

LONG TERM SINGLE DOSE GENE CORRECTION OF THE BIOELECTRICAL CFTR GENE DEFECT IN CYSTIC FIBROSIS MICE

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Introduction

The success of airway gene transfer in cystic fibrosis mice has not been reported.

viral (LV) CF transmembrane conductance regulator (CFTR) gene transfer success via repeated nasal potential difference (PD) measures in individual CF mice over their lifetimes.

Methods

The nasal airway of anaesthetized CF^{ΔF508} mice was instilled with PBS or LV-CFTR. Nasal airway PD was measured at 0.25, 1, 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18 & 21 months. CFTR treated mice were delivered via the single turner technique calculated from the low chloride response until

RESULTS

A continuous partial correction of the chloride transport defect receiving LPC and LV-CFTR and persisted for at least 12 months. The mean ΔPD after PBS pre-treatment or LV-MT treatment (Fig. 3.) was no different to untreated CF mice (n.s., RM ANOVA). There was no correction of the sodium transport apparent at any time points (Fig 4., n.s. RM ANOVA).



Fig. 1a. Nasal TPD measurement

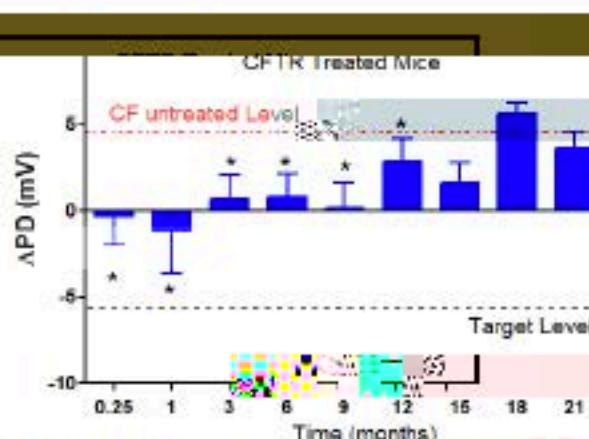


Fig. 2. Partial CFTR correction over time, n=1-12.

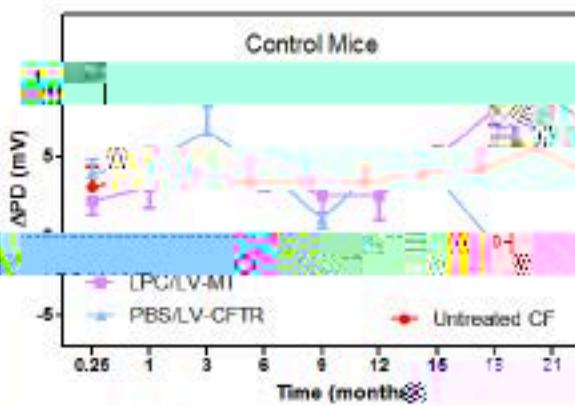


Fig. 3. Control groups over time, n=1-6.

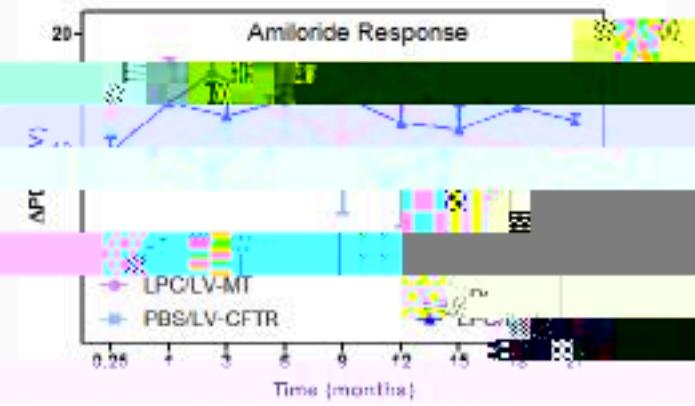


Fig. 4. Sodium Transport Response, n=1-12.

Conclusion

A sustained correction of airway CFTR function was achieved by a single dose gene transfer therapy for cystic fibrosis mice.

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