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# Phase 2a Collagen PET Study of Bexotegrast Topline Results

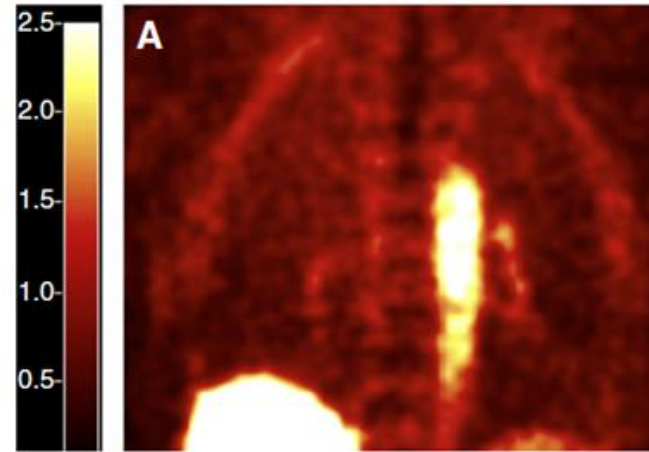
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# Quantification of Collagen in the Lung using PET Imaging

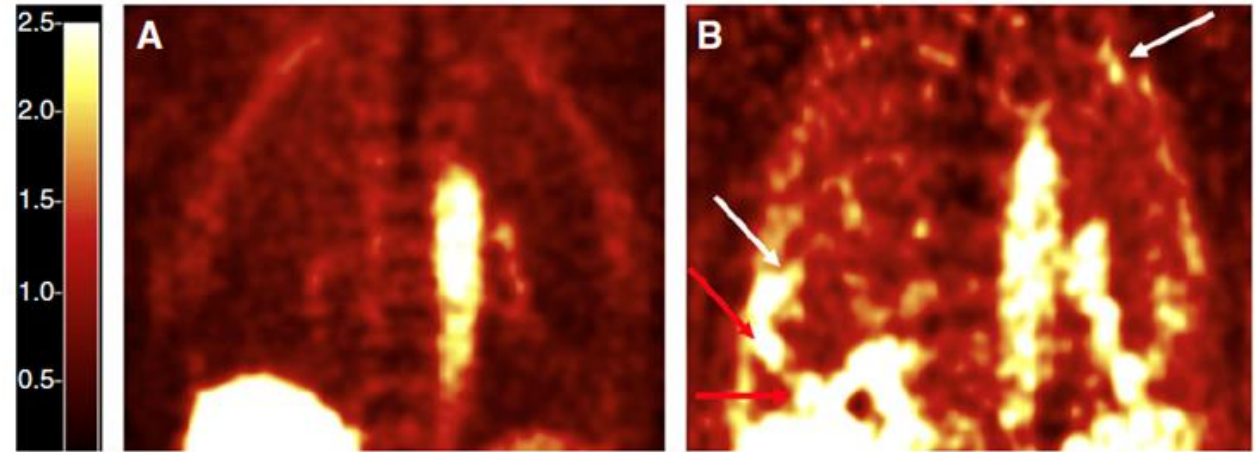
- $^{68}\text{Ga}$ -CBP8 is a PET probe that binds type I collagen with high specificity<sup>1</sup>
- IPF patients have higher standardized uptake values (SUV) compared to healthy volunteers<sup>2</sup>
- The probe binds to both freshly synthesized and mature collagen
- $^{68}\text{Ga}$ -CBP8 previously detected treatment response to anti-fibrotic therapy in a mouse model of pulmonary fibrosis<sup>1</sup>

<sup>68</sup>Ga-CBP8: peptide-based collagen binding probe 8 tagged with Gallium-68 radioisotope  
SUV: standardized uptake value; SUV measures the ratio of the uptake of a radiotracer in tissue  
<sup>1</sup>Désogère et al, Sci Trans Med. 2017; <sup>2</sup>Montesi Am J Respir Crit Care Med 200:2 2019

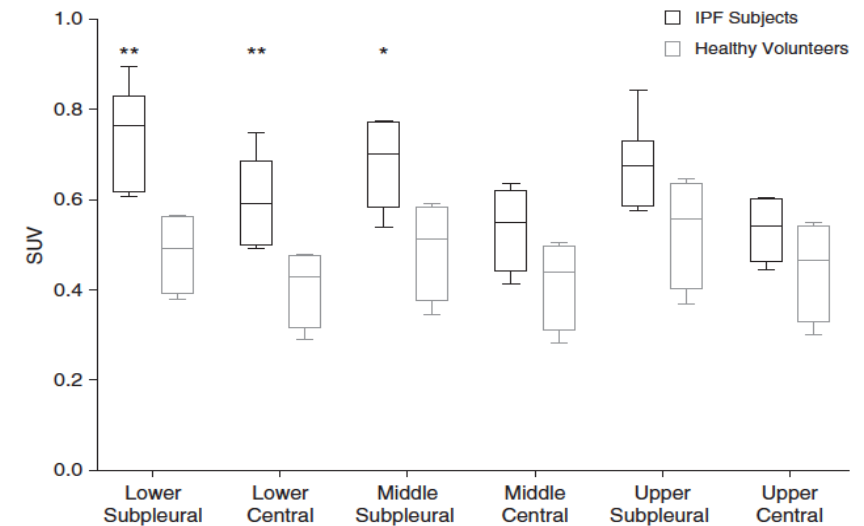
## Healthy Control



## IPF Patient

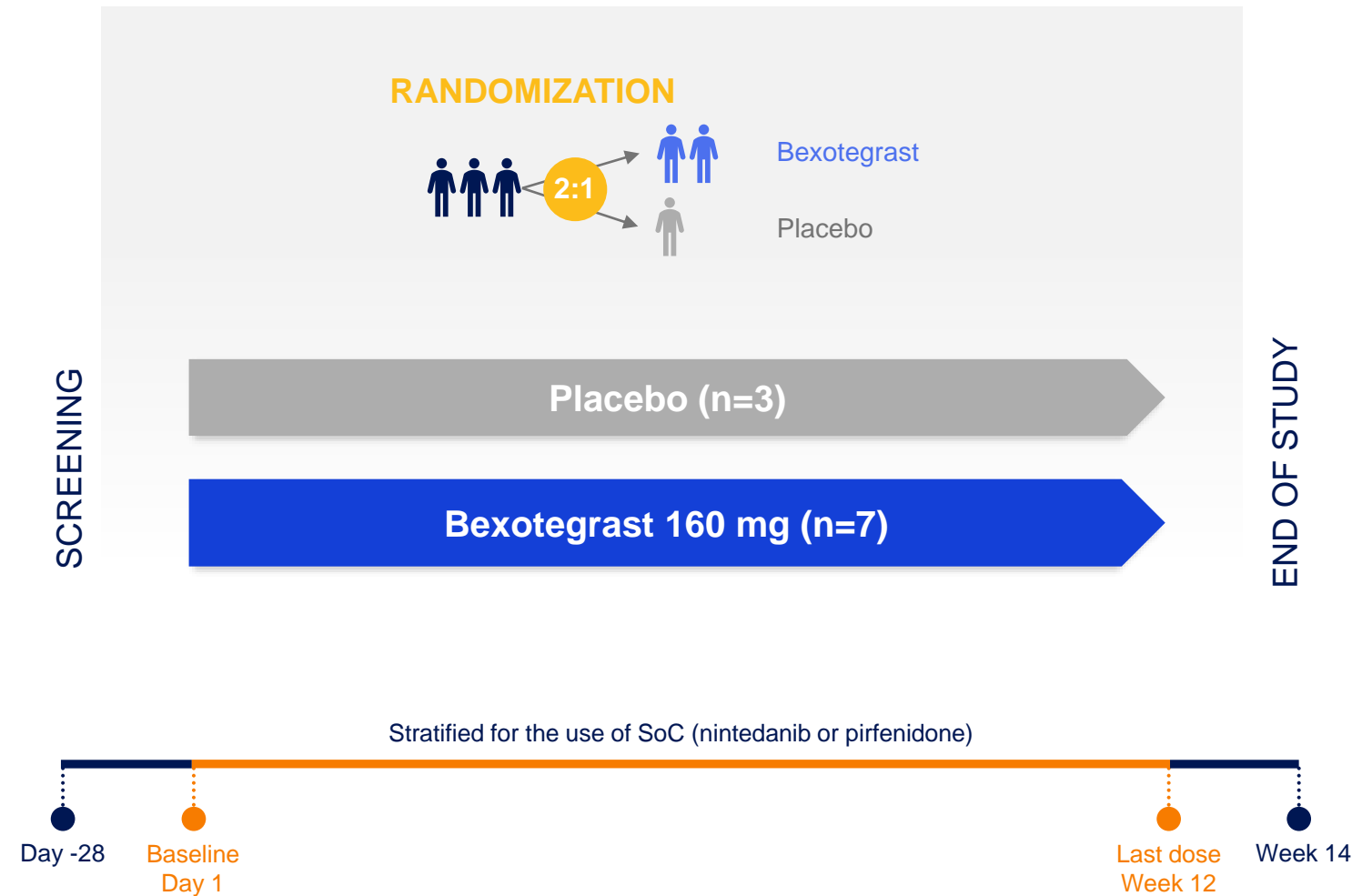


Note: Uptake in the heart and vasculature as well as in the liver is to be expected based on the probe's half-life and biodistribution



# Design and Objectives

## Quantification of Type 1 Collagen in the Lung using PET Imaging



### PRIMARY AND SECONDARY ENDPOINTS

- Change in whole lung standardized uptake value (SUV) of <sup>68</sup>GA-CBP8 (type-1 collagen probe)
- Safety and tolerability

### EXPLORATORY ENDPOINTS

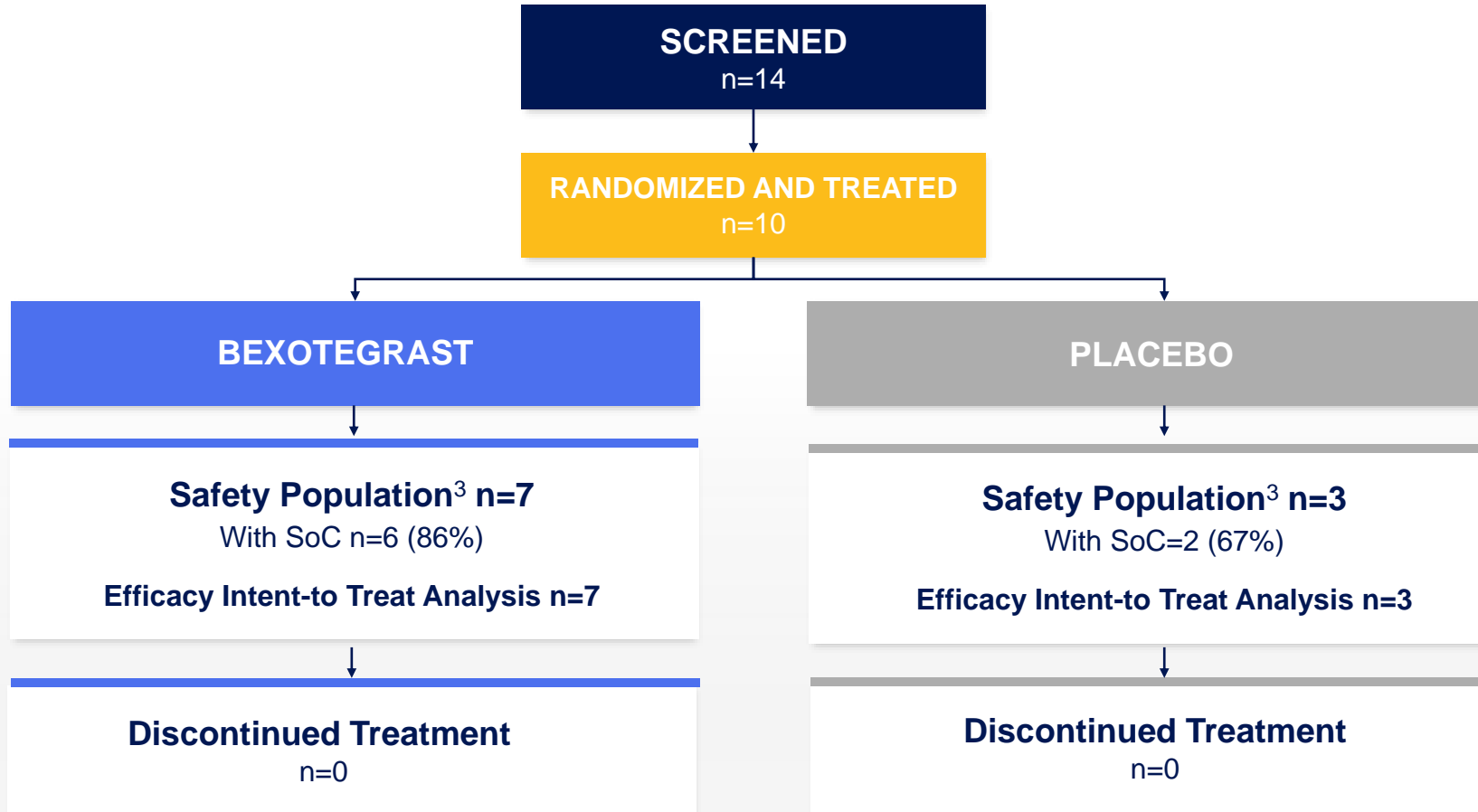
- Changes in FVC and FVCpp
- Change in VAS for cough severity
- Changes in fibrosis biomarkers

### INCLUSION CRITERIA

- Diagnosis of IPF (within 8 years)
- FVC percent predicted  $\geq 45\%$
- DLCO  $\geq 30\%$
- Estimated glomerular filtration rate  $\geq 50\text{mL/min}$

FVC: forced vital capacity, FVCpp: forced vital capacity percent predicted; SoC = Standard of care; VAS: visual analog scale  
<sup>68</sup>GA-CBP8: peptide-based collagen binding probe 8 tagged with Gallium-68 radioisotope

# Participant Disposition



SoC = Standard of care

# Baseline Demographics

Characteristic	Bexotegrast 160mg (n=7)	Placebo (n=3)
Male sex, n (%)	6 (85.7)	3 (100)
Age (yr), median (IQR)	70 (64 – 72)	74 (72 – 76)
Weight (kg), median (IQR)	81.2 (79.0 – 88.5)	78.0 (77.6 – 85.3)
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> ), median (IQR)	25.7 (23.7 – 30.4)	26.4 (24.0 – 30.3)
Race, n (%)		
White	6 (85.7)	3 (100)
Black	0	0
Asian	1 (14.3)	0
Other / Not Reported / Unknown	0	0

IQR = Interquartile range (Q1, Q3); BMI = Body Mass Index

# Baseline Disease Characteristics

Characteristic	Bexotegrast 160mg (n=7)	Placebo (n=3)
<b>Time since diagnosis of IPF (mo), median (IQR)</b>	50 (22 – 70)	9 (7 – 72)
<b>Standard of Care Use, n (%)</b>		
Nintedanib	5 (71.4)	1 (33.3)
Pirfenidone	1 (14.3)	1 (33.3)
<b>Duration of Standard of Care at Randomization (mo), median (IQR)</b>	34.5 (17 – 55)	40.0 (6 – 74)
<b>FVC</b>		
Absolute (mL), median (IQR)	2,750 (2,400 – 3,080)	2,250 (1,700 – 2,640)
Percent of predicted value (%), median (IQR)	66.0 (56.0 - 92.0)	58.0 (49.0 - 69.0)
<b>Percent of predicted DLCO, corrected for the hemoglobin level (%), median (IQR)</b>	49 (40.0 – 58.0)	43 (36.5 – 45.0)
<b>GAP Stage, n (%)</b>		
GAP Stage I	4 (57.1)	0
GAP Stage II	2 (28.6)	2 (66.7)
GAP Stage III	1 (14.3)	1 (33.3)

GAP Index score derived from Gender, Age, FVC, % Predicted and DLCO, % Predicted.  
 IQR = Interquartile range (Q1, Q3); DLCO= Diffusing Capacity for Carbon Monoxide; FVC = Forced Vital Capacity

# Key Findings

## **Bexotegrast cohort showed reduced PET ligand standardized uptake values (SUV) compared to placebo**

- Reduction in SUV post-treatment indicates less total lung collagen, suggesting potential reversal of fibrosis
- Additional support of bexotegrast's antifibrotic mechanism of action

## **No new safety concerns identified over 12 weeks of treatment**

- Most adverse events were mild with no study discontinuations observed
- No SAEs observed

## **Bexotegrast cohort showed improved lung function and decreased cough severity across all timepoints**

- Positive FVC change compared to decline in placebo across all time points
- Decrease in cough severity observed at all time points compared to worsening seen on placebo

## **Biomarker results further support bexotegrast's antifibrotic mechanism**

- Bexotegrast cohort showed reduced circulating PRO-C3 and Integrin Beta-6 levels at Weeks 4 and 12 compared to placebo

# Safety Overview



**No serious adverse events (SAEs) occurred in the trial**



**Most treatment emergent adverse events (TEAEs) were mild in nature**



**No study discontinuations occurred**

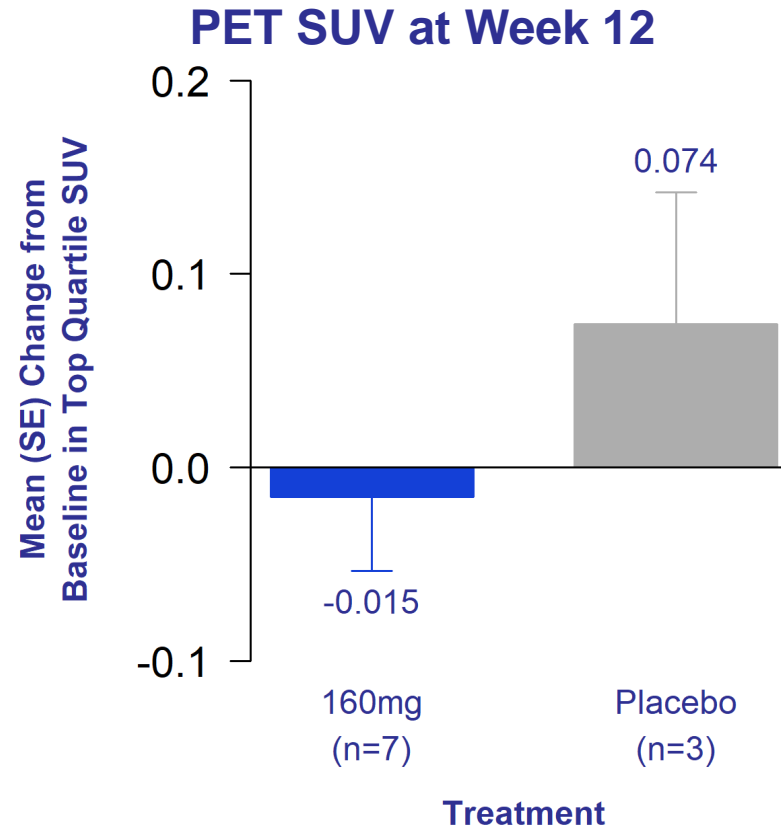


**Bexotegrast continues to demonstrate a favorable safety and tolerability profile in the IPF patient population**



# Bexotegrast Showed Reduced PET Tracer SUV Compared to Placebo

## ITT Population

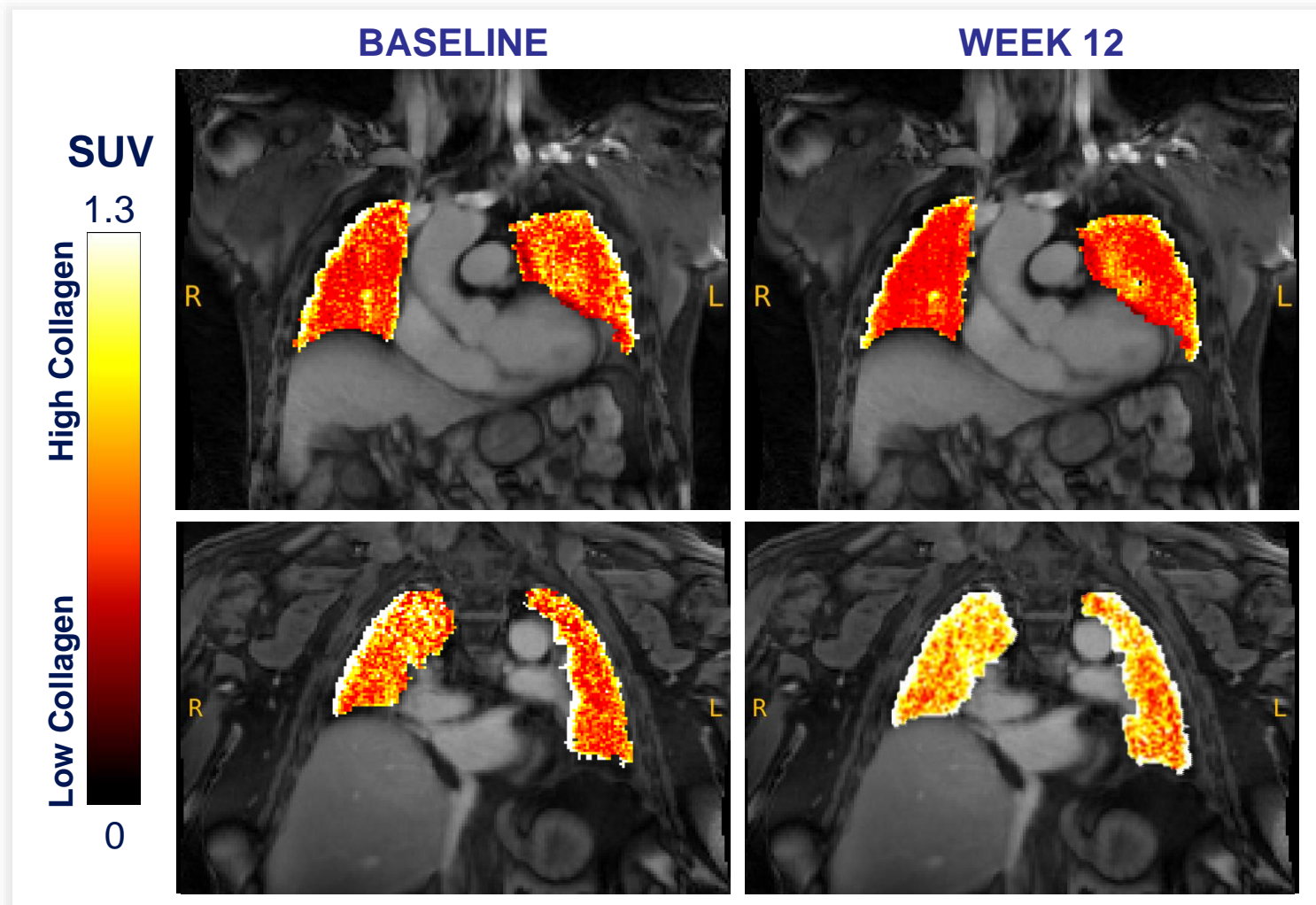


**Reduction in post-treatment SUV indicates a reduction in total lung collagen**  
**Reduced post-treatment total lung collagen suggests potential reversal of fibrosis**

<sup>2</sup>Montessi AJRCCM 200:2 2019

SUV = Standardized Uptake Value; SE = Standard Error; <sup>68</sup>GA-CBP8: peptide-based collagen binding probe 8 tagged with Gallium-68 radioisotope  
SUV measures the ratio of the uptake of a radiotracer in tissue; Top quartile SUV is the mean of SUVs within the top quartile for each lung section; Whole lung is the average of the left and right lungs

# Clearly Visible Reduction of Total Lung Collagen



## PARTICIPANT A

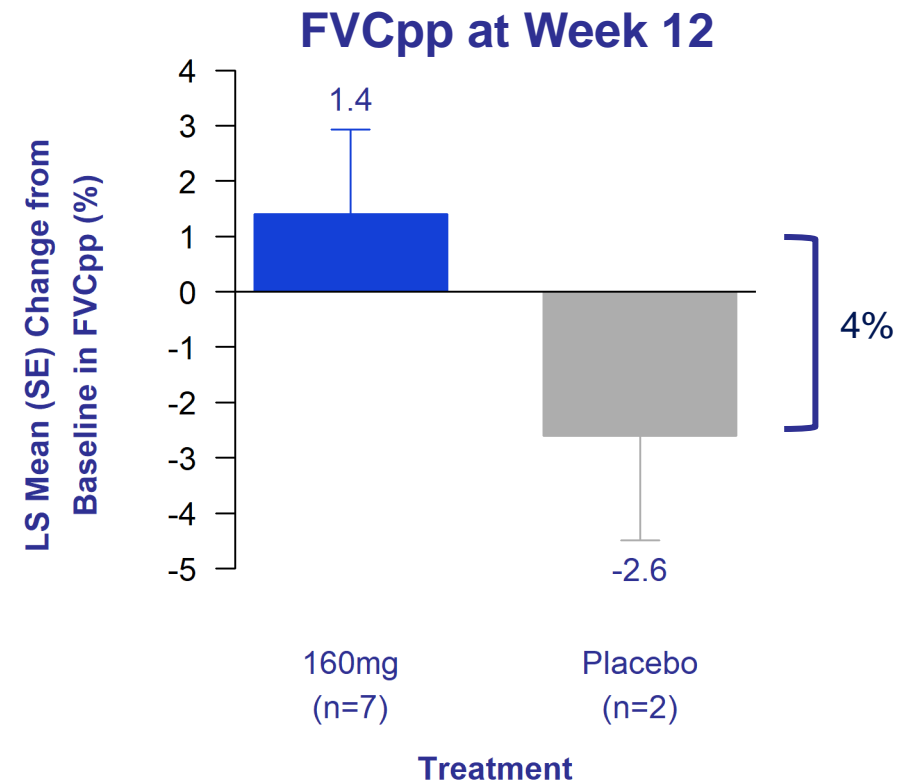
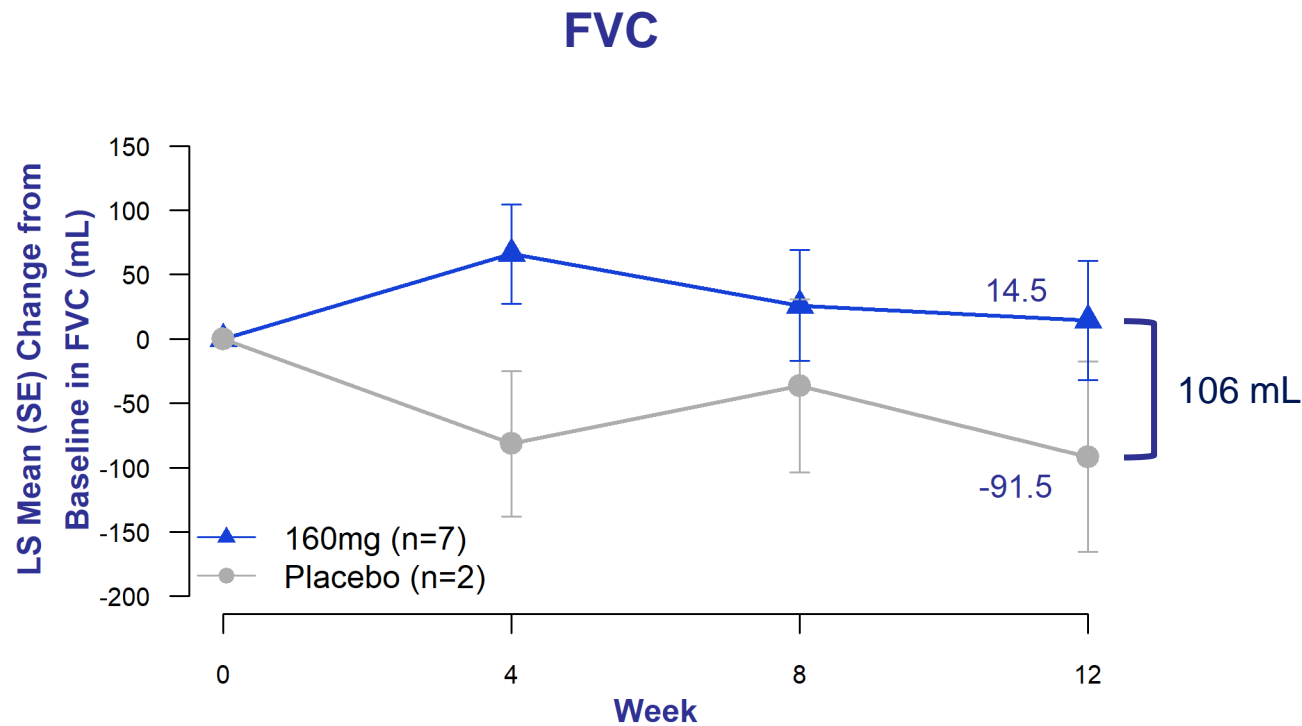
- Bexotegrast 160 mg for 12 weeks
- Decrease in  $SUV_{Q4}$ , -0.17 (-15.5%)
- Improvement in FVC, 130 mL

## PARTICIPANT B

- Placebo for 12 weeks
- Increase in  $SUV_{Q4}$ , 0.21 (18.4%)
- Decline in FVC, -180 mL

# Bexotegrast Showed Improved Lung Function Compared to Placebo

## ITT Population



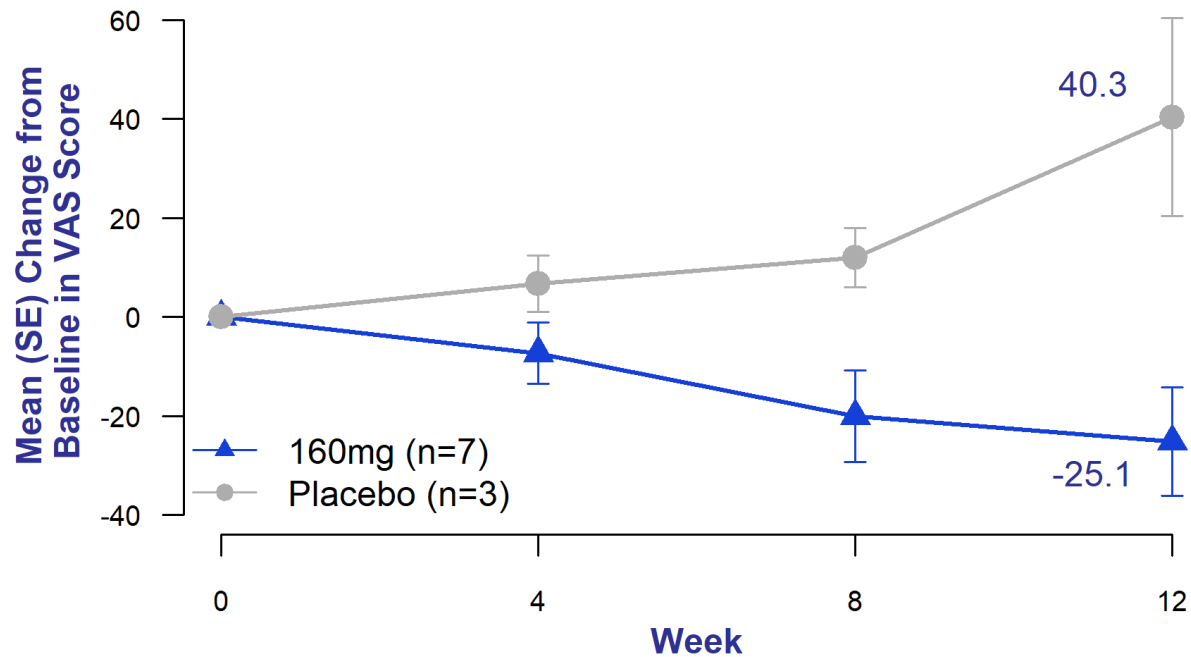
**Bexotegrast cohort maintained a clear separation from placebo at all time points**

Note: One placebo subject did not have FVC that meet quality standards per ATS guidelines at Weeks 4, 8 and 12  
LS = Least Squares; SE = Standard Error; FVC = Forced Vital Capacity; FVCpp = Forced Vital Capacity Percent Predicted

# Bexotegrast Showed Decreased Cough Severity Compared to Placebo

## ITT Population

### Cough Severity Over 12 Weeks of Treatment

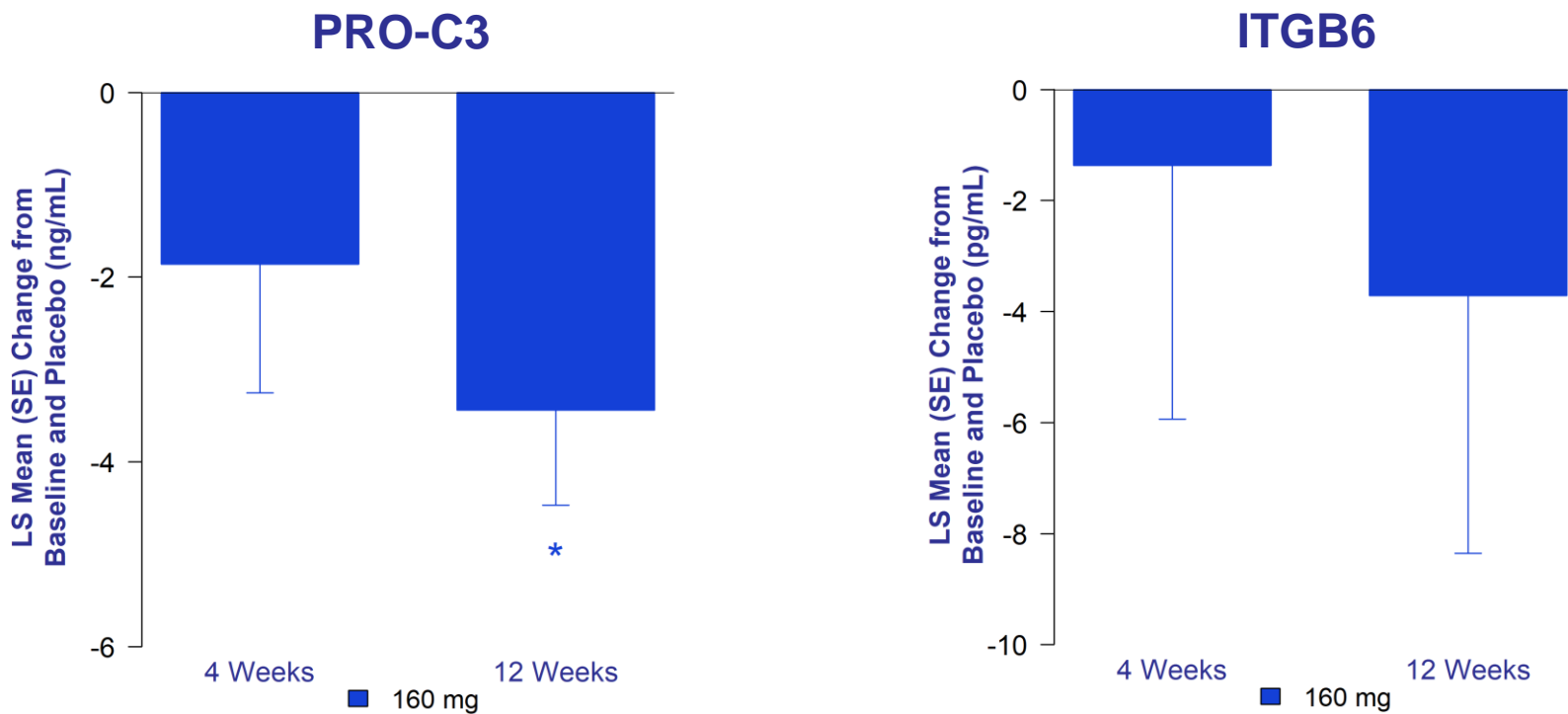


**Bexotegrast cohort experienced decreased cough severity across all timepoints compared to increased severity on placebo**

EOT: end of treatment; SE: standard error; VAS = Visual Analog Scale  
Cough VAS measures patient reported cough severity over last 2 weeks on scale of 0-100 mm

# Bexotegrast Showed Reduced Fibrosis Biomarkers Compared to Placebo

## ITT Population



**PRO-C3 has been shown to be elevated in patients with IPF and associated with progressive disease<sup>3</sup>**  
**Elevated ITGB6 plasma levels have been shown to be associated with ILD progression<sup>4</sup>**

<sup>3</sup>Respir Res. 2019 Jul 12;20(1):148. doi: 10.1186/s12931-019-1118-7; <sup>4</sup>Lancet Respir Med. 2022 Jun;10(6):593-602. doi: 10.1016/S2213-2600(21)00503-8. Epub 2022 Jan 18

# Bexotegrast – Demonstrated Antifibrotic activity



Bexotegrast continues to demonstrate antifibrotic activity as assessed using a novel PET tracer which measures total lung collagen, and with established serum biomarkers of fibrosis and ILD progression



PET results build upon previous evidence of Bexotegrast's antifibrotic mechanism of action using quantitative lung imaging



Bexotegrast cohort showed improvements in lung function and decreases in cough severity across all time points compared to placebo



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Bexotegrast 160 and 320 mg are currently being evaluated in a global Phase 2b/3 study