

# Phase IIa Clinical Trial Results with alidornase alfa for the Treatment of CF

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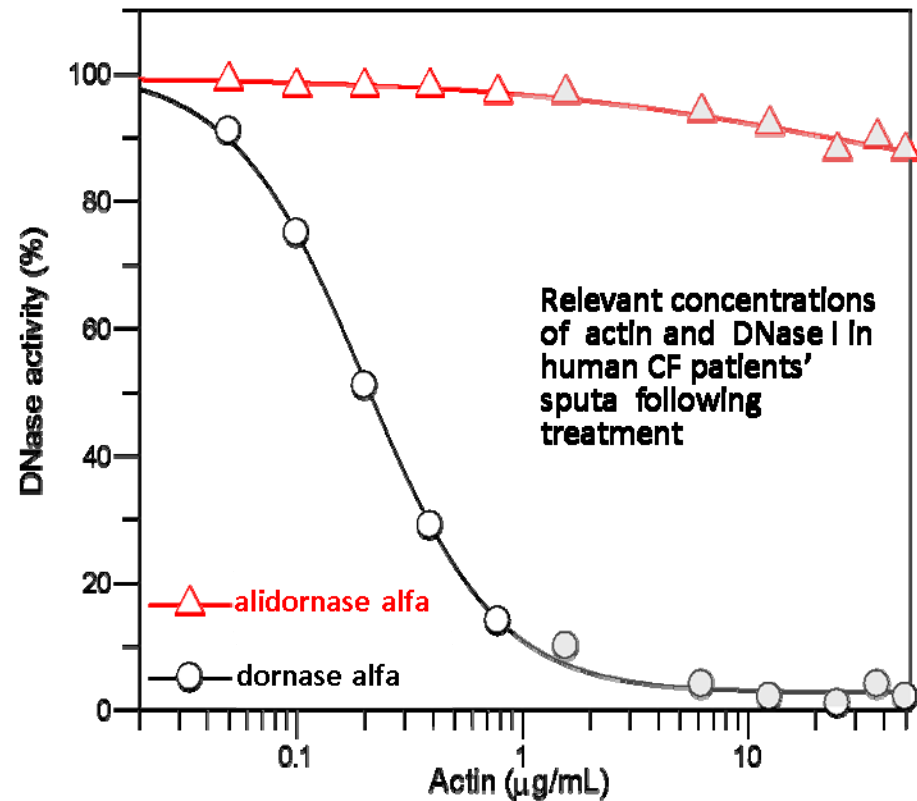
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# Alidornase alfa is designed for:

- Resistance to actin inhibition with improved kinetics
- Improved mucociliary clearance in CF
- Potentially improve lung function & reduce the risk of respiratory tract infections

Alidornase alfa compared to dornase alfa activity in the presence of actin concentrations corresponding to those found in CF patients' sputa



# Phase IIa - Study Objective and Design

- **Objective:** Open Label Study to Evaluate the Safety, Tolerability, Pharmacokinetics and Exploratory Efficacy Parameters of alidornase alfa in Patients with Cystic Fibrosis previously treated with dornase alfa
- **Administration:**  
Once daily inhalation of 2.5 mg alidornase alfa for 28 days

## Main Inclusion Criteria:

- Age  $\geq$  12 years
- At least 4 months on dornase alfa & stable inhaled regimen
- Medically stable for at least one month prior to screening
- FEV1 of  $>40\%$  and  $<90\%$  ; FVC  $\geq 40\%$  at screening

## Main Exclusion Criteria:

- History of lung transplantation
- History of adverse reactions during aerosol delivery
- History of hypersensitivity to inhaled proteins

# Phase IIa –Study Population and Status

## Demographics & baseline CF patient characteristics

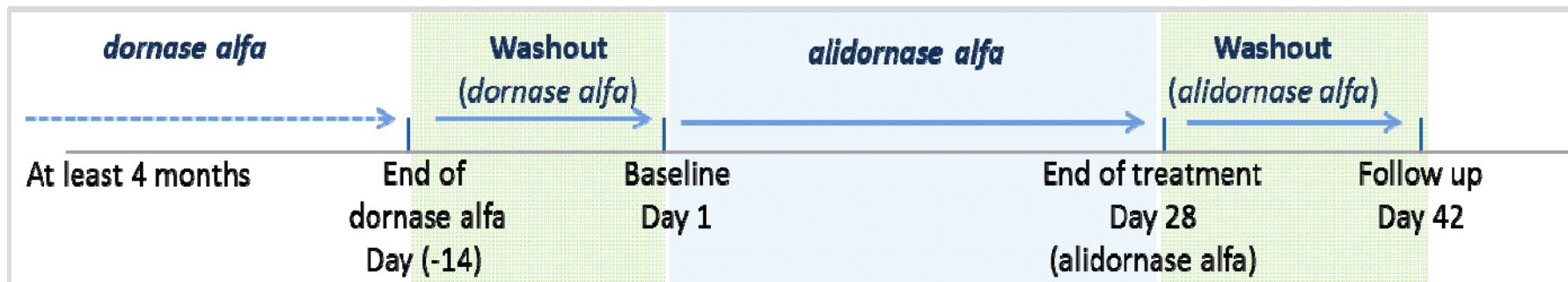
Total enrolled	16 CF patients
Age, yrs (Mean $\pm$ SD) (range)	25.8 $\pm$ 9.1 (13-49)
Male : Female	10:6
Mean ppFEV1 $\pm$ SD (range) median ppFEV1	70.5% $\pm$ 10.8 (52-89) 70.5%
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> , # positive subjects	8
Hypertonic saline, n (%)	4 (25%)

- All patients continued inhaled regimen of their respective CF medications throughout the study (steroids, hypertonic saline, antibiotics, etc.)
- All enrolled patients completed the 28 day treatment period

# Phase IIa – Study Endpoints and Overall Design

- Safety and immunogenicity
- Pharmacokinetics
- Exploratory efficacy:
  - Effects on FEV1
  - Effect on sputum DNA parameters
  - Effect on rheology parameters

## Study Design:



## Phase IIa – Safety

<b>100% (24 AEs)*</b> <b>Total AEs in 11/16 subjects</b>		
AEs mild and moderate	96% (23)	
Severe AEs	4% (1)	Severe AE was not treatment related (anemia )
Serious AEs	0% (0)	
Related, possibly related	33% (8)	Vomiting, Throat irritation, Cough, Diarrhea, Dysphonia, Nausea
Not related, unlikely related	67% (16)	Anemia, Gastrointestinal haemorrhage, Infective pulmonary exacerbation, Upper respiratory tract infection, Viral upper respiratory tract infection, Hypokalaemia, Myalgia, Cough, Dyspnoea, Haemoptysis, Rales, Sputum increased

\* as reported by Investigators

# Phase IIa – Pharmacokinetics & Immunogenicity

- **Plasma Pharmacokinetics (PK)**

alidornase alfa was found not to be absorbed to the circulation as part of GLP PK study using ELISA

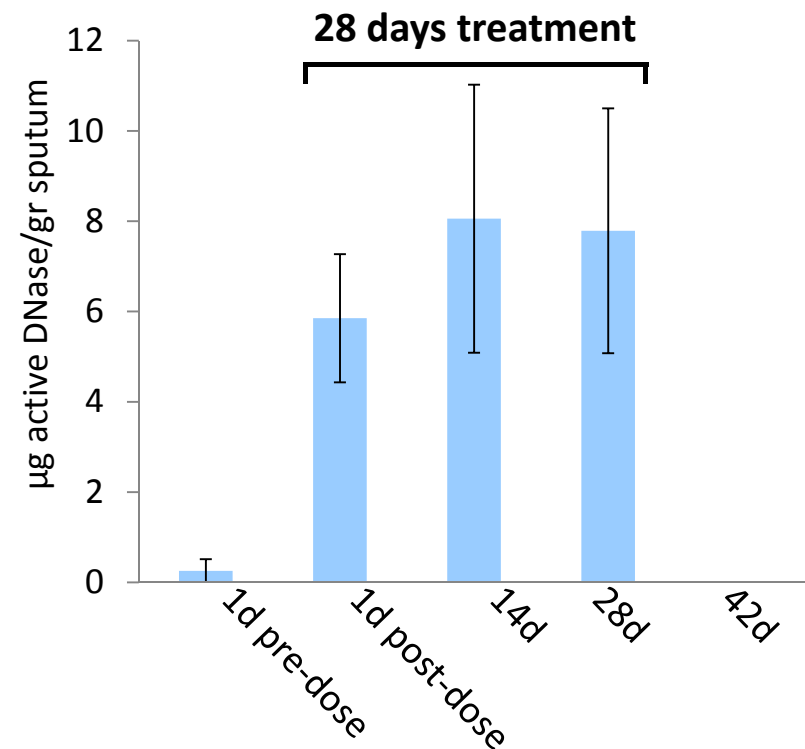
- **Activity in Sputum**

Active alidornase alfa was detected in the patients' sputa during the entire treatment period

- **Immunogenicity**

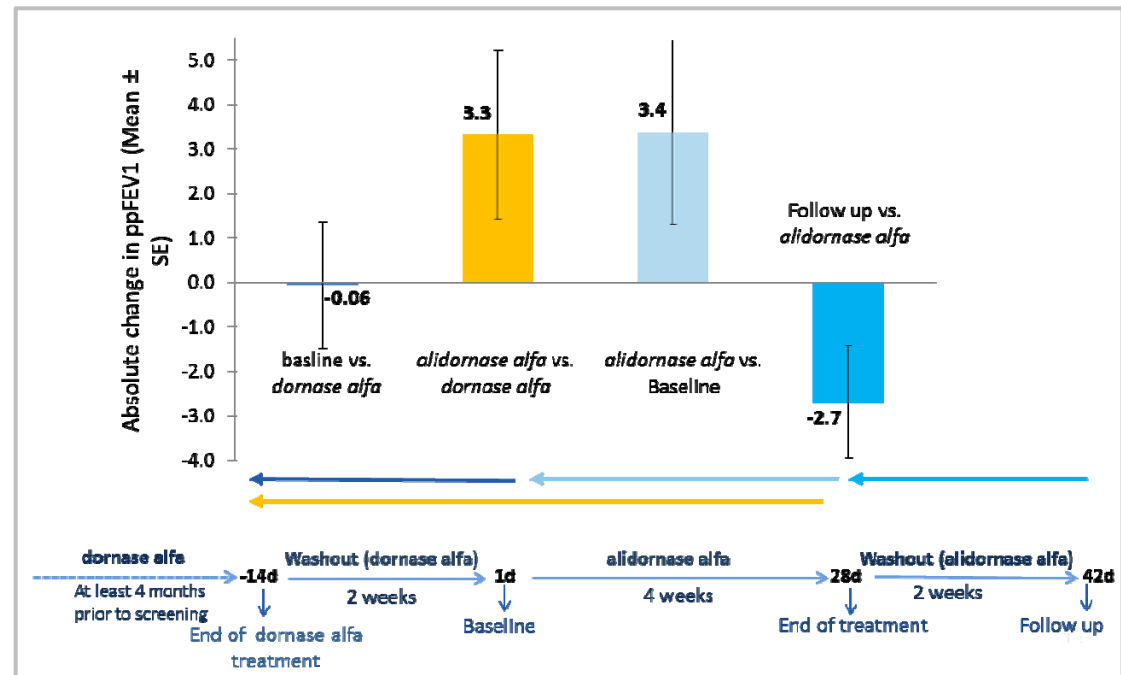
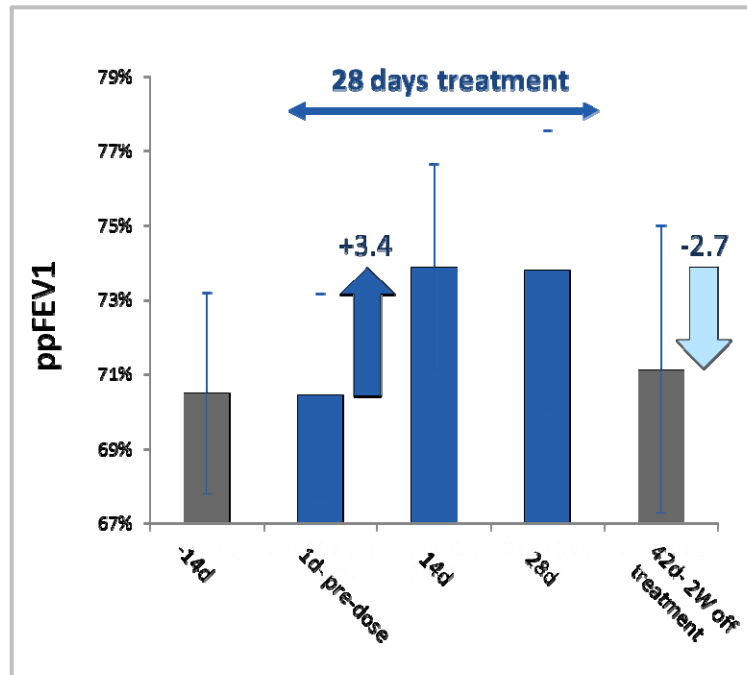
Only 1 /16 patients was found to be treatment induced positive for anti-alidornase alfa (maximal low titer of 298 at visit 5)

## alidornase alfa activity in Sputa\*



\* By Methyl green-based enzymatic activity assay

# alidornase alfa Effect on Lung Function

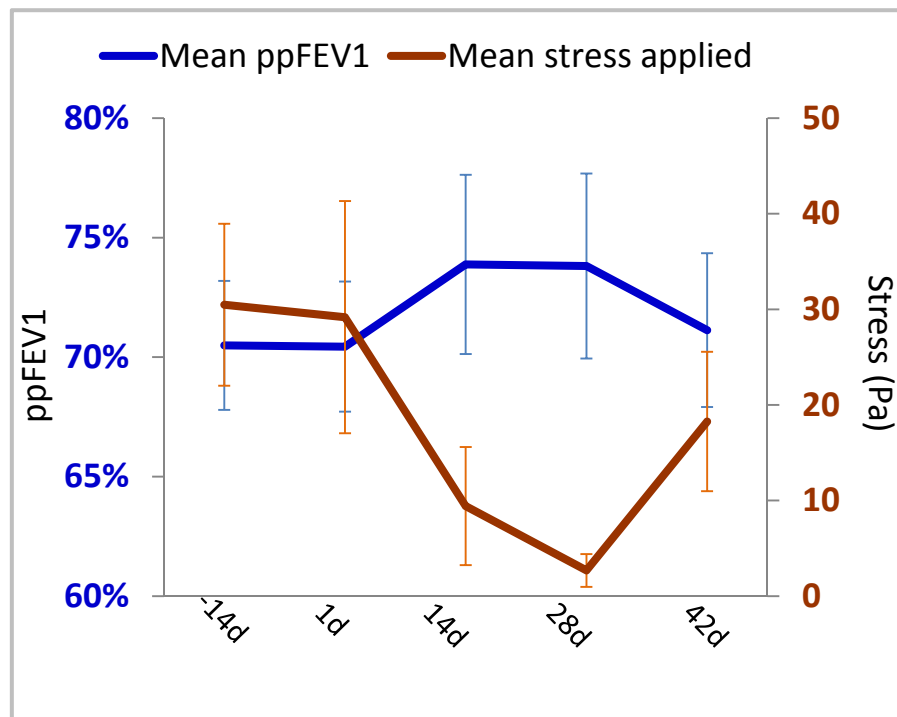


- No change in ppFEV1 was observed during the washout period from dornase alfa
- Following 4 weeks of daily treatment with alidornase alfa, improvement in mean absolute ppFEV1 was rapid and sustained
- The observed improvement shown with alidornase alfa was lost within 2 weeks of therapy discontinuation, causing a reduction in ppFEV1

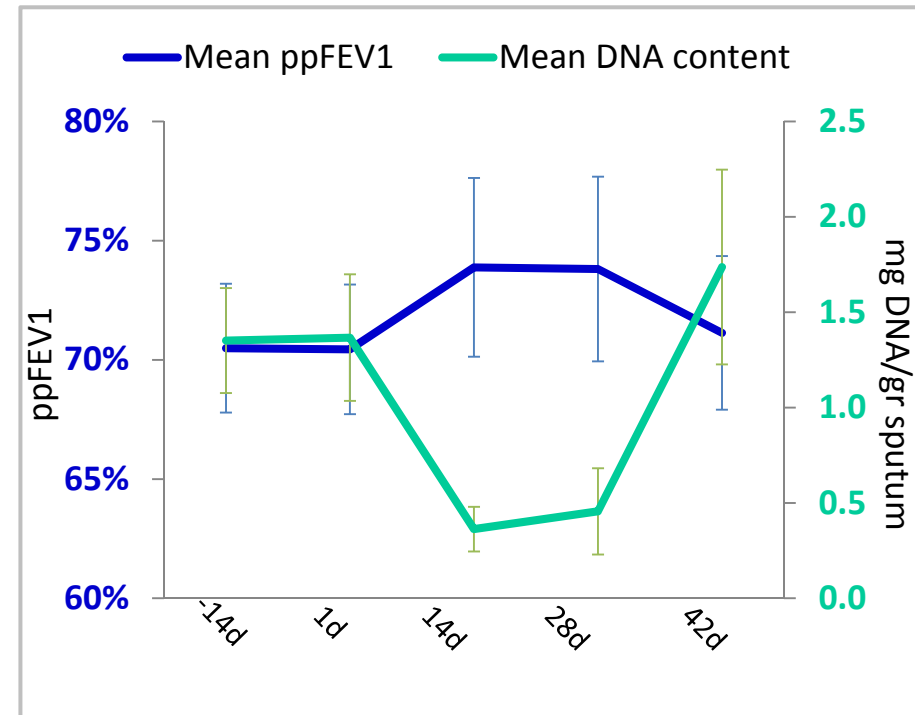


# ppFEV1 Correlation with DNA Content and Sputa Viscoelasticity

Sputum viscoelasticity vs ppFEV1



DNA content in sputum vs ppFEV1



Improvement in ppFEV1 following treatment with alidornase alfa correlates with:

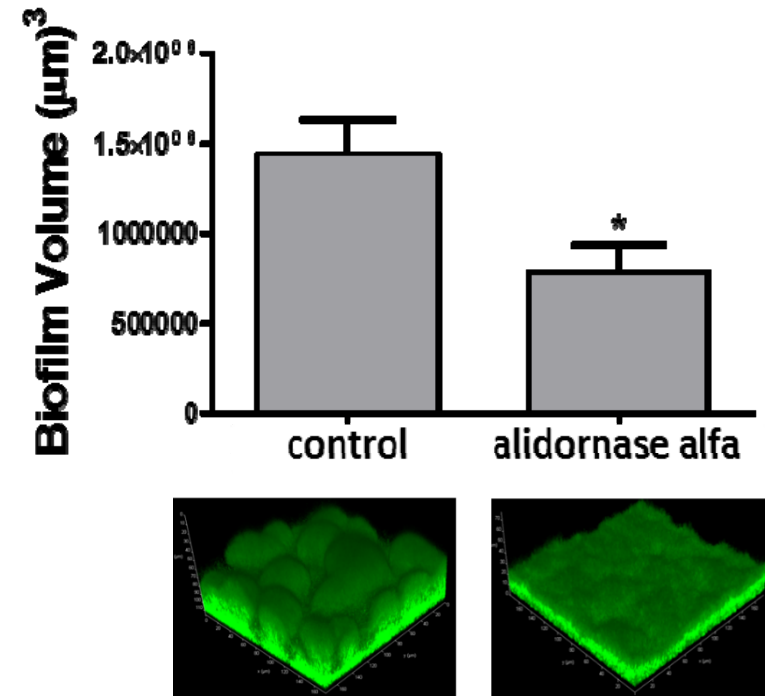
- mean reduction of ~70 % in DNA content from baseline
- mean reduction of > 90% in sputa viscoelasticity from baseline

# Alidornase alfa Potential in Lowering *P. aeruginosa* Respiratory Infections

Evaluation of Phase IIa patients sputa for *P. aeruginosa* presence:

Method	Patients (total: 9 tested)	Results before and after alidornase treatment	
		Baseline	End of treatment
qPCR	4	Negative	Negative
	5	Highly positive	> 70% reduction
Positive Patient #	per Medical history	Baseline	End of treatment (% decrease)
03-01	Chronic colonization	Positive	Positive (93%)
03-03	Chronic colonization	Positive	Negative (100%)
03-04	Chronic colonization	Positive	Negative (100%)
04-01	Chronic colonization	Positive	Positive (77%)
05-01	Chronic colonization	Positive	Negative (100%)

Ex vivo: Biofilm Inhibition of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* PAO1



Reduction of over 70% in the presence of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (qPCR) as a result of alidornase alfa treatment, reinforced by ex vivo observations

# Phase IIa: Conclusions

## alidornase alfa - human rDNase I, Resistant to actin inhibition

### Safety:

**alidornase alfa was safe & well tolerated**

- Low incidence of treatment related/possibly related AEs
- All AEs were resolved without sequelae
- No SAE
- Low incidence of treatment induced Anti Drug Antibodies

### Pharmacokinetics:

- Alidornase alfa was not absorbed to the circulation
- Active alidornase alfa was measured in patient's sputa

### Efficacy: alidornase alfa improved lung function:

- Mean absolute increase in ppFEV1 of 3.4 points from baseline
- Mean absolute increase in ppFEV1 of 3.3 points over dornase alfa
- Mean absolute decrease in ppFEV1 of -2.7 points following alidornase alfa 2 weeks washout period
- Sputa analyses from available samples indicates:
  - A mean reduction of ~70 % in DNA content from baseline
  - A mean reduction of > 90% in sputa viscoelasticity from baseline
  - Reduction of over 70% in the presence of pseudomonas (qPCR)

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