



# Innovating Clinical Trial Design in IPF: Lessons from LTI-03

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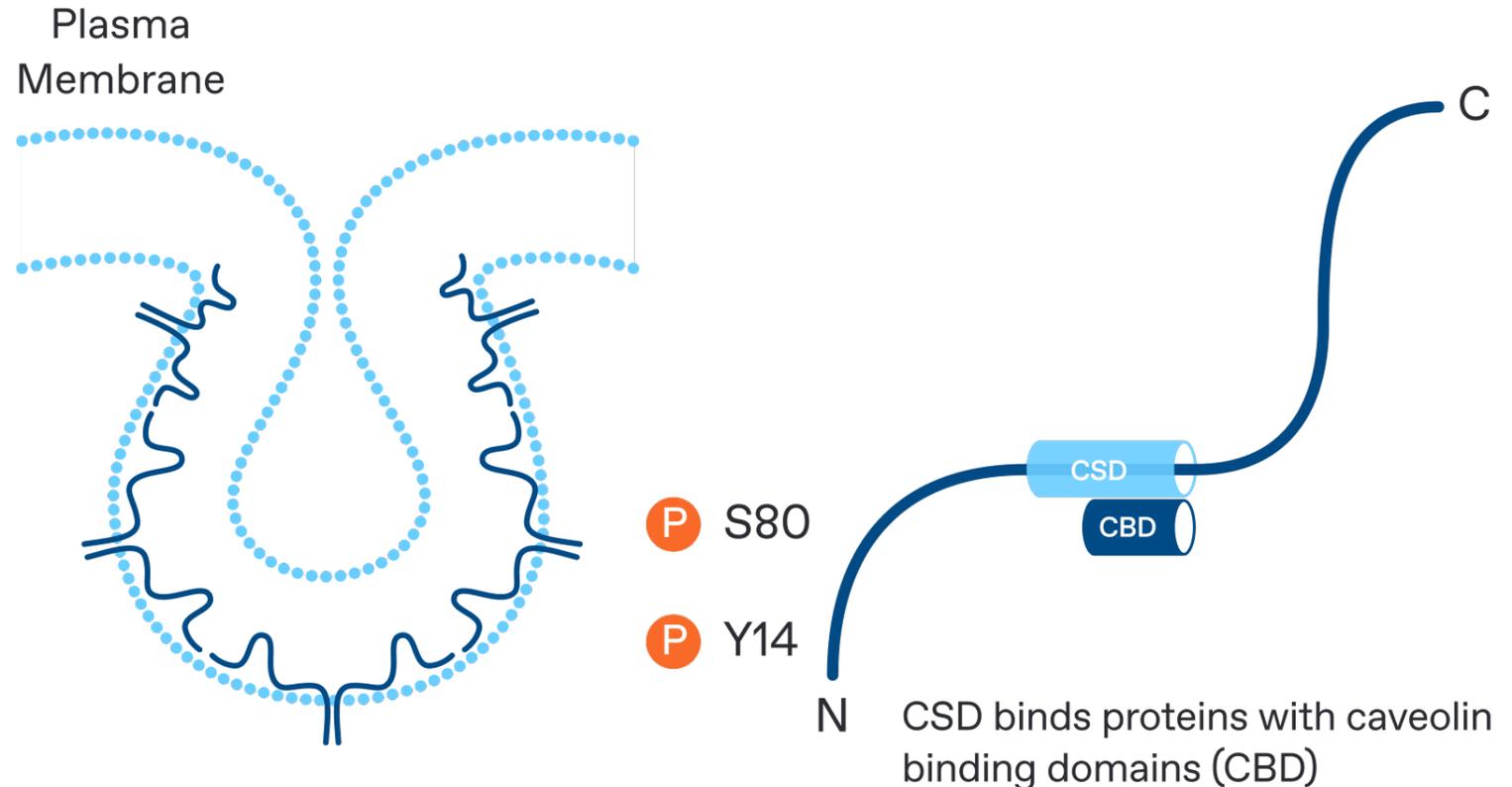
# **LTI-03: A Novel Treatment with Potential to Reverse the Course of IPF**



# LTI-03: the Critical Portion of the CSD Region of Cav1

## Mimics the Regulatory Activity of Cav1, Affecting a Wide Range of Proteins Involved in Fibrosis

- LTI-03 is a seven amino acid peptide comprising a portion of the Cav1 CSD. Substitution/deletion analysis revealed it is the smallest CSD fragment that retains functionality
- This hydrophobic peptide can enter cells, and it may be acting both at the cell membrane and intracellularly
- Studies have shown that the LTI-03 peptide can affect phosphorylation of dozens of profibrotic proteins
- LTI-03 is dosed direct to the lungs by dry powder inhaler, and studies have shown that intact peptide can be detected in the lungs 24 hours after administration



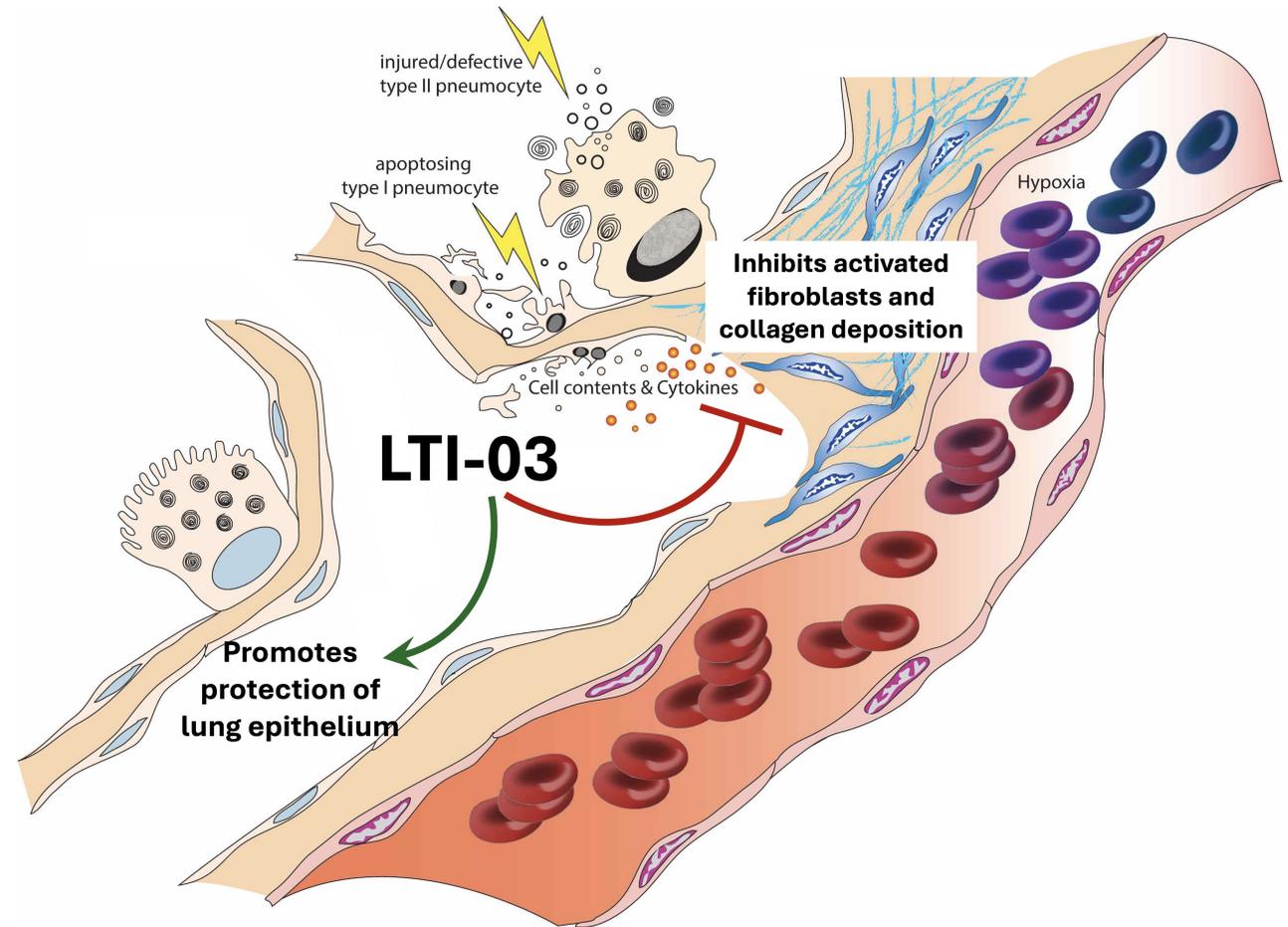
 full CSD (20-mer): N-DGIWKASFTTFTVTKYWFYR-C

 **LTI-03 (7-mer): FTTFTVT**  
predicted molecular weight: 815.92 Da

For a review on CSD/CBD binding domain list, see: Byrne et. al. PLOS One 2012

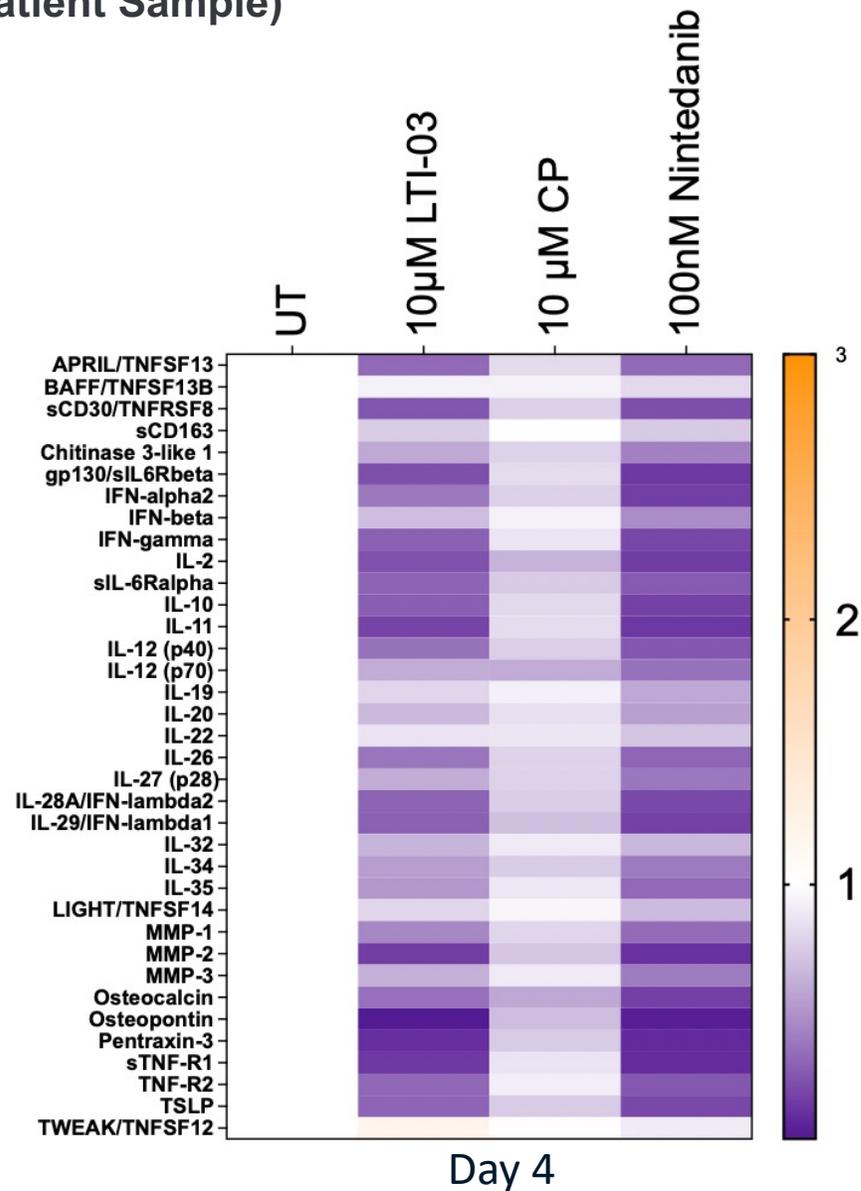
# LTI-03's Dual Mechanism: Potent Antifibrotic Activity Combined with Epithelial Protection

- Other drugs act strictly as an antifibrotic, only addressing the lung scarring, and ultimately only slowing the progression of the disease
- LTI-03 acts to both inhibit profibrotic activity and to preserve epithelial progenitor cells, allowing for potential lung regeneration and restoration
- LTI-03 works to impact multiple fibrosis pathways—this multi-pathway approach is critical for better therapy



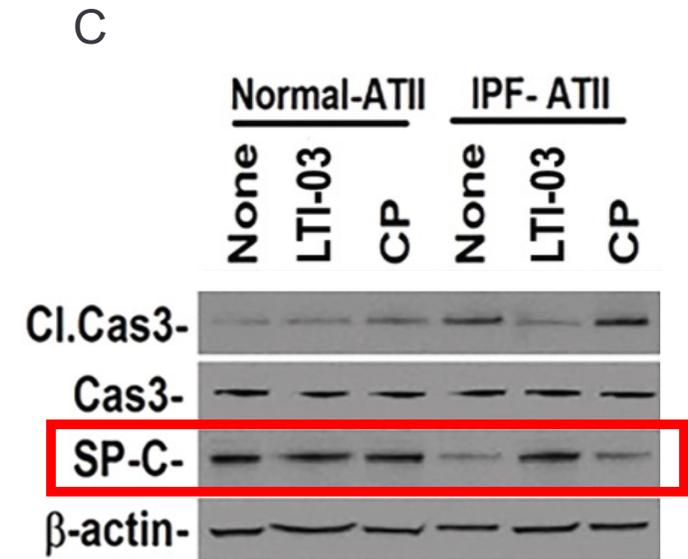
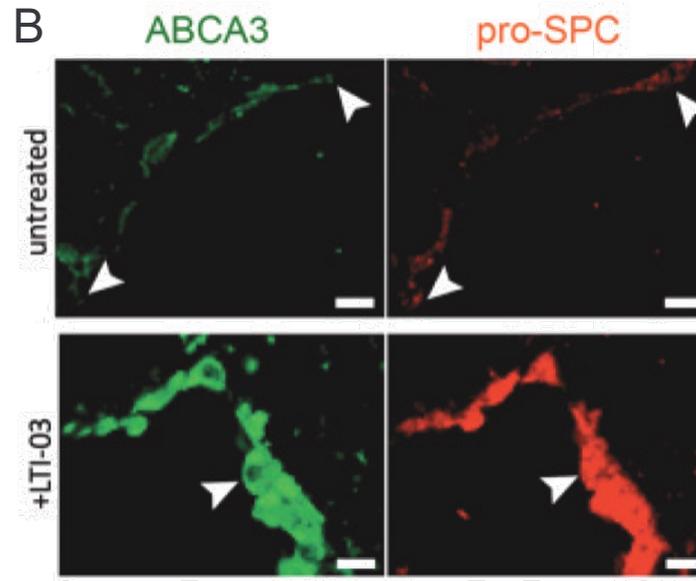
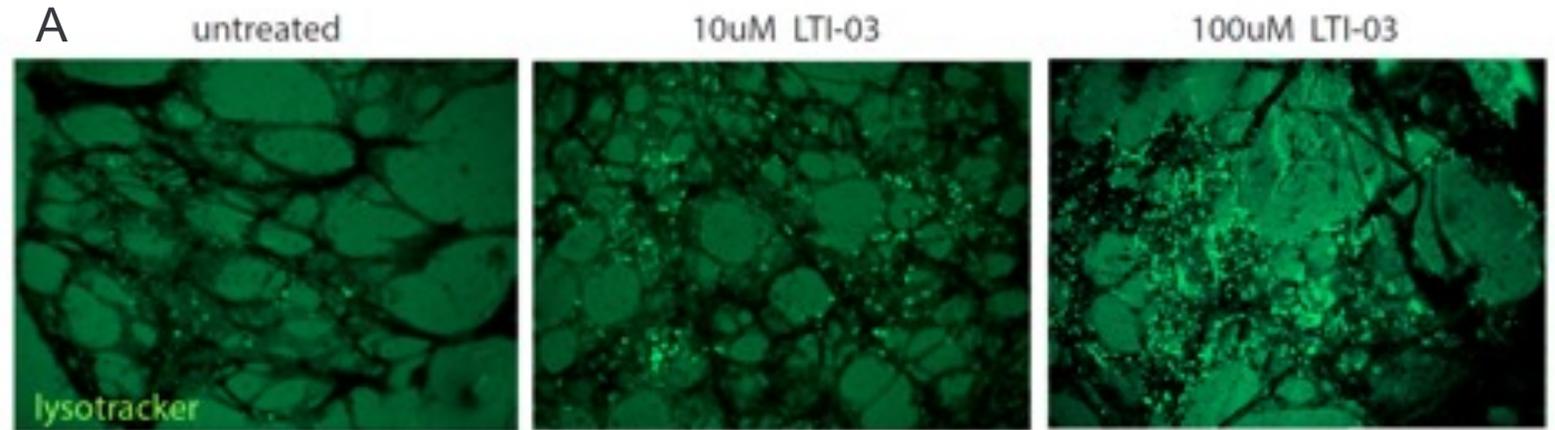
## Antifibrotic Activity: Single dose LTI-03 inhibits multiple profibrotic proteins similar to Ofev® (Every 12hrs in Precision Cut Lung Slices (PCLS)—Single Patient Sample)

- As an **antifibrotic**, LTI-03 inhibits large panels of profibrotic proteins in a manner similar to the standard of care drug Ofev® (nintedanib)
  - Darker purple = more inhibition of the protein
- The PCLS tissue culture system uses actual biopsied tissue from an IPF lung (removed due to lung transplant), preserving all cell types in the IPF lung
- 10  $\mu$ M LTI-03 is equivalent to an approximate dose of 1 mg in a dry powder inhaler. Phase 1b trial tested 5mg and 10mg, both of which were safe and well tolerated
- The equivalent human dose of 100nM nintedanib is very poorly tolerated, with significant GI side effects

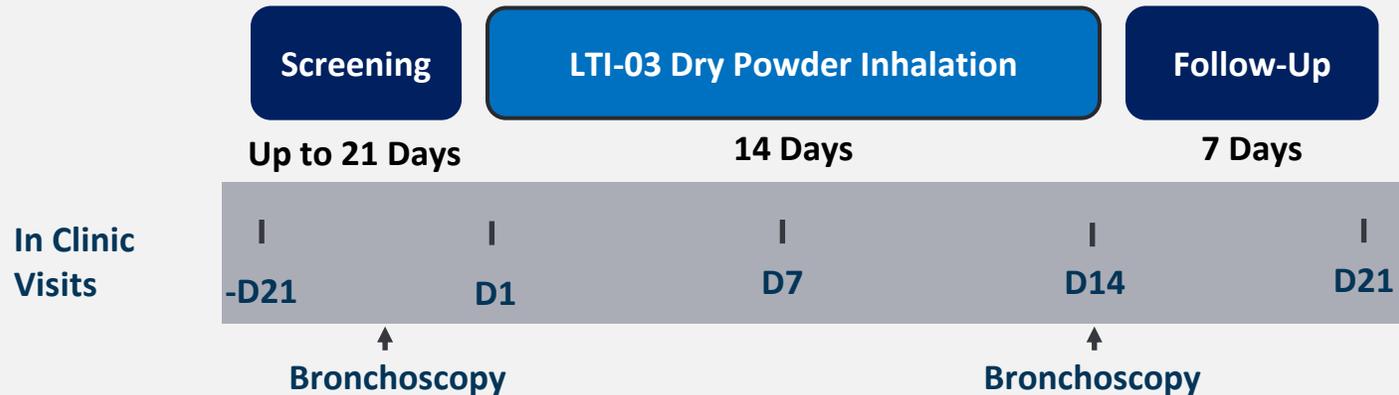


# Regenerative Activity: LTI-03 Preserves Critical Progenitor Cells in the Lung (PCLS Studies. Effects 48 Hours After Administration)

- LysoTracker dye (Panel A, bright green dots) localizes to AEC2 cells, the progenitor cells of the lung, which are responsible for making new lung tissue. LTI-03 resulted in an increase in staining, meaning an increase in these critical progenitor cells
- Increases in lysoTracker staining (Panel B) also correlated with increases in surfactant protein C (pro-SPC) and ABCA3 (the pro-SPC transporter)
- Western blots (Panel C) confirm that in the IPF lung SPC levels are diminished, but that LTI-03 causes levels to increase



## Phase 1b Clinical Trial Design—Focus on Safety, Tolerability, and Biomarkers (Status: Complete)



### 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 endpoints: Biomarkers (blood, BAL, brushings)

# Robust Biomarker Evaluation for De-Risking of LTI-03

## Several Markers Linked to Lung Function

- All of the biomarkers selected for evaluation
  - ✓ Have literature suggesting their involvement
  - ✓ Are primarily found in important cell types in the IPF lung
  - ✓ Were shown in preclinical studies to be attenuated by LTI-03
- Attenuation of markers in the Phase 1b trial would demonstrate
  - ✓ That LTI-03 is reaching important cells in the deeply fibrosed lung
  - ✓ Surrogate target engagement
  - ✓ That LTI-03 is positively affecting pathogenic factors in the IPF lung

### Statistically Significant Biomarkers from Phase 1b Trial

#### Associated with Fibroblasts/myofibroblasts cell-type

Interleukin 11 (IL-11)

A predictor of prognosis and acute exacerbation in IPF patients

CXCL7

Proinflammatory and pro-fibrotic chemokine

#### Associated with Basal-like cell-type

Thymic Stromal Lymphopoietin Protein (TSLP)

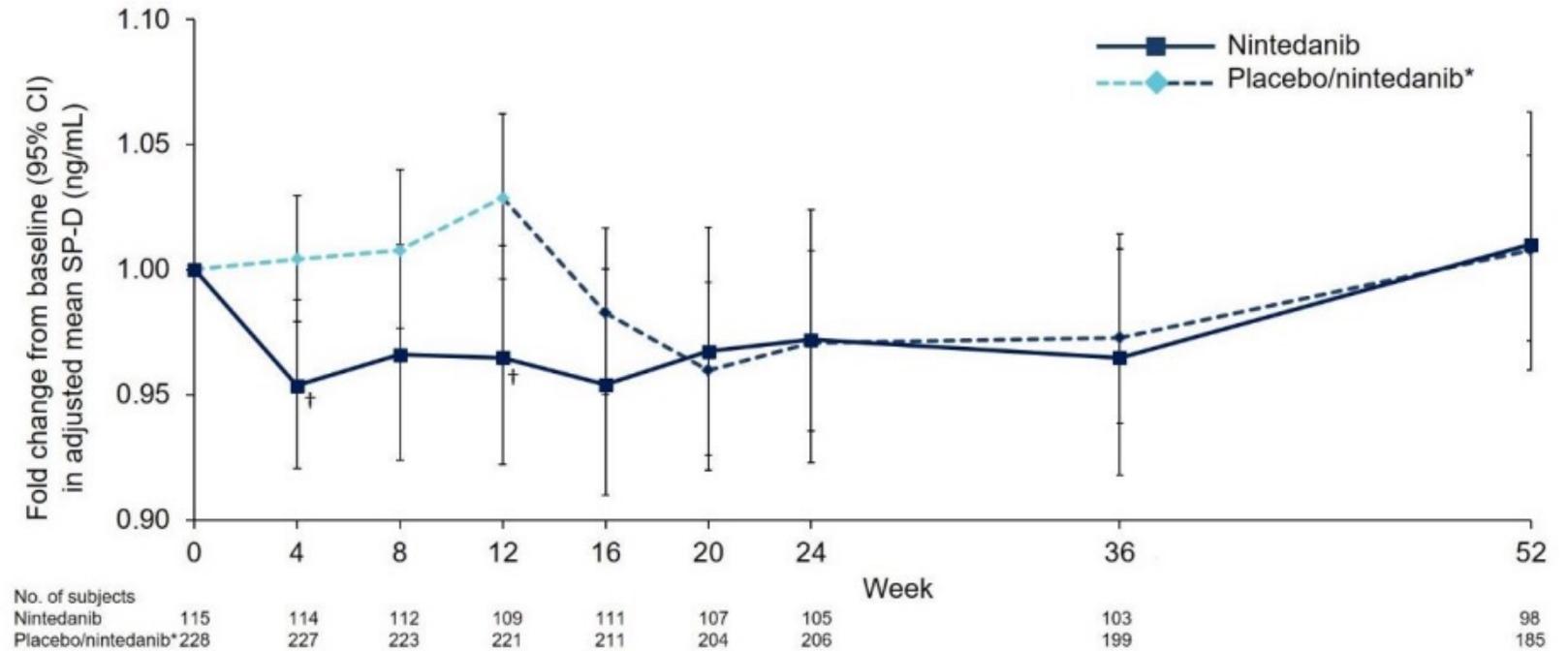
Expressed in fibroblasts and basal like epithelium of IPF UIP lesions

Galectin 7 (Gal7)

Highly expressed in Caveolin-1 deficient bronchiolized areas in the IPF lung

# Surfactant Protein D (SPD) is an important biomarker for the approved IPF drug Ofev<sup>®</sup>\* and now for LTI-03

- SPD is an indicator of epithelial cell health, an important cell type for proper lung function
- SPD has been significantly linked to decline in lung function
- SPD was reduced by 4% by Ofev over 12 weeks in the INMARK clinical trial
- LTI-03 (5 mg BID) decreased SPD by 5% over two weeks in the Phase 1b trial



No. of subjects	0	4	8	12	16	20	24	36	52
Nintedanib	115	114	112	109	111	107	105	103	98
Placebo/nintedanib*	228	227	223	221	211	204	206	199	185

\*Subjects received placebo (blinded) for 12 weeks followed by nintedanib (open-label) for 40 weeks.  
 †p<0.05 for adjusted difference in change from baseline between groups.

Nintedanib versus placebo. Fold changes from baseline in SP-D at week 12 corresponded to a 4% decrease and 3% increase in the nintedanib and placebo groups, respectively (ratio 0.94 [95% CI: 0.89, 0.99]; p=0.024).



# Surfactant Protein D (SPD) Reduction<sup>1, 2</sup>

Company	Trial	Compound	Percent Reduction	Duration of Treatment
	Phase 1b	LTI-03	5%	2 weeks
	INMARK (P2)	Nintedanib	4%	12 weeks
	CAPACITY (P3)	Perfenidone	5%	12 weeks

The INMARK and CAPACITY trials were not conducted by the Company, no trials have been conducted comparing these compounds and the referenced trials had different trial designs, patient enrollment criteria and treatment regimens. In addition, the applicable measurements for the referenced trials were observed over different time periods and using different assays. As a result, the data from these trials may not be directly comparable.]

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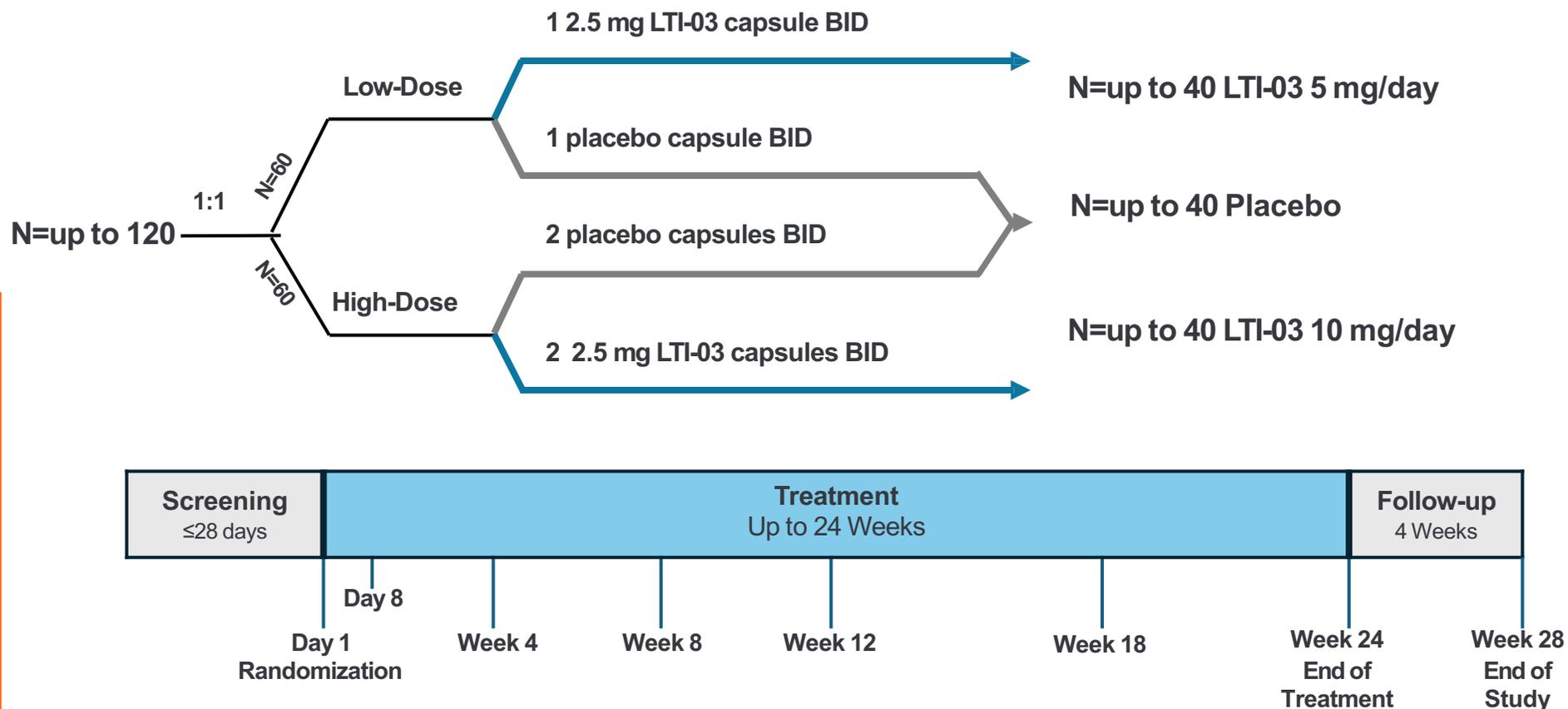
# LTI-03 – Phase 2 Trial Measuring Lung Function

## Primary endpoints

Safety and tolerability measured by incidence of treatment emergent adverse events

Efficacy of inhaled LTI-03 measured by:

- Change from baseline in FVC in mL
- Change from baseline in percent predicted FVC
- Change from baseline in lung fibrosis measure by HRCT



# Select Competitive Landscape<sup>1</sup>

Company	Compound	Single or Multi-pathway	Mechanism	Target Cell Types	Clinical Stage
	LTI-03	Multi-pathway	Caveolin-1 CSD mimic	Fibroblasts, type 2 Epithelial cells, Aberrant basaloid cells, Macrophages	P2
	Nintedanib	Multi-pathway	Broad tyrosine kinase inhibitor	Fibroblasts	Approved
	Perfenidone	Multi-pathway	unknown	Fibroblasts	Approved
	Nerandomilast	Multi-pathway	PDE-4B inhibitor	Aberrant basaloid cells, Fibroblasts	P3
	ENV 101	Single	Sonic Hedgehog inhibitor	Fibroblasts	P2
	Buloxibutid	Single	Angiotensin II type 2 receptor agonist	Type 2 Epithelium	P2
	APO-1	Multi-pathway	unknown	Fibroblasts	P2
	TTI-101	Single	STAT3 inhibitor	Aberrant basaloid cells, Fibroblasts	P2

<sup>1</sup>Libra, A., Sciacca, E., Muscato, G., Sambataro, G., Spicuzza, L., & Vancheri, C. (2024). Highlights on Future Treatments of IPF: Clues and Pitfalls. International Journal of Molecular Sciences, 25(15). <https://doi.org/10.3390/IJMS25158392>

# Phase 2 Trial Considerations in IPF for Small Biotech

# Most Important Considerations for Smaller Biotech

- Direct relationships (sites, investigators, CRO)
- Ease of conduct (for patients and site)
- Experienced central read of HRCT

# Considerations for IPF Phase 2 Trials for Smaller Biotech

- Diagnosis of IPF
  - Typically done at the site initially
    - Does not always meet the criteria for the trial
    - Compatible HRCT
  - Independent Central reader
    - May challenge the site – can result in problems
    - Problems can be mitigated by focusing on protocol HRCT endpoints

# Considerations for IPF Phase 2 Trials for Smaller Biotech

- CRO Selection
  - Big or small
  - Move quickly, make decisions
  - Cost
  - Project Manager
  - Phone vs Email
  - Risk mitigation

**BigCo**  
“Experience”

vs

SmallerCo  
“Nimble – like you”

# Considerations for IPF Phase 2 Trials for Smaller Biotech

- Always a need for new investigators due to saturation
- Ease of conduct
  - Frequency of visits
  - Physical and logistical limitations: fit with clinic workflow
  - Time commitment
  - Explanation of trial (pts and their children)- printed and online material
  - Travel and time reimbursement important
  - Considerations for this pt population (e.g. pet care)
  - Details like paper questionnaires instead of electronic tablets

# Patient Support

## What else do I need to consider?

- The study team will explain the possible benefits and risks of the study.
- You do not have to take part in the study if you do not want to.
- If you choose to take part in the study, you can stop participating at any time.
- All study medications and study-related tests will be provided at no cost to you.
- A team of doctors and nurses will monitor your health carefully during the study.
- An Institutional Review Board (IRB)/Ethics Committee (EC) has reviewed this study. An IRB/EC protects the rights, safety, and well-being of participants.



## Who can take part?

You **may** be able to take part if you:

- are 40 years of age or older
- have been diagnosed with IPF within the past 5 years
- are willing and able to use an inhaler every day.

## How do I get more information?

Please contact the study team using the details provided here. By contacting us, you are under no obligation to take part in the study.



Patient Brochure, 18 Mar 2025 [V01 USA(en)]

We're striving to renew hope for people with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis



## Patient Information

A clinical research study looking at an inhaled investigational medication for people with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF).



# Considerations for IPF Phase 2 Trials for Smaller Biotech

- Lack of harmonization of regulatory approaches
  - View of 2/3 adaptive trials
  - Is it orphan or not? EU with more stringent criteria

# Considerations for IPF Phase 2 Trials for Smaller Biotech

- Study Length and Design
  - Shorter studies not popular with pts
  - Placebo (less chance is better)
  - Open label extensions are wanted by pts
- Considerations of Inhaled Delivery
  - Device considerations
  - EU changing device regs
    - Previously had to show it was safe; now they are moving more towards a US approach where you must show drug/device safety
  - Education (materials, video)
  - Fewer systemic side effects

# Considerations for IPF Phase 2 Trials for Smaller Biotech

- Standard of Care
  - Much more harmonized than 15 years ago
  - Non-overlapping MOA offers competitive advantage
  - Not only have to allow it, but allow addition/removal

# Considerations for IPF Phase 2 Trials for Smaller Biotech

- Remote Spirometry
  - Gets a lot of attention, pushed quite a bit
  - More expensive, not cost effective
  - Training of patients – it is hard for them to learn this
  - More reliable data when performed at the site
  - This population is highly motivated to see a doctor
  - Introduction of variability increases sample size requirements



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