



New Approaches to the Treatment of Vitreomacular Interface Disorders


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Vitreoretinal Interface Pathology




- Proliferative diabetic retinopathy (PDR)
- Proliferative vitreoretinopathy (PVR)
- Macular pucker & Macular hole
- Diabetic macular edema (DME)
- Vitreo-macular traction syndrome (VMT)
- Exudative age-related macular degeneration (AMD) ?

Background



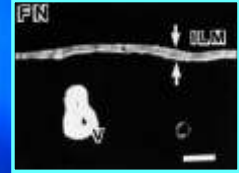
- **Vitrectomy** is the current treatment vitreoretinal interface pathology
 - Vitreomacular traction syndrome
 - Macular hole
- **Pharmacologic vitreolysis** using microplasmin has demonstrated potential to induce PVD

Vitreous is an Ideal Matrix For Manipulation With Enzymes



- Rapid **diffusion** of drugs
- It's mostly **water**
- Has relatively few molecular components
- It's relatively **acellular**

The Vitreoretinal Interface

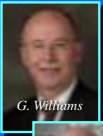


ILM Stain for Fibronectin

- Vitreous adhesion to ILM is mediated by:
 - **Fibronectin**
 - **Laminin**
 - **Chondroitin**
 - **Glycoconjugates**

G. A. Williams, MD

Plasmin



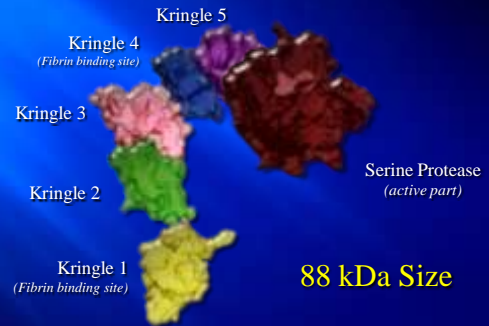
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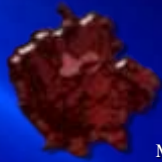
M. Trese

- Hydrolyzing **laminin and fibronectin** which bridge collagen fibers between the posterior vitreous cortex and the ILM
- Trese and Williams developed **autologous plasmin** method
- Induces PVD, especially in young patients, dose and duration dependent
- Cumbersome preparation using patients serum

Structure of Human Plasmin



Structure of Microplasmin



Microplasmin

29 kDa Size

Ocriplasmin



Protein
Ribbon Structure

- Generic name for microplasmin
- Lacks inactive kringle domains
- Direct-acting thrombolytic** (unlike plasminogen activator)
- Smaller molecule, allows better retinal penetration
- Recombinant technology**
- Induces PVD with single 75µg or 125µg injection

Microplasmin Induced PVD



ThromboGenics

Leuven, Belgium – Dublin, Ireland – New York NY



The MIVI Trials

“Microplasmin for Vitreous Injection”

MIVI III ~ Clinical Centers

19 Centers

Data Monitoring Board

- Julia Haller, MD
- William Mieler, MD
- Lloyd-Paul Aiello, MD PhD

MIVI III ~ Study Design

125 Patients without PVD Scheduled for Vitrectomy

- Phase IIb randomized, placebo-controlled, double-masked, parallel-group, dose-ranging US study
- Pars plana vitrectomy 7 days after injection
- Primary analysis after 35 days (full follow-up at 6 months)

MIVI III ~ Primary Endpoint

Posterior Vitreous Detachment

- Assessed by a masked surgeon at the beginning of vitrectomy
- *If vitrectomy not performed:* Based on investigator assessment of OCT or B-Scan

MIVI III ~ Secondary Endpoints

Avoidance of Surgery

- V-M traction resolution
- Macular hole closure

Safety

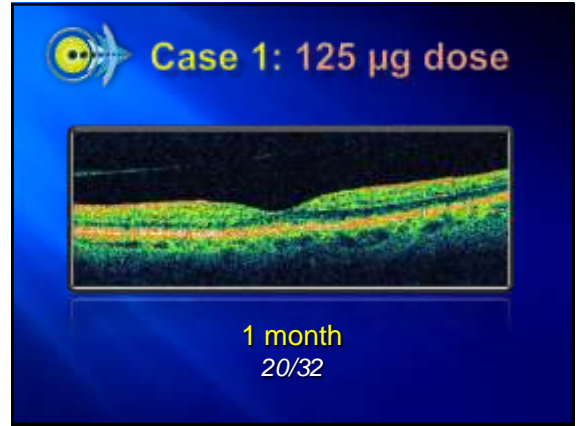
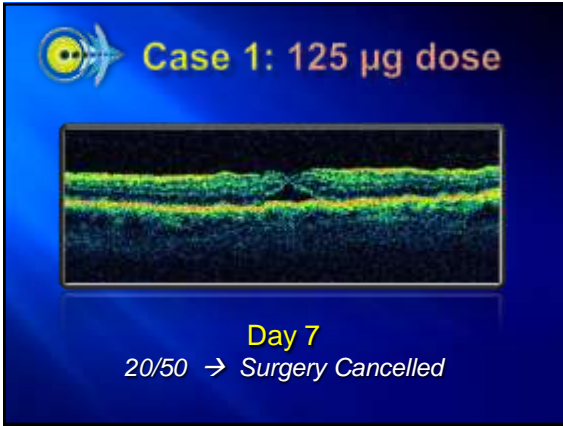
- Endophthalmitis
- Uveitis
- Retinal tears
- Vision

Clinical Case

Case 1: 125 µg dose

Pre-injection - Baseline

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A Placebo-Controlled Trial of Microplasmin Intravitreal Injection to Facilitate Posterior Vitreous Detachment before Vitrectomy

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- Rate of total PVD noted at time of surgery:**
Placebo – 10% vs. Microplasmin 125µg – 31%
- VMT resolution at 35 days precluding need for surgery:**
Placebo – 3% vs. Microplasmin 125µg – 31%
- Macular hole closed without surgery at 35 days:**
Placebo – 0% vs. Microplasmin 125µg – 35%

MIVI-TRUST

Traction Release without Surgical Treatment

- Design:** Randomized, placebo-injection controlled, double-masked trial (same for both studies)
- Population:** Symptomatic fVMA (Patients with VMT or macular holes < 400 µm)
- Allocation:** Microplasmin 125µg intravitreal injection vs. placebo (vehicle*) injection
 - 2:1: MIVI – 006 (US)
 - 3:1: MIVI – 007 (US & Europe)
- Follow-Up:** 6 months

*Vehicle = Mannitol 3.75 mg/mL, Citric Acid Monohydrate 1.051 mg/mL

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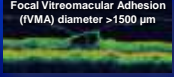
Traction Release without Surgical Treatment

- Primary endpoint (MIVI-006 & -007):**
 - Nonsurgical resolution of fVMA by Day 28 (determined by Central Reading Center [CRC])
- Key Secondary endpoints (MIVI-006 & -007):**
 - Proportion of patients with total posterior vitreous detachment (PVD) at Day 28 (determined by ultrasound by investigators)
 - Proportion of patients with nonsurgical closure of macular hole (determined by CRC)

MIVI-006: Baseline Macular Disease

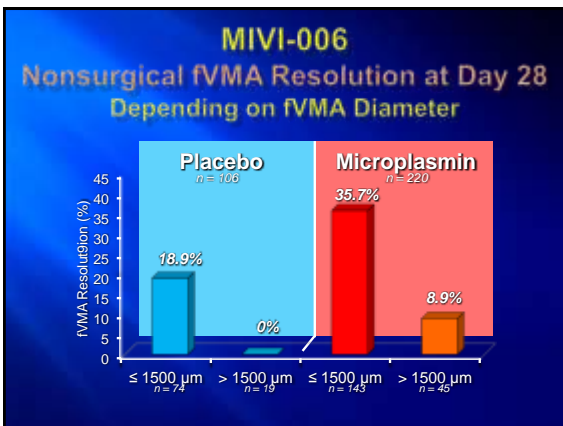
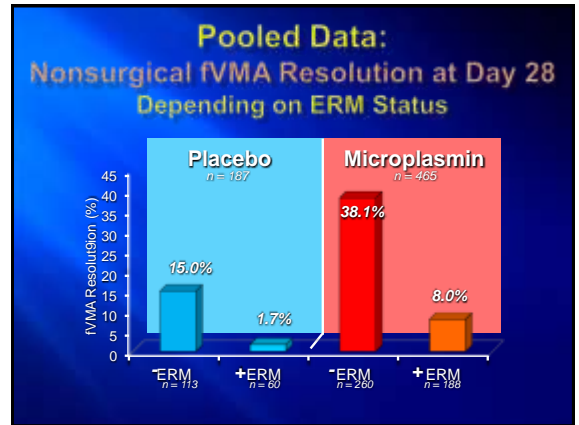
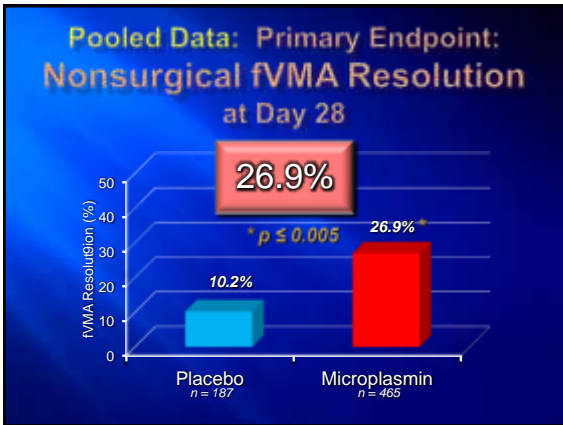
Macular Condition	Placebo (n=106)	Microplasmin (n=220)
Vitreo-Macular Traction	74 (69.8%)	163 (74.1%)
Full Thickness Macular Hole	32 (30.2%)	57 (25.9%)

MIVI-006: Other Ocular Characteristics

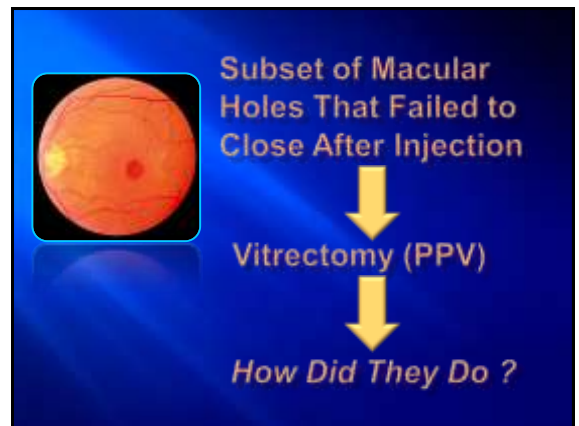
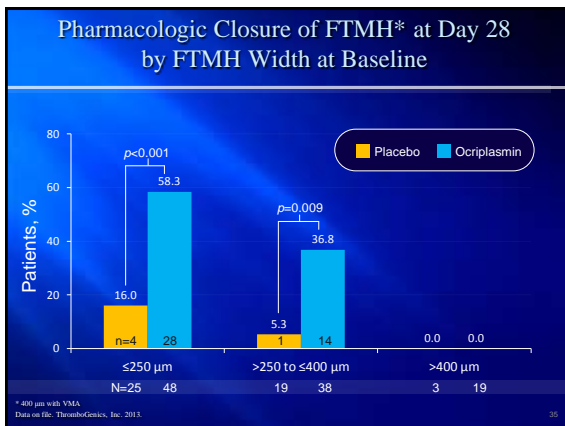
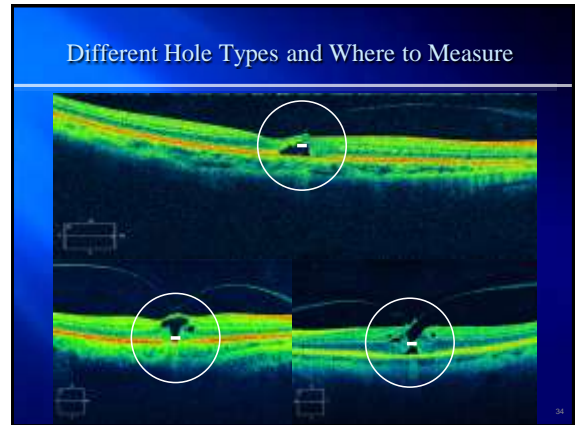
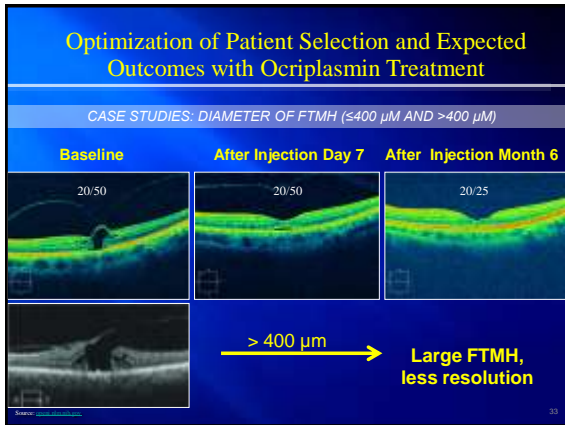
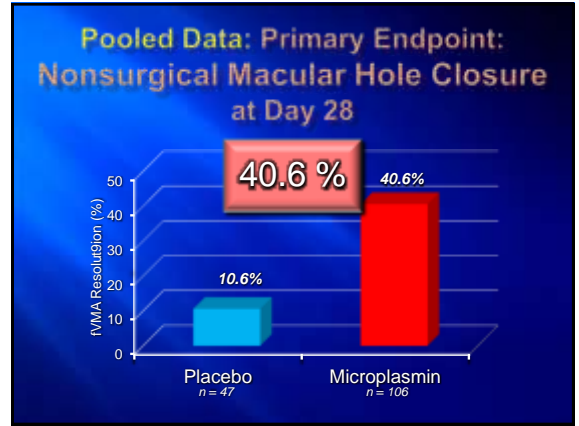
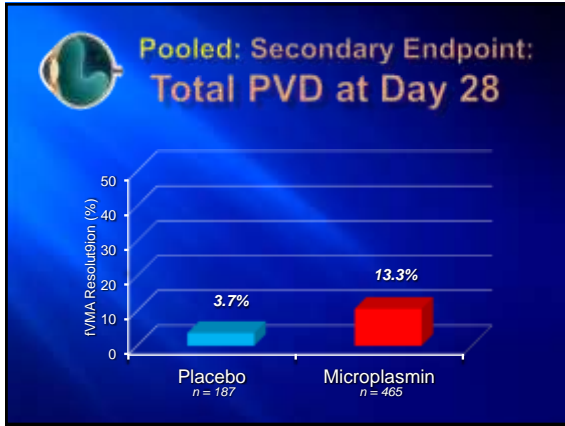
Ocular Characteristic	Placebo (n=106)	Microplasmin (n=220)
 Epi-retinal Membrane	34 (32.1%)	87 (39.7%)
 Focal Vitreomacular Adhesion (IVMA) diameter >1500 μm	19 (17.9%)	47 (21.4%)

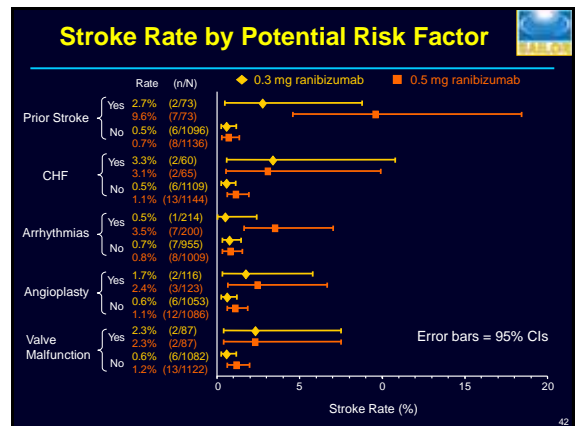
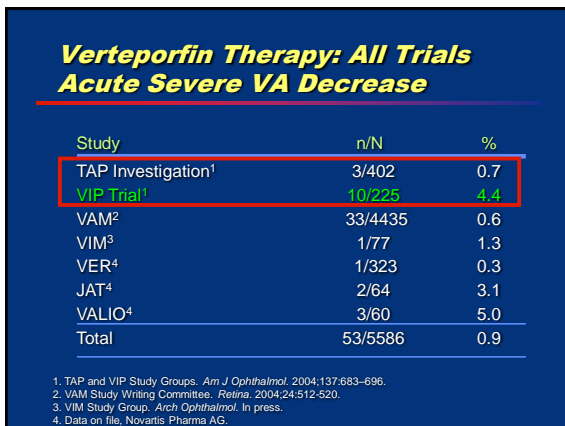
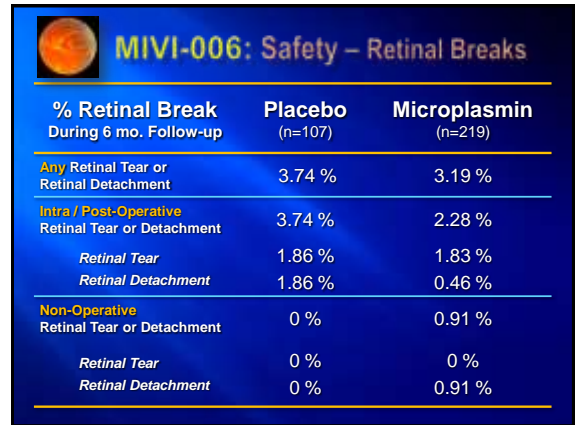
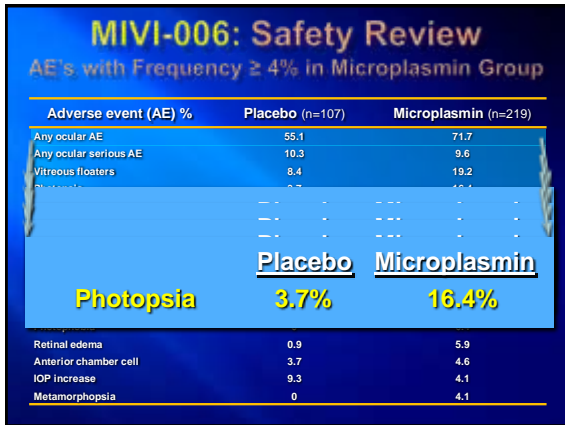
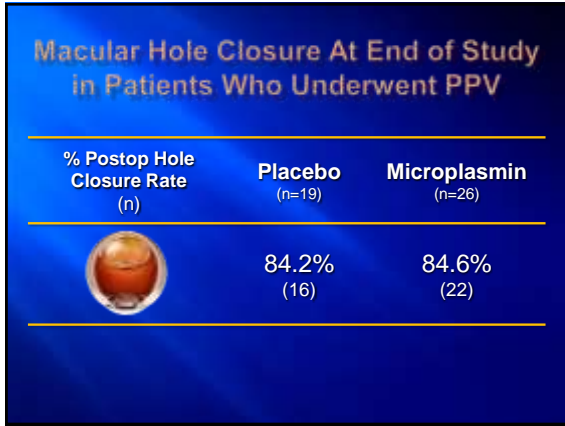


Primary Efficacy Analysis



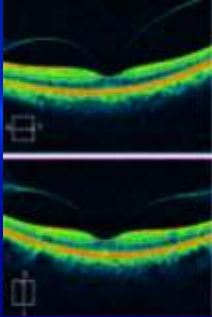

MIVI-006 & MIVI-007 Key Secondary Endpoints





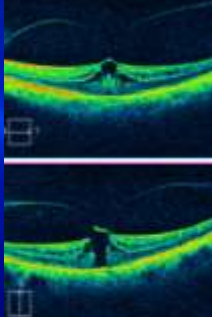
Clinical Case
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- 20/25 OS
- 1+ NS

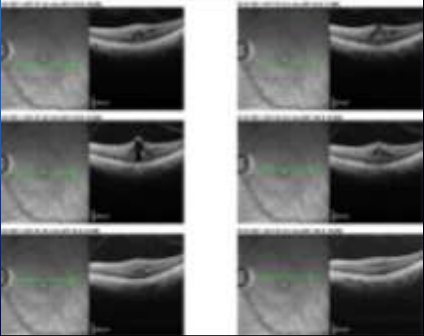


April 3, 2013

- Vision 20/100
- Scheduled Jetrea

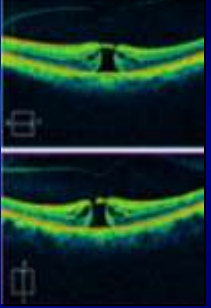


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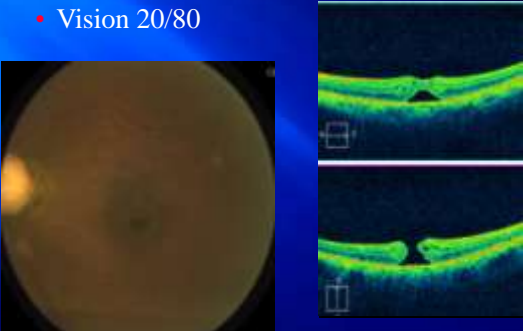
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- Vision 20/150
- “Kaleidoscope”
- No holes/tears with SD 360deg



April 24, 2013

- Vision 20/80

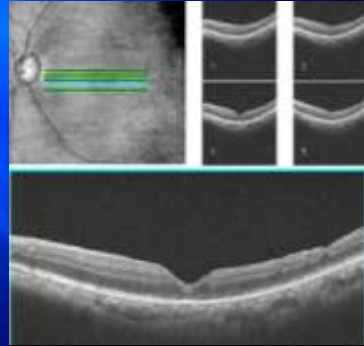


Scleral depression

- Large horseshoe tear 4:00 with SRF
- Plan: vitrectomy/EL/GFX/ILM peeling

Vitrectomy April 26, 2013

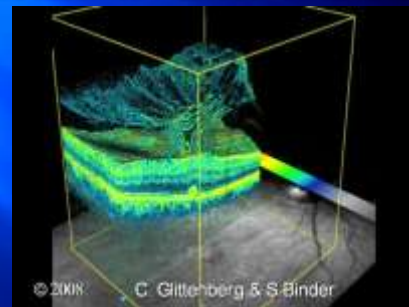
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Thrombogenics: ORBIT

- Ocriplasmin Research to Better Inform Treatment
- Phase 4 prospective clinical study to assess the real-world safety and effectiveness of ocriplasmin treatment for US patients with symptomatic vitreomacular adhesion (VMA)
- Aim is to collect real-time data on 1500 patients at 120 US sites with up to one year follow up
- Enrollment to begin in early 2014

Vitreoretinal Interface – The Future



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Patient with exudative AMD

Additional Clinical Trials for Future



- Age-Related Macular Degeneration
- Diabetic Retinopathy
 - Macular Edema
 - Proliferative Disease

Thank You