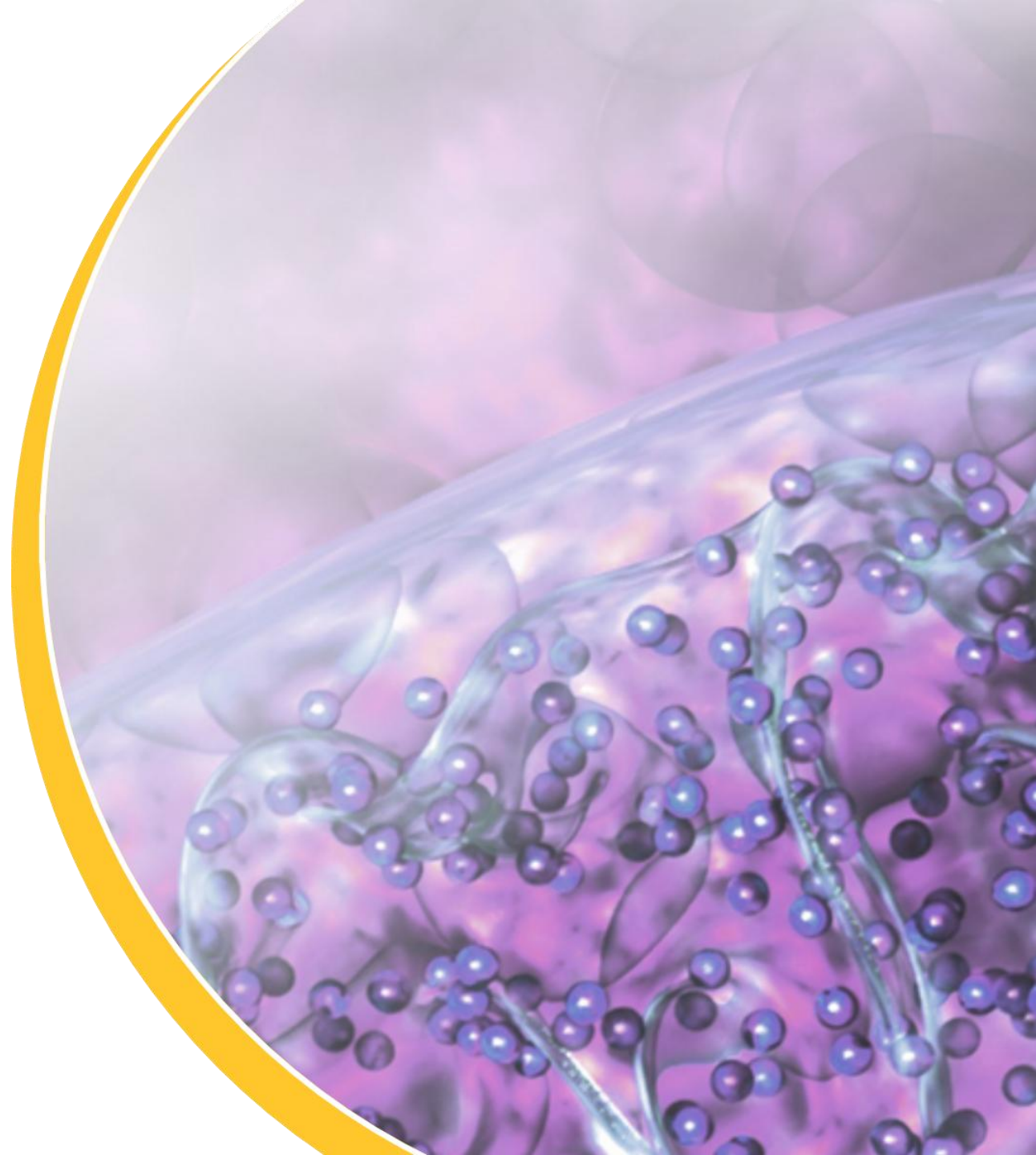




Oral 15-PGDH Inhibitor Platform:

Leveraging PGE₂ Signaling to Treat
Sarcopenia, Neuromuscular &
Inflammatory Diseases (IBD):

- **MF-300 in Phase 2b Start-up for Sarcopenia**



Experienced Team with a Demonstrated Track Record of Success



Epirium Leadership Team



Alex Casdin, CEO

30+ year track record success in biotech & healthcare:

Port. Mgr: Pequot Capital; CEO & PM: Cooper Hil Partners, Reneo Capital

VP Finance, Amylin; CFO, Sophiris

Investor, Board Member & Audit Chair – Ignyta (acq. Roche), Erasca;

Board: Dusa (acq. Sun Pharma), 454 Life Sciences (acq. Roche)



Leigh MacConell, Ph.D. Chief Development Officer

25 years drug development, primarily in metabolic and liver disease

Led multiple drug approvals including first in class for T2DM (GLP-1) and primary biliary cholangitis (PBC)

Collaborated with FDA to define approval pathways for disease areas without regulatory precedence, including PBC & MASH



Eric Miller, CFO

Head Finance, Synthorx (acquired by Sanofi)

Corp. Controller & Head FP&A, Acadia Pharm.

Cadence Pharm.
(acquired by Mallinckrodt)

Consultant Advisors



Daniel Cooper, M.D. Medical Lead

Over 20 years in drug development

Formerly VP Pharmacovigilance Orexigen, Affymax; Clinical and Safety Scientist roles at Roche, Johnson & Johnson

Multiple successful NDAs supporting pre- and post-marketing approvals

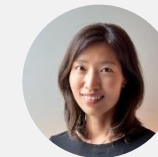


Elaine Chiquette, Pharm.D. Scientific Affairs

C-Suite executive with 20+ years experience in pharma, biotech, and medical device

Led regulatory approvals for NDA, BLA, PMA across USA, EU and China

Formerly served as CSO and head of regulatory & medical affairs at Gelesis

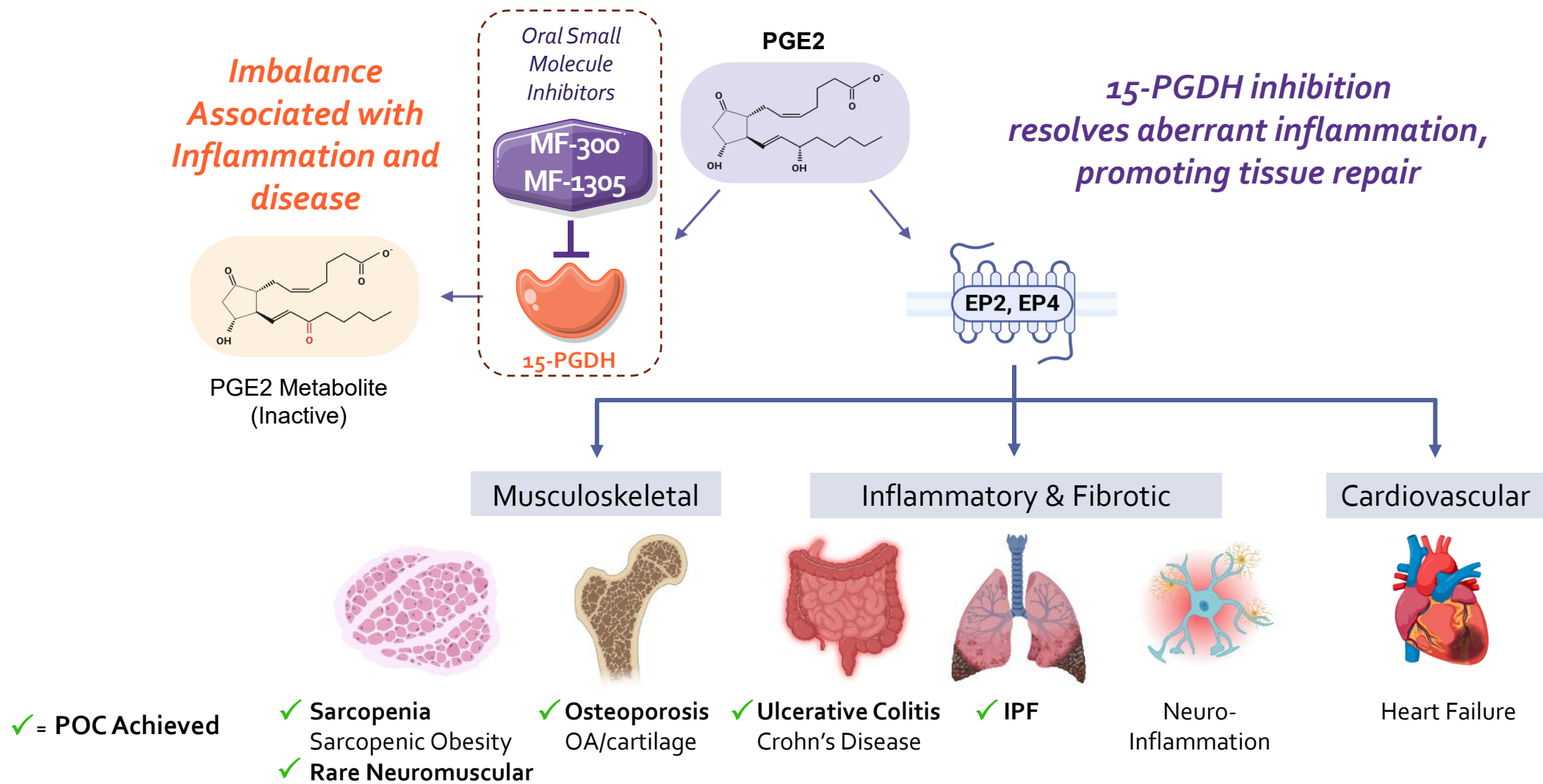


Lois Lee, Pharm.D. Clinical Development

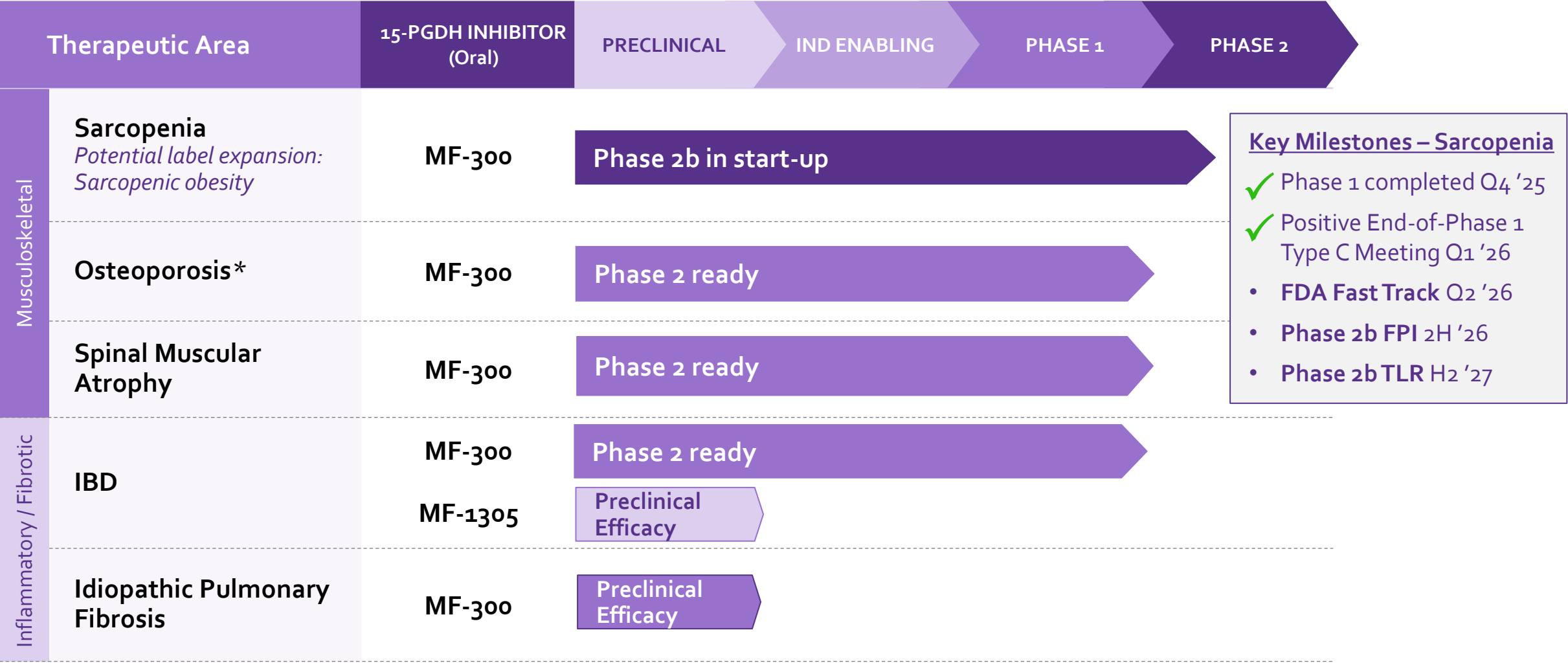
20+ years of industry experience leading early- and late-phase drug development across multiple TAs including liver, metabolic, and neurodegenerative diseases.

Extensive experience in collaborating with FDA and EMA on indications lacking regulatory precedent including MASH, MASH cirrhosis, and Alexander disease

Inhibiting 15-PGDH to leverage the potential of PGE₂ to promote tissue function



Epirium 15-PGDH Inhibitor Platform: “Pipeline in Mechanism”



*Human proof of concept (bone biomarkers & bone mineral density) to be generated in Sarcopenia Phase 2b study

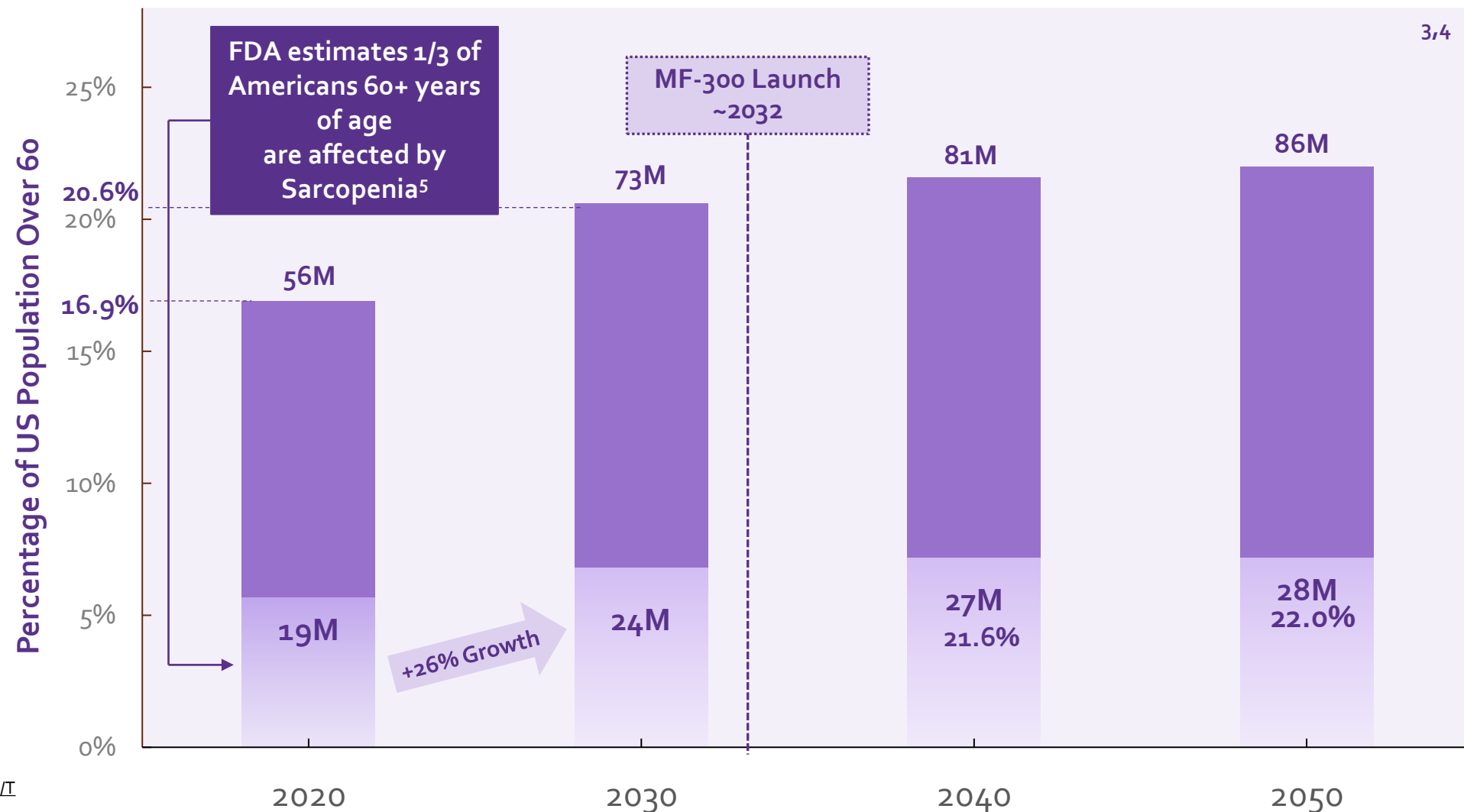
Sarcopenia: Large and Growing Unmet Medical Need w/ No FDA Approved Therapy

Current U.S. Healthcare Sarcopenia Spending Estimated >\$40 Billion Annually¹

**Dependence**
Increased risk
losing
independence

**Falls**
Increased
fracture risk &
hospitalization,
>2-fold greater
cost²

**Mortality**
2-fold Increased
risk of death²



U.S. Population est. 331M

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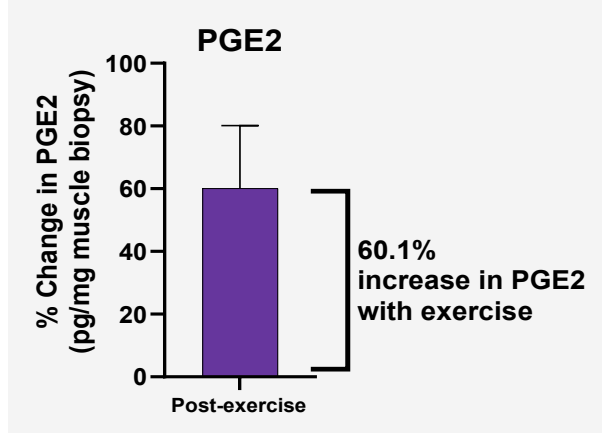
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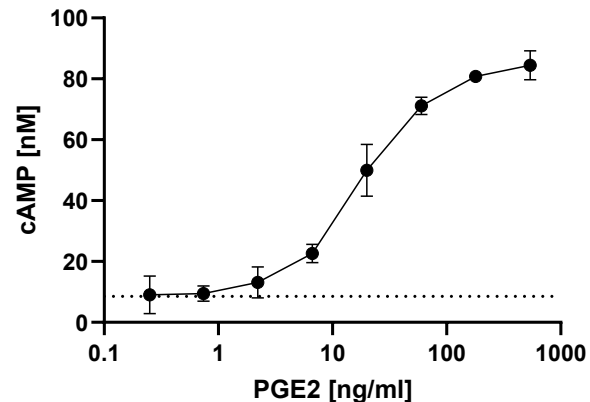
PGE₂–EP₄ Signaling Elevates cAMP to Promote Muscle Function

PGE₂ in human muscle following exercise

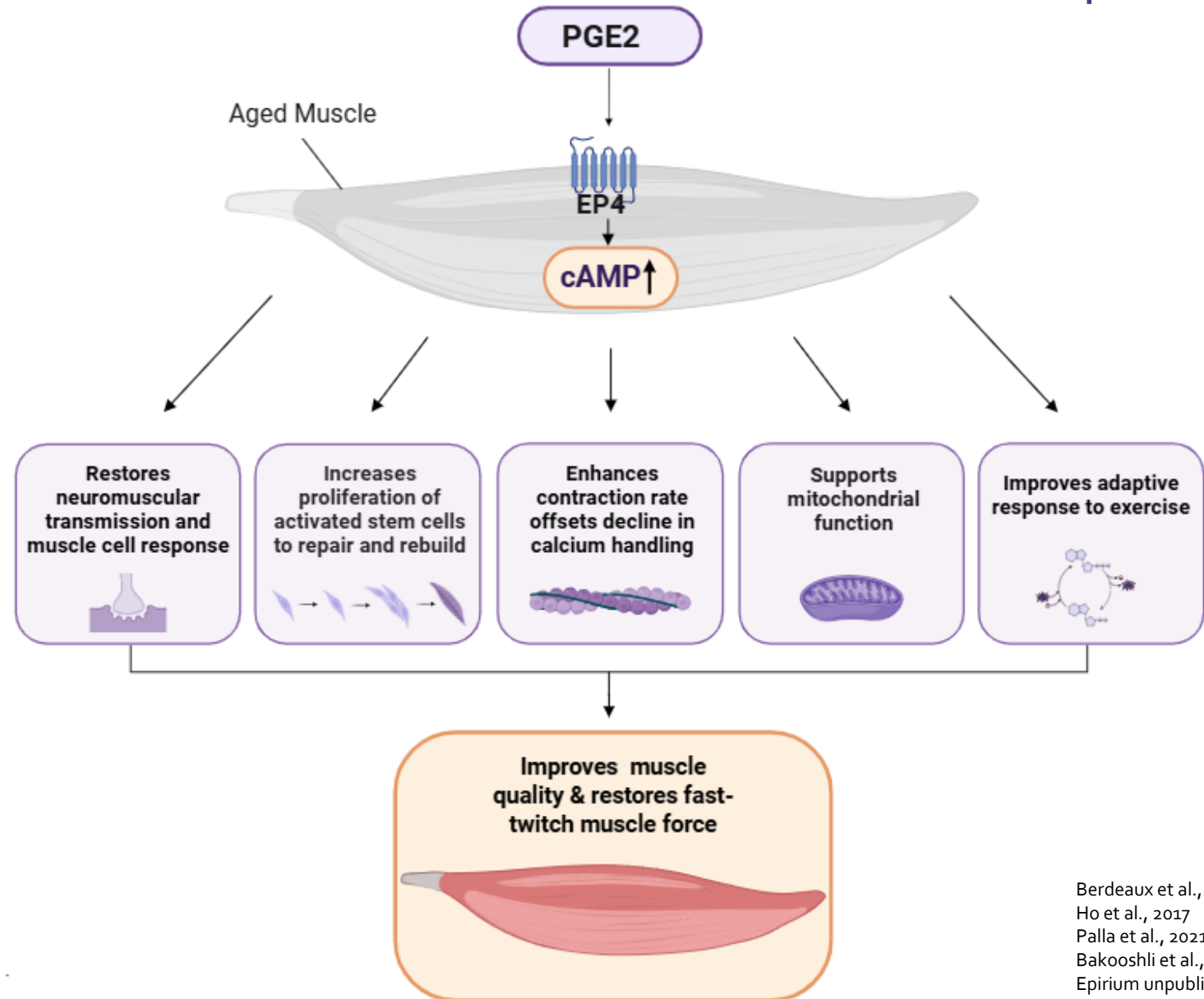


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PGE₂ increases cAMP in primary human myocytes



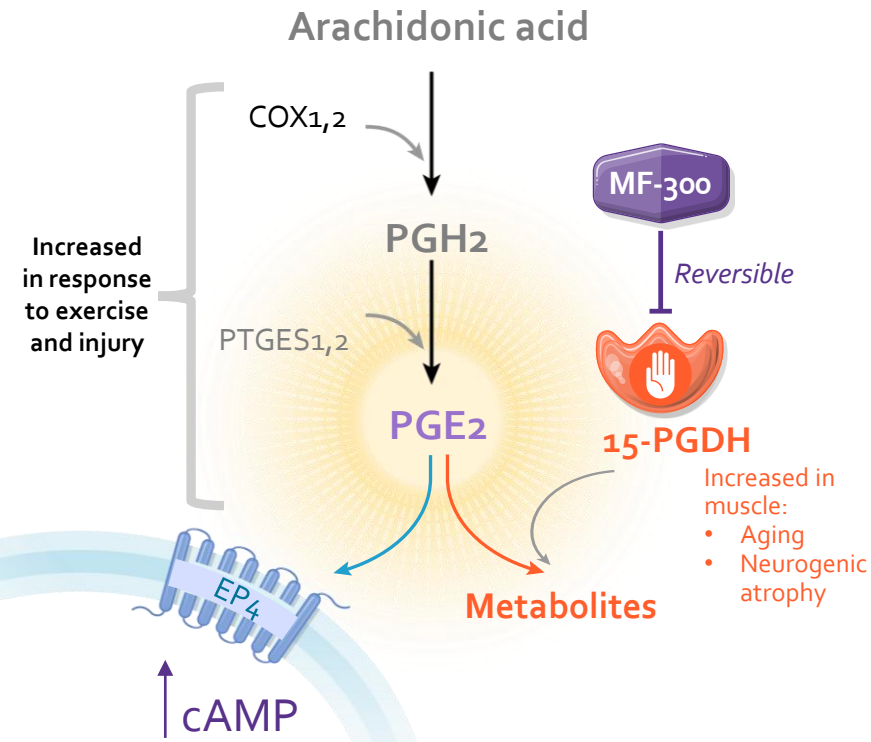
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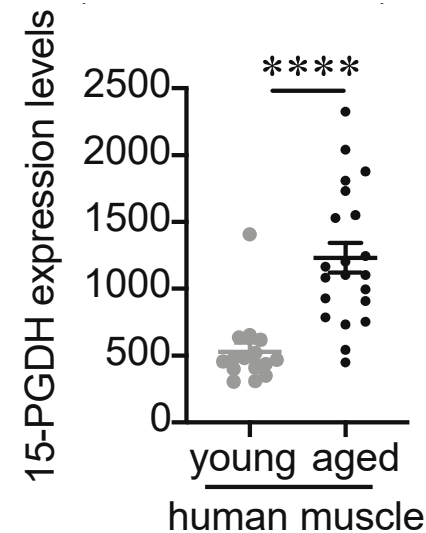
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15-PGDH, an Enzyme that Degrades PGE₂, is Upregulated in Aged Muscle

15-Hydroxyprostaglandin
Dehydrogenase (15-PGDH)
Reduces levels of PGE₂

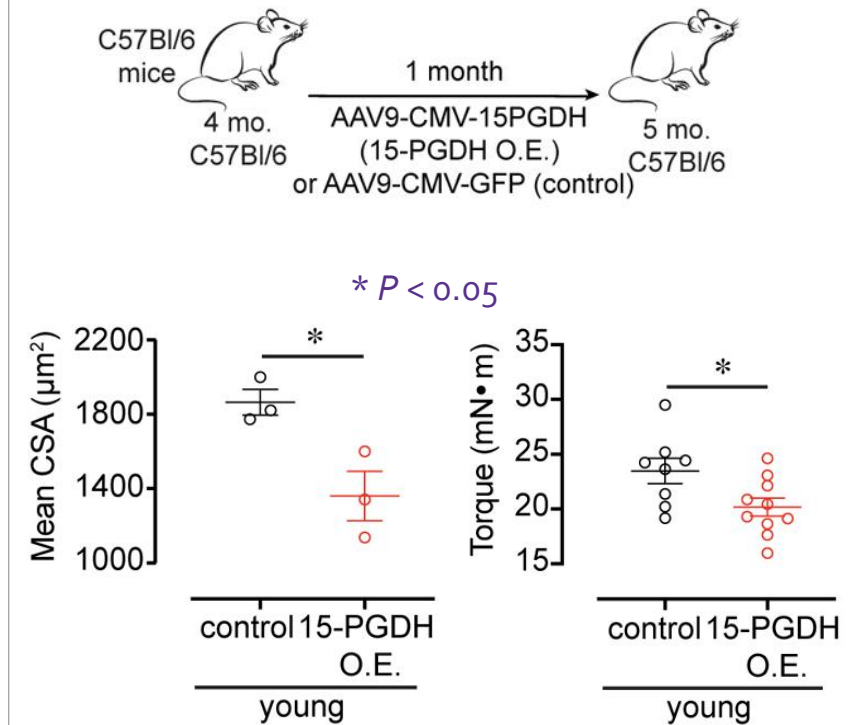


15-PGDH expression
Elevated in aged human muscle¹



- Vastus lateralis (microarray)
- Younger, N=15 (25 ± 3 y.o.)
- Older, N=21 (78 ± 6 y.o.)
- **** $P < 0.0001$

15-PGDH overexpression (O.E.)
Reduces myofiber cross-sectional area
(CSA) and muscle force²



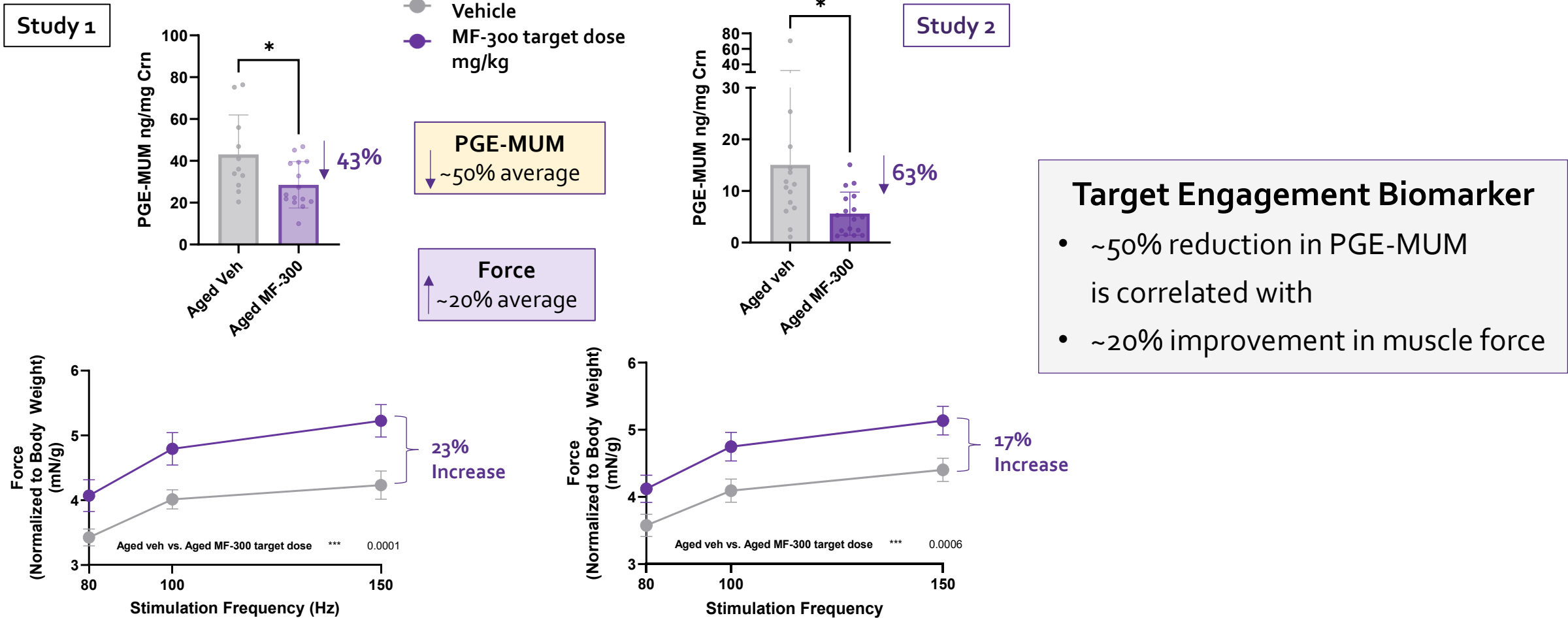
Improving Muscle Quality (Intrinsic Strength) Addresses High Unmet Need in Sarcopenia

Sarcopenia pathology		MF-300 therapeutic effects	
Age-related ↓ muscle-specific force	→	↑ specific force in aged muscle	✓
Fast-twitch muscle disproportionately lost → ↓ muscle power	→	↑ fast twitch muscle contractility	✓
Age-related deficits in protein synthesis and proteostasis	→	↑ ribosomes ↓ DNA damage response proteins ↓ muscle structural proteins	✓
Neuromuscular junction degradation	→	↑ post-synaptic scaffold proteins ↑ pre-synaptic transmission proteins	✓
Age-related expansion of cortical bone and porosity → frailty and falls	→	Slows age-related expansion of cortical bone and porosity	✓

↑ urinary PGE₂ levels and ↓ PGE-MUM demonstrates target engagement and use as translational biomarkers

Preclinical Sarcopenia Studies

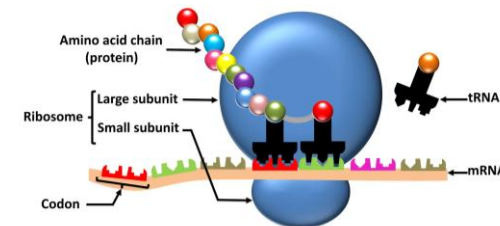
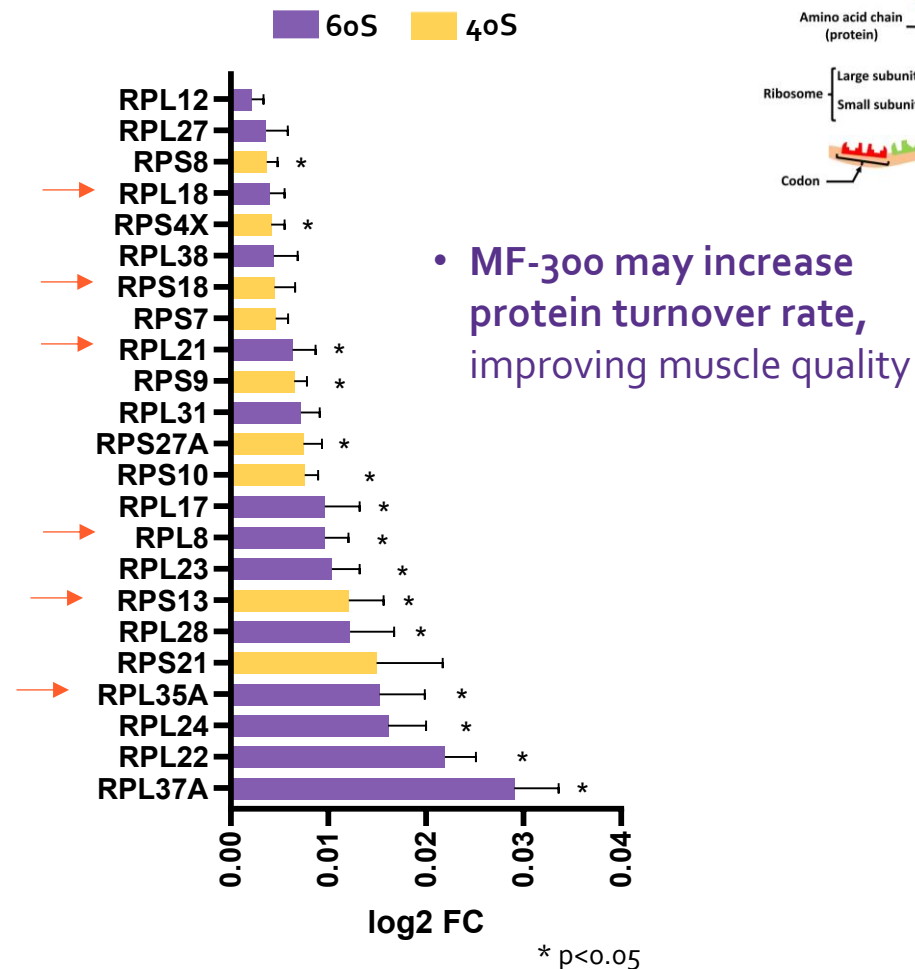
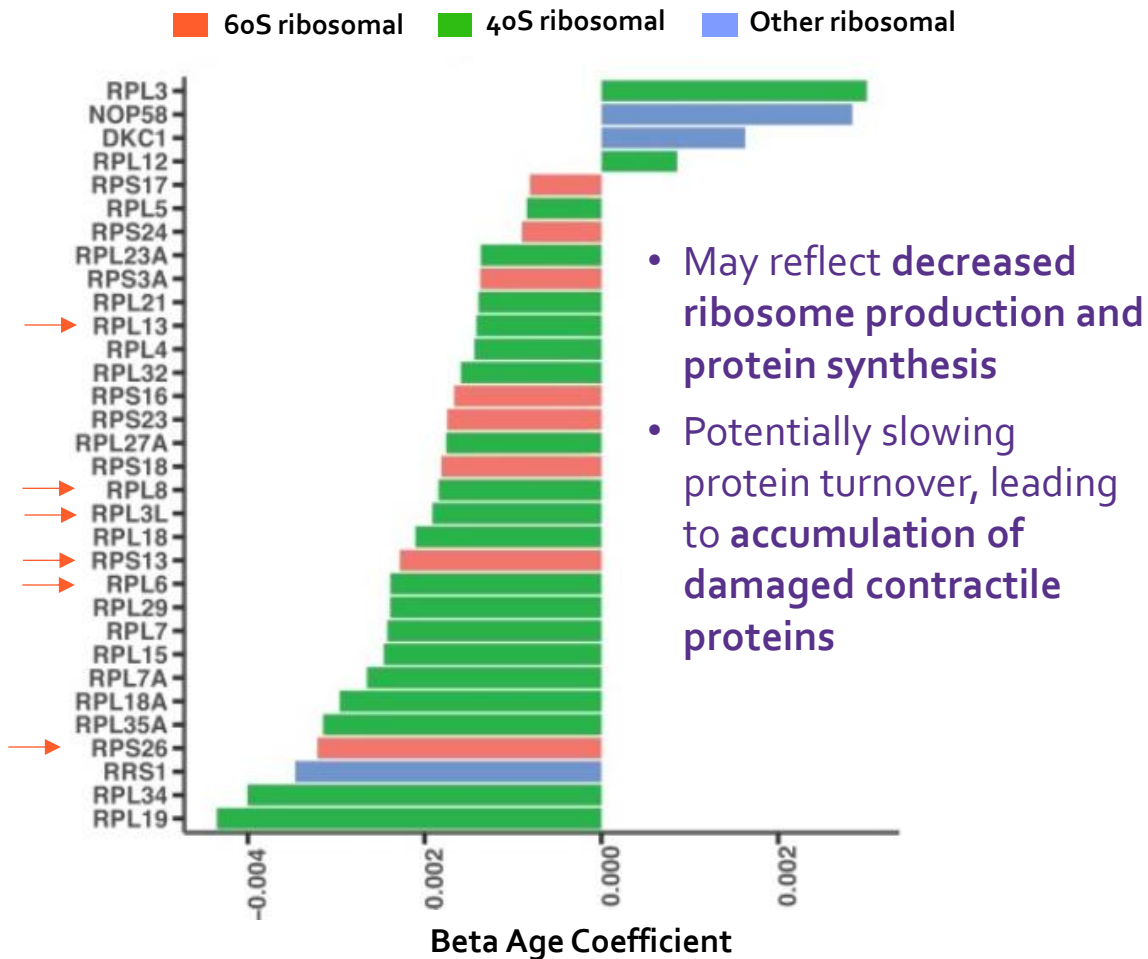
MF-300 target dose
Increased muscle force and reduced PGE2 Metabolite in aged mice



MF-300 Increased Many of the Ribosomal Proteins Reduced in Aging Skeletal Muscle

Reduced ribosomal protein abundance in muscle correlates with aging in human

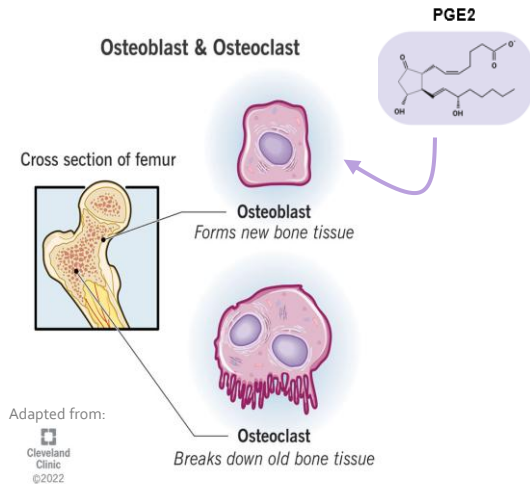
MF-300 increased abundance of large and small ribosomal proteins



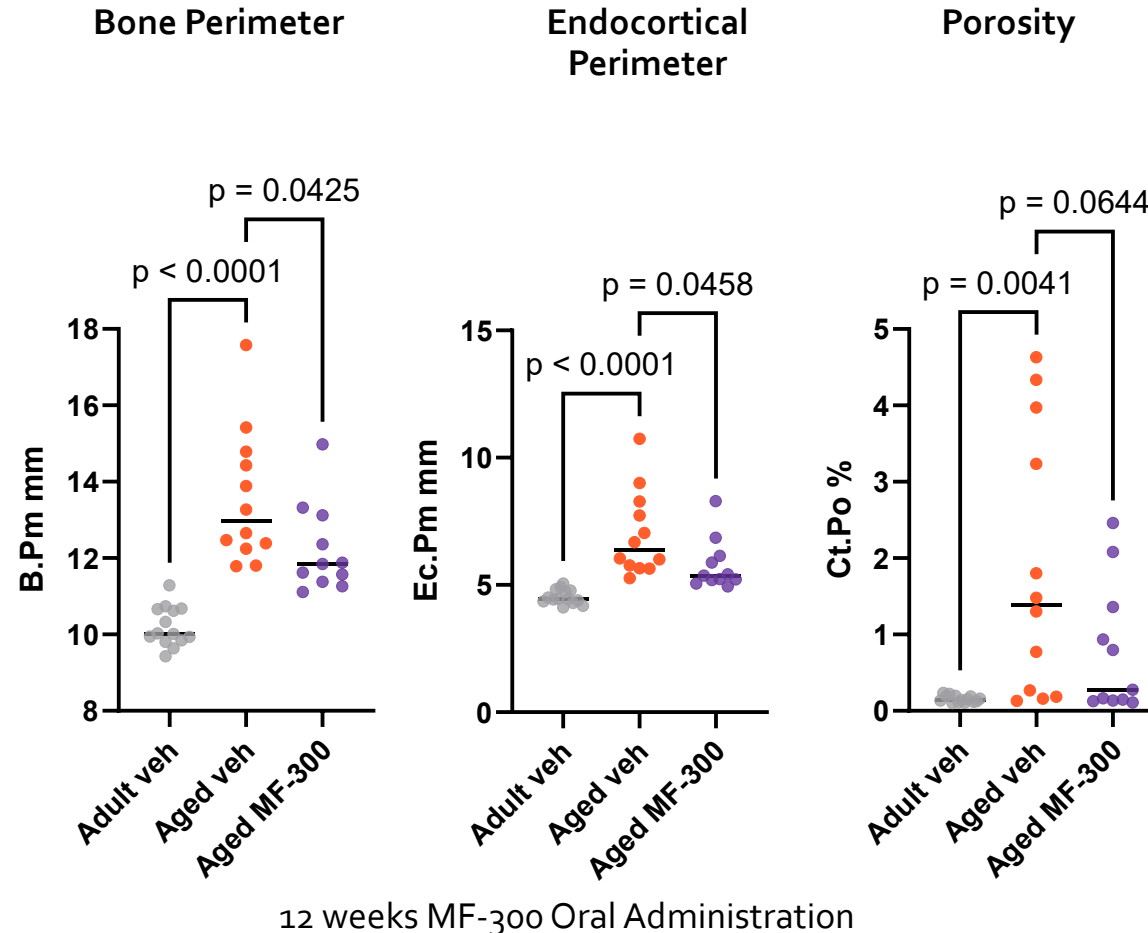
MF-300 Delays Age-Related Alterations in Bone Micro-Architecture

- Cortical bone increases in perimeter and develops pores with aging in rodents and humans
- More porous cortical bone is strongly linked to hip and wrist fractures, vertebral fragility
- PGE₂ supports bone remodeling by balancing bone formation and resorption

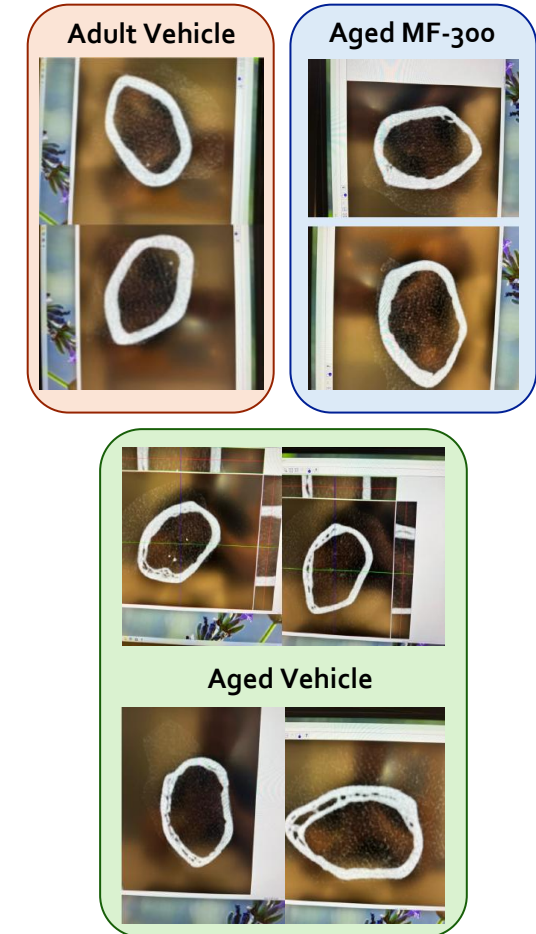
PGE₂ can Promote Osteoblast Activity



Mouse cortical bone Micro-Computed Tomography (μCT)



Cortical porosity by μCT



Phase 1 Clinical Study: Evaluating the Safety, Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics of MF-300 in Younger and Older Adults

Design: Double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled

Objectives:

- Assess safety and tolerability of MF-300
- Characterize MF-300 pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics (PGE₂, PGE-MUM)

Populations:

- Younger adults ≥ 18 - ≤ 65 years; Healthy volunteers
- Older adults >65 - ≤ 75 years; Controlled chronic conditions and stable concomitant medications permitted

Single Ascending and Multiple Ascending Dose Cohorts:

- Single Ascending Dose (SAD): 5 dose levels (75–800 mg), older adults received 125 mg
- Multiple Ascending Dose (MAD): 3 dose levels (75, 125, 200 mg) administered once daily (QD) for 5 days, older adults received 200 mg

Part 1a SAD

- 5 younger adult cohorts, 1 older adult cohort
- N=8 per cohort (2 pbo, 6 MF-300)
- Single dose
- Doses: 75, 125, 250, 500, & 800mg



Part 2 MAD

- 3 younger adult cohorts, 1 older adult cohort
- N=10 per cohort (2 pbo, 8 MF-300)
- QD dosing for 5 days
- Doses: 75mg, 125mg, 200mg

¹ Older adults received MF-300 125mg in the SAD phase and MF-300 200mg in the MAD phase.

Phase 1 Clinical Success Criteria to Enable Phase 2b

- All predefined Phase 1 success criteria across Safety, PK, and PD were achieved
- Comparable clinical profile between younger and older adults
- Study results enable advancement into Phase 2b

Safety

- ✓ Safe and well-tolerated
- ✓ No unexpected or dose-limiting findings
- ✓ Majority of adverse events mild and self-limiting
- ✓ No discontinuations due to adverse events

PK

- ✓ Exposure increases predictably with dose
- ✓ Half-life supports once daily dosing
- ✓ Human PK exposures aligned with preclinical efficacy targets

PD

- ✓ Evidence of target engagement (15-PGDH) w/ substantial reductions in PGE₂ metabolites
- ✓ Proof of mechanism: Clear evidence of mechanism with dose-related increases in PGE₂ levels
- ✓ Clear dose-response relationship defining therapeutic range, supportive of Phase 2b dose selection

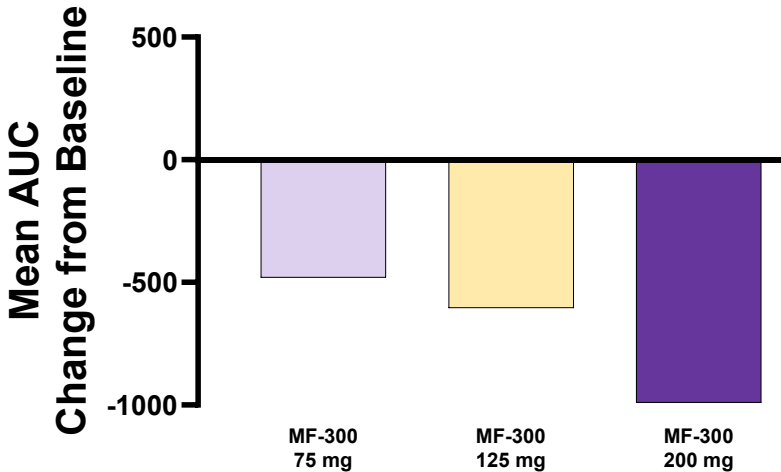
Biomarker Data Provides Proof of Mechanism for MF-300 in Younger Adults



- PGE-MUM Reductions Consistent with ~20% improvement in muscle force in sarcopenia mouse model
- PGE2 Increases consistent with that following eccentric exercise in humans (~60%)

Placebo-adjusted PGE-MUM
Change from Baseline

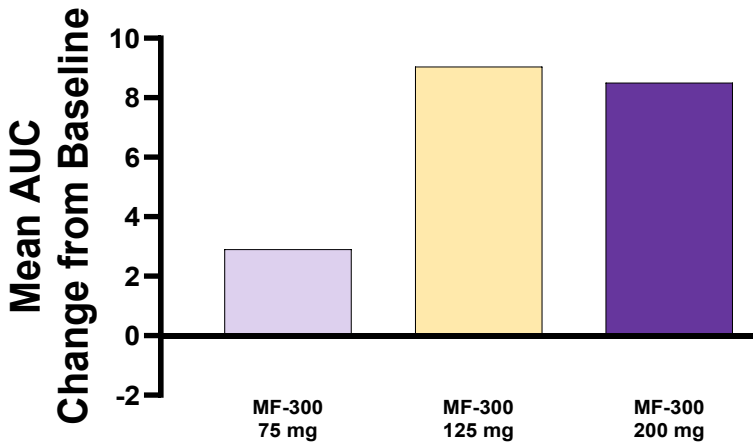
MF-300 (mg)	75	125	200
Placebo Adj. % Change	-64%	-64%	-83%*



*p<0.05 versus placebo (95% CI does not include 0)

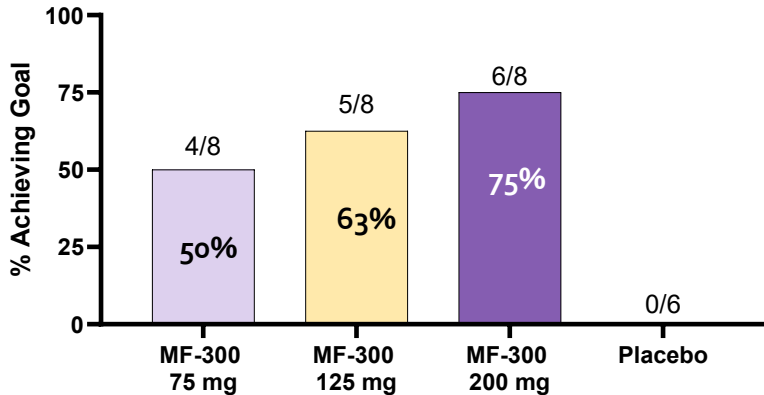
Placebo-adjusted PGE2
Change from Baseline

MF-300 (mg)	75	125	200
Placebo Adj. % Change	+77%	+116%	+128%



Note: Two outlier subjects in the 75 mg group, with markedly greater PGE2 responses due to low baseline values, were excluded from analysis, including the two subjects = 614% increase in MF-300 75 mg dose group.

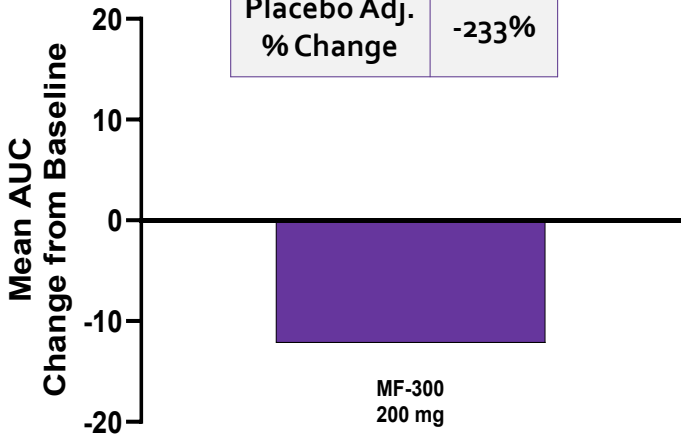
% Subjects with ≥50% decrease in
PGE-MUM & ≥60% Increase in PGE2



Biomarker Modulation in Older Adults Consistent with that Observed in the Younger Population

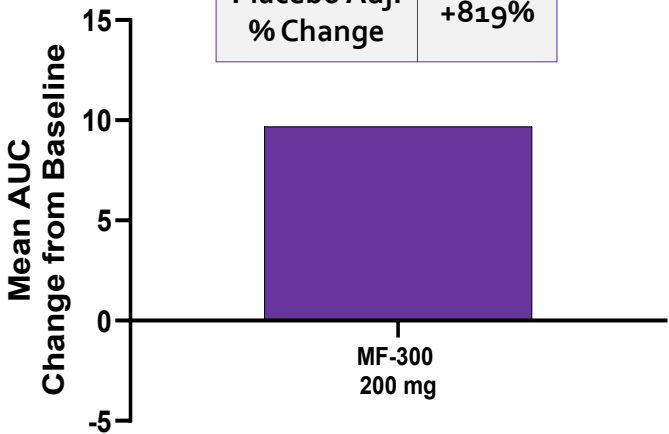
Placebo-adjusted PGE-MUM Change from Baseline

MF-300 (mg)	200
Placebo Adj. % Change	-233%

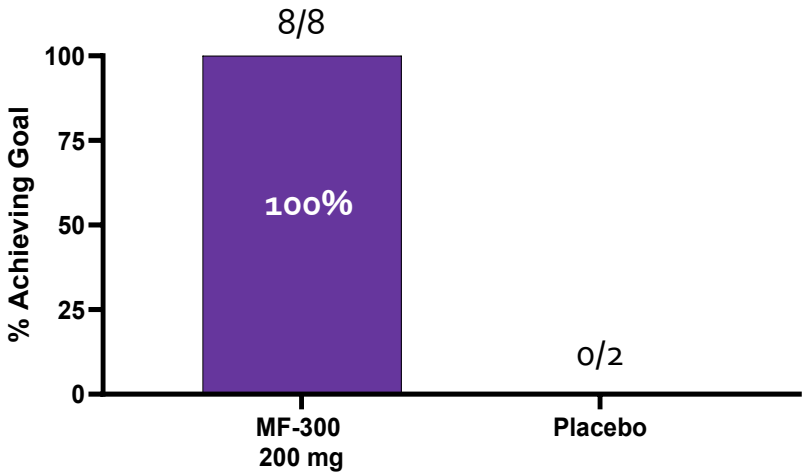


Placebo-adjusted PGE₂ Change from Baseline

MF-300 (mg)	200
Placebo Adj. % Change	+819%

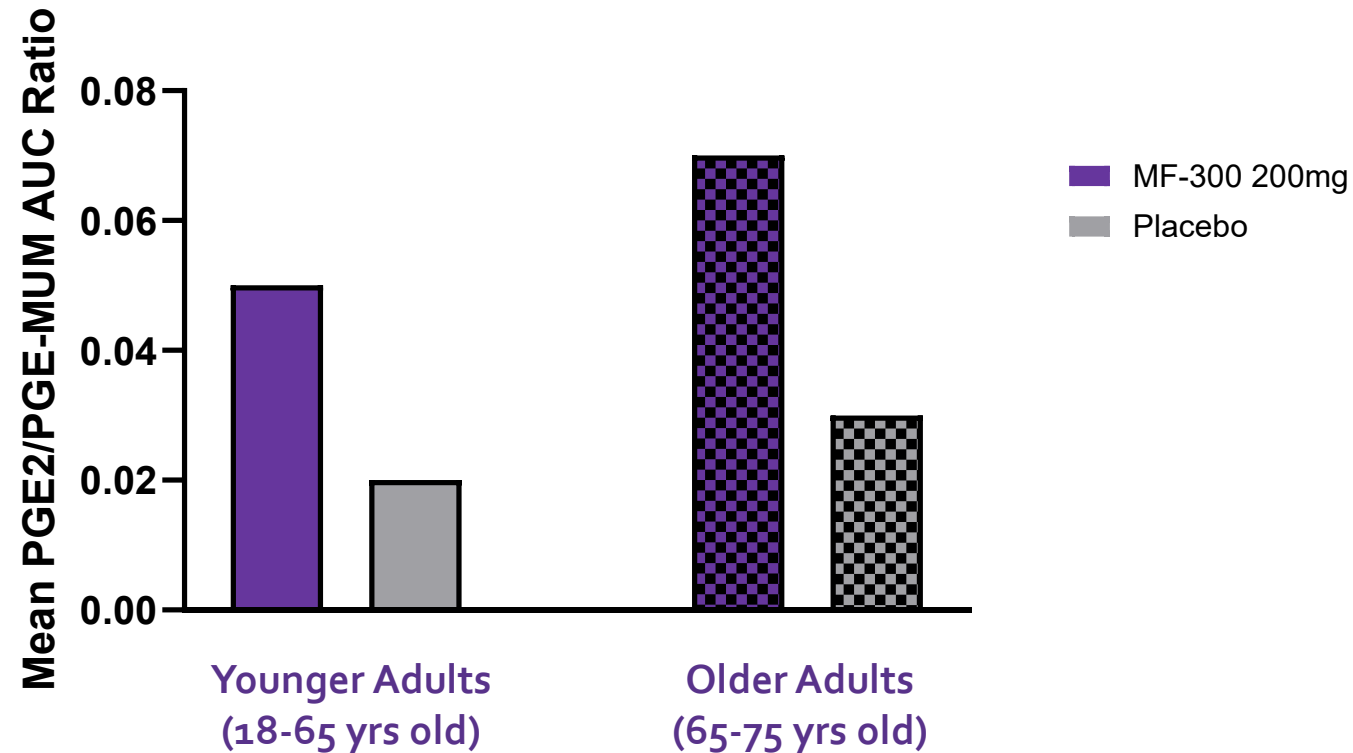


% Subjects with $\geq 50\%$ decrease in PGE-MUM & $\geq 60\%$ Increase in PGE₂



MF-300 Increases the Ratio of PGE₂/PGE-MUM Consistent with Reduced PGE₂ Catabolism in Both Age Groups

2-fold increase in PGE₂/PGE-MUM Ratio in both Age Groups –
Consistent Functional Inhibition



Two-Part Phase 2 Study Design

Part A: Open-label (Exploratory, Hypothesis Generating)

~20 patients (≥65 yrs)
diagnosed with
sarcopenia¹

MF-300 75 mg QD (n=20)

Wk 0
(Day 1) Wk 12 Wk 24

Functional Endpoints:

- 5x Chair Stand Test, SPPB, Grip strength, 4-meter gait speed

Imaging (DXA)

Bone biomarkers

QoL Measures

Part B: Double-blind Randomized Placebo Controlled

Stratification

1:1:1

~200 patients (≥65 yrs)
diagnosed with
sarcopenia¹

R

Placebo (n=67)

MF-300 75 mg QD (n=67)

MF-300 200 mg QD (n=67)

Wk 0 Wk 2 Wk 6 Wk 12 Wk 18 Wk 24 Wk 28
(Day 1) EoT Follow-up/EoS

Primary Endpoint:

- 5x Chair Stand Test

Secondary Endpoints:

- SPPB
- Hand grip strength
- Knee extension
- 4-meter gait speed
- Imaging (DXA, CT)
- Bone biomarkers
- Incidence of falls
- QoL Measures

EoT=end of treatment; EoS=end of study; R=randomization; SPPB=Short Physical Performance Battery; Wk=week

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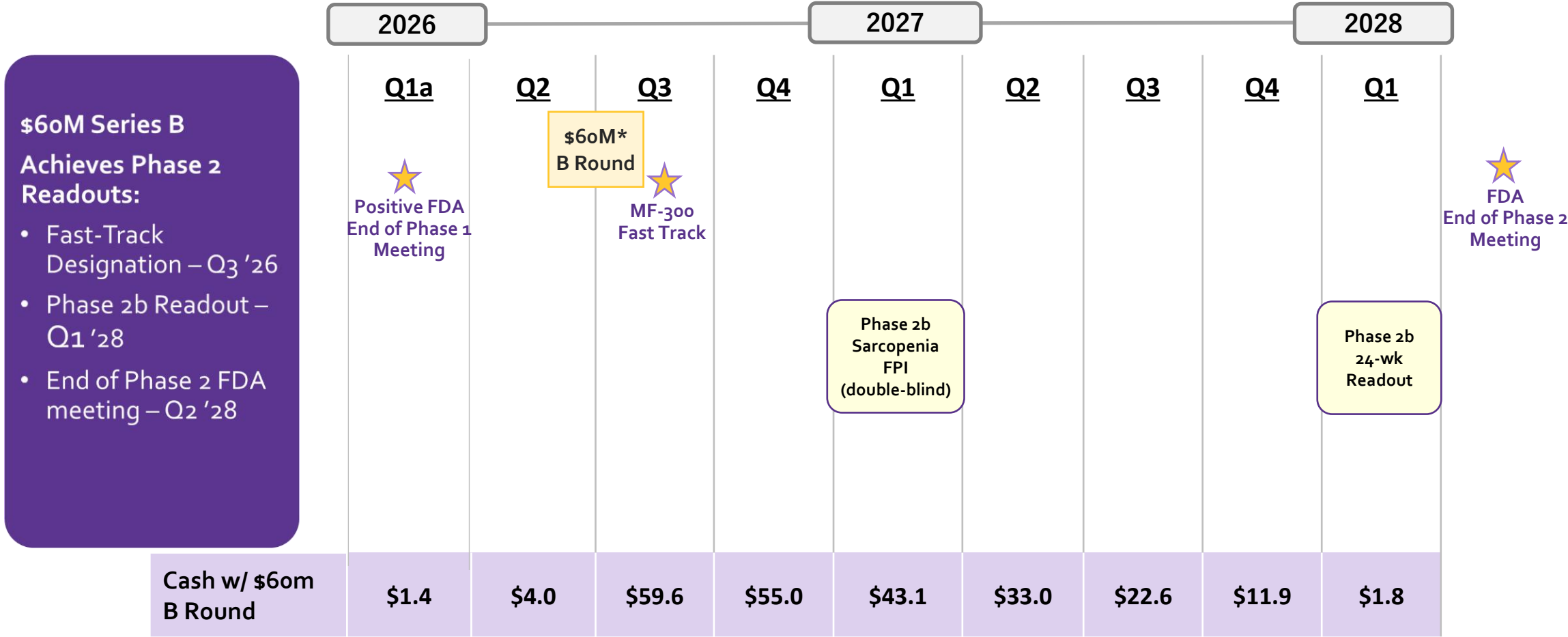
Key Outcomes

- The **FDA's written feedback was overall positive and constructive**
- **The Phase 2b study design was endorsed**, including FDA agreement to the patient population, primary and secondary efficacy endpoints, treatment duration and dosing regimen of MF-300
- **FDA agreed that the efficacy endpoints evaluated in the Phase 2b study will inform Phase 3 endpoint selection**
- **FDA supports pursuing Fast Track Designation**, signaling that they consider Sarcopenia a serious condition and that MF-300 has the potential to address an unmet need

Strategic Implications

- Supports advancement of MF-300 to a Phase 2b study
- Phase 3 endpoint strategy is conditionally endorsed – regulatory risk around endpoints is reduced
- Fast Track, if accepted, will allow greater access to FDA during development and enable priority review, potentially accelerating development timelines

\$60M Series B Achieves Phase 2 Readouts – Multiple Value Inflection Points



End of Presentation



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Northwestern University
International leader in PRO;

Key leader in the development of PROMIS® ;

FDA advisor on Care Outcome Set.



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Founding Chairman of the Department of Bioengineering at Stanford

Stanford, Wu Tsai Center Biomedical Engineering

Stanford engineer pioneering biomechanics, muscle performance, and wearable monitoring technologies.



Jerome Feige, PhD

Adult Health Science Lead & Senior Expert in Musculoskeletal Health

Led drug discovery for muscle diseases at Novartis, contributing to development of new therapies.

Built muscle biology and translational programs leading to commercialization of several products and start-ups.



Roger Fielding, PhD

Co-Director, Boston NIA Center
Tufts University

Researcher studying the underlying mechanisms contributing to the age-associated decline in skeletal muscle mass. Published landmark studies in sarcopenia, frailty and muscle function. Conducted numerous studies examining the roll of skeletal muscle power on physical performance in older adults.



Jose M. Garcia, MD, PhD

Physician-Scientist at the Puget Sound VA Health Care System

University of Washington, Seattle

Directing the Clinical Research Unit and the GRECC. Expert in wasting disorders, leading basic and clinical research on ghrelin, androgens, and other anabolic pathways.



Jack Guralnik, MD, PhD

Professor, Epidemiology & Public Health

U of Maryland, Medical School

Developed the SPPB, a gold-standard functional outcome; expert in disability and mobility trials.



George Kuchel, MD

Professor of Medicine, Travelers Chair in Geriatrics and Gerontology, and Director of the UConn Center on Aging and Pepper Center

University of Connecticut

Researcher studying functional decline, mobility, and cognition, in older adults, with a mission of precision gerontology to tailor interventions to individual variability.



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Mayo Clinic

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Presidential Distinguished Professor

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Professor, The Jackson Laboratory.

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At FDA, provided leadership in drug policy and drug development in sarcopenia.