept (OPT-302) from completed studies in patients with nAMD and DME indicated:
 - low systemic exposure
 - within one week drug levels were mostly no longer detectable in serum
 - estimated vitreous absorption half-life was ~4.6 days [95% CI 3.6-5.8] comparable to other IVT biologics
 - the PK profile was unaltered by anti-VEGF-A co-therapy, disease indication (nAMD vs DME), age or renal function
- Pooled safety analysis shows sozinibercept (OPT-302) combination therapy has a favourable safety and tolerability profile
 - comparable to standard of care anti-VEGF-A monotherapy
- Promising treatment option for wet AMD currently in two pivotal registrational Phase 3 studies
 - pooled PK and safety data support ShORe and COAST dosing regimens of 2 mg sozinibercept q4w or q8w following 3 loading doses