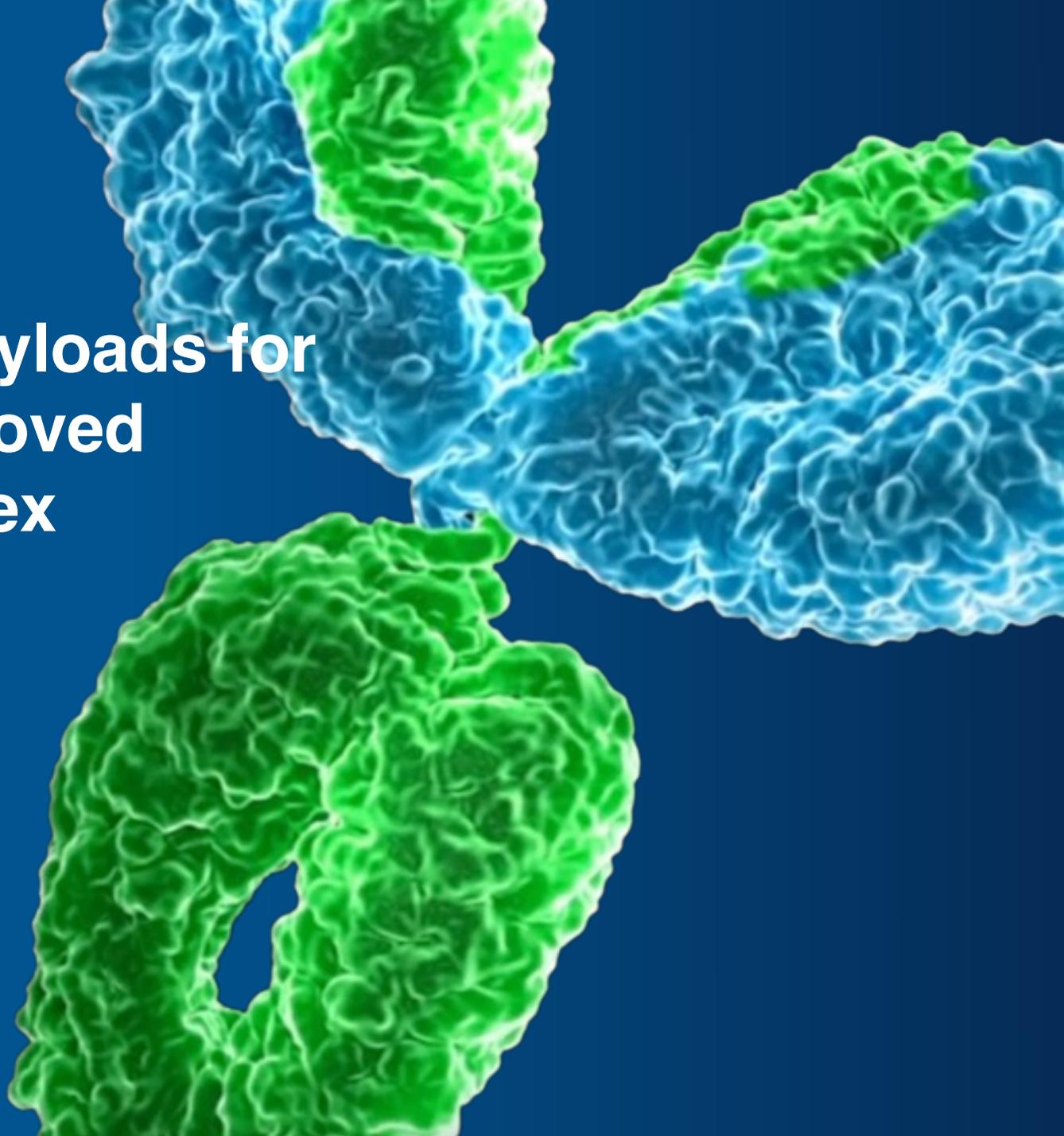




Discovery of Novel Linker Payloads for Site-Specific ADCs with Improved Efficacy and Therapeutic Index

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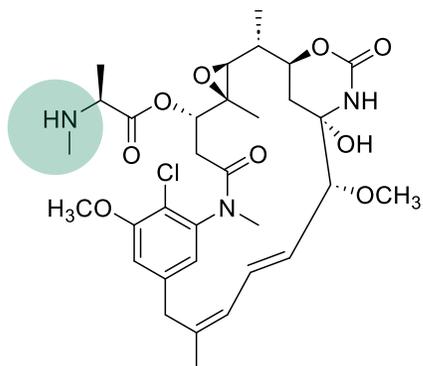
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Presentation Outline

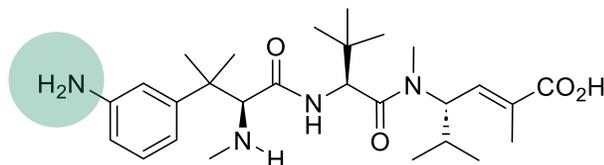
- Brief overview of the diverse classes of Sutro's linker payloads platform employed in the discovery and development of DAR4/8 site-specific ADCs
- Discovery of novel tumor-selective linkers and payloads explored in enhancing the efficacy and therapeutic index of α -ROR1 ADC (STRO-003)
- Highlighting Sutro's Site-Specific TAA ADCs utilizing the novel hydrophilic β -glucuronidase cleavable Exatecan linker payload

Expanding Sutro's Various Classes of Payload Platform for ADCs



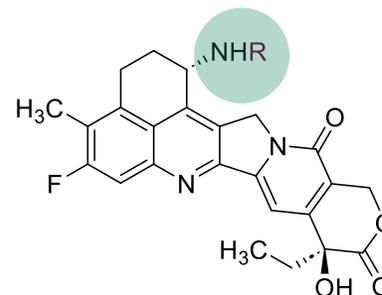
Maytansine

- Used on two Sutro clinical programs
- Tubulin inhibitor
- Can be used with cleavable and non-cleavable linkers
- Extensive clinical track record
- IC₅₀: 22 - 64 nM



Hemiasterlin Analog

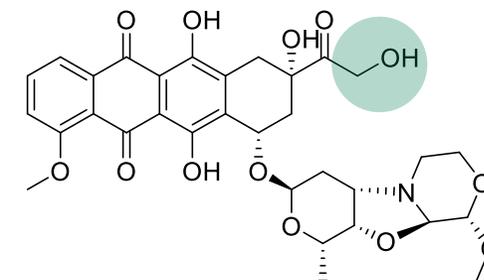
- Sutro novel payload asset used in two clinical programs
- Tubulin inhibitor
- Reduced P-gp efflux liability- best in class within tubulin binders
- Induces strong ICD
- IC₅₀: 0.3 - 4.2 nM



R = H (Exatecan)
R = Gly (Gly-Exatecan)

Exatecan/Gly-Exatecan

- Topo1 Inhibitor
- Close analog to Daiichi DXd-ADC
- More potent Topo1 inhibition and cell killing than CPT-11, SN-38, Topotecan
- Multiple novel linker payload for optimized TI's
- Not a P-gp substrate
- IC₅₀: 0.32 - 12nM/3.8-44 nM



PNU anthracycline class

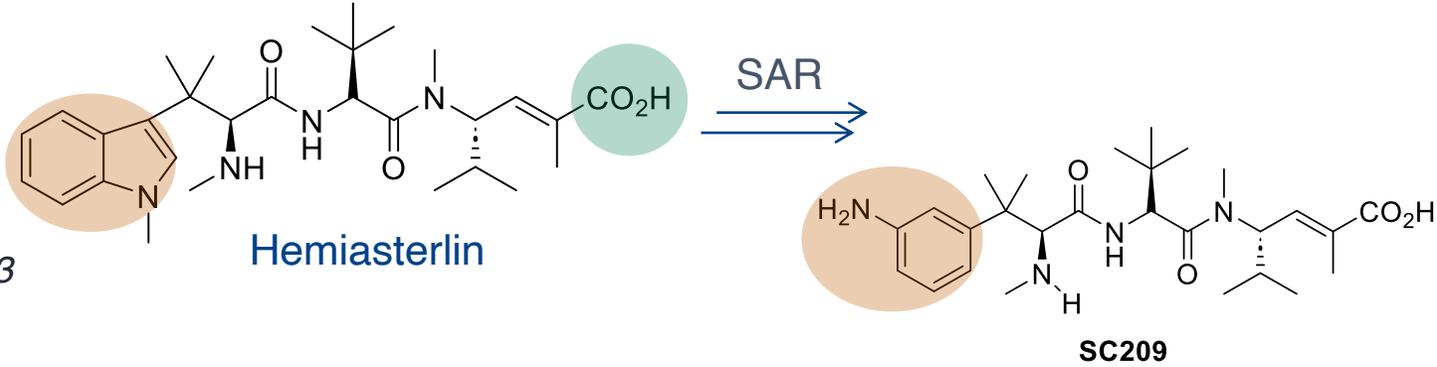
- Topo1-inhibitor, multiple effects on DNA including intercalation and alkylation
- High potency, no need for high DAR
- Multiple stable linkers in evaluation
- Not a P-gp substrate
- strong ICD inducers, best in class activators of DCs
- IC₅₀: 0.01 - 0.05 nM

Hemiasterlins: From Natural Product to ADC Payload

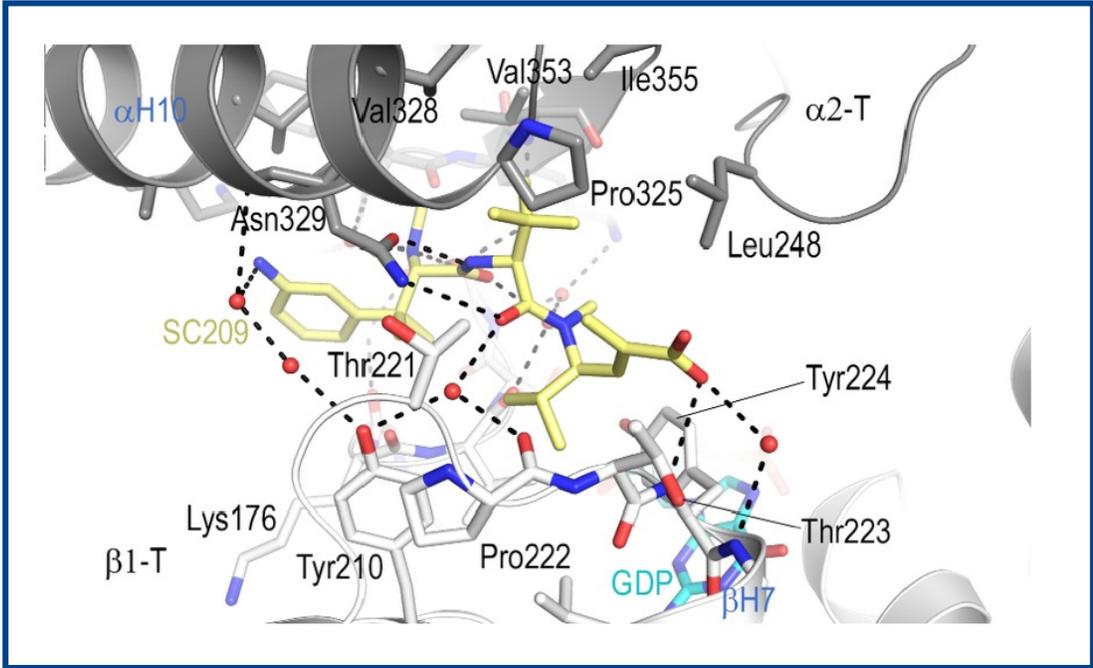


hemiasterella minor

Isolation & characterization
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- Co-crystallization of SC209 is binding to the vinca-site of two α,β -tubulin interdimer interface
- Sutro's tubulin inhibitor class payload for ADC programs
- Low to sub nM cell killing activity across various cancer cells
- Active against P-gp overexpressing cells
- Induced strong ICD, characterized by secretion of damage-associated molecular patterns (DAMPs)
- vc-SC209 (SC239) optimized LP utilized for two DAR4 ADC clinical programs

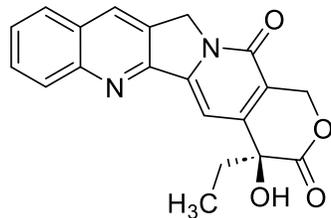


CPT Derivatives and DNA Targeting Cytotoxins Explored as ADCs

Camptothecins (DNA topoisomerase I inhibitor)

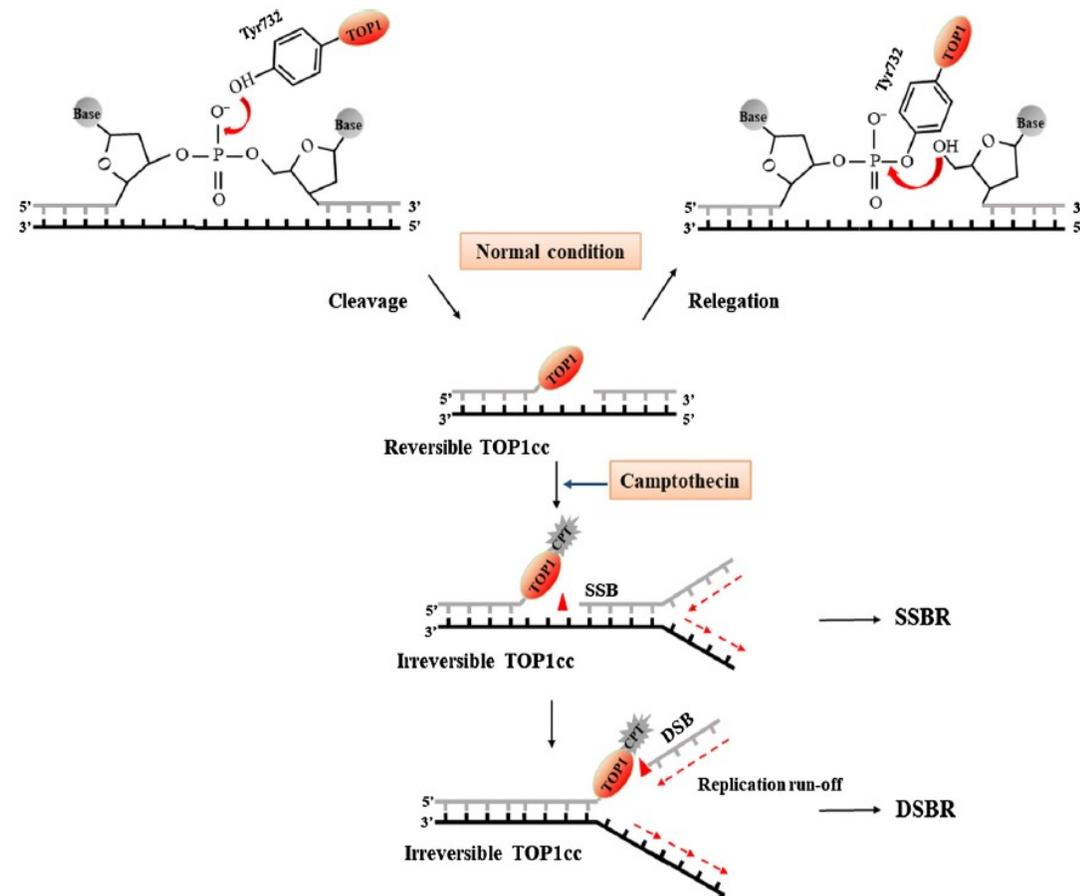


Camptotheca acuminata

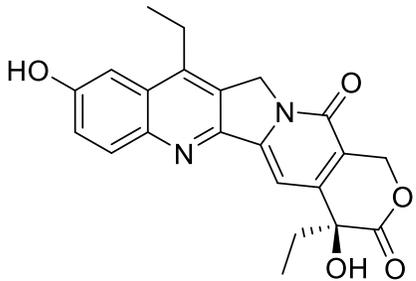


Camptothecin

CPTs induce DNA damage through trapping of Topoisomerase 1

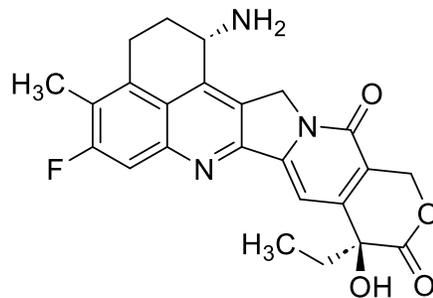


Camptothecin (CPT) derivatives



• SN-38 (SC2609)

- Poor solubility
- Less potent Topo-1 inhibition
- Catabolite to β -Glu SN-38 not potent

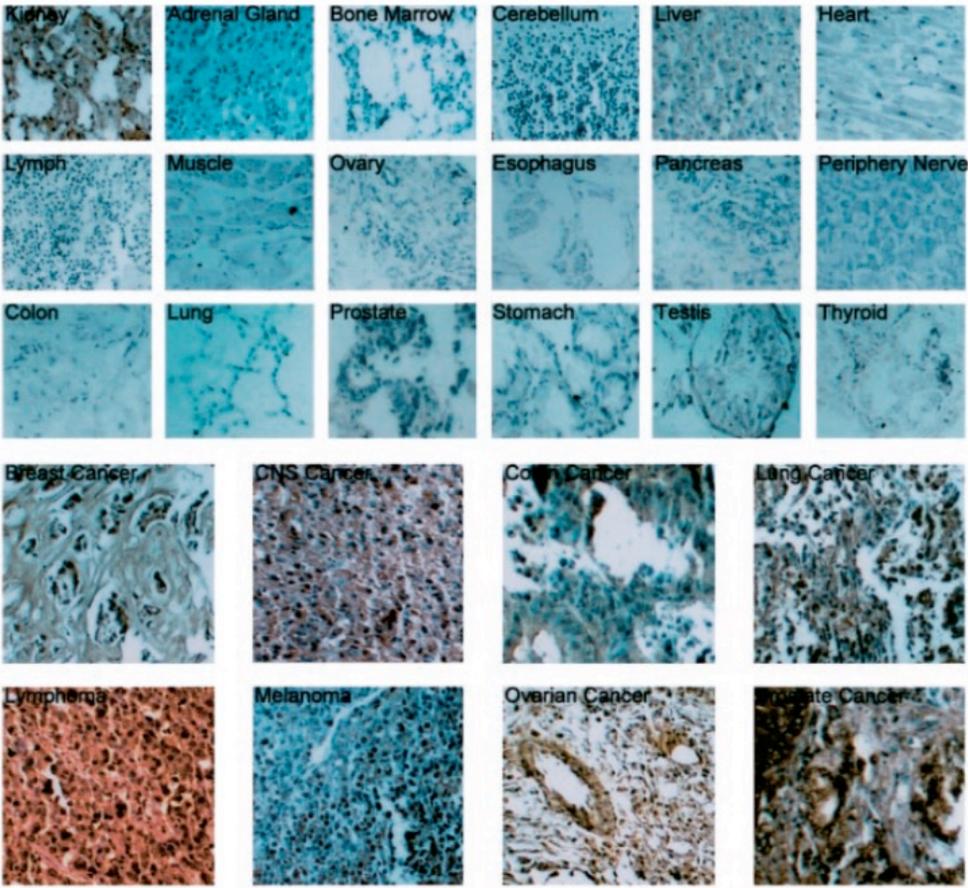


• Exatecan (SC3386)

- More stable lactone, not a P-gp substrate
- Water soluble CPT derivative

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Legumain (LGMN) Expression in Human Tumors for ADC Linker



- The Cys protease Legumain, also known as Asparaginyl endopeptidase, specifically cleaves Asn amide bonds at acidic pH
- Legumain is overexpressed in the majority of human solid tumors
- This protease is known to be upregulated in multiple cancer types, actively in cancer invasion and metastasis

Table 1 *Legumain detection in human solid tumors*

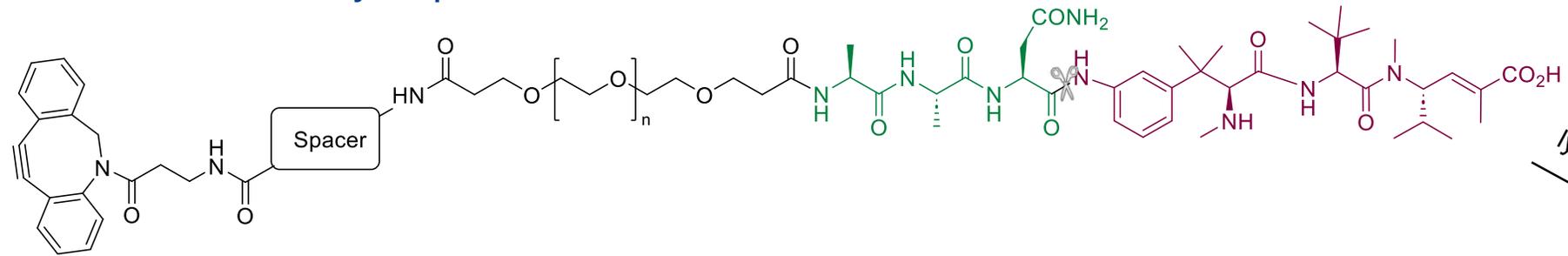
Carcinoma type	Number analyzed	Number positive	Percentage positive	Degree of positivity
Breast carcinoma	43	43	100%	+++
Colon carcinoma	34	32	95%	+++
Lung carcinoma	24	14	58%	+++
Prostate carcinoma	56	42	75%	++++
Ovarian carcinoma	23	17	73%	++
Central nervous system tumors	8	8	100%	++
Lymphoma	14	8	57%	+
Melanoma	12	5	41%	+

- Legumain expression in normal human tissues and tumors

Cancer Res. 2003 Jun 1;63(11):2957-64

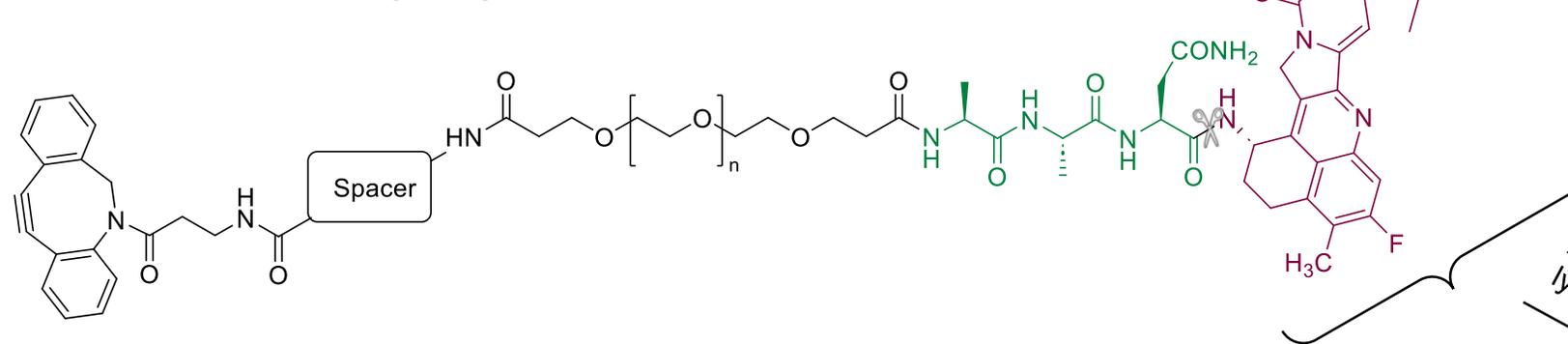
Legumain Protease Cleavable Hemiasterlin and Topo1i LP's for ADCs

LGMN cleavable hydrophilic Hemiasterlin LP

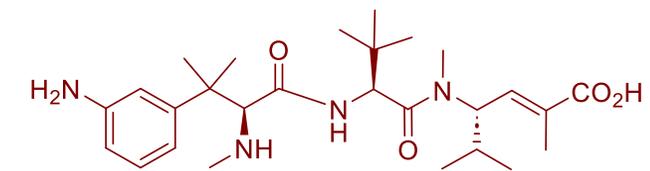


Ab conjugation
lysosomal processing

LGMN cleavable hydrophilic Exatecan LP



Ab conjugation
lysosomal processing



Hemiasterlin Payload (SC209)

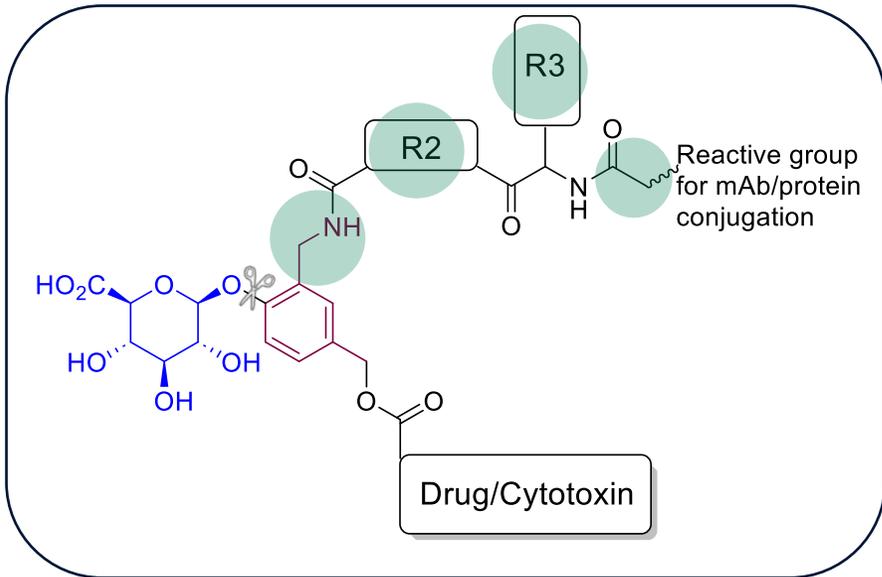
- Selective to the LGMN
- Stable to hNE
- It is stable to serine proteases and or other cysteine proteases
- No pABC required, less hydrophobic and stable to Ces1C

Exatecan Payload (SC3386)

β -Glucuronidase (β -Glu) Overview

- β -Glu is overexpressed in the majority of known solid and blood cancers
- β -Glu is only active and present in cancer cell lysosomes and tumor necrotic regions
- Active only at acidic pH
- Non peptide based, stable to hNE & or to other serine/cysteine proteases
- Minimal expression in normal cells, not active at physiological pH
- Intrinsic hydrophilicity due to the sugar linker
- Serum stable linker

Design of Novel Proprietary Tumor Specific β -Glucuronide Linker for ADCs



Lysosomal release of various β -Glucuronidase Cleavable Exatecan Linker Payloads

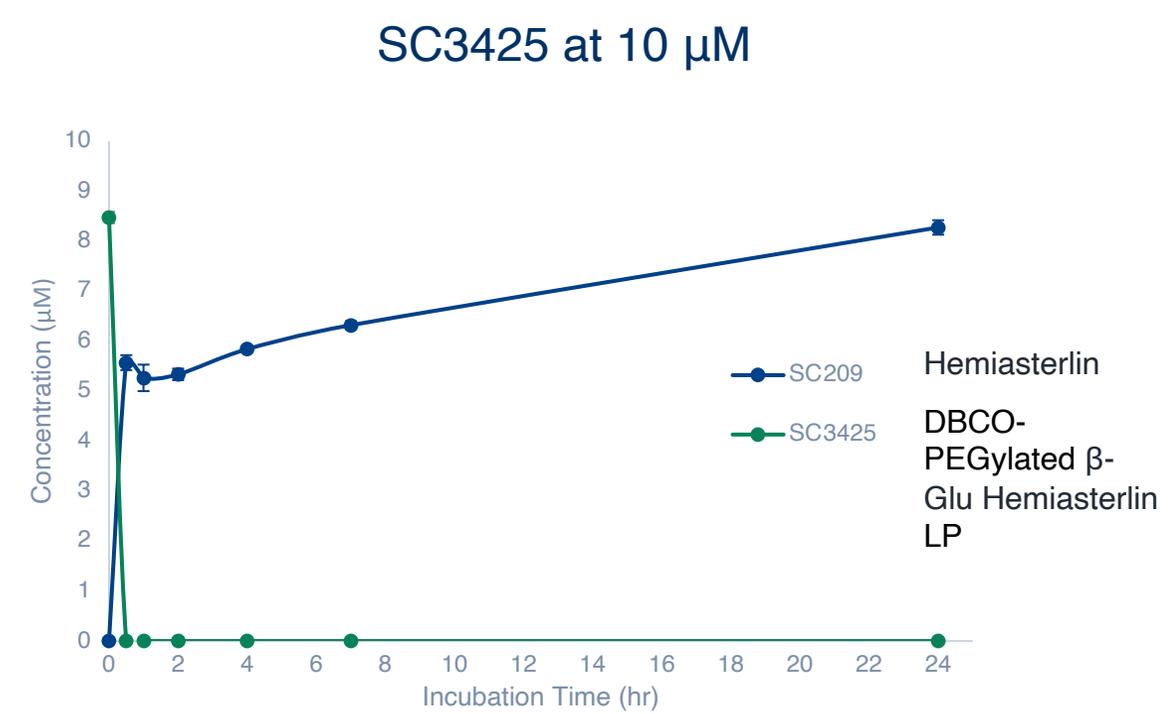
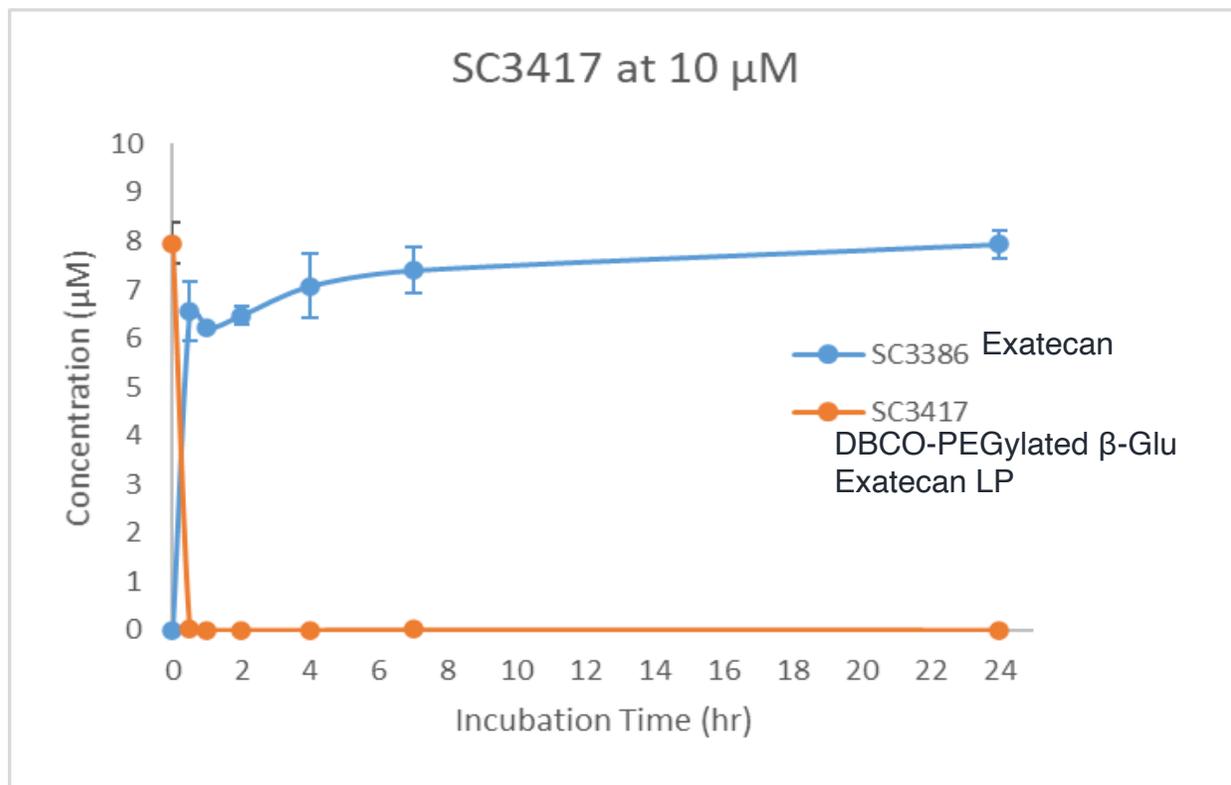
Linker Payload	% of Expected Payload release from Lysosomal Incubation @ 24h
SC3417	98.2%
SC3730	90.6%
SC3731	100%
SC3732	86.2%

Several β -Glu cleavable linkers have been explored across diverse vectors to optimize the proprietary β -Glu linkers for ADCs

- Improved stability
- Improved hydrophilicity
- Improved Enzyme release kinetics
- Optimized hydrophilic linker enabling high DAR ADCs with improved PK and physicochemical properties

β -Glucuronidase Enzyme Release of Optimized Hydrophilic β -Glu Linker Payloads

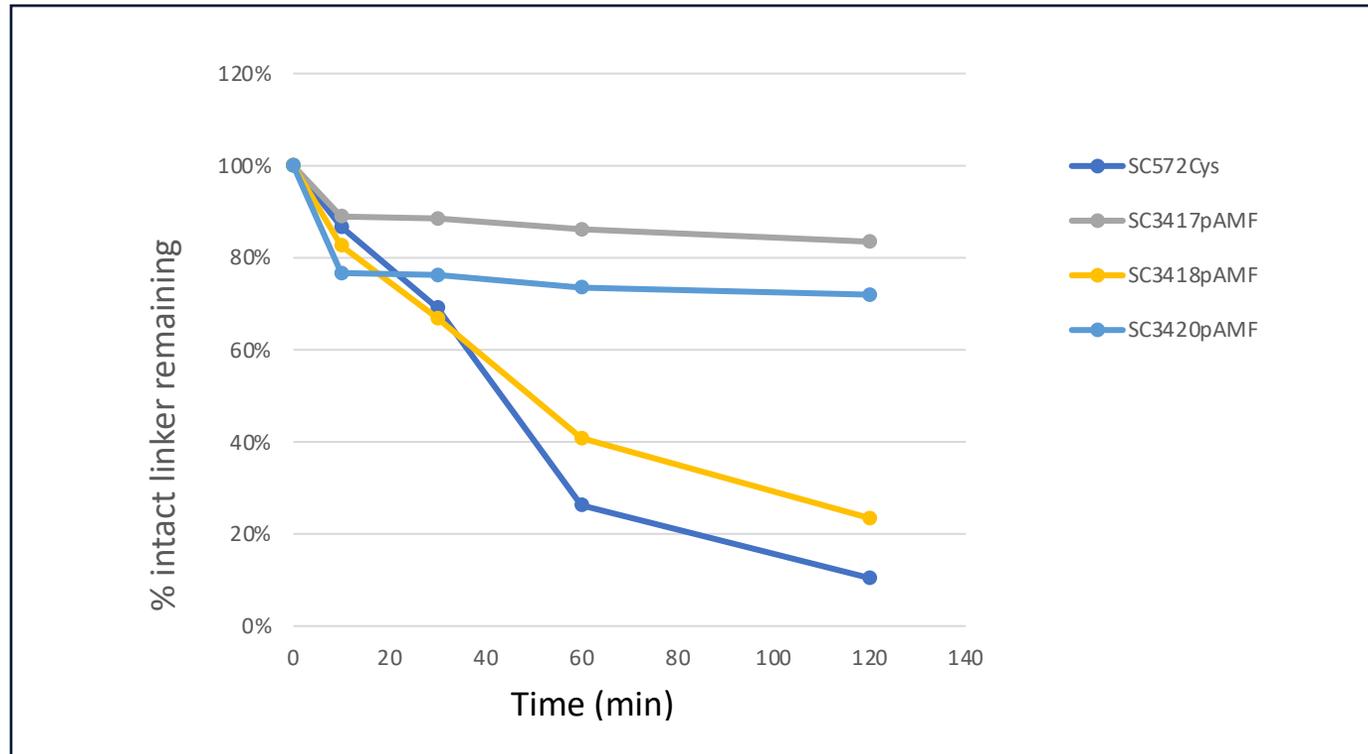
β -Glu enzyme cleaves novel hydrophilic β -Glu cleavable Exatecan (SC3417) and β -Glu cleavable Hemiasterlin (SC3425) LPs



- The Optimized β -Glu Exatecan (SC3417) and β -Glu Hemiasterlin (SC3425) LPs exhibited comparable corresponding payload release concentrations of SC3386 and SC209

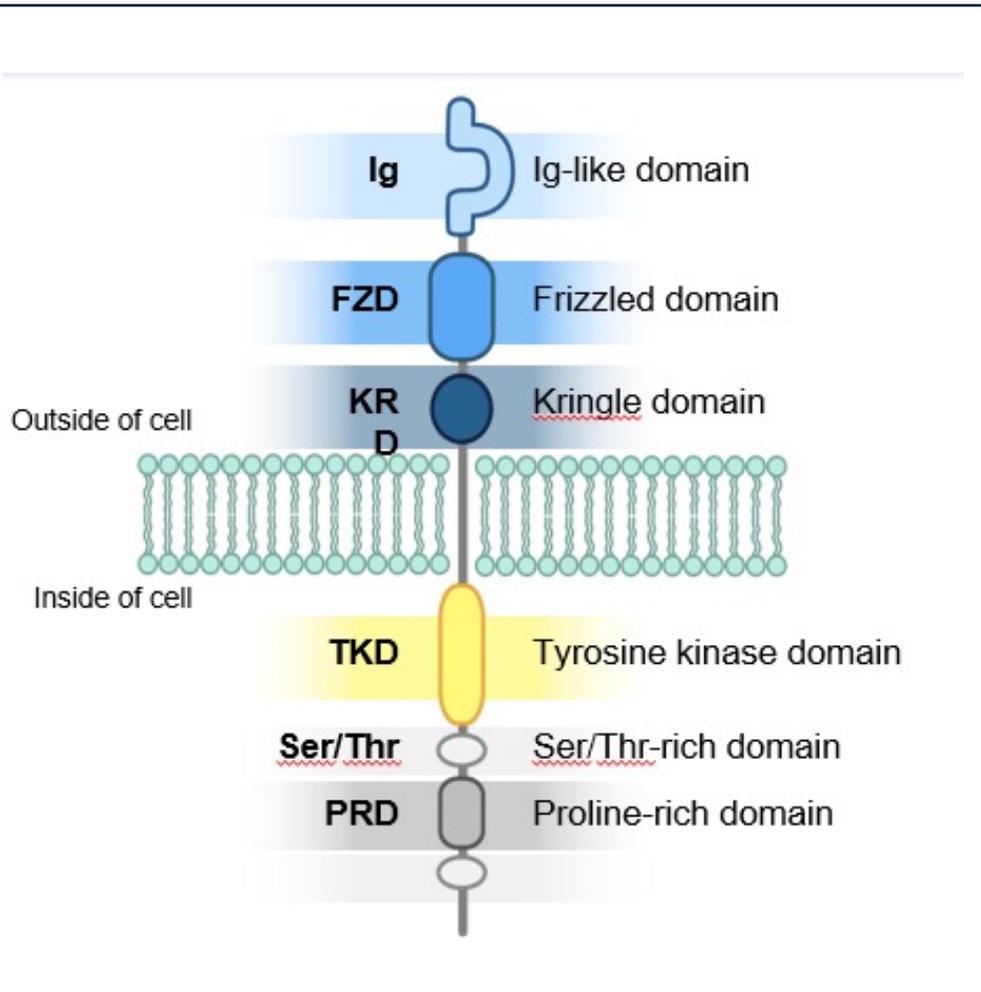
human Neutrophil Elastase (hNE) Stability of Various Linker Payloads

hNE Cleavage of Different pAMF/Cys Quenched Linker Payloads



- hNE cleavage was observed for SC572Cys (vcMMAE) ~ SC3418pAMF (cathepsin cleavable Exatecan LP)>> SC3420pAMF (LGMN cleavable Exatecan LP)
- No release is observed for SC3417pAMF (β -Glu cleavable Exatecan LP) and is stable in the hNE assay for 2h

ROR1 Background



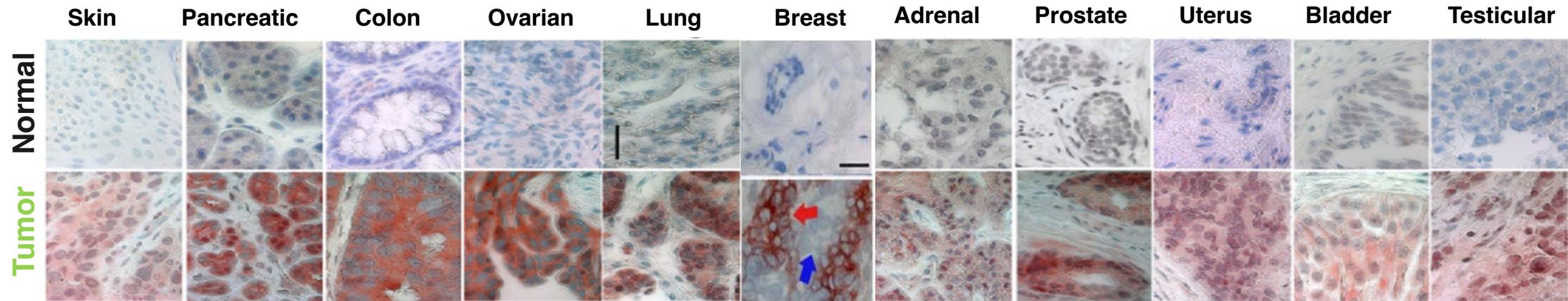
Schematic domain structure of ROR1

- Receptor tyrosine kinase-like orphan receptor 1 (ROR1) is a cell-surface, onco-fetal protein whose expression is correlated with oncogenic properties such as enhanced proliferation, survival, and chemoresistance
- ROR1 expression is highly associated with epithelial-mesenchymal transition EMT genes and the silencing of ROR1 reduces the ability of MDA-MB-231 cells
- Tyrosine Kinase ROR1 as an attractive Target for Anti-Cancer Therapies

- *Zhao et al. Frontiers in oncology May 2021*
- *Nicholas et al. Protein Cell 2014, 5(7):496–502*

ROR1 is an Attractive ADC Therapeutic Target for Solid/Hematological Malignancies

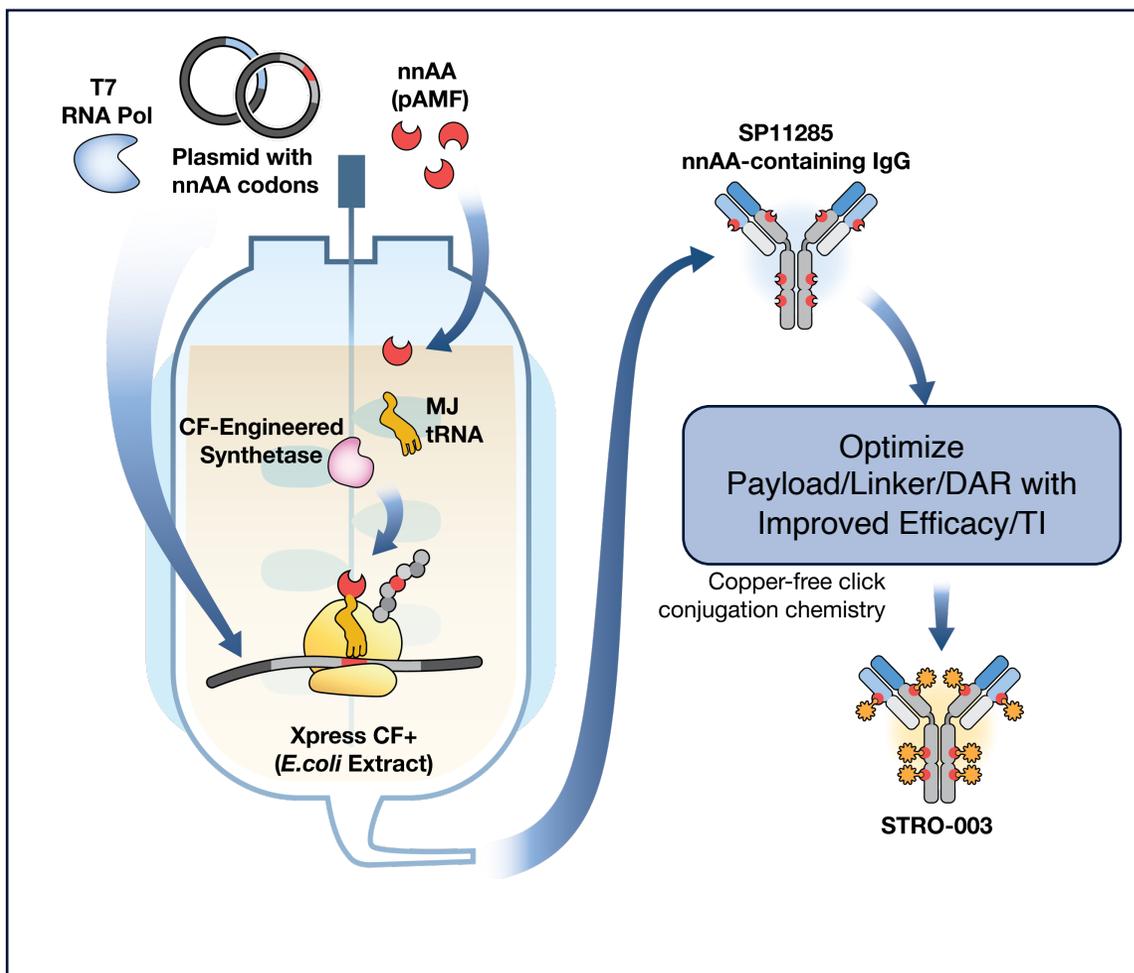
ROR1 Expression Across Various Solid Tumors



- ROR1 is a favorable target for an ADC due to its low expression in normal tissues
- As well as its prevalence in solid tumors and B cell malignancies, including CLL, DLBCL, MCL, TNBC, NSCLC and ovarian cancer
- ROR1 expression is correlated with poor prognosis in different cancers, for e.g., TNBC and CRC

- *Zhang, et al. Am J Pathol. 2012; 1903-10*
- *Balakrishnan, et al. Clin Cancer Rese 2017, 3061-3071*
- *Zheng, et al Sci Rep. 2016 Nov 10;6:36447; Zhou et al, Oncotarget. 2017 May 16;8(20):32864-32872*

α -ROR1 nnAA pAMF Labeled Ab Discovered Using Sutro's CF Platform Technology



- α -ROR1 STRO-003 Ab, high affinity binding to ROR1
- Fully human IgG1 aglycosylated Ab
- 8 pAMF nnAA incorporated at LC and HC
- Binding to ROR1 Ig domain
- Cross reactive to human/cyno/rodent
- No binding to ROR2

Samples	CHO-hROR1		HEK293-mROR1		HEK293-rROR1	
	Bmax	Kd (nM)	Bmax	Kd (nM)	Bmax	Kd (nM)
STRO-003 Ab	22295	0.24	17122	1.9	22176	1.5

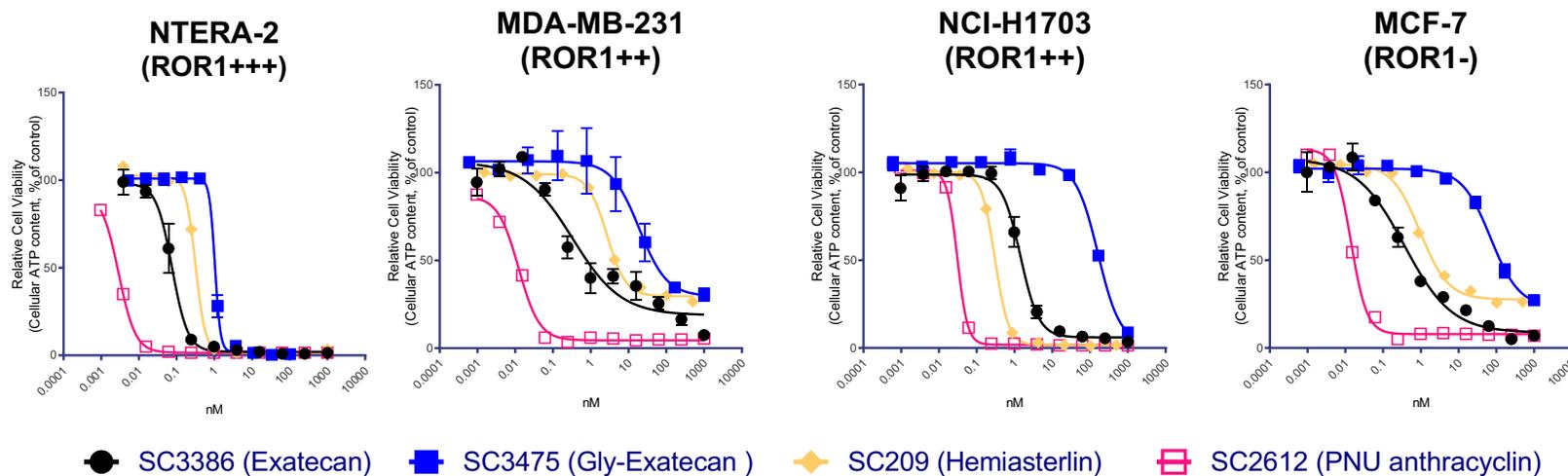
Schematic representation of cell-free α -ROR1 Ab synthesis for homogeneous ROR1 targeting ADC

Design/Optimization of Novel Linker Payload for α -ROR1 ADC

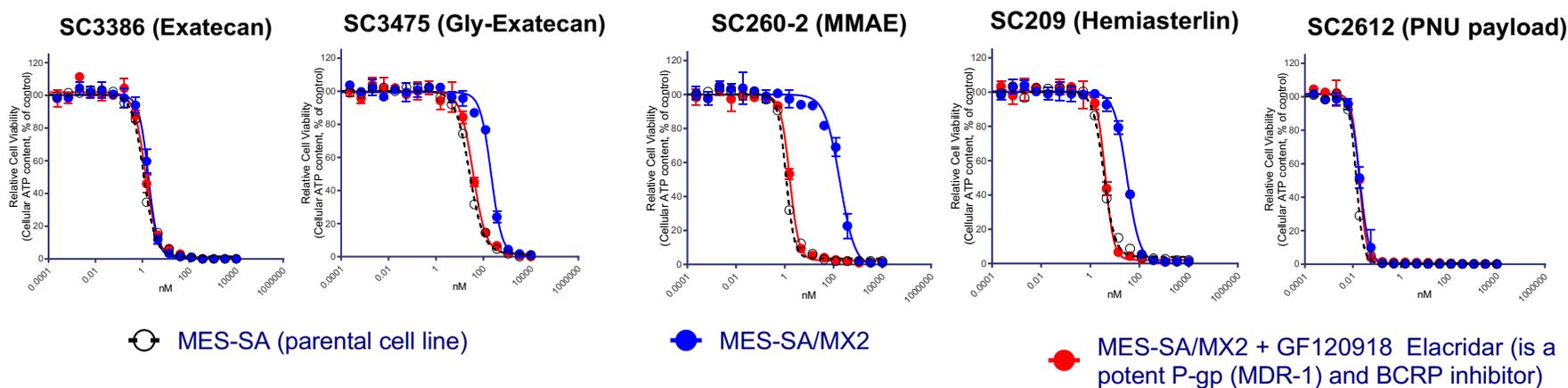
- ROR1 is expressed on multiple hematologic and solid tumors but not on normal tissues
- Heterogenous expression, low receptor copy number (ranging between 50,000-150,000)
- Payload selection Tubulin vs DNA targeting
- Low/not a substrate for drug efflux from MDPR/BCRP1 transporters
- Improved passive permeability (P_{app}) for better bystander affect
- Moderate potency payload; high drug loading ADCs (DAR8) to drive the efficacy and modulate the PK, safety
- Explored different drugs and tumor specific release mechanism-based linkers, to minimize C_{max} the free payload in tissues and maximize target exposure to ADC
- Better physicochemical properties of ADC

Payload Selection for α -ROR1 ADC

In-vitro cell killing on ROR1 expressing tumor cells of different classes of payloads

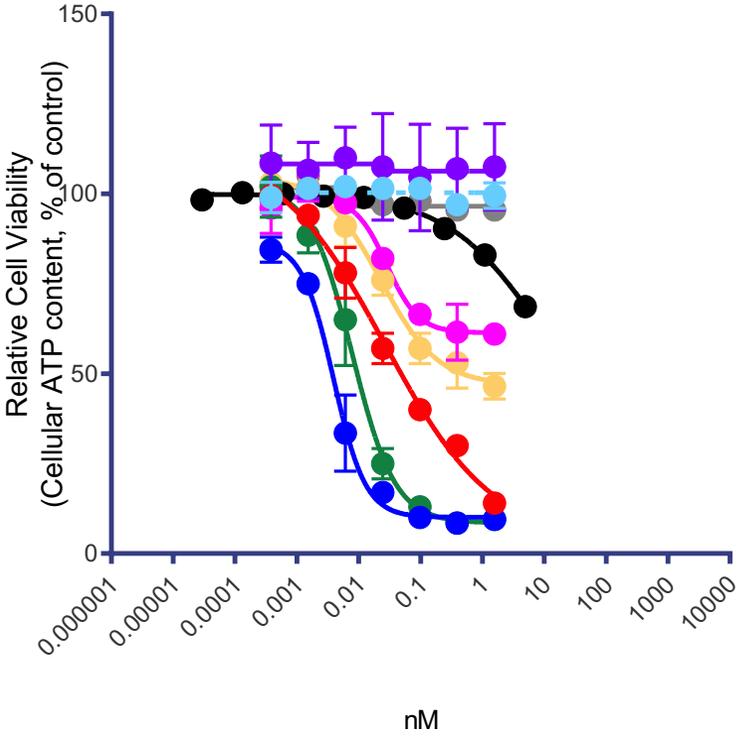


In-vitro cell killing on P-gp overexpressing MES-SA/MX2 tumor cells of tubulin/DNA targeting payloads

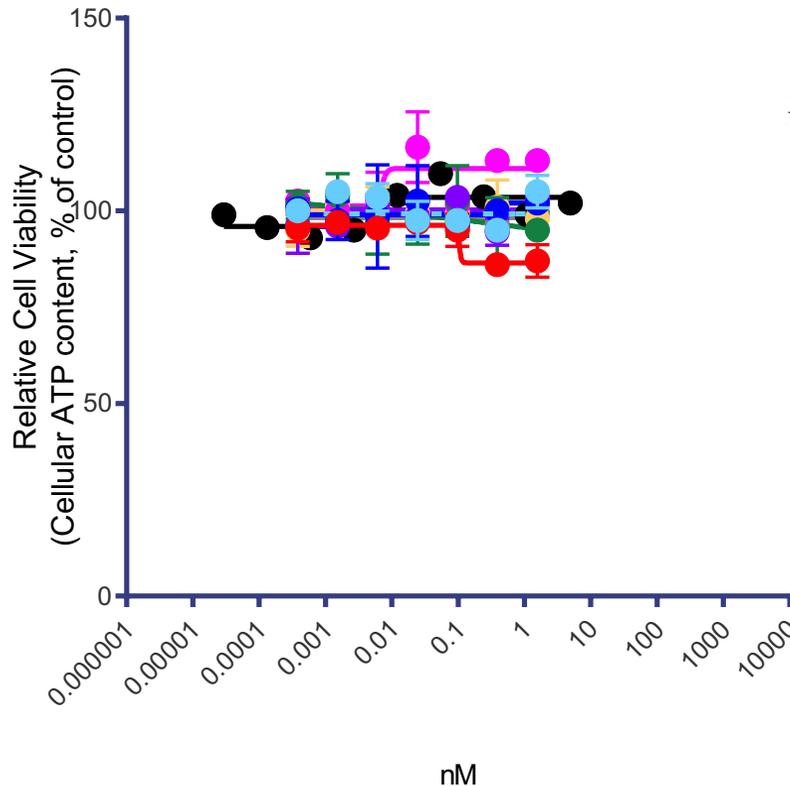


In vitro Potencies of α -ROR1 DAR8 ADCs with Different Linker/Payloads

**NTERA-2
(ROR1+++)**



**MCF-7
(ROR1-ve)**

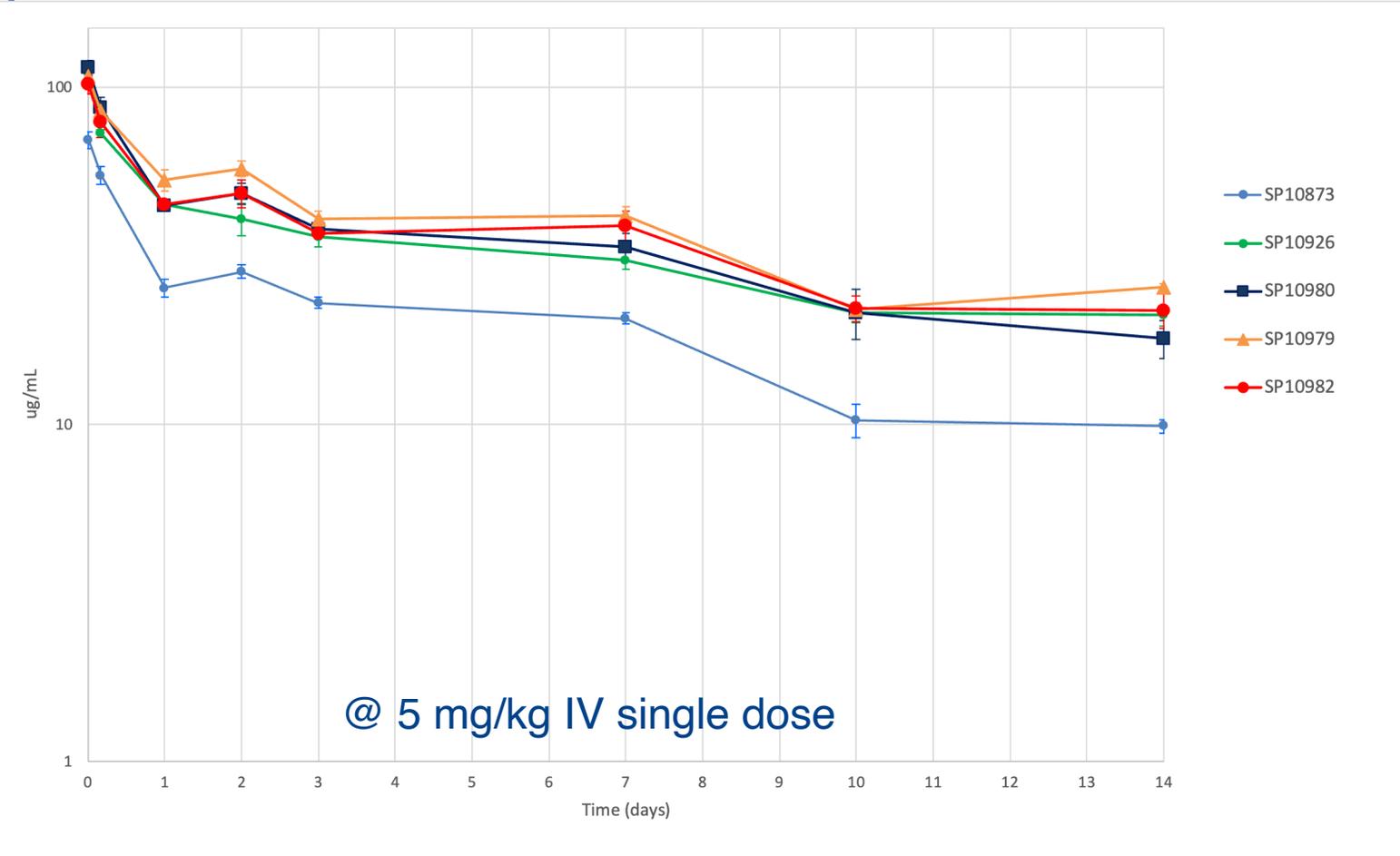


- ● SP10978 2188-D04 + SC3411 (charge-PEG-tripeptide cathepsin sensitive Exatecan) DAR8
- SP10979 2188-D04 + SC3417 (PEGylated bGlu Exatecan) DAR8
- ● SP10980 2188-D04 + SC3418(PEG-tripeptide cathepsin sensitive Exatecan) DAR8
- SP10981 2188-D04 + SC3419 (PEG-dipeptide Exatecan) DAR8
- SP10982 2188-D04 + SC3420 (PEG-tripeptide LGMN cleavable Exatecan) DAR8
- SP10983 2188-D04 + SC3421 (PEG tripeptide Exatecan) DAR8
- SP10873 2188-D04 + SC239 (hemiasterlin) DAR8
- SP11068 UC961 + SC572 (DAR4)
- SP10990 Velosbio Ab

- SC3418 (cathepsin), SC3417 (b-Glu), SC3420 (LGMN) ROR1 DAR8 ADCs demonstrated potent and ROR1 dependent cell killing.

Linker Payload	% of expected payload release from lysosomal incubation @ 24h
SC3411	Not released
SC3418	Payload released

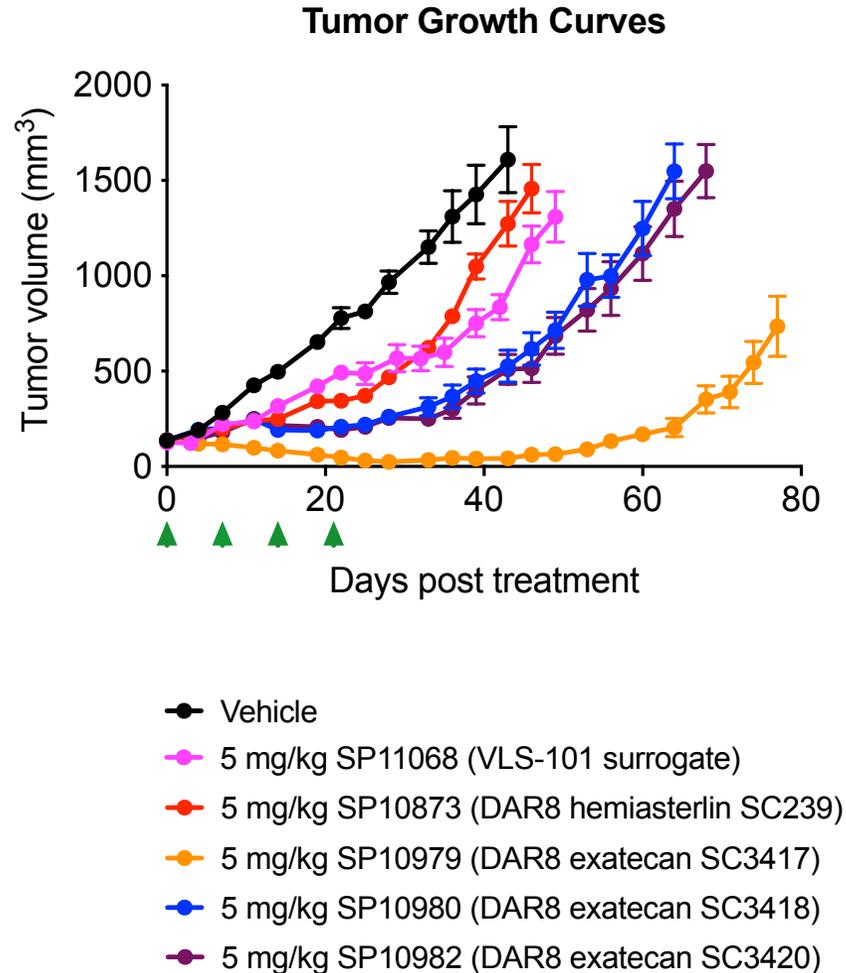
PK Summary of α -ROR1 DAR8 ADCs with Different Linker/Payloads in Non-Tumor Bearing Mice



Conjugate	Description	Terminal $t_{1/2}$ (day)
SP10873	ROR1 2188-D04-SC239 (DAR8)	7.56
SP10926	ROR1 2188-D04-SC3403 (DAR8)	12.0
SP10980	ROR1 2188-D04-SC3418 (DAR8)	8.67
SP10979	ROR1 2188-D04-SC3417 (DAR8)	10.2
SP10982	ROR1 2188-D04-SC3420 (DAR8)	10.7

- SC3417/SC3418/SC3420 with different cleavable linker based Exatecan DAR8 α -ROR1ADCs showed good PK properties when compared to the benchmark control LP (SC3403) as DAR8 ADC.

α -ROR1 DAR8 ADCs with Various Linker/Payloads in MDA-MB-231 Breast Cancer Model with Moderate ROR1 Expression



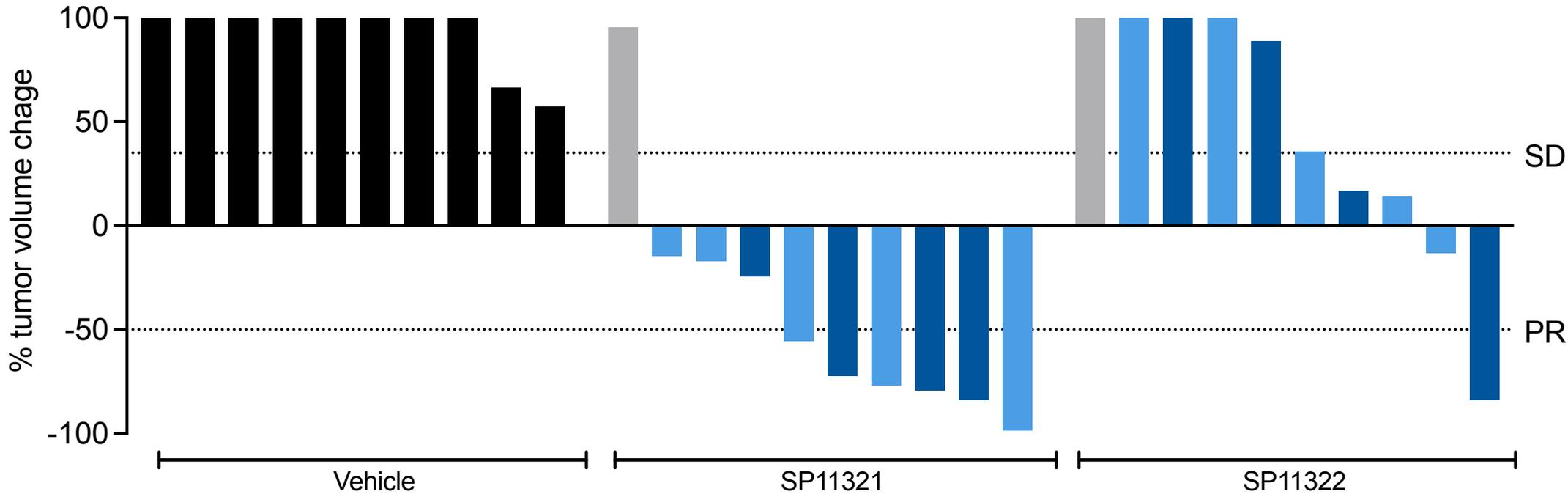
LP SC#	Description	Dose (qw x4)	% TGI (Day 42 or 43)
SC3417	DAR8 hydrophilic β -glu Exatecan Linker Payload	5 mg/kg	106%
SC3418	DAR8 CatB (tripeptide sequence) cleavable Exatecan Linker Payload	5 mg/kg	74%
SC3420	DAR8 LGMN (tripeptide sequence) Exatecan Linker Payload	5 mg/kg	75%
SC239	DAR8 CatB cleavable Hemiasterlin Linker Payload	5 mg/kg	23%
SC572	DAR4 CatB MMAE (VLS-101 Linker-Payload)	5 mg/kg	53%
	Vehicle		

- DAR8 β -Glu Exatecan conjugate outperformed compared to other α -ROR1 ADCs utilizing different Linker/Payloads

α -ROR1 DAR8 SP11321 (β -glu Exatecan) ADC Shows Greater Anti-Tumor Activity in High and Low ROR1 Expressing NSCLC PDX Models than SP11322 ADC

PDX models were dosed at 10 mg/kg q7dx5.

ROR1 high
ROR1 low
ROR1 negative

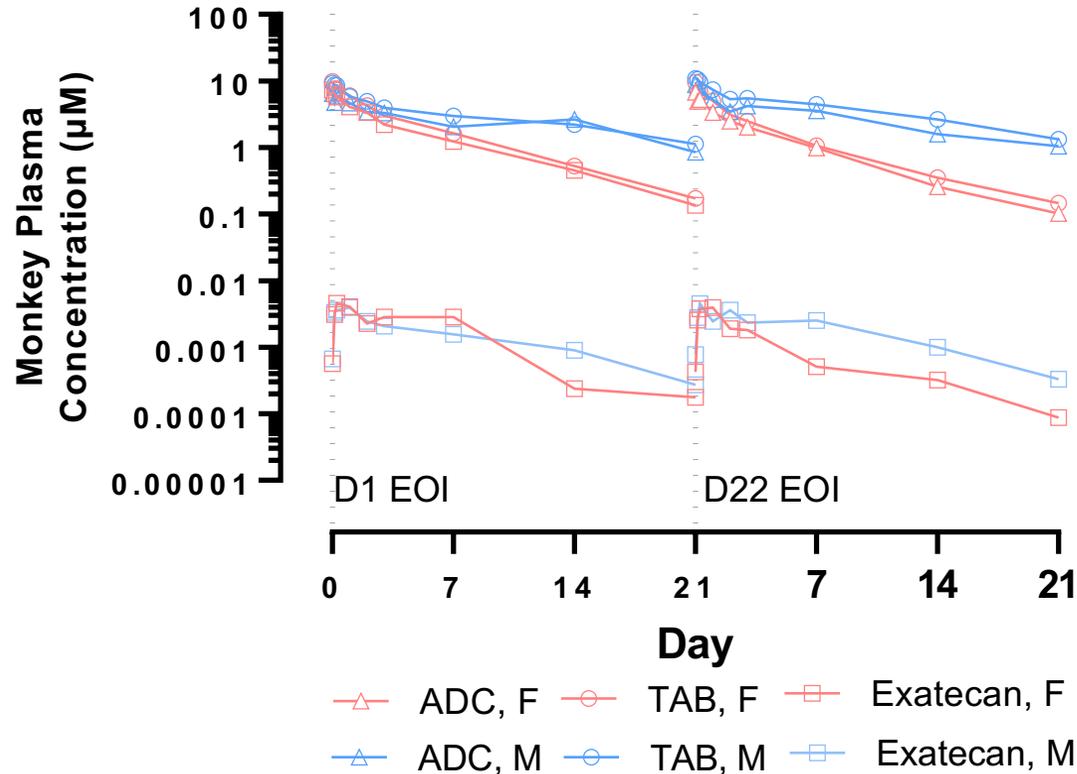


DAR8 hydrophilic β -glu
Exatecan Linker Payload
 α -ROR1 ADC

DAR8 CatB (tripeptide sequence)
cleavable Exatecan Linker Payload
 α -ROR1 ADC

α -ROR1 DAR8 SP11321 was Stable in Circulation and Well Tolerated in NHP up to 45 mg/kg

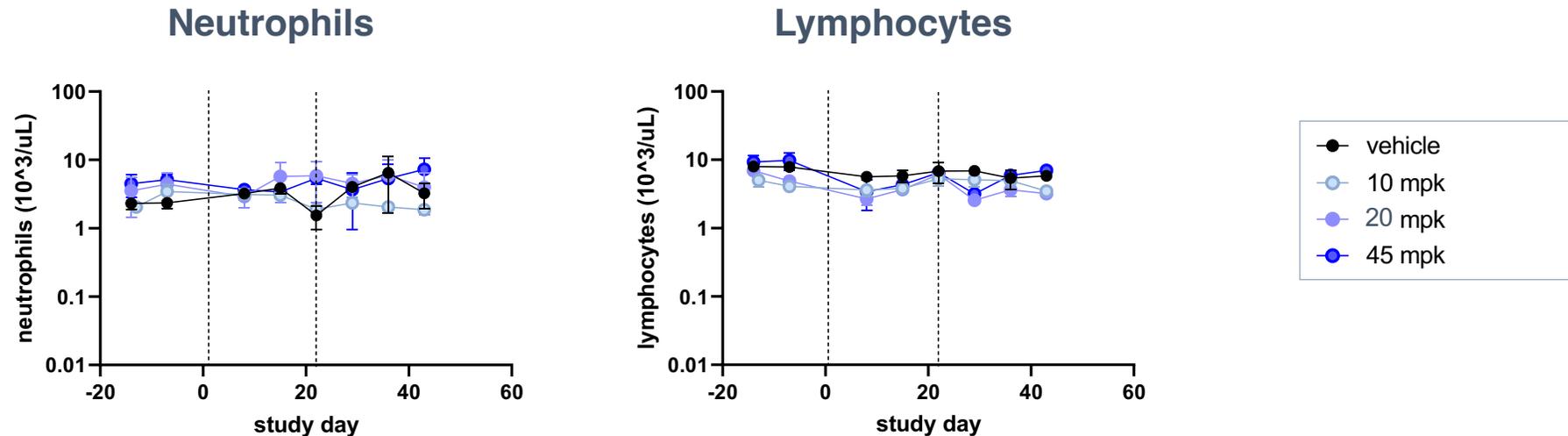
SP-011321 @ 45 mg/kg



- Non-human primates were dosed with SP11321 every three weeks in a repeat dose toxicity (Q3wx2 at 10, 20, 45 mpk) and toxicokinetic study
- SP11321 was well-tolerated in a multi-dose non-GLP NHP up to 45 mg/kg, the highest dose tested
- SP11321 was stable in circulation with superimposable ADC and total antibody plasma concentrations
- Plasma concentrations of released Exatecan payload (SC3386) were in the sub to low nM range, and at least 100-fold lower than TAB or ADC

α -ROR1 DAR8 SP11321 Demonstrated a Wide Safety Window in Non-Human Primates

- α -ROR1 DAR8 SP11321 (β -glu Exatecan Linker Payload) was well tolerated in a multi-dose non-GLP NHP study up to 45 mg/kg
- No observed neutropenia or thrombocytopenia, no changes observed in WBCs

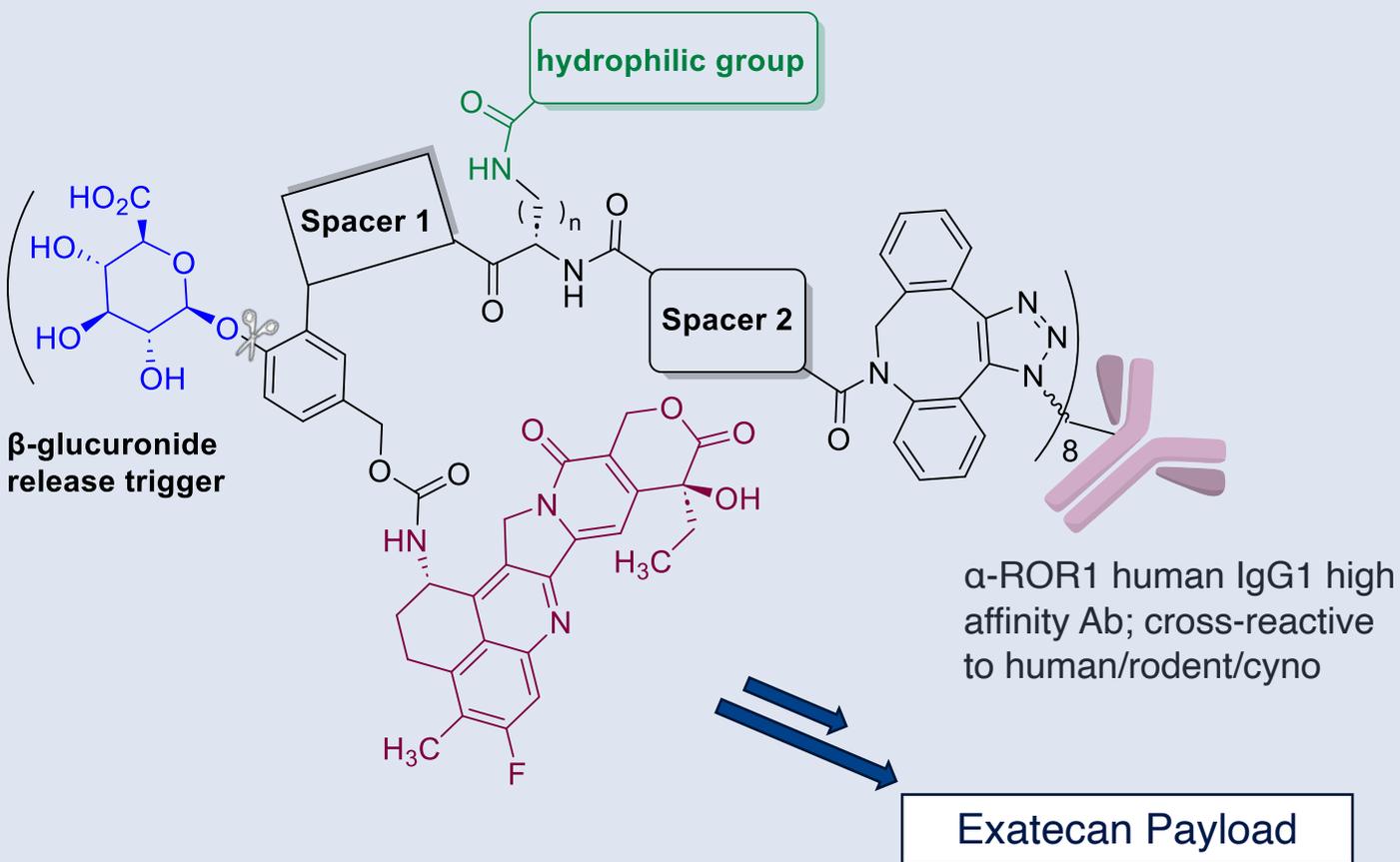


Additionally, no lung toxicities observed at 45 mg/kg SP11321 in NHPs

- No microscopic findings of toxicity were observed in the histopathology of animals dosed with SP11321
- In this NHP preclinical study, α -ROR1 DAR8 SP11322 (CatB cleavable Linker Exatecan SC3418) ADCs generated lung findings consistent with developing pneumonitis (and ILD) at 45 mg/kg

SP11321 α -ROR1 DAR8 ADC

hydrophilic moiety improves overall ADC PK and physicochemical properties



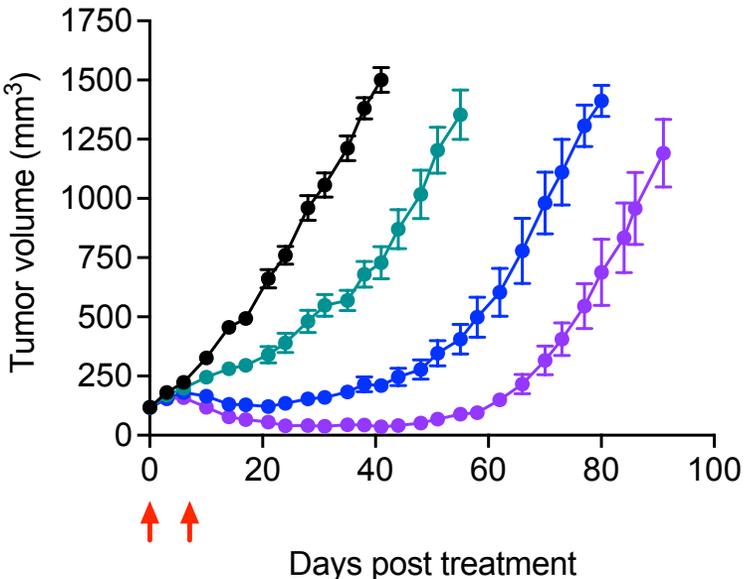
- High affinity ROR1 specific Ab; incorporating eight para-azidomethyl-phenyl alanine (pAMF) nAA residues at optimal sites allowing for precise conjugation for enhanced efficacy and safety
- Optimized novel hydrophilic tumor selective and stable β -glucuronidase cleavable Exatecan linker payload (SC3417) for α -ROR1 and other TAA Sutro's ADCs
- Releases the high potency Exatecan Payload (SC3386). Payload (CPT class) have short systemic-half life
- High passive permeability payload, Exatecan ADCs showed greater bystander activity
- Efficacious in CDX, PDX models
- non GLP tox in NHPs was clinically well tolerated up to 45 mpk in repeated dose
- Overall SP11321 DAR8 ADC demonstrated improved efficacy/safety from preclinical studies; designed/optimized for **significantly superior clinical performance**

SP11321 is homogeneous α -ROR1 DAR8 ADC for the treatment of ROR1-expressing solid/hematological carcinomas

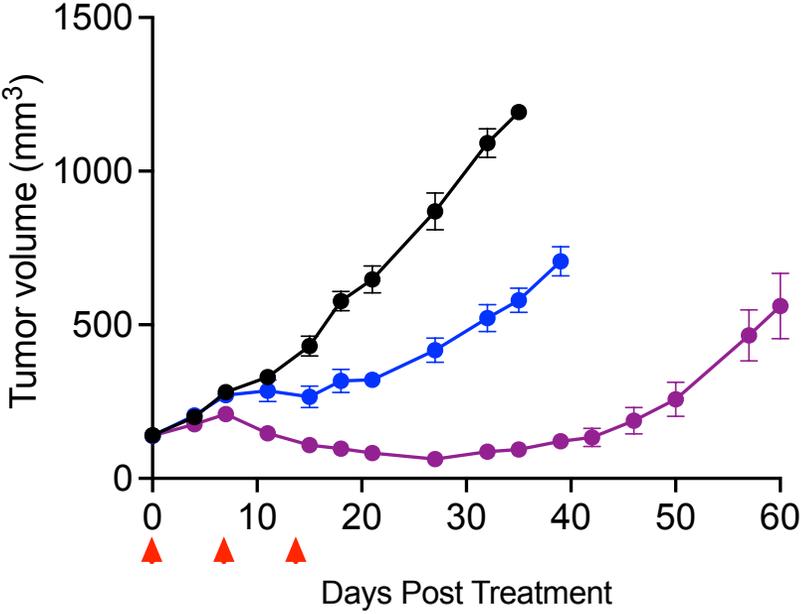
Sutro's Site-Specific TAA ADCs Utilizing the Novel Hydrophilic β -Glucuronidase Cleavable Exatecan Linker Payload (SC3417)

TAA1 β -glu Exatecan ADC in vivo data in breast cancer CDX model

TAA2 β -glu Exatecan ADC in vivo data in breast cancer CDX model



- Vehicle
- 0.25 mg/kg TAA1-ADC
- 0.5 mg/kg TAA1-ADC
- 1 mg/kg TAA1-ADC



- Vehicle
- 1 mg/kg TAA2-ADC
- 2 mg/kg TAA2-ADC

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