



Clinical Perspectives on Treating Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis

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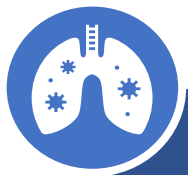
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Event Agenda:

1. Introduction to Aileron Therapeutics (Brian Windsor, Ph.D.; President and COO)
2. MOA, Clinical Overview & Pre-Clinical Data for LTI-03 (Cory Hogaboam, Ph.D.; Chief Scientist)
3. KOL Panel with:
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4. Q&A

Clinical-stage Biotech with Pulmonary Pipeline



Therapies for Underserved Fibrosis and Pulmonary Conditions

LTI-03 <i>Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis</i>	<i>Phase 1b</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preclinical evidence supporting the ability to protect healthy lung epithelial cells and to reduce pro-fibrotic signaling• Demonstrated ability to increase sRAGE, a prognostic biomarker of IPF
LTI-01 <i>Loculated Pleural Effusions</i>	<i>Phase 2b ready</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Potentially fatal disease with no approved drugs• Completed Phase 1b and Phase 2 trials; similar mechanism as existing, off label therapeutic use
LTI-05 <i>Cystic Fibrosis</i>	<i>PC</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ENaC inhibitor intended for the 15-20% of CF pts. who do not respond to CFTR modulators• 100% inhibition and localized activity (safety profile) in preclinical studies

Multiple Orphan Disease Programs with Upcoming Milestones

	Preclinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Upcoming Milestones
LTI-03					
Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis					Phase 1b topline data Q2 2024
LTI-01					
Loculated Pleural Effusion					Ready for Phase 2b initiation
Malignant Pleural Effusion					
LTI-05					
Cystic Fibrosis					
Other Programs					
Multiple fibrotic indications					

**LTI-03: A Novel Treatment for
Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis**



LTI-03 is a Peptide Region of Caveolin-1 Protein Indicated for Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis

- We believe current SOC treatment options offer modest clinical benefit, have significant side effects and intolerance, and are not curative
 - ~100,000¹ IPF patients in the U.S. with expected median survival 2-5 years² from diagnosis
- Multiple preclinical studies support dual mechanism of Cav1 – ability to inhibit multiple pro-fibrotic pathways and protect lung epithelial cells
- Successfully completed Phase 1a randomized, double-blind placebo-controlled study in healthy normal volunteers
 - Currently in a Phase 1b randomized, double-blind placebo-controlled study
- sRAGE - prognostic biomarker of IPF disease preferentially increased in ex-vivo IPF tissue samples and Phase 1a treated patients
 - RAGE is primarily expressed by type 1 epithelial cells in lung tissue

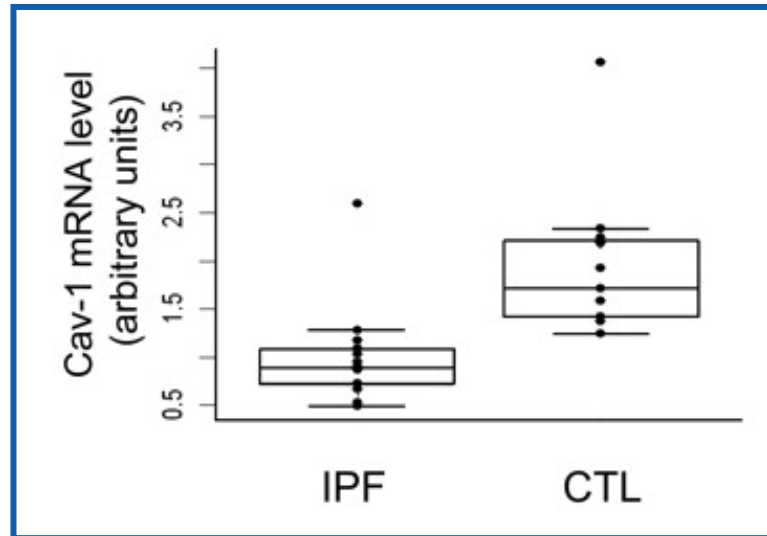
1 Pergolizzi, Jr., J., LeQuang, J., Varrassi, M., Breve, F., Magnusson, P., Varrassi, G., (2023). What Do We Need to Know About Rising Rates of Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis? A Narrative Review and Update. Springer Nature, Published online 2023 Jan 24. doi: 10.1007/s12325-022-02395-9.

2 Nathan et al. Long-term Course and Prognosis of Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis in the New Millennium. *Chest Journal* Volume 140, ISSUE 1, P221-229, July 2011

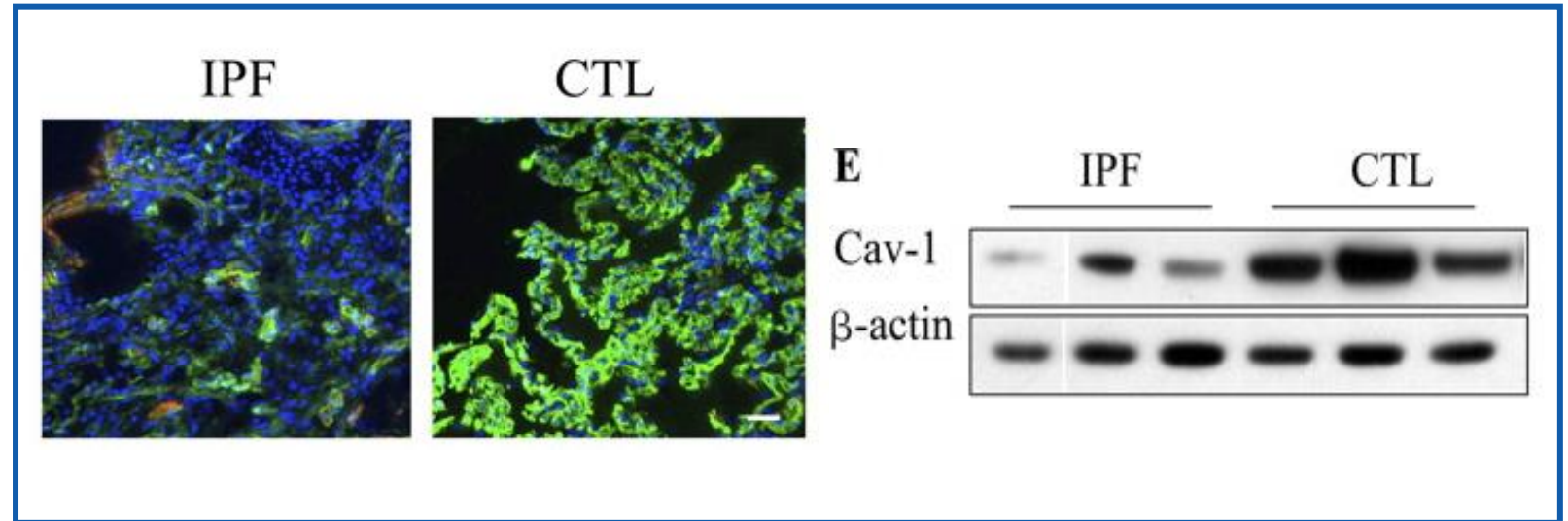
Caveolin-1 is Downregulated in IPF

Caveolin-1: a critical regulator of lung fibrosis in idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis

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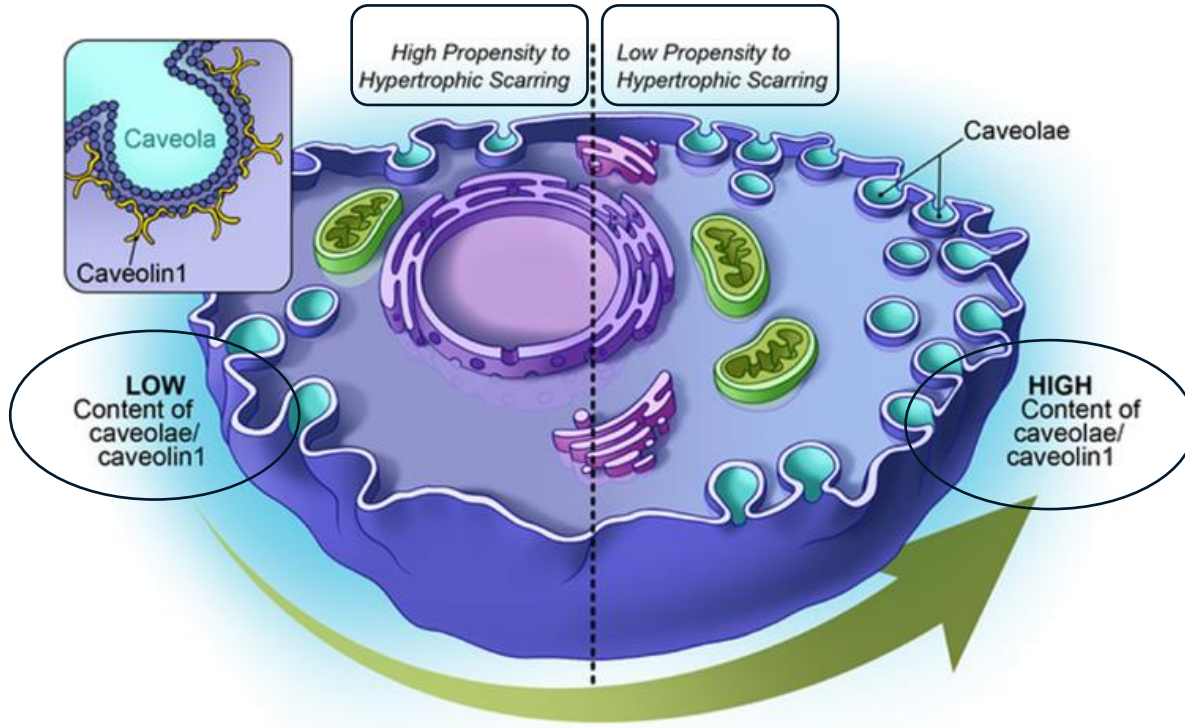


mRNA levels

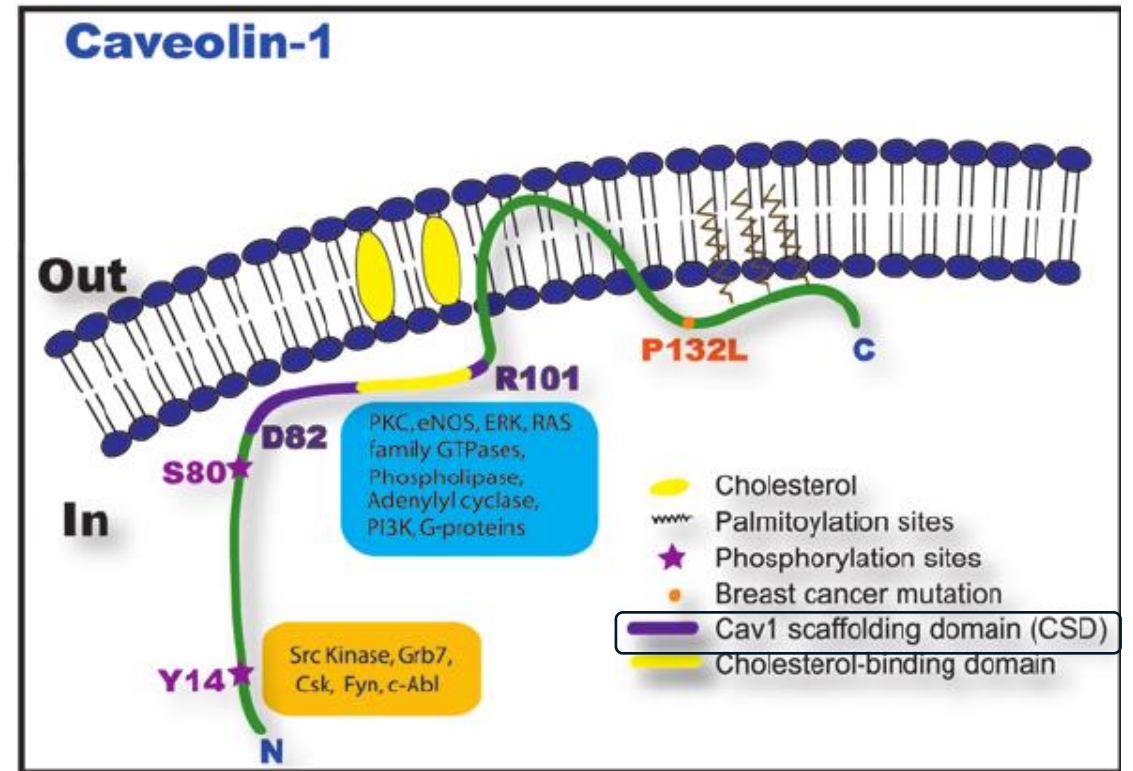


Protein expression

Caveolin-1: a Key Regulator in Fibrosis

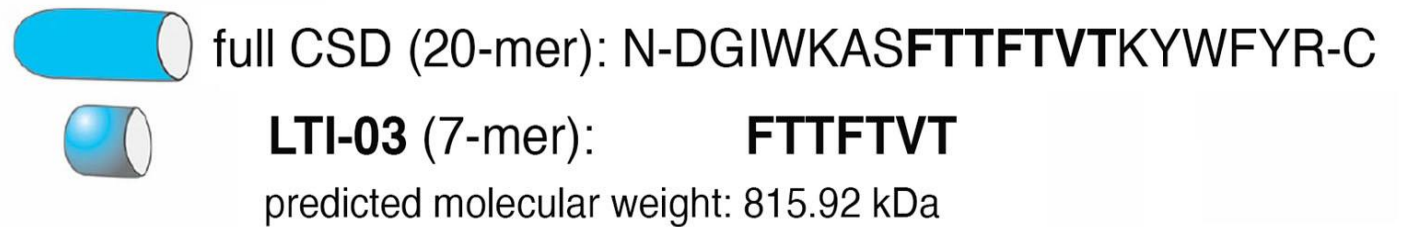
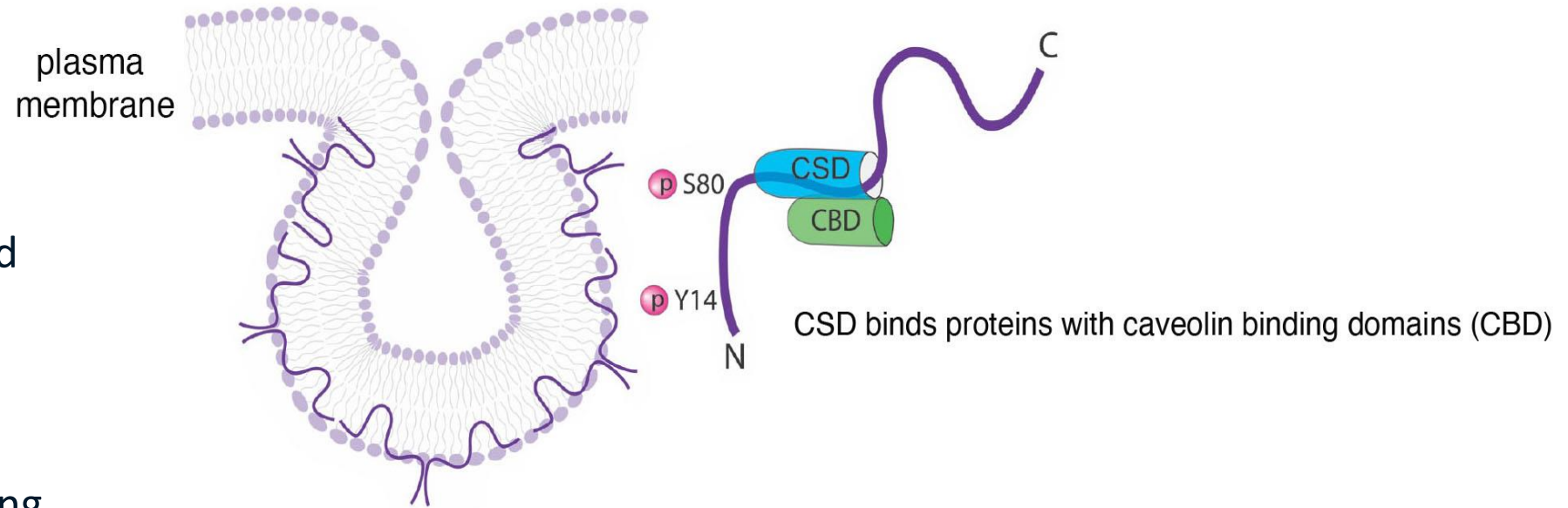


Fibroblasts, epithelial cells, endothelial cells, myocytes, adipocytes, & immune cells.

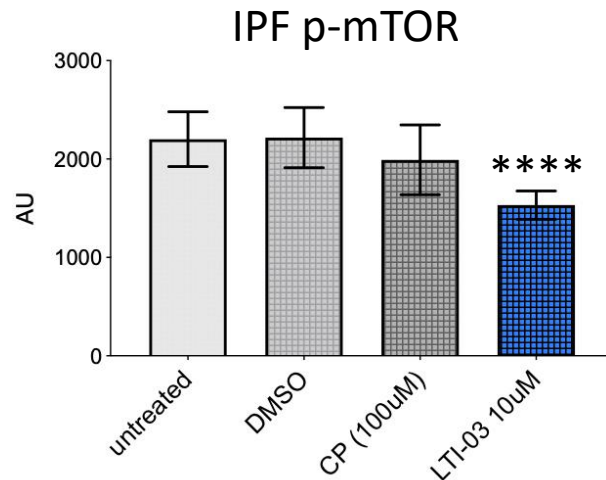
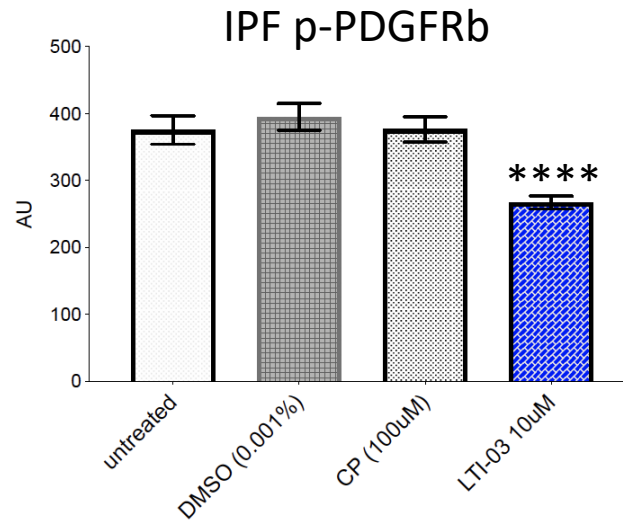


Simulation of Caveolin-1 Activity via CSD Peptide

- LTI-03 is a seven amino acid peptide encompassing a portion of the Cav1 CSD
- LTI-03 is dosed direct-to-lung by dry powder inhaler



Attenuates multiple RTK and Metabolic Signaling in IPF Fibroblasts



RTK and associated signaling ↓

ALK(D5F3)	*
p-ALK(3B4)(Y1586)	***
c-Jun	*
p-c-Myc(T58)	**
Herb2/ErbB3	***
p-EGFR(Y1173)(53A5)	***
p-MEK (1/2)	****
p44/42 MAPK (ERK1/2)	*
p-PDK1(S241)	****
p-PDGFRb(Y761)	****
p-RafB(S445)	****
p-Ret(Y905)	**
Stat5a	*
p-Stat5(Y694)	***
PI3Kp110a	**
PTEN	*
p-SRC	****
SRC-1	***
YAP	**

Metabolic signaling ↓

AMPKa	****
p-AMPKb1(S108)	****
Deptor	**
LDHA	**
p-mTOR	****
p-Raptor	****
Raptor	**
p-Tuberin	****

Invasion associated markers ↓

TWIST2	*
Wnt5ab	**

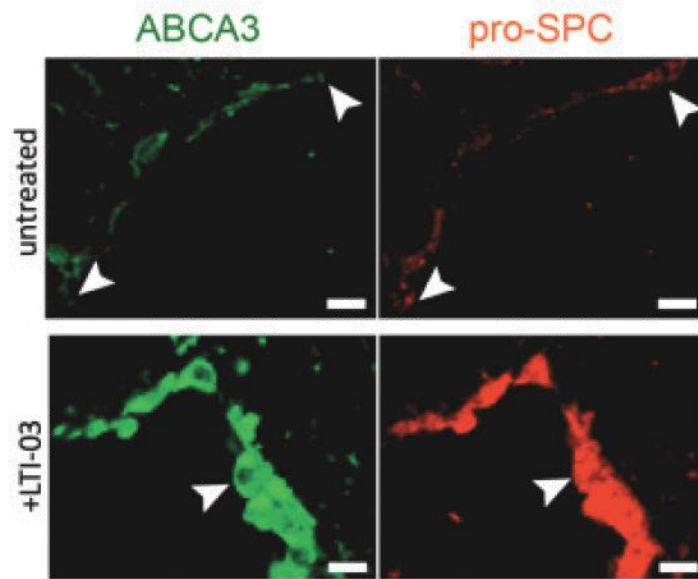
HDACs ↓

HDAC4	*
HDAC6	***

LTI-03 Supports IPF Tissue Epithelium (Fibrotic PCLS Model)

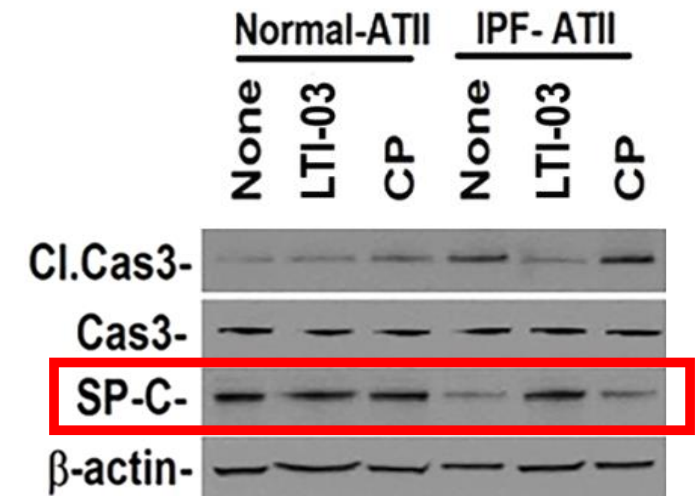
Immunofluorescent Staining for AEC2 Markers

Increases in lysotracker staining also correlated with increases in pro-SPC and ABCA3 gene (the pro-SPC transporter)



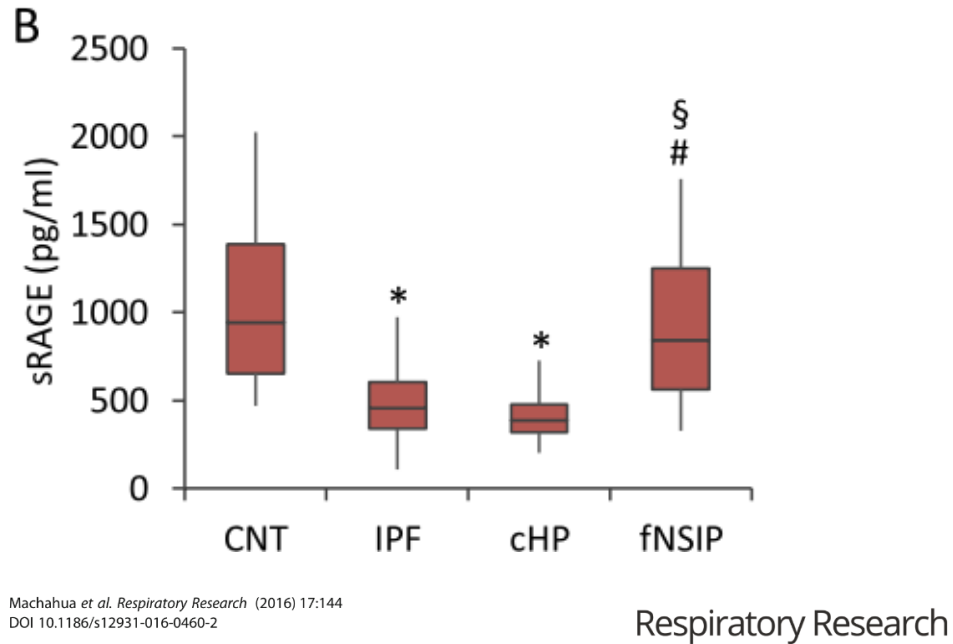
SPC is essential for lung function

LTI-03 also increases levels of SP-C in PCLS IPF Tissue



- In addition to producing AEC1s that make up the majority of the alveolar surface and are **important for proper gas exchange** and ion/water flux, AEC2s **also produce surfactant** that provides for **adequate lung expansion**

Soluble RAGE (sRAGE) is Decreased in Fibrotic Lungs¹



Machahua et al. *Respiratory Research* (2016) 17:144
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Increased AGE-RAGE ratio in idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis

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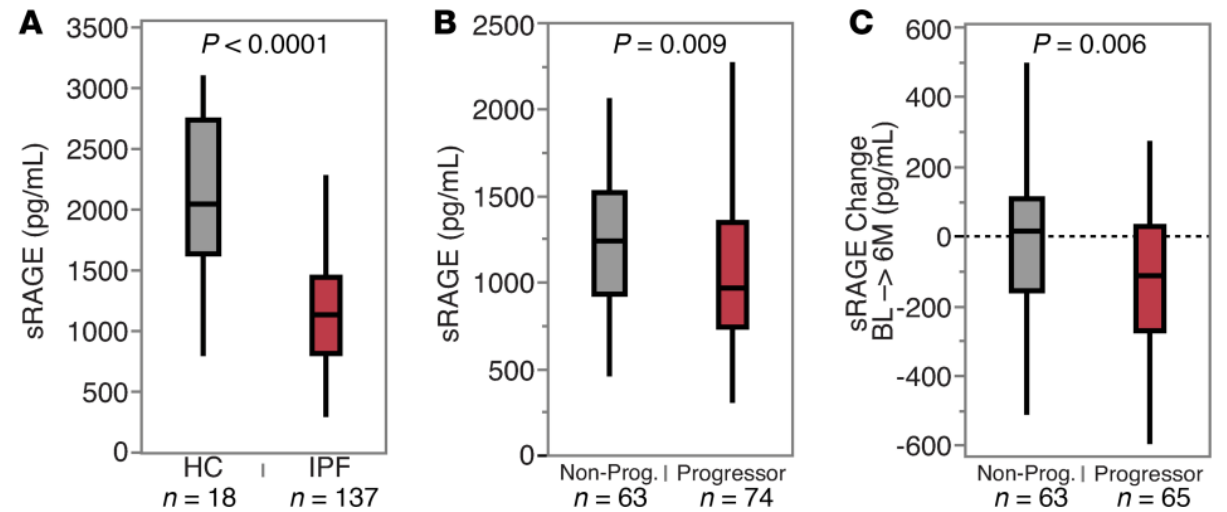


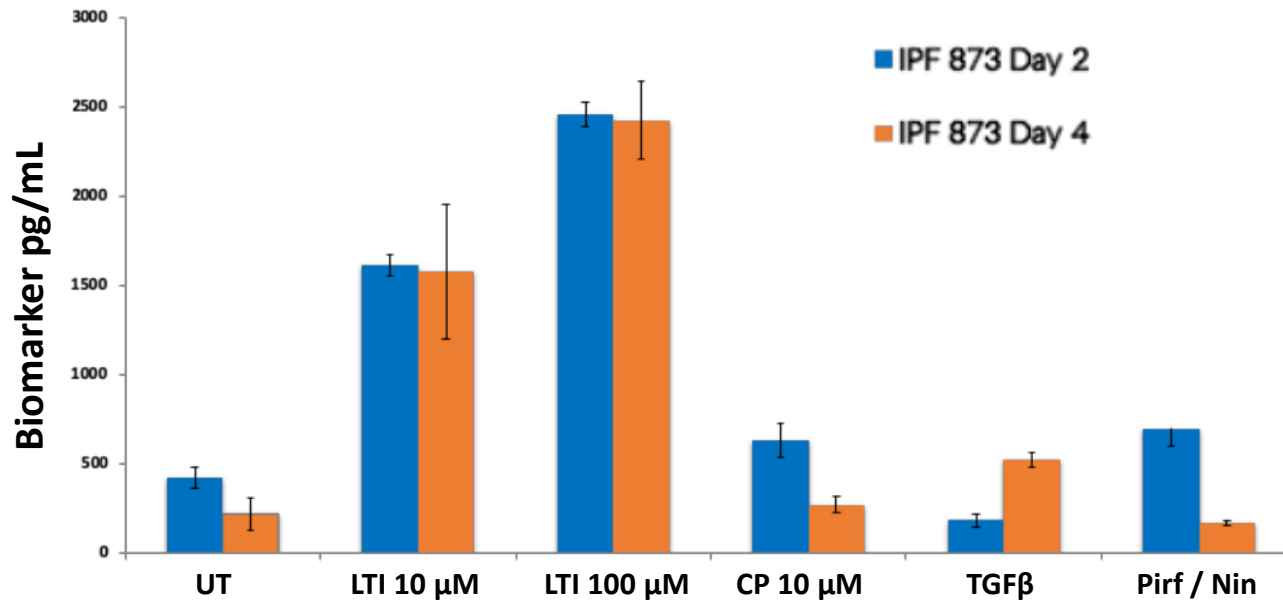
Figure 7. Decreased blood levels of RAGE were associated with more rapid disease progression in IPF patients. (A) Soluble RAGE levels in plasma from IPF patients and healthy controls. **(B)** Plasma sRAGE at baseline in IPF patients, dichotomized by disease progression (defined as loss of $\geq 10\%$ predicted forced vital capacity [FVC] or death) from baseline to 1 year of follow-up. **(C)** Change in plasma sRAGE levels from baseline to 6 months in IPF progressors and nonprogressors. Statistical significance between the groups was determined by Wilcoxon rank sum test. BL, baseline.

¹Machahua, C., Montes-Worboys, A., Llatjos, R. et al. Increased AGE-RAGE ratio in idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. *Respir Res* 17, 144 (2016).

Novel Prognostic Biomarker Data Supports LTI-03 Protection of Epithelial Cells

Biomarker Correlates with LTI-03 Impact in PCLS

Administration of LTI-03 in the PCLS system increased the soluble protein biomarker, sRAGE, while currently approved therapies had negligible effects on sRAGE levels



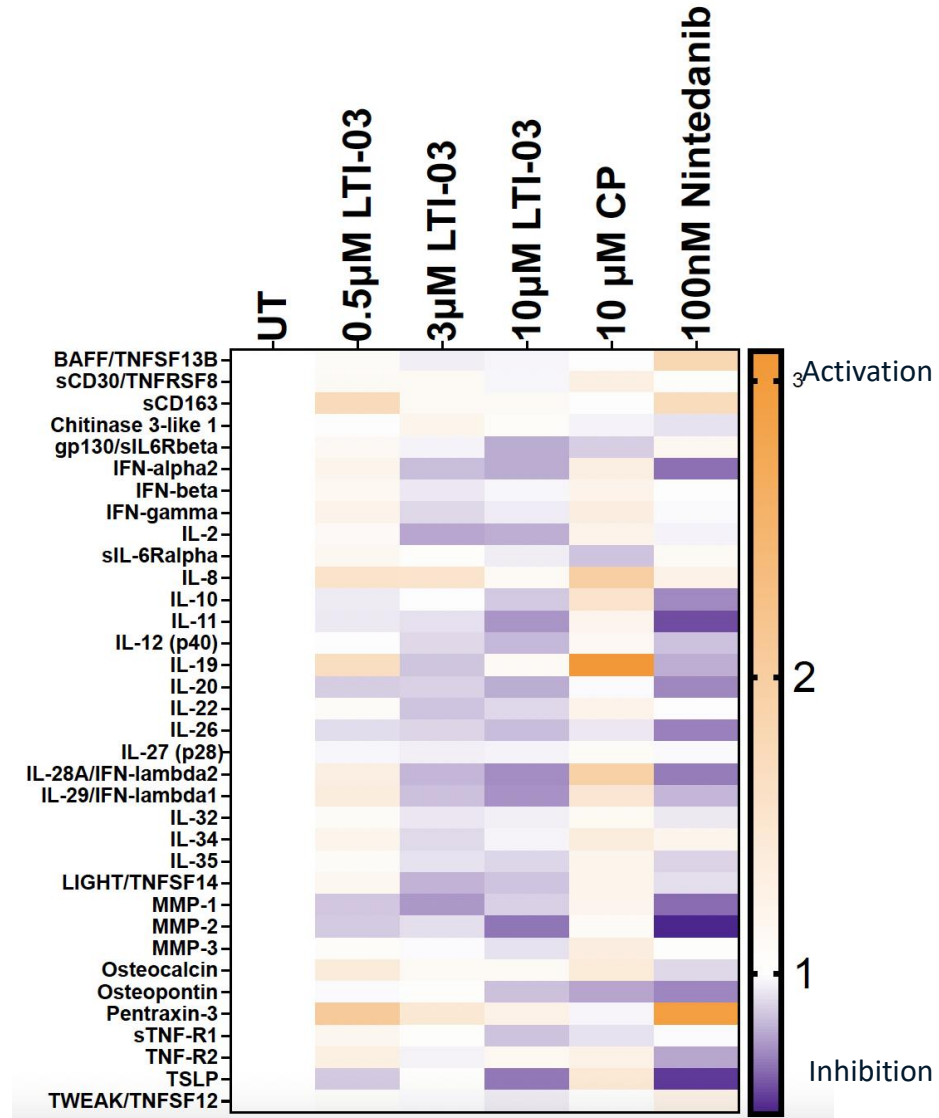
Low levels of sRAGE at diagnosis predict poor survival in IPF¹

*The increase in sRAGE provides further evidence of increased AEC2 survival, leading to **greater AEC1 production** and thus **overall epithelial cell survival***

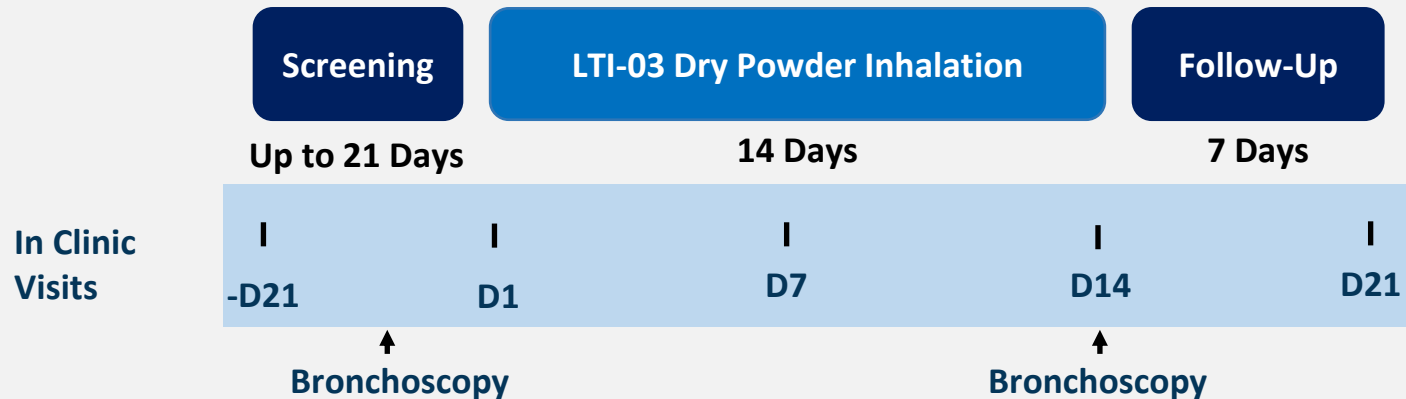
Ability to measure sRAGE in bronchoalveolar lavage fluid and blood makes it a potentially useful biomarker

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Anti-Fibrotic Activity at Physiologically Relevant Dose (Every 12hrs in PCLS — Composite of Six Patient Samples)



Phase 1b Clinical Trial Design (Status: In Process)



Study Design

- IPF diagnosis \leq 3 years; no previous antifibrotic therapy w/in 2 months of baseline
- 24 patients total (18 active, 6 placebo)
 - Low (2.5mg BID) and high (5mg BID) dose cohorts, sequential daily dosing for 14 days
- Bronchoscopy at screening and Day 14
- Primary endpoint: Safety/tolerability
- Key exploratory endpoint: Biomarkers (blood, BAL, brushings)



Phase 1b Clinical Trial Biomarkers

Sample source/Indicator of	epithelial damage/repair	fibrosis	inflammation	thrombosis
Peripheral blood cells		p-AKT		
Platelet rich plasma (PRP)	CYFRA 21-1, SP-D, CA-19-9, KL-6, sRAGE, Galectin 7	MMP-7, Tenascin C (TNC), Periostin, IL-11, MYDGF, MMP-2	CCL18, CXCL13, sICAM1, IL-11, sCD163, CXCL7	PAI-1
Bronchoalveolar lavage	Galectin 7, surfactant protein C, sRAGE	MYDGF, MMP-2, TNC, MMP-7, periostin, IL-11	CCL18, CXCL13, sICAM1, IL-11, sCD163, CXCL7	PAI-1
Deep bronchial brushings		p-SMAD2/3		

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