

# BT7480, a novel Nectin-4 dependent agonist of the immune cell costimulatory receptor CD137

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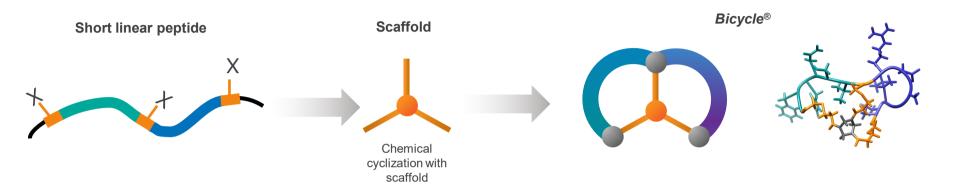


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## Bicycles are a new therapeutic modality for addressing intractable challenges





		Chemical synthesis	Rapid tissue distribution	Complex protein targets druggable	Route of elimination
Small molecules	×	+++	+++		Liver
Antibodies			+	+++	Liver
Bicycles	$\bigcirc$	+++	+++	+++	Renal



#### **Built-in tolerance to conjugation**

- · Generalizable approach
- Versatility to adopt multiple formats

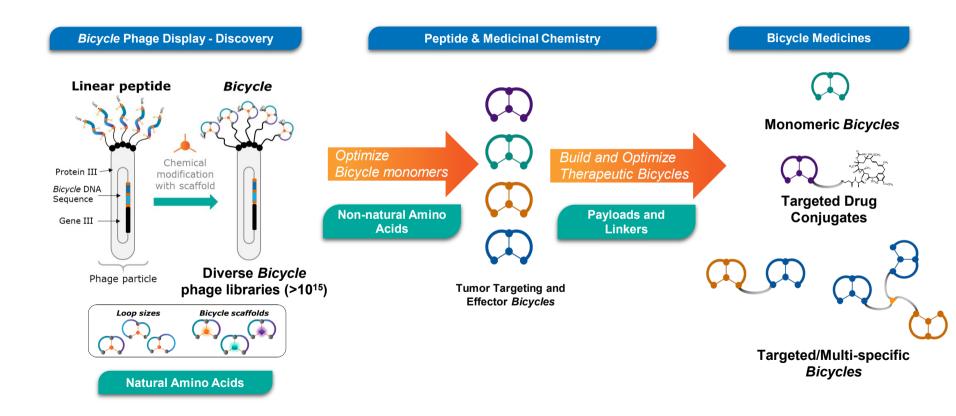


#### Phage-based screening platform

- · Nobel Prize-winning technology
- Rapid selection from >10<sup>17</sup> potential candidates

## Bicycle® platform delivers a toolkit of building blocks to create novel oncology medicines

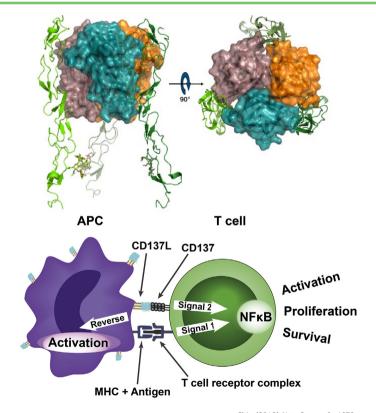




#### CD137 (4-1BB) is an immune co-stimulatory receptor with high therapeutic potential in cancer



- CD137 is expressed on activated immune cells signaling enhances function and survival, prevents anergy
- CD137 ligand expressed by APCs provides a costimulatory signal to T cells and NK cells – potential in antitumor immunity
- Sustained activation leads to exhaustion and AICD
   transient, localized action may be the optimal approach
- Urelumab anti-CD137 agonist mAb some clinical activity but liver toxicity precluded development
- Many agents in development now none yet meet fully design goals dictated by the biology
  - Activity localized to the tumor potentiate immune activation
  - Rapid onset of action and controllable duration of action
  - No Fc interactions to avoid liver toxicity

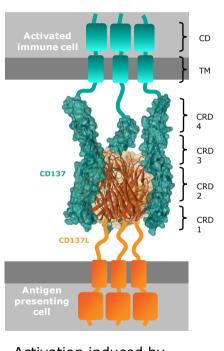


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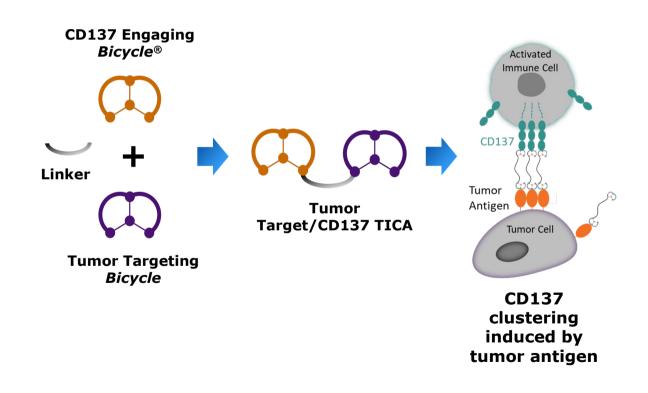
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## TICA<sup>TM</sup>: Tumor Targeted Immune Cell Agonists join immune cell and tumor targeting *Bicycles*





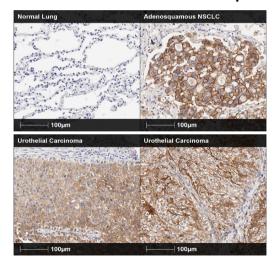
Activation induced by clustering of CD137 by trimeric CD137L



## Nectin-4 – targeting and scaffolding for a CD137 *Bicycle*®



- Cell adhesion molecule, widely expressed during development, restricted in adult normal tissue
- Highly expressed in a wide range of solid tumor indications including breast, bladder, head & neck, esophageal, ovarian, and lung cancer<sup>1,2</sup>
- Nectin-4 and CD137 co-expressed in variety of human tumors



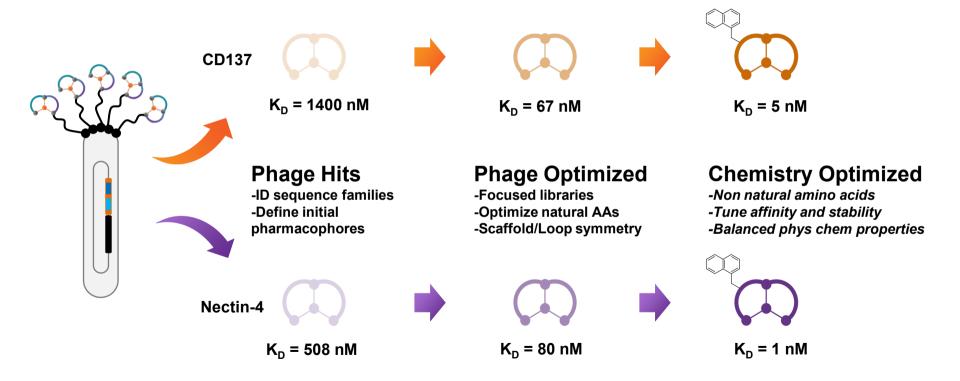
Indication	Total cores (N)	% Nectin-4+ (H-score > 20)
Breast (all)	225	80
TNBC	141	86
Bladder	142	78
Esophagus	140	55
Head & Neck	69	58
Lung	157	39
Ovarian	89	45
Pancreas	96	19
Stomach	131	4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Challita-Eid, et al. 2016

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Campbell, et al. AACR. 2021. POSTER #1197

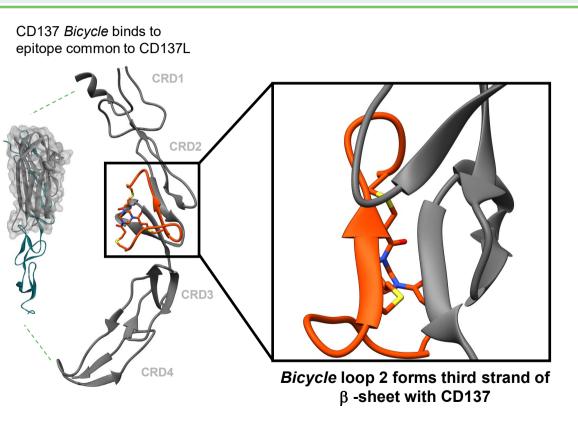
## CD137 and Nectin-4 *Bicycles*: discovery and optimization by phage display and chemistry

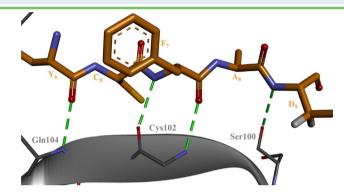




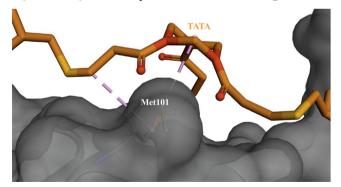
## Bicycle® scaffold nucleates secondary structure with CD137 and provides a pharmacophore







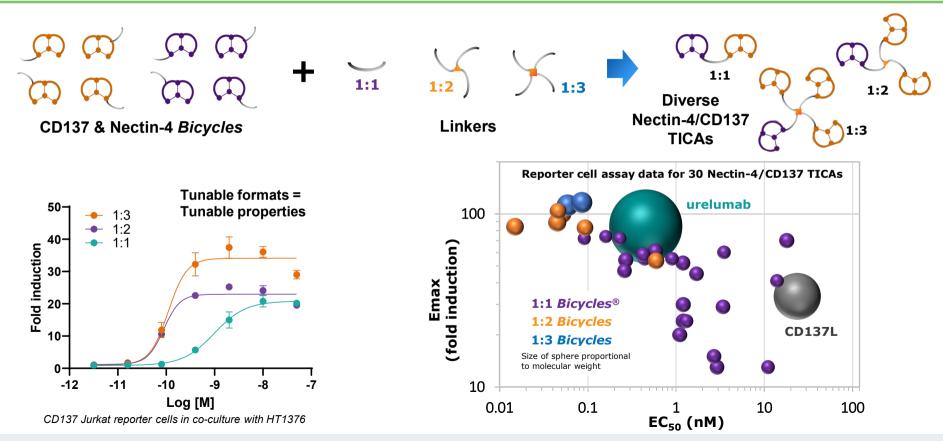
Loop 2 antiparallel  $\beta$ -sheet H-bonding



Triazinane ring of TATA scaffold forms close packing interaction with Met101

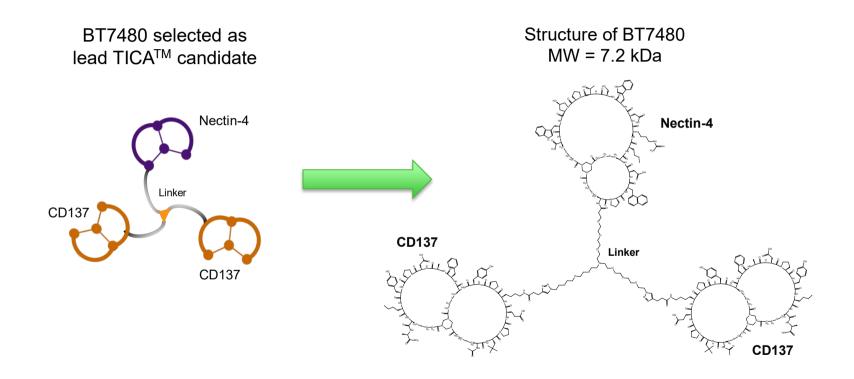
### Bicycles are highly modular and TICAs are built and optimized using medicinal chemistry





### BT7480 is a fully synthetic, heterotrimeric conjugate with 1 Nectin-4 and 2 CD137 *Bicycles*

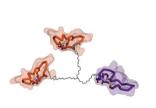




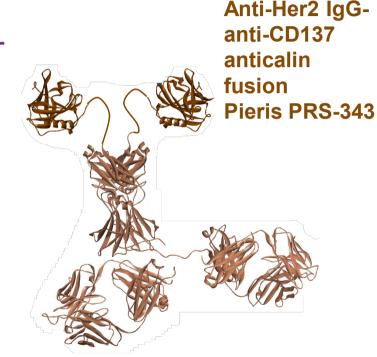
## Bicycle® TICAs are ~30x smaller than other targeted agonists



Bicycle TICA™ BT7480



Anti-FAP IgG-CD137L fusion Roche RG7826



7.2kDa

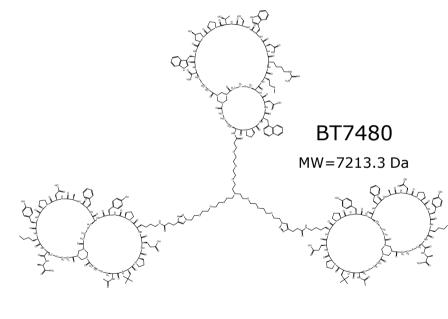
~185kDa

~190kDa

## BT7480: a Nectin-4/CD137 TICA<sup>TM</sup> clinical development candidate



Assay	Target Value	BT7480
Primary Immune Cell Assay (EC <sub>50</sub> ) <sup>1</sup>	< 2 nM	0.37±0.23 nM (IL-2) 0.22±0.12 nM (IFNγ)
CD137 dependent activity	Require CD137	CD137 dependent
Tumor antigen dependent activity	Require Nectin-4	Nectin-4 dependent
Immune target selectivity (Vs OX40/CD40)	>10 fold	Selective <sup>2</sup>
Tumor target selectivity (Vs other Nectin family members)	>10 fold	Selective
Define species selectivity (CD137)	Define for tox species	Human, NHP specific <sup>2</sup>
Define species selectivity (Nectin-4)	Define for tox species	Cross Reactive
POC in vivo activity (syngeneic or engraftment model)	Anti-tumor activity	Achieved
Rodent IV-PK (t <sub>1/2</sub> , h)	>1	2.6 (mouse); 4.1 (rat)
NHP IV-PK $(t_{1/2}, h)^3$	>5	5.3
Thermodynamic Solubility (mg/ml)	>10	>50
Tractable synthesis / CMC Risk	Low Risk	Synthesis scaled to >300g
Cytokine Release Syndrome Assay	Low Risk	Inactive <sup>4</sup>
Safety margin vs predicted human efficacious dose	>50-fold margin	Achieved



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Human PBMC/HT-1376 tumor cell co-culture; average of 13 donors

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Demonstrated using biotinylated version of BT7480

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Scaling consistent with desired human profile

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>No cytokine release in unstimulated human whole blood

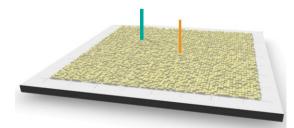
### BT7480 binds potently and specifically to its targets



- BT7480 binds to Nectin-4 (across species) and CD137 (human, NHP) with high affinity
- BT7480 binds both targets simultaneously by SPR assay
- Exquisite selectivity, no binding seen to >5000 other membrane proteins
- · No interactions seen in CYP and hERG channel inhibition assays

Paralog	
screening	BT7480 (SPR, K <sub>D</sub> (nM))
Nectin-1	>200 (n=3)
Nectin-2	>200 (n=3)
Nectin-3	>200 (n=3)
Necl-1	>200 (n=3)
Necl-2	>200 (n=3)
Necl-3	>200 (n=3)
Necl-4	>5000 (n=3)
Necl-5	> 200 (n=3)
OX40*	>100 (n=2)
CD40*	> 100 (n=2)

#### BT7480 only binds Nectin-4 and CD137



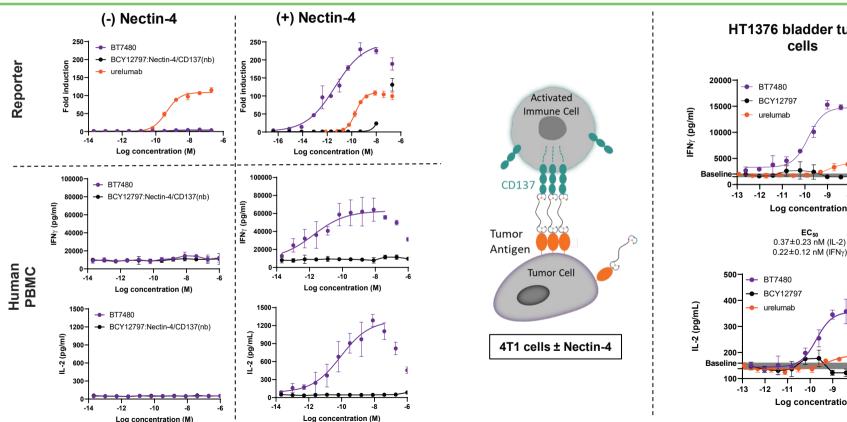
Retrogenix membrane protein array: no binding of biotinylated-BT7480 @1µM to 5,482 other proteins

BT7480 SPR affinity (nM)	Human	Mouse	Rat	NHP
Nectin-4	5.6 ± 2.4	4.6 ± 2.1	15 ± 1	27 ± 15
	(n = 11)	(n = 9)	(n = 6)	(n = 9)
Nectin-4	12 ± 2	6.7 ± 1.7	25 ± 2	28 ± 5
(simultaneous)	(n = 4)	(n = 3)	(n = 3)	(n = 3)
CD137	6.3 ± 0.7	>100	>100	18 ± 6
(simultaneous)	(n = 4)	(n = 2)	(n = 2)	(n = 3)

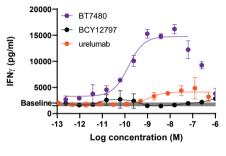
\*Determined using biotinylated-BT7480 All data are mean ± SD and n= number of replicates

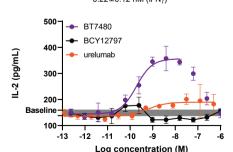
#### BT7480 functional activity is dependent on Nectin-4 in cell-based assays in vitro





#### HT1376 bladder tumor





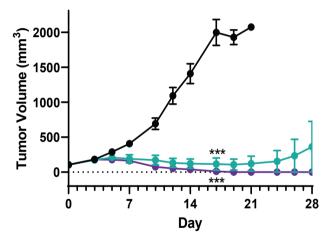
#### BT7480 induces complete responses and memory in vivo





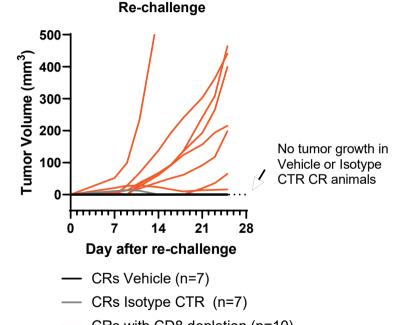






\*\*<0.01. \*\*\*p<0.001 Mixed effects analysis with Tukey's post test, days 0-17

- Vehicle (0/6 CRs)
- BT7480 5 mg/kg BIW (6/6 CRs)
- BT7480 1.5 mg/kg BIW (5/6 CRs)



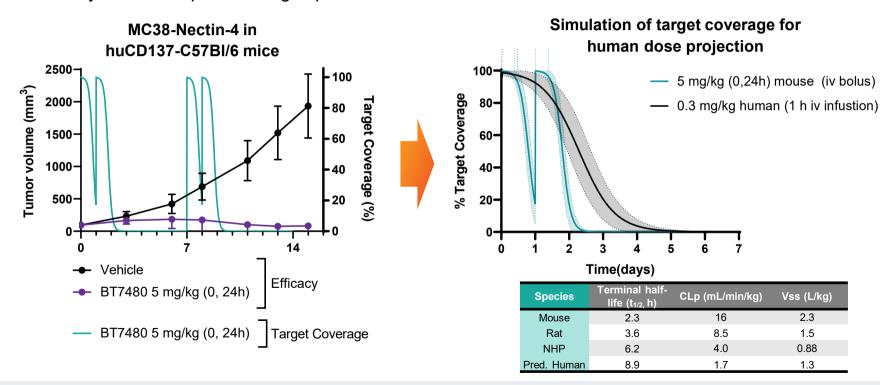
- CRs with CD8 depletion (n=10)
- **AACR ANNUAL MEETING 2021:** APRIL 10-15, 2021 AND MAY 17-21, 2021

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### PK and *in vivo* modeling projects target coverage and efficacy in humans with QW dosing

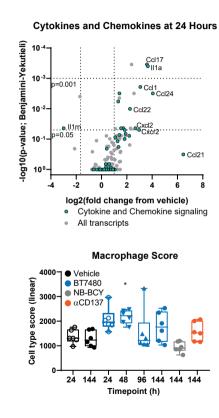


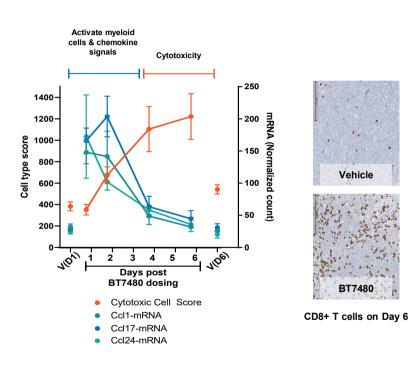
- Data suggest that continuous target coverage is not needed for robust efficacy
- Once weekly or less frequent dosing is predicted to be efficacious in humans

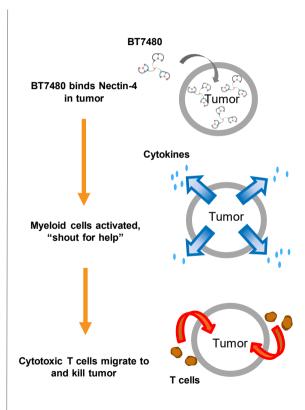


#### BT7480 has a unique and differentiated mechanism of action





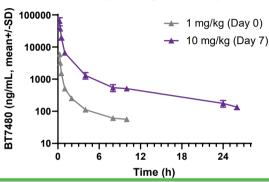




### BT7480 is remarkably well-tolerated in preclinical species, with no evidence for liver effects







	Serum cy	tokines		
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Species^	Dose (mg/kg)	C <sub>max</sub> (μg/mL)	AUC <sub>last</sub> (μg•h/mL)
Rat	30	42	47
	100	174	230
	300	716	953
NHP	30	146	88.3
	100	717	484
	300	3630	3040

^Rat: Wistar Han; NHP: Cynomolgus monkey

Species^	Dose (mg/kg)	Clinical observations	Hematology findings*	Clinical chemistry findings*
Rat	30	None	None	None
	100	None	None	None
	300	None	None	None
NHP	30	None	None	None
	100	None	None	None
	300	None	None	None

treatment related findings

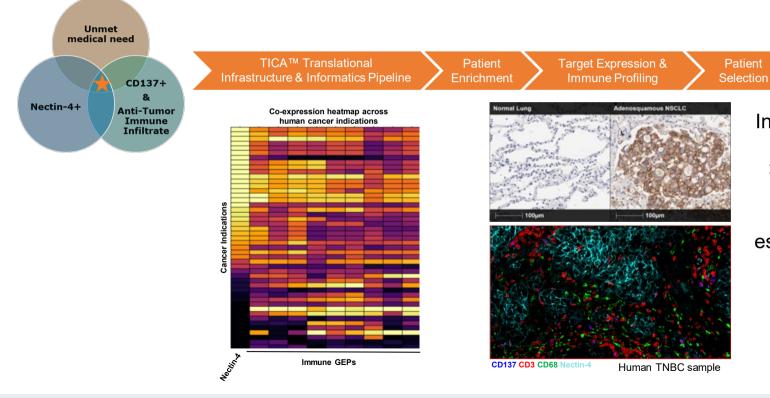
\*Noteworthy

Day 7 after BT7480 administration

#### What patients are most likely to benefit from BT7480? AACR American Association for Cancer Research\*

Biomarker-driven approach to identifying indications that co-express Nectin-4 & CD137





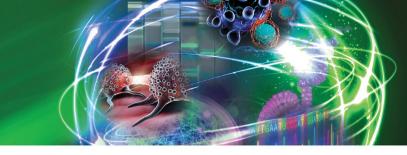
Indications likely to benefit include: >50% of breast, head & neck, ovarian and esophageal cancer patients

#### **Summary**



- BT7480 is a novel, fully synthetic, tumor antigen (Nectin-4) dependent CD137 agonist with high biological potency (ca. 300pM EC<sub>50</sub> in *in-vitro* assays)
- BT7480 is ca. 30x smaller than comparator biologics
- BT7480 induces robust anti-tumor responses to Nectin-4 expressing tumors in immune competent mouse models. BT7480 induces immunologic memory to those tumors
- BT7480 has a benign profile in preclinical safety evaluation with no liver effects observed
- BT7480 exhibits a unique mechanism in preclinical models
- Tumors that may benefit include >50% of breast, head & neck, ovarian and esophageal cancer patients
- BT7480 will be entering human trials in 2021





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