



Advances in Antibody-based therapies for oncology applications

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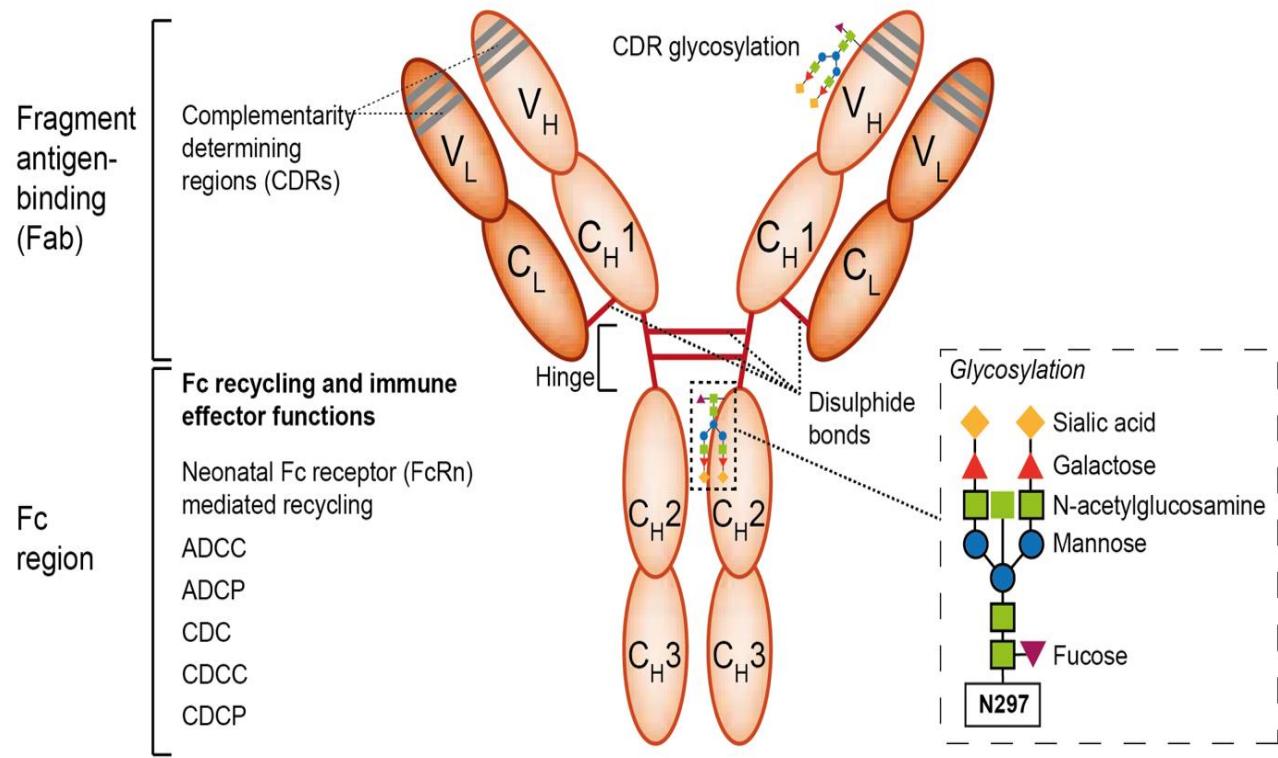


Outline- Evolution of Antibody-based therapies as delivery vehicles

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Targeted therapy: harnessing the specificity and activity of monoclonal antibodies



Monoclonal antibodies offer:

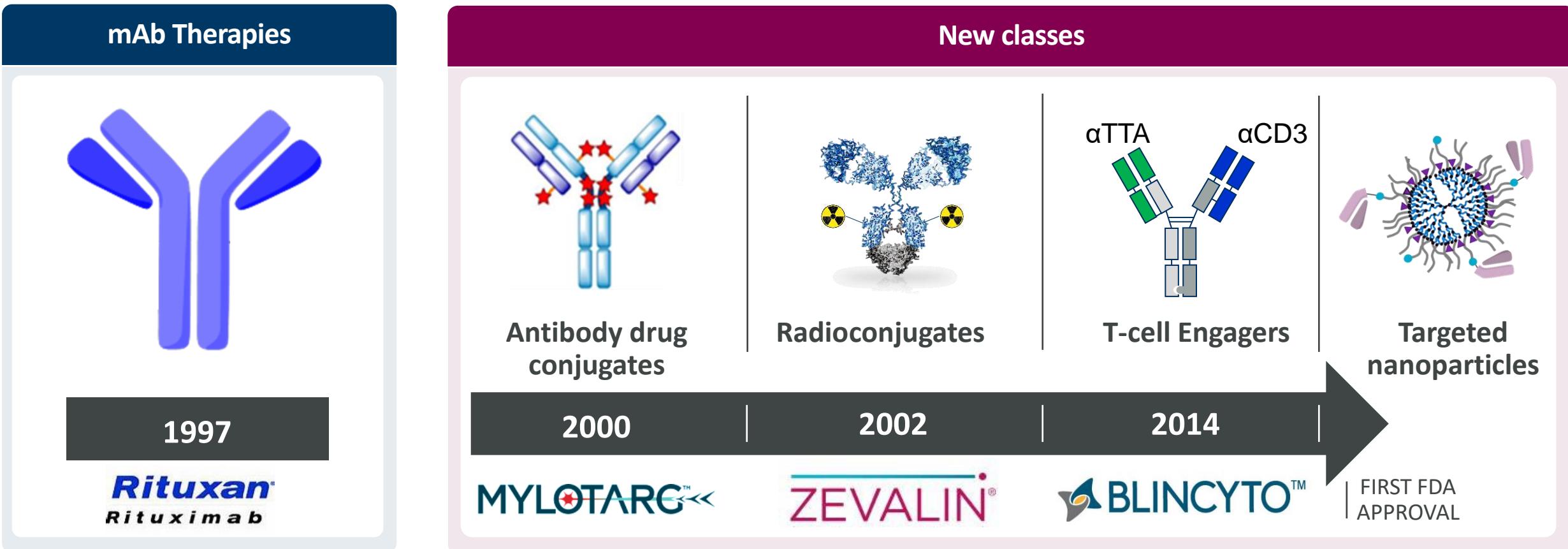
1. Specific binding
2. High affinity
3. Long serum stability
4. Cellular cytotoxicity

Engineering can:

1. Increase serum half-life
2. Modulate target affinity
3. Reduce immunogenicity
4. Provide appropriate pharmaceutical properties



Evolution of mAb-based therapeutics as delivery vehicles



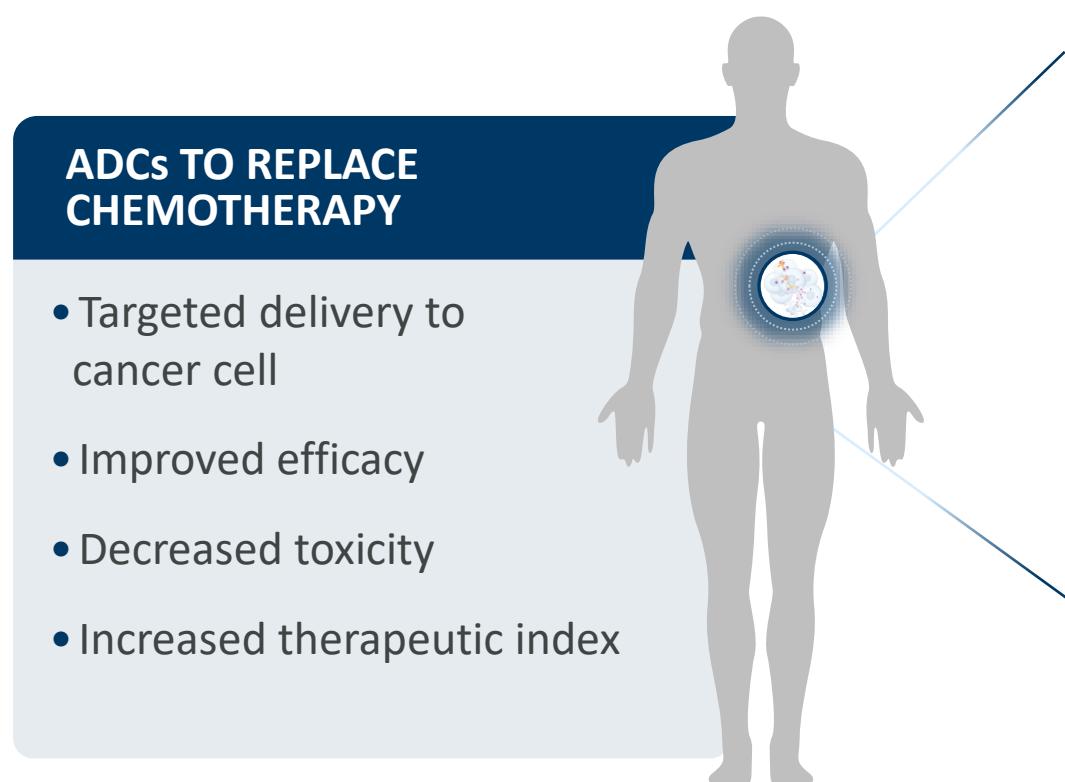
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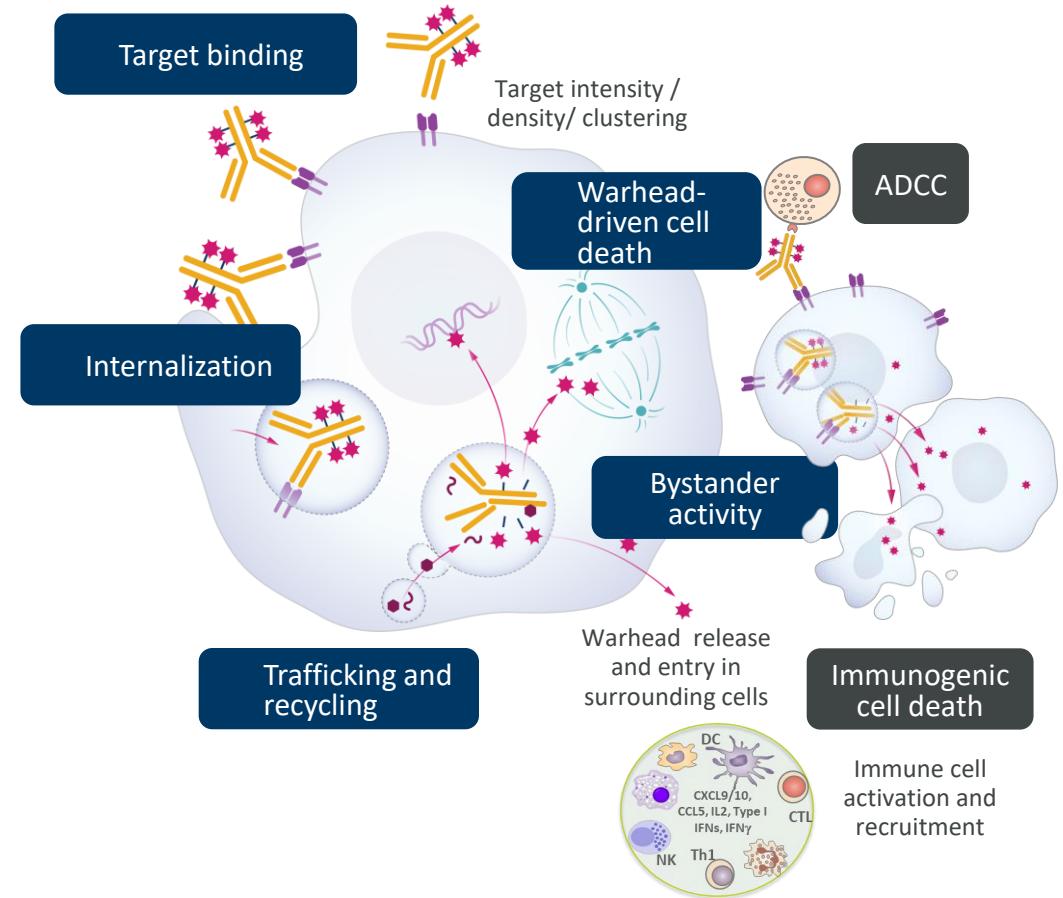


The promise of ADCs: improve the therapeutic index of systemic chemotherapy

Most patients receive chemotherapy, however significant toxicities remain.



Optimized ADC technology and biology must align to build successful ADC



ADCs firmly established as a key therapeutic modality with a \$30B+ projected market

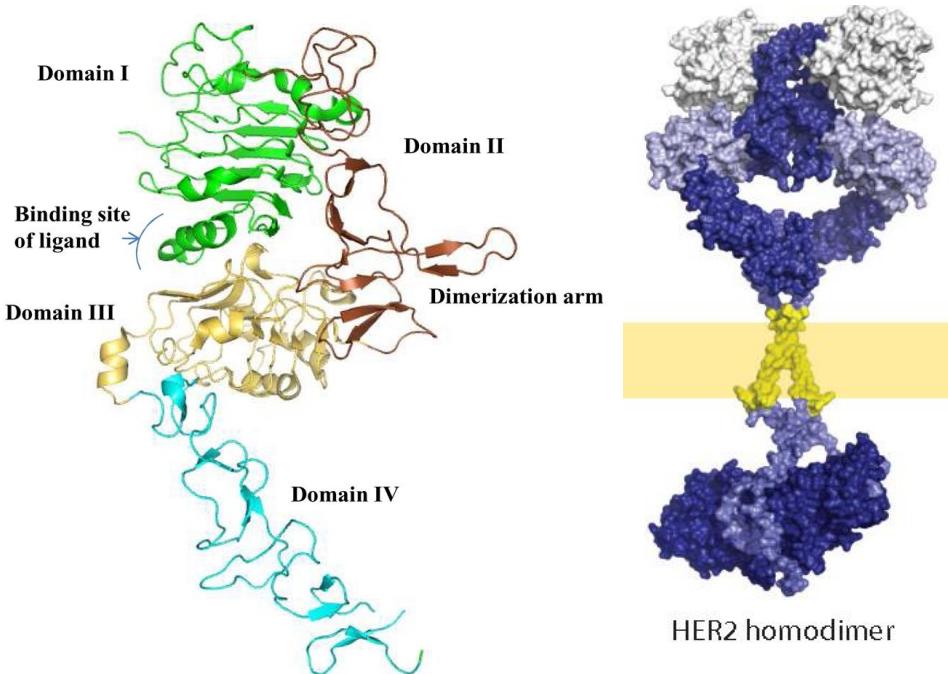


- **ADCs approved** for the treatment of various **solid and haematological** malignancies
- Successful with **multiple mechanisms of action** (MTIs, DNA cross linking, Top1 inhibitors)
- **Broad and deep responses** even in late lines
- Emerging data on **combinations with IO** (checkpoint inhibitors)



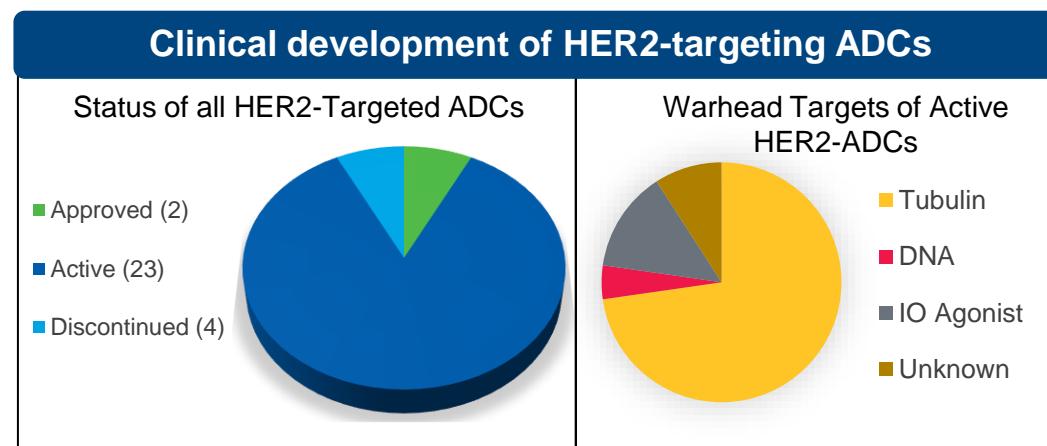
Case Study: HER2 as a preferred target for ADC development

HER2 Protein Structure



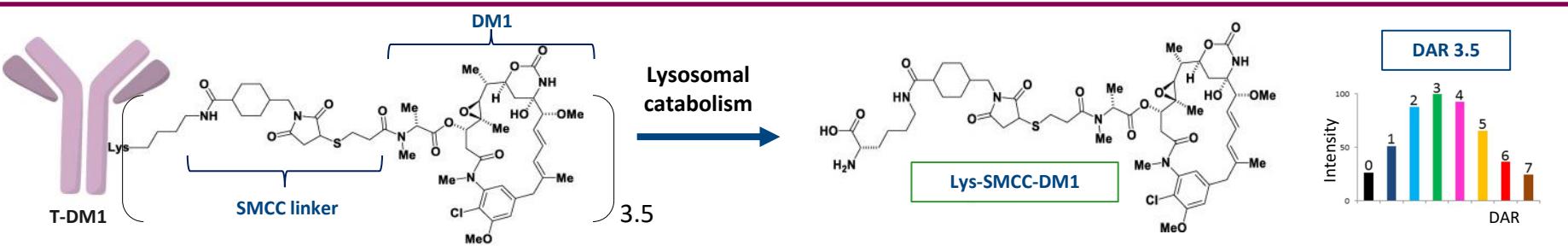
Favorable Characteristics of HER2 for an ADC

- High expression of target – amplified in many tumor types
- Upon mAb/ADC binding HER2 is internalized
- Efficient delivery of cytotoxic agent to cancer cells



Differences between T-DXd and T-DM1

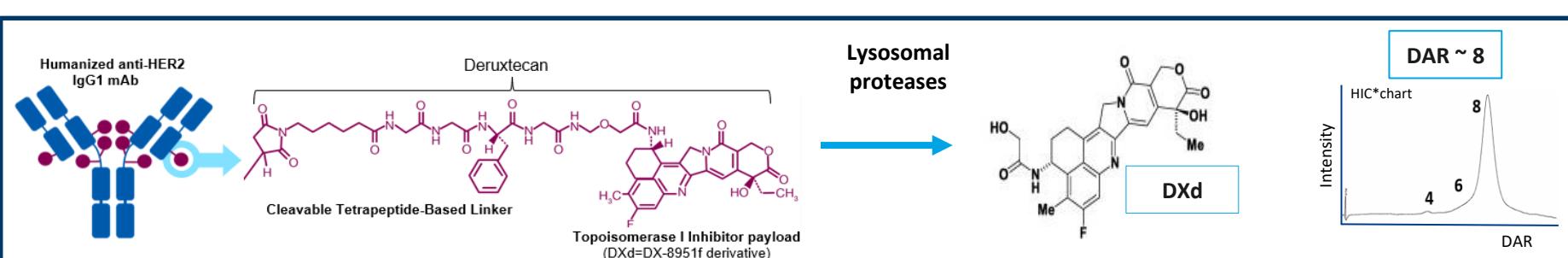
ADC Attributes	T-DXd	T-DM1
Payload MoA	Topoisomerase I inhibitor	Anti-microtubule
Drug-to-antibody ratio	~8:1	~3.5:1
Tumor-selective cleavable linker?	Yes	No



T-DM1 structure: An antibody (IgG1 mAb) is linked via a **SMCC linker** to a payload (DM1). The payload is a Topoisomerase I inhibitor. The DAR is **3.5**.

Lysosomal catabolism leads to the formation of **Lys-SMCC-DM1** and other fragments.

DAR 3.5 distribution: A bar chart showing the distribution of DAR values (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7) with intensity on the y-axis.



Humanized anti-HER2 IgG1 mAb is linked via a **Cleavable Tetrapeptide-Based Linker** to a payload (Deruxtecan). The payload is a **Topoisomerase I Inhibitor payload (DXd=DX-8951f derivative)**.

Lysosomal proteases lead to the formation of **DXd**.

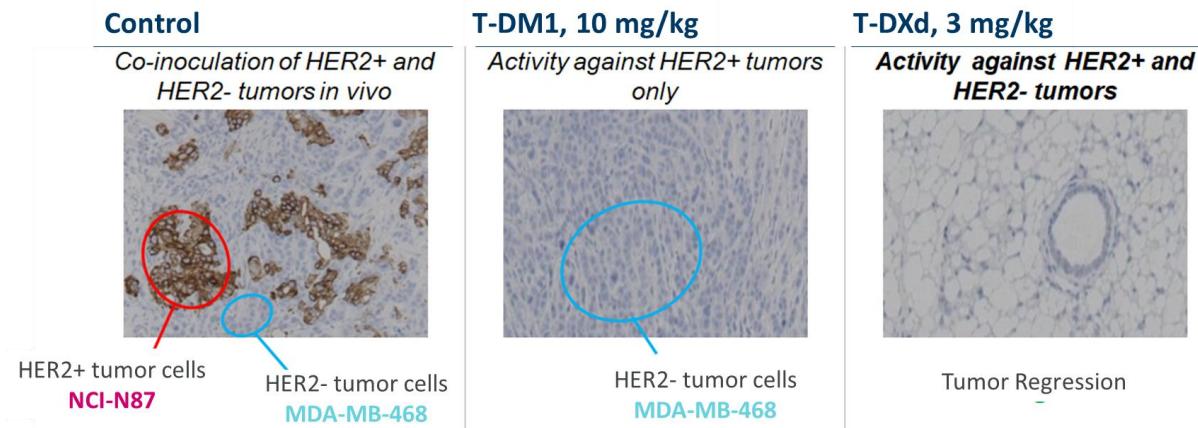
DAR ~ 8 distribution: A HIC* chart showing the distribution of DAR values (4, 6, 8) with intensity on the y-axis.

T-DXd has higher DAR, and a membrane permeable payload with a different MoA

Unlike T-DM1, T-DXd elicits bystander anti-tumor effect

Highly membrane-permeable DXd payload may extend the cytotoxic effect to neighboring tumor cells.

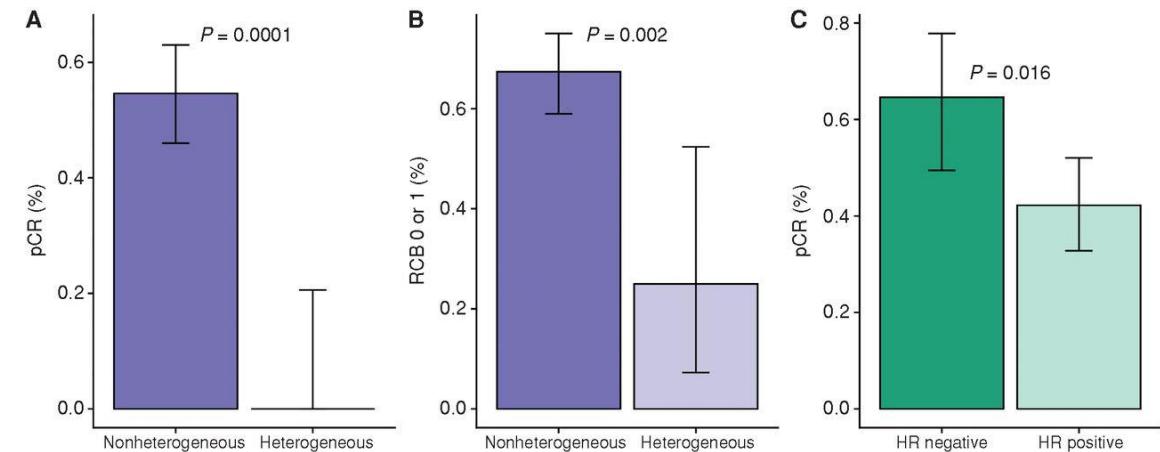
PRE-CLINICAL EVIDENCE SHOWS GREATER BYSTANDER ACTIVITY OF T-DXd vs T-DM1



Ogitani Y et al. 2016. Cancer Science 1077: 1039-1046

T-DXd was effective against HER2-negative tumor cells neighboring HER2-positive tumor cells

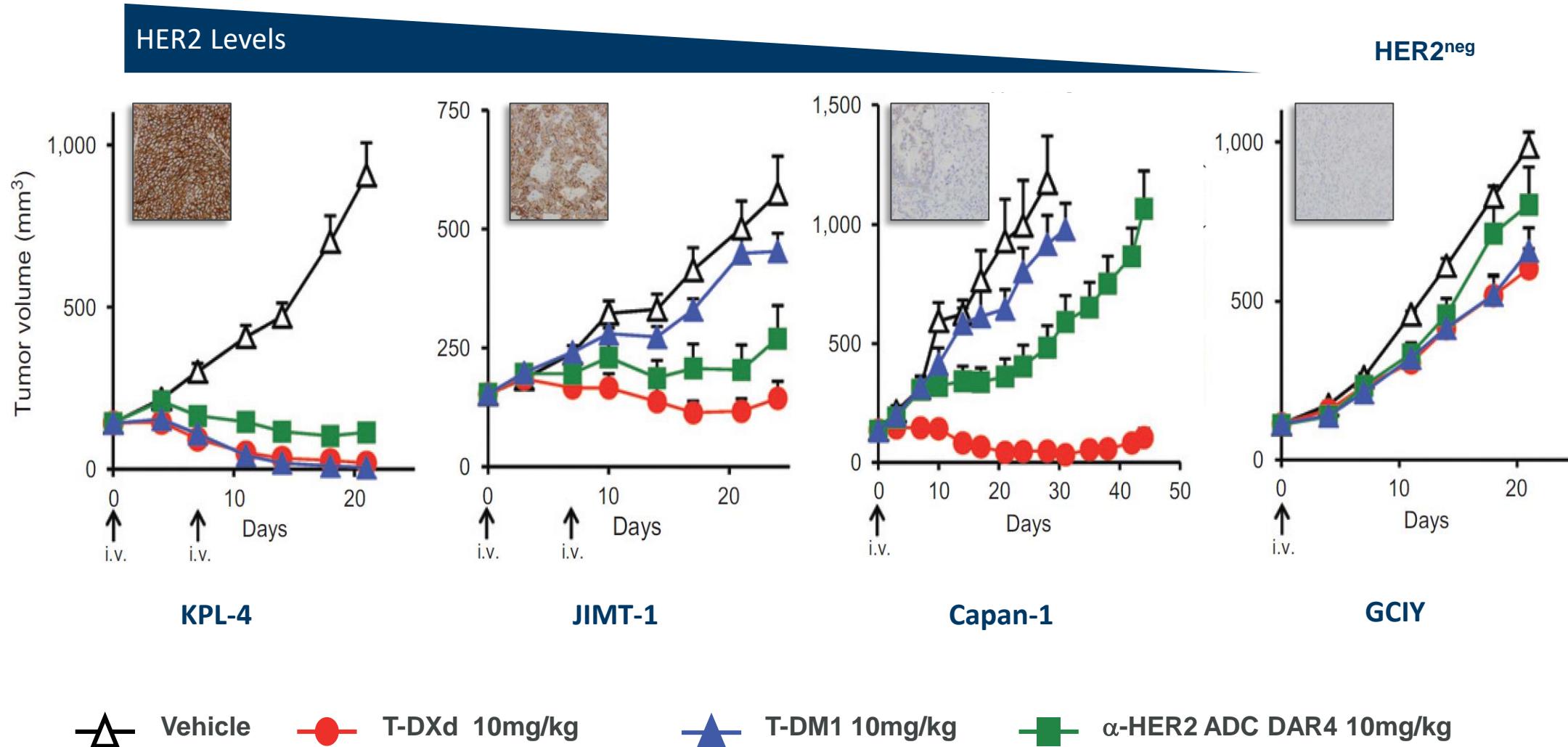
T-DM1 IS ONLY EFFICACIOUS IN HOMOGENEOUS TUMORS



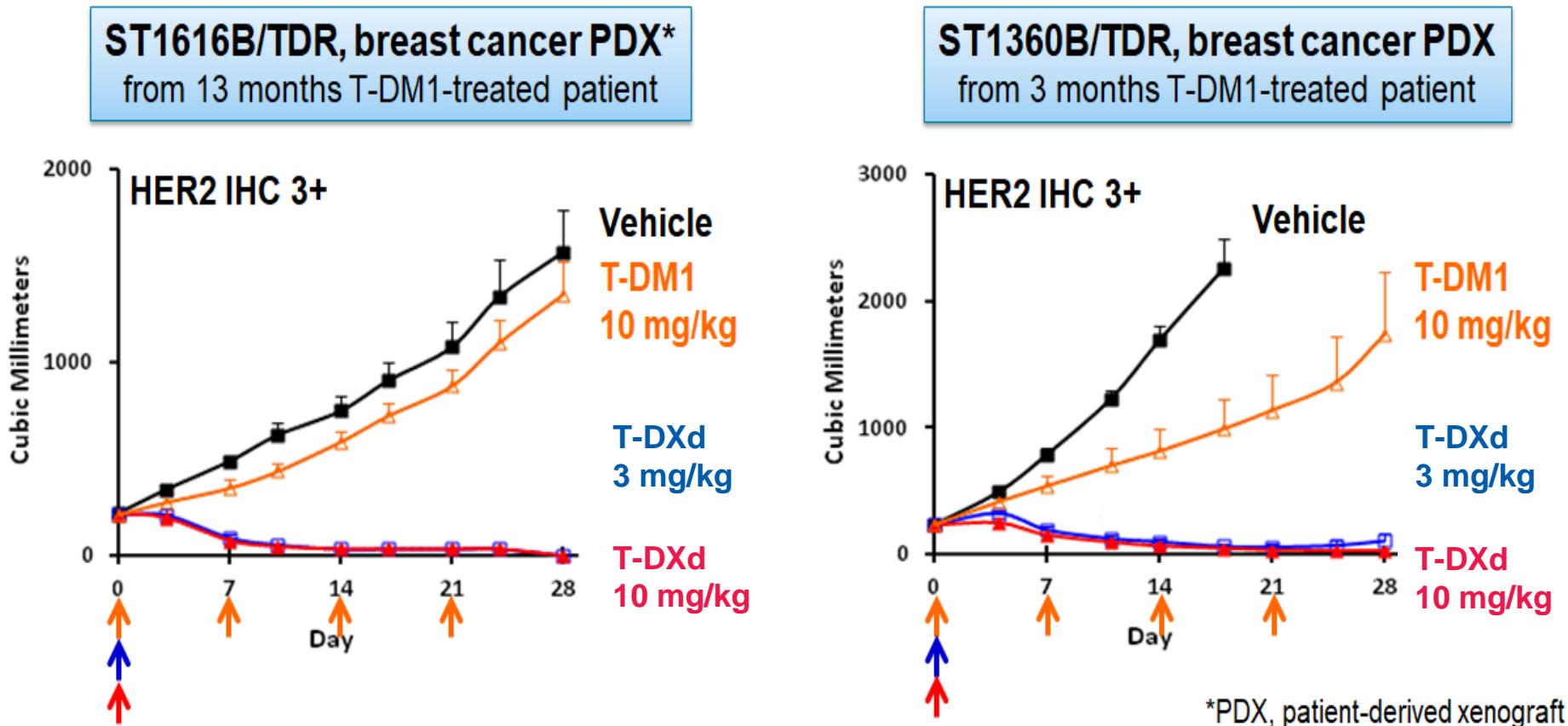
Metzger Filho, Cancer Discovery 2021

T-DM1 showed pathological complete responses only in tumors with homogeneous HER2 expression

T-DXd is active in HER2-low tumor models

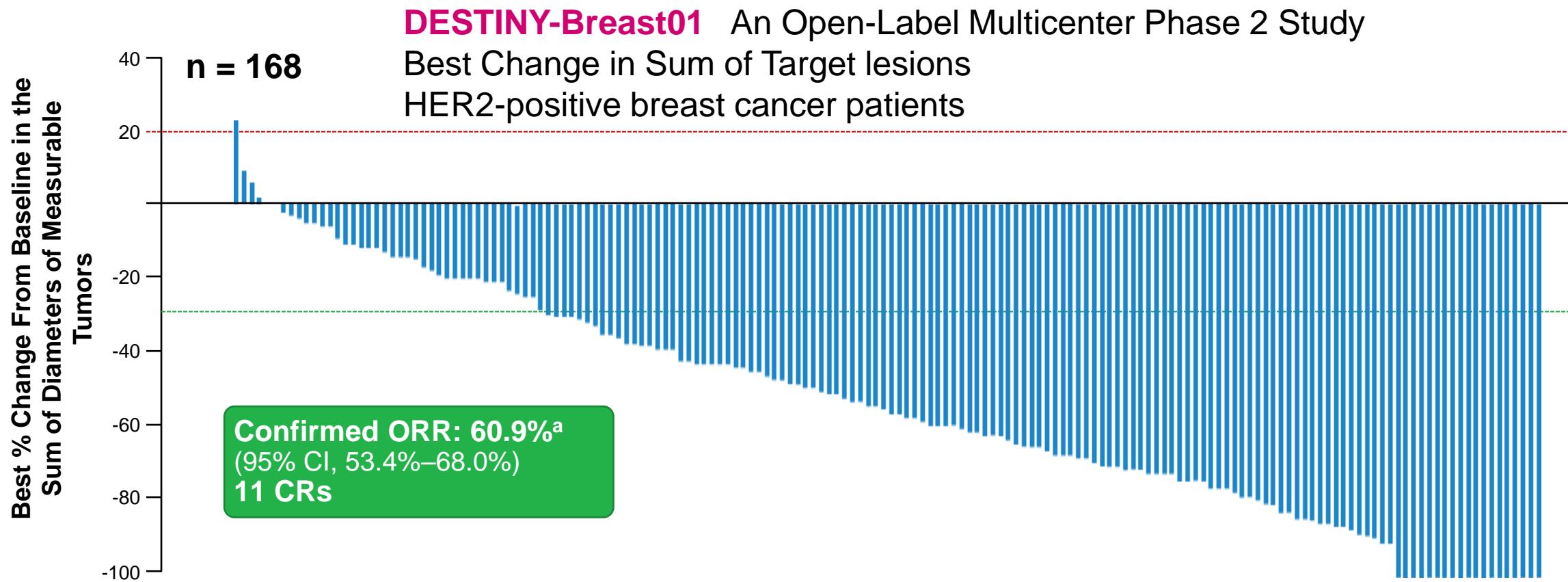


Antitumor activity against T-DM1-resistant tumors



T-DXd showed potent antitumor activity against T-DM1-resistant PDX tumors

T-DXd activity in patients previously treated with T-DM1



Data Cut off August 1, 2019
By independent central review.

The line at 20% indicates progressive disease; the line at -30% indicates partial response.

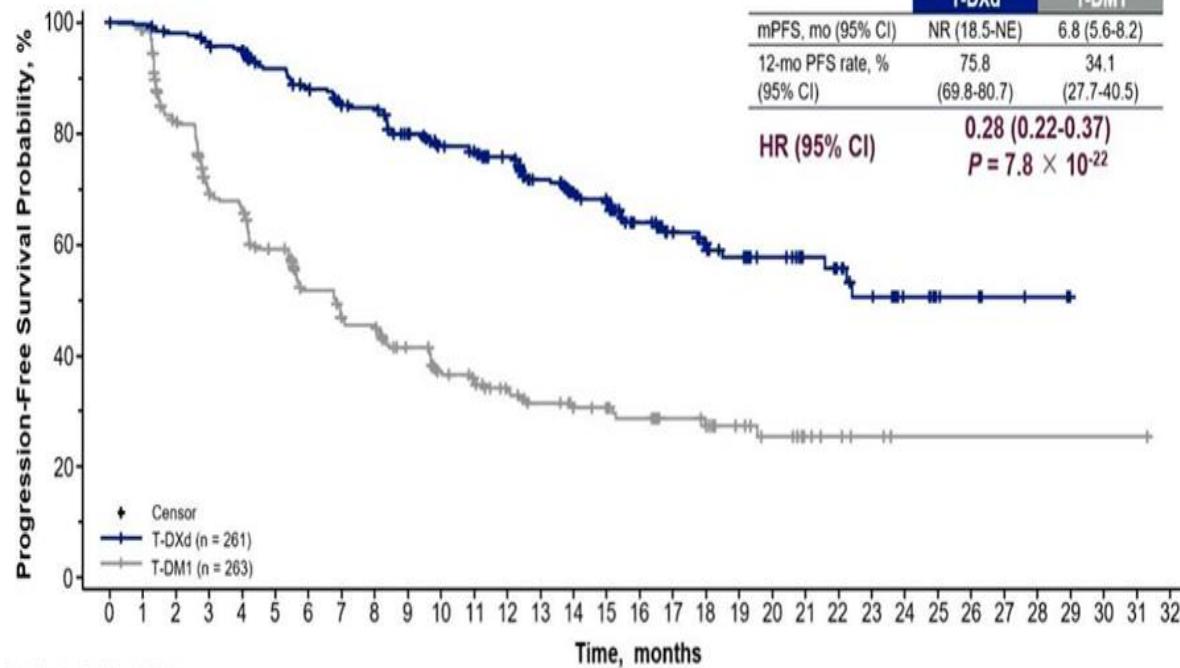
^a Includes all patients who received T-DXd 5.4 mg/kg (intent-to-treat analysis; N=184).

Modi S, et al. N Engl J Med. 2020; 382(7):610-621.

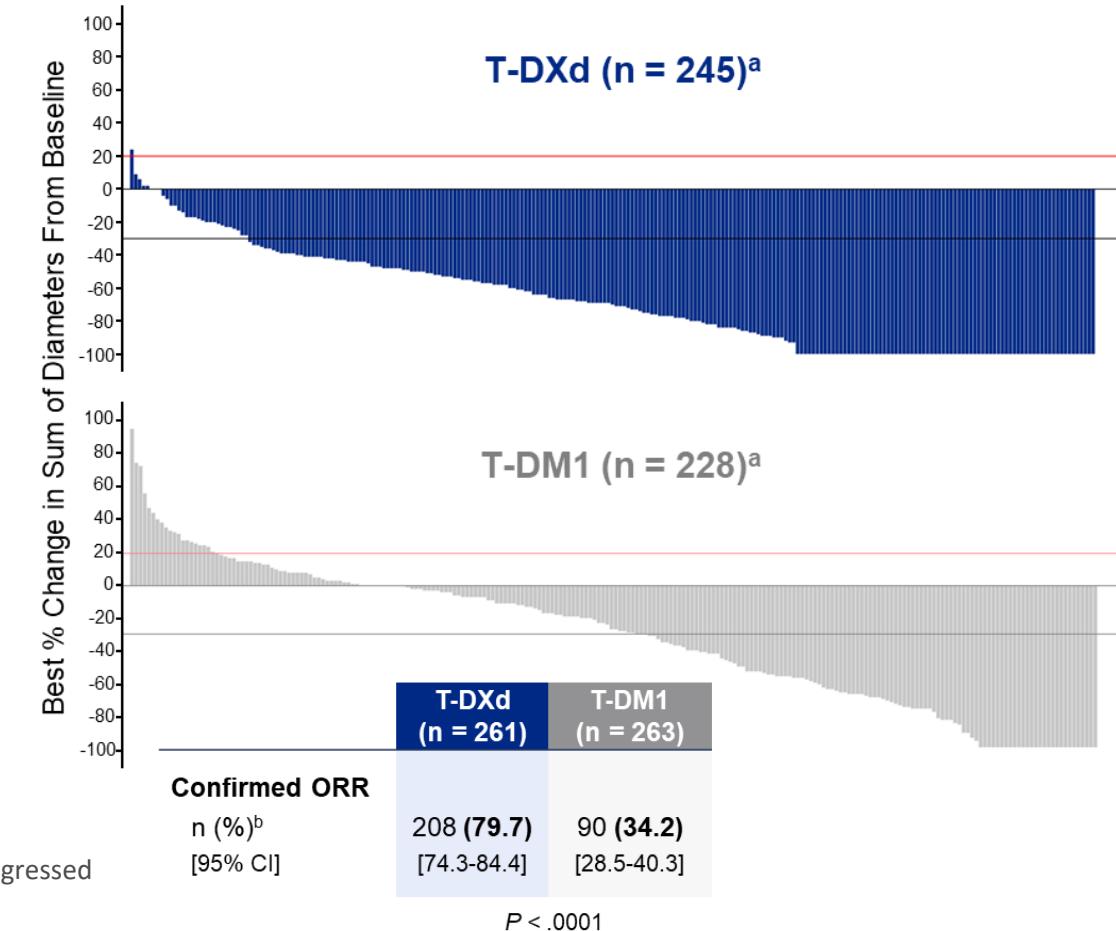
T-DXd demonstrates significant improvement in PFS compared to T-DM1

DESTINY-Breast03

Primary Endpoint: PFS by BICR



Patients with HER2-positive, unresectable or metastatic breast cancer that had progressed during or after treatment with trastuzumab and a taxane in the context of advanced or metastatic disease or that had progressed within 6 months after neoadjuvant or adjuvant treatment involving trastuzumab or a taxane



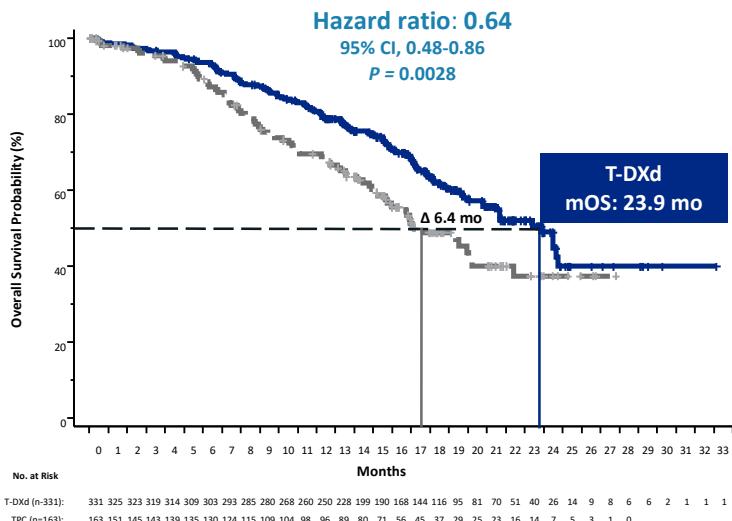
Practice-changing data at ASCO in HER2-low, HR+/HR- mBC



DESTINY-Breast04 Phase III study: Establishing T-DXd as new standard of care in HER2-low, HR+/HR- mBC

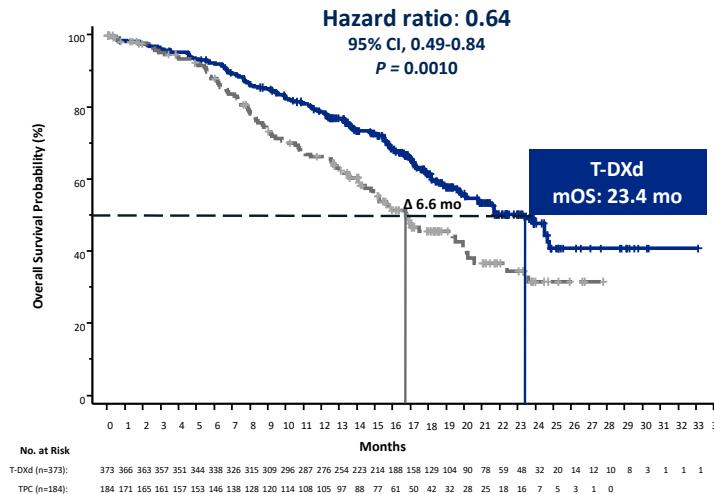
Overall Survival

Hormone receptor positive



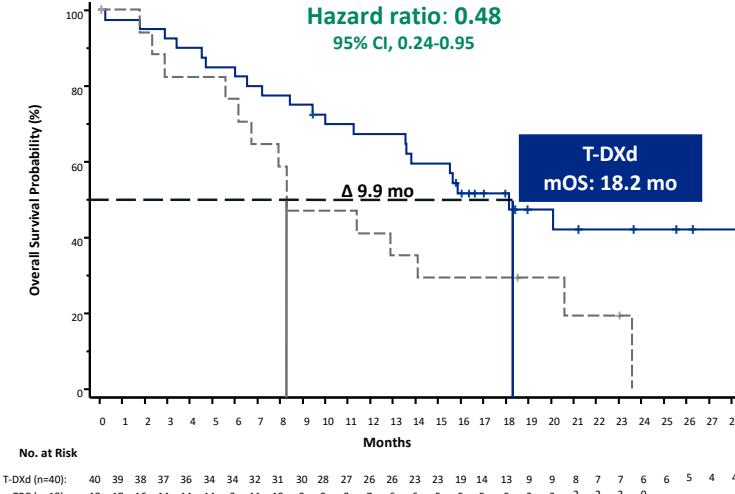
	T-DXd	TPC
mOS, mo	23.9 mo	17.5 mo
HR (95% CI)	0.64 (0.48-0.86) <i>P <0.0001</i>	

Intention to treat



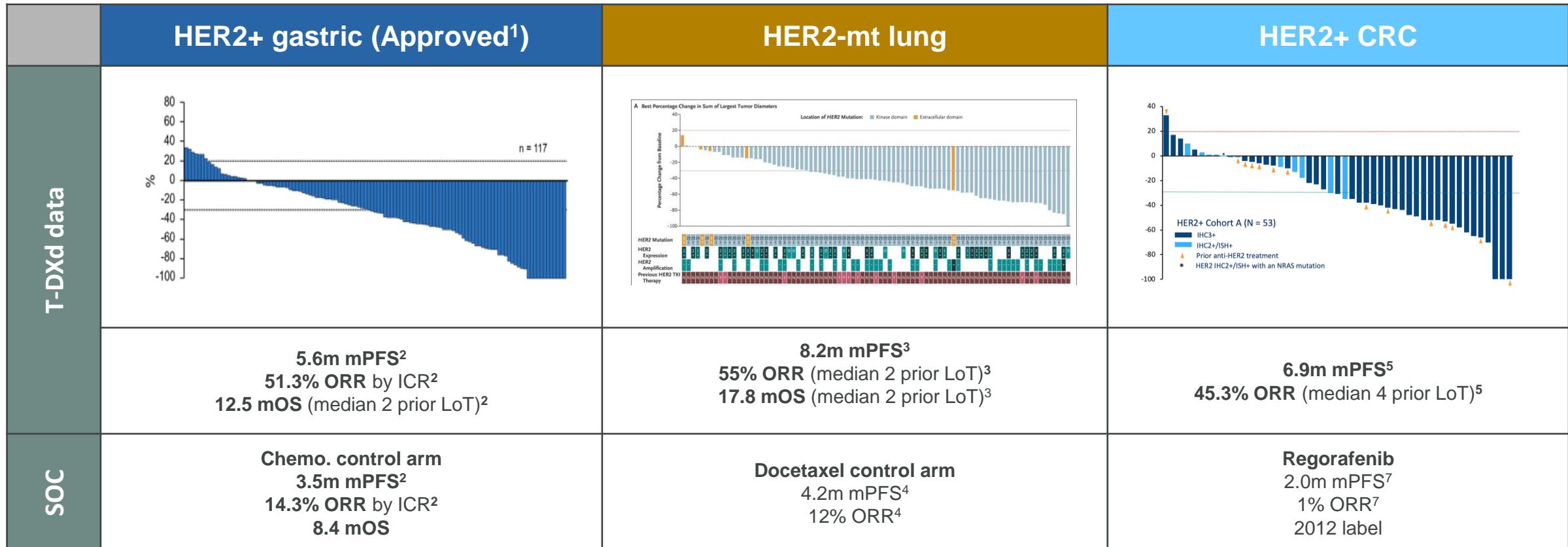
	T-DXd	TPC
mOS, mo	23.4 mo	16.8 mo
HR (95% CI)	0.64 (0.49-0.84) <i>P <0.0010</i>	

Hormone receptor negative



	T-DXd	TPC
mOS, mo	18.2 mo	8.3 mo
HR (95% CI)	0.48 (0.24-0.95) <i>(Exploratory endpoint)</i>	

T-DXd is active across several tumor types



Cross-trial comparisons should always be done with caution, particularly as these trials differed in setting, design, size, time period of recruitment, location of study sites, etc.

2L=second line; DRFI=distant recurrence-free survival; ICR=independent central review; IDFS=invasive disease-free survival; LoT=line of therapy; m=months; mOS=median overall survival; mPFS=median progression-free survival; ORR=objective response rate; OS=overall survival.

1. Approved based on Phase II DG-01 results: Shitara, K et al. N Engl J Med.2020; 382:2419-2430. 2. Shitara K, et al. Presented at ASCO (Virtual), 2020. Abstract #4513, Data cutoff November 08 2019; 3. Li, BT et al. N Engl J Med 2022; 386:241-251 4. Borghaei H, et al. N Engl J Med. 2015;373(17):1627–1639, Data cutoff March 18 2015 5.Siena, S et al The Lancet Onc 22(6):779-789.; 7. FDA. STIVARGA PI. Available from: https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/label/2012/203085lbl.pdf. Accessed March 2021.

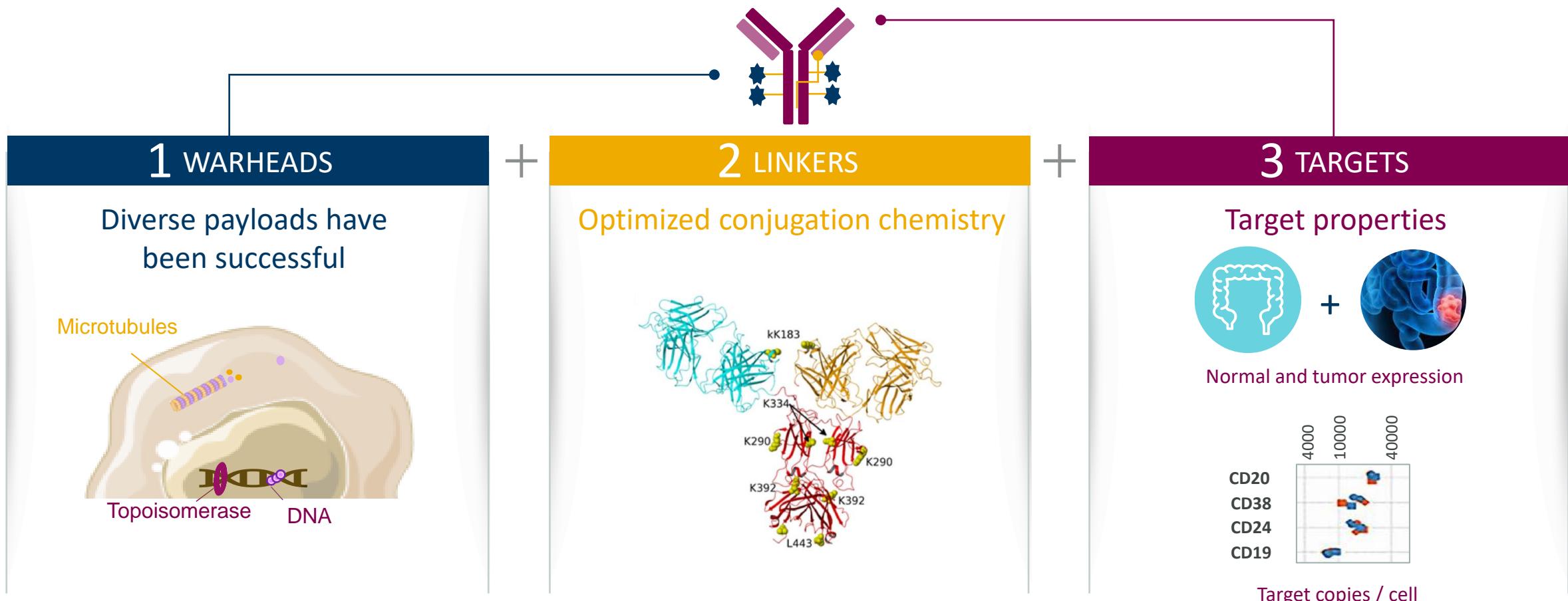
Thoughts

We can successfully delivery cytotoxics precisely to tumor cells using Antibodies

Not all ADCs are created equal- marry the target biology with the right technology

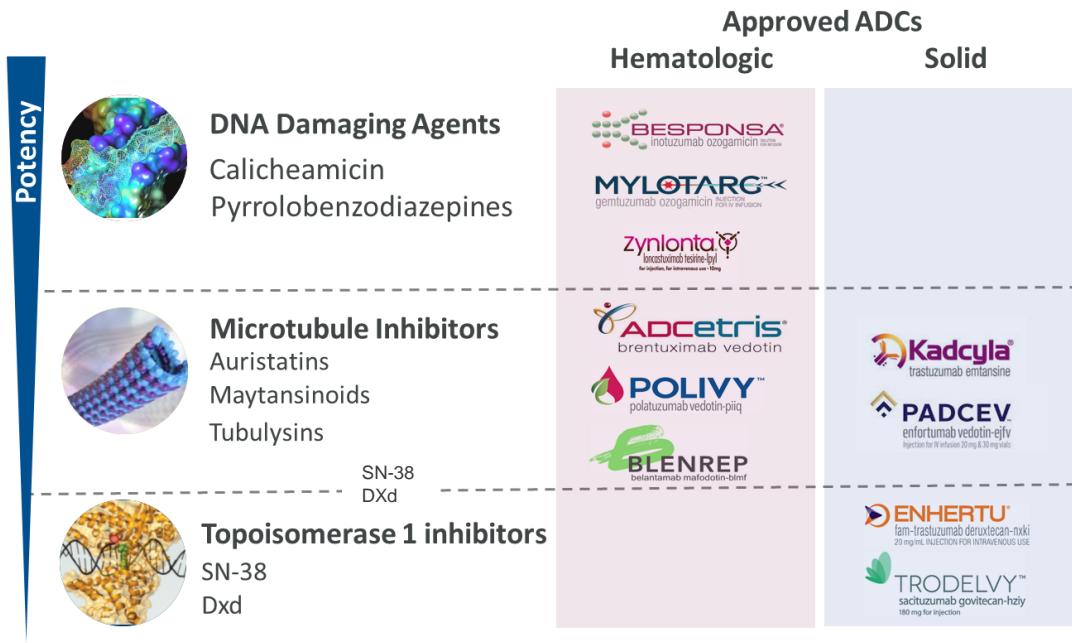
With the right technology we can redefine cancer treatment

Building Next generation ADCs: Learning the right combinations for successful ADCs

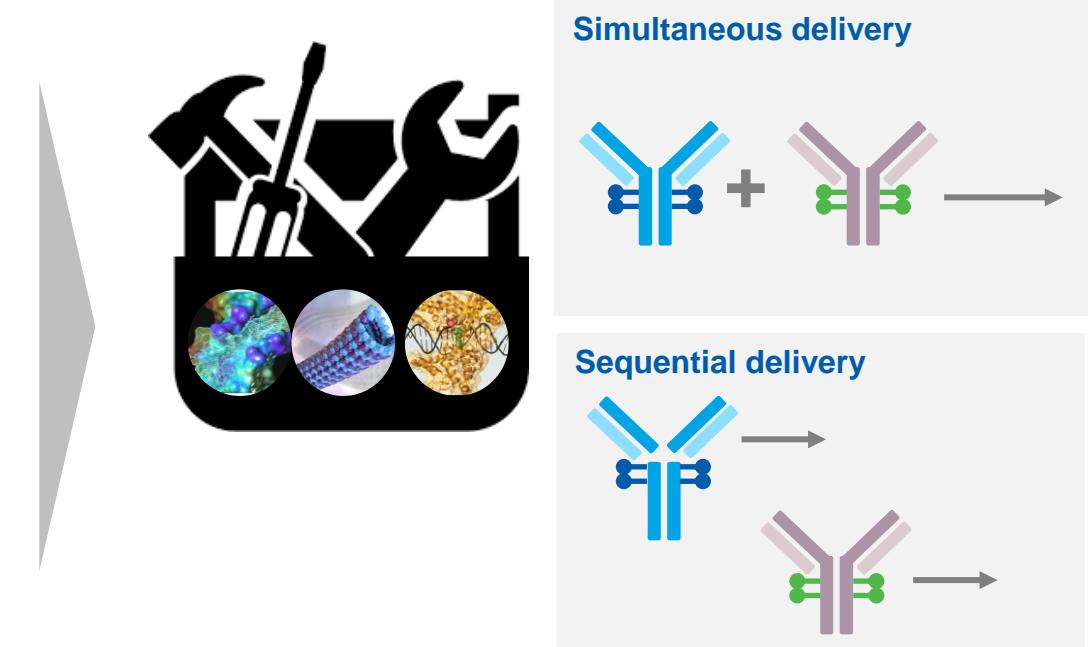


ADCs with diverse linker-payloads may enable novel combinations

Currently approved ADCs show the promise of diverse linker-payload MoA



The future: Match disease and target biology with payload mechanism

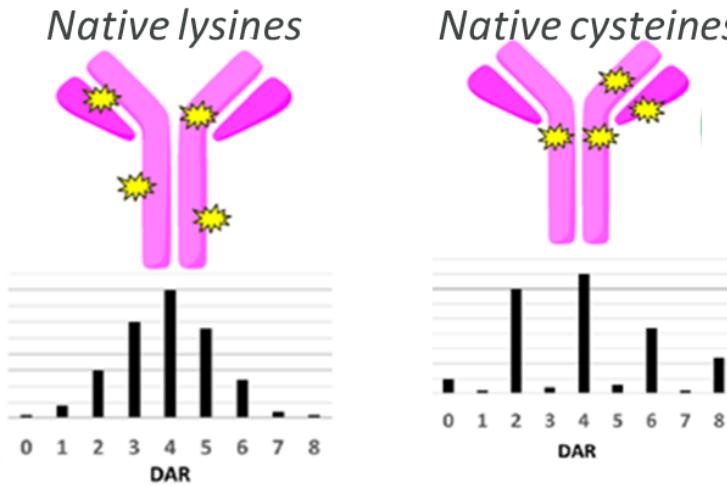


Combine and sequence ADCs with different payloads and/or targets to maximize response and evade resistance

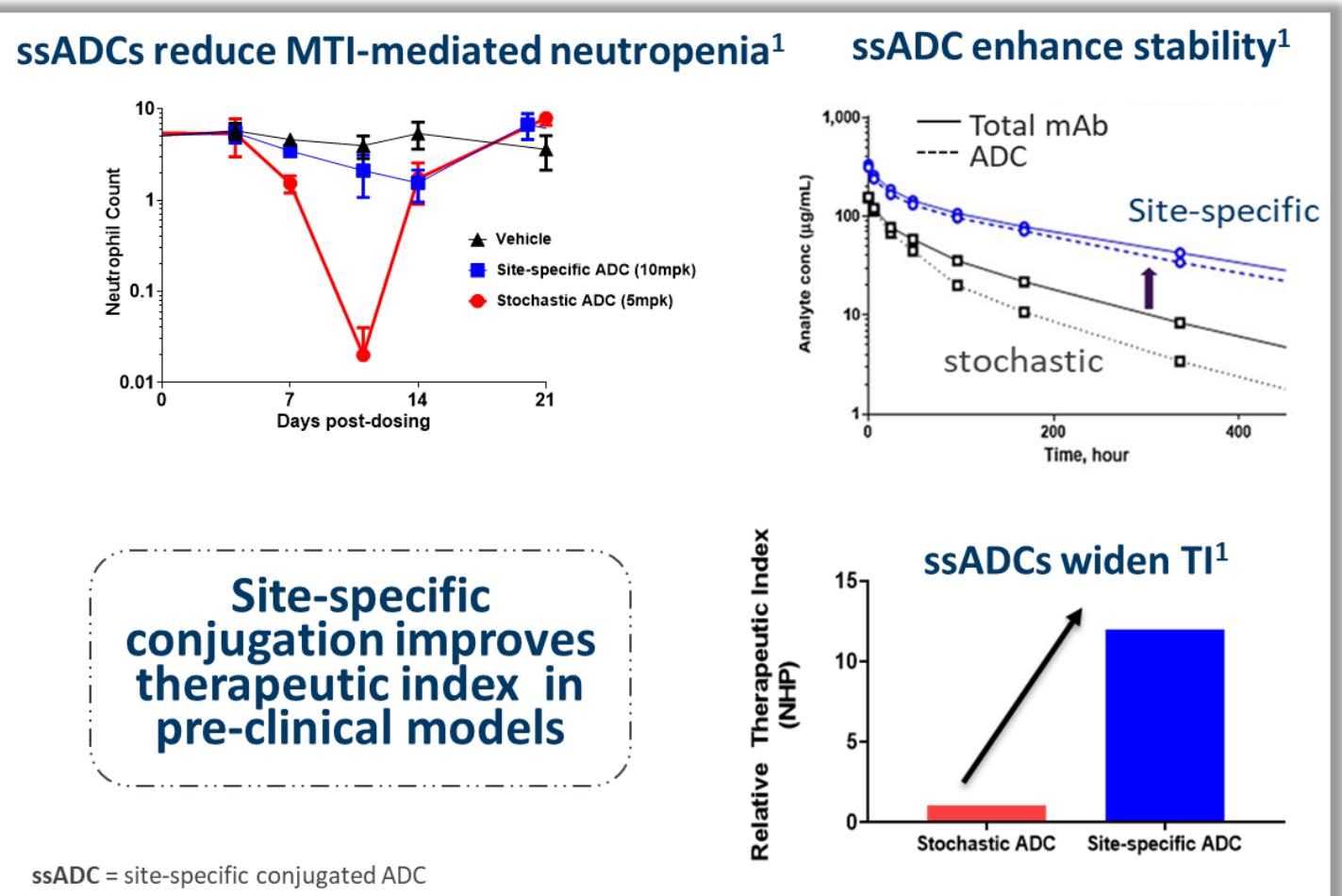
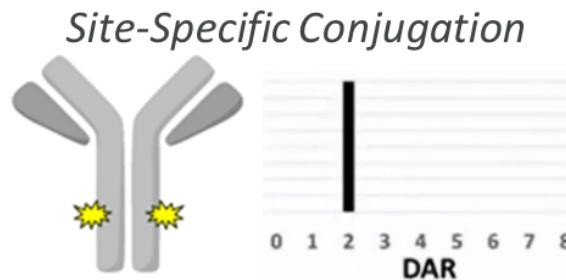


Widening therapeutic index of ADCs: Site-specific conjugation

Stochastic versus site-specific conjugation



However, limited by toxicity...



Target discovery using surface proteomics



ADC Target ID guided by these principles



Surface Protein density

High for TOP1i – avg surface proteins/cell

- HER2: 1.2×10^6 -200,000¹
- TROP2: 350,000²

Lower with more potent warheads
and/or when target drives biology, e.g.,
mHER2 in NSCLC

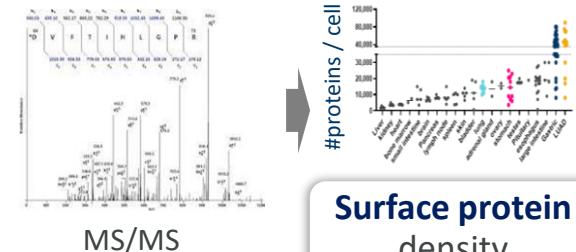


Normal tissue expression

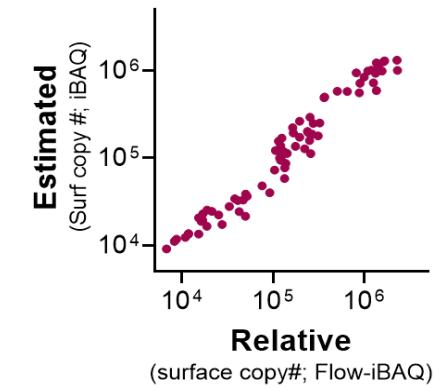
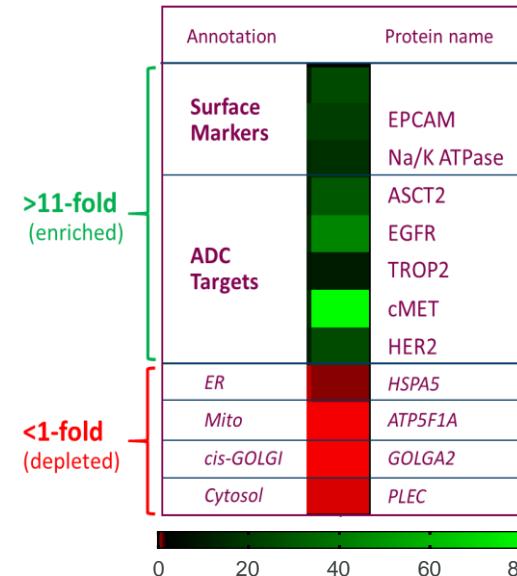
Tolerated with lower-potency warheads
• Avoid sink / vital organs

Shifting away from RNA to protein-based target identification

Robust proteomics approach to fuel target selection



Surface protein density



Fold change peak intensity relative to whole cell lysate

Enabling quantitative approach to better target identification

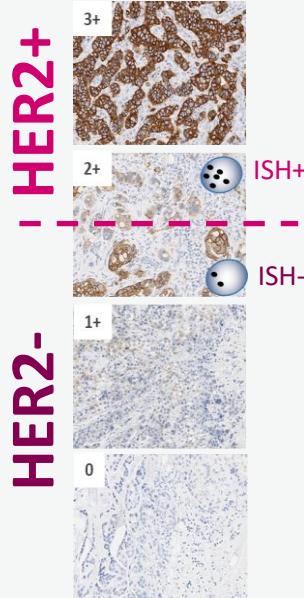


Revolutionizing patient outcomes with next generation diagnostics

TODAY

Conventional IHC

Manual Scoring



Focused on positivity and intensity or pre-defined rules

Subjective and semi-quantitative

HER2+

HER2-

Conventional pathologist score* (IHC/ISH)

Outcomes with T-DXd treatment	HER2+ (IHC 3+ or 2+/ISH+) (n = 72)	HER2- (IHC 2+/ISH-, 1+ or 0) (n = 65)
ORR, %	56	42
mPFS, mo	14.1	11.0 months

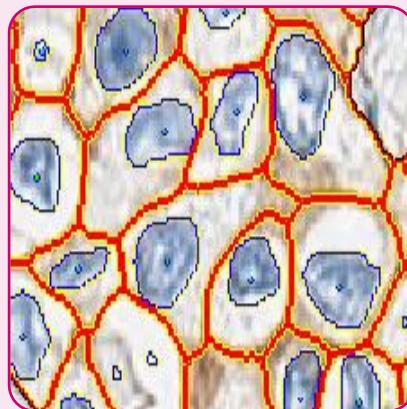
*14 patients were not included due to missing FISH data.

FUTURE DIRECTION

Computational Pathology

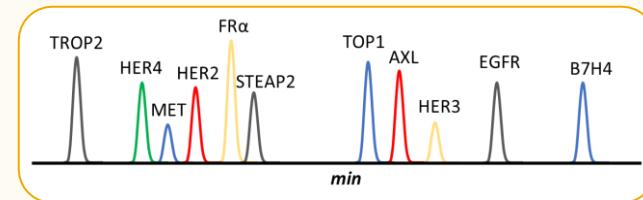
Dx Beyond Human Capability

Quantify target expression on membrane of every tumor cell



Proteomics through MS

Quickly identify which ADC will benefit the patient



Multiplex proteins for single-sample quantification

Directly comparable by absolute quantitation

QCS would enable identification of
30% more pts
who have greater benefit from
T-DXd in this study (J101 Ph1)

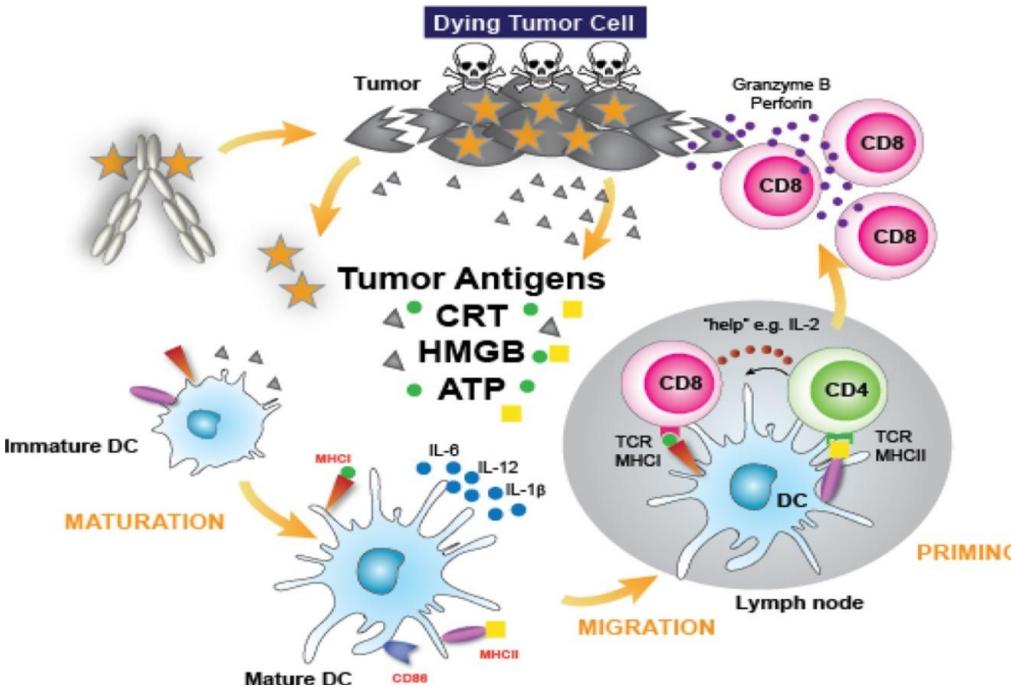
HER2 Quantitative Continuous score (IHC/IA)

Outcomes with T-DXd treatment	HER2 QCS+ (OD > 8) (n = 120)	HER2 QCS- (OD > 8) (n = 31)
ORR, %	56	26
mPFS, mo	14.1	9.0 months

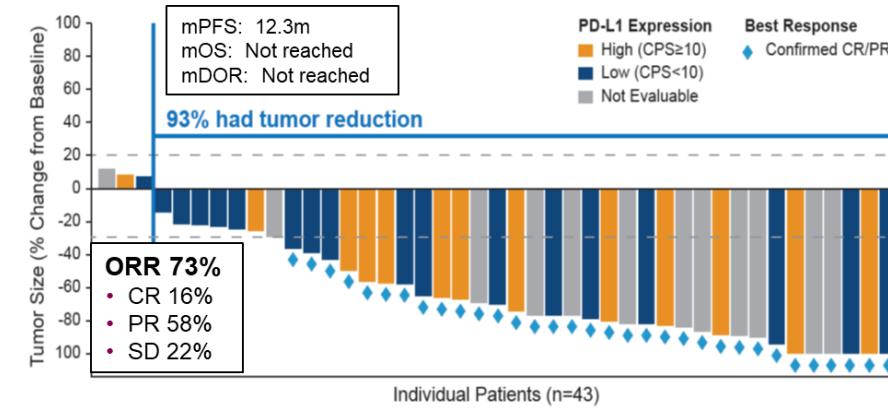
Cellular OD cutoff must be > 8.04 in ≥ 90% of cells for patients to be "positive"

Evidence of ADC-IO combination benefit emerging in the clinic

BIOLOGICAL RATIONALE: IMMUNOGENIC CELL DEATH



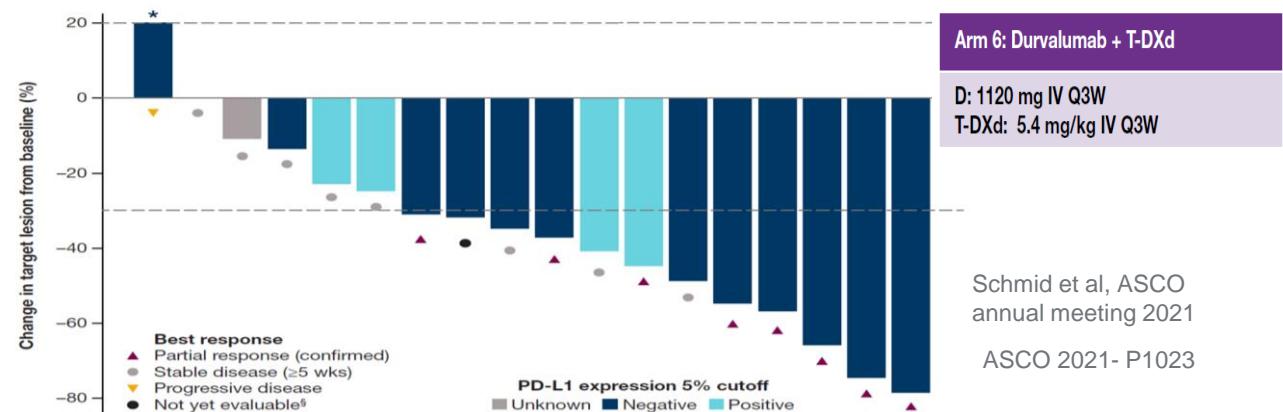
CLINICAL PROOF-OF-CONCEPT WITH MTi ADCS



Nectin 4 ADC + pembrolizumab combo:
improved clinical activity vs ADC alone

Rosenberg et al, J Clin Onc, 38 supp, 2020

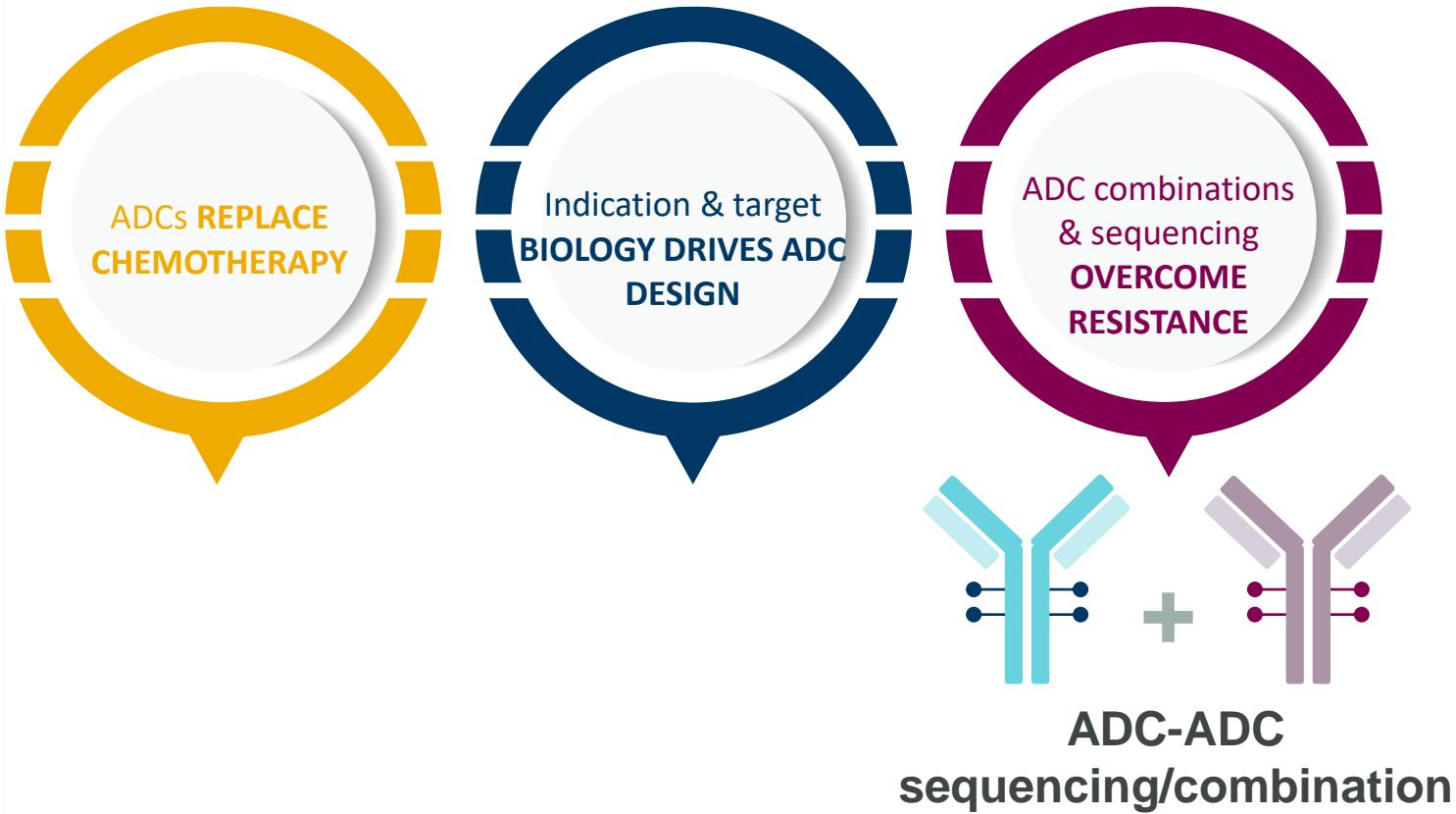
CLINICAL PROOF-OF-CONCEPT FOR IO COMBINATION WITH TOP1I- ADC (T-DXd) - BEGONIA PHASE 1B/2 TRIAL



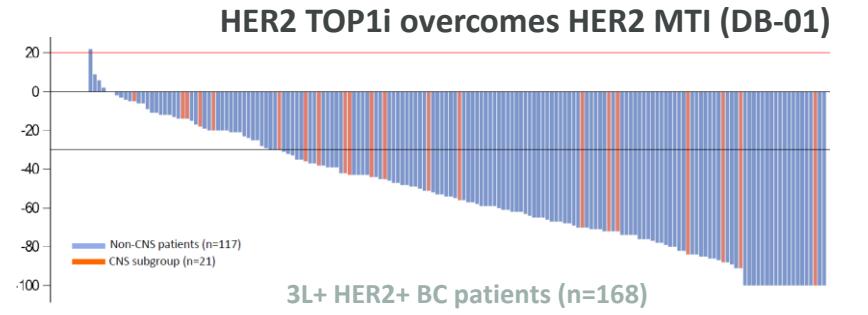
Schmid et al, ASCO annual meeting 2021

ASCO 2021- P1023

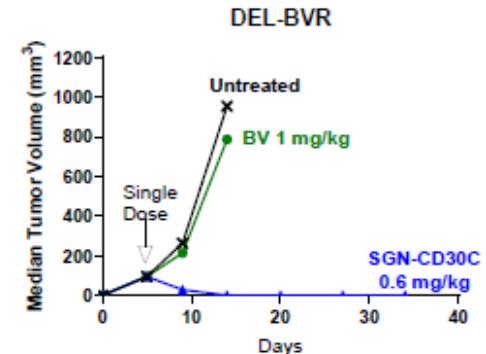
Where can the future take us?



Clinical evidence:



Preclinical evidence:



Ryan et al, Cancer Res 80:16 Supp, 2020

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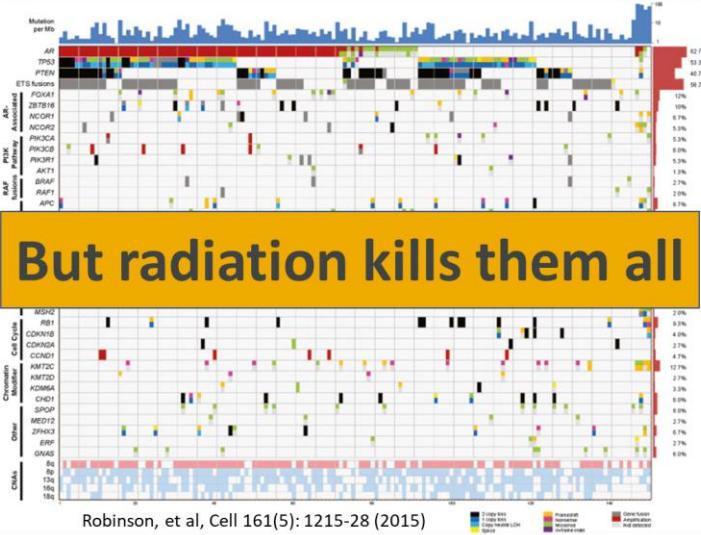
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Radioconjugates have the promise to expand beyond today's limits of radiotherapy

Radiation is a powerful modality

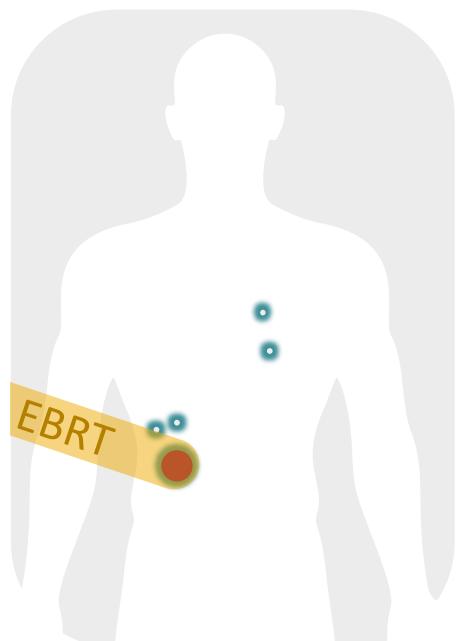
Challenge: mCRPC is a heterogeneous group of diseases



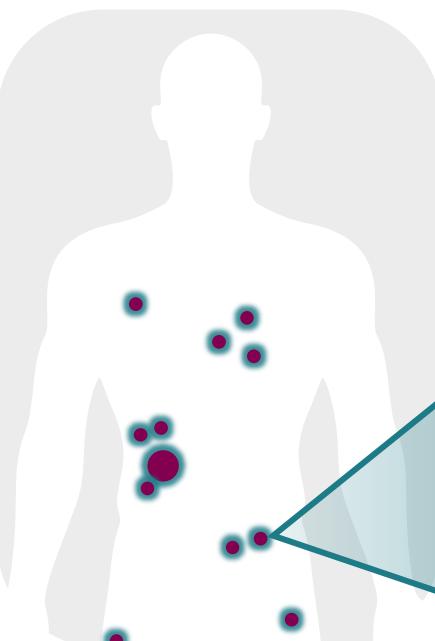
But radiation kills them all

The challenge is delivering it to micrometastatic and metastatic disease

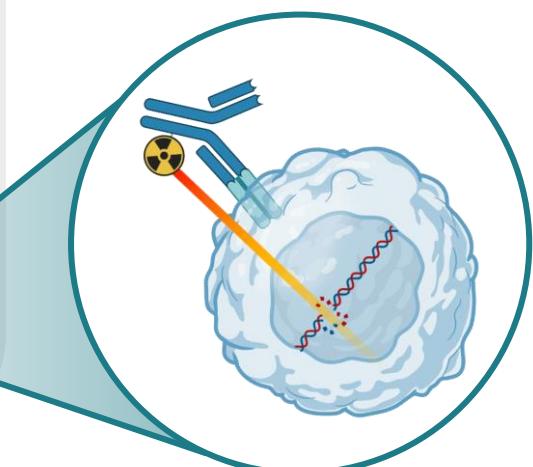
Micrometastatic Disease



Metastatic Disease



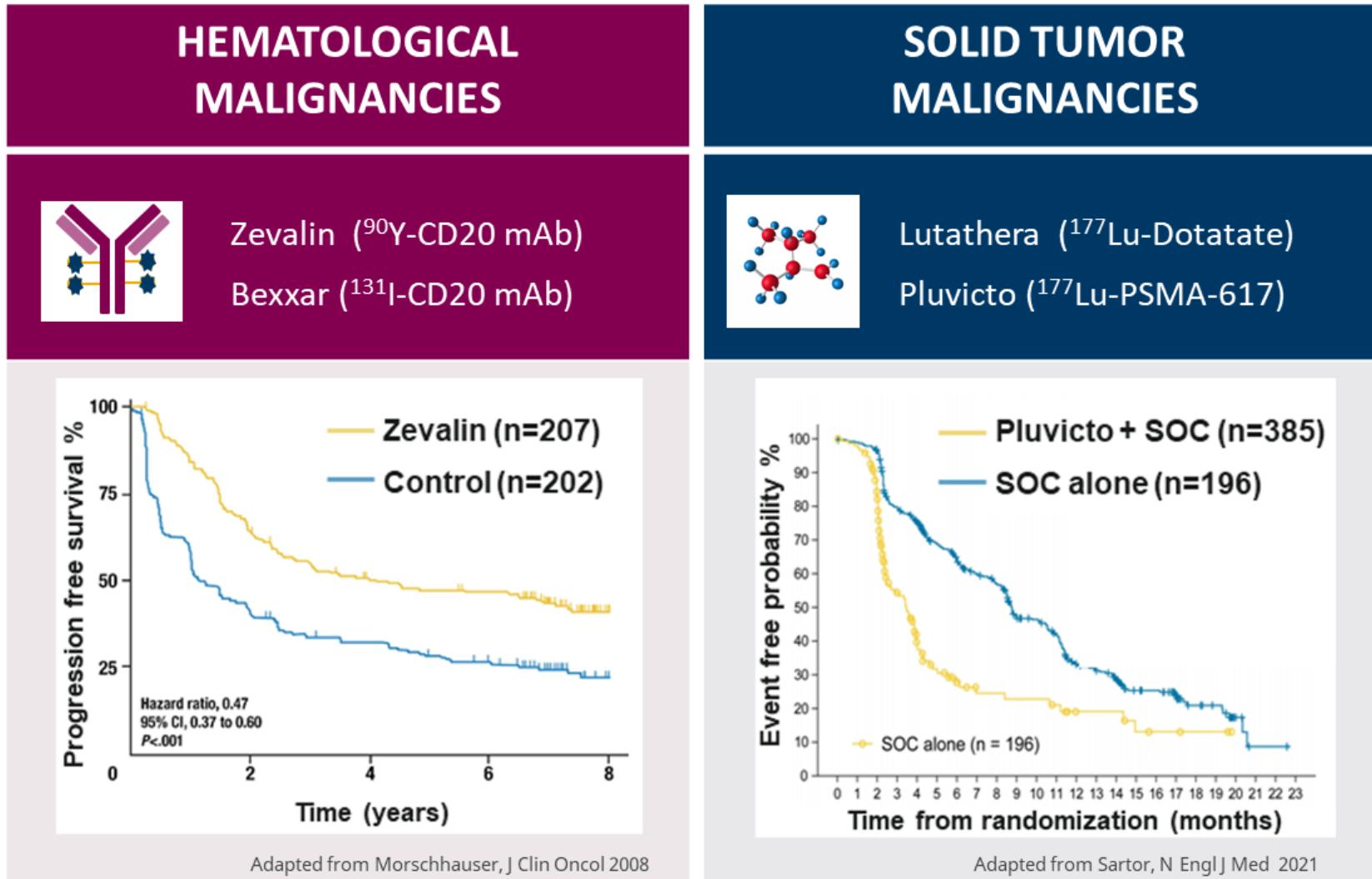
RCs solve this by bringing radiation directly to tumor tissue, regardless of foci size or number



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Radioconjugates show clinical promise for both hematological and solid tumors



Future of radioconjugates may expand clinical responses

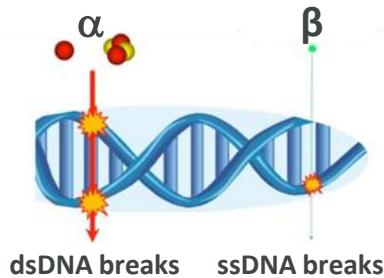
EXPANDING ON THE SUCCESS OF RADIOCONJUGATES

Choice of radionuclide may expand and improve clinical responses

α -emitters vs β -emitters:

HIGH ENERGY + SHORT RANGE = MORE POTENT + LESS TOXIC?

All current approved radioconjugates are β -emitters

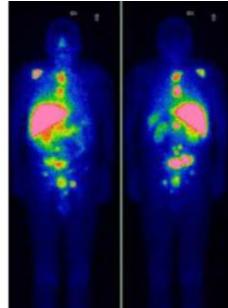


RCs have a built-in imaging biomarker

See...



Diagnostic radioisotope



Treat...

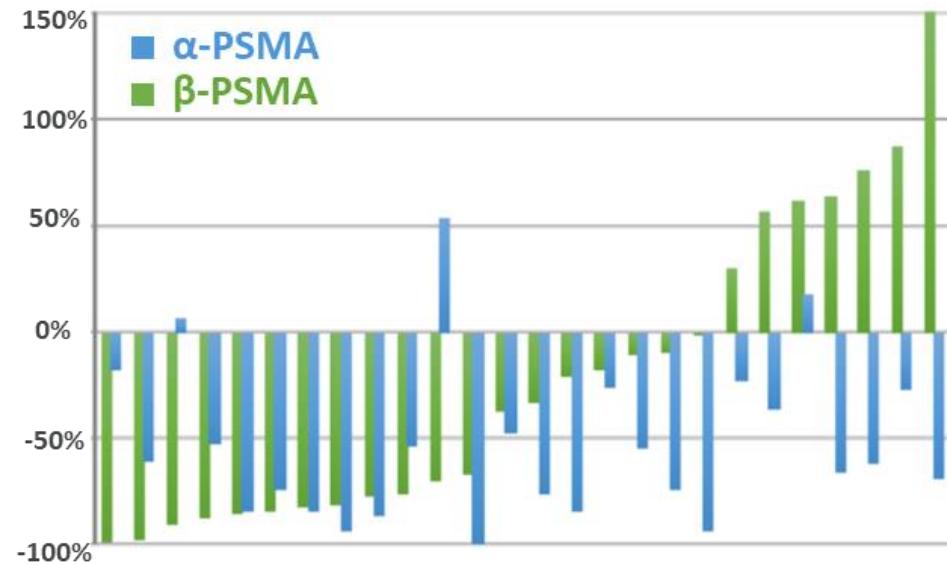


Therapeutic radioisotope

Adapted from: Targeted Radiopharmaceutical Conference Dec 2020
Chris Behrenbruch, Telix Pharmaceuticals

FUTURE CLINICAL STRATEGIES

Response to α -therapy after β -therapy provides sequencing & combo rationale



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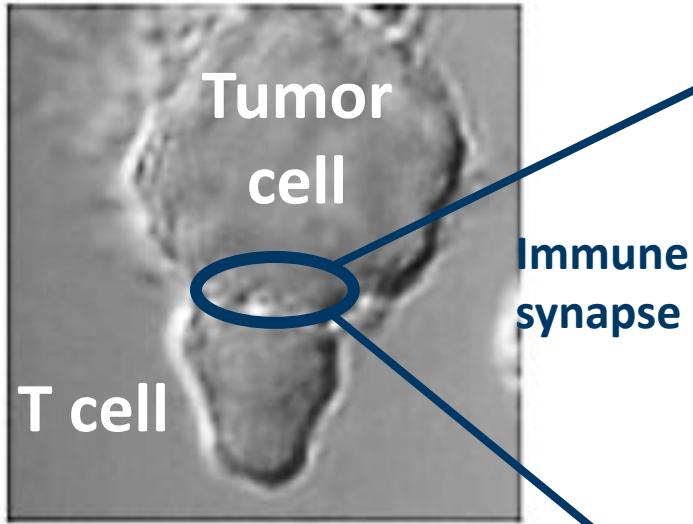
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What are Immune Engagers?

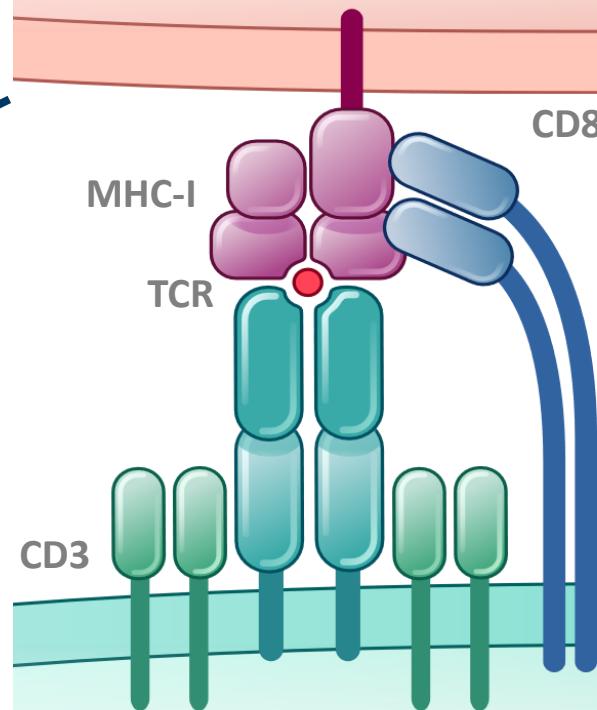
T cell bispecifics link the tumor associated antigen to CD3 ϵ of the TCR complex;

T cell activation



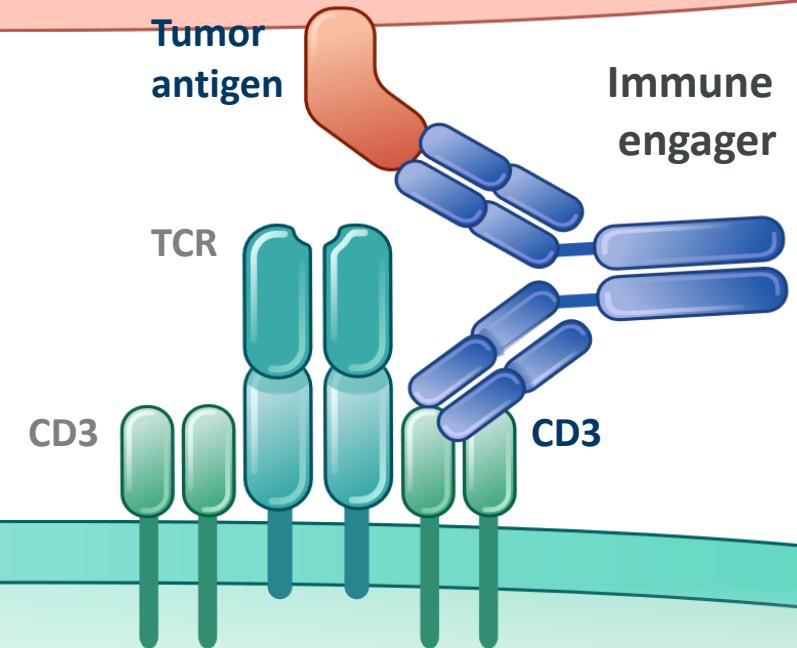
Adapted from Cemerski et al, Immunity 2007

'via nature'



- Limited T cell repertoire
- Dependence of pHLA

'via engager'



- Large T cell repertoire
- Dependence of TAA expression



T Cell Engagers (TCE) set to transform Heme landscape

Approved TCEs

2

 **BLINCYTO™**
Acute lymphoblastic leukemia

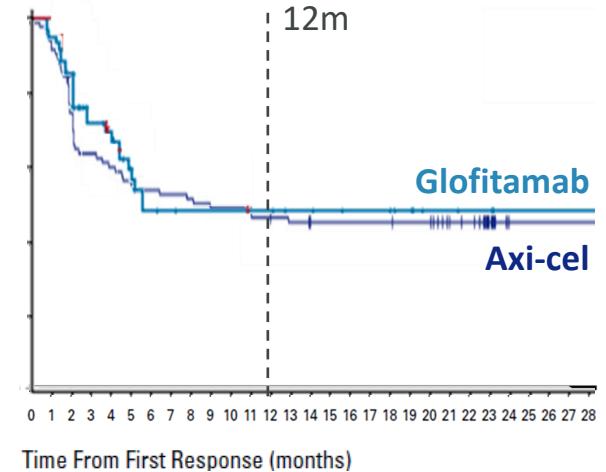
 **KIMMTRAK**
Metastatic uveal melanoma

CD20 TCE shows favorable response and better safety profile

	CD20 TCE (Glofitamab)	CD19 CAR-T (SOC – Axi-cel)
Population	2L+ R/R aNHL	3L+ R/R DLBCL
CR	33% (64% @RP2D)	53%
DOR @12m	49%	~47%
CRS AG	50%	92%
CRS G3+	4% (6% @RP2D)	11%

ASH2021

Duration of response



Promising solid tumor efficacy is beginning to emerge but are limited by significant toxicities

Glofitamab used as example TCE as has most expansion mDOR data available. Pivotal P1b as monotherapy in 3L+ DLBCL w/ filing due 2022. P3 ongoing in 2L+ DLBCL in combo + CTx w/ filing due 2024+.
*n=14 aNHL with 2.5/10/30mg IV (step-up doses). Duration of response rate provided for all responders (total) and those with complete response (CR)

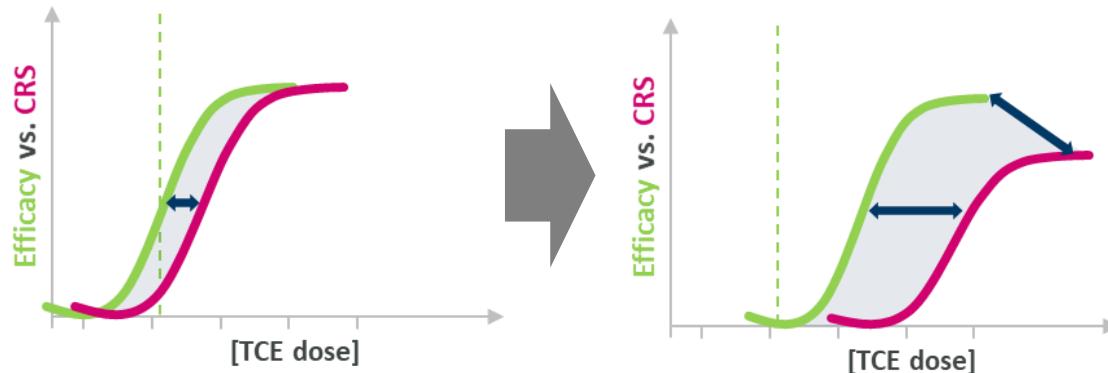


Future: Substantial investment in the field in optimizing TCEs

Field evolving to decrease CRS and increase TI

Cytokine release storm (CRS) results from excessive and supraphysiological activation of T cells

Field is actively looking to expand TI index by reducing CRS



Antibody engineering for decreasing CRS

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*Identification
of TAAs*

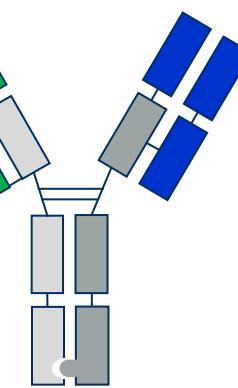
αTAA

2

*'Tuned' CD3
domains*

3

*Half-life
extension*



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Novel formats



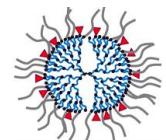
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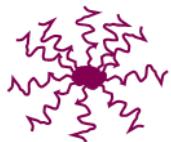


Targeting nanoparticles for greater therapeutic index

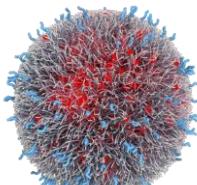
Untargeted nanoparticles



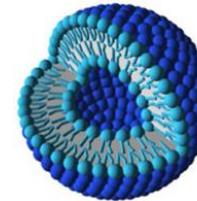
Dendrimers/
Star polymers
~10- 20 nm



Polymeric
micelles
20-50 nm



Polymeric
nanoparticles



Liposomes
70-150 nm

Untargeted liposomes have been successful

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Approved liposomes



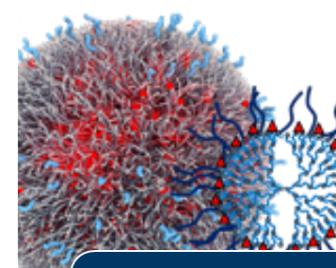
Myocet
(liposomal doxorubicin)



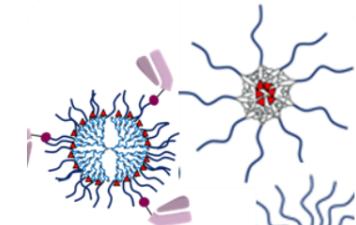
onivyde®
(irinotecan liposome injection)



Use of mAb fragments to target nanoparticles



Biophysical
Pharmacokinetics
Controlled release



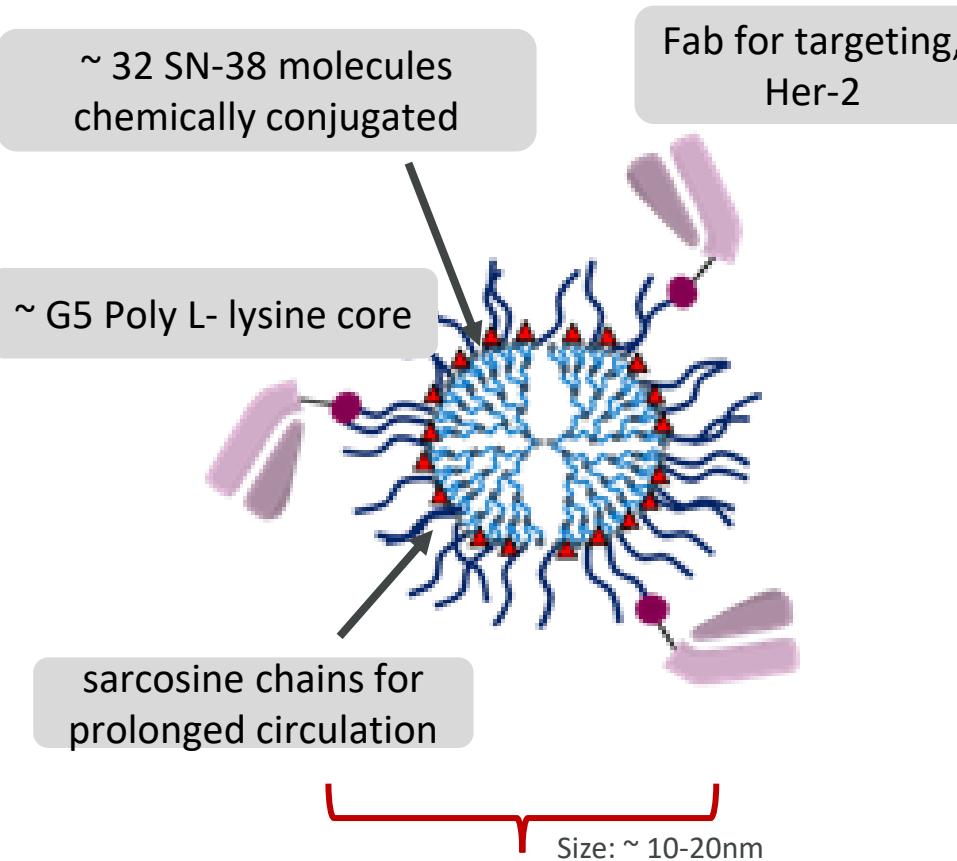
Active
Ligand targeted
Tumour specific

- Improved therapeutic index
- Solid and haematological tumours
- Range of drugs/drug properties
- High drug load per particle vs ADC

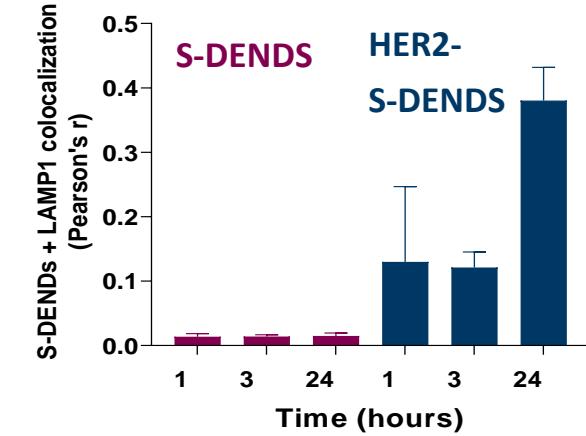
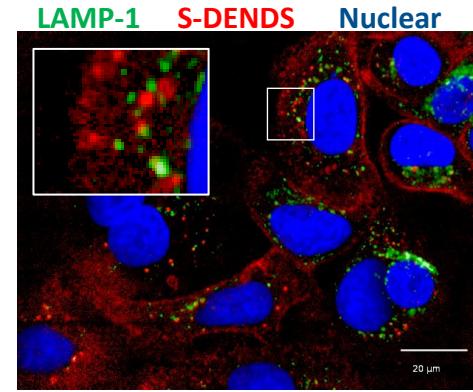


HER2-targeted S-DENDS shows improved cell uptake and killing

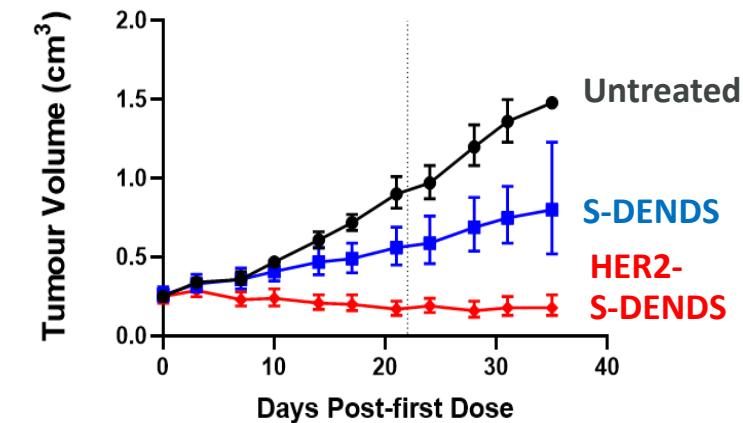
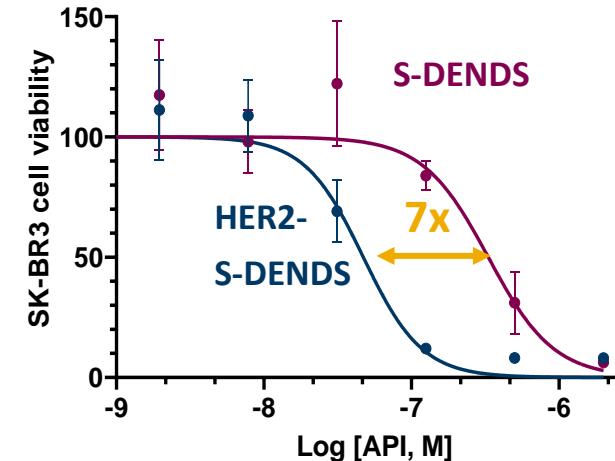
HER2-Fab targeted SN38 S-DENDS



Increased cellular uptake

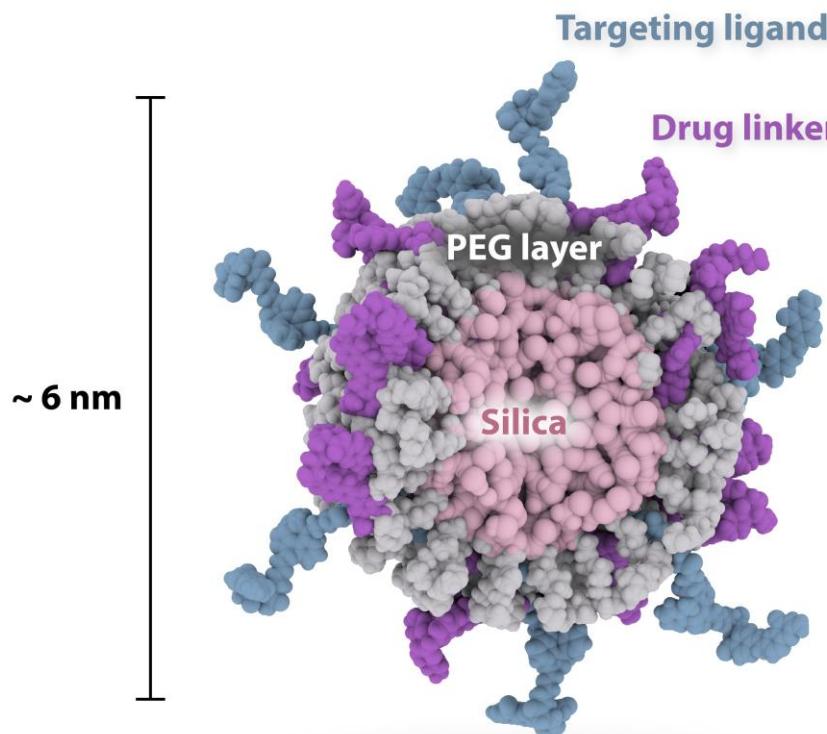


Increased cellular toxicity and *in vivo* efficacy



C'Dot-Drug-Conjugate (CDC)

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Novel Technology

- Ultra-small platform - can be loaded with multiple targeting moieties, linkers and payloads
- Short oligo-PEGs reduce platform immunogenicity
- Unique surface chemistry avoids off-target interactions
- Unique renal elimination due to the small size different than dendrimers or other polymeric NPs

Flexibility of Target and Payload

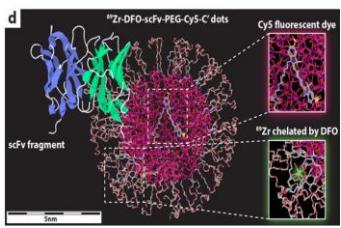
- Target using peptides, antibody fragments, aptamers, etc.
- Potential to incorporate more than one targeting moiety and payload

Novel Target-or-Clear® Paradigm

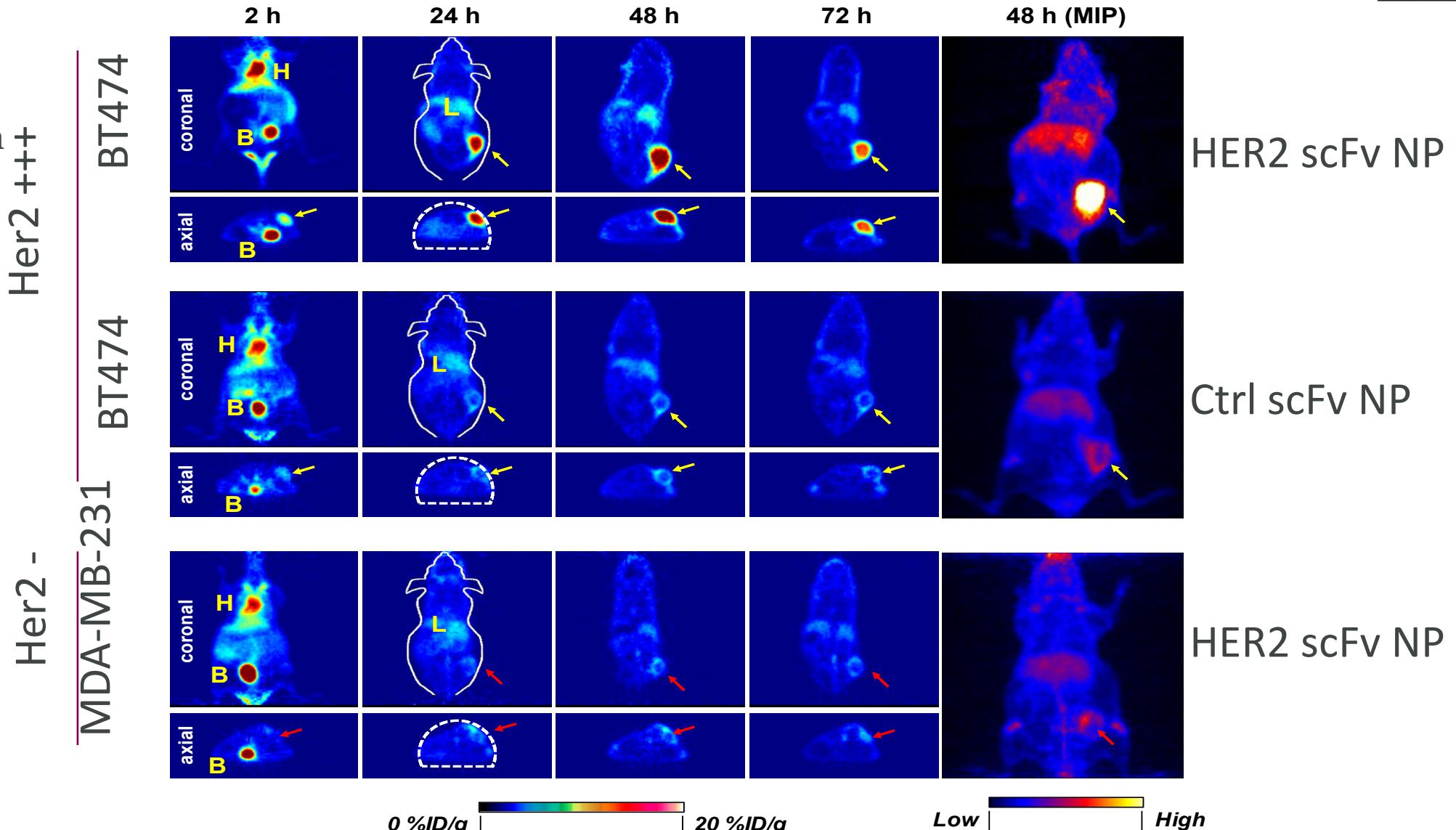
- High solid tumor penetration and distribution
- Low off-target exposure and efficient renal clearance



CDCs w/ engineered scFvs to enhance tumor targeting

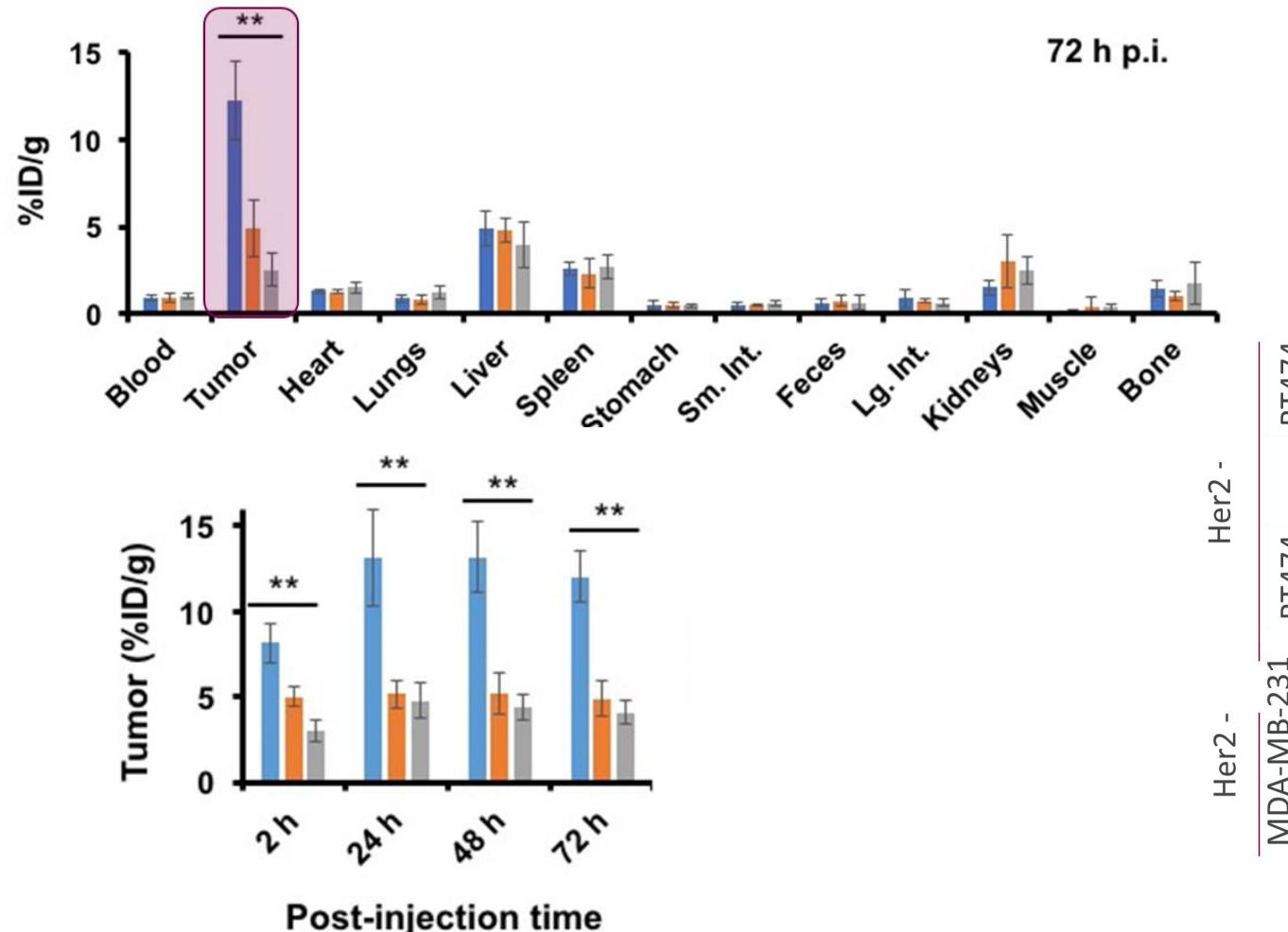


Rapid and specific localization of NPs to tumor sites

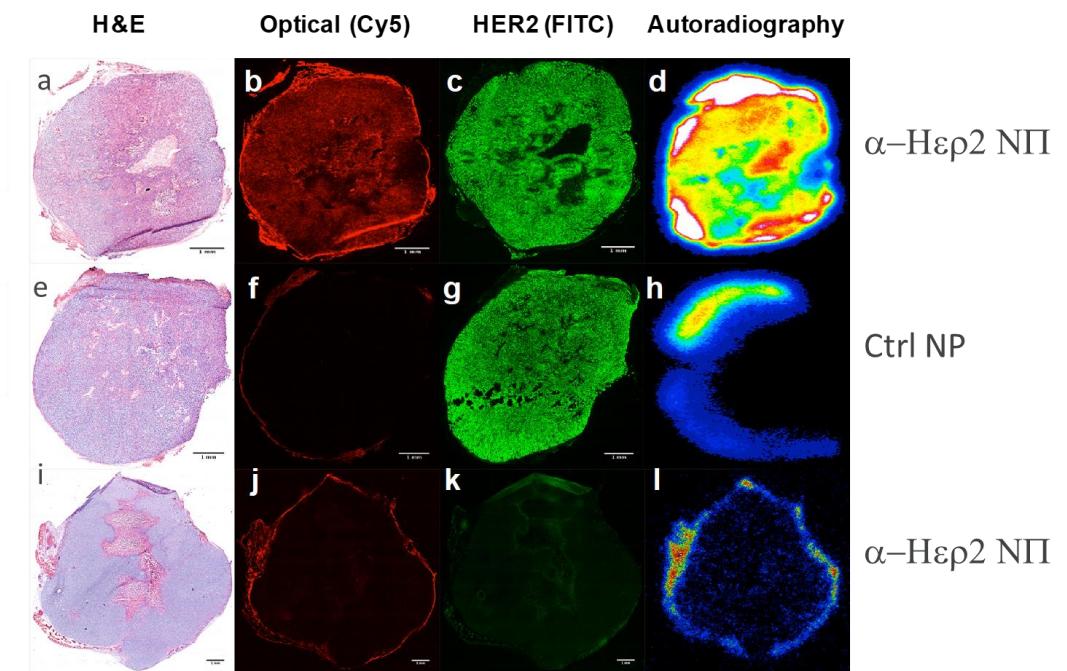


Targeted CDC NPs rapidly accumulate in tumors

Non-targeted (BT-474) Targeted (MDA-MB-231) Targeted (BT-474)



Her2 - MDA-MB-231 Her2 + BT474



Conclusions

- Antibodies have been shown to successfully deliver chemotherapy, radiation, direct T cells to tumors and have potential to deliver nanoparticulate systems
- With 11 approved ADCs, this modality continues to influence cancer treatment and in future we will see a plethora of ADCs with various payloads and linkers that will be combined and sequenced
- The field of Radioimmunoconjugates is at inflection point and more future will see various radioisotopes, targets and infrastructure to enable success
- T cell bispecifics and immune-engagers is a growing field and with advancements in Ab engineering tools and understanding of safety aspects, this field will provide applications in solid tumors
- Ab- mediated nanoparticles will have to prove in clinical oncology and this will be possible with the right choice of payload, target and disease biology
- Drug delivery modalities will continue to influence pharmaceutical development in oncology and all therapeutic areas

