



Advancing a therapeutic platform based  
on tRNA synthetases for treatment of  
fibrotic lung diseases

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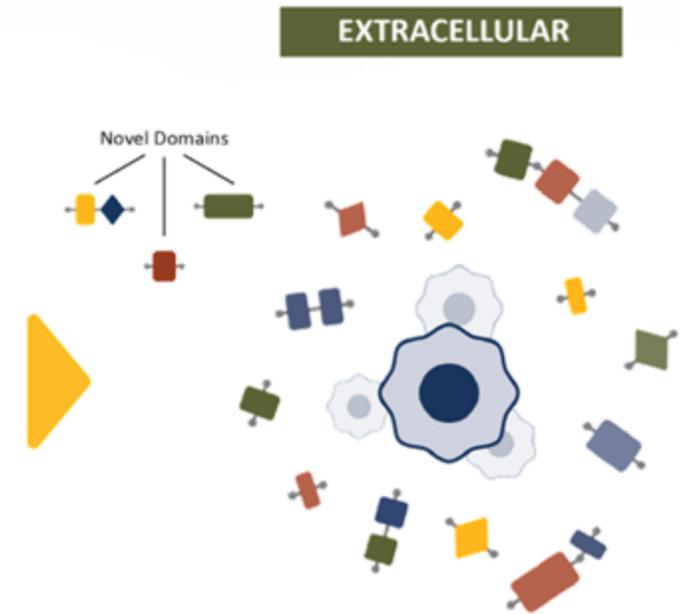
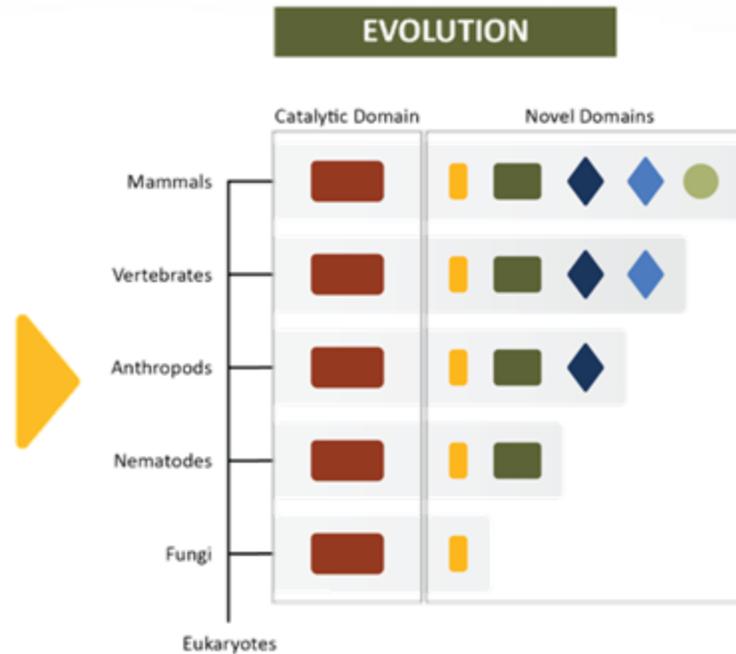
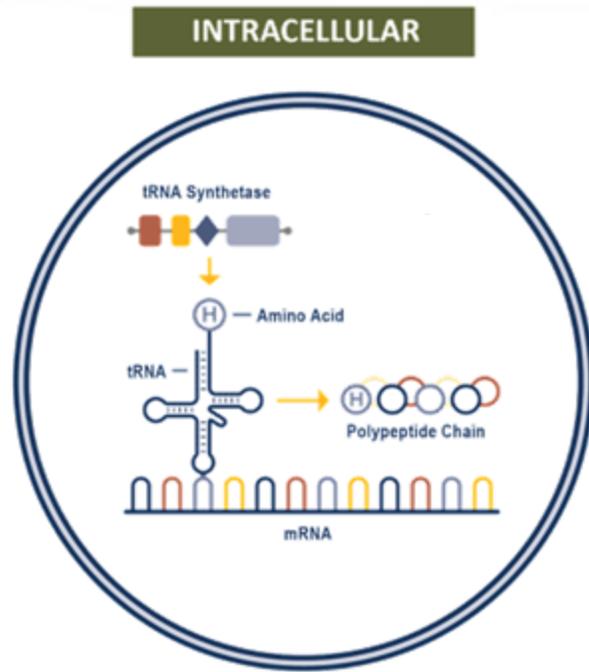
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# Extracellular tRNA Synthetases Regulate Homeostasis Through Novel Pathways



- **Ancient, essential enzymes** that catalyze protein synthesis by conjugating amino acid to tRNA

- Evolved to acquire **novel domains**
- Novel domains **persisted through evolutionary pressure**

- **Released locally**, enabling function as **parallel signaling molecules**
- Liberated by **alternative splicing** or **proteolysis**

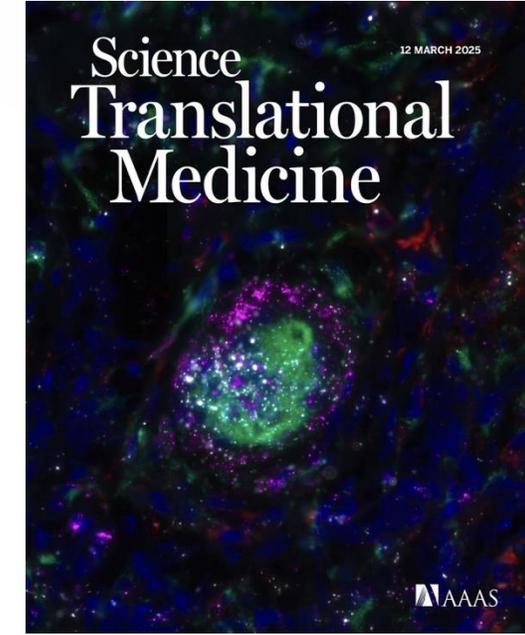
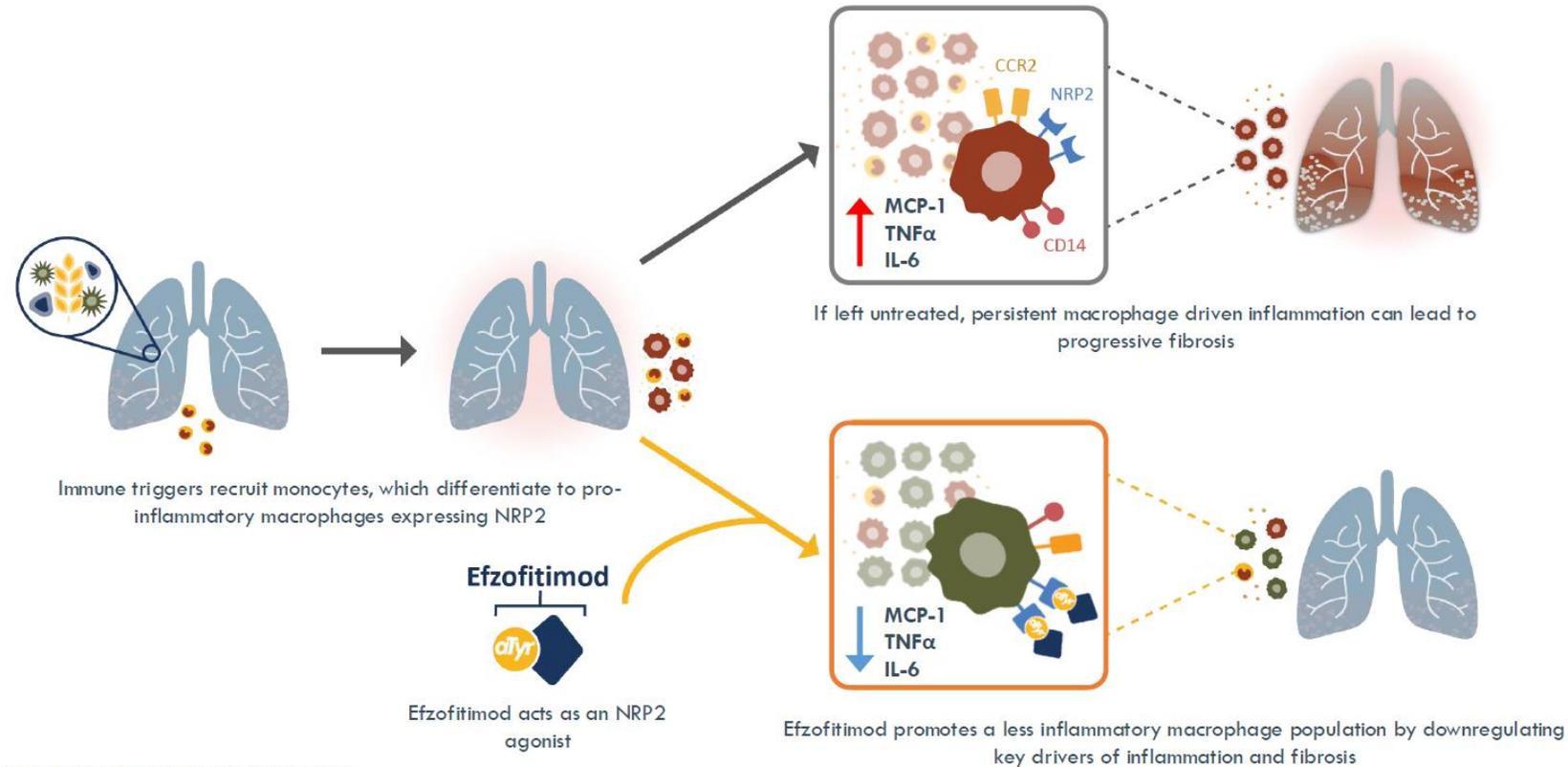
# Translating tRNA Synthetase Biology for Inflammation and Fibrosis

PROGRAM	tRNA SYNTHETASE	TARGET/MOA	INDICATION	PRECLINICAL	PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3
			Pulmonary Sarcoidosis <sup>(1)</sup>				
Efzofitimod	HARS	NRP2 modulator	SSc-ILD				
			Other ILD (CTD-ILD; CHP)				
ATYR0101	DARS	LTBP1 modulator	Fibrotic diseases				
ATYR0750	AARS	FGFR4 modulator	Fibrotic diseases				
Other tRNA Synthetase Candidates <sup>(2)</sup>							

4 (1) In partnership with Kyorin Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. for the development and commercialization of efzofitimod for ILD in Japan

(2) Pipeline candidates in development based on additional tRNA synthetases from IP portfolio

# Efzofitimod Modulates Macrophage Differentiation Via Neuropillin-2



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INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE

## A human histidyl-tRNA synthetase splice variant therapeutic targets NRP2 to resolve lung inflammation and fibrosis

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# Clinical Data Publications Highlight Potential for Efzofitimod in Pulmonary Sarcoidosis

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## EFZOFITIMOD: A NOVEL ANTI-INFLAMMATORY AGENT FOR SARCOIDOSIS

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## Therapeutic Doses of Efzofitimod Demonstrate Efficacy in Pulmonary Sarcoidosis

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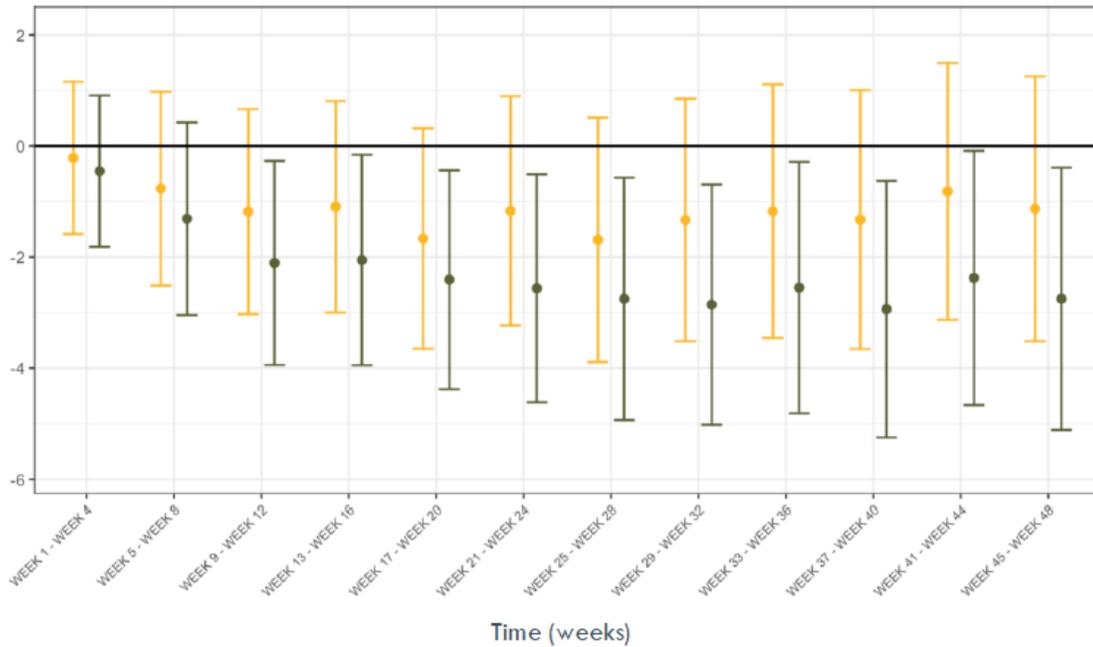
# Summary of Key Findings from Efzofitimod Phase 3 Trial in Pulmonary Sarcoidosis

- Study did not meet primary endpoint in change from baseline in mean daily OCS dose at week 48
  - 52.6% of patients treated with 5.0 mg/kg efzofitimod achieved complete steroid withdrawal at week 48 vs 40.2% on placebo (p=0.0919)
- Clinical improvement in quality-of-life secondary endpoints
  - KSQ-Lung score (p=0.0479), FAS Total Score (p=0.0226) and KSQ-GH score (p=0.0197) in the 5.0 mg/kg group vs placebo.
- Greater proportion of patients achieved complete steroid withdrawal at week 48
  - KSQ-Lung score improvement in the 5.0 mg/kg group (29.5%) vs placebo (14.4%) (p=0.0196)
- Efzofitimod was generally well-tolerated at both the 3.0 mg/kg and 5.0 mg/kg doses

- Findings demonstrate drug activity for efzofitimod across multiple clinically relevant efficacy endpoints
- Company plans to engage with the U.S. FDA to determine the path forward for efzofitimod in pulmonary sarcoidosis

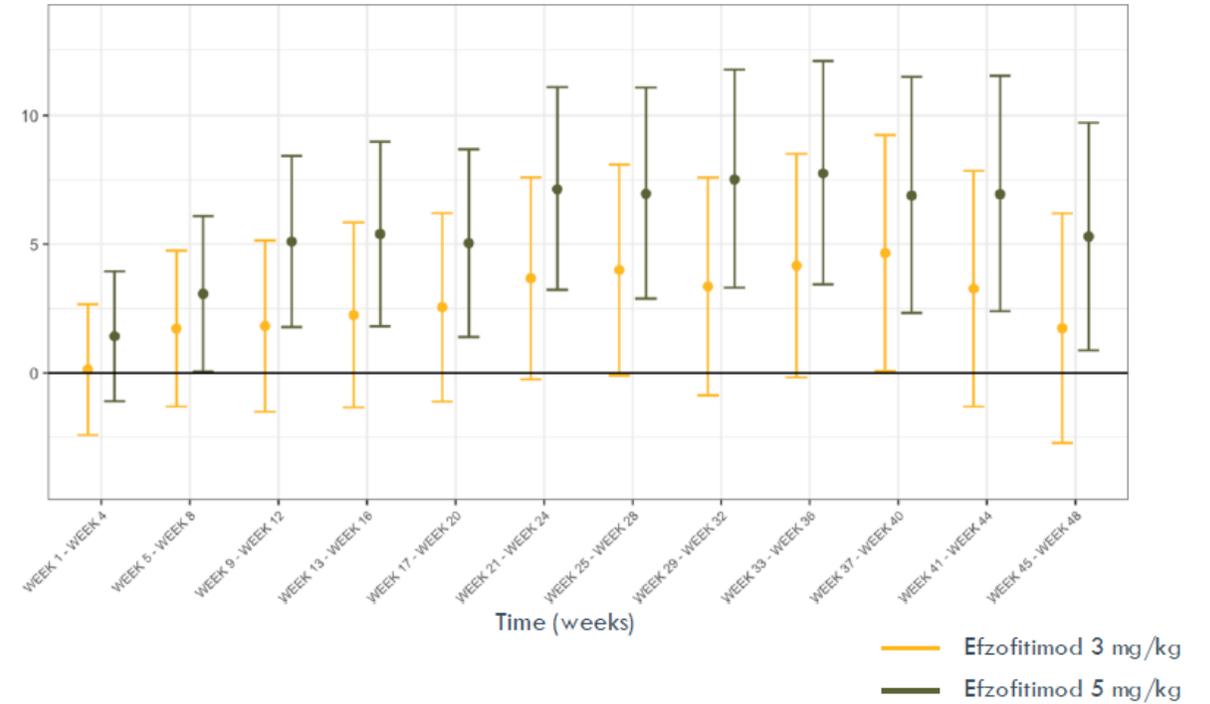
# Consistent Benefit Observed on Quality-of-Life Measures

**Differences in FAS Total Score Change from Baseline vs Placebo\***



Week 48 difference in LS mean change from baseline nominal  $p$ -value = **0.0226**

**Differences in KSQ-GH Change from Baseline vs Placebo\***



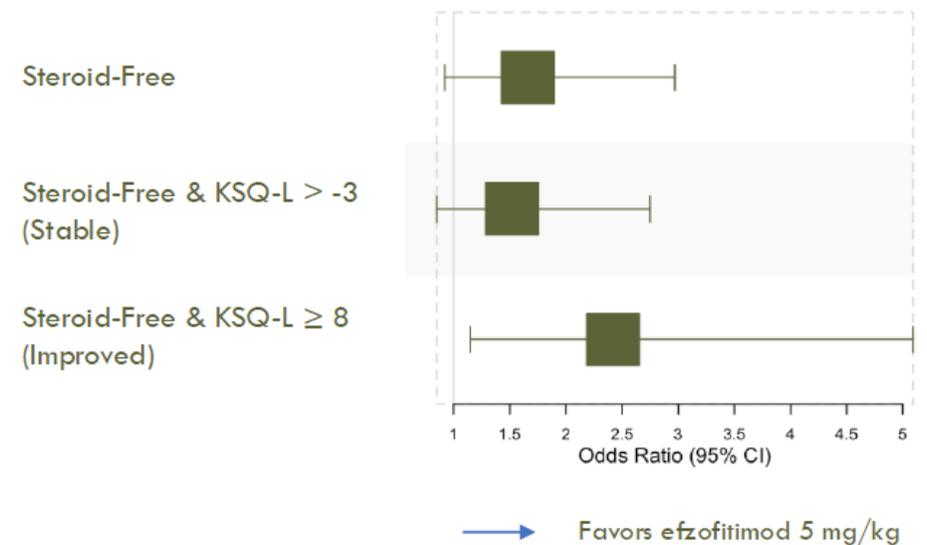
Week 48 difference in LS mean change from baseline nominal  $p$ -value = **0.0197**

# King's Sarcoidosis Questionnaire-Lung / Steroid Free Composites

## Steroid Free and KSQ-L Composite Endpoints

	Placebo N=90	Efzofitimid 3 mg/kg N=86	Efzofitimid 5 mg/kg N=88
Steroid free and stable KSQ-L; n (%) <sup>1</sup>	33 (36.7)	41 (47.7)	41 (46.6)
Odds ratio (95% CI)	-	1.6 (0.8, 2.9)	1.6 (0.8, 2.9)
Nominal p-value	-	0.1592	0.1607
Steroid free and improved KSQ-L; n (%) <sup>1</sup>	13 (14.4)	24 (27.9)	26 (29.5)
Odds ratio (95% CI)	-	2.2 (1.1, 4.8)	2.4 (1.2, 5.2)
Nominal p-value	-	<b>0.0381</b>	<b>0.0196</b>

## Efzofitimid 5 mg/kg vs Placebo from Logistic Regression





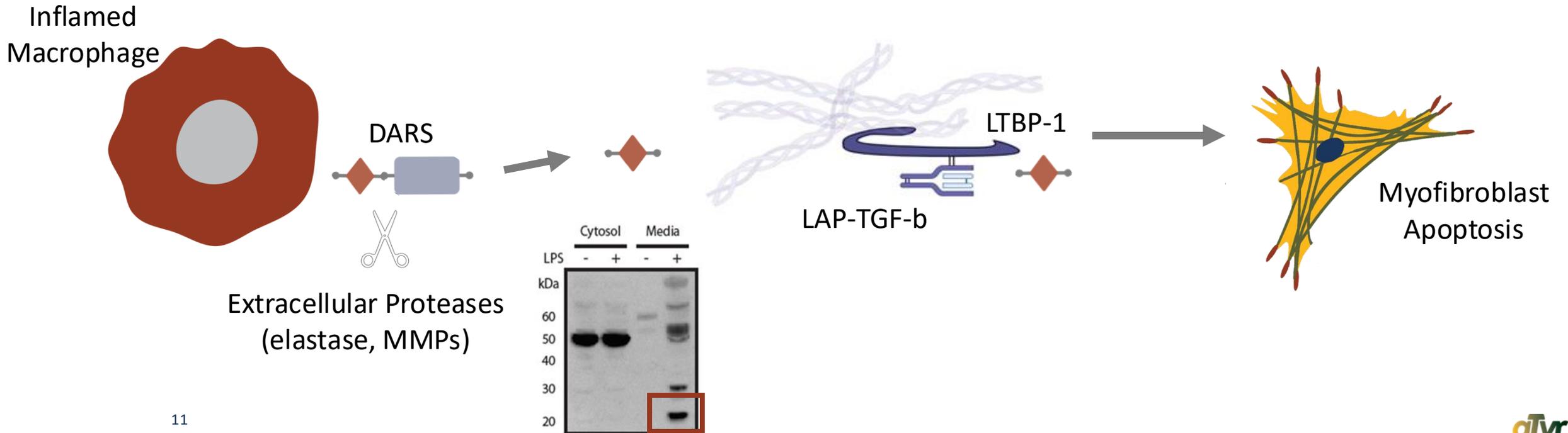
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ATYR0101

*Targeting myofibroblasts to resolve fibrosis*

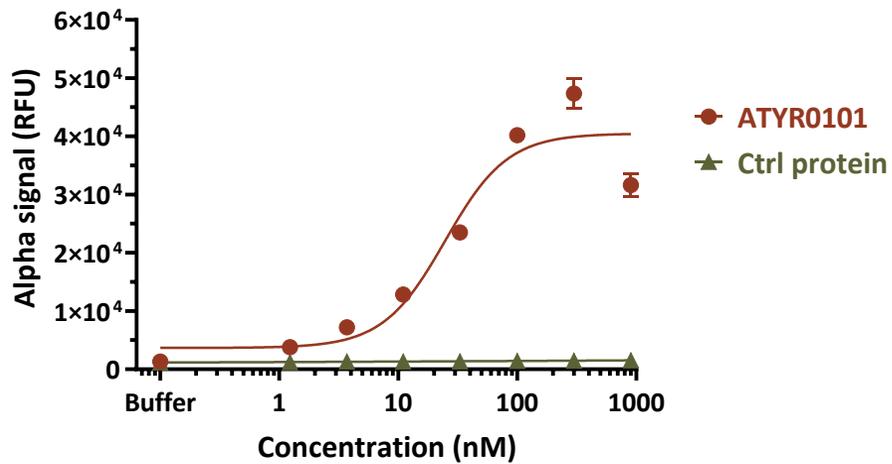
# ATYR0101: LTBP1 Modulator Derived from DARS Synthetase

- ATYR0101 is a fusion protein derived from a proprietary extracellular domain of DARS (aspartyl-tRNA synthetase)
- The domain is a naturally occurring fragment released from macrophages in inflammatory conditions
- LTBP1 has been identified as the binding partner for ATYR0101
- Unique anti-fibrotic mechanism of action

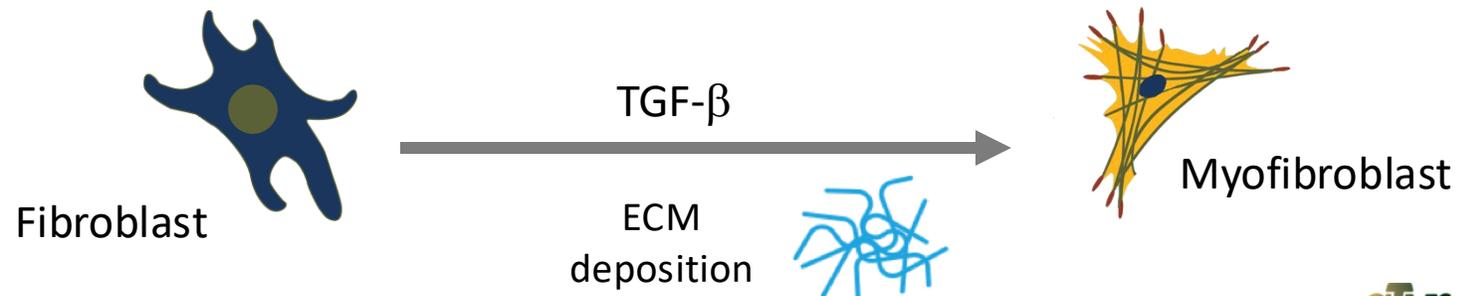
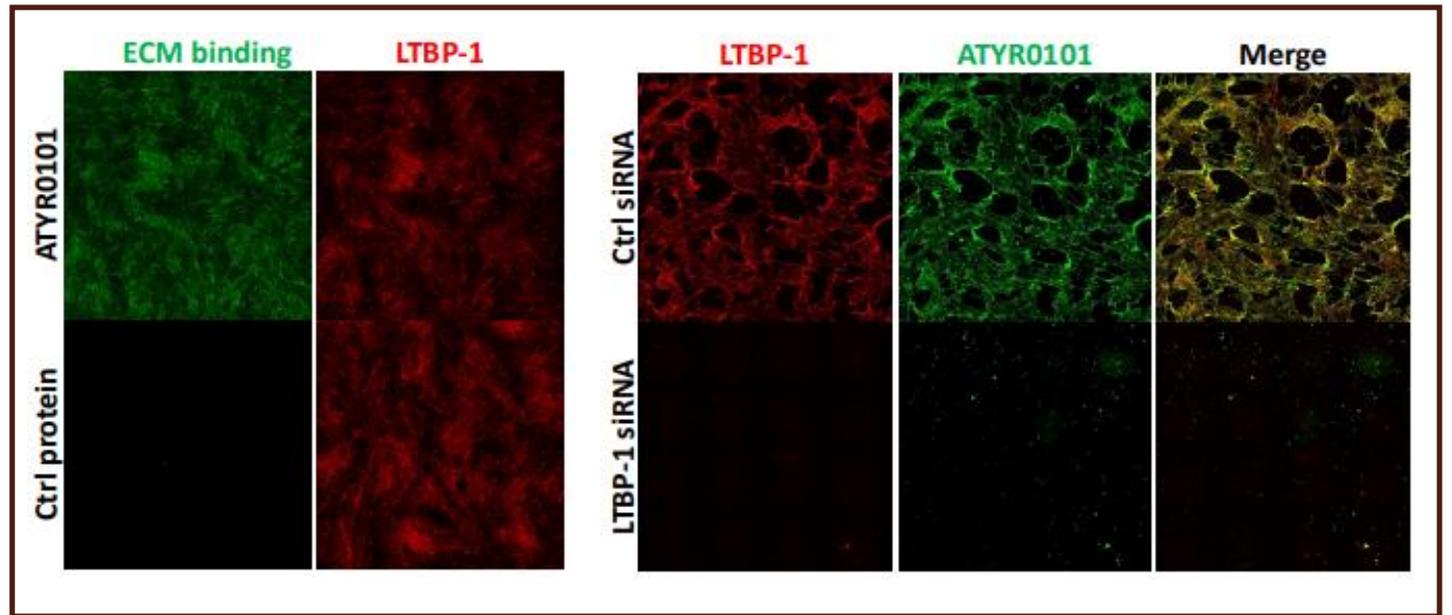


# LTBP1 Identified as a Binding Partner of ATYR0101

ATYR0101 Directly Binds LTBP1

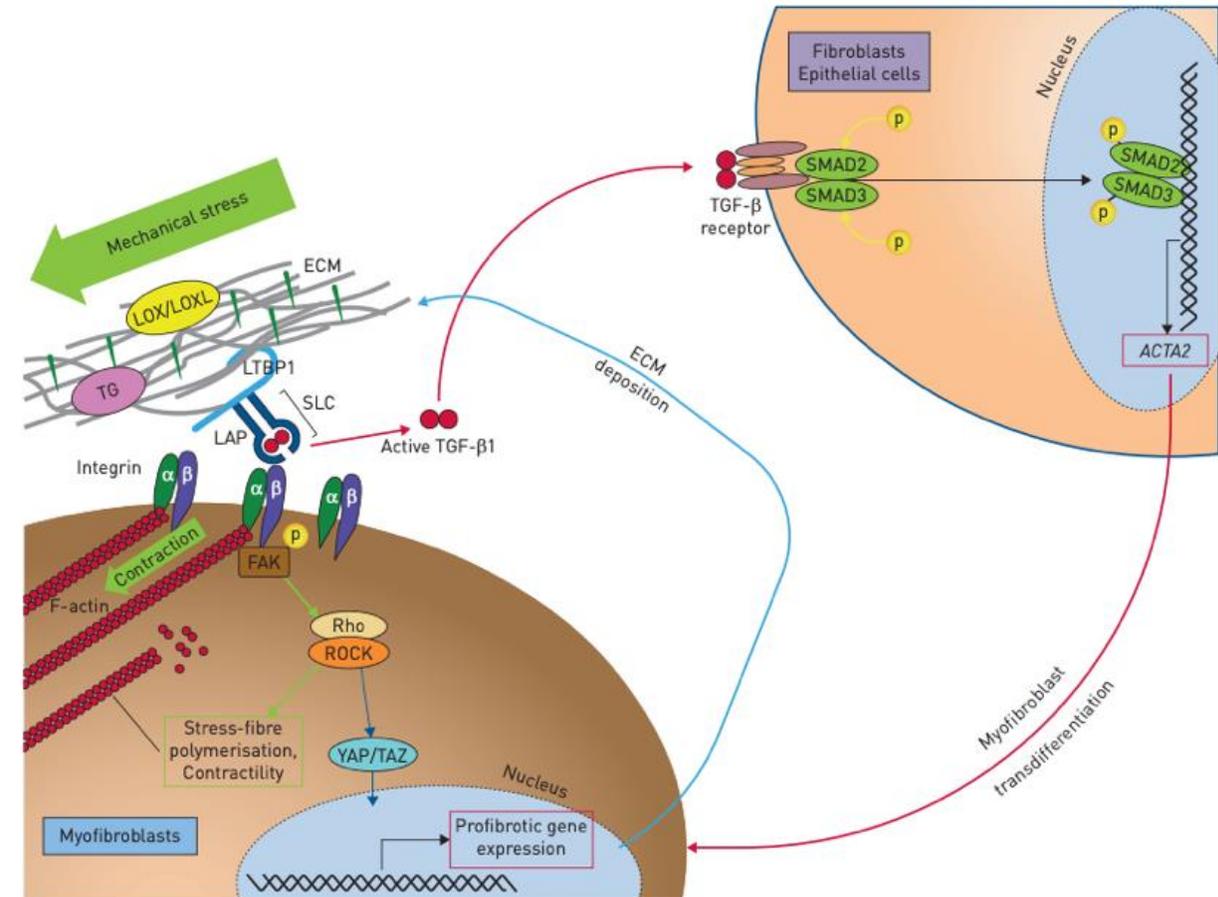


ATYR0101 binds to ECM deposited by fibroblasts undergoing TGF- $\beta$  induced differentiation (confirmed with Knock-down)



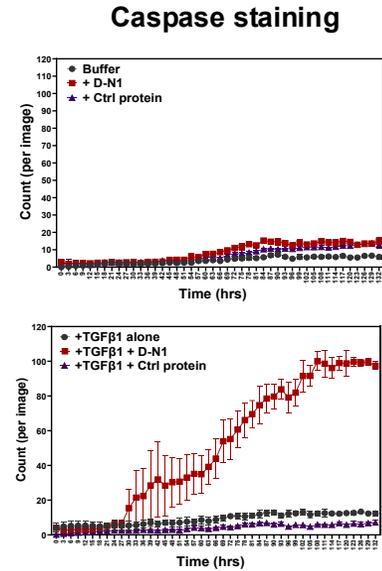
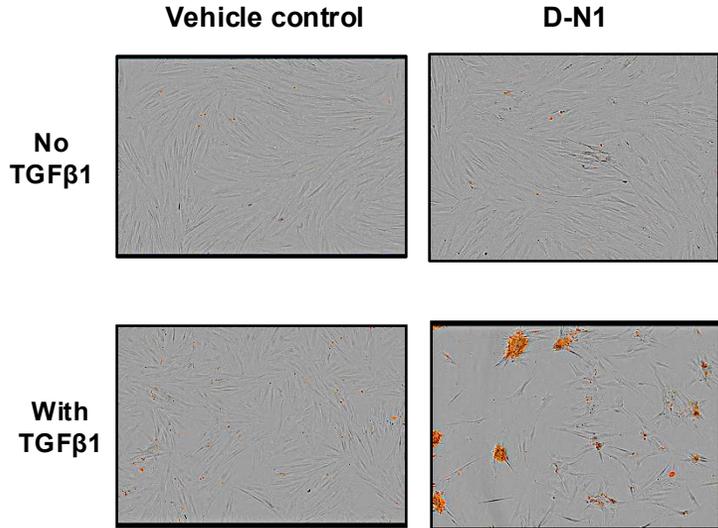
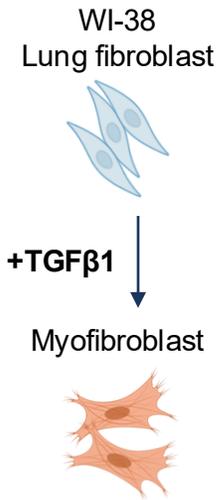
# LTBP-1 is a Key Regulator of TGF- $\beta$ Release and Fibrosis

- LTBP1 is expressed in most tissues and in specific cell types such as fibroblasts and smooth muscle cells
- Key regulator of TGF- $\beta$  by binding latent TGF- $\beta$  to the extracellular matrix
- Active TGF- $\beta$  is released from LTBP1 through cleavage by proteases or integrins
- TGF- $\beta$  drives fibroblast-to-myofibroblast differentiation which is a key driver of fibrosis
- Modulation of LTBP-1 by ATYR0101 indicates the discovery of a previously unknown layer of TGF- $\beta$  signaling

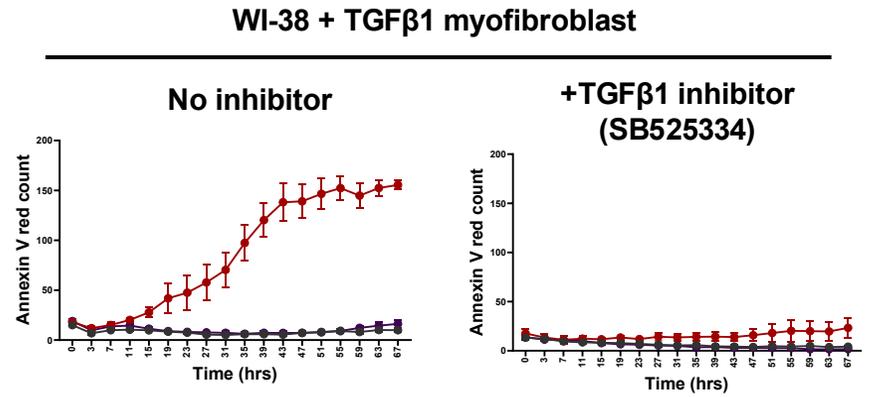


# ATYR0101 Induces Myofibroblast Apoptosis in a TGF $\beta$ Dependent

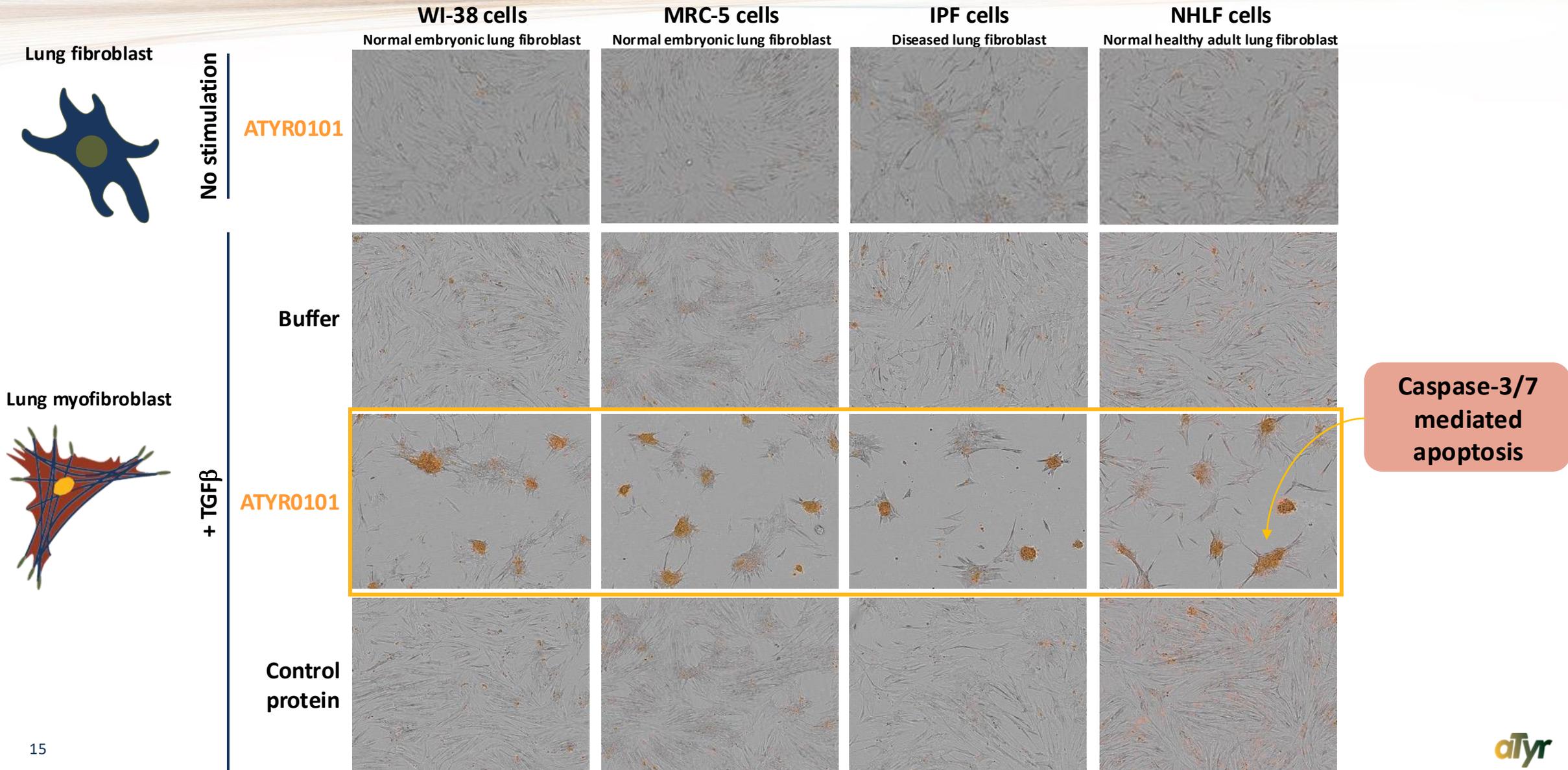
## D-N1 induces apoptosis in TGF $\beta$ 1-activated myofibroblasts



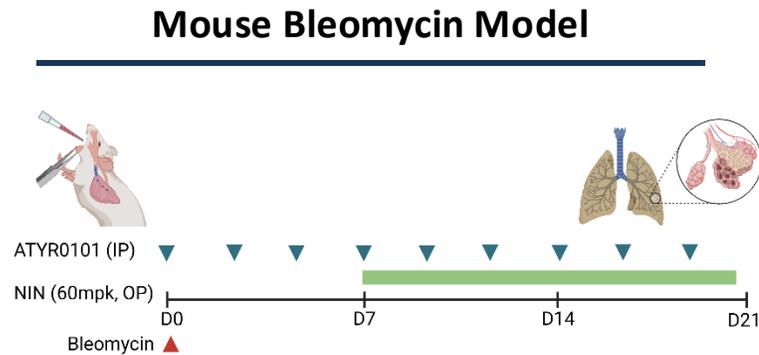
## D-N1 induced myofibroblast apoptosis is TGF $\beta$ 1-dependent



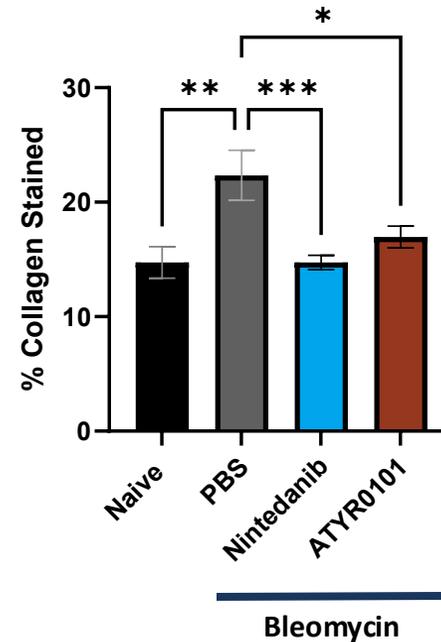
# ATYR0101 Induces Apoptosis in Lung Myofibroblasts



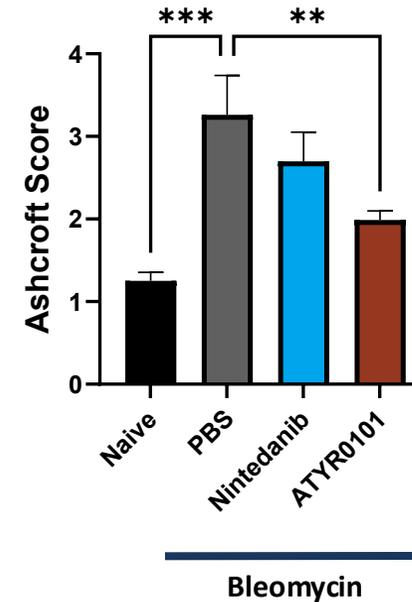
# ATYR0101 Reduces Histologic Fibrosis Measures in Bleomycin-induced Lung Fibrosis



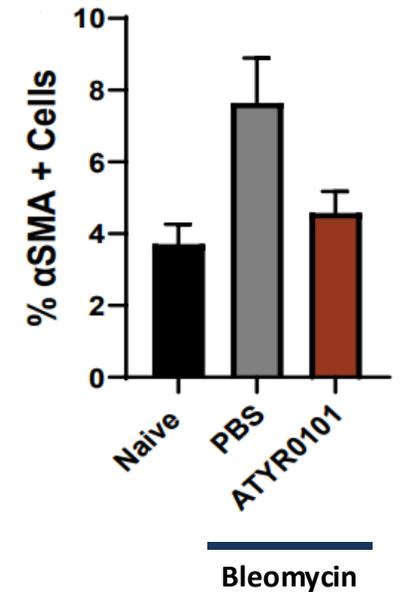
### % Collagen in Total Lung Area



### Ashcroft Score (Lung Fibrosis)



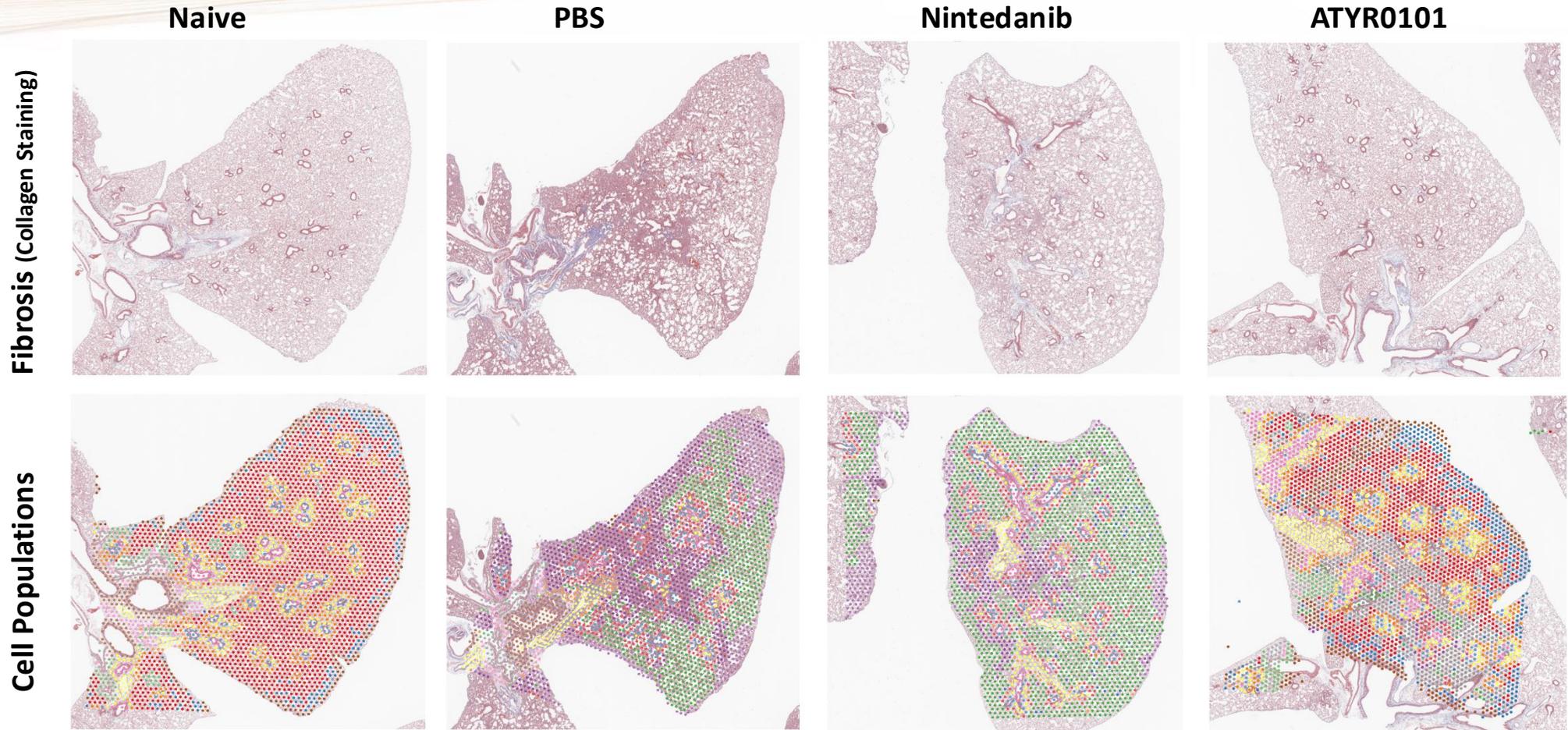
### $\alpha$ SMA Immunofluorescence



- The degree of collagen & fibrosis was significantly lower in ATYR0101 treatment groups as compared to the PBS control group
- Immunofluorescence analysis shows that ATYR0101 treatment leads to a reduction of  $\alpha$ SMA+ cells

# ATYR0101 Treatment In Lung Fibrosis Model Results in Unique Anti-Fibrotic Effects

+ Bleomycin



ATYR0101-treated lungs are enriched with cell types present in normal healthy lungs, and the spatial distribution of these cell types is also similar to that of normal lung

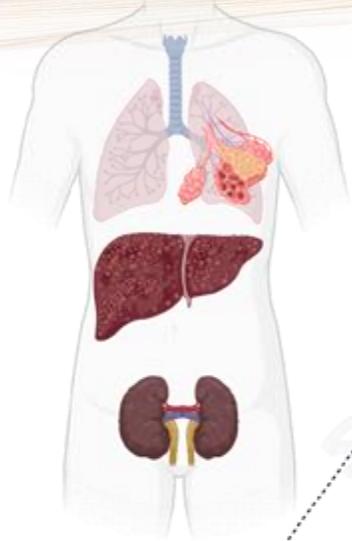
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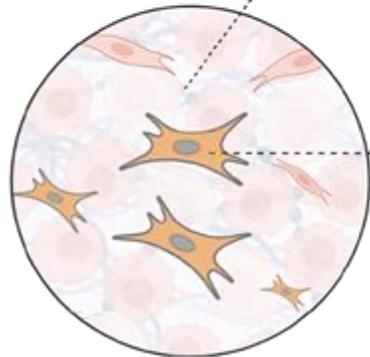
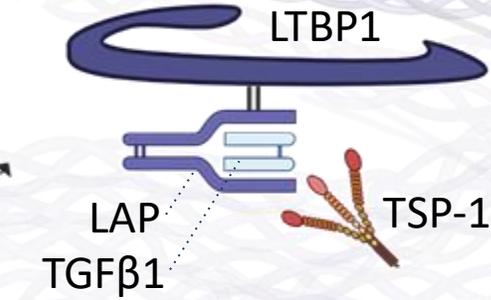


# ATYR0101 MoA Working Model

Tissue fibrosis

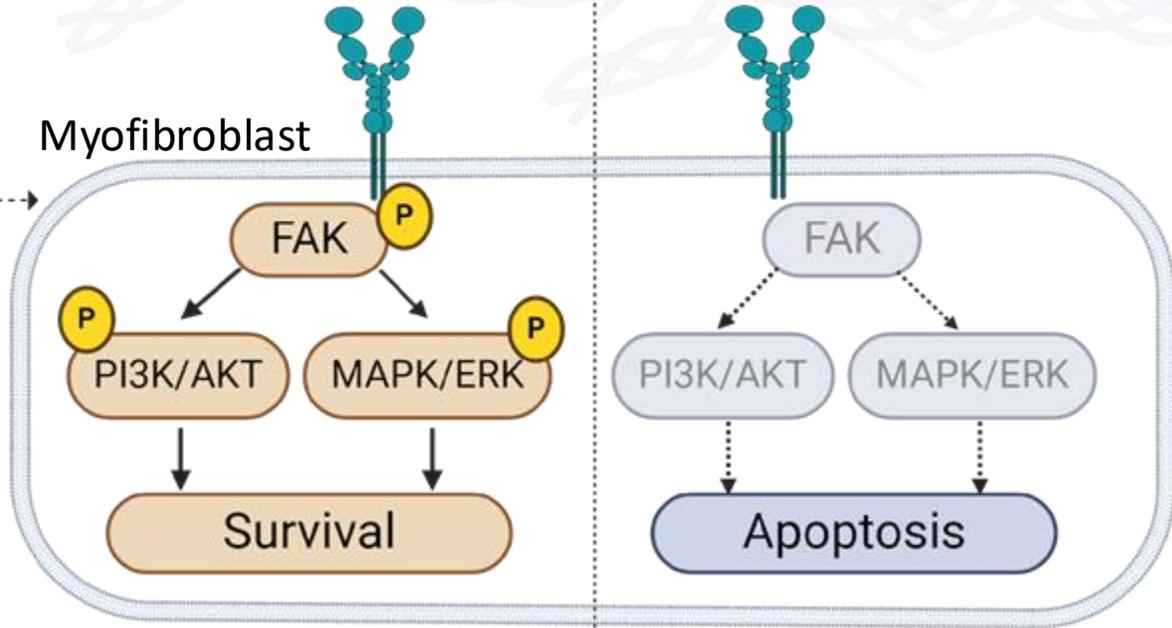


Extracellular matrix

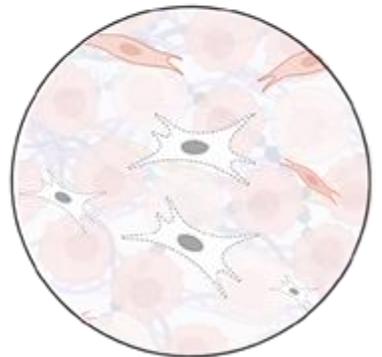
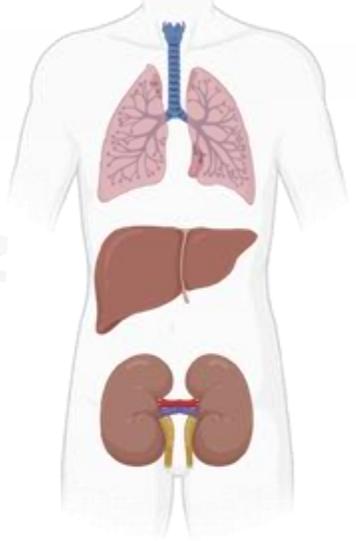


Activated myofibroblast

Myofibroblast



Fibrosis resolution



Apoptotic myofibroblast