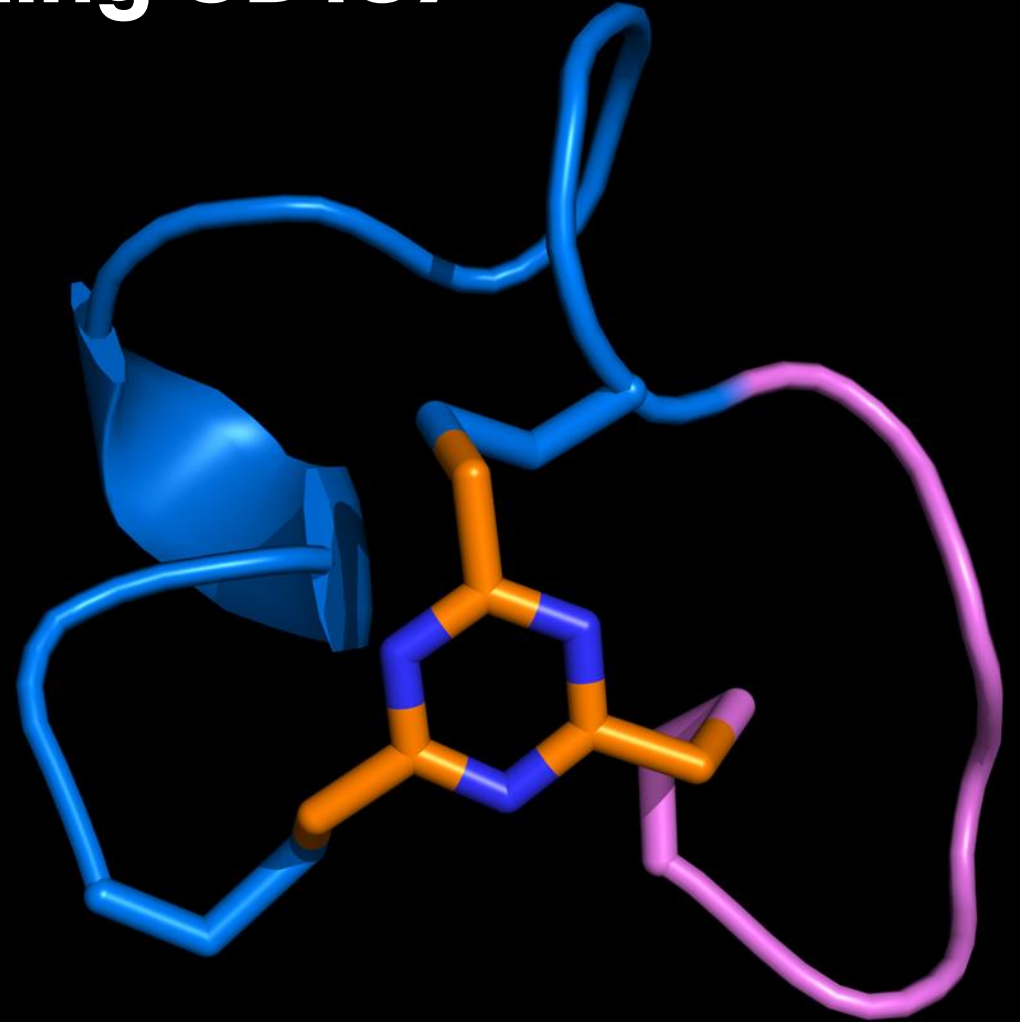


# Key DMPK Attributes of BT7480, a *Bicycle* Tumor-targeted Immune Cell Agonist™ Targeting Nectin-4 and Agonizing CD137

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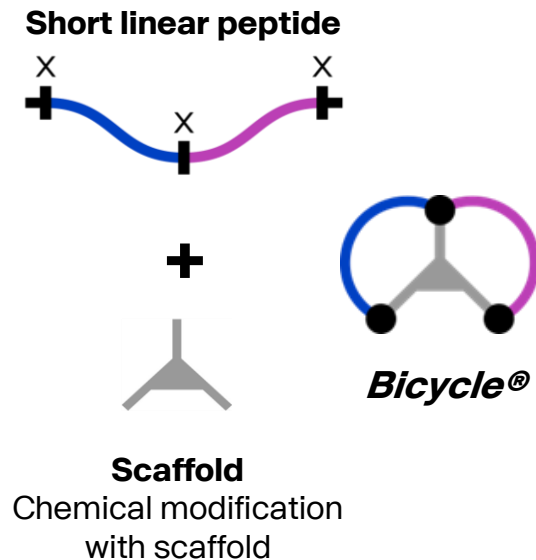
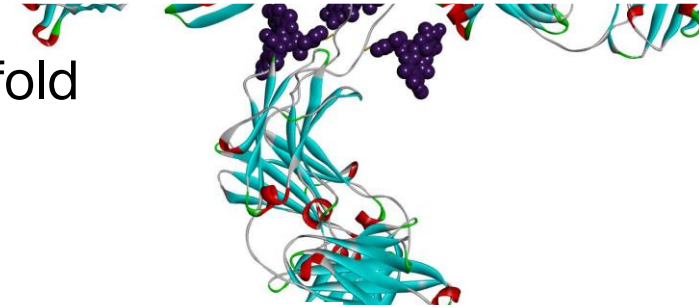
**Founded by Sir Greg Winter & Prof. Christian Heinis**

**UK & US based (Cambridge, UK; Boston, USA)**



2018 Nobel Prize in Chemistry  
“for the phage display of peptides  
and antibodies”

- ▶ Bicycles are short peptides chemically constrained with a central scaffold
- ▶ Bicycles combine the advantages of small molecules and antibodies



**Small size**

**Specificity**

**Chemical  
synthesis (NCEs)**

**Rapid tissue  
penetration**

**Complex protein  
targets druggable**

**Route of  
elimination**



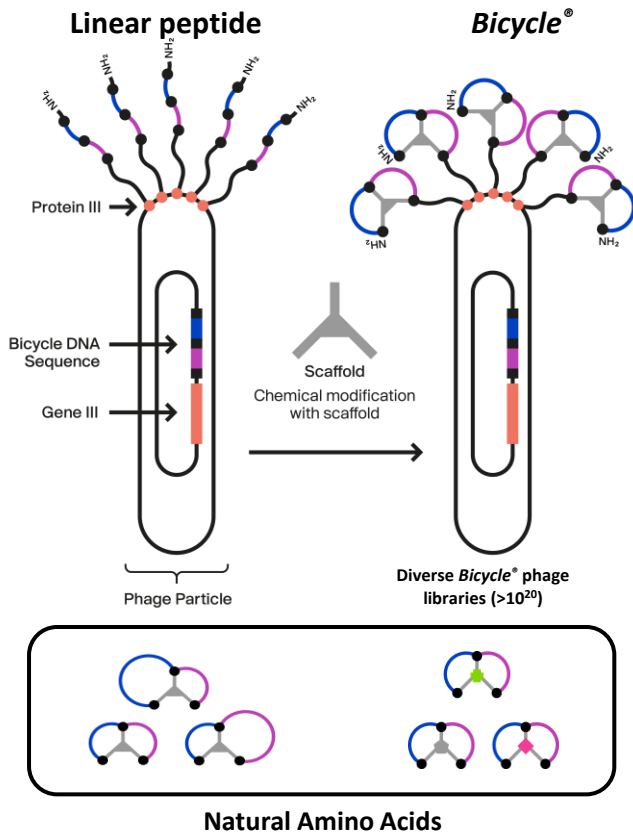
**Small molecule**

**Antibody**

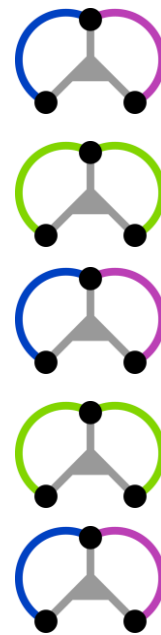
<b>Bicycle®</b>	<b>Small molecule</b>	<b>Antibody</b>
Yes – 1.5-2kDa	Yes – <0.8kDa	No – >150kDa
High	Low	Multiple
Yes	Yes	No
Yes	Yes	No
Yes	Limited	Yes
Renal	Liver	Liver

# ***Bicycle*<sup>®</sup> platform delivers a toolkit of building blocks to create novel medicines**

## ***Bicycle*<sup>®</sup> Phage Display - Discovery**



## **Peptide & Medicinal Chemistry**

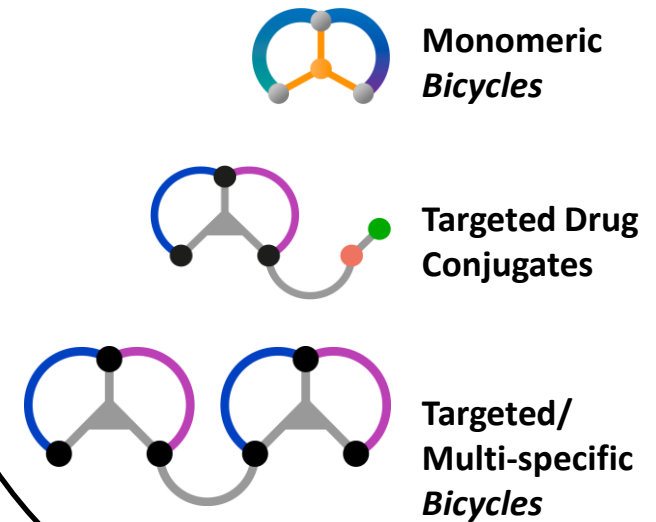


Build and Optimize Therapeutic *Bicycles*

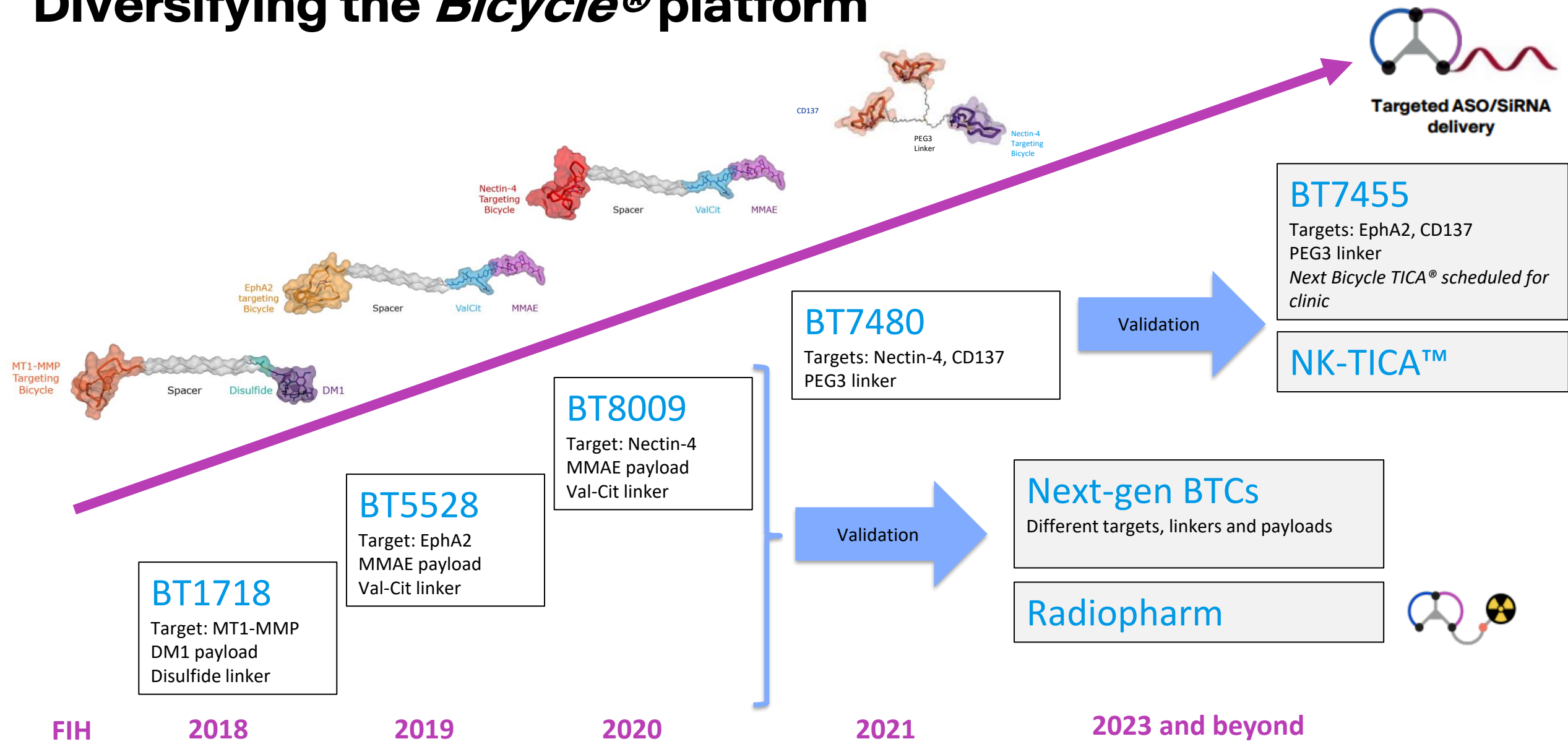
Easy conjugation of Linkers and Payloads

Tumor Targeting and Effector *Bicycles*

## **Potential *Bicycle*<sup>®</sup> Medicines**



# Diversifying the *Bicycle*<sup>®</sup> platform



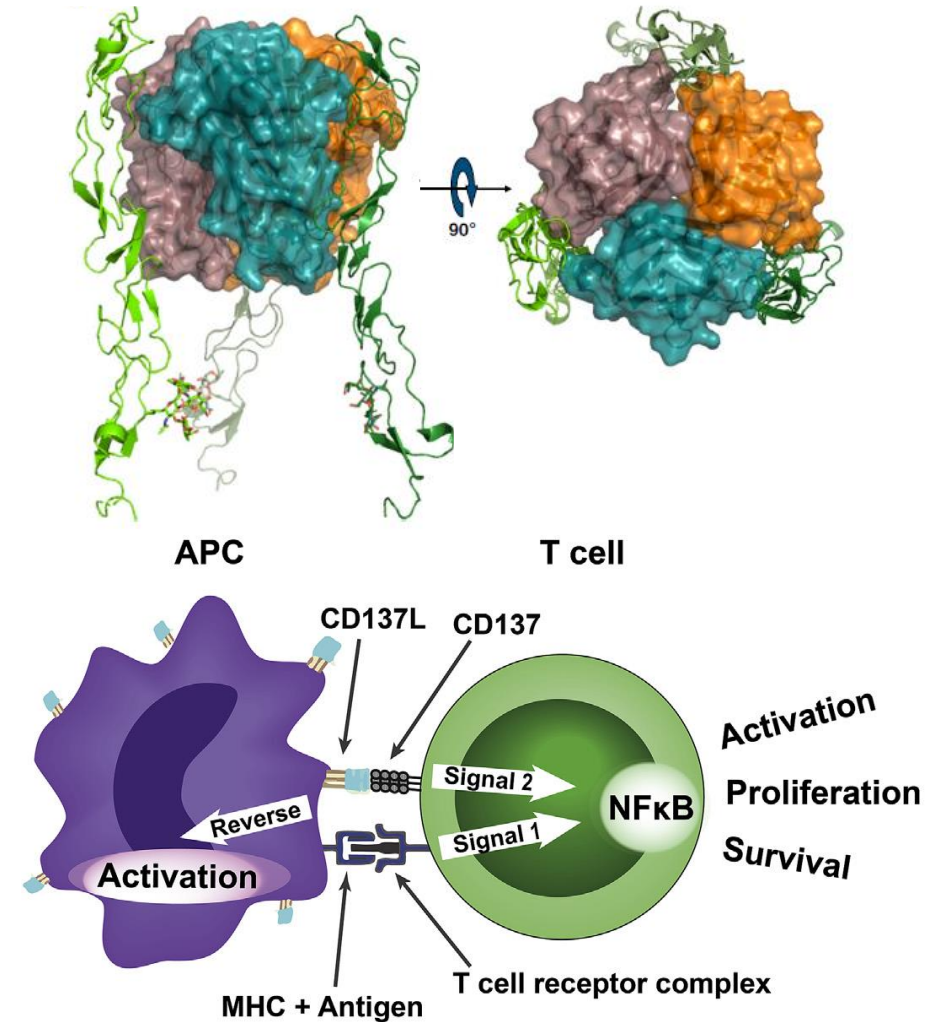
# CD137 (4-1BB) is an immune co-stimulatory receptor with high therapeutic potential in cancer

- ▶ CD137 is expressed on activated immune cells – signaling enhanced function and survival, prevents anergy
- ▶ CD137 ligand expressed by APCs provides a co-stimulatory signal to T cells and NK cells – potential in anti-tumor immunity
- ▶ Sustained activation leads to exhaustion and AI CD – 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 meets design goals dictated by the biology – we sought to address this by using the *Bicycle*® platform:

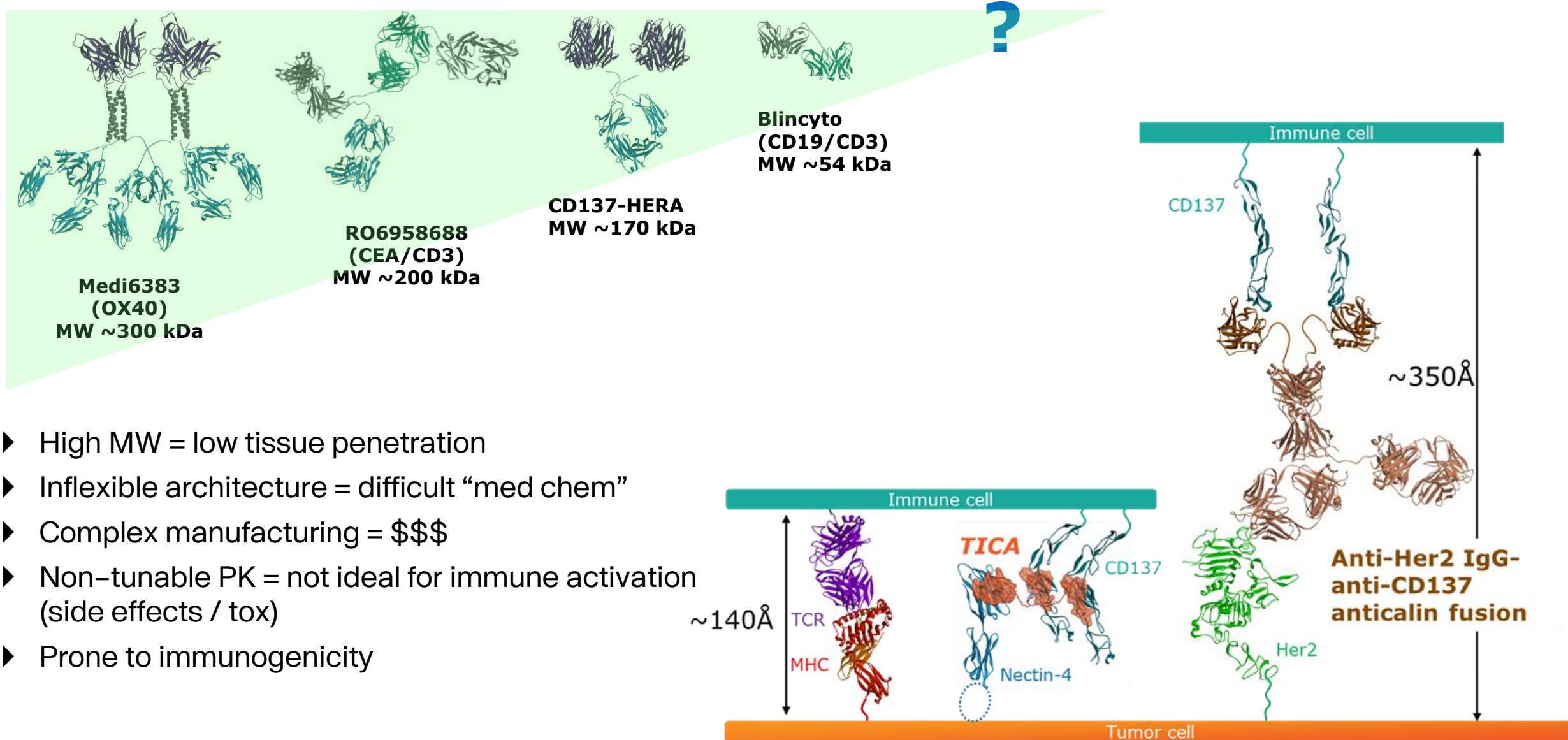
- Activity localized to the tumor – potentiate immune activation
- Rapid onset of action and controllable duration of action
- No Fc interactions to avoid potential liver toxicity

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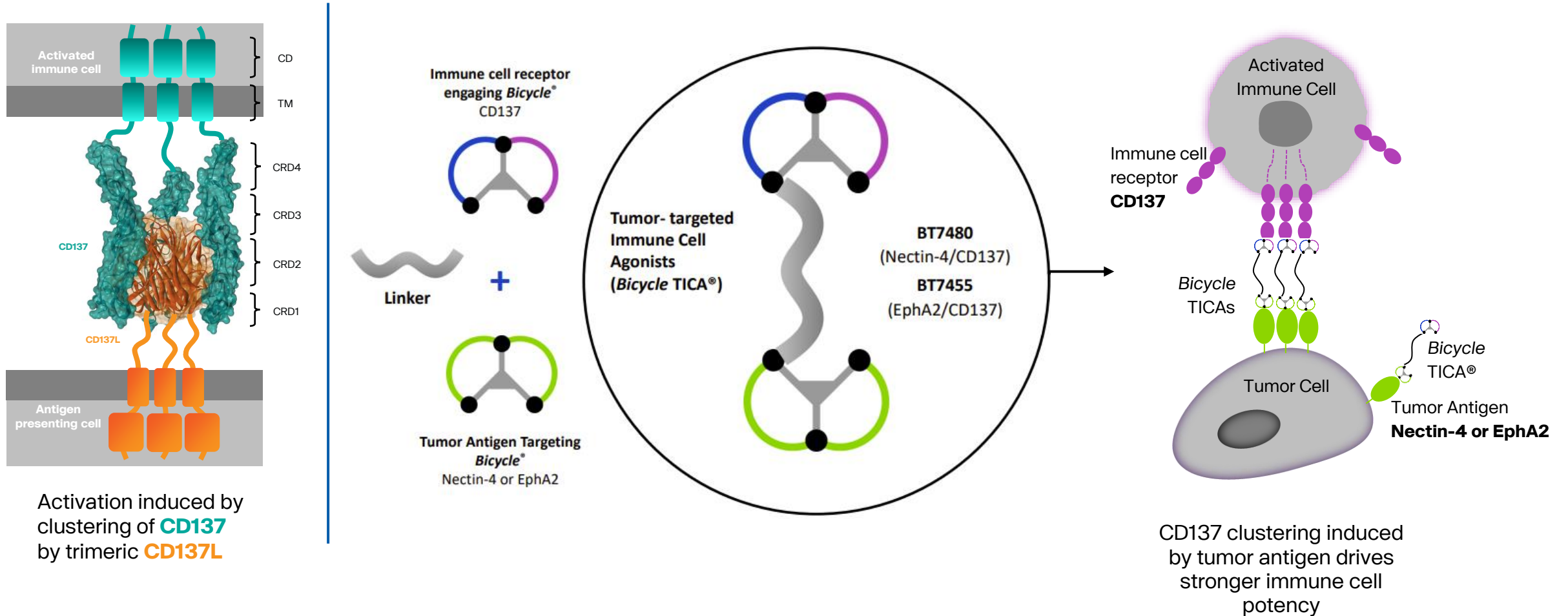


# Biologics: not a perfect match for immune agonists



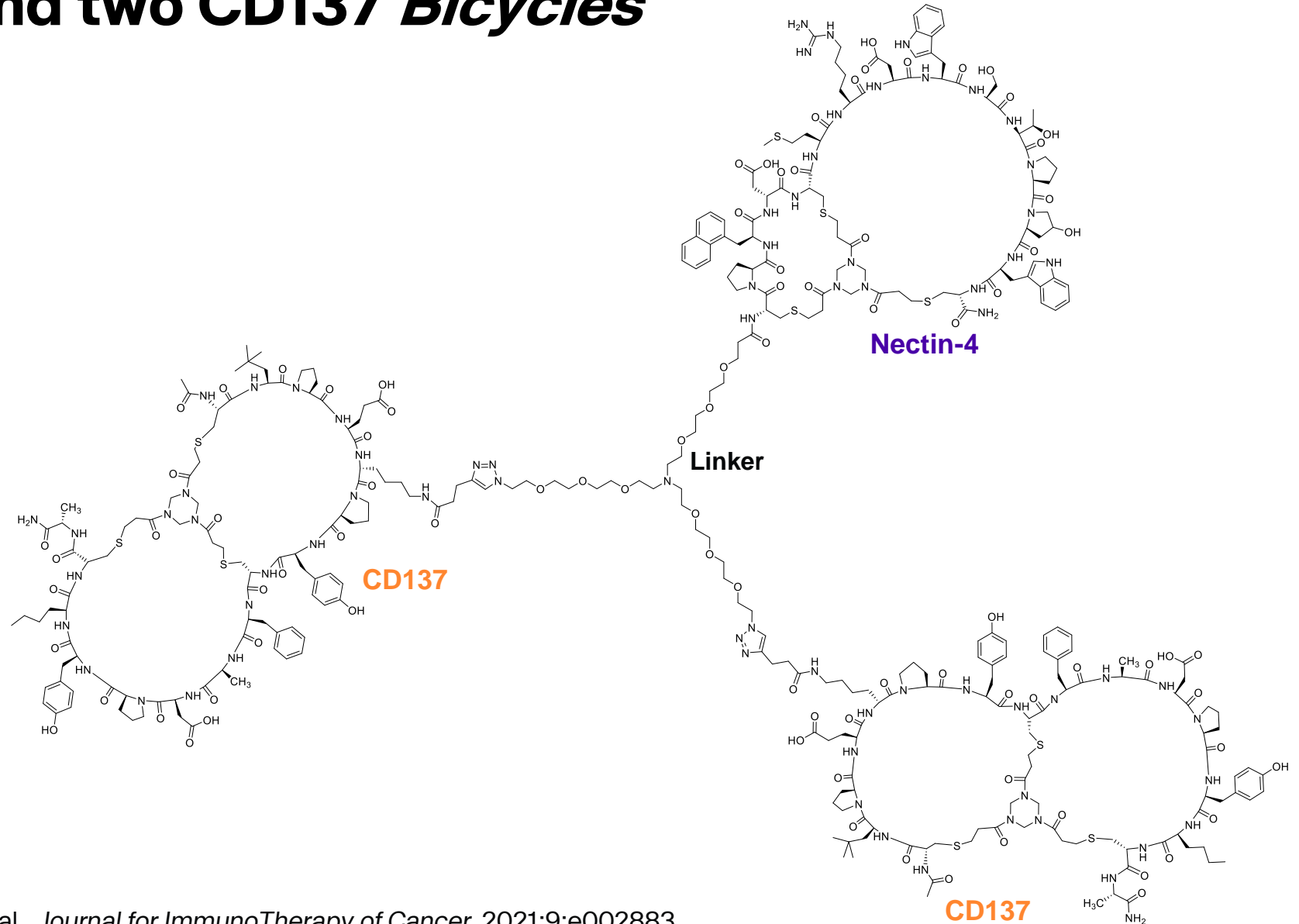
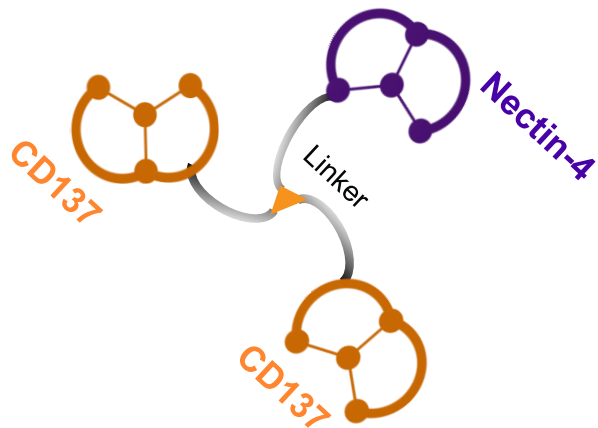
- ▶ High MW = low tissue penetration
- ▶ Inflexible architecture = difficult “med chem”
- ▶ Complex manufacturing = \$\$\$
- ▶ Non-tunable PK = not ideal for immune activation (side effects / tox)
- ▶ Prone to immunogenicity

# ***Bicycle* TICA™ – tumor-targeted immune cell agonists delivers immune agonism to tumors**



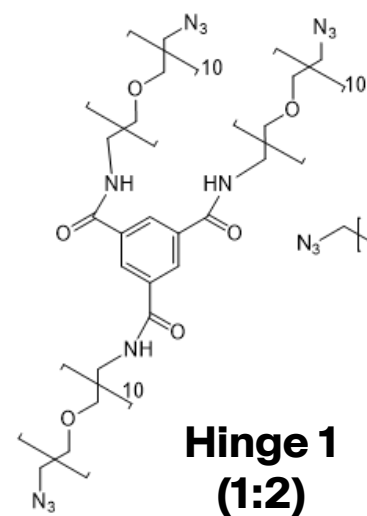


# BT7480 (BCY11863) is a fully synthetic, heterotrimeric conjugate with one Nectin-4 and two CD137 *Bicycles*

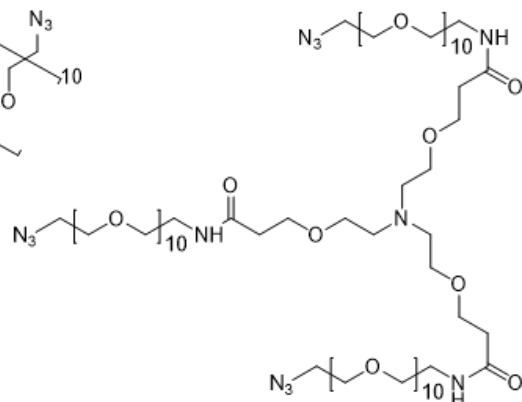


# Effect of valency of Nectin-4/CD137 *Bicycles*: Better activity with higher ratio of CD137 bicycles

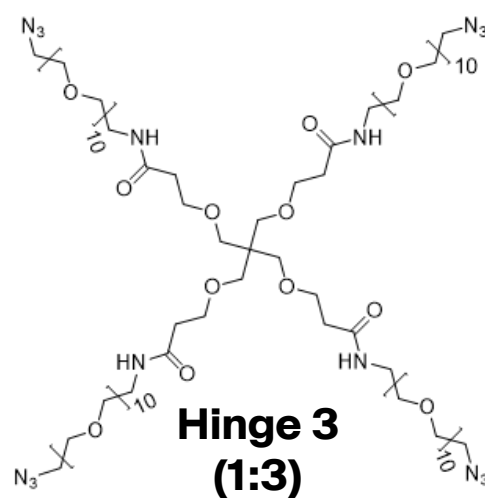
## Different hinges synthesized for SAR exploration



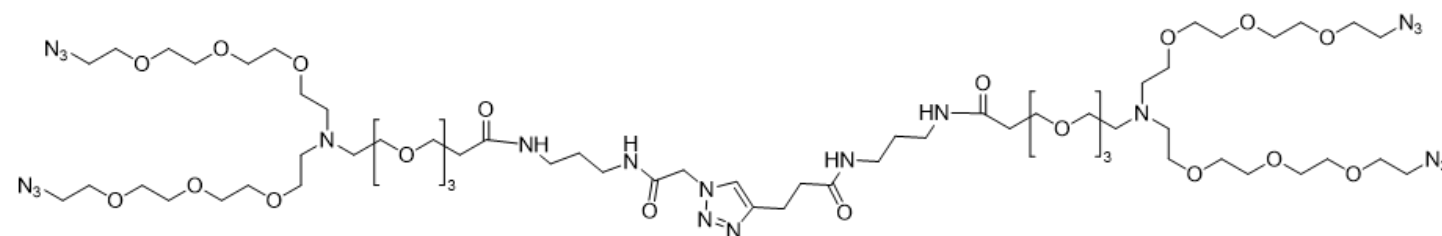
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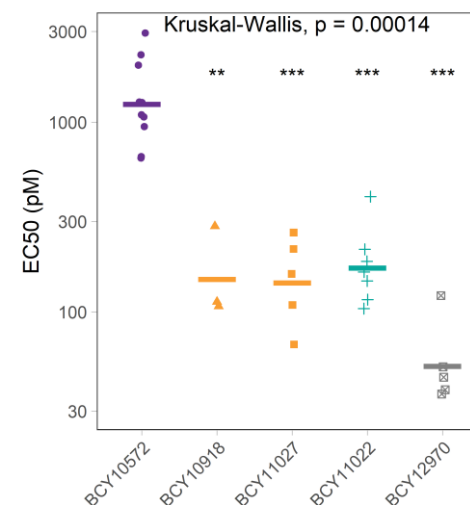
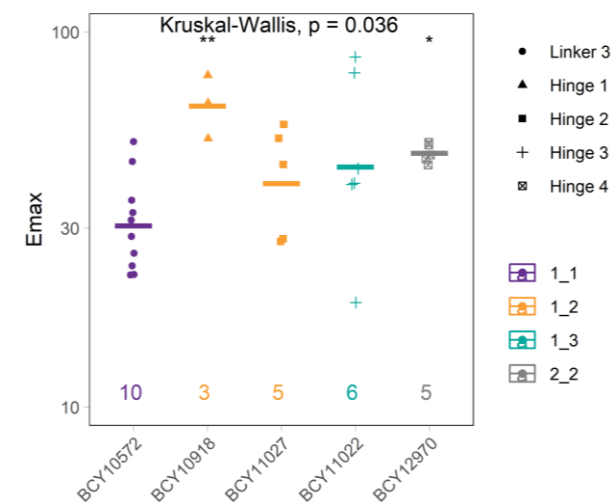


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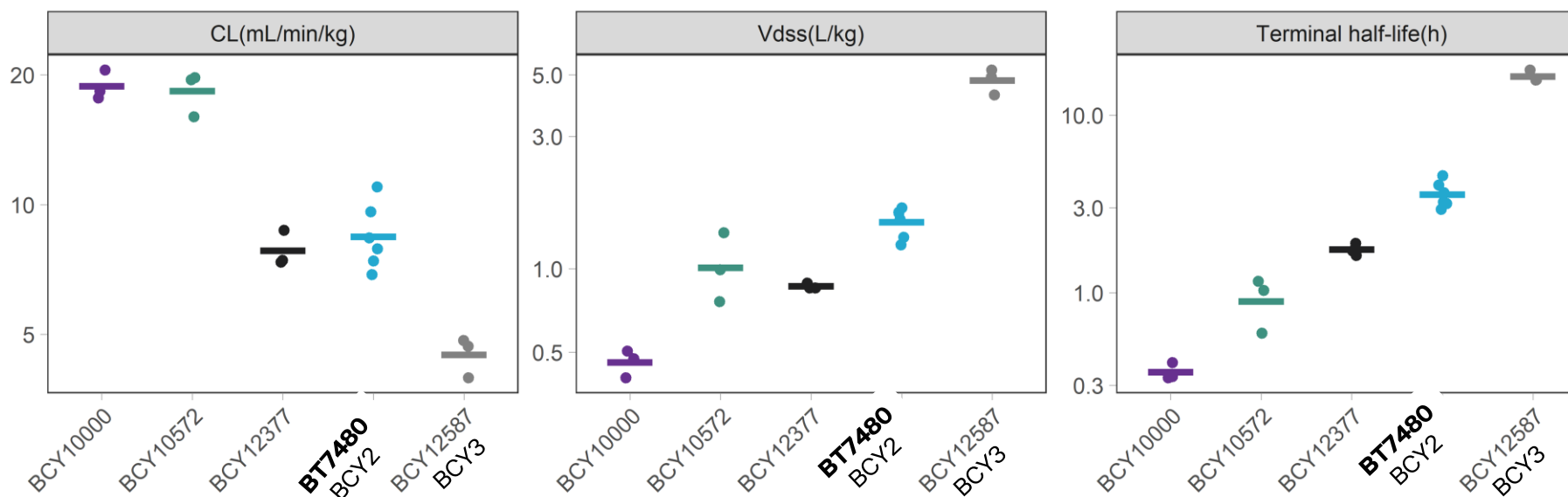
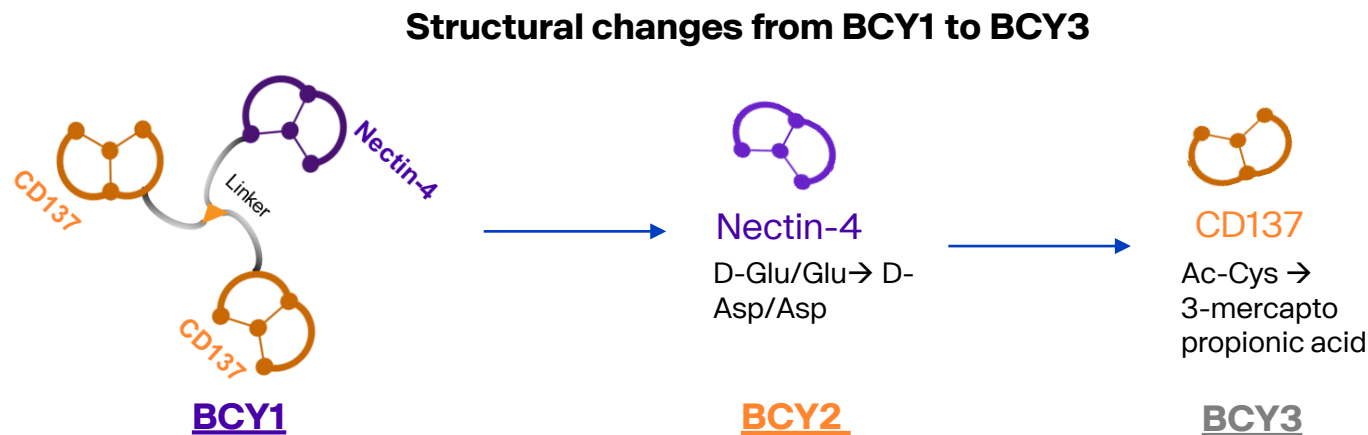
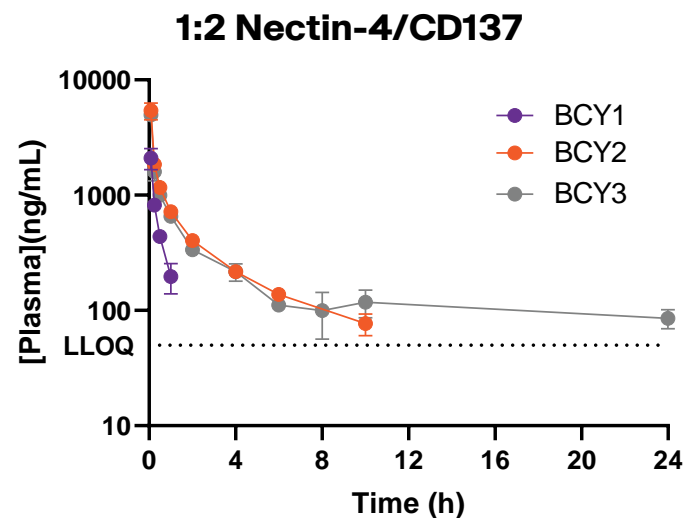


**Hinge 4  
(2:2)**

## HT1376/CD137 reporter coculture Assay

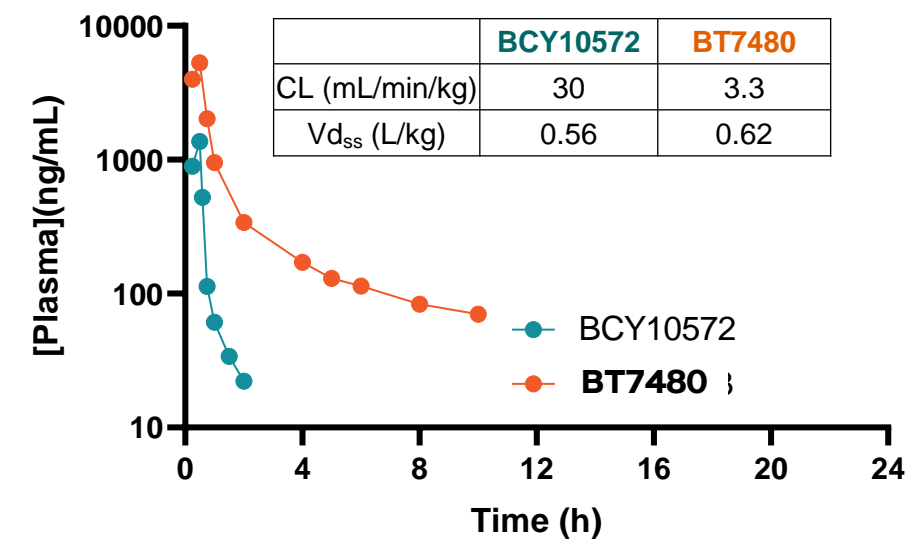


# Optimization of pharmacokinetics of *Bicycle*<sup>®</sup> TICAs via minor structural changes

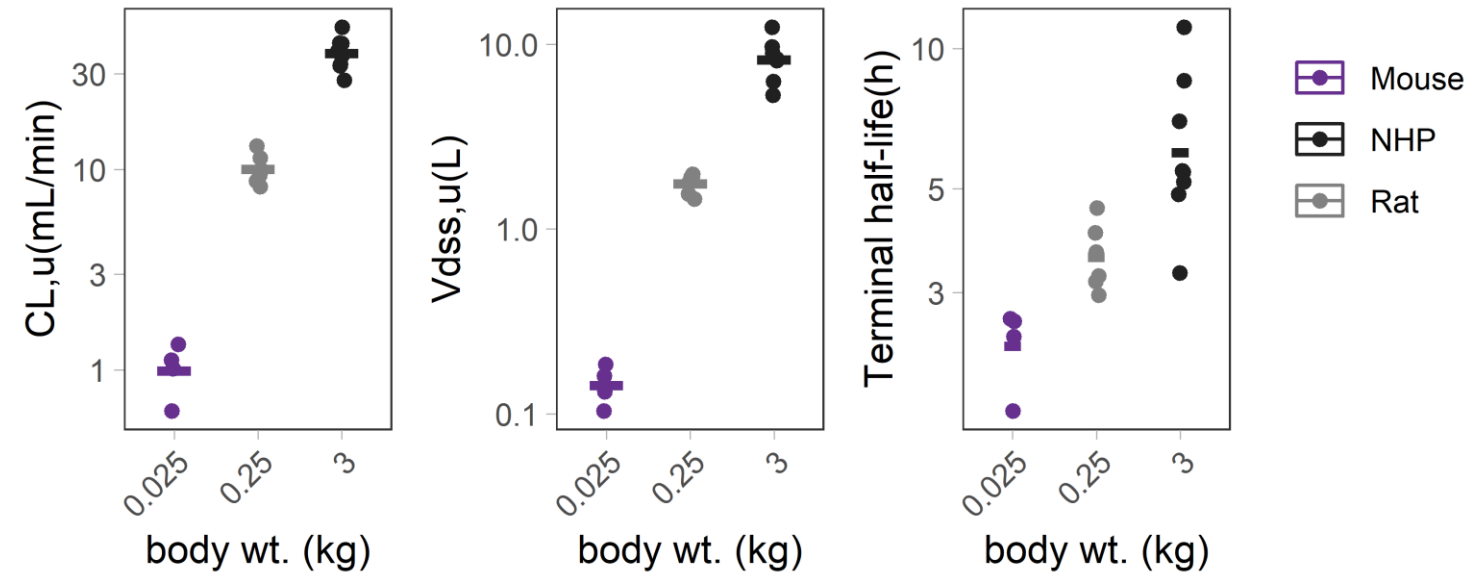


# BT7480 pharmacokinetic profile is conserved across nonclinical species

NHP PK (BCY 10572 vs BT7480)



BT7480 PK Parameters (CL, V, t<sub>1/2</sub>) in preclinical species



Species	CLp (mL/min/kg)	Vss (L/kg)	Terminal half-life (t <sub>1/2</sub> , h)
Mouse	16	2.3	2.3
Rat	8.5	1.5	3.6
NHP	4.0	0.88	6.2
Pred. Human	1.7	1.3	8.9

NHP: nonhuman primate

# BT7480 demonstrated rapid tumor penetration and renal uptake

## ► *In vitro* distribution:

- BT7480 does not distribute to red blood cells and is restricted to plasma.
- BT7480 is subject to relatively low protein-binding.

	Mouse	Rat	NHP	Human
B/P	0.61	0.53	0.33	0.50
PPB (% bound)	61.4	78.9	67.6	74.3

**B/P:** blood-to-plasma ratio; **PPB:** plasma protein binding; **NHP:** nonhuman primate

## ► *In vivo* distribution:

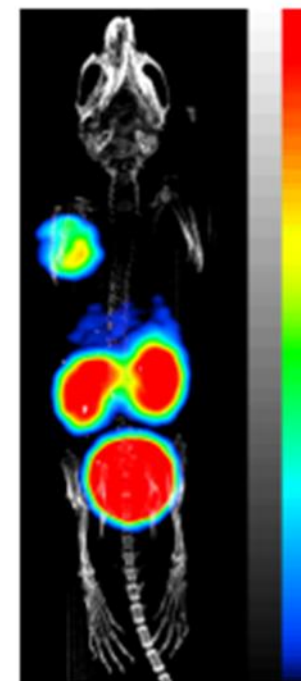
- Rapid tumor penetration:  $T_{\max} = 2$  h
- Colocalization in tumor: AUC ratio = 10.6:1 (tumor: plasma)

### **BCY11863 Mean PK Parameters in Plasma and Tumors, BALB/c Mice (IV injection, 5 mg/kg)**

PK Parameter	Plasma	Tumor
$C_{\max}$ (ng/mL)	3865	
$C_{\max}$ (ng/mL or ng/g)		4149
$T_{\max}$ (h)	---	2.0
$t_{1/2}$ (h)	1.65	13.4
$T_{\text{last}}$ (h)	4	24
$AUC_{0-\text{last}}$ (ng.h/mL) or (ng.h/g)	3196	33775
$AUC_{0-\text{inf}}$ (ng.h/mL) or (ng.h/g)	3760	46568
$AUC_{\text{Extra}}$ (%)	15.0	27.5
AUC Ratio	---	10.6

**AUC:** Area under curve; **AUC Ratio** = Tumor  $AUC_{0-\text{last}}$  / Plasma  $AUC_{0-\text{last}}$

## ► *In vivo* disposition of EphA2 binding Bicycle in tumor, kidney and bladder



**PET imaging of HT-1080 xenograft @ 60 min**

**PET:** positron emission tomography



# BT7480 underwent extensive extrahepatic metabolism and renal elimination

- ▶ Extensive **renal** metabolism and excretion
- ▶ No apparent to minimal hepatic metabolism and excretion, consistent with minimal metabolism in microsome/hepatocyte *in vitro*

**BT7480 Metabolites in Plasma, Kidney, Urine and Bile from the bile duct cannulated rat (IV infusion for 3 h, 100 mg/kg/h)**

ID	Proposed Transformation	Plasma	Kidney	Urine	Bile
<b>BT7480</b>	Parent compound	✓ (dominated)	✓	✓	
BT7480 +18 amu	Hydrolytic ring opening	✓	✓		
> 3000 amu	Hydrolysis	✓	✓ (dominated)	✓	
<1600 amu	Hydrolysis	✓	✓	✓ (dominated)	

**BT7480 *In Vitro* Stability**

Stability	Mouse	Rat	NHP	Human
Whole blood (heparin) ( $t_{1/2}$ , h)	5.5	15.7	15.9	>57.8
Microsome (CL <sub>int</sub> , mL/min/g liver)	< 0.43	< 0.43	< 0.43	< 0.43
Hepatocyte (CL <sub>int</sub> , mL/min/g liver)	< 0.86	< 0.75	< 0.77	< 0.89

# Low DDI risk is expected at clinically relevant concentrations

## ▶ **Low DDI RISK associated with BT7480 as the perpetrator of CYP inhibition, CYP induction, and transporter inhibition**

- ▶  $IC_{50}$  values > 50  $\mu$ M for inhibition of CYPs 1A2, 2C9, 2C19, 2D6, and 3A4
- ▶ No significant induction of CYPs 1A2, 2B6, or 3A4 up to 10  $\mu$ M
- ▶ Not an inhibitor of MDR1 or BCRP transporters up to 10  $\mu$ M
- ▶ No or low inhibition of MATE1, MATE2-K, OAT1, OAT3, OATP1B1, OATP1B3, and OCT2 transporters up to 10  $\mu$ M

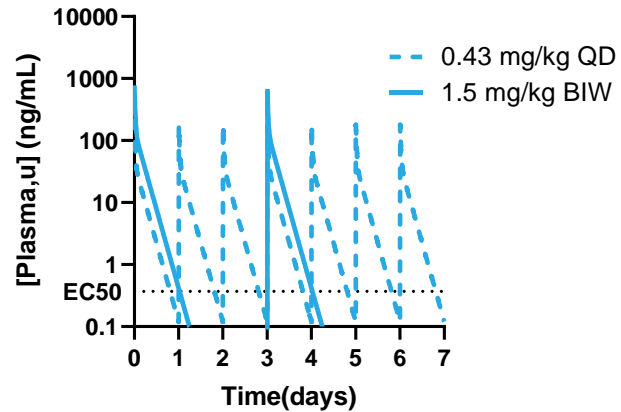
## ▶ **Low DDI potential as the victim of CYP enzymes**

- ▶ Low substrate potential for CYP enzymes given the low  $Cl_{int}$  in microsomes and hepatocytes across species

# Continuous systemic exposure not required for maximal anti-tumor activity with *Bicycle*<sup>®</sup> TICAs

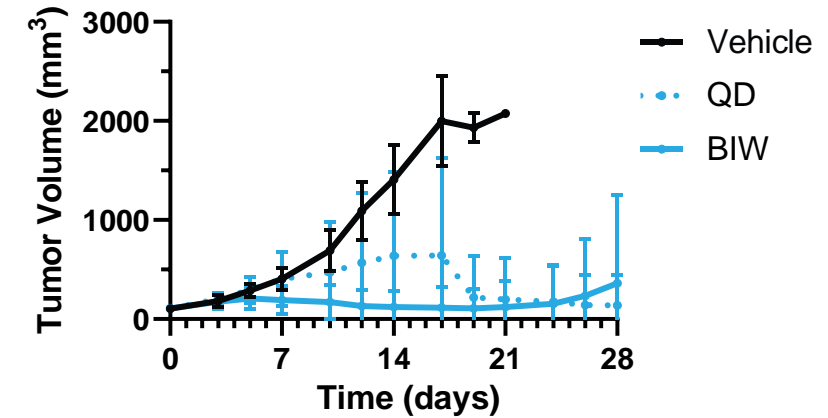
MC38-Nectin-4+ syngeneic mouse model in huCD137-C57Bl/6 mice (BT7480)

**Simulated PK**

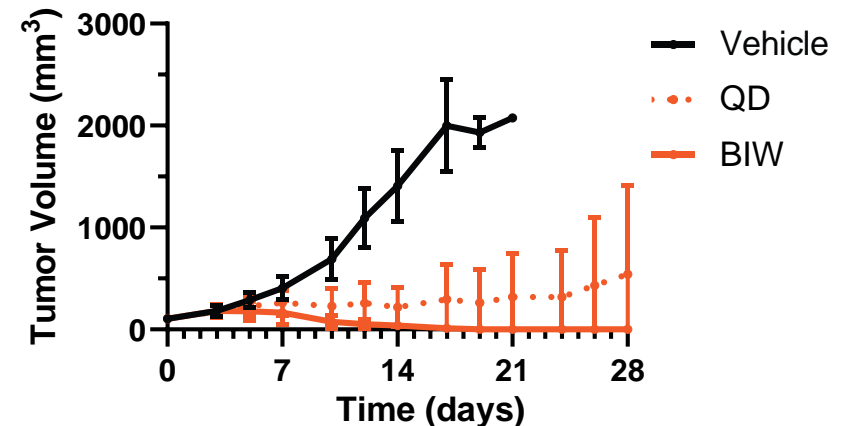
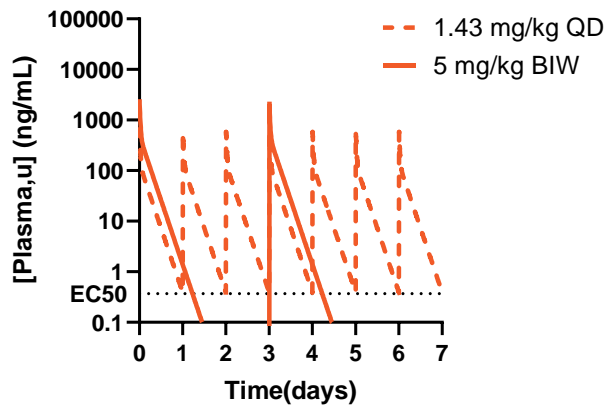


**3 mg/kg/week**

**Anti-Tumor Activity**

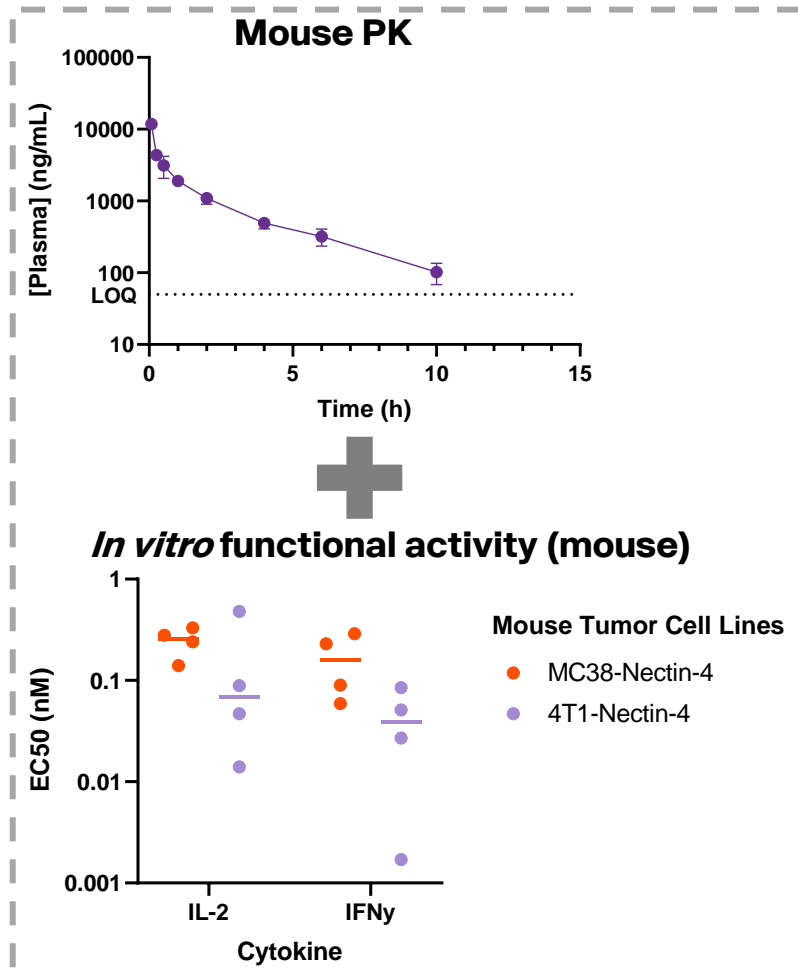


**10 mg/kg/week**

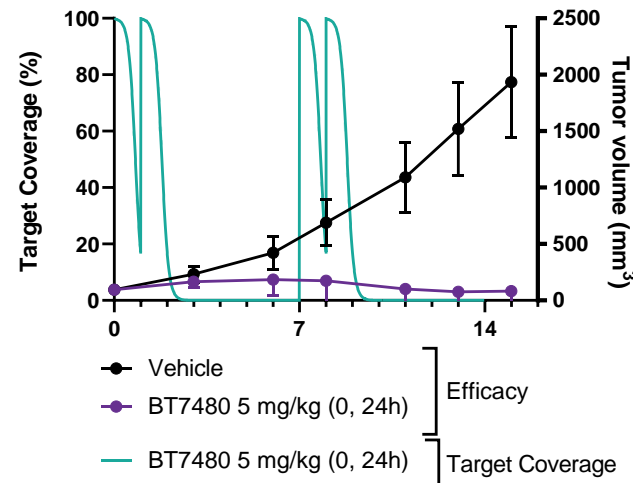


# Preclinical PK/PD model projects target coverage at the efficacious dose in the mouse disease model

- ▶ A target coverage of 20% for 2 days over 7 days is required for robust anti-tumor activity, e.g., complete anti-tumor activity at 5 mg/kg (0, 24 h) (weekly dose of 10 mg/kg)



## Preclinical Target Coverage (TC) /MC38-Nectin-4 Efficacy Model

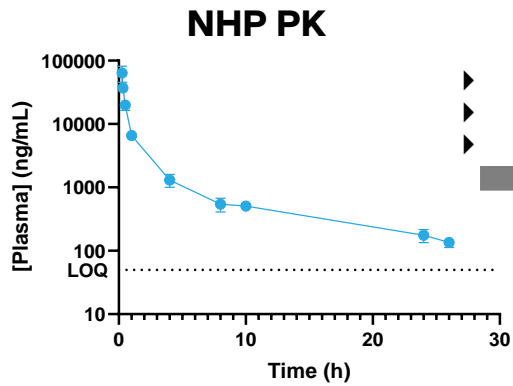


$$\% TC = \frac{100 \times [Cp,u]^H}{([EC50,u]^H + [Cp,u]^H)}$$

Where [Cp,u] is unbound concentration of BT7480 in plasma, EC50,u is the unbound EC50 from the in vitro coculture assay and H is Hillslope.

# Preclinical PK/PD model projects efficacy in humans with weekly dosing

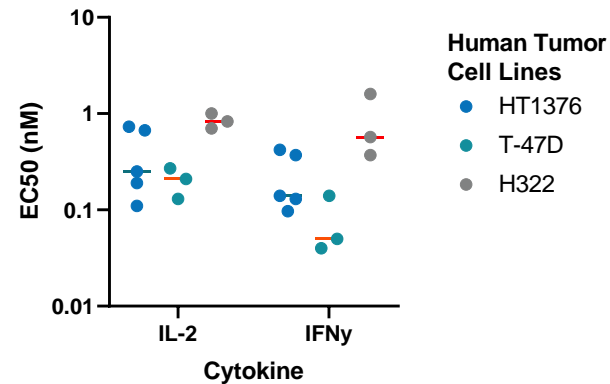
- ▶ Human PK parameters was predicted using single species scaling from the NHP physiological parameters by the semi-PBPK modeling approach.
- ▶ A weekly human efficacious dose is projected to achieve the target coverage of 20% for 2 days.



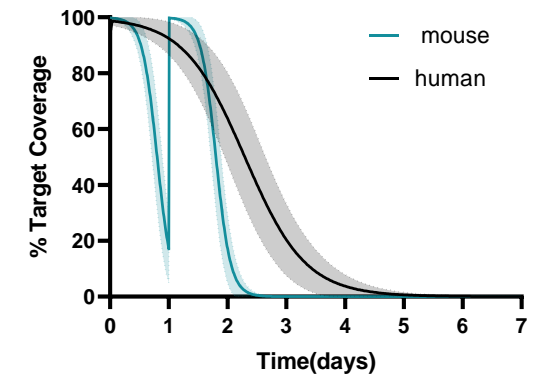
- ▶ Two-compartmental Phoenix model
- ▶ Allometric exponent of 0.75 (CL) and 1 (V)
- ▶ Corrected for protein binding

**Predicted Human PK**  
(based on 1 hour zero-order IV infusion)

***In vitro* functional activity (human)**



**Projected target coverage in human vs mouse**



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**PBPK:** Physiologically based pharmacokinetic



# Summary

- ▶ **DMPK profiles** along with pharmacology and toxicology data **supports the clinical development of BT7480** for the treatment of solid tumors associated with Nectin-4 expression.
  - ▶ PK profiles is consistent across the nonclinical species.
  - ▶ Protein binding is relatively low.
  - ▶ Drug is localized in tumor vs plasma (drug concentration asymmetry in tumor/plasma).
  - ▶ The major metabolic pathway is extrahepatic (e.g., renal).
  - ▶ The major elimination pathway is renal.
- ▶ **Human dose projection** by the integrated PK/PD modeling approach suggested **weekly dosing**
- ▶ **Low DDI risk** is expected with BT7480 at clinically relevant concentrations based on existing *in vitro* CYP/transporter studies

# Thank you

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