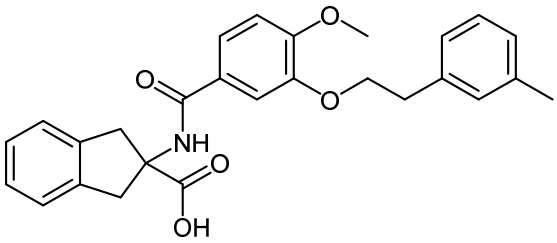
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, for a dosing period of at least about 24 consecutive weeks.

[0005] Also provided is a method for reducing fibrosis in a cell or tissue, the method comprising contacting the cell or tissue with 2-(4-methoxy-3-(3-methylphenethoxy)benzamido)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-2-carboxylic acid (Compound 1)



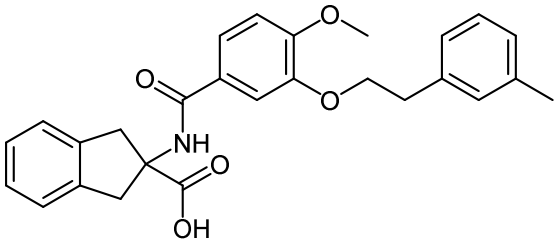
(Compound 1)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, in an amount and for a time sufficient to decrease or inhibit the fibrosis.

[0006] These and other aspects of the disclosure will be apparent upon reference to the following detailed description. To this end, various references are set forth herein which describe in more detail certain background information, procedures, compounds, and/or compositions, and are each hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.

SUMMARY

[0006a] In an aspect of the present disclosure, there is provided a use of 2-(4-methoxy-3-(3-methylphenethoxy)benzamido)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-2-carboxylic acid (Compound 1)



(Compound 1)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, in the manufacture of a medicament for treating systemic sclerosis in a patient in need thereof, wherein 300 mg (on a free acid equivalent weight basis) of Compound 1, or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof is to be administered to the patient for a dosing period of at least about 36 consecutive weeks.

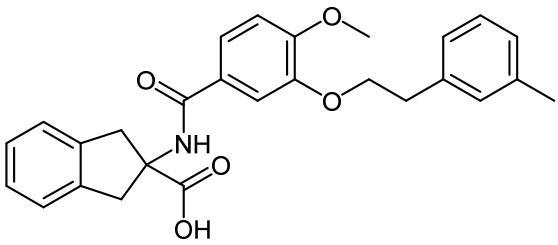
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[0007] **FIG. 1** depicts a histogram demonstrating the median percent change from baseline for various biomarkers after treatment with Compound 1.

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. Use of 2-(4-methoxy-3-(3-methylphenethoxy)benzamido)-2,3-dihydro-1H-indene-2-carboxylic acid (Compound 1)



(Compound 1)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, in the manufacture of a medicament for treating systemic sclerosis in a patient in need thereof, wherein 300 mg (on a free acid equivalent weight basis) of Compound 1, or the pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof is to be administered to the patient for a dosing period of at least about 36 consecutive weeks.

2. The use of claim 1, wherein the systemic sclerosis is chosen from limited cutaneous systemic sclerosis, diffuse cutaneous systemic sclerosis, and systemic sclerosis sine scleroderma.

3. The use of claim 2, wherein the systemic sclerosis is diffuse cutaneous systemic sclerosis.

4. The use of claim 3, wherein the systemic sclerosis is early diffuse cutaneous systemic sclerosis.

5. The use of any one of the preceding claims, wherein the dosing period is at least 52 weeks.

6. The use of any one of the preceding claims, wherein Compound 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, is to be administered orally.

7. The use of claim 6, wherein 300 mg (on a free acid equivalent weight basis) of Compound 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, is to be administered at least once daily.

8. The use of claim 6, wherein 300 mg (on a free acid equivalent weight basis) of Compound 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, is to be administered twice daily.

9. The use of any one of the preceding claims, wherein one or more additional therapies are to be further administered.

10. The use of claim 9, wherein the one or more additional therapies are chosen from an immunosuppressant, T-cell-directed, B-cell directed therapy, autologous hematopoietic stem cell transplantation, a chemokine ligand receptor antagonist, a DNA methylation inhibitor, a histone deacetylase inhibitor, a statin, an endothelin receptor antagonist, a phosphodiesterase type V inhibitor, a prostacyclin analog, an inhibitor of cytokine synthesis and/or signaling, corticosteroids, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, light therapy, and blood pressure medications.

11. The use of any one of the preceding claims, wherein said treatment with Compound 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, results in a College of Rheumatology-Composite Response Index in Systemic Sclerosis (CRISS) score of greater or equal to 0.60.

12. The use of any one of the preceding claims, wherein said treatment with Compound 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, results in a reduction in skin fibrosis as measured by Modified Rodnan Skin Score (mRSS) change of ≥5.

13. The use of any one of the preceding claims, wherein treatment with Compound 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, results in an improvement in Health Assessment Questionnaire Disability Index (HAQ-DI) of ≥ 0.14.

14. The use according to claim 6, wherein 300 mg (on a free acid equivalent weight basis) of the compound or salt is to be administered once daily.