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#### **Company overview**



#### Vicore Vision

Transform the lives of patients where modulation of the AT2 (angiotensin II type 2) receptor can play a central role in halting and reversing disease pathology



#### **Locations**

Stockholm, Sweden
Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA
Copenhagen, Denmark

#### **Financials**

Publicly listed on Nasdaq Stockholm (VICO) and funded well past Phase 2b data

\$324m

As of September 29,

market cap

\$100m

financial position

As of June 30, 2025



#### **Shareholders**

Vicore is backed by leading specialist investors in the US and Europe



#### **Pipeline**



Vicore's lead program, buloxibutid, is a first-in-class oral small molecule AT2 receptor agonist, which has received Orphan Drug and Fast Track designation from FDA and is currently being investigated in a global 52-week Phase 2b trial in IPF, ASPIRE.

Compound	Indication	Preclinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Comments	Rights
Buloxibutid	IPF					Phase 2b ongoing (NCT06588686) Targeting full enrollment by H1 2026	Global ex-Japan rights Japan:
New ATRAGs	Multiple Indications		Preclinical studies	Fully-owned			

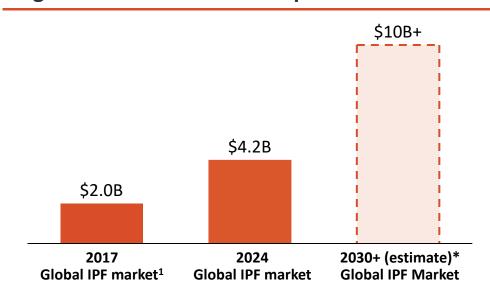
Unlocking the potential of a new class of drugs - Angiotensin II Type 2 Receptor Agonists (ATRAGs)



#### IPF: A large and growing commercial opportunity with high unmet need



#### Large commercial market despite SoC shortcomings



- Growth driven by increased diagnosis and treatment rate
- Limitations of current SoC moderate impact on disease progression, but with significant side effects and no improvement in quality of life<sup>1,2</sup>
- Strong clinician and regulator desire for tolerable and combinable therapies

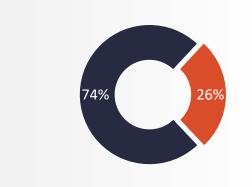
#### Majority of the market is not adequately addressed

**Population in US and Europe** 

~250,000



Only ~26% of US patients initiate treatment<sup>3</sup>



High discontinuation rate and short time on therapy<sup>3</sup>

Average duration of treatment:

10 months



#### Buloxibutid is positioned to transform the IPF landscape



- IPF therapies in Phase 3 are expected to moderately slow the decline of lung function, with many associated with tolerability or administration challenges
- Following the Phase 3 programs, buloxibutid is the leading IPF therapy in global development, poised to transform the IPF landscape with higher efficacy and better tolerability

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Name & Target	Nerandomilast PDE4B antagonist	Inhaled treprostinil prostacyclin analog	Admilparant LPA1 antagonist	<b>Buloxibutid</b> AT2 receptor agonist	
Ease of Use & Tolerability	GI-tolerability issues, further exacerbated on top of SoC	cough, throat irritation, tolerability profile	Favorable overall tolerability profile; transient reduction in blood pressure	Favorable overall tolerability profile	
Efficacy	Incremental improvement over SoC, only slows lung function decline	Superiority over placebo for the change in FVC at 52 weeks by 95.6mL	Ph2 data reflects incremental impact, only slows lung function decline	Potential to stabilize and improve lung function	

Phase 3 (52-week)



– Phase 2b (52-week) *–* 

# Buloxibutid is a first-in-class AT2 receptor agonist with the potential to transform the IPF landscape









## Upstream MoA with strong preclinical data

- AT2 receptor expressed on alveolar progenitor cell (AEC2)
- Upstream mechanism drives alveolar repair, resolves fibrosis, and promotes vascular function

## **Exceptional clinical data** in the Phase 2a AIR trial

- Mean FVC change from baseline of +216 ml at 36 weeks
- All subgroups above baseline
- Excellent gastrointestinal tolerability and no treatmentrelated SAEs
- Biomarker data highly supportive of suggested MoA

Phase 2b ASPIRE: confirming the clinical activity in a randomized, placebo-controlled trial

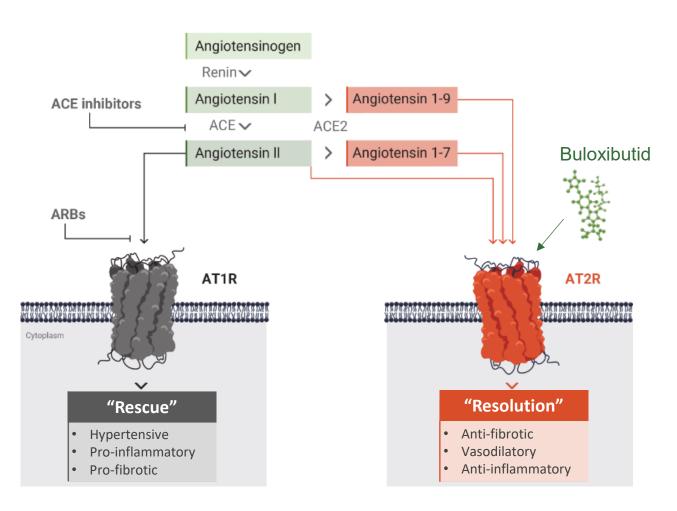
- 52-week treatment
- N=270 (90 per arm)
- ▶ IPF patients on stable nintedanib/SoC or not on SoC
- Global footprint





#### AT2R agonism is an upstream intervention driving tissue repair





- AT2R is constitutively expressed in the lung, primarily on alveolar epithelial type 2 cells (AEC2) – the "alveolar repair cell"
- AT2R activation engages tissue-protective pathways via AEC2s, promoting inhibition of fibrotic progression and fibrosis resolution, anti-inflammatory effects, vasodilation, and reversal of vascular remodeling
- Buloxibutid is an oral, selective AT2R agonist
- AT1R effects include increase in blood pressure, a key reason for ACE inhibitor and ARB development



#### AT2R is highly expressed in human IPF lungs and on precursor AEC2s

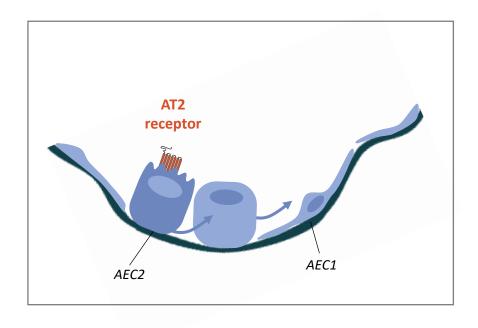


#### **AT2R Expression is Elevated in IPF Lung**

# 0.25 0.20 Disease Control IPF 0.15 0.00 AEC2 Fibroblast Myofibroblast

AT2R expression is highly upregulated in the IPF lung, particularly on AEC2s, and is also present on fibroblasts and myofibroblasts, with higher expression in the diseased state compared with healthy tissue

#### **AT2R** is Highly Expressed on AEC2s

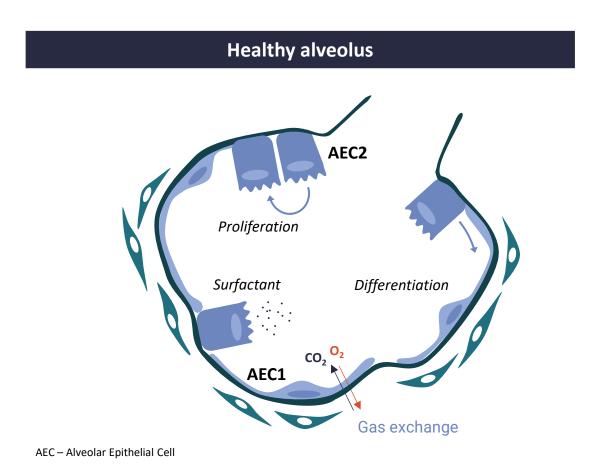


Single cell analysis shows high AT2R expression on AEC2 in the lung, the progenitor cell that differentiates into AEC1 gas exchange cells



#### Alveolar epithelial cells are critical for healthy lung function

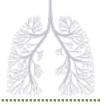


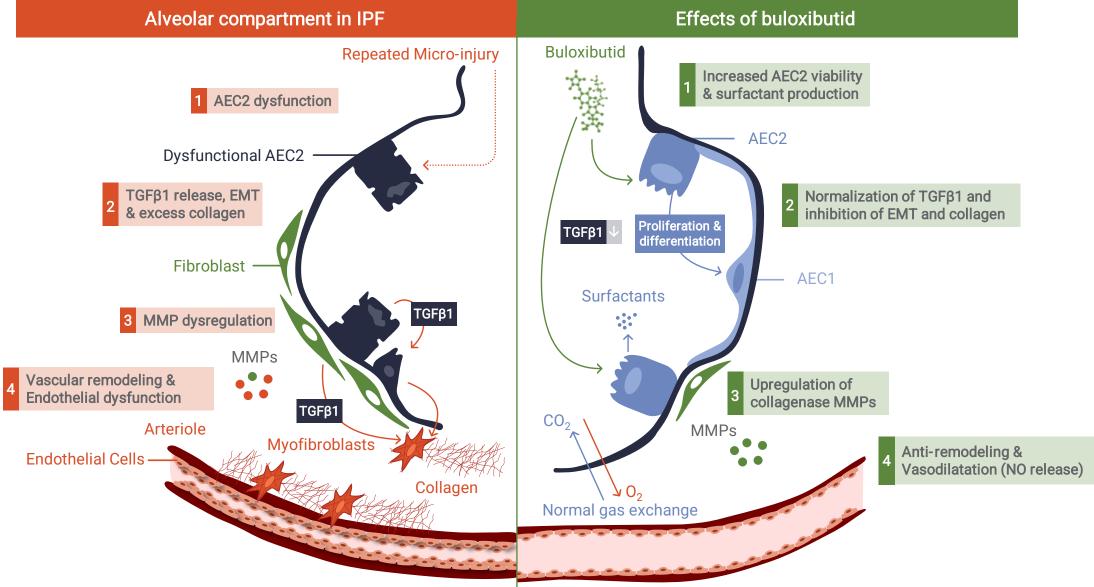


- The alveolar epithelium is exposed to damaging irritants in inhaled air
- AEC1 is the predominant alveolar cell type and is responsible for gas exchange
- AEC2 is a progenitor cell that is critical for alveolar integrity and function:
  - Proliferates to form new AEC2
  - Differentiates to AEC1 that need to be replaced
  - Produces surfactant to maintain alveolar integrity
- AT2R is expressed on AEC2



# Buloxibutid is an oral, selective AT2R agonist that drives tissue repair via AEC2 precursor epithelial cells





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# Buloxibutid addresses all main disease drivers in IPF and disease modification through tissue repair





#### **Tissue Repair and Regeneration**

Buloxibutid drives tissue repair by targeting precursor epithelial cells (AEC2), offering a disease modifying mechanism of action



#### **Anti-Inflammatory**

Buloxibutid inhibits release of pro-inflammatory cytokines through inhibition of NF-κB signaling



#### **Anti-Fibrotic**

Buloxibutid restores dysfunctional AEC2 and surfactant production, normalizes TGFβ1 levels, inhibits EMT and collagen deposition, as well as breaks down existing collagen build up



#### **Reverses Vascular Remodeling**

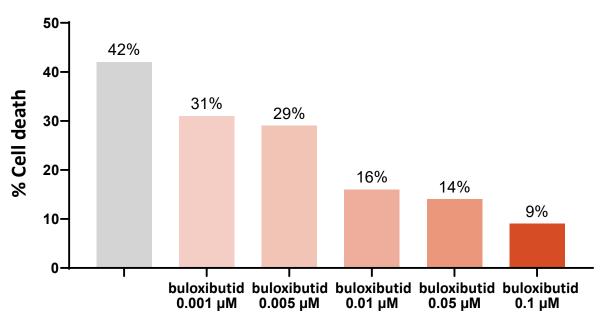
Buloxibutid reverses vascular remodeling and drives vasodilation through NO release



### Buloxibutid protects AEC2s and drives increased surfactant production

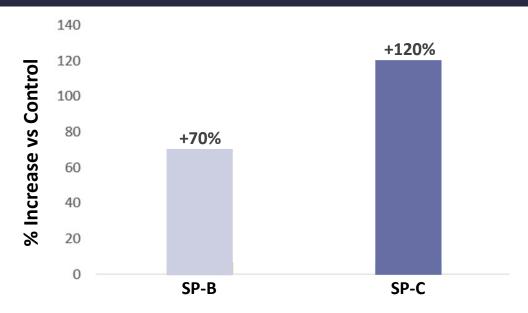


#### Buloxibutid protects AEC2 cells against apoptosis<sup>1</sup>



- Cultured A549 cells (human AEC2 cell line)
- Bleomycin (10μg/ml) induced apoptosis

#### Surfactant protein expression increased by buloxibutid in ex vivo human IPF precision cut lung slices<sup>2</sup>



- Human precision cut IPF lung slices ± 1 μM buloxibutid
- One patient, 5 pooled lung slices

Treatment with buloxibutid protects AEC2s, driving increased surfactant production to address alveolar collapse

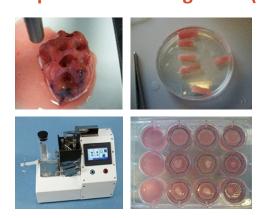


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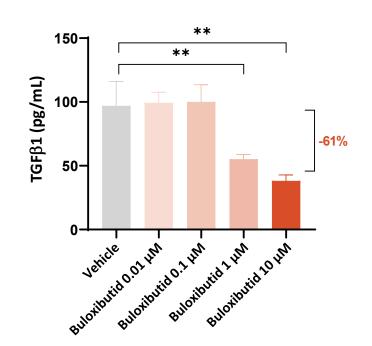
#### **Human precision cut lung slices (PCLuS)**

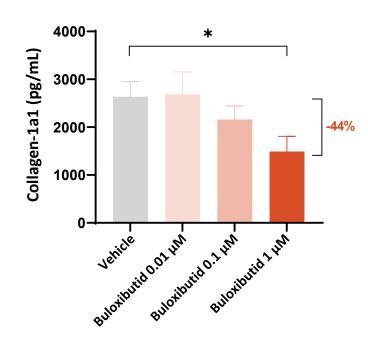


- Lung tissue collected from IPF patients undergoing transplant
- Intrinsic fibrosis, no stimuli added

#### **TGFβ1** protein levels in PCLuS

#### **Collagen protein levels in PCLuS**

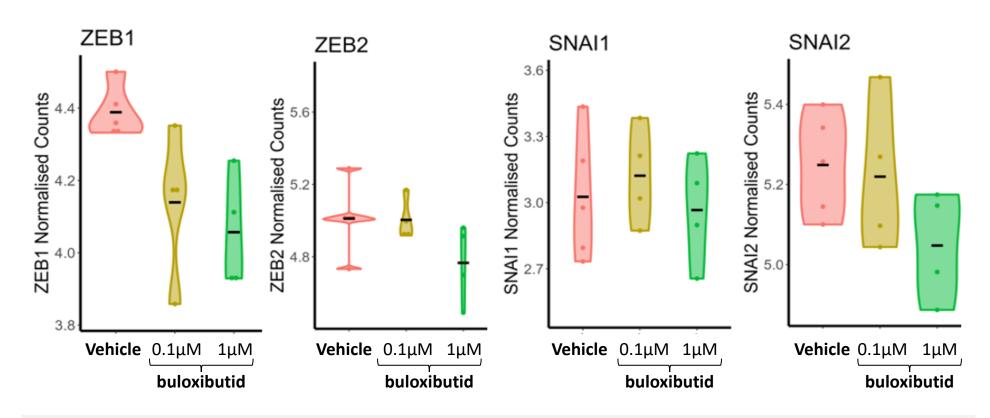




#### Dose-dependent reduction of TGFβ1 and Collagen-1a1 protein

Data represent averages +/- SEM of Plus 5 separate tissue slices at each concentration, sampled after 144h exposure to buloxibutid or vehicle

#### **Buloxibutid downregulates expression of EMT transcription factors in AEC2**



- Primary AEC2 cultures established from normal surgically resected human lung
- Buloxibutid treatment under baseline conditions with no stimuli added

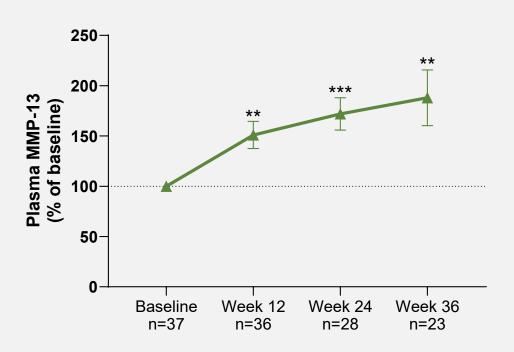


#### MMP-13 demonstrates antifibrotic activity and is crucial for lung repair in IPF

## Collagenase MMP dysregulation contributes to IPF pathogenesis

- MMP-13 is an enzyme able to cleave fibrillar collagens and plays a significant role in the degradation of the ECM
- In mouse models, MMP-13 deficiency has been shown to<sup>1,2</sup>:
  - 1. Decrease collagenolytic activity
  - 2. Promote lung fibrosis
  - 3. Attenuate fibrosis resolution

## Buloxibutid increased plasma MMP-13 in the Phase 2a AIR trial



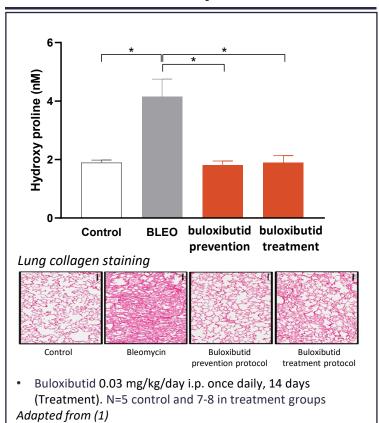
Buloxibutid significantly increased plasma levels of the fibrolytic collagenase MMP-13, indicating that buloxibutid has the potential to degrade fibrosis



#### Strong in vivo evidence for buloxibutid in pulmonary fibrosis

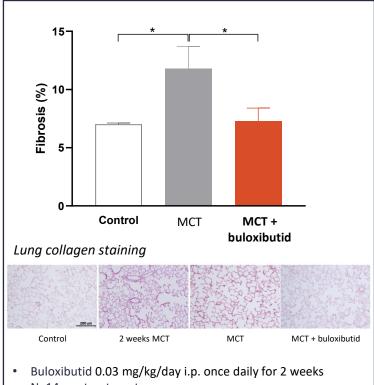


#### **Bleomycin**



 Normalized collagen synthesis and attenuation of disrupted lung architecture

#### Monocrotaline

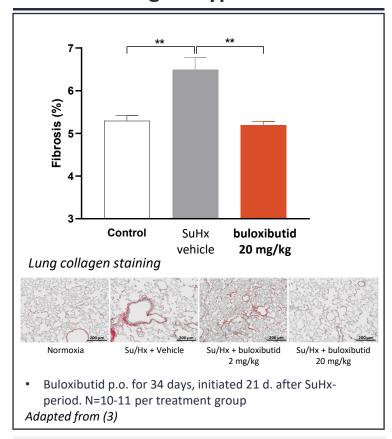


• N=14 per treatment group

#### Adapted from (2)

- Reversal of pulmonary fibrosis and prevention of right ventricular fibrosis
- Reversal of vascular remodeling and improved right heart function

#### Sugen-Hypoxia



- Reversal of fibrosis
- Reversal of vascular remodeling
- Reduced RVSP and right ventricular hypertrophy



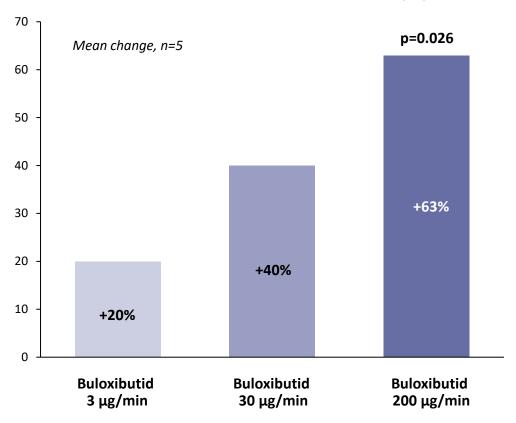




## Buloxibutid's vascular effects (vasodilation) are clinically validated in a forearm blood flow trial in healthy volunteers

- Buloxibutid shows dose-dependent increase in local blood flow
- Blood flow increased by 63% (p=0.026), without reducing systemic blood pressure or causing other side effects
- Local blood concentrations of buloxibutid in line with those reached with oral treatment
- No severe or serious TEAEs were reported

#### Increase in forearm blood flow (%)



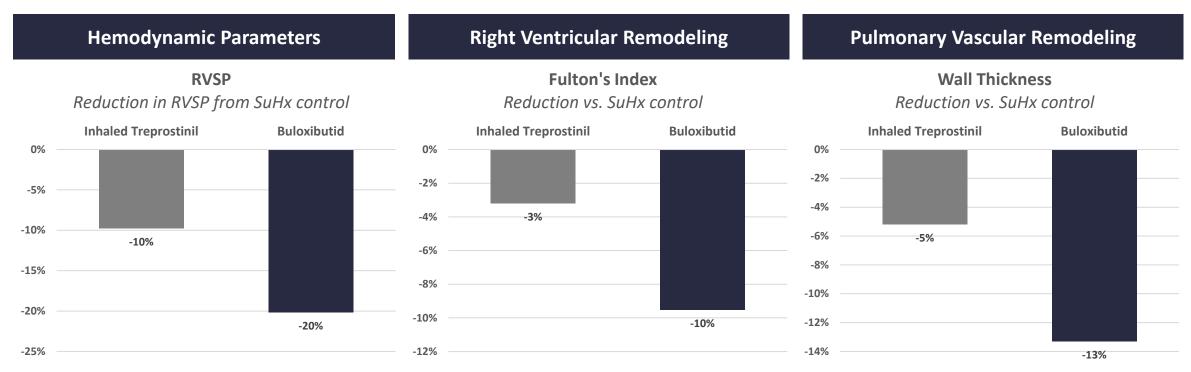
Buloxibutid addresses endothelial dysfunction and increases local blood flow, mediated by nitric oxide (NO) released from the endothelium



Source: Vicore data on file

## Buloxibutid shows greater reduction in key hemodynamic and vascular remodeling parameters compared to inhaled treprostinil in preclinical Sugen-Hypoxia rat model

Inhaled treprostinil and buloxibutid were evaluated in separate studies using the same study protocol



Inhaled treprostinil: adapted from Corboz, et al., J. Pharmacol. Exp. Ther. 2022 – Dose: 65 μg/kg Buloxibutid: adapted from Tornling, et al., Int. J. Mol. Sci. 2023 – Dose: average result of 2μM and 20μM dose

Clinically relevant doses of buloxibutid shows greater reduction compared to the Sugen-Hypoxia control than clinically relevant dose of inhaled treprostinil across key readouts, including RVSP, mPAP (data not shown), Fulton's index, wall thickness and muscularization (data not shown)

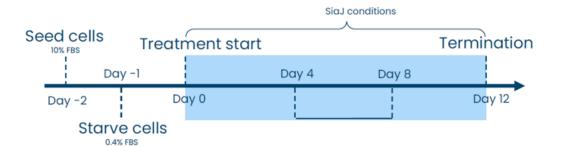


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#### Buloxibutid potently inhibits fibrosis in a human lung fibroblast assay

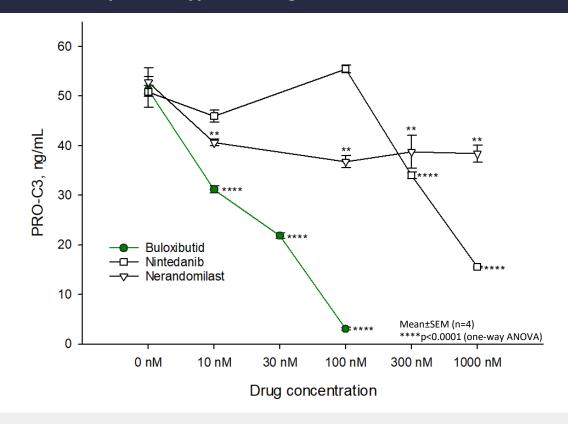
#### **Human lung fibroblast assay methodology**





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#### Impact on type III collagen biomarker PRO-C3



Buloxibutid potently and dose-dependently inhibited PRO-C3, reflecting inhibition of type III collagen formation and fibrotic activity. The superior in vitro performance of buloxibutid vs. nintedanib and nerandomilast on the IPF biomarker PRO-C3 reflecting fibrotic progression underscores its robust anti-fibrotic mechanism of action

# Buloxibutid has an extensive and robust safety database, with over 350 patients dosed across nine completed clinical trials





#### Buloxibutid has been tested extensively in the clinic, generating a robust safety database

- Not including patients enrolled in the ongoing Phase 2b ASPIRE trial, a total of <u>366 trial participants</u> have been exposed to buloxibutid over the course of 9 completed clinical trials
- In the recently completed Phase 2a AIR trial, IPF patients were exposed to buloxibutid for **36 weeks**



#### No significant safety risks have been identified for buloxibutid

- The only identified risk of treatment with buloxibutid is reversible, mild to moderate hair loss, observed in 19% of participants in the Phase 2a AIR trial
- Across the robust safety dataset, there have been no treatment-related SAEs

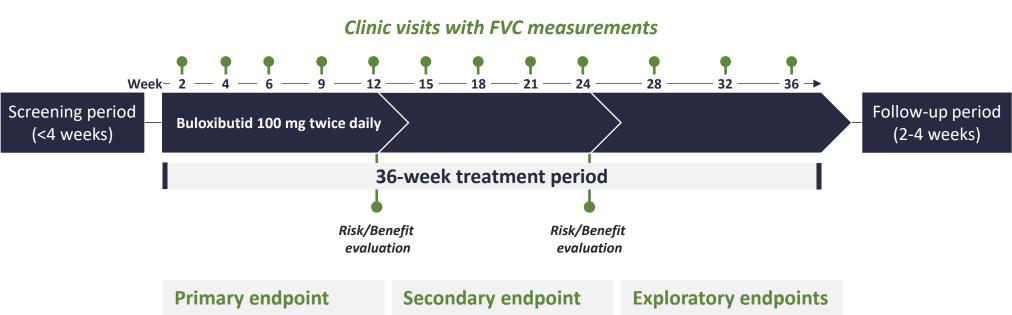


# AIR: An open-label Phase 2a trial of oral buloxibutid 100 mg BID for up to 36 weeks in treatment-naïve IPF patients



#### **Patient population**

Treatment-naïve IPF patients with centrally HRCT-confirmed diagnosis



Safety and tolerability

Change in forced vital capacity (FVC) from baseline

Effect on selected biomarkers







#### **Key Characteristics**



## Treatment emergent adverse events: buloxibutid shows better tolerability than SoC



**Comparison to SoC** 

**Buloxibutid** 

	Ph3 INP 52-week t	<b>Ph2a AIR</b> 36-week treatment	
	Nintedanib	Placebo	Buloxibutid
	n=309	n=204	n=52
Any AE	96%	89%	71%
Common AEs (Non-exhaustive)			
Diarrhea	62%	19%	6%
Nausea	23%	6%	4%
Acute exacerbation of IPF	10%	10%	6%
Cough	15%	13%	8%
Vomiting	13%	2%	2%
COVID-19	n/a	n/a	6%
Hair loss <sup>2</sup>	n/a	n/a	19%
Fatal AE	4%	5%	4%
Severe AE	26%	18%	6%
Serious AE	31%	27%	10%

**Good GI tolerability** 

Low rate of exacerbations and cough worsening

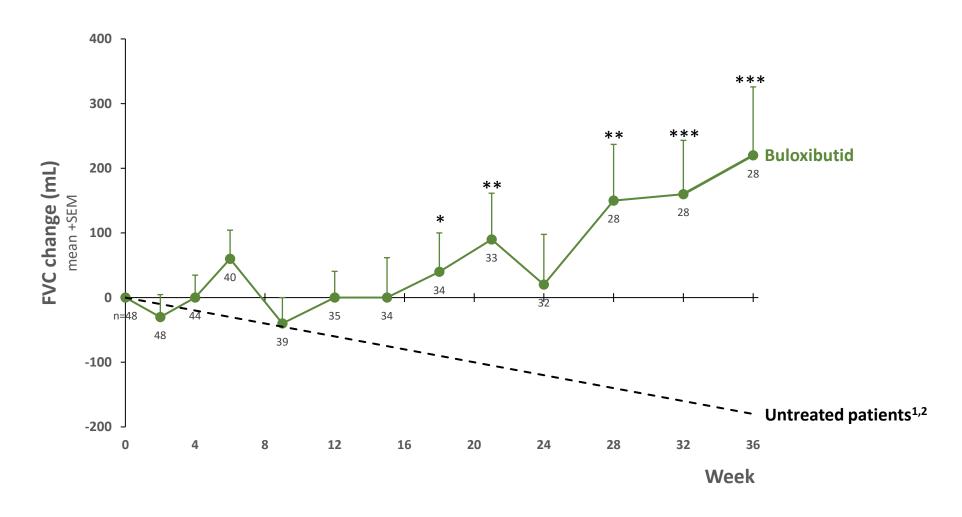
No serious, severe, or fatal AEs related to buloxibutid

Buloxibutid has a favorable tolerability profile allowing it to be combined with other therapies for IPF



# Buloxibutid stabilizes and improves lung function over the 36-week AIR study

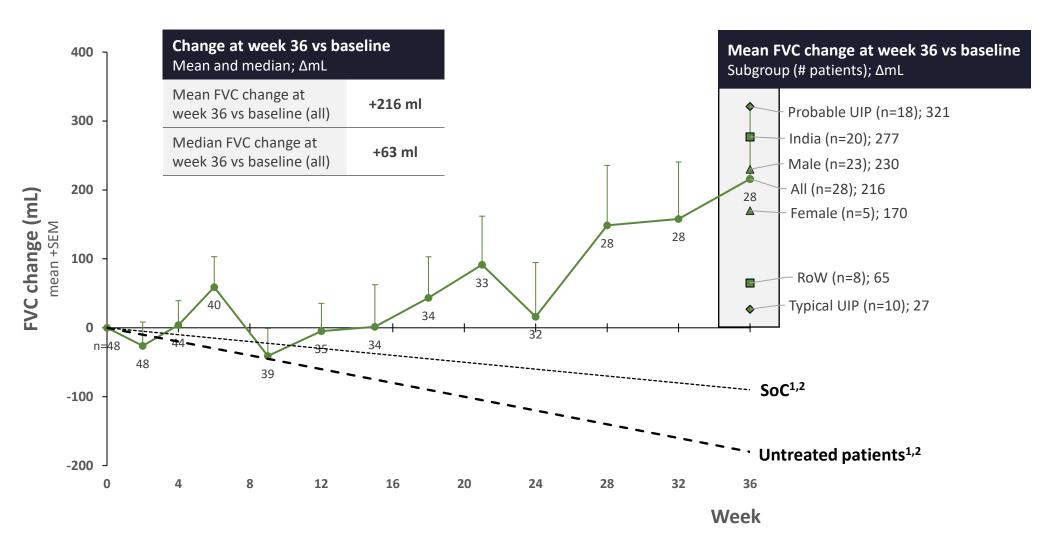






## All subgroups show FVC stabilization and improvement over baseline at 36 weeks



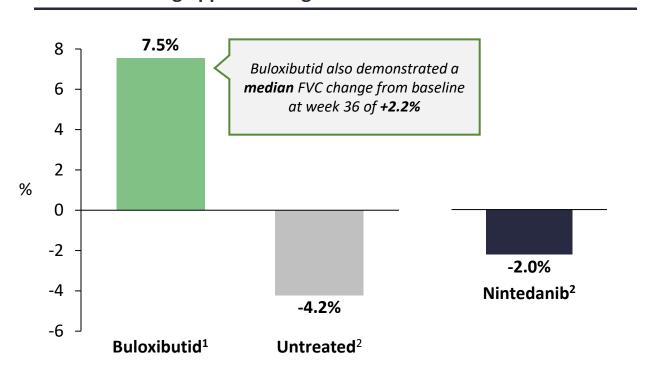




# Buloxibutid drives a significant increase in ppFVC, consistent with its impact on absolute FVC



#### Average ppFVC change from baseline at week 36



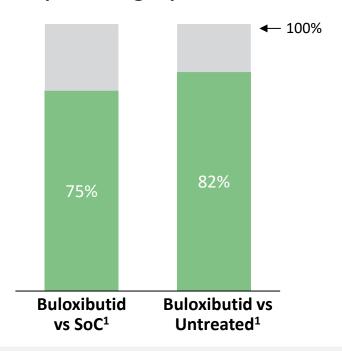
Average increase of 7.5% precent predicted FVC at 36 weeks from baseline



## Buloxibutid outperforms historical standard of care and untreated decline at 36 weeks

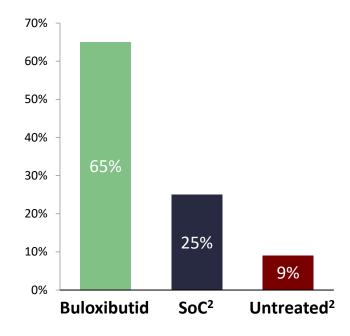


Percentage of patients outperforming expected ΔFVC



Buloxibutid outperforms expected change in FVC of untreated patients and those treated with current standard of care at 36 weeks

Percentage of patients with improved lung function (FVC) vs baseline



Most patients treated with buloxibutid experience improved lung function at 36 weeks, outperforming historical SoC and untreated patients



# Development of a Synthetic Control Arm analysis to contextualize buloxibutid's effect in the Phase 2a AIR study



## IPF Patient External Control Data

- Age >= 40 years
- FVC % predicted >= 60%
- FEV1/FVC >= 70%
- Treatment naïve patients

#### External Control Arm Generation

- Follow-up time 36 weeks
- AIR mean FVC change +23 ml
- Control mean FVC change -114.8ml

- Over 10,000 patients
- Mean 12-month FVC change -170.3 ml

Filter IPF Patient
Data using Air Trial
Inclusion Criteria

- 20,000 randomly sampled groups of 48 patients generated from filtered control data
- 1:1 treatment-control ratio
- Matching on 8 clinical variables at baseline
- Univariate and multivariate tests of similarity with control
- 408 randomly sampled groups accepted as control arms based on the baseline similarity tests
- Mean similarity p-value = 0.23 (SD = 0.05)

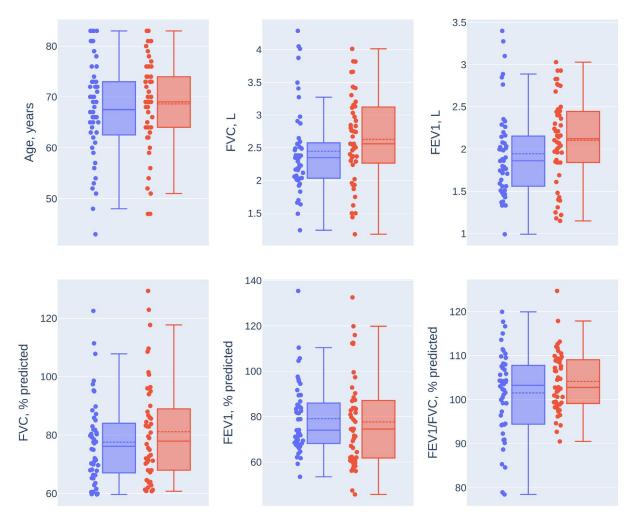
**Efficacy Testing** 

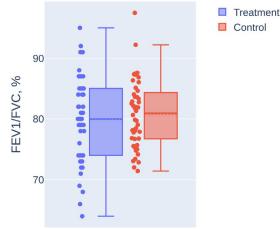


Note: Qureight analysis

# IPF patients selected for the Synthetic Control Arm analysis are highly matched to the Phase 2a AIR patient baseline characteristics







Mean similarity p-value - 0.23 (SD=0.05)



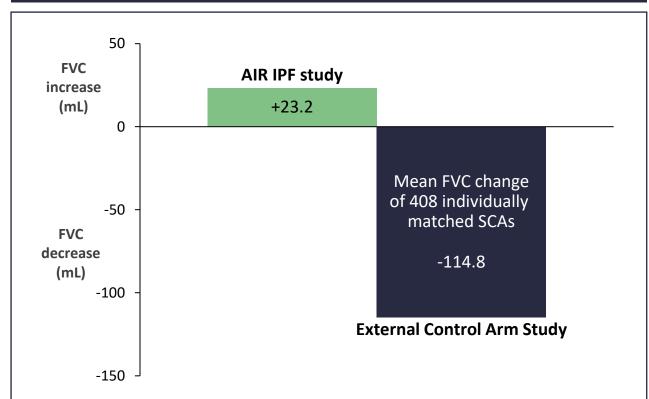
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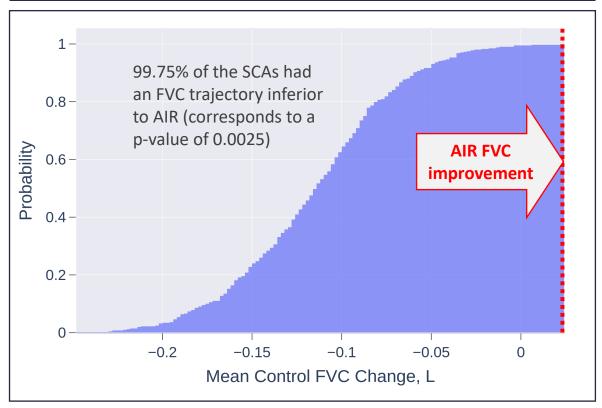
## A Synthetic Control Arm analysis demonstrates buloxibutid's robust treatment effect



Change in FVC in the Phase 2a AIR IPF trial compared to the external control arm study (imputed data)







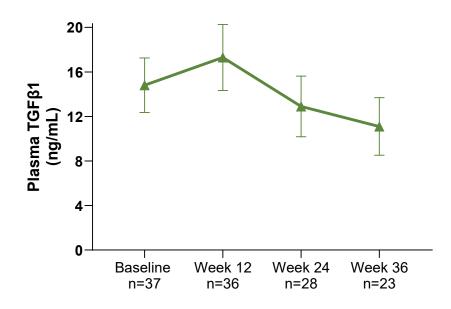
The Monte Carlo approach demonstrates that in patients without significant differences in core baseline parameters, buloxibutid showed statistically significant treatment effect compared to control FVC distribution

# Buloxibutid increases collagenase MMP-13 drives a trend of decreased TGF\(\beta\)1

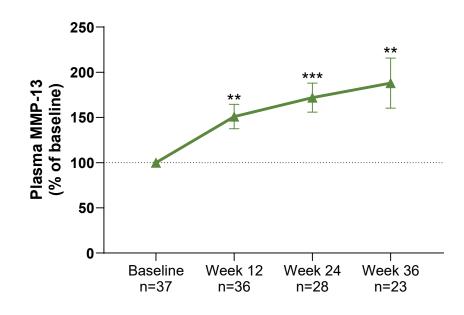


#### Plasma TGFβ1

#### Plasma MMP-13



TGF $\beta$ 1 is a key fibrotic driver in IPF; reduced TGF $\beta$ 1 is consistent with buloxibutid's mechanism of action and translational data



MMP-13 is an antifibrotic collagenase that plays a key role in fibrotic resolution

#### Phase 2b ASPIRE trial design



#### Study Characteristics

- A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, parallel-group, multicenter, dose-finding trial
- IPF patients on stable nintedanib/SoC or not on SoC (no access, refused, intolerant or failed)
- 52-week treatment duration; N=270 (90 per arm)
- Assessment of efficacy, safety, and pharmacokinetics at baseline as well as weeks 4, 12, 24, 36, and 52.
  Remote visits (by phone or video) to assess safety and compliance at weeks 8, 16, 20, 28, 32, 40, 44 and 48
- Primary endpoint is change from baseline in FVC at 52 weeks
- Key secondary efficacy endpoint proportion of participants with disease progression at 52 weeks

**Study Design** 

Buloxibutid 50 mg twice daily for 52 weeks; N=90

Buloxibutid 100 mg twice daily for 52 weeks; N=90

Follow-up

Placebo twice daily for 52 weeks; N=90

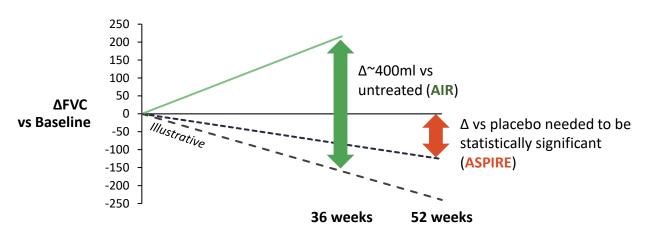






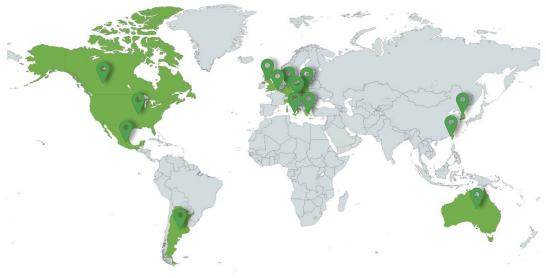
#### Large, conservatively powered study

- Powered to detect FVC stabilization at 52 weeks vs. conservative placebo arm assumption
- Transformative relative to standard care



#### Global footprint with a broad range of countries

101 sites across 14 countries





#### Vicore's partnership with Nippon Shinyaku for buloxibutid in Japan



#### 🕥 NIPPON SHINYAKU CO., LTD.

#### **Partnership Overview**

Vicore Pharma and Nippon Shinyaku have entered an exclusive license agreement to **develop and** commercialize the drug candidate buloxibutid in Japan.

#### **Financial Terms**

Vicore has received an **upfront payment of USD 10 million** and is eligible for up to **USD 275 million in milestones**, plus tiered royalties on net sales in Japan up to the low 20s. In addition, Nippon Shinyaku will cover a portion of global non-clinical, CMC, and late-stage clinical development costs.

#### **Strategic Benefits**

The partnership leverages Nippon Shinyaku's **local expertise to address IPF**, a condition with limited treatment options in Japan, enhancing Vicore's global IPF strategy. Nippon Shinyaku is a **leader in the development of therapies for rare respiratory diseases** in Japan, including the discovery and development of Uptravi for PAH.



#### Vicore has a platform of proprietary ATRAGS





#### **Buloxibutid** – a first-in-class drug for rare lung diseases

- Orphan drug status in IPF granted Market exclusivity for 7 years in the US and up to 10 years in the EU and Japan.
- Vicore has dosage form and method-of-use IP granted in the US and EU covering buloxibutid, with expiry in 2042 before considering PTE or SPC\*.



- Optimized to drive differentiated biology and therapeutic activity in a range of potential diseases where the angiotensin II pathway can play a therapeutic role.
- Enable Vicore to significantly extend its AT2R franchise in respiratory diseases beyond buloxibutid, as well provide optionality to pursue a range of other diseases, either fully alone or in partnerships.





#### Strong leadership team with extensive industry experience





**AHMED MOUSA CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER** 

Experienced biotech executive with a background in molecular biology, law, and business development. **COVINGTON** 





HANS JEPPSSON, PhD **CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER** 

Cross-disciplinary background in finance and medicine. Ex Danske Bank: Equity analyst.









PROF. BERTIL LINDMARK, MD, PhD CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

Extensive industry experience in respiratory and inflammatory diseases. Ex-AstraZeneca: Led the development of global brands like Pulmicort and Symbicort.







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Ex AstraZeneca: Director of inflammation research. 25 years of experience in drug development.





MIKAEL NYGÅRD, PhD **CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER** 

Experienced healthcare Business Development executive, has led M&A and Corporate Development functions.







#### **HELEN BARKER** VP AND HEAD OF CMC

Pharmaceutical scientist and business leader, with over 25 years experience delivering the technical and strategic development of novel compounds, devices, and companies.









JIMMIE HOFMAN VP BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Business Development executive with extensive dealmaking experience.



#### **Board of Directors**

#### HANS SCHIKAN, PharmD – CHAIRMAN

25 years management experience in global pharmaceuticals (e.g. CEO of Prosensa). Extensive board work experience from US Nasdag-listed biotech firms.

#### ANN BARBIER, MD, PhD

More than 20 years of experience in drug discovery and development in rare diseases, including rare respiratory diseases.

#### MICHAEL BUSCHLE, PhD

More than 25 years of experience in basic research as well as biotech and pharma R&D. Extensive board work experience from US Nasdag-listed biotech firms.

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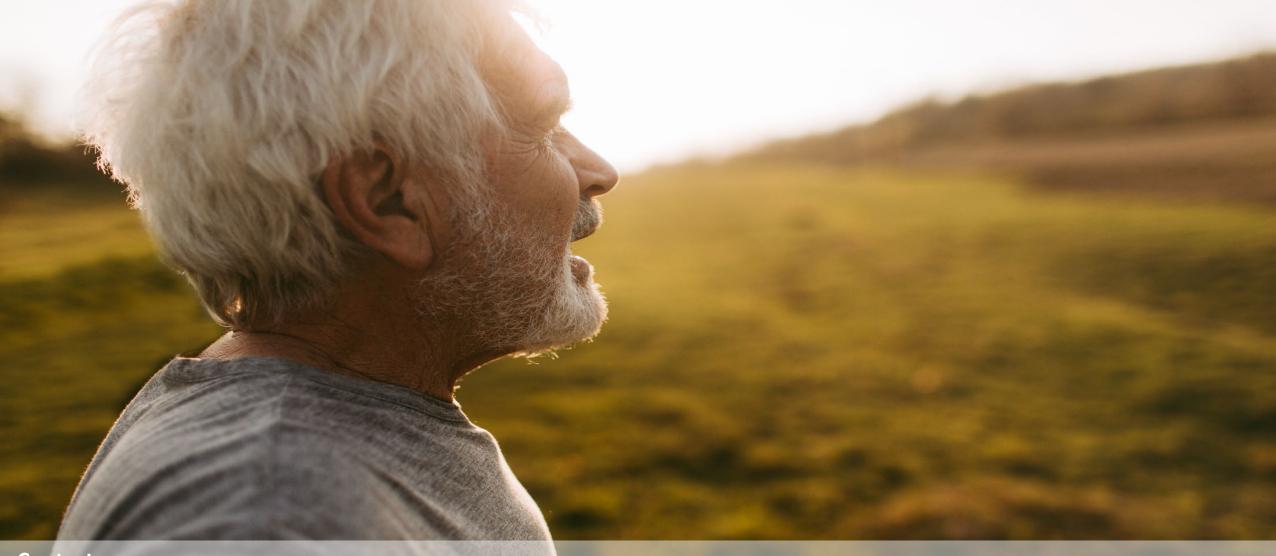
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