



## Translating New Immune Pathways into Meaningful Medicines

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# Accelerating Value Creation from Novel Immune Pathways

## Research:

Discover innovative therapeutic candidates based on extracellular functionality of tRNA synthetases

*Initial focus on Resokine Pathway*

## Lead Product Candidate: ATYR1923

Engineered Resokine protein for the treatment of inflammatory interstitial lung diseases

## Financials:

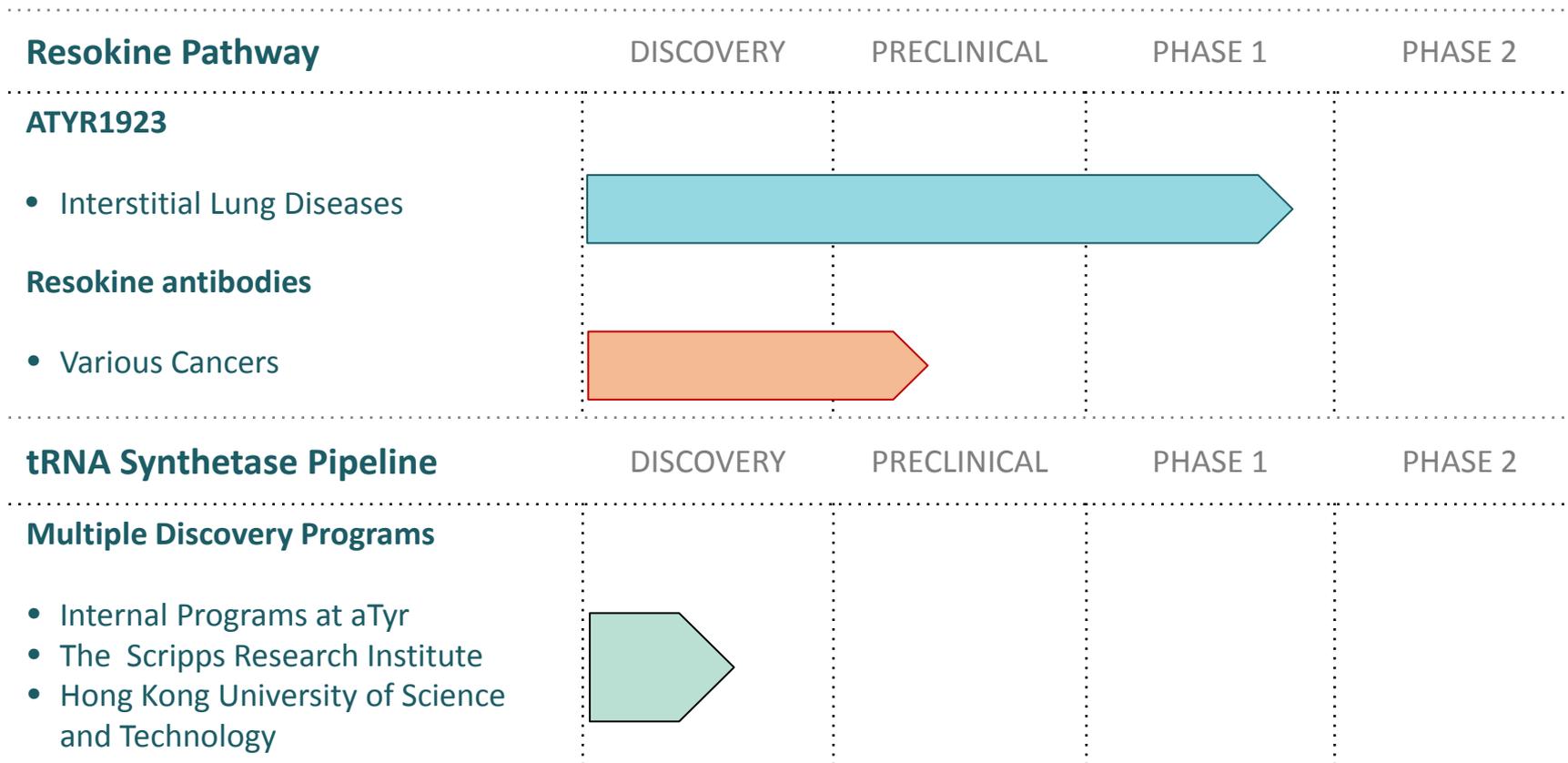
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## Upcoming Clinical Catalysts:

ATYR1923 Phase 1 data – 2Q 2018

Patient trial initiation – 4Q 2018

# Therapeutic Candidate Pipeline



\*ATYR1923: Engineered fusion protein with histidyl-tRNA synthetase (HARS) splice variant

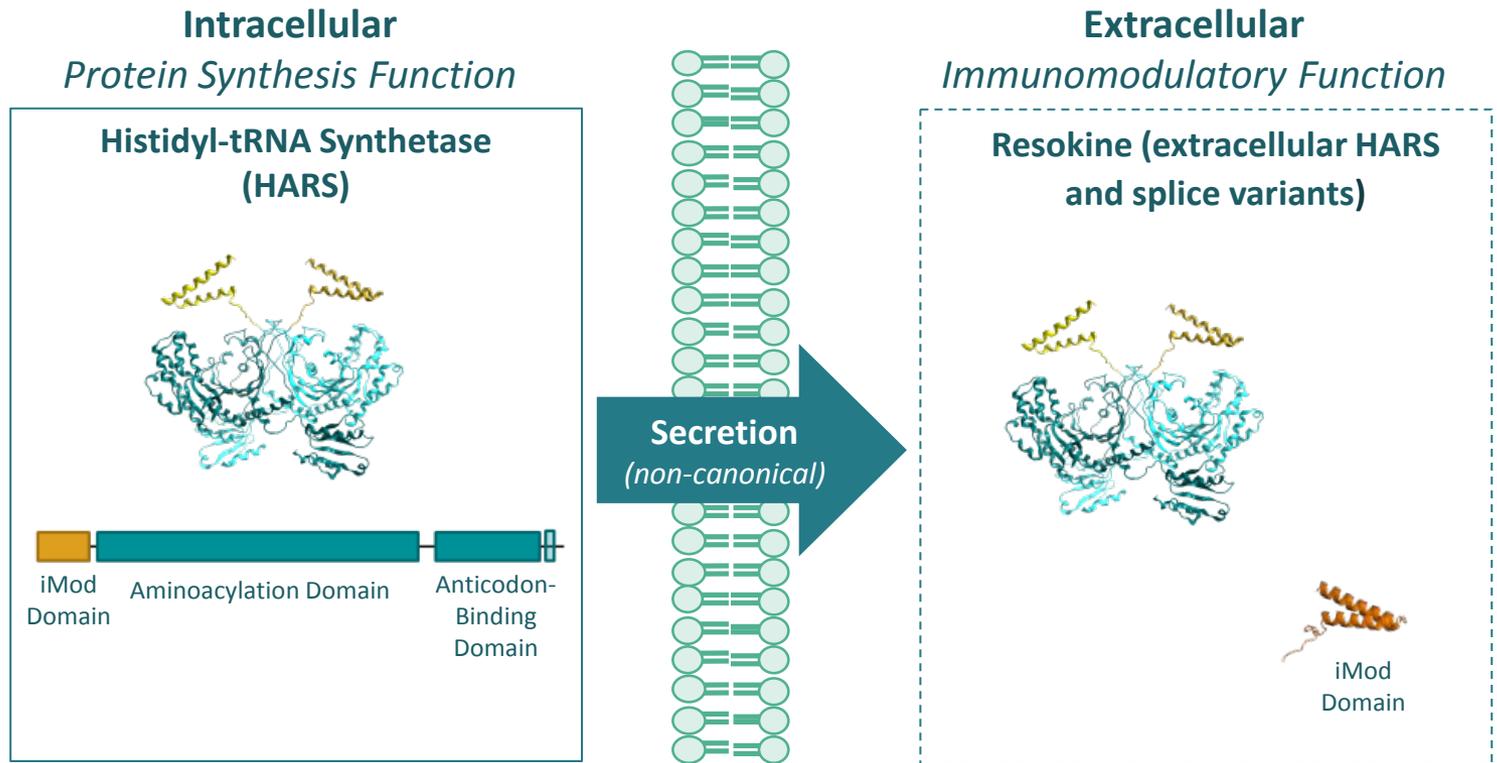


ATYR1923 for the Treatment of Interstitial Lung Diseases  
Engineered HARS Splice Variant

# iMod: Extracellular Splice Variant Derived From HARS Gene

## tRNA Synthetase Genes:

- AARS
- CARS
- DARS
- EPRS
- FARS
- GARS
- HARS**
- IARS
- KARS
- LARS
- MARS
- NARS
- QARS
- RARS
- SARS
- TARS
- VARS
- WARS
- YARS



aTyr has identified the N-terminal domain of HARS as having an immunomodulatory function extracellularly (aTyr has named this the iMod Domain)

# Immune Set Point Hypothesis: Resokine Pathway

**Hypothesis:** Resokine is part of a regulatory pathway that controls the immune set-point

- Sets the threshold of stimulation required for immune activation

## Resokine inhibits T cell activation *in vitro*

- Inhibits release of inflammatory cytokines (e.g. IL-2, IFN $\gamma$ ) and effectors (e.g. granzyme B)
- Prevents up-regulation of cell-surface activation markers

## Resokine has activity in a number of animal models of inflammatory disease

- TNBS-induced colitis, statin-induced myopathy, bleomycin-induced lung disease, IL-23 induced psoriasis, type-1 diabetes

## Resokine circulates in healthy individuals

- Detectable levels in all healthy individuals tested
- Levels altered in some disease states

# ATYR1923: Program Snapshot

## ATYR1923:

Engineered Fc fusion protein with HARS splice variant

Refer to splice variant as the “iMod domain”

(iMod for immuno-modulatory function)

## Mechanism:

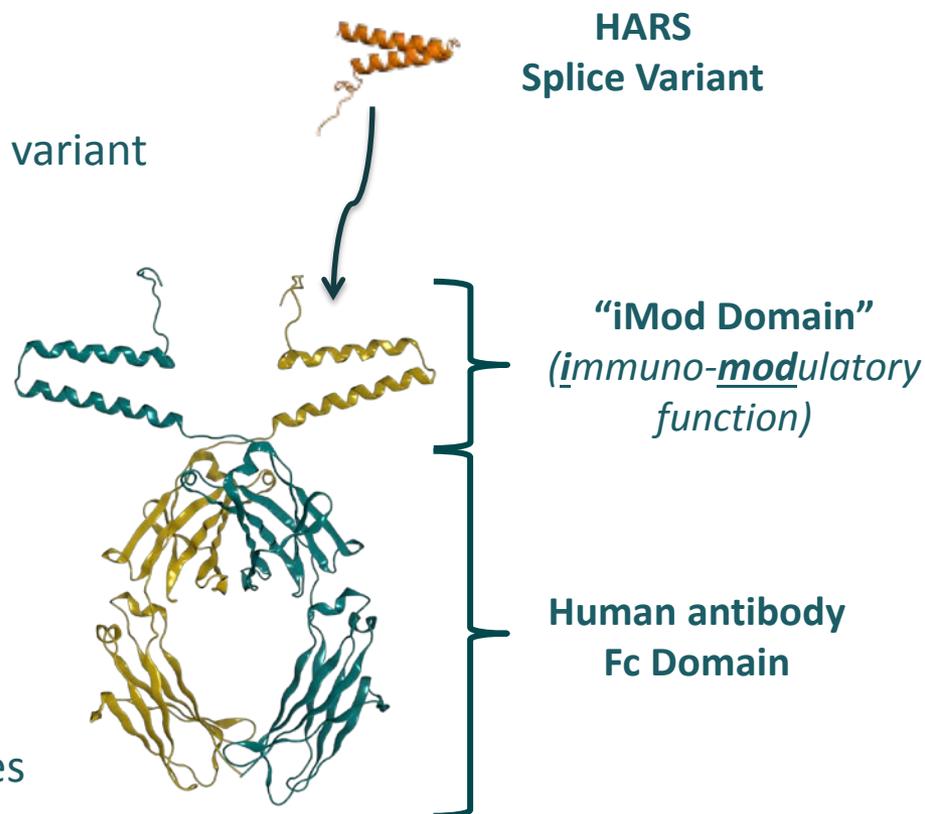
Regulation of immune system

Binds to Neuropilin-2 (NRP-2)

## Target Population:

Primary: Inflammatory interstitial lung diseases

Secondary: Other inflammatory disorders



# High Unmet Need in Multiple Interstitial Lung Diseases

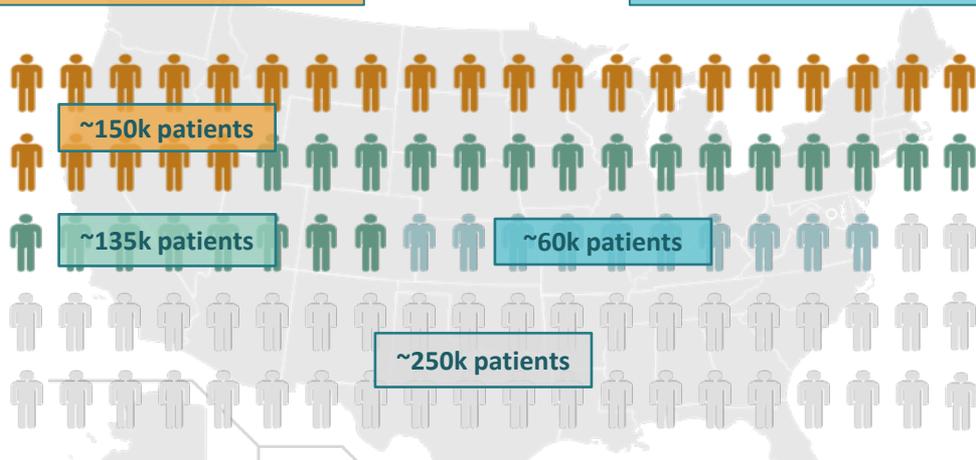
## Sarcoidosis

- ~150K patients in the U.S.
- Systemic inflammatory disorder characterized by non-caseating granulomas (CD4+ T cell driven)
- Advanced pulmonary disease is leading cause of death
- ~30% of patients have chronic inflammation, unresponsive to steroid treatment

## Chronic Hypersensitivity Pneumonitis (CHP)

- ~60K patients in the U.S.
- Exaggerated immune response to environmental antigen
- Commonly misdiagnosed as IPF
- Median survival: 7 years
- No effective therapeutic options

  
 Represents 1% of U.S. ILD population



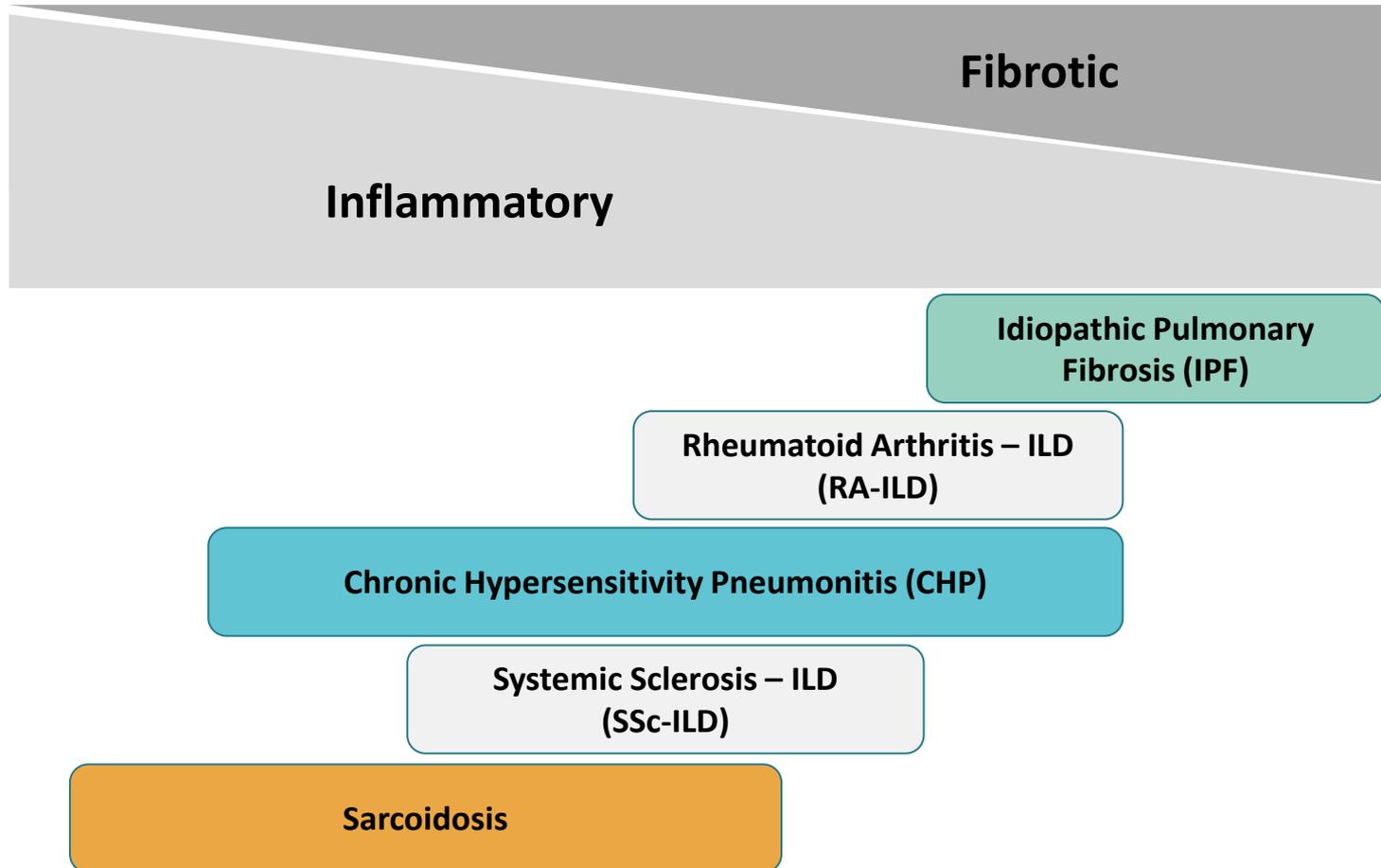
## Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF)

- ~135K patients in the U.S.
- Irreversible, progressive disease with acute episodes
- Median survival: 3-5 years
- Current SOC: Nintedanib / pirfenidone slow functional loss but associated with significant side effects;
  - ~\$2.0B+ combined sales in 2017 and growing

## Other ILDs (>100 disorders, ~250K patients in the U.S.)

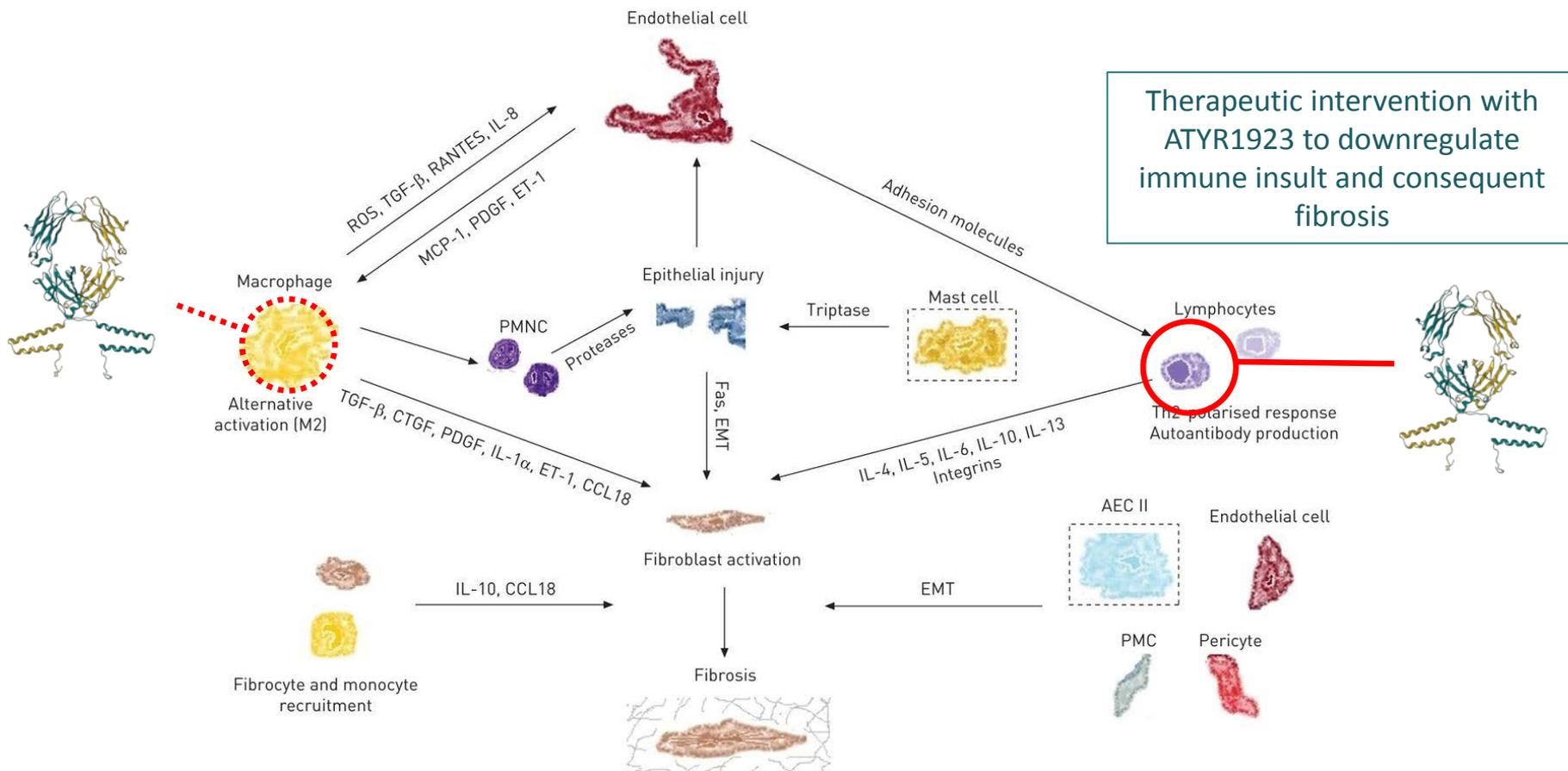
- Many secondary to other disease (e.g. SSc-ILD, RA-ILD)
  - All share underlying inflammatory insult
- Large unmet medical need**
- Many have grave prognosis
  - SOC has limited evidence of safety or efficacy

# Interstitial Lung Diseases Share Persistent Immune Engagement



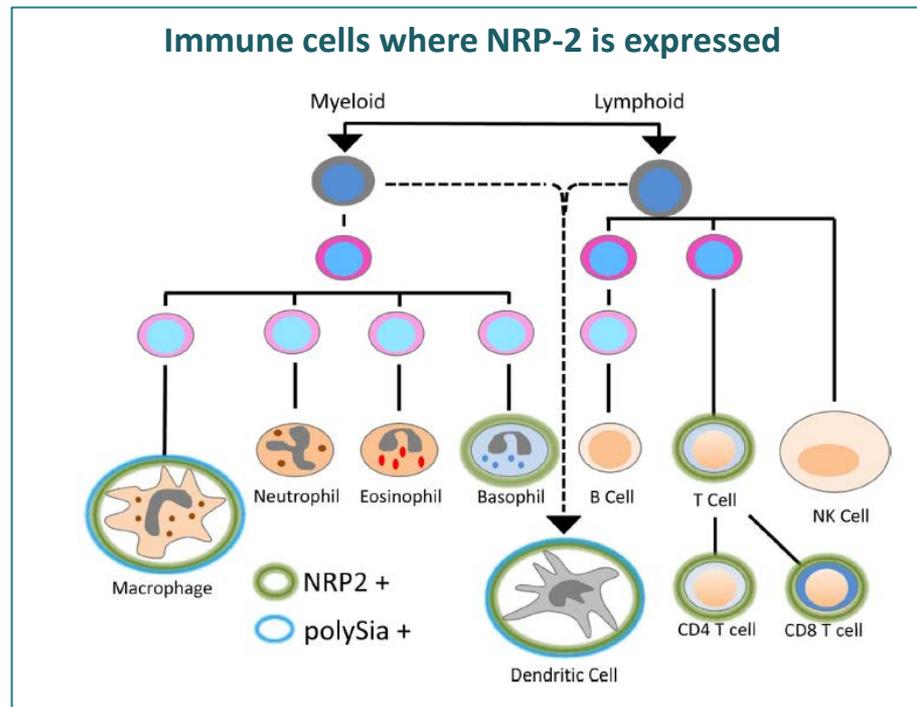
# ATYR1923 MOA Overlaps with ILD Pathogenesis

## Cellular players and molecules in ILD



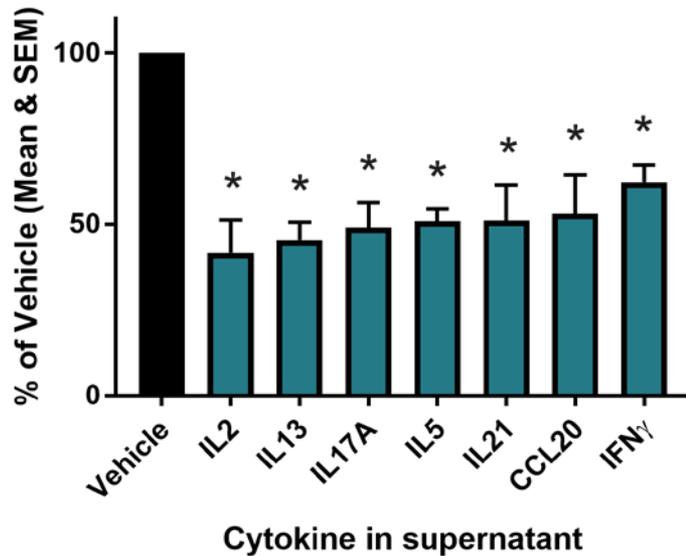
# Neuropilin-2 (NRP-2) Identified as a Binding Partner for ATYR1923

- Pleiotropic receptor that can bind to a number of different ligands
- Well-established role in the development of the neural and lymphatic systems
- Emerging role in the immune system; present on a number of immune cell types
- Expressed on alveolar macrophages and may play role in regulating lung inflammation

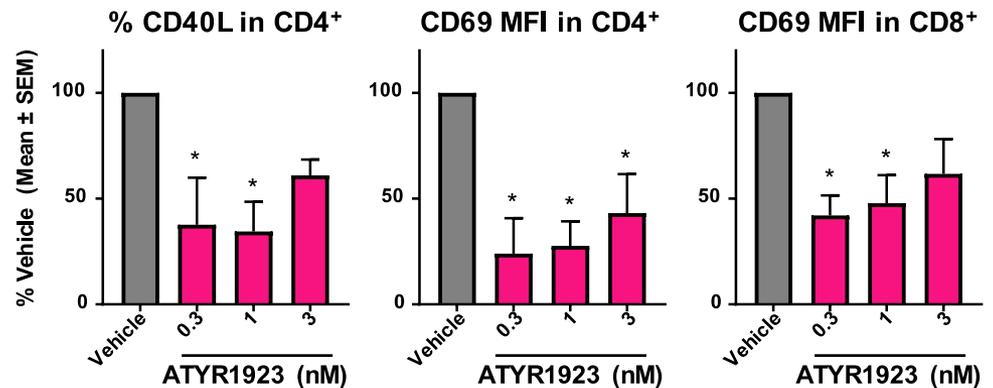


# ATYR1923 Inhibits T Cell Activation In Vitro

## Effect of 0.3 nM ATYR1923 on T Cell Cytokine Release



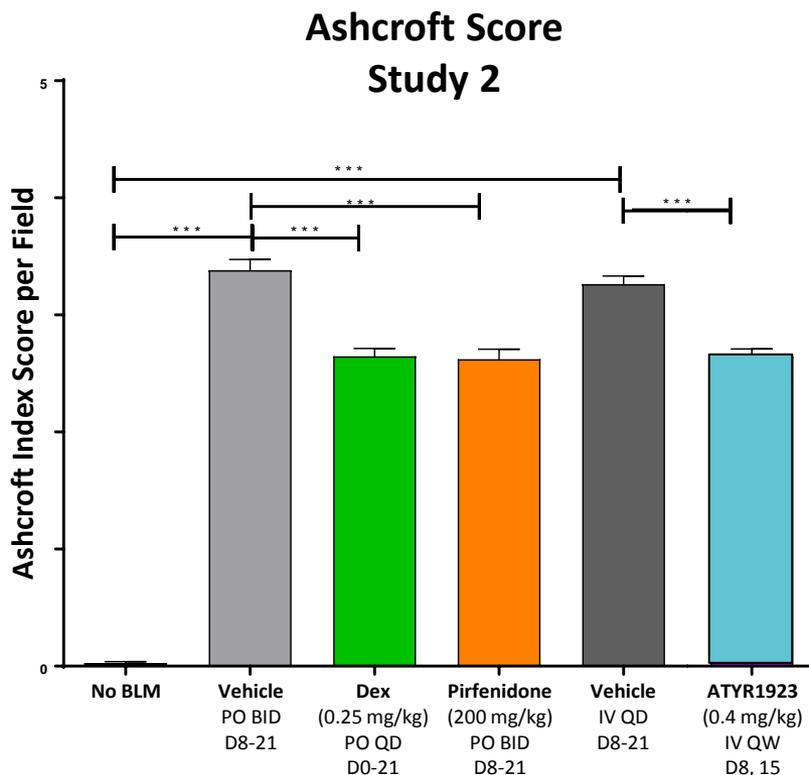
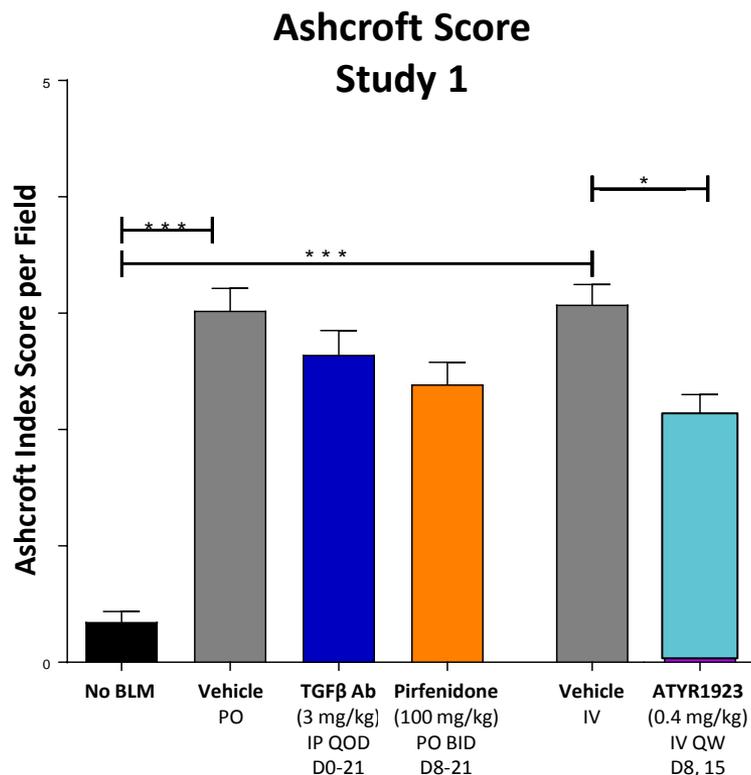
## Effect of ATYR1923 on T Cell Activation Markers



Mean response from 3 donors

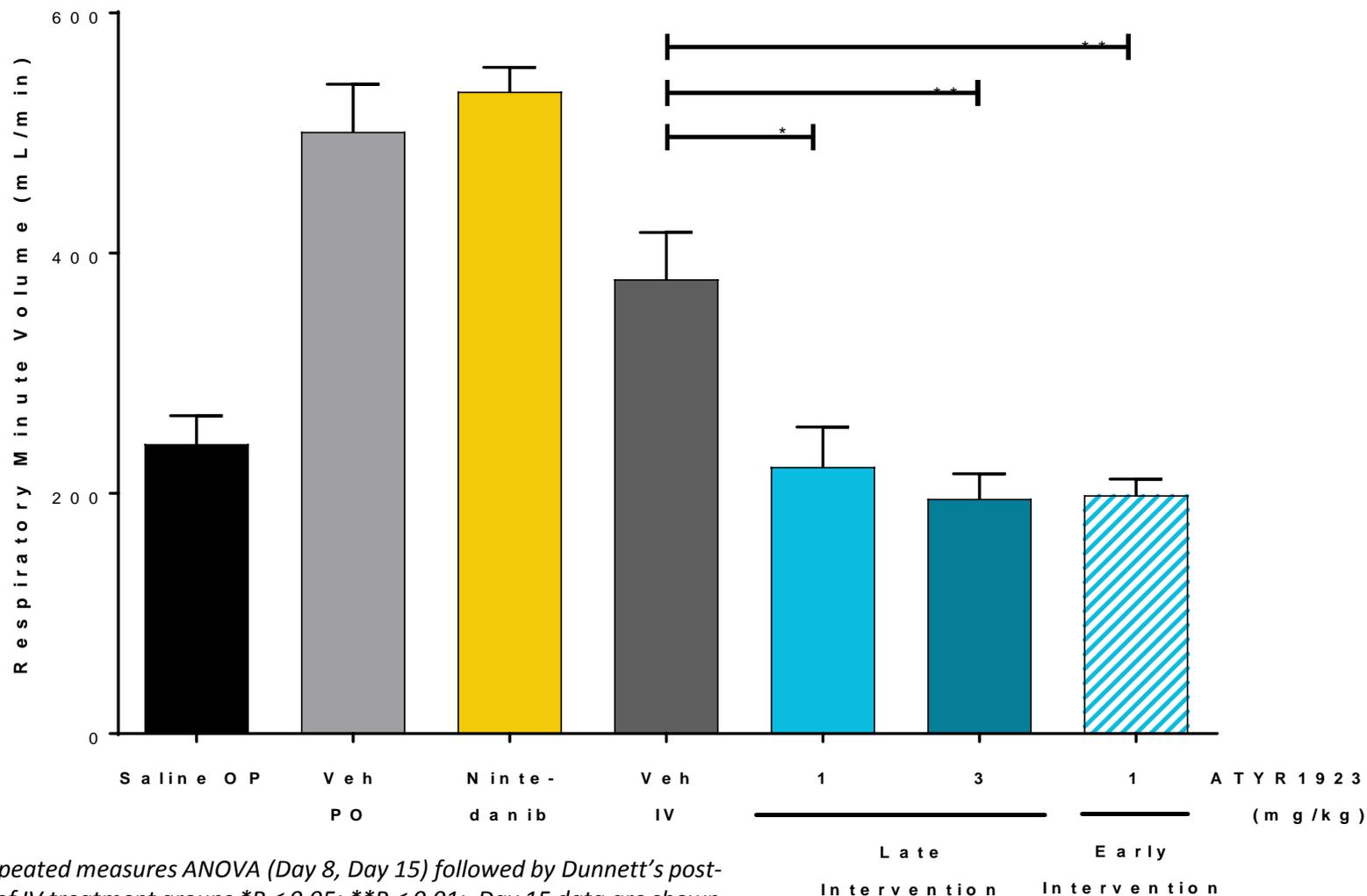
aTyr is currently exploring the interaction with ATYR1923 and NRP-2 across multiple immune cell types

# Weekly Therapeutic Dosing of ATYR1923 Reduces Fibrosis in Mouse Bleomycin Model



ATYR1923 administered therapeutically at 0.4 mg/kg QW reduces histological fibrosis comparable to or greater than pirfenidone, anti-TGF antibodies, and dexamethasone

# ATYR1923 Returns Breathing to Normal in Rat Bleomycin Model



# Favorable Safety Profile Observed in 1- and 3- Month GLP Toxicology Studies

## Nonhuman Primates



**2 weekly IV** doses of 3 mg/kg

- No increase in ~30 serum immune markers

**1- and 3-month weekly IV** dose

at 0, 10, 30, and 60 mg/kg

- No adverse test article–related findings
- Systemic exposure increased with increasing dose and did not appear to change with repeated dosing
- Anti-drug antibodies (ADA) did not appear to have an impact on systemic exposure
- No-observed-adverse-effect level (NOAEL) = 60 mg/kg ( $C_{\text{trough}} = 228 \text{ nM}$ )

6-Month GLP study ongoing in nonhuman primates

## Rodents



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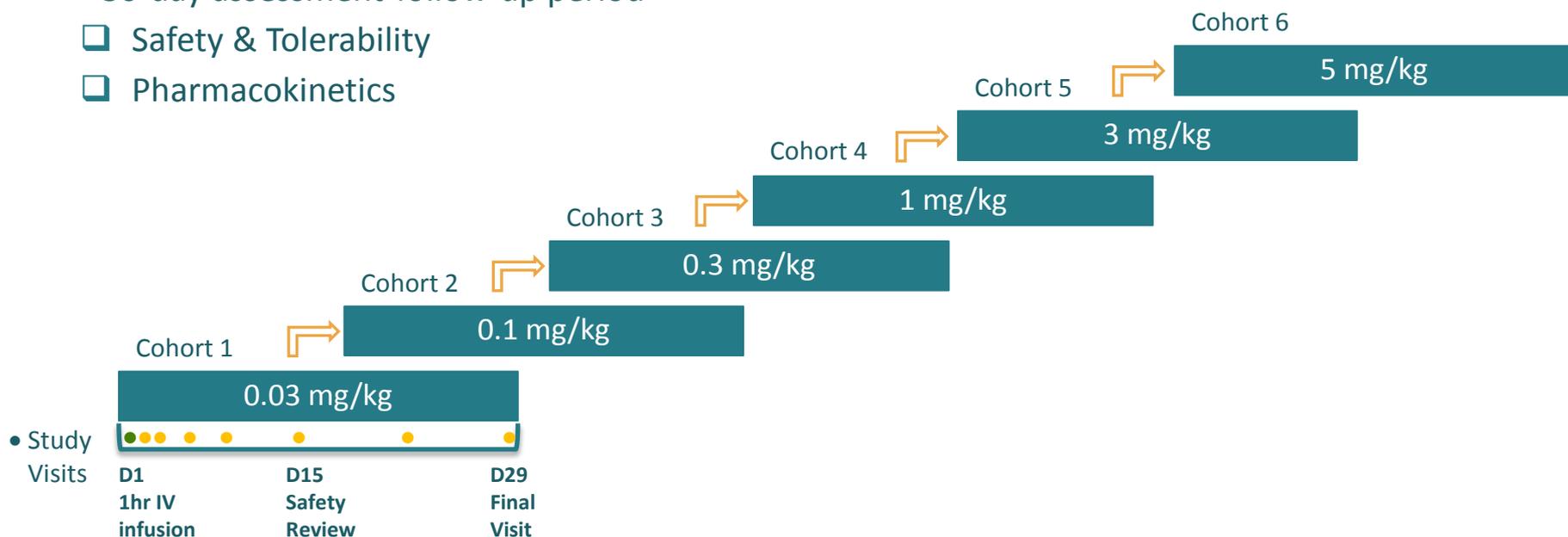
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# ATYR1923 Phase I Healthy Volunteer Study

- Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, single-ascending-dose
- 6 Cohorts; 6 healthy volunteers/cohort; 2:1 randomization (N=36 HVs total)
- 30-day assessment-follow-up period

- Safety & Tolerability
- Pharmacokinetics



- Study Visits

- Dose escalation proceeded through Cohort 6 (DRC review after each cohort)
- All participants completed study drug infusion in all cohorts
- Top-line data to be announced in June

# Strategic Focus to Create Long-Term Shareholder Value

## Phase 2 Trial – Interstitial Lung Disease

1. Several translational animal studies ongoing to better inform clinical direction
  2. Understanding the interaction of Neuropilin-2 as a binding receptor for ATYR1923
  3. Collaborating with industry leading pulmonary clinicians to develop patient trials for ATYR1923
- Initiate patient trial in 4Q 2018



## Discovery and Pipeline Enhancement

- Academic collaborations and ongoing internal programs to discover innovative therapeutic candidates from tRNA synthetase biology

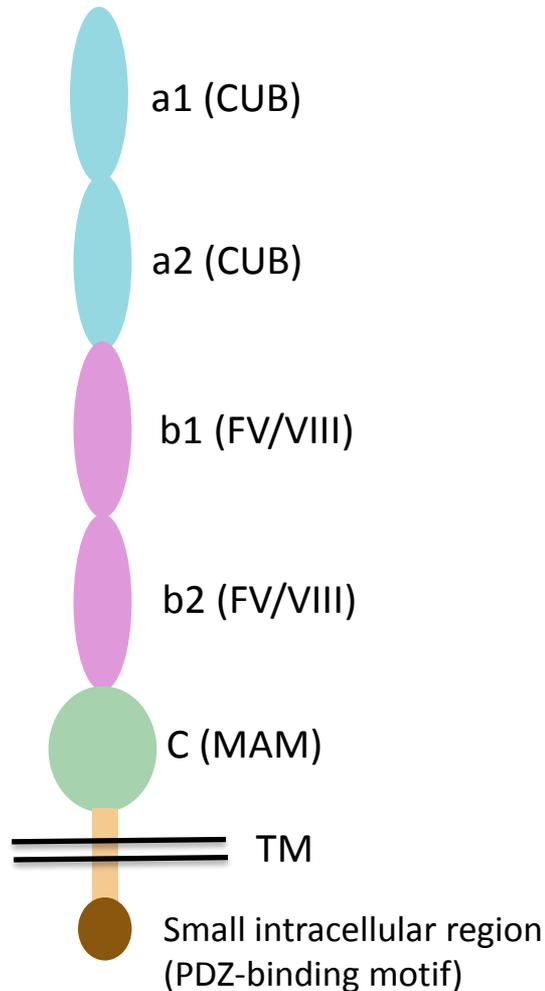
## Financials

- **\$74.1M** cash, cash equivalents and investments as of 3/31/18
- Market capitalization as of closing price on 6/1/18: **~\$36M\***



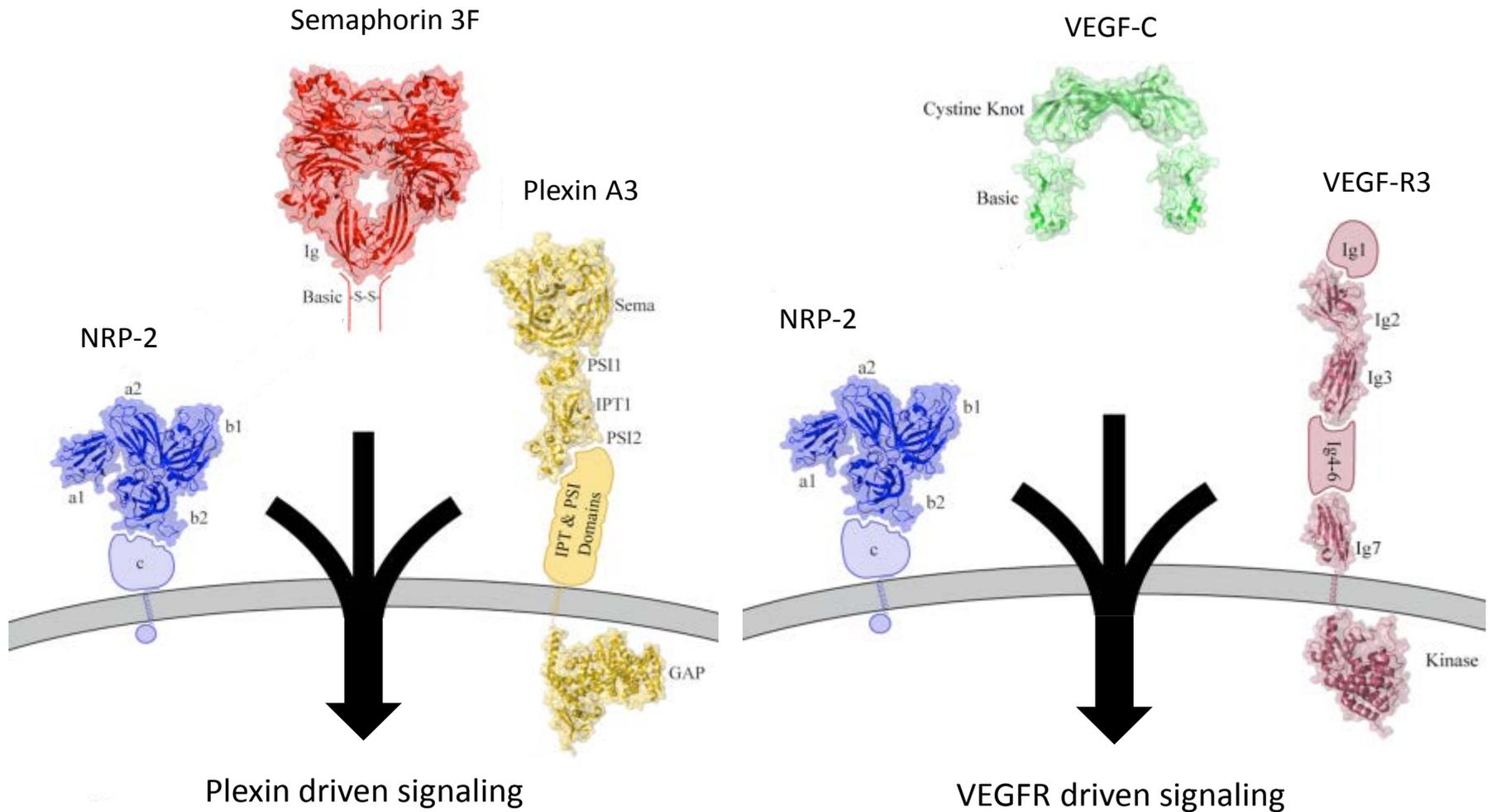
Appendix: Neuropilin-2 (NRP-2) Overview

# Neuropilin-2



- Originally identified based on its role in axon guidance during neuronal development
- Subsequently shown to be a pleiotropic receptor that can regulate diverse pathways
  - Binds multiple ligands
  - Pairs with multiple co-receptors
- Widely distributed, though often held intracellularly and transported to the cell surface under specific stress/activation conditions
- Type I transmembrane glycoprotein of approx. 120kDa (926 amino acids)
- 5 defined extracellular domains
- Small intracellular domain (46 amino acids) has limited signaling ability

# NRP-2 Utilizes Common Mechanisms to Regulate Diverse Pathways



Adapted from Parker *et al.*, (2012) *Biochemistry* 51, 9437-9446

# NRP-2 is Highly Expressed in Alveolar Macrophages

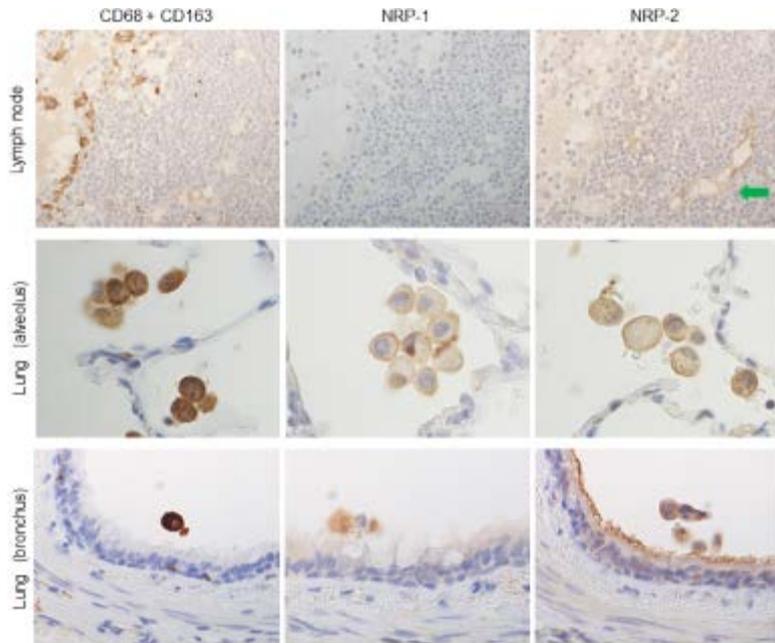


Fig 2. NRPs expression in tissue-specific macrophages compared to immunostaining with a cocktail of anti-CD68 and anti-CD163 antibodies. Expression was detected in alveolar macrophages in lung, but not in lymph node (sinus macrophages). And NRP-1 and NRP-2 also expressed on bronchial macrophages. Green arrow indicates NRP-2 expression on lymphatic vascular endothelium, used as positive control. Serial sections were counterstained with hematoxylin. NRP-1, neuropilin 1; NRP-2, neuropilin 2.

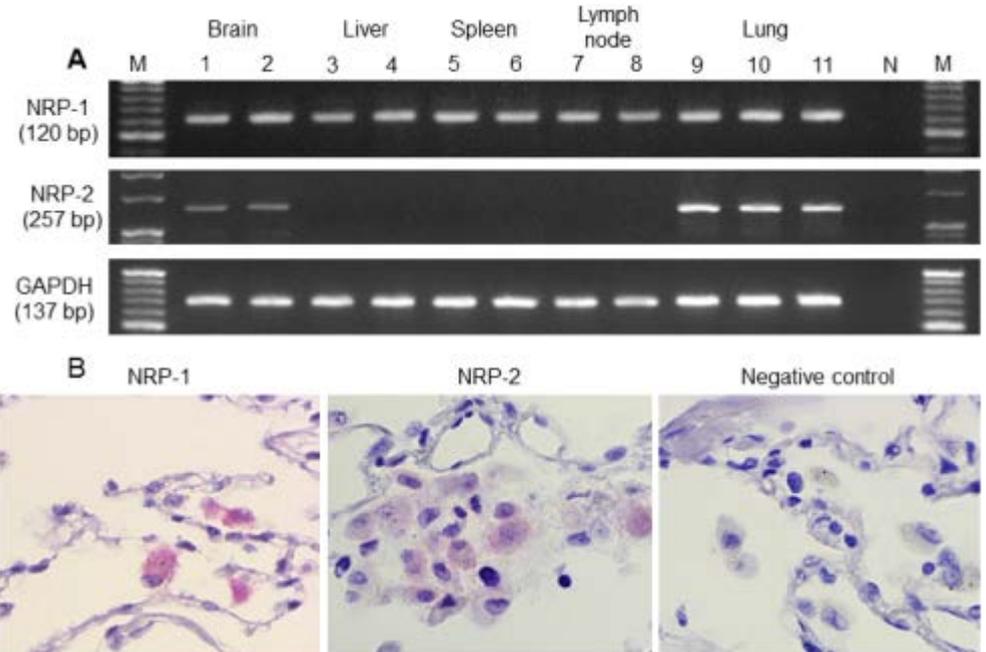


Fig 4. NRPs mRNAs expression in normal tissues (RT-PCR) and on alveolar macrophages in physiologically normal lung (in situ-PCR). (A) By reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR), N represents the negative control, and M represents the 20 base-pair DNA ladder. (B) NRP-1 and NRP-2 mRNAs of alveolar macrophages in physiologically normal lung by in situ-polymerase chain reaction (in situ-PCR). NRP-1, neuropilin 1; NRP-2, neuropilin 2; GAPDH, glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase.

**Table 3. Comparison of neuropilin-1 (NRP-1) and neuropilin-2 (NRP-2) expression on alveolar macrophages in lung cancer adjacent to the cancer margin, lung inflammation and lung tissue remote to the cancer nest (physiologically normal lung).**

Cases/Diseases	Number of NRP-1 positive cells <sup>A)</sup> (mean ± SD)	Number of NRP-2 positive cells <sup>A)</sup> (mean ± SD)
Adenocarcinoma (n = 15)	38.3 ± 8.9 <sup>‡</sup> , #	37.8 ± 9.20 <sup>‡</sup> , #
Squamous cell carcinoma (n = 15)	46.7 ± 9.2*, ***	48.1 ± 10.7*, ***
Inflamed lung (n = 20)	25.1 ± 9.1*, ** †	24.5 ± 12.1*, ** †
Physiologically normal lung (n = 5)	9.2 ± 3.8**, ***, #	8.9 ± 3.9**, ***, #

## Recent Publications

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