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IPFsym

**A Platform to Support the Development of
Effective Treatments for IPF Patients**

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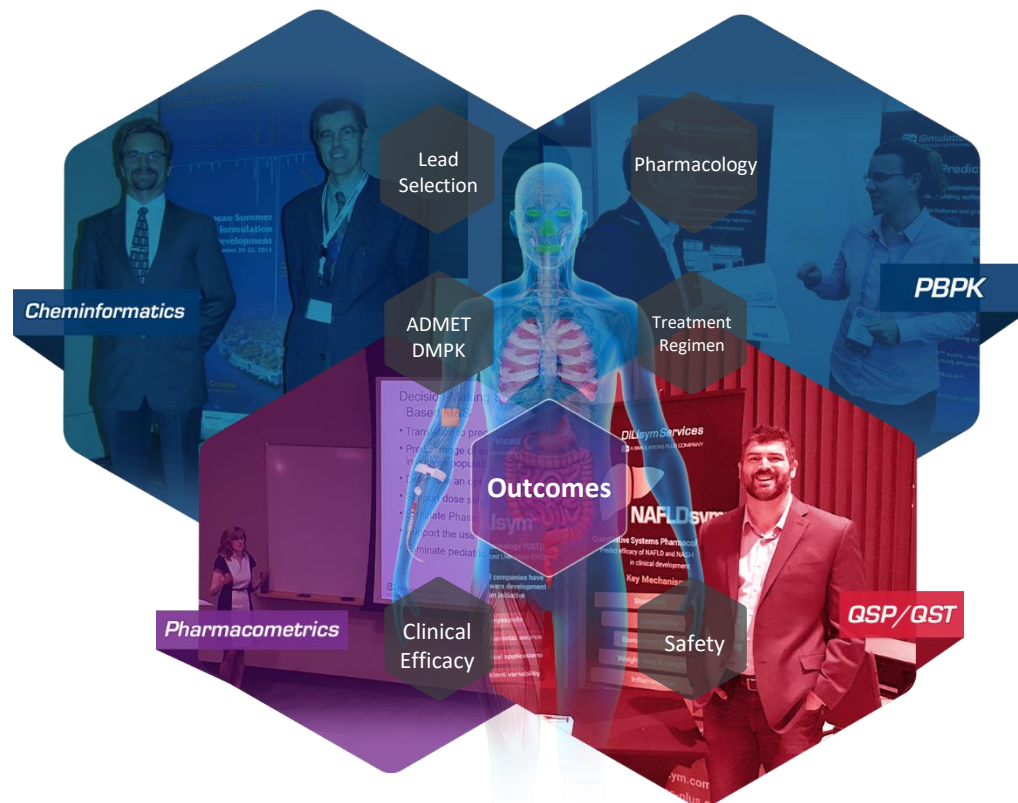
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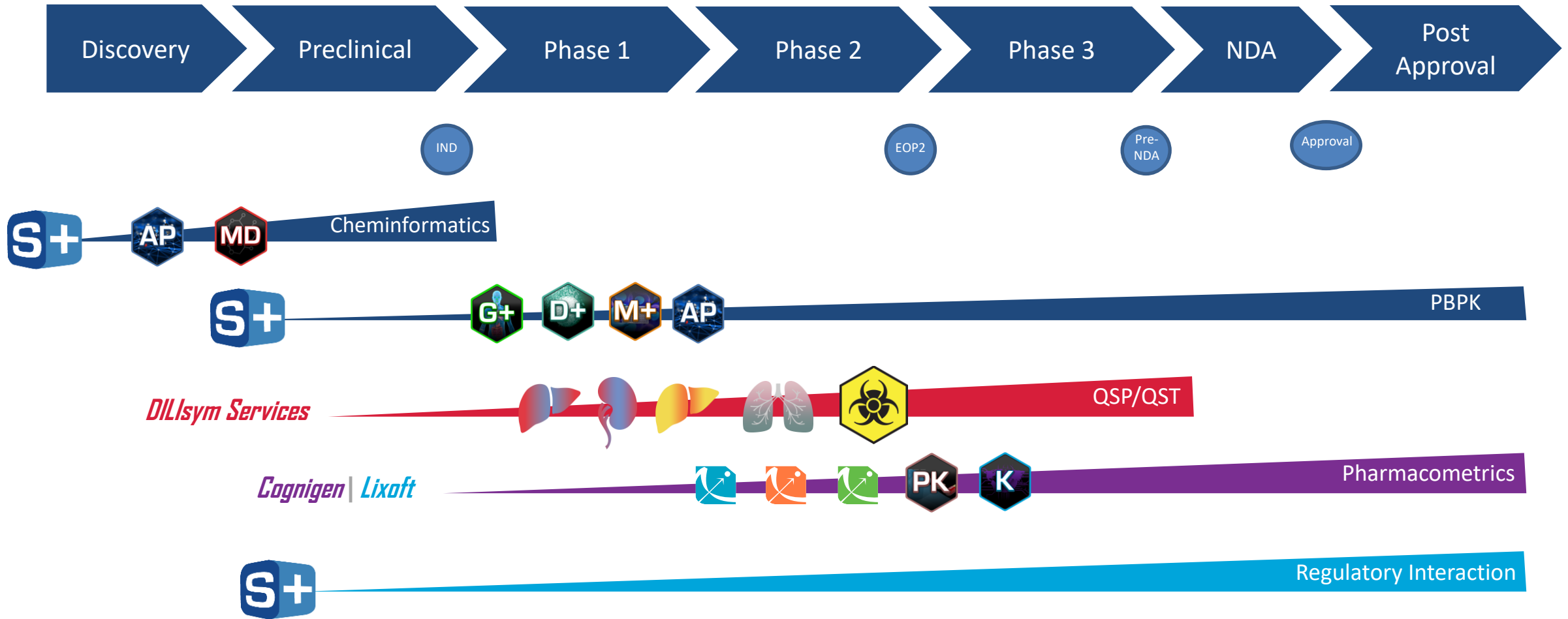
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- **Custom QSP model** development and simulation consulting projects
- Drug development consulting and data interpretation; *in vitro* assay experimental design and management
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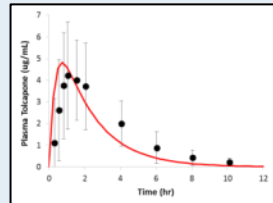




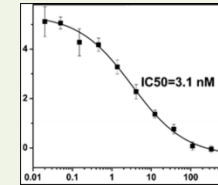
DILIsym Services Is Using QSP Modeling to Predict Efficacy and Safety of Drugs in Development

Predicted compound concentrations at site of target often require PBPK models

Exposure



Drug Effects

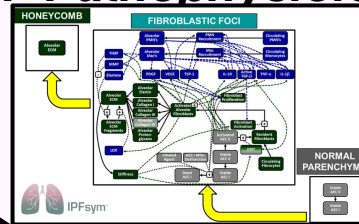


*PD effects and Mechanisms of Action (MoA) are unique for most compounds;
QSP model needs to be flexible to provide ability to represent these effects*

Efficacy

Mechanistic representation of underlying biochemistry describing pathophysiology is foundation of QSP models

IPF Pathophysiology



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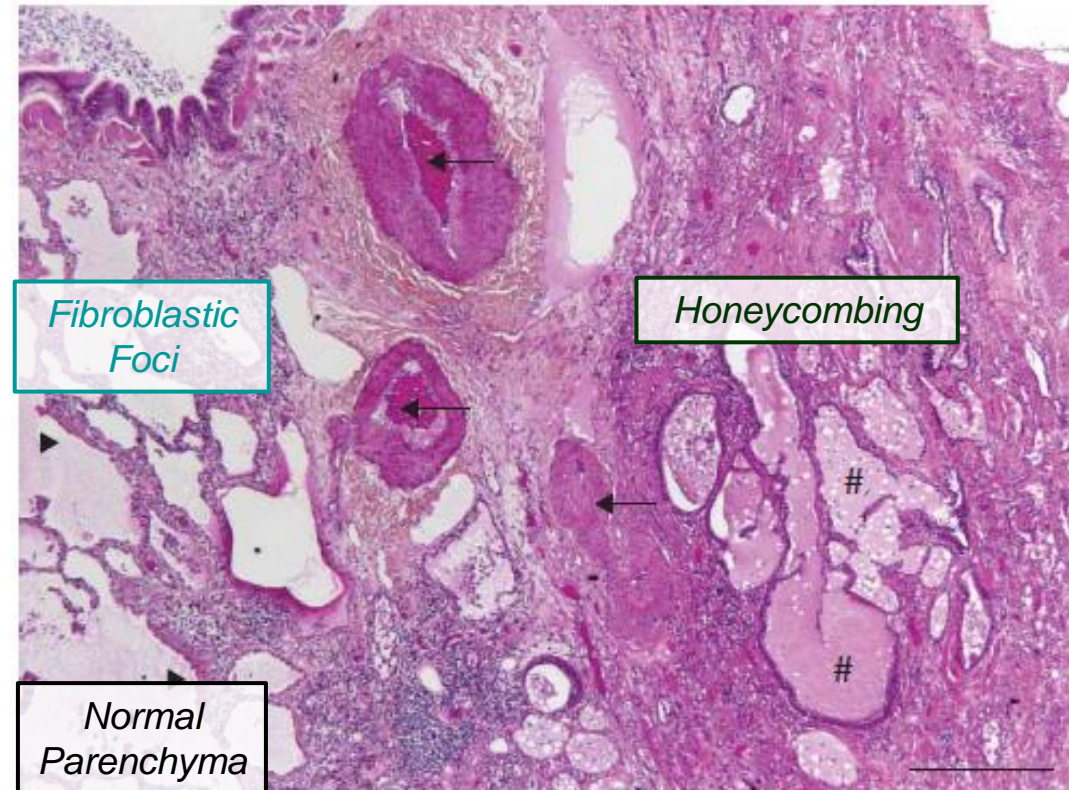
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Three Distinct Functional Zones Are Present In Lungs of IPF Patients

- **Normal parenchyma**
 - Unaffected alveoli
 - Primarily responsible for residual respiratory function
- **Honeycombing**
 - Collapsed, non-functional alveoli laden with fibrotic extracellular matrix (ECM) proteins
 - No contribution to respiratory function
- **Fibroblastic foci**
 - Site of active remodeling of lung
 - Change in cellular composition of alveolar epithelium
 - Activated myofibroblasts synthesizing ECM proteins
 - Immune system active in supporting fibrotic deposition

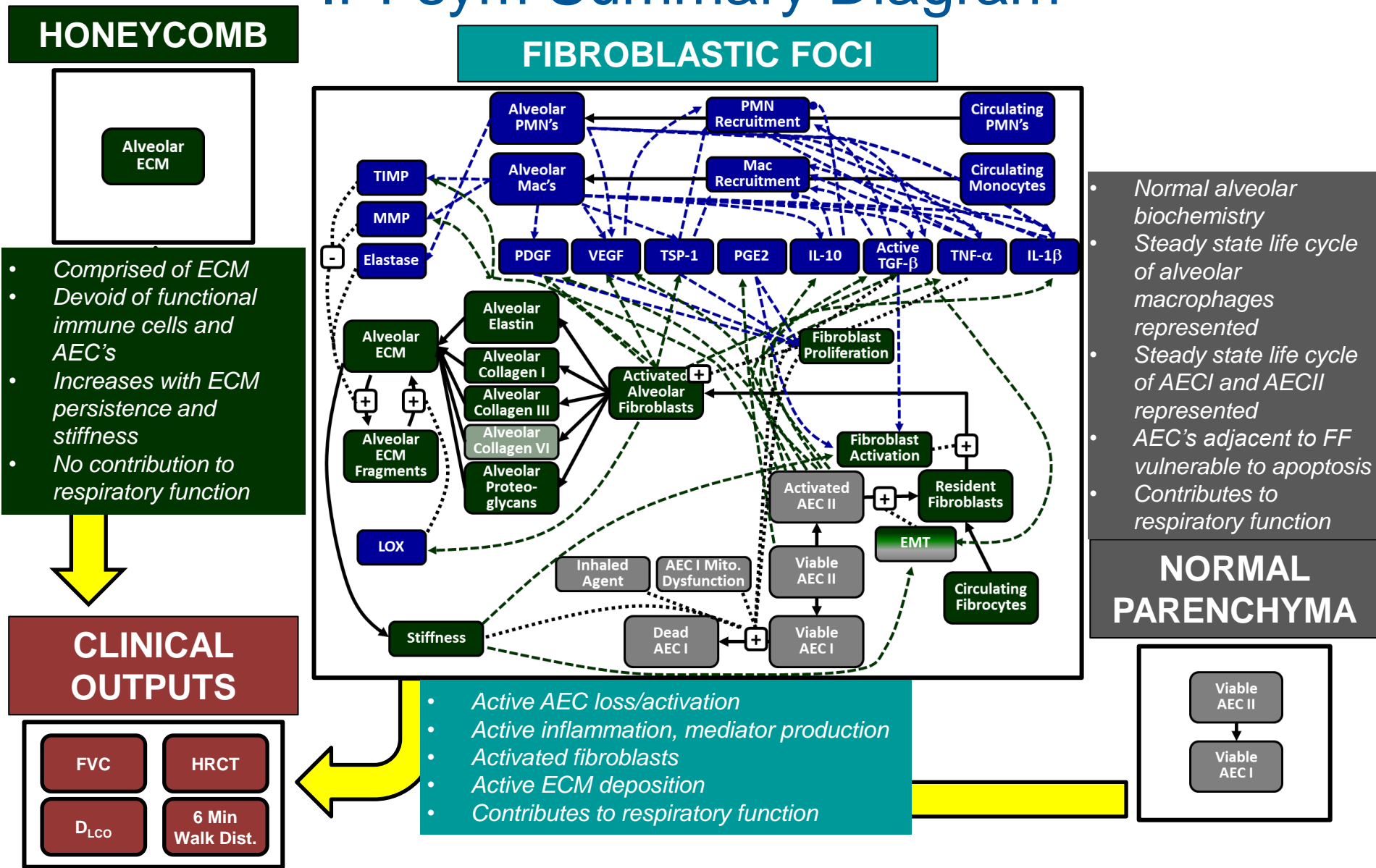


Plantier 2018



Clinical	Fibrosis
Immune	AEC

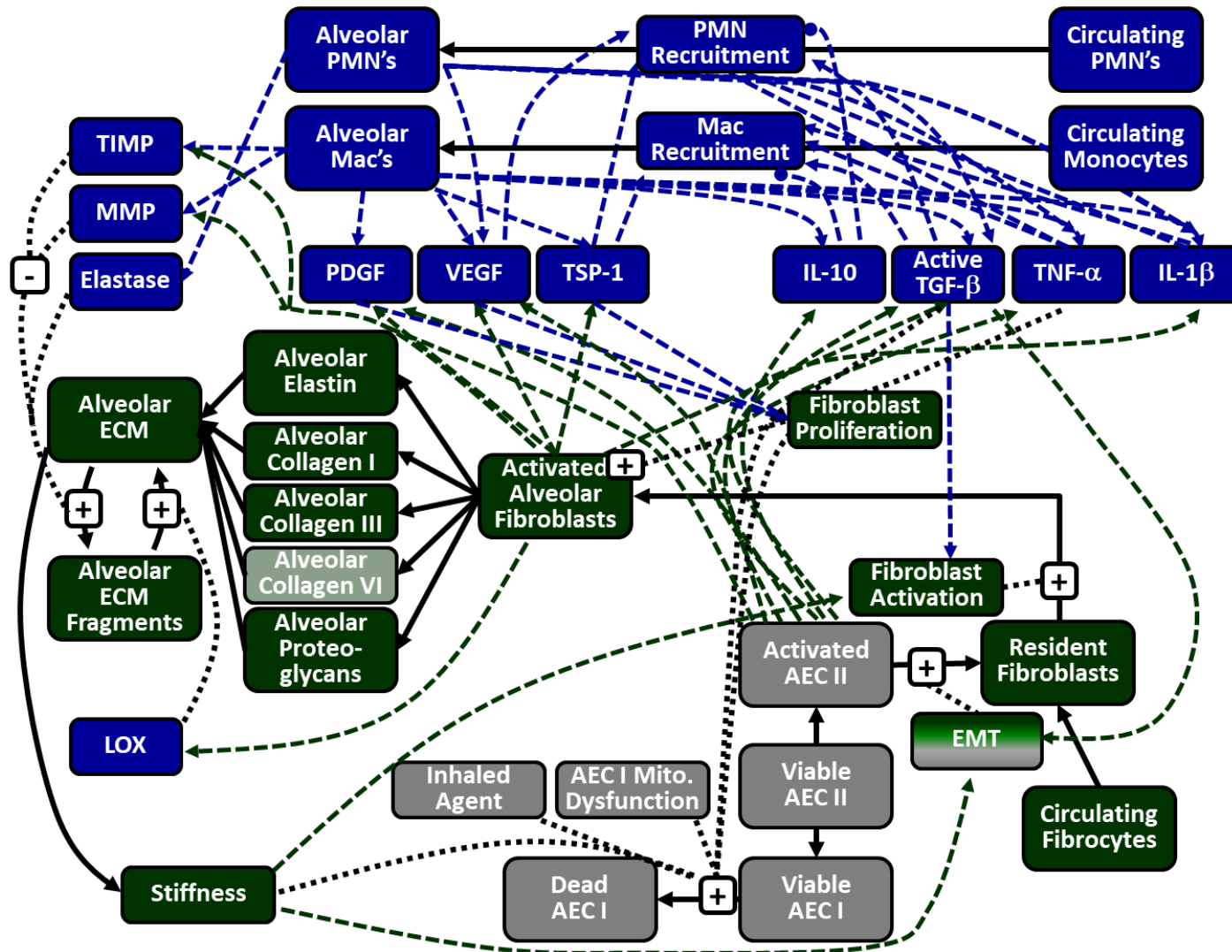
IPFsym Summary Diagram





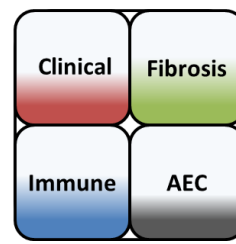
IPFsym Fibroblastic Foci Diagram

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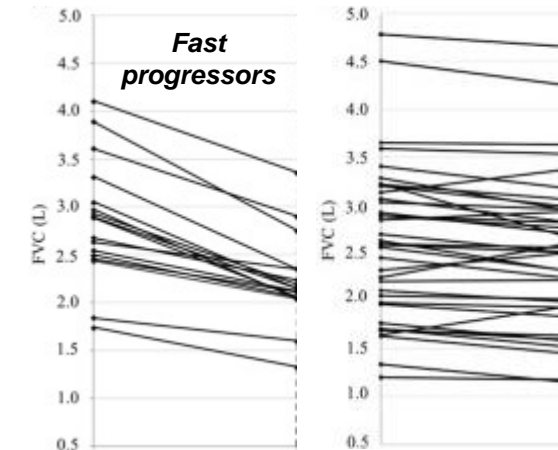
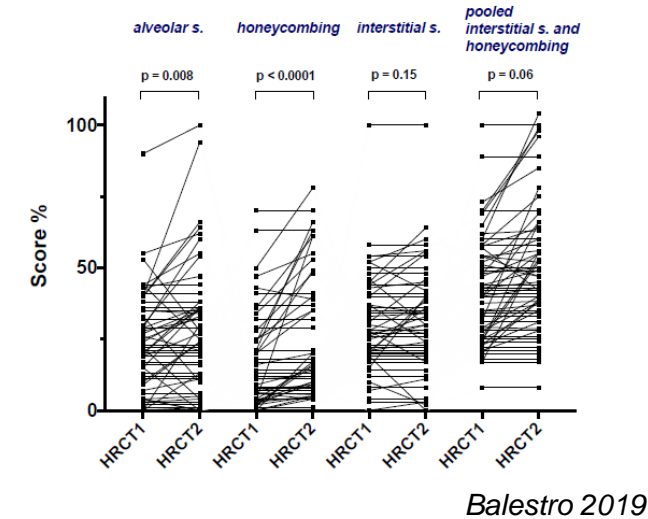




Substantial Inter-Patient Variability in IPF Disease Progression



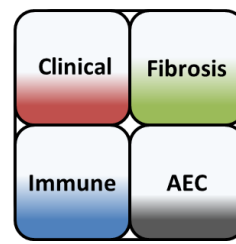
- Patients can remain stable, with minimal change in clinical outputs
 - Typical period of data collection is 1 year
- Patients can show rapid decline in disease status and pulmonary function
 - Potential for mortality is high in this subset of patients
- IPFsym includes simulated patients that progress slowly or rapidly
- IPFsym v1A does not include acute exacerbation events
 - Destruction of endothelial wall, pneumonitis likely to be added in subsequent versions of IPFsym



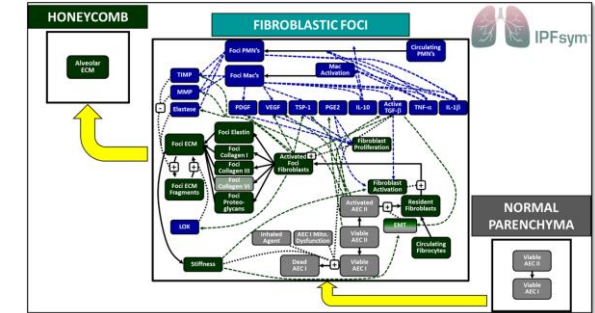
Biondini 2018



Pathophysiologic Variability Represented in IPFsym SimPops

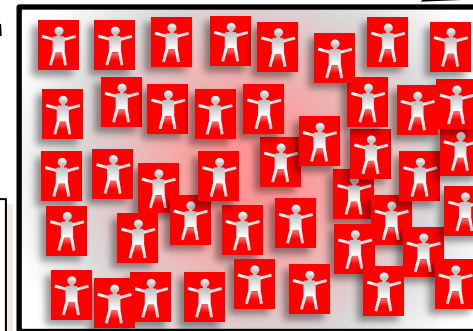
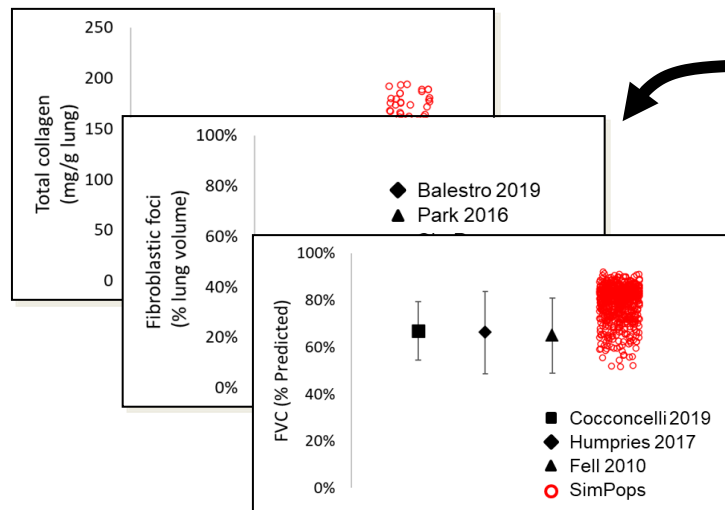


- SimPops are population samples with variability across key areas of IPF pathophysiology
- Multiple parameters are varied to produce diverse possible simulated patients
- Simulated patients are compared with a multitude of clinical data to validate pathophysiology within model
- Response data (e.g., nintedanib/pirfenidone) used to further validate the SimPops



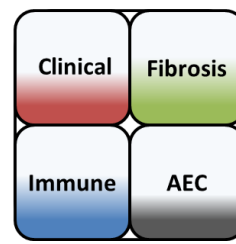
Variables Used to Construct the IPFsym v2A SimPops

Height
Age
AEC apoptosis rates
Immune cell recruitment and activation
Inflammatory mediator production
Fibroblast activation and proliferation
ECM synthesis and degradation
Collagen cross linking and ECM stiffness
Progression rates

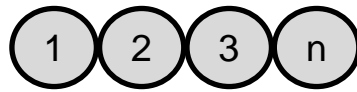




Use of Different Categories of SimPops in IPFsym

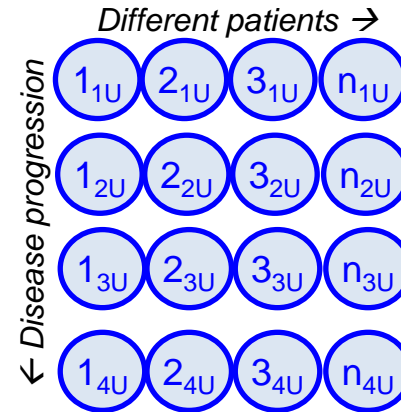


Steady state



Use for exploration of disease progression

Disease progression
With varying
trajectories, location
in progression
trajectory



*Use to select cohorts
with varying progression
trajectories, location in
progression spectrum
while untreated*

Disease progression
+ standards of care
with different location
in progression/
treatment trajectory



*Use to select cohorts with
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trajectories, location in
progression spectrum while
on treatment*



Data to Support Evaluation of IPF SimPops

AEC

- Viable AECl and AEClI numbers in fibroblastic foci and normal parenchyma

Immune

- Immune cells in fibroblastic foci
- Circulating mediators

Fibrosis

- Fibroblast numbers in fibroblastic foci
- Total collagen, elastin, proteoglycan (ECM) quantities in fibroblastic foci and/or honeycombed region
- Circulating Pro-C3 and lysyl oxidase-L2
- Stiffness in fibroblastic foci and honeycombed region

Clinical

- HRCT determination of honeycombing and fibroblastic foci volumes
- FVC, % predicted FVC in placebo and treated patients
- D_{LCO} , % predicted D_{LCO} in placebo and treated patients
- 6 minute walk distance in placebo and treated patients

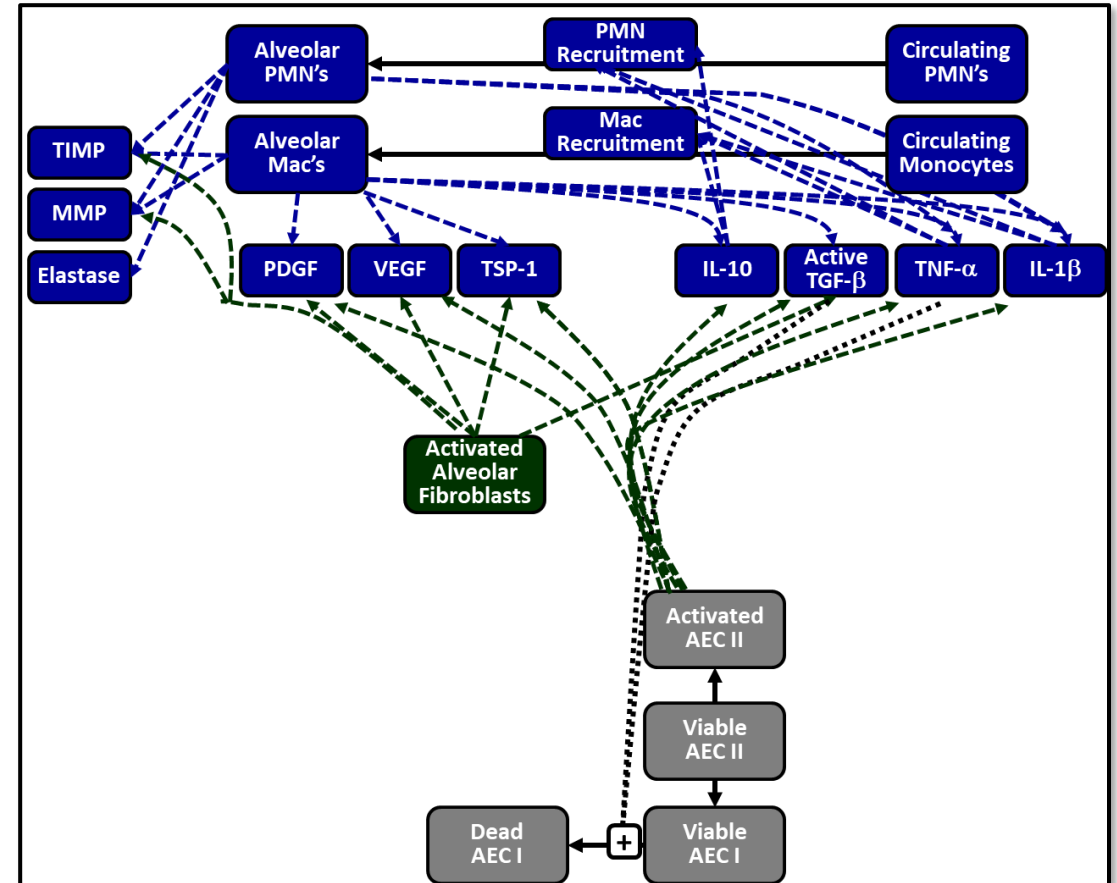
Comparisons with clinical data made simultaneously across all axes



IPFsym FF Inflammation Diagram

Immune

- Representation of immune cells focuses on macrophages and neutrophils
 - Recruitment of circulating monocytes and neutrophils
 - Proliferation of resident and recruited alveolar macrophages
- Inflammation participates in represented pathophysiology largely through production of key mediators
 - Inflammatory mediators produced by multiple cell types, including AECs and fibroblasts
- Mediator effects include
 - Cross-regulation, recruitment, proliferation
 - Pro-fibrotic and pro-apoptotic activity

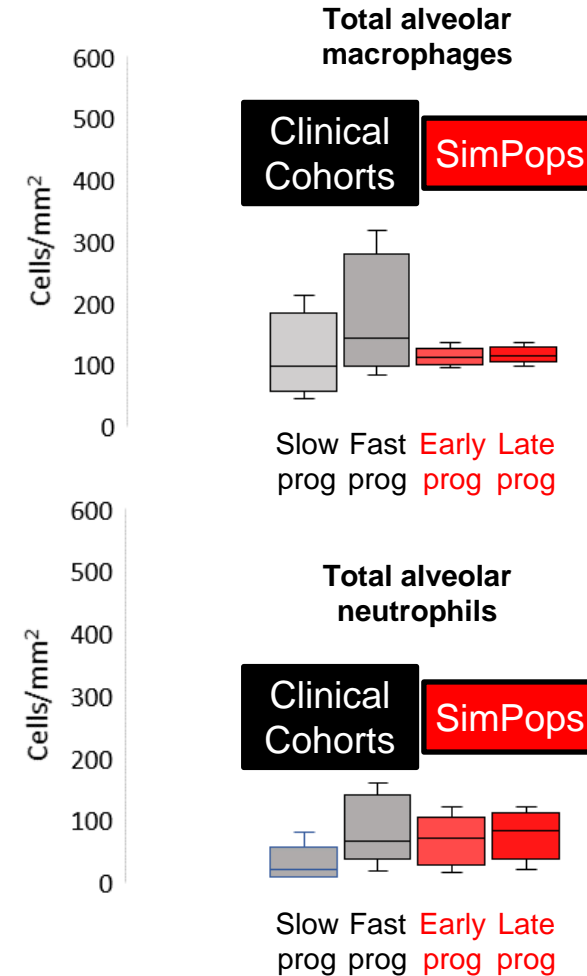




Simulated Cell Numbers for SimPops Are Consistent with Clinical IPF Data

Immune

- SimPops patients (n=716) include varying degrees of IPF severity
 - Includes simulated patients early in progression and later in progression
 - All simulated patients survive 4 years of simulated disease progression
- Simulated cell numbers for SimPops patient macrophages and neutrophils fall within range observed for slow or rapid progressors
 - Macrophages and neutrophils quantified from lung biopsies of IPF patients (slow or fast progressors)



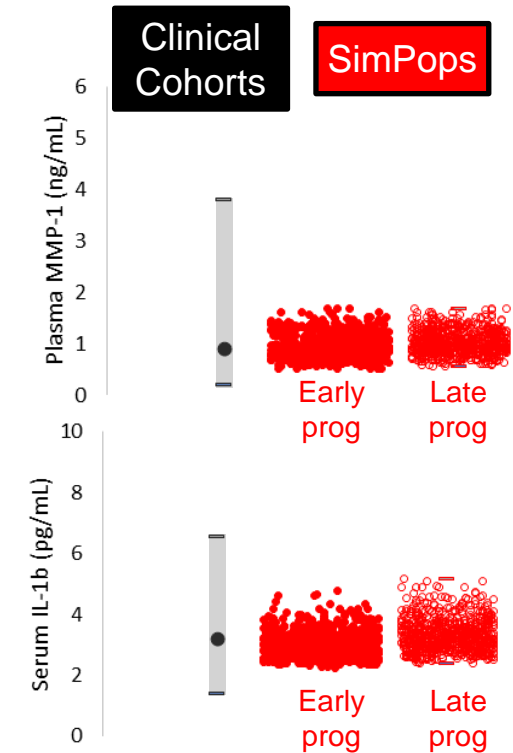
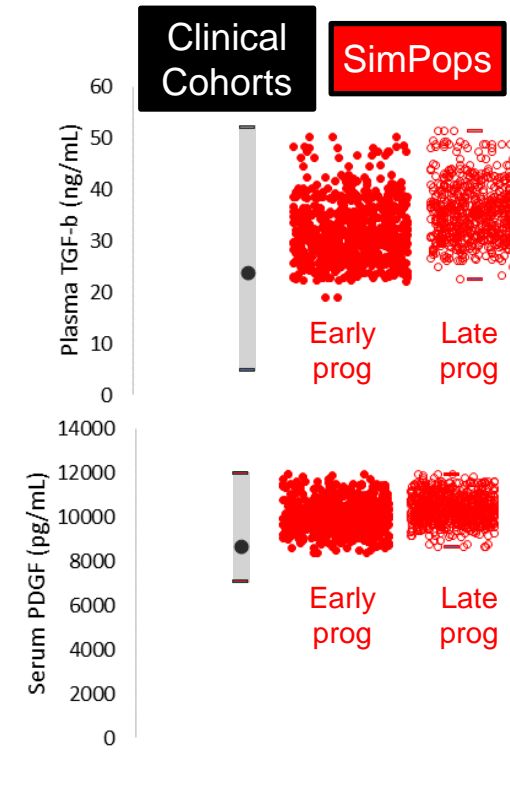
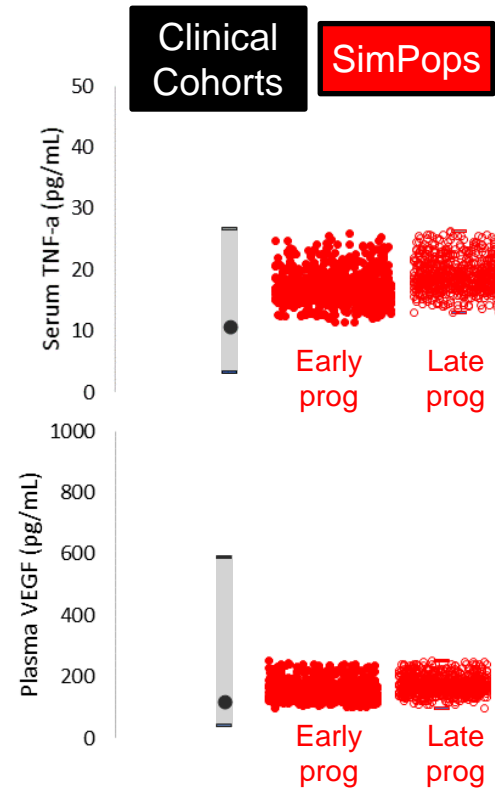
Balestro 2016



SimPops Mediator Levels Are Consistent with Clinical IPF Data

Immune

- Simulated mediators from preliminary SimPops are consistent with clinical data
 - Mean (•), minimum (-), maximum (-) plotted
 - Clinical data come from variety of sources
 - Other mediators (IL-10, TIMP-1, TSP-1, neutrophil elastase, LOX) also evaluated (*not shown*)

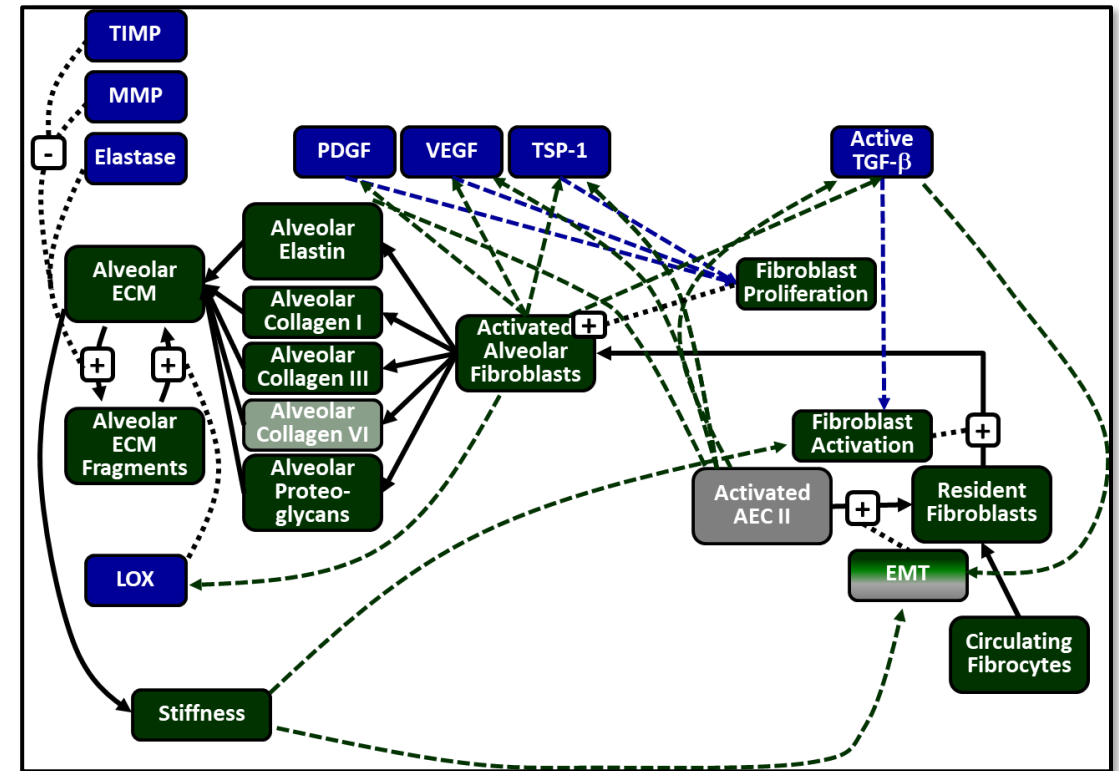




IPFsym FF Fibrosis Diagram

Fibrosis

- Resident fibroblasts activated in response to elevated TGF- β levels
- Activated fibroblasts increase proliferation in response to elevated PDGF levels
- Circulating fibrocytes and activated AEC II (via EMT) may contribute to the fibroblast pool
- Activated fibroblasts synthesize ECM
- Elevated ECM increases lung stiffness
 - Stiffness feeds back into fibroblast activation
- Transition of FF alveolar ECM to Honeycombed is dependent upon time and ECM stiffness

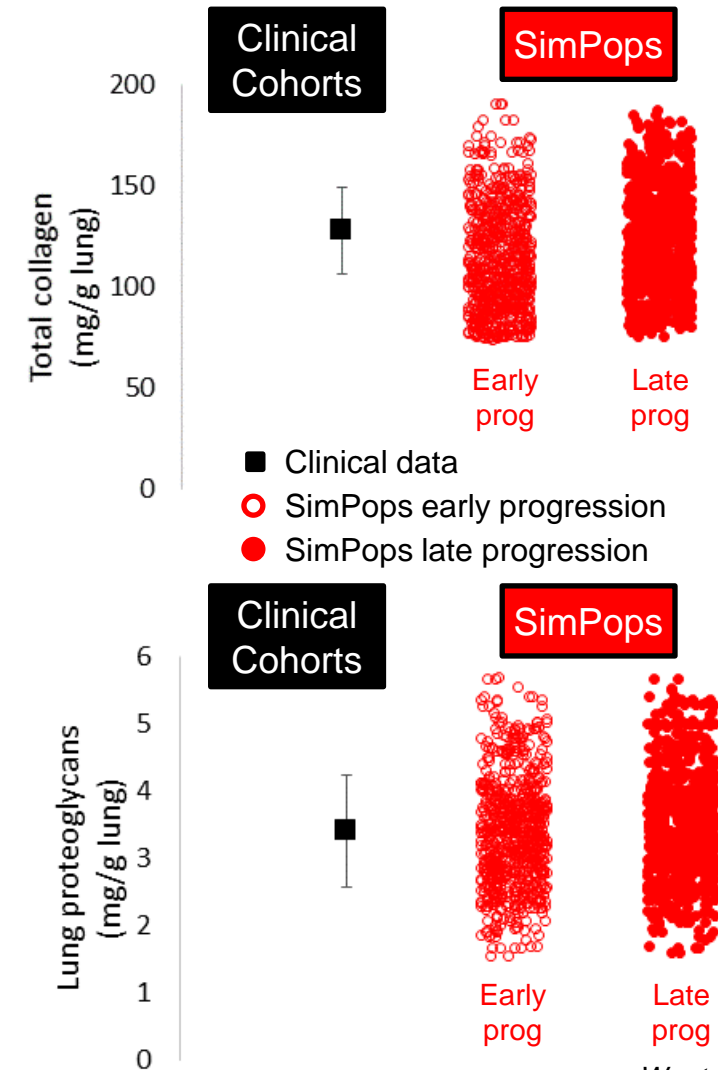




Simulated ECM Levels for SimPops Are Consistent with Clinical IPF Data

Fibrosis

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 - All simulated patients survive 4 years of simulated disease progression
- Simulated lung collagen and proteoglycans are consistent with range of clinical data
 - Clinical data measured from lung biopsy and postmortem samples reported in Westergren-Thorsson 2017



Westergren-Thorsson 2017



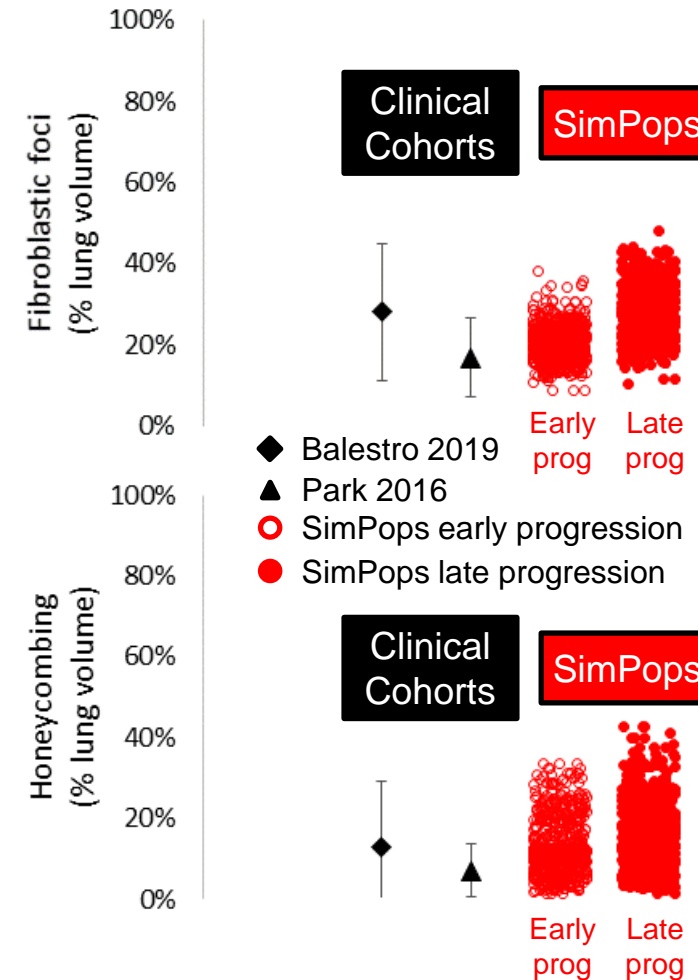
Simulated Fibroblastic Foci and Honeycombing for SimPops Are Consistent with Clinical HRCT Data

Clinical



Park 2016

- SimPops patients (n=716) include varying degrees of IPF severity
 - Includes simulated patients early in progression and later in progression
 - All simulated patients survive 4 years of simulated disease progression
- Simulated volume fractions of fibroblastic foci and honeycombing consistent with range of reported clinical data
 - Clinical data collected via HRCT
 - SimPops patients include variability in body and lung size



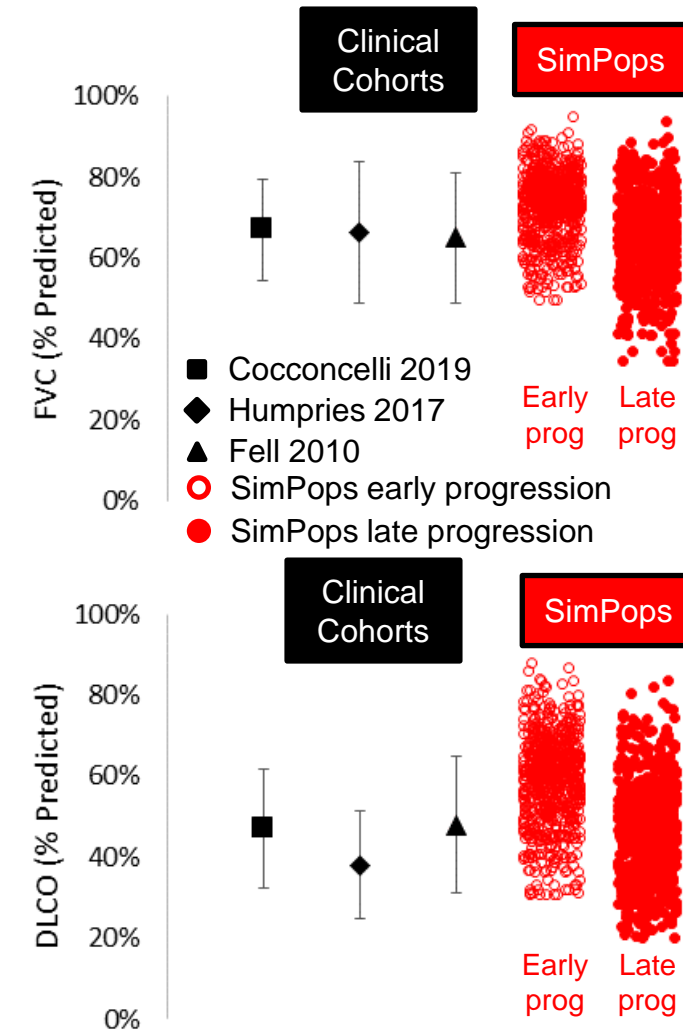
Park 2016, Balestro 2019



Simulated FVC and D_{LCO} for SimPops Are Consistent with Clinical Data

Clinical

- SimPops patients (n=716) include varying degrees of IPF severity
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 - All simulated patients survive 4 years of simulated disease progression
- Simulated FVC (% predicted) and D_{LCO} (% predicted) consistent with range of reported clinical data
 - FVC and D_{LCO} measurements compared with reference values for untreated patients of similar age, gender, size
 - Absolute FVC and D_{LCO} are also included as IPFsym clinical outputs
 - FVC and D_{LCO} are influenced by extent of fibroblastic foci and honeycombing within lungs of SimPops patients



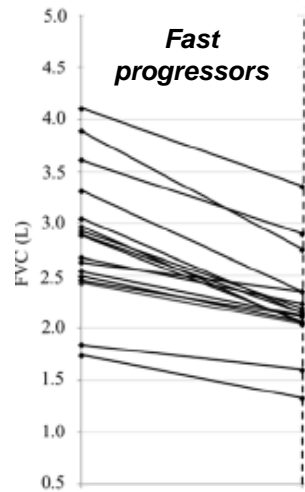
Fell 2010, Humphries 2017, Cocconcelli 2019



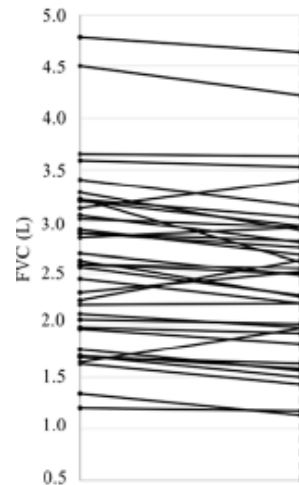
SimPops Include Appropriate IPF Progression Rates

Clinical

Clinical
Cohorts

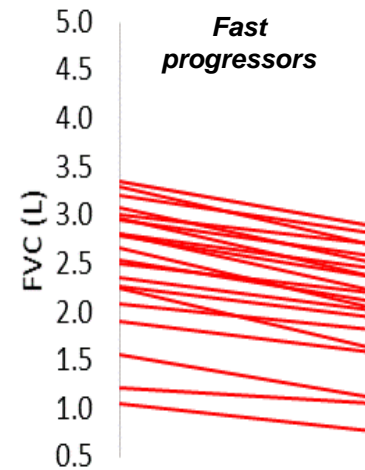


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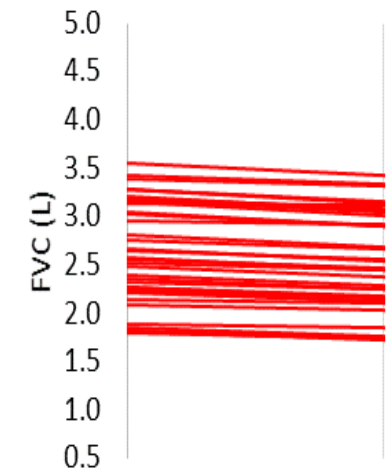


Untreated

SimPops



Untreated



Untreated

Biondini 2018

- SimPops patients include varying rates of change in fibroblastic foci and honeycombing regions
 - Respiratory measures (e.g., FVC) are dependent upon relative volumes of the functional zones
- Mixture of fast and slow progressors in SimPops (*untreated, 1 year*)
 - Rates consistent with Biondini et al.
 - Fast progressors defined as $\Delta\text{FVC} \geq 10\%$; slow progressors defined as $\Delta\text{FVC} \leq 10\%$
 - Selected simulated patients displayed



Brief Demonstration of IPFsym v1A Software



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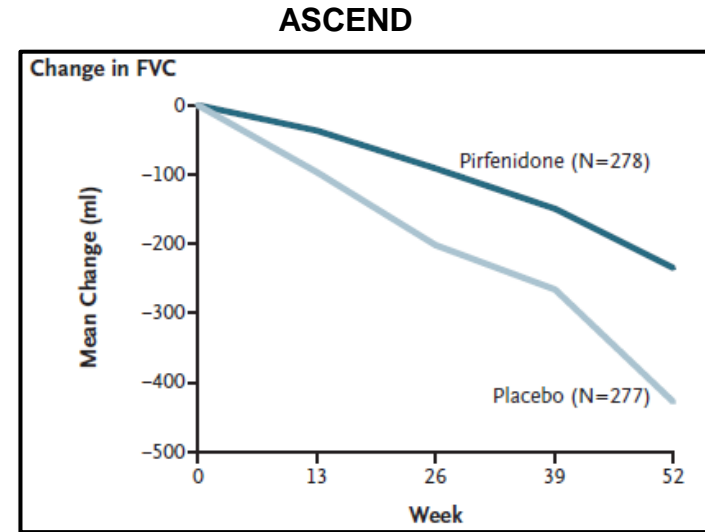
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Pirfenidone Overview

Clinical

- Pirfenidone, Esbriet® (Roche/Genentech), approved for treatment of IPF in US and several other countries
- Small molecule with antifibrotic and anti-inflammatory properties
- In IPF patients, pirfenidone mitigated the decline in FVC (King 2014)
- Preclinical data provide evidence that pirfenidone inhibits fibroblast activation and procollagen synthesis
 - Conte 2014
 - Nakayama 2008
- Less evidence exists for alternate mechanisms
 - Inhibition of fibroblast proliferation
 - Inhibition of EMT
 - Inhibition of fibrocyte accumulation
 - Inhibition of inflammatory mediator production



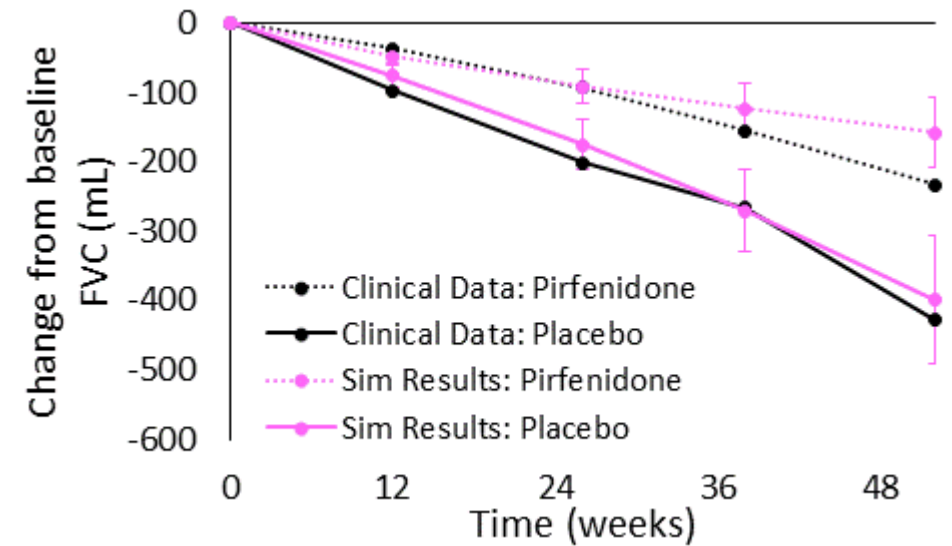
King 2014



Reasonable Simulation of Clinical Response to Pirfenidone Treatment

Clinical

- SimCohorts (n=62) and clinical IPF patients were treated with 801 mg TID pirfenidone for 52 weeks
 - Similar rate of progression between Clinical IPF patients and SimCohorts patients in placebo group
- Simulated change in FVC on pirfenidone treatment was comparable to clinical data
- Simulated change in FVC with placebo was comparable to clinical data



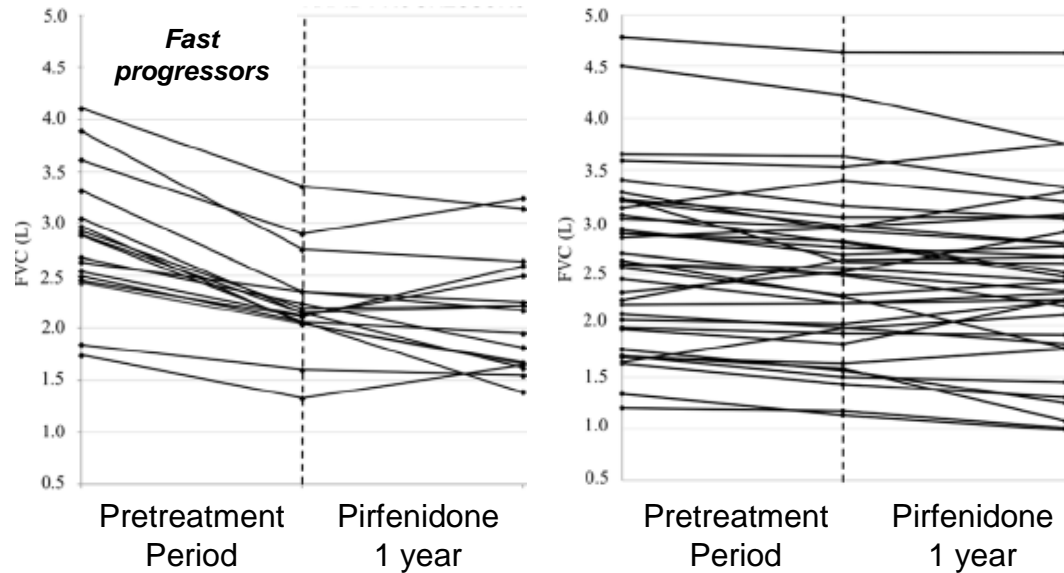
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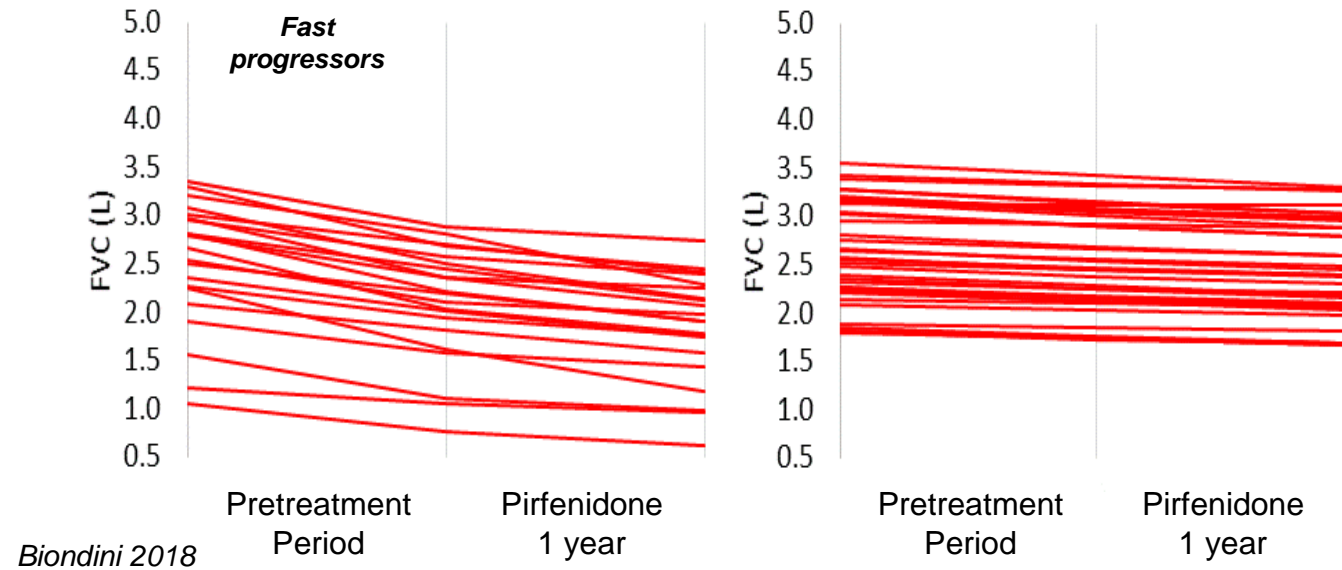
SimPops Include Appropriate Adjustment to IPF Progression Rates with Treatment

Clinical

Clinical Cohorts



SimPops



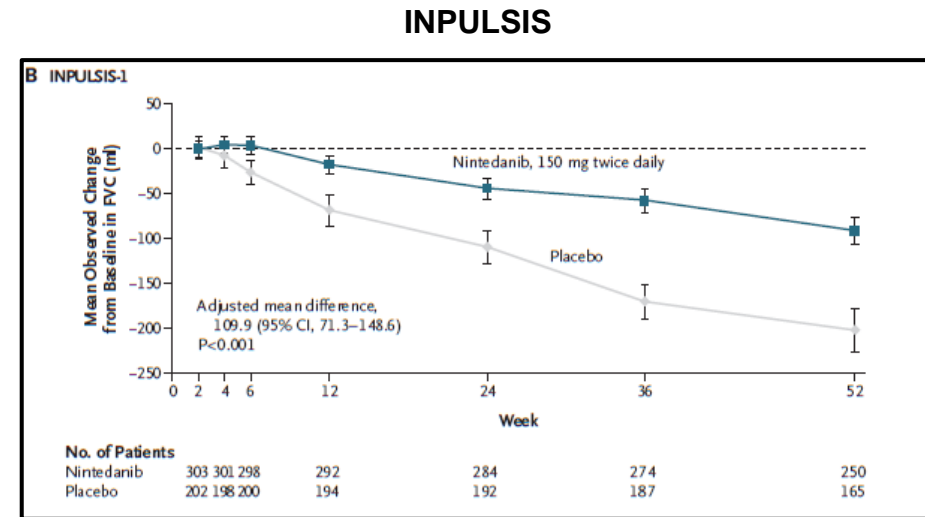
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 - Respiratory measures (e.g., FVC) are dependent upon relative volumes of the functional zones
- Mixture of fast and slow progressors in SimPops (*untreated 1 yr, Pirfenidone treatment 1 yr*)
 - Reduction in progression rates with pirfenidone treatment consistent with Biondini et al.
 - Fast progressors have greater reduction in progression with treatment than Slow progressors
 - Fast progressors defined as $\Delta FVC \geq 10\%$; slow progressors defined as $\Delta FVC \leq 10\%$
 - Selected simulated patients displayed



Nintedanib Overview

Clinical

- Nintedanib, Ofev® (Boehringer Ingelheim), approved for treatment of IPF in US and several other countries
- Small molecule receptor tyrosine kinase inhibitor targeting PDGFR, FGFR, and VEGFR
- In IPF patients, nintedanib mitigated the decline in FVC (Richeldi 2014)
- Preclinical data provide evidence that nintedanib inhibits fibroblast proliferation and procollagen synthesis
 - Wollin 2014, Hostettler 2014, Rangarajan 2016, Knuppel 2017
- Less evidence exists for alternate mechanisms
 - Inhibition of fibroblast activation
 - Inhibition of collagen synthesis
 - Inhibition of fibrocyte accumulation



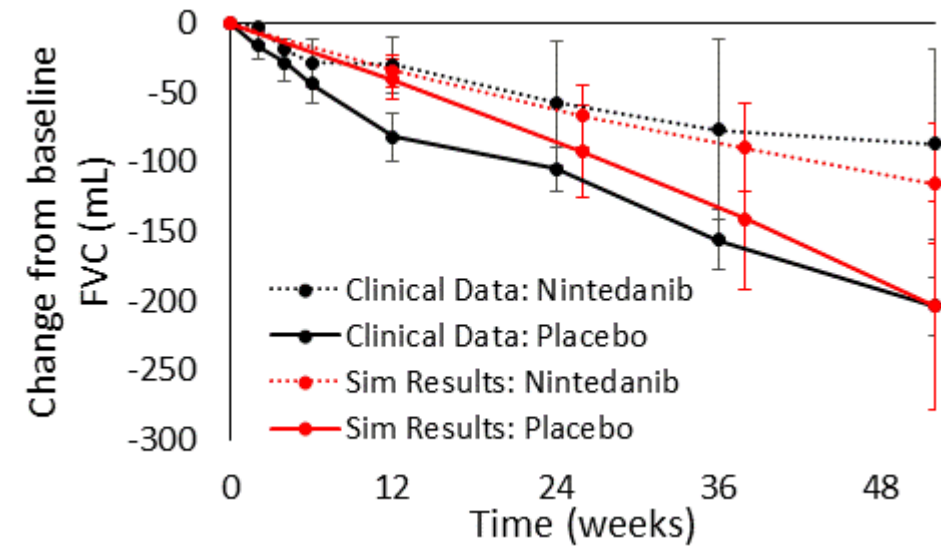
Richeldi 2014



Reasonable Simulation of Clinical Response to Nintedanib Treatment

Clinical

- SimPops patients (n=322) and clinical IPF patients were treated with 150 mg BID nintedanib for 52 weeks
- Simulated change in FVC on nintedanib treatment was comparable to clinical data
- Simulated change in FVC with placebo was comparable to clinical data



Richeldi 2014

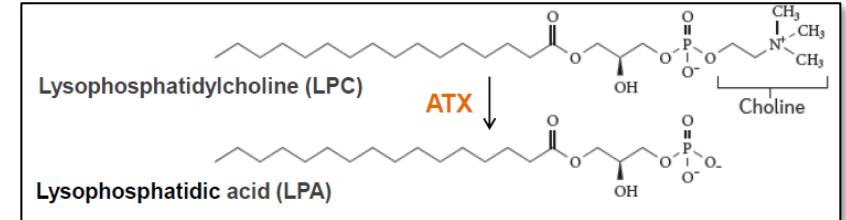


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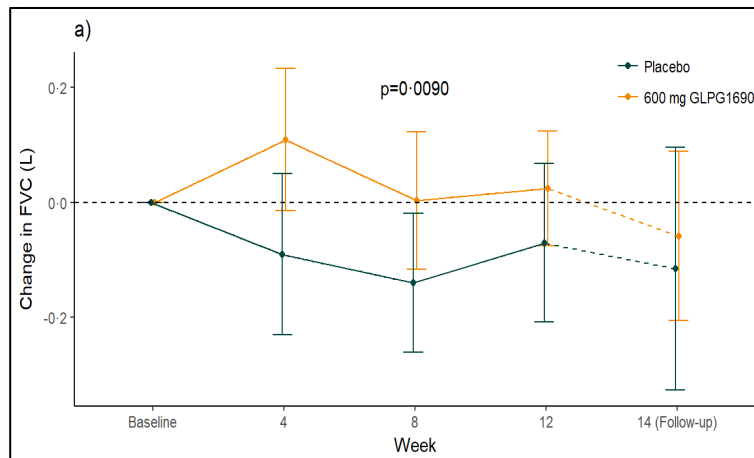


Autotaxin Inhibition Is Potential IPF Therapeutic Approach

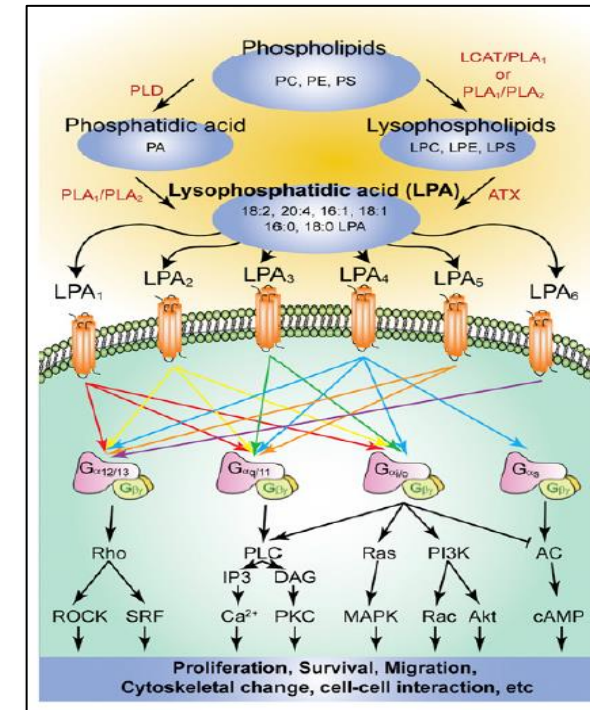
- LPA₁ receptor activation promotes pro-fibrotic processes, including the activation and proliferation of fibroblasts in lungs of IPF patients
 - LPA is substrate
 - Fibroblast proliferation
- Autotaxin (ATX) catalyzes the synthesis of LPA in circulation
- ATX inhibitor, GLPG1690 showed efficacy in Phase II clinical studies



van der Aar 2015



Maher 2018

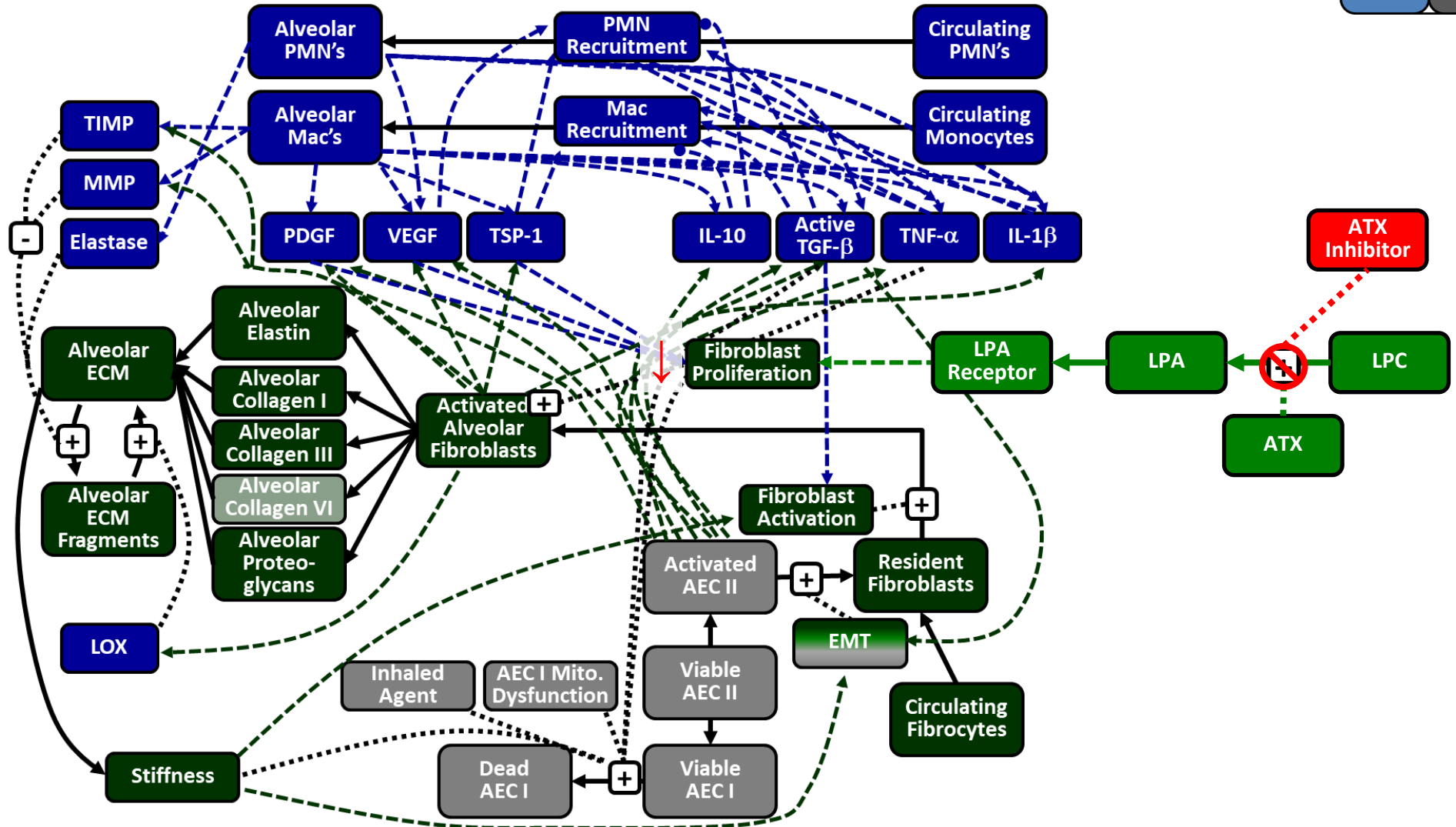


Yung 2014



IPFsym Framework Allows Addition of New Targets and Compounds Example: Autotaxin Inhibitor

Clinical	Fibrosis
Immune	AEC





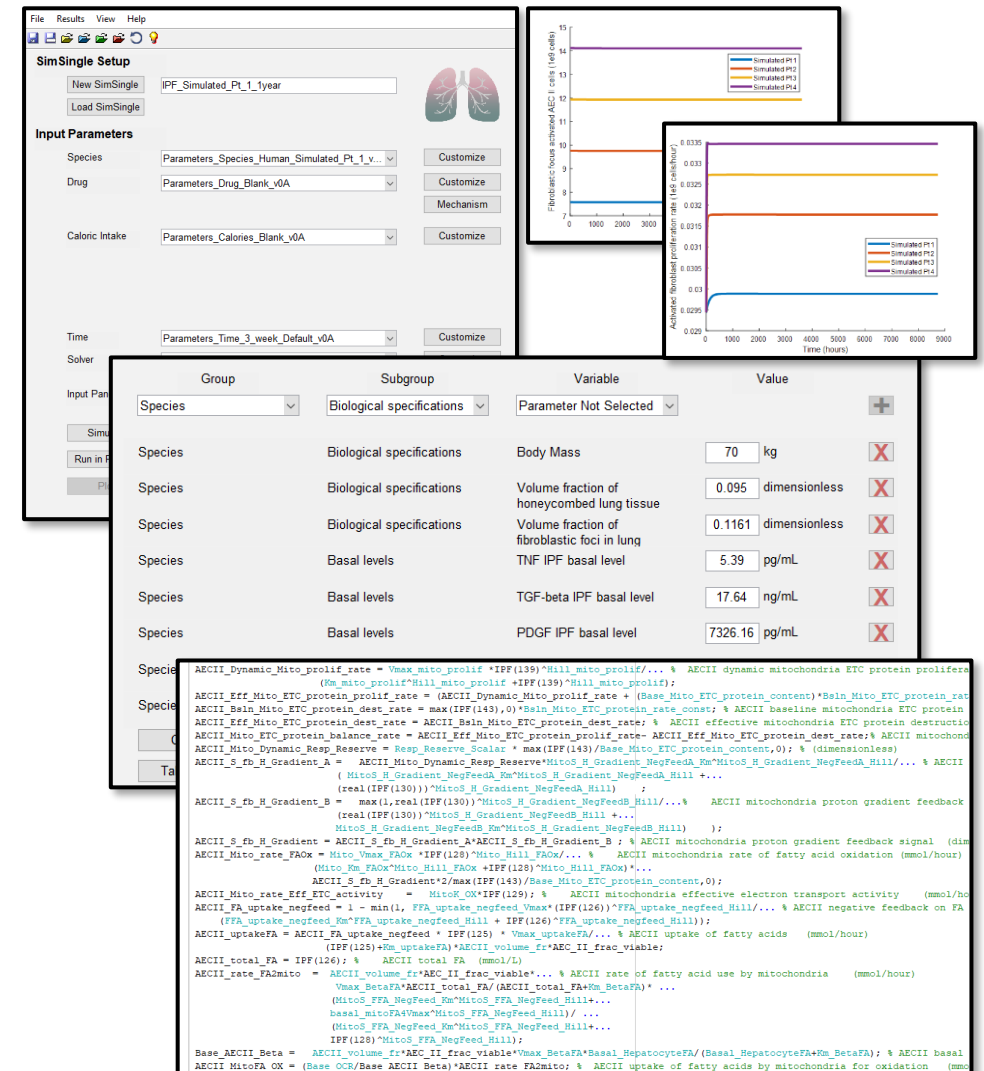
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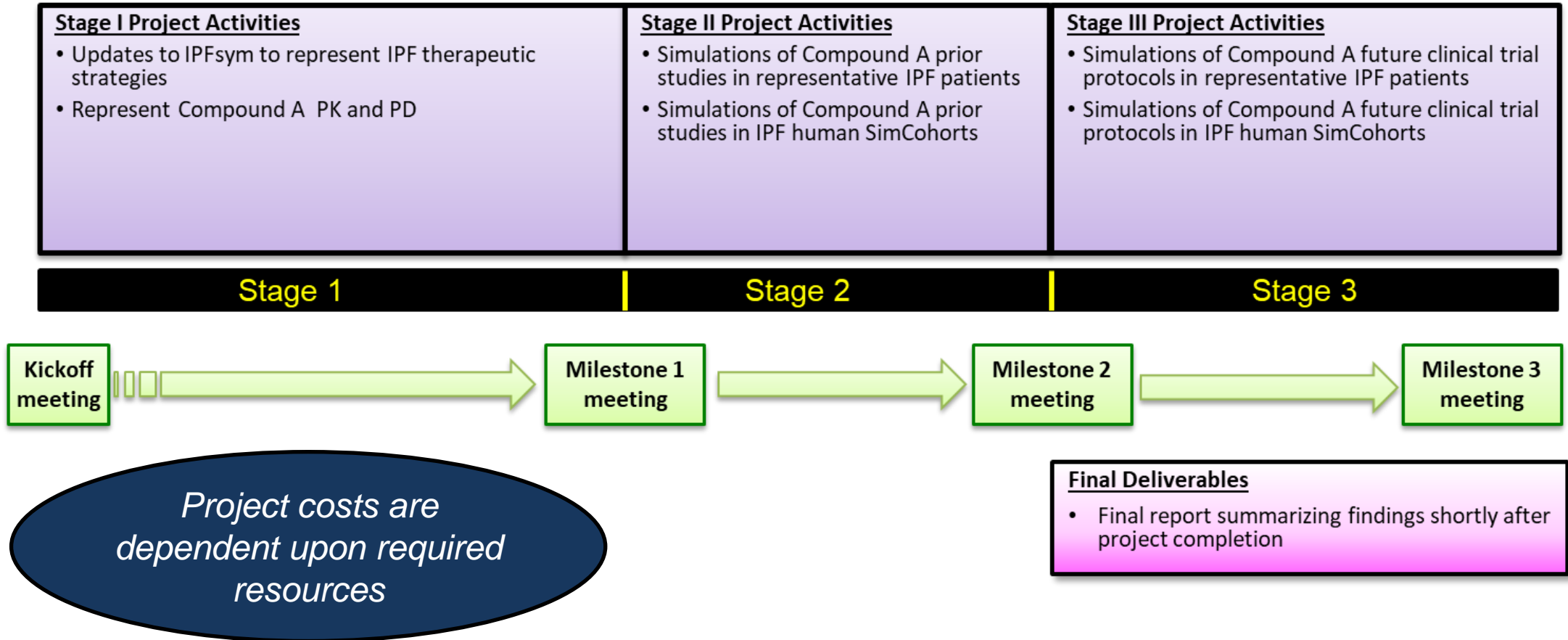
IPFsym v1A License Will Provide Opportunity to Actively Utilize QSP Model

- A license to IPFsym v1A will be \$67,500 per year for 1 instance
 - Includes capabilities of predicting effects of treatments on fibrosis, inflammation, and epithelial cells of alveoli
 - Includes 10 hours of training
 - Local desktop installations only
 - No network shareable licenses
 - Must be renewed annually
 - Additional licenses can be made available at reduced, volume pricing
- Equations can be viewed by users
 - Can be modified to represent novel targets within IPFsym v1A
 - No original IPFsym v1A code can be ported out to other MATLAB files or languages without the permission of DILIsym Services





General Project Timeline and Deliverables





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IPFsym Is Designed to Support Drug Development with Efficacy Predictions

- IPF afflicts elderly patients, with extremely high mortality rates following diagnosis
 - Substantial manifestation of pathophysiology before respiratory function is compromised enough to motivate diagnosis
- IPF is progressive disease
 - Respiratory function (e.g., FVC) declines over time
- IPFsym is a QSP model of IPF
 - Includes capabilities of predicting effects of treatments on fibrosis, inflammation, and epithelial cells of alveoli
 - Includes pathophysiologically diverse simulated patients in SimPops
 - IPFsym v1A to be released in Q1 2021
- IPFsym can be used to support IPF drug development
 - Combines PK, PD, pathophysiology to predict efficacy of novel treatments
 - Flexible framework facilitates addition of new targets as needed
 - Can be used to optimize clinical trial protocols and identify key hypotheses related to mechanistic underpinnings of predicted response to treatment
 - Provides ability to evaluate combinations of treatments with different mechanisms of action

