



# Emerging Treatments for Pulmonary Fibrosis and Active Clinical Trials

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**Conflicts of interest:**

**Site PI for the following studies which will be discussed:**

- **BMS-986278 phase II**
- **FIBRONEER**
- **ALOFT**

# Current state (10+ years)

**IPF** J84.112

**nintedanib (Ofev) or pirfenidone (Esbriet)**

**PF-ILD (PPF)** J84.170 (INBUILD '19)

- o A decline in the relative ppFVC of  $\geq 10\%$ , OR
- o A decline in the relative ppFVC of  $\geq 5\%$  to  $< 10\%$  along with worsening symptoms or CT, OR
- o Worsening symptoms along with an increased extent of fibrosis on CT

**nintedanib (Ofev) with/without immunosuppressant(s)**

## Worsening Despite an Anti-Fibrotic

**Current options:**

- For IPF...switch?
- For PPF...intensify immunosuppressants?

## Anti-fibrotic trials – ongoing areas of investigation:

- **Nintedanib / pirfenidone switching, combining**
- **Expanded indications for nintedanib / pirfenidone**
- **Novel anti-fibrotics**

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## How do you know if an anti-fibrotic is working?

Well, you usually don't

Consider rate of pre-treatment FVC loss c/w rate of FVC loss while on treatment (if sufficient data available) – is there an improvement?

While on treatment, if rate of FVC loss  $> 200$  mL / year, at minimum entertain idea that anti-fibrotic isn't effective  
(trials demonstrated that on average those with IPF lose  $< 200$  mL / year while on treatment)

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## When do you consider switching from a med that is generally being tolerating?

When there's concern that antifibrotic is ineffective

Ongoing side effects taken into consideration – the more bothersome the side effects, the lower the threshold to change

## Does switching help?

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### **Combined Therapy (pirfenidone + nintedanib)**

**3 small, short studies investigating safety, tolerability,  
exploratory efficacy**

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## Management of Progressive Disease in Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (PROGRESSION)

### Goal:

Evaluate the efficacy and tolerance of combined pirfenidone and nintedanib as compared to "switch monotherapy" in patients with worsening IPF despite receiving either pirfenidone or nintedanib



# Management of Progressive Disease in Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (PROGRESSION)

## **Eligibility:**

- **Stable dose of pirfenidone or nintedanib**
- **Worsening**

## **Intervention – 24 weeks of:**

- **pirfenidone 2403 mg / d in combination with nintedanib 300 mg / d**
- **switch from one monotherapy to alternative**
- **cont current therapy**

**Enrollment : 378 participants**

**Primary Outcome Measure : Slope of the decline in FVC**

**Results hopefully in '25**

# Anti-fibrotic trials – ongoing areas of investigation:

## Expanded indications for nintedanib being investigated

- BOS in setting of HST
- Progressive Fibrosing Coal Mine Dust-Induced Interstitial Lung Disease
- BOS following lung transplant
- Occupational Progressive Pneumoconiosis
- Radiation Pneumonitis
- ILD following COVID-19
- Myositis - progressive fibrosing ILD

## Expanded indications for pirfenidone being investigated

- Fibrotic Lung Disease After COVID-19
- Radiation Pneumonitis
- Fibroproliferative ARDS
- Checkpoint inhibitor-related pneumonitis
- Silicosis
- CTD-ILD
- Occupational Pneumoconiosis

## Anti-fibrotic trials – ongoing areas of investigation:

### Semi-novel anti-fibrotics

- **LYT-100 - deupirfenidone**  
phase II ongoing  
press release in 12/24 suggested favorable results
- **AP01 - nebulized pirfenidone**  
phase II ongoing

## Anti-fibrotic trials – ongoing areas of investigation:

- **Novel anti-fibrotics**

**Many phase I and II trials**

### **Phase III Trials:**

**Treprostinil (UT)**

**PGI<sub>2</sub> analog**

**Nerandomilast (BI 1015550)**

**PDE4B inhibitor**

**Admilparant (BMS-986278)**

**LPA1 antagonist**

## Subject-centric clinical trial – protocol features attractive to patients

- **2:1 randomization**
- **52+ week study**
- **Open-label extension**
- **Reasonable study visit duration**
- **Transportation offered**
- **Stipend provided**
- **If phase III, promising phase II results**
- **PO vs. IV administration**
- **Background pirfenidone / nintedanib allowed**

## Novel Anti-fibrotics

**BI 1015550 (nerandomilast)**

**BI**

**PDE4B inhibitor**

**Existing PDE4 inhibitors:**

**apremilast (Otezla) - psoriasis, psoriatic arthritis, Behcet's**

**roflumilast (Daliresp) – COPD, psoriasis**

# PDE4B

Hydrolyzes cAMP, inhibition results in increased intracellular cAMP

High expression in lung, immune cells

## Inhibition:

- Blocks airway inflammation / hyperactivity in response to allergens
- Inhibits TGF- $\beta$ -induced differentiation into myofibroblasts
- Inhibits injury-induced neutrophil recruitment
- Reduces inflammatory responses of monocytes and macrophages
- Inhibition of TNF- $\alpha$  production

# Trial of a Preferential Phosphodiesterase 4B Inhibitor for Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis

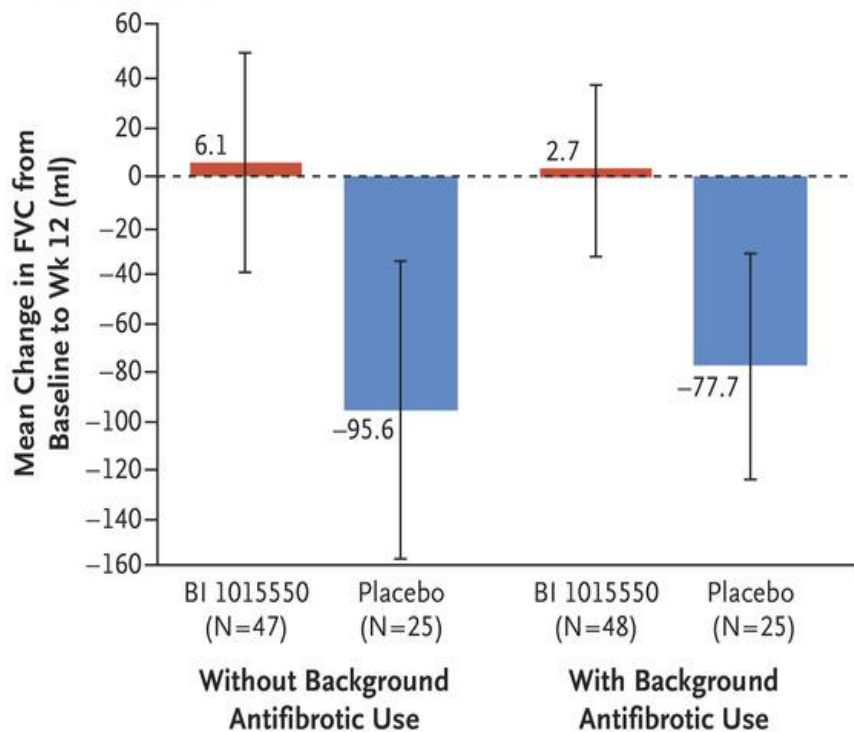
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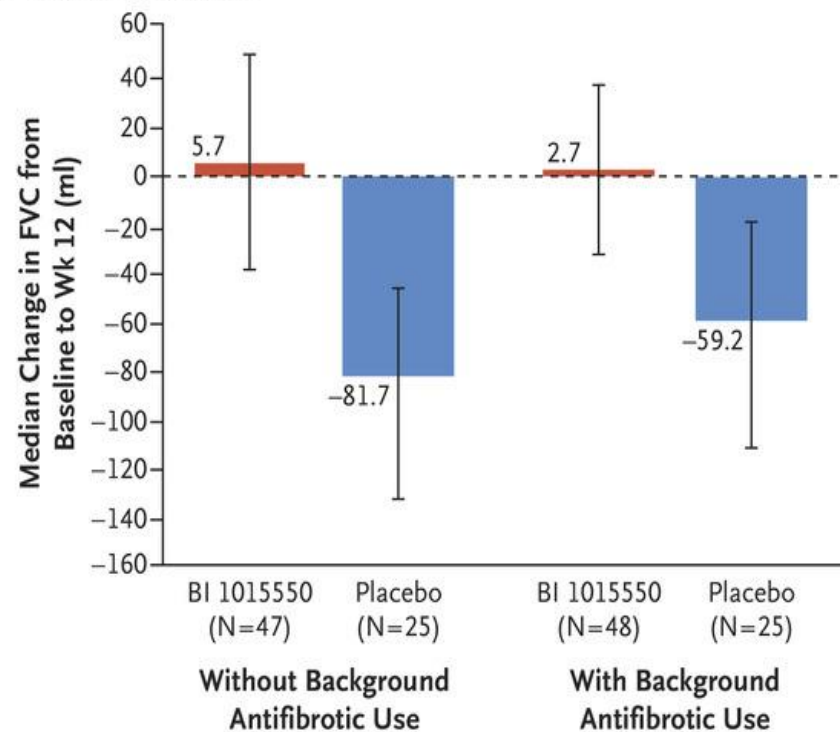
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## Changes in FVC at Week 12 (18 mg)

**A** MMRM Analysis



**B** Bayesian Analysis





**FIBRONEER (IPF, PPF cohorts)**

**Oral BI 1015550 bid vs. placebo**

**Double-blind, 52 week RCT, 2:1 randomization (9, 18 mg doses of BI 1015550 being evaluated)**

**Primary outcome : change in absolute FVC**

**PPF cohort to transition to OLE this month, IPF cohort transitioned > 4 months ago**

# Boehringer's nerandomilast meets primary endpoint in pivotal phase-III FIBRONEER™-IPF study

Ingelheim, Germany, Mon, 09/16/2024 - 12:00

- Topline data from FIBRONEER™-IPF show that the investigational compound nerandomilast met its primary endpoint, which was the absolute change from baseline in Forced Vital Capacity [mL] at week 52 versus placebo.

## Novel Anti-fibrotics

**BMS-986278 (admilparant)**

**BMS**

**LPA1 antagonist**

### **LPA – LPA1**

- **Recruits fibroblasts and prevents their apoptosis**
- **Promotes vascular leak**
- **Induces epithelial cell apoptosis**

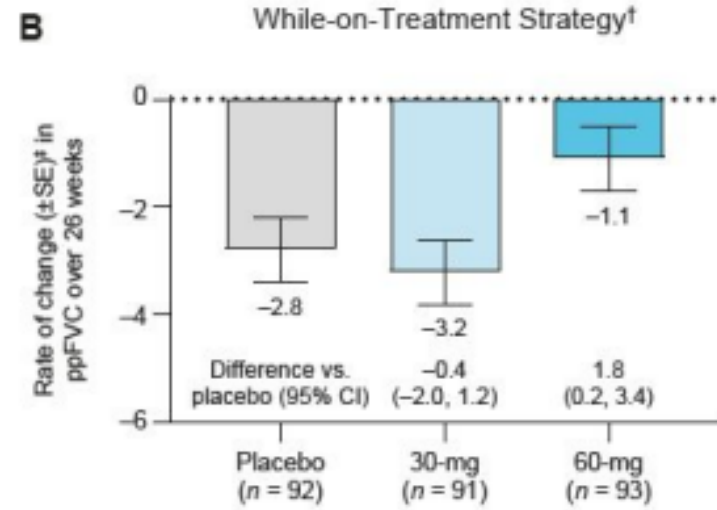
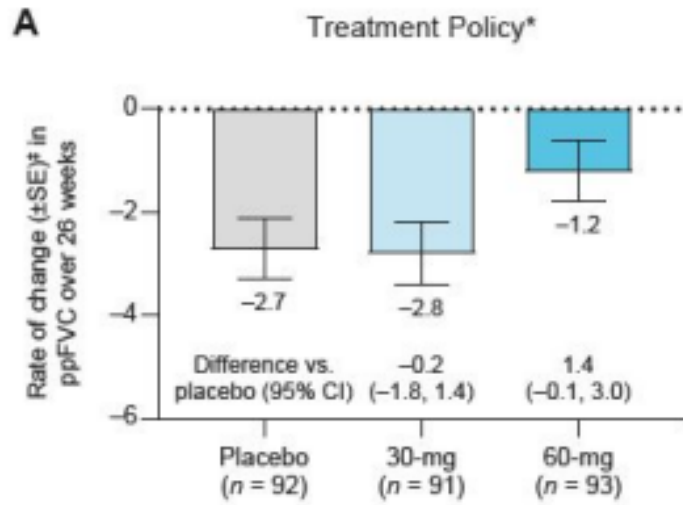
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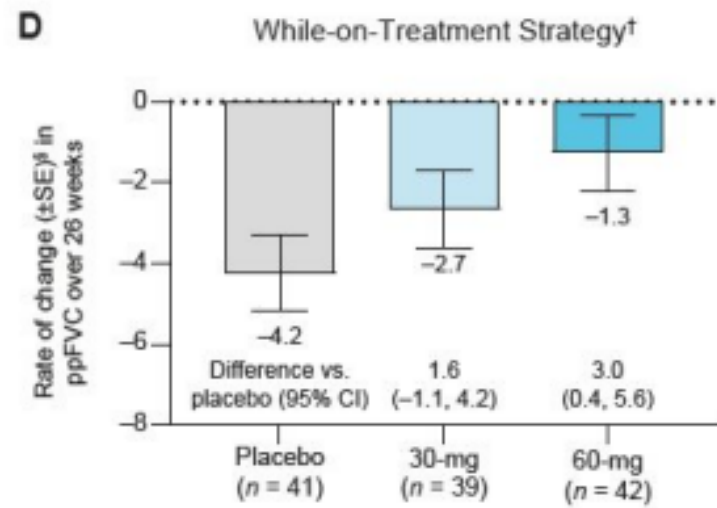
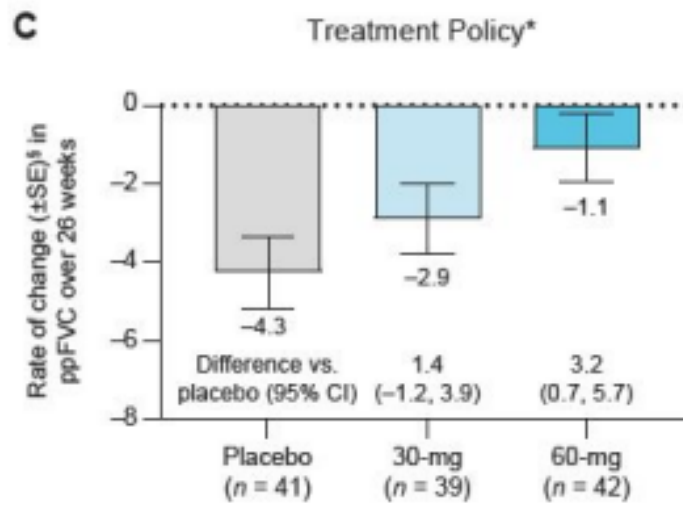
**Efficacy and Safety of Admilparant (BMS-986278), an LPA(1) Antagonist in Pulmonary Fibrosis: A Phase 2 Randomized Clinical Trial.**

**Positive results reported at ATS '23, on-line pub 10/24**

IPF Cohort



PPF Cohort



# **ALOFT-IPF / ALOFT-PPF**

**Oral BMS-986278 bid vs. placebo**

**Double-blind, 52 week RCT, 2:1 randomization (60, 120 mg being evaluated)**

**Primary outcome : change in absolute FVC**

**Enrollment opened**

**Open-label extension available**

## Novel Anti-fibrotics

Treprostinil

United Therapeutics

PGI<sub>2</sub> analog

**INCREASE study** : evaluated inhaled treprostinil in patients with ILD and pulmonary hypertension (meant to be a traditional PH study)

**Pre-clinical observations** : reduces recruitment of fibrocytes to sites of vascular remodeling, suppresses fibroblast activity including synthesis and deposition of collagen and fibronectin

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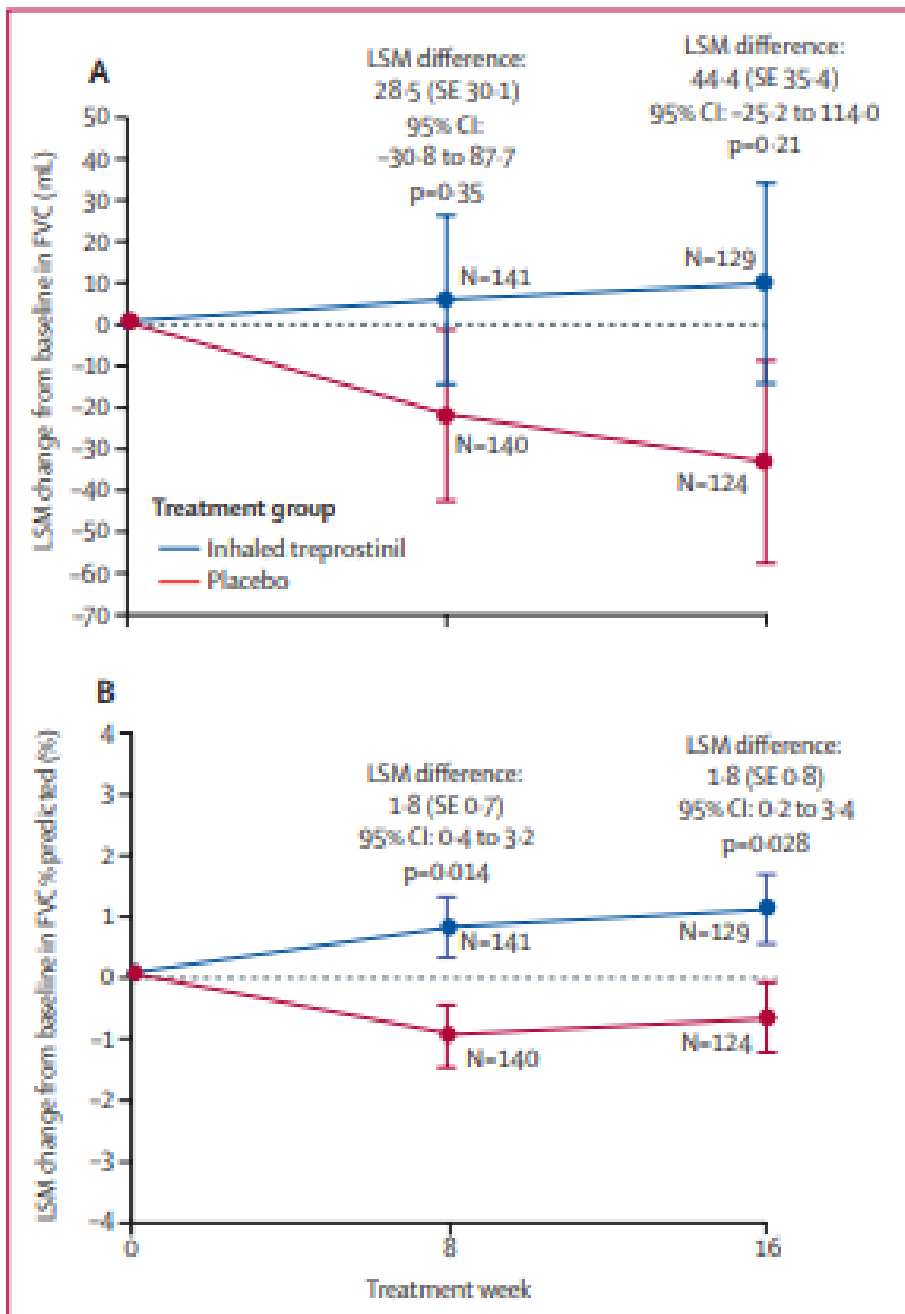


Figure 1: Change in FVC at week 8 and week 16 for the overall population

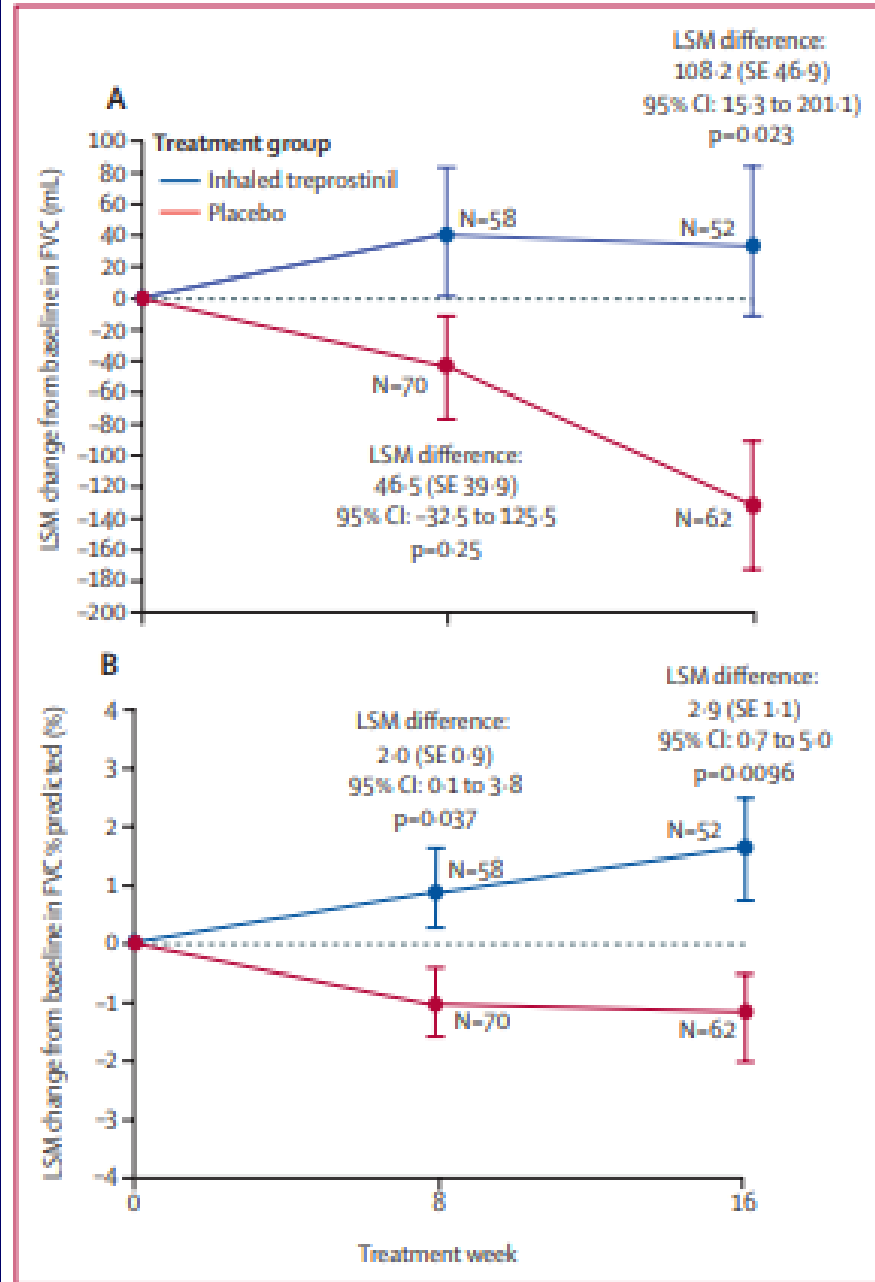


Figure 2: Change in FVC at week 8 and week 16 for patients with idiopathic interstitial pneumonia



# **TETON / TETON-PPF**

**Nebulized treprostinil qid vs. placebo**

**Double-blind, 52 week RCT, 1:1 randomization**

**Primary outcome : change in absolute FVC**

**Enrolling**

**Open-label extension available**

## Worsening Despite an Anti-Fibrotic

### **Current options:**

- **For IPF...switch?**
- **For PPF...intensify immunosuppressants?**

### **Soon:**

- **For IPF...replace (2+ options), combine (multiple potential combos)?**
- **For PPF...replace (unclear future options), combine (multiple potential combos), integrate AF management with immunosuppression adjustments?**

## Anti-fibrotic trials – ongoing areas of investigation:

- **Nintedanib / pirfenidone switching, combining**
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- **Novel / Semi-novel anti-fibrotics**