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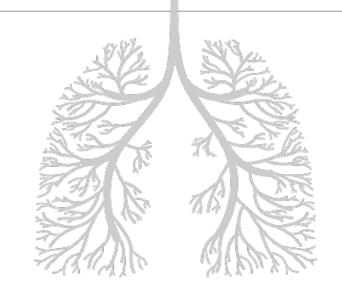
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# The AT2 receptor

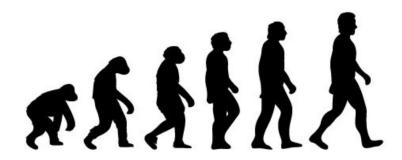
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# The Renin Angiotensin System (RAS) – why we have it







### The Renin Angiotensin System (RAS)

- Dating back 400+ million years
- Essential for survival

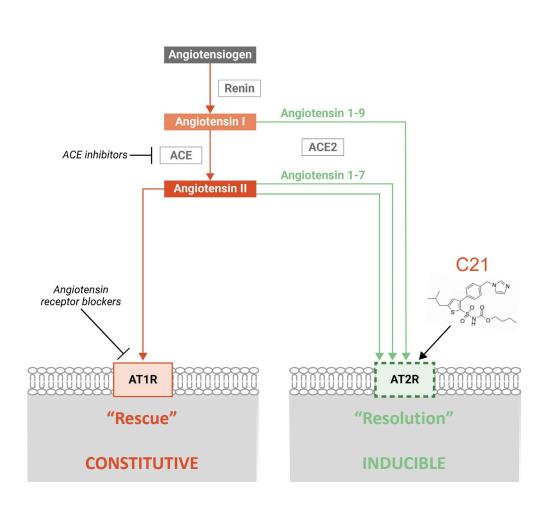
#### **Function**

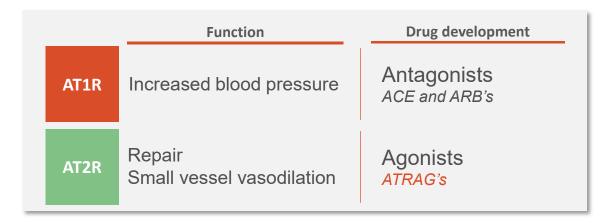
- Fluid and tissue homeostasis
- Prevent drop in blood pressure
- Regeneration and repair



### Angiotensin receptors as drug targets







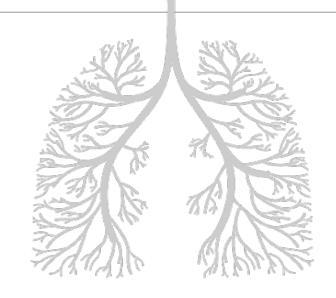
### **ATRAG's – Precision Pharmacology by Nature**

- Agonists Stimulating a repair system in the body
  - Not blocking mediator, receptor or enzyme
- Upregulated receptor only present where needed
  - Not constitutive with non-selective action
- Hit and run short exposure over time
  - Reduced risk for DDI and adverse events.



# C21 preclinical and clinical data

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### Strong preclinical evidence for C21 in IPF and PAH



#### Consistent results in several in-vivo animal models

#### **C21** treatment highly effective in gold standard models:

- Bleomycin IPF model
- Monocrotaline IPF and PAH model
- Sugen-Hypoxia PAH model

#### Significant and consistent effects on key parameters:

↓ Lung fibrosis	<ul> <li>Collagen content (Picro-sirius staining, Hydroxyproline, Collagen gene expression)</li> </ul>
↓ Remodeling of pulmonary vessels	<ul> <li>Ashcroft scoring</li> <li>α-SMA staining</li> <li>Vessel wall thickness, luminal opening and vascular lesions</li> </ul>
<b>↓</b> Cardiac remodeling	Right ventricular hypertrophy (RVH)
↓ Pulmonary hypertension	<ul> <li>Right ventricular systolic pressure (RVSP)</li> <li>Right ventricular end diastolic pressure (RVEDP)</li> <li>Stroke volume</li> </ul>
↑ Cardiac output	• mL/min

#### Strong data in human ex-vivo models

#### **Human precision cut lung slices (PCLuS)**

- IPF tissue collected from clinically diagnosed, biopsy confirmed IPF patients undergoing lung transplant.
- Significant reduction of key fibrosis markers (TGFβ1 and Collagen 1)

#### Human primary small airway epithelial cells

- In vitro co-culture with lung fibroblasts to mimic lung microenvironment
- Significant reduction of key fibrosis markers (TGFβ1 and Collagen 1) and markers of fibroblast activation.
- Results consistent with PCLuS

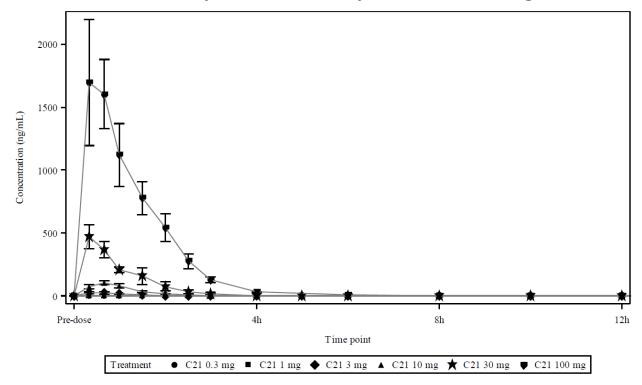


### **C21 – Clinical PK and safety**



- C21 shows fast absorption, high plasma peak and fast elimination
- Linear pharmacokinetics
- Hit-and-run effect, activating the receptor to initiate a cellular response cascade
- The low exposure over time is beneficial from an induction/DDI and adverse event perspective
- Extensive cardiovascular examination including 24h
   Holter-ECG with no findings
- 100 mg BID has been safe and well tolerated in three phase 1 studies and in the phase 2 and 3 COVID-19 trials

### C21 pharmacokinetic profile: 0.3 - 100 mg





C21 PK profile shows short exposure over time

a Source: Vicore data on file

# **Attractive profile of C21 in IPF**





Strong data in multiple preclinical models



Targeting fibrosis and vasculopathy



**Oral administration** 

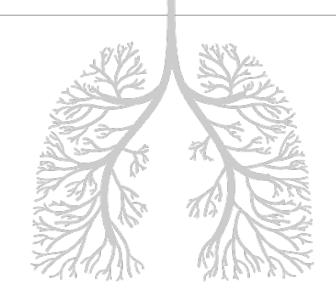


**Superior safety** 



### IPF and the AEC2 cell

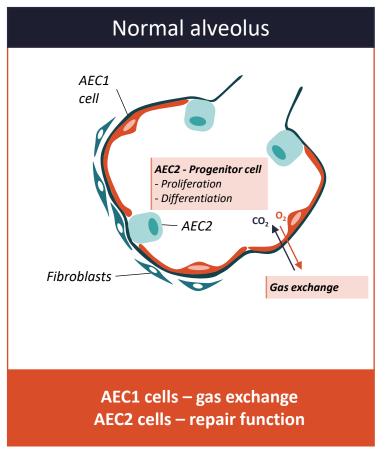
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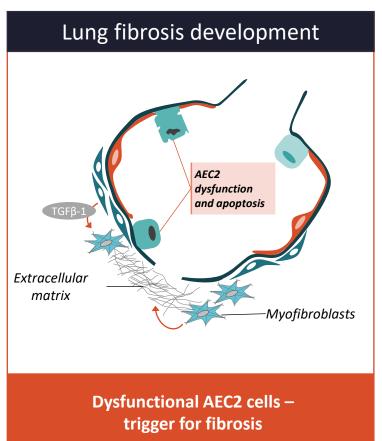












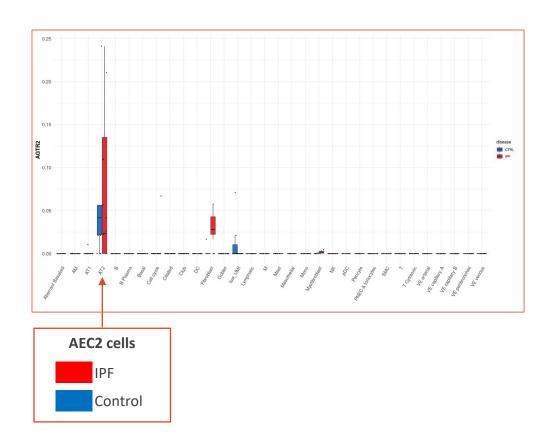


Loss of alveolar integrity is the trigger for IPF





### AT2R highly expressed in AEC2 cells in the lung(1)





Source: 1) IPF cell atlas

### AT2R in human lung and C21 target engagement



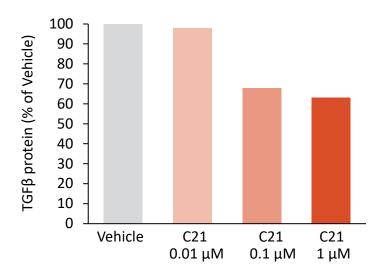
# Abundant AT2R expression in human lung and specific C21 receptor binding

Receptor autoradiography performed with human lung tissue slices

#### **Angll binding** AT1R blocked AT2R "blocked" [1251]Ang II 0.15 nM [125]]Ang II 0.15 nM [125I]Ang II 0.15 nM (Ki AT2R 0.1 nM) Valsartan 1 µM **C21** 0.75 μM (Ki AT1R 2-3 nM) (Ki AT2R 1-2 nM) C21 binding 250 -**C21** displacement 200 Angll binding Clinical C<sub>max</sub> IC<sub>50</sub> 4.5 50-[3H]C21 1 nM [3H]C21 1 nM (Ki AT2R 1-2 nM) **C21** 0.75 μM -10 C21 Log concentration (M)

### C21 inhibits TGF $\beta$ 1 in human IPF lung tissue

Precision-cut human lung slices from IPF patient lung transplants



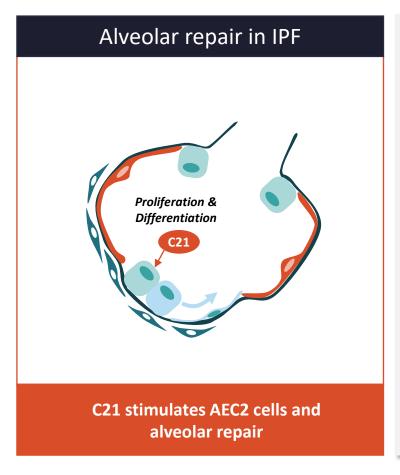
- TGFβ1 is a master regulator of fibrosis formation in IPF disease.
- Downregulation by C21 indicates strong antifibrotic properties



Source: Vicore data on file

# C21 is stimulating the AEC2 cell alveolar repair in IPF





#### The AEC2 cell

 The AEC2 cell is a progenitor cell with the role to repair the alveolar integrity and prevent scarring

#### AT2R

 AT2R is exclusively expressed on this cell type in lung tissue and stimulation restores the alveolar integrity and lung function

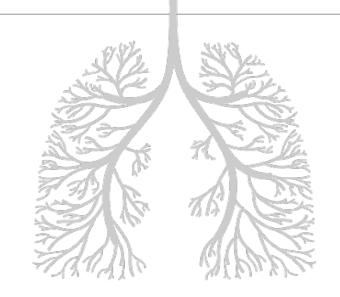
#### **C21**

C21 is a selective AT2R agonist that stimulates alveolar repair



### Phase 2 data IPF

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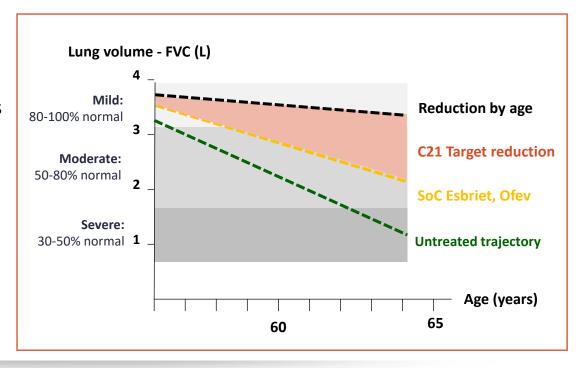


# C21 in IPF – Phase 2 AIR trial design



# **Study Characteristics**

- Multicenter, open-label, single-arm trial
- 60 subjects with IPF
  - Central reader of HRCT to secure IPF diagnosis
  - Gold standard FVC measurement
- Primary endpoint safety
- Primary efficacy endpoint change in FVC at week 24 from baseline
- Treatment naïve patients, without SoC
- Untreated patients decline 120 ml/24 weeks



**Study Design** 

Screening 4 weeks

C21 100 mg oral capsule BID for 24 weeks

12 weeks treatment extension

Follow-up 4 weeks

Safety

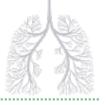
Efficacy Efficacy



Source: Baseline data from Kolb, 2017

# AIR IPF Phase 2a data – Demography and baseline characteristics

Interim analysis October 2022



#### **Patient characteristics**

		All enrolled (N=45)
Age (years) - Mean (S	D)	67.0 (9.1)
Gender	Males Females	33 (73.3%) 12 (26.7%)
Weight (kg) – Mean (SD)		63.4 (12.6)
BMI (kg/m²) – Mean (SD)		24.2 (3.9)
Smoking status	Former smoker Never smoker	8 (17.8%) 37 (82.2%)
Duration of diagnosis (years) – Mean (SD)		0.6 (1.0)
HRCT pattern	Probable UIP Typical UIP Missing	18 (40.0%) 24 (53.3%) 3 (6.7%)

### **Baseline pulmonary function tests**

	All enrolled (N=45)
FVC (L) - Mean (SD)	2.41 (0.69)
FVC (% predicted) - Mean (SD)	76.8 (16.0)
FEV <sub>1</sub> /FVC - Mean (SD)	0.80 (0.07)
SpO <sub>2</sub> - Mean (SD)	95.5 (2.4)



### AIR IPF Phase 2a data – Patient disposition

Interim analysis October 2022



#### **Enrolled (N=45)**

• Ongoing: 18

• Discontinued: 18

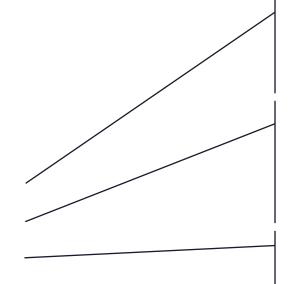
Completed: 9

### **Discontinued (N=18)**

Consent withdrawal: 9

Adverse event: 6

Met withdrawal criteria: 3



#### **Consent withdrawal**

• COVID-19: 2

• Logistical reasons (e.g., moving away from site): 4

• Other: 3

#### Adverse event withdrawal

- Mood change: 1
- Abdominal pain: 1
- Hepatic dysfunction: 1
- Death due to COVID-19: 1
- COVID-19: 1

COVID-19, IPF exacerbation: 1

#### Met withdrawal criteria

FVC decline: 2

Subject not able to perform spirometry due to cough: 1

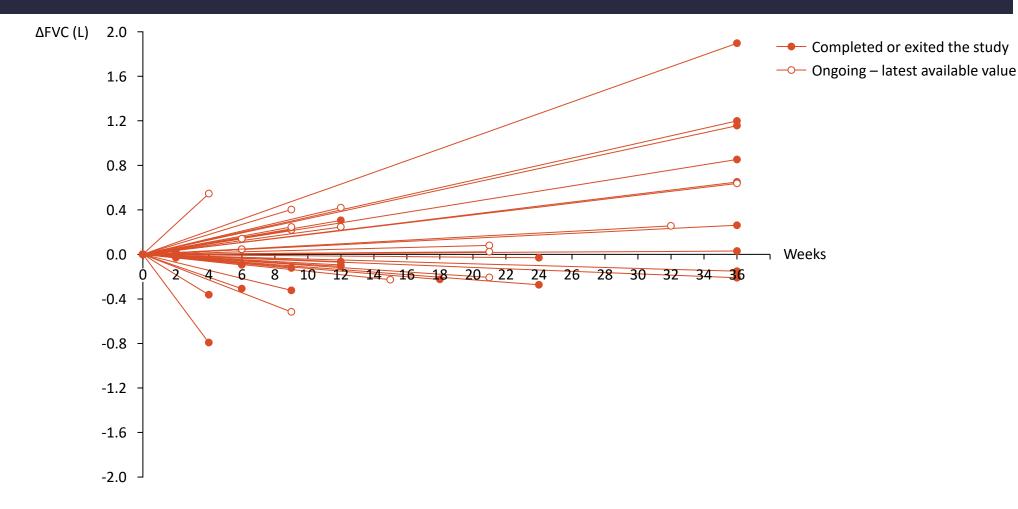


### Individual patient values at time of analysis





#### Change in FVC from baseline (L) – individual patient values at time of analysis (completed and ongoing subjects)



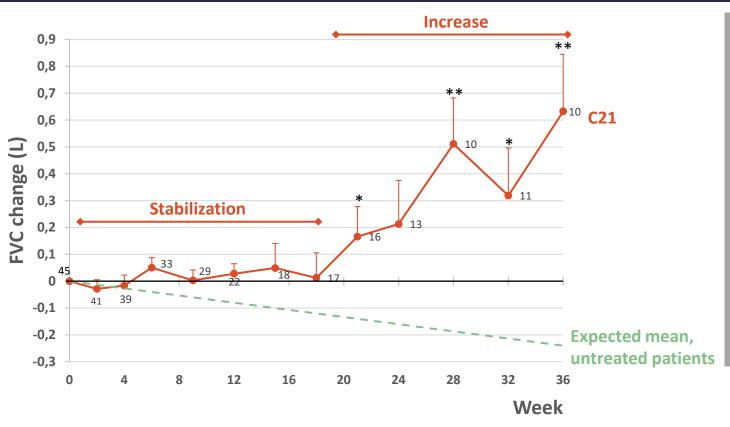


### **AIR IPF Phase 2a data**

### Interim analysis October 2022



#### Mean change (±SEM) from baseline in FVC over time, observed values



- Safe and well tolerated no GI signals
- 213 mL increase in FVC at 24 weeks
- Stabilizes disease at 6 weeks
- Increases lung function as of 18 weeks
- Encouraging patient testimonies

Slope values at 21, 28, 32 and 36 weeks are statistically significant (\*p<0.05 and \*\*p<0.01) vs. the expected mean for untreated patients.

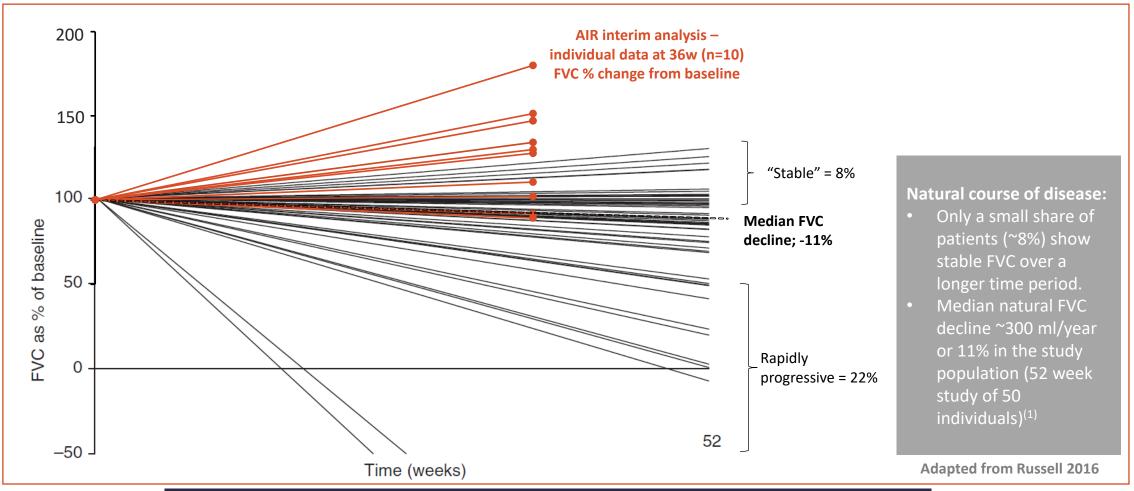


The AIR interim results show early stabilization of FVC with later increase in lung function

# AIR IPF Phase 2a data – individual patient data compared to natural course

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#### Natural FVC decline in patients with IPF (Linear regression based on observed values) – overlay with AIR data Interim analysis Oct 2022





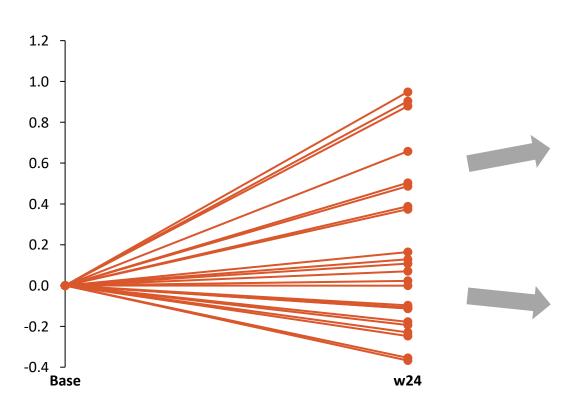
The increase in FVC seen in AIR is markedly different from the natural decline

### **Analysis based on HRCT pattern**

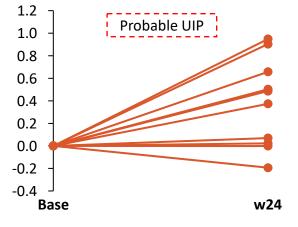
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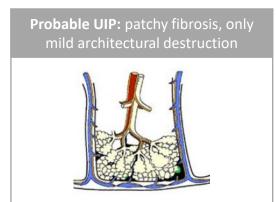


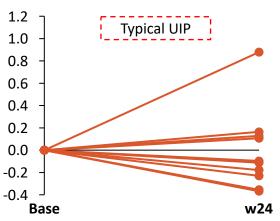
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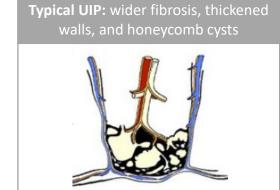


Individual rates of decline in FVC scaled to 24 weeks, linear regression in subjects with 12-week data, by HRCT pattern











The increase in FVC is more pronounced in patients with probable UIP





#### **INPULSIS 1**; 52-week treatment

Nintedanib	Placebo	
n=309	n=204	

	%	%
Any AE	96	89

Common AEs (Non-exhaustive)		
Diarrhea	62	19
Nausea	23	6
Progression of IPF	10	10
Cough	15	13
Vomiting	13	2
COVID-19	n/a	n/a
Alopecia	n/a	n/a
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4	5
26	18
31	27
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AE leading to discontinuation	21	11
Related AE		

# AIR interim analysis Oct-22

C21
n=45

%	
58	

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7	n=3
16	n=3 n=7
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2	n=1 (COVID)
4	n=2 (COVID, IPF exacerbation)
,	n=3 (COVID, IPF exacerbation, sqamous cell carcinoma of the mouth)

20	
18	



C21 caused no serious adverse events and lacks GI side effect profile

Source: (1) N Engl J Med 2014;370:2071-82.





Subject	Week	Patient withdrawal	Protocol	Comment
1	8	Υ	Withdrew consent	Afraid of COVID-19
2	12		SAE, not related	Died of COVID-19
3	6		Met withdrawal criteria	Cough
4	2	Υ	Withdrew consent	
5	2	Υ	AE, related	Mild abdominal pain
6	24	Υ	Withdrew consent	Afraid of COVID
7	10	Υ	Withdrew consent	Relocated
8	21	Υ	AE, not related	Liver dysfunction
9	4	Υ	Withdrew consent	
10	12		AE not related	COVID-19, exacerbation
11	24	Υ	AE not related	COVID-19
12	3	Υ	Withdrew consent	
13	10	Υ	AE not related	Low mood
14	6		Met withdrawal criteria	Bronchitis
15	8	Υ	Withdrew consent	Relocated
16	12		Met withdrawal criteria	
17	8	Υ	Withdrew consent	Relocated
18	4	Υ	Withdrew consent	







Patient is extremely happy urged to continue on drug

Patient's quality of life improved – requested PI to let him continue on drug after the study

Had extreme dry cough that after treatment subsided

Dry cough subsided after treatment

Patient improved in general health condition

Patient very happy with treatment, can breathe sleeping on stomach





# C21 in IPF - IPF Phase 2 Interim data (October 2022) in summary

Stabilizes disease from week 6

Increases lung function from week 18

Safe and well tolerated - no GI side effects

**Encouraging patient testimonies** 



