
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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): September 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)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- 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 September 15, 2020, management of Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc. (the “*Company*”) will present a company overview at the virtual H.C. Wainwright & Co. 22nd Annual Global Investment Conference and at virtual one-on-one investor meetings. The presentation will include a slide presentation. A copy of this slide presentation 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.
104	The cover page from Aclaris Therapeutics, Inc.’s Form 8-K filed on September 15, 2020, formatted in Inline XBRL.

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: September 15, 2020

By: /s/ Frank Ruffo

Frank Ruffo
Chief Financial Officer

EMPOWERING PATIENTS THROUGH
KINOME INNOVATION

Company Overview

September 2020



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Biotechnology Company Focused on the Kinome: *People + Platform + Pipeline*



LEADERSHIP

Founded and Led by Physicians and Scientists

- World class ex-Pfizer (kinase) and ex-GSK (immunology) leadership
- Kinome experts skilled at developing kinase targeted medicines

KINect™ PLATFORM

Proprietary Kinase Discovery Engine

- Versatile platform
- Fully integrated discovery and development team
- Advancing small molecule drug candidates to parallel or exceed efficacy of high-value biologics

INNOVATIVE PIPELINE (investigational drug candidates)

ATI-450 - MK2i

- Oral anti-TNF α , anti-IL1, anti-IL6

ATI-1777 - Topical "Soft" JAK1/3i

- Tissue specific therapy for the potential treatment of moderate-to-severe atopic dermatitis (AD)

ATI-2138 - ITK/TXK/JAK3i

- Oral dual inhibitor of T-cell and cytokine receptors

Development of Small Molecule Therapeutics for Immuno-inflammatory Diseases

The Kinase Opportunity

Unlocking the Potential of the Kinome

Medically Important and Productive Target Class

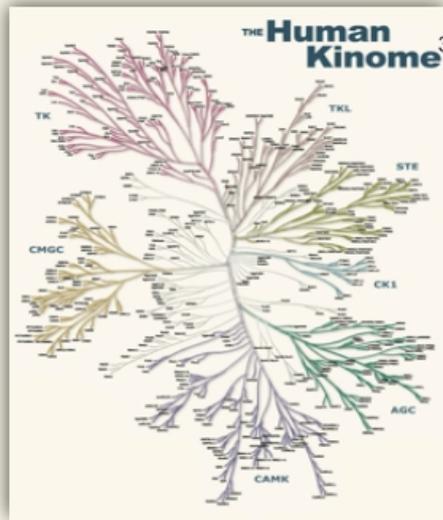


~36 Marketed Drugs¹

~\$48B^{1,2}

Annual Sales of Kinase Drugs

Most Members of the Kinome Remain Unexplored



518 Members

>90% of the Human Kinome
remains undrugged⁴

Creating New Medicines Targeting Previously Inaccessible Kinome Targets

1. Data on file.

2. Oprea TI, et al. Unexplored opportunities in the druggable human genome. *Nature Rev Drug Discov.* Poster Jan. 2017.

3. Manning G, et al. *Science.* 2002;298(5600):1912-1934.

4. Oprea TI, et al. *Nat Rev Drug Discov.* 2018;17(5):317-332.

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Experienced R&D Leadership Team

Proven Track Record in Immunology and Inflammation

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

David Gordon
Chief Medical Officer



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

Joseph Monahan, PhD
EVP, R&D (Head of Discovery)



- 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

Walter Smith
SVP, R&D



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

Jon Jacobsen, PhD
VP, Chemistry



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

Paul Changelian, PhD
VP, Biology



- 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

David R Anderson, PhD Sr. Director,
Discovery, Early Development



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

Gary DeCrescenzo
SVP, Pharm R&D

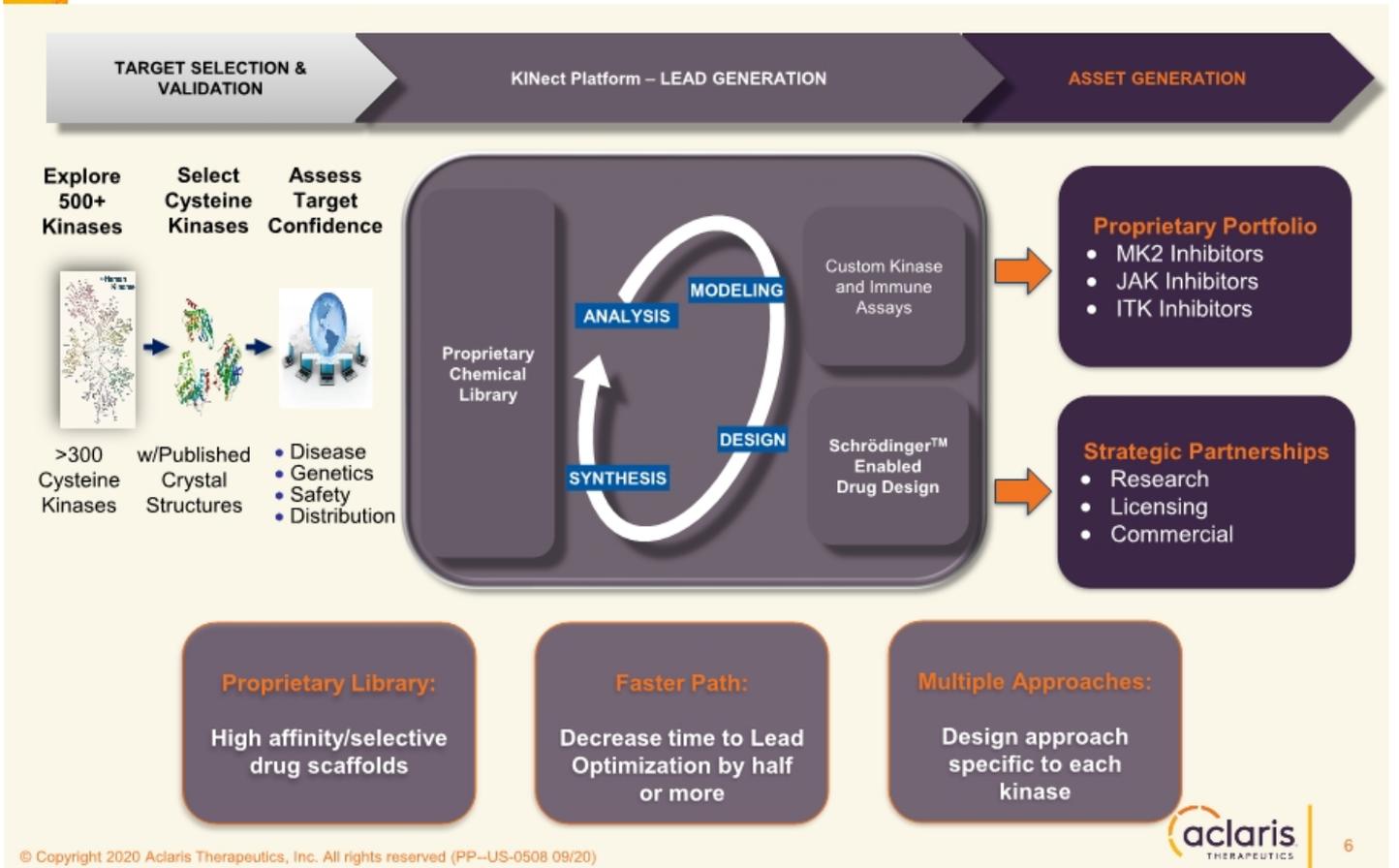


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KINect™ Platform

Developing Kinase Drug Candidates Rapidly & Efficiently



MK2 Inhibitor

- Oral anti-TNF, anti-IL1, and anti-IL6
- Novel approach for a difficult to target kinase
- Broad potential in several immuno-inflammatory diseases

Unique substrate-selective drug design

Tissue Restricted JAK and ITK Inhibitors

- ATI-1777: Skin specific (Soft) topical JAK1/3
- Oral Gut-restricted reversible and irreversible inhibitors
- Goal: comparable clinical efficacy with improved safety profile

Tailoring physico-chemical and potency properties

Covalent ITK Inhibitors

- ITK/TXK/JAK3: Oral and topical T cell kinase inhibitors for autoimmune diseases

Covalent inhibition for difficult-to-target kinase

Small Molecule Therapeutics Targeting Multi-billion Dollar Immunology and Inflammation Markets

Pipeline

Program	Indication(s)	Preclinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
ATI-450 MK2 Inhibitor <i>Oral</i>	Rheumatoid Arthritis	▶			
	COVID-19*	▶			
	Cryopyrin-Associated Periodic Syndrome (CAPS)	▶			
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	▶			

* This is an investigator-initiated trial sponsored by the University of Kansas Medical Center.
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ATI-450: MK2 Inhibitor

(Investigational Drug Candidate)



ATI-450: Small Molecule, Oral MK2 Inhibitor

Blocks the Same Targets as Broadly Used Biologics

MK2* drives pro-inflammatory cytokine expression

- Inhibiting MK2 blocks TNF α , IL1 and IL6, the targets of the following biologics:¹
 - ✓ **anti-TNF α** : HUMIRA[®] (adalimumab), ENBREL[®] (etanercept), REMICADE[®] (infliximab)
 - ✓ **anti-IL1**: KINERET[®] (anakinra), ILARIS[®] (canakinumab), ARCALYST[®] (rilonacept)
 - ✓ **anti-IL6**: KEVZARA[®] (sarilumab), ACTEMRA[®] (tocilizumab)

ATI-450: Small molecule, oral MK2 inhibitor

- Potential alternative to injectable, anti-cytokine biologics and JAK inhibitors for immuno-inflammatory diseases

* MK2 = Mitogen-activated protein kinase-activated protein kinase 2
1. Data on file.

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MK2-driven Cytokines are Central to Many Diseases*

TNF α , IL1, IL6 Are Mediators in Numerous Inflammatory Conditions



Rheumatoid arthritis/
Juvenile idiopathic arthritis



Gout



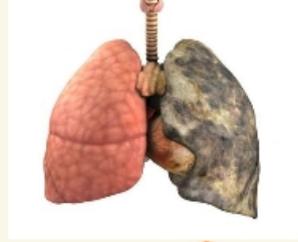
Inflammatory Bowel
Disease



Ankylosing spondylitis



Neutrophilic Dermatoses
(Hidradenitis Suppurativa)



COPD



CAPS



Cardiovascular/
Cerebrovascular Disease

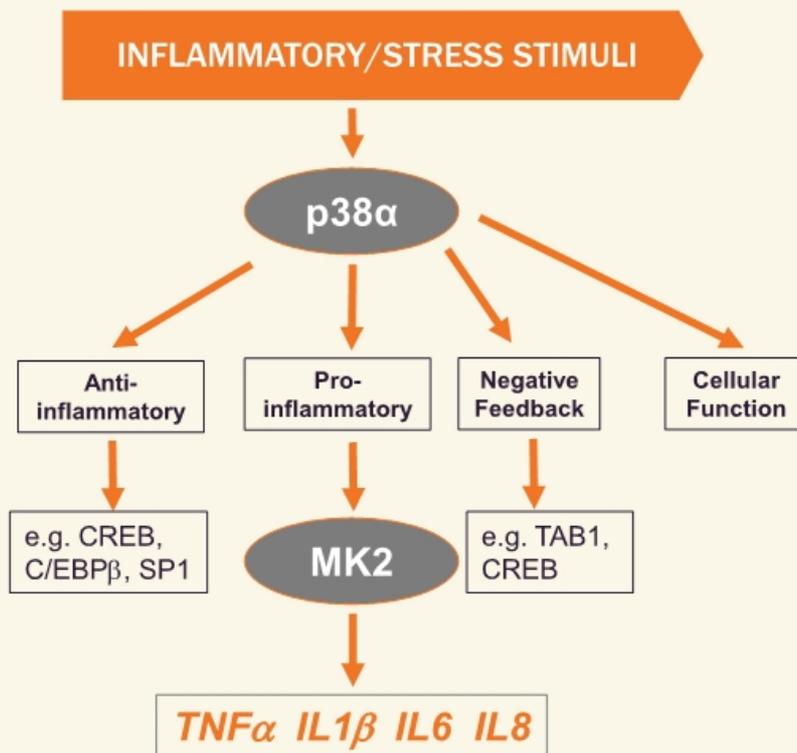
*Singh RK, et al. *Pharmacol Reports*. 2017;69:746-756.

Evolution in Understanding a Well-Known Inflammatory Pathway

The Path From p38 α to MK2

The relationship of p38 α to MK2 is key to overcoming barriers 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



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

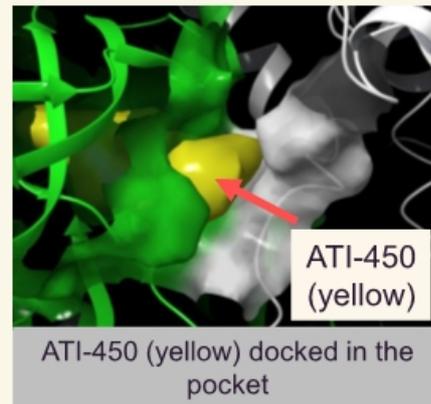
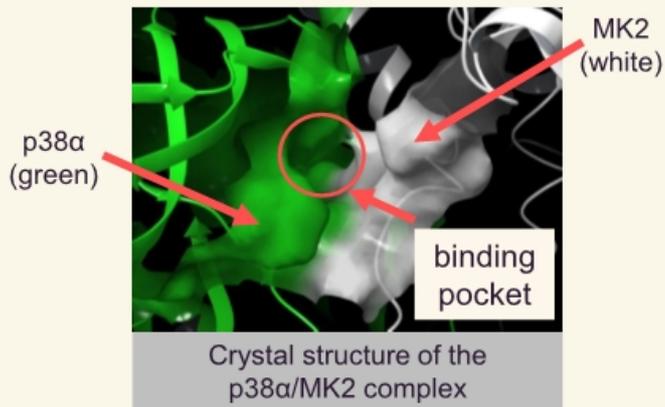
* Cheung P, et al. *EMBO J*. 2003;22(21):5793-5805.

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

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

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Novel Mechanism: Capturing MK2 in an Inactive State

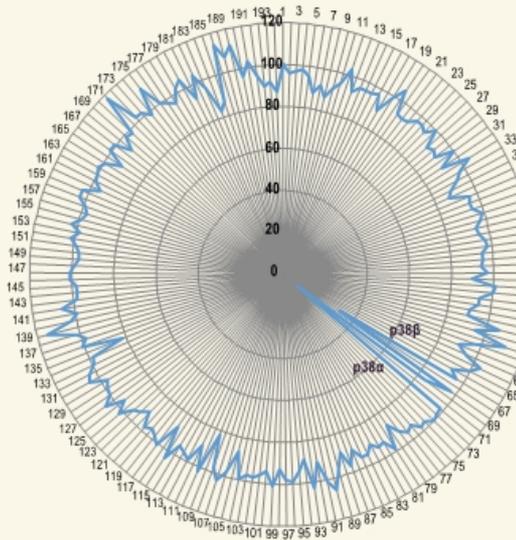


- In the nucleus, inactive MK2 and p38α dock in a high affinity complex that exhibits a binding pocket formed by juxtaposed walls of both proteins
- ATI-450 binds to both walls of the pocket, stabilizing the complex and preventing MK2 activation

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

ATI-450 Selectivity: Minimizing Off-Target Inhibition through High Affinity for the p38 α /MK2 Complex

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

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

* Data on file.

** Optimized p38 peptide substrate

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MK2 Pathway Selectivity

ATI-450 is highly selective for the p38 α /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	<p>Mouse Collagen-Induced Arthritis Model</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in clinical arthritis score • Protection of joint histology <p>Rat streptococcal cell wall arthritis model</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection against bone deterioration • Protection against lethality <p>Inhibition of cellular IL1β mRNA stability & translation</p>	<p>Data on file</p> <p>Wang C, et al. <i>J Exp Med.</i> 2018;215(5):1315-1325.</p>
Inflammatory Bowel Disease	<p>Adoptive transfer mouse model of colitis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endoscopy scores show disease control • Decreased inflammatory infiltrate • Protected structural integrity of mucosa 	<p>Strasser S, et al. <i>Integrative Biology.</i> 2019;11(7):301-314.</p>
Cryopyrin-Associated Periodic Syndromes (CAPS)	<p>Murine NOMID (severe form of CAPS) transgenic model</p> <p>Human CAPS PBMC* IL1β modulation</p>	<p>Wang C, et al. <i>J Exp Med.</i> 2018;215(5):1315-1325.</p>

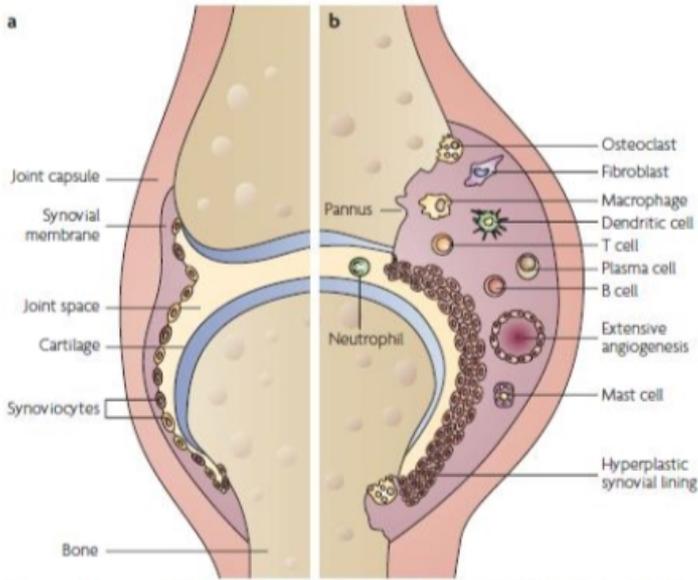
* PBMC = Peripheral blood mononuclear cells

MK2 – Potential Effect in Rheumatoid Arthritis

ATI-450 regulates cells and cytokines involved in RA

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

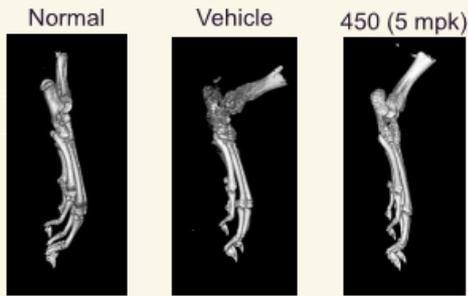
TNF α , IL1 β , IL1 α
IL6, IL8, IL18, RANKL

ATI-450: for bold items above data on file and Wang C, et al. *J Exp Med.* 2018;215 (5):1315-1325.

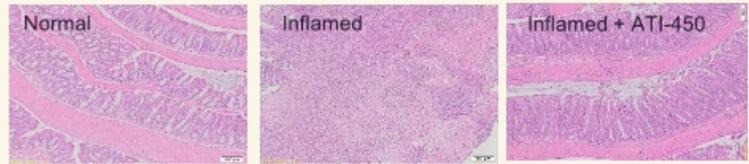
MK2 is a key regulator of pathogenic signals in chronic immuno-inflammatory diseases

In Vivo Preclinical Data of MK2 Pathway Inhibitor ATI-450

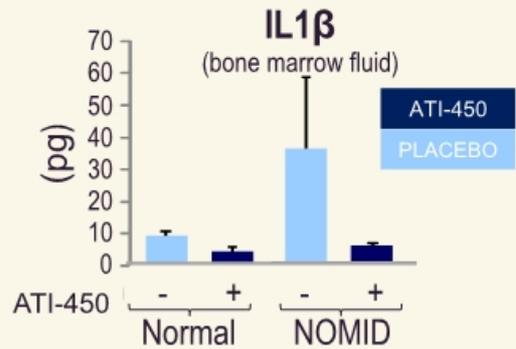
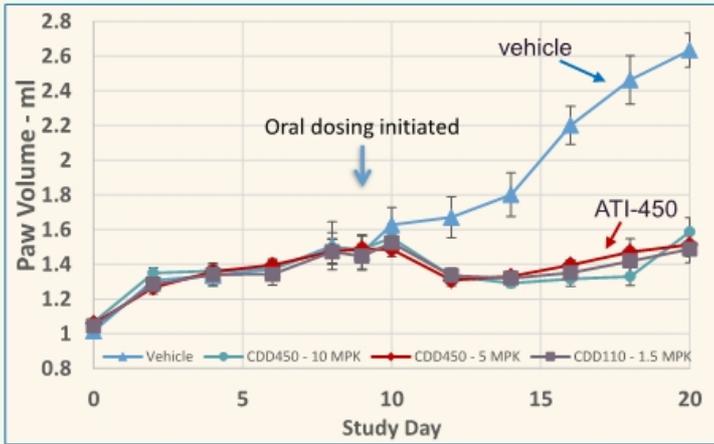
Joint Protection in Rat Arthritis Model¹



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



Cytokine Modulation in Orphan Autoinflammatory Disease (CAPS)¹

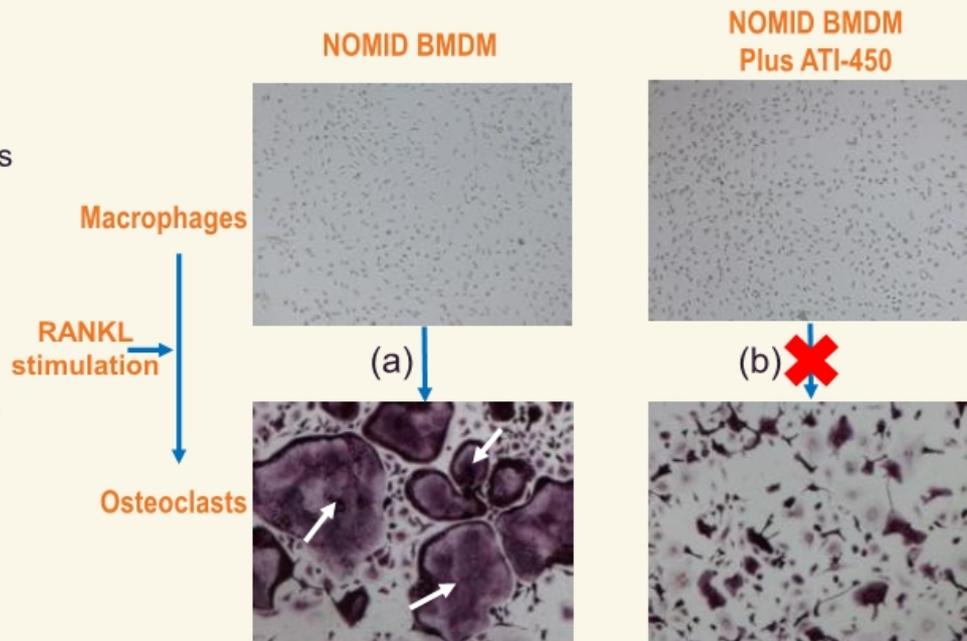


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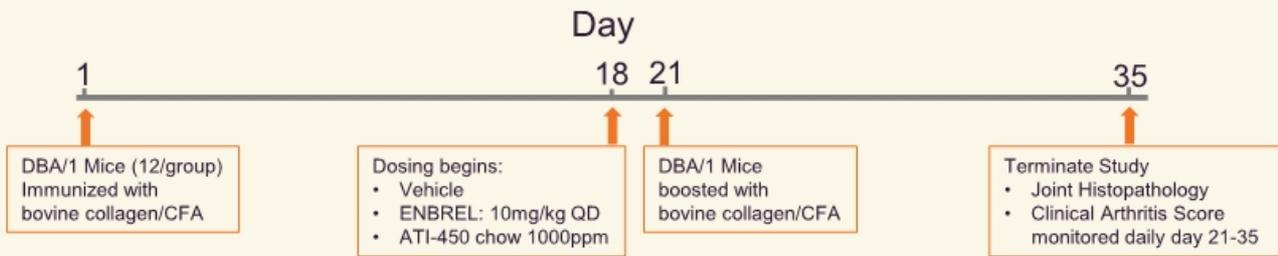
Mouse Model: ATI-450 Inhibits RANKL-stimulated Macrophage Differentiation into Osteoclasts (Osteoclastogenesis)

Bone marrow-derived macrophages (BMDM) from NOMID mice

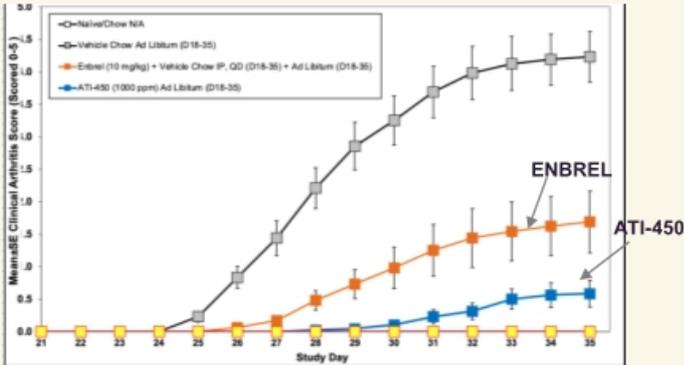
- In CAPS, osteoclastogenesis gives rise to low bone mass (osteopenia)
- (a) When bone marrow derived macrophages (BMDM) from NOMID mice are stimulated with RANKL (RANK ligand), they differentiate into osteoclasts
- (b) ATI-450 blocks this macrophage differentiation



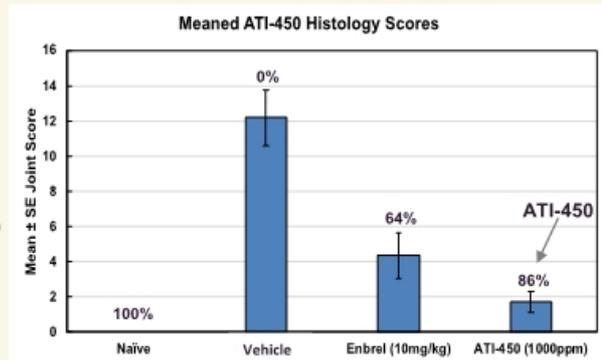
Mouse Model: ATI-450 is Efficacious in Murine Collagen-Induced Arthritis (mCIA)



Clinical Arthritis Score



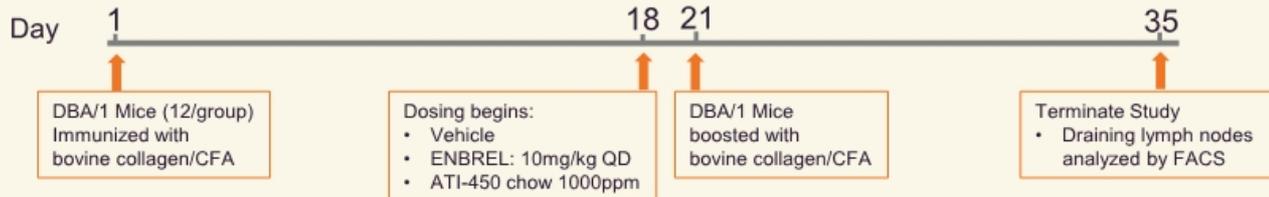
Joint Histology Score



ATI-450 demonstrated broad efficacy in the gold standard mCIA model

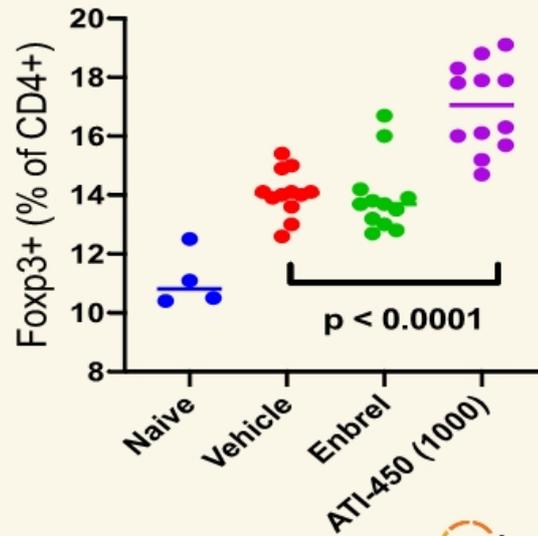
* Data on file.

Mouse Model: ATI-450 Increases Regulatory T (Treg) Cells in mCIA



- The effect of ATI-450 treatment on T cell subsets was evaluated in the mCIA model
- A highly significant increase in Treg cells within the CD4+ population was observed with mice treated with ATI-450
- Treg cells are known to be involved in the maintenance of the immune response and have been shown to prevent autoimmune disease¹

Murine CIA and Tregs



* Data on file.

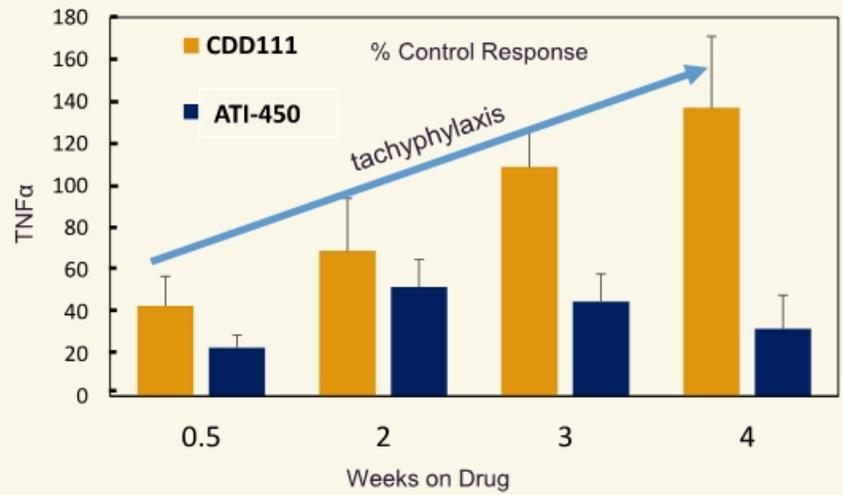
1. Dominguez-Villar M, et al. *Nat. Immunol.* 2018;19:665-673.

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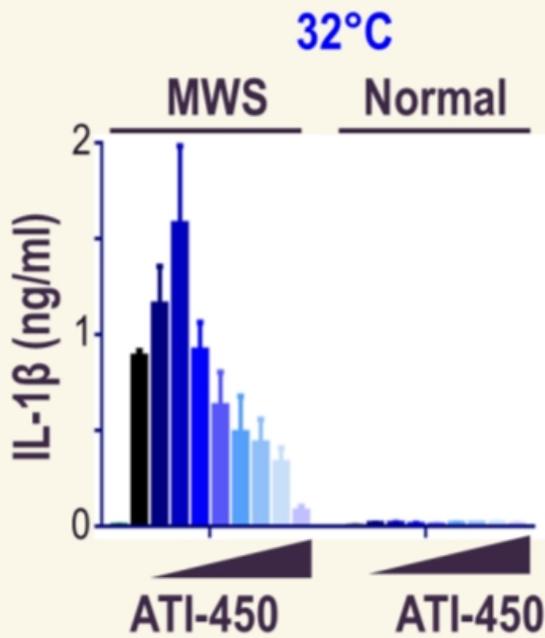
Mouse Model: LPS-Induced TNF α Production

ATI-450 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
- Global investigational p38 inhibitor CDD-111 lost inhibition over time



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



- PBMCs were isolated from patients with CAPS and healthy controls.
- In patients with CAPS (Muckle Wells Syndrome), 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)

Phase 2a Clinical Trials

Rheumatoid Arthritis

TNF α driven disease

- 12 wks: ATI-450 vs placebo
- Assess CRP dynamics
- Clinical disease activity
- MRI: wrist synovitis
- Safety and tolerability

CAPS

IL1 β driven disease

- 12 wks: open-label
- IL1 biologic withdrawal
- Maintenance of remission
- Safety and tolerability

Demonstrate proof of concept

Autoinflammatory
Diseases

Inflammatory Bowel
Disease

Psoriatic Arthritis

Hidradenitis Suppurativa

Psoriasis

Gout

Rheumatoid Arthritis

ATI-450-PKPD-101

Trial Design and Demographics

Three-Part Study (77 Subjects)

Part A: single ascending dose (SAD) plus food effect (n=32)	Part B: multiple ascending dose (MAD) (n=30)	Part C: methotrexate (MTX) drug-drug interaction (DDI) (n=15)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 cohorts: 10mg, 30mg, 50mg, 100mg (100mg repeated with high fat meal)• 8 subjects per cohort (6 active, 2 placebo). Single dose after overnight fast	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 cohorts: 10mg, 30mg, 50mg all BID for 7 days• 10 subjects per cohort (8 active, 2 placebo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 cohort: MTX day 1 and 8. ATI-450 on days 2-9• 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 or adverse events that led to discontinuation of study medication
- All adverse events were mild in severity 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. Dillingh M, et al. *Front. Immunol.* 2016;7(508):1-9.

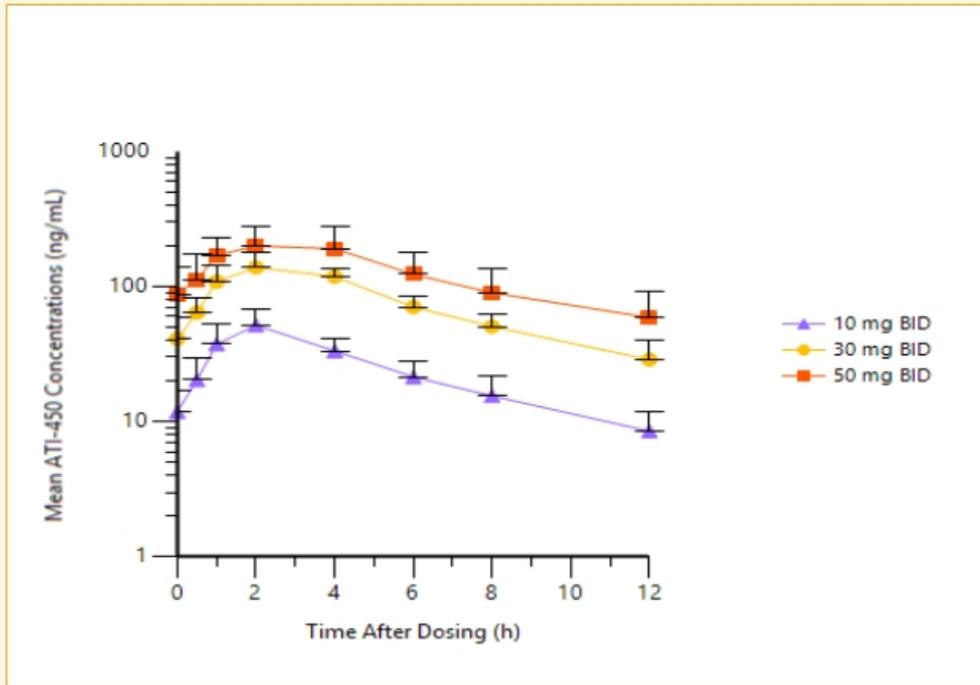
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ATI-450-PKPD-101

MAD Pharmacokinetics: Dose Proportional PK

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



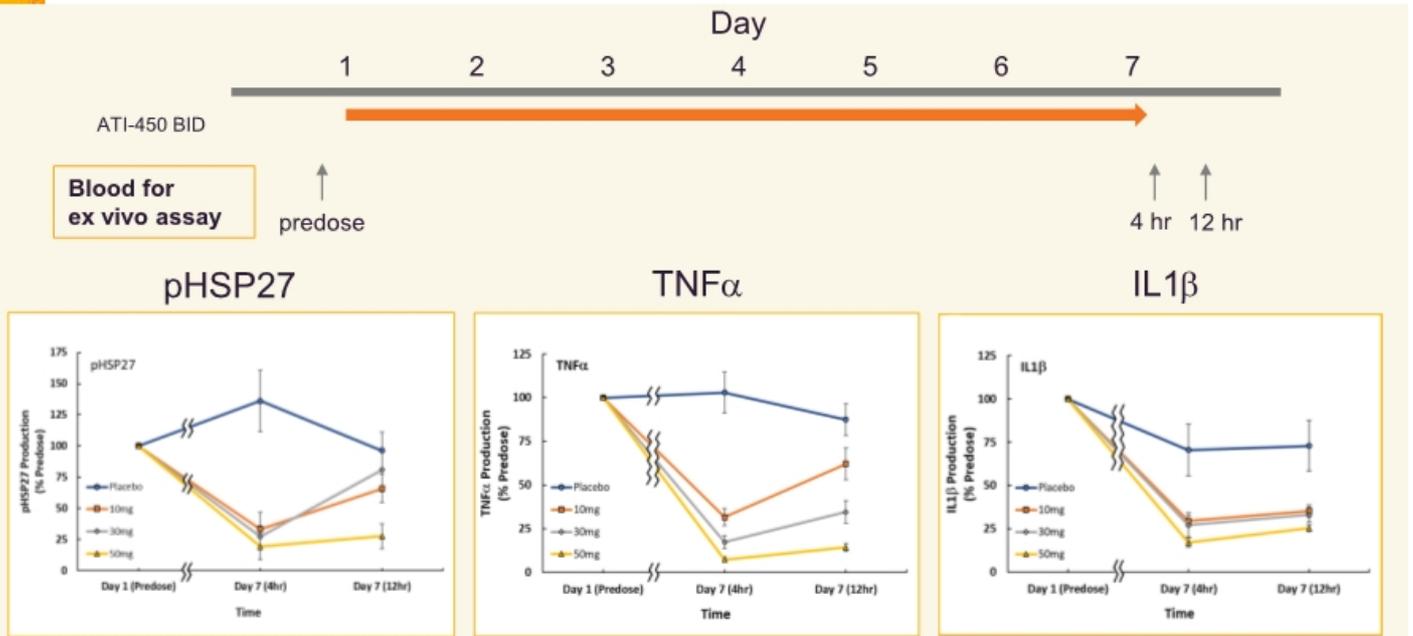
$t_{1/2} = 9-12$ hours

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ATI-450-PKPD-101: Day 7 MAD PD Marker Time Dependence

Target Biomarker pHSP27 and Cytokines TNF α and IL1 β

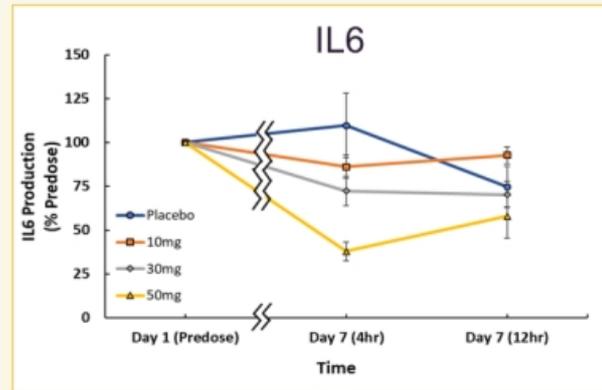
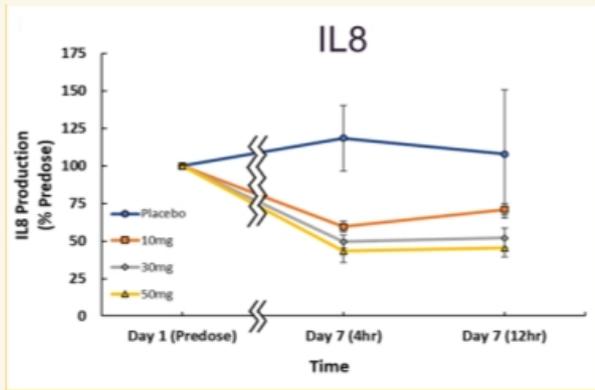


- ATI-450 dosed orally BID for 7 days in healthy subjects at doses of 10mg, 30mg and 50mg
- Day 1 (predose) is from blood taken on day 1 just prior to the first dose of ATI-450
- Samples ex vivo stimulated with LPS
- Data expressed as mean +/- SEM

* Data on file

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ATI-450-PKPD-101: Day 7 MAD PD Biomarker Time Dependence Cytokines IL8 and IL6



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ATI-450-PKPD-101

Multiples of Cytokine IC_{80} Across Dosing Interval

The MAD 50mg BID cohort achieved systemic drug concentrations in excess of IC_{80} for pHSP27, $TNF\alpha$, $IL1\beta$ and IL8 at C_{max} (3.5-6.0X) and C_{trough} (1.4-2.4X).

Biomarker	* IC_{80} ng/ml	** C_{trough} Multiple of IC_{80}	** C_{max} Multiple of IC_{80}
pHSP27	36.7	2.4x	6.0x
$TNF\alpha$	62.6	1.4x	3.5x
$IL1\beta$	40.8	2.2x	5.4x
IL6	747.8	0.1x	0.3x
IL8	38.8	2.3x	5.6x

* IC_{80} values generated with all SAD/MAD exposure data using the E_{max} model in WinNonlin

** 50 mg BID MAD Cohort

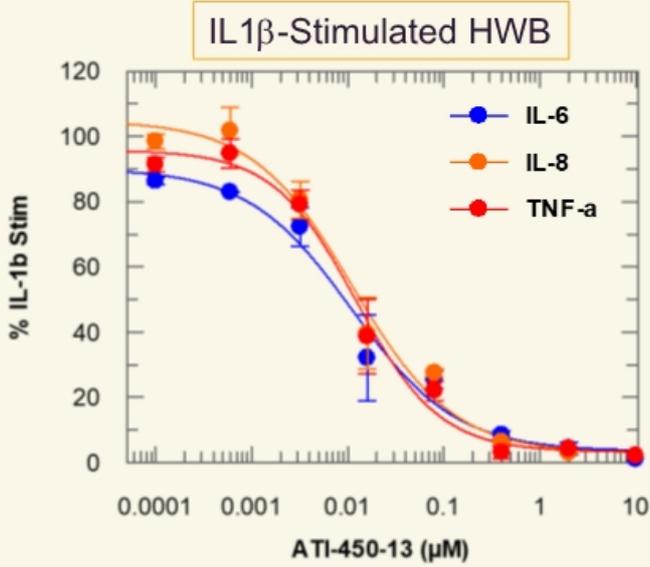
50 mg BID C_{trough} = 87.9 ng/ml

50 mg BID C_{max} = 215 ng/ml

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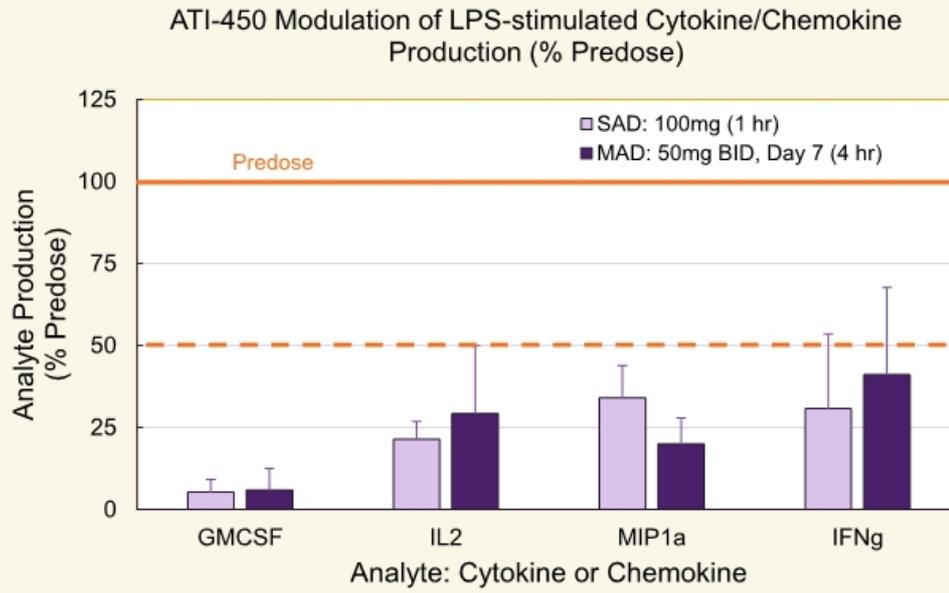
In Vitro Model: ATI-450 Inhibited IL1 β -Stimulated Cytokines in Human Whole Blood



Cytokine	IC ₈₀ (ng/ml)
TNF α	31 \pm 6
IL6	41 \pm 20
IL8	40 \pm 12

- ATI-450 was added to freshly isolated human whole blood for 1 hour and stimulated with IL1 β (10 ng/ml) for 5 hours
- Cytokines were measured by Meso Scale Discovery technology.

ATI-450 Inhibited Additional CRS-Related Proteins in HWB Ex Vivo LPS-Stimulated HWB from SAD/MAD Study



Marked Inhibition of CRS Cytokines by ATI-450 in Phase 1 Trial

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ATI-1777 (Topical “Soft” JAK Inhibitor)

(Investigational Drug Candidate)



Atopic Dermatitis Opportunity

Atopic dermatitis (AD) is a chronic, pruritic inflammatory skin condition¹

- ✓ The prevalence rate for AD (US) is 10-12% in children and 0.9% in adults²
- ✓ Market projected to be \$8-12 billion at peak (moderate-to-severe AD)³
- ✓ Systemic and topical JAK inhibition has demonstrated promising results in AD clinical trials⁴

Approach

- Comparable efficacy to other topical JAKs but “soft” drug to minimize the potential for systemic immunosuppression
- JAK1/3 selective to minimize JAK2 inhibition toxicity
- Deliver in a patient-friendly formulation
- Patients with moderate to severe AD

Status

- IND allowed
- Next key milestone: First In Human Trial - 2H2020
- Plan to study in patients with moderate to severe AD

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Porcine Model: ATI-1777 Blocks IL15 Induced CCL8 mRNA in Skin



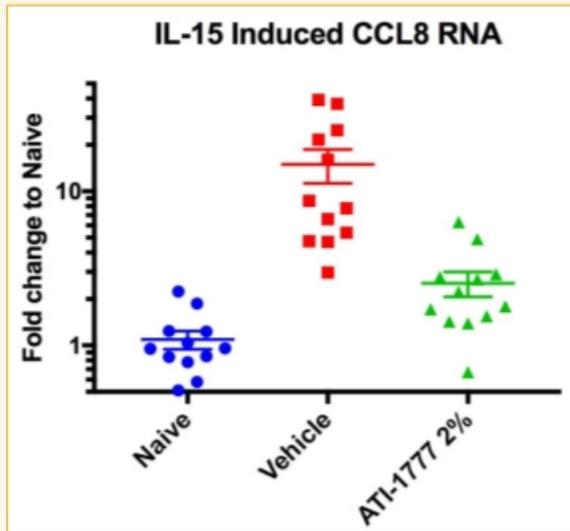
Apply formulation to back of pig, wait 1 hr



Intra-dermal Injection of porcine IL15, wait 3 hr



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

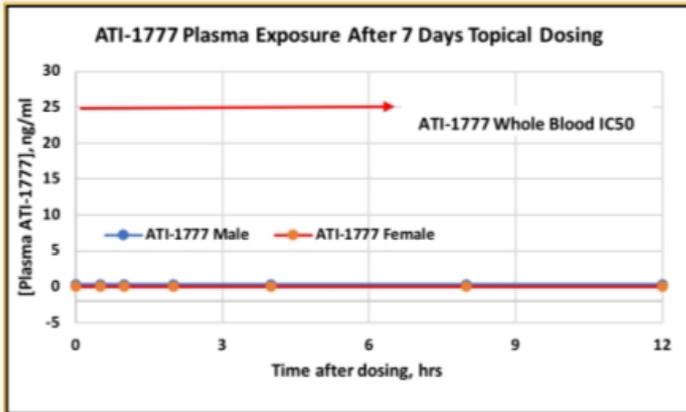


- Single application of 2% ATI-1777 development formulation significantly inhibits IL15 (JAK1/3) induced gene induction (CCL8).

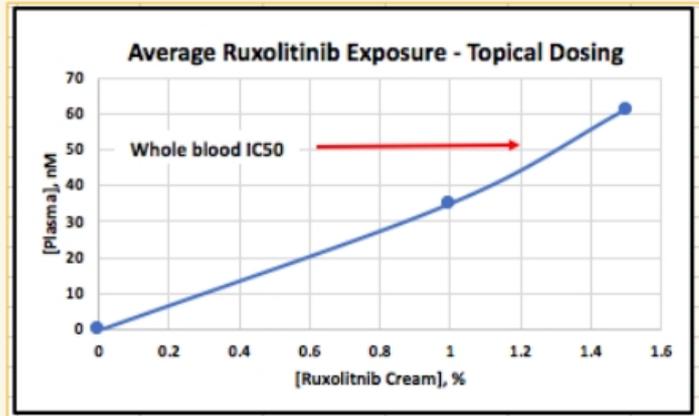
Minipig Model: ATI-1777 Non-clinical Safety Program TK Data

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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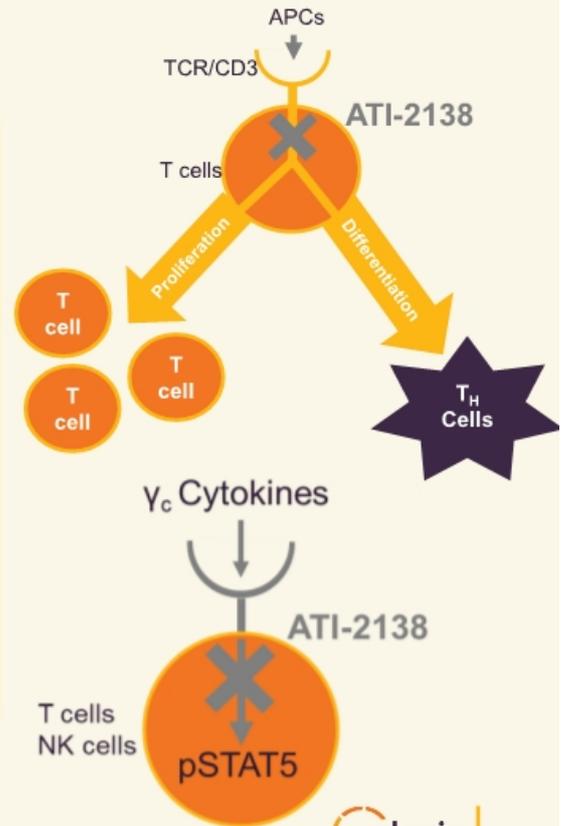
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ATI-2138 (ITK/TXK/JAK3 Inhibitor) (Investigational Drug Candidate)



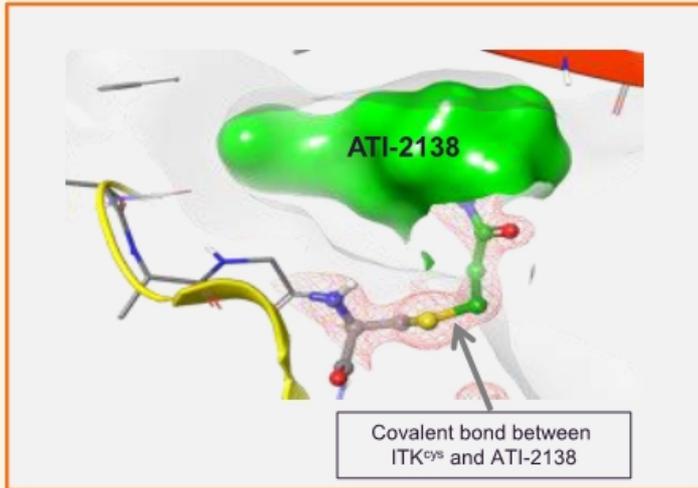
ATI-2138: Covalent ITK/TXK/JAK3 (ITJ) Inhibitor

- ATI-2138 covalently blocks ITK/TXK/JAK3¹
 - ✓ Potential for synergistic efficacy
 - ITK/TXK required for T-cell receptor (TCR) signaling
 - JAK3 required for γ_c cytokines (IL-2/4/7/9/15/21)
 - ✓ PD effects persist after plasma clearance
- ATI-2138 is selective for T-cell signaling^{2,3}
 - ✓ Drugs like cyclosporine (CsA) inhibit calcineurin which is widely expressed
 - ✓ ATI-2138 targets unique kinases expressed only in immune cells
- ATI-2138 may potentially treat T-cell mediated autoimmune diseases^{4,5}



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ATI-2138 is a Potent Covalent Inhibitor



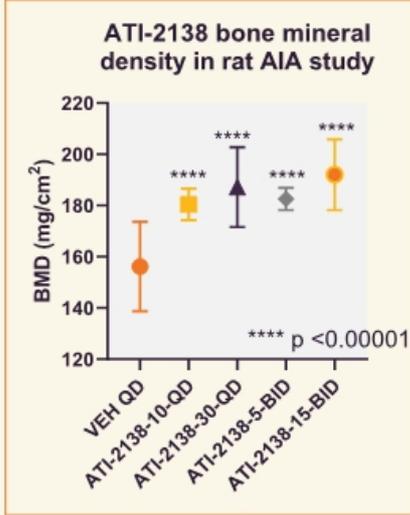
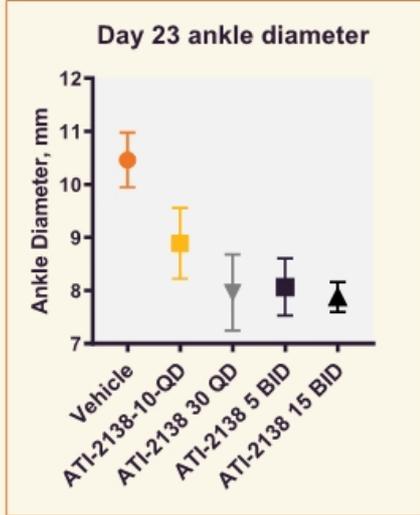
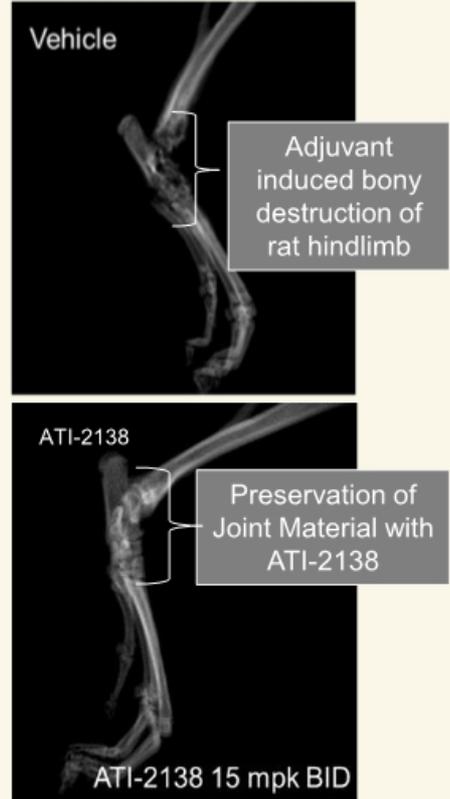
Co-Crystal Structure of ATI-2138/ITK - shows ATI-2138 covalent binding to ITK

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

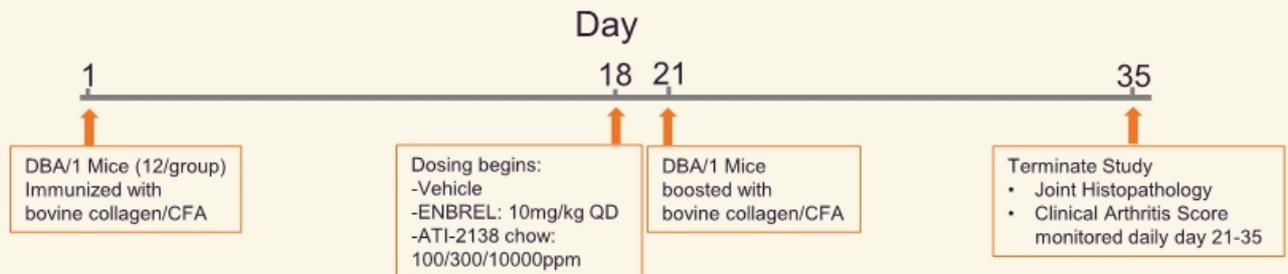
Rat Adjuvant Induced Arthritis (AIA) Model: ATI-2138 Reduced Inflammation and Protected Bone



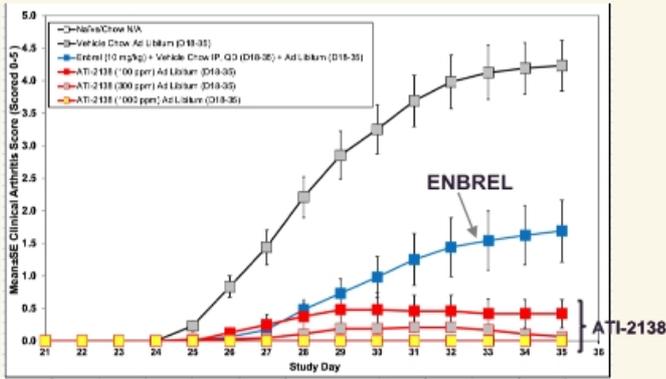
ATI-2138 reduced inflammation and bone mineral density loss

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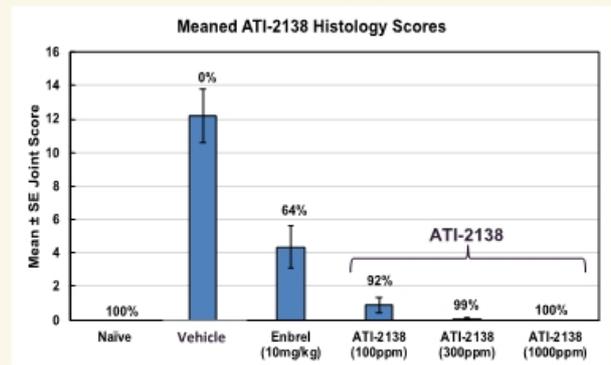
Mouse Model: ATI-2138 is Efficacious in mCIA



Clinical Arthritis Score



Joint Histology Score



In the gold standard mCIA model, ATI-2138 demonstrated efficacy superior to ENBREL

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Key Milestones

Program/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	✓					
Phase 2a Data in Rheumatoid Arthritis						
Initiate Phase 2a Trial in CAPS						
ATI-1777 (Topical "Soft" JAK Inhibitor)						
Submit IND		✓				
Initiate Phase 2a Trial in Moderate to Severe Atopic Dermatitis						
ATI-2138 (ITK/TXK/JAK3 Inhibitor)						
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