# Zymeworks Topoisomerase 1 Inhibitor ADC Platform: From Concept to Pipeline

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## **Background: Camptothecin Therapeutics**

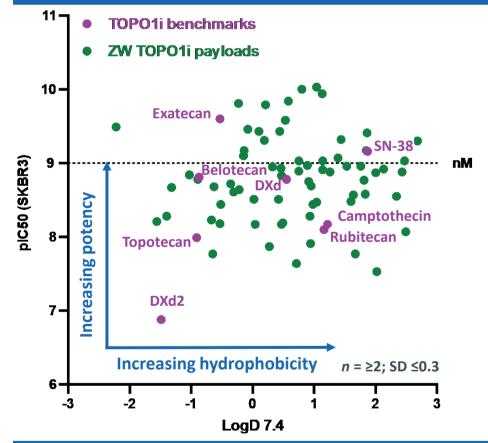
#### **Potent inhibitors of topoisomerase I:**

- Discovered in the early 1960 by M. E. Wall and M. C. Wani of Research Triangle Institute<sup>1</sup>
- Isolated from Camptotheca acuminata (The Happy Tree)
- Prevents DNA re-ligation which results in double strand breaks and apoptosis
- 3 approved small molecules (Topotecan, Irinotecan, Belotecan)<sup>2</sup>
- 2 approved ADCs (Enhertu®, Trodelvy®)

Camptothecin

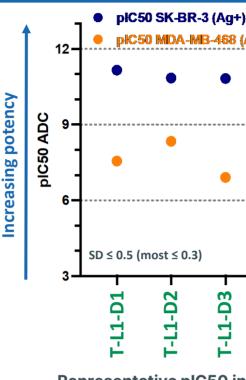
• Several ADCs, SMDCs, and NPs at different stages of development

## Zymeworks Camptothecin Payloads Span a Range of Potency and Hydrophilicity



- ✓ ~100 new TOPO1i payloads  $(R^2 = H, \text{ prepared in } 1-6)$
- ✓ Range of potency and hydrophilicity
- ✓ Two linking strategies (from  $R^1$  and  $R^3$  groups)

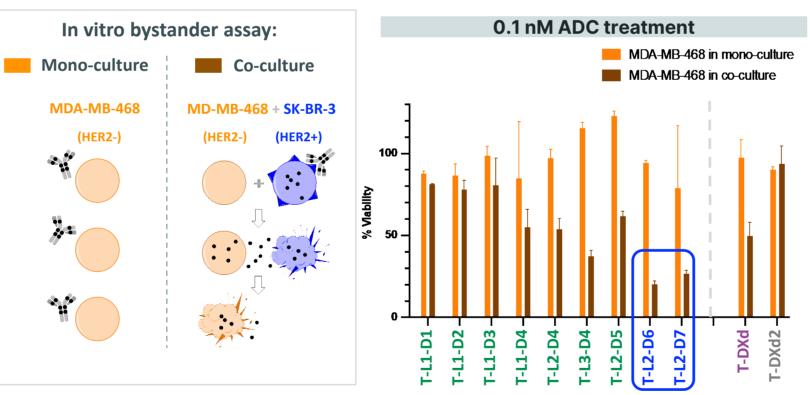
## Lead ADCs Showed Good Potency and Selectivity in 2D Cytotoxicity Assays • pIC50 SK-BR-3 (Ag+) pIC50 MDA-MB-468 (Aa BIN2 ADC **Benchmarks** SD ≤ 0.5 (most ≤ 0.3) â **M** -



Representative pIC50 in an Aq+ cell line sensitive to TOPO1i ADCs and an cell line >70 cell lines tested in 2D assays with 8 different TAA TOPO1i ADCs (~25% sensitive)

## Bin 2 ADCs Demonstrate Greater Bystander Activity and Superior Potency in Spheroid Assay

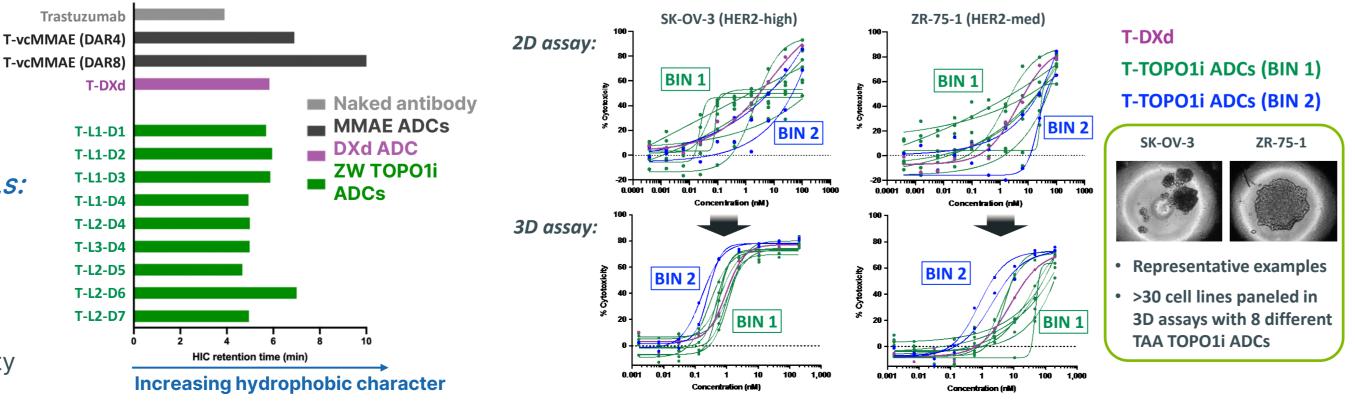
## **Greater bystander activity for bin 2 ADCs**



Greater bystander

Viability of Ag- cell line determined by flow cytometry Viability of Ag+ simultaneously measured (~80-100% cytotox; not shown)

#### Spheroid assay altered the potency ranking of ADCs



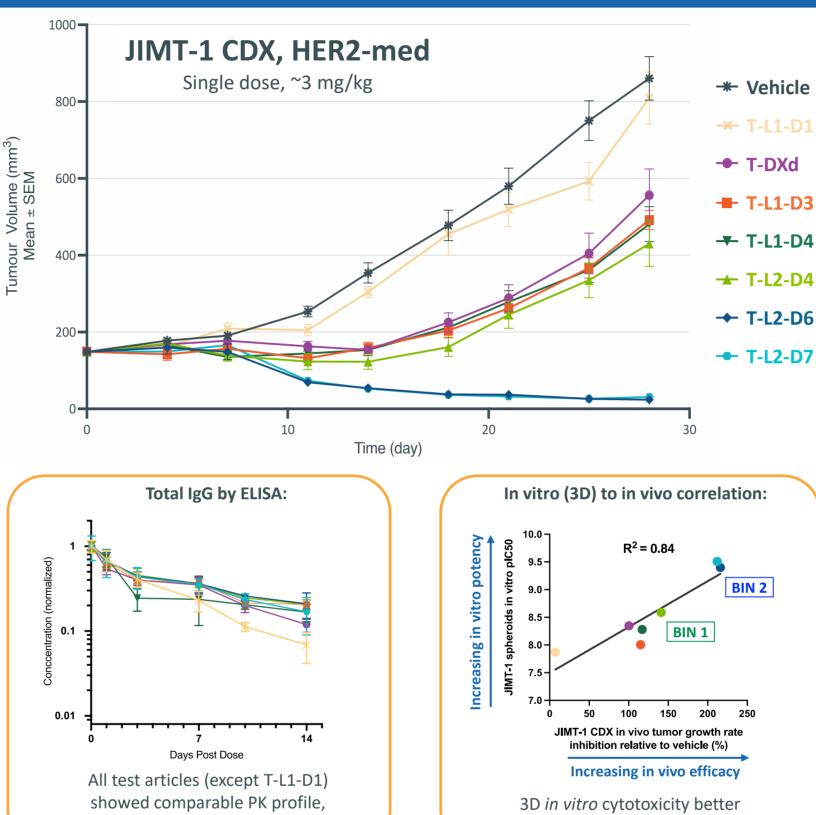
#### Zymeworks TOPO1i Drug-linkers Yield ADCs with Fávorable Physiochemical Properties and Low Aggregation



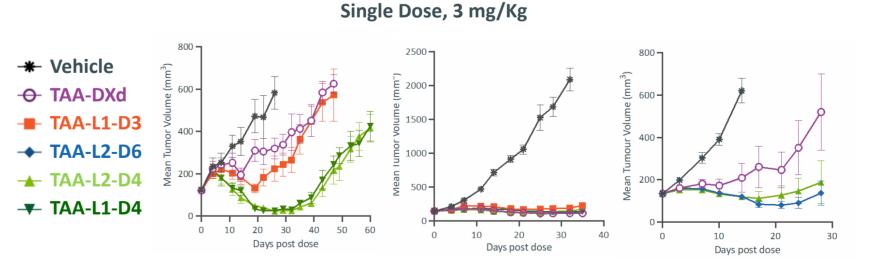
#### ADCs with ZW TOPO1i DLs.

- ✓ No aggregation for DAR8 (challenge for this class)
- ✓ Hydrophilic
- ✓ 100% monomeric
- ✓ Robust freeze thaw stability

### Zymeworks TOPO1i ADCs Demonstrate Potent in vivo Efficacy



#### Zymeworks TOPO1i ADCs Demonstrate Antitumor Activity in Multiple *in vivo* Models



| ТАА                     | TAA1                   | TAA2     |
|-------------------------|------------------------|----------|
| Model                   | Ovarian CDX            | Lung CDX |
| Target Expression Level | Med/Low, Heterogeneous | High     |
| Mice per group          | 6                      | 6        |

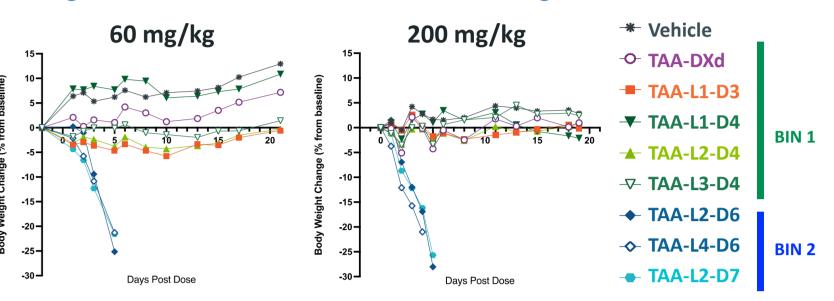
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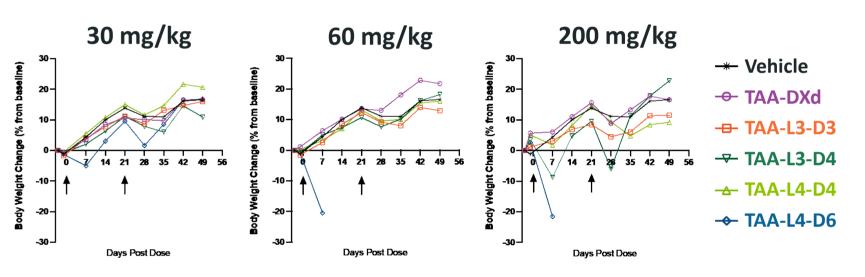
correlates with *in vivo* efficacy



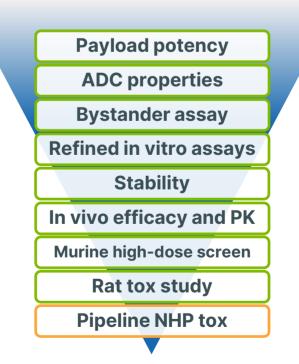
#### 4 drug-linkers were tolerated in murine high dose screen



#### 2 lead drug-linkers were identified in rat tox study



### The Path from Concept to Pipeline



- Identify leads from ~100 TOPO1i payloads
- Comparable efficacy to industry leading DXd platform across different targets
- Two lead drug-linkers identified after rat tox study
- Pipeline NHP tox studies initiated
- Multiple pipeline programs in development

References

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