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Oral Pirfenidone: Side Effects

Potentially dose and duration limiting



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100 mg nebulised vs 801 mg oral

- x35 higher peak epithelial lining fluid concentration than oral
- <1/15th of the systemic exposure

Study Structure Open-Label Extension/Compassionate Use



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Change in FVC from Baseline



Comparing Side Effects Nebulised Pirfenidone vs Placebo vs Oral Pirfenidone



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Nebulised Pirfenidone vs Oral Pirfenidone

- > x35 higher peak epithelial concentration than oral Pirfenidone
- <1/15th systemic absorption
- Early data suggests efficacy
- Less side effects

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Poster: Nebulised Pirfenidone for PPF



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Nebulised pirfenidone in non-idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF) progressive pulmonary fibrosis (PPF): first look at FVC data

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Background

Oral antifibrotics attenuate the decline of lung function in patients with progressive pulmonary fibrosis (PPF) and oral Nintedanib is now considered standard of care. Side-effects, particularly gastrointestinal, are often reported with Nintedanib, and may lead to dose reduction or limitation of treatment.

Nebulised Pirfenidone has been shown to be safe². It has also been shown to achieve both approximately x35 peak epithelial lining fluid concentration (Com) with <1/15th systemic absorption^{2,3} of standard dose oral pirfenidone. This suggests the nebulised route has the potential both for effectiveness and improved tolerability.



The ATLAS open-label extension was open to patients with PPF, and was designed to assess the safety of nebulised Pirfenidone. Patients were included if they had chronic progressive fibrotic ILD without treatment alternatives.

Baseline Characteristics & FVC Data

Baseline Characteristics Age	(n=28) 63.8 yrs (SD+/-11.59)
Male : Female	12: 31
Baseline FVC	
<65%	39%
>65 to <80%	29%
>80%	32%
Mean FVC	75.3%p
Diagnoses	
CHP	14.3%
CTD-ILD	35.7%
Indeterminate IIP	42.9%
IPAF	3.6%
Pneumoconiosis	3.6%



Adverse Events



Nebulised Pirfendione appears to be a safe and well-tolerated treatment in patients with PPF. Cough was the most commonly reported adverse event (AE) with a rate comparable to placebo. Gastrointestinal side-effects are markedly reduced compared with currently licensed treatment for PPF.

This first look at the FVC data suggests nebulised Pirfenidone is a promising development for the treatment of patients with PPF.

A Phase 2 study of nebulised Pirfenidone in PPF is planned and is aiming to recruit the first participant from early 2024.

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