

간질성폐질환 코호트에서 미세먼지 건강영향 바이오마커

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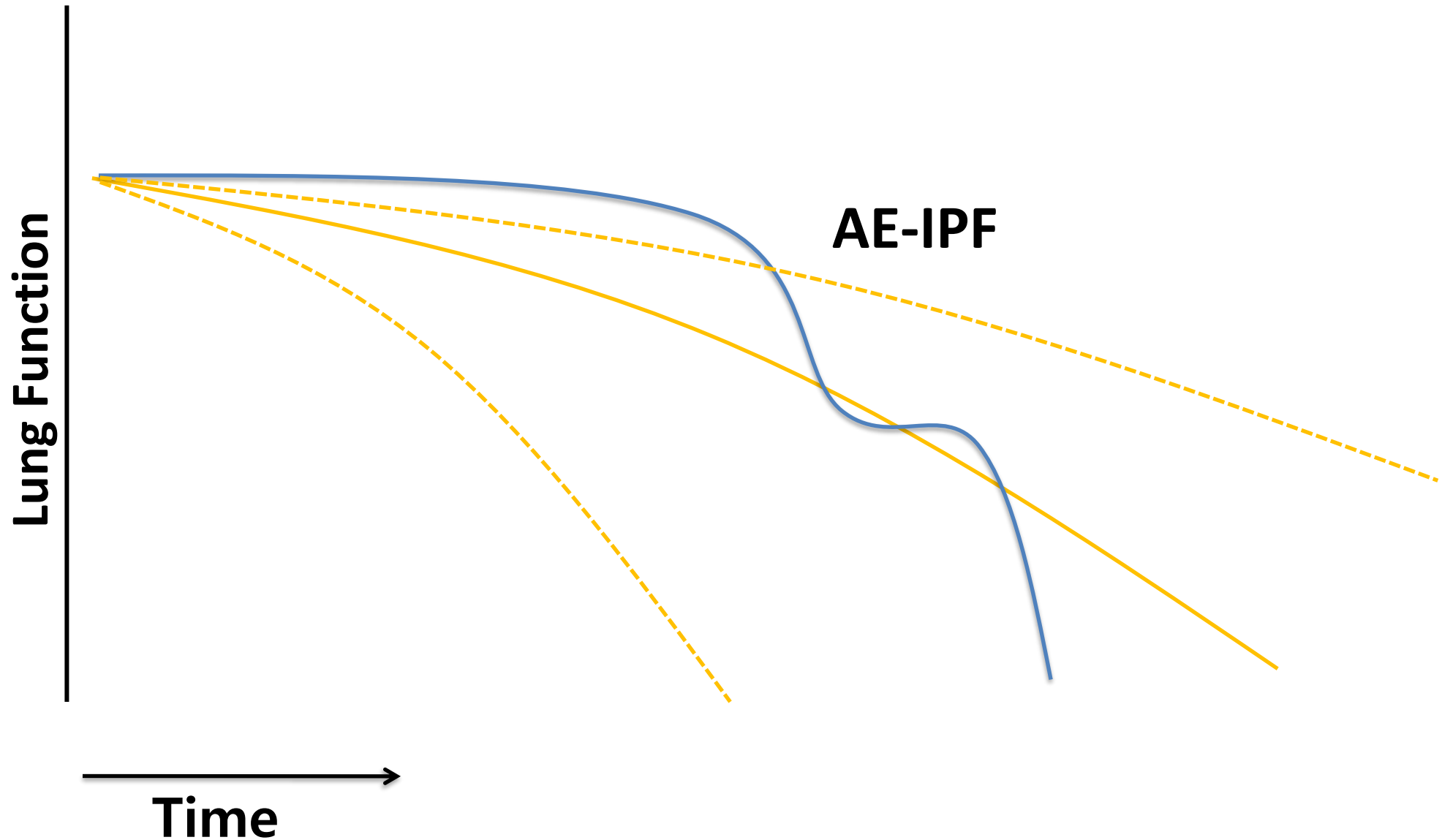
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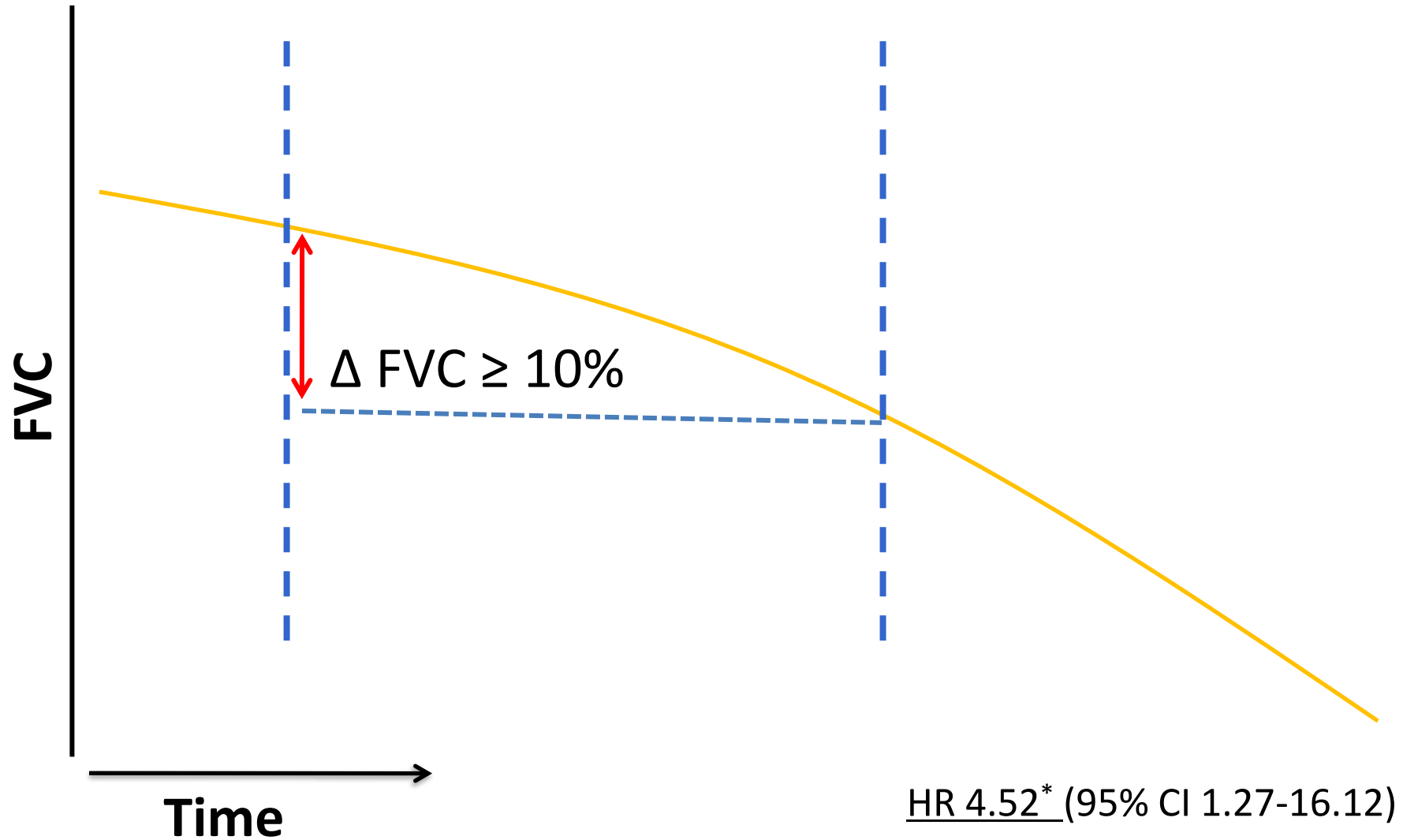
Contents

- Blood biomarkers in IPF
- Biomarker study for progression of IPF related to PM exposure

IPF is a progressive fibrosing ILD with a variable course

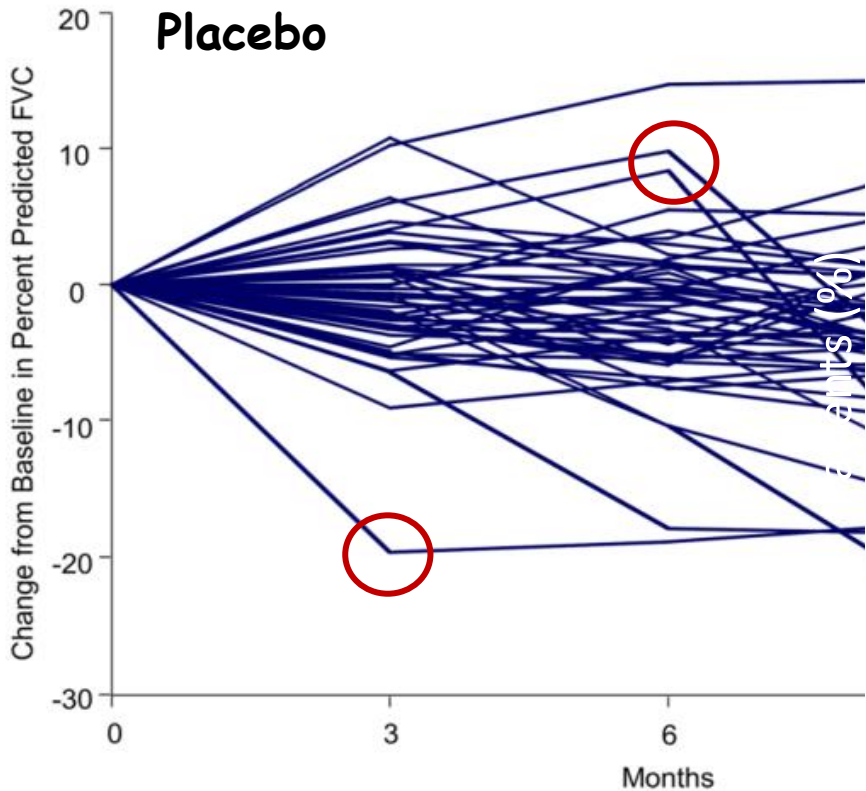


Dynamic predictor: change in FVC predicts mortality



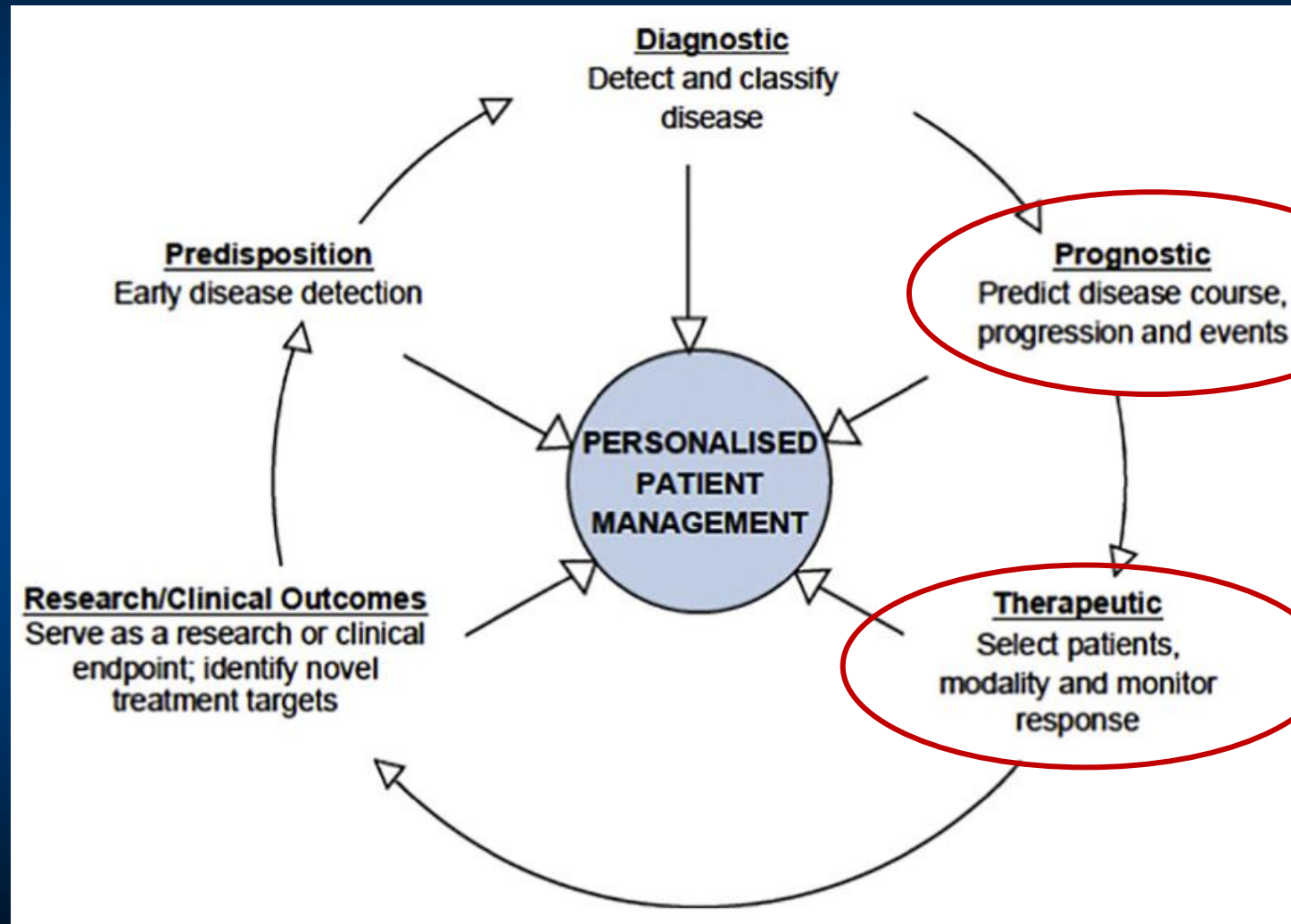
Changes in FVC do not predict subsequent changes in FVC

- Change from baseline to one year in % predicted FVC
- Outcome for subsequent 6 mo. in patients with absolute decline in FVC predicted $\geq 10\%$ for initial 6 mo.



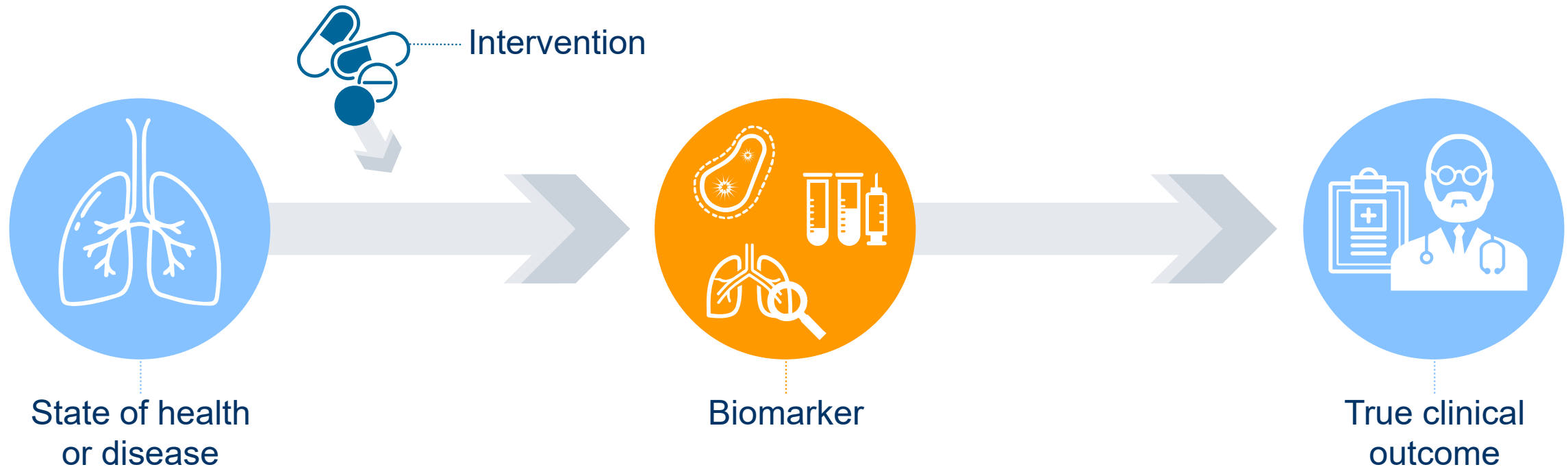
* ASCEND + CAPACITY (N=1247, 50 randomly selected)

Roles of biomarkers in ILD



Biomarkers indicate health, disease, or response to therapy

‘A characteristic that is objectively measured and evaluated as an indicator of normal biologic processes, pathologic processes, or pharmacologic responses to a therapeutic intervention’

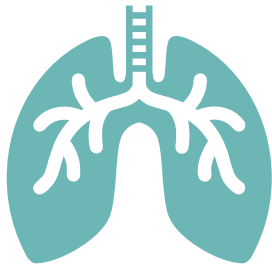


Biomarkers correlate with clinical outcomes; they do not represent the causal pathway of the disease process

Biomarkers can be classified by source

Physiologic biomarkers

Derived from imaging patterns or functional tests



Biomarker: UIP pattern on HRCT, or FVC decline $\geq 10\%$, indicating progressive lung fibrosis

Genetic biomarkers

Derived from the mutational status of a gene



MUC5B,
TOLLIP

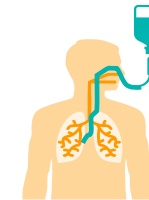
Biomarker: *MUC5B* promoter polymorphism indicates increased risk of developing IPF. *TOLLIP* polymorphism are associated with IPF susceptibility, mortality and treatment response to NAC.

Molecular biomarkers

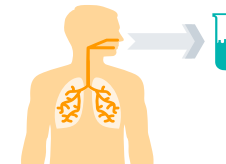
Molecular biomarkers, such as autoantibodies and other proteins, can be obtained from:



Peripheral blood



BAL fluid



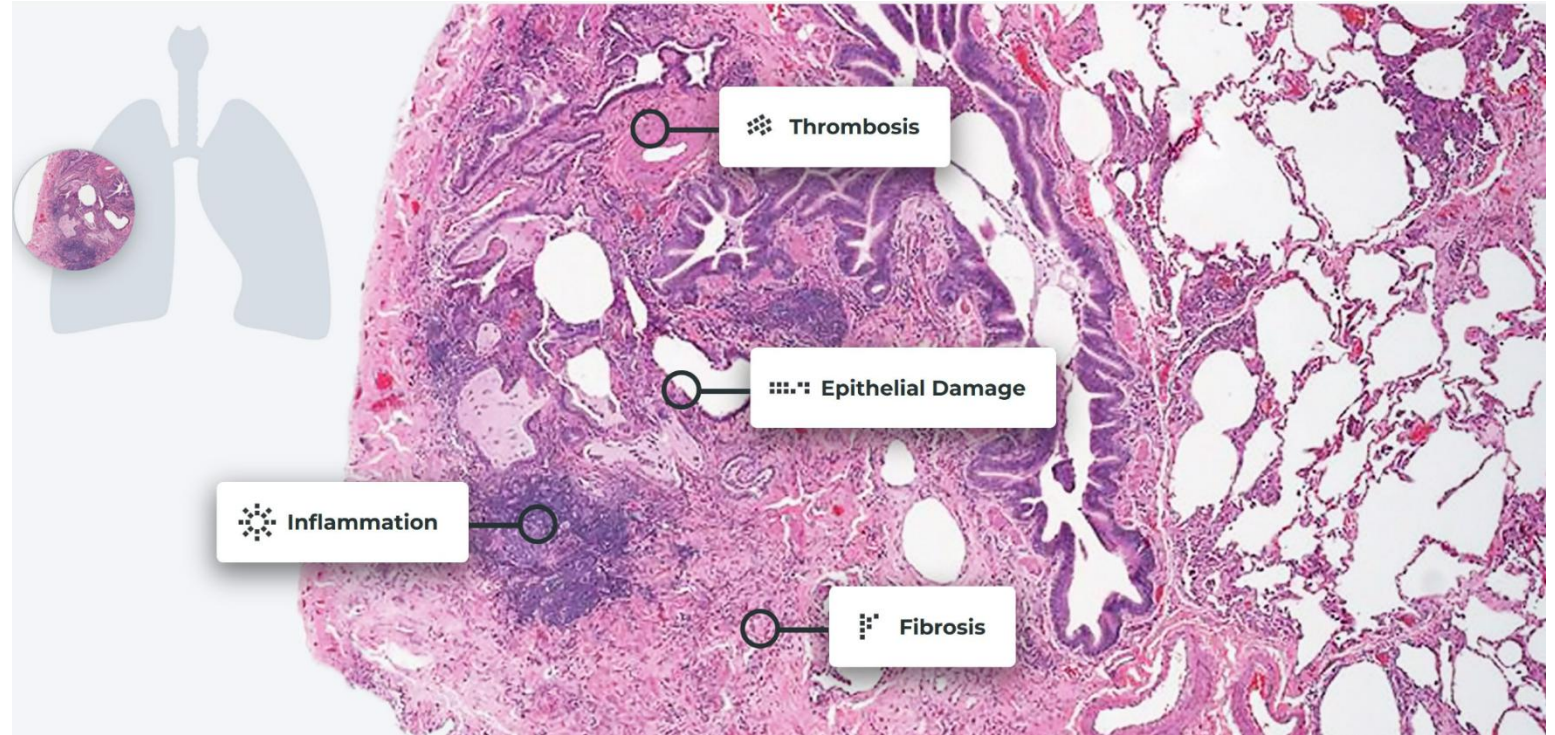
Induced sputum

Molecular biomarkers studied in IPF and their potential clinical utility

	Biomarker	Diagnosis	Differential diagnosis	Prognosis	Treatment response
Alveolar epithelial dysfunction	KL-6	+	-	+	+/-
	SP-A	+	+	+	+/-
	SP-D	+	+	+	+/-
	CA 19-9	+	-	+	-
	CA-125	+	-	+	+/-
Fibroproliferation and ECM remodelling	MMP-7	+	+	+	-
	MMP-1	+	+	-	-
	LOXL2	+	-	+	-
	Fibrocytes	+	-	+	-
	Periostin	+	+	+	-
	Osteopontin	+	+	-	-
	ECM neoepitopes			+	
Immune dysfunction	CCL-18	+	-	+	-
	YKL-40	+	-	+	-
	Anti-HSP70	+	-	+	-
	α -defensin	+	-	+	-
	CXCL13	+	-	+	-

IPF molecular biomarkers originate from various sources

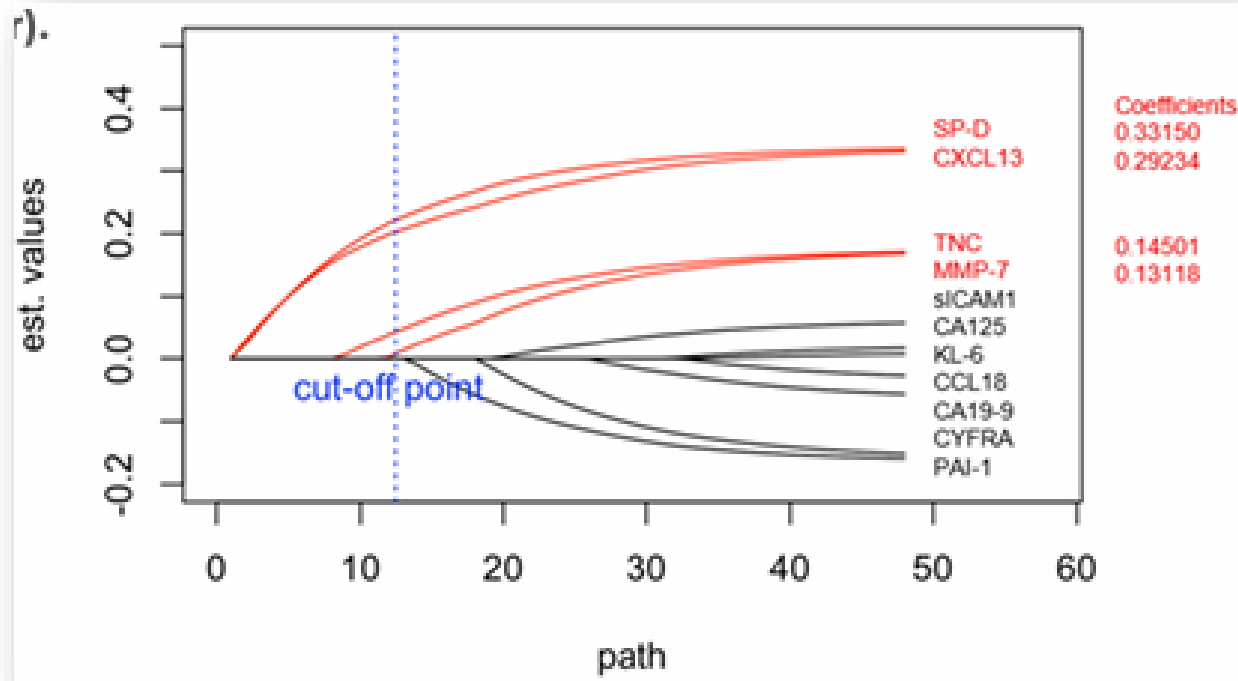
- PROLIFIC biomarker



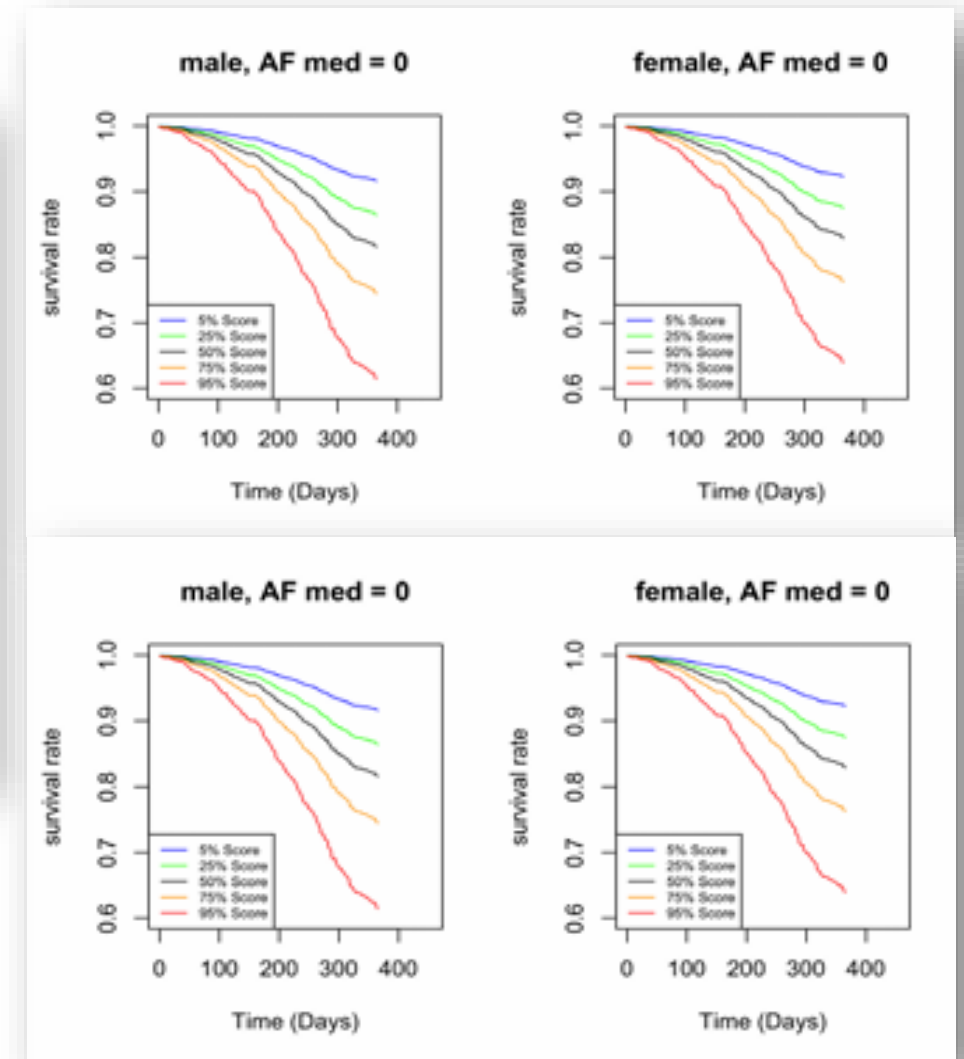
Alveolar epithelial dysfunction	CA-125, CA 19-9, CYFRA 21-1, SP-D, KL-6
Fibrosis	MMP-7, Tenascin C
Inflammation	CCL18, CXCL13, sICAM1
Thrombosis	PAI-1

Multi-marker risk score predicts disease progression of IPF

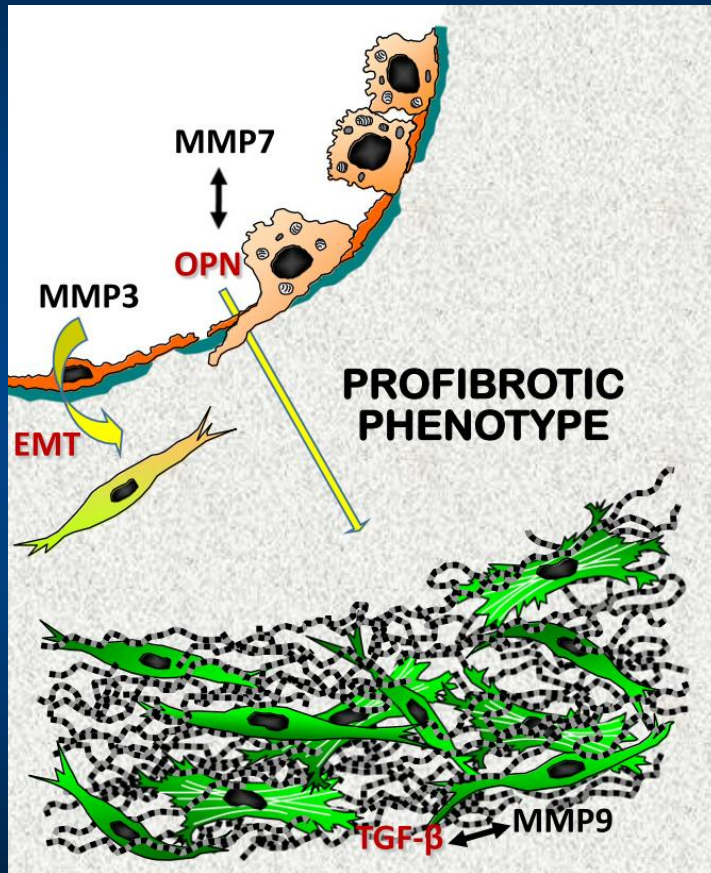
- LASSO logistic regression for disease progression (death, lung transplant, or $\geq 10\%$ decline in % pred. FVC at one year)



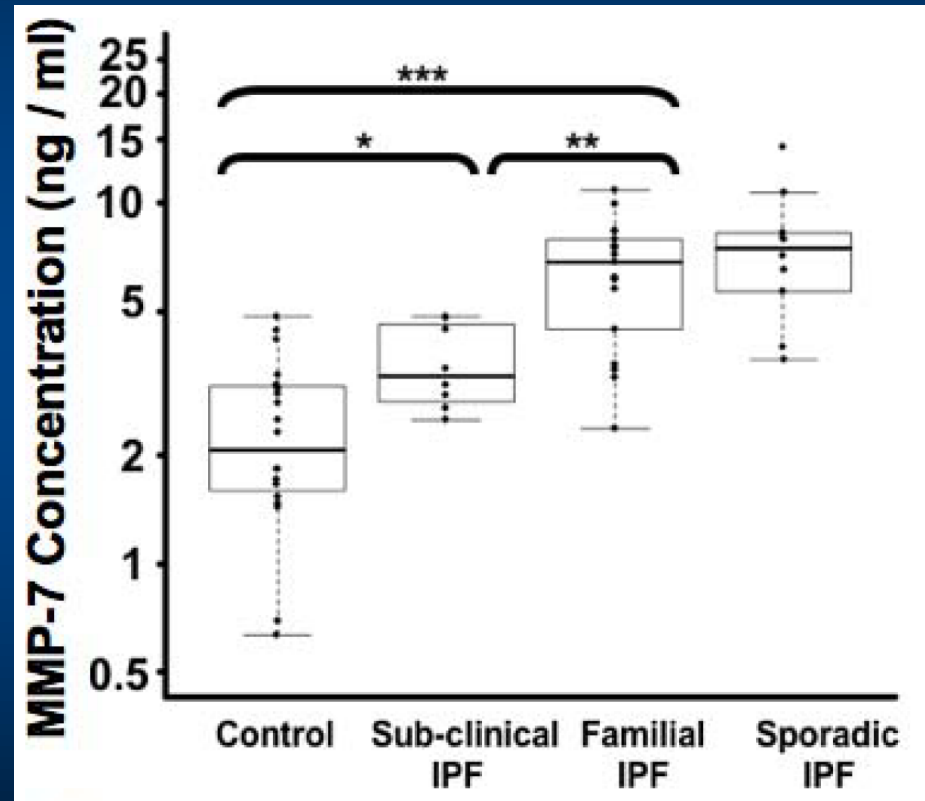
- AUC=0.796, sensitivity=0.752, specificity=0.699



Matrix metalloproteinase in IPF



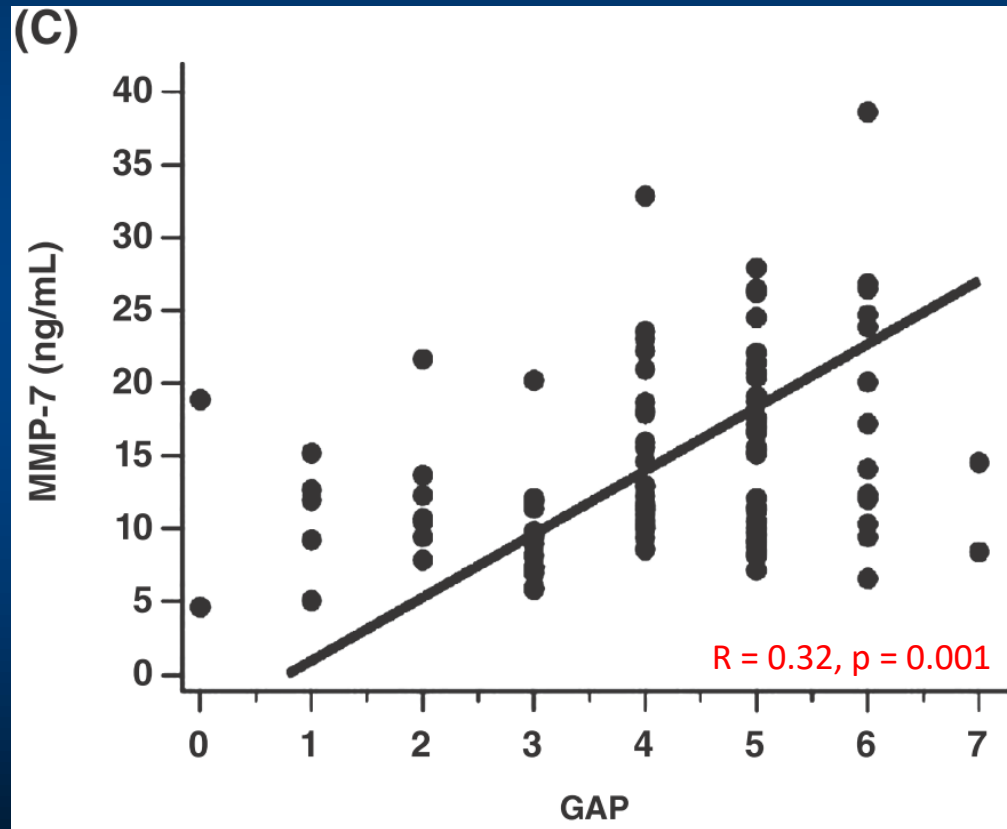
- Comparison of MMP-7 levels



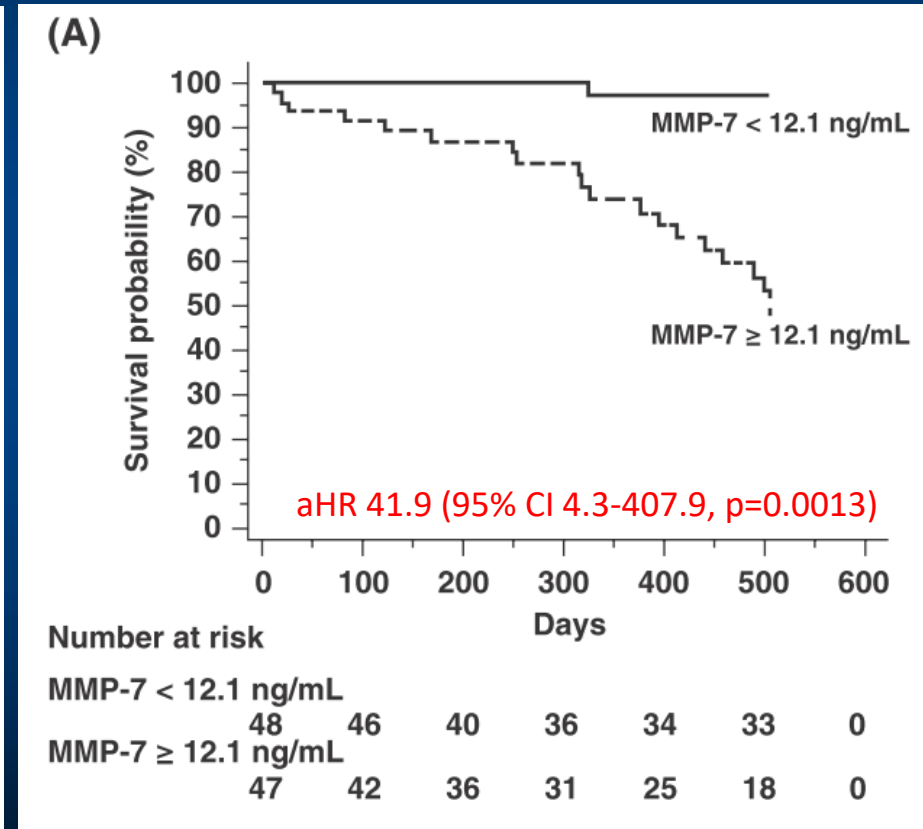
- ECM turnover regulation, activation and degradation of biological mediators
- Single center IPF cohort (n=74)

Matrix metalloproteinase in IPF

- Correlation with GAP score



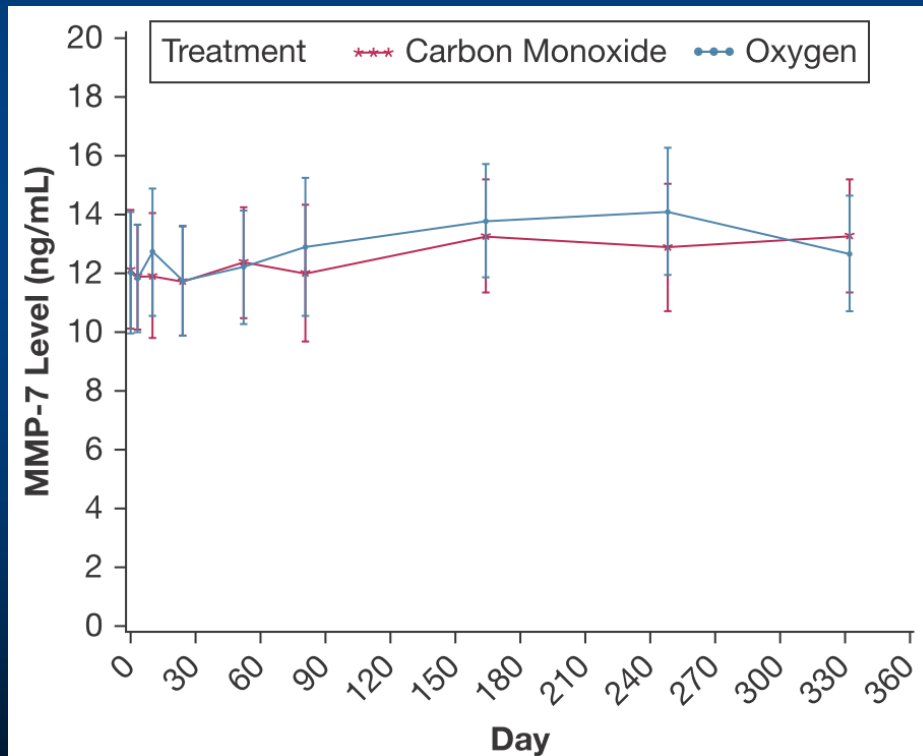
- Overall survival



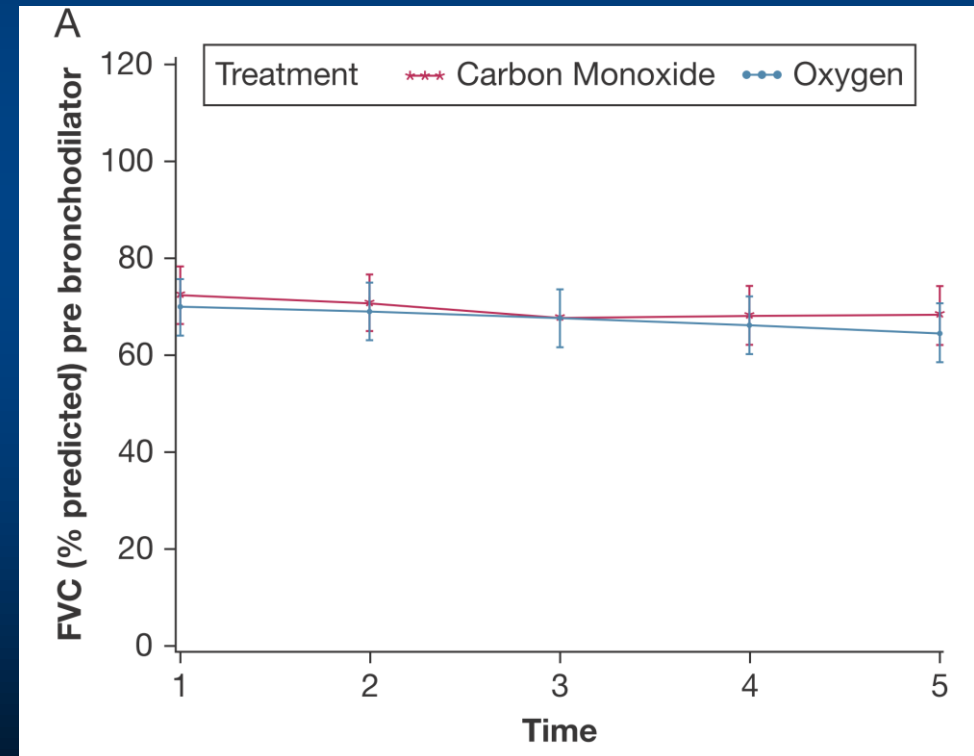
- A retrospective single center IPF cohort study (n = 97)

A Phase II Clinical Trial of Low-Dose Inhaled Carbon Monoxide in Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis

- MMP-7 concentration



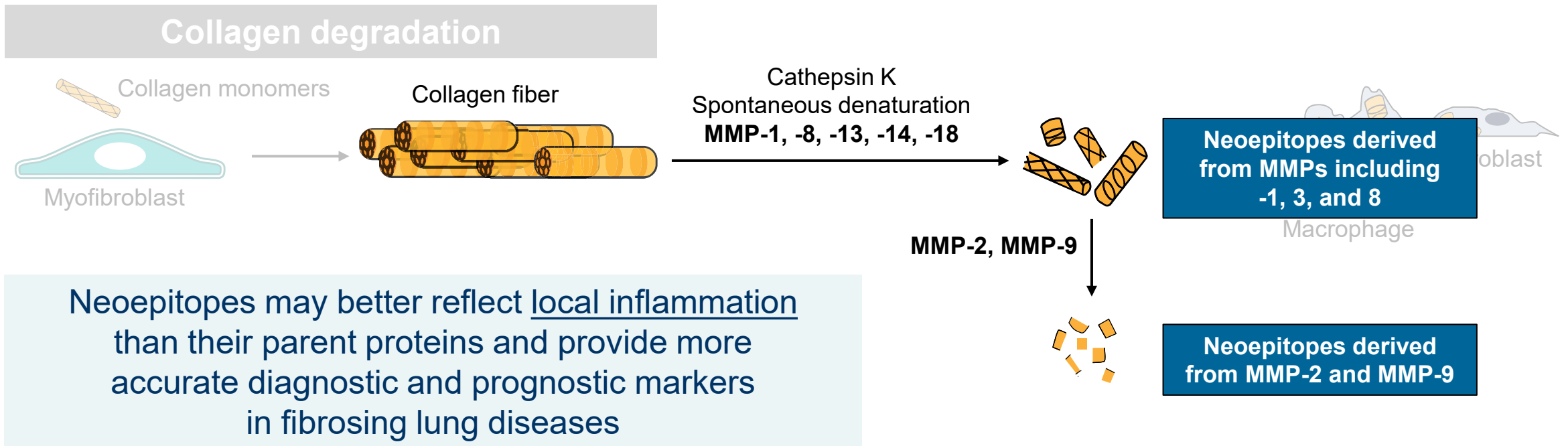
- FVC



- Phase IIa for IPF (n=58)
- Difference in change in MMP-7 serum concentration after 12 weeks

ECM degradation fragments are neoepitopes

MMP-generated protease-generated degradation fragments, known as neoepitopes, are released into the circulation during ECM turnover



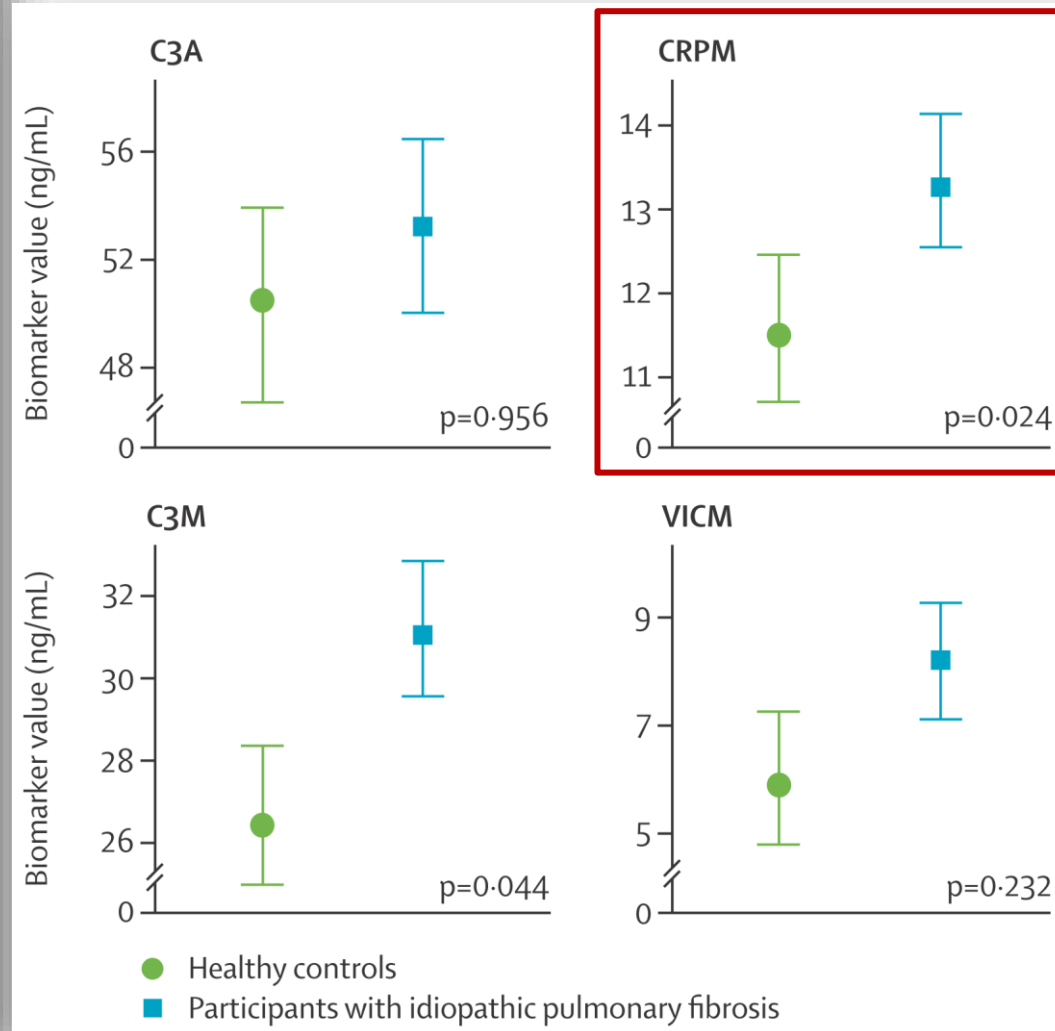
PROFILE: baseline levels of neopeptides

Collagen degradation biomarkers

Assay name Assay description

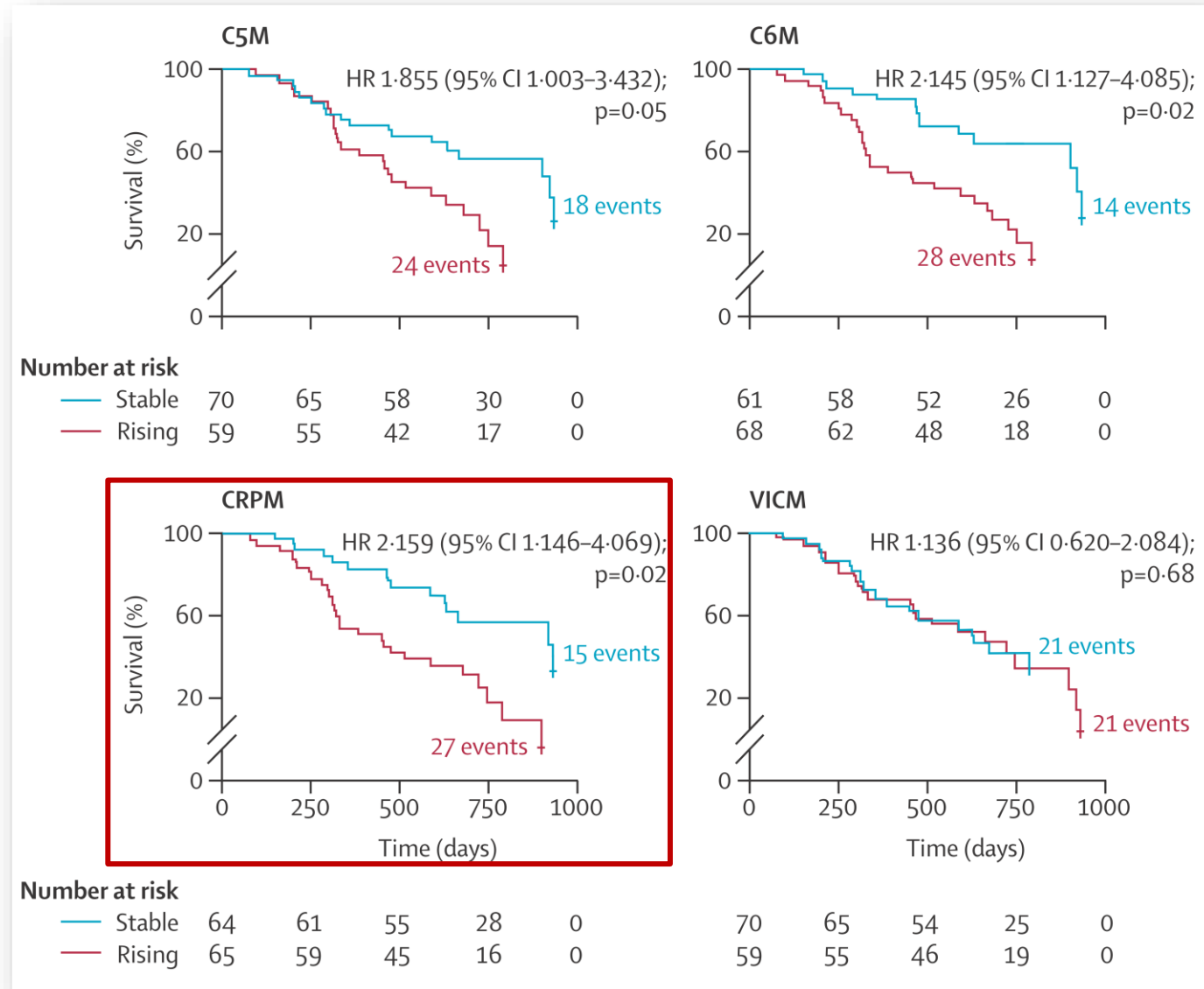
C1M	Neo-epitope of MMP-2,9,13 mediated degradation of type I collagen
C2M	Neo-epitope of MMP mediated degradation of type II collagen
T2CM	Neo-epitope of MMP-1 and -13 mediated degradation of type II collagen
C3M	Neo-epitope of MMP-9 mediated degradation of type III collagen
urine C3M	Neo-epitope of MMP-9 mediated degradation of type III collagen
C3A	Neo-epitope of ADAMTS-4,5 mediated degradation of type III collagen
C3C	Neo-epitope of cathepsin-B,L,S mediated degradation of type III collagen
C4M	Neo-epitope of MMP-2,9,12 mediated degradation of type IV collagen alpha 1 chain
C4Ma3	Neo-epitope of MMP-2,9,12 mediated degradation of type IV collagen alpha 3 chain
TUM	MMP-9 mediated release of tumstatin from type IV collagen alpha 3 chain
urine C4M	Neo-epitope of MMP-2,9,12 mediated degradation of type IV collagen alpha 1 chain
C4G	Neo-epitope of granzyme B mediated degradation of type IV collagen
C5M	Neo-epitope of MMP-2,9 mediated degradation of type V collagen
C6M	Neo-epitope of MMP-2 mediated degradation of type VI collagen
C6Ma3	Neo-epitope of MMP-9 mediated degradation of type VI collagen
C7M	Neo-epitope of type MMP-13 mediated degradation of type VII collagen
C10C	Neo-epitope of cathepsin-K mediated degradation of type X collagen
Col10NC	Neo-epitope of the NC domain of type X collagen
CTX-I	Neo-epitope of cathepsin mediated degradation of type I collagen
CTX-II (Urine)	Neo-epitope of MMP mediated degradation of type II collagen
CTX-III	Cross-linked type III collagen C-terminal telopeptide

- Baseline comparison of neopeptide levels

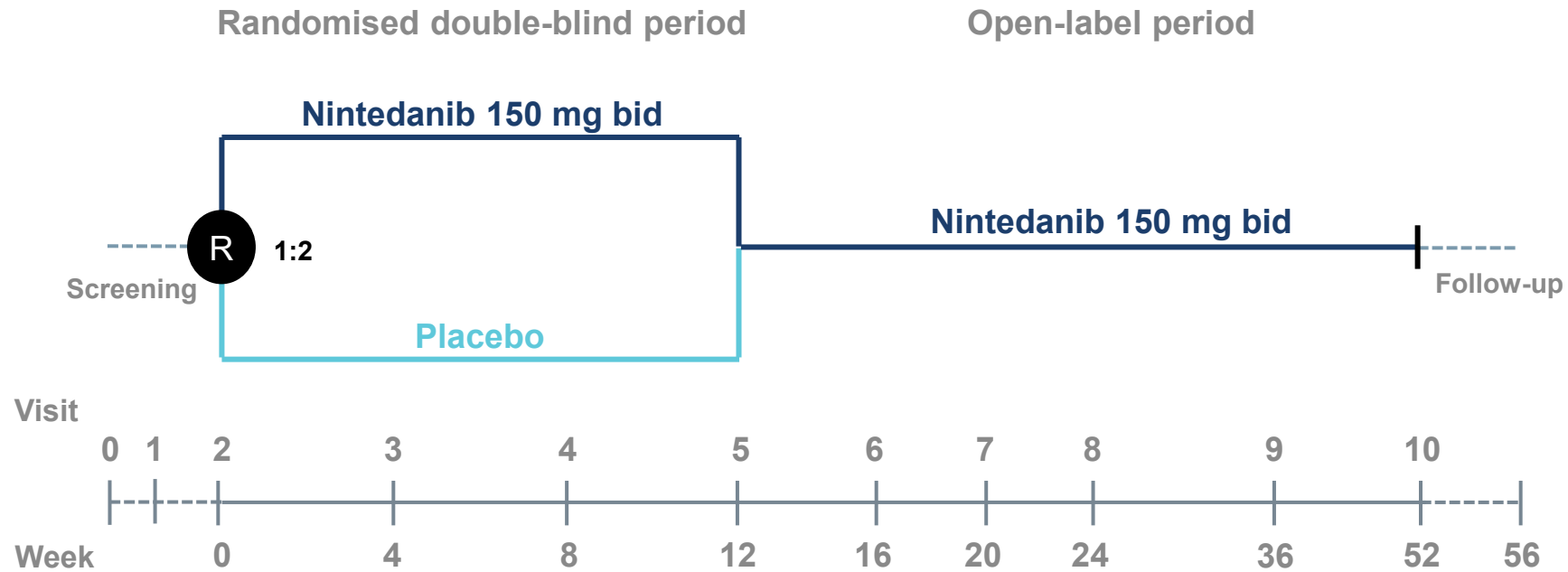


PROFILE: effect of 3M-change in neoepitopes levels on overall survival

- Overall survival



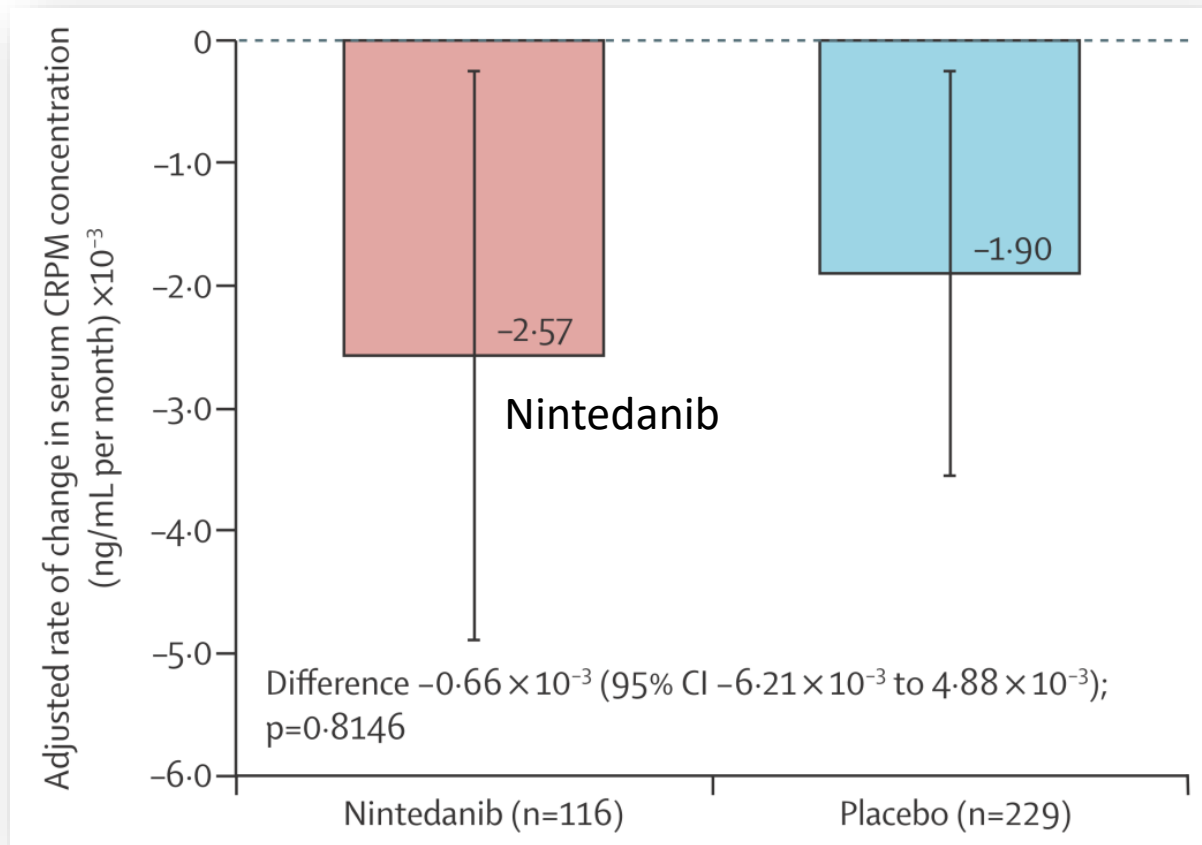
INMARK trial - design



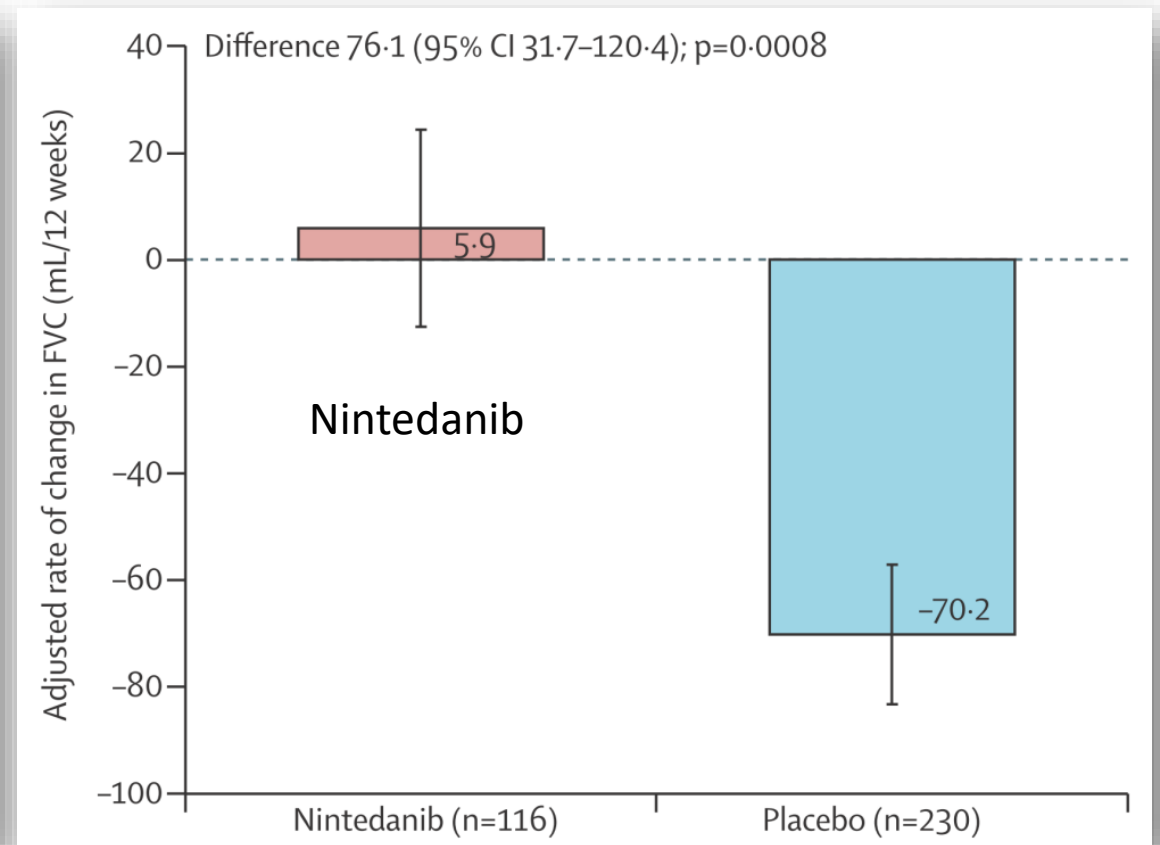
- Double blinded for 12wks, followed by open-label period for 40 wks (IPF, n=347)
- Rate of change in serum CRPM (ng/mL/month) from baseline to week 12

INMARK trial - results

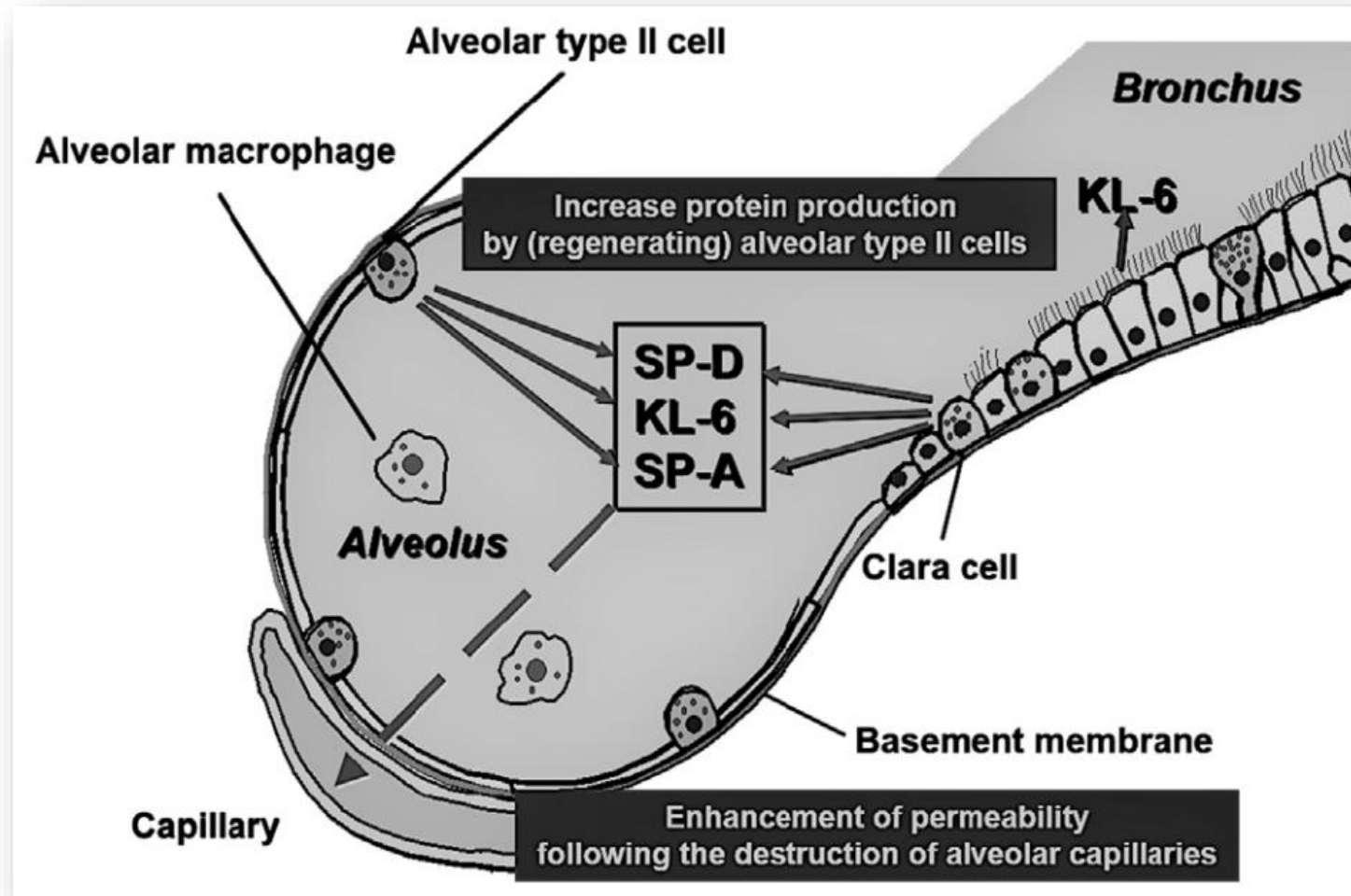
- Rate of change in serum CRPM over 12 weeks



- Rate of change in FVC over 12 weeks



Marker of alveolar epithelial injury

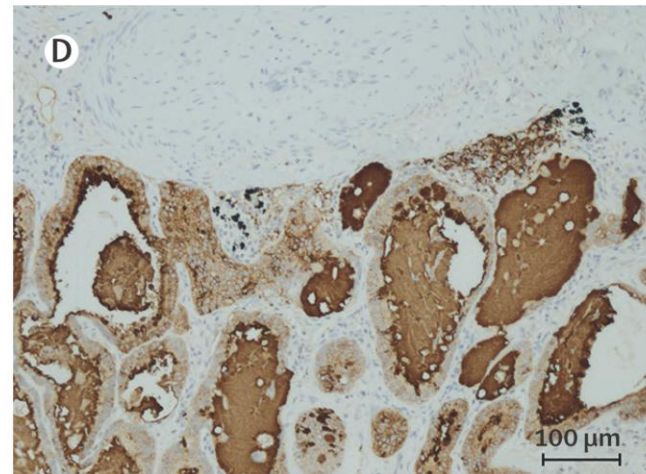
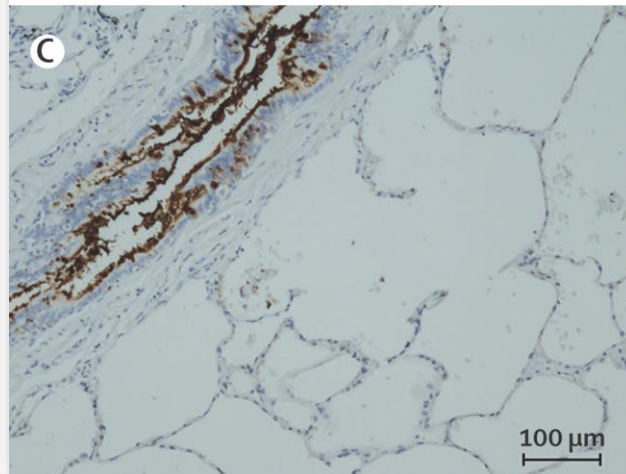
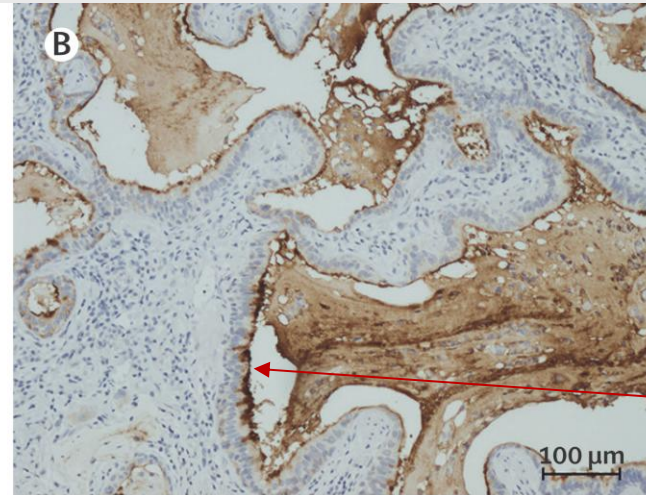
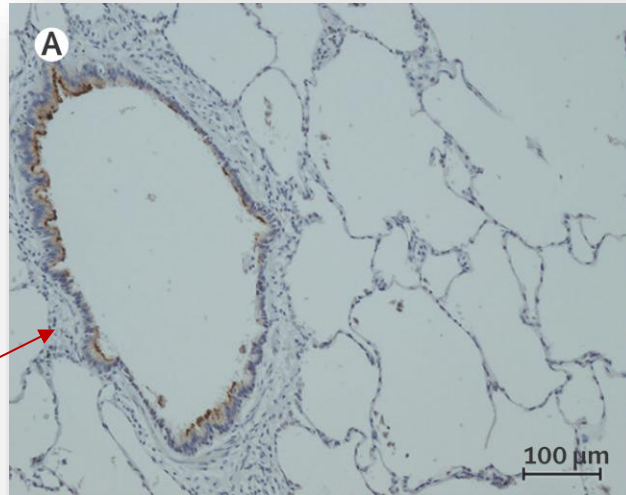


- KL-6: mucin-like, high molecular weight glycoprotein (MUC1) – profibrotic effect
- SP-A, SP-D: lipoprotein complexes– host defense

CA-125, CA 19-9: marker of alveolar epithelial injury

• Control (non-IPF)

• IPF



bronchial epithelium

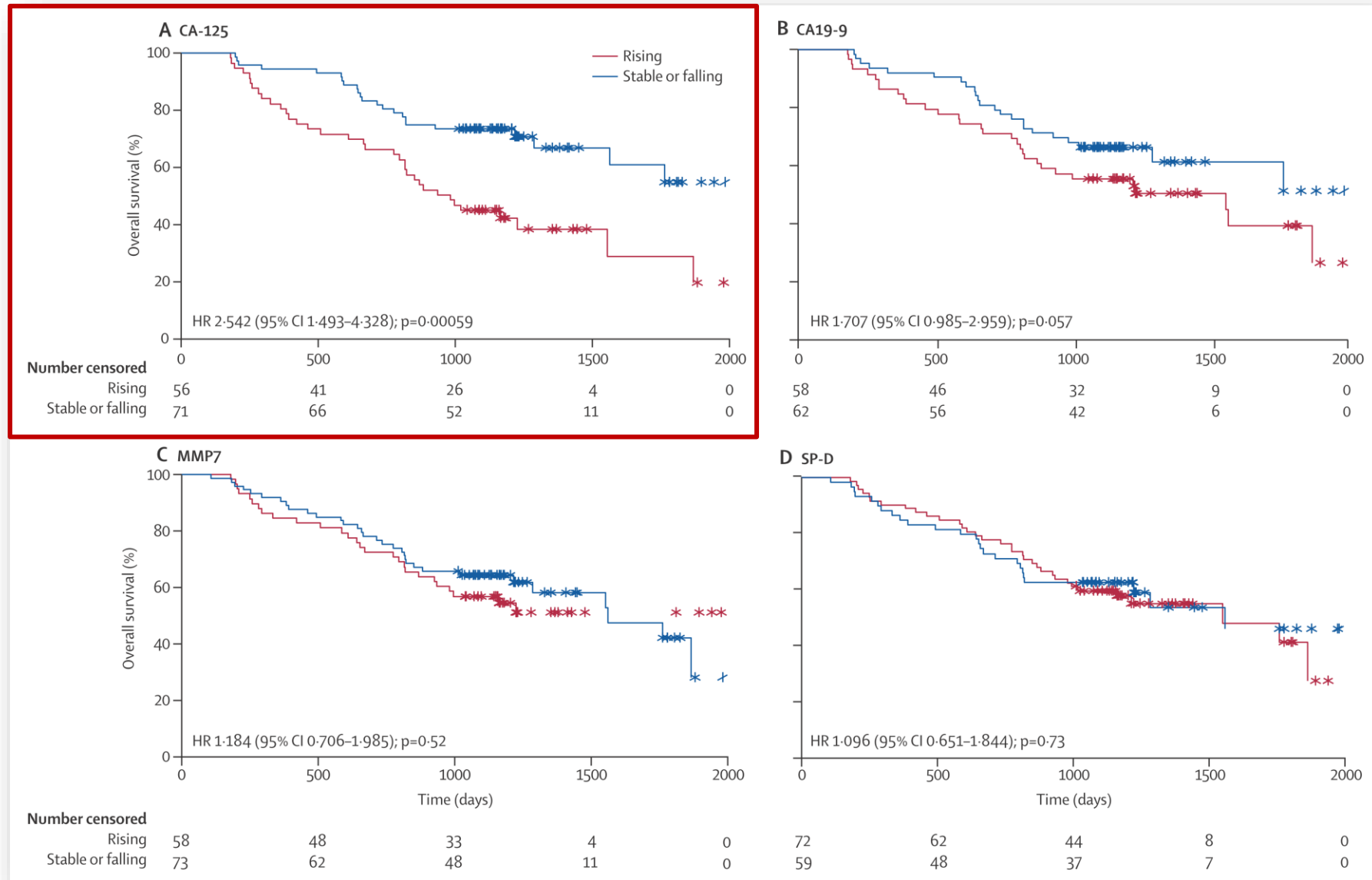
CA-125

Metaplastic alveolar epithelium
Mucus secretion

CA 19-9

Risk of overall mortality by biomarker concentration at 3M

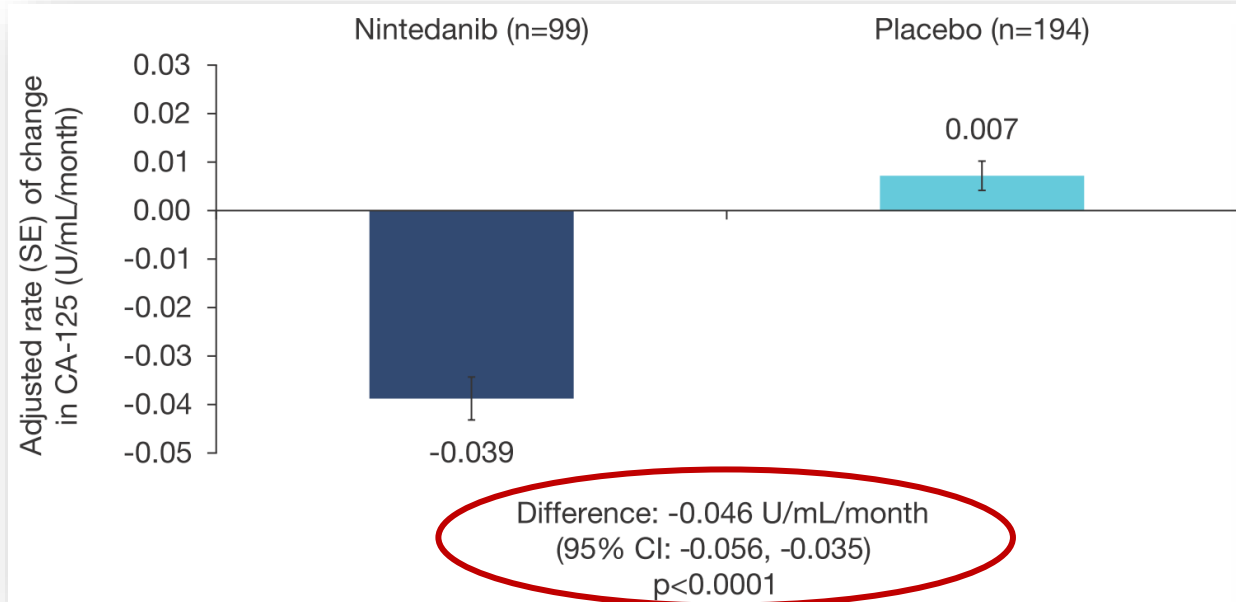
- Overall survival



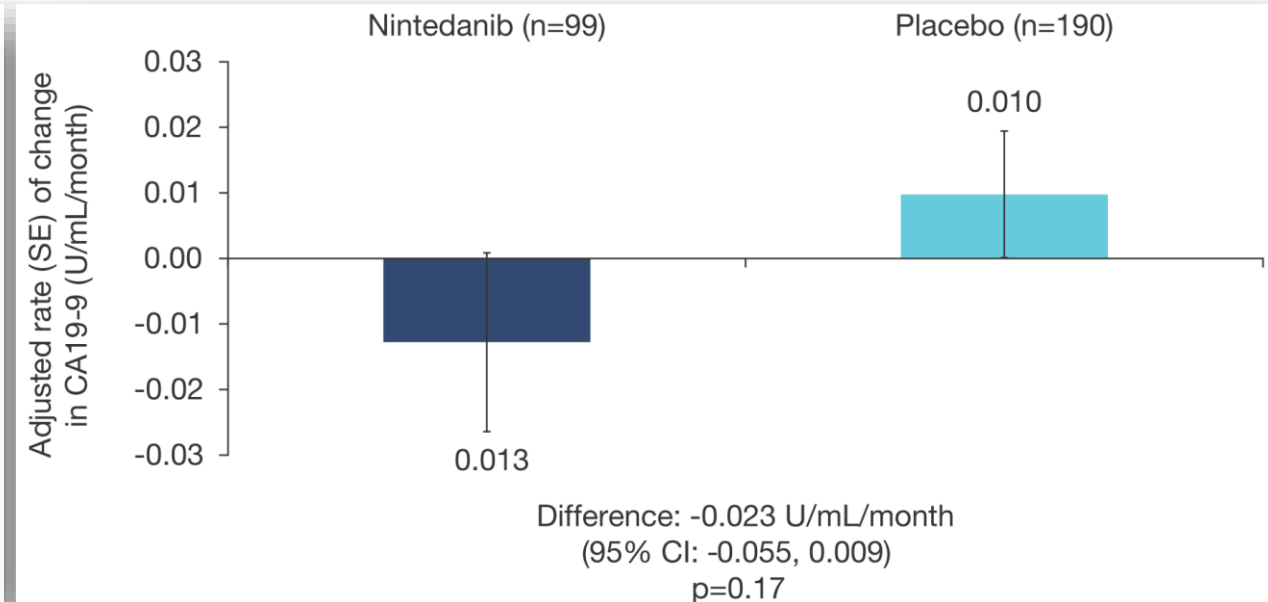
- Adjusted for age, sex, and smoking status

INMARK: Effect of nintedanib on markers of epithelial damage in IPF

- Change in CA-125 over 12 weeks

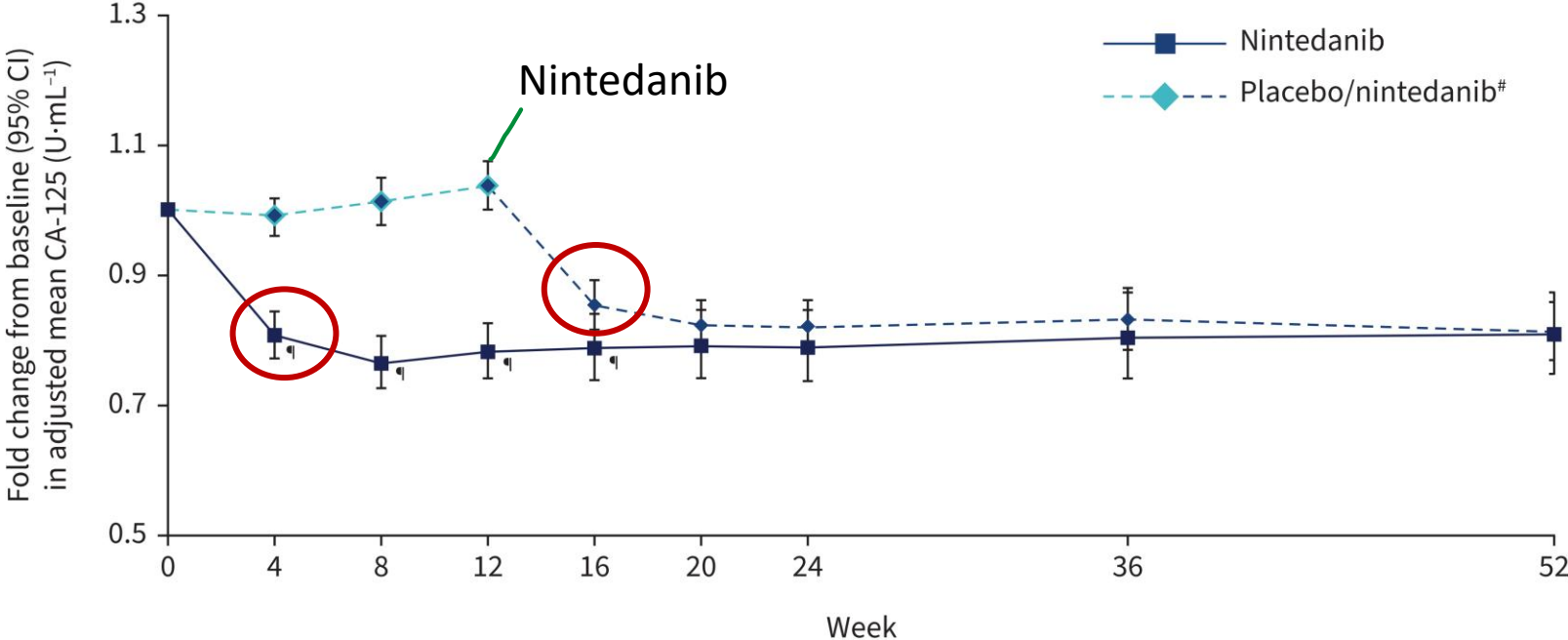


- Change in CA 19-9 over 12 weeks



Change of marker of epithelial injury: CA-125

- Fold changes from baseline in CA-125 over 52 weeks

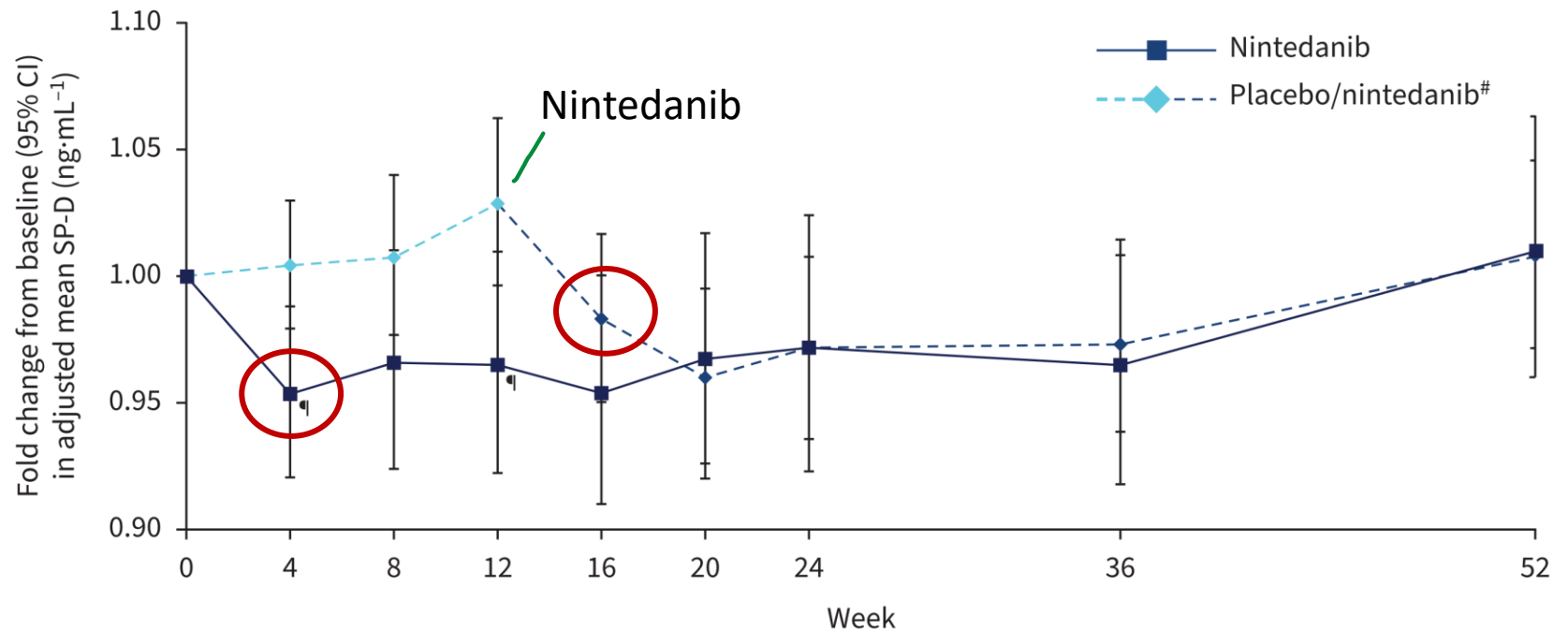


Number of subjects	0	4	8	12	16	20	24	36	52
Nintedanib	68	65	73	66	100	97	97	94	92
Placebo/nintedanib#	154	132	137	134	186	178	184	187	169

• CA-125: cancer antigen 125

Change of marker of epithelial injury: SP-D

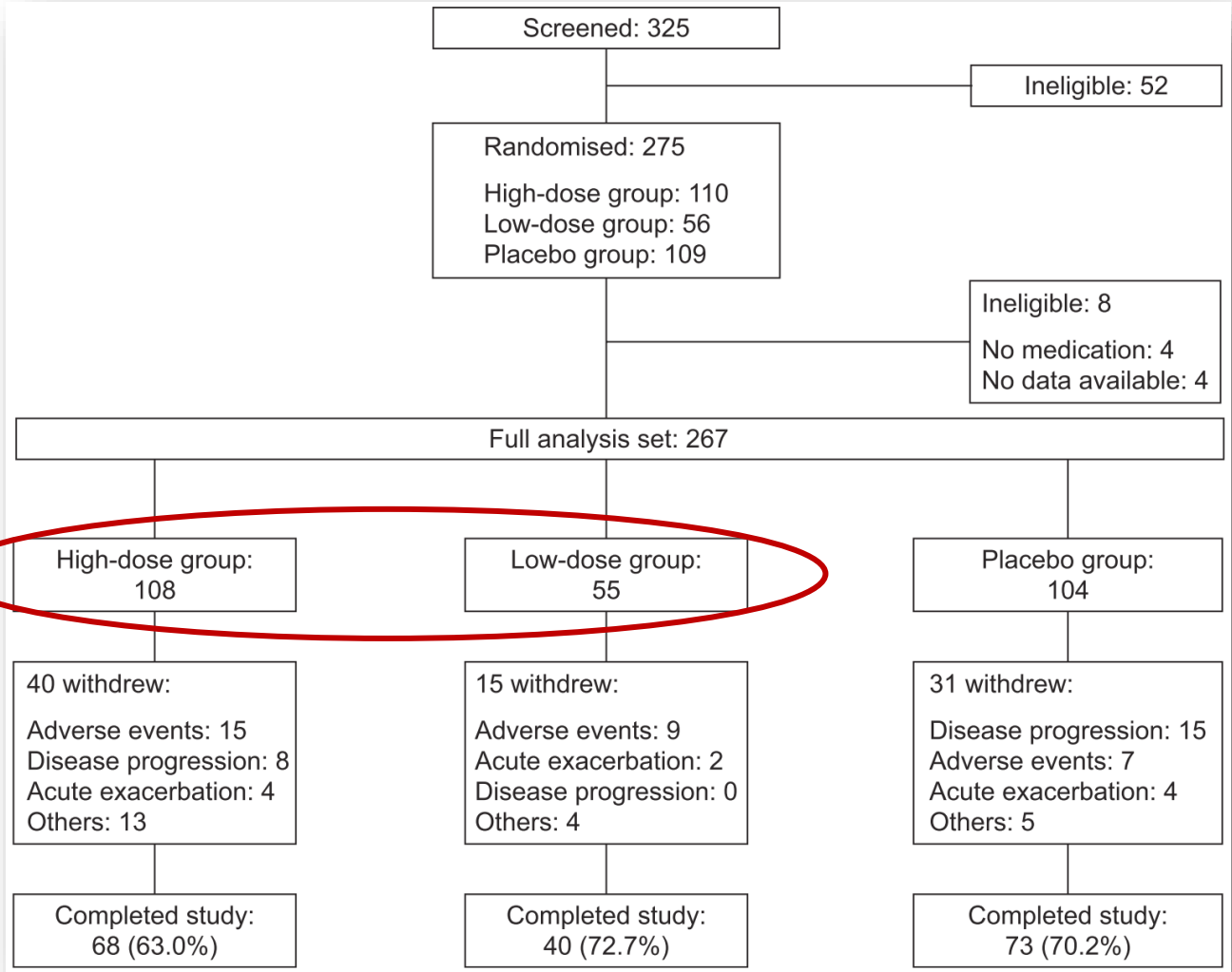
- Fold changes from baseline in SP-D over 52 weeks



Number of subjects	0	4	8	12	16	20	24	36	52
Nintedanib	115	114	112	109	111	107	105	103	98
Placebo/nintedanib [#]	228	227	223	221	211	204	206	199	185

Shionogi trial: SP-D as a theragnostic biomarker of pirfenidone in IPF

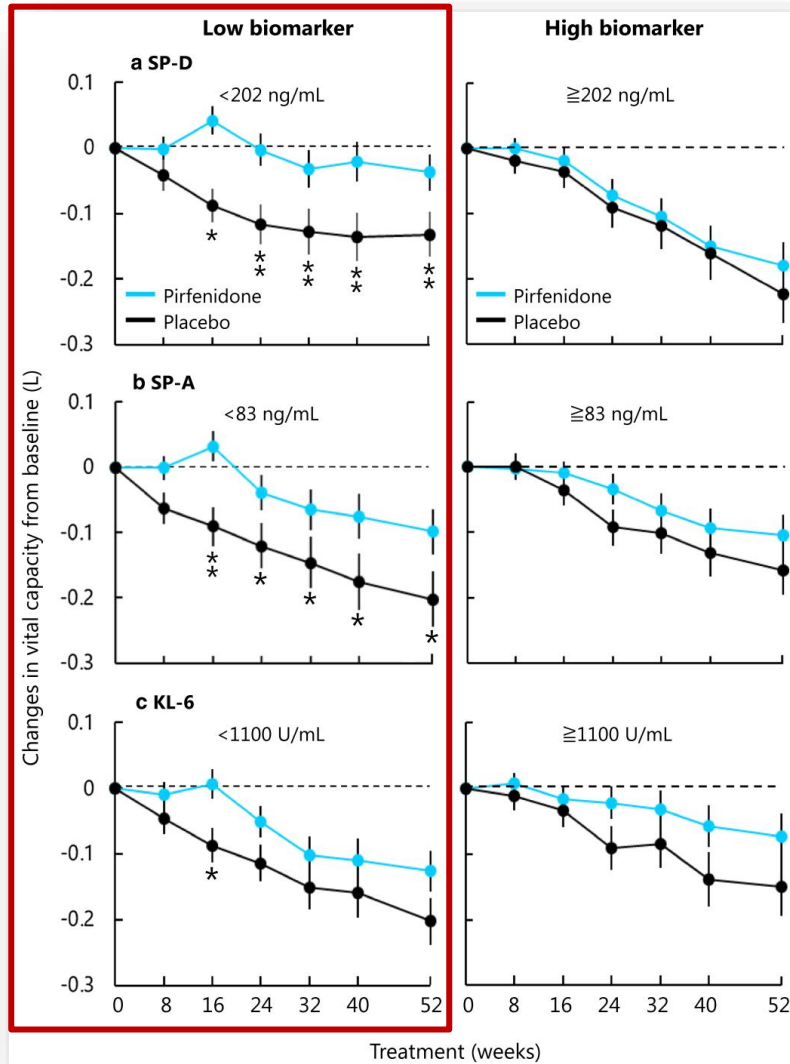
Pirfenidone



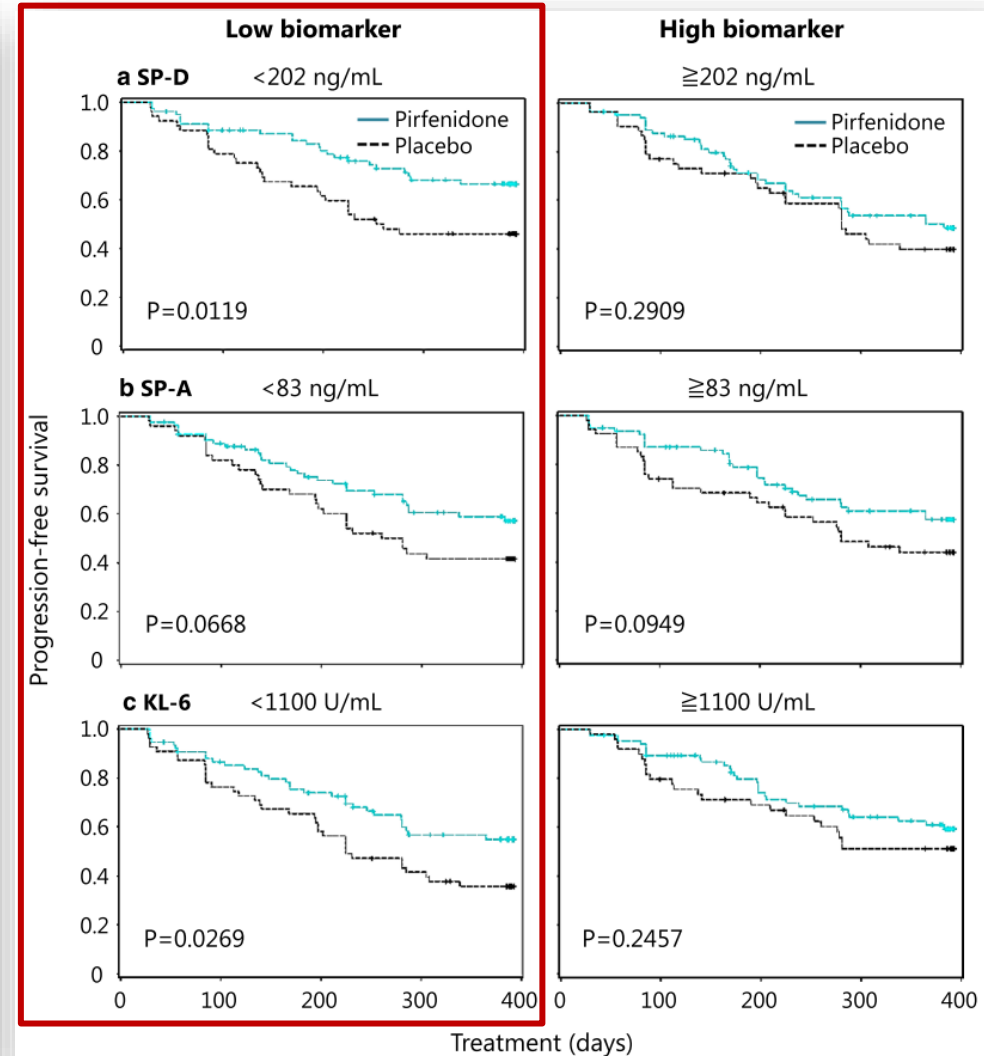
- To predict efficacy
- Pharmacodynamics

Relationship between biomarker levels at baseline and efficacy of pirfenidone

- Changes in FVC



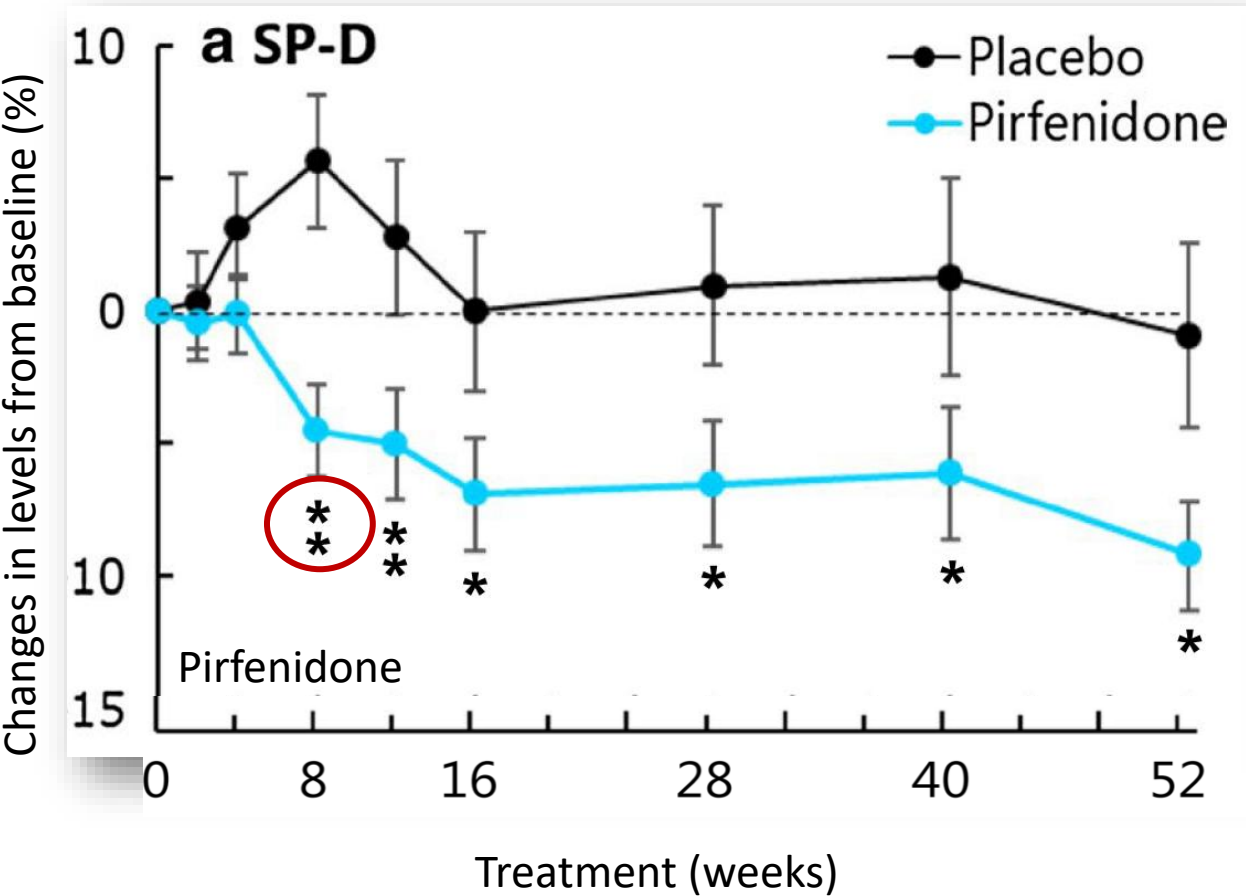
- Progression-free survival



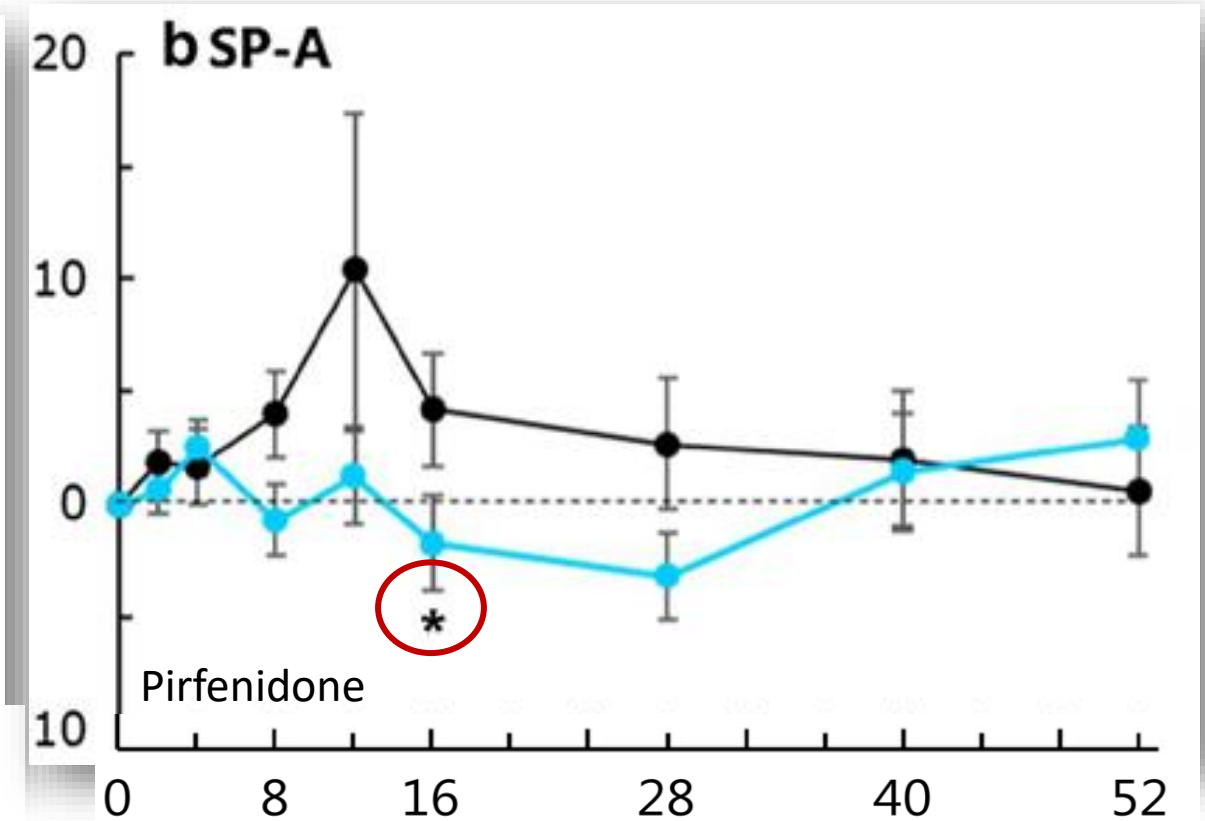
- Disease progression was defined by a $\geq 10\%$ relative decline in VC from baseline and/or death.

Effect of pirfenidone on relative changes in biomarker levels over 52 weeks

- Relative changes in SP-D levels



- Relative changes in SP-A levels

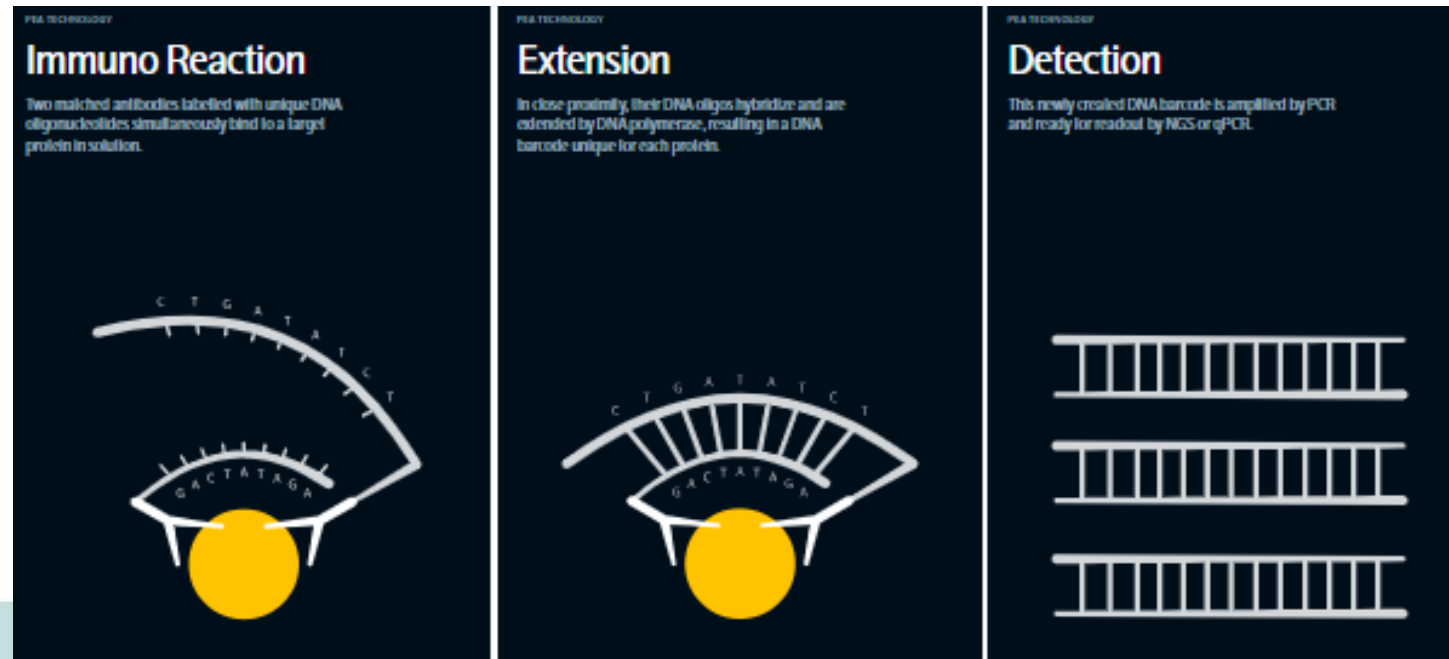


Summary - I

- ❖ MMP-7 and CRPM: prognostic, but needs to be evaluated more as a theragnostic marker
- ❖ Nintedanib:
 - CA-125, SP-D: theragnostic marker
- ❖ Pirfenidone
 - SP-D: predictive marker for treatment response, theragnostic marker

Fine Particulate Matter Exposure Alters Serum Protein Signatures in Human Serum Samples : An Olink 96-Target Panel Analysis of Inflammation and Developmental Markers

- Proximity Extension Assay (PEA)



실내 대기오염 건강영향 연구 다기관 전향 IPF 코호트

① 질병관리청 관찰 코호트

2021-2023

n = 127

② 환경부 관찰 코호트

2023-2024

n = 122

③ 질병관리청 중재 코호트

2024 - 2026 (ongoing)

n = 140

주요 등록 기준

진단
국제 가이드라인 기반 IPF 진단
(ATS/ERS/JRS/ALAT)

FVC
40-80% pred

DLCO
30-80% pred

3개월 간격 반복 추적 (0·3·6·9·12개월)



폐기능 검사
On site PFT + Home spirometry

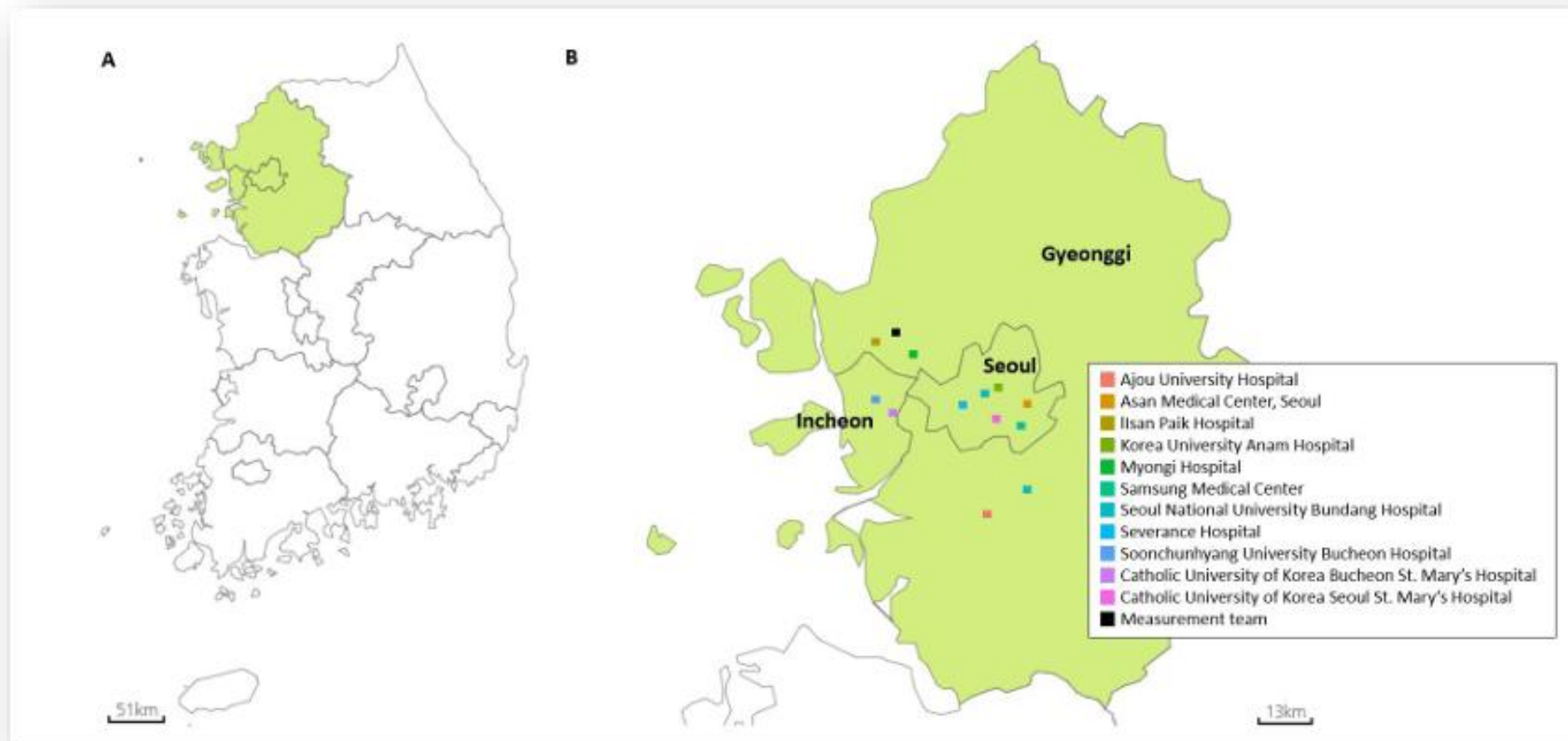
삶의 질 설문
K-BILD, EQ-5D, L-IPF, mMRC
HAD5, Cough VAS

생체 검체
혈액 및 호기 검체 수집
바이오마커 분석

예후 연관 사건
급성악화, 입원, 사망, 질병진행

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- 참여기관 (15개)



가정내 실내 미세먼지 노출측정



- IAQ-CW(LTE) (케이웨더, 대한민국; 광산란법)
- 연중 측정(1분), 결과 실시간 전송
- 일부 가구에서 MicroPEM 측정(계절별)



연구 목표

구분	내용
최종 목표	<u>PM 노출</u> 에 의한 IPF 악화 연관 바이오마커 발굴 및 중재법 검증
세부 목표	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1차년도 목표: PM 노출에 의한 <u>IPF 악화</u> 기전 확립 및 바이오마커 발굴2차년도 목표: PM 노출에 의한 IPF 악화 중재요법 검증 코호트 구축 및 실험모델에서의 효과 검증3차년도 목표: PM 노출에 의한 IPF 악화 <u>중재효과</u> 분석 및 바이오마커 발굴

Baseline characteristics of IPF cohorts

	Total	High PM2.5 ($\geq 8\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	Low PM2.5 ($< 8\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	P-value
No.	237	156	81	
나이, years	68.9 \pm 6.8	69.4 \pm 6.6	67.8 \pm 7.3	0.160
남성	195 (82.3%)	127 (81.4%)	68 (83.9%)	0.279
과거 흡연자	184 (77.6%)	121 (77.5%)	63 (77.8%)	0.582
흡연량, 갑년	31.2 \pm 27.3	29.7 \pm 22.8	34.3 \pm 34.6	0.746
체질량지수, kg/m^2	25.2 \pm 3.4	25.1 \pm 3.4	25.6 \pm 3.4	0.262
폐기능				
FVC, % predicted	68.5 \pm 14.0	69.1 \pm 13.5	67.3 \pm 15.0	0.376
DLCO, % predicted	58.1 \pm 18.0	59.0 \pm 17.8	56.3 \pm 18.3	0.258
TLC, % predicted (n=176)	44.7 \pm 36.1	49.4 \pm 34.2	37.0 \pm 37.9	0.074
치료력				
항섬유화제	226 (95.4%)	150 (96.2%)	76 (93.8%)	0.756

Data are presented as mean \pm standard deviation, number (percent) or median (interquartile range),

Clinical course of IPF cohorts

	Total	High PM2.5 ($\geq 8\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	Low PM2.5 ($< 8\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	P-value
No.	237	156	81	
입원	8 (3.4%)	5 (3.2%)	3 (3.8%)	0.513
사망	11 (4.6%)	6 (3.8%)	5 (6.2%)	1.000

Data are presented as number (percent).

Definition of disease progression

예후	1년의 f/u기간동안 event
Composit_1	사망+입원
Composit_2	FVC 상대 10% 감소 + 사망 + 입원
Composit_3	FVC 절대 10% 감소 + 사망 + 입원
Composit_4	FVC 상대 10% 감소 혹은 DLCO 15%상대 감소
Composit_5	FVC 절대 10% 감소 혹은 DLCO 15%절대 감소
Composit_6	FVC 상대 10% 감소 혹은 DLCO 15%상대 감소+사망+입원
Composit_7	FVC 절대 10% 감소 혹은 DLCO 15%절대 감소+ 사망 + 입원

임상정보	Com1 0/1		Com2 0/1		Com3 0/1		Com4 0/1		Com5 0/1		Com6 0/1		Com7 0/1	
PM high 156	148	8	118	38	137	19	102	54	134	22	95	61	126	30
PM low 81	74	7	70	11	71	10	66	15	76	5	60	21	69	12
NA	9		9		9		9		9		9		9	
total	246		246		246		246		246		246		246	

- 고농도 노출 환경 에서 질환 악화를 예측하는 인자/모델 발굴

Data processing

- NPX Data 추출



- Normalization (with adjustment)



- Statistical Analysis (LIMMA model)



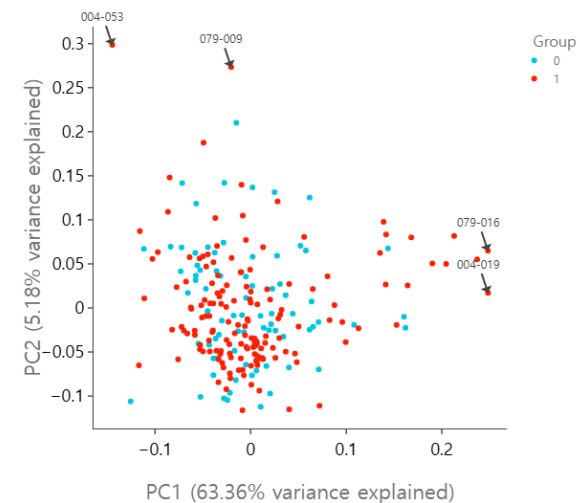
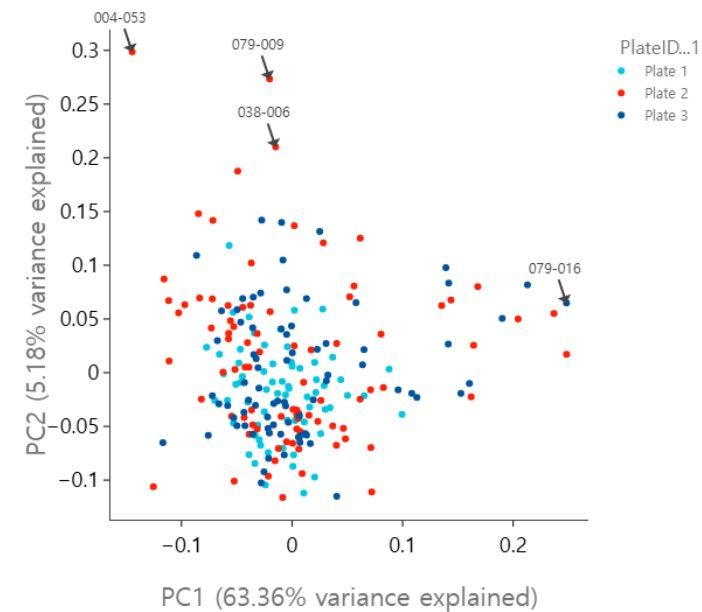
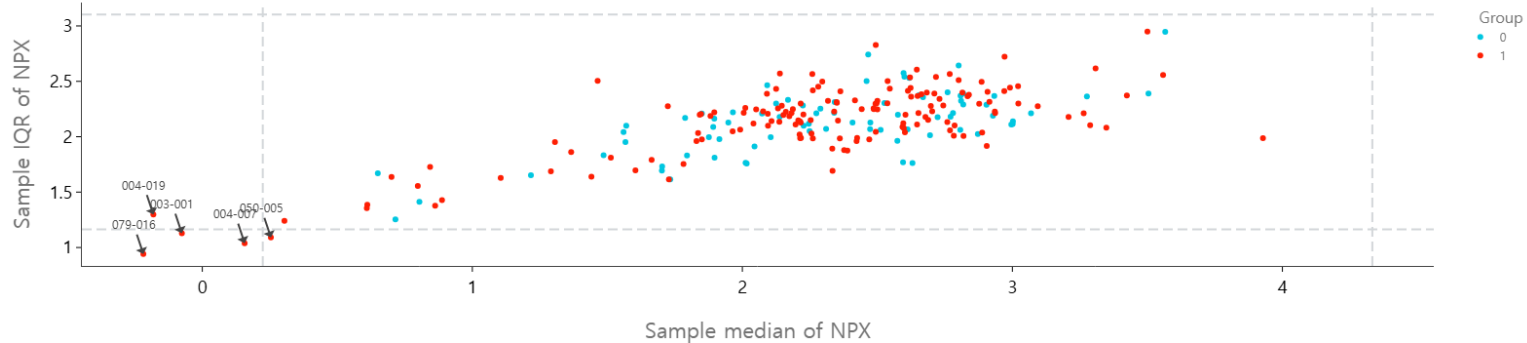
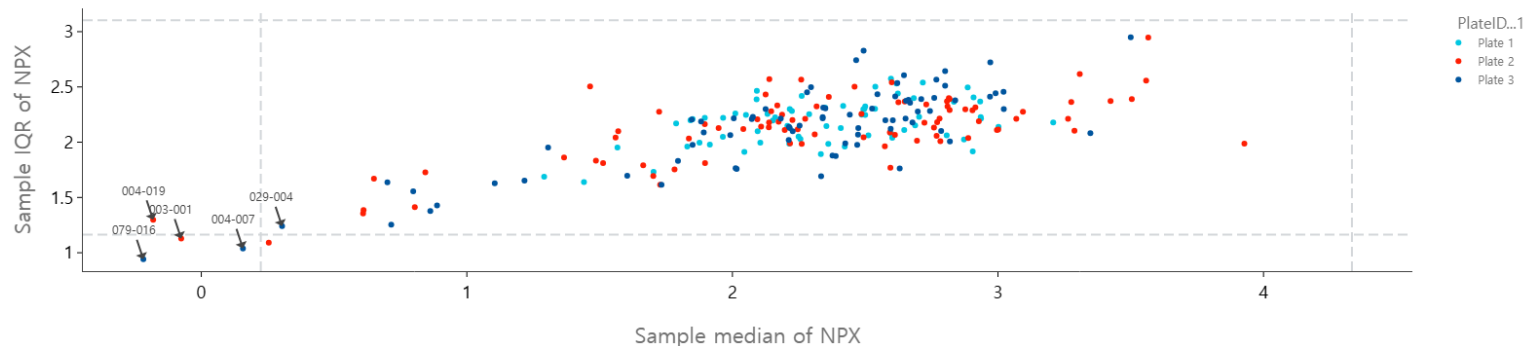
- Visualization

Sample QC (intensity normalization)

Panel 구성 (총 6판; visit 1 sample)

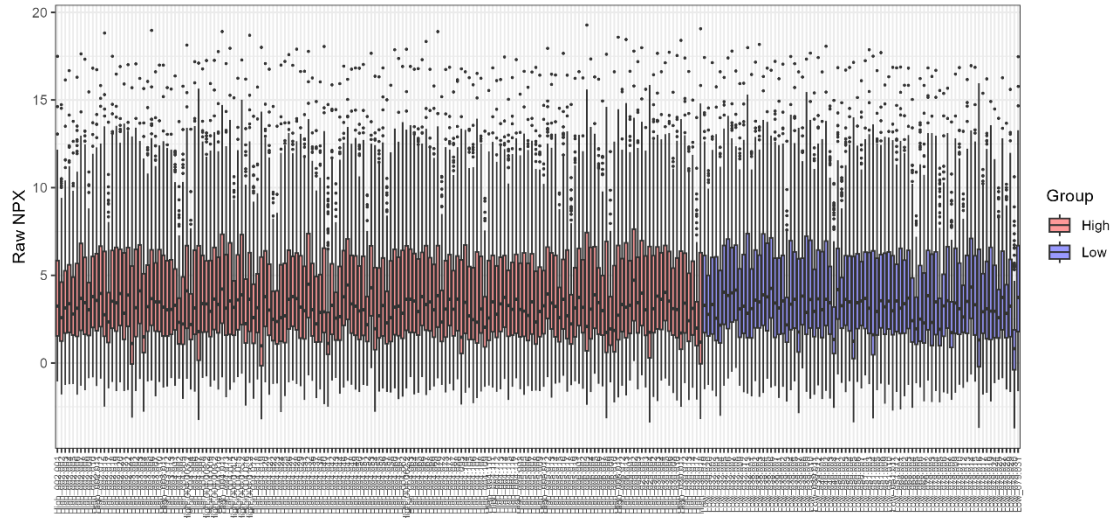
① Target 96 Inflammation → #76, #77, #78 (3판)

② Target 96 Development → #24, #25, #26 (3판)

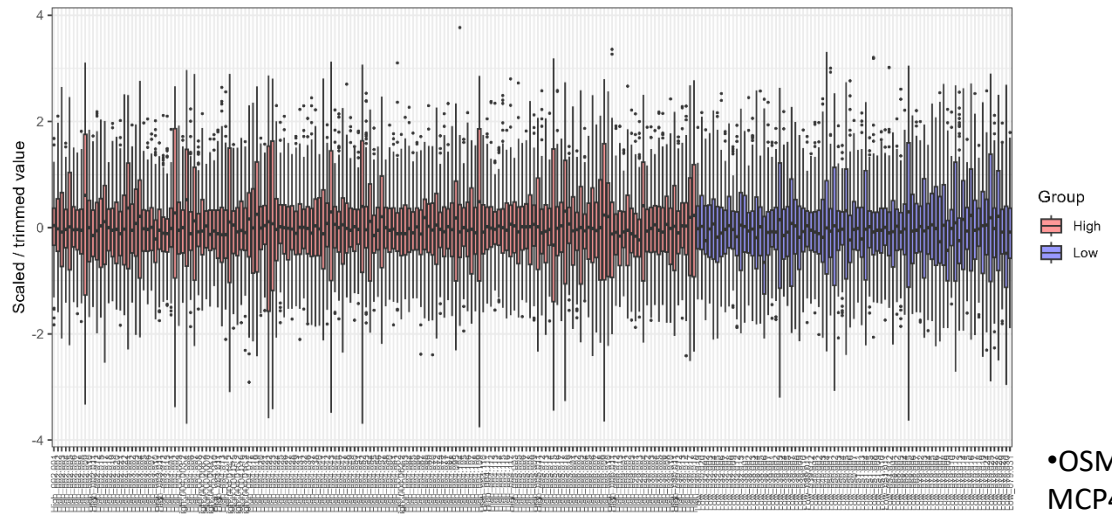


LIMMA model; PM High vs. PM Low

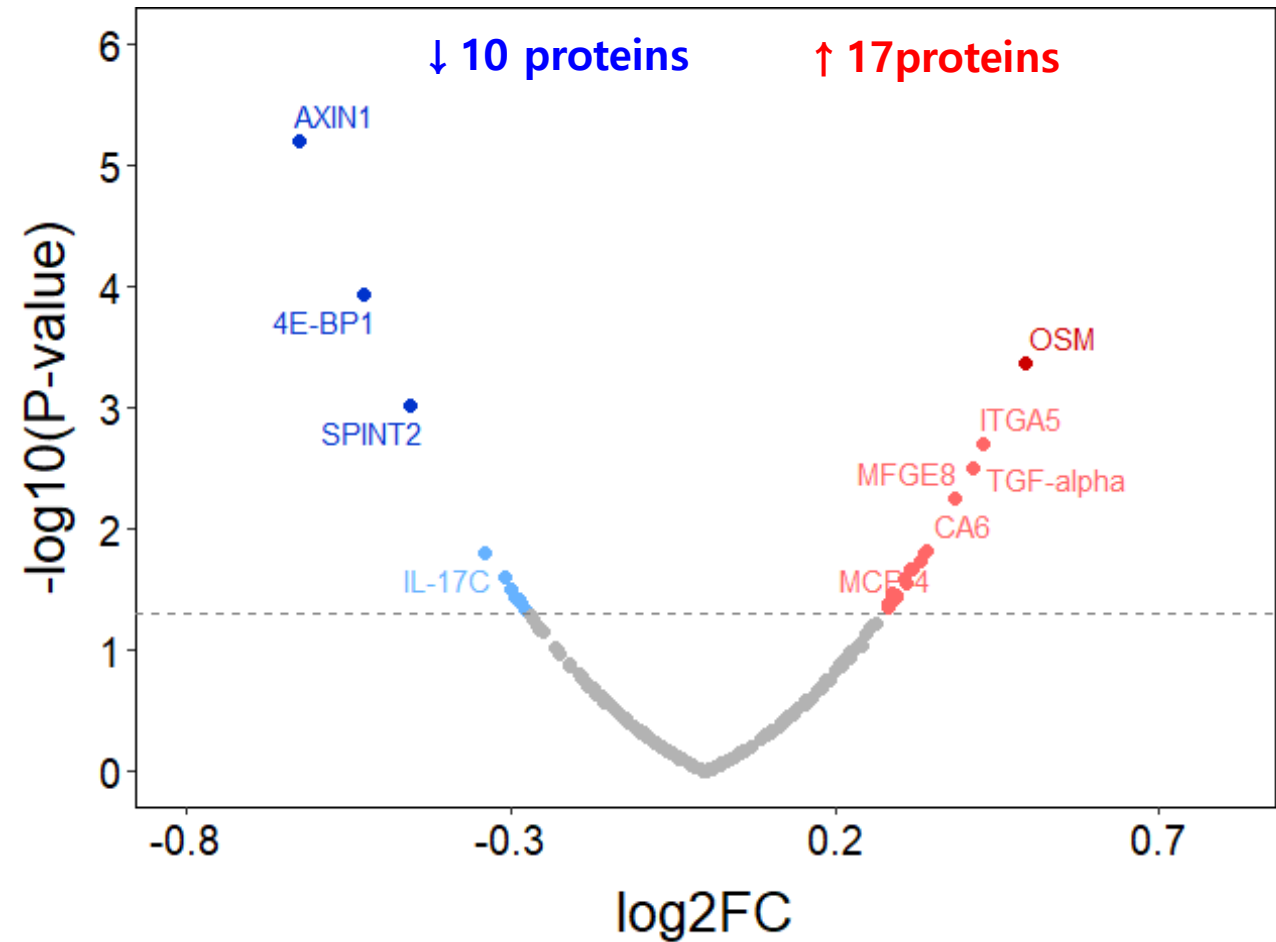
Before Normalization



After Normalization



High PM_{2.5} exposure



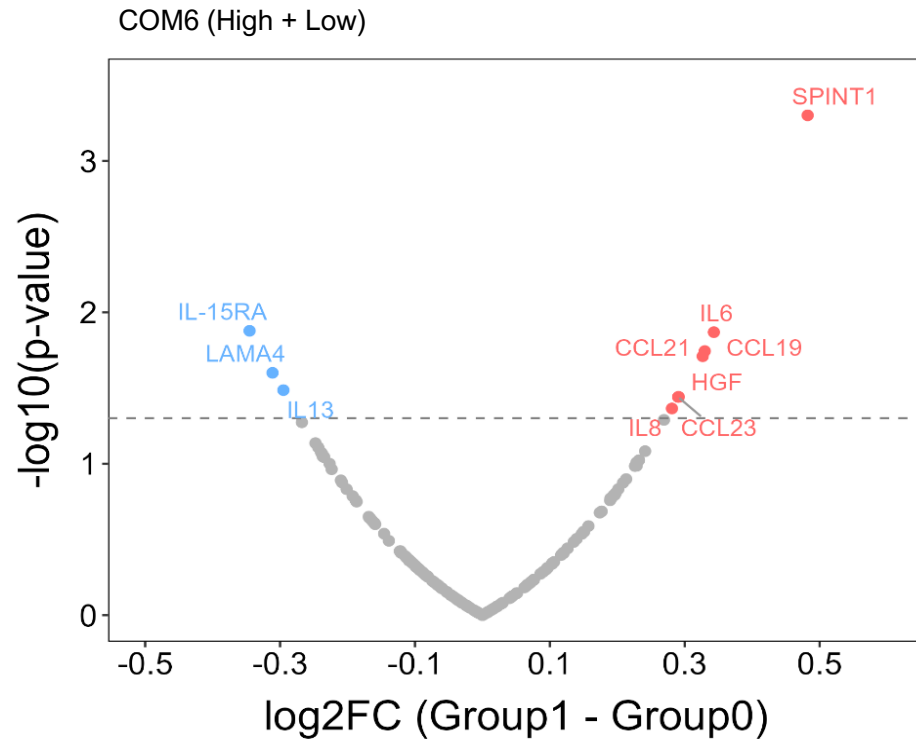
• OSM: oncostatin M, ITGA5: integrin α -5, MFGE8: milk fat globule-EGF factor 8, CA6: carbonic anhydrase 6, MCP4: monocyte chemoattractant protein-4 (CCL13), AXIN1: axis inhibition protein 1, 4E-BP1: Eukaryotic translation initiation factor 4E-binding protein 1, SPINT2: serine peptidase inhibitor Kunitz type 2

Composition 6: FVC 상대 10% 감소 혹은 DLCO 15% 상대 감소 + 사망 + 입원

- Disease progression

↓ 3 proteins

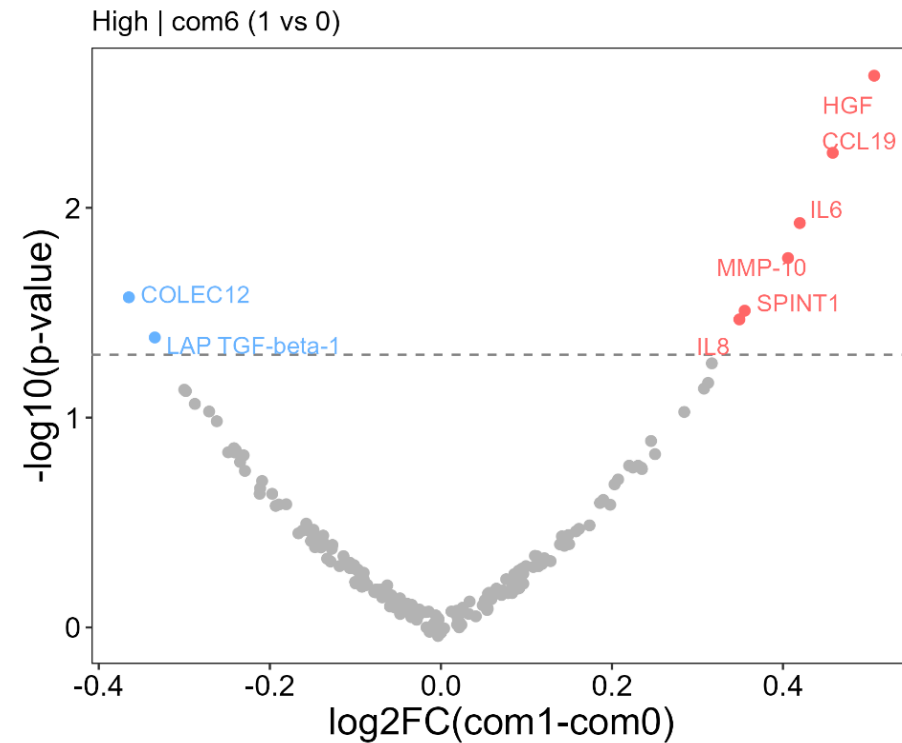
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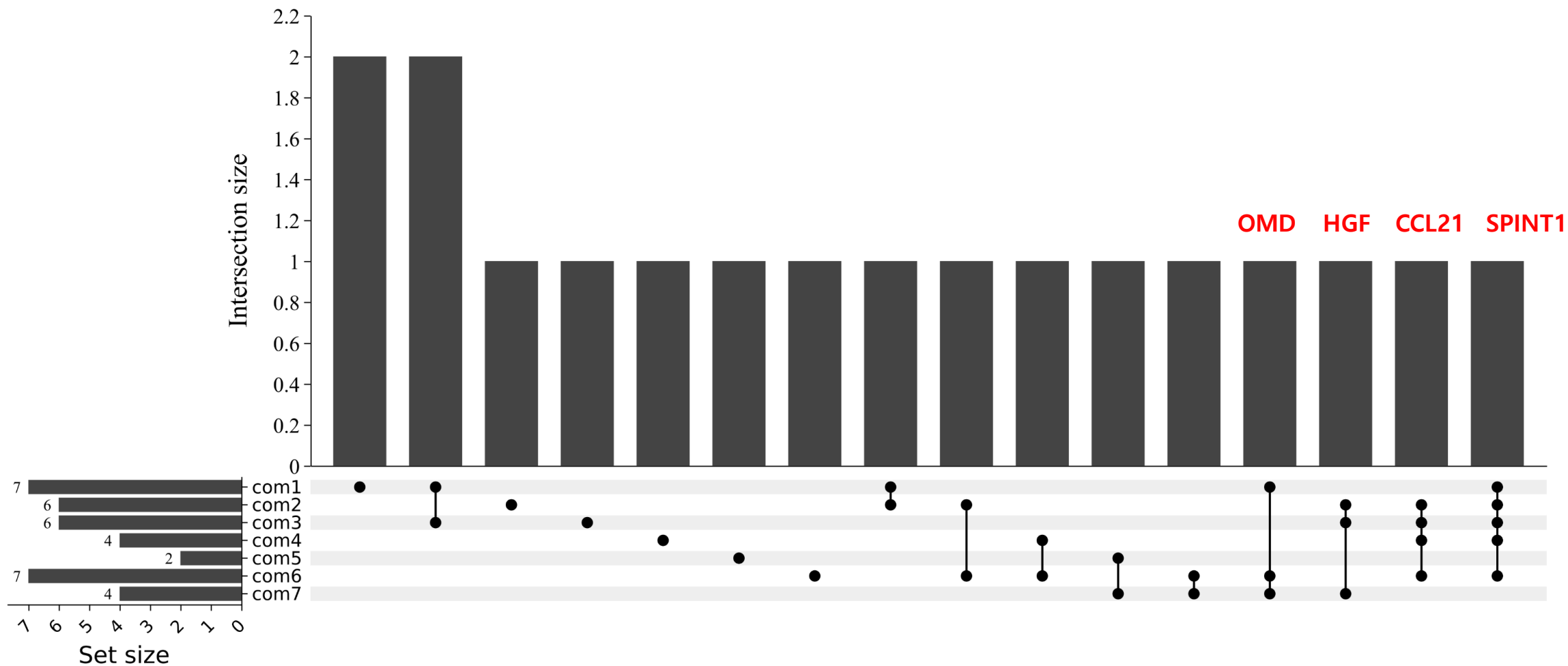
- Disease progression and high PM_{2.5} exposure

↓ 2 proteins

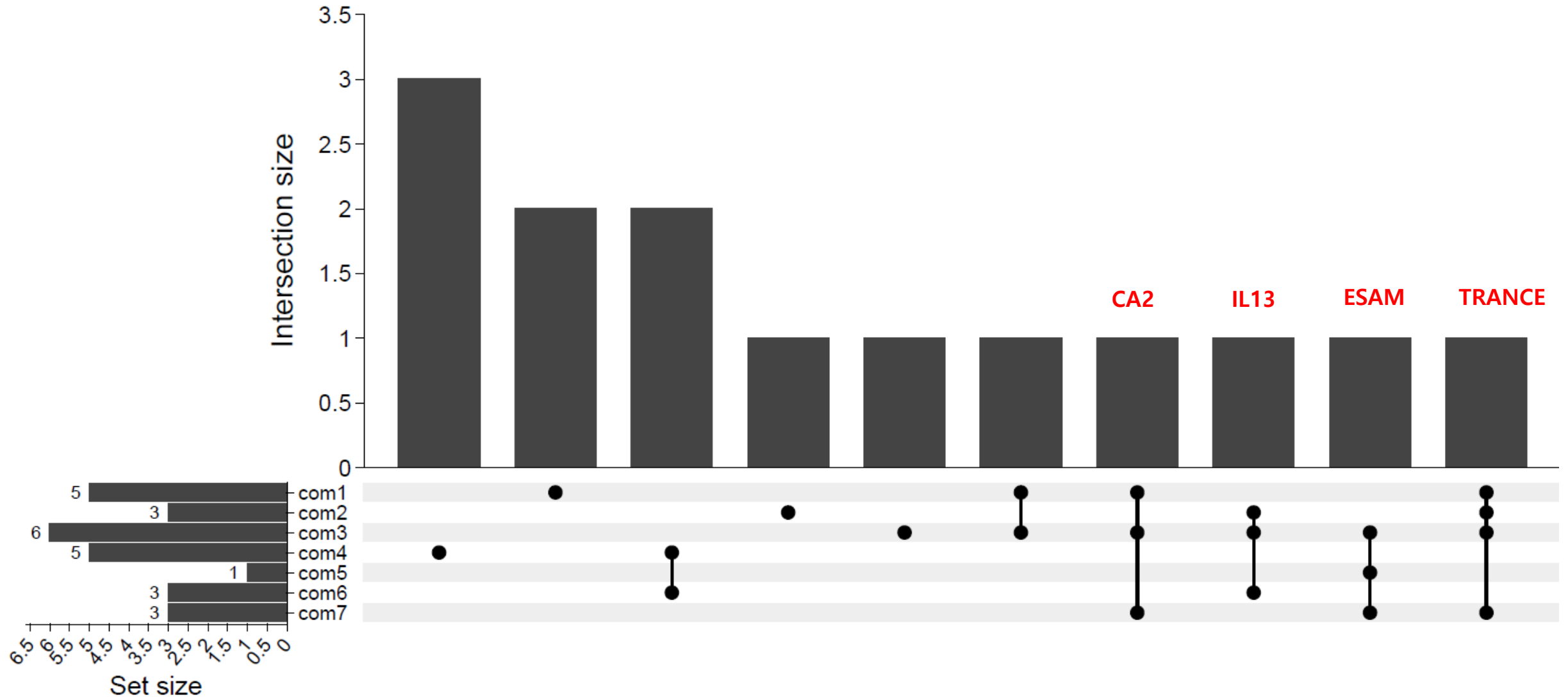
↑ 6 proteins



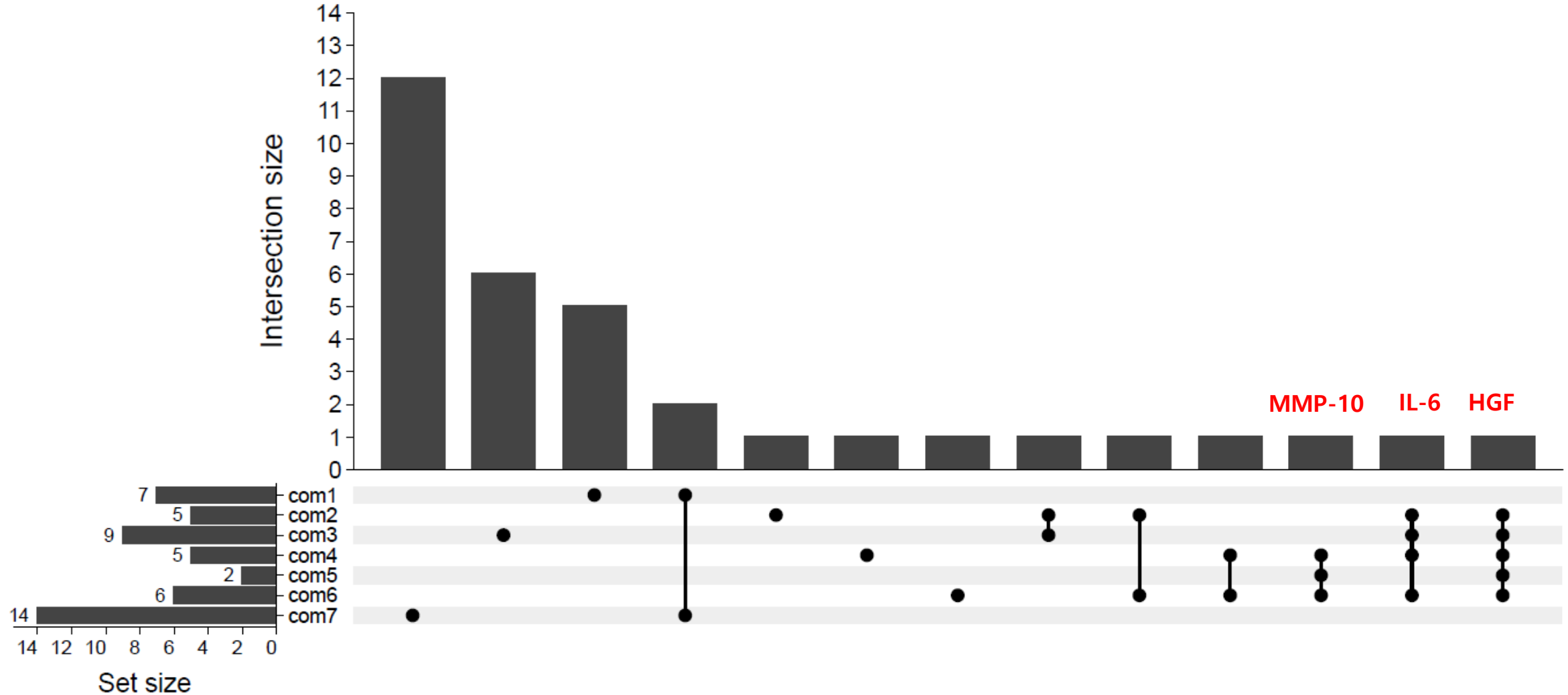
Upset plot: up-regulated DEPs for disease progression (total)



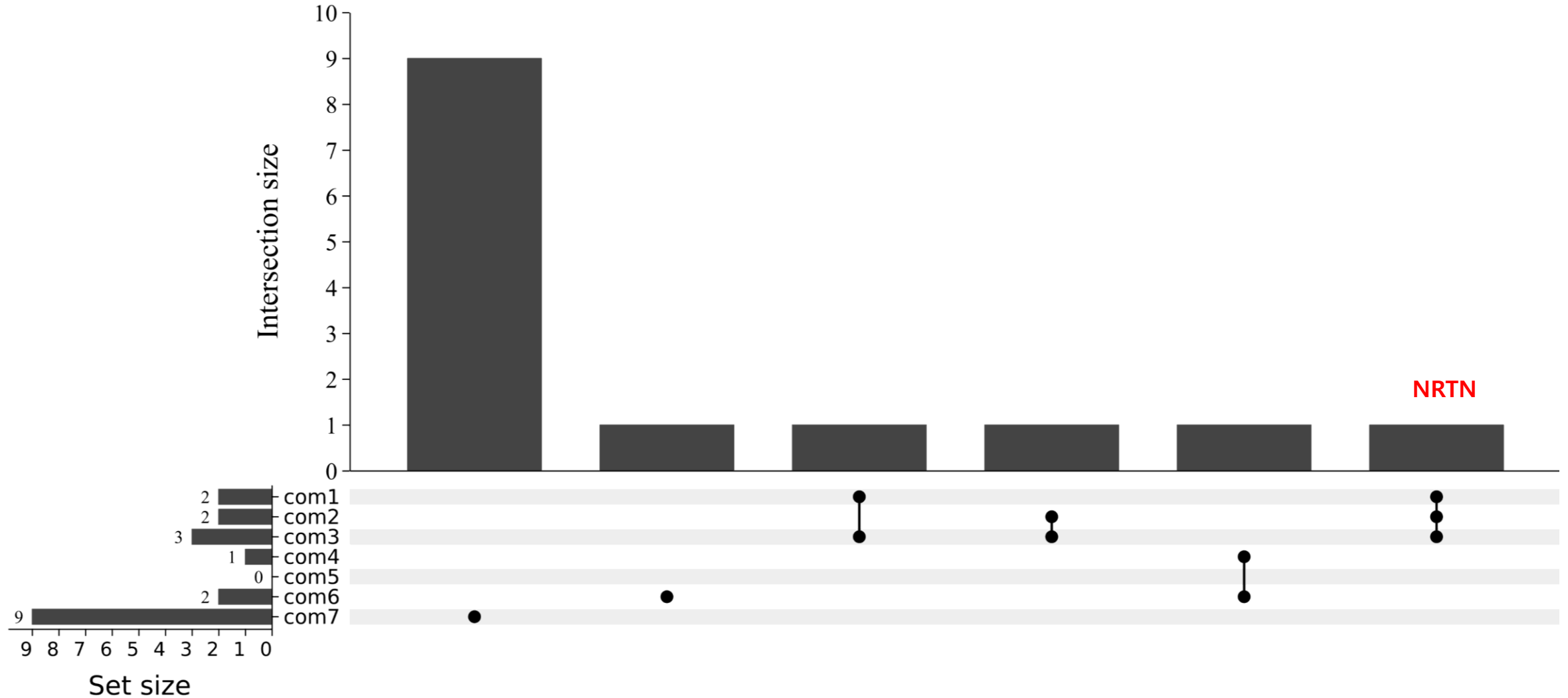
Upset plot: down-regulated DEPs for disease progression (total)



Upset plot: up-regulated DEPs for disease progression (High PM_{2.5} exposure)



Upset plot: down-regulated DEPs for disease progression (High PM_{2.5} exposure)



NRTN

Common DEPs among each composition (High PM_{2.5} exposure)

- **MMP-10 (Matrix Metalloproteinase-10)**

- IPF 환자의 폐에서 bronchiolized alveolar epithelia 에서 강하게 발현
- EMT 촉진, ECM 재구성, 비정상복구/과도한 섬유화 반응관여
- IPF 환자의 혈청 및 BAL 에서 증가, FVC 감소 및 사망과 연관, 질병중증도 반영

- **IL-6 (Interleukin-6)**

- FMT, 섬유아세포 사멸성 저항, 폐포상피세포 노화관여
- 혈액내 농도는 폐기능저하 및 사망, 급성악화와 연관
- Tocilizumab (anti IL6)

- **HGF (Hepatocyte Growth Factor)**

- 폐포상피세포 보호, TGF β 길항작용, EMT 저해, ECM 분해촉진 (보상적 상승)
- 혈중 수치가 높은 경우 중증도가 높거나 급성악화 연관

- **NRTN (Neurtrin)**

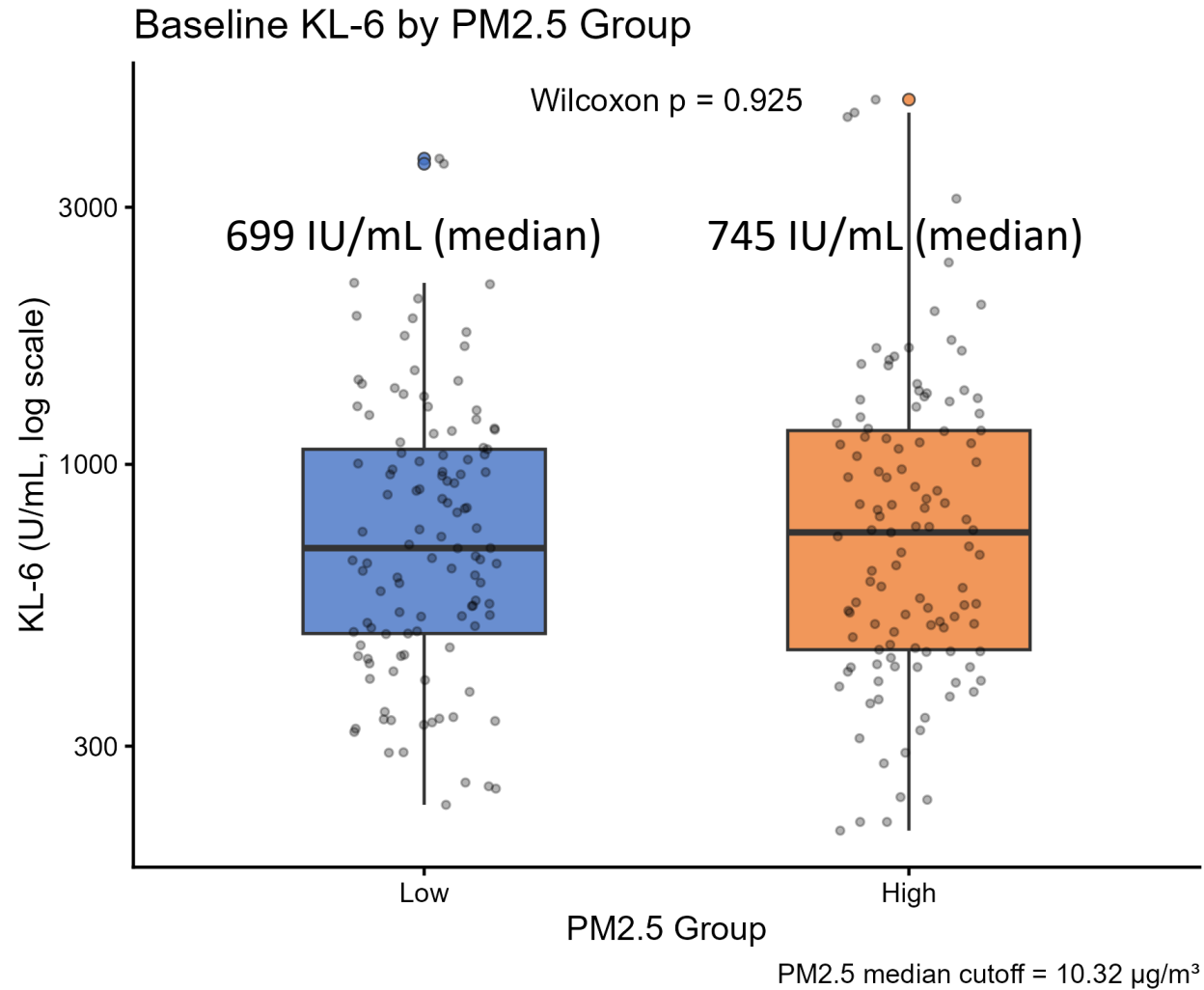
- 신경영양인자, 신경세포의 성장과 생존을 촉진하는 신호 전달 분자(리간드) 역할
- 폐포상피세포 생존촉진, 섬유화 신호억제
- IPF 환자 폐조직내 감소

Prediction model using DEPs from LIMMA

예후	1년의 f/u기간동안 event
Composit_1	사망+입원
Composit_2	FVC 상대 10% 감소 + 사망 + 입원
Composit_3	FVC 절대 10% 감소 + 사망 + 입원
Composit_4	FVC 상대 10% 감소 혹은 DLCO 15%상대 감소
Composit_5	FVC 절대 10% 감소 혹은 DLCO 15%절대 감소
Composit_6	FVC 상대 10% 감소 혹은 DLCO 15%상대 감소+사망+입원
Composit_7	FVC 절대 10% 감소 혹은 DLCO 15%절대 감소+ 사망 + 입원

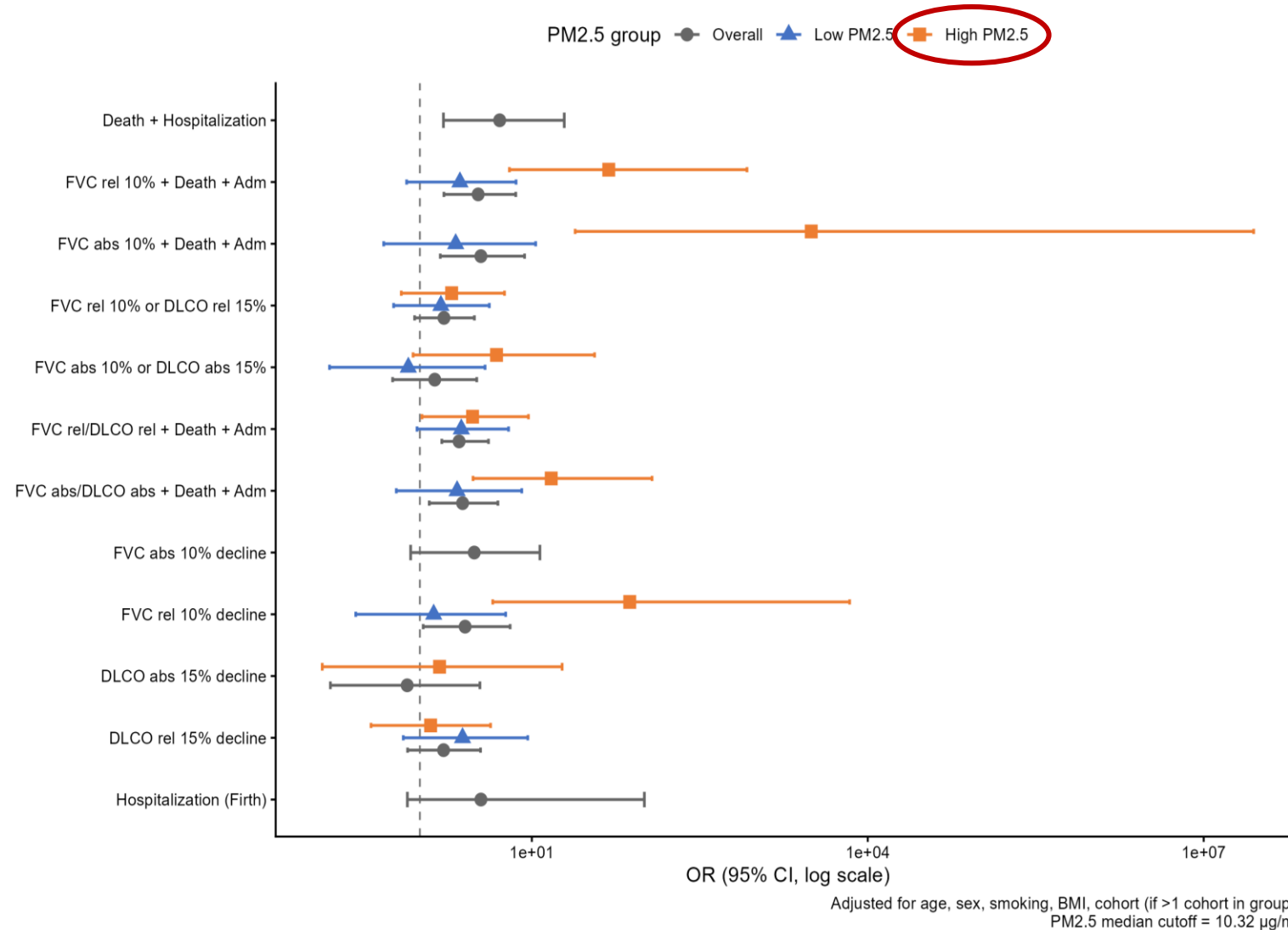
Dataset	N (1/0)	Model	ROC-AUC (OOF)	PR-AUC	Sens-focused Threshold	Sensitivity	Specificity	Youden Threshold	Sens (Y)	Spec (Y)
High_com2	156 (38/118)	Logistic Reg	0.776*	0.488	0.42	0.816	0.585	~0.50	0.73	0.65
High_com6	156 (≈?)	Logistic Reg	0.714	0.638	0.37	0.803	0.474	~0.45	0.7	0.62
HighLow_com2	237 (49/188)	XGBoost	0.593	0.376	0.02	0.837	0.229	0.149	0.551	0.633
HighLow_com6	237 (82/155)	XGBoost	0.639	0.525	0.094	0.817	0.335	0.381	0.598	0.658

Baseline KL-6 levels according to PM_{2.5} exposure



Prognostic role of KL-6 according to PM_{2.5} exposure

- Association between baseline KL-6 levels and disease progression



Summary -II

- ❖ Among 239 patients with IPF, different blood proteomics profiles were observed at baseline according to disease progression or exposure to PM_{2.5}.
- ❖ Patients who were exposed to high indoor PM_{2.5} had increased levels of OSM, ITGA5, MFGE8, TGF α , CA6, and MCP4, and decreased levels of AXIN1, 4E-BP1, SPINT2, IL-17C in their baseline blood.
- ❖ Patients exposed to high indoor PM_{2.5} who showed disease progression had increased levels of MMP-10, IL-6 and HGF, and decreased levels of neurturin in their baseline blood.
- ❖ KL-6 levels were associated with disease progression in patients exposed to high PM_{2.5}