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Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 15, 2020

Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-37581
(Commission File Number)

46-0571712
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

640 Lee Road, Suite 200
Wayne, PA 19087
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(484) 324-7933
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

<u>Title of Each Class:</u>	<u>Trading Symbol(s)</u>	<u>Name of Each Exchange on which Registered</u>
Common Stock, \$0.00001 par value	ACRS	The Nasdaq Stock Market, LLC

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On May 15, 2020, Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc. (the “*Company*”) updated its company overview presentation, a copy of which is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2. of Form 8-K, the information in this Item 7.01 and Exhibit 99.1 hereto shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “*Exchange Act*”), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any of the Company’s filings under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, whether made before or after the date hereof, regardless of any incorporation language in such a filing, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Exhibit Description</u>
99.1	Company Presentation.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ACLARIS THERAPEUTICS, INC.

Date: May 15, 2020

By: /s/ Frank Ruffo
Frank Ruffo
Chief Financial Officer

EMPOWERING PATIENTS THROUGH
KINOME INNOVATION

Company Overview

May 2020



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Strategy: *Development stage biotechnology company focused on immuno-inflammatory diseases*



LEADERSHIP

- Physician/Scientist founded and led
- Kinome experts - combined 300+ years of R&D experience immunology and inflammation
- World class ex-Pfizer kinase and ex-GSK immunology R&D leadership

KINect™ PLATFORM

Proprietary
Discovery Engine

- Versatile platform with multiple approaches for difficult to drug kinases in precedent pathways
- Fully integrated discovery and development team
- Dedicated to the design of innovative, kinase targeted medicines for immuno-inflammatory diseases
- Positioning small molecule drug candidates to parallel or exceed efficacy of high value biologics

INNOVATIVE PIPELINE

(investigational drug candidates)

ATI-450 – MK2i

- Oral anti-TNF, anti-IL1, anti-IL6
- Novel target for the potential treatment of various immuno-inflammatory indications

ATI-1777-Topical Soft-JAK1/3i

- Innovative treatment limiting systemic exposure for the potential treatment of moderate-to-severe atopic dermatitis (AD)

ATI-2138 - ITK/TXK/JAK3i

- Dual inhibitor of T-cell and cytokine receptor for the potential treatment of immuno-inflammatory diseases

R&D Leadership Team

Experienced team with deep scientific and operational experience

David Gordon

Chief Medical Officer

Former SVP, R&D at GSK. Led discovery and development teams in Immuno-Inflammation and Dermatology leading to multiple successful NDAs, including NUCALA® & BENLYSTA®

Joseph Monahan, PhD

Exec. VP R&D
(Head of Discovery)

Former Executive Director, Pfizer Inflammation Research and Leader of Global Kinase Technology Team
>95 publications and patents (>30 total on kinases)

Walter Smith

SVP, R&D

Former VP Research & Global Head, Pfizer Inflammation, co-leader of Pfizer Licensing Team
Delivered 8 clinical candidates, 6 INDs and 1 NDA in inflammation and cancer

Jon Jacobsen, PhD

VP, Chemistry

Former Research Fellow and Director, Pfizer Chemistry
>100 publications and patents (15 total on kinases)
Project Lead for PFE JAK Program

Paul Changelian, PhD

VP, Biology

Immunologist/drug discovery leader at pharma (Pfizer & biotech)
Validated JAK 1/3 as target for transplant/RA/psoriasis, leading to approval of XELJANZ®

David R Anderson, PhD

Sr. Director, Discovery, Early Development

Former research project leader at Pfizer. Director of Chemistry at Mnemosyne, Luc, Cadent.
Inventor of 6 clinical candidates and author of 40 peer reviewed publications and patents

Gary DeCrescenzo

SVP, Pharm R&D

Former Exec. Director, Pfizer. Site Head for Medicinal & Structural Chemistry.
>100 patents.
Co-inventor of multiple drug candidates

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Pipeline

Program	Indication(s)	Preclinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
ATI-450 MK2 Inhibitor <i>Oral</i>	Rheumatoid Arthritis				
	Additional Immuno-inflammatory Indication				
ATI-1777 JAK1/JAK3 Inhibitor <i>Soft Topical</i>	Atopic Dermatitis (moderate-to-severe)				
ATI-2138 ITK/TXK/JAK3 Inhibitor <i>Oral</i>	Psoriasis, Inflammatory Bowel Disease				
JAK1/JAK3 Inhibitor <i>Oral, gut-restricted</i>	Inflammatory Bowel Disease				
ITK/TXK/JAK3 Inhibitor <i>Oral, gut-restricted</i>	Inflammatory Bowel Disease				

The Kinase Opportunity

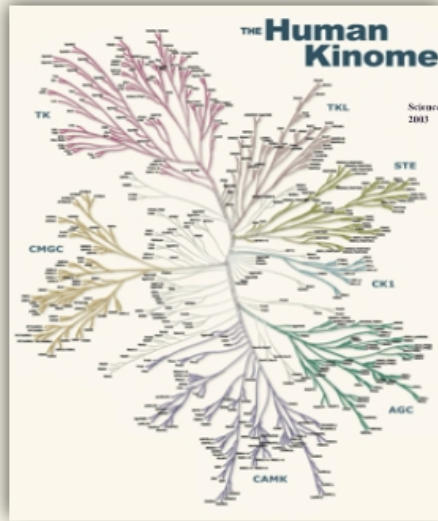
Creating New Medicines Targeting Previously Inaccessible Kinome Targets

Medically Important and Productive Target Class



~36 Marketed Drugs
 ~\$48B*
 Annual Sales of Kinase Drugs

Most Members of the Kinome Remain Unexplored



518 Members
 >90% of the Human Kinome
 remains undrugged

These drugs target less than 5% of the kinome

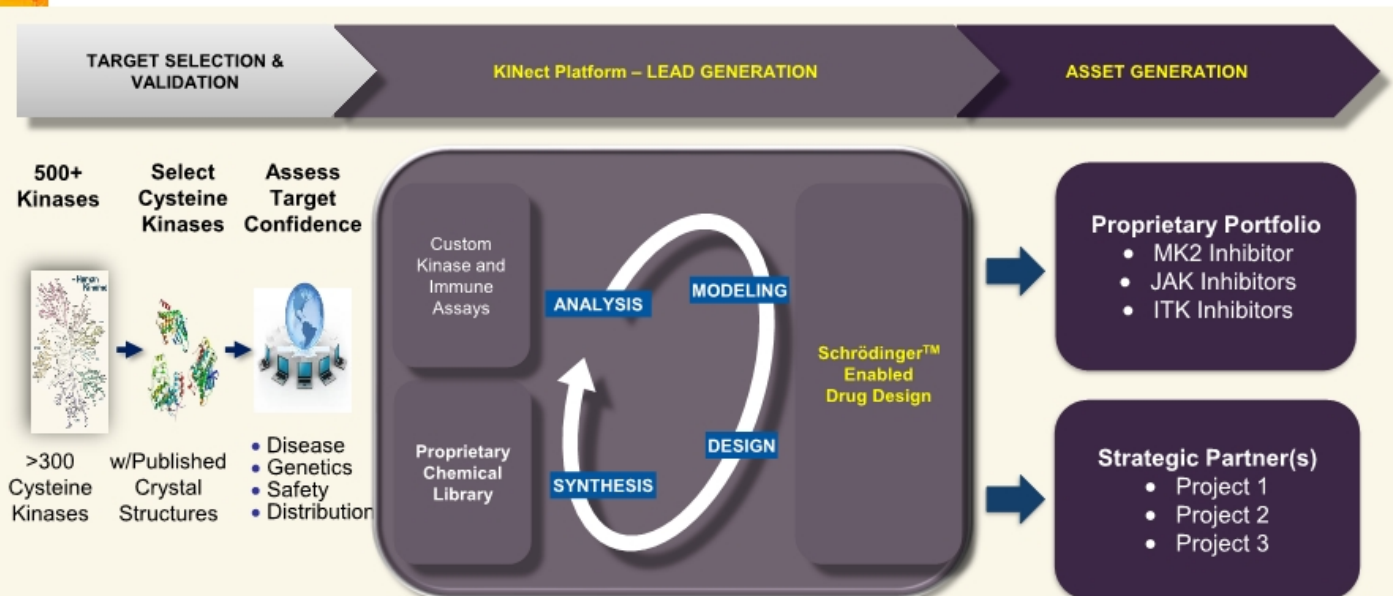
* Bologa C, et al. Unexplored opportunities in the druggable human genome. *Nat Rev Drug Discov.* 2018.

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KINect Platform

Developing Kinase Drug Candidates Rapidly & Efficiently



- **Proprietary Library:** High affinity/selective drug scaffolds
- **Faster Path:** Decrease time to Lead Optimization by half or more
- **Multiple Approaches:** Design approach specific to each kinase

KINect™ Platform Demonstrated Success

Reversible and Covalent

MK2 Inhibitor

- Oral anti-TNF, anti-IL1, and anti-IL6 MK2 kinase inhibitor drug
- Novel approach for a difficult to target kinase
- ATI-450 (investigational compound) Phase 1 clinical trial data available

Unique Substrate Selective Drug Design

Tissue Restricted JAK and ITK Inhibitors

- Potential approaches to achieve efficacy with improved safety
- ATI-1777 (investigational compound): Soft, topical drug for the potential treatment of moderate-to-severe AD
- Gut-restricted inhibitor for the potential treatment for inflammatory bowel disease

Tailoring physico-chemical and potency properties

Covalent ITK Inhibitors

- ITK T cell kinase inhibitors for autoimmune diseases
- Reversible inhibition largely unsuccessful
- Oral and topical covalent drug candidates developed
- Oral: ATI-2138 (investigational compound) IND enabling work

Covalent Inhibition: for difficult to target kinase

Market Overview of Select Inflammatory Indications

	RA	Psoriasis	Ulcerative Colitis	Crohn's Disease	Atopic Dermatitis
	(moderate - severe)	(moderate - severe)	(moderate - severe)	(moderate - severe)	(moderate - severe)
2018E WW Sales¹	~\$25B	~\$15B	~\$5B	~\$11B	~\$1B
Estimated Peak Market (WW)²	~\$25-30B	~\$20-25B	~\$8-12B	~\$15B	~\$8-12B
Prevalent US Moderate/Severe Population³	~1,000K+	~1,000-1,300K	~400-500K	~350-450K	~300-700K
Approved Agents (per target)	TNF- α : 5	TNF- α : 3	TNF- α : 2	TNF- α : 3	IL-4R: 1
	CD20: 1	IL-12 / IL-23: 2	Integrin α 4 β 7: 1	IL-12 / IL-23: 1	
	JAK: 2	IL-17A: 2	JAK: 1	Integrin α 4 β 7: 1	
	Integrin α 4 β 7: 1	PDE4: 1			
	Other: 3				
Agents in Clinic (per target)	BTK: 9	IL-23: 2	JAK/STAT: 4	JAK/STAT: 5	JAK/STAT: 4
	JAK/STAT: 5	IL-17 / IL17R: 4	IL-23: 4	IL-23: 5	IL-33: 2
	IL-6: 3	JAK/STAT: 2	S1P-R: 2	S1P Receptor: 3	IL-13: 2
	TNF- α : 1	Others: 7	Integrins: 2	Integrin α 4 β 7: 1	IL-31: 2
	T-cell Receptor: 1		Others: 12	Others: 12	OX40: 2
	Others: 41				Others: 8
Opportunity for New Treatments	Orals, Improved risk/benefit, novel mechanism	Oral, novel mechanism, improved safety	Gut-restricted (improved safety)	Gut-restricted (Improved safety)	Improved risk/benefit, topical in moderate to severe

* Auster M, et al. Something Big Is Getting Bigger [research note]. New York, NY: Credit Suisse Equity Research; 2019.

¹ Estimates of total sales per indication from EvaluatePharma.

² CS projections: based on US branded pricing.

³ Assumed peak treatable population with biologics/novel agents in the US: RA 350-400k / Psoriasis 300-350k / Ulcerative Colitis 225-275k / Crohn's 225-275k / Atopic Dermatitis 150-200k.

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ATI-450: MK2 Inhibitor

(Investigational Drug Candidate)



MK2 Inhibitor – Potential Alternative to Injectable, Anti-Cytokine Biologics and JAK Inhibitors for Immuno-Inflammatory Diseases

- MK2* is an attractive drug target because it drives pro-inflammatory cytokine expression
- The effects of inhibiting MK2 mirror the effects of anti-inflammatory biologics¹
 - ✓ **anti-TNF**: HUMIRA® (adalimumab), ENBREL® (etanercept), REMICADE® (infliximab)
 - ✓ **anti-IL1**: KINERET® (anakinra), ILARIS® (canakinumab), ARCALYST® (rilonacept)
 - ✓ **anti-IL6**: KEVZARA® (sarilumab), ACTEMRA® (tocilizumab)
- Oral: Small molecule MK2 inhibitor
 - ✓ ATI-450, an oral small molecule that inhibits MK2 via a novel MOA which involves binding to a drug “pocket” created in the p38 α /MK2 complex²
 - ✓ ATI-450 has shown marked inhibition of TNF α , IL1 β , IL8 and IL6 in *ex vivo* stimulated blood samples collected from healthy volunteers in Phase 1¹

* MK2 = Mitogen-activated protein kinase-activated protein kinase 2

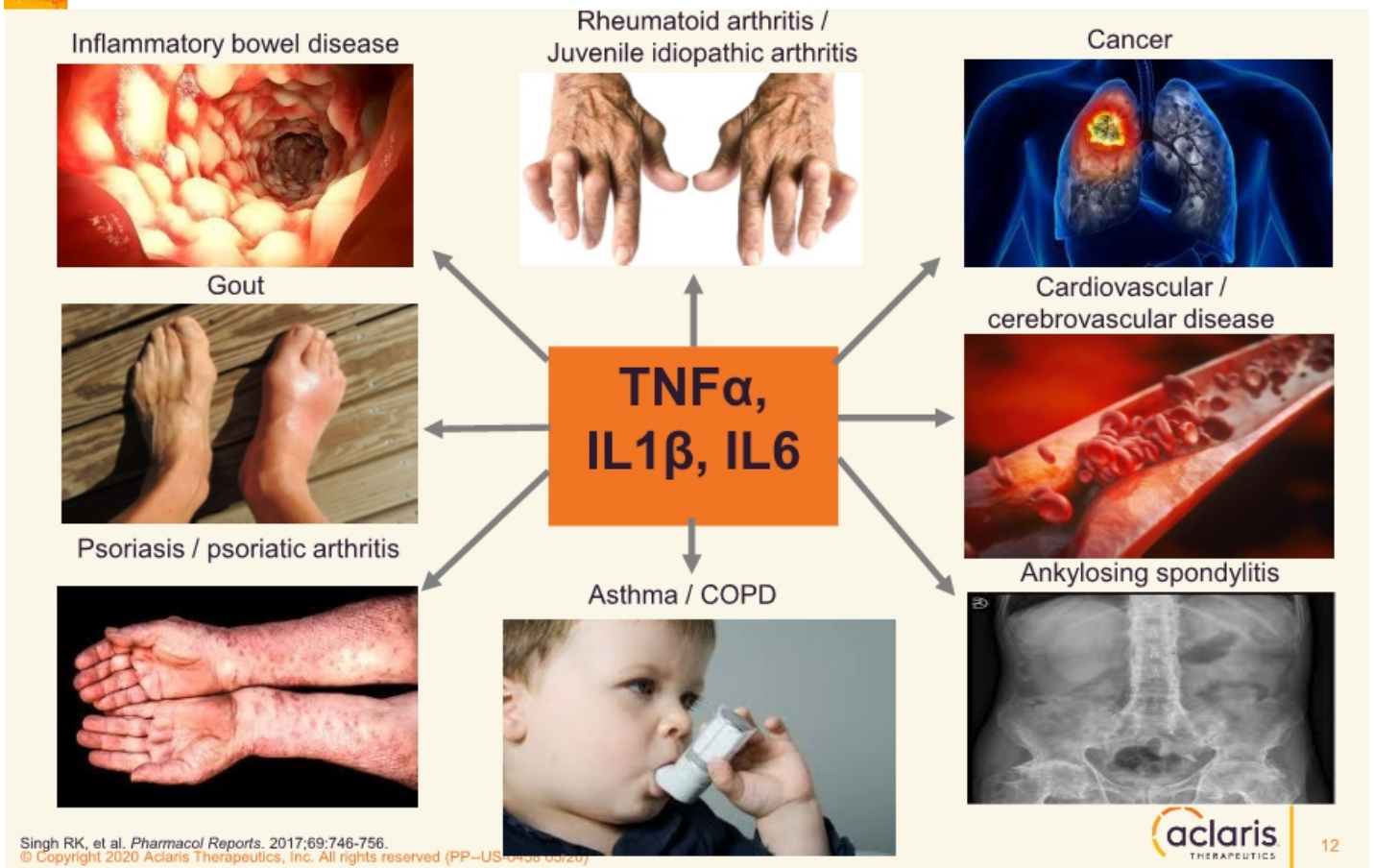
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² Wang C, et al. *J Exp Med*. 2018;215(5):1315-1325.

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MK2-driven Cytokines are Central to Many Diseases

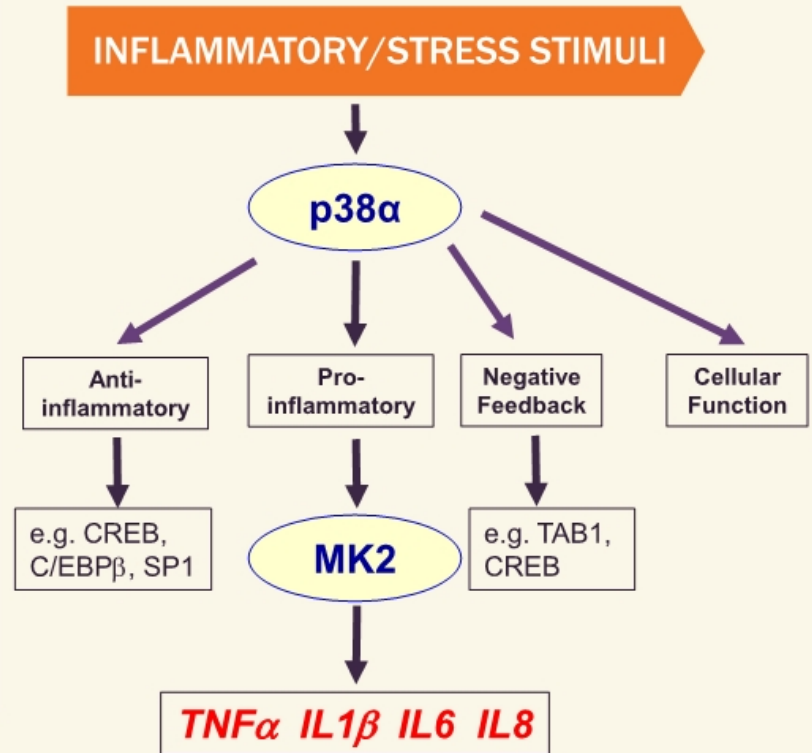


Evolution in Understanding of a Well-Known Path

The Path From p38 α to MK2

p38 α was initially targeted for suppressing TNF α and other pro-inflammatory cytokines

- Global p38 α inhibitors have exhibited toxicity and/or lack of sustained efficacy in RA and IBD
- p38 α phosphorylates over 60 substrates - yet MK2 drives the proinflammatory node of this pathway
- MK2 has been a high priority therapeutic target since 1999 but has proven very difficult to drug
- ATI-450 locks MK2 in a catalytically inactive state – a unique MOA – which may be a viable approach to target MK2



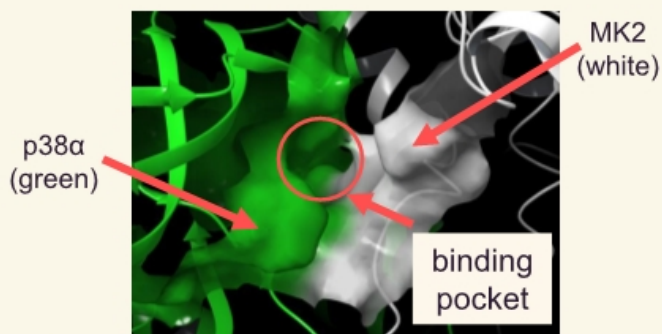
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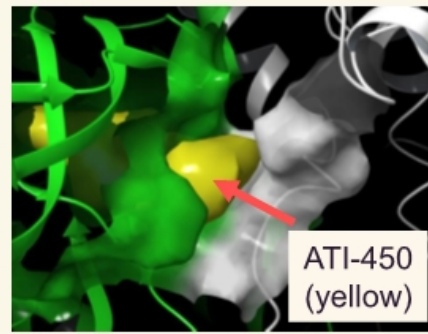
* Muniyappa H, et al. *Cell Signal*. 2008;20(4):675-683.

* Ma W, et al. *J Biol Chem*. 2001;276(17):13664-13674.

Capturing MK2 in an Inactive State



Crystal structure of the p38α/MK2 complex



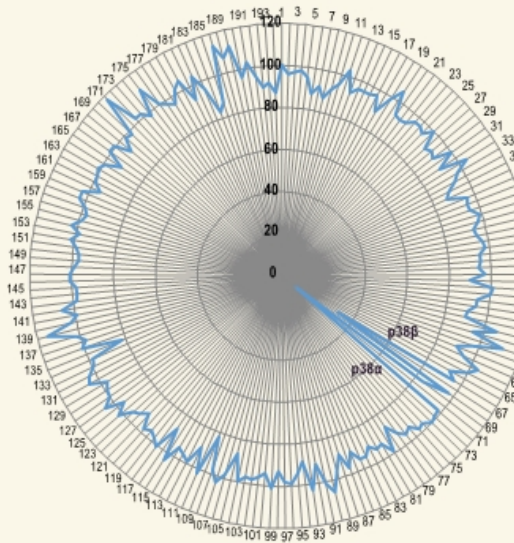
ATI-450 (yellow) docked in the pocket

- In the nucleus, inactive MK2 and p38α dock in a high affinity complex that exhibits a binding pocket formed by juxtaposed walls of both proteins
- ATI-450 binds to both walls of the pocket, stabilizing the complex and preventing MK2 activation

ATI-450 locks MK2 in a catalytically inactive state – a unique MOA

ATI-450 selectivity

Human Kinome Selectivity¹



- ATI-450 (5 μ M) was tested vs 193 kinases
- >350-fold binding selectivity on all kinases in this panel except p38 α and p38 β

* Optimized p38 peptide substrate

** Data on file.

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MK2 Pathway Selectivity

ATI-450 is highly selective for the p38/MK2 complex vs. other p38 substrates¹

Assay	Fold Selective
p38 α /MK2	1
p38 α /ATF2	700
p38 α /PRAK	750

ATI-450 binds to the p38 α /MK2 complex with higher affinity than either p38 or MK2 alone^{**}

Assay	Fold Selective
p38 α /MK2	1
p38 α /p38tide*	51
MK2/HSP27	>550

Animal Models Supporting the Development of ATI-450 in Immuno-Inflammatory Diseases

Therapeutic Area	Animal Model	Reference
Rheumatoid Arthritis / Psoriatic Arthritis	Rat streptococcal cell wall arthritis model <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection against bone deterioration • Protection against lethality Inhibition of cellular IL1 β mRNA stability & translation	Wang C, et al. <i>J Exp Med.</i> 2018;215(5):1315-1325.
Inflammatory Bowel Disease	Adoptive transfer mouse model of colitis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endoscopy scores show disease control • Decreased inflammatory infiltrate • Protected structural integrity of mucosa 	Strasser S, et al. <i>Integrative Biology.</i> 2019;11(7):301-314.
Cryopyrin-Associated Periodic Syndromes (CAPS)	Murine NOMID (severe form of CAPS) transgenic model Human CAPS PBMC* IL1 β modulation	Wang C, et al. <i>J Exp Med.</i> 2018;215(5):1315-1325.

* PBMC = Peripheral blood mononuclear cells

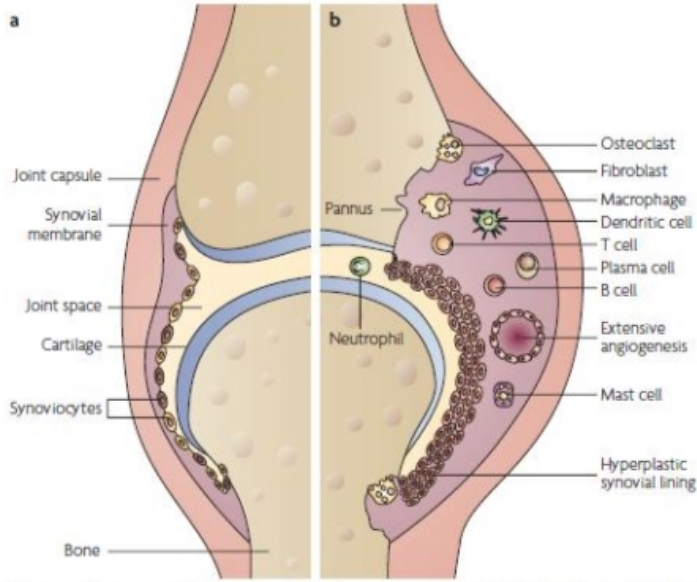
MK2 – Potential Effect in Rheumatoid Arthritis

ATI-450 regulates cells and cytokines involved in RA

MK2 is a key regulator of pathogenic signals in chronic immuno-inflammatory diseases

Normal Joint

RA Joint



Strand V, et al. *Nat Rev Drug Discov.* 2007;6(Jan 2007):75-92.

Cells

Monocyte/Macrophage
Osteoclast
Epithelial Cells
RA Synovial Fibroblast
Chondrocytes

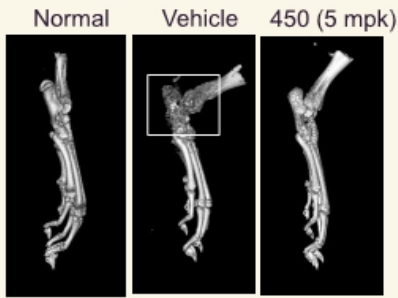
Cytokines

TNF α , IL1 β , IL1 α
IL6, IL8, IL18, RANKL

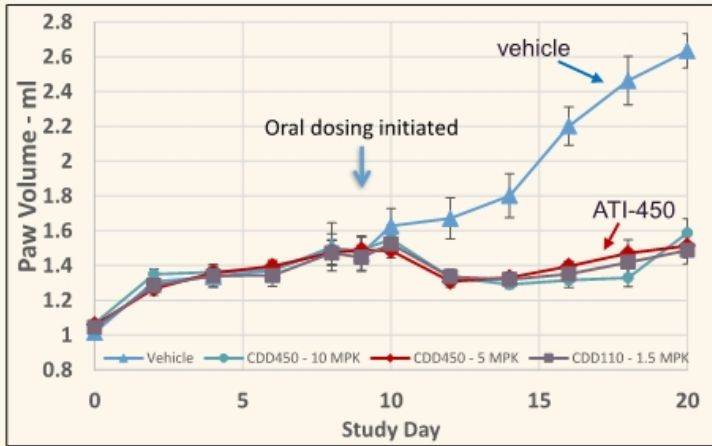
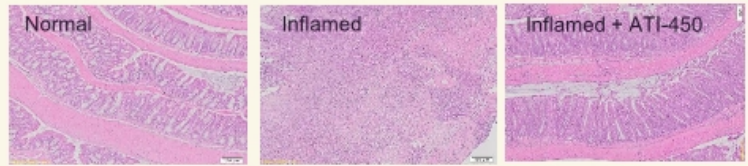
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In vivo Preclinical Data of MK2 Pathway Inhibitor ATI-450

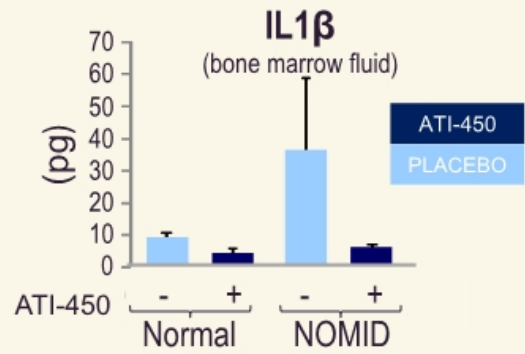
Joint Protection in Rat Arthritis Model¹



Blockade of Gut Inflammatory Infiltrate in Murine Adoptive Transfer Ulcerative Colitis Model²



Cytokine Modulation in Orphan Autoinflammatory Disease (CAPS)¹

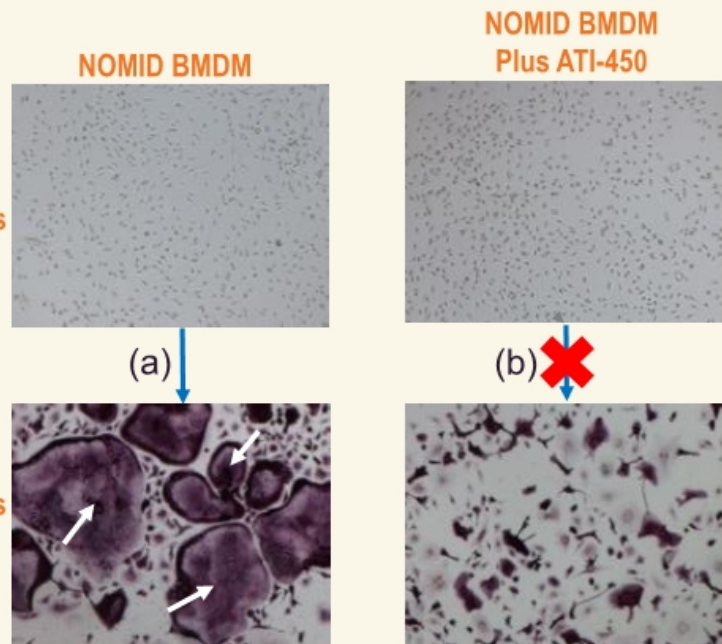


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Mouse Model: ATI-450 Inhibits RANKL-induced Osteoclastogenesis

Bone marrow derived macrophages (BMDM) from NOMID mice

- In CAPS, osteoclastogenesis gives rise to low bone mass (osteopenia)
- (a) When bone marrow derived macrophages (BMDM) from NOMID mice are stimulated with RANKL (RANK ligand), they differentiate into osteoclasts
- (b) ATI-450 blocks this macrophage differentiation

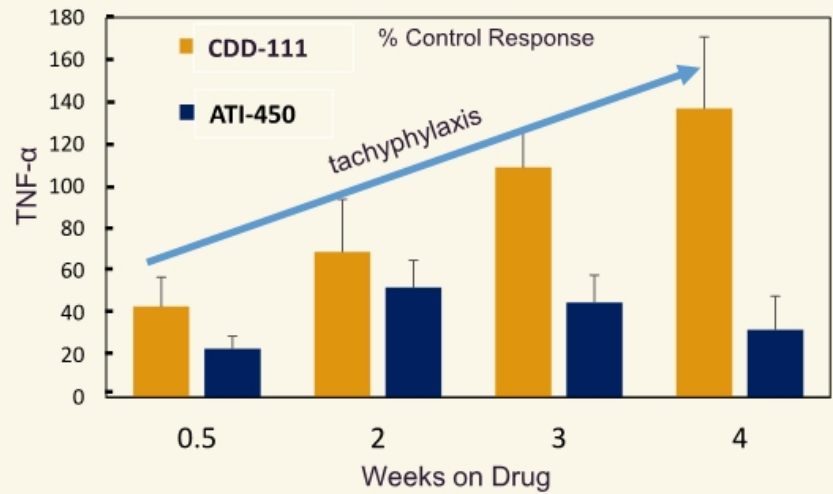


ATI-450 inhibits RANKL-stimulated macrophage differentiation into osteoclasts from NOMID mice

Mouse Model: LPS-Induced TNF α Production

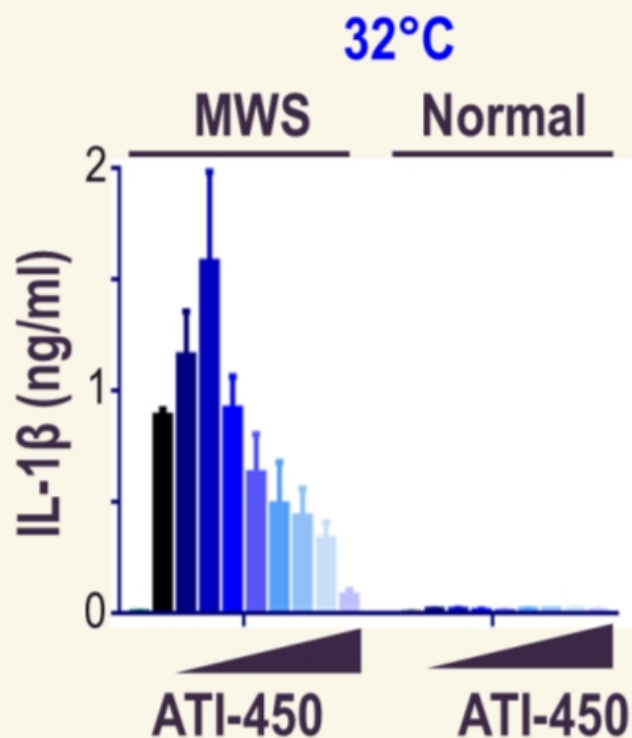
ATI-450 demonstrated durable response (no tachyphylaxis)

- Global investigational p38 inhibitor CDD-111 lost inhibition over time
- **MK2 inhibitor ATI-450 (investigational compound) demonstrated durable response (no tachyphylaxis)**



- CDD-111 and ATI-450 administered to mice in feed starting day 1 and continuing through day 28
- At the time point indicated, mice were LPS challenged and blood TNF α levels determined

Ex vivo Preclinical Data: ATI-450 Inhibits IL1 β Expression in PBMCs from a Patient with CAPS



- Peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs) were isolated from patients with CAPS and healthy controls.
- In patients with CAPS (Muckle Wells Syndrome; MWS), IL1 β expression is triggered by exposure to low temperatures.
- PBMCs from patients with CAPS spontaneously produced high amounts of IL1 β at 32°C but not at 37°C.
- ATI-450 blocks temperature stress induced IL1 β production.

ATI-450 Clinical Development

Phase 1 Single and Multiple Ascending Doses

- Safety, PK, Tolerability
- PD (inhibition of TNF α , IL1 β , IL6, IL8 & Hsp27)

Rheumatoid Arthritis Phase 2a Clinical Trial

- 12 wks: ATI-450 vs placebo
- Assess CRP dynamics
- Clinical Disease Activity/PD Biomarkers
- MRI: wrist synovitis

Demonstrate proof of concept data

Autoinflammatory Diseases

Inflammatory Bowel Disease

Psoriatic Arthritis

Hidradenitis Suppurativa

Psoriasis

Gout

Rheumatoid Arthritis

ATI-450-PKPD-101 SAD/MAD Phase 1 Trial

- First-in-human, randomized, observer-blind, placebo-controlled trial
 - ✓ Single Ascending Doses and Multiple Ascending Doses (SAD/MAD)
- Objectives:
 - ✓ Primary
 - To assess the safety, tolerability, and pharmacokinetics (PK) profile of ATI-450, an investigational oral MK2* inhibitor compound
 - ✓ Secondary
 - To assess the effect of food on the PK of ATI-450
 - To explore the pharmacodynamics (PD) of ATI-450
 - To evaluate the potential for an interaction with methotrexate

ATI-450-PKPD-101

Trial Design and Demographics

- Three-Part Study:
 - ✓ Part A: single ascending dose (SAD) plus food effect (n=32)
 - 4 cohorts: 10mg, 30mg, 50mg, 100mg (100mg repeated with high fat meal)
 - 8 subjects (6 active, 2 placebo). Single dose after overnight fast
 - ✓ Part B: multiple ascending dose (MAD) (n=30)
 - 3 cohorts: 10mg, 30mg, 50mg all BID for 7 days
 - 10 subjects (8 active, 2 placebo)
 - ✓ Part C: methotrexate (MTX) drug-drug interaction (DDI) (n=15)
 - 1 cohort: MTX day 1 and 8. ATI-450 on days 2-9
 - 15 subjects all dosed with active
- Demographics: (All dose groups, all parts)
 - ✓ Age: Mean 34 years
 - ✓ Gender: 44 female/33 male
 - ✓ Race: White-40, Black-32, Other-5

Most Common Adverse Events (≥ 2 subjects in the trial)

SAD/MAD cohorts (blinded)

Preferred Term	ATI-450 n (%) (n=48)	Placebo n (%) (n=14)
Dizziness	6 (12.5)	0
Headache	10 (20.8)	2 (14.3)
Upper respiratory tract infection	3 (6.3)	1 (7.1)
Constipation	3 (6.3)	1 (7.1)
Nausea	2 (4.2)	1 (7.1)
Abdominal pain	2 (4.2)	0
Vomiting	0	2 (14.3)

DDI cohort (unblinded ATI-450 + MTX)

Preferred Term	ATI-450 n (%) (n=15)
Dizziness	7 (46.7)
Headache	1 (6.7)
Upper respiratory tract infection	1 (6.7)
Constipation	0
Nausea	0
Abdominal pain	0
Vomiting	0

- No serious adverse events
- No adverse events led to discontinuation of study medication
- All adverse events were mild in severity - dizziness and other adverse events caused minimal discomfort, and did not interfere with everyday activities
- A trend of a decrease in absolute neutrophil count was observed
 - ✓ No correlation with clinical sequelae
 - ✓ This effect is consistent with the pharmacodynamic profile of certain anti-TNF therapies¹

¹ Dillingham M, et al. *Front. Immunol.* 2016;7(508):1-9.

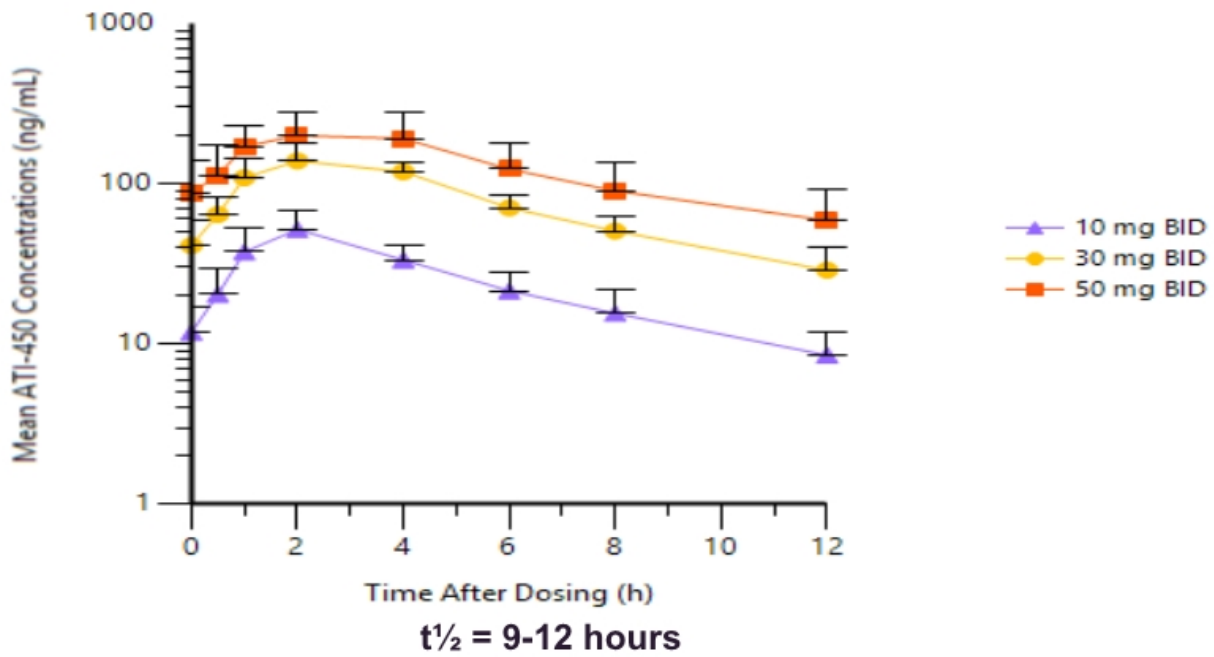
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ATI-450-PKPD-101

MAD Pharmacokinetics: Dose Proportional PK

Mean (SD) plasma concentration-time profiles of ATI-450: Day 7

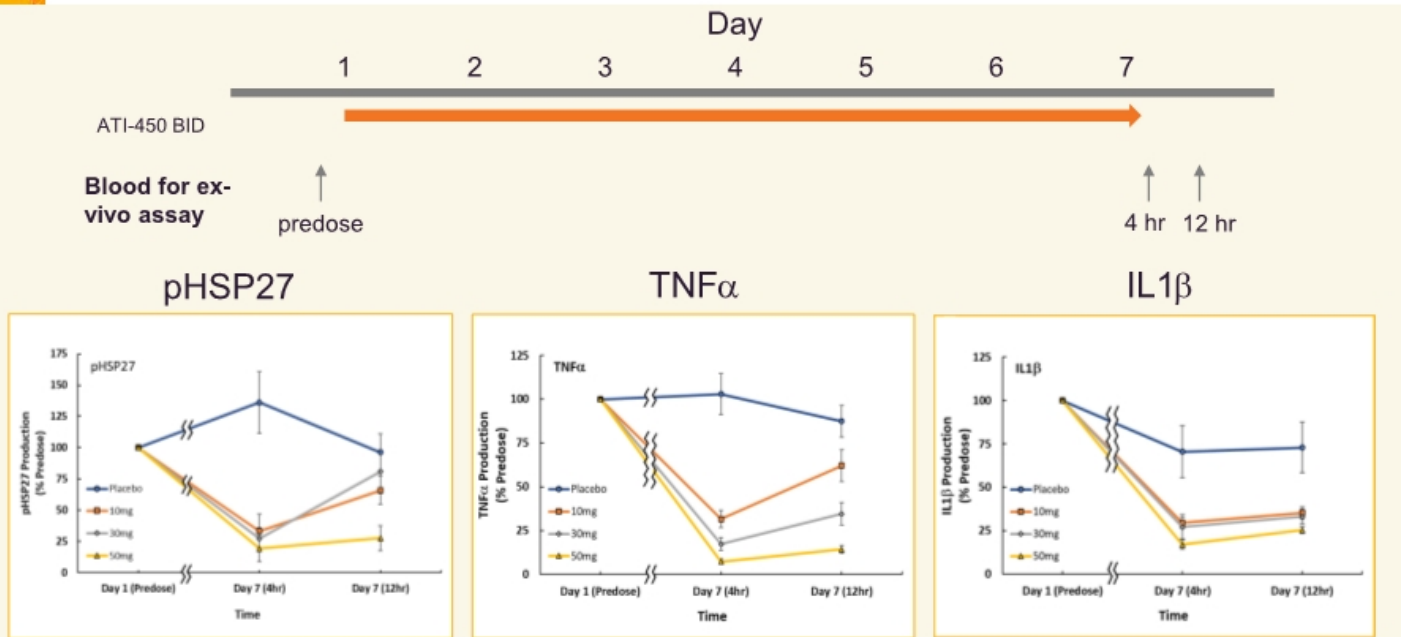


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ATI-450 PD: Day 7 MAD PD Marker Time Dependence

Target Biomarker pHSP27 and Cytokines TNF α and IL1 β



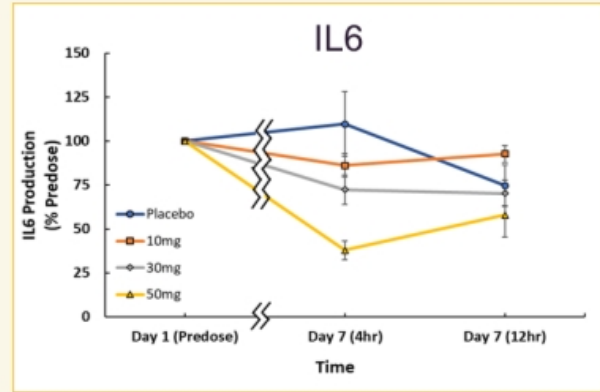
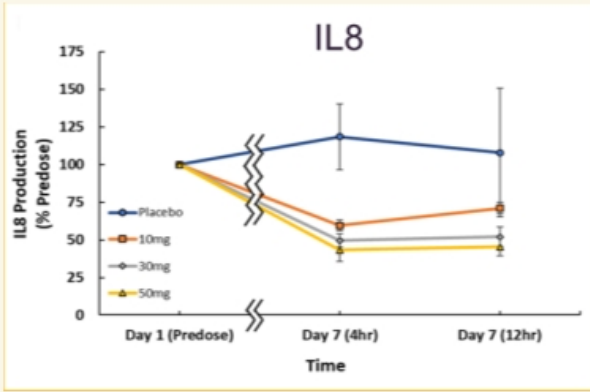
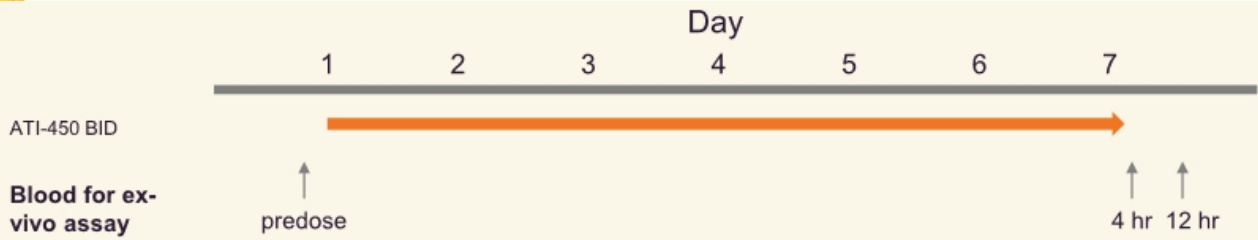
- ATI-450 dosed orally BID for 7 days in healthy subjects at doses of 10mg, 30mg and 50mg
- Day 1 (predose) is from blood taken on day 1 just prior to the first dose of ATI-450
- Samples ex vivo stimulated with LPS
- Data expressed as mean +/- SEM

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ATI-450 PD: Day 7 MAD PD Biomarker Time Dependence

Cytokines IL6 and IL8



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ATI-450-PKPD-101

Plasma Levels Greater Than IC80 Throughout Dosing Interval for 4 Key PD Markers at 50mg BID Dose

ATI-450 C_{trough} and C_{max} fold above IC_{80} by dose

Biomarker	Dose Level (mg BID)	Parameter	C_{trough}	C_{max}
IL-1 β	10	Fold IC80	0.3	1.3
IL-6	10	Fold IC80	0.0	0.1
IL-8	10	Fold IC80	0.3	1.3
pHSP27	10	Fold IC80	0.3	1.4
TNF α	10	Fold IC80	0.2	0.8
IL-1 β	30	Fold IC80	1.0	3.6
IL-6	30	Fold IC80	0.1	0.2
IL-8	30	Fold IC80	1.1	3.8
pHSP27	30	Fold IC80	1.1	4.0
TNF α	30	Fold IC80	0.7	2.3
IL-1 β	50	Fold IC80	2.2	5.4
IL-6	50	Fold IC80	0.1	0.3
IL-8	50	Fold IC80	2.3	5.6
pHSP27	50	Fold IC80	2.4	6.0
TNF α	50	Fold IC80	1.4	3.5

ATI-450 dosed at 50mg BID resulted in exposures 1.4-2.4x greater than those needed to inhibit 4 key PD markers (pHSP27, TNF α , IL1 β and IL8) at an IC_{80}

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- Rheumatoid Arthritis Trial
 - ✓ PD/safety study with early look at efficacy given small patient numbers
 - A Phase 2a, Randomized, Investigator and Patient-blind, Sponsor-unblinded, Parallel Group, Placebo-controlled Study of ATI-450 Plus Methotrexate (MTX) vs MTX Alone in Patients With Moderate to Severe Active Rheumatoid Arthritis
 - ✓ Topline data will consist of:
 - Safety and tolerability
 - Assess CRP dynamics
 - Clinical Disease Activity/PD Biomarkers
 - MRI: wrist synovitis
 - Descriptive efficacy statistics

MK2 inhibitor ATI-450 Summary

- Discovered an approach to drug the target
 - ✓ Lock MK2 in a catalytically inactive state – a unique MOA
 - ✓ Multiple relevant inflammatory cytokines impacted
- Potential alternative for numerous diseases currently treated by biologics and JAK inhibitors
 - ✓ Robust efficacy in a range of inflammation and mouse cancer models^{1,2}
- Phase 1 SAD/MAD Data*
 - ✓ Generally well-tolerated at all doses
 - ✓ Dose proportional pharmacokinetics and a half-life supporting BID, and potentially QD, dosing
 - ✓ Inhibits key cytokines and biomarkers in a dose-dependent way
- Proof of concept Phase 2a trial in RA underway
 - ✓ To assess safety and tolerability
 - ✓ To demonstrate clear pharmacodynamic effect and no tachyphylaxis
 - ✓ To demonstrate early signs of efficacy in a well understood disease
- Phase 2a trial for an additional immuno-inflammatory indication being planned

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1 Murali B, et al. *Cancer Res.* 2018;78(19):1-13.

2 Wang C, et al. *J Exp Med.* 2018;215(5):1315-1325.

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ATI-1777 (Topical Soft-JAK Inhibitor)

(Investigational Drug Candidate)



ATI-1777 (Topical Soft-JAK Inhibitor)

Novel approach for moderate to severe Atopic Dermatitis

- Atopic dermatitis (AD) is a disease of unknown origin that usually starts in early infancy and is typified by pruritus, eczematous lesions, xerosis (dry skin), and lichenification on the skin (thickening of the skin and increase in skin markings).¹
 - ✓ Large and growing market – Projected to be \$8-12 billion at peak (moderate-to-severe AD)²
 - ✓ Unmet need for effective and safe topical treatment for AD
 - ✓ Systemic and topical JAK inhibition has demonstrated promising results in clinical trials for treating pruritus and inflammation in AD³
 - ✓ In AD, a compromised skin barrier means that a topically dosed JAK inhibitor might result in pharmacologically active systemic drug levels
- Topical soft-JAK inhibitor has potential to achieve efficacy with improved safety
 - ✓ Achieve efficacy in skin while minimizing systemic JAK inhibitor toxicity
 - ✓ JAK1/3 selectivity minimizes JAK2 toxicities
- Topical formulations being optimized into a differentiated, patient-friendly emollient formulation (topical spray vs cream/ointment)
- First in human studies planned for second half 2020 in moderate-to-severe AD

1 <https://emedicine.medscape.com/article/1049085-overview>. Last accessed 11-1-19.

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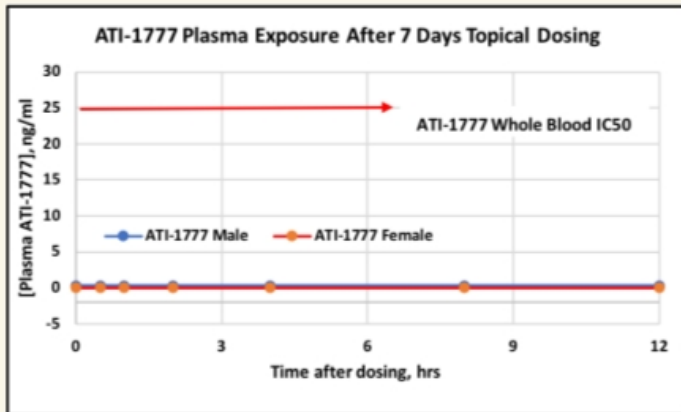
3 Shreberk-Hassidim R, et al. *J Am Acad Dermatol*. 2017;Apr;76(4):745-753.

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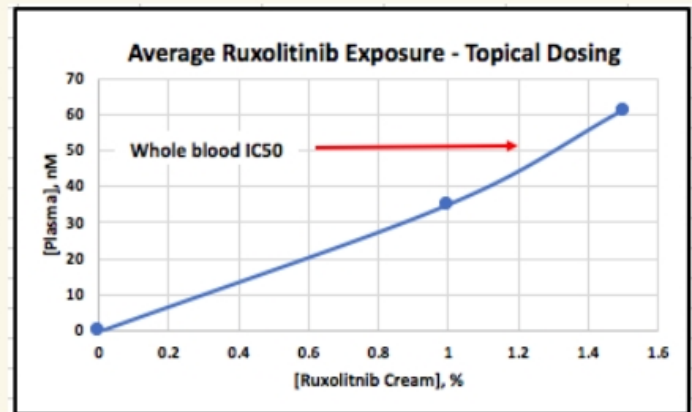
Minipig Model: ATI-1777 Nonclinical Safety Program TK Data

Tolerability/Toxicokinetic with 7-day dermal administration (non-GLP)

- No adverse effects noted (10% body surface area, QD)
- Bleeds at 0.5, 1, 2, 4, 8, 12, and 24 hours post-application: Days 1 and 6
- All plasma samples were below limit of quantification (<0.50 ng/mL) – well below cellular IC₅₀



MINIPIG¹



HUMAN^{2,3}

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² Chen X, et al. *Clin Pharmacol Drug Dev.* 2013;3(1):34–42.

³ Punwani N, et al. *Br J Dermatol.* 2015;173:989–997.

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Porcine Model: ATI-1777 Blocks IL15 Induced CCL8 mRNA



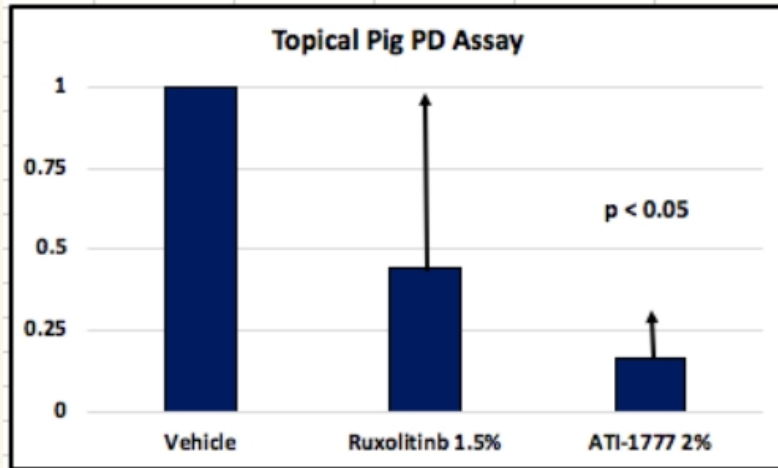
Apply formulation to back of pig, wait 1 hr



Intra-dermal Injection of porcine IL15, wait 3 hr



Harvest 6 mm biopsy, prepare RNA, measure CCL8 by qPCR



- Single application of 2% ATI-1777 development formulation significantly inhibits IL15 induced gene induction (CCL8).
- Clinical topical formulation of 1.5% ruxolitinib does not significantly inhibit IL15 (CCL8) induction.

ATI-1777: Topical Soft-JAK Inhibitor to Target Moderate-to-Severe AD

Formulate a topical therapy for atopic dermatitis which meets the medical, aesthetic and compliance needs of patients and physicians

Approach

- Designed to be:
 - “Soft” drug to minimize the potential for systemic immunosuppression
 - JAK1/3 selective to minimize JAK2 inhibition toxicity
 - Delivered in a patient-friendly formulation to clearly differentiate it from other topical therapies

Status

- Plan to study in patients with moderate-to-severe AD
- IND-enabling preclinical safety program initiated
- Next key milestone: First In Human - 2H2020

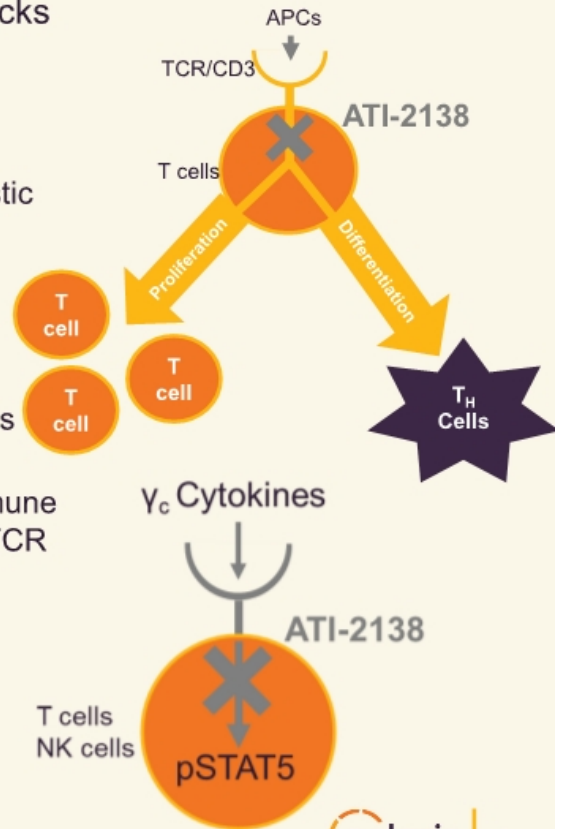
ATI-2138 (ITK/TXK/JAK3 Inhibitor)

(Investigational Drug Candidate)



ATI-2138: Covalent ITK/TXK/JAK3 (ITJ) Inhibitor

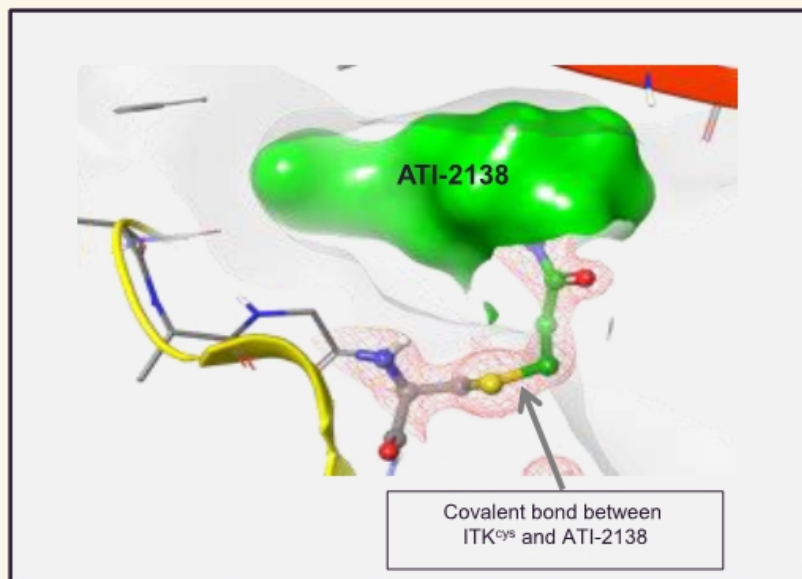
- ATI-2138 (investigational compound) covalently blocks ITK/TXK/JAK3*
 - ✓ ITK/TXK required for T-cell receptor (TCR) signaling
 - ✓ JAK3 required for γ_c cytokines (IL-2/4/7/9/15/21)
 - ✓ Targeting both with a single drug may produce synergistic efficacy - expected to have few off-target effects
 - ✓ PD effects persist after plasma clearance
 - ✓ Efficacy demonstrated in rat arthritis and mouse colitis
- ATI-2138 is selective for T-cell signaling
 - ✓ Drugs like cyclosporine (CsA) inhibit calcineurin which is widely expressed
 - ✓ ATI-2138 targets unique kinases expressed only in immune cells and may provide more complete inhibition of the TCR without dose limiting toxicities
- ATI-2138 may potentially treat any T-cell mediated autoimmune disease
- Next planned milestones
 - ✓ IND submission in 4Q20/1Q21
 - ✓ First In Human - 1H 2021



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ATI-2138 is a Potent Covalent Inhibitor



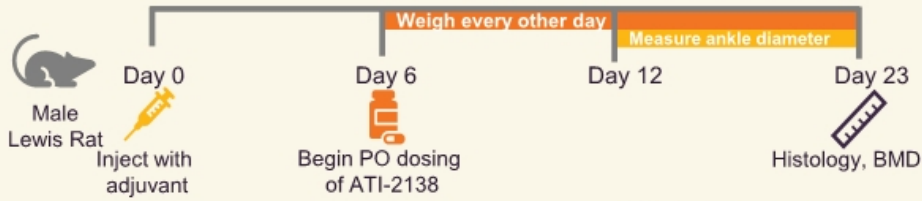
Co-Crystal Structure of ATI-2138/ITK - shows ATI-2138 covalent binding to ITK

Cellular Inhibition of JAK and ITK/TXK

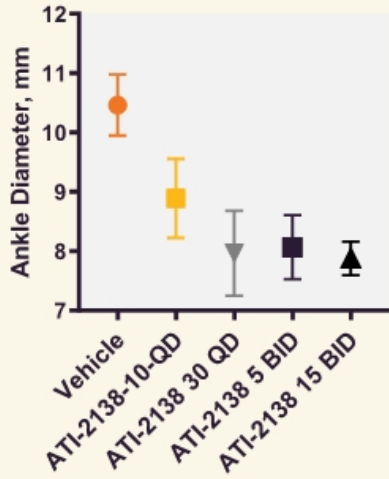
Assay Description	ATI-2138 IC ₅₀ (nM)	Assay
ITK/TXK activity	7	Jurkat pPLCγ-1
JAK1/3 activity	20	PBMC pSTAT-5
Both ITK/TXK and JAK3	13	HWB αCD3/IL15 IFNγ
BTK activity	52	Ramos pPLCγ-2

ATI-2138 potently inhibits ITK/TXK and JAK3 in cells and in whole blood

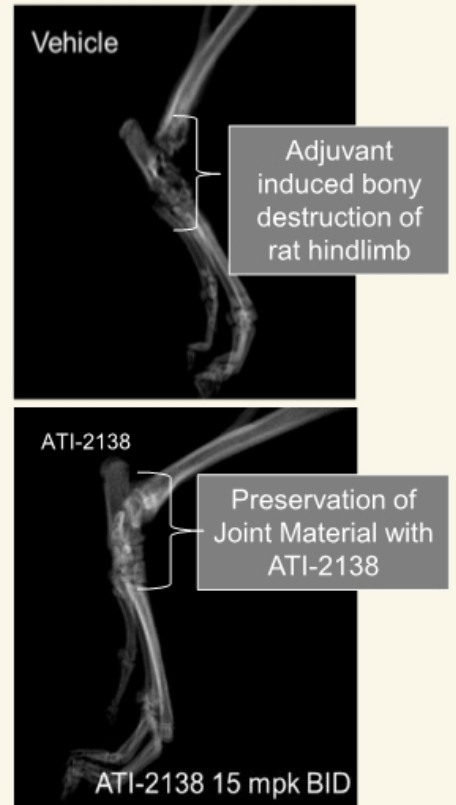
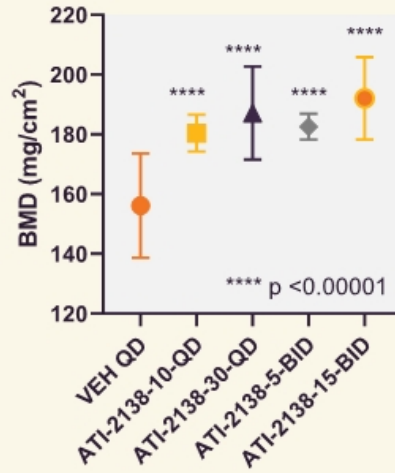
Rat Adjuvant Induced Arthritis (AIA) Model: ATI-2138 Reduced Inflammation and Protected Bone



Day 23 ankle diameter



ATI-2138 bone mineral density in rat AIA study



ATI-2138 reduced inflammation and bone mineral density loss

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Biopharmaceutical Company

Executive Team
Proven track record of R&D and business development



Commitment to Patients
Focus on addressing the needs of patients with immuno-inflammatory diseases who lack satisfactory treatment options

Research and Development
Scientific leadership in immuno-inflammatory diseases - innovative clinical and regulatory strategies



KINect™ Technology Platform
Proprietary discovery engine enables targeted design of novel drug candidates



Intellectual Property
Global IP estate



Cash Position
\$79 million as of March 31, 2020

Pipeline
Multiple therapeutic programs ranging from discovery to Phase 3



Catalysts

Milestone	2020				2021	
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	1Q	2Q
ATI-450 (MK2 Inhibitor)						
Phase 1 Data (SAD/MAD)	✓					
Initiate Phase 2a Trial in Rheumatoid Arthritis	✓					
ATI-1777 (Topical Soft-JAK Inhibitor)						
Submit IND						
Initiate Phase 1/2 Trial						
ATI-2138 (ITK/TXK/JAK3 Inhibitor)						
Submit IND						
Initiate Phase 1 Trial						

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