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Company Overview November 2020



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



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-TNFα, 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

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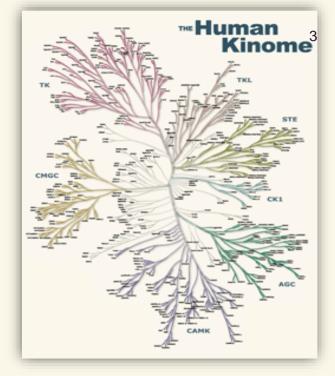


The Kinase Opportunity Unlocking the Potential of the Kinome

Medically Important and Productive Target Class



Most Members of the Kinome Remain Unexplored



518 Members >90% of the Human Kinome remains undrugged⁴

Creating New Medicines Targeting Previously Inaccessible Kinome Targets

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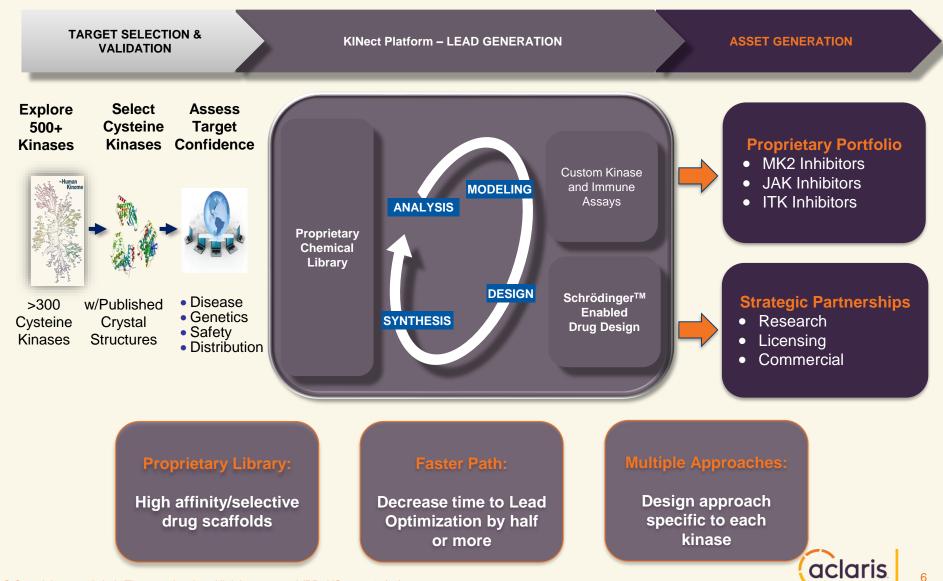


Experienced R&D Leadership Team Proven Track Record in Immunology and Inflammation



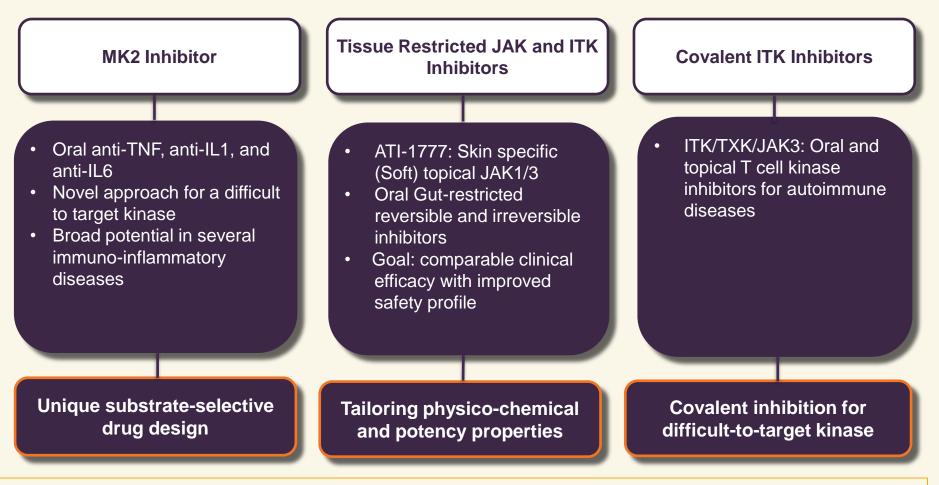
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KINect[™] Platform Developing Kinase Drug Candidates Rapidly & Efficiently



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KINect[™] Platform Demonstrated Success in Reversible and Covalent MOA



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



Pipeline

Program	Indication(s)	Preclinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
	Rheumatoid Arthritis				
ATI-450 MK2 Inhibitor Oral	COVID-19*				
	Cryopyrin-Associated Periodic Syndrome (CAPS)				
ATI-1777 JAK1/JAK3 Inhibitor Soft Topical	Atopic Dermatitis (moderate to severe)				
ATI-2138 ITK/TXK/JAK3 Inhibitor Oral	Psoriasis, Inflammatory Bowel Disease				
JAK1/JAK3 Inhibitor Oral, gut-restricted	Inflammatory Bowel Disease				
ITK/TXK/JAK3 Inhibitor Oral, gut-restricted	Inflammatory Bowel Disease				

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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 TNFα, IL1 and IL6¹, the targets of the following biologics:
 - *anti-TNFα*: 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

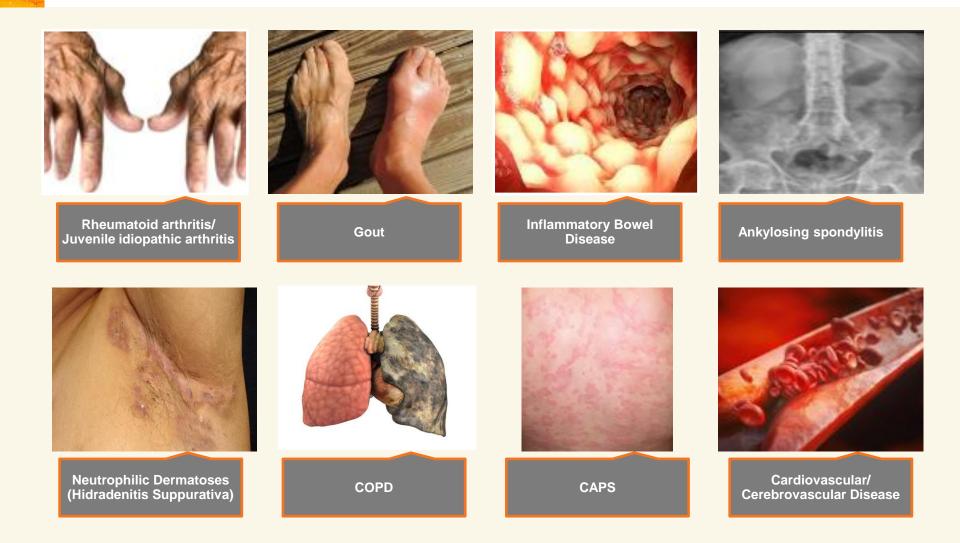
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MK2-driven Cytokines are Central to Many Diseases* TNFa, IL1, IL6 Are Mediators in Numerous Inflammatory Conditions





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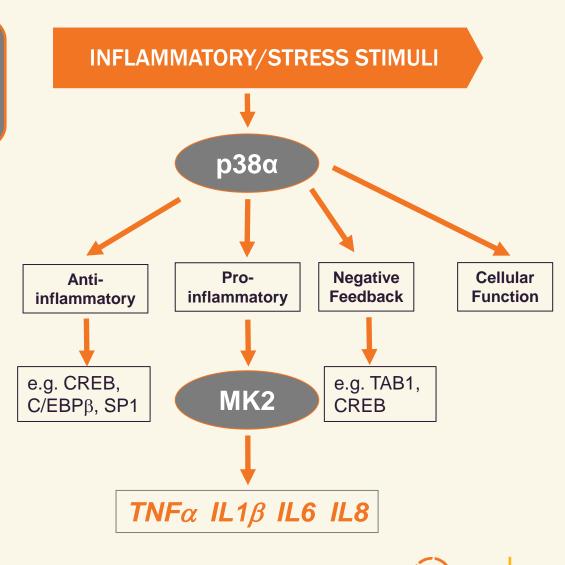
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Evolution in Understanding a Well-Known Inflammatory Pathway The Path From p38a to MK2

The relationship of p38α to MK2 is key to overcoming barriers for suppressing TNFα and other pro-inflammatory cytokines

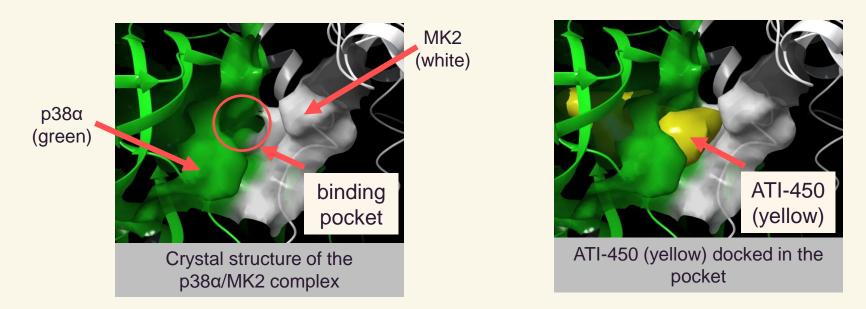
- Global p38α inhibitors have exhibited toxicity and/or lack of sustained efficacy in RA and IBD
- p38α phosphorylates over 60 substrates - yet MK2 drives the proinflammatory node of this pathway
- MK2 has been a high priority therapeutic target since 1999 but has proven very difficult to drug



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Novel Mechanism: Capturing MK2 in an Inactive State



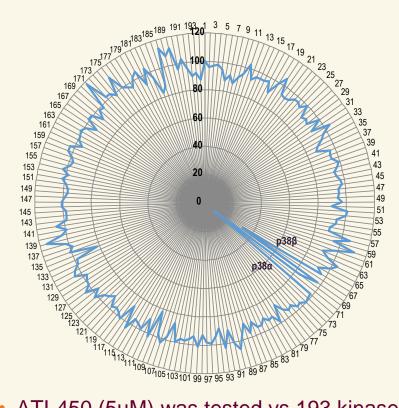
- In the nucleus, inactive MK2 and p38α dock in a high affinity complex that exhibits a binding pocket formed by juxtaposed walls of both proteins
- ATI-450 binds to both walls of the pocket, stabilizing the complex and preventing MK2 activation

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



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

Human Kinome Selectivity¹



- ATI-450 (5µM) was tested vs 193 kinases
- >350-fold binding selectivity on all kinases in this panel except p38α and p38β

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- ** Optimized p38 peptide substrate

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MK2 Pathway Selectivity

ATI-450 is highly selective for the p38α/MK2 complex vs. other p38 substrates¹

Assay	Fold Selective			
p38α/MK2	1			
p38α/ATF2	700			
ρ38α/PRAK	750			

ATI-450 binds to the p38α/MK2 complex with higher affinity than either p38 or MK2 alone*

Assay	Fold Selective			
p38α/MK2	1			
p38a/p38tide**	51			
MK2/HSP27	>550			



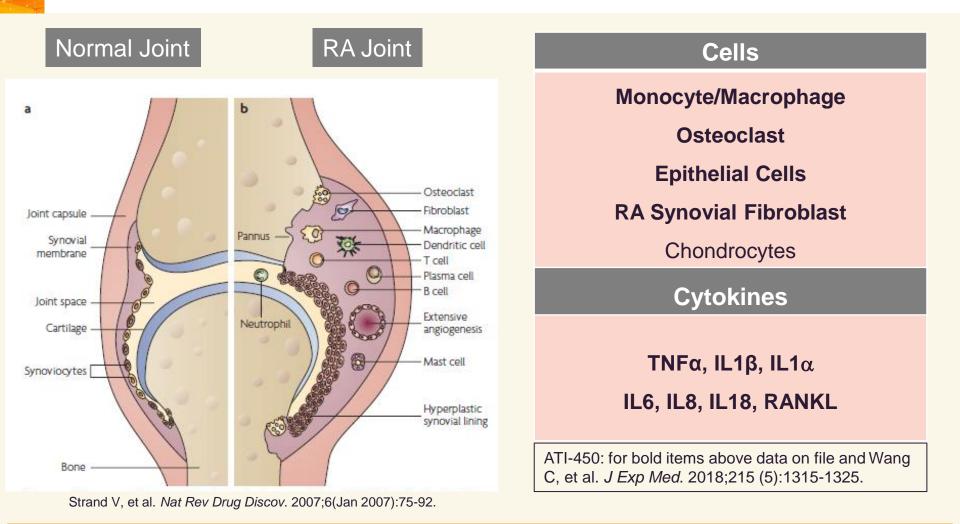
Animal Models Supporting the Development of ATI-450 in Immuno-Inflammatory Diseases

Therapeutic Area	Animal Model	Reference		
Rheumatoid Arthritis/ Psoriatic Arthritis	 Mouse Collagen-Induced Arthritis Model Reduction in clinical arthritis score Protection of joint histology Rat streptococcal cell wall arthritis model Protection against bone deterioration Protection against lethality Inhibition of cellular IL1β mRNA stability & translation 	Data on file Wang C, et al. <i>J Exp Med</i> . 2018;215(5):1315-1325.		
Inflammatory Bowel Disease	 Adoptive transfer mouse model of colitis 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 Syndrome (CAPS)	Murine NOMID (severe form of CAPS) transgenic model Human CAPS PBMC* IL1β 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

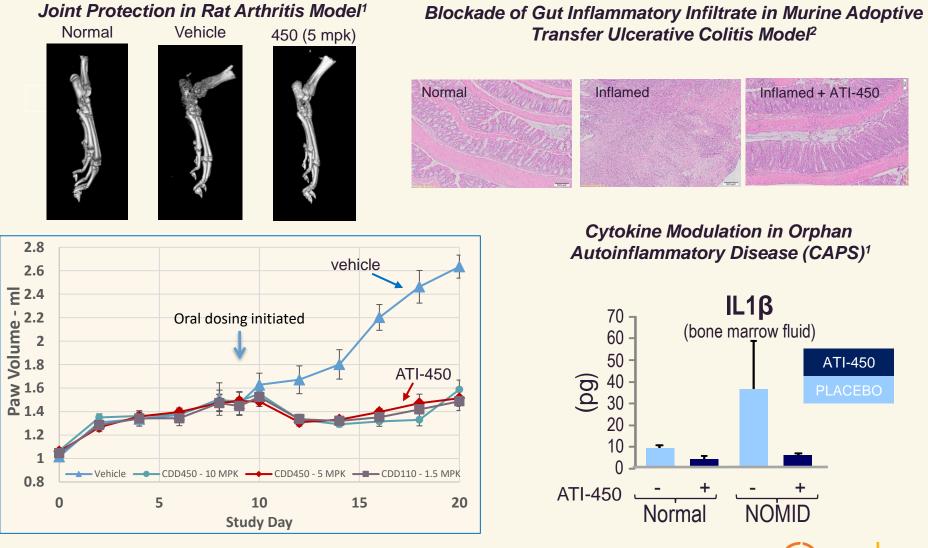


MK2 is a key regulator of pathogenic signals in chronic immuno-inflammatory diseases



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In Vivo Preclinical Data of MK2 Pathway Inhibitor ATI-450



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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 stimulation mice are stimulated with RANKL (RANK ligand), they differentiate into osteoclasts
- (b) ATI-450 blocks this macrophage differentiation

Macrophages

RANKL

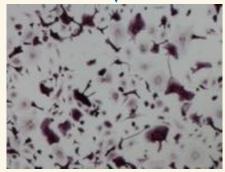
Osteoclasts



NOMID BMDM Plus ATI-450

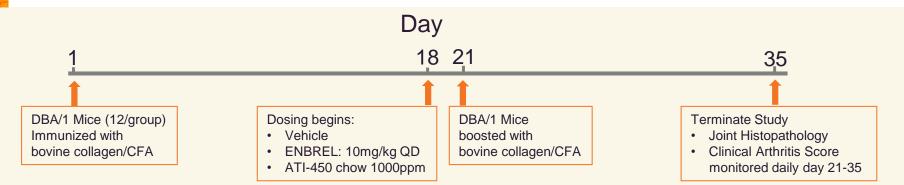






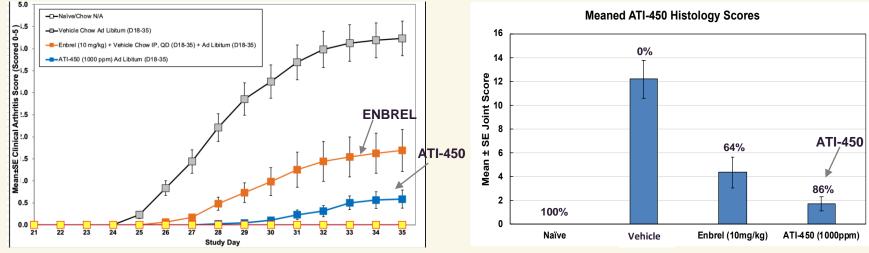


Mouse Model: ATI-450 is Efficacious in Murine Collagen-Induced Arthritis (mCIA)



Clinical Arthritis Score

Joint Histology Score



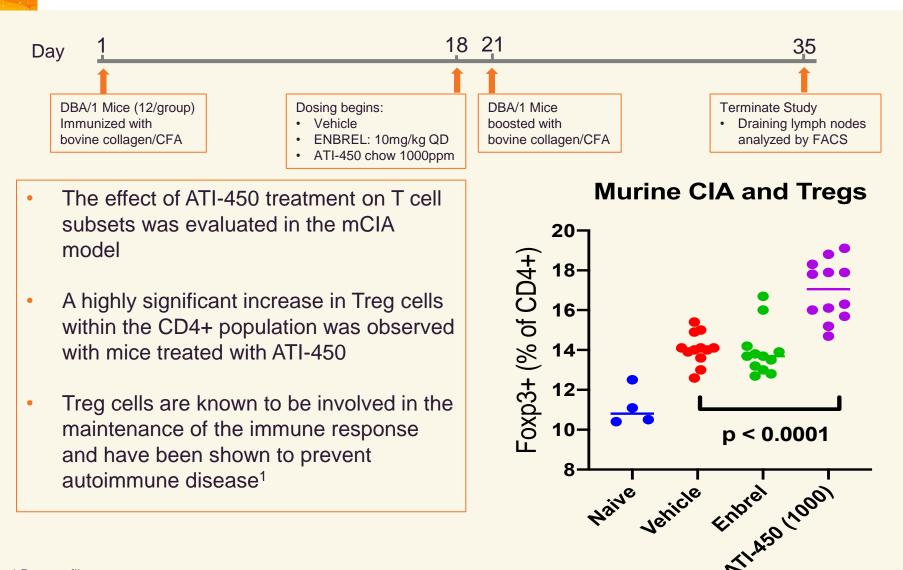
ATI-450 demonstrated broad efficacy in the gold standard mCIA model



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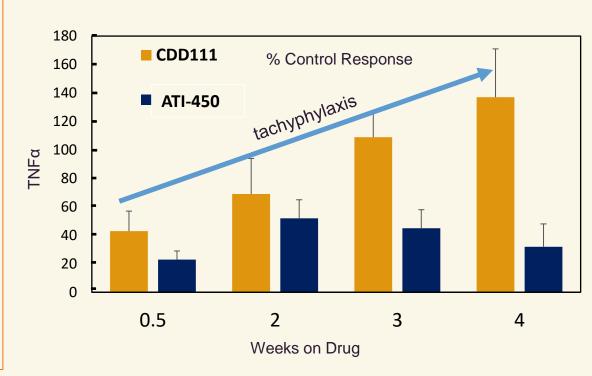
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Mouse Model: ATI-450 Increases Regulatory T (Treg) Cells in mCIA



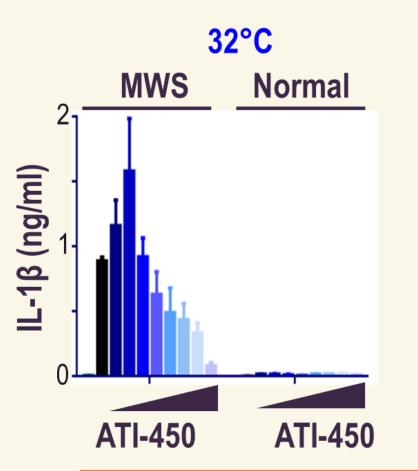
Mouse Model: LPS-Induced TNFa Production ATI-450 demonstrated durable response (no tachyphylaxis)

- 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 TNFα 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), IL1β expression is triggered by exposure to low temperatures.
- PBMCs from patients with CAPS spontaneously produced high amounts of IL1β at 32°C but not at 37°C.

ATI-450 blocks temperature stress induced IL1β 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

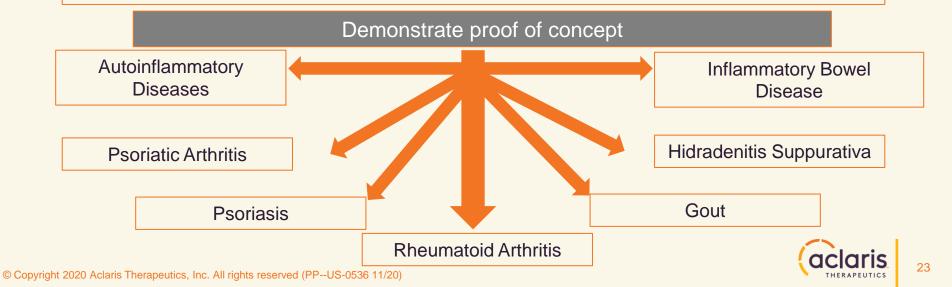
TNF α driven disease

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

<u>CAPS</u>

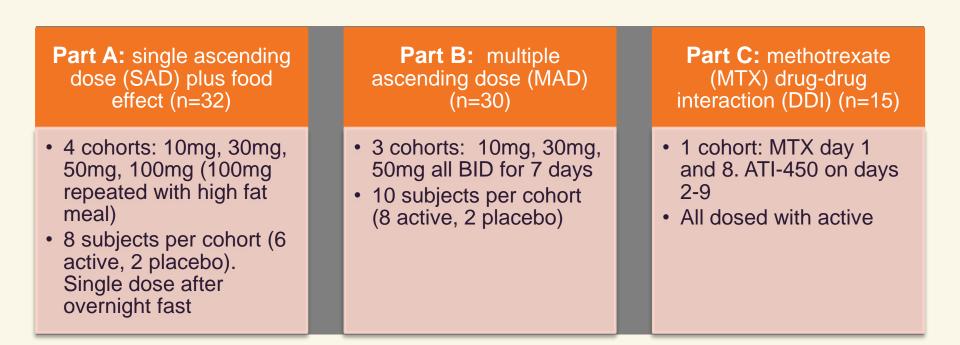
IL1 β driven disease

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



ATI-450-PKPD-101 Trial Design and Demographics

Three-Part Study (77 Subjects)



Demographics: (All dose groups, all parts):

- Age: Mean 34 years
- Gender: 44 female/33 male
- Race: White-40, Black-32, Other-5



ATI-450-PKPD-101 Safety: ATI-450 Generally Well-Tolerated

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

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)		

SAD/MAD cohorts (blinded)

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

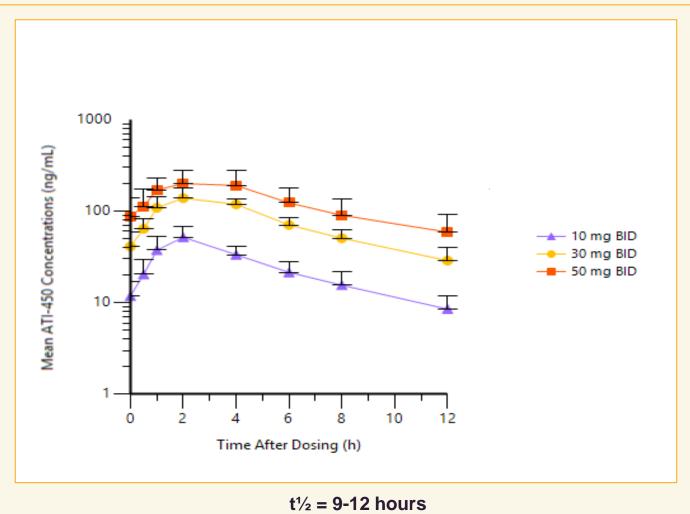
· No serious adverse events or adverse events that led to discontinuation of study medication

- 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



ATI-450-PKPD-101 MAD Pharmacokinetics: Dose Proportional PK

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



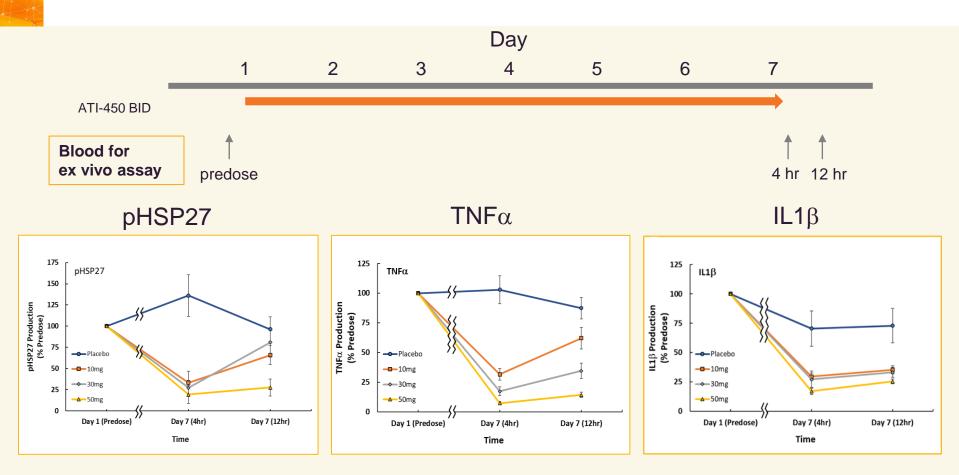


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ATI-450-PKPD-101: Day 7 MAD PD Marker Time Dependence Target Biomarker pHSP27 and Cytokines TNFa and IL1β

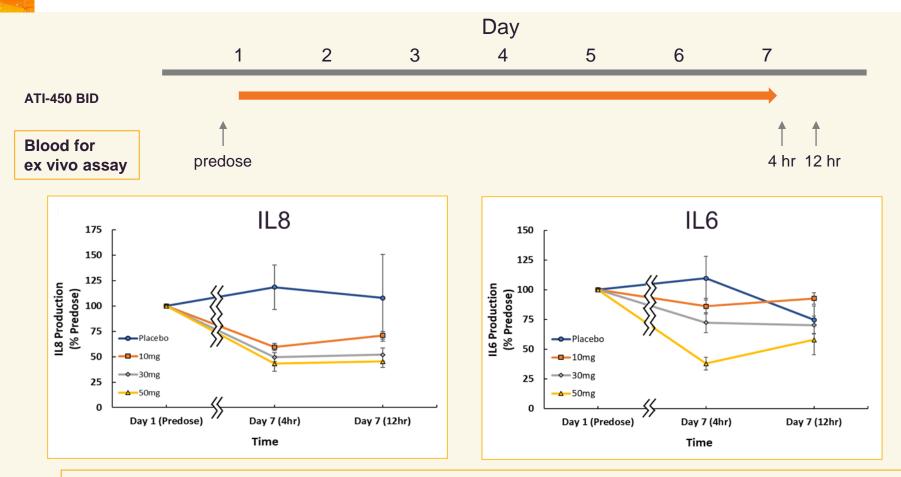


- ATI-450 dosed orally BID for 7 days in healthy subjects at doses of 10mg, 30mg and 50mg
- Day 1 (predose) is from blood taken on day 1 just prior to the first dose of ATI-450
- Samples ex vivo stimulated with LPS
- Data expressed as mean +/- SEM

* Data on file



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



- ATI-450 dosed orally BID for 7 days in healthy subjects at doses of 10mg, 30mg and 50mg
- Day 1 (pre-dose) 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



ATI-450-PKPD-101 Multiples of Cytokine IC₈₀ Across Dosing Interval

The MAD 50mg BID cohort achieved systemic drug concentrations in excess of IC₈₀ for pHSP27, TNF α , IL1 β and IL8 at C_{max} (3.5-6.0X) and C_{trough} (1.4-2.4X).

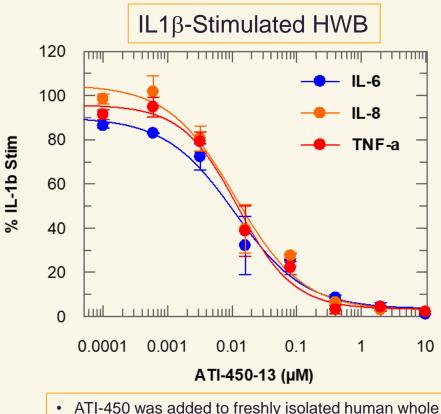
Biomarker	*IC ₈₀ ng/ml	**C _{trough} Multiple of IC ₈₀	**C _{max} Multiple of IC ₈₀	
pHSP27	36.7	2.4x	6.0x	
TNFα	62.6	1.4x	3.5x	
IL1β	40.8	2.2x	5.4x	
IL6	747.8	0.1x	0.3x	
IL8	38.8	2.3x	5.6x	

 $^{*}IC_{80}$ 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 IL1b-Stimulated Cytokines in Human Whole Blood*



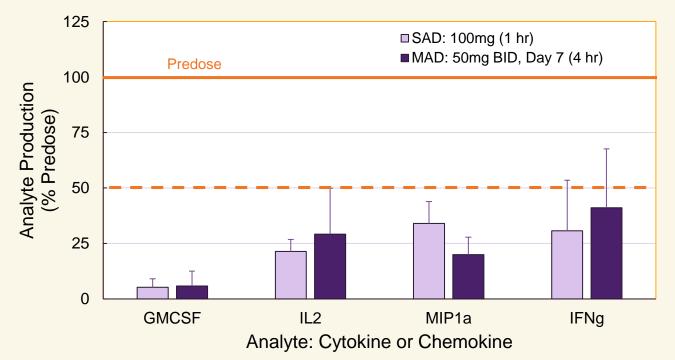
Cytokine	IC ₈₀ (ng/ml)
ΤΝFα	27.4 <u>+</u> 5.9
IL6	44.1 <u>+</u> 17.7
IL8	39.2 <u>+</u> 17.2

- 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.

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

ATI-450 Modulation of LPS-stimulated Cytokine/Chemokine Production (% Predose)



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



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

ATI-1777: Status

- Investigational Compound
- IND allowed
- First-in-human Phase 2a trial in patients with moderate or severe AD underway

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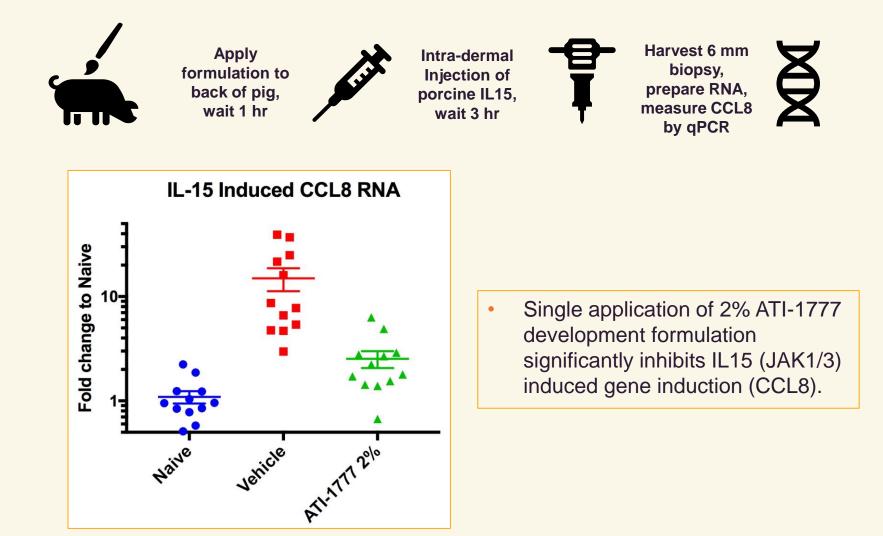
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Porcine Model: ATI-1777 Blocks IL15 Induced CCL8 mRNA in Skin



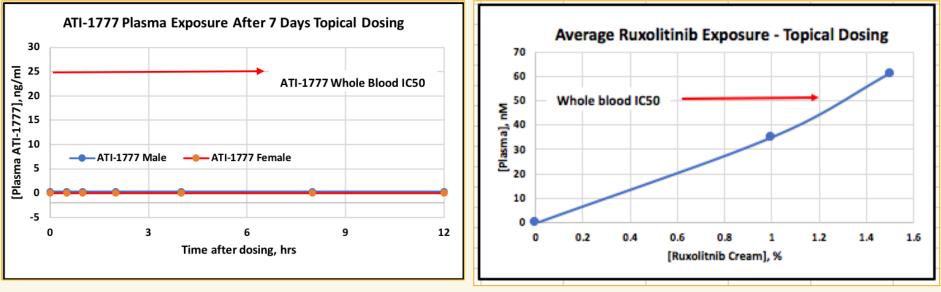


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Minipig Model: ATI-1777 Non-clinical Safety Program TK Data

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



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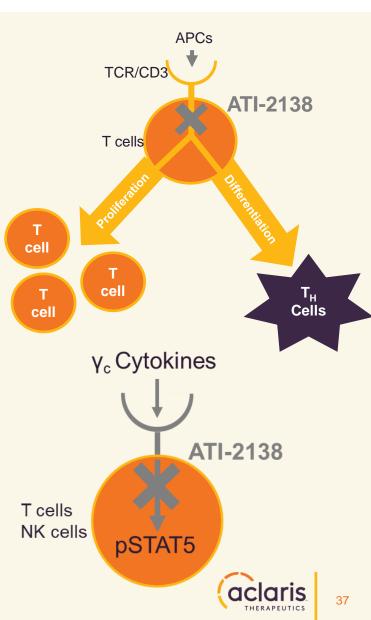
ATI-2138 (ITK/TXK/JAK3 Inhibitor) (Investigational Drug Candidate)



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 γc 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}

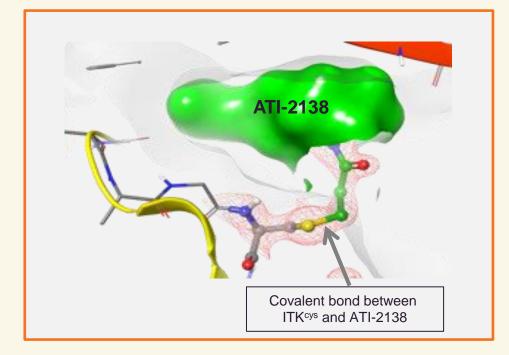


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ATI-2138 is a Potent Covalent Inhibitor



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

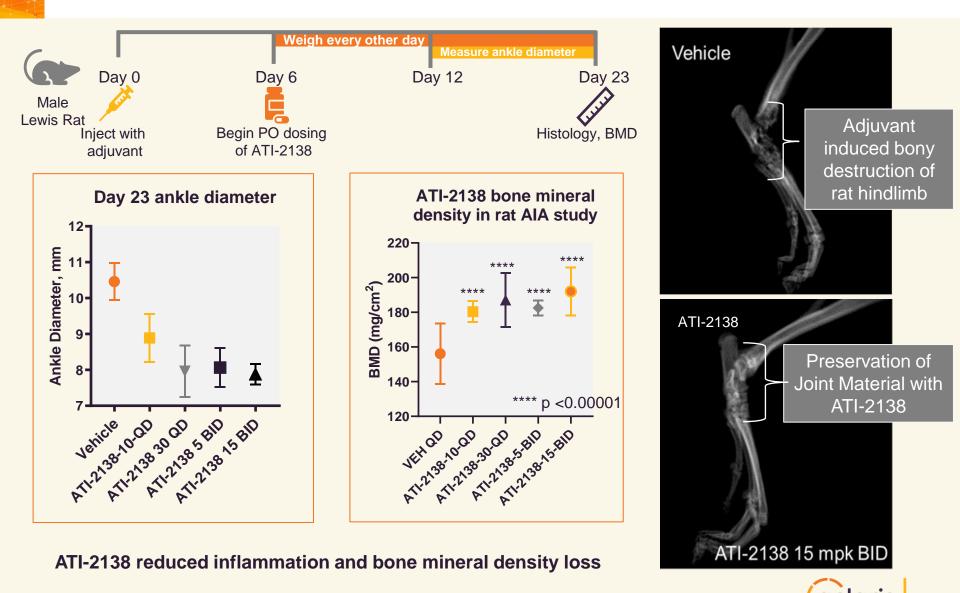
Cellular Inhibition of JAK and ITK/TXK

Assay Description	ATI-2138 IC₅₀ (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 pPLCy-2

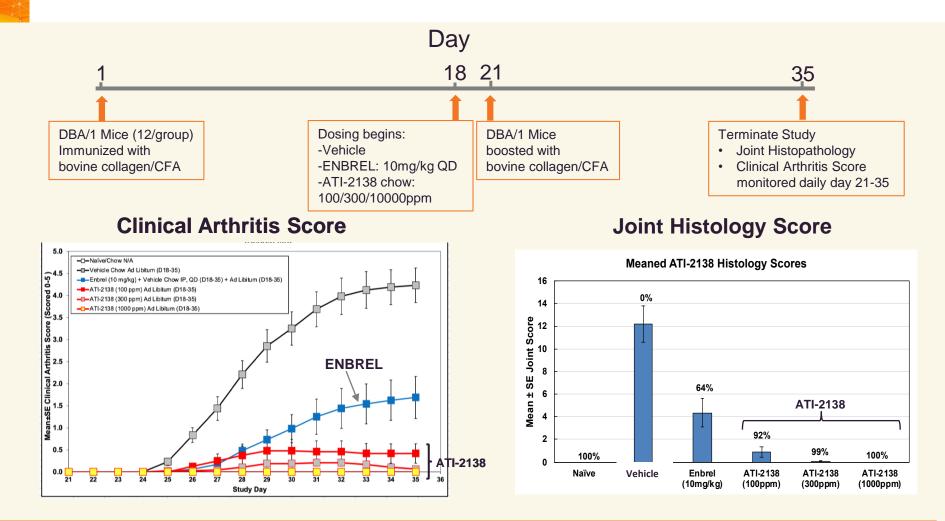
ATI-2138 potently inhibits ITK/TXK and JAK3 in cells and in whole blood



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



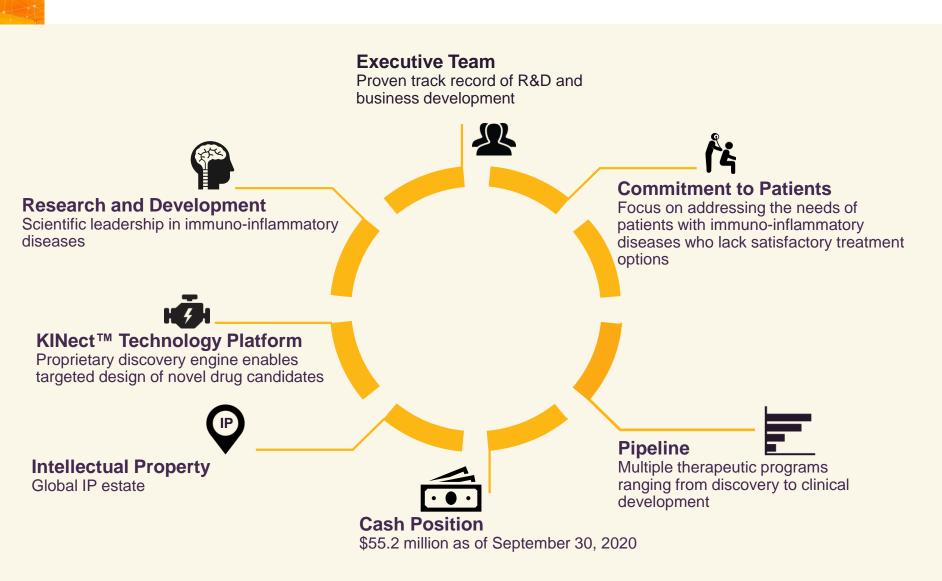
Mouse Model: ATI-2138 is Efficacious in mCIA



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



Empowering Patients Through Kinome Innovation







Key Milestones

Dreaman (Milectory)	2020			2021				
Program/Milestone	1 Q	2Q	3 Q	4Q	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q
ATI-450 (MK2 Inhibitor)								
Phase 1 Data (SAD/MAD)	 Image: A second s							
Initiate Phase 2a Trial in Rheumatoid Arthritis	 Image: A second s							
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