

Treatment and Trials

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IPF: Natural History



- Prior to the FDA approval of anti-fibrotic drugs, the life expectancy for IPF patients was estimated at 2-5 years with median survival about 27 months
- There can be wide variation as a result of underlying genetic defects, ongoing environmental insults, and triggers for acute exacerbations

IPF: Anti-Fibrotic Therapy



- Although they work through different mechanisms, Esbriet (pirfenidone) and OFEV (Nintedanib) both slow the rate of decline in FVC by ~50%
- Roughly 25% of patients discontinue therapy due to side effects







IPF: Anti-Fibrotic Therapy

- Patients on Anti-fibrotic therapy live about 2 years longer shifting the average survival with treatment to 4-7 years
- The two drugs are equally effective, and about 70% of people will show a good response to either drug. For others they may only respond to one, the other, or none. We don't have the technology readily available to tell who should be treated with what.
- Additionally, people don't necessarily feel better on the medications, and they have side effects much like chemotherapy drugs.

The Future for Non-IPF ILD?





- OFEV is now a treatment option for scleroderma lung disease
- We anticipate OFEV will be a treatment option for any form of progressive fibrosis within the year.
- We will likely see the same for Esbriet in the future.

Lung Transplant

- Lung transplant is currently the only treatment option that can restore people back to health.
- This is not a miracle cure, as you do trade one set of problems for a new set of problems
- If chronic rejection occurs, you can be right back where you started within a few years





The Future for IPF and Beyond



Phase III Trials:

GLPG1690; Galapagos, Inc Pemrevlumab; Fibrogen, Inc PRM-151; Hoffman La Roche, Inc PBI-4050; Prometic Life Sciences, Inc PRECISIONS, NIH Tyvaso, United Therapeutics

Phase IIB Trials:

TD139; Galecto Biotech, Inc BMS-986020; Bristol Meyers Squibb, Inc

Phase IIA Trials:

ND-L02-s0201, Nitto Danko, Inc TD-1058, Theravance, Inc Saracitinab **BI1015550, Boehringer, Ingelheim** Nalbuphine, Trevi Therapeutics Jaktinib, Suzhou Zelgen Biopharmaceuticals

Phase 1:

Saracitinab Senolytics (Dasatinib and Quercetin) jin-shui Huan-xian granule ORIN 1001 GKT137831 PLN-74809 TRK-250, Toray Pharmaceuticals VAY736, Novartis

LPA1 Inhibitors: Lysophosphatidic Acid 1 Receptor



- Autotaxin is a phospholipase that can convert phospholipids to lysophospholipids (LPA)
- Autotaxin is found to be high in areas of fibrosis
- LPAs signaling through a specific receptor – LPA1 promotes fibrosis

- Phospholipids are the main molecule of all our cell membranes
- We have phospholipid growth factors (PLGFs) that can pass through cell membranes activating small G proteins on the underside of the cell membrane activating downstream pathways that are involved in cell proliferation, cell invasion, apoptosis, and chronic inflammation

Autotaxin-LPA1 Inhibitors:

Name of Trial Drug	Company	Phase	Trial Number	Mechanism of Action	Disease	
GLPG 1690	Galapagos	3	NCT03711162 (ISABELA 1) NCT03733444 (ISABELA 2)	Autotaxin inhibitor	Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis	
BBT 877	Bridge Biotherapeutics Boehringer Ingelheim	I	NCT03830125	Autotaxin inhibitor	Pulmonary fibrosis	
GLPG1690	Galapagos	2a	NCT03798366 NCT03976648	Autotaxin inhibitor	Systemic sclerosis: skin disease	
SAR100842	Sanofi	2	NCT016551143	LPA ₁ receptor antagonist	Systemic sclerosis	
BMS-986,278*	Bristol-Myers Squibb	I	NCT03981094	LPA ₁ receptor antagonist	Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis	
BMS 986,020 Bristol-Myers Squibb		2	NCT01766817	LPAR ₁ receptor antagonist	Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis	

Note: *This agent has been voluntarily withdrawn from clinical development due to hepatobiliary toxicity.

- The Autotaxin-Lysophosphatidic (ATX-LPA) axis is important in the development of pulmonary fibrosis
- Activation of the ATX-LPA1 axis causes lung epithelial cells to die (apoptosis) promoting development of fibrosis
- Blocking this pathway attenuates both inflammation and fibrosis

Autotaxin-Levels after lung injury



- 17 fold increase in autotaxin levels following administration of an exacerbating agent
- In this study they used an ATX inhibitor PAT-048, and while it reduced autotaxin it did not prevent the development of pulmonary fibrosis
- This suggests that blocking autotaxin alone may not be enough, as other things could signal through the LPA1 receptor to promote fibrosis

Acute Exacerbations



GLPG1690 in IPF



- GLPG1690 was the first Autotaxin Inhibitor in Clinical Trials for IPF
- The Phase 2A FLORA Trial
- Patients on treatment saw a 25 ml increase in FVC over 12 weeks
- Patients on placebo saw a -70 ml decrease in FVC over 12 weeks
- Results were promising and the FDA granted immediate movement to phase 3 studies

GLPG1690 in IPF ISABELA I and 2: Phase 3

Key Inclusion Criteria:

- Patients 40-80
- Disease <5 years
- FVC >45%
- DLCO 30-79%
- HRCT with definite or probable UIP or lung biopsy consistent with IPF
- On stable dose of OFEV or Esbriet for 8 weeks if on background therapy
- No longer enrolling patients on Esbriet or OFEV

Relative levels of LPA species in BALF of mice subjected to BLM treatment



BMS-986020

- BMS-986020 was the first LPA1 Receptor Inhibitor in clinical trials
- Patients were randomized to placebo, low dose (600 mg daily) or high dose treatment (600 mg twice daily
- Normal age related decline in FVC is 30-70 ml over 1 year
- High dose patients lost 42 ml
- Low dose lost 106 ml
- Placebo lost 134 ml
- It was stopped early due to liver toxicity



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BMS-986278:

New formulation that eliminated the liver toxicity Phase 2 Randomized Double Blind Placebo Controlled Trial

- 6 month randomized trial Randomization to 1 of 3 arms
- Placebo
- Low Dose
- High Dose
- After 6 months everyone has option for open label extension

Side Effects from Phase 1 Low blood pressure Headaches

Key Inclusion Criteria:

- Patients Age >40
- Disease duration <7 years
- FVC >45%
- DLCO >25%
- HRCT with definite or probable UIP or lung biopsy consistent with IPF
- On stable dose of OFEV or Esbriet for 8 weeks if on background therapy
- No history of cancer

Pemrevulmab Fibrogen, Inc

- PRAISE: Phase 2B Results showed similar outcomes
- FVC decline in Phase 2A was -2.29%
- FVC decline in Phase 2B was -2.85% for Pemrevulmab vs -7.17% for placebo
- By 48 weeks only 10% of patients on Pemrevulmab experienced a >10% decline vs 31% in placebo



Pemrevulmab



- Study FG-3019-049: 2.29 % decline in FVC over 48 weeks
- Study FG-3019-067: 2.85 % decline in FVC over 48 weeks vs 7.17% in placebo

Pemrevulmab

PRAISE (067) IPF Phase 2b Pamrevlumab Attenuated FVC Decline

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Pamrevlumab significantly attenuated FVC decline from Baseline to Week 48.



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	Pamrevlumab Ph 2 PRAISE Study (067)				Nintedanib INPULSIS Ph 3- 52 Weeks				Pirfenidone ASCEND Ph 3- 52 wks	
	ITT 48- week Result		Projected 52 wks		Study 32 (N=513)		Study 34 (N=548)		Linear Slope, N=555	
	Pamrevlumab	Placebo	Pamrevlumab	Placebo	Nintedanib	Placebo	Nintedanib	Placebo	Pirfenidone	Placebo
ΔFVC (mL)	-129	-308	-138	-332	-115	-240	-113.6	-207.3	-164	-280
LS mean diff	178		195		125		93.7		116	
p-value	0.0249		0.024		<0.001		< 0.001		<0.001	
Relative difference	57.9%		58.5%		52.1%		45.2%		41.4%	
48 Weeks	Subgroup Anal	ysis (N=90)]		Richeldi, NEIM 2014, 370: 22: 2071-2082			King, NEJM 2014; 370: 2083-92 Suppl		
	Pamrevlumab	Placebo				,	,,			
ΔFVC (mL)	-143	-341								
LS mean diff	198									

P-value

In separate studies, pamrevlumab has larger treatment difference from placebo than nintedanib and pirfenidone in preservation of FVC.

Pemrevulmab

PRAISE (067) IPF Phase 2b Pamrevlumab Reduces The Proportion of Subjects with FVC %

Predicted Decline ≥10% or Death

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Both ITT and subgroup analyses of PRAISE show larger reduction in IPF progression (FVC % predicted decline >=10%) or death than pirfenidone in ASCEND (ph 3 study).

ZEPHYRUS:

Phase 3 Randomized Double Blind Placebo Controlled Trial

- 52 Week Study
- Randomization 1:1 drug to placebo
- IV Infusion every 3 weeks
- Everyone has option for open label extension
- Treatment with Esbriet or OFEV is not allowed

Key Inclusion Criteria:

- Patients Age 40-85
- Disease duration <7 years
- FVC 50-80%
- DLCO 30-90%
- >10% and <50% fibrosis on CT
- HRCT with definite or probable UIP or lung biopsy consistent with IPF
- No history of cancer

Galectin 3 Inhibitor: TD139

- Galectin-3 is a beta-galactoside binding lectin that is highly expressed in fibrotic tissue of diverse etiologies.
- Galectin 3 links the extracellular matrix with TGF-beta receptors promoting fibrosis
- Levels of Galectin 3 are high in pulmonary fibrosis and lung cancer
- TD-139 blocked 80% of galectin 3
- First inhaled therapy





GALACTIC-1:

Phase 2b Randomized Double Blind Placebo Controlled Trial

- 52 Week Study
- Randomization 2:1 drug to placebo
- Inhaled therapy
- Comparing 2 doses of TD-139 against placebo: 10 mg and 3 mg
- No open label extension
- No longer enrolling patients on treatment with Esbriet or OFEV

Key Inclusion Criteria:

- Patients Age >40
- Disease duration <4 years
- FVC >45%
- DLCO 30-79%
- HRCT with definite or probable UIP or lung biopsy consistent with IPF
- No history of cancer

- Pentraxin 2 is a molecule that activates monocytes (a type of white blood cell) that is supposed to clean up scar tissue
- Patients with IPF on average have Pentraxin 2 levels 5 times lower than age matched controls without the disease
- PRM-151 is a synthetic form of Pentraxin 2 administered as an IV infusion every 4 weeks



- Phase 2A Study showed promising results
- All doses showed benefit: FVC improved ~2.4% over 8 weeks
- 6MWD improved 35 meters in the high dose group



	Placebo	PRM-151				
		1 mg⋅kg ⁻¹	5 mg⋅kg ^{−1}	10 mg⋅kg ⁻¹	All doses	
FVC % pred						
Baseline	63.2±16.7	82.4±15.5	80.0±7.8	72.8±14.3	78.8±12.5	
Day 57 change from baseline	-1.5±3.3	2.4±4.6	2.8±3.0	1.8±5.3	2.4±4.0	
6MWD m						
Baseline	458±73	457±157	470±101	439±63	456±109	
Day 57 change from baseline	-11±51	-11±63	6±43	35±45	8±51	

The Phase 2B study was a 6 month study in patients showing active decline in FVC despite Esbriet or OFEV

- FVC decline was 2.5%
- 6MWD decline -0.5 meters Placebo
- FVC decline was 4.8% on placebo
- 6MWD decline -31.8 meters



- For those continuing treatment
 - FVC decline was -3.6% per year
 - 6MWD -10.5 m
- For those rolling over to active drug
 - FVC decline went from -8.7% per year to -0.9% per year on PRM-151
 - 6MWD went from -54.9 m to -3.5 m



STARSCAPE:

Phase 3 Randomized Double Blind Placebo Controlled Trial

- 52 Week Study
- Randomization 1:1 drug to placebo
- IV Infusion every 4 weeks
- Open label extension
- Allows treatment with Esbriet or OFEV
- Excluded if FVC is improving over 6 months prior to screening
- Excluded is SpO2 <89% on 6 L

Key Inclusion Criteria:

- Patients Age 40-85
- Disease duration <4 years
- FVC >45%
- DLCO 30-90%
- HRCT with definite or probable UIP or lung biopsy consistent with IPF
- Minimum 6 minute walk distance (6MWD) of 150 meters with maximum use of 6 L/min at sea-level and up-to 8 L/min at altitude of supplemental oxygen while maintaining oxygen saturation of greater than or equal to (>/=)83%
- No history of cancer

Phosphodiesterase Inhibitors PDE4 Inhibitor:



Phosphodiesterase Inhibitors PDE4D Inhibitor:



- Preclinical animal studies show anti-fibrotic effects of PDE4D inhibitors
- There are already phosphodiesterase inhibitors on the market for COPD/Chronic bronchitis and they are most effective for the chronic cough symptoms of chronic bronchitis
- I'm hopeful this will not only slow the progression of fibrosis, but will actually help the chronic cough symptoms in IPF

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Phase 2A Randomized Double Blind Placebo Controlled Trial

- 12 Week Study
- Randomization 1:1 drug to placebo
- Twice daily tablet
- Allows treatment with Esbriet or OFEV
- There is specific cough substudy

Key Inclusion Criteria:

- Patients Age >40
- Disease duration: No limit
- FVC >45%
- DLCO 25-80%
- HRCT with definite or probable UIP or lung biopsy consistent with IPF
- No history of cancer

Pulmonary Hypertension in IPF

• A DLCO < 40% and need for supplemental oxygen are key risk factors for the presence of pulmonary hypertension in IPF. When both are present there is an 87% chance of underlying pulmonary hypertension.

• Even when not present about 20% of patients will still have pulmonary hypertension

• Roughly 30% of patients who have a normal echocardiogram will actually have pulmonary hypertension when assessed by right heart catheterization



Pulmonary Hypertension in ILD

• The development of pulmonary hypertension in IPF is associated with increased shortness of breath, leg weakness, and increased mortality

• It's estimated that anywhere from 10-50% of patients with IPF have Pulmonary hypertension

 In the setting of Combined Pulmonary Fibrosis and Emphysema (CPFE), up to 70% of patients were found to have PH.



Tyvaso: Inhaled Trepostinil

The INCREASE study was a 16 week study in patients with Interstitial Lung Disease with Pulmonary Hypertension

- Patients received up to 12 breaths four times daily
- Tyvaso group saw a 31.8 meter increase their 6 MWD
- Clinical Worsening occurred in 22.7% of treated patients vs 33.1% of placebo
- FVC improved as well



Tyvaso: Inhaled Trepostinil

- The question is naturally, can Tyvaso delay or prevent the development of pulmonary hypertension
- Would it help maintain quality of life longer?
- Could it actually help combat the progression of fibrosis too?





TETON:

Phase 3 Randomized Double Blind Placebo Controlled Trial

- 52 Week Study
- Randomization 1:1 drug to placebo
- Inhaled Trepostinil
- Open label extension
- Allows treatment with Esbriet or OFEV
- Excluded is SpO2 <89% on 10 L
- Life expectancy <6 months

Key Inclusion Criteria:

- Patients Age 40-85
- Disease duration: No limit
- FVC 45-80%
- DLCO no criteria
- HRCT with definite or probable UIP or lung biopsy consistent with IPF
- No history of cancer

Summary Thoughts

- In the early 1980's, a child born with cystic fibrosis was not expected to live beyond their 20's
- There are many people with Cystic fibrosis who were in their 40's when they developed drugs that could actually cure the disease.
- They did not plan for retirement.

Summary Thoughts

- Things will change for IPF too.
- Unfortunately, only about 10% of eligible patients with IPF participate in clinical studies.
- Be the difference you want to see.