



SP-101 gene therapy restores CFTR function in human CF airway epithelial cultures and drives hCFTR Δ R transgene expression in the airways of CF and non-CF ferrets

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SP-101 – a novel, inhaled gene therapy to treat CF

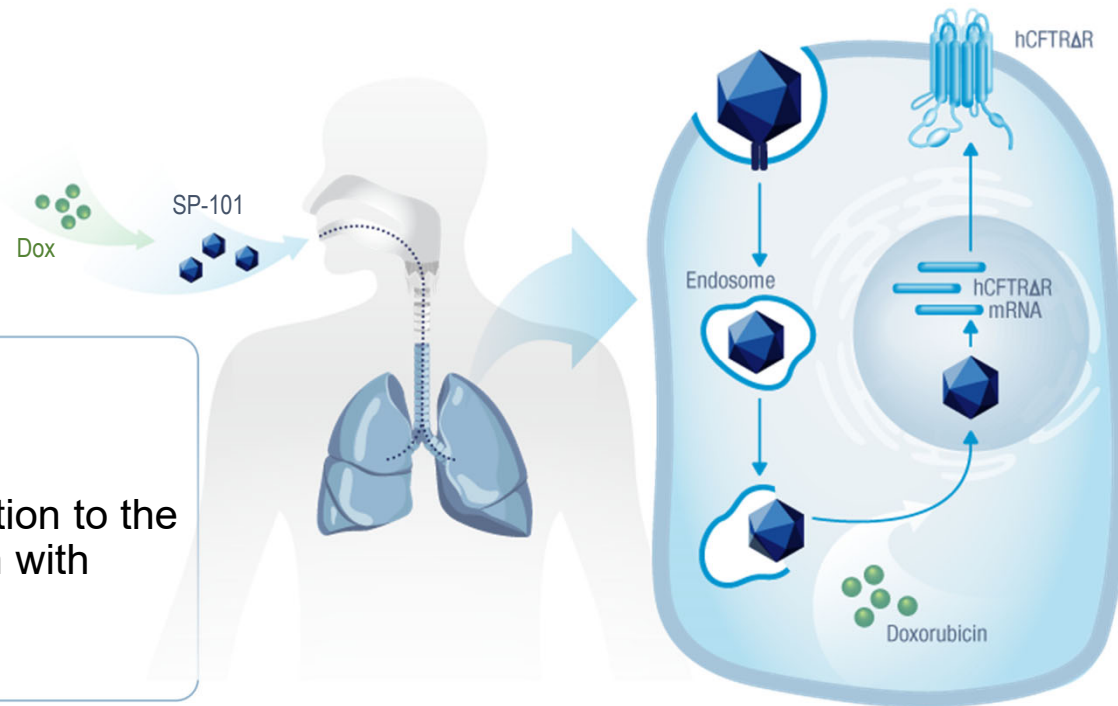
DESIGN FEATURES



- AAV capsid selected for tropism to the apical surface of human airway epithelia (HAE)¹
- *hCFTRΔR* minigene with regulatory elements^{2,3}

MECHANISM OF ACTION

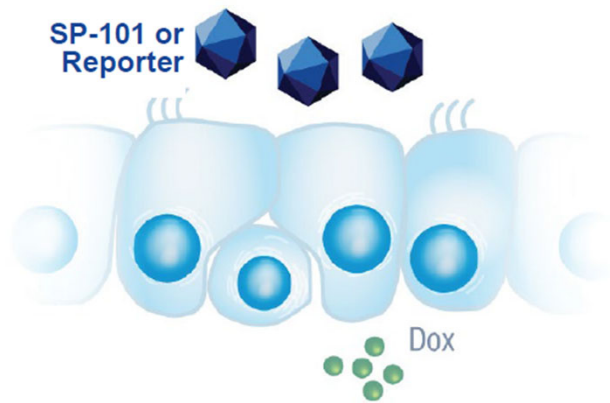
- Efficient apical entry
- Enhanced SP-101 translocation to the nucleus by co-administration with doxorubicin (Dox)^{4,5}
- Increased CFTR expression



¹Excoffon et al., PNAS 2009; ²Ostedgaard et al., PNAS 2002; ³Yan et al., Hum Gene Ther. 2015; ⁴Yan et al. J Virol. 2004; ⁵Zhang et al., Mol Ther. 2004

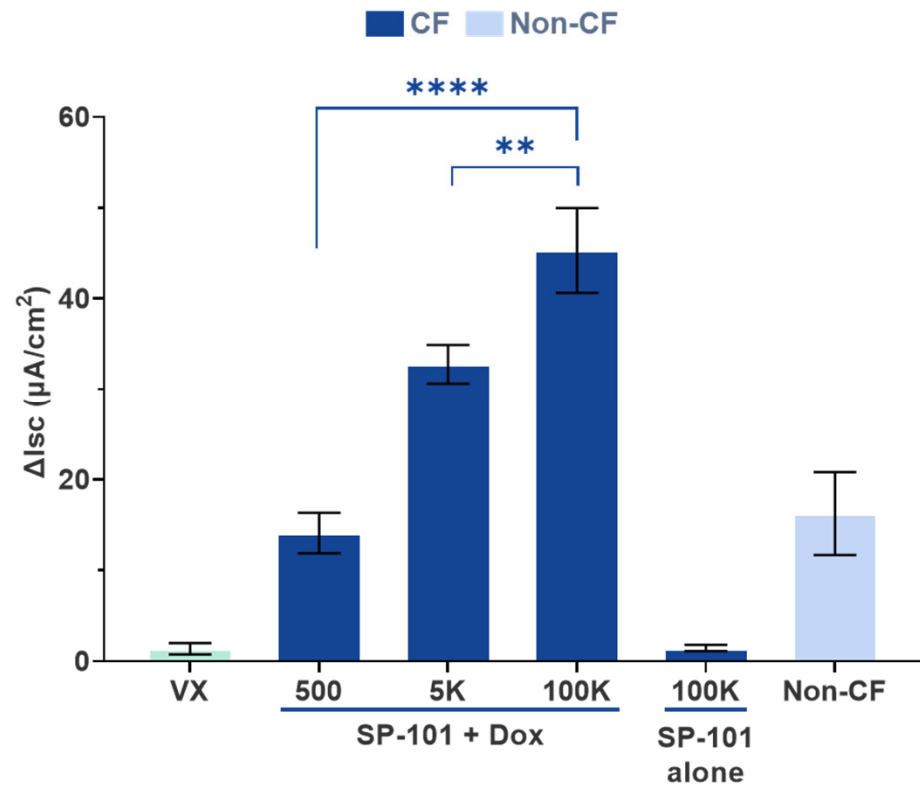
SP-101 demonstrates dose-dependent functional correction

Polarized primary human CF airway epithelia with class I mutations (W1282X/R1162X, N=3)



CFTR Function (Ussing)

SP-101/Dox 16 h incubation, analysis at D7

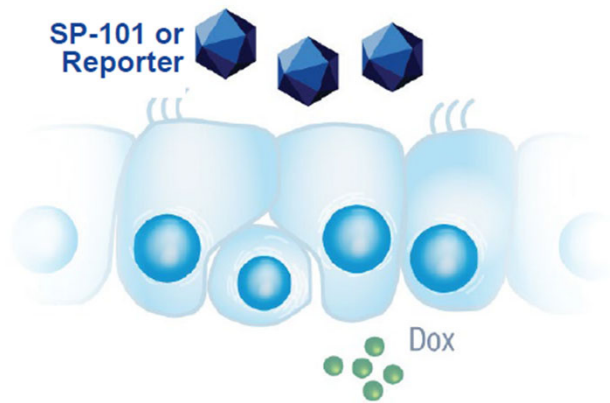


p < 0.01; **p < 0.0001

VX - CFTR triple modulators VX-770/661/445

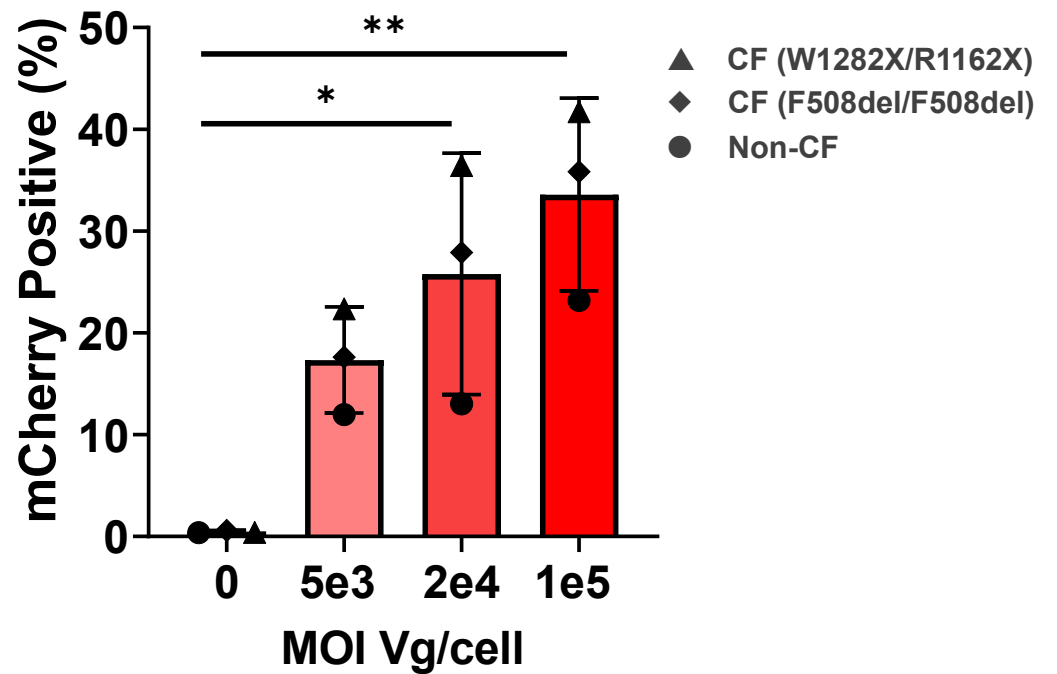
The degree of HAE transduction is SP-101 MOI and donor dependent

Polarized primary human CF or non-CF airway epithelia



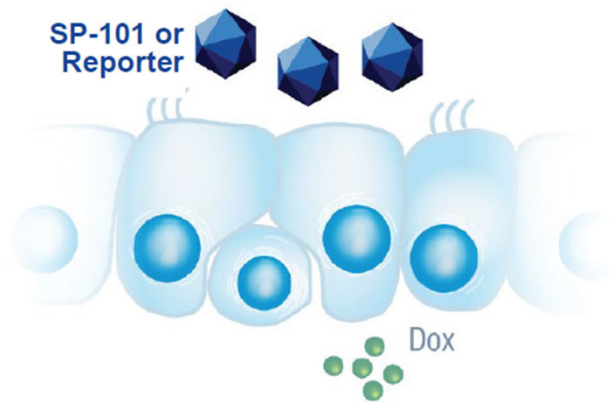
Quantitative flow cytometry

SP-101 Capsid mCherry Reporter/Dox 16 h incubation, analysis at D7



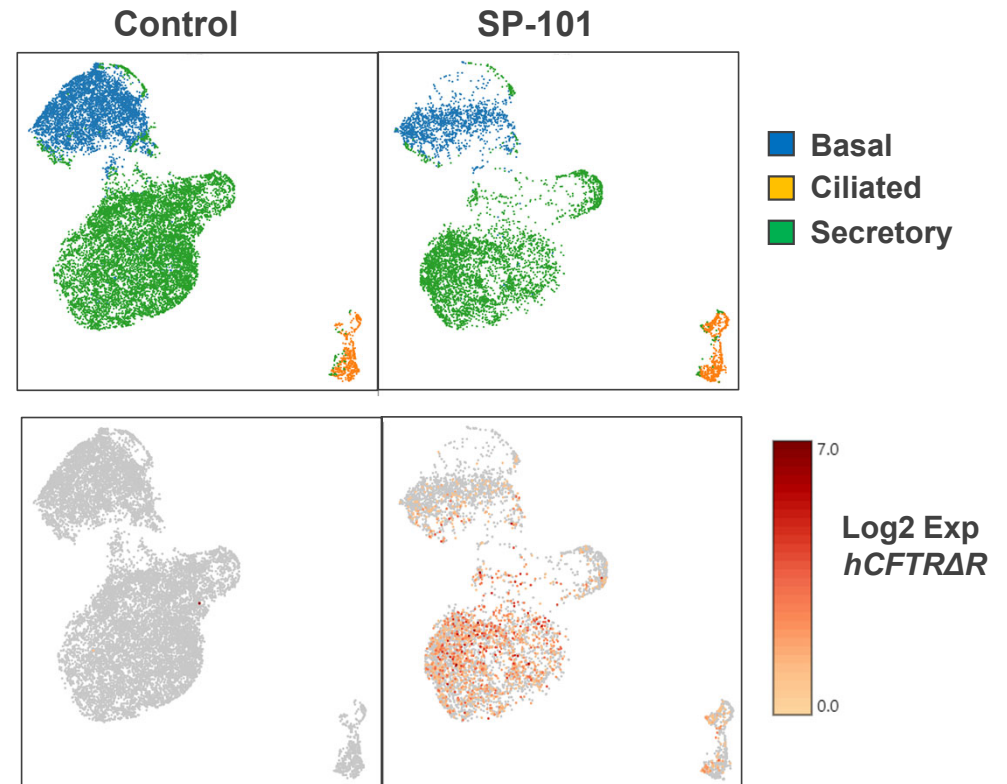
The major cell types in CF HAE are transduced by SP-101

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(W1282X/R1162X)



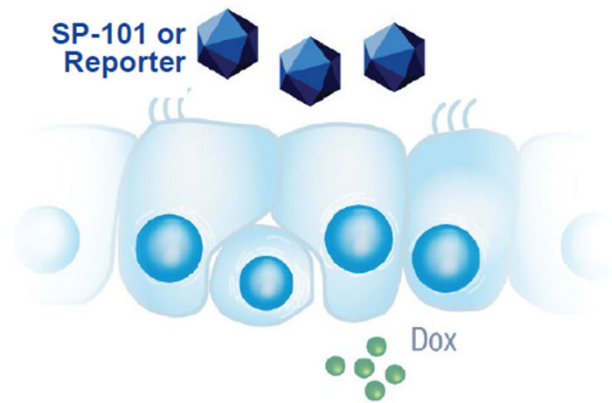
Single-cell RNA sequencing

SP-101/Dox 16 h incubation, analysis at D7



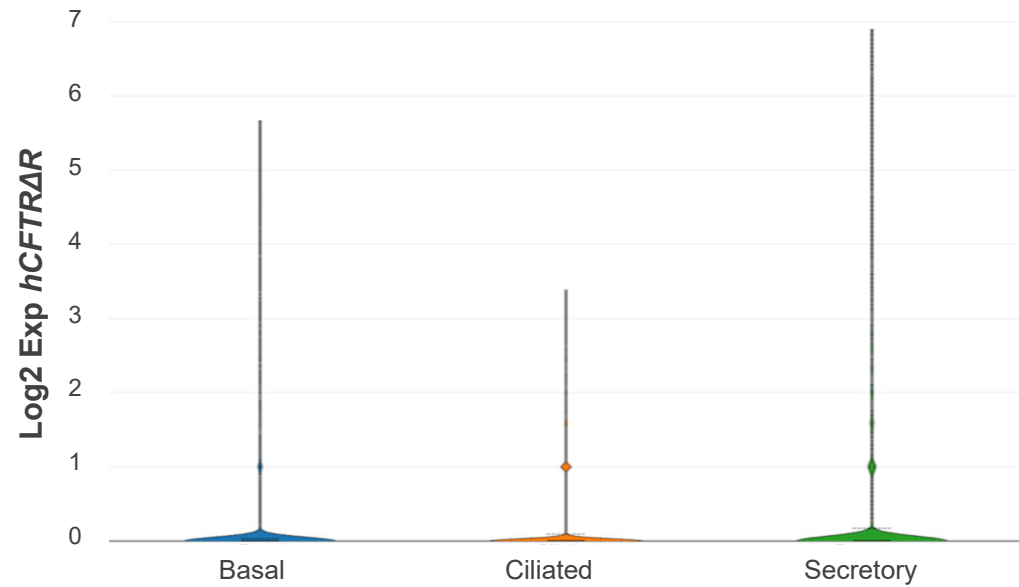
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Ferret as a model to evaluate inhaled SP-101

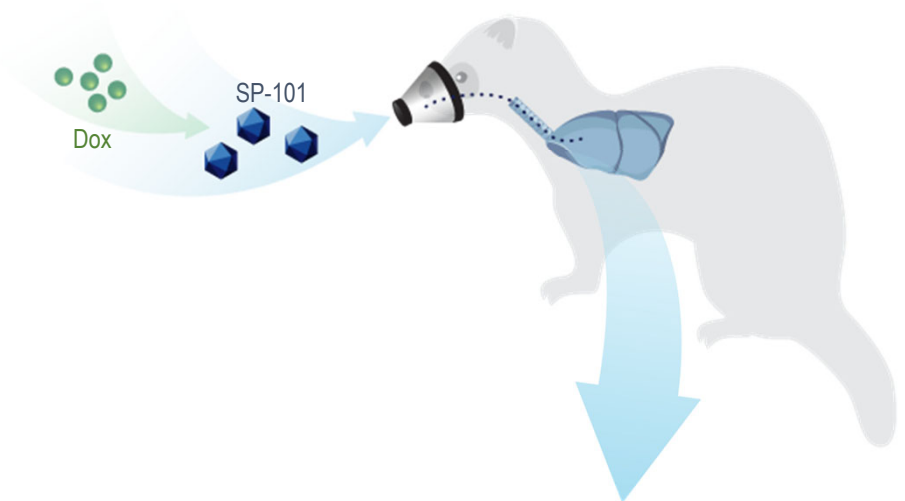


SP-101 capsid is tropic to ferret airway cells¹

CF ferret model recapitulates human CF lung pathology²

Ability to administer via inhalation

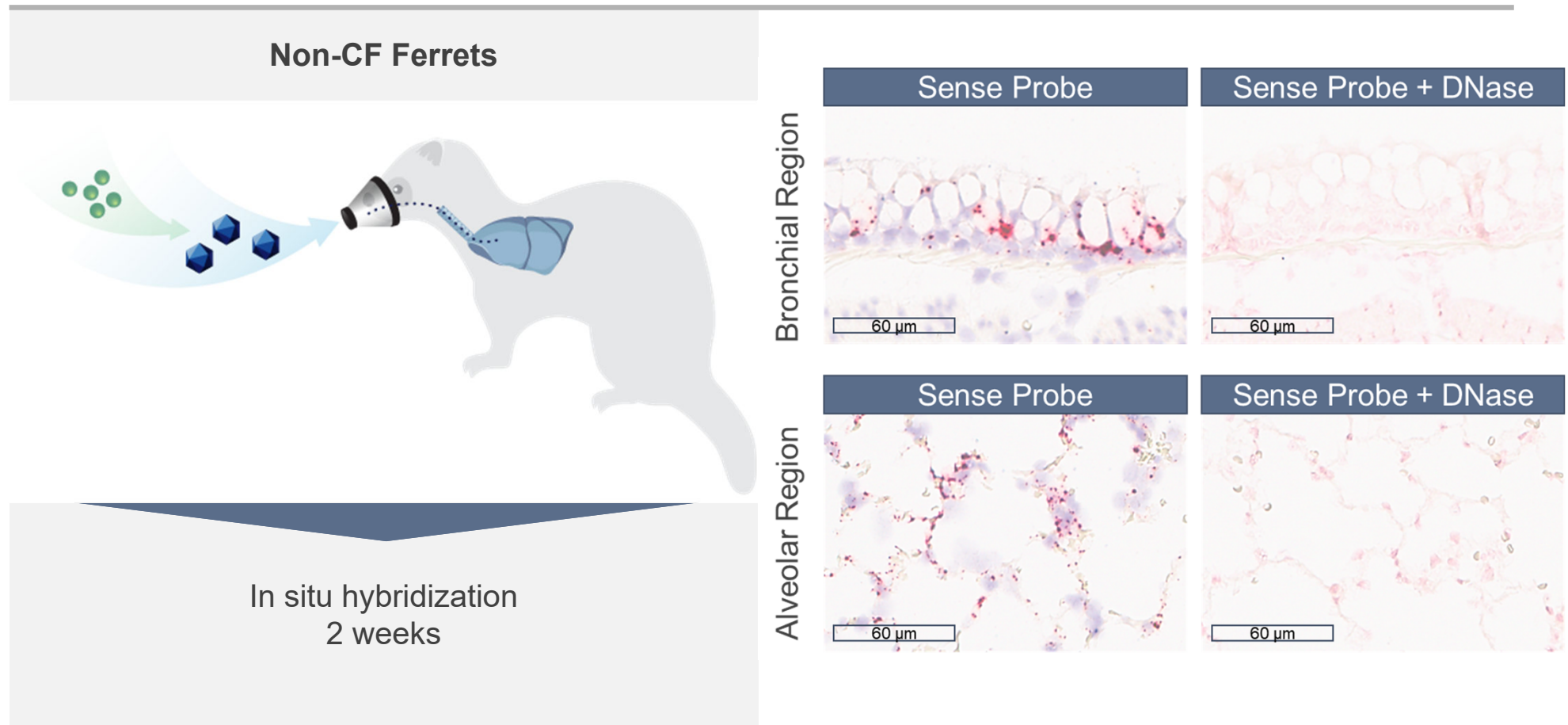
METHODS



In situ hybridization
SP-101 vector genomes
hCFTRΔR mRNA expression

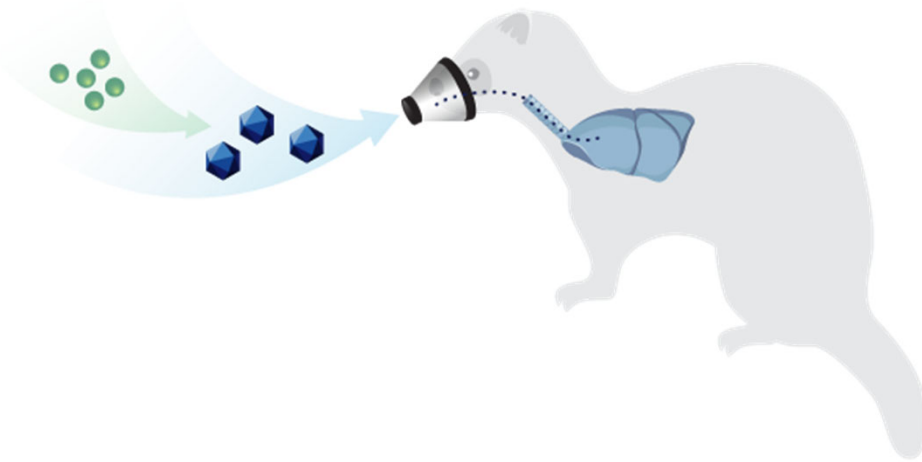
¹ Tang et al, Mol Ther Methods Clin Dev. 2020 ² Sun et al, Sci Transl Med. 2019

SP-101 vector genomes are abundant in many regions of ferret lungs

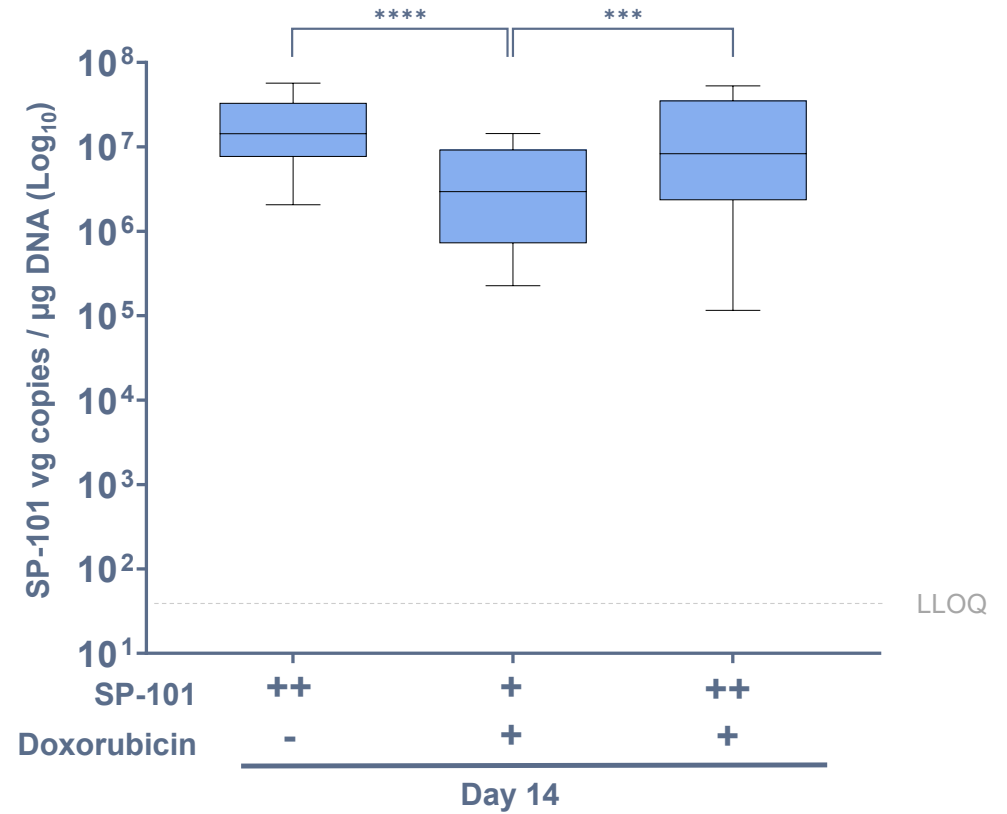


SP-101 biodistribution is dose dependent and is not impacted by doxorubicin

Non-CF Ferrets



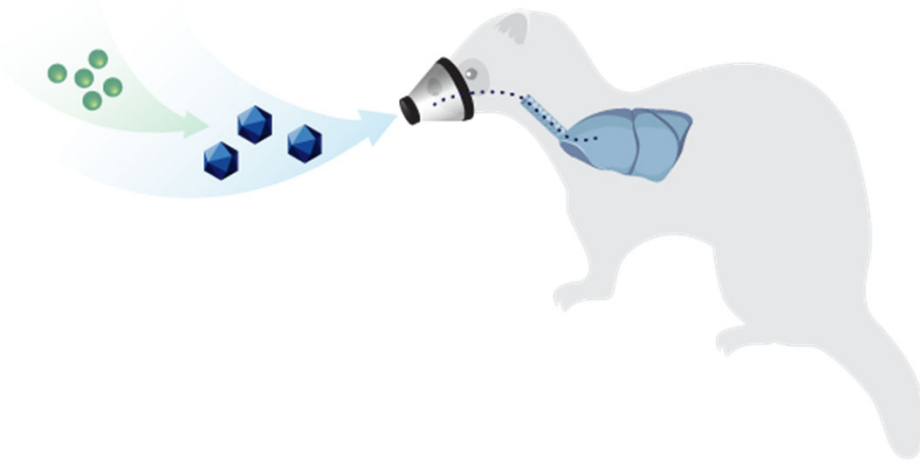
SP-101 vector genomes (vg, qPCR)
2 weeks



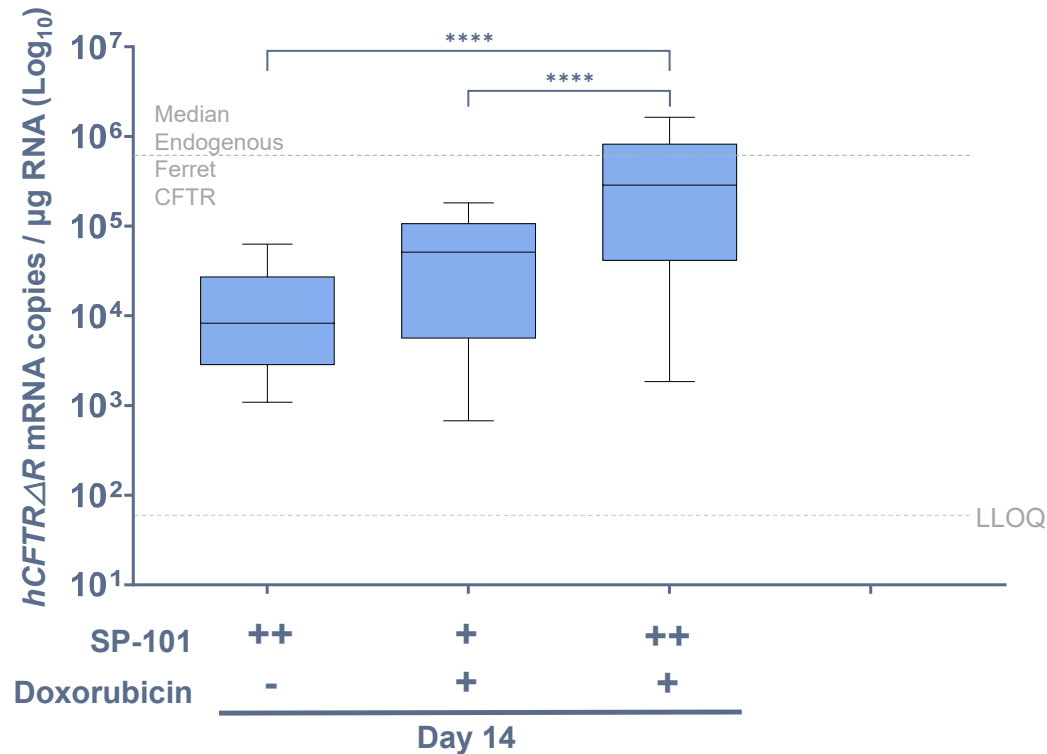
****p < 0.0001
***p < 0.001

Doxorubicin increases $hCFTR\Delta R$ mRNA expression >10 fold, reaching levels of endogenous ferret CFTR

Non-CF Ferrets



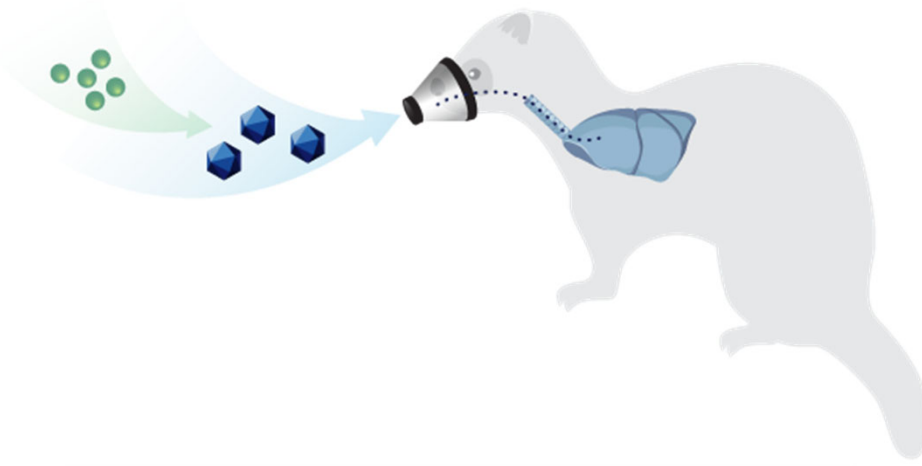
$hCFTR\Delta R$ mRNA expression (RT-qPCR)
2 weeks



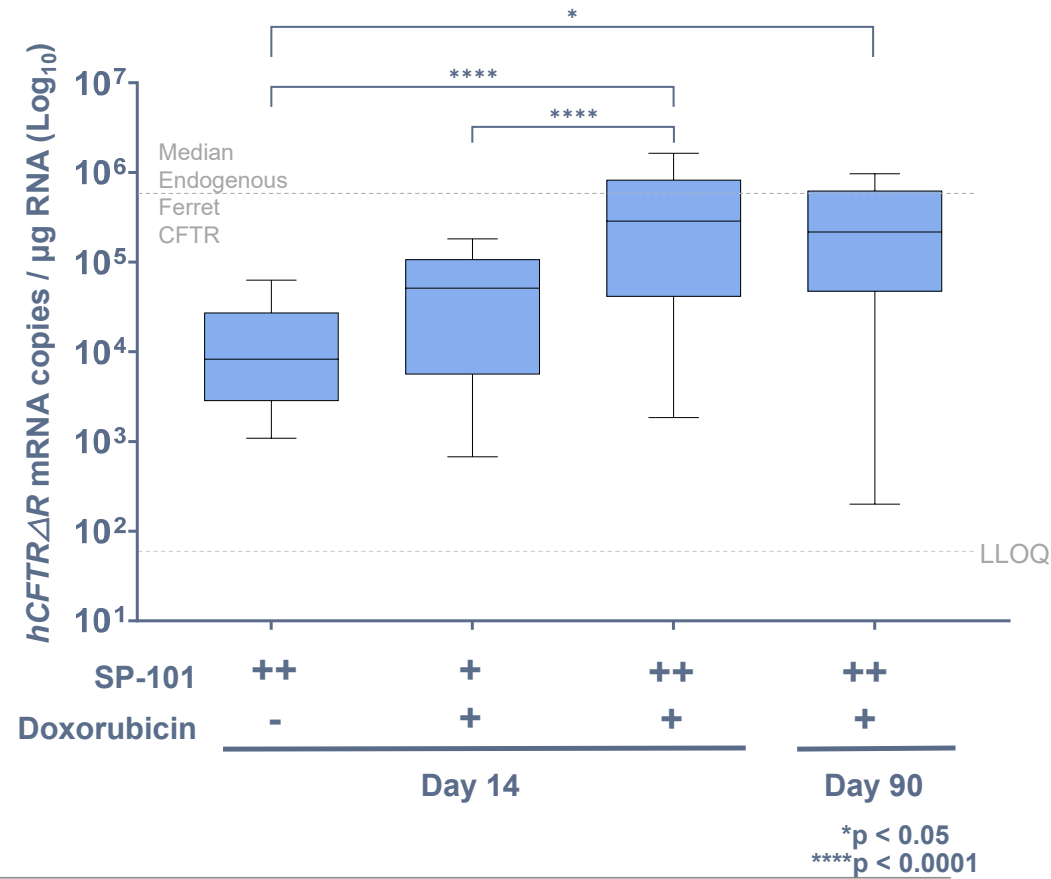
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hCFTR Δ R mRNA expression is durable

Non-CF Ferrets

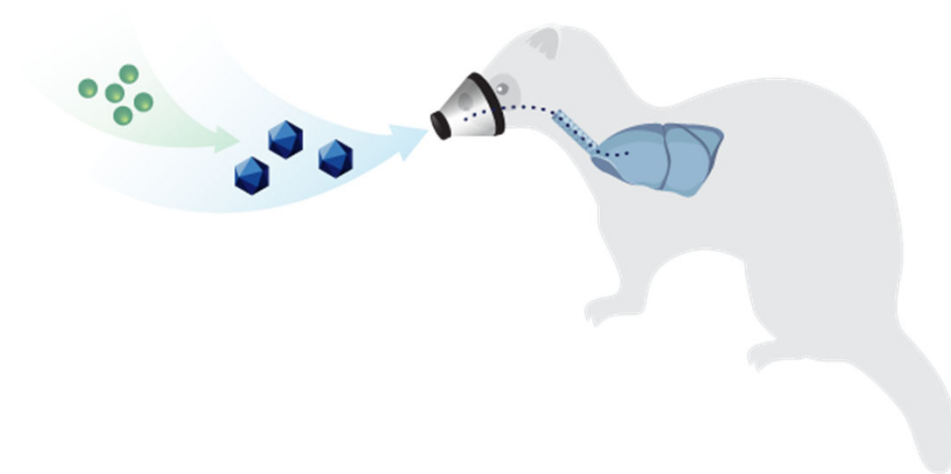


hCFTR Δ R mRNA expression
2 weeks and 12 weeks (end of study)

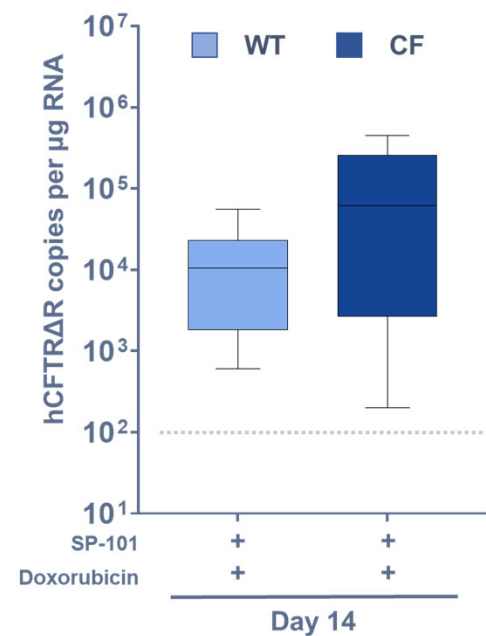
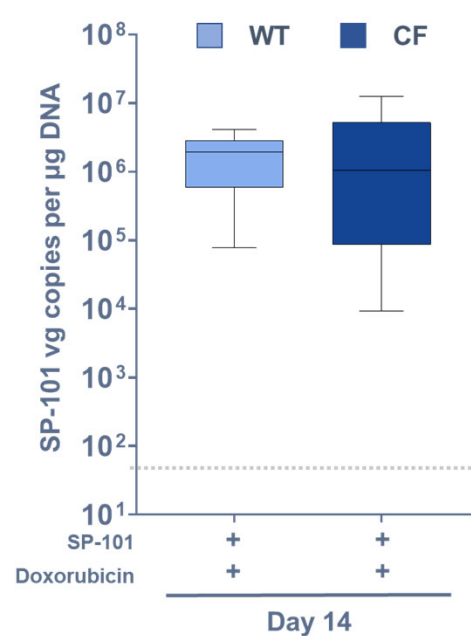


SP-101 biodistribution and *hCFTR Δ R* mRNA expression is similar in CF and non-CF ferrets

CF and Non-CF Ferrets



SP-101 vector genomes (vg) and *hCFTR Δ R* mRNA expression
2 weeks



SP-101 holds great promise for people living with CF

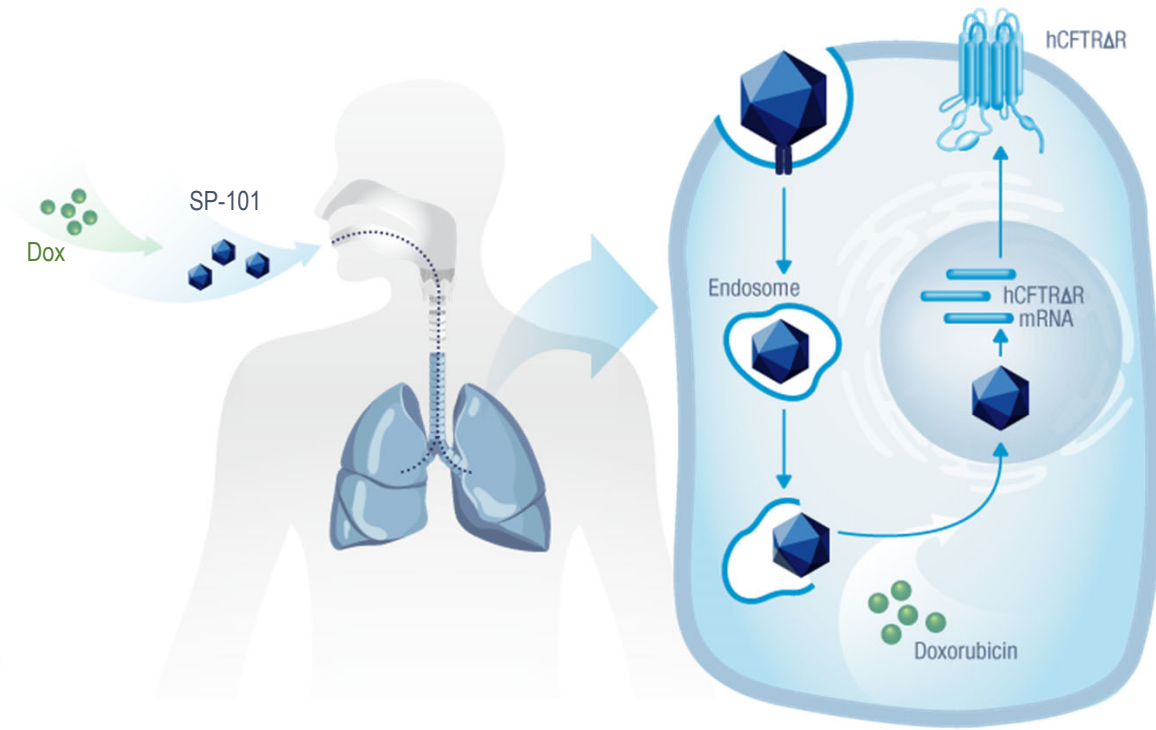
SP-101 functionally corrects CF HAE

Doxorubicin is required for efficient CF correction by SP-101

SP-101 is tropic to many human airway epithelial cell types

hCFTR Δ R expression and CF correction are dose responsive, durable, and reach levels similar to endogenous ferret CFTR

hCFTR Δ R mRNA expression is similar in CF and wild-type ferrets, suggesting that the CF airway is not an additional barrier to SP-101



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