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# Use of ibuprofen to assess inflammatory biomarkers in induced sputum: Implications for clinical trials in cystic fibrosis.

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Study design (if review, criteria of inclusion for studies)

Open-label, randomized, controlled trial

## **Participants**

72 clinically stable CF subjects (FEV1>/=40% predicted)

#### Interventions

Subjects randomized to HDI or routine care

#### Outcome measures

IL-6, IL-8, TNF-alpha, IL-1-beta, free neutrophil elastase, and white cell counts with differentials change from baseline in induced sputum.

#### Main results

IL-6 was the only biomarker with significant within-group change: 0.13log10pg/mL mean reduction among ibuprofen-treated subjects (p=0.04); and no change in the control group. IL-6 change between groups was statistically significant (p=0.024). No other inflammatory biomarker differences were observed between groups after 28days.

## Authors' conclusions

Although we studied only one agent, HDI, these results suggest that one month may be inadequate to assess anti-inflammatory candidates using markers from induced sputum.

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# See also

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