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Pulmonary Fibrosis Identification:  
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# TRANSLATING IPF CLINICAL TRIALS TO REAL LIFE PATIENTS

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# Agenda

- 6:45–7:00 PM Welcome and Introductions  
*Luca Richeldi, MD, PhD*
- 7:00–7:30 PM Newly Available Therapies: Discussing the Difficult Questions  
*Luca Richeldi, MD, PhD*
- 7:30–8:00 PM Selecting the Right Treatment:  
Which Patients and When to Start Treatment?  
*Harold R. Collard, MD*
- 8:00–8:30 PM Switching Drugs: When, and is There a Time  
for Change in Therapy?  
*Kevin K. Brown, MD*
- 8:30–9:00 PM Managing Side Effects and Dosing:  
Need for Individualized Strategies?  
*Marilyn K. Glassberg, MD*
- 9:00–9:30 PM Q&A

# Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants should be able to:

- Describe the evidence using triple therapy of NAC to treat IPF.
- Discuss the efficacy, safety, and clinical application of new treatment options in patients with IPF.



# Newly Available Therapies: Discussing the Difficult Questions

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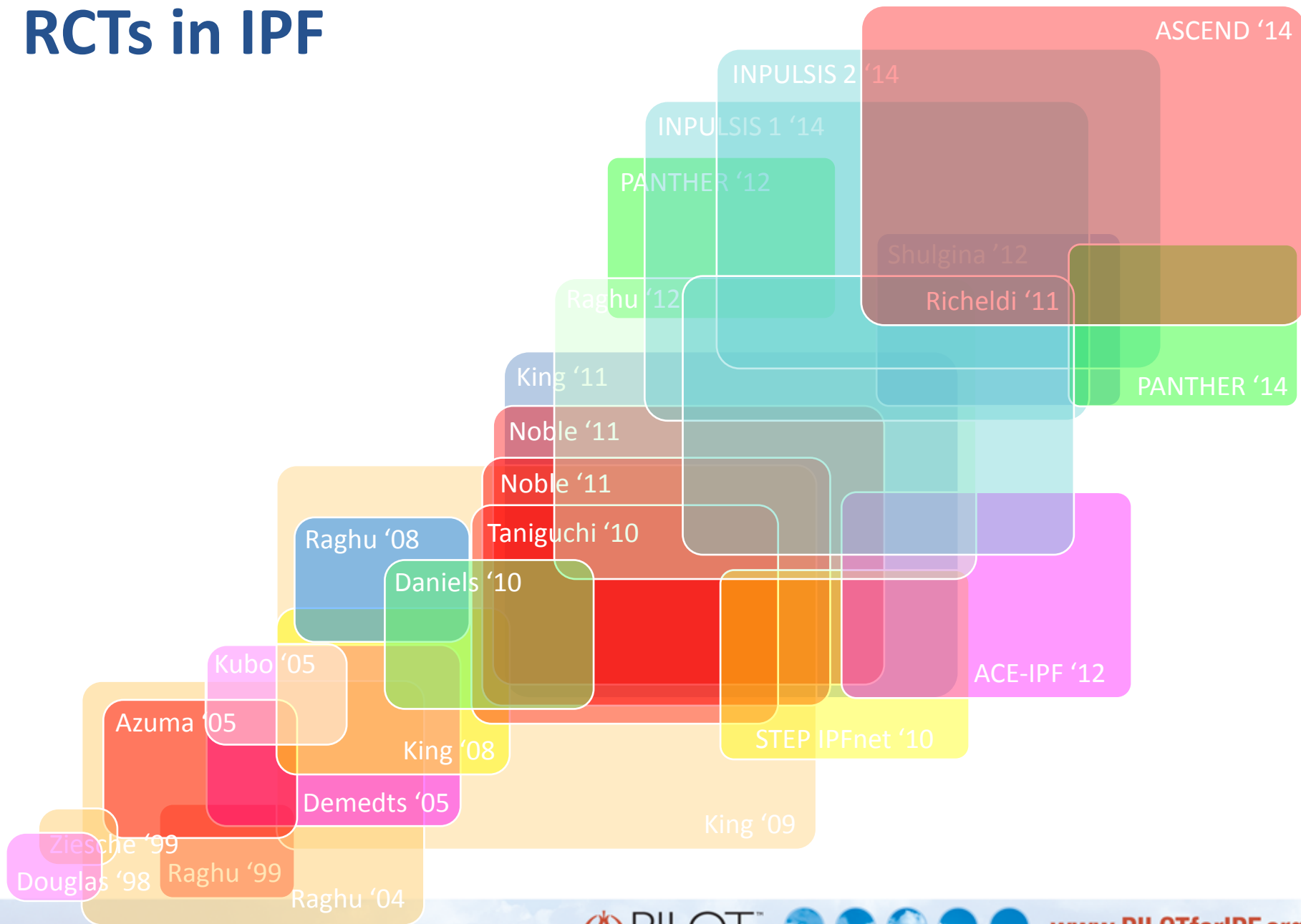
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# RCTs in IPF



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## Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis: Diagnosis and Treatment International Consensus Statement

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Until adequate studies are conducted that define the best treatment for patients with IPF, this committee suggests the following **combined therapy** (corticosteroid and either azathioprine or cyclophosphamide) for those patients who have been given adequate information regarding the merits and pitfalls of treatment and who possess features consistent with a more likely favorable outcome (*see above*):

- **Corticosteroid** therapy (prednisone or equivalent) at a dose of 0.5 mg/kg (lean body weight [LBW]) per day orally for 4 wk, 0.25 mg/kg (LBW) per day for 8 wk, and then tapered to 0.125 mg/kg (ideal body weight [IBW]) daily or 0.25 mg/kg (LBW) every other day as initial therapy for IPF. (Lean body weight is the ideal weight expected for a patient of this age, sex, and height)
- **Azathioprine** at 2–3 mg/kg lean body weight (LBW) per day to a maximum dose of 150 mg/d orally. Dosing should begin at 25–50 mg/d and increase gradually, by 25-mg increments, every 7 to 14 d until the maximum dose is reached

or

- **Cyclophosphamide** at 2 mg/kg LBW per day to a maximum dose of 150 mg/d orally. Dosing should begin at 25–50 mg/d and increase gradually, by 25-mg increments, every 7 to 14 d until the maximum dose is reached

# Prednisone, Azathioprine and NAC

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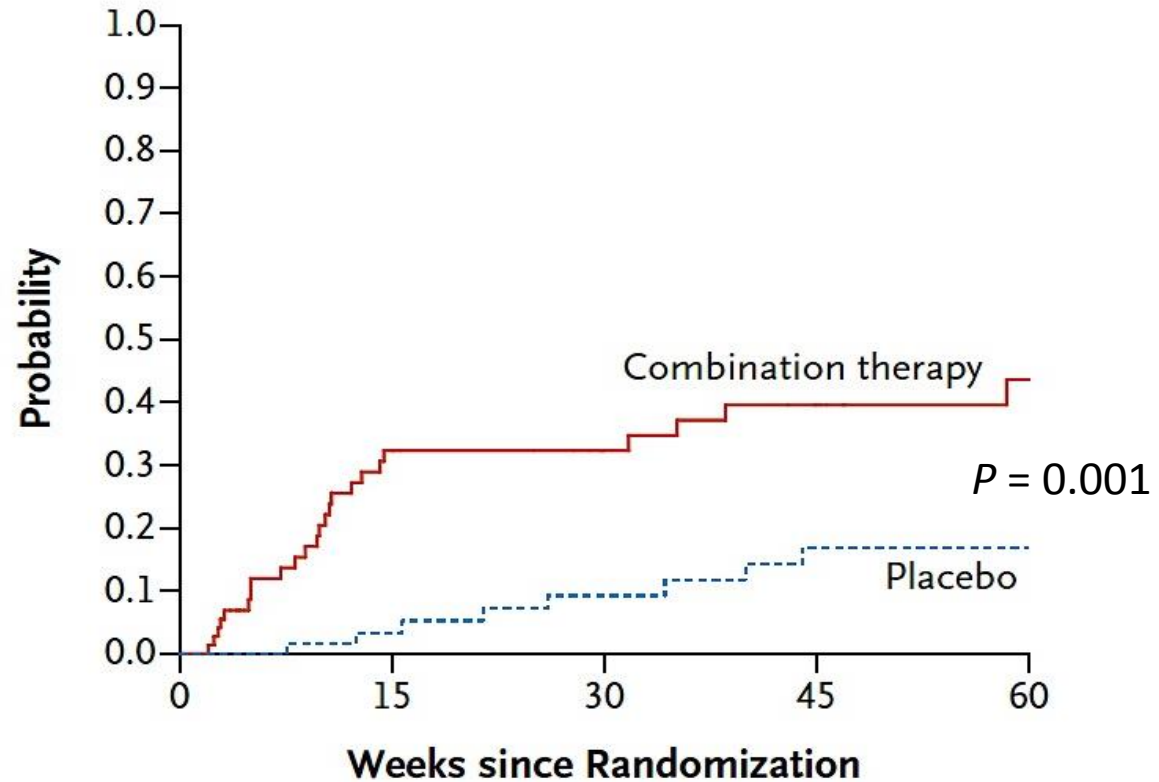
ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# Prednisone, Azathioprine, and N-Acetylcysteine for Pulmonary Fibrosis

The Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis Clinical Research Network\*

# Prednisone, Azathioprine, and N-Acetylcysteine for IPF

Time to Death or Hospitalization



**No. at Risk**

Combination therapy	77	40	29	23	10
Placebo	78	55	42	26	16

# NAC

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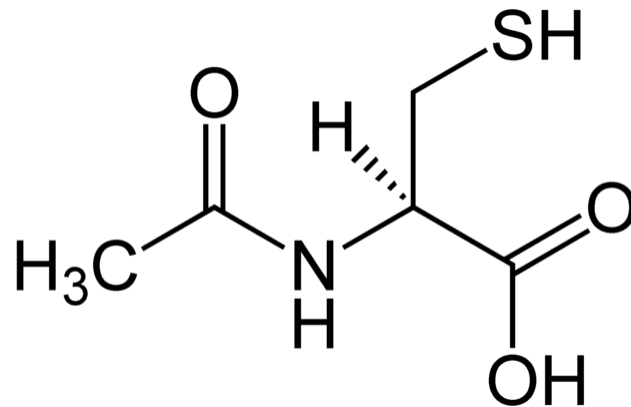
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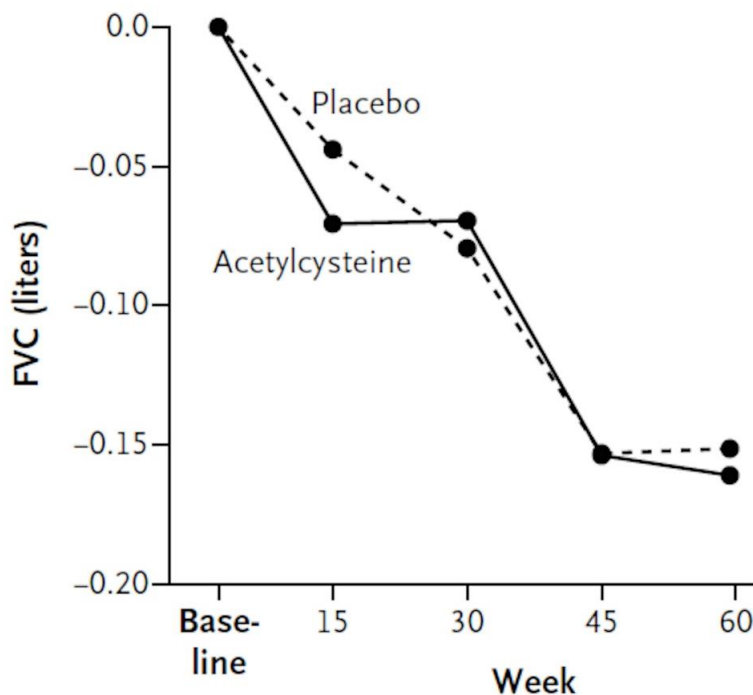
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# Primary Endpoints: FVC

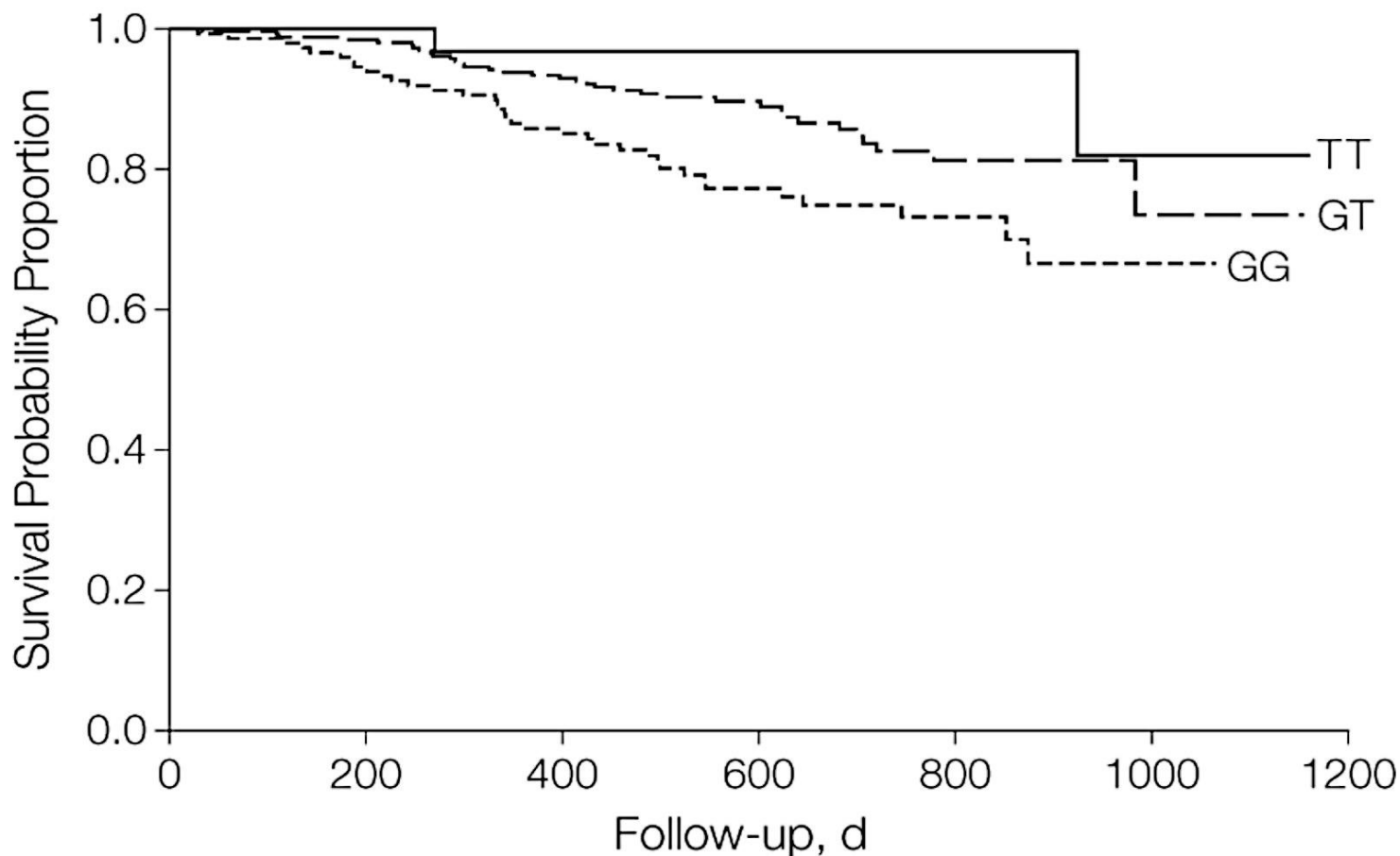
	NAC	Placebo	P-value
FVC (liters)	-0.18 (-0.23, -0.12)	-0.19 (-0.24, -0.13)	0.77



## No. at Risk

Acetylcysteine	133	127	118	113	102
Placebo	131	127	119	118	109

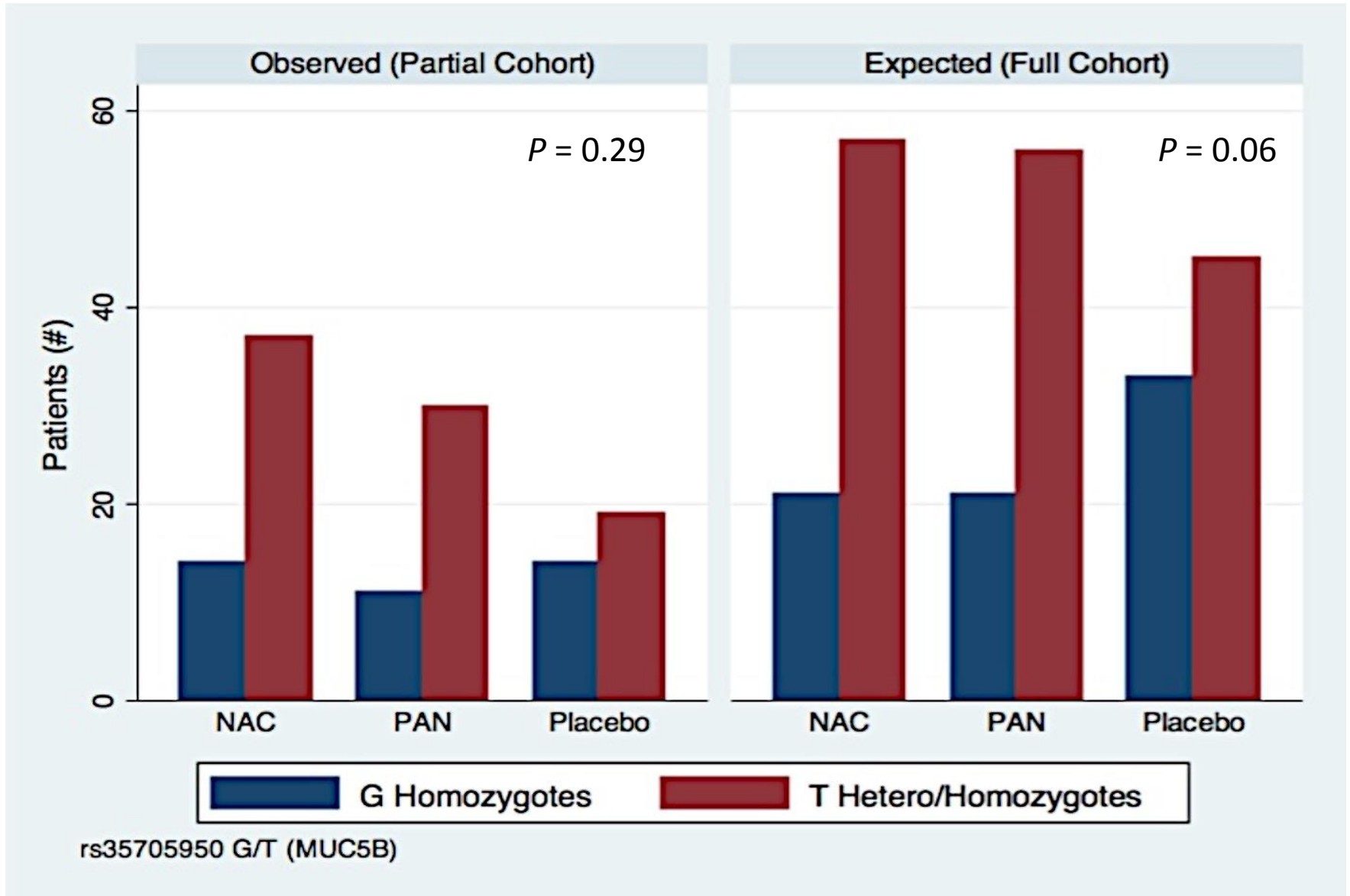
# Kaplan-Meier Survival Curves by Muc5b Genotypes



No. at risk

TT	31	26	21	11	3	0
GT	255	224	122	55	8	0
GG	140	115	67	36	5	0

# Genetic Heterogeneity



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# Pirfenidone

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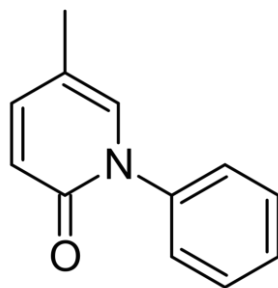
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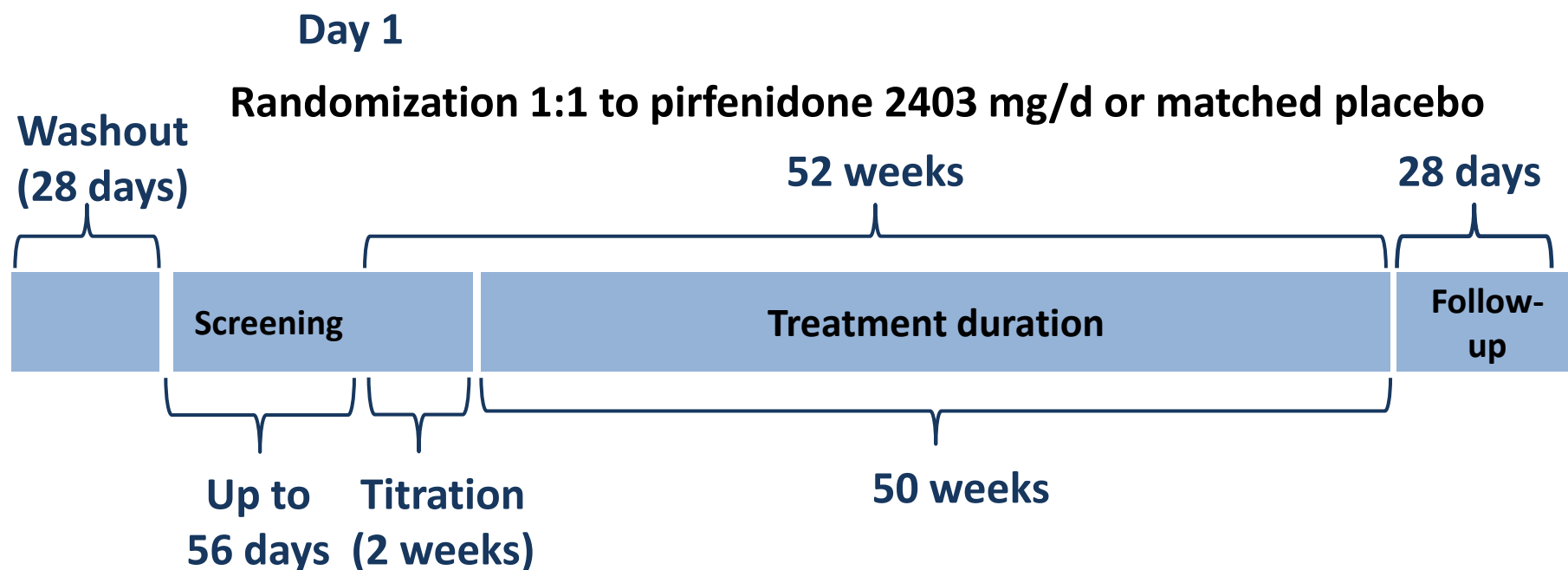
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# A Phase 3 Trial of Pirfenidone in Patients with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis

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# ASCEND Study Design: Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo Controlled Trial



Clinical efficacy assessments: Day 1 and weeks 13, 26, 39, 52A/B

127 sites in 9 countries



# ASCEND Study Design

## *Eligibility*

- **Age:** 40-80 years
- **HRCT:** Confident diagnosis of IPF
  - Definite UIP, or
  - Possible UIP, with confirmation on SLB
- **FVC:**  $\geq 50\%$  and  $\leq 90\%$  percent of predicted
- **DL<sub>CO</sub>:**  $\geq 30\%$  and  $\leq 90\%$  percent of predicted
- **FEV<sub>1</sub>/FVC ratio:**  $\geq 0.80$
- **Centralized review:** spirometry, HRCT, SLB, deaths

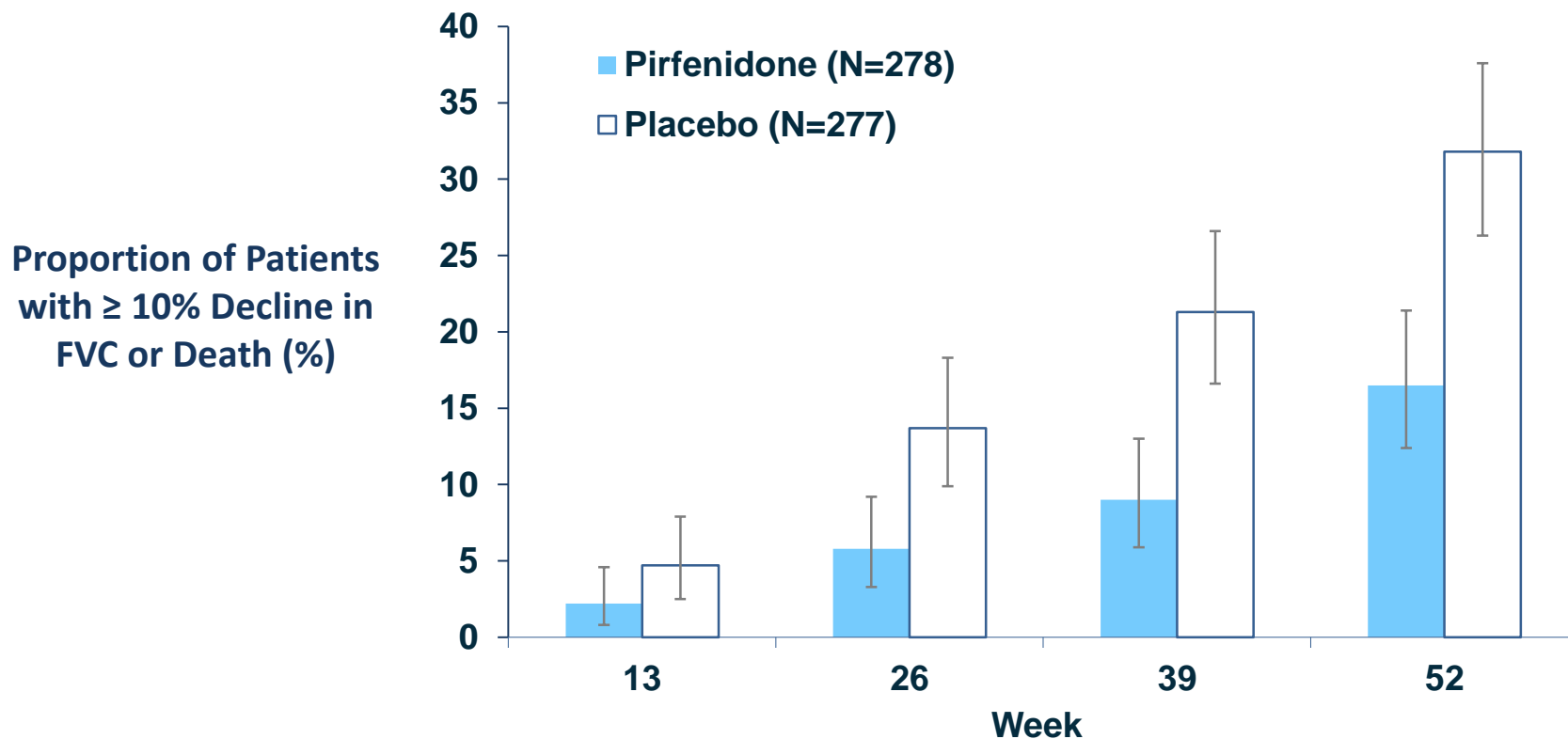
# ASCEND Study Design

## HRCT

	Surgical Lung Biopsy Not Available	Pathology panel: Definite UIP	Pathology Panel: Probable UIP	Pathology Panel: Possible UIP	Pathology Panel: Inconsistent w/ UIP or Not Classifiable
Radiology Panel: Definite UIP	Eligible	Eligible	Eligible	Eligible	NOT Eligible
Radiology Panel: Possible UIP	NOT Eligible	Eligible	Eligible	NOT Eligible	NOT Eligible
Radiology Panel: Inconsistent with UIP	NOT Eligible	NOT Eligible	NOT Eligible	NOT Eligible	NOT Eligible

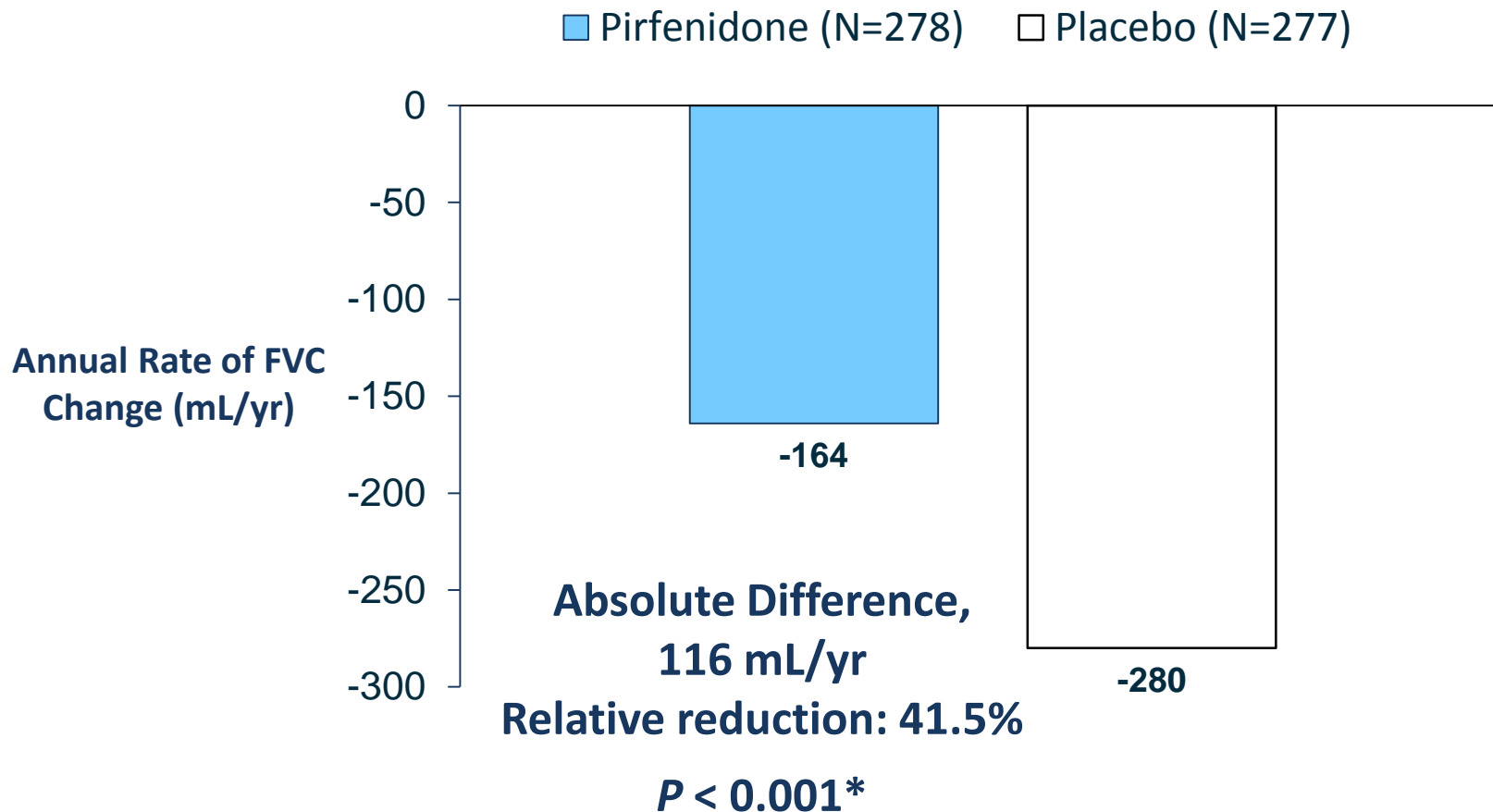
**EXCLUDED:** extent of emphysema **greater** than extent of fibrotic changes (honeycombing, reticular changes) on HRCT scan

# Primary Efficacy Analysis: Treatment with Pirfenidone Resulted in a Significant Between-Group Difference in the Rank ANCOVA



	13	26	39	52
Absolute Difference	2.5%	7.9%	12.3%	15.3%
Relative Difference	54.0%	58.0%	57.8%	47.9%
Rank ANCOVA p-value	< 0.000001	< 0.000001	0.000002	< 0.000001

# ASCEND Study Supportive Analysis: Annual Rate of FVC Decline at Week 52

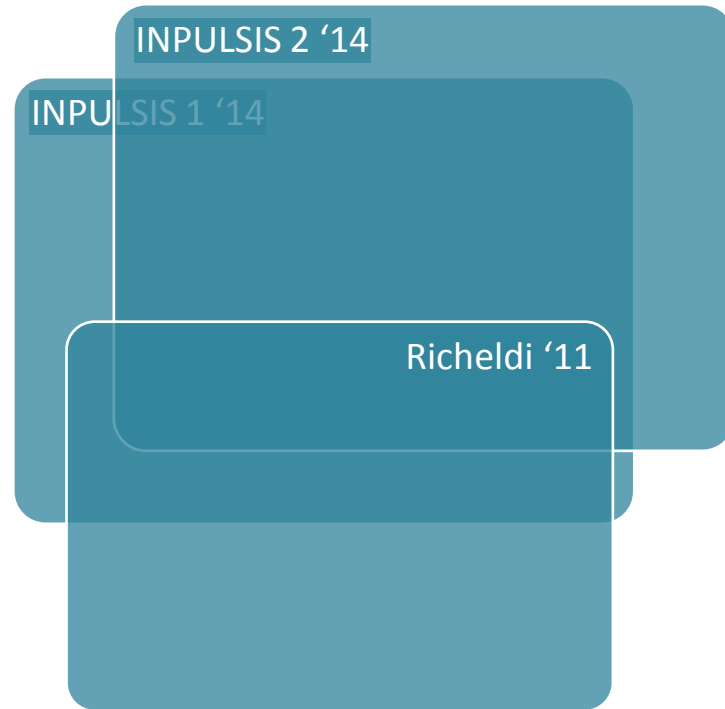


Linear slope analysis: Mixed model with linear time effect adjusted for age, height, and sex

# ASCEND Study: GI and Skin-Related Events Were More Common in the Pirfenidone Group

Patients (%)	Pirfenidone (N=278)	Placebo (N=277)
Cough	25.2	29.6
<b>Nausea</b>	<b>36.0</b>	<b>13.4</b>
Headache	25.9	23.1
Diarrhea	22.3	21.7
Upper Respiratory Tract Infection	21.9	20.2
Fatigue	20.9	17.3
<b>Rash</b>	<b>28.1</b>	<b>8.7</b>
Dyspnea	14.7	17.7
Dizziness	17.6	13.0
Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis	9.4	18.1
Bronchitis	14.0	13.0
Constipation	11.5	13.7
Back pain	10.8	13.4
<b>Dyspepsia</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>6.1</b>
Nasopharyngitis	11.9	10.8
<b>Anorexia</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>6.5</b>
<b>Vomiting</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>8.7</b>
<b>Weight decreased</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>7.9</b>
<b>Gastroesophageal reflux</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>6.5</b>
<b>Insomnia</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>6.5</b>

# Nintedanib



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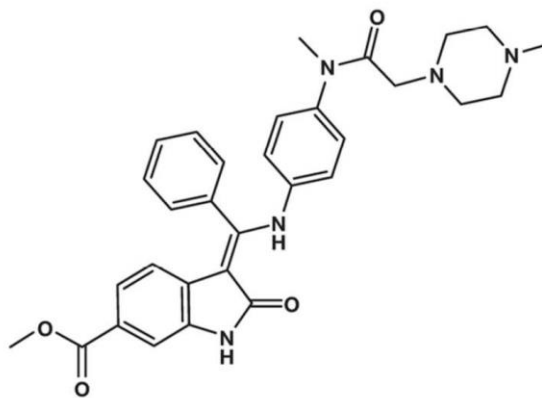
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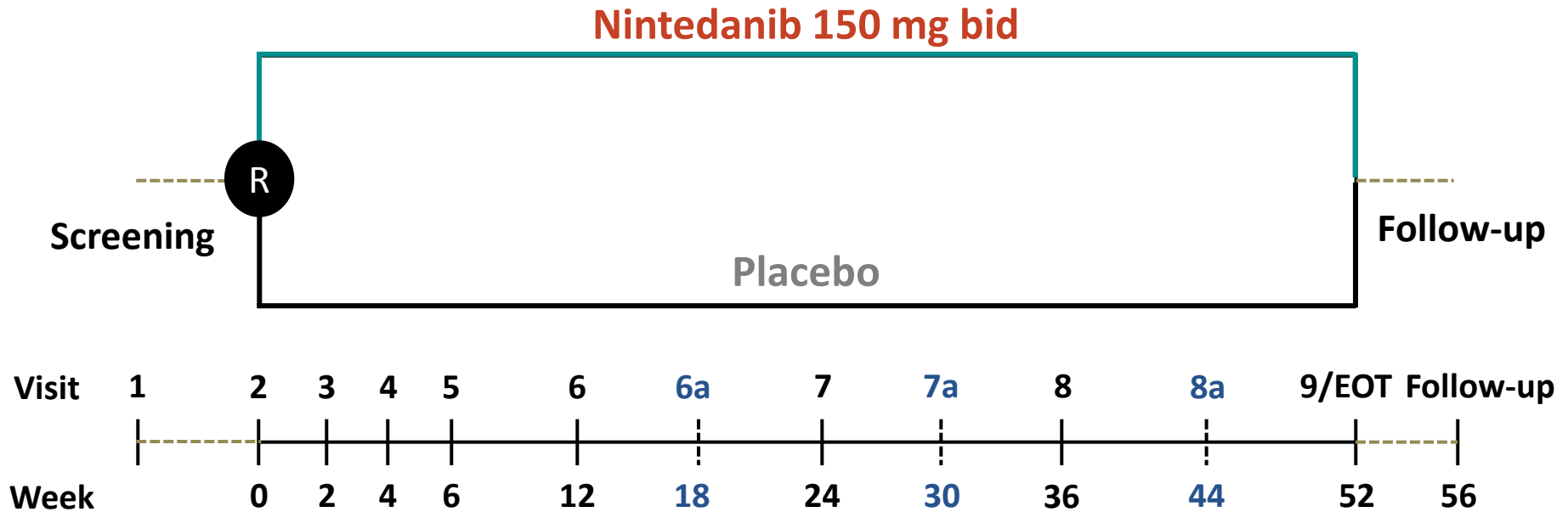
## Efficacy and Safety of Nintedanib in Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis

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# INPULSIS 1 and 2: Study Design



- 3:2 randomization ratio for nintedanib: placebo
- Dose interruption and/or dose reduction to 100 mg bid allowed to manage adverse events
- Patients who prematurely discontinued trial drug were asked to attend all visits as planned

Visits 6a, 7a and 8a were for blood sampling for laboratory tests only

# Key Inclusion Criteria

- Age  $\geq$  40 years
- Diagnosis of IPF within 5 years of randomization
- Chest HRCT performed within 12 months of screening
- FVC  $\geq$  50% of predicted value
- DL<sub>CO</sub> 30–79% of predicted value
- HRCT pattern, and, if available, surgical lung biopsy pattern, consistent with diagnosis of IPF, as assessed centrally by one expert radiologist and one expert pathologist

# Eligibility Criteria Based on HRCT

To qualify to enter the INPULSIS trials, the criteria A and B and C; or A and C; or B and C had to be met

<b>A</b>	Definite honeycomb lung destruction with basal and peripheral predominance
<b>B</b>	Presence of reticular abnormality <u>and</u> traction bronchiectasis consistent with fibrosis with basal and peripheral predominance
<b>C</b>	Atypical features are absent, specifically nodules and consolidation. Ground glass opacity, if present, is less extensive than reticular opacity pattern

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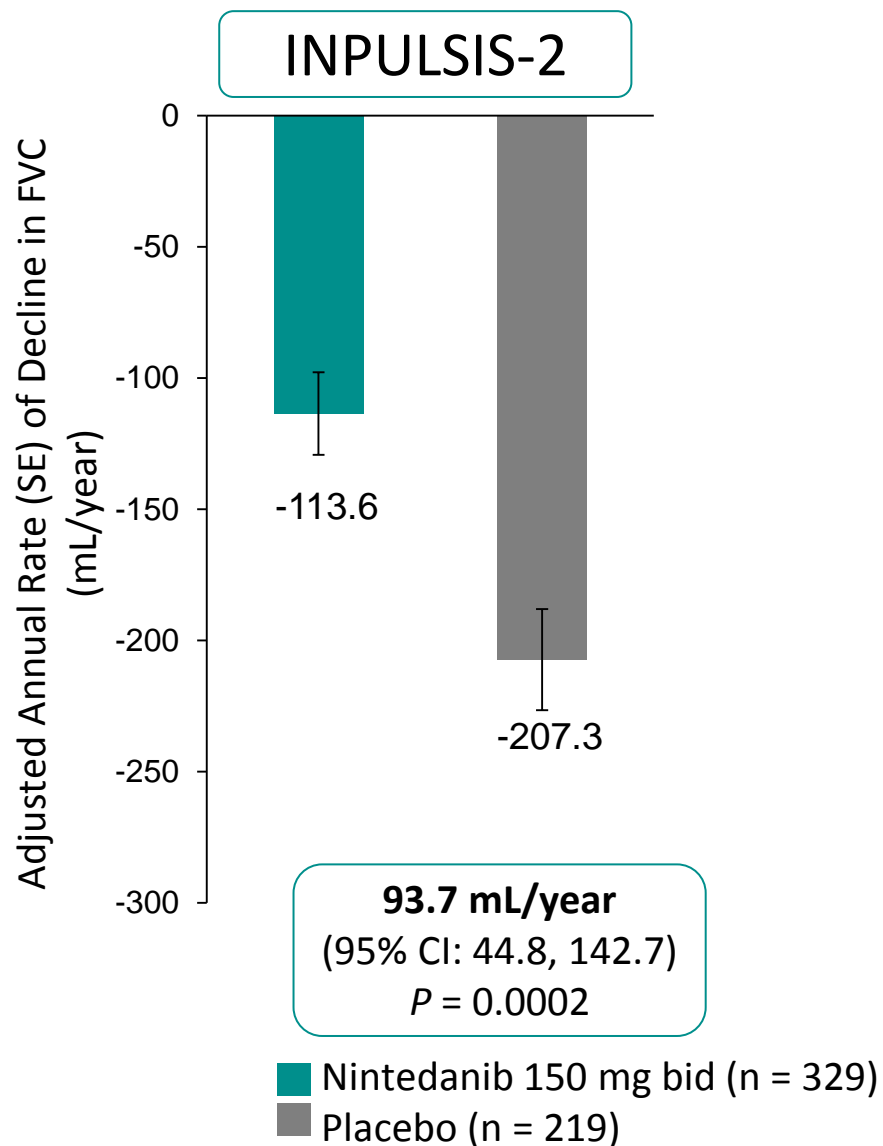
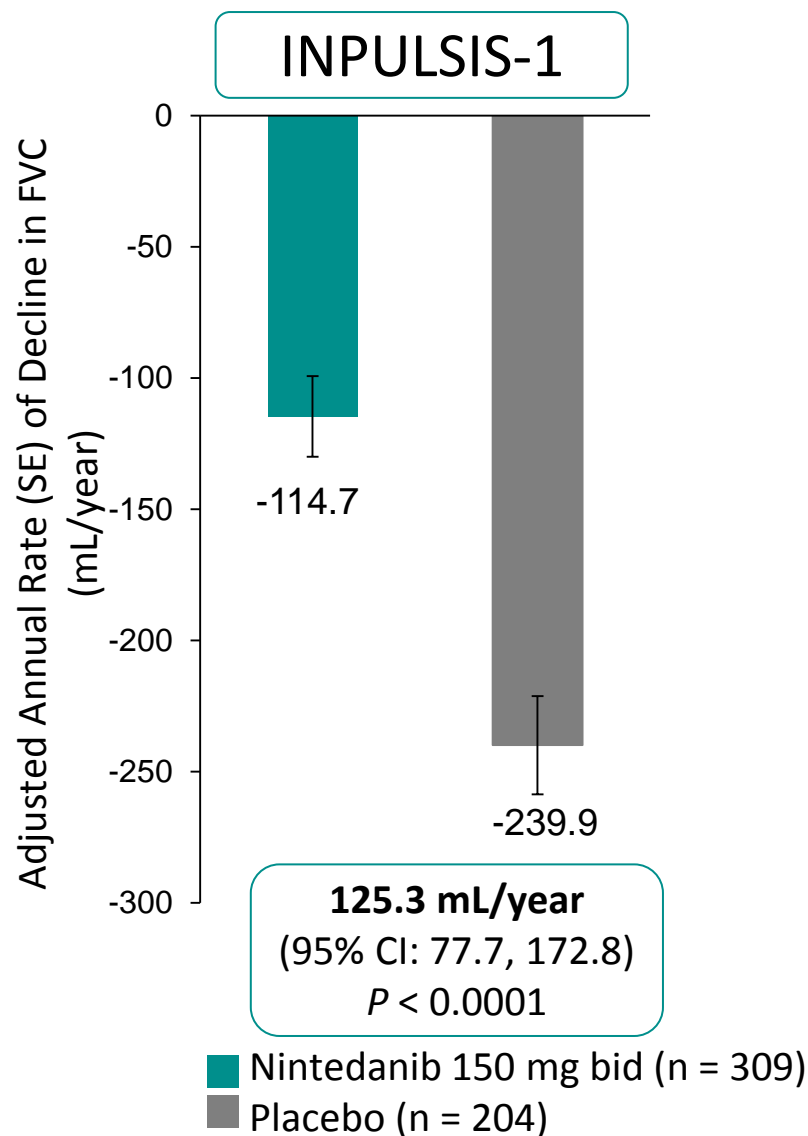
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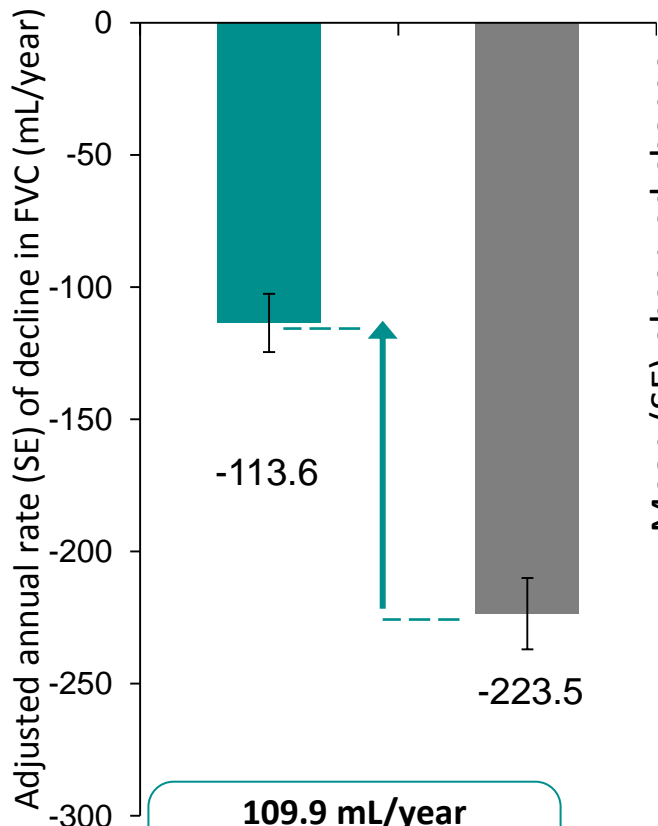
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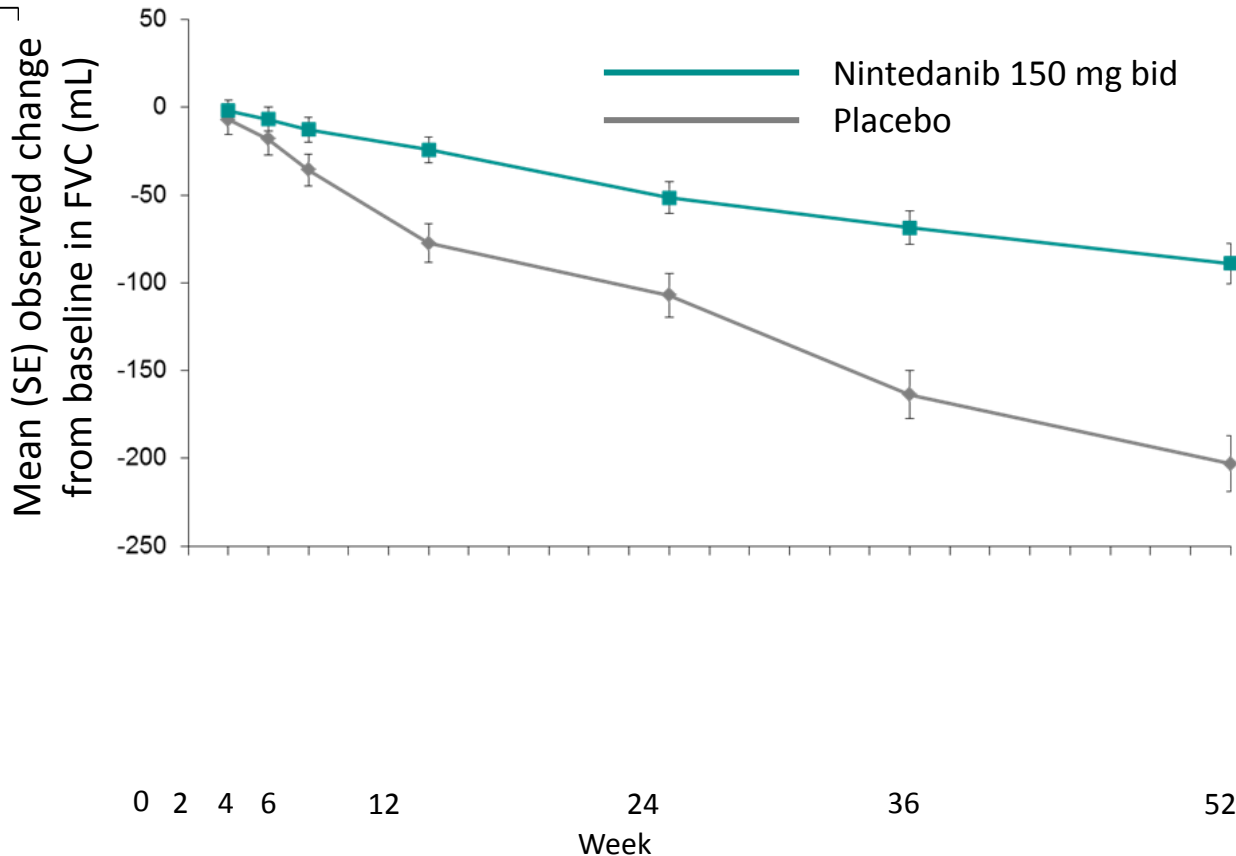
# Primary Efficacy Endpoint



# Primary Efficacy Endpoint In Pooled Data



**109.9 mL/year**  
(95% CI: 75.9, 144.0)  
 $P < 0.0001$



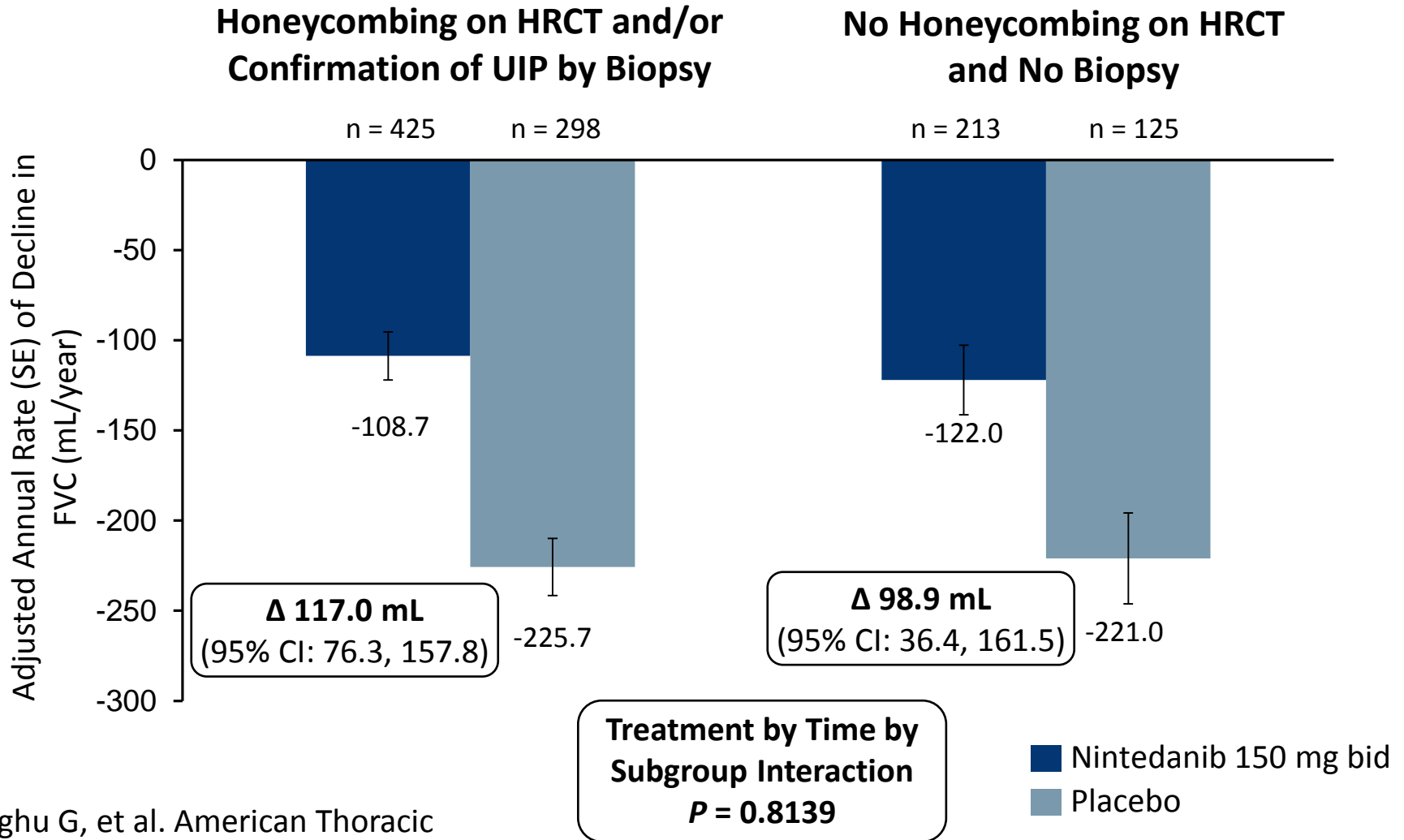
No. of patients

Nintedanib	626	616	613	604	587	569	519
Placebo	417	408	407	403	395	383	345

■ Nintedanib 150 mg bid (n = 638)  
 ■ Placebo (n = 423)

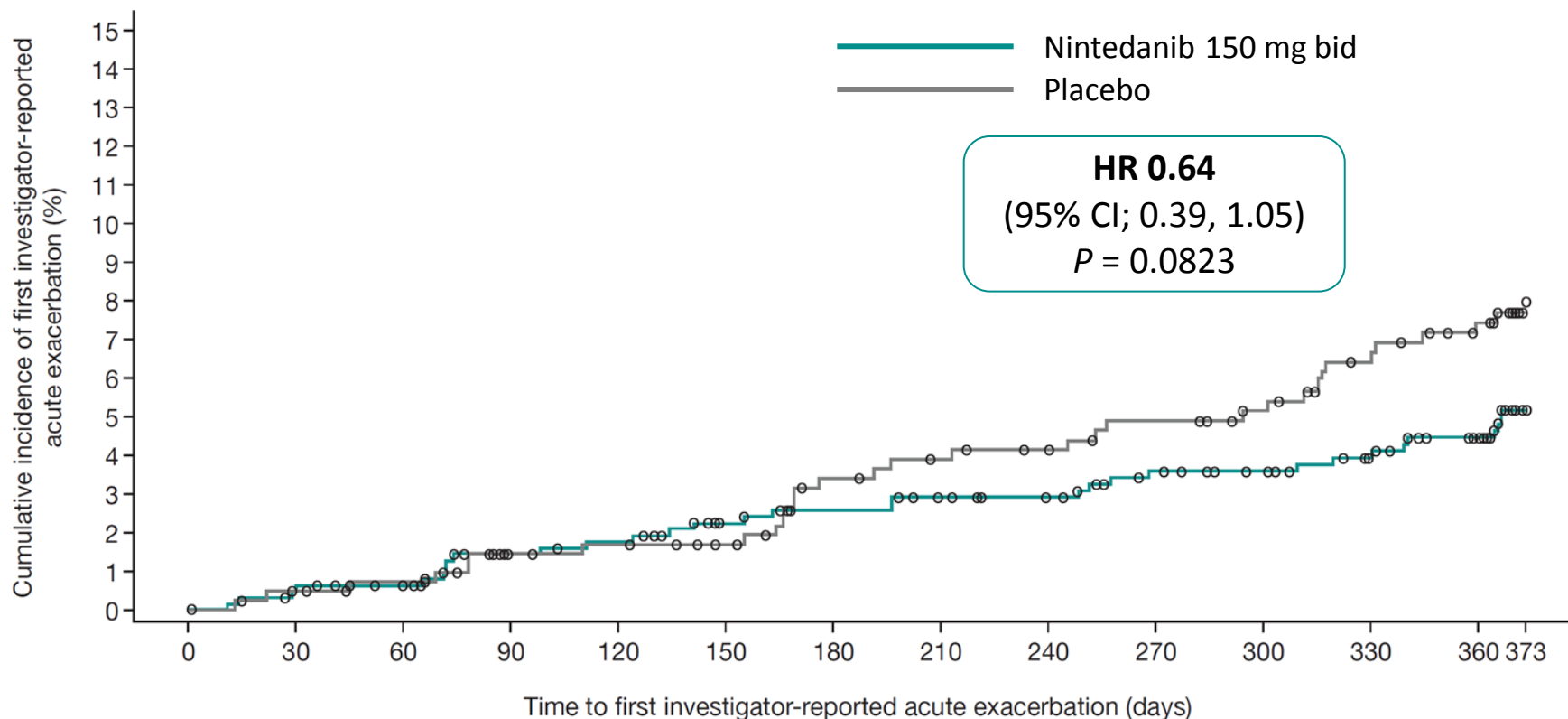


# Annual Rate of Decline in FVC by HRCT Criteria



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# Time to First Acute Exacerbation (Investigator-reported) in Pooled Data

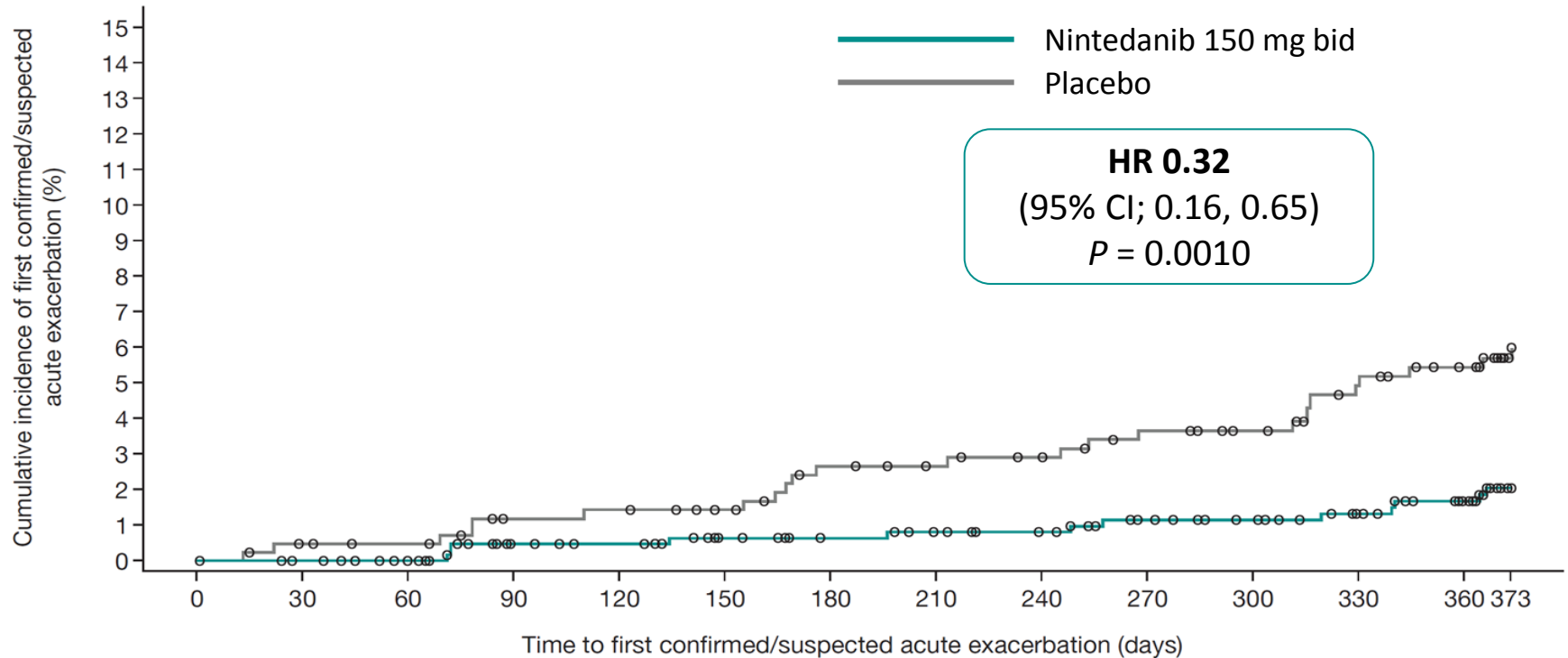


No. of patients

Nintedanib	638	632	627	609	605	595	589	584	580	570	562	553	537	492
Placebo	423	419	415	408	407	403	393	389	386	381	376	367	359	341

	Nintedanib 150 mg bid (n = 638)	Placebo (n = 423)
<b>Patients with ≥ 1 acute exacerbation, n (%)</b>	<b>31 (4.9)</b>	<b>32 (7.6)</b>

# Time to First Confirmed or Suspected Acute Exacerbation Per Adjudication



No. of patients

Nintedanib	638	634	629	613	610	602	597	593	589	580	572	563	548	503
Placebo	423	419	416	409	408	404	396	393	390	384	380	371	363	345

	Nintedanib 150 mg bid (n = 638)	Placebo (n = 423)
Patients with $\geq 1$ acute exacerbation, n (%)	12 (1.9)	24 (5.7)

# Most Frequent Adverse Events\*

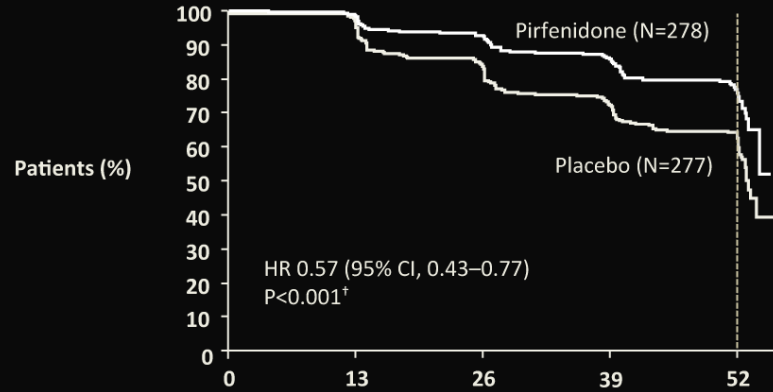
No of Patients (%)	INPULSIS-1		INPULSIS-2	
	Nintedanib 150 mg bid (n = 309)	Placebo (n = 204)	Nintedanib 150 mg bid (n = 329)	Placebo (n = 219)
Diarrhea	190 (61.5)	38 (18.6)	208 (63.2)	40 (18.3)
Nausea	70 (22.7)	12 (5.9)	86 (26.1)	16 (7.3)
Nasopharyngitis	39 (12.6)	34 (16.7)	48 (14.6)	34 (15.5)
Cough	47 (15.2)	26 (12.7)	38 (11.6)	31 (14.2)
Progression of IPF <sup>†</sup>	31 (10.0)	21 (10.3)	33 (10.0)	40 (18.3)
Bronchitis	36 (11.7)	28 (13.7)	31 (9.4)	17 (7.8)
Upper respiratory tract infection	28 (9.1)	18 (8.8)	30 (9.1)	24 (11.0)
Dyspnea	22 (7.1)	23 (11.3)	27 (8.2)	25 (11.4)
Decreased appetite	26 (8.4)	14 (6.9)	42 (12.8)	10 (4.6)
Vomiting	40 (12.9)	4 (2.0)	34 (10.3)	7 (3.2)
Weight decreased	25 (8.1)	13 (6.4)	37 (11.2)	2 (0.9)

Based on adverse events with onset after first dose and up to 28 days after the last dose of trial medication  
 \*Adverse events with an incidence of >10% in any treatment group. <sup>†</sup>Corresponds to the MedDRA term 'IPF', which included disease worsening and IPF exacerbations

# Diarrhea

	INPULSIS-1		INPULSIS-2	
No of Patients (%)	Nintedanib 150 mg bid (n = 309)	Placebo (n = 204)	Nintedanib 150 mg bid (n = 329)	Placebo (n = 219)
Diarrhea serious adverse event(s)	1 (0.3)	0 (0.0)	1 (0.3)	1 (0.5)
Diarrhea adverse event(s) leading to premature treatment discontinuation	14 (4.5)	0 (0.0)	14 (4.3)	1 (0.5)
Intensity of most severe event, for patients with any diarrhea adverse event(s)				
Mild	103 (54.2)	29 (76.3)	123 (59.1)	31 (77.5)
Moderate	75 (39.5)	9 (23.7)	75 (36.1)	7 (17.5)
Severe	11 (5.8)	0 (0.0)	10 (4.8)	2 (5.0)

# Progression-free Survival\*: Pirfenidone reduced the risk of disease progression or death by 43%



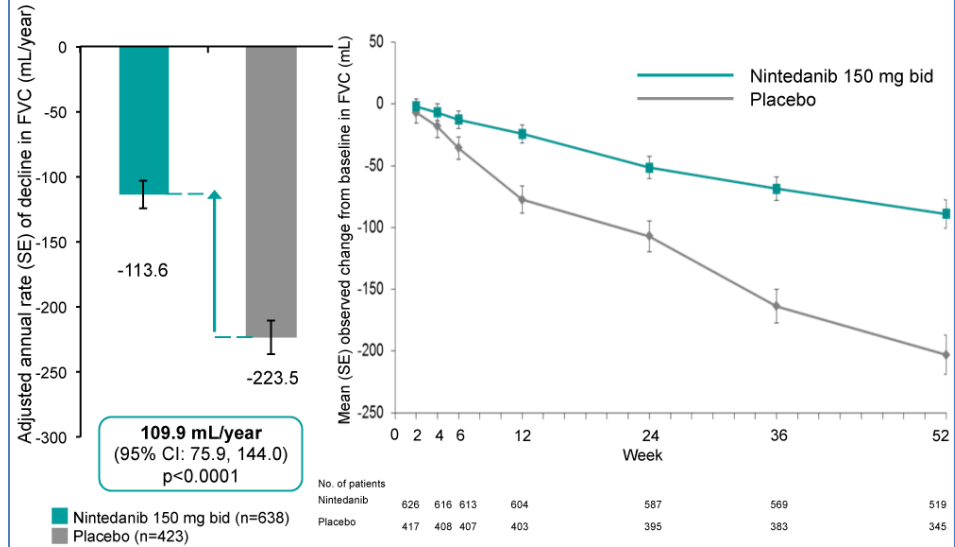
Patients at Risk:

	0	13	26	39	52
Pirfenidone	276	262	243	219	144
Placebo	273	269	225	192	113

\*Time to death or disease progression (confirmed  $\geq 10\%$  decline in FVC or confirmed  $\geq 50$  m decline in 6MWD)  
Log-rank test

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## PRIMARY EFFICACY ENDPOINT IN POOLED DATA



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## An Official ATS/ERS/JRS/ALAT Statement: Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis: Evidence-based Guidelines for Diagnosis and Management

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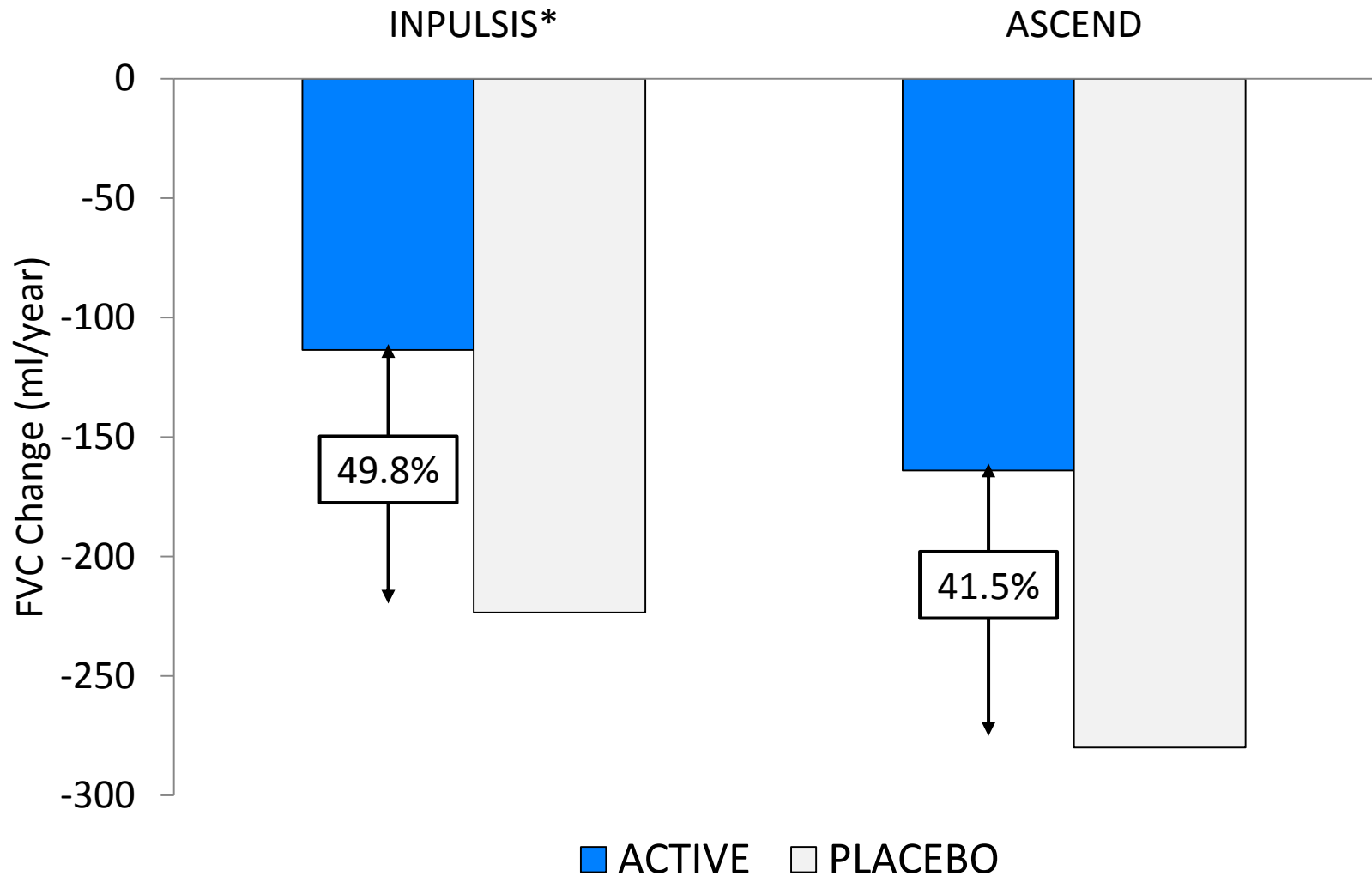
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- News & Events**
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**FDA Voice Blog**

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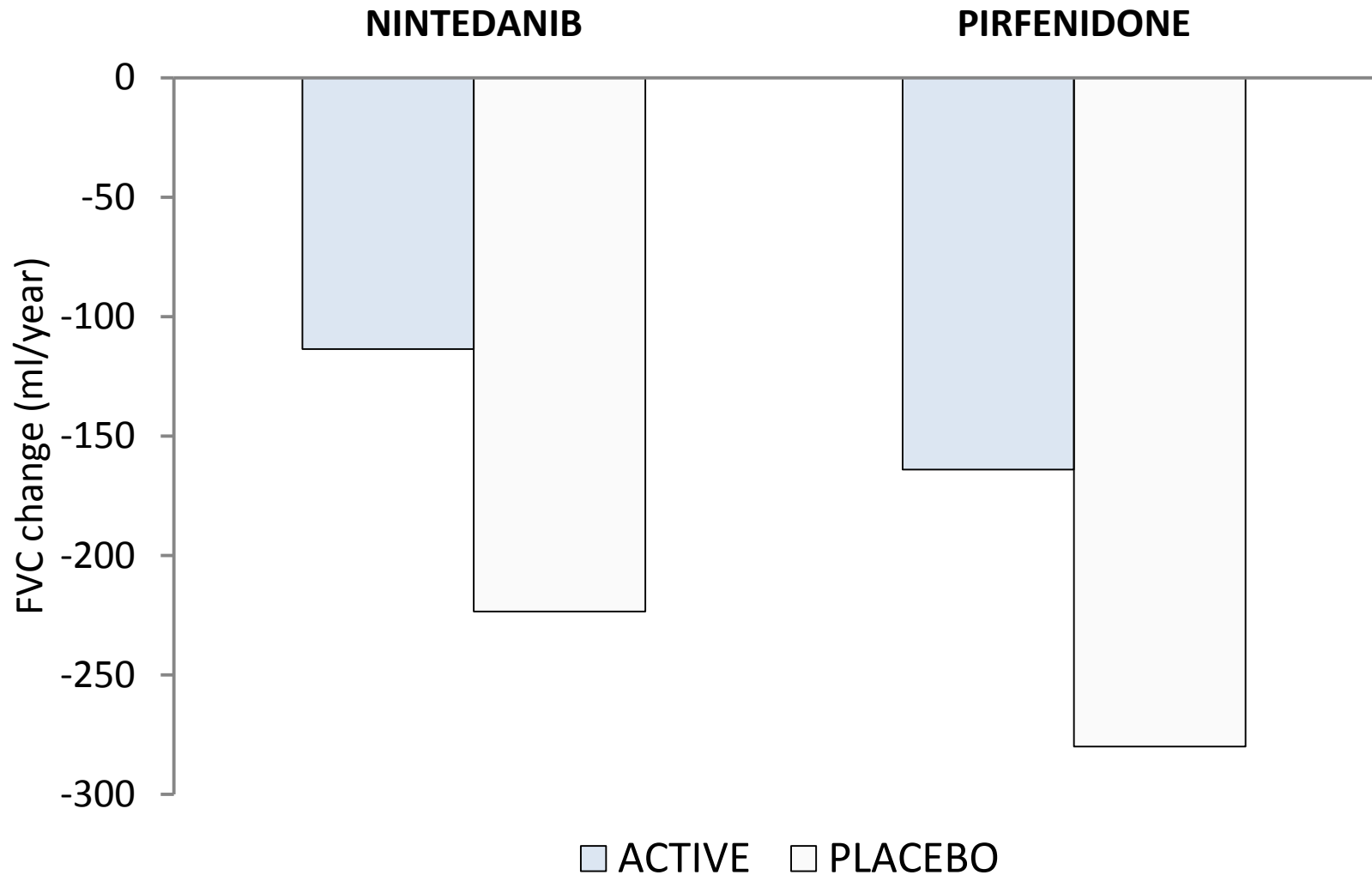
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# Selecting the Right Treatment: Which Patients and When to Start Treatment?

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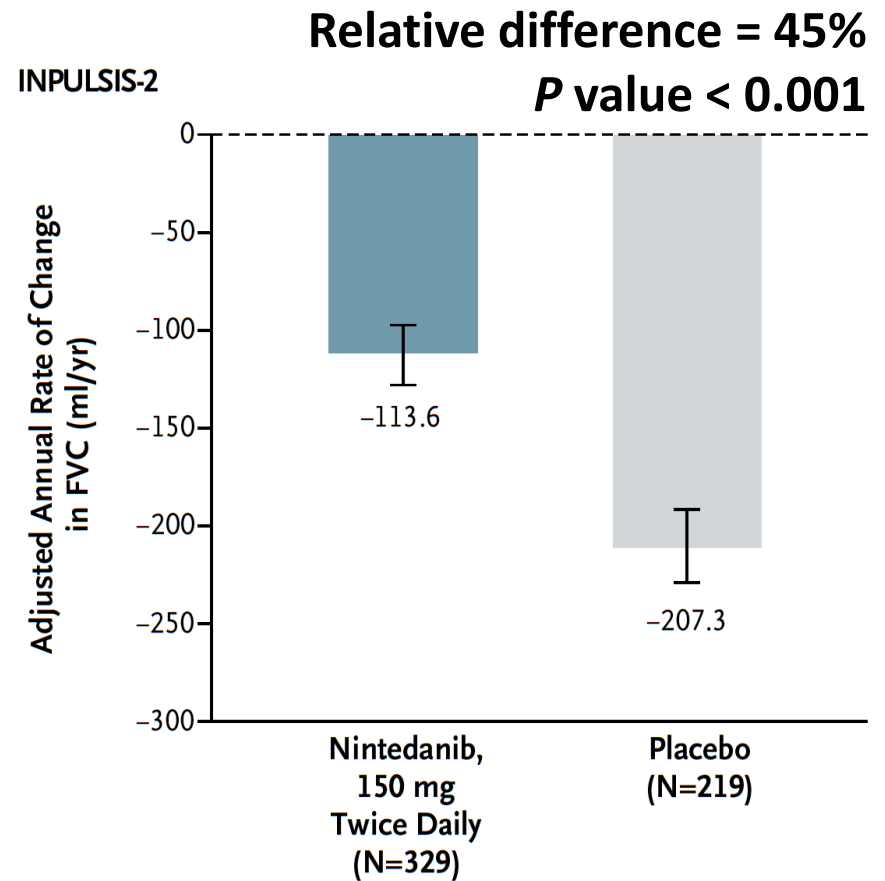
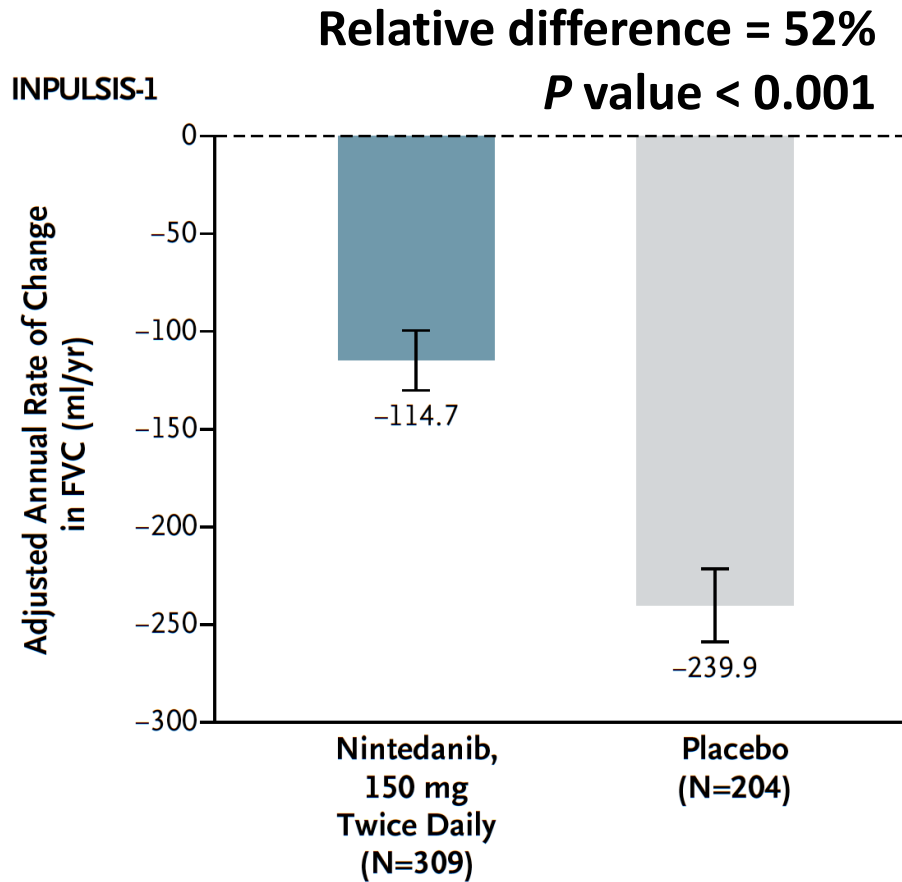
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Dosing		
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Patient cost (US)		
Patient preference		

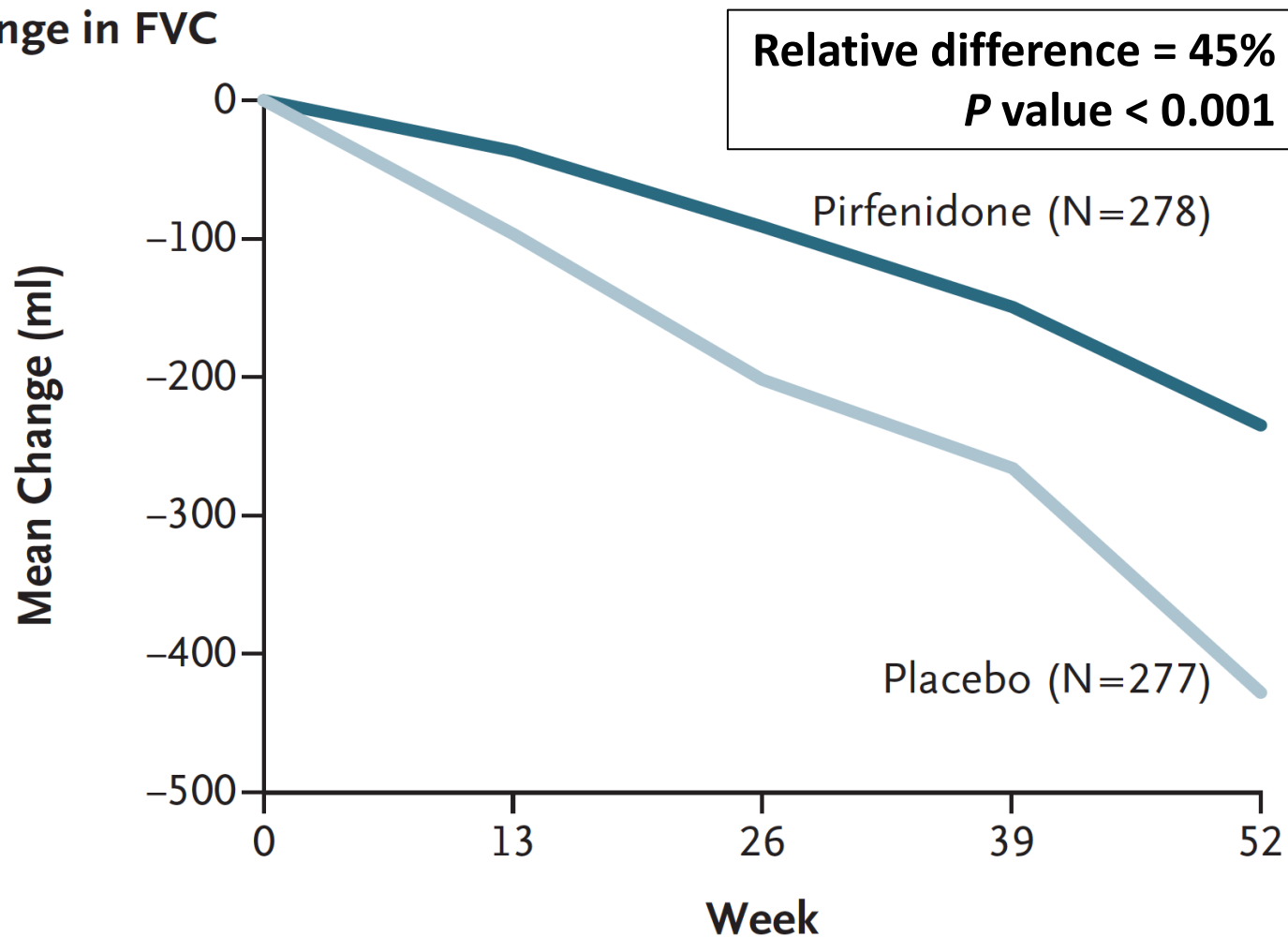
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Change in FVC



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# Safety

## Nintedanib

- Elevated liver enzymes (AST/ALT >3x in 4.9%)
- Myocardial infarction in 1.5% (0.4% in placebo)
- Possible bleeding risk, gastrointestinal perforation
- Embryofetal toxicity
- *Not recommended in patients with moderate or severe hepatic impairment (Child Pugh B/C)*

## Pirfenidone

- Elevated liver enzymes (AST/ALT >3x in 3.7%)
- *Used with caution in patients with mild to moderate hepatic impairment or impaired renal function*
- *Not recommended in severe hepatic impairment (Child Pugh C) or end-stage renal disease*

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# Nintedanib: Tolerability

- In clinical trials, 21% of patients stopped treatment prematurely for adverse events (placebo 15%)

Adverse Event (combined TOMORROW and INPULSIS I/II)	Nintedanib (n = 723)	Placebo (n = 508)
Diarrhea	62%	18%
Nausea	24%	7%
Abdominal pain	15%	6%
Vomiting	12%	3%
Decreased appetite	11%	5%

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# Pirfenidone: Tolerability

- In clinical trials, 15% of patients stopped treatment prematurely for adverse events (placebo 10%)

Adverse event (combined ASCEND and CAPACITY I/II)	Pirfenidone (n = 623)	Placebo (n = 624)
Nausea	36%	16%
Rash	30%	10%
Diarrhea	26%	20%
Fatigue	26%	19%
Headache	22%	19%

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# Patient Type

HRCT

		Lung Biopsy				
		Not performed	UIP	Probable UIP	Possible UIP	Not UIP
UIP		IPF	IPF	IPF	IPF	Not IPF
Possible UIP	Not IPF per guidelines	IPF	IPF	Some are IPF, some are not	Not IPF	Not IPF
Inconsistent with UIP	Unclassifiable	IPF per guidelines some are not	Not IPF	Not IPF	Not IPF	Not IPF

INPULSIS

ASCEND

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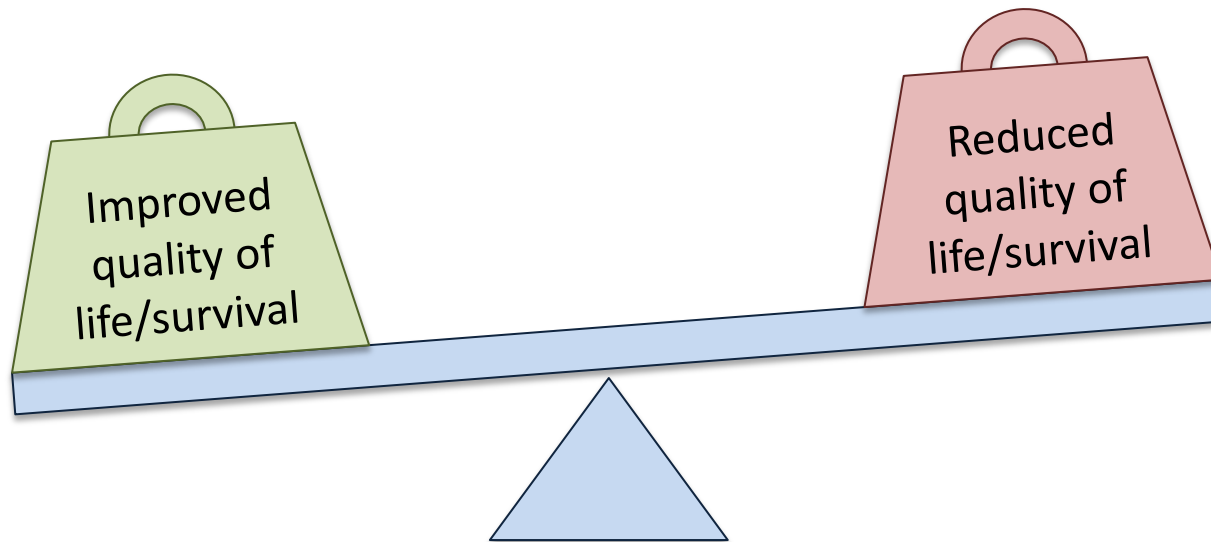
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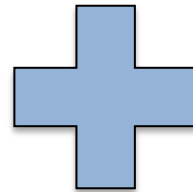
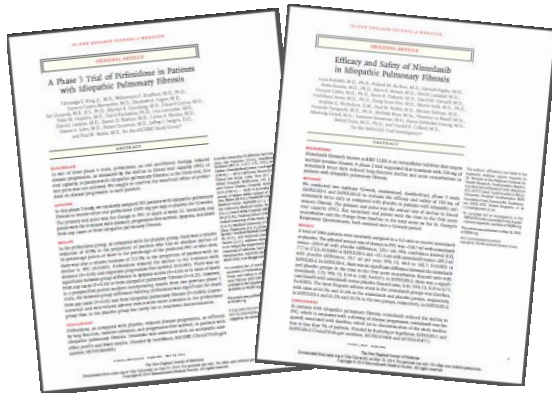
# Who Should You Treat?

- Patients in whom you **believe** treatment will preserve quality and/or quantity of life
- Patients in whom you **believe** the benefits outweigh the risks



# Who Should You Treat?

- Real-world treatment decisions require integration of data and clinical experience

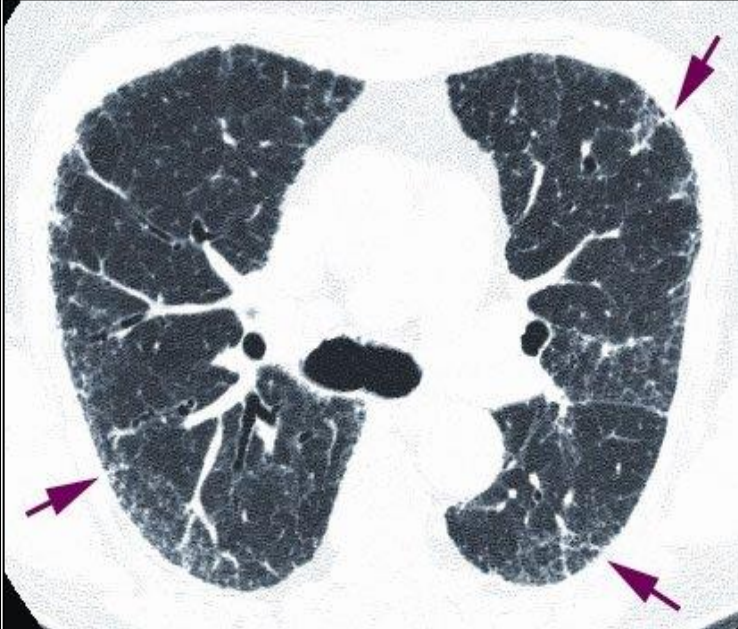
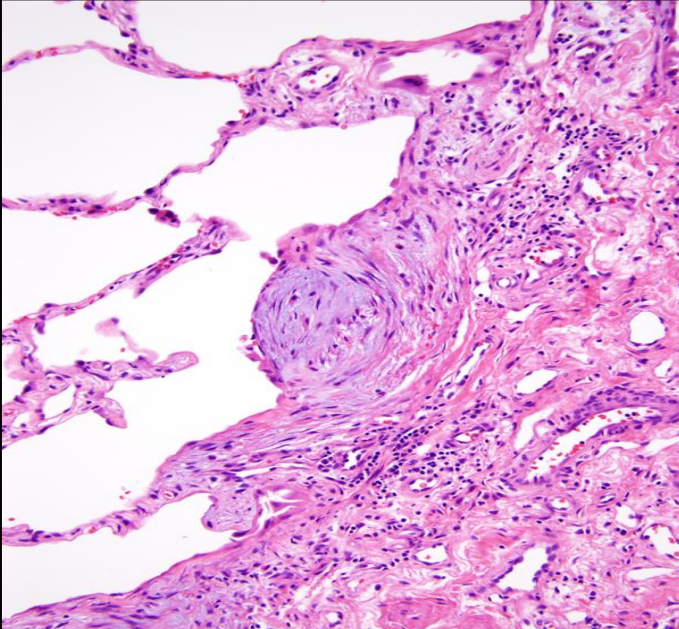


**Clinical Trial Data**  
(quality high, scope limited)

**Clinical Experience**  
(quality Italian, scope broad)

# Case #1

- 65 year old man with newly diagnosed IPF
  - Past Medical/Social Hx: N/A

Pulmonary function test value	% pred		
Forced vital capacity (FVC)	65		
Diffusion capacity (DLCO)	50		

Moderate restriction and gas exchange, “possible UIP pattern” HRCT; “UIP pattern” SLBx

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# Case #1 Vote

## Would you treat this patient?

A. Yes

B. No

# Case #1

If so, which agent would you choose?

- A. Nintedanib
- B. Pirfenidone
- C. Either
- D. Not sure



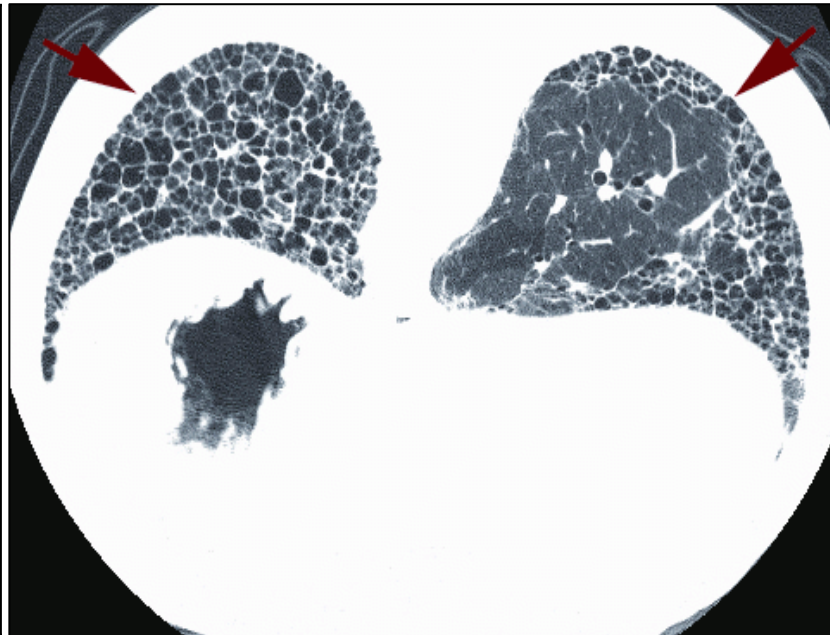
# Case #1 My Thoughts

- I would treat this patient
- I would prescribe either nintedanib or pirfenidone (assuming there was no cost difference or patient preference)
  
- *This patient would have been included in either registration trial (INPULSIS or ASCEND) and has no safety, side effect, or dosing concerns.*

## Case #2

- 85 year old man with established, severe IPF
  - Past Medical/Social Hx: severe coronary disease

Pulmonary function test value	% pred
Forced vital capacity (FVC)	45
Diffusion capacity (DLCO)	25



No biopsy

Severe restriction and gas exchange, “UIP pattern” HRCT

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## Case #2

Would you treat this patient?

A. Yes

B. No

## Case #2

If so, which agent would you choose?

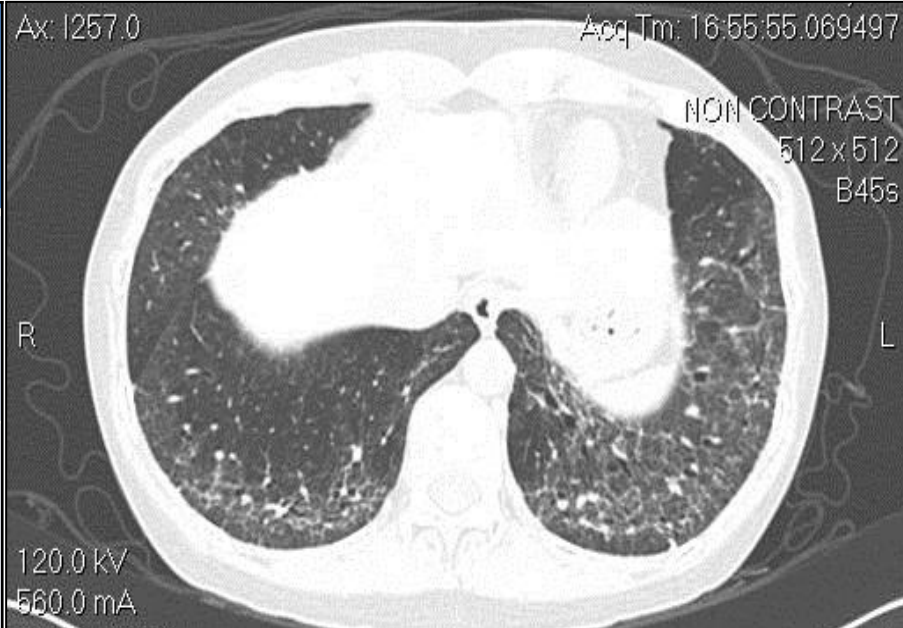
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- B. Pirfenidone
- C. Either
- D. Not sure

## Case #2 My Thoughts

- I would not treat this patient
- If treated, I would prescribe pirfenidone given potential cardiac risk with nintedanib
  
- *This patient would not have been included in either INPULSIS or ASCEND and it is unclear to me how benefit and risk relate. I think it is unlikely that there will be much benefit and I worry that tolerability will be poor (but I don't know this).*

# Case #3

- 60 year old woman with unclassifiable disease
  - Past Medical/Social Hx: family history, avid golfer

Pulmonary function test value	% pred		No biopsy
Forced vital capacity (FVC)	78		
Diffusion capacity (DLCO)	65		

Mild restriction and gas exchange, “possible UIP pattern” HRCT

## Case #3

Would you treat this patient?

A. Yes

B. No

## Case #3

If so, which agent would you choose?

- A. Nintedanib
- B. Pirfenidone
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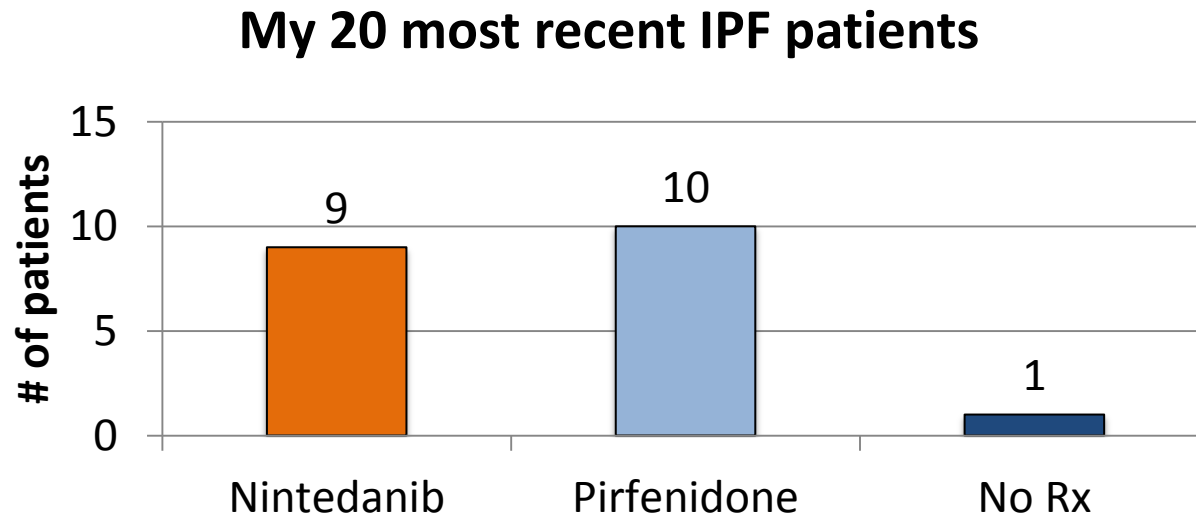


## Case #3 My Thoughts

- I would treat this patient
- I would prescribe nintedanib given the sun exposure and concern for photosensitivity rash (and less critically the “possible UIP” CT)
  
- *Family history strongly suggests IPF to me. This patient would likely have been included in INPULSIS but not ASCEND. Subgroup analysis suggests that the “possible UIP” population benefitted equally from treatment in the INPULSIS dataset.*

# Who Do I Treat?

- All patients with IPF except those with severe disease (e.g. transplant candidates)
- Most patients in whom I suspect the diagnosis is IPF but do who not meet ATS criteria



# Switching Drugs: When, and is There a Time for Change in Therapy?

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# Case: Clinical Features

- 69-year-old male
- 12 months DOE
- Intermittent, nonproductive cough
- No systemic complaints (fever, chills, sweats, weight loss, skin, arthralgias, myalgias, upper airway, cardiac or gastrointestinal complaints)

# Case: Clinical Features

- PMH
  - CAD – RCA stent 2008
    - LBBB
  - GERD
- Medications
  - Metoprolol, ASA, pravastatin, fluticasone, PPI
- No known allergies

# Case: Clinical Features

- Social history
  - Former smoker
    - Quit 35 years ago
    - 16 pack years
- Family history
  - No ILD or autoimmunity

# Case: Clinical Features

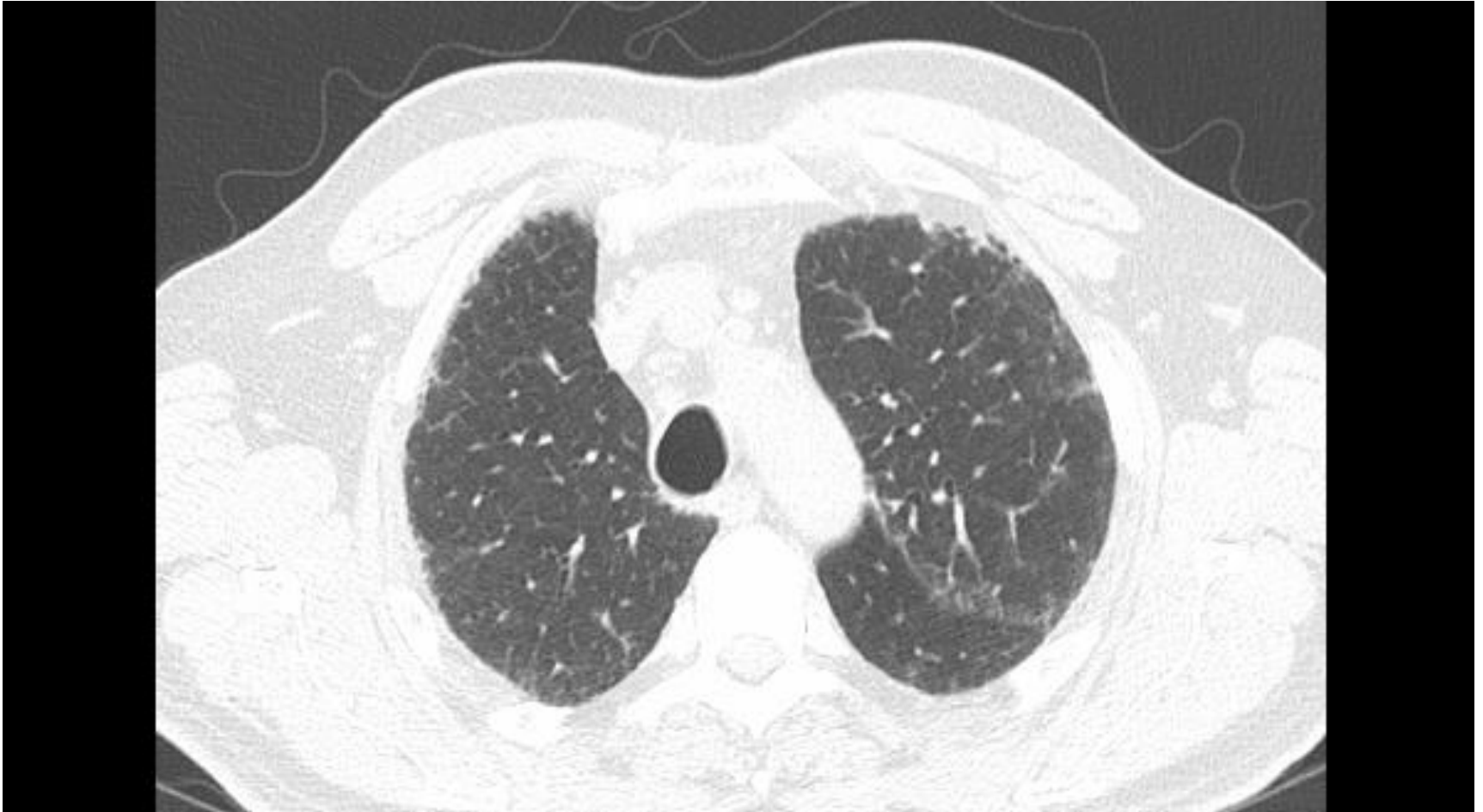
- Occupational/avocational/environmental history
  - Retired warehouse manager
  - No asbestos
  - No farming or mining
  - No mold or water damage exposure
  - No pets or birds

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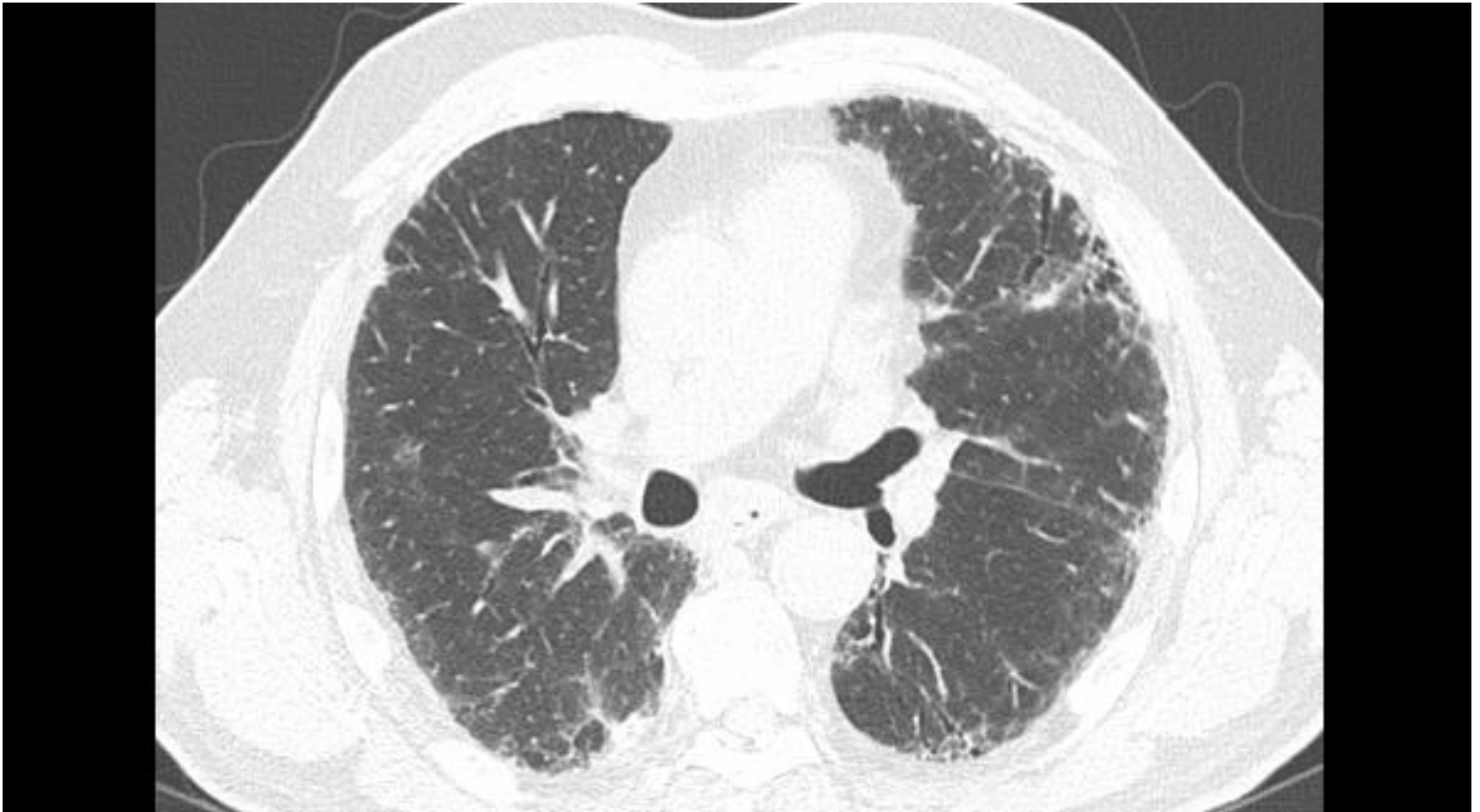
- Physical examination
  - Normal skin
  - Normal joints
  - No upper airway abnormalities
  - + mid-to-end inspiratory crackles, no wheeze
  - Normal cardiac exam
  - No adenopathy
  - + mild clubbing



# Case: Chest Imaging



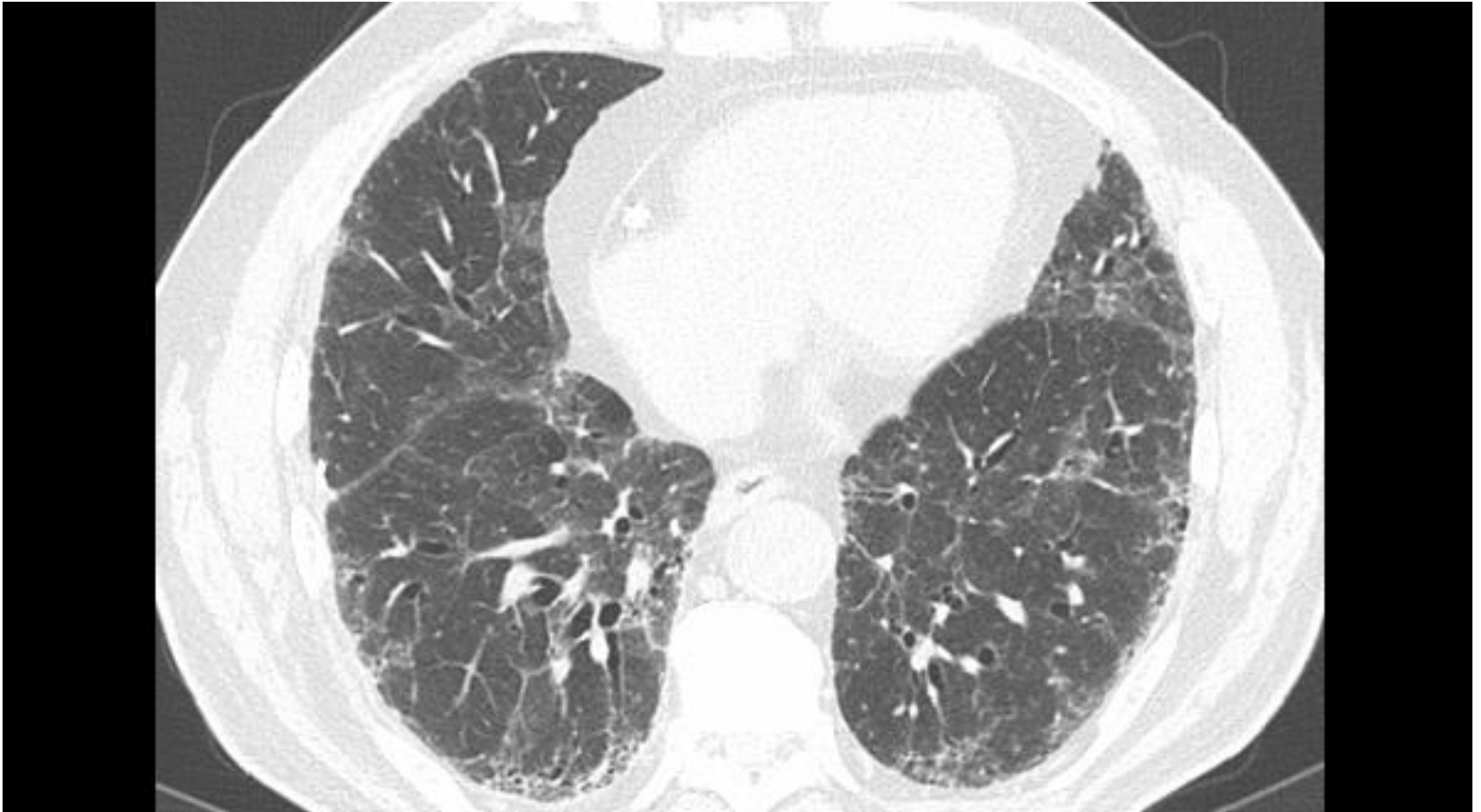
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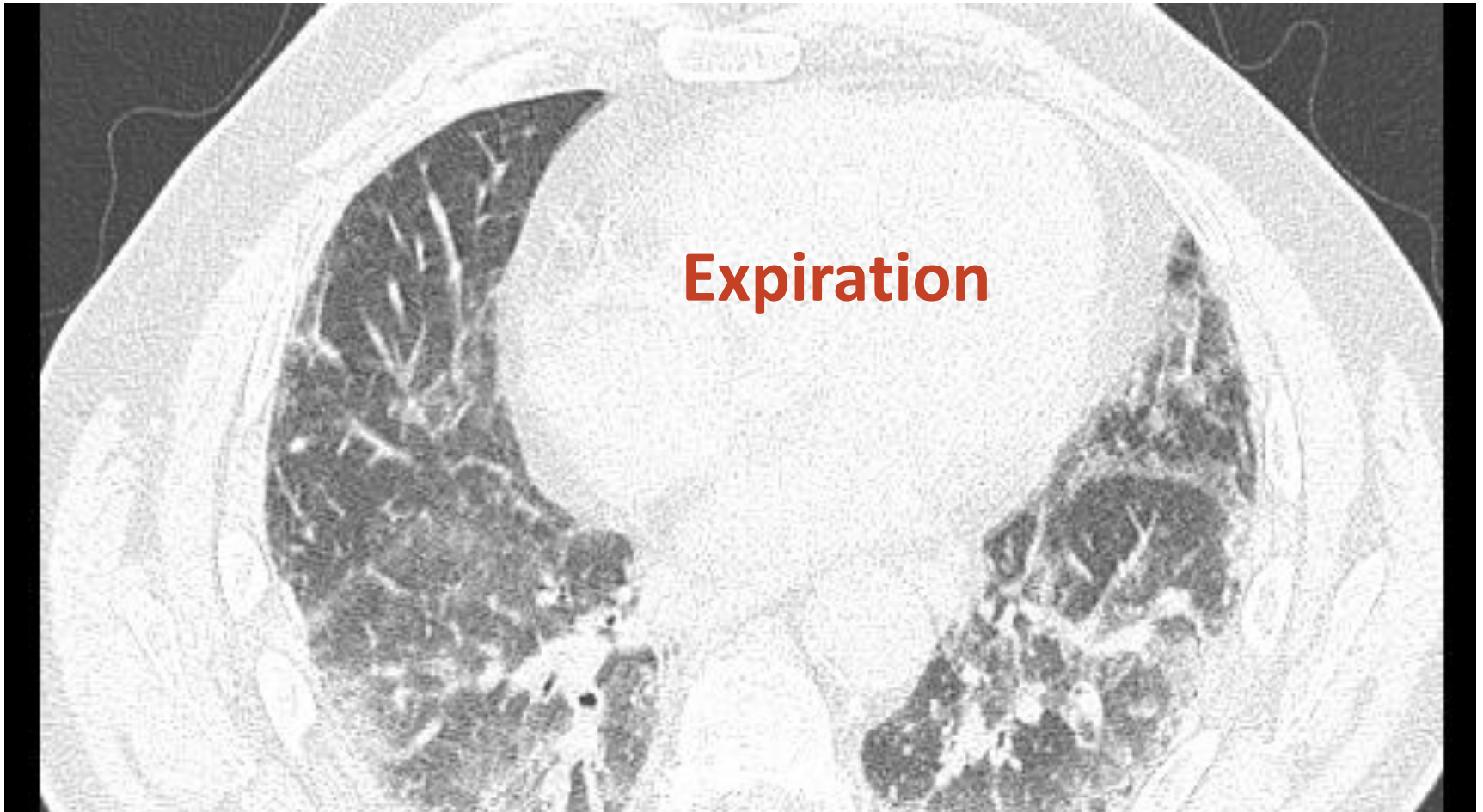




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# Case: Physiologic Features

- Labs
  - ANA 1:160 homogeneous
- Pulmonary physiology
  - FVC = 2.1L (60%), FEV1/FVC = 90, DLCO = 15.8 (53%)
- Submaximal exercise and gas exchange
  - 6MWD = 480 m, nadir SpO2 = 88% on RA in Denver

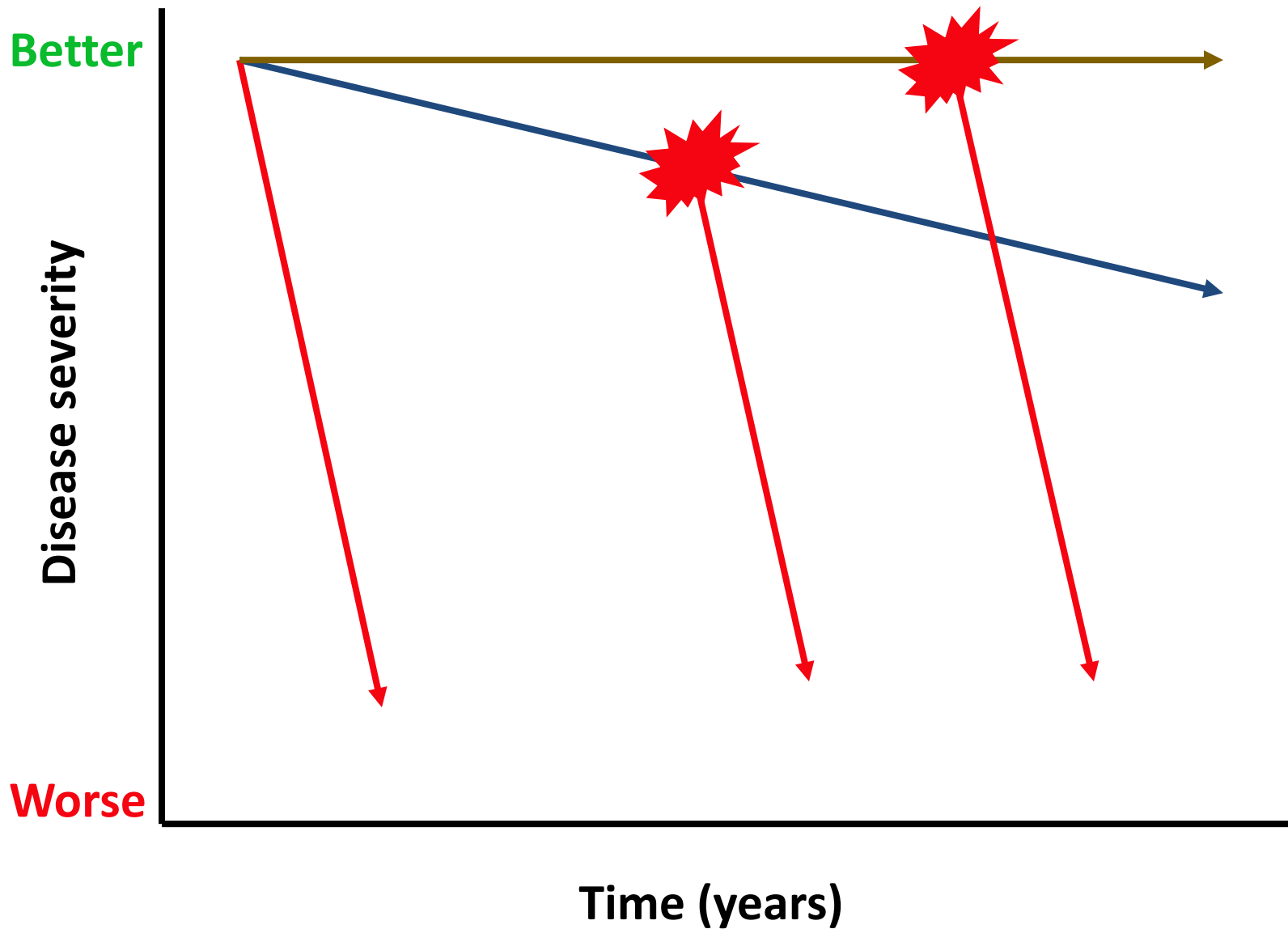
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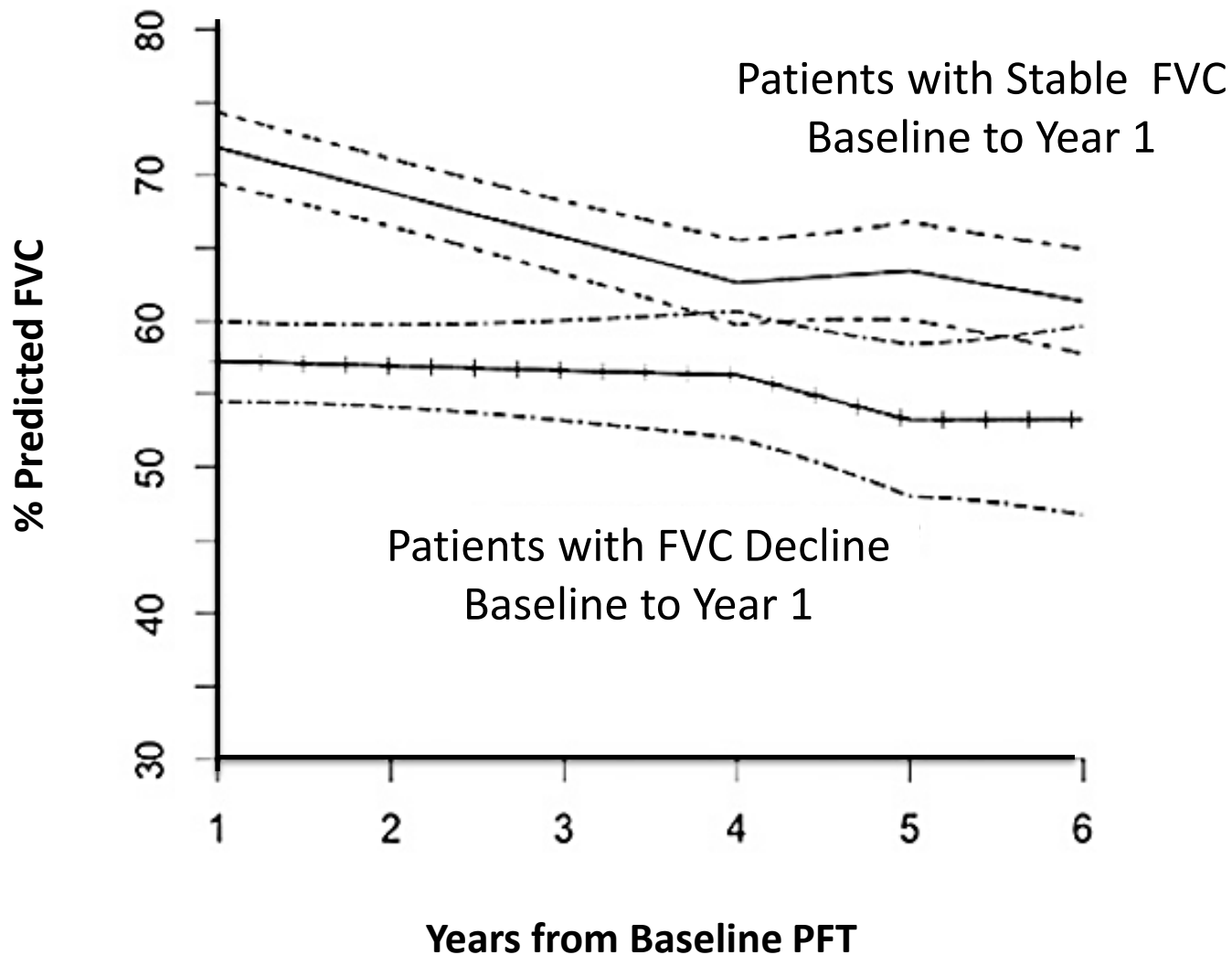


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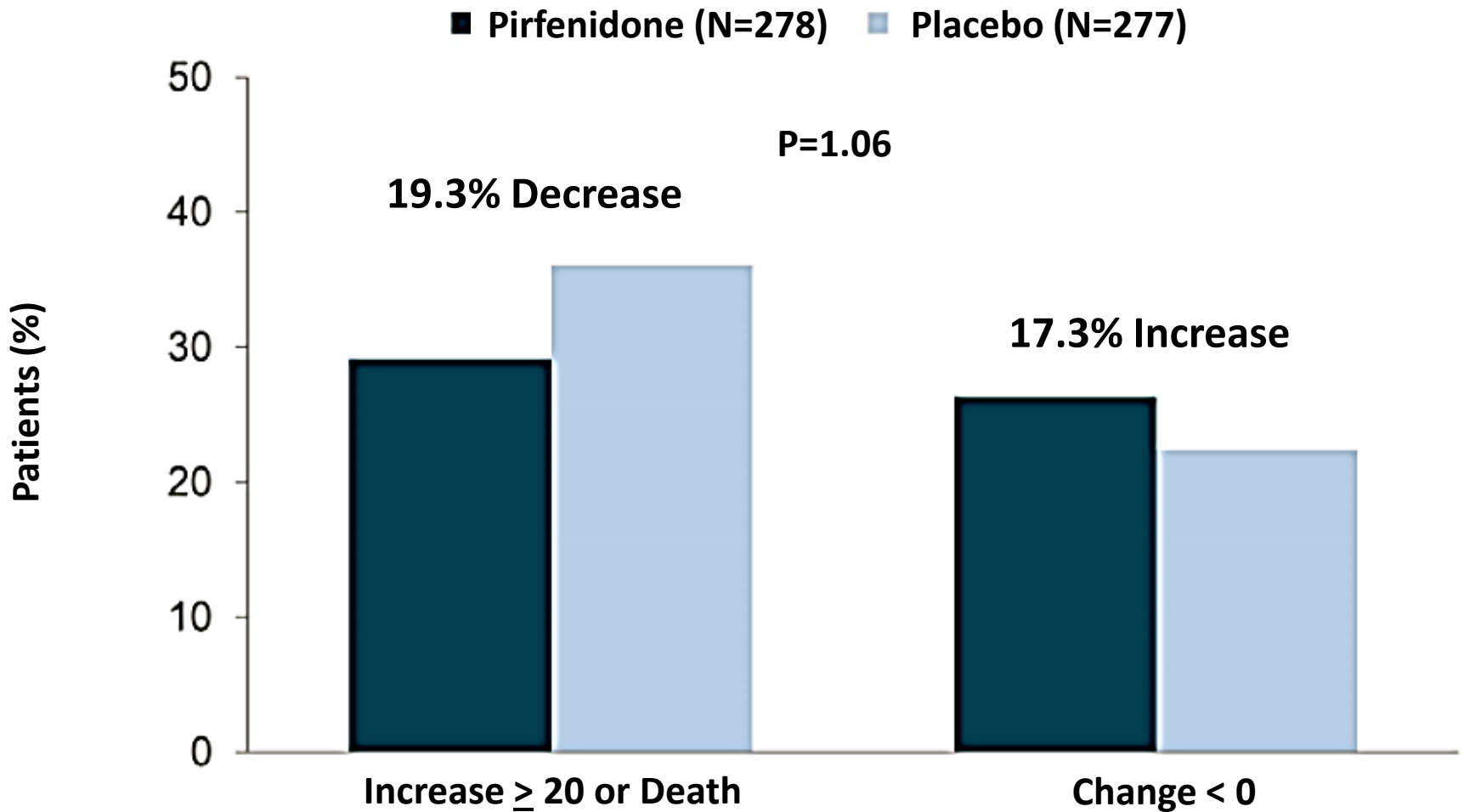
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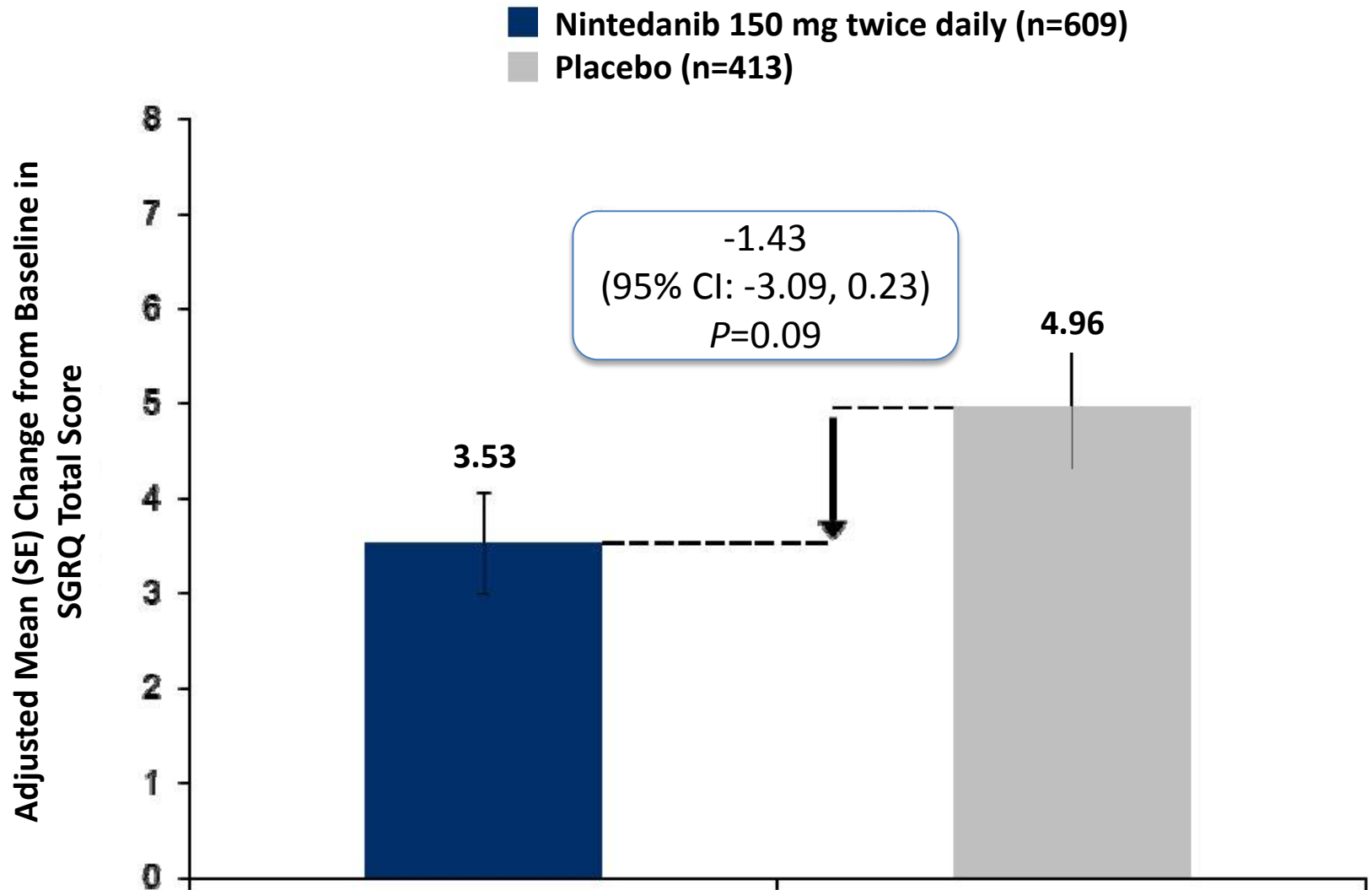
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- Symptoms
- Physiology
- Submaximal exercise capacity
- Chest imaging
- Hospitalization

# Categorical Change Baseline to Week 52 in UCSD SOBQ Score

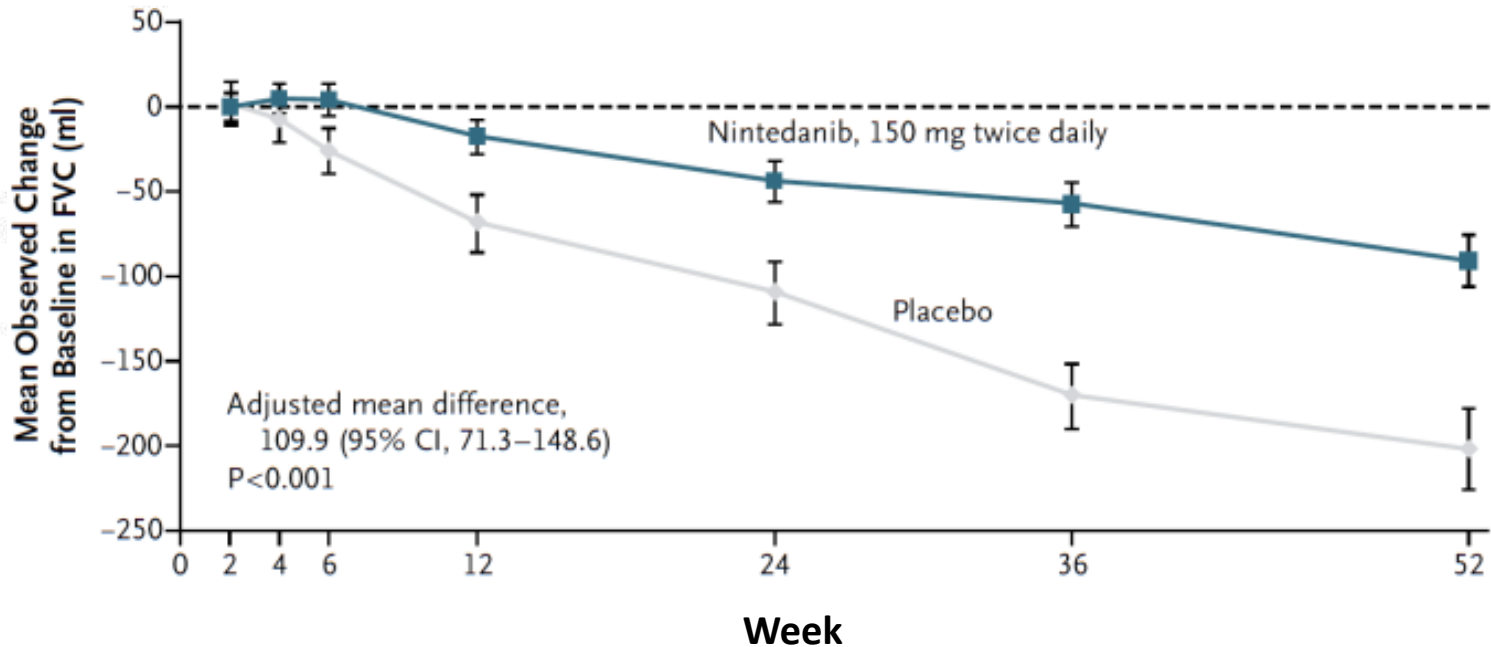


# Change from Baseline in SGRQ Over 52 Weeks (Pooled)



# IMPULSIS I

## Primary End Point: Annual Rate of Decline in FVC



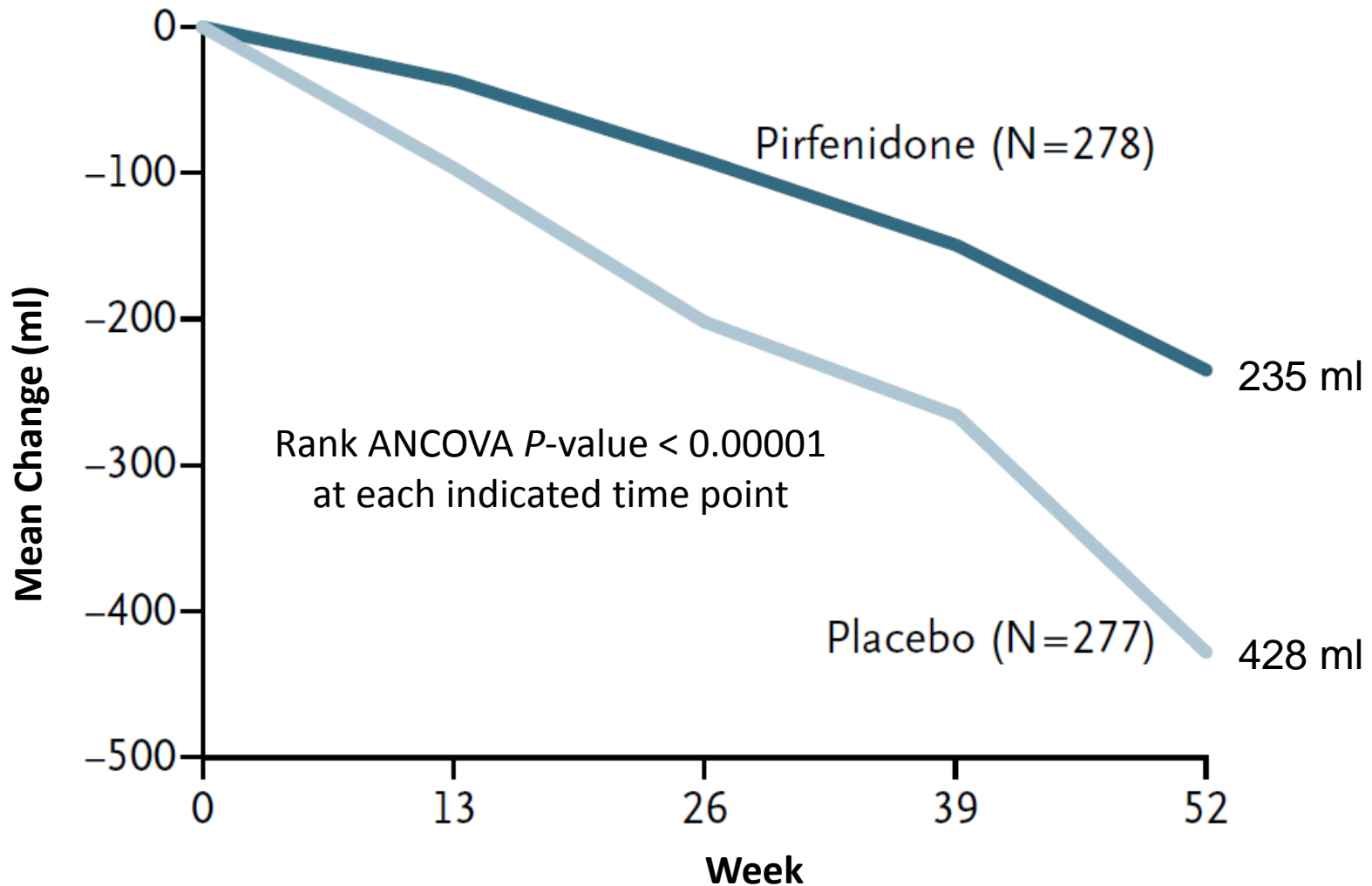
### No. of Patients

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Placebo	202	198	200	194	192	187	165

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# FVC Over 52 Weeks



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# Defining Benefit and Failure

	Baseline	Month 3	Month 12	Month 18
<b>FVC (ml)</b>	2.1			
<b>Change</b>				
<b>DLCO</b>	15.8			
<b>6MWD</b>	480			
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<b>DLCO</b>	15.8	15.0	13.8	10
<b>6MWD</b>	480	505	480	450
<b>Nadir SpO2</b>	88%	83%	83%	80%

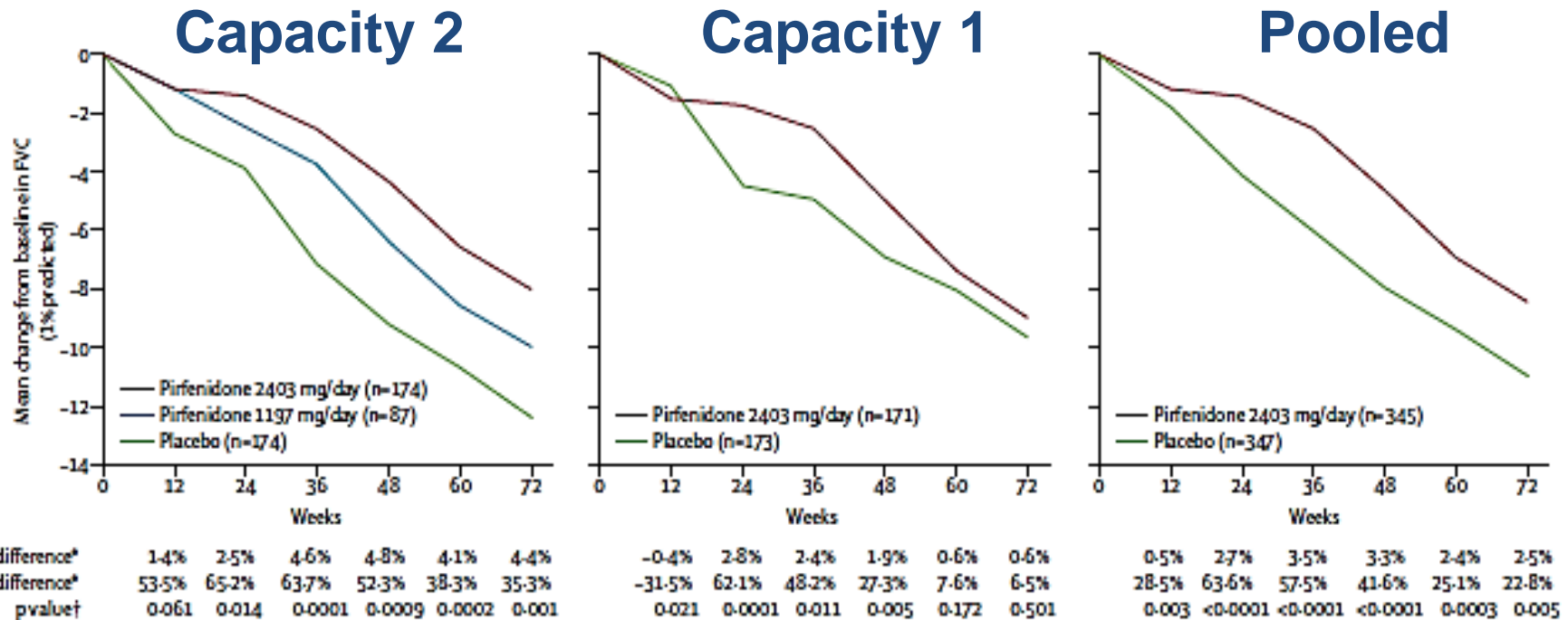
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# CAPACITY Trials: Primary Endpoint Results





# Trial Design Comparison: ASCEND vs. CAPACITY

	CAPACITY Trials	ASCEND Trial
<b>Trial/treatment duration</b>	72–120 weeks*	52 weeks
<b>Primary endpoint assessment</b>	72 weeks	52 weeks
<b>Time-to-event analyses duration</b>	120 weeks	52 weeks
<b>Eligibility criteria</b>	Mild to moderate physiologic impairment	Mild to moderate physiologic impairment <sup>†</sup>
<b>IPF diagnosis (HRCT and SLB)</b>	Site	Centralized
<b>Relatedness of death to IPF</b>	Site	Centralized
<b>Spirometry</b>	Site	Centralized
<b>Total patients enrolled<sup>‡</sup></b>	692	555

# Long-term Efficacy of Pirfenidone

	Year -1	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
FVC (ml)	-163 ± 230	-30 ± 224	-158 ± 258	-201 ± 367
N	38	68	47	16

Bando M et al. ATS International Conference; May 2014, San Diego, Ca. A1431.

# Treatment Questions

- Q *What do you expect to happen without treatment?*
- Q *What do you expect to happen with treatment?*
  - *How are you defining benefit?*
  - *How are you defining failure?*
- Q *How long should you wait for an effect?*
- Q *If benefit occurs, how long should you expect it to last?*
- Q ***When treatment failure occurs, what will you do?***

# Managing Side Effects and Dosing: Need for Individualized Strategies?

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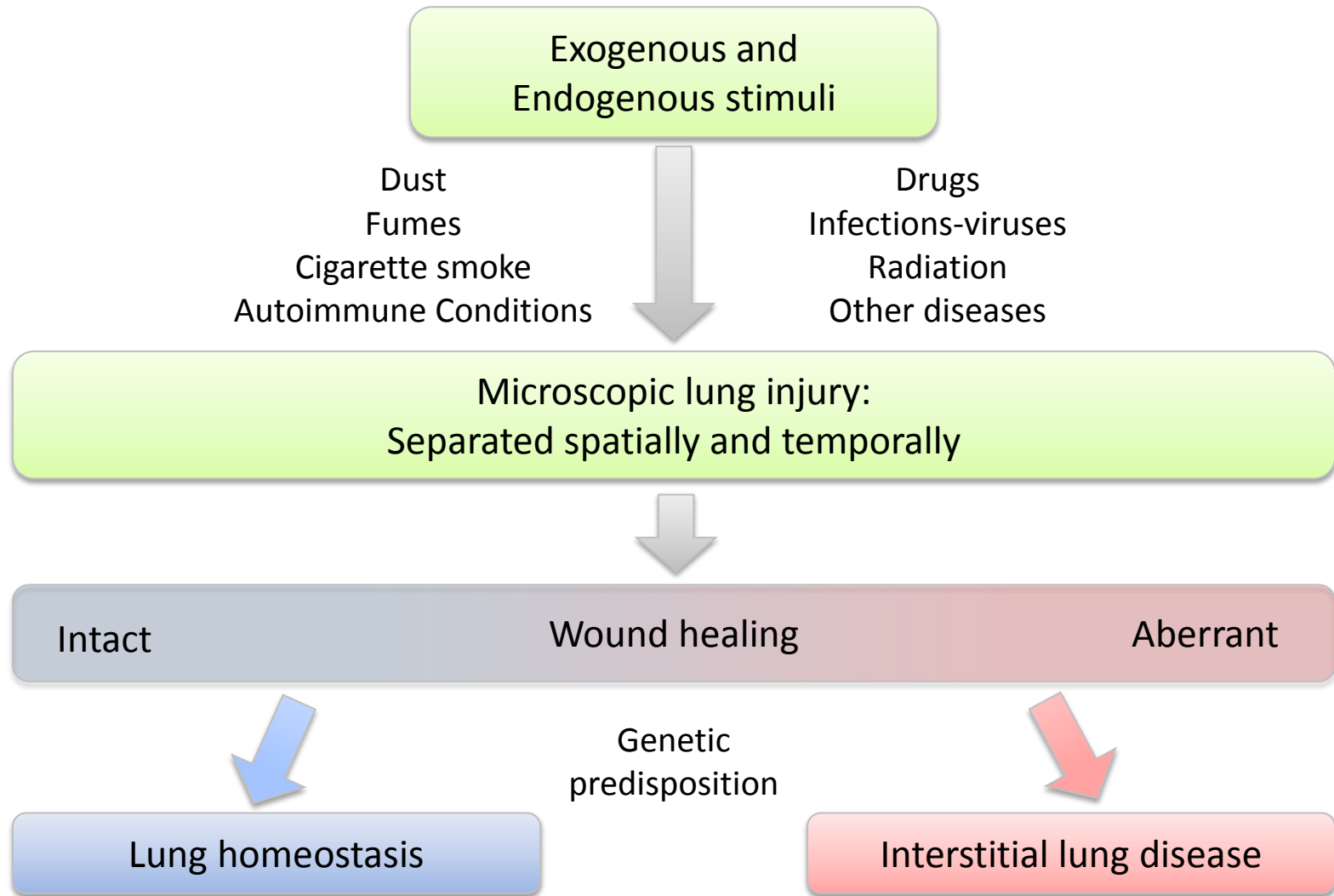


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# Two Cases and Two Choices

- Bill treated with nintedanib
- Betsy treated with pirfenidone

# ILD Disease Pathway



Steele MP, Schwartz DA. *Annu Rev Med.* 2013;64:265-276.

# Common Complications and Comorbidities of IPF

**Remember these even when patients are on treatment:**

- Acute exacerbation
- Pulmonary hypertension
- GERD
- Emphysema
- OSA
- Cardiac disease

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**Bill**

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# Patient 1: Bill

- 66-year-old dentist
- Diagnosed with IPF 6 months ago
- Nintedanib was initiated 4 months ago
- Patient complains of GI upset and frequent diarrhea

# PFTs

Test	Result
FVC	2.00 liters (62% pred) (68% at diagnosis 6 months ago)
FEV <sub>1</sub>	1.88 liters (72% pred)
FEV <sub>1</sub> /FVC	94%
TLC	2.59 liters (67% pred)
DL <sub>CO</sub>	51% pred

- 6MWT: 94% at nadir on room air
- Distance walked: 359 m

# LFT History

- Normal ALT, AST, and bilirubin prior to initiation of nintedanib 4 months ago
- He was tested monthly for the first 3 months and was noted to have slightly increased AST ( $> 3x$  ULN but  $< 5x$  ULN) on month 3 labs

# What is the Best Course for Bill?

- A. Switch to pirfenidone
- B. Switch to NAC
- C. Hold nintedanib
- D. Reduce nintedanib dose
- E. Switch to high dose prednisone
- F. Manage diarrhea with loperamide

# Liver Enzyme and Bilirubin Elevations Observed in INPULSIS™ Trials

	Placebo (n=423), % (n)	Nintedanib 150 mg (n=638), % (n)
<b>Maximum ALT</b>		
≥ 3 ULN	0.7 (3)	4.4 (28)
≥ 5 ULN	0.0 (0)	1.6 (10)
≥ 8 ULN	0.0 (0)	0.6 (4)
<b>Maximum AST</b>		
≥ 3 ULN	0.2 (1)	3.3 (21)
≥ 5 ULN	0.2 (1)	1.3 (8)
≥ 8 ULN	0.2 (1)	0.6 (4)
<b>Maximum ALT and/or AST</b>		
≥ 3 ULN	0.7 (3)	5.0 (32)
≥ 5 ULN	0.2 (1)	2.2 (14)
≥ 8 ULN	0.2 (1)	0.8 (5)
<b>Maximum ALT and/or AST</b>		
≥ 2 ULN	0.5 (2)	0.5 (3)
ALT and/or AST ≥ 3 ULN, bilirubin ≥ 2 ULN	0.2 (1)	0.0 (1)

# Important Safety Information

## Warnings and Precautions

### Elevated Liver Enzymes

- The safety and efficacy of OFEV<sup>®</sup> (nintedanib) has not been studied in patients with moderate (Child Pugh B) or severe (Child Pugh C) hepatic impairment. Treatment with nintedanib is not recommended in patients with moderate or severe hepatic impairment.
- In clinical trials, administration of nintedanib was associated with elevations of liver enzymes (ALT, AST, ALKP, GGT) and bilirubin. **Liver enzyme increases were reversible** with dose modification or interruption and not associated with clinical signs or symptoms of liver injury.
- **Conduct liver function tests (ALT, AST, and bilirubin) prior to treatment with nintedanib, monthly for 3 months, and every 3 months thereafter, and as clinically indicated. Dosage modifications, interruption, or discontinuation may be necessary for liver enzyme elevations.**

<http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/drugsatfda/index.cfm?fuseaction=Search>.

DrugDetails/. Accessed October 2014.



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# Dose Modification with Nintedanib

Event	Dose Modification Recommendations
Management of adverse reactions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In addition to symptomatic treatment:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Consider dose reduction or treatment interruption</li> <li>– Continue therapy when adverse reaction resolves to acceptable levels; nintedanib treatment may be resumed at the full dosage (150 mg bid), or at the reduced dosage (100 mg bid), which subsequently may be increased to the full dosage</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Patient does not tolerate nintedanib 100 mg bid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discontinue treatment with nintedanib</li> </ul>
AST or ALT > 3x to < 5x ULN without signs of severe liver damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dose modifications or interruptions may be necessary for liver enzyme elevations</li> <li>• Interrupt treatment or reduce nintedanib to 100 mg bid</li> <li>• Once liver enzymes have returned to baseline values, treatment may be reintroduced at a reduced dose (100 mg bid), which may subsequently be increased to the full dosage (150 mg bid)</li> </ul>
AST or ALT > 5x ULN or > 3x ULN with signs or symptoms of severe liver damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discontinue nintedanib</li> </ul>

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DrugDetails/. Accessed October 2014.

# Diarrhea and Nintedanib

- Most events were mild to moderate in severity
- Diarrhea is worse in the first 3 months
- Must manage the diarrhea
- Loperamide is included in the specialty pharmacy delivery of nintedanib



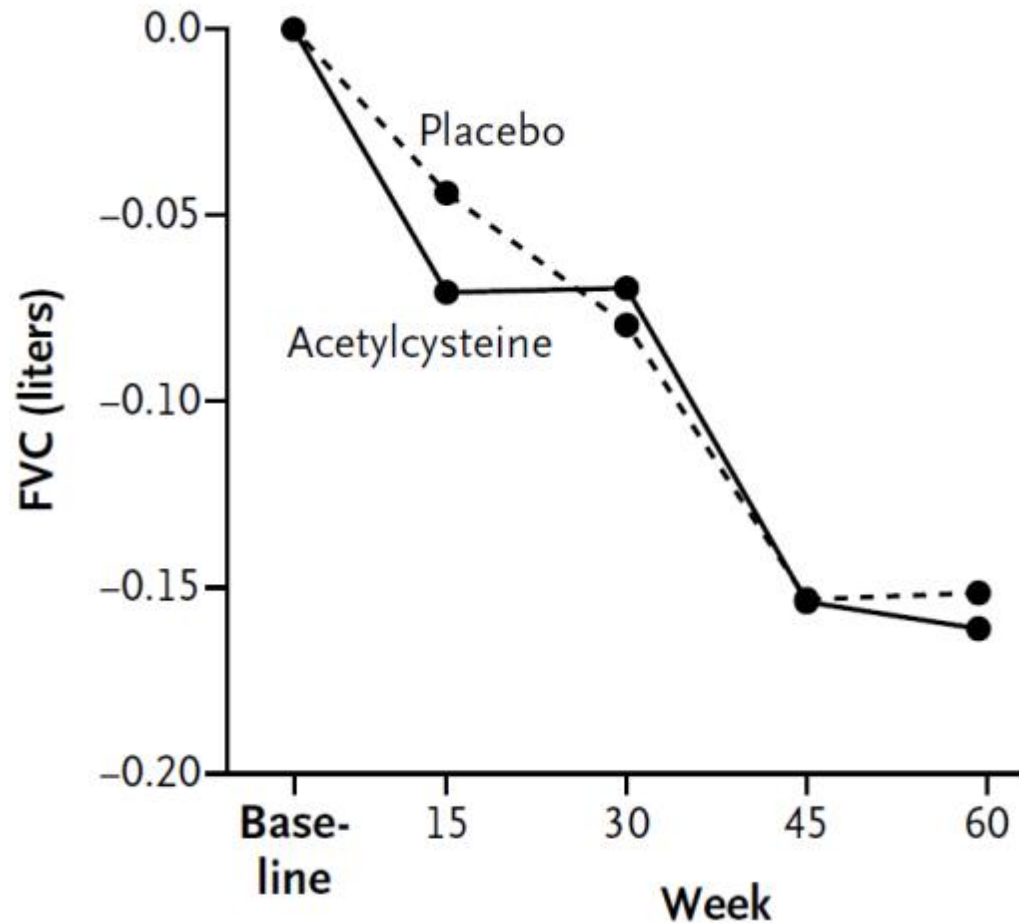
# Management of Bill's Abnormal AST

- His dose was stopped for 1 week
- He was prescribed loperamide to manage diarrhea
- LFTs were repeated with normalization of AST
- Diarrhea improved
- Nintedanib was restarted at 150 mg bid

# Other Treatment Options for Bill?

- A. Prednisone
- B. Prednisone and NAC
- C. NAC alone
- D. Colchicine
- E. Add pirfenidone to nintedanib
- F. None of the above

# PANTHER: NAC Does Not Reduce FVC Decline



Conclusion: NAC offered no significant benefit with respect to the preservation of FVC in patients with IPF with mild-to-moderate impairment in lung function

Martinez FJ, et al. *N Engl J Med.* 2014;370(22):2093-2101.

# Nintedanib Adverse Reactions

Adverse Reaction (> 15%)	Nintedanib 300 mg/day (n = 723)	Placebo (n = 508)
<b>Gastrointestinal disorders</b>		
Diarrhea	62%	18%
Nausea	24%	7%
Abdominal pain	15%	6%

- Other reactions noted less frequently: vomiting, liver enzyme elevation, decreased appetite, headache, weight decreased, hypertension, hypothyroidism

<http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/drugsatfda/index.cfm?fuseaction=SearchDrugDetails/>. Accessed October 2014.

# Nintedanib Warnings and Precautions

- Elevated liver enzymes: ALT, AST, and bilirubin elevations have occurred with nintedanib. Monitor ALT, AST, and bilirubin before and during treatment. Temporary dosage reductions or discontinuations may be required.
- **GI disorders: Diarrhea, nausea, and vomiting have occurred with nintedanib. Treat patients at first signs with adequate hydration and antidiarrheal medicine (e.g., loperamide) or anti-emetics. Discontinue nintedanib if severe diarrhea, nausea, or vomiting persists despite symptomatic treatment.**
- Embryofetal toxicity: Women of childbearing potential should be advised of the potential hazard to the fetus and to avoid becoming pregnant.
- Arterial thromboembolic events have been reported. Use caution when treating patients at higher cardiovascular risk including known CAD.
- Bleeding events have been reported. Use nintedanib in patients with known bleeding risk only if anticipated benefit outweighs the potential risk.
- GI perforation has been reported. Use nintedanib with caution when treating patients with recent abdominal surgery. Discontinue nintedanib in patients who develop GI perforation. Only use nintedanib in patients with known risk of GI perforation if the anticipated benefit outweighs the potential risk.

<http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/drugsatfda/index.cfm?fuseaction=Search>.

DrugDetails/. Accessed October 2014.

# Nintedanib Dosage and Administration

- 150 mg twice daily approximately 12 hours apart, taken with food
- **Consider temporary dose reduction to 100 mg, temporary interruption, or discontinuation for management of adverse reactions**
- Prior to treatment, conduct liver function tests

<http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/drugsatfda/index.cfm?fuseaction=Search>.

DrugDetails/. Accessed October 2014.

# Nintedanib: Other Considerations

- **Drug interactions**
  - Nintedanib is a substrate of P-glycoprotein (P-gp) and CYP3A4
  - Concomitant use of P-gp and CYP3A4 inducers with nintedanib should be avoided
  - Patients treated with P-gp and CYP3A4 inhibitors and nintedanib should be monitored closely for adverse reactions
- Nintedanib is a VEGFR inhibitor, and may increase the risk of bleeding. Monitor patients on full anticoagulation therapy closely for bleeding and adjust anticoagulation treatment as necessary.
- Nintedanib not recommended for patients with moderate or severe hepatic impairment
- < 1% excreted via the kidney; no data on patients with severe renal impairment and ESRD

# P450 Drug Interactions

## 3A4, 5, 7 Inhibitors

- Strong: indinavir, nelfinavir, ritonavir, clarithromycin, itraconazole, ketoconazole, nefazodone
- Moderate: erythromycin, grapefruit juice, verapamil, suboxone, diltiazem
- Weak: cimetidine

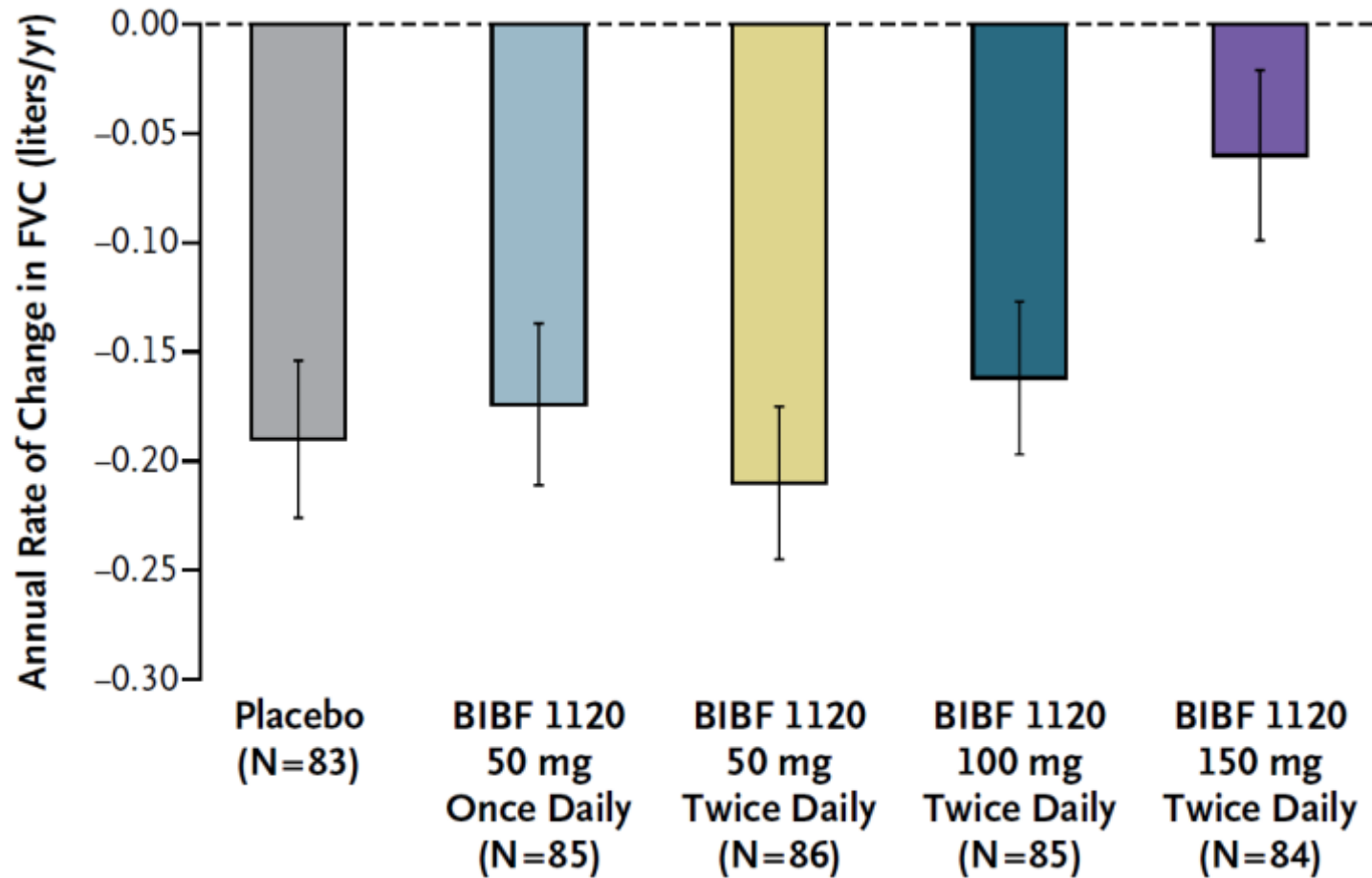
## 3A4, 5, 7 Inducers

- Carbamazepine, efavirenz, nevirapine, phenobarbital, phenytoin, pioglitazone, rifabutin, rifampin, St. John's Wort

<http://medicine.iupui.edu/clinpharm/ddis/clinical-table>. Accessed May 2015.



# Is a Lower Dose of Nintedanib Effective?



Richeldi L, et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2011;365(12):1079-87.

# What is the Best Course for Bill?

- A. Switch to pirfenidone
- B. Switch to NAC
- C. Hold nintedanib
- D. Reduce nintedanib dose
- E. Switch to high dose prednisone
- F. Manage diarrhea with loperamide

# Treatment Options for Bill?

- Temporary dose reduction to 100 mg, temporary interruption, or discontinuation for management of adverse reactions
- Manage diarrhea

# A.I.D.: An Approach to Managing Gastrointestinal Adverse Reactions

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## **ADVISE** your patients before initiating nintedanib

Talk to your patients about the possibility of experiencing GI adverse reactions while taking nintedanib

- Inform patients that GI disorders such as diarrhea, nausea, and vomiting were the most commonly reported GI events occurring in patients who received nintedanib
- Recommend that they notify you at the first signs of symptoms or for any severe or persistent diarrhea, nausea, or vomiting

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## **INITIATE** symptomatic treatment at the first signs of symptoms

At onset, treat with:

- Adequate hydration for patients experiencing diarrhea, vomiting, or nausea
- Antidiarrheal medication (eg, loperamide) for patients experiencing diarrhea
- Antiemetic medication for patients experiencing nausea or vomiting

**d**

## **DOSE MODIFICATION** may be required if GI side effects are persistent or severe despite symptomatic treatment

Dose reduction, treatment interruption, or discontinuation may be required

- Dose reduction and/or temporary interruption may be required until the specific adverse reaction resolves to levels that allow continuation of therapy. Nintedanib may be resumed at the full dose (150 mg bid) or at the reduced dose (100 mg bid), which subsequently may be increased to the full dose
- If a patient does not tolerate 100 mg bid, treatment with nintedanib should be discontinued
- If severe symptoms persist, nintedanib should be discontinued

<https://hcp.ofev.com/adverse-reactions/gastrointestinal-management>. Accessed May 2015.

# Lessons/Questions from Bill

- What about adding pirfenidone to the nintedanib?
- Don't add Prednisone or NAC based on PANTHER
- Liver enzyme abnormalities are manageable
- Nintedanib is only indicated for patients with IPF
- There are no FDA approved indications for other interstitial diseases including hypersensitivity pneumonitis (with UIP pathology) or autoimmune related lung disease

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**Betsy**

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## Patient 2: Betsy

- 70-year-old small business owner (landscaping/garden design) with mild hypertension
- Diagnosed with IPF 4 years ago
- Previously treated with Prednisone
- Switched to pirfenidone in December 2014 and titrated to two tablets three times a day when she noted skin rash at week 3 of treatment
- Dermatologist told her to continue taking all her medications

# PFTs

Test	Result
FVC	3.69 liters (90% pred) (92% at diagnosis 4 years ago)
FEV <sub>1</sub>	2.98 liters (88% pred)
FEV <sub>1</sub> /FVC	94%
TLC	2.89 liters (70% pred)
DL <sub>CO</sub>	14.7 (48% pred)



# What is the Best Course for Betsy?

- A. Switch to nintedanib
- B. Switch to NAC
- C. Hold pirfenidone
- D. Reduce pirfenidone dose
- E. Switch to high dose prednisone
- F. Manage rash with topical ointment, sunscreen

# Pirfenidone Adverse Reactions

% of Patients (0 to 118 Weeks)

Adverse Reaction (> 15%)	Pirfenidone 2403 mg/day (N = 623)	Placebo (N = 624)
Nausea	36%	16%
Rash	30%	10%
Abdominal Pain	24%	15%
Upper Respiratory Tract Infection	27%	25%
Diarrhea	26%	20%
Fatigue	26%	19%
Headache	22%	19%
Dyspepsia	19%	7%
Dizziness	18%	11%
Others (less frequently): vomiting , anorexia, GERD, sinusitis, insomnia, weight decreased, arthralgia		

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Accessed October 2014.

# Pirfenidone Warnings and Precautions

Temporary dosage reductions or discontinuations may be required

- Elevated liver enzymes: ALT, AST, and bilirubin elevations have occurred with pirfenidone. Monitor ALT, AST, and bilirubin before and during treatment.
- **Photosensitivity and rash: Photosensitivity and rash have been noted with pirfenidone. Avoid exposure to sunlight and sunlamps. Wear sunscreen and protective clothing daily.**
- Gastrointestinal disorders: Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, dyspepsia, gastro-esophageal reflux disease, and abdominal pain have occurred with pirfenidone.

<http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/drugsatfda/index.cfm?fuseaction=Search DrugDetails/>.  
Accessed October 2014.

# Pirfenidone Dosage and Administration

- 801 mg (three 267 mg capsules) three times daily with food
- Doses should be taken at the same time each day
- Initiate with titration
  - Days 1 through 7: 1 capsule 3x per day
  - Days 8 through 14: 2 capsules 3x per day
  - Days 15 onward: 3 capsules 3x per day
- **Consider temporary dosage reduction, treatment interruption, or discontinuation for management of adverse reactions**

<http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/drugsatfda/index.cfm?fuseaction=Search DrugDetails/>.  
Accessed October 2014.

# Pirfenidone: Other Considerations

- Post-marketing experience (reactions of unknown frequency)
  - Agranulocytosis
  - Angioedema
  - Bilirubin increased in combination with increases of ALT and AST
- **Drug interactions**
  - **Metabolized primarily via CYP1A2**
  - **Activators and inhibitors of CYP1A2 should be used with caution with pirfenidone**
- Use with caution with mild/moderate hepatic impairment, not recommended for patients with severe impairment
- Use with caution with mild/moderate/severe renal impairment, not recommended for patients with ESRD requiring dialysis
- Smoking causes decreased exposure to pirfenidone. Instruct patients to stop smoking prior to treatment with pirfenidone and to avoid smoking when using pirfenidone.

<http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/drugsatfda/index.cfm?fuseaction=Search DrugDetails/>  
Accessed October 2014.

# P450 Drug Interactions

## CYP1A2 Inhibitors

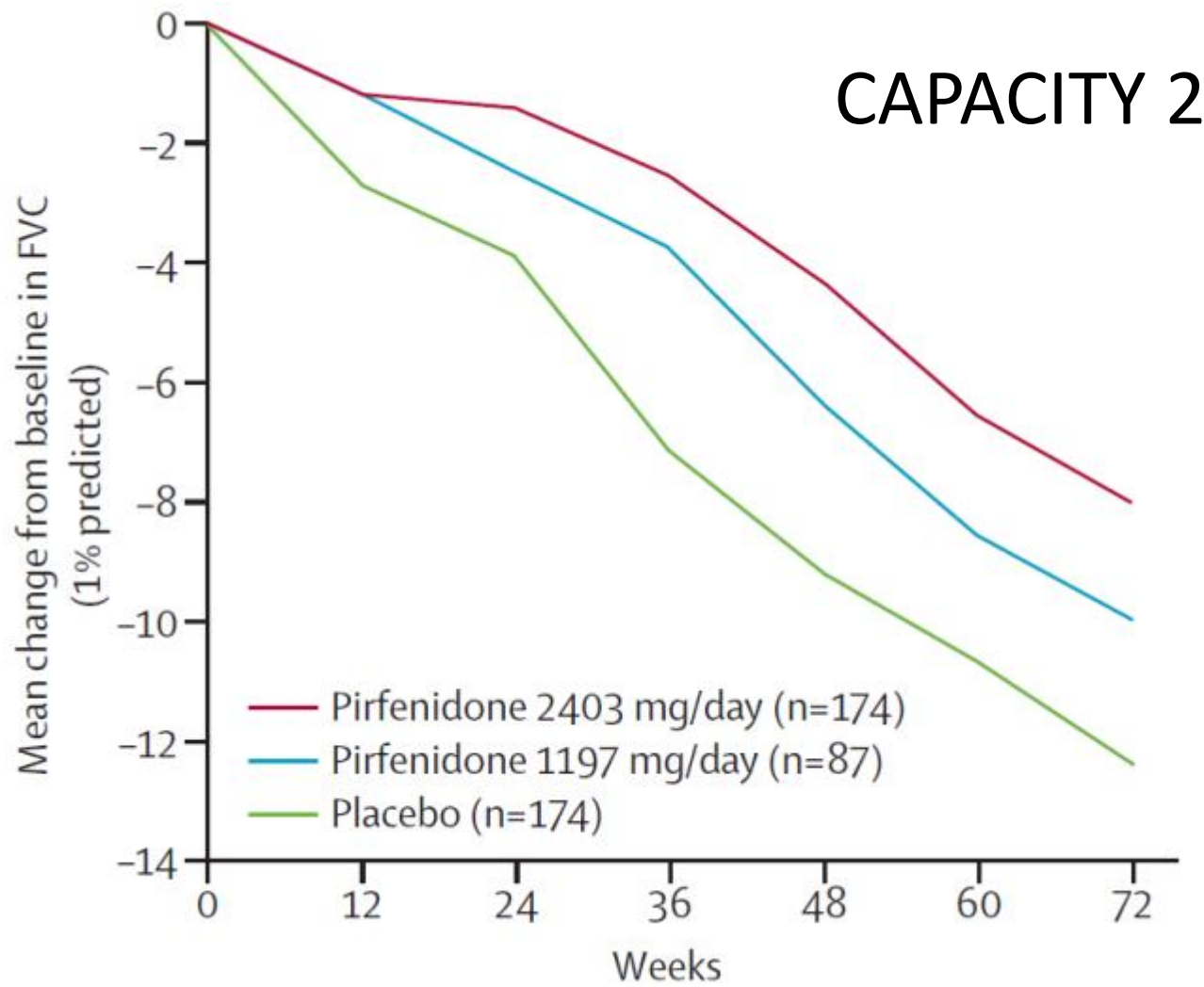
- Amiodarone
- Cimetidine
- Efavirenz
- Fluoroquinolones
- Fluvoxamine
- Ticlopidine

## CYP1A2 Inducers

- Carbamazepine
- Chargrilled meat
- Rifampin
- Tobacco

<http://medicine.iupui.edu/clinpharm/ddis/clinical-table>. Accessed May 2015.

# Is a Lower Dose of Pirfenidone Effective?



Noble PW, et al. *Lancet*. 2011;377(9779):1760-1769.

# What is the Best Course for Betsy?

- A. Switch to nintedanib
- B. Switch to NAC
- C. Hold pirfenidone
- D. Reduce pirfenidone dose
- E. Switch to high dose prednisone
- F. Manage rash with topical ointment, sunscreen



# Treatment Options for Betsy?

Temporary dose reduction to three capsules per day, temporary interruption, or discontinuation?

# Management of Betsy's Skin Rash

- Her dose was titrated down to three capsules daily for one week
- She used her sunscreen and Boston Red Sox hat
- Her rash improved and she returned to educate her dermatologist
- Pirfenidone was retitrated to two capsules three times a day (she was only off of drug for one week)
- She was titrated to full dose (three capsules three times a day) and rash did not reappear

# Management of Photosensitivity

- Avoid sun exposure
- Frequently apply sunblock that is active against both UVA and UVB and wear protective clothing
- Patients who experience severe photosensitivity should be instructed to interrupt the dose and seek medical advice.
- Pirfenidone may be introduced and re-escalated up to the recommended daily dose at the physician's discretion.

# Dosage Modifications Due to Photosensitivity/Rash

- If patients experience photosensitivity or rash, consider temporary dosage reductions, interruptions, or discontinuation of pirfenidone
- If the rash persists after 7 days, pirfenidone should be discontinued for 15 days with re-escalation to the recommended daily dose over a period of 2 weeks
- The dose of pirfenidone may be reduced to three capsules per day (one capsule three times daily)
- Patients who miss 14 or more days of pirfenidone should re-initiate the drug by undergoing the initial 2-week titration regimen up to the full three tablets three times a day schedule
- If pirfenidone is stopped for less than 14 days, the dosage prior to the interruption can be resumed

Costabel et al. *Adv Ther* 2014;31:375-391.

# MAPS: An Approach to Managing Side Effects

- **M**anage: patient education, adverse event prevention and management with prophylactic therapy.
- **A**adjust the dose: if adverse events occur and symptoms do not resolve. Rechallenge with approved dose if symptoms resolve (note: 14 day window).
- **P**ause the treatment: if adverse events persist. When the symptoms have resolved or become tolerable then therapy should be slowly re-escalated to the recommended daily dose as tolerated.

Koschel et al. *Eur Respir J* 2014; 44: Suppl. 58, 1904.

# Key Lessons from Betsy

- Skin rash/photosensitivity issues are manageable
- What about switching to nintedanib from pirfenidone?
- Don't add Prednisone or NAC based on PANTHER
- Pirfenidone is only indicated for patients with IPF
- There are no FDA approved indications for other interstitial diseases including hypersensitivity pneumonitis (with UIP pathology) or autoimmune related lung disease

# Conclusions

- All drugs have side effects
- Focus on individualized strategies
- Maximize use of one drug before switching to another
- Don't use nintedanib and pirfenidone together
- Use nintedanib or pirfenidone for patients with IPF