

The therapy of IPF

- *what's next?* -

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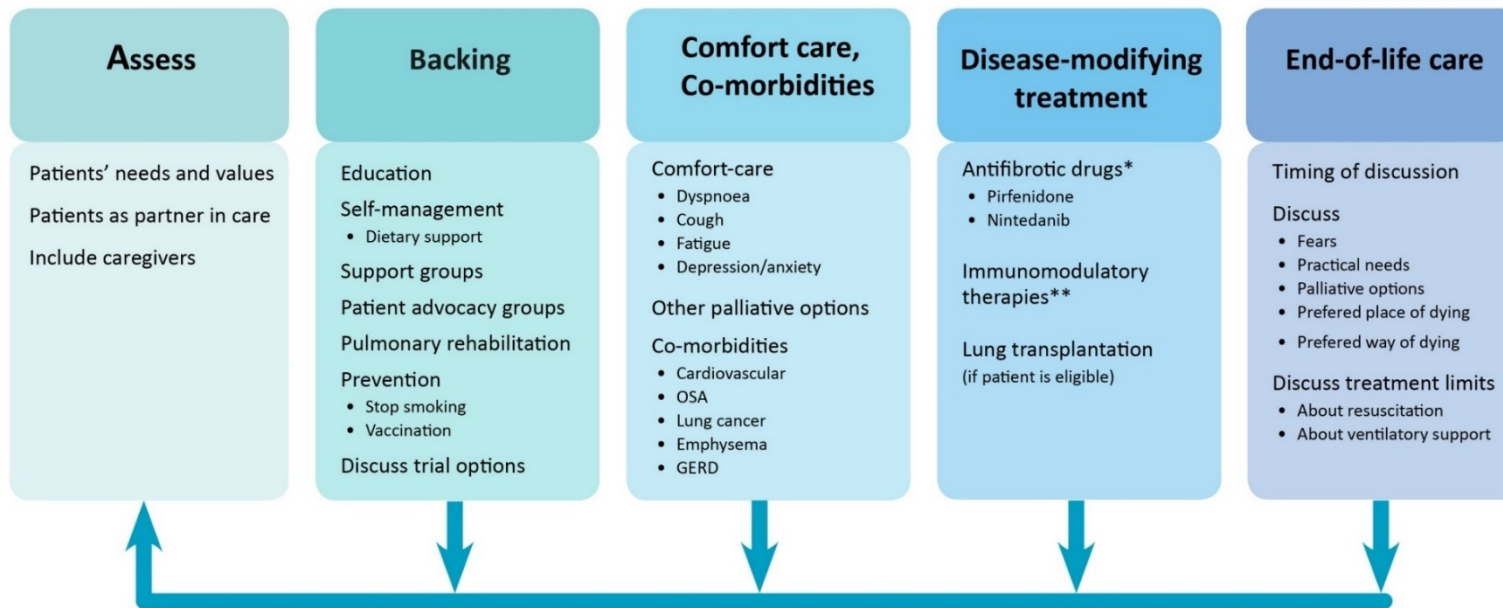
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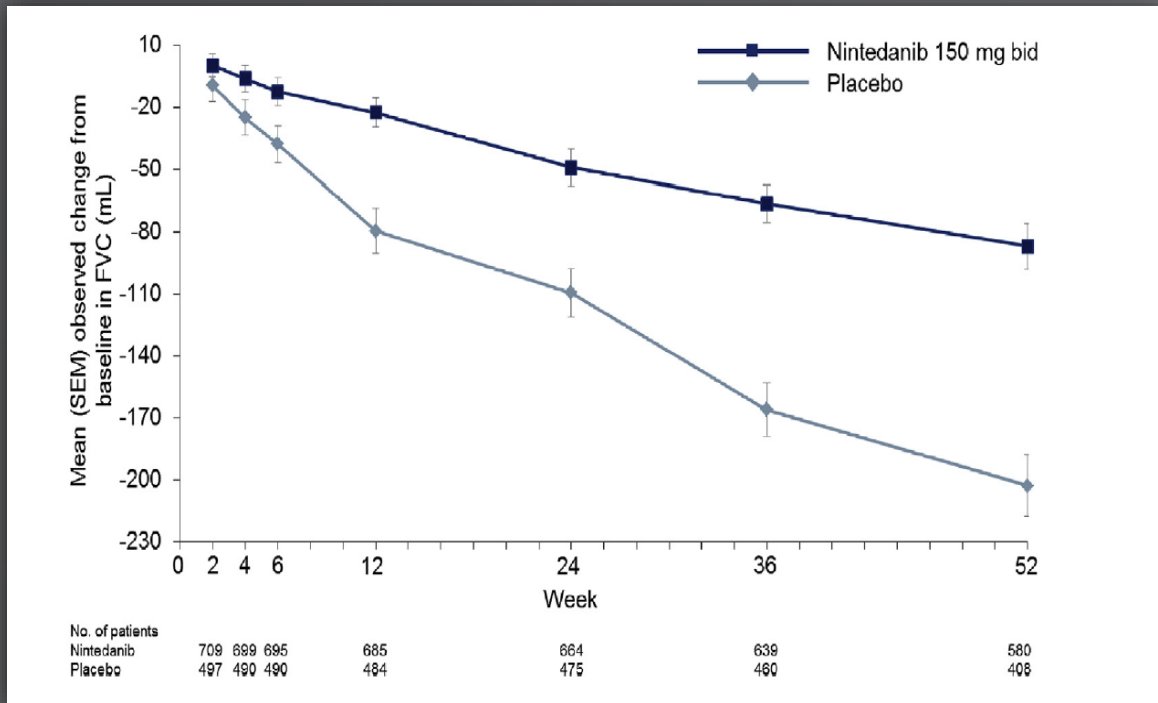
Where are we ?

ABCDE of ILD care

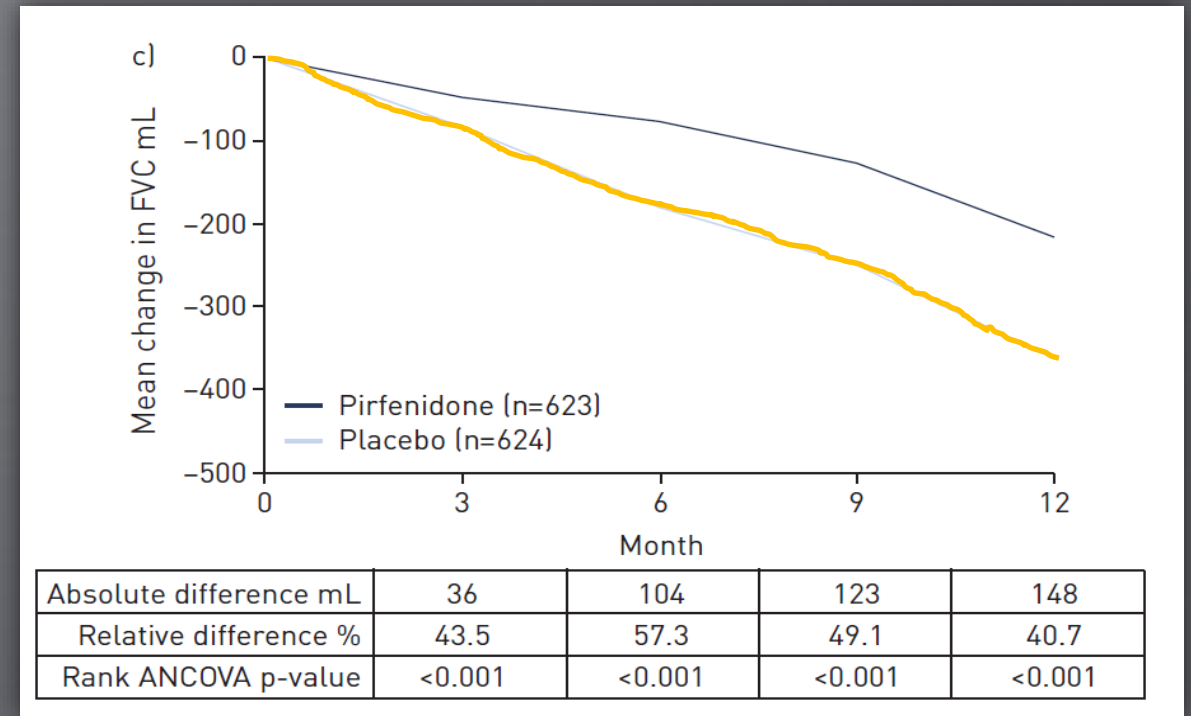


Antifibrotic therapy effects in clinical trials

Changes in FVC over time



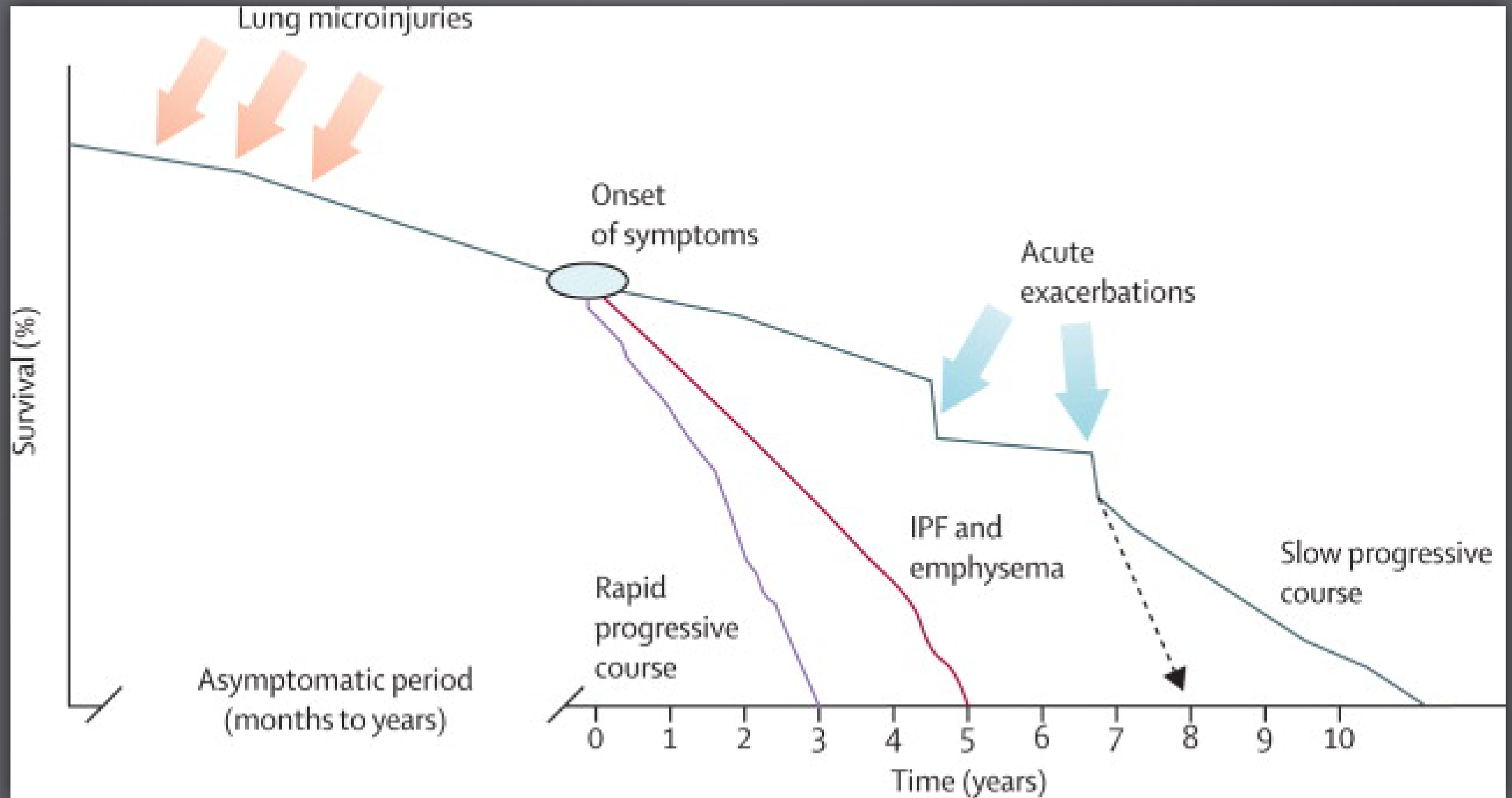
Nintedanib - TOMORROW & INPULSIS



Pirfenidone - CAPACITY & ASCEND

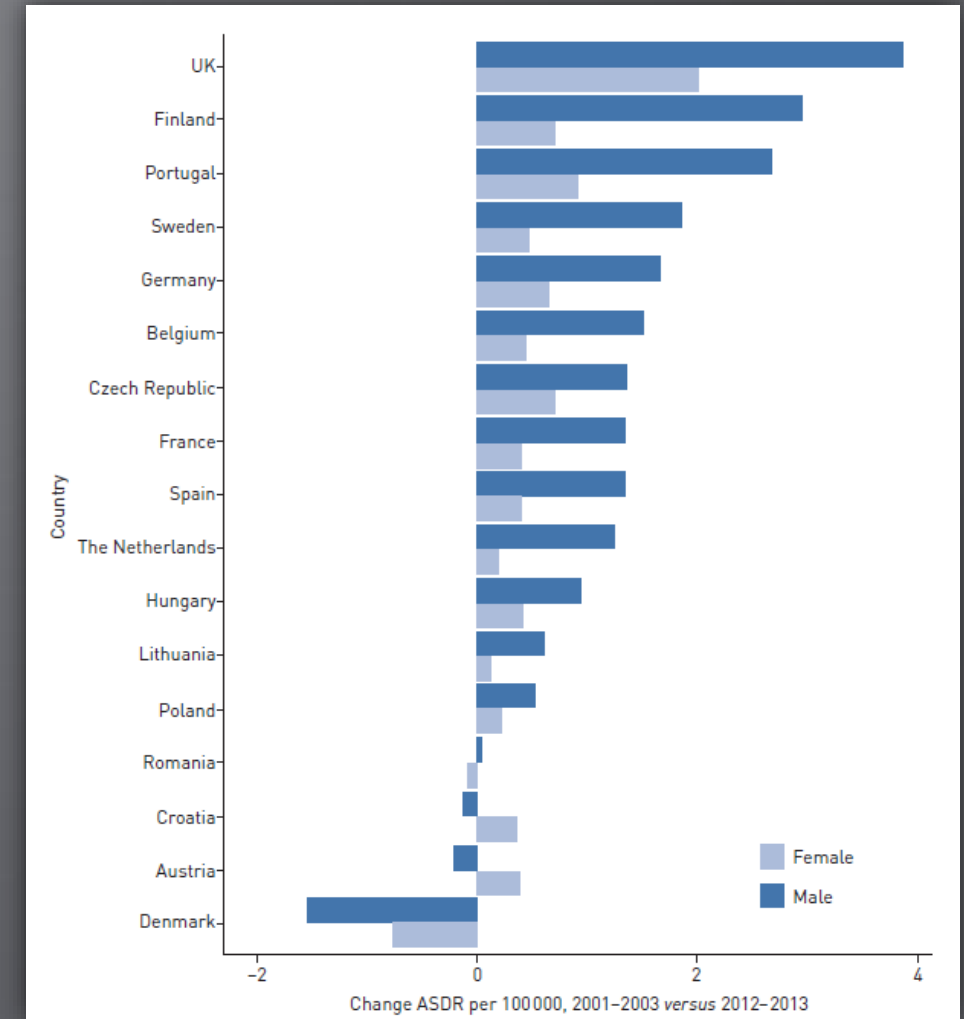
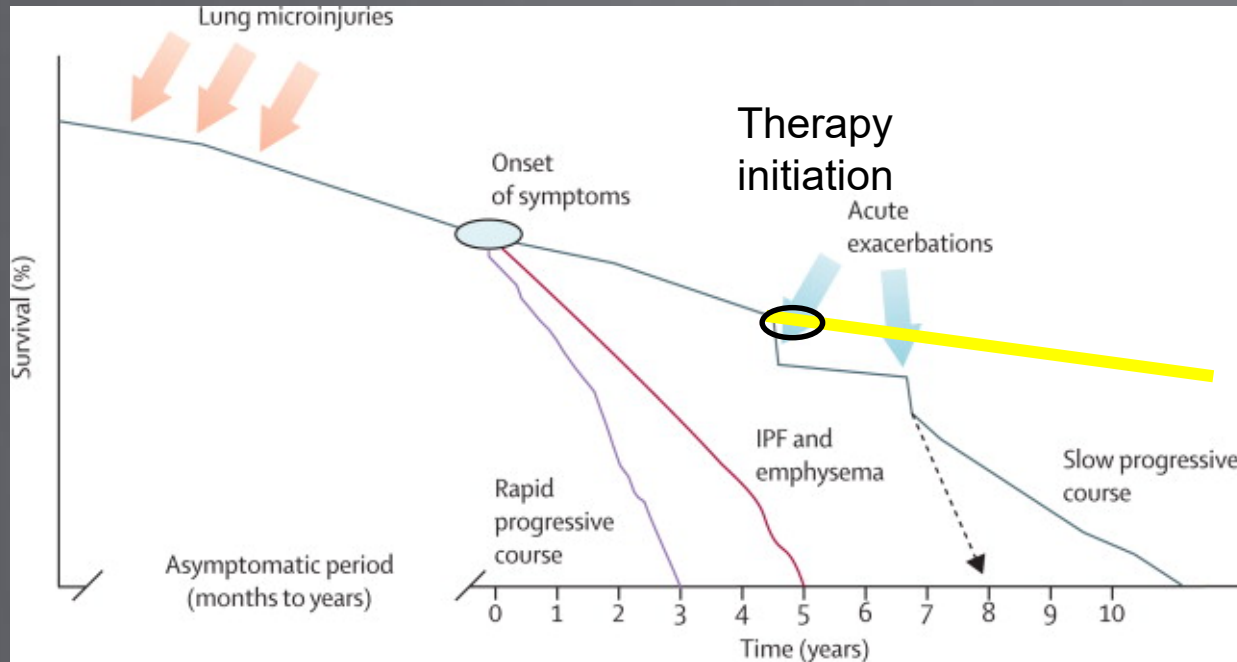


The natural course of IPF

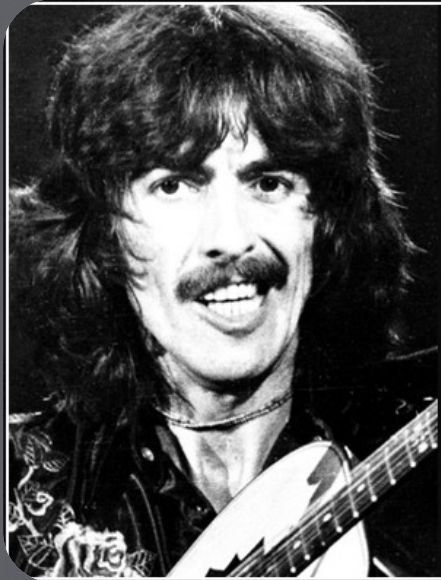


The continued threat to our patients – IPF, a deadly disease

Mortality trends in ILD / IPF – WHO mortality database



We should have started future yesterday



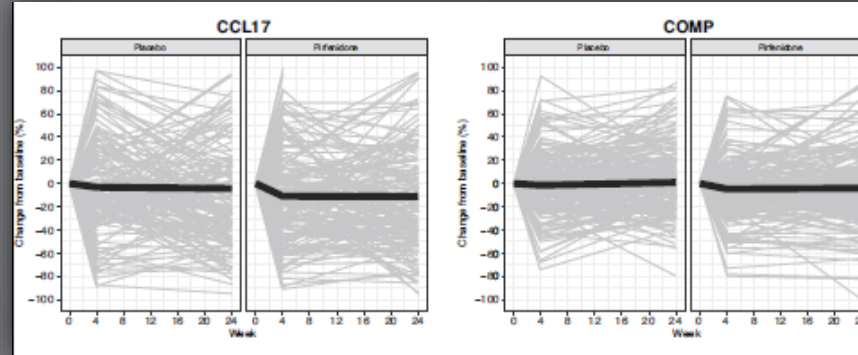
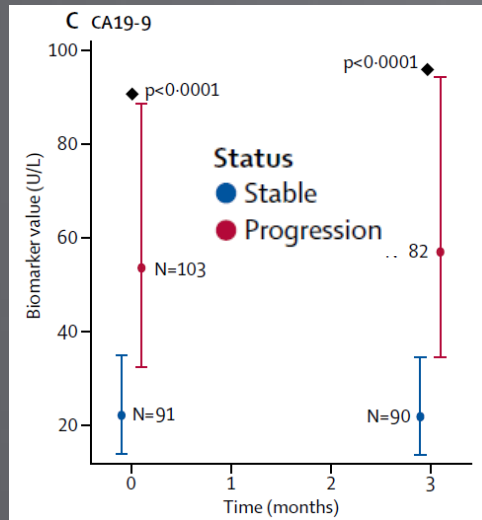
Yesterday, today was tomorrow. And tomorrow, today will be yesterday.

— George Harrison —

AZ QUOTES

- Therapeutic biomarkers guiding therapy
- Combination therapy
- New drugs
- Gene based therapies / stem cell therapy
- Targeting the lung microbiom
- New non-drug therapies
- Treatment of comorbidities
- New developments in LTX
- New ways to approach palliative care
- Urgent need to improve care of AE-IPF

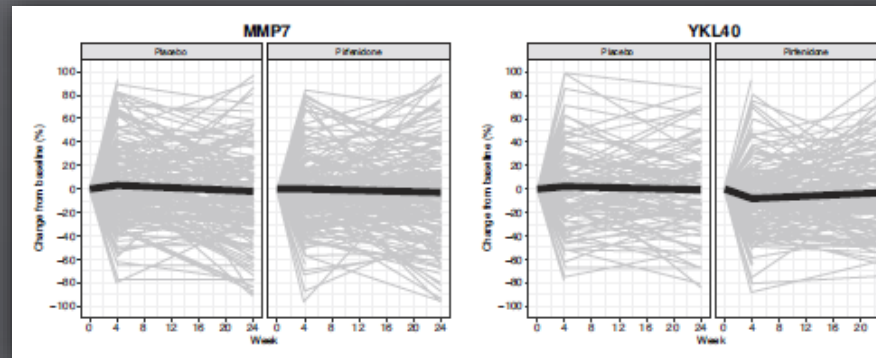
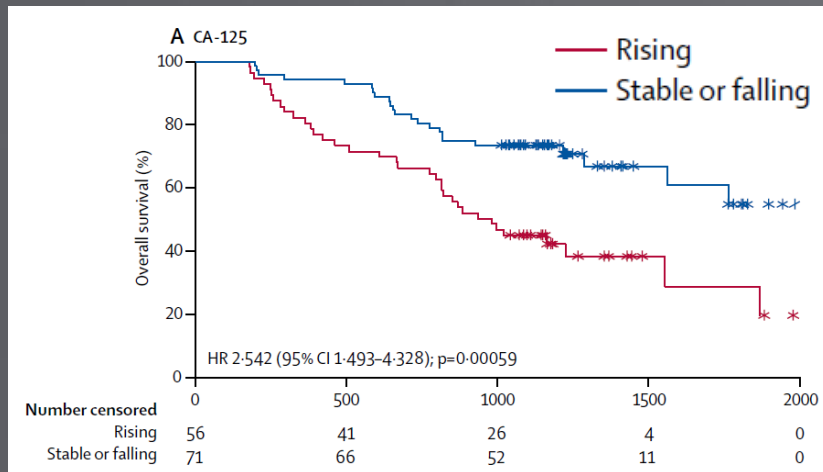
Predictive therapeutic biomarkers in IPF



„Pirfenidone treatment benefit was consistent regardless of baseline biomarker levels, and pirfenidone treatment had little to no pharmaco-dynamic effect on the plasma levels of the pre-specified biomarkers.“



...the best way to predict treatment response to anti-fibrotic therapy has yet to be found...



Is this the future ?

Combination therapy: the future of management for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis?

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Which direction to go – combination therapy ?

Combination therapy: clinical trials

Table 4. Adverse Events

	Nintedanib 150 mg Twice Daily with Add-on Pirfenidone (<i>n</i> = 53)	Nintedanib 150 mg Twice Daily (<i>n</i> = 51)
Any adverse events	47 (88.7)	45 (88.2)
Most frequent adverse events*		
Diarrhea	20 (37.7)	16 (31.4)
Nausea	22 (41.5)	6 (11.8)
Vomiting	15 (28.3)	6 (11.8)
Fatigue	10 (18.9)	6 (11.8)
Upper abdominal pain	7 (13.2)	4 (7.8)
Decreased appetite	6 (11.3)	5 (9.8)
Dyspnea	2 (3.8)	8 (15.7)
Headache	7 (13.2)	1 (2.0)
Any serious adverse events [†]	2 (3.8)	5 (9.8)
Any fatal adverse events	0	0

Table 2. Summary of common TEAEs and TEAEs leading to discontinuation (safety population)

	Patients with at least one TEAE* n (%)	Patients with at least one TEAE related to pirfenidone only [†] n (%)	Patients with at least one TEAE related to nintedanib only [†] n (%)	Patients with at least one TEAE related to both pirfenidone and nintedanib [†] n (%)
N=89				
TEAEs occurring in ≥5% of patients				
≥1 TEAE	88 (99)	–	–	–
≥1 treatment-related TEAE	74 (83)	15 (17)	67 (75)	26 (29)

INJOURNEY trial:
combination pirfenidone on top of nintedanib

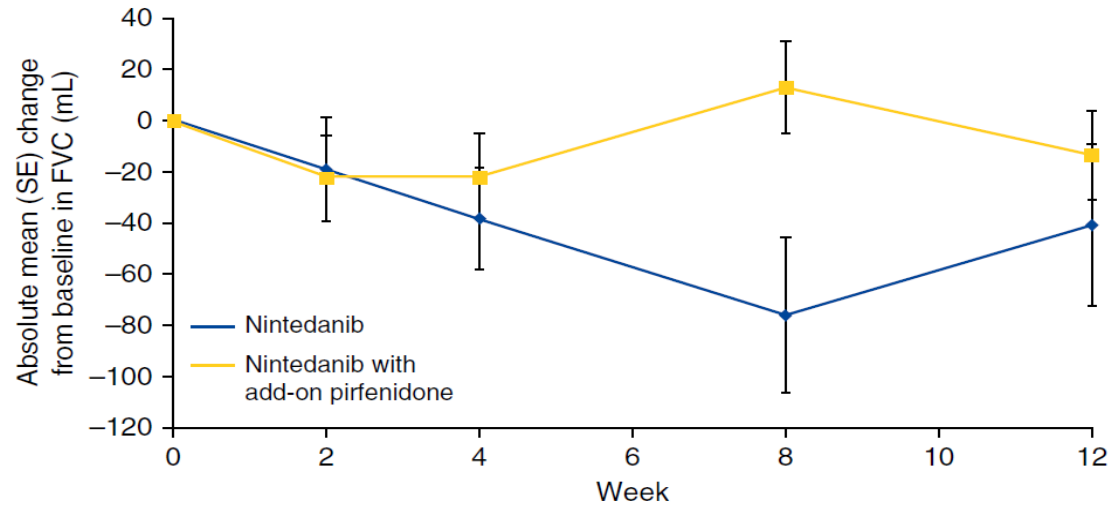
Nintedanib added to preexisting Pirfenidone

Conclusion: combination therapy feasible

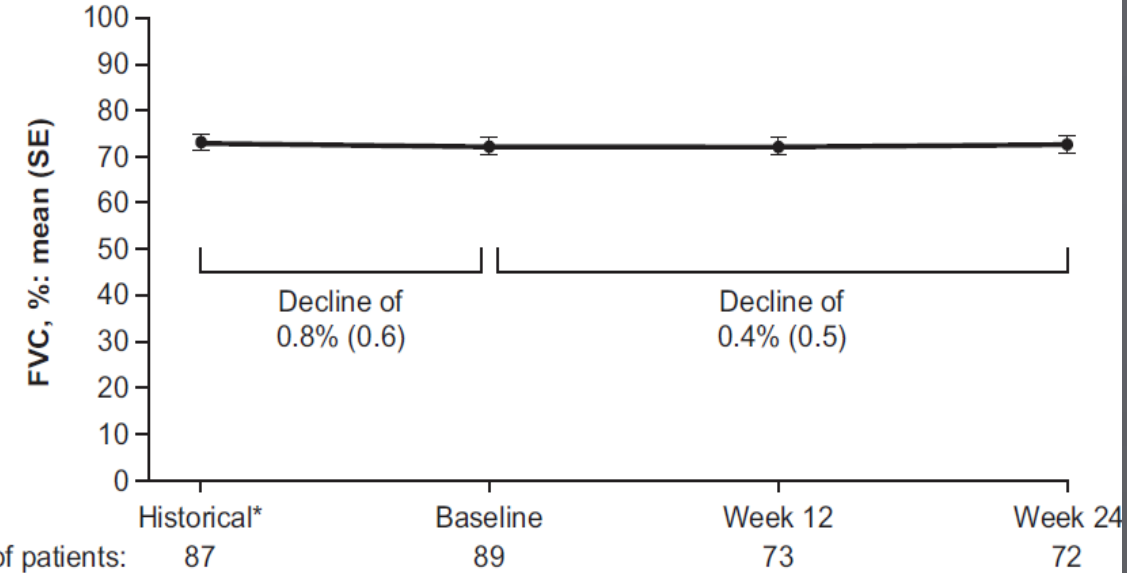


Which direction to go – combination therapy ?

Exploratory efficacy outcomes



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Nintedanib	51	49	48	45	44
Nintedanib with add-on pirfenidone	53	52	50	50	48



Number of patients:	87	89	73	72
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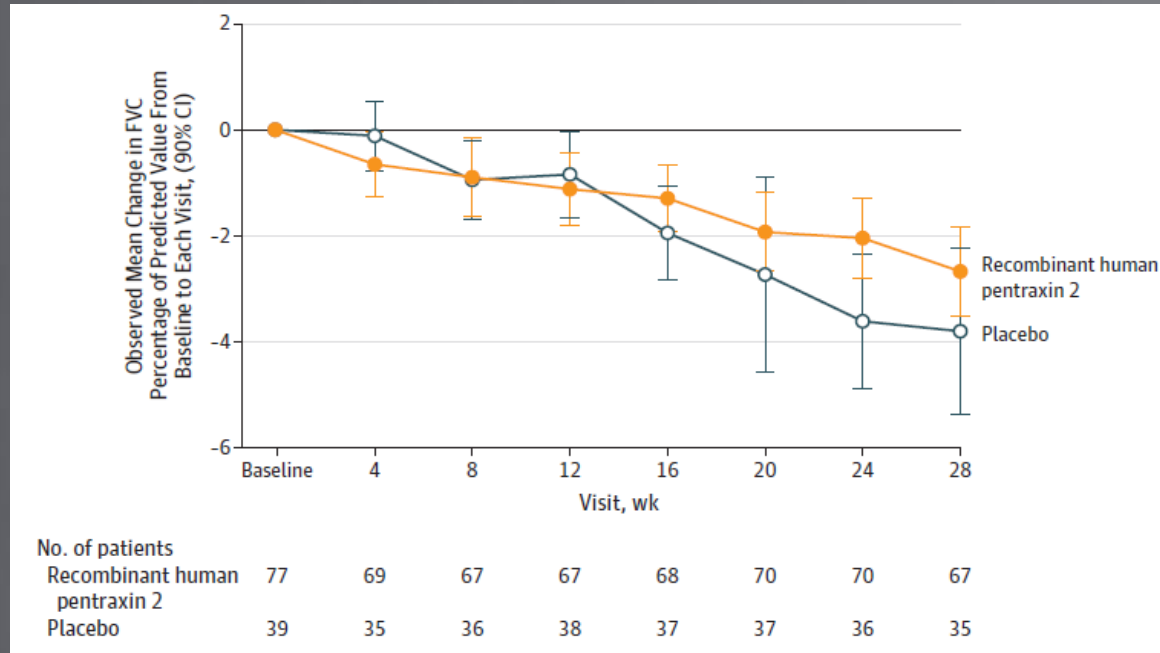
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Conclusion: efficacy of combination to be assessed



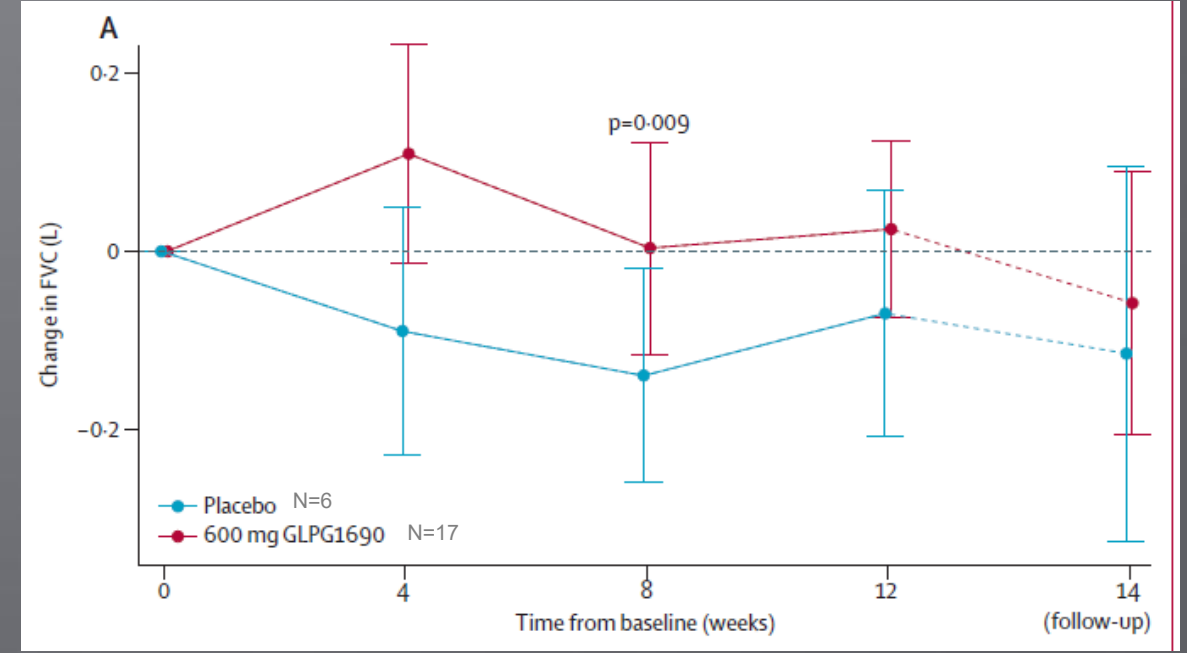
Which direction to go – new drugs ?

Recombinant human pentraxin 2



➤ Purified serum amyloid P = pentraxin2 inhibits monocyte differentiation into profibrotic fibrocytes & into proinflammatory macrophages & production of TGF- β 1

GLPG1690 autotaxin inhibitor



➤ Key enzyme for LAP

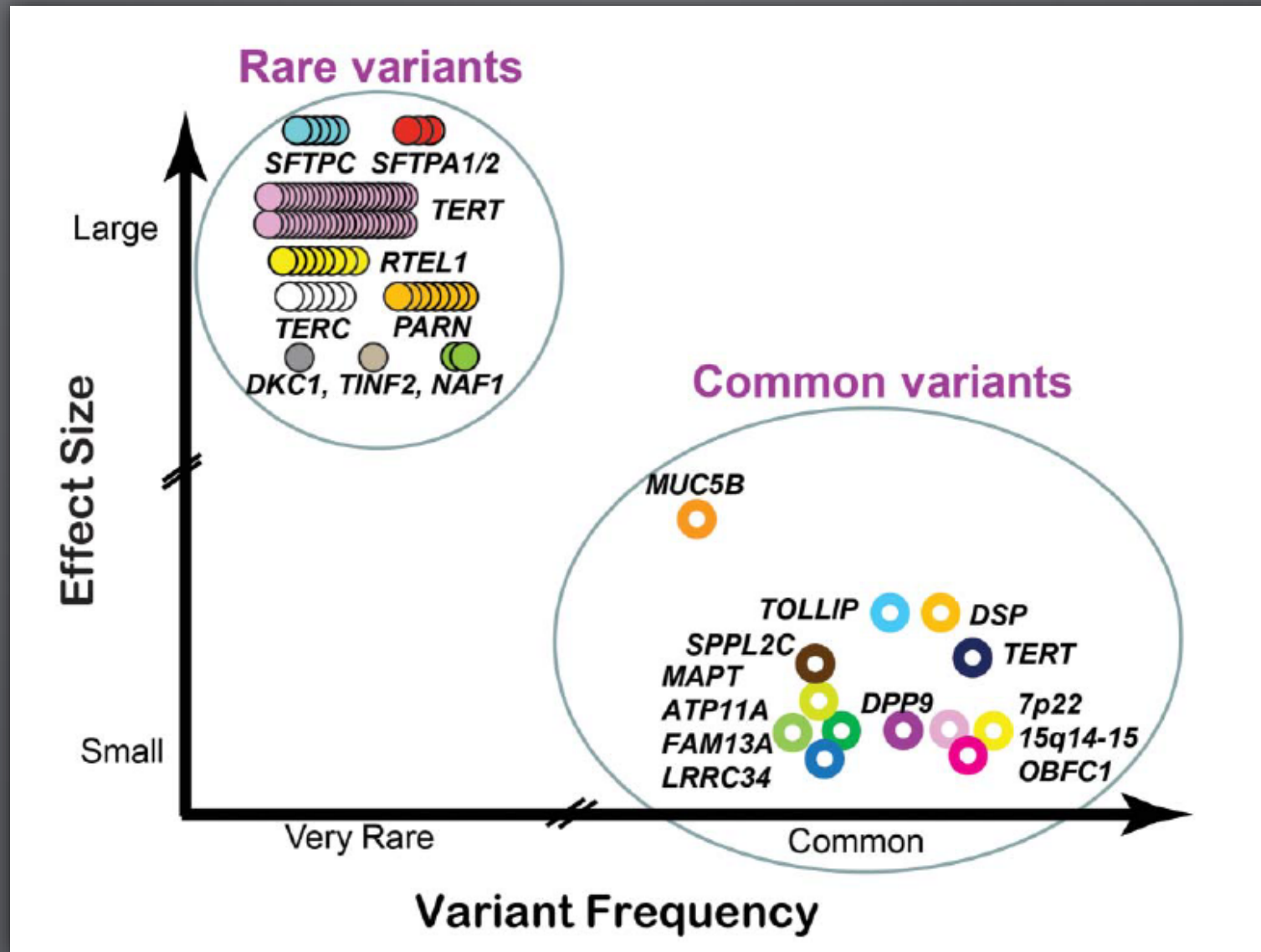
➤ Overexpressed in IPF



Potential „new“ drugs in Phase II-III studies

Study drug	Mechanism of action	Clinical trial identifier (NCT)	Study description	Primary Outcome Measures	Phase of development	Treatment duration
PRM-151	Recombinant form of human SAP	NCT02550873	Randomized, double-blind, placebo controlled	Change From Baseline in Forced Vital Capacity (FVC) [% Predicted]	II	28 weeks
Simtuzumab	Anti-Lysyl oxidase (LOX) antibody	NCT01769196	Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled	The effect of simtuzumab (GS-6624) on progression-free survival (PFS)	II	148 weeks
Tipelukast	Leukotriene antagonists	NCT02503657	Randomized, double-blind, placebo controlled	Change from baseline of Forced Vital Capacity (FVC) at 26 weeks	II	26 weeks
Tralokinumab	Anti IL-13 antibody	NCT01629667	Randomized Dose-ranging	Change From Baseline in Percent-predicted Forced Vital Capacity (FVC) at Week 52	II	52 weeks
SAR156597	Anti IL-4 and IL-13 antibody	NCT01529853	Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled	Safety/tolerability: Number of participants with Adverse events	II	6 weeks
Lebrikizumab	Anti IL-13 antibody	NCT01872689	Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled	Annualized Rate of Decrease in Percent Predicted Forced Vital Capacity (FVC) Over 52 Weeks	II	52 weeks
BG00011	Anti-Integrin antibody	NCT03573505	Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled	Yearly Rate of Change in Forced (Expiratory) Vital Capacity (FVC)	II	52 weeks
Pamrevlumab (FG-3019)	Anti-connective tissue growth factor antibody	NCT01890265	Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled	Change from baseline in FVC (percent of predicted value) at Week 48	II	48 weeks
PBI-4050	Anti-connective tissue growth factor antibody	NCT02538536	Open-label, Single Arm, Exploratory, Observational Study	Number of subjects with abnormal laboratory values and/or adverse events that are related to treatment	II	20 weeks
KD025	Selective inhibitor of ROCK2	NCT02688647	Randomized, Phase 2, Open-Label	Change in Forced Vital Capacity (FVC) in baseline to 24 weeks	II	24 weeks
CC-90001	Kinase inhibitor targeting JNKs	NCT03142191	Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled	Percentage point change in % predicted Forced vital capacity (FVC)	II	24 weeks
GLPG1690	Autotaxin-LPA inhibitor	NCT02738801	Randomized, Double-Blind, Parallel Group, Placebo-Controlled	Safety, Tolerability, Pharmacokinetic and Pharmacodynamic Properties of GLPG1690	II	12 weeks
Omipalisib / GSK2126458	Inhibitor of PI3K pathway	NCT01725139	Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled,	To explore a number of doses of GSK2126458 for engagement of pharmacology after short term dosing	I	7 to 10 days
Sirolimus	mTOR inhibitor	NCT01462006	Double-blind Placebo-controlled Pilot Study	Change in peripheral blood concentration of CXCR4+ fibrocytes; number of subjects with drug side-effects	NA	22 weeks
Rituximab	Antibody targeting CD20	NCT01969409	Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled,	Titers of anti-HEp-2 autoantibodies, by indirect immunofluorescence assays (IFA) over 9 months	II	36 weeks
Co-trimoxazole or Doxycycline	Antimicrobial drugs	NCT02759120	Randomized, un-blinded, phase III	Time to first non-elective, respiratory hospitalization or all-cause mortality	III	9 months

Genetic variants in IPF



Personalized therapy in IPF ?

Danazol Treatment for Telomere Diseases

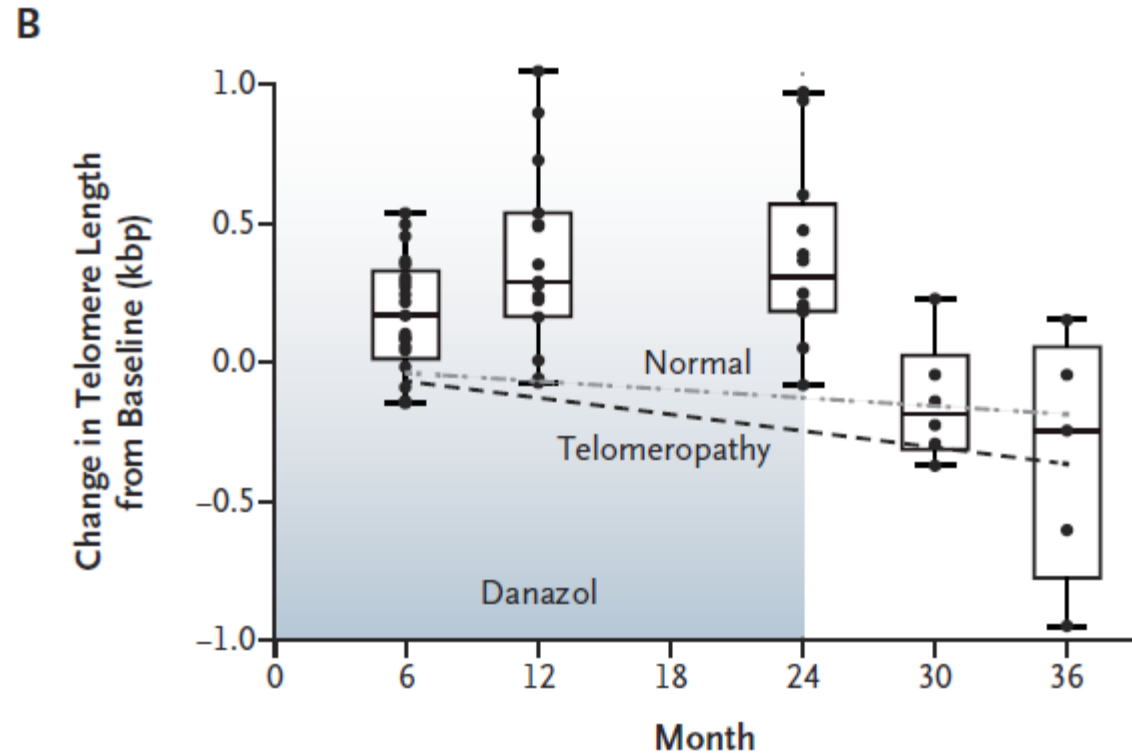


Table 1. Baseline Characteristics of the Patients.*

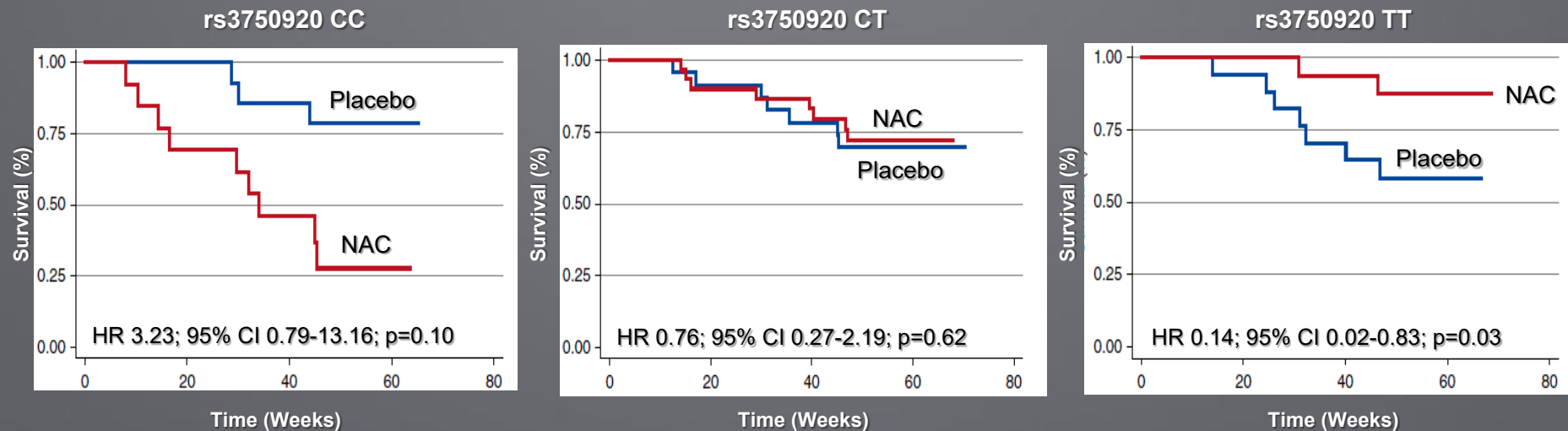
Characteristic	All Patients (N=27)	Patients with Mutation Identified				Patients with No Identified Mutation (N=6)
		<i>TERT</i> (N=10)	<i>TERC</i> (N=7)	<i>DKC1</i> (N=3)	<i>RTEL1</i> (N=1)	
Median age (range) — yr	41 (17–66)	49 (23–66)	44 (18–59)	42 (30–49)	28	28 (17–40)
Female sex — no.	15	6	5	1	0	3
Bone marrow failure — no.						
MAA	19	7	4	2	1	5
SAA	4	1	2	0	0	1
MDS	2	1	0	1	0	0
Transfusion dependency — no.						
Red cells	11	4	4	2	0	1
Red cells and platelets	2	1	0	0	0	1
Pulmonary fibrosis — no.†						
Overt	10	3	4	2	0	1
Subclinical	15	6	3	1	1	4
Absent	2	1	0	0	0	1
Cirrhosis — no.‡						
Overt	6	3	1	1	1	0
Subclinical	3	1	0	1	0	1
Absent	18	6	6	1	0	5
Early graying of hair — no.	6	2	1	2	1	0
Family history of telomeropathy — no.§	23	9	7	3	1	3



Personalized therapy in IPF ?

NAC effectiveness by TOLLIP genotype – a pharmacogenomic role?

-genetic variants for TOLLIP-



Replicated in patients on NAC from GIPF001 and UChicago

Toll interacting protein:

inhibitory adaptor protein within Toll-like receptors. TLR pathway part of innate immune system that recognizes structurally conserved molecular patterns of microbial pathogens, leading to an inflammatory immune response



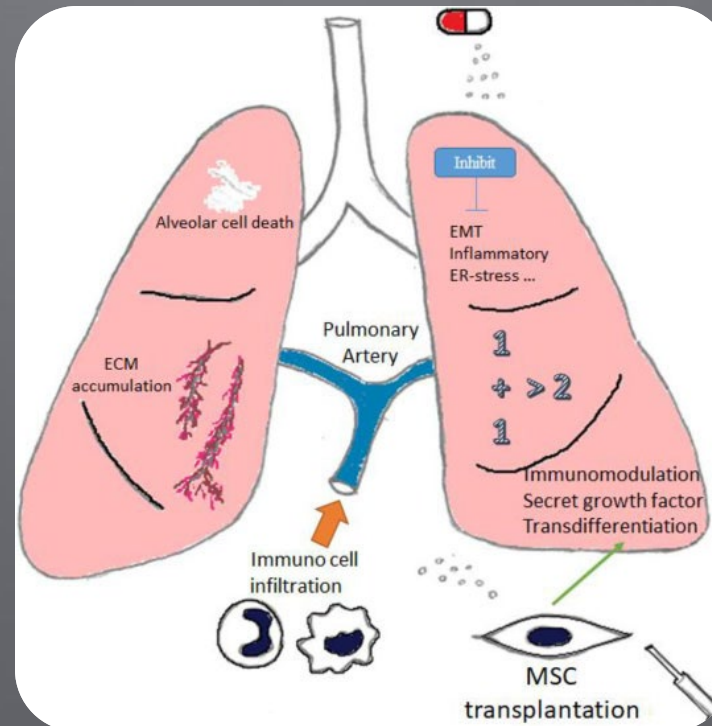
Mesenchymal stem cell transplantation in IPF

Hypothesis:

- MSC differentiate into alveolar epithelial cells
- Effects on tissue repair & wound healing combined with immuno-modulatory properties

Forms of MSC-TX:

- allogeneic bone marrow MSC transplantation
- human umbilical cord-derived mesenchymal stem cell transplantation
- adipose-derived stem cell treatment

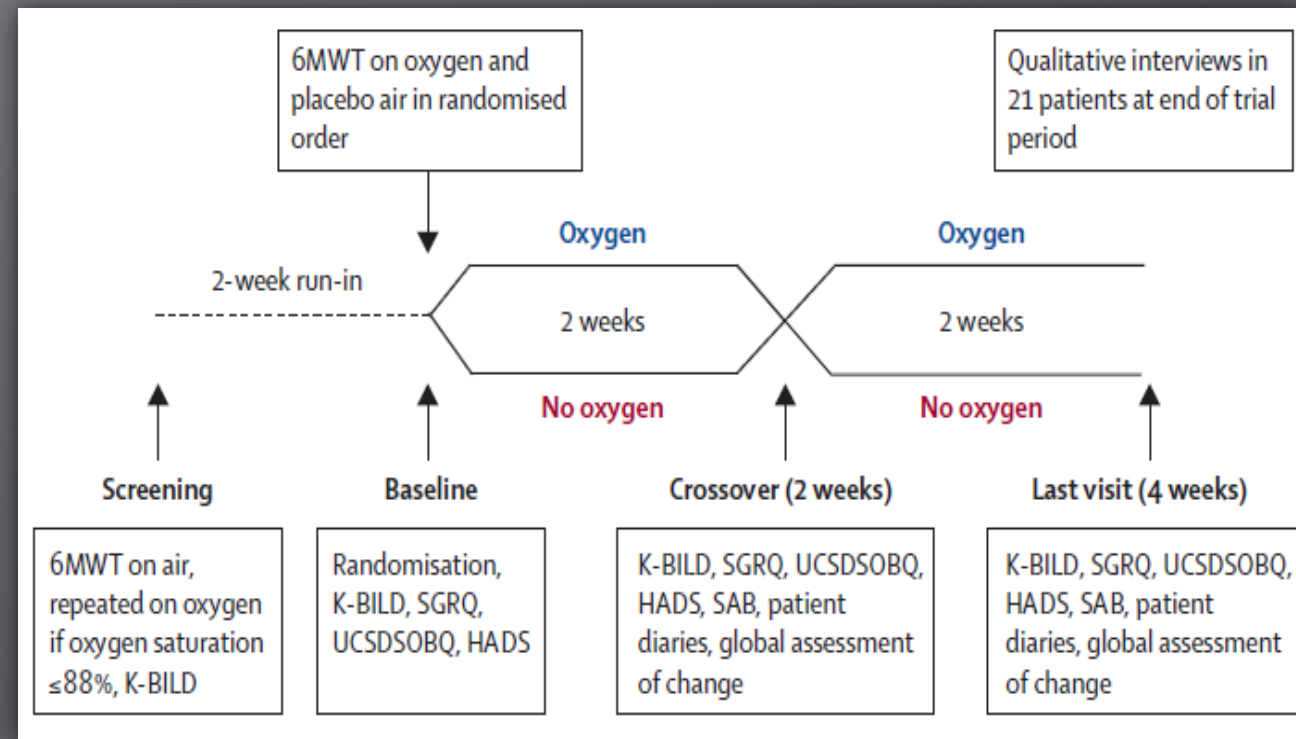
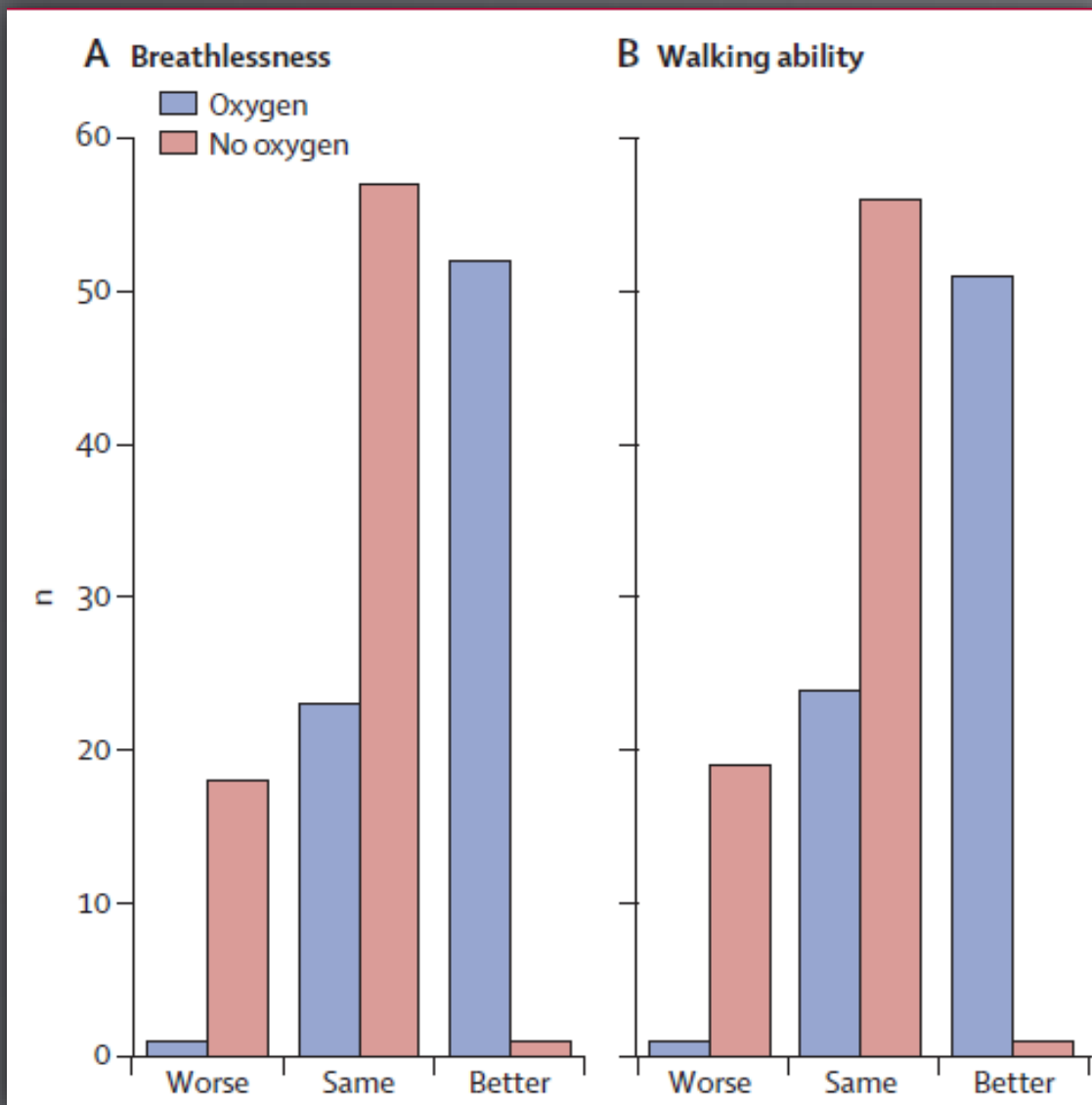


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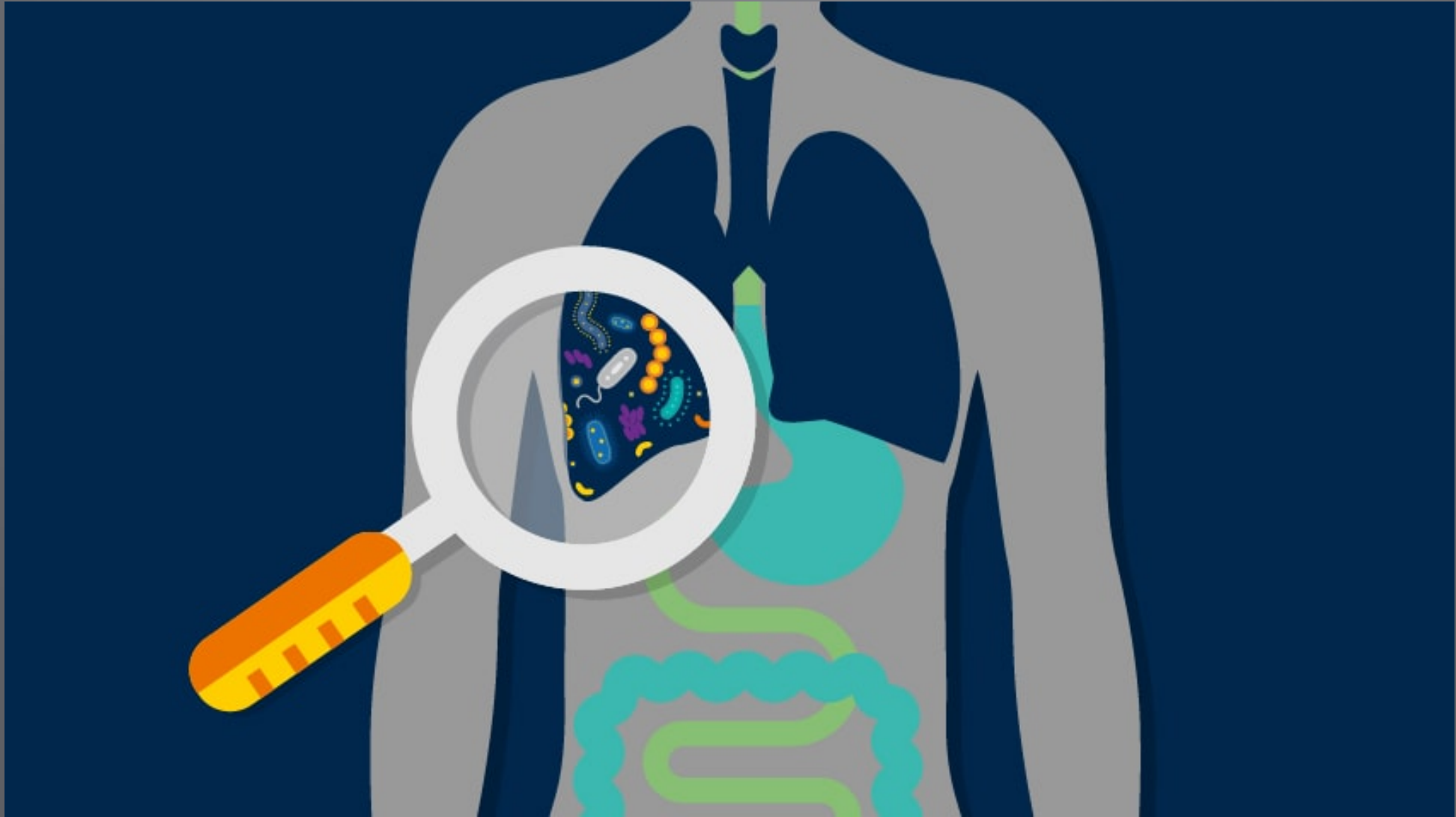
- Early phase trials
 - Safety (+)
 - Efficacy ???



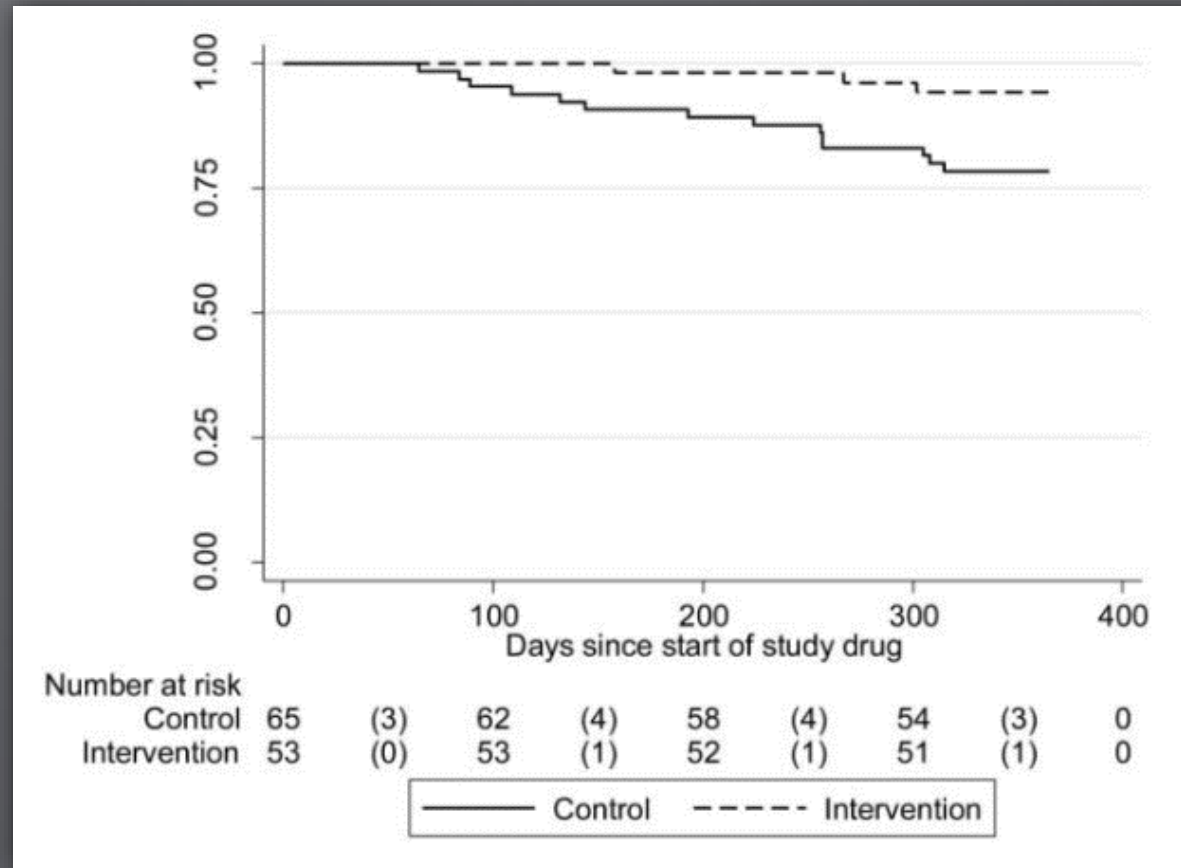
„New“ non-drug treatments



Microbiome & IPF



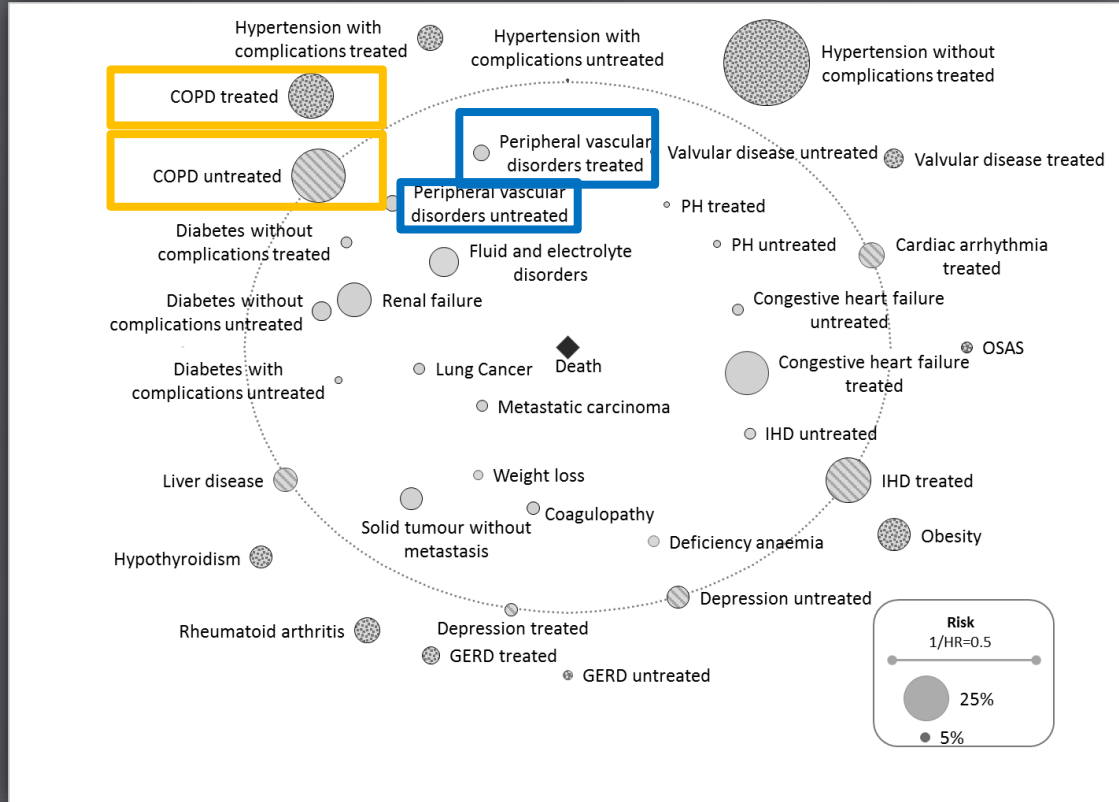
Targeting “bugs” in IPF ?



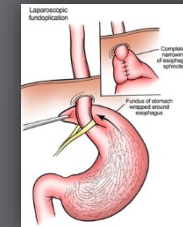
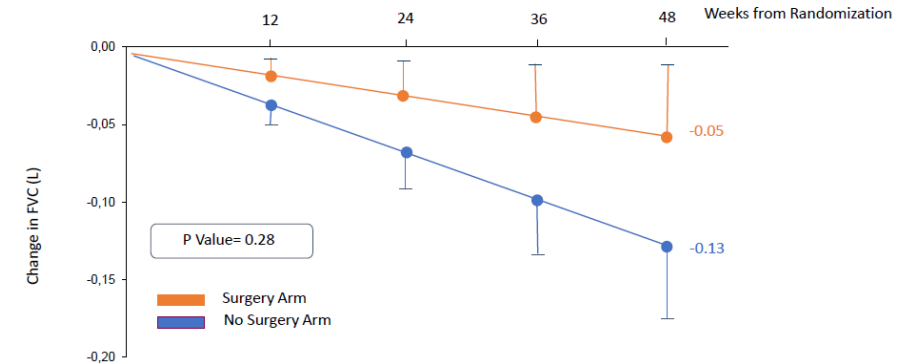
Co-trimoxazole decreased mortality in per-protocol analysis of 181 patients with fibrotic IIP (89% IPF)



Optimized treatments of comorbidities



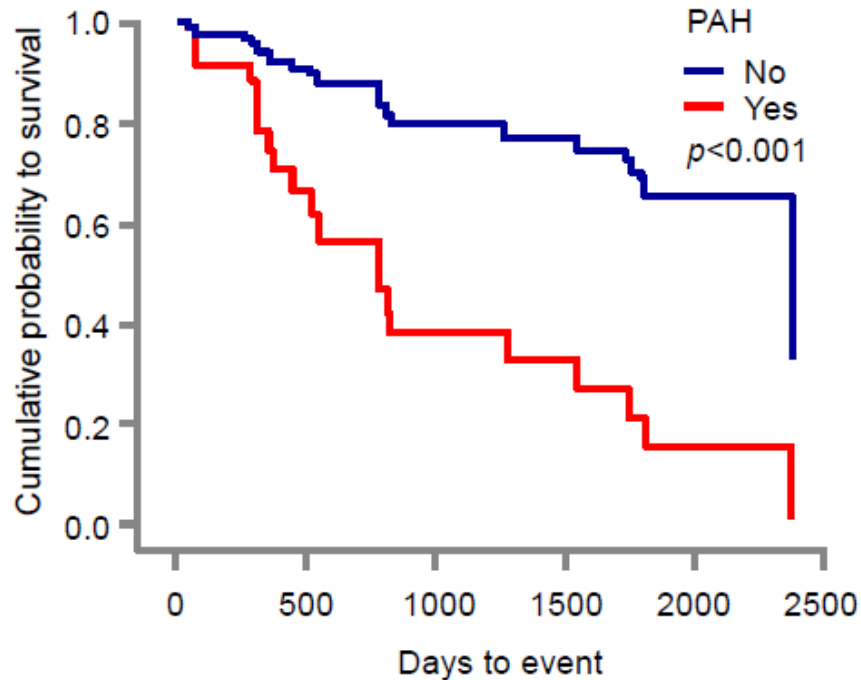
Mean change in forced vital capacity (L) from randomization to week 48



Endpoint	Surgery N=29	No surgery N=29	P-value
Clinical events			
Acute exacerbation	1 (3.4%)	4 (16.3%)	0.19
Respiratory hospitalization	2 (6.9%)	6 (20.7%)	0.25
Non-elective hospitalization	5 (17.2%)	8 (27.6%)	0.35
Lung transplantation	0 (0.0%)	1 (3.4%)	>0.99
Disease progression			
Death	1 (3.4%)	4 (17.7%)	0.13
10% FVC decline or death	2 (9.1%)	7 (29.4%)	0.038
10% FVC decline, acute exacerbation, or death	2 (9.1%)	7 (27.8%)	0.048



The unmet need in IPF: treatment of PH-IPF



+ Symptoms ↑
+ QoL ↓
+ ...

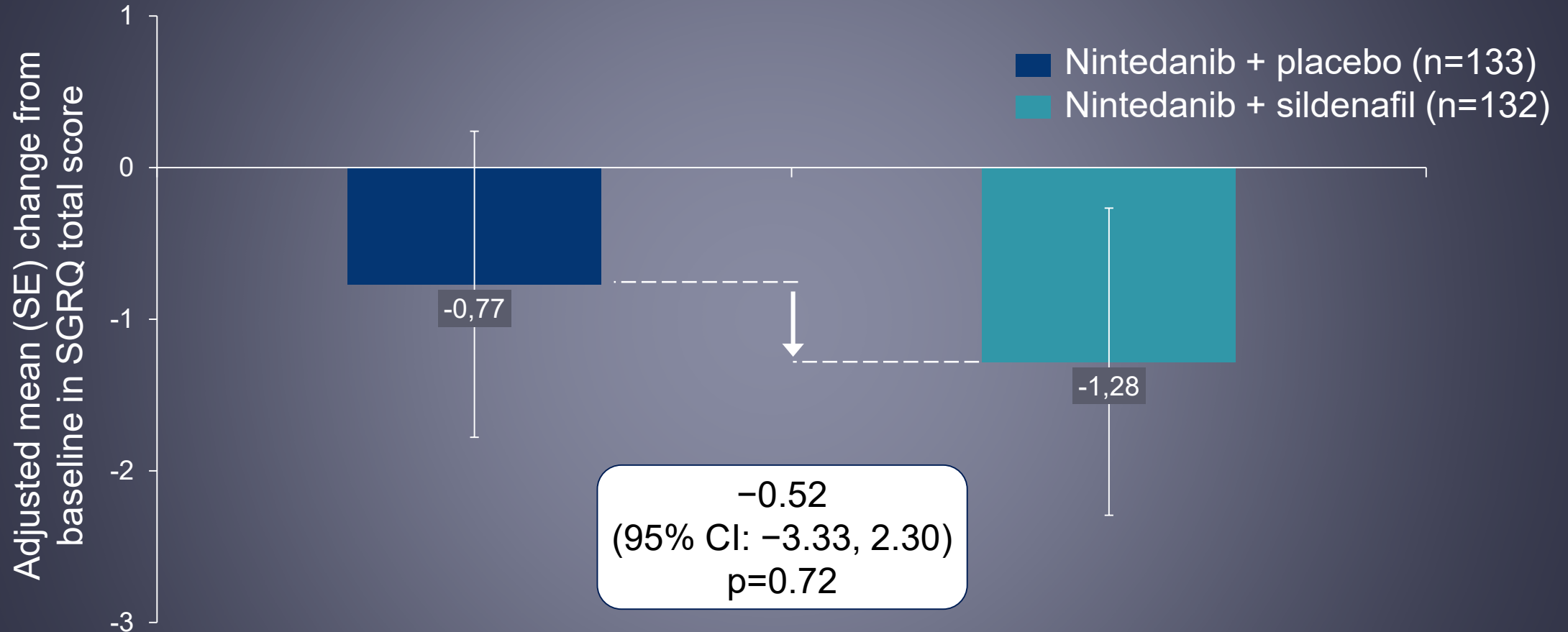
	Drug tested	Primary outcome	Result
Trials targeting IPF with drugs approved in PAH			
STEP-IPF [22]	Sildenafil	Proportion of patients with >20% increase in 6-min walk distance	Negative on primary outcome, some positive effect on secondary and exploratory end-points
ARTEMIS-IPF [23]	Ambrisentan	Time to disease progression, defined as death, respiratory hospitalisation, or a categorical decrease in lung function	Deleterious effect
BUILD-1 [24]	Bosentan	6-min walk distance	Negative
BUILD-3 [25]	Bosentan	Time to IPF worsening (a confirmed decrease from baseline in FVC $\geq 10\%$ and $DL_{CO} \geq 15\%$, or acute exacerbation of IPF) or death	Negative
MUSIC [26]	Macitentan	FVC	Negative
Trials targeting IPF-PH with drugs approved in PAH			
ARTEMIS-PH [NCT00879229]	Ambrisentan	6-min walk distance	Terminated early
RISE-IIP [27] (results unpublished)	Riociguat	6-min walk distance	Terminated early
BPHIT [28]	Bosentan	Indexed pulmonary vascular resistance	Negative

FVC: forced vital capacity; DL_{CO} : diffusing capacity of the lung for carbon monoxide.



Nintedanib plus sildenafil in IPF: the INSTAGE trial

Primary endpoint: Change from baseline in SGRQ total score at week 12



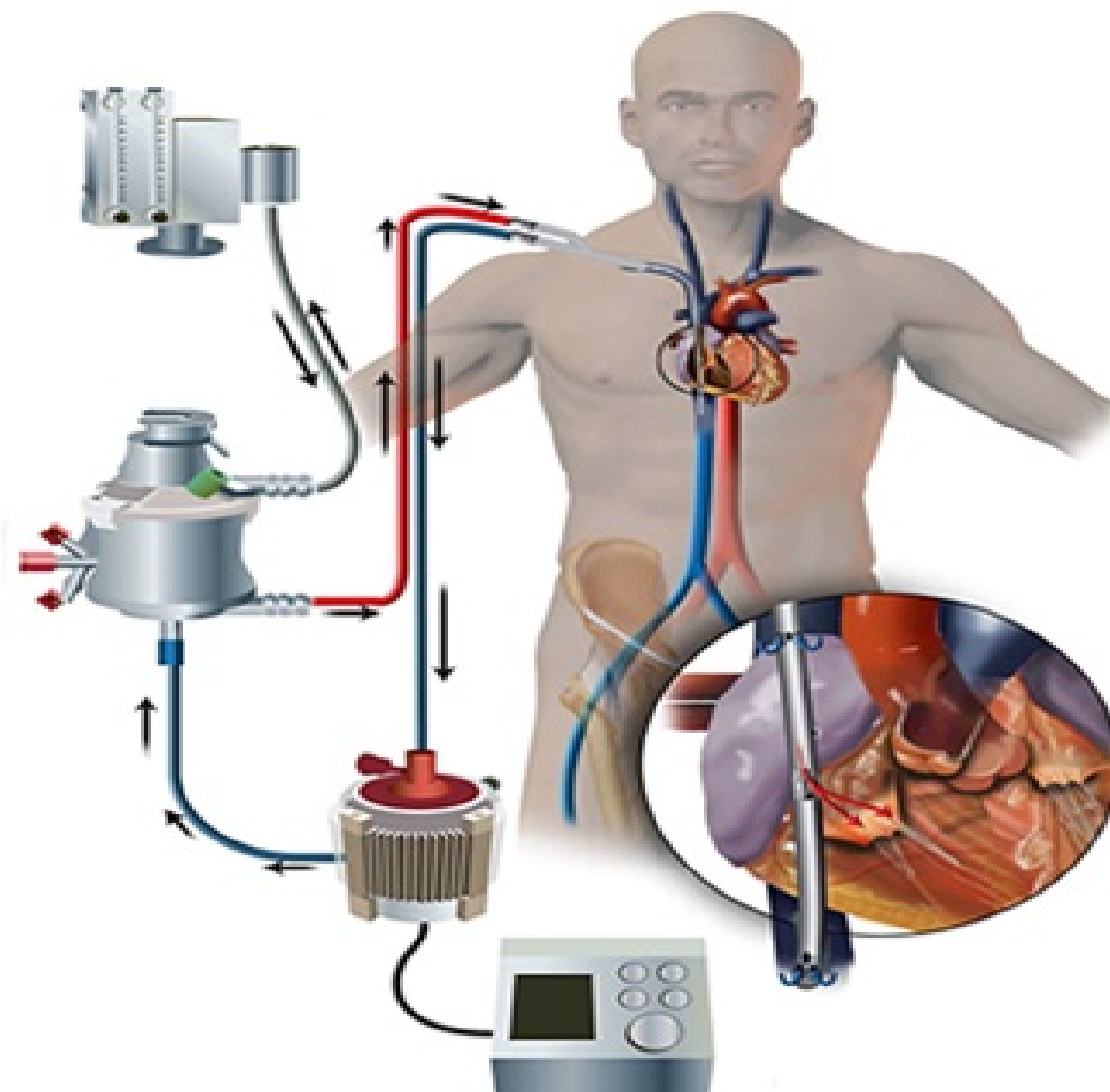
Conclusions

- No significant benefits on primary endpoint QoL/SOB
- Decline for this advanced patient group similar to less advanced INPULSIS

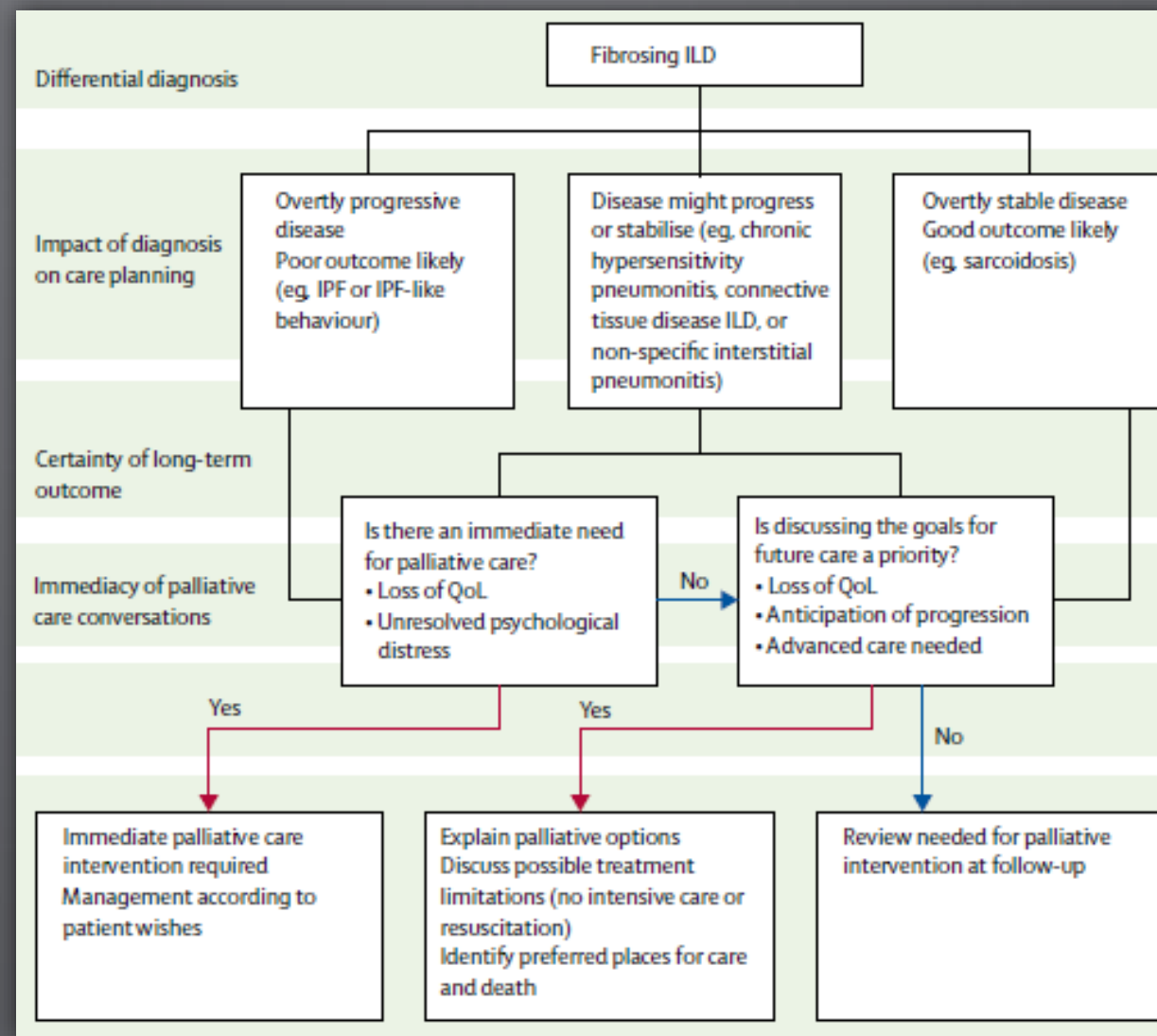
The two sides of severe IPF progression



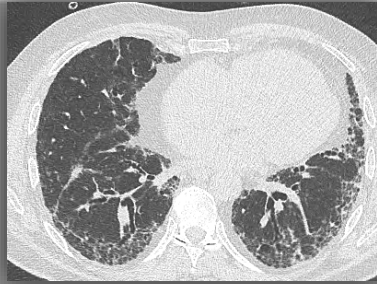
Bridge to LTX (?) : ECMO



The other end – palliative care for AE-IPF



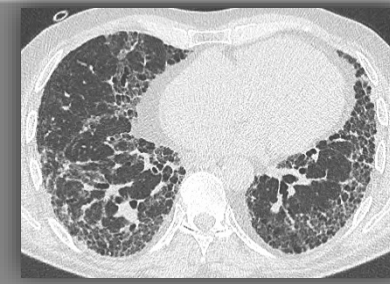
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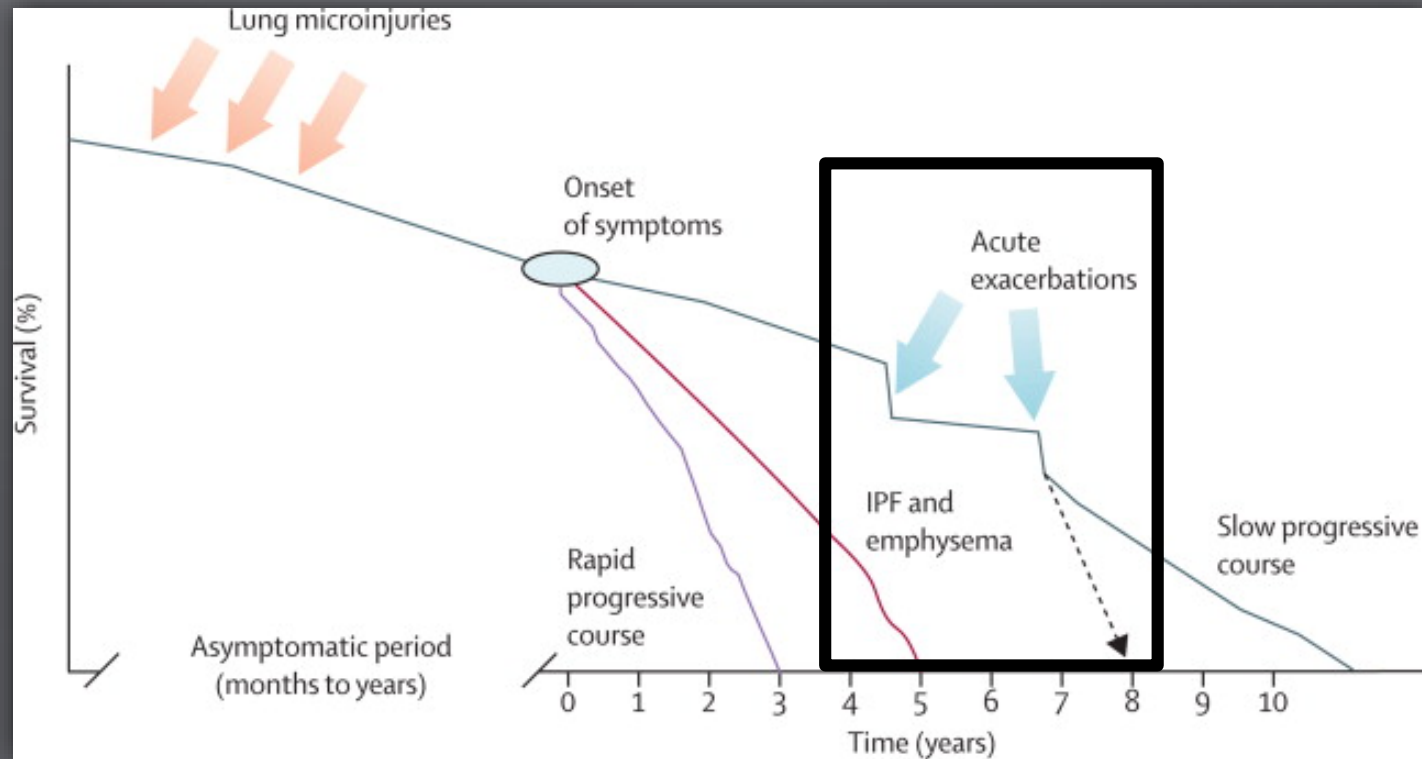
3 months pre



AE-IPF



6 months post



The continued threat in IPF – AE-IPF

Practical questions	Answers
Do you use BAL for diagnosing AE?	We perform BAL unless there is a high chance of triggering the need for mechanical ventilation
Do you use empirical antibiotic treatment?	We use broad-spectrum antibiotic therapy
Do you treat with antivirals?	No, unless the patient is severely lymphopenic
Do you treat for pneumocystis?	Yes, we do
Do you use anticoagulation?	No, we do not
Do you use corticosteroids?	Yes, we pulse the patient with three daily doses of methylprednisolone of 1 g each
Do you use cyclophosphamide for AE-IPF?	No

Continuation / initiation of antifibrotics

International survey, n=509; From 66 countries, 6 continents

6 %

56% always
23% if clinical signs

0%

0%

0% (as therapy)

96% yes – 4% no
(62% methylprednisone 3d 0,5-1 g,
32% 100 mg prednisone)

18%

76% continuation, 7%
discontinuation, 9% switch drug

➤ **Significant heterogeneity between continents**

Conclusions

- Established treatments
 - non-pharmacological
 - pharmacological
- No disease stabilization
- No cure



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Thank you!

