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# Developing Novel Treatments for Fibrotic Diseases

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# Pliant – Company Highlights



## Industry-Leading Fibrosis Platform

- Inhibition of integrin-mediated TGF- $\beta$  activation resulting in antifibrotic effect and shown to be well-tolerated
- Proprietary drug discovery platform - In-house compound library of integrin binders



## Programs Targeting High Unmet Medical Need with High-Impact, Near-Term Catalysts

- Bexotegrast (PLN-74809) in development for the treatment of IPF (Phase 2b/3) and PSC (Phase 2a)
  - In IPF, well tolerated with clear treatment effect at 24 weeks on FVC, lung fibrosis (QLF) and symptoms (cough)
  - In PSC, well tolerated at all doses tested and showed reductions in ELF score and PRO-C3 levels relative to placebo at 12 weeks
- Phase 1 enrolling for PLN-101095 – potential first-in-class small molecule dual  $\alpha_v\beta_8/\alpha_v\beta_1$  inhibitor overcoming ICI resistance



## Strong Financial Position

- \$150 million loan facility; amended March 2024
- \$495.7 million cash<sup>1</sup> balance as of December 31, 2023
- Operations funded into second half of 2026 together with loan agreement

# Pliant Development Pipeline

Program	Indication	Preclinical	Clinical			Anticipated Milestone	Global Rights
			Phase I	Phase IIa	Phase IIb / III		
<div>Bexotegrast (PLN-74809)</div>	Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis					BEACON-IPF Phase 2b/3 trial underway	 PLIANT
Dual selective inhibitor of $\alpha_v\beta_6/\alpha_v\beta_1$	Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis					24-Week 320 mg data Mid 2024	 PLIANT
<div>PLN-101095</div>	Solid Tumors					Initial data 4Q 2024	 PLIANT
<div>PLN-101325</div>	DMD Other Muscular Dystrophies					Regulatory filing 1Q 2024	 PLIANT
<div>PLN-1474</div>	MASH					Phase 2 Ready	 PLIANT
Selective inhibitor of $\alpha_v\beta_1$							

# Pliant's Integrin Focused Library

## Core Platform for Novel Pipeline and Partner Programs

### Integrins

- Cell surface receptors that facilitate cell-cell and cell-extracellular matrix adhesion and interaction
- A major path of communication between the extracellular matrix, inflammatory cells, fibroblasts
- Closely involved in signaling processes governing tissue fibrosis

### Pliant's Proprietary Library of 10,000+ Integrin Binding Compounds

- Emphasis on optimal pharmacokinetic and selectivity profile
- Broad spectrum of receptor subfamilies including  $\alpha_v$  integrins, collagen and laminin binders



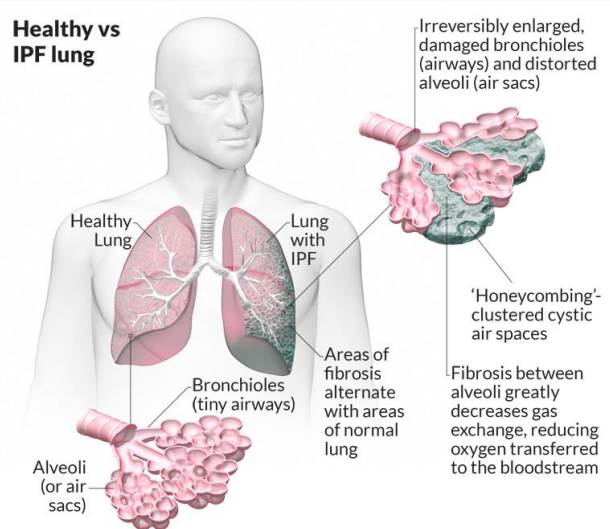


# Fibrosis – A Silent Killer



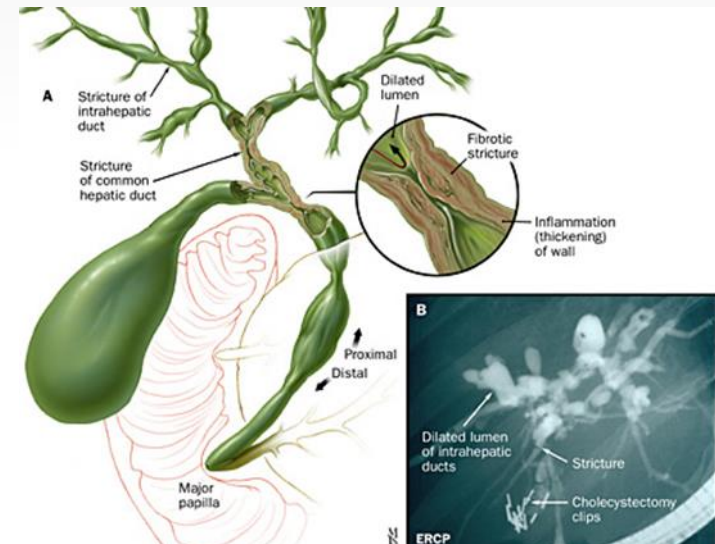
**Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF)** is a lethal pathological process with limited therapeutic options

- 140k patients in the U.S.; 30k-40k new cases/year; 40k deaths/year
- **Median survival: 3–5 years** - Worse than some common cancers



**Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis (PSC)** is a progressive inflammatory liver disease resulting in scarring of bile ducts, and cirrhosis

- 30k-45k patients in the U.S.
- **Median survival: 10-12 years** without intervention
- Currently **no FDA approved therapeutics**



# Bexotegrast

## Understanding the IPF commercial opportunity



### CURRENT COMMERCIAL LANDSCAPE IN IPF

- Two marketed agents – Esbriet® and Ofev® with **>\$4 billion total global revenues** in 2022
- Growing market with positive tailwinds
  - Increasing incidence of IPF with aging population
  - New therapies expanding treatable population



### CHANGING TREATMENT LANDSCAPE

- Near-term patent expiry of current treatments
  - Esbriet: First generic sold May 2022
  - Ofev: Loss of US market exclusivity projected in 2025



### SIGNIFICANT NEED FOR NEW THERAPEUTIC OPTIONS

- Esbriet and Ofev display modest slowing of IPF progression
  - No improvement on patient quality of life or survival benefit
  - **Significant tolerability issues**

# Bexotegrast

## A Potentially Broadly Applicable Antifibrotic



### **Growing Evidence that Localized TGF- $\beta$ Inhibition has Potential as Backbone Antifibrotic**

- Tissue-specific TGF- $\beta$  inhibition avoids systemic toxicity while maintaining the antifibrotic effect



### **Bexotegrast Continues to Demonstrate a Favorable Safety and Tolerability Profile**

- Well tolerated in over 700 participants across different patient populations
- No drug-related serious adverse events observed across all trials



### **Bexotegrast Has Potential to Treat Multiple Fibrotic Diseases**

- Clear antifibrotic effect across organ systems and indications
- Bexotegrast can expand into additional pulmonary and liver fibrosis indications



# Bexotegrast

## A Potential Preferred Treatment Option

### ANTI-FIBROTIC MoA



- Targeted inhibition of fibrotic process– tissue specific inhibition of TGF- $\beta$
- Dose-dependent FVC benefit in INTEGRIS-IPF study

### MONO & COMBO TREATMENT



- Will be evaluated as backbone therapy to be used as monotherapy, and with current treatments
- Flexibility in optimizing therapy for each patient

### ORAL 1X DAILY DOSING



- Improvement over current multi-pill, multiple times a day options
- No added burden of monthly liver function monitoring

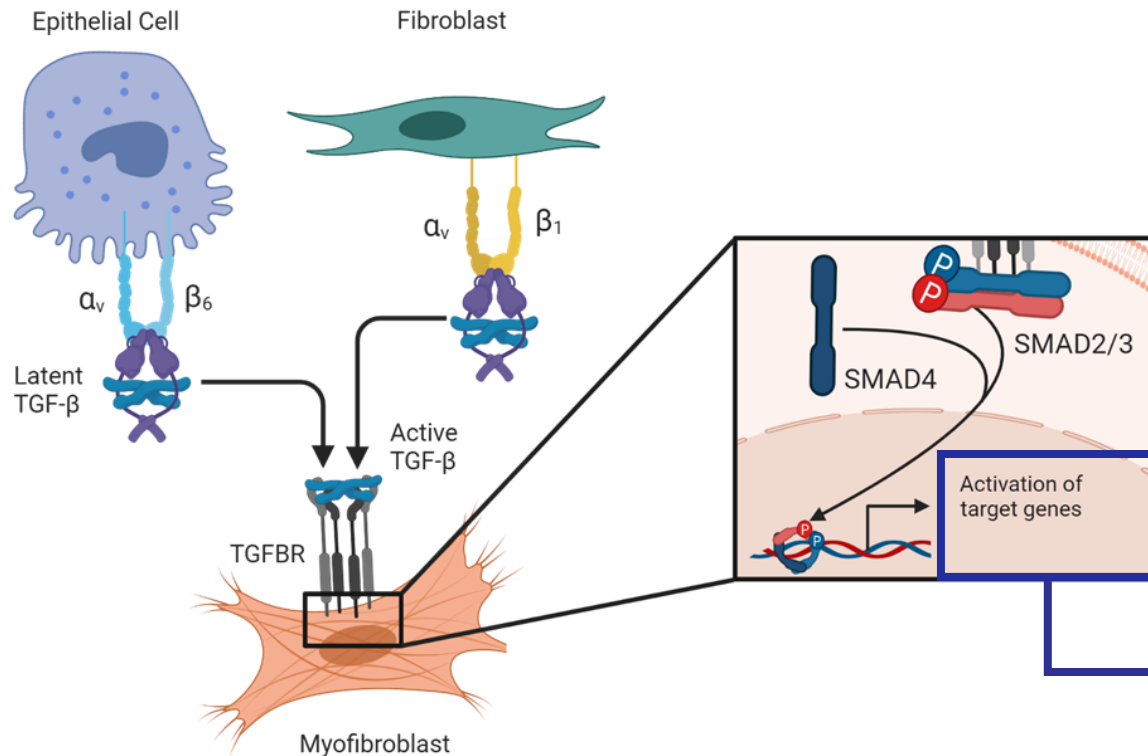
### SAFETY / TOLERABILITY



- Well tolerated
- Low frequency of GI-related AEs in monotherapy setting

# $\alpha_v\beta_6$ / $\alpha_v\beta_1$ Integrins Drive TGF- $\beta$ Activation in Lung Fibrosis

$\alpha_v\beta_6$  /  $\alpha_v\beta_1$  integrins promote fibrosis by activating TGF- $\beta$

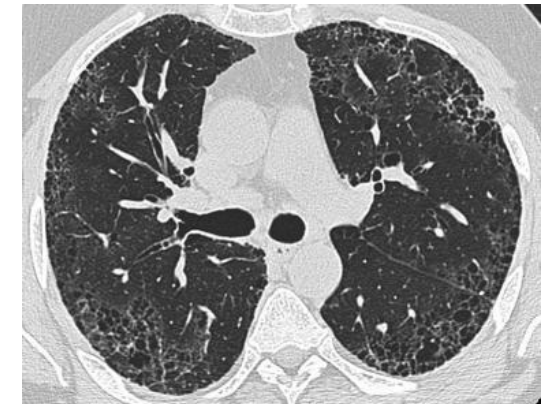


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- $\alpha_v\beta_6$  /  $\alpha_v\beta_1$  integrins activate latent TGF- $\beta$  in fibrotic tissue
- Systemic TGF- $\beta$  blockade carries toxicity risks

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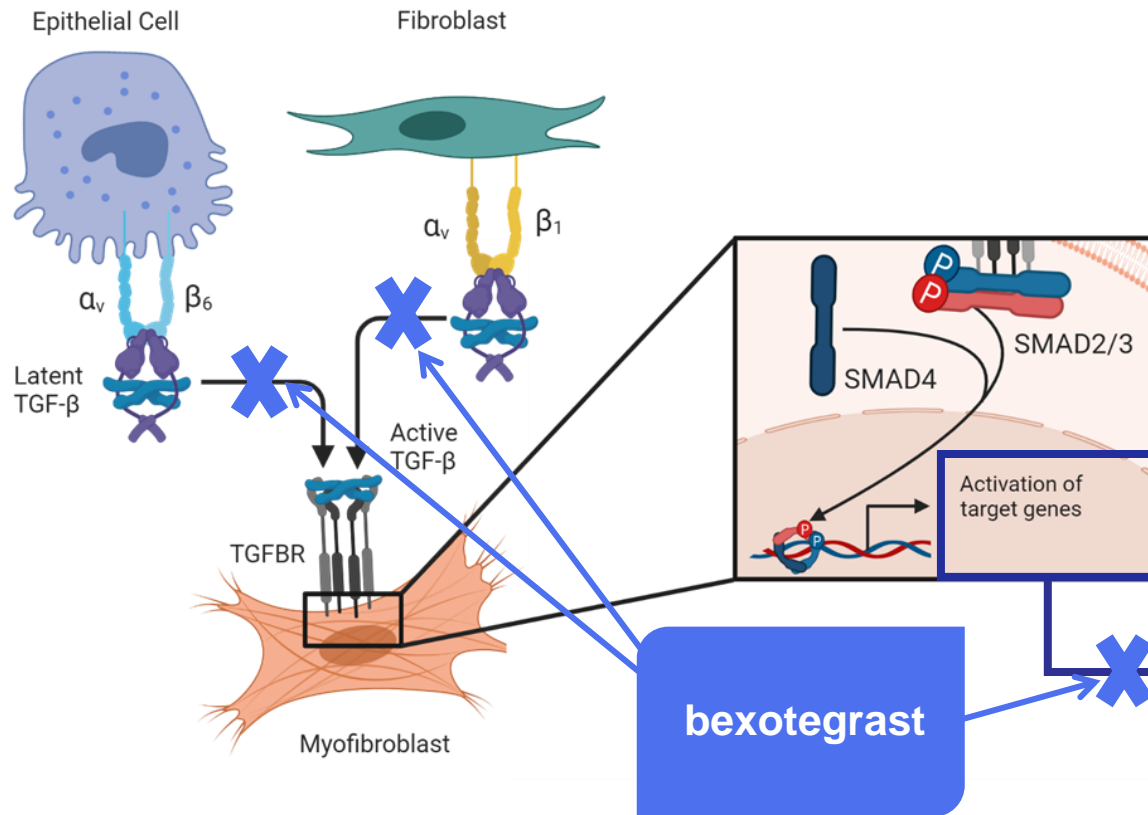
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# Bexotegrest Reduces TGF- $\beta$ Signaling and Downstream Profibrotic Pathways Through Inhibition of Integrins $\alpha_v\beta_6$ / $\alpha_v\beta_1$

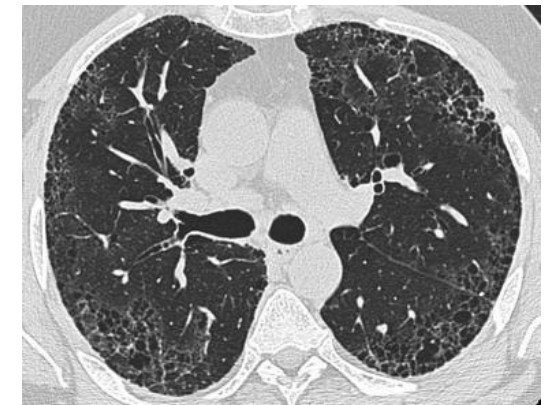
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# Pliant Compounds Have Not Shown Adverse Effects Typical of Systemic Inhibition of TGF-β Pathways<sup>1</sup>

By targeting integrins that are upregulated specifically in fibrotic tissues, Pliant’s small molecule compounds may **avoid toxicities associated with systemic TGF-β blockade<sup>1</sup>**

Affected organ system	Systemic TGF-β blockade	Observed with Pliant compounds? <sup>1</sup>
Cardiovascular System	Cardiotoxicity	NO
Immune System	Autoimmunity/Inflammation	NO
GI System	Autoimmunity/Inflammation	NO
Skin	Keratoacanthomas/SCC	NO
Hematology	Thrombocytopenia/Anemia	NO

1 - Based on preclinical GLP tox studies as well as clinical trials to date.

# Bexotegrast - Nonclinical Toxicology Studies

## No concerns for clinical advancement

GLP Study category	Studies completed	Findings with Bexotegrast (PLN-74809)
<b>Repeat Dose Toxicology</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1-Month IND-enabling NHP and mouse</li> <li>• 3-Month Sub-chronic NHP and mouse</li> <li>• 9-Month Chronic NHP</li> <li>• 6-Month Chronic Mouse</li> </ul>	<p><b>No findings limiting clinical advancement including</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No pulmonary infiltrates</li> <li>• No bladder cancer</li> </ul> <p>NOAEL<sup>1</sup> in sub-chronic and chronic GLP tox studies at the highest dose tested in NHPs</p>
<b>Safety Pharmacology</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standard cardiac ion channel panel</li> <li>• Cardiovascular/respiratory in telemetered NHP</li> </ul>	<p><b>No findings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No effect on respiratory or cardiovascular parameters</li> </ul>
<b>Genetic Toxicology</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ames</li> <li>• <i>In vitro</i> micronucleus</li> <li>• <i>In vivo</i> micronucleus</li> </ul>	<p><b>No genotoxic findings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ames negative</li> <li>• Micronucleus negative</li> </ul>
<b>Reproductive Toxicology</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mouse Embryofetal Development</li> <li>• Rabbit Embryofetal Development</li> <li>• Mouse Fertility</li> </ul>	<p><b>No findings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No embryofetal effects</li> <li>• No effects on fertility</li> </ul>

**700+ human subjects dosed to date with no safety concerns at doses up to 640 mg sd / 320 mg md**

<sup>1</sup> – No observed adverse effect level.

# INTEGRIS-IPF – Introduction

## Purpose of Evaluating Long-Term Treatment with Bexotegrast 320 mg

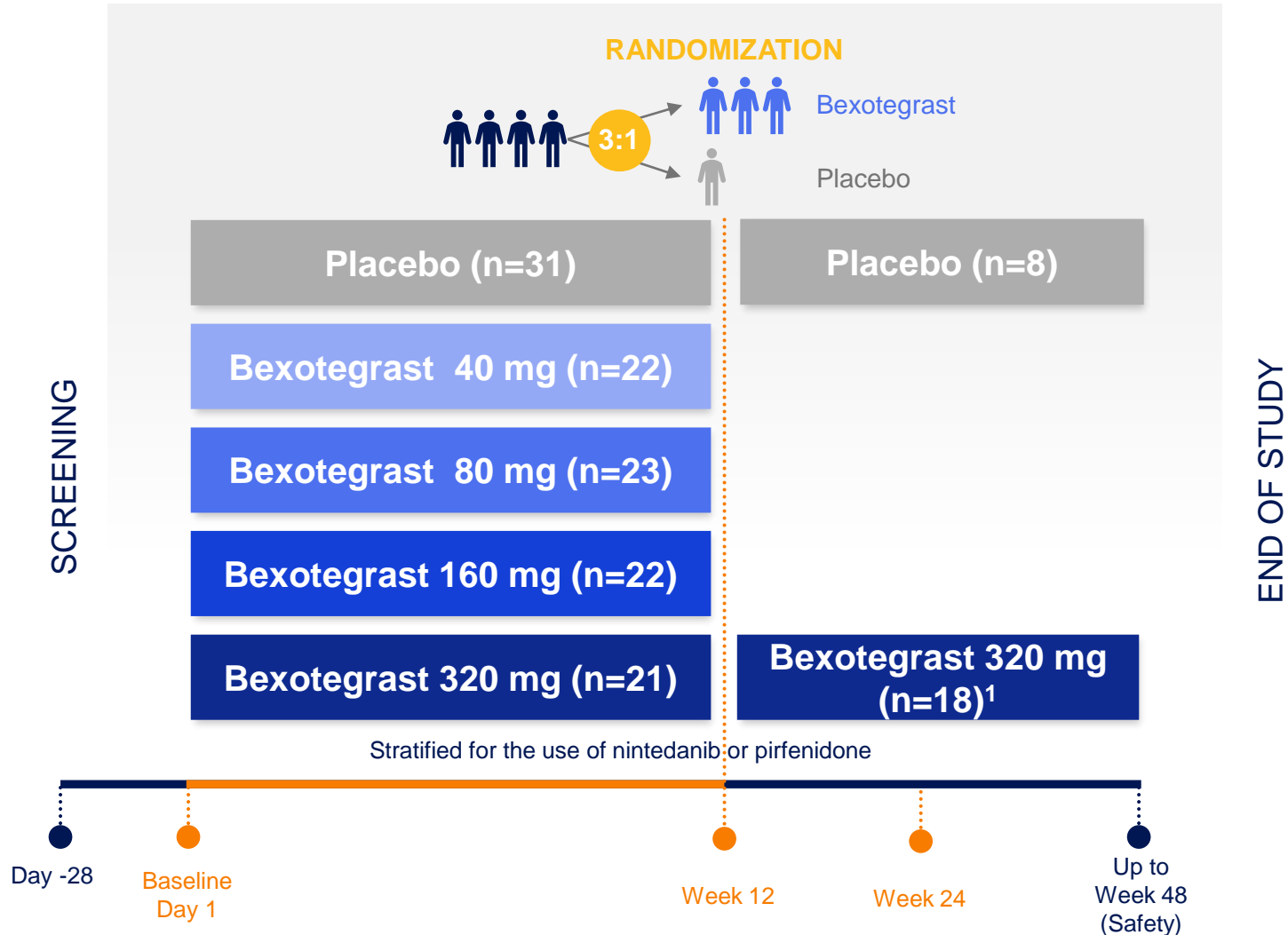
- Evaluate long term safety of the top dose planned for late-stage development
- Evaluate durability of treatment effect (FVC) including symptomatic improvement (cough)
- Assess long-term effects on pulmonary fibrosis as measured through QLF imaging

## Key Takeaways from the Trial

- Bexotegrast continues to demonstrate a favorable safety and tolerability profile
- Bexotegrast demonstrated durable improvements across physiologic (FVC), radiographic (QLF) and symptomatic (cough) assessments versus placebo
- Data provide strong support to advance bexotegrast into late-stage development



# INTEGRIS-IPF Study Design and Objectives



## PRIMARY AND SECONDARY ENDPOINTS

- Safety, tolerability, PK

## EXPLORATORY ENDPOINTS

- Change in forced vital capacity (FVC) over 12 weeks and 24 weeks
- High resolution CT-based quantitative lung fibrosis (QLF) imaging
- Patient reported cough severity
- Effect on selected biomarkers

1 – Treatment duration per protocol: minimum of 24 weeks and a maximum of 48 weeks

# Key Takeaways from the INTEGRIS-IPF Trial



**Bexotegrast Demonstrated a Favorable Safety and Tolerability Profile up to 40 Weeks**



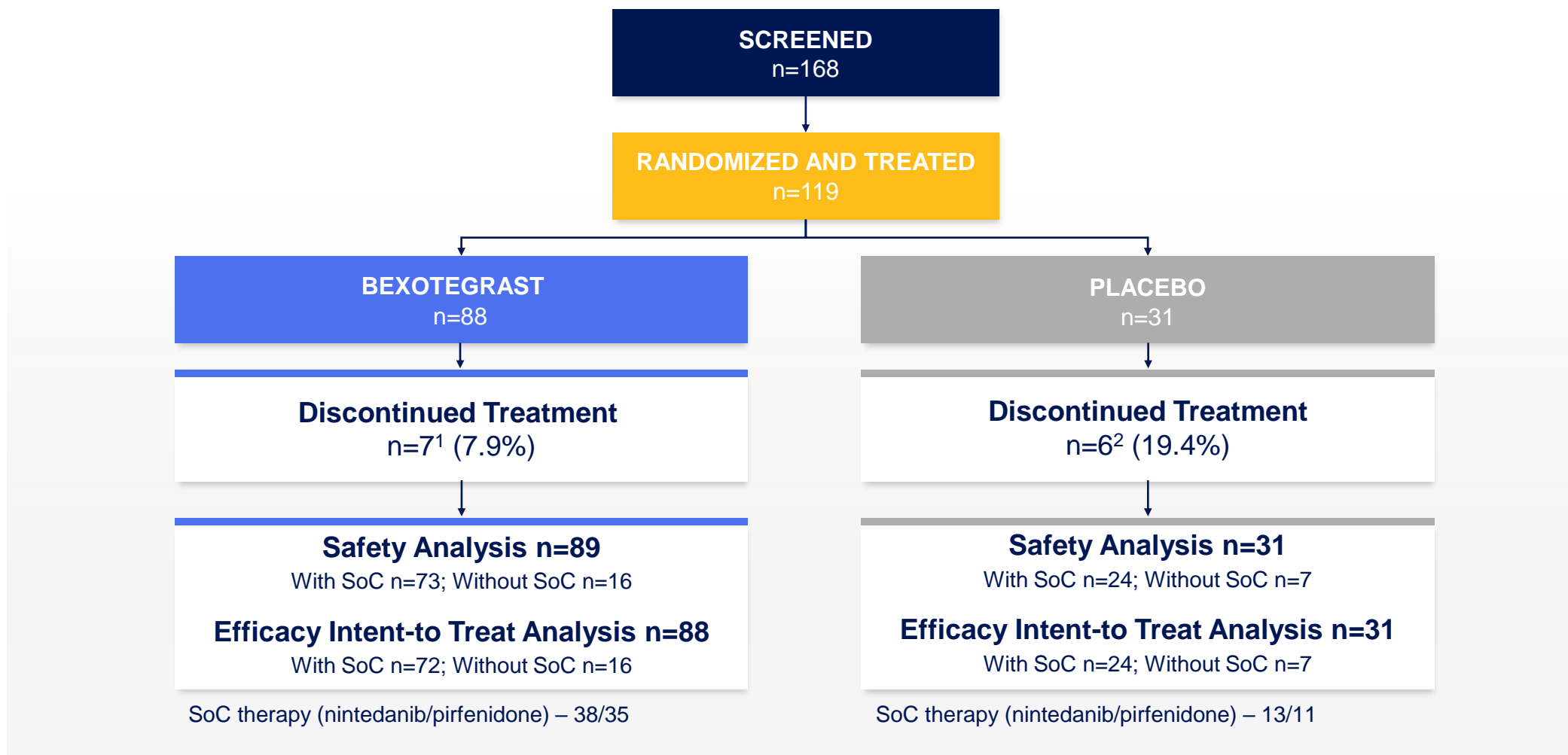
**Bexotegrast Demonstrated a Dose-dependent Treatment Effect on Registrational Endpoint**

- Statistically significant increases from baseline in mean FVC at Week 12
- Treatment benefits were present at Week 24 across physiologic (FVC), radiographic (QLF) and symptomatic (cough) assessments versus placebo
- Bexotegrast treatment effect was observed with and without use of standard-of-care agents



**Data Provide Strong Support to Advance Bexotegrast into Late-stage Development**

# INTEGRIS-IPF – Final Participant Disposition



1- Adverse event (n=3); withdrawal of consent (n=3); physician decision (n=1); 2- Adverse event (n=2); withdrawal of consent (n=3); Lung transplant (n=1).  
SoC = Standard of Care

# Baseline Demographics

Characteristic	Bexotegrast 320mg (n=22)	Placebo (n=8)
Male sex, n (%)	21 (95.5)	5 (62.5)
Female sex, n (%)	1 (4.5)	3 (37.5)
Age (yr), mean (SD)	70.5 (7.14)	73.3 (7.98)
Race, n (%)		
White	21 (95.5)	8 (100)
Other / Not Reported / Unknown	1 (4.5)	0
Weight (kg), mean (SD)	88.5 (15.61)	80.6 (13.18)
Body-mass index (kg/m <sup>2</sup> ), mean (SD)	28.1 (4.08)	27.1 (2.95)

SD = Standard deviation; BMI = Body Mass Index; FVC = Forced Vital Capacity; DLCO = Diffusing capacity for carbon monoxide.

# Baseline Disease Characteristics

Characteristic	Bexotegrast 40 mg (n=22)	Bexotegrast 80 mg (n=23)	Bexotegrast 160 mg (n=22)	Bexotegrast 320 mg (n=21)	Bexotegrast All (n=88)	Placebo (n=31)
Time since diagnosis of IPF (mo), mean (SD)	22.2 (12.44)	28.6 (17.08)	27.8 (12.43)	35.6 (29.06)	28.5 (19.11)	34.0 (21.62)
Standard of Care Use, n (%)	17 (77.3)	19 (82.6)	19 (86.4)	17 (81.0)	72 (81.8)	24 (77.4)
None	5 (22.72)	4 (17.39)	3 (13.63)	4 (19.0)	16 (18.2)	7 (22.6)
Nintedanib	12 (54.5)	9 (39.1)	7 (31.8)	9 (42.9)	37 (42.0)	13 (41.9)
Pirfenidone	5 (22.7)	10 (43.5)	12 (54.5)	8 (38.1)	35 (39.8)	11 (35.5)
Duration of Standard of Care at Randomization (mo), mean (SD)	19.5 (11.53)	20.2 (11.52)	20.1 (11.63)	24.4 (21.88)	21.0 (14.48)	22.6 (17.85)
FVC (mL)						
Mean (SD)	2,976.5 (861.01)	3,128.7 (814.20)	2,863.0 (725.39)	3,193.7 (674.01)	3,039.7 (771.20)	3,073.9 (773.54)
Median	2937.0	2929.0	2702.5	3256.0	2898.5	3179.0
Percent of predicted value (%), mean (SD)	74.8 (14.70)	82.7 (13.47)	78.8 (16.36)	77.7 (15.41)	78.5 (15.01)	77.7 (16.44)
Percent of predicted DLCO, corrected for the hemoglobin level (%), mean (SD)	57.2 (14.74)	51.8 (14.67)	48.6 (15.11)	47.9 (13.18)	51.5 (14.69)	50.1 (15.23)
GAP Stage, n (%)						
GAP Stage I	11 (50.0)	8 (34.8)	7 (31.8)	7 (33.3)	33 (37.5)	10 (32.3)
GAP Stage II	10 (45.5)	15 (65.2)	13 (59.1)	12 (57.1)	50 (56.8)	18 (58.1)
GAP Stage III	1 (4.5)	0	2 (9.1)	2 (9.5)	5 (5.7)	3 (9.7)

# Well Tolerated Up to 40 Weeks

Through 12 weeks							Up to 40 weeks	
AE, n (%) of Participants Reporting	Bexotegraft 40 mg (n=22)	Bexotegraft 80 mg (n=23)	Bexotegraft 160 mg (n=22)	Bexotegraft 320 mg (n=22)*	Bexotegraft All (n=88)	Placebo (n=31)	Bexotegraft 320 mg (n=22)*	Placebo (n=8)
Any AEs	16 (72.7)	15 (65.2)	15 (68.2)	18 (81.8)	64 (72.7)	21 (67.7)	20 (90.9)	7 (87.5)
TEAE	16 (72.7)	15 (65.2)	14 (63.6)	17 (77.3)	62 (70.5)	21 (67.7)	20 (90.9)	7 (87.5)
Related to study drug	4 (18.2)	7 (30.4)	4 (18.2)	4 (18.2)	19 (21.6)	10 (32.3)	5 (22.7)	2 (25.0)
Serious TEAE	1 (4.5)	0	2 (9.1)	1 (4.5)	4 (4.5)	3 (9.7)	2 (9.1)	1 (12.5)
Related to study drug	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEAE of CTCAE Grade 3 or Higher	2 (9.1)	0	2 (9.1)	2 (9.1)	6 (6.8)	2 (6.5)	5 (22.7)	1 (12.5)
Related to study drug	0	0	1 (4.5)	0	1 (1.1)	0	1 (4.5) <sup>1</sup>	0
TEAE Leading to Interruption of Study Drug	0	0	1 (4.5) <sup>1</sup>	1 (4.5) <sup>2</sup>	2 (2.3)	0	4 (18.2) <sup>2</sup>	0
TEAE Leading to Withdrawal of Study Drug	0	0	0	3 (13.6) <sup>2,3,4</sup>	3 (3.4)	3 (9.7)	3 (13.6) <sup>2,3,4</sup>	1 (12.5)
TEAE Leading to Early Termination from Study	0	0	0	3 (13.6) <sup>2,3,4</sup>	3 (3.4)	2 (6.5)	3 (13.6) <sup>2,3,4</sup>	0
TEAE Leading to Death	0	0	0	1 (4.5) <sup>3</sup>	1 (1.1)	0	1 (4.5) <sup>3</sup>	0

1 – COVID-19; 2 – Abdominal pain/Diarrhea in participant with pre-existing ulcerative colitis; 3 – Acute respiratory failure in a GAP Stage III participant with pre-existing atrial fibrillation 8 days following elective atrioventricular node ablation;  
4 – Diarrhea in participant with concomitant use of nintedanib  
\* One placebo participant received 1 week of treatment with Bexotegraft 320 mg and is included in the 320 mg treatment groups. The participant did not have any AEs.



# Most Frequent TEAEs

AE, n (%) of Participants Reporting	Bexotegrast 320 mg (N=22)	Placebo (N=8)
<b>Most frequent TEAEs (&gt;10% in at least one arm and n &gt;1 participant)</b>		
<b>Diarrhea</b>	7 (31.8)	3 (37.5)
Related to study drug	4 (18.2)	0
<b>Dyspnea</b>	5 (22.7)	1 (12.5)
Related to study drug	0	0
<b>Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis/Pulmonary Fibrosis</b>	4 (18.2)	2 (25.0)
Related to study drug	0	0
<b>Cough</b>	3 (13.6)	2 (25.0)
Related to study drug	0	0
<b>Upper respiratory tract infection</b>	2 (9.1)	1 (12.5)
Related to study drug	0	0

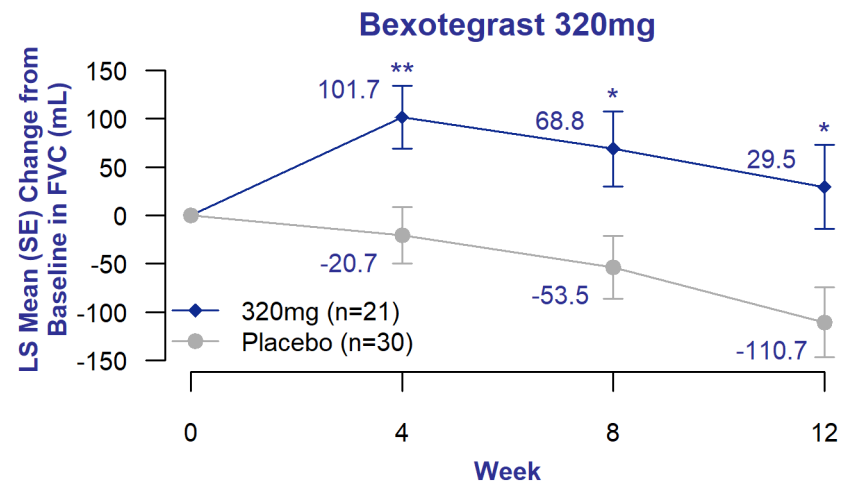
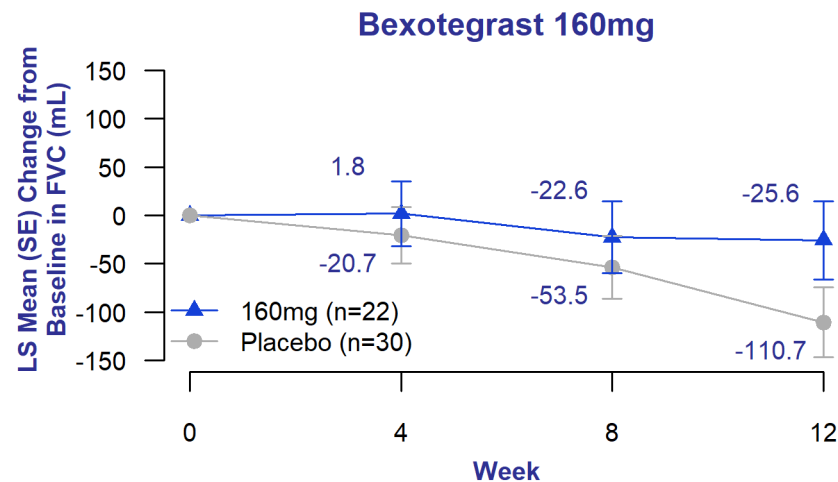
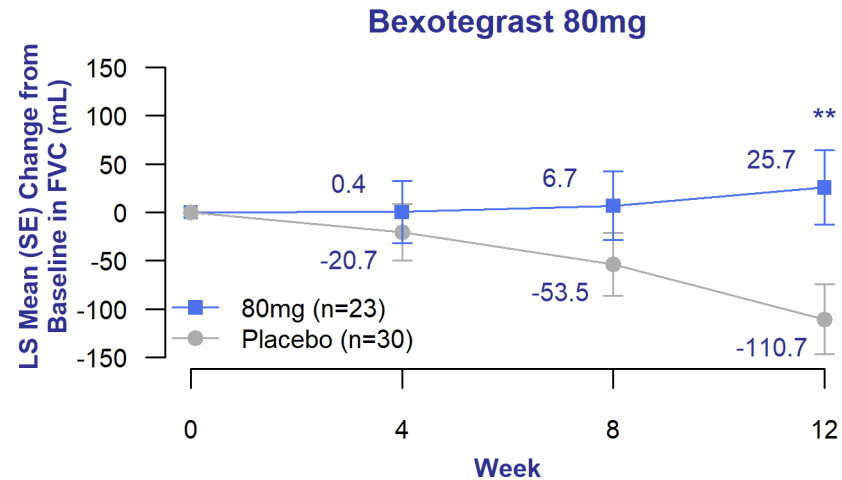
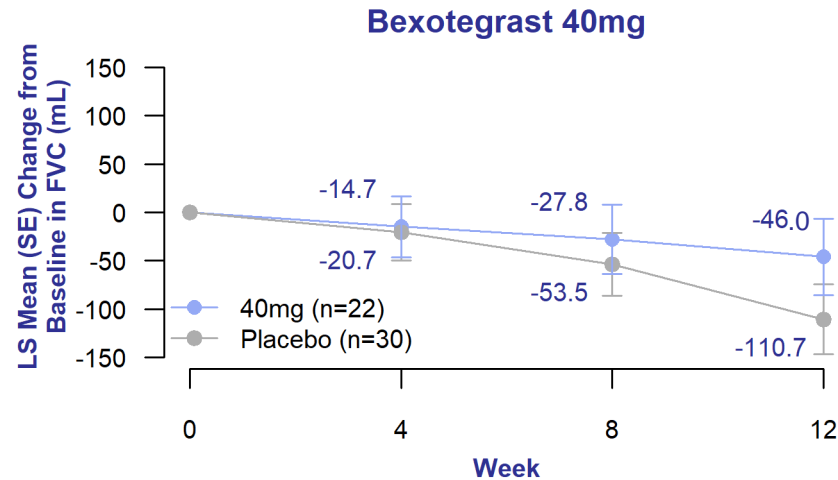
Adverse events coded using MedDRA version 24.0

TEAE is defined as any AE starting (or worsening) on or after the date of first dose

AE, adverse event; TEAE, treatment-emergent AE

# FVC Change from Baseline over 12 Weeks

## mITT Population

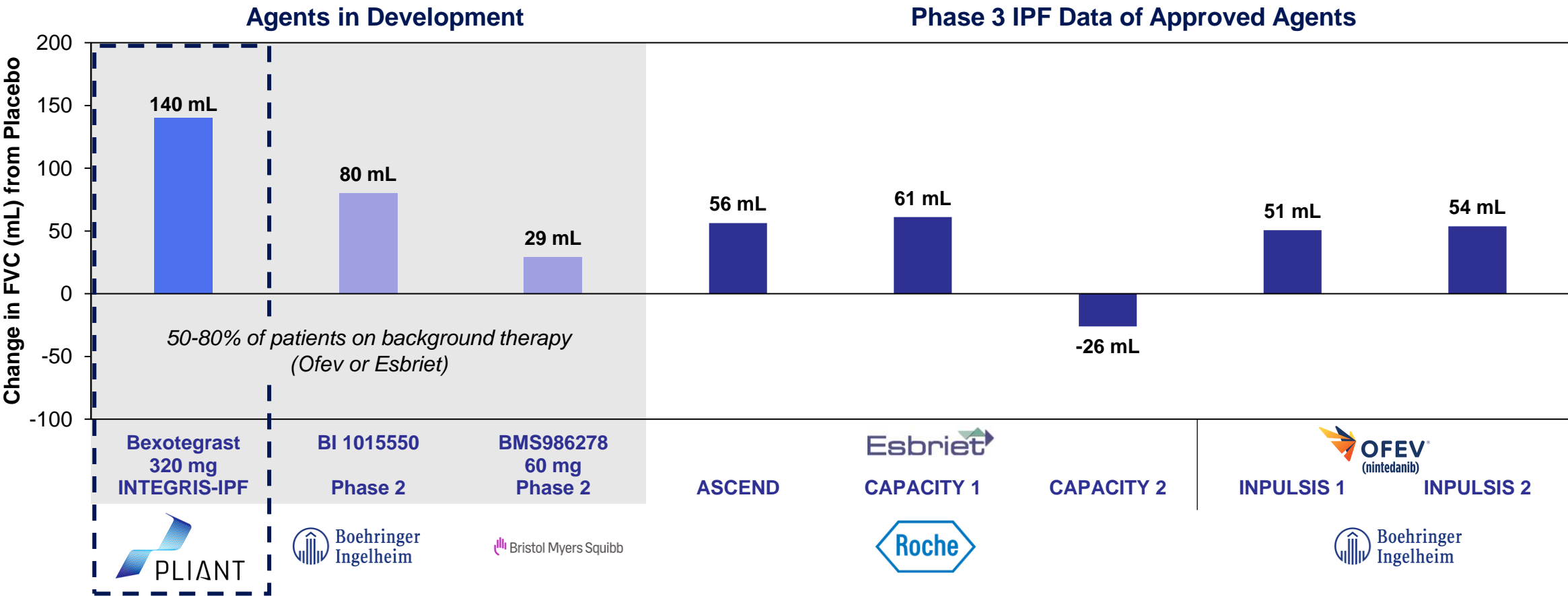


\* p < 0.05 vs placebo  
\*\* p < 0.01 vs placebo

FVC = forced vital capacity; mITT = modified intent to treat; 1 participant in the placebo group was identified as a statistical outlier across all treatment groups and excluded from the mITT analysis.

# Absolute Change from Baseline Versus Placebo at 12-Weeks for Approved and Select Investigational Agents

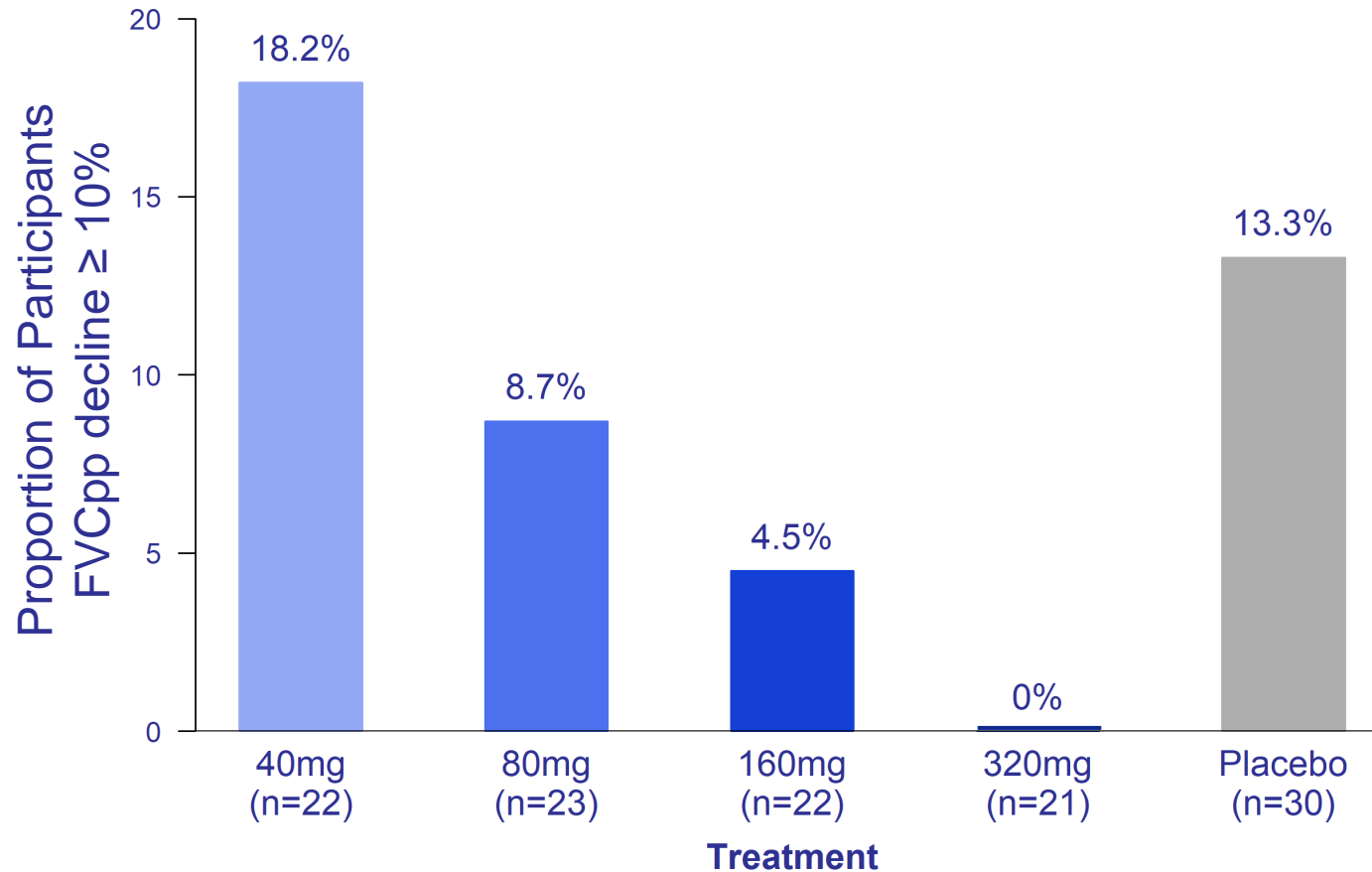
Absolute Change from Baseline versus Placebo in FVC (mL) at 12 Weeks



Bexotegrast, BI-1015550 and BMS-986278 from Phase 2 trials. Graphic is not meant to represent a head-to-head study. Comparing the results from different trials may be unreliable due to different protocol designs, trial designs, patient selection and populations, number of patients, trial objectives and other parameters that may not be the same across trials. Therefore, cross-study comparisons provide very limited information about the efficacy of safety of a drug. Bexotegrast INTEGRIS-IPF study consisted of n=22 subjects in the 320 mg arm, a significantly smaller number of patients than reflected in the other datasets represented on this slide. In larger trials of bexotegrast, the clinical activity suggested by our INTEGRIS-IPF trial may not be replicated

# Proportion of Participants with Relative FVCpp Decline $\geq 10\%$ mITT Population

mITT Population at 12 Weeks



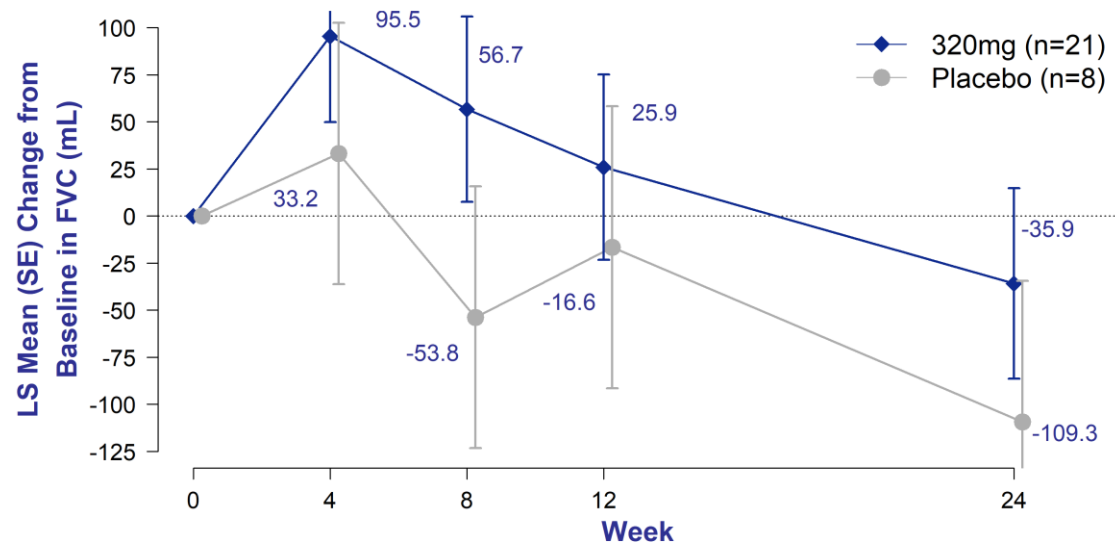
mITT Population at 24 Weeks

**Bexotegrist reduced the decline in FVCpp by 68% relative to placebo from Baseline at Week 24**

# FVC Change from Baseline over 24 Weeks

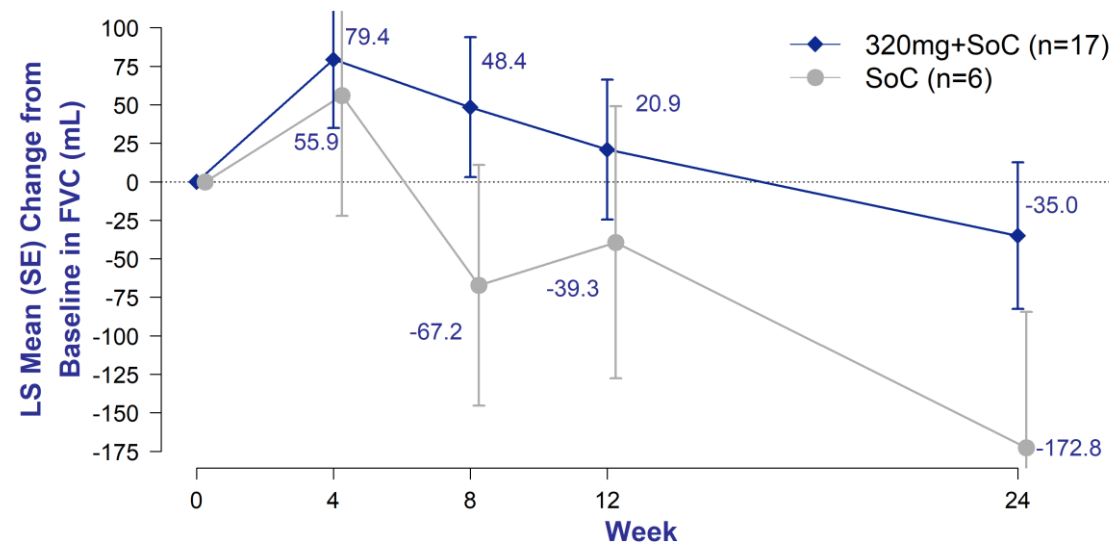
## ITT Population vs. SoC Sub-Group

### ITT Population



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### Standard-of-Care Sub-Group

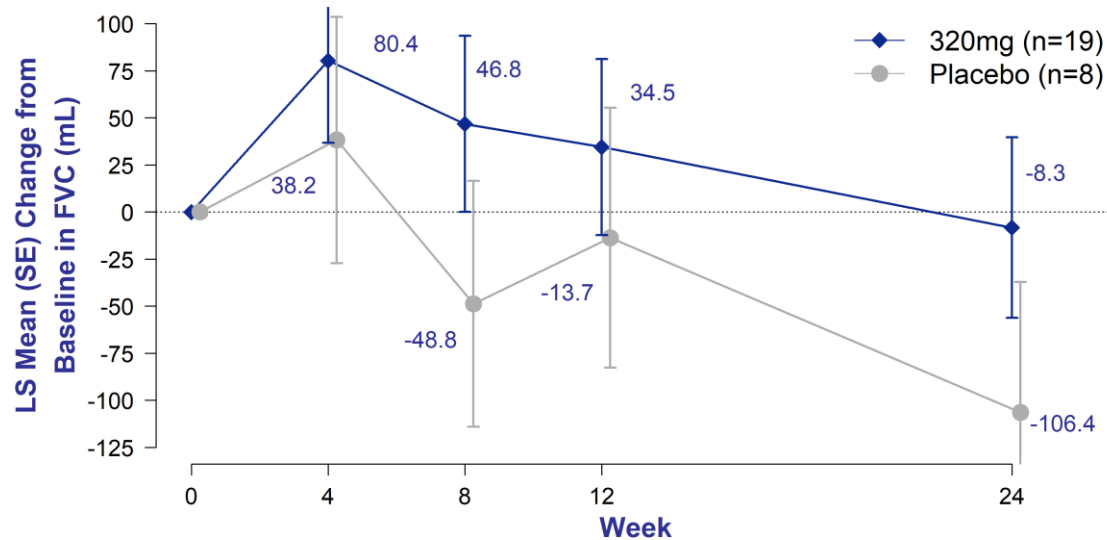


**Bexotegrist + SOC reduced FVC decline by 80% relative to SOC alone at Week 24**

# FVC Change from Baseline over 24 Weeks – Sensitivity Analysis

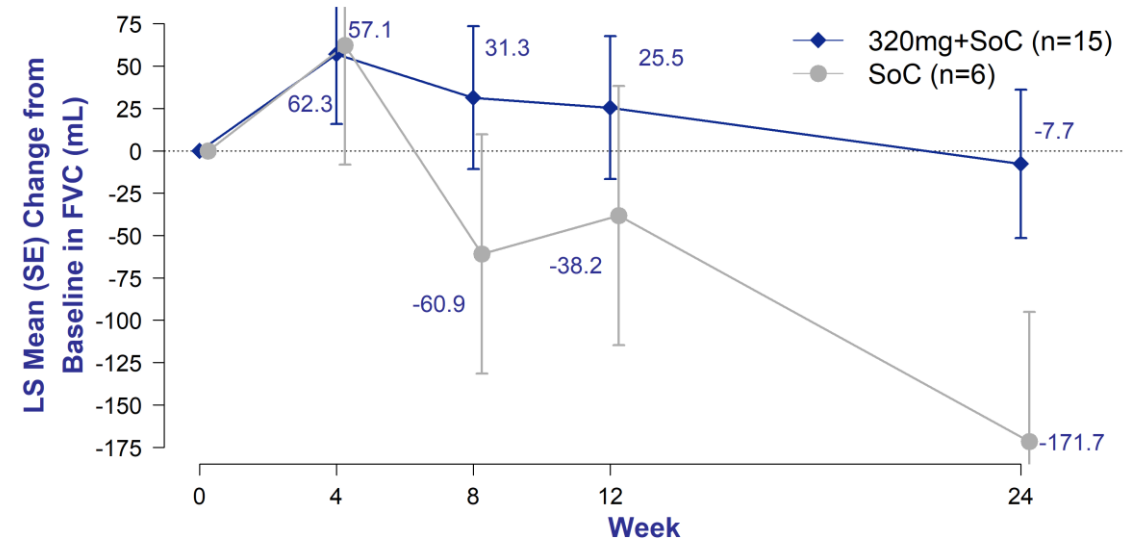
## Trimmed Mean Sensitivity Analysis<sup>1</sup>

### ITT Population



**Bexotegast reduced FVC decline by 92% relative to placebo at Week 24**

### Standard-of-Care Sub-Group



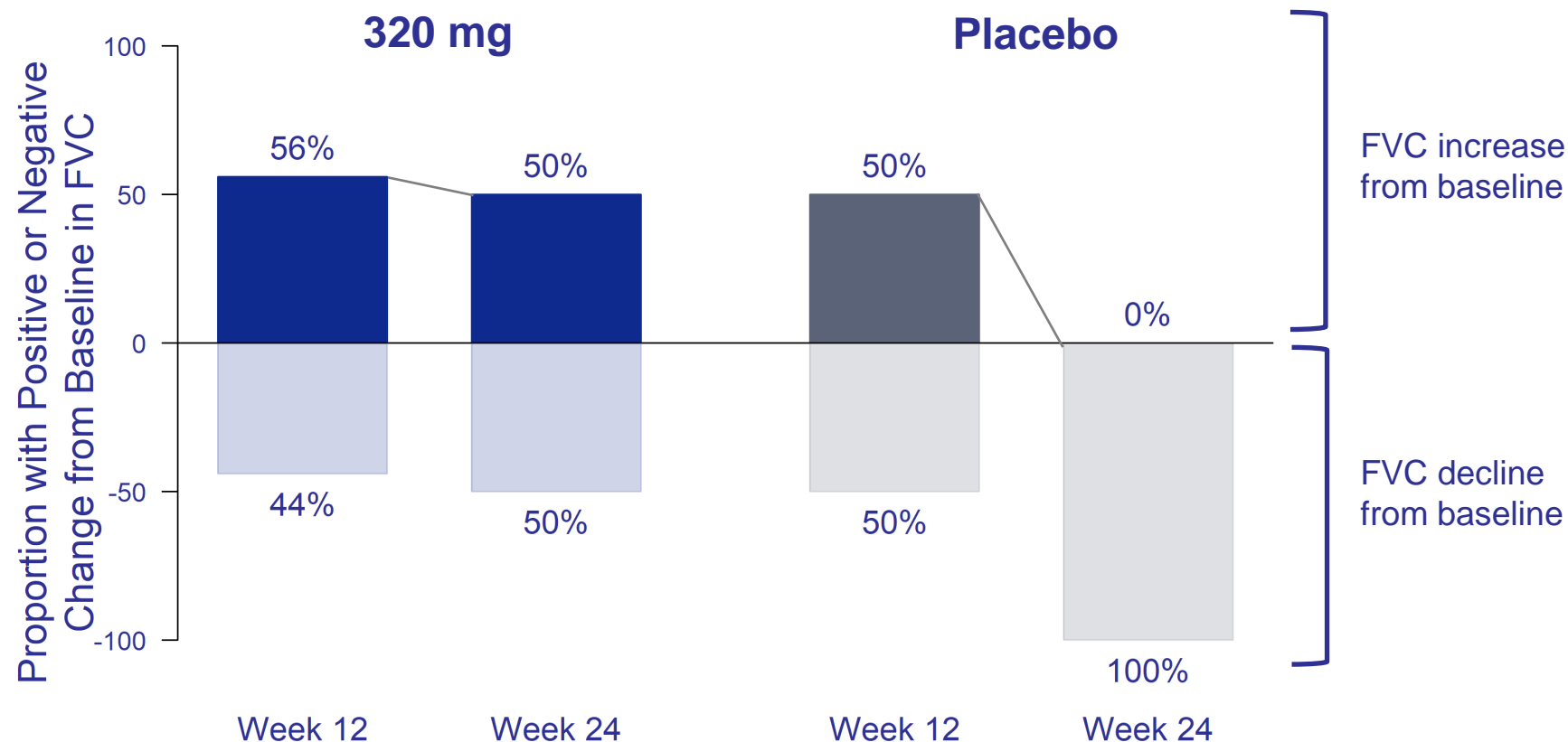
**Bexotegast + SOC reduced FVC decline by 96% relative to SOC alone at Week 24**

<sup>1</sup> – Trimmed Mean Sensitivity Analysis excludes the two bexotegast-treated participants with the highest and lowest FVC values at Week 24. Participants not on SoC not shown due to small sample size, n=4 (320 mg) and n=2 (placebo)  
FVC = forced vital capacity; ITT = intent to treat; SoC = standard of care (nintedanib or pirfenidone)



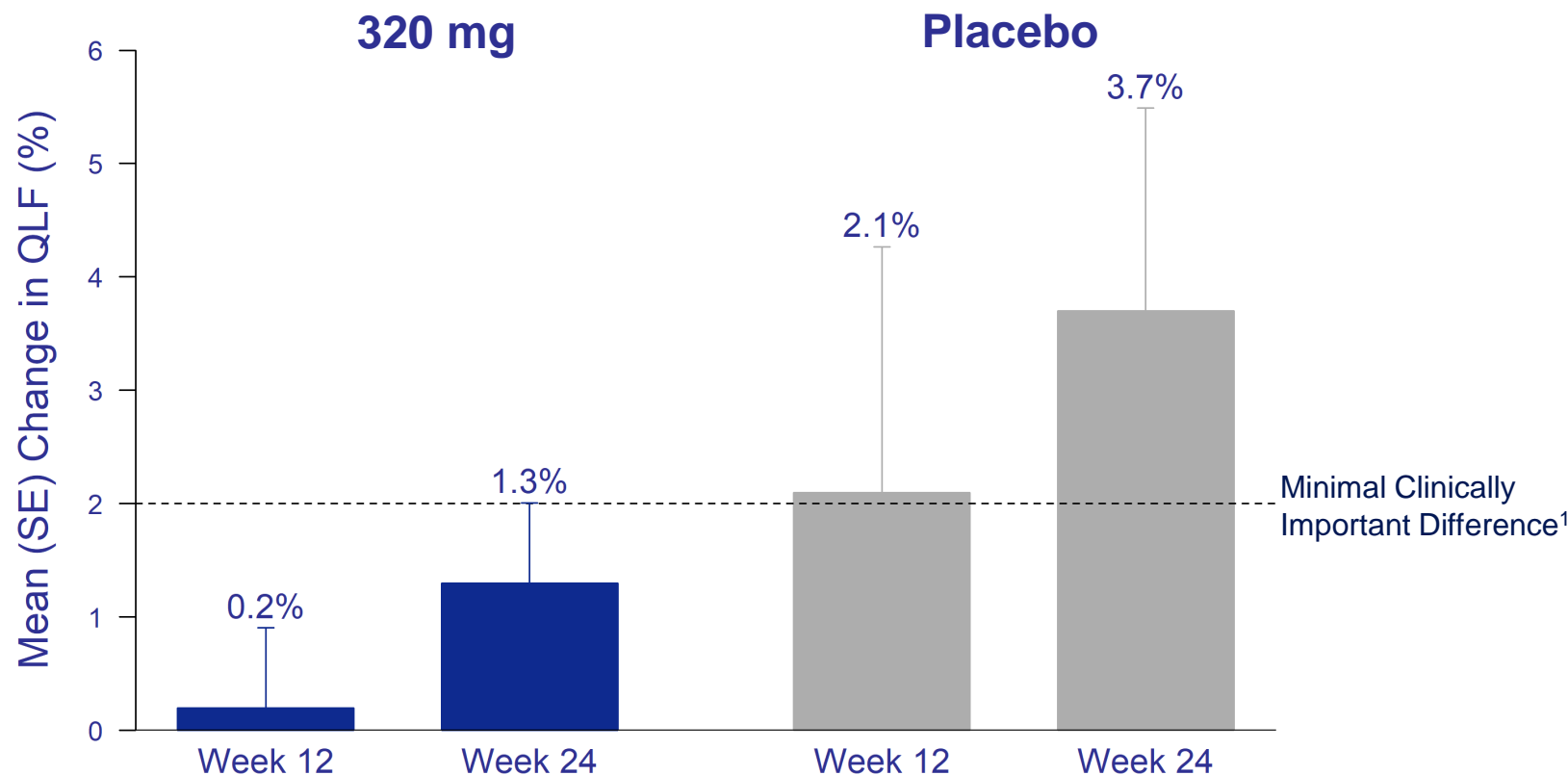
# Bexotegraft Demonstrated Durable Increase in FVC at Week 24

## ITT Population



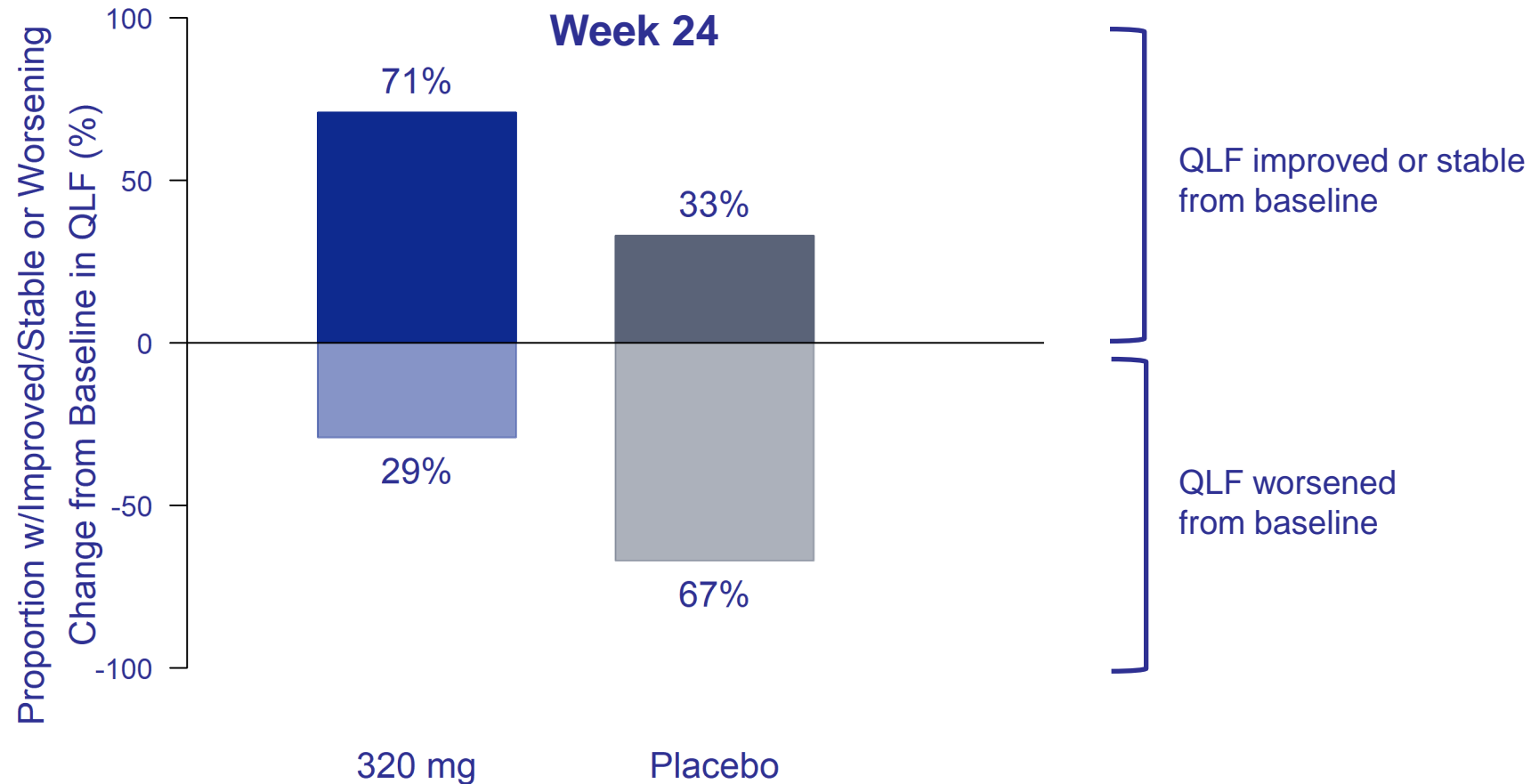
**89% of bexotegraft-treated participants with FVC increase at Week 12 maintained an increase at Week 24**

# QLF Mean Percent Change from Baseline at Weeks 12 and 24 Per CT Protocol Population



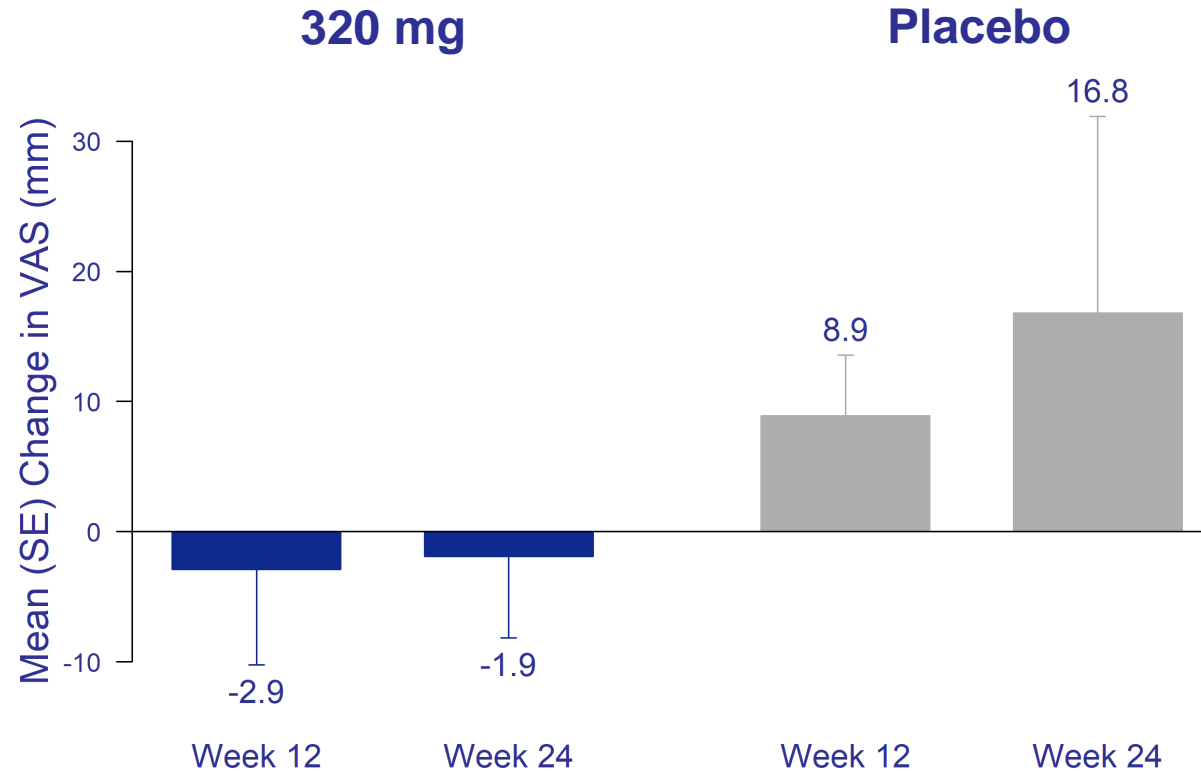
**Bexotegast group demonstrated stabilization of fibrosis, in contrast to placebo group which showed clinically meaningful progression at Weeks 12 and 24**

# More Patients on Bexotegraft Showed Stabilization of Fibrosis at Week 24 Per CT Protocol Population



**At Week 24, bexotegraft-treated participants were more than twice as likely to show stabilization or improvement of fibrosis relative to placebo**

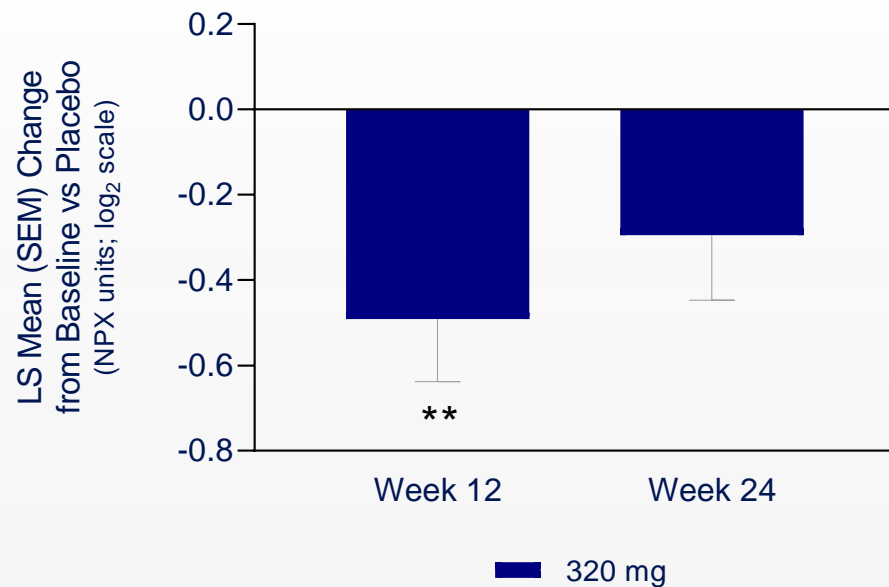
# Cough Severity Visual Analog Scale (VAS) Change from Baseline ITT Population



**Chronic cough in IPF is an independent predictor of disease progression and mortality<sup>1</sup>**

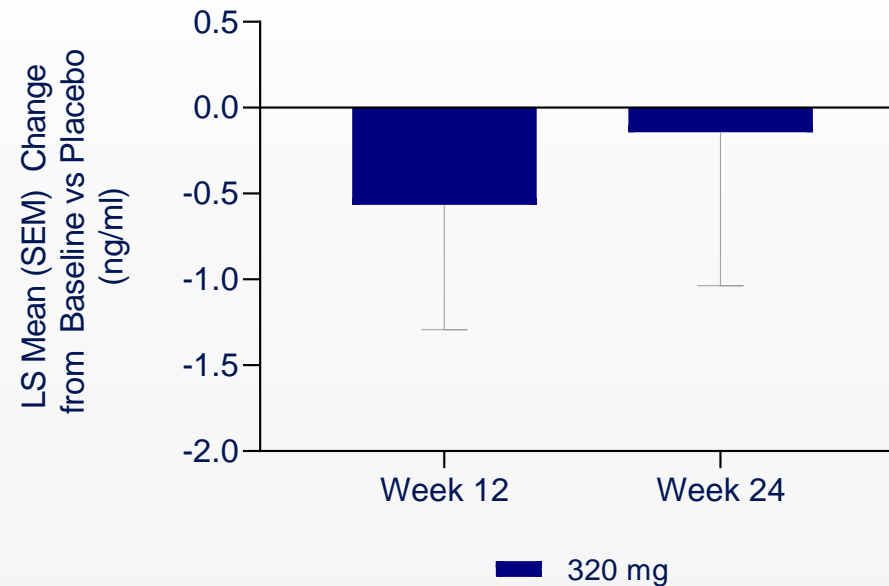
# Bexotegrast Reduced Circulating Biomarkers ITGB6 and PRO-C3 Relative to Placebo

## Plasma Integrin beta-6 (ITGB6)



\*\* p < 0.01 vs placebo

## Serum PRO-C3 Type III collagen synthesis neopeptide



Elevated integrin beta-6 plasma levels shown to be associated with ILD progression over 12 months<sup>1</sup>

PRO-C3 shown to be elevated in patients with IPF and associated with progressive disease<sup>2</sup>

# BEACON-IPF Phase 2b Study Design

## BEACON-IPF

Randomization 1:1:1

Placebo (n=120)

bexotegrast 160 mg (n=120)

bexotegrast 320 mg (n=120)

Stratified for (a) the use of nintedanib or pirfenidone and  
(b) GAP index 1 or GAP index 2/3 at study entry

SCREENING

END OF STUDY

Day -35

Baseline  
Day 1

Last dose  
Week 52

Week 54

Actively Enrolling

### PRIMARY ENDPOINT

- Change from baseline in absolute FVC (mL) at Week 52

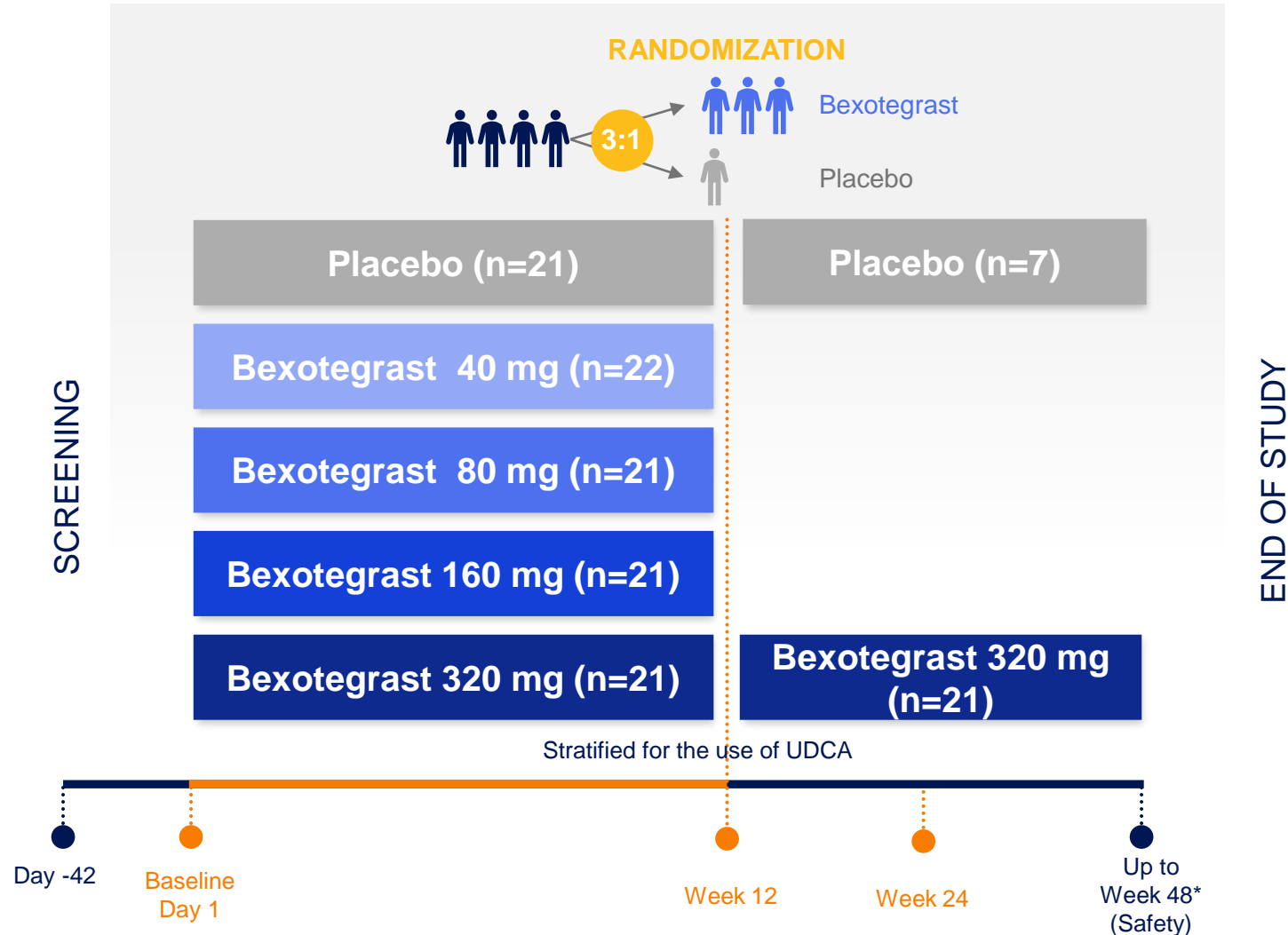
### SECONDARY ENDPOINTS

- Time to disease progression ( $\geq 10\%$  absolute decline from baseline in FVCpp, respiratory-related hospitalization, or all-cause mortality)
- Change from baseline in absolute FVC (mL) in participants on and off background therapy
- Quantitative Lung Fibrosis (QLF)
- Change from baseline in Living with Pulmonary Fibrosis total score at Week 52
- Safety and Tolerability



# INTEGRIS-PSC Study Design and Objectives

## First PSC Trial Enriched with Participants with Suspected Liver Fibrosis



### PRIMARY AND SECONDARY ENDPOINTS

- Safety, tolerability, PK

### EXPLORATORY ENDPOINTS

- Changes in liver fibrosis markers, ELF score and PRO-C3
- Changes in liver biochemistry
- Changes in liver imaging

### INCLUSION CRITERIA

- Suspected moderate/severe fibrosis defined by at least one criterion:
  - $\text{ELF} \geq 7.7$
  - $\text{TE} \geq 8$  but  $\leq 14.4$  kPa
  - $\text{MRE} \geq 2.4$  but  $\leq 4.9$  kPa
  - Historical biopsy

# INTEGRIS-PSC – Key Findings at Week 12

## **Bexotegrast was Well Tolerated in Participants with PSC**

- No safety concerns identified across all dose groups, including the 320 mg dose group
- The most common AEs were observed at lower rates in bexotegrast-treated patients vs. placebo
- No treatment-related SAEs on bexotegrast

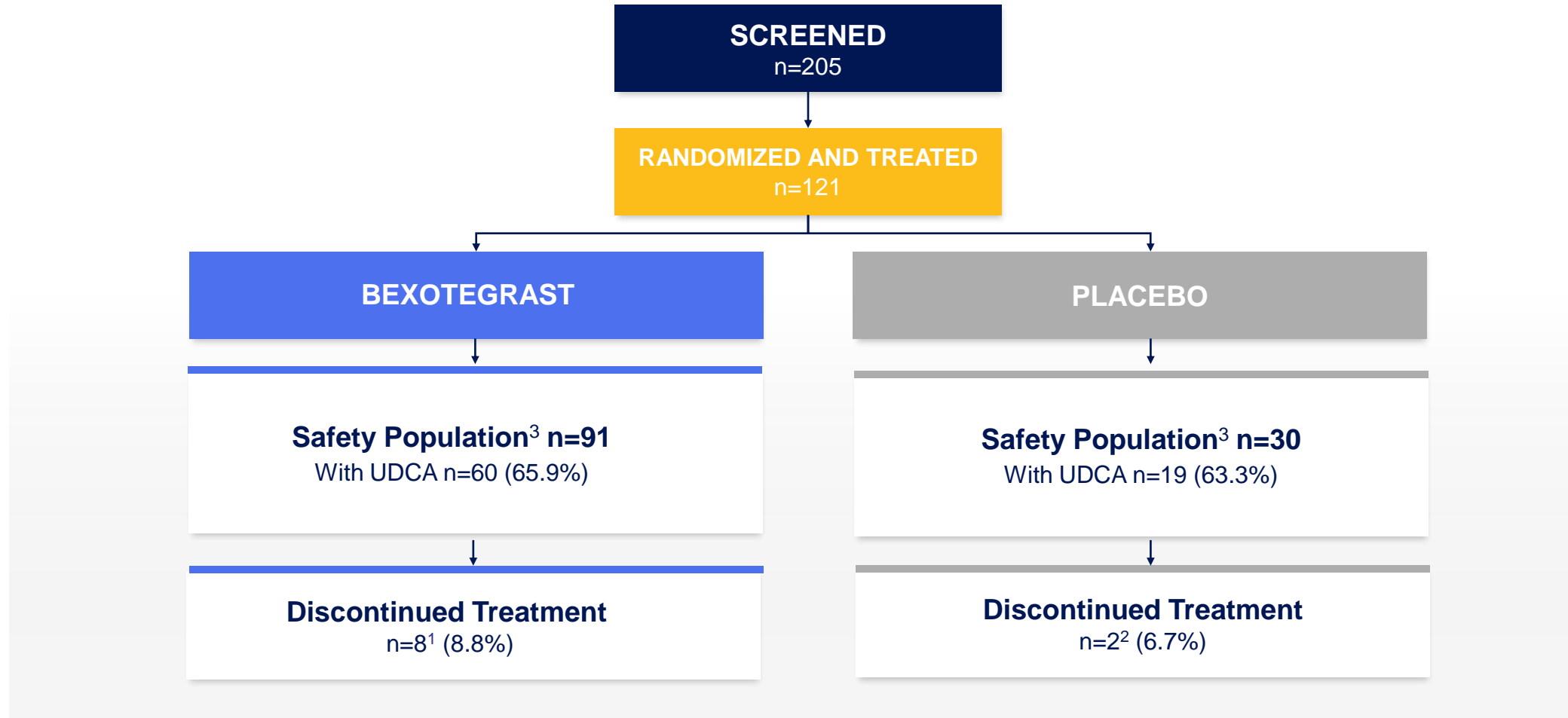
## **Bexotegrast Demonstrated Antifibrotic Activity in a PSC Population with Suspected Liver Fibrosis**

- Reduced liver fibrosis markers ELF and PRO-C3 at all doses relative to placebo over short-term treatment
- Contrast MRI suggested improved hepatocyte function and bile flow at all doses relative to placebo

## **Additional Findings**

- Statistically significant reductions in itch relative to placebo for the 160 mg and 320 mg doses
- ALP remained stable at all doses relative to increases on placebo

# INTEGRIS-PSC – Participant Disposition



# INTEGRIS-PSC – Baseline Demographics

Characteristic	Bexotegrast 40mg (n=24)*	Bexotegrast 80mg (n=20)*	Bexotegrast 160mg (n=20)*	Bexotegrast 320mg (n=27)	Bexotegrast All (n=91)	Placebo (n=30)
Male sex, n (%)	17 (70.8)	16 (80.0)	14 (70.0)	13 (48.1)	60 (65.9)	24 (80.0)
Age (yr), mean (SD)	46.9 (15.06)	40.5 (15.32)	45.1 (12.65)	47.1 (14.47)	45.2 (14.44)	45.2 (13.75)
Race, n (%)						
White	20 (83.3)	16 (80.0)	18 (90.0)	26 (96.3)	80 (87.9)	25 (83.3)
Black	2 (8.3)	2 (10.0)	1 (5.0)	0	5 (5.5)	2 (6.7)
Asian	2 (8.3)	1 (5.0)	1 (5.0)	1 (3.7)	5 (5.5)	1 (3.8)
Other / Not Reported / Unknown	0	1 (5.0)	0	0	1 (1.1)	2 (6.7)
Time since diagnosis of PSC (yr), mean (SD)	11.1 (8.15)	8.3 (7.97)	7.8 (6.78)	9.7 (11.56)	9.3 (8.89)	9.1 (7.45)
Concomitant UDCA use, n (%)	14 (58.3)	15 (75.0)	13 (65.0)	18 (66.7)	60 (65.9)	19 (63.3)
IBD, n (%)	18 (75.0)	12 (60.0)	11 (55.0)	13 (48.1)	54 (59.3)	17 (56.7)
Ulcerative colitis	11 (45.8)	6 (30.0)	7 (35.0)	6 (22.2)	30 (33.0)	10 (33.3)
Crohn's disease	6 (25.0)	4 (20.0)	2 (10.0)	8 (29.6)	20 (22.0)	6 (20.0)
IBD Other	3 (12.5)	2 (10.0)	2 (10.0)	0	7 (7.7)	1 (3.3)
Partial Mayo Score, mean (SD)	0.7 (1.08)	1.6 (2.54)	1.1 (1.27)	0.8 (1.17)	1.0 (1.57)	0.5 (1.36)
Itch NRS, mean (SD)	1.8 (2.54)	2.1 (2.63)	1.4 (1.50)	0.9 (1.77)	1.5 (2.15)	1.0 (1.43)

# INTEGRIS-PSC – Baseline Disease Activity Markers

	Bexotegrast 40mg (n=24)	Bexotegrast 80mg (n=20)	Bexotegrast 160mg (n=20)	Bexotegrast 320mg (n=27)	Bexotegrast All (n=91)	Placebo (n=30)
<b>Liver Biochemistry, mean (SD)</b>						
Alkaline phosphatase (ALP) (U/L)	315.1 (140.26)	199.2 (81.03)	273.8 (165.63)	190.6 (91.29)	243.6 (132.13)	277.4 (215.88)
Alanine aminotransferase (ALT) (U/L)	91.5 (62.08)	67.6 (63.15)	98.4 (73.11)	60.4 (37.76)	78.5 (60.20)	73.1 (59.84)
Aspartate aminotransferase (AST) (U/L)	67.2 (49.34)	46.4 (30.12)	69.0 (39.62)	44.6 (24.69)	56.3 (38.10)	51.6 (37.13)
Total Bilirubin (mg/dL)	0.66 (0.307)	0.79 (0.493)	0.88 (0.396)	0.53 (0.208)	0.70 (0.373)	0.82 (0.373)
Direct bilirubin (mg/dL)	0.27 (0.164)	0.26 (0.188)	0.31 (0.166)	0.16 (0.062)	0.24 (0.156)	0.31 (0.238)
<b>Markers of Fibrosis, mean (SD)</b>						
ELF Score	9.6 (0.77)	9.2 (1.01)	9.4 (0.79)	9.0 (0.84)	9.3 (0.87)	9.3 (1.03)
PRO-C3 (ng/mL)	49.96 (13.844)	48.84 (42.790)	46.12 (11.670)	46.48 (19.536)	47.81 (24.058)	48.50 (24.329)
Transient Elastography (kPa)	10.1 (2.62)	9.1 (2.99)	8.2 (3.16)	8.7 (3.14)	9.0 (3.02)	8.6 (2.8)

# INTEGRIS-PSC – Safety Summary

AE, n (%) of Participants Reporting	Bexotegrast 40mg (n=24)	Bexotegrast 80mg (n=20)	Bexotegrast 160mg (n=20)	Bexotegrast 320mg (n=27)	Bexotegrast All (n=91)	Placebo (n=30)
TEAE	10 (41.7)	16 (80.0)	15 (75.0)	20 (74.1)	61 (67.0)	20 (66.7)
Related to study drug	1 (4.2)	6 (30.0)	4 (20.0)	0	11 (12.1)	7 (23.3)
Serious TEAE	1 (4.2)	1 (5.0)	0	0	2 (2.2)	0
Related to study drug	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEAE of CTCAE Grade 3 or Higher	1 (4.2)	2 (10.0)	1 (5.0)	1 (3.7)	5 (5.5)	3 (10.0)
Related to study drug	0	0	0	0	0	2 (6.7)
TEAE Leading to Interruption of Study Drug	1 (4.2) <sup>1</sup>	0	0	4 (14.8) <sup>5</sup>	5 (5.5)	1 (3.3) <sup>7</sup>
TEAE Leading to Withdrawal of Study Drug	1 (4.2) <sup>2</sup>	1 (5.0) <sup>3</sup>	1 (5.0) <sup>4</sup>	1 (3.7) <sup>6</sup>	4 (4.4)	2 (6.7) <sup>8</sup>
TEAE Leading to Early Termination from Study	0	0	1 (5.0) <sup>4</sup>	0	1 (1.1)	0
TEAE Leading to Death	0	0	0	0	0	0

1 – chills/constipation/fatigue/nausea/pyrexia/vomiting; 2 – COVID-19/dyspnoea/nasal congestion; 3 – Hepatic enzyme increase/Pruritus; 4 – Fatigue; 5 – fatigue; cough; oropharyngeal pain; increased ALT; 6 – increased ALP, ALT and AST; 7 – abdominal pain upper/fatigue/ocular icterus/pruritus; 8 – cardiomegaly/dyspnoea/malaise; headache

AE = Adverse Event; TEAE = Treatment Emergent Adverse Event; SAE = Serious Adverse Events. Adverse events coded using MedDRA v. 24.0.  
TEAE is defined as any AE starting (or worsening) on or after the date of first dose.

# INTEGRIS-PSC – Most Frequent TEAEs

TEAE, n (%) of Participants Reporting	Bexotegrist 40mg (n=24)	Bexotegrist 80mg (n=20)	Bexotegrist 160mg (n=20)	Bexotegrist 320mg (n=27)	Bexotegrist All (n=91)	Placebo (n=30)
<b>Most frequent TEAEs (n ≥ 3 in at least one arm)</b>						
<b>Fatigue</b>	3 (12.5)	2 (10.0)	4 (20.0)	3 (11.1)	12 (13.2)	4 (13.3)
<b>Pruritus<sup>1</sup></b>	2 (8.3)	4 (20.0)	3 (15.0)	2 (7.4)	11 (12.1)	6 (20.0)
<b>Headache</b>	1 (4.2)	2 (10.0)	3 (15.0)	2 (7.4)	8 (8.8)	4 (13.3)
<b>COVID-19</b>	2 (8.3)	1 (5.0)	0	4 (14.8)	7 (7.7)	3 (10.0)
<b>Nausea</b>	1 (4.2)	2 (10.0)	3 (15.0)	1 (3.7)	7 (7.7)	0
<b>Frequent bowel movements</b>	0	3 (15.0)	0	0	3 (3.3)	3 (10.0)
<b>Cholangitis</b>	0	1 (5.0)	1 (5.0)	0	2 (2.2)	4 (13.3)
<b>Pyrexia</b>	1 (4.2)	0	0	0	1 (1.1)	3 (10.0)
<b>Dyspepsia</b>	0	0	0	0	0	3 (10.0)
<b>Ocular icterus</b>	0	0	0	0	0	3 (10.0)

1- Pruritus includes preferred terms for pruritus and cholestatic pruritus

TEAE = Treatment Emergent Adverse Event; Adverse events coded using MedDRA version 24.0.  
TEAE is defined as any AE starting (or worsening) on or after the date of first dose

# INTEGRIS-PSC – Serious Adverse Events

## No SAEs were Related to Study Drug

Treatment Group	SAE Preferred Term	Standard Toxicity Grade	Treatment Related	Any alternative cause or confounding factors?	Action Taken	Outcome
40 mg	Cholecystitis / Abdominal pain / Pancreatitis	Grade 3 (all) (Severe)	No	ERCP (post-procedure)	Hospitalization; <b>Event in follow-up Period (3-4 weeks post last dose)</b>	Recovered / Resolved
80 mg	Cholangitis	Grade 3 (Severe)	No	No <sup>1</sup>	Hospitalization; Dose not changed	Recovered / Resolved

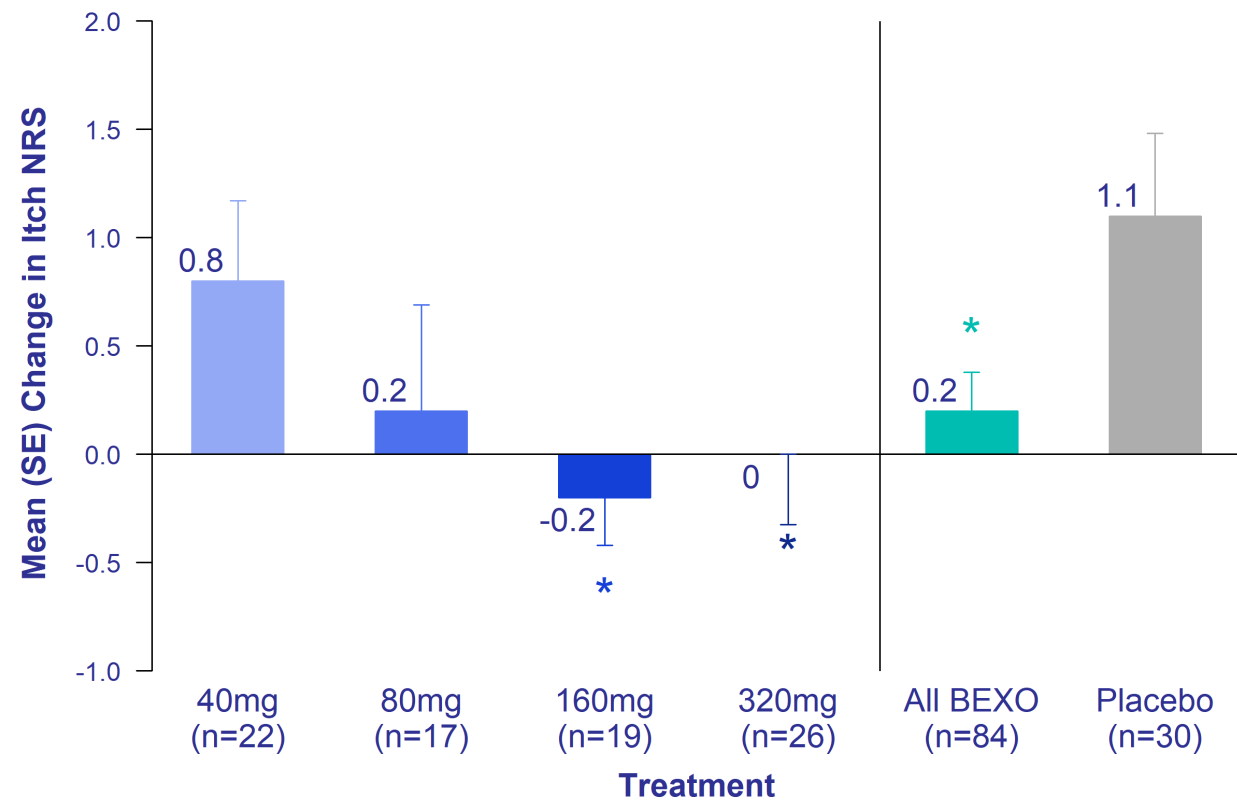


# INTEGRIS-PSC – TEAEs Leading to Withdrawal of Study Drug

Treatment Group	AE Preferred Term (s)	Standard Toxicity Grade	Treatment Related	Any alternative cause or confounding factors?	Action Taken	Outcome
40 mg	COVID-19 / Nasal congestion / Dyspnoea	Grade 1 (Mild)	No	COVID-19	Drug withdrawn	Recovered / Resolved
80 mg	Hepatic enzyme increased / Pruritus	Grade 1 (Mild)	Yes	Variation in PSC / Aggravation of PSC	Drug withdrawn	Recovered / Resolved
160 mg	Fatigue	Grade 2 (Moderate)	Yes	No	Drug withdrawn	Recovered / Resolved
Placebo	Dyspnoea / Malaise / Cardiomegaly	Grade 2 (Moderate) / Grade 3 (Severe) / Grade 1 (Mild)	Yes	No	Drug withdrawn	Recovered / Resolved
Placebo	Headache	Grade 1 (Mild)	Yes	Fasting before drug administration	Drug withdrawn	Recovered / Resolved

# Itch Numerical Rating Scale – Change from Baseline at Week 12

## Safety Population

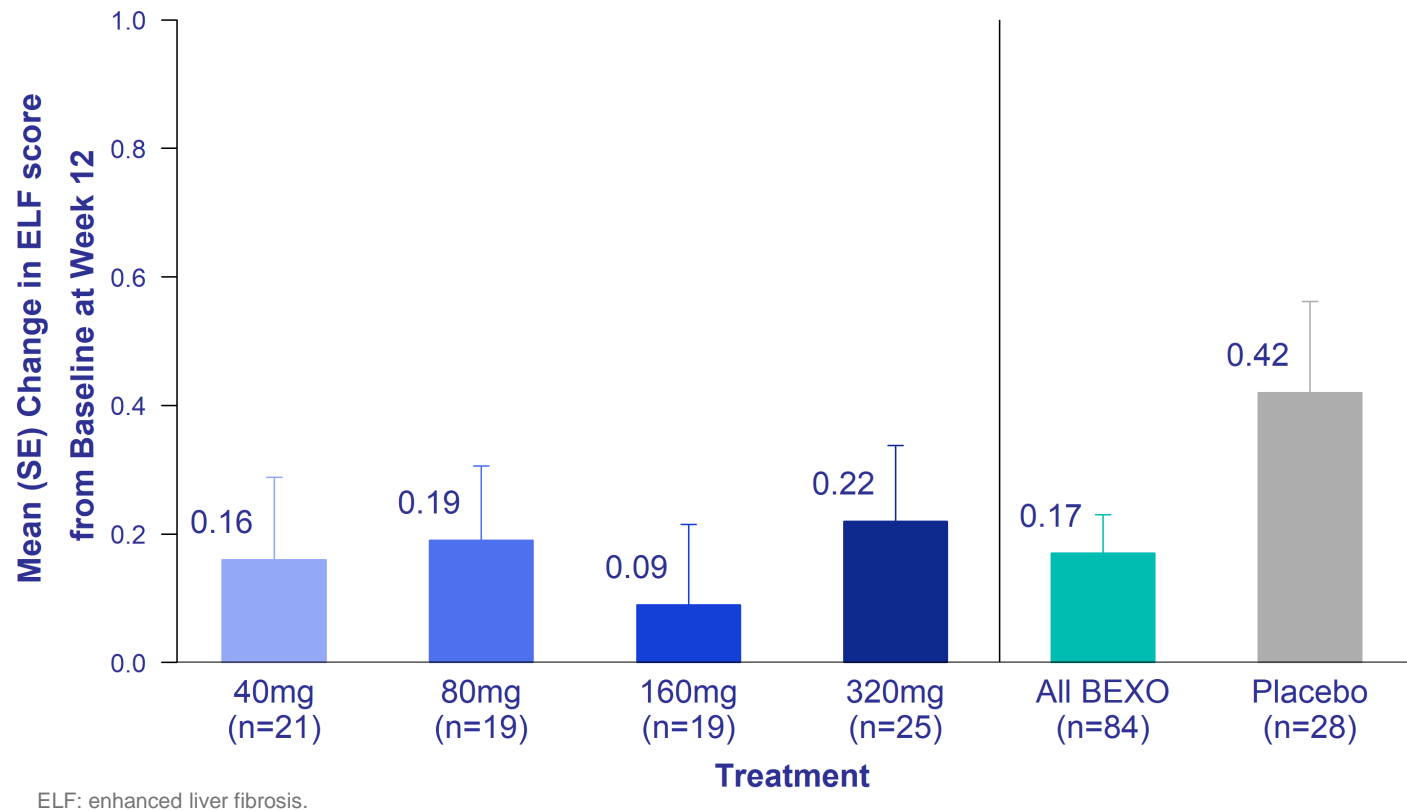


\* p < 0.05 vs placebo

**Bexotegrist showed statistically significant reductions in itch relative to placebo for the 160 mg and 320 doses**

# ELF Score – Change from Baseline at Week 12

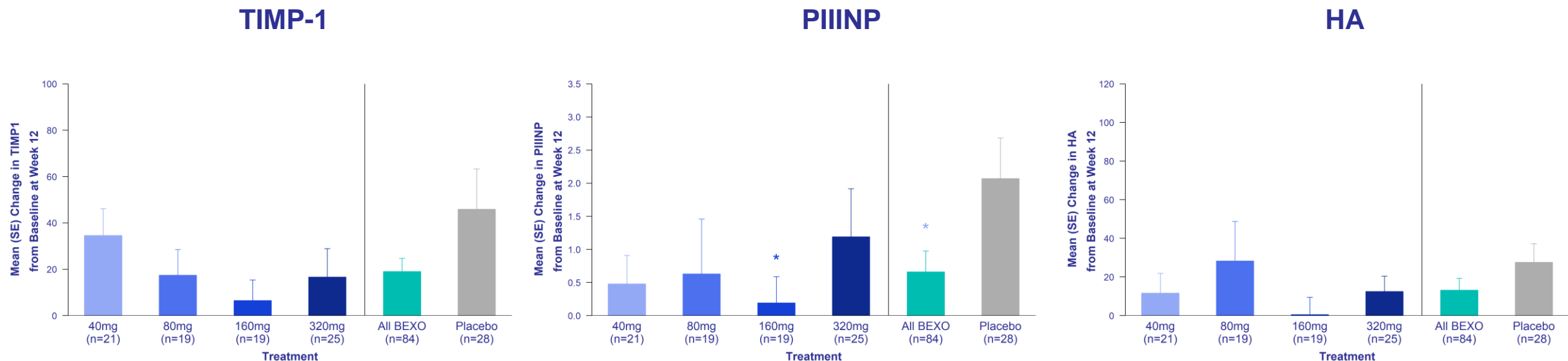
## Safety Population



**Bexotegrist reduced ELF score relative to placebo at all doses**

# ELF Score Components - Change from Baseline at Week 12

## Safety Population

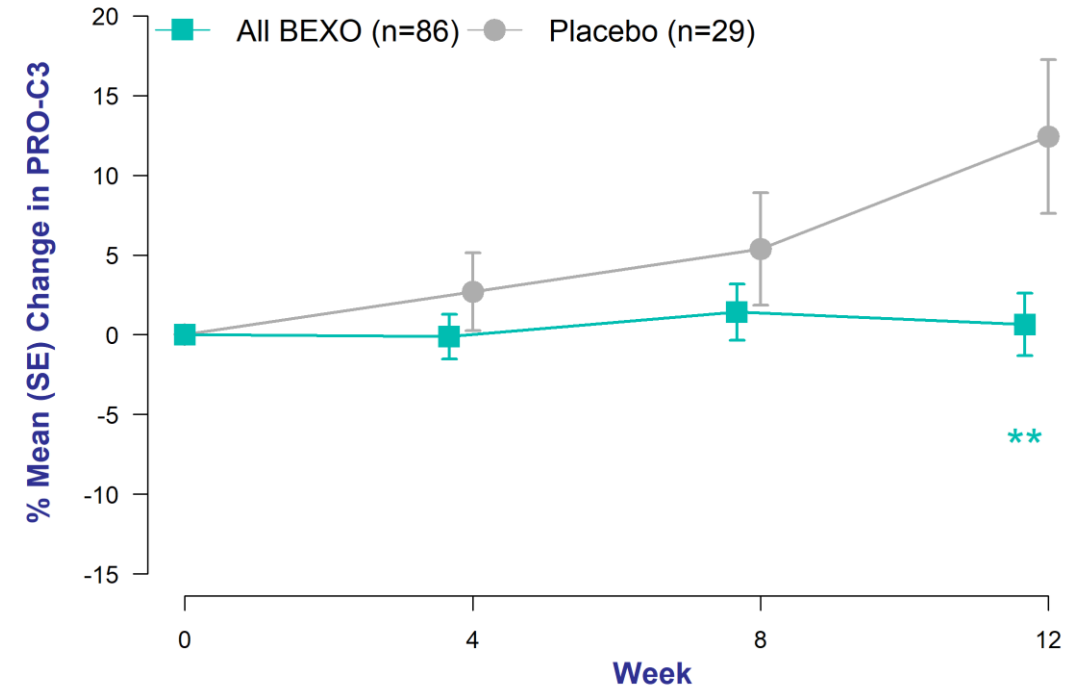
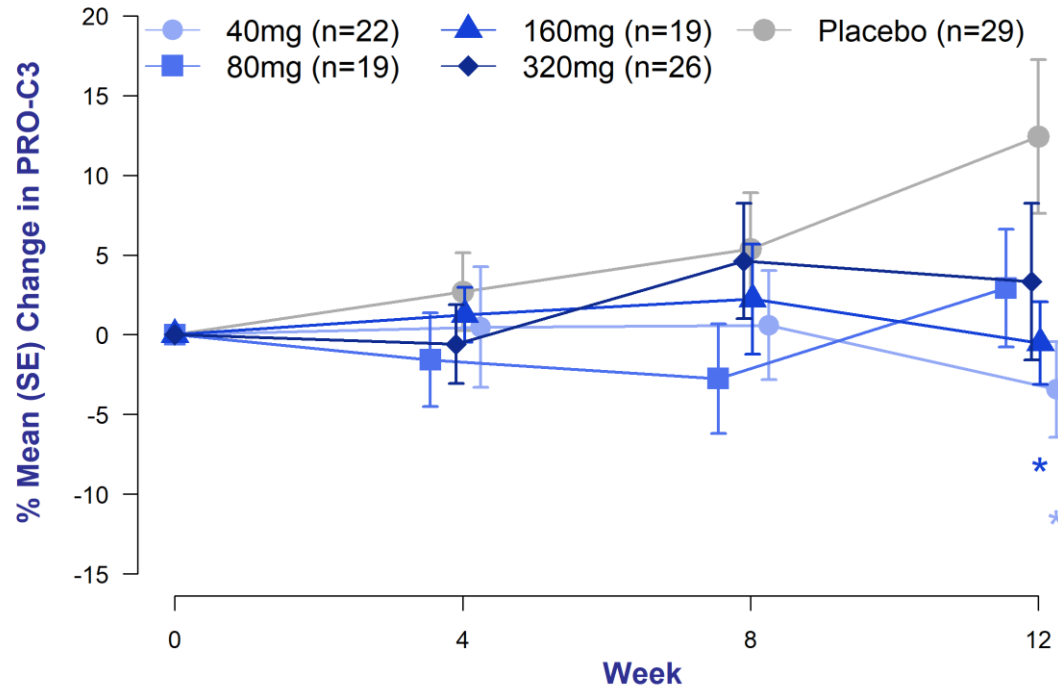


**Bexotegrist reduced all components of ELF score compared to placebo**



# PRO-C3 – Percent Change from Baseline

## Safety Population

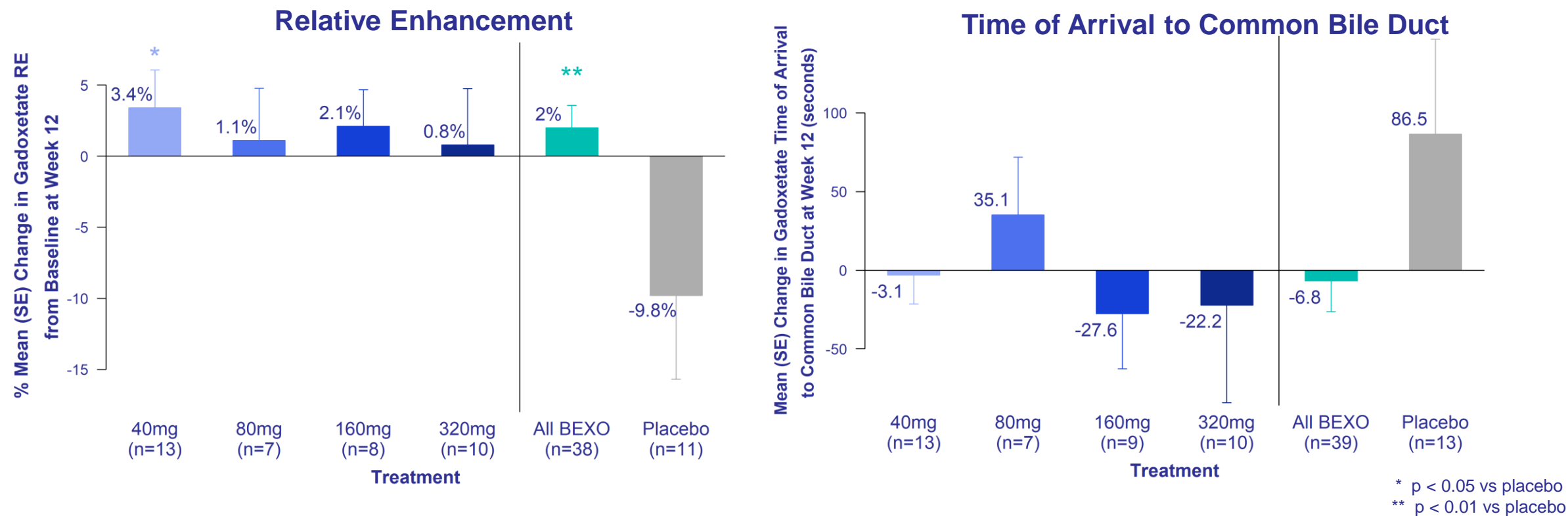


\* p < 0.05 vs placebo  
\*\* p < 0.01 vs placebo

**All doses reduced collagen synthesis (PRO-C3) relative to placebo with statistical significance at Week 12 for 40 mg and 160 mg doses**

# MRI Parameters – Change from Baseline at Week 12

## Sub-Study Safety Population



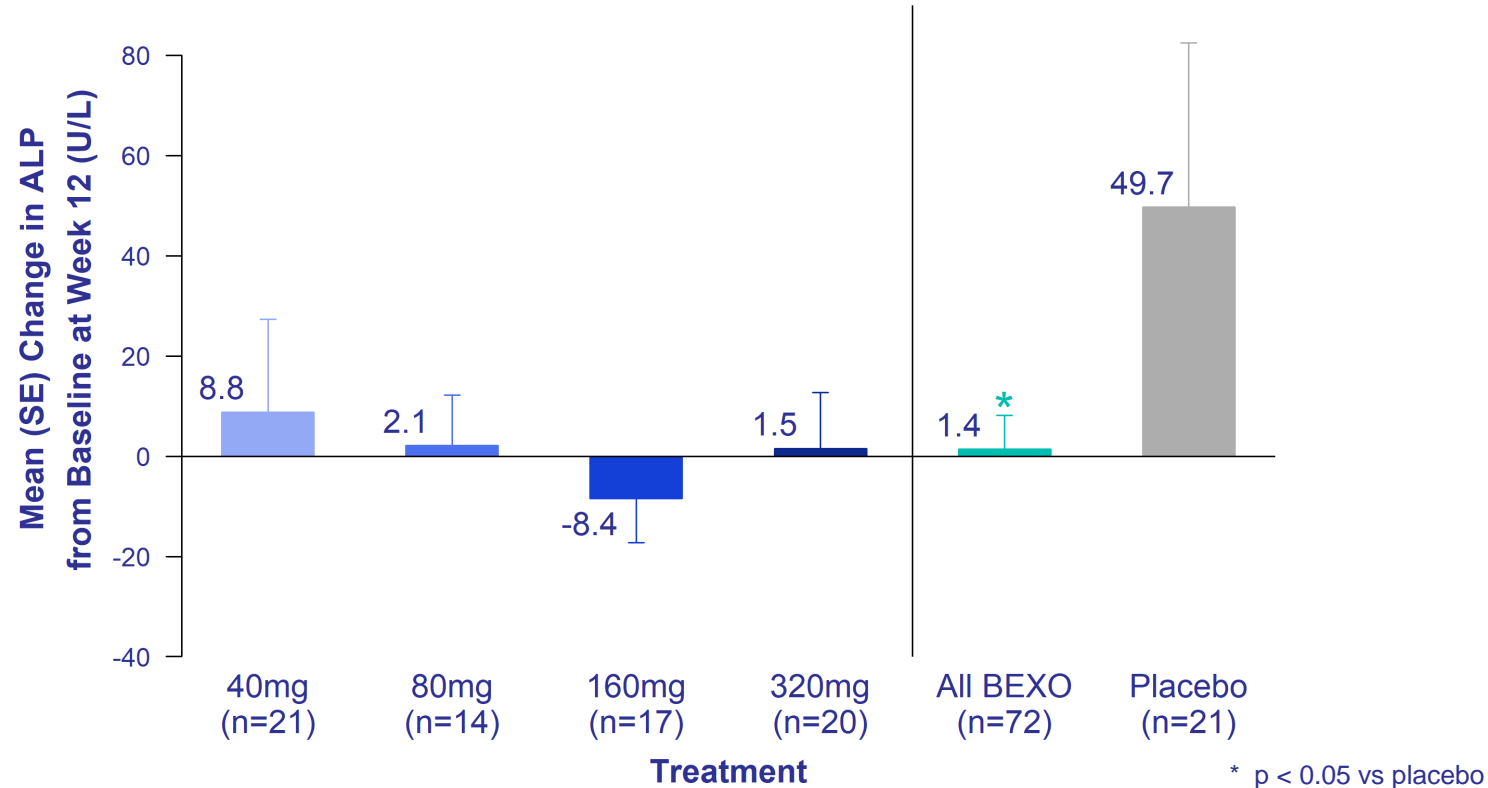
**All doses showed increased relative enhancement compared to placebo, suggesting improved hepatocyte function**

**All doses reduced time of arrival to the common bile duct compared to placebo, suggesting improved bile flow**

Relative enhancement (RE), using the contrast agent gadoxetate, is a measure of hepatocyte function. Time of arrival of gadoxetate to bile duct is a measure of excretory function. MRI was an optional sub study to main study.

# ALP – Change from Baseline at Week 12

Safety Population – Participants with ALP > ULN at Baseline



**Bexotegrist improved ALP relative to placebo at all doses in subgroup with elevated ALP at baseline**

# INTEGRIS-PSC – Summary and Next Steps



**Bexotegrast continues to demonstrate a favorable safety and tolerability profile in a PSC patient population with suspected moderate to severe liver fibrosis**



**All bexotegrast doses showed antifibrotic activity (ELF and PRO-C3) over short-term treatment duration**



**Contrast MRI suggested improved hepatocyte function and bile flow with bexotegrast treatment**



**All doses displayed improvement in Itch Numerical Rating Scale at Week 12 relative to placebo with statistical significance for the 160 mg and 320 mg doses**



**Planning for regulatory interactions to discuss path to registration; 320 mg 24-week data expected in mid-2024**



# Bexotegrast – A Potentially Broadly Applicable Antifibrotic



## Growing Evidence that Localized TGF- $\beta$ Inhibition has Potential as Backbone Antifibrotic

- TGF- $\beta$  inhibition is a potent antifibrotic pathway, but systemic toxicity has challenged drug development
- Tissue-specific TGF- $\beta$  inhibition avoids systemic toxicity while maintaining the antifibrotic effect



## Bexotegrast Continues to Demonstrate a Favorable Safety and Tolerability Profile

- Well tolerated in over 700 participants across multiple different patient populations
- No drug-related serious adverse events observed to date across all trials



## Bexotegrast Shows Potential to Treat Fibrotic Diseases Across Multiple Organ Systems

- Clear antifibrotic effect across multiple organ systems and indications
- Effect has been observed across multiple exploratory endpoints and biomarkers
- Bexotegrast is positioned to expand into multiple indications across pulmonary and liver fibrosis

# Bexotegrast Phase 2a 320 mg Dose Global Safety-PK-Exploratory Efficacy Trial in PSC

## 24-Week Data in Mid-2024

### KEY INCLUSION/EXCLUSION CRITERIA

- Adults with large duct PSC
- Pre-cirrhotic
- Stable IBD, if present
- Stratified for UDCA use

Randomization 3:1  
(bexotegrast : placebo)

Placebo (n=7)

bexotegrast 320 mg (n=21)

### PRIMARY AND SECONDARY ENDPOINTS

- Safety, tolerability, PK

### EXPLORATORY ENDPOINTS

- Effect on fibrosis biomarkers (e.g., Pro-C3, ELF) at Wks 12 and 24
- Change in ALP at Wks 12 and 24



\*Trial will complete once the last trial participant enrolled reaches 24 weeks of treatment



# PLN-101095

## Dual Selective $\alpha_v\beta_8$ / $\alpha_v\beta_1$ Integrin Inhibitor

Reprogramming the Immunosuppressive Tumor Micro-Environment of Solid Tumors

# Potential First-in-Class Small Molecule Dual $\alpha_v\beta_8$ / $\alpha_v\beta_1$ Inhibitor

## $\alpha_v\beta_8$ Biology

$\alpha_v\beta_8$  regulates **TGF $\beta$**  activation with a central role in immune suppression in cancer

## Pharmacology

Highly selective inhibitor of  $\alpha_v\beta_8$  &  $\alpha_v\beta_1$

Supports human dose projections and **high target coverage**

Compelling rationale for  $\alpha_v\beta_8$  combination therapy with **PD-(L)1**

## Differentiation

**Dual mode of action targeting** T cells  $\alpha_v\beta_8$  & Fibroblasts  $\alpha_v\beta_1$

**PO Dosing**

## Development Status

No major findings in 28D GLP rat & dog toxicology studies

IND submitted Q4 2022

FIH study initiated 2Q 2023

Substantial opportunity for an oral medicine **targeting TGF $\beta$  activation** in ICI resistance **via  $\alpha_v\beta_8$**

# Pliant's Approach to Addressing Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Resistance

## Common Mechanisms of I-O Resistance

Tumor-specific IFN $\gamma$  levels at baseline predict pembrolizumab responses [4,5]

Immunosuppressive stroma / myeloid compartment associated with active TGF $\beta$  signaling predicts atezolizumab responses [3]

Tumor infiltrating lymphocytes highly sensitive to TGF $\beta$  immunosuppression [e.g.1,2]

## Pliant's Approach

Potently inhibit general immunosuppressive immune checkpoint to restore CD8 T cell IFN $\gamma$  secretion

Prevent both free and latent-TGF $\beta$  signaling from major integrin sources found in solid tumors

Dual mechanism significantly increases quantity of TILs and increase resistance to exhaustion

**Dual inhibition of  $\alpha_v\beta_8$  & PD-1 exploit unexpected synergistic pathways leading to enhanced tumor killing<sup>6</sup>**

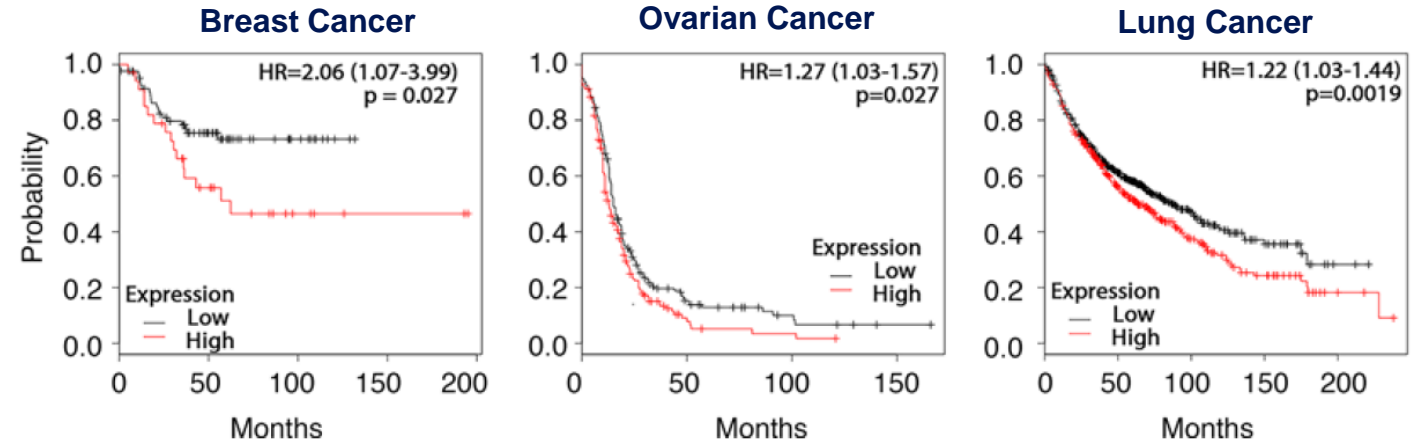
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# High ITGB8 on Tumor or T cells Has Poor Prognosis

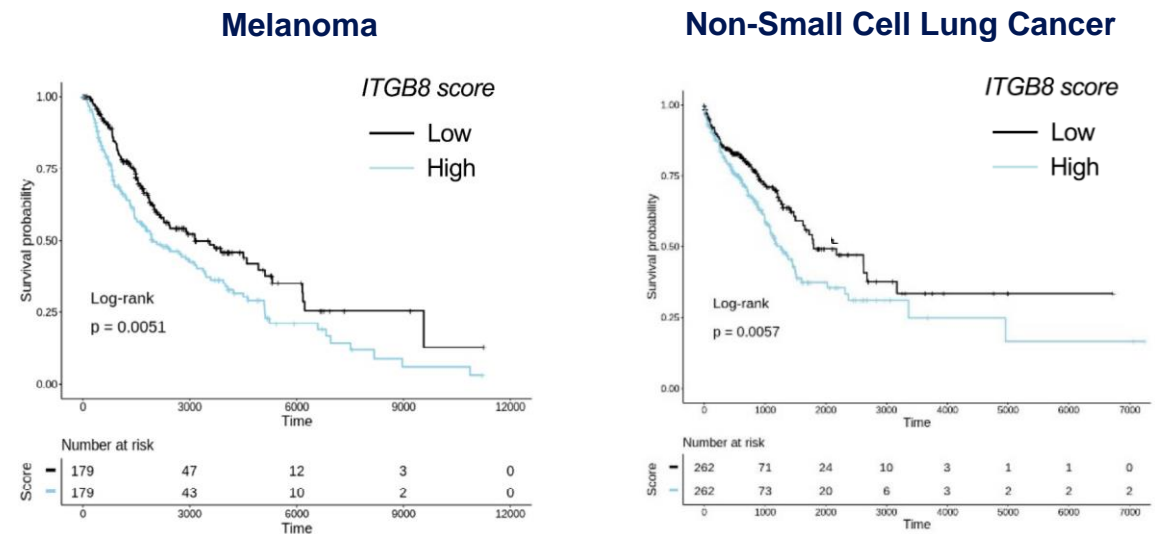
## High ITGB8 expression on tumor cells has a worse clinical prognosis

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## High ITGB8 score on infiltrating T cells correlates with worse prognosis

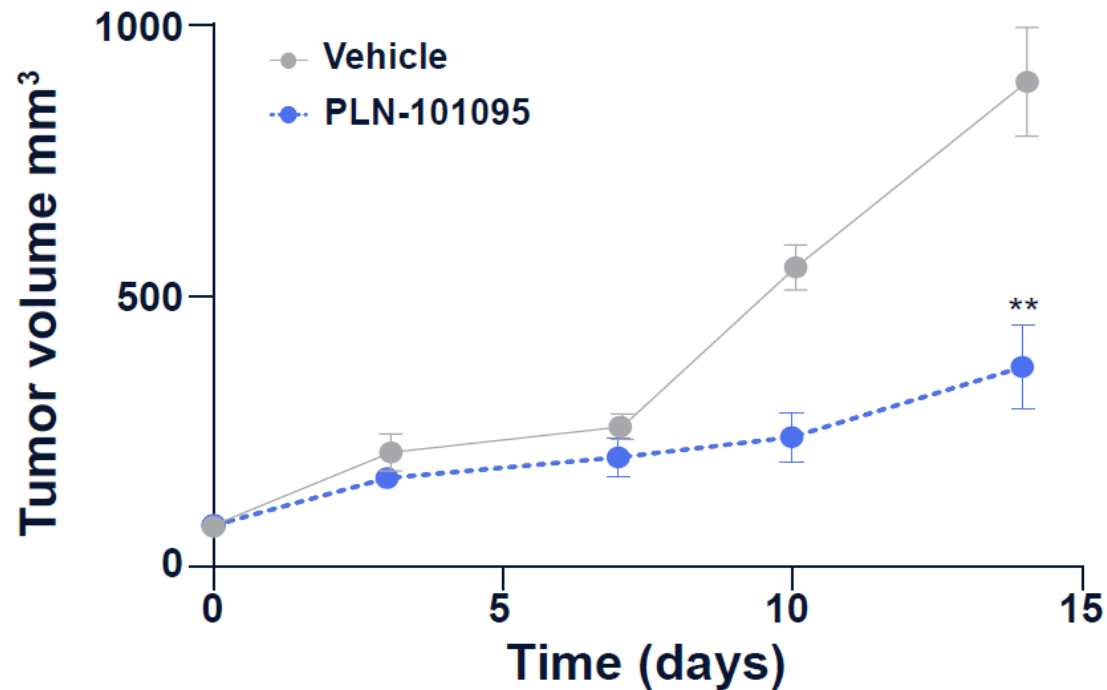
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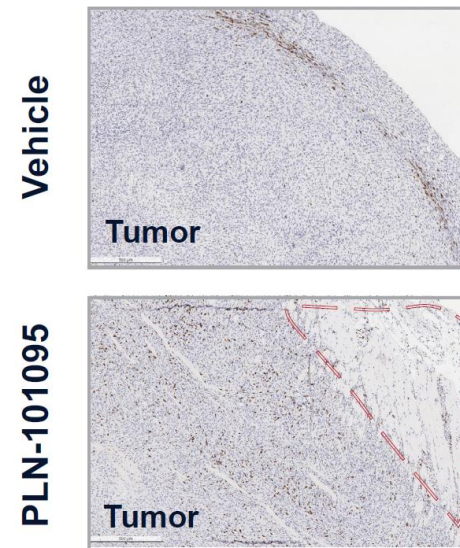


# PLN-101095 Inhibited Tumor Growth and Promoted T cell Infiltration in the EMT6 Model

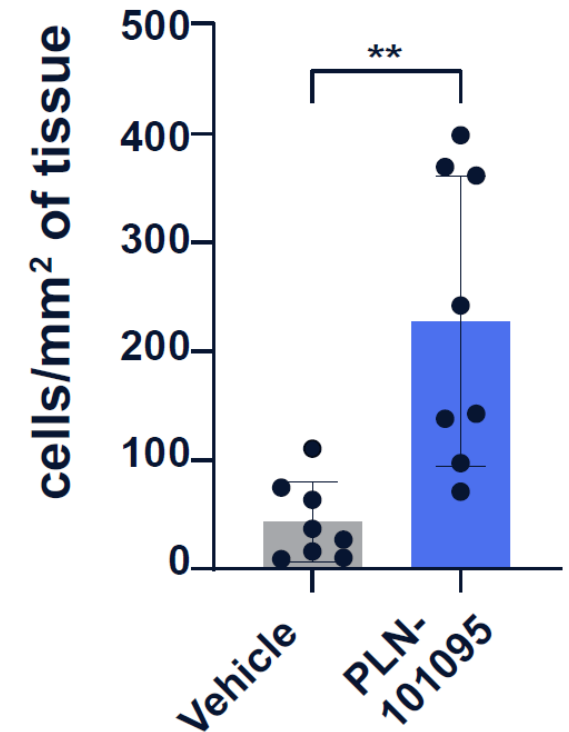
## Tumor Growth Inhibition in EMT6 Tumors



## CD8<sup>+</sup> T Cells



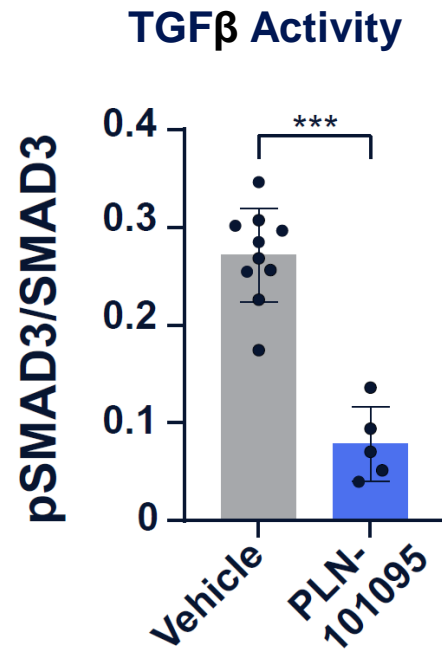
## CD8<sup>+</sup> T Cells



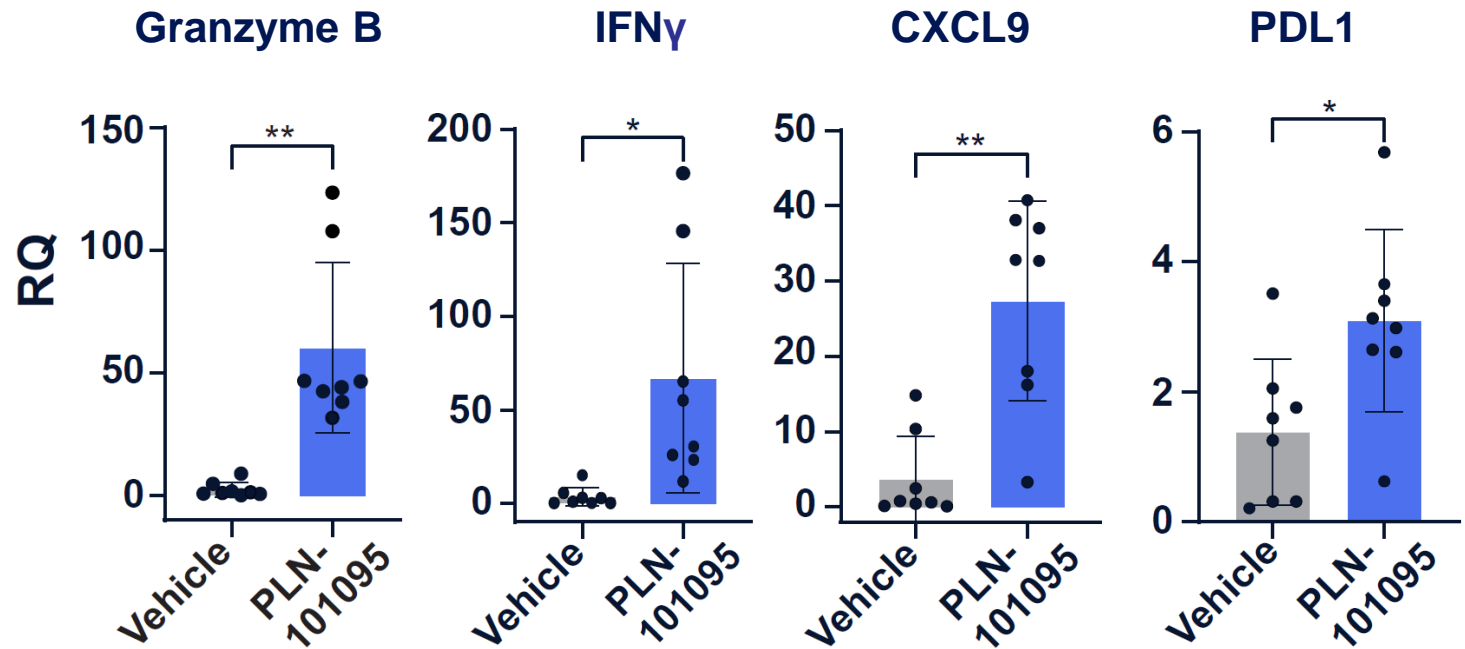
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# Single Agent PLN-101095 Promoted T Cell Infiltration

## Reduced TGF- $\beta$ Signaling



## Increased Expression of IFN $\gamma$ -Regulated Genes

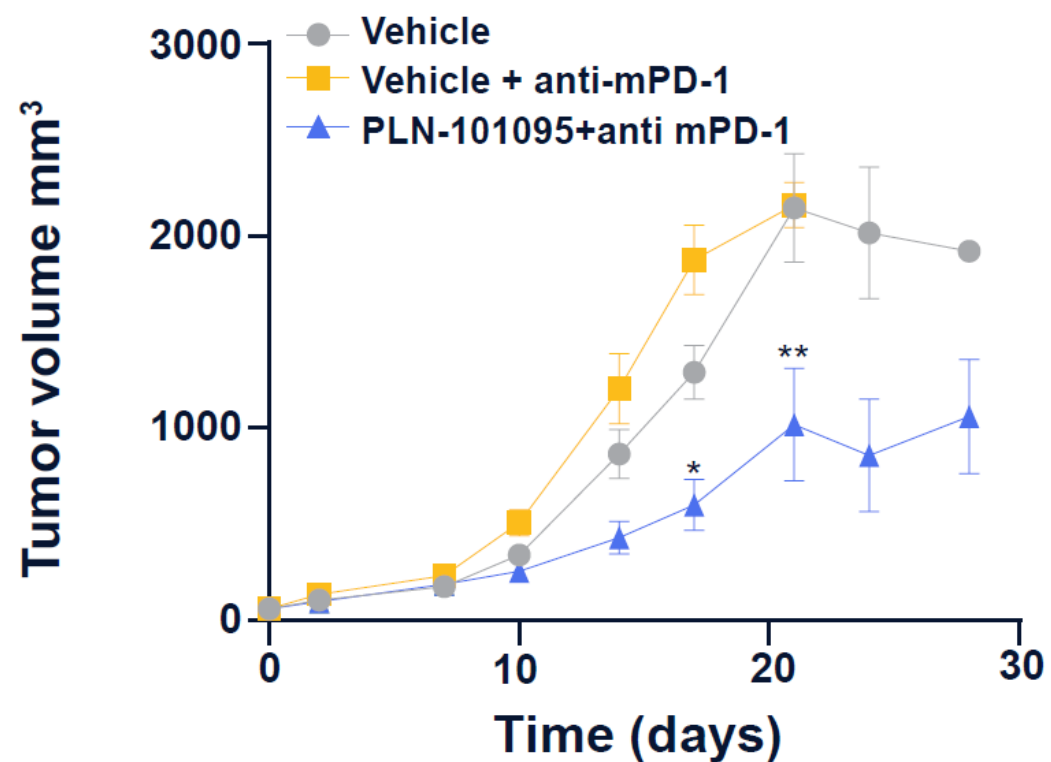


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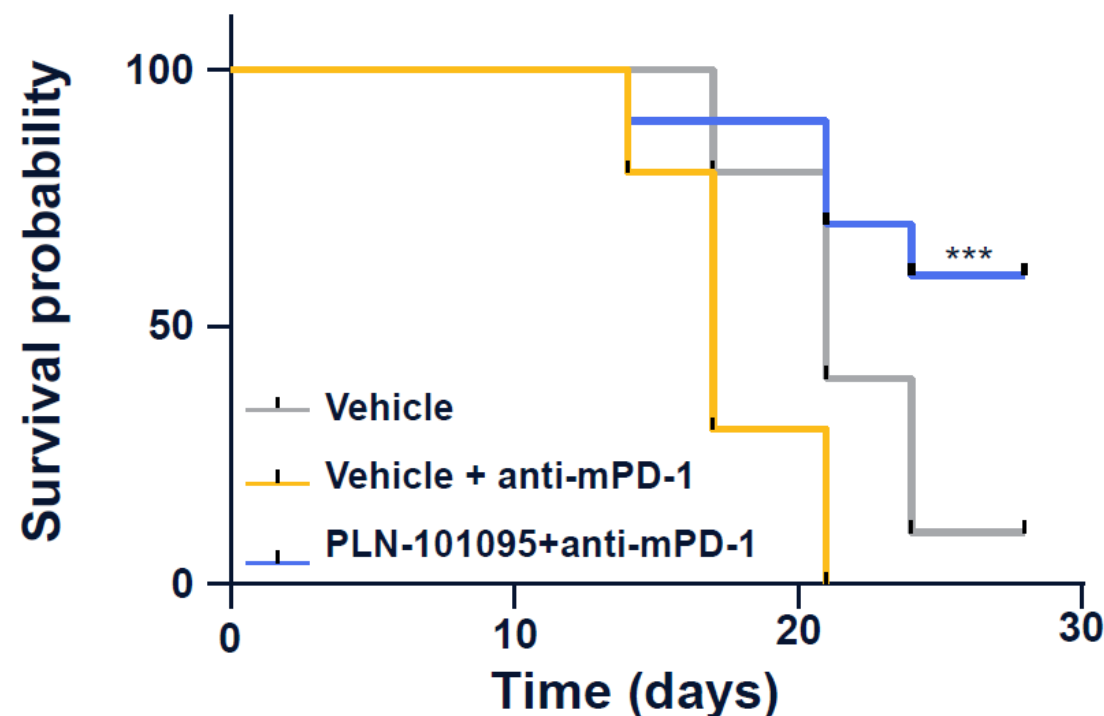


# PLN-101095 Plus $\alpha$ PD-1 Demonstrated High Tumor Growth Inhibition in EMT6 Syngeneic Mouse Model

## Tumor Growth Inhibition in EMT6 Tumors



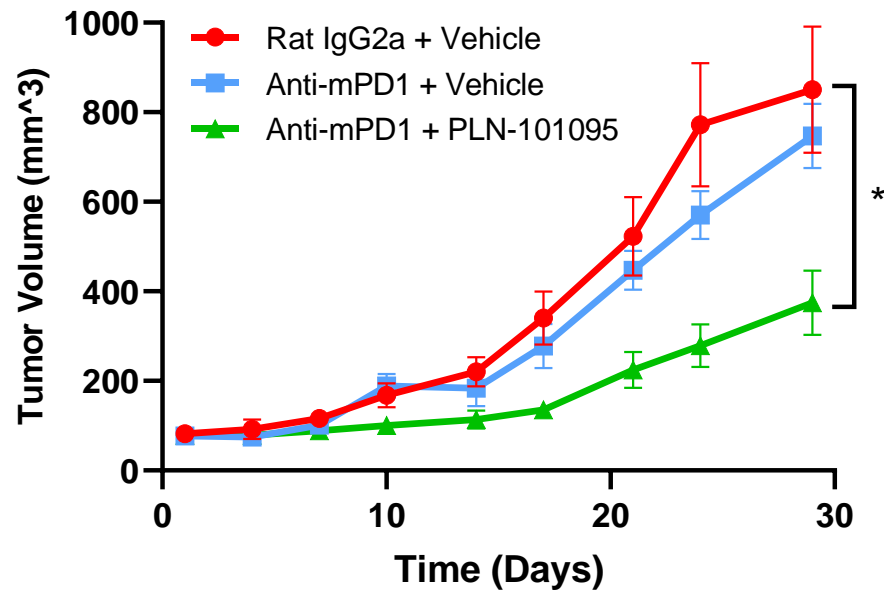
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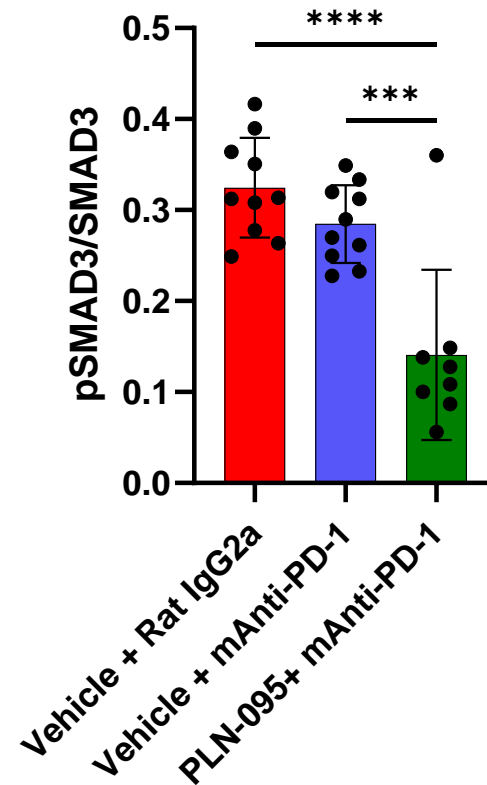
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# PLN-101095 Inhibited Pan02 Tumor Growth & Increases T cell Infiltration

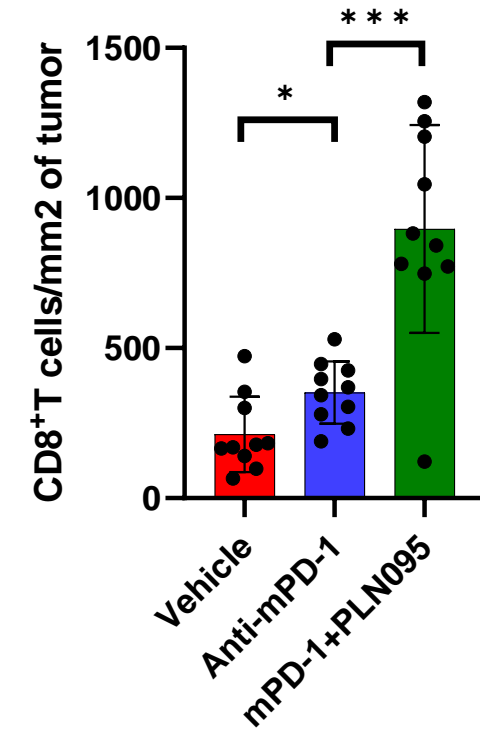
## Tumor Growth Inhibition in Pan02 Tumors



## TGFβ Signaling

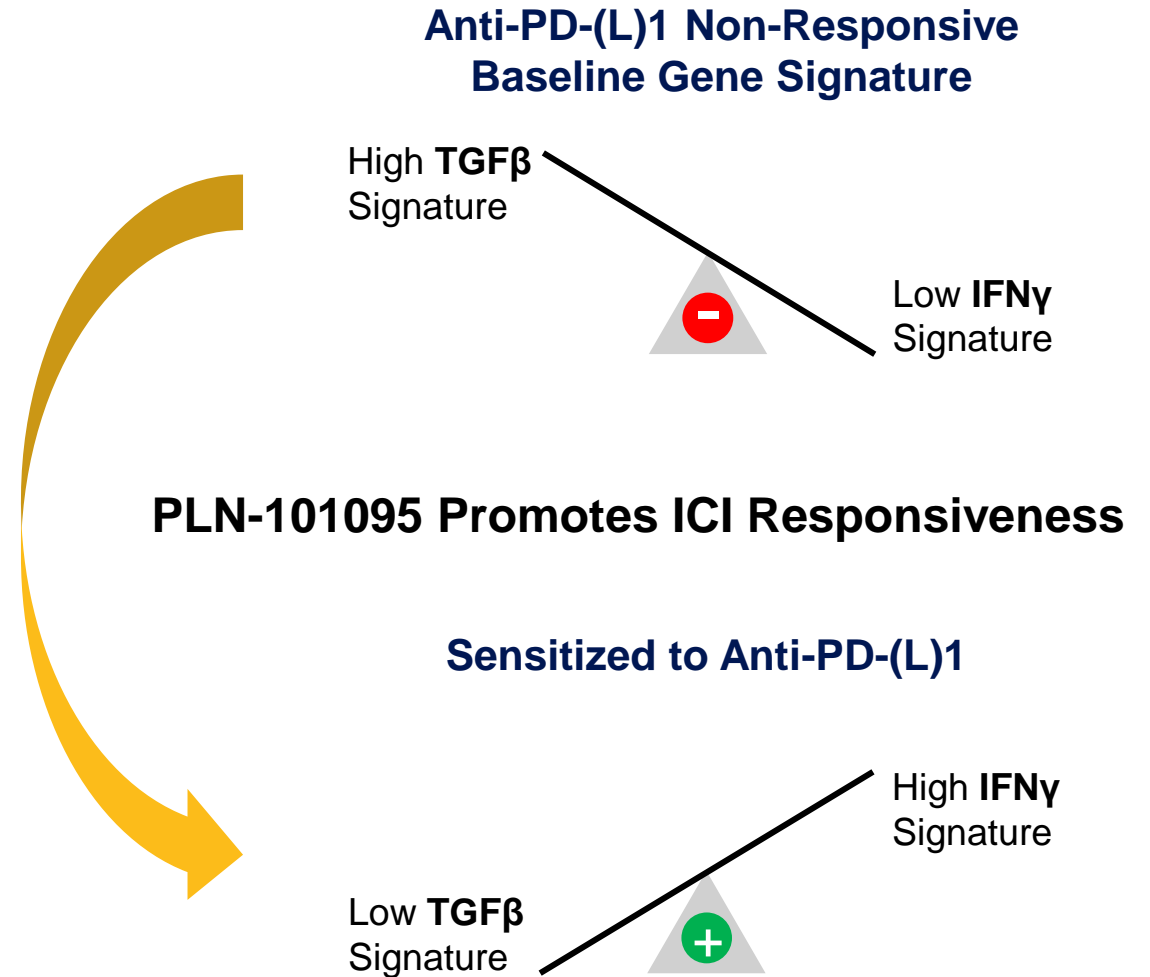
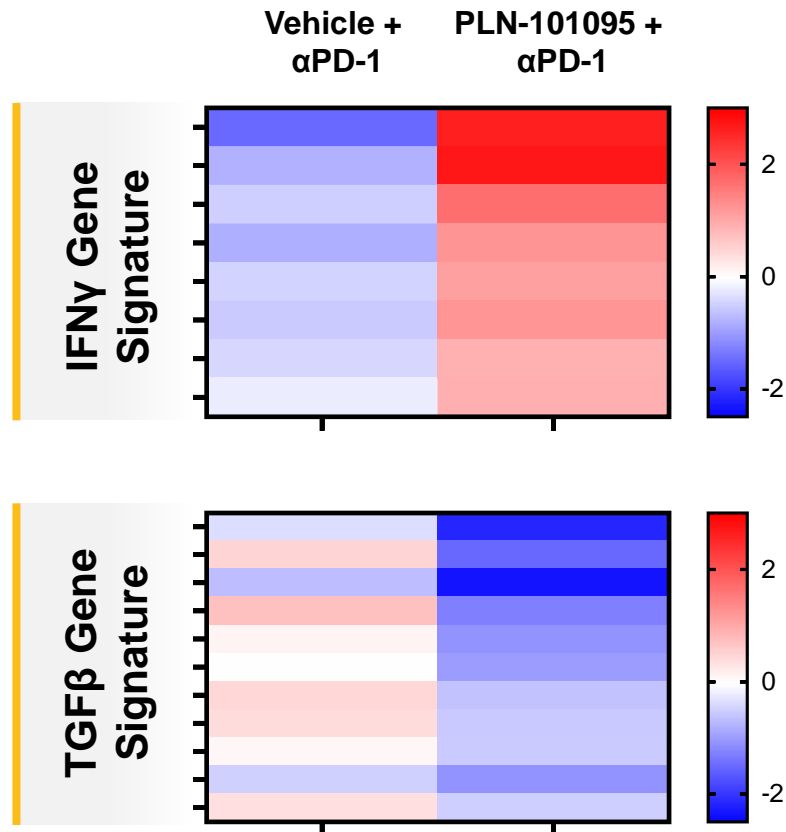


## CD8<sup>+</sup> T Cells



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# PLN-101095 Potently Increased IFN $\gamma$ Signature & Reduces TGF $\beta$ Gene Signatures



# PLN-101095 Nonclinical Safety Studies

## No Effects of Concern for Clinical Advancement

Study Category	Studies Completed	Findings with PLN-101095
Repeat Dose Toxicology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>14-day DRF in rat</li><li>7-day DRF in dog</li><li>GLP 1-Month IND-enabling rat</li><li>GLP 1-Month IND-enabling dog</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>No adverse findings</b> in rat or dog DRF</li><li>All doses tolerated</li><li><b>NOAEL<sup>1</sup> set at highest dose</b></li></ul>
Safety Pharmacology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>GLP hERG</li><li>Safety44</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>No findings</b></li></ul>
Genetic Toxicology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>GLP Ames</li><li>GLP In vitro micronucleus</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>No findings</b></li></ul>

<sup>1</sup> – No observed adverse effect level.

# Key Program Highlights



**Oral route** of administration of small molecule  $\alpha_v\beta_8$  inhibitor



**Highly potent** dual inhibitor of  $\alpha_v\beta_8$  /  $\alpha_v\beta_1$  inhibitor



**Activity** demonstrated in multiple **PD-1 resistant** tumor models



**Greater reduction** in **TGF- $\beta$  signaling** than either  $\alpha_v\beta_8$  or TGF- $\beta_{1,2}$  mAb



**Significant reduction** in tumor **fibrogenesis**

# PLN-101095 Phase 1 Study in Patients Resistant to Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors

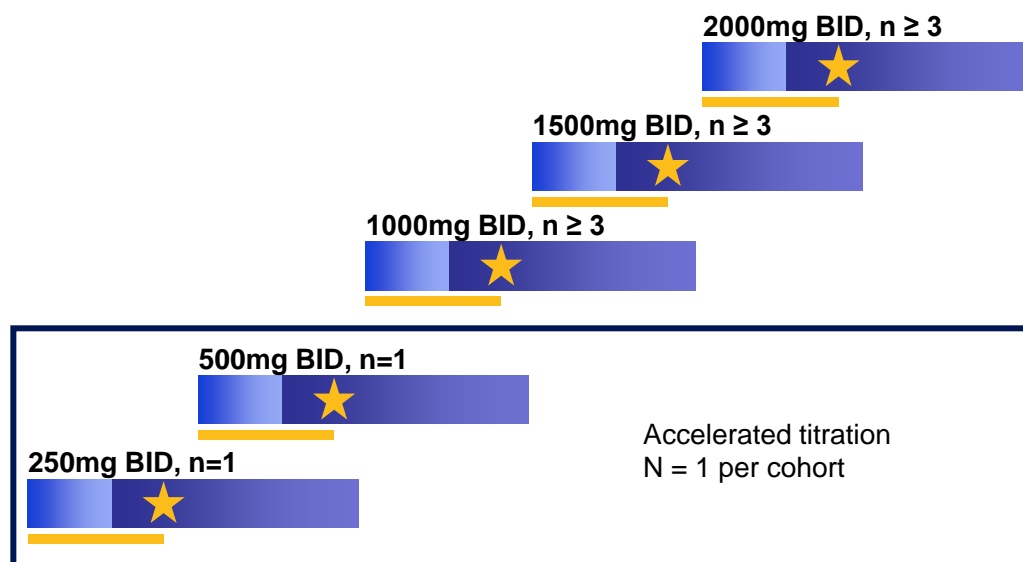


## STUDY POPULATION

- Advanced or metastatic solid tumors for which pembrolizumab is indicated & have received at least 2 doses pembrolizumab
- Pembrolizumab relapsed or refractory

## ENDPOINTS

- Primary: safety & tolerability
- Secondary: mono- and combination therapy PK
- Exploratory:
  - PK & PD
  - Antitumor activity: ORR, TTR, DOR, PFS & OS



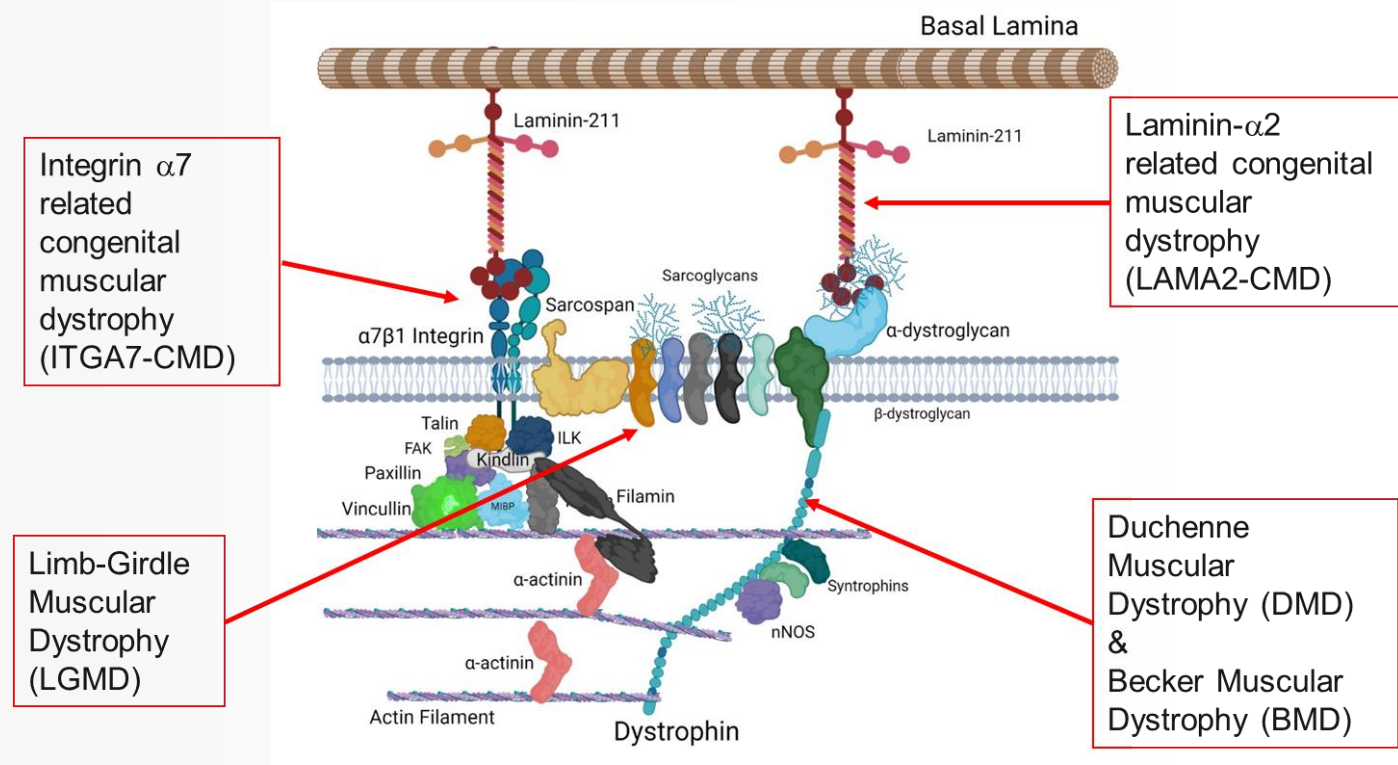
★ **Safety Review Committee (SCR) Meetings** will review safety data within the DLT windowed 35 days, including AEs, lab values, and DLTs for all participants enrolled in a dose cohort



# Selective Muscle Cell Integrin Agonism for the Treatment of Muscular Dystrophies

# $\alpha_7\beta_1$ : A Drug Target in Muscular Dystrophies

- Predominantly expressed in skeletal, heart and smooth muscle
- $\alpha_7\beta_1$  strong genetic modifier in MDX mice
  - Lack of  $\alpha_7\beta_1$  worsens disease phenotype
  - Over expression increases survival and improves function
    - Pharmacological agents that increase expression show similar effects
- Human mutations in  $\alpha_7\beta_1$  result in congenital MD
- ITGA7 frameshift (heterozygous, nonfunctional mutation) is associated with lean muscle volume reduction (UK Biobank)

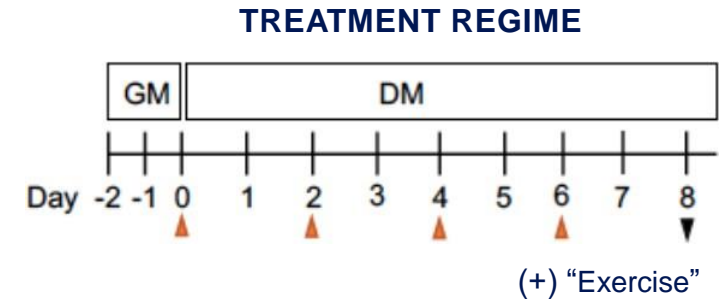


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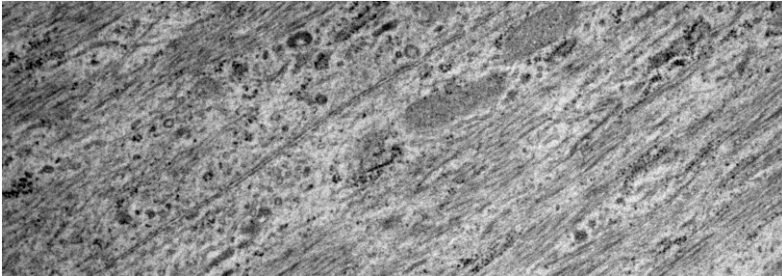
# Integrin $\alpha_7\beta_1$ Agonist Antibody Promoted Muscle Maturation

AB1071 hMMTs treated with 1  $\mu\text{g/ml}$  or 10  $\mu\text{g/ml}$  Pliant antibody contain myotubes with substantially improved sarcomere organization that can withstand tetanic stimulation compared to IgG4 control

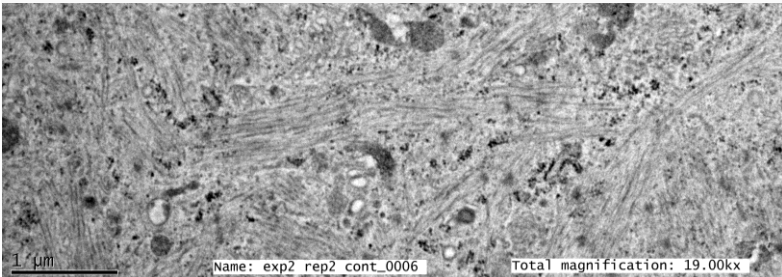


**IgG4**

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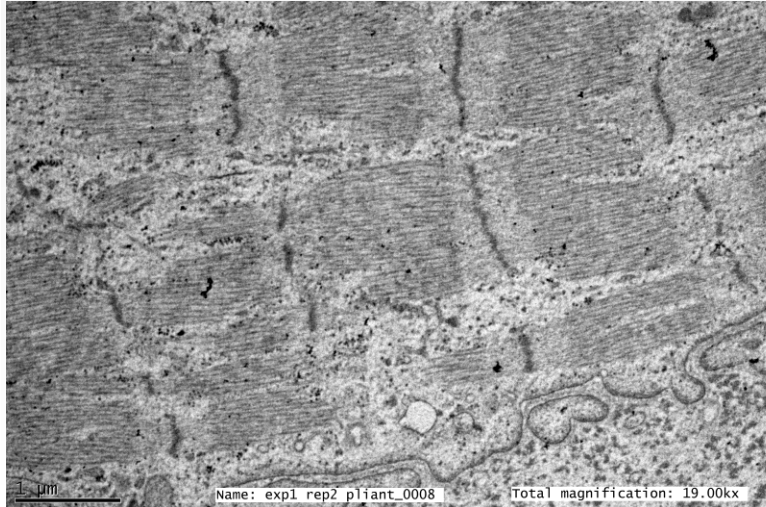


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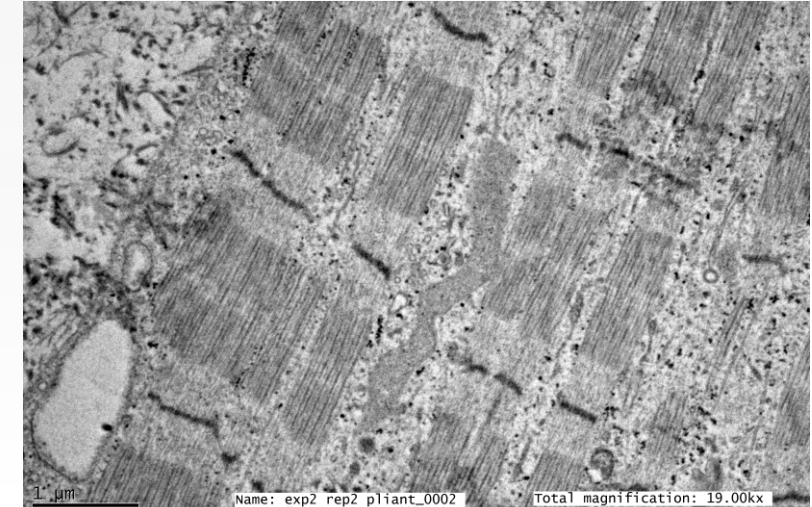


**$\alpha_7\beta_1$  agonist**

1  $\mu\text{g/ml}$

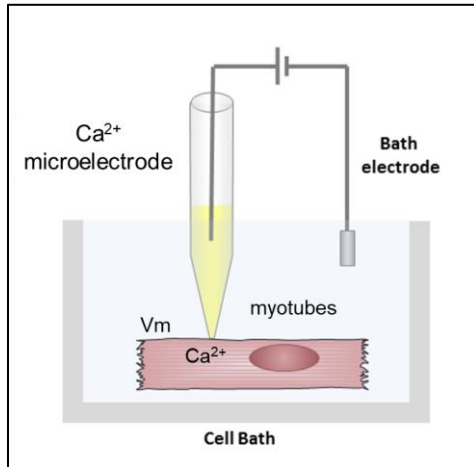


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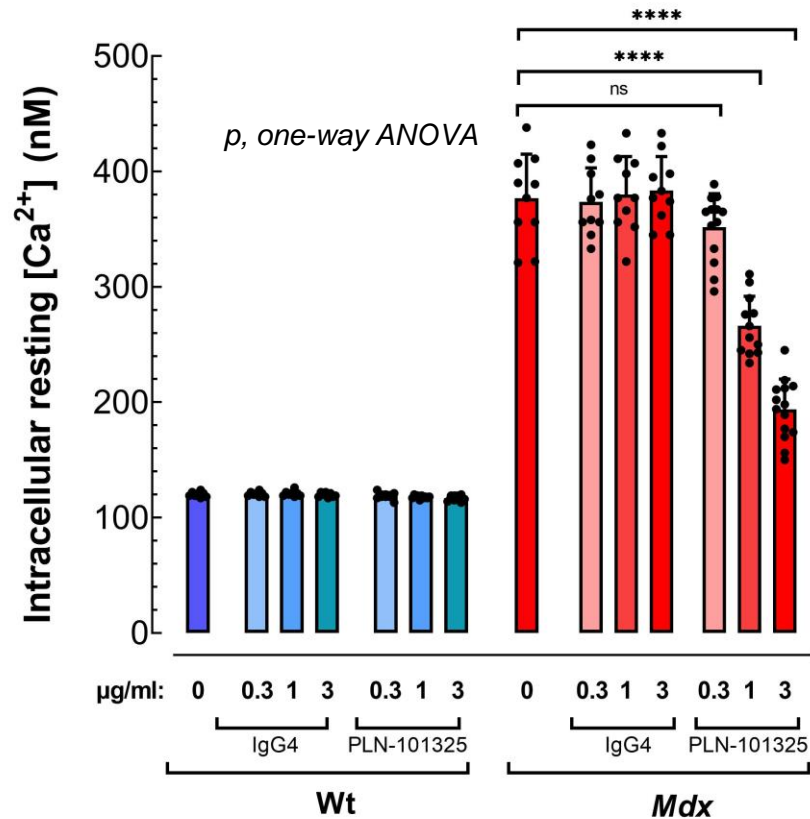


# Effect of PLN-101325 in Ca<sup>2+</sup> Homeostasis and Resting Membrane Potential of B10-mdx Myotubes

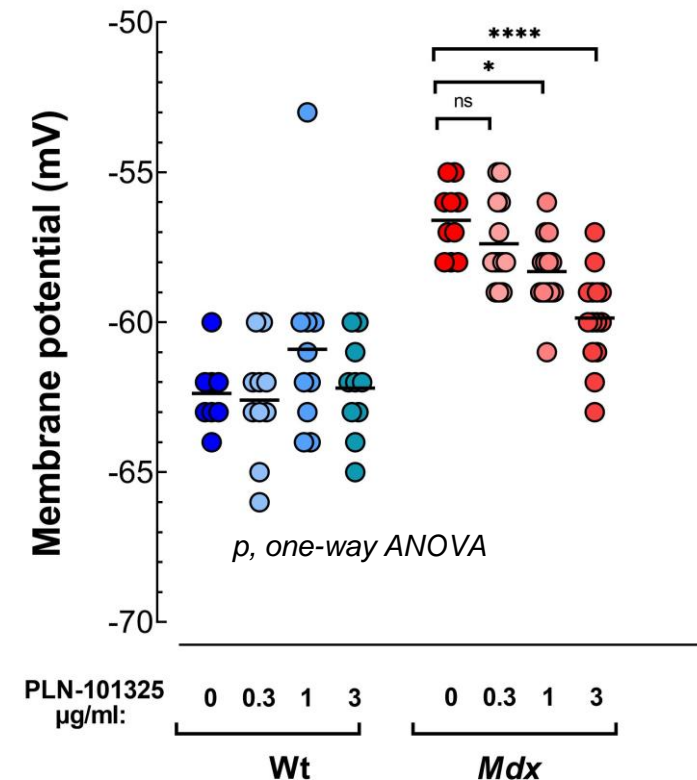
Reduced intracellular resting calcium and hyperpolarization of the membrane potentially support improved plasmalemmal integrity by PLN-101325



### Intracellular resting Ca<sup>2+</sup>



### Resting membrane potential



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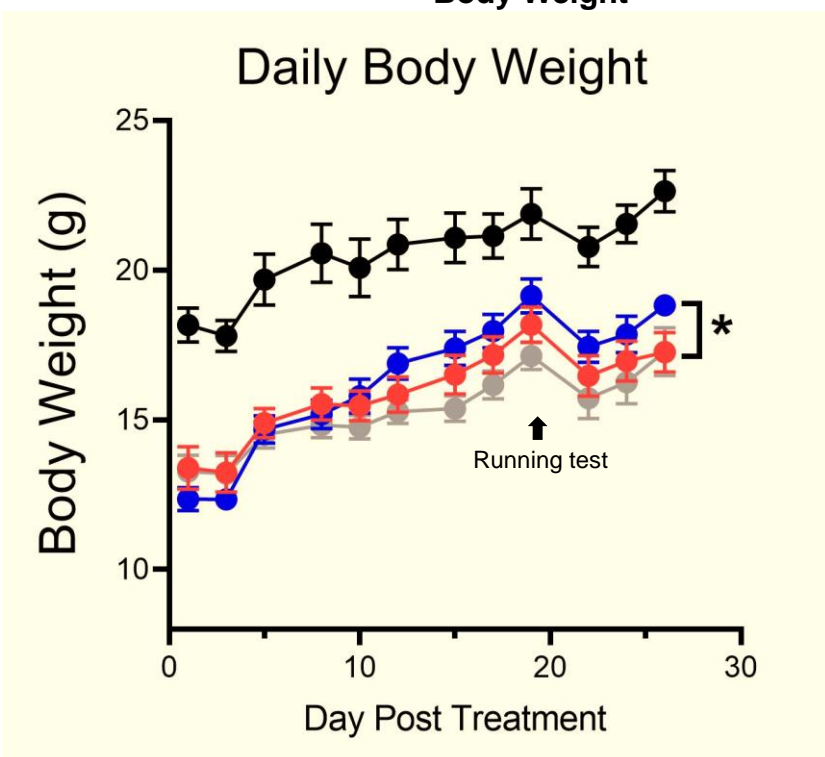
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# Body Weight Improvement at 4 and 12 Weeks of Treatment

- PLN-101325 3x/ wk IP
- 5-6 wk old D2-MDX mice

## 4-week

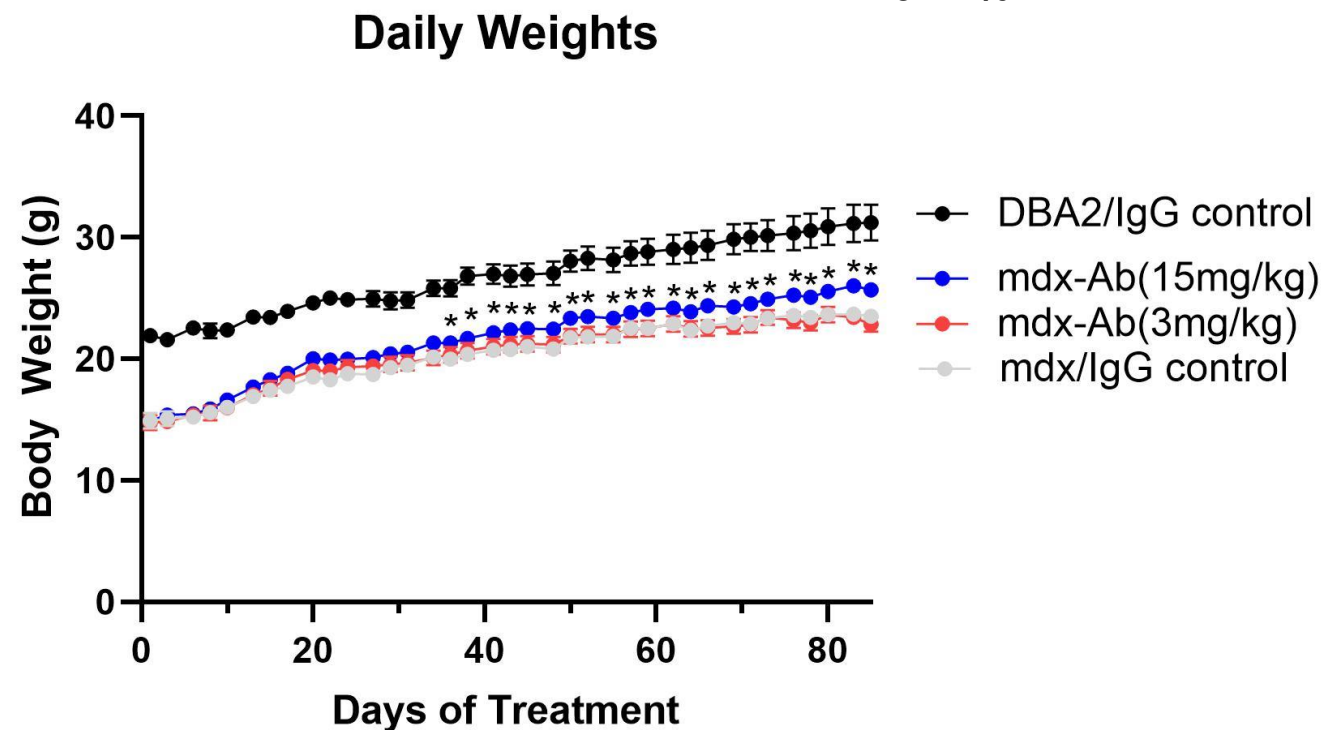
$8 \pm 3\%$  Increase in  
Body Weight



## 12-week

$9 \pm 1\%$  Increase in  
Body Weight

Weight Increase  
 $9 \pm 1\%$

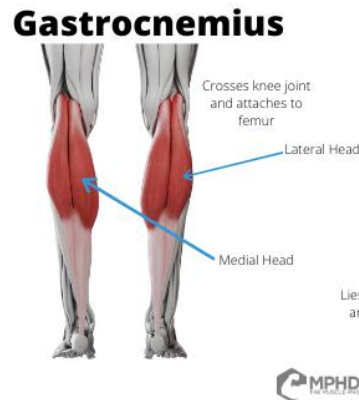




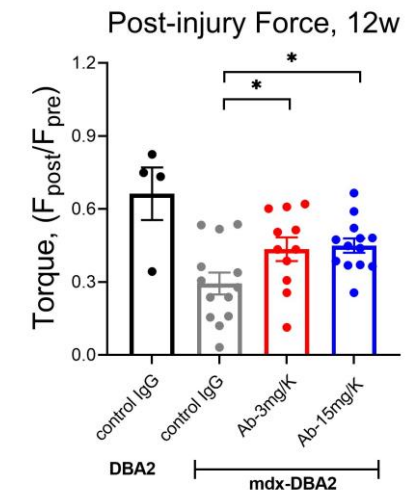
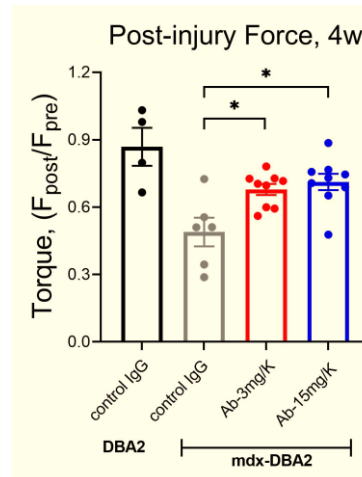
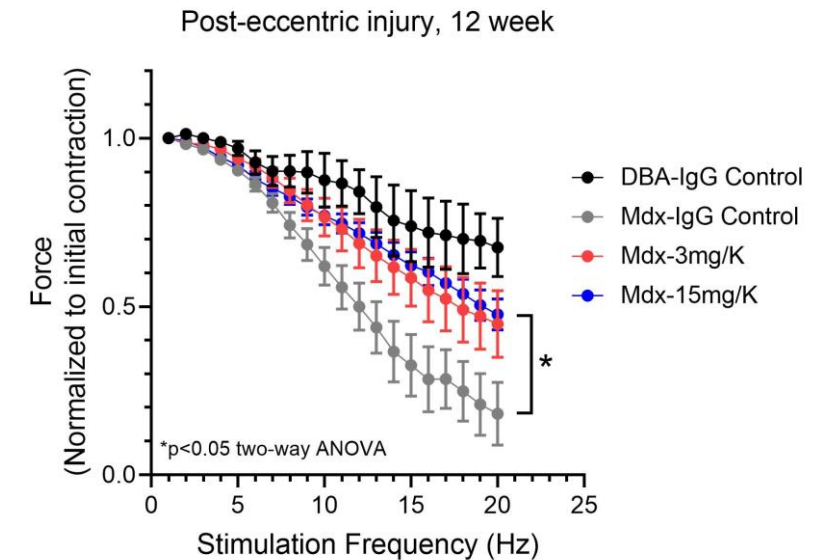
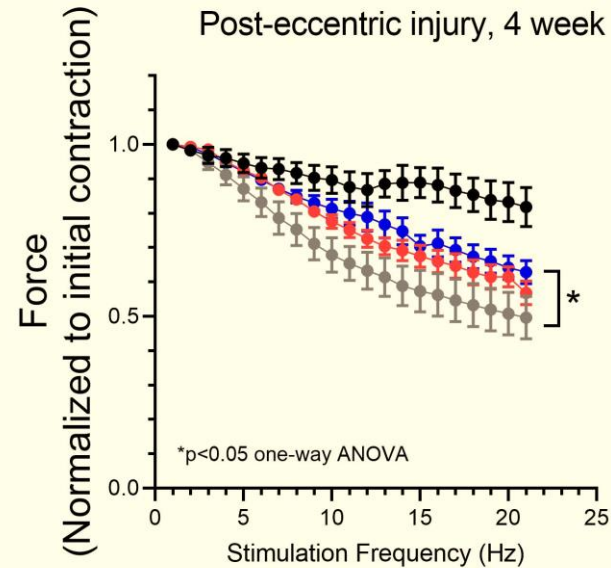
# Improved Response to Post Eccentric Injury at 4 and 12 Weeks of Treatment

## Plantar flexion test

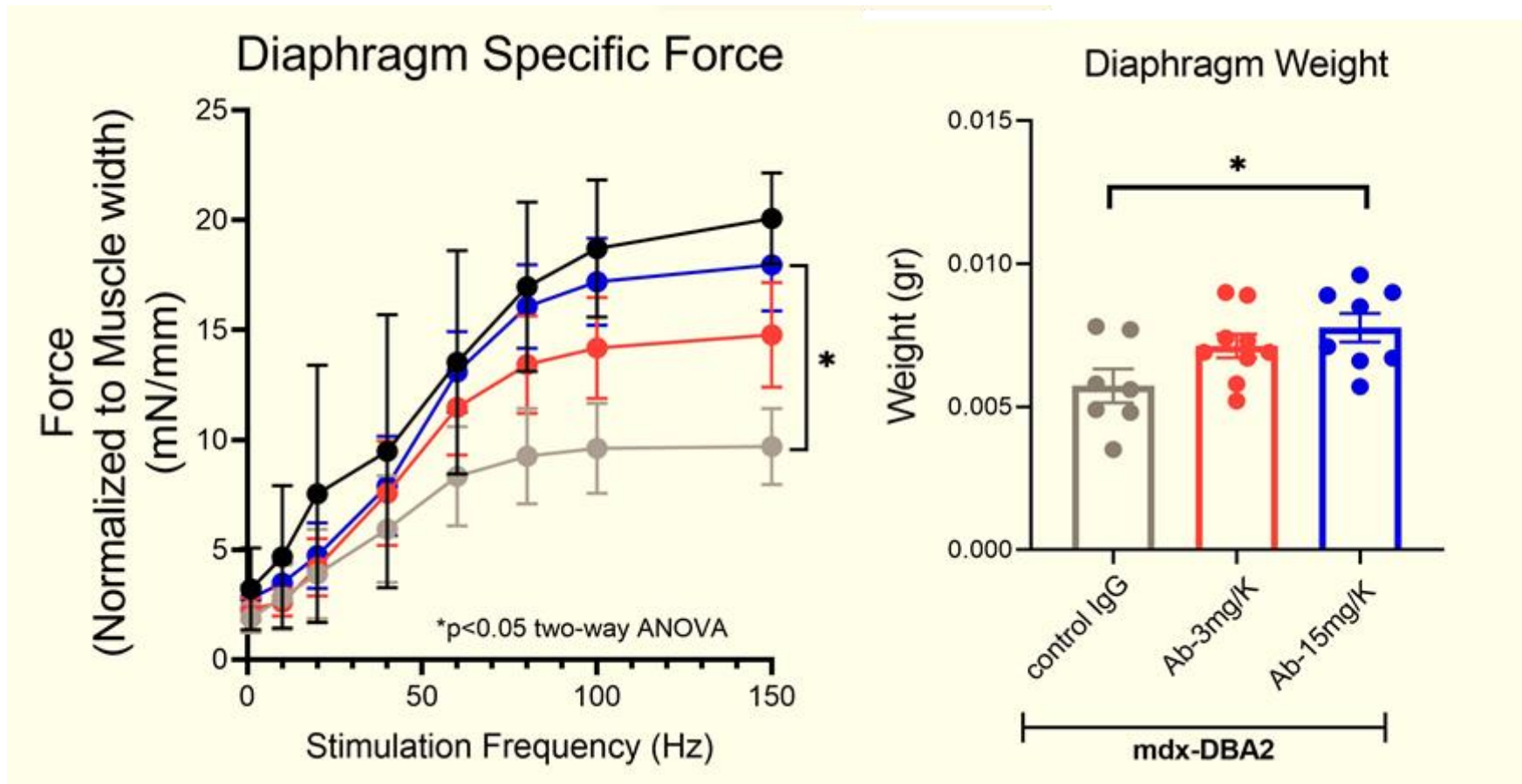
- Gastrocnemius (GC): Premier mover muscle for plantar flexion.
- GC only muscle to join both ankle and knee.



**Eccentric muscle injury protocol:** A series of 20 tetanic stimulations (80Hz, 0.2ms pulse, 500ms duration) are delivered at 0.1Hz frequency. The foot is rotated against the direction of contraction by 10° over 250ms, resulting in an eccentric contraction



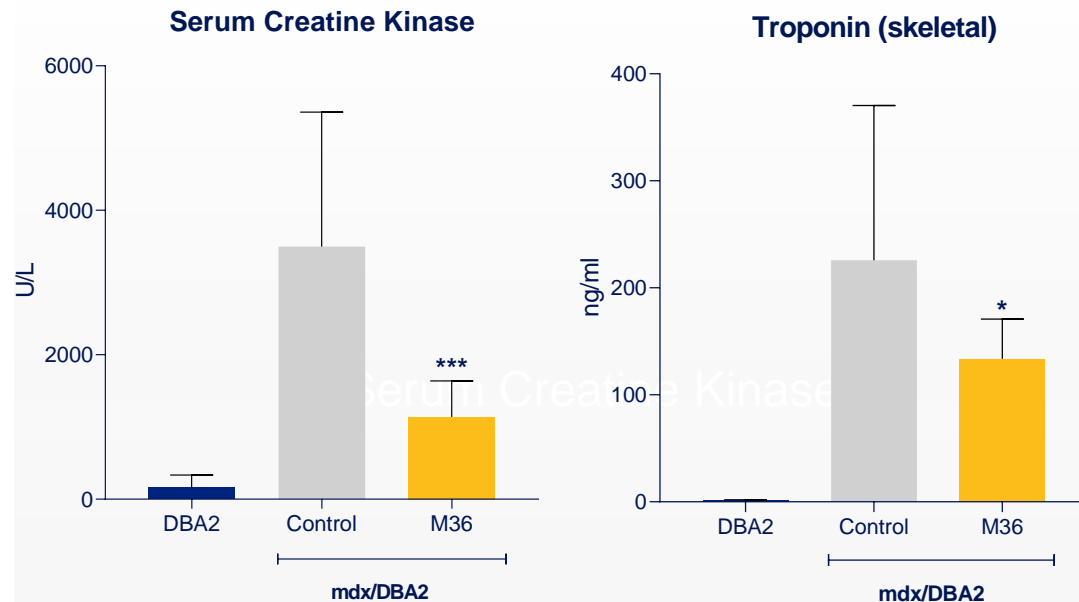
# Diaphragm Force Significantly Improved at 4 Weeks of Treatment



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# Pliant's $\alpha_7\beta_1$ mAb Demonstrated Improved Muscle Membrane Integrity and Diaphragm Function in Mouse DMD Model

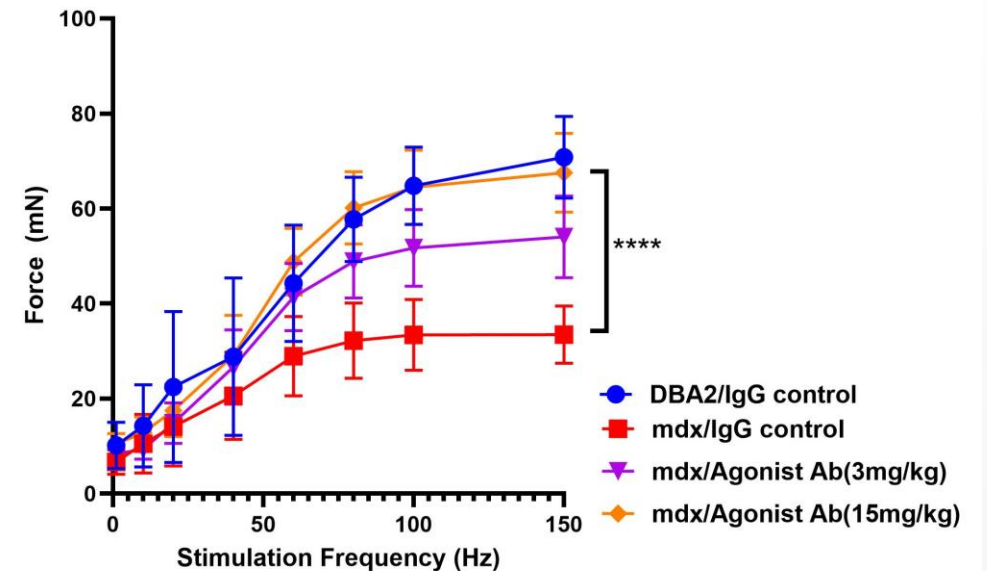
## Antibody treatment protected against muscle damage



- Reduction of clinical biomarkers including serum creatine kinase and skeletal troponin

\*\*\*p 0.001, \*p<0.05, one-way ANOVA  
Mean +/- SD n=10/group

## Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD) causes progressive wasting of cardiac and respiratory muscles (main cause of death)



- Improvement in diaphragm function is expected to significantly improve patient pulmonary function

\*\*\*\*p 0.0001, two-way ANOVA