

# Alaxia

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# Location and Primary Focus

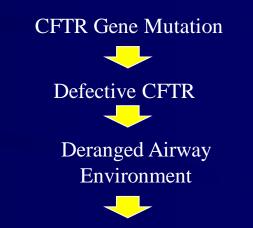
- Incorporated in 2008, ALAXIA is a private biotech company based in Lyon, France
- Main Focus: Development of medicinal products targeting respiratory diseases, Products exiting our Peroxidase platform.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Product : Meveol<sup>®</sup> for Cystic Fibrosis

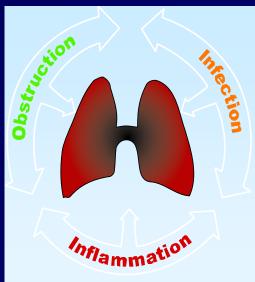
# **Cystic Fibrosis**



### Physiopathology:

- Genetic disease of the body's mucus glands
- ► Rare disease 1.2/10,000 in EU
- > Affects the respiratory and digestive systems
- ➢ Implication of CFTR\* Gene − CFTR Protein







### What happens in Cystic Fibrosis lungs?

#### CFTR is defective

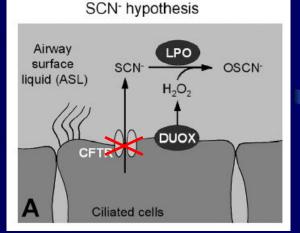
• Chronic Inflammation

• Lack of antimicrobial molecules

Stailure in inhibition of bacterial growth

Childers et al., 2007  $\Rightarrow$  SCN<sup>-</sup> doesn't cross CFTR Moskwa et al., 2007  $\Rightarrow$  Lack of OSCN<sup>-</sup> in CF Conner et al., 2007  $\Rightarrow$  Defective LPS in CF





Fischer, 2009

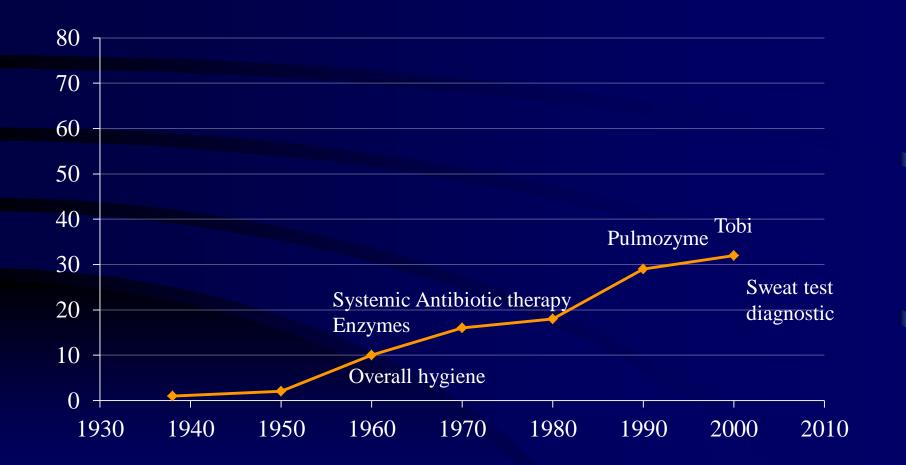
• Thick mucus

♦ defective mucociliary transport

CF lung sensitive to opportunist pathogens responsible of lethal infections



## Life Expectancy



# MEVEOL

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# Concept

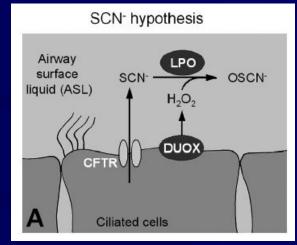


How do normal airways prevent and resolve bacterial infections?

Airways epithelial cells secrete :

• Various antimicrobial molecules

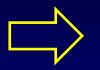
inhibition of bacterial growth



• Mucus

Fischer, 2009

traps and remove bacteria by mucociliary transport



Healthy lungs resistant to opportunist pathogens



## **Meveol : Alaxia's First Drug in Development**

- Attributes of Meveol (OSCN<sup>-</sup>/Lactoferrin)
  - A designated orphan drug
  - Multiple Patents
  - 1<sup>st</sup> product exiting peroxidase platform
  - Antimicrobial, wide spectrum,
    - Pseudomonas Aeruginosa , Burkholderia cepacia, MRSA, Mycobacterium abscessus...
  - Mechanism of action:
    - 1) Acts directly on micro-organism metabolism (SH & Fe)
    - 2) Disrupts <u>established</u> biofilm
  - No antibiotic resistance generation
  - Stand alone or/& antibiotic combination
  - Inhalation use
  - Strong scientific background in respiratory
    - Cystic Fibrosis
    - URTI, LRTI,...

## Meveol® vs Burkholderia

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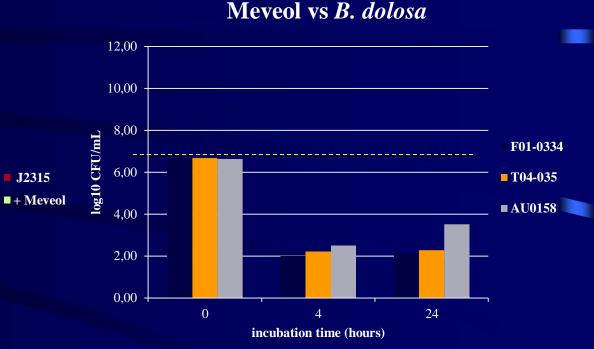
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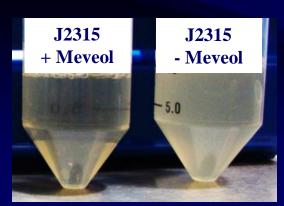
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log10 CFU/mL

Meveol vs B. cenocepacia



Bactericidal effect of Meveol® vs BCC



incubation time (hours)

1,25

18h after inoculation





• Efficacy also demonstrated on other microorganisms (eg *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, MRSA, *Mycobacterium abscessus*,...), either on planktonic/biofilm





## Alaxia news

- Stragen Group Partnership
  - Genève headquarters
    - Pharmaceutical group developing various specialities
      www.stragen.com
  - Lyon based (DG Annie Claude Benichou)
    - Pharmacovigilance & Medical affairs base

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# Meveol

Cystic Fibrosis Innate lung defense system compensation

### Come to see us – booth 23 35<sup>th</sup> European Cystic Fibrosis Conference Dublin, June 6-9<sup>th</sup> 2012

