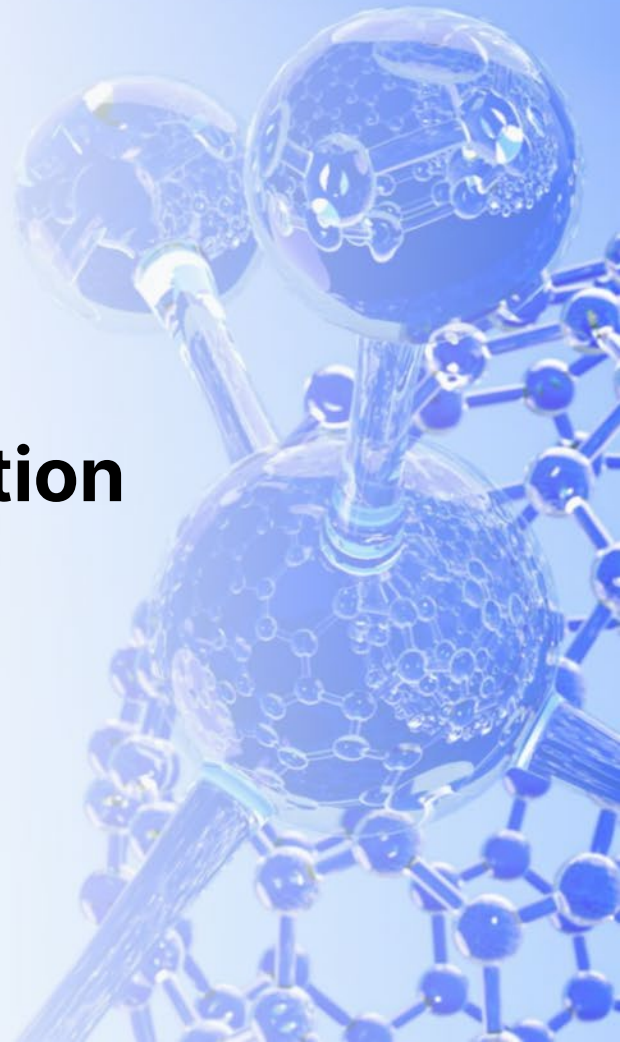


# **TOP01i ADC Platform from Concept to Pipeline Application**

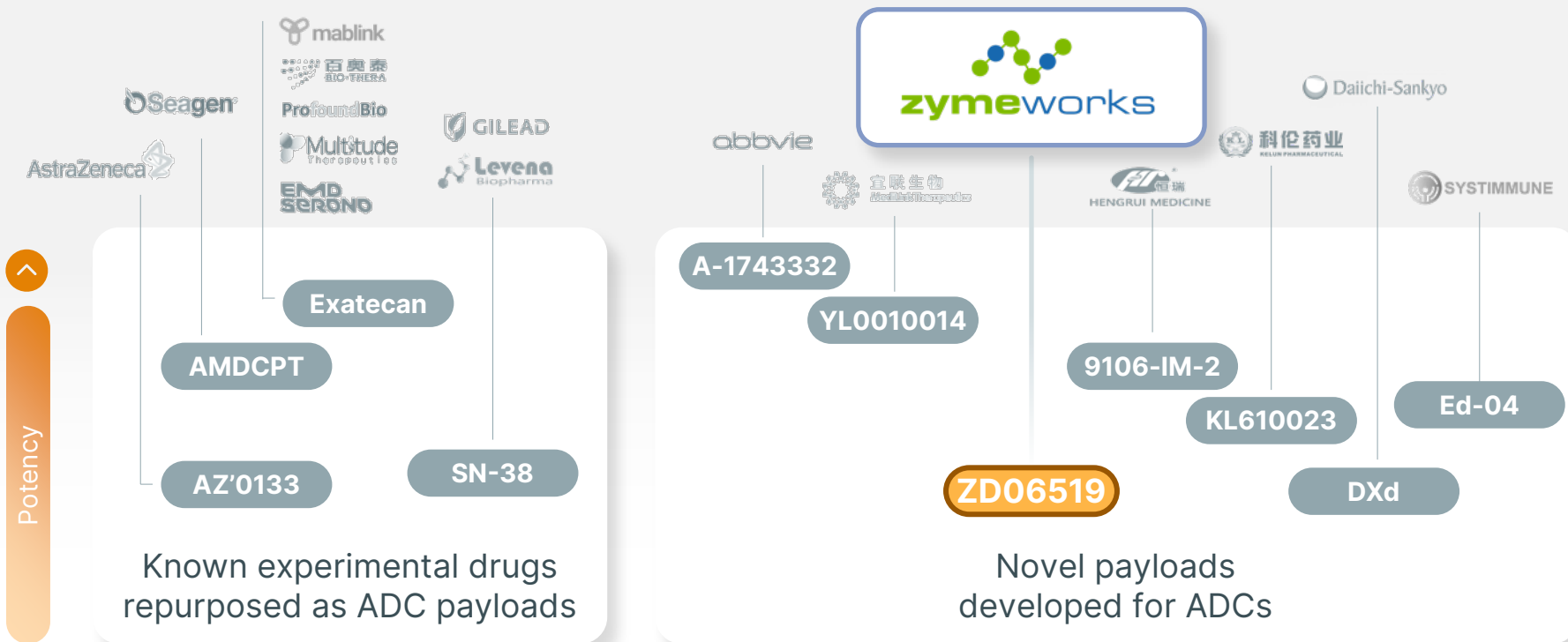
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# Zymeworks Novel Camptothecin Payload was Selected with ADCs in Mind



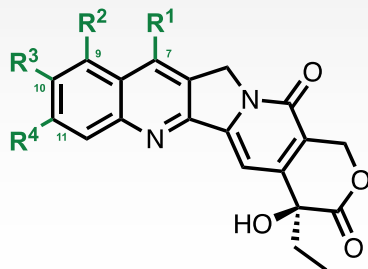
Design of novel payloads enables incorporation of properties tailored for ADC mechanism

# Platform Design Criteria Draw on Validated ADC Technologies

## PAYLOAD

### Novel camptothecin with moderate potency and strong bystander activity

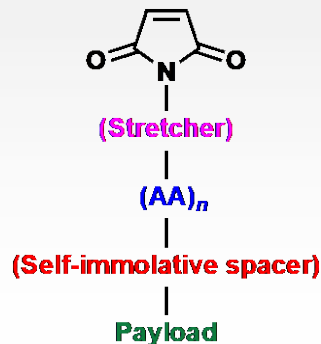
- Acknowledges complex mechanisms driving TOP01i ADC action
- Sufficient tolerability to achieve ADC dose > 5 mg/kg



## LINKER

### Traceless, plasma-stable, cleavable peptide

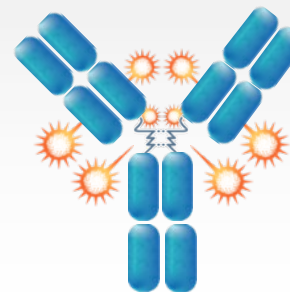
- Common to majority of approved ADCs
- Compatible with desired bystander activity



## CONJUGATION

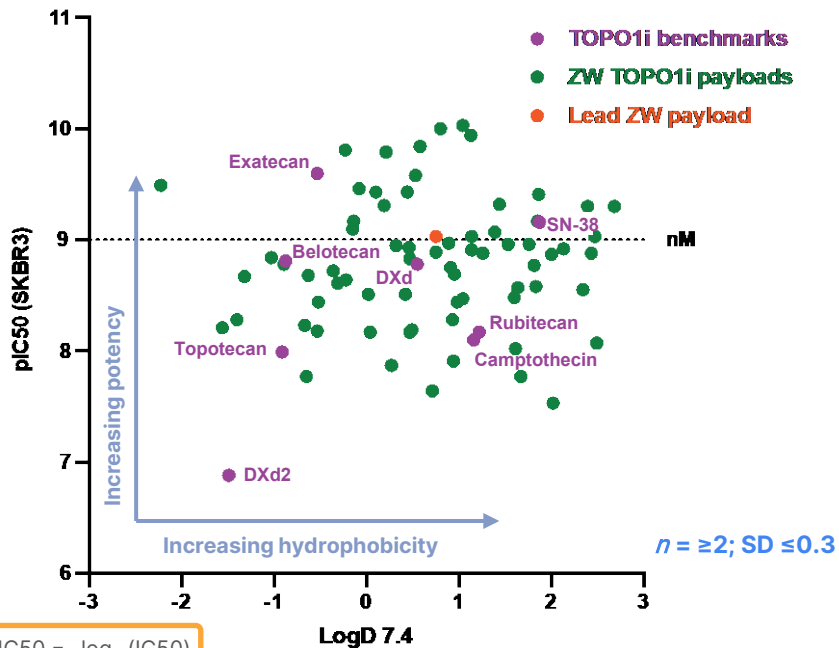
### Thiol-maleimide chemistry

- Stochastic conjugation utilized in *all* approved ADCs
- Facilitates DAR optimization
- Good balance of stability, safety, and anti-tumor activity



# Evaluation of Payloads Enable Selection of Drug-linker Panel for Conjugation

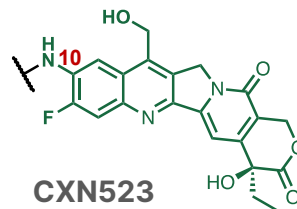
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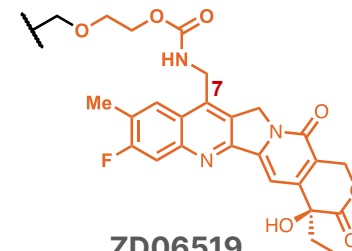
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Payloads were functionalized using two different linker attachment points

C10 amide



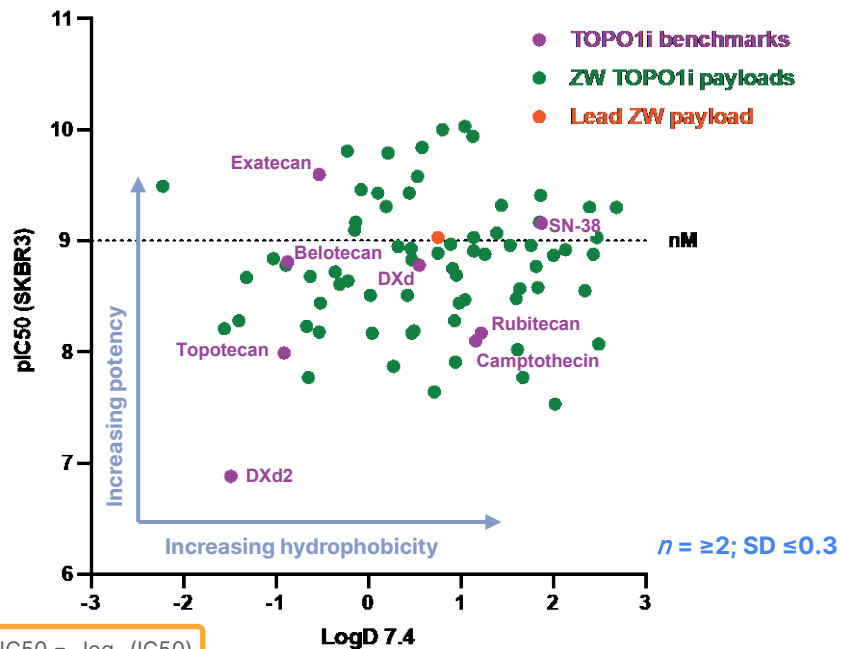
C7 aminal



ZD06519  
Zymeworks' Topoisomerase I inhibitor

# Evaluation of Payloads and ADCs Enable Selection of Drug-linker Panel for Extended Characterization

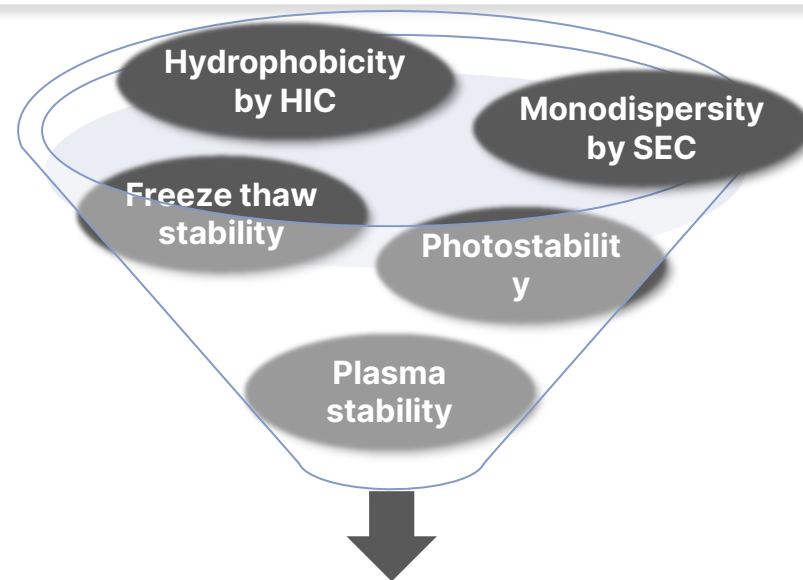
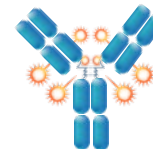
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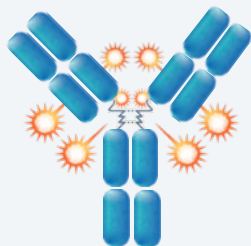
Making a Meaningful Difference

- Selected payloads were conjugated to trastuzumab at DAR8
- Biophysical characterization enabled selection of a panel of leads



7 payloads selected for further evaluation

# Zymeworks TOPO1i Drug-linkers Yield ADCs with Desired Physicochemical Properties and Exceptionally Low Aggregation



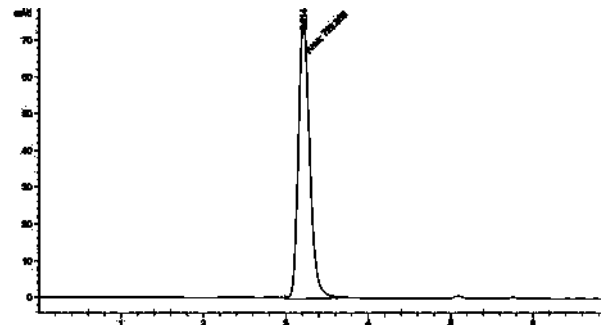
mAb = trastuzumab  
conjugation = cysteine  
DAR = 8

## ADCs with Zymeworks TOPO1i DLs:

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

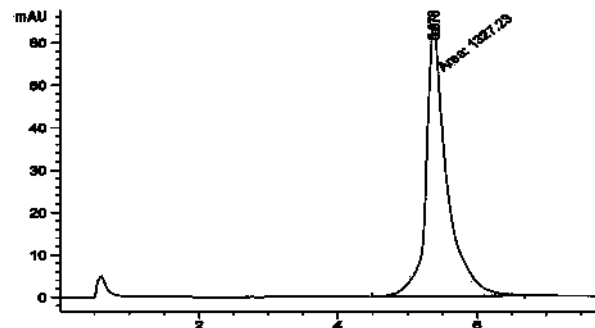
\*DL = Drug-linker

## Representative HPLC-SEC profile:



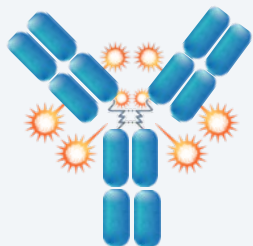
100%  
monomer

## Representative HPLC-HIC profile:



Complete  
DAR8

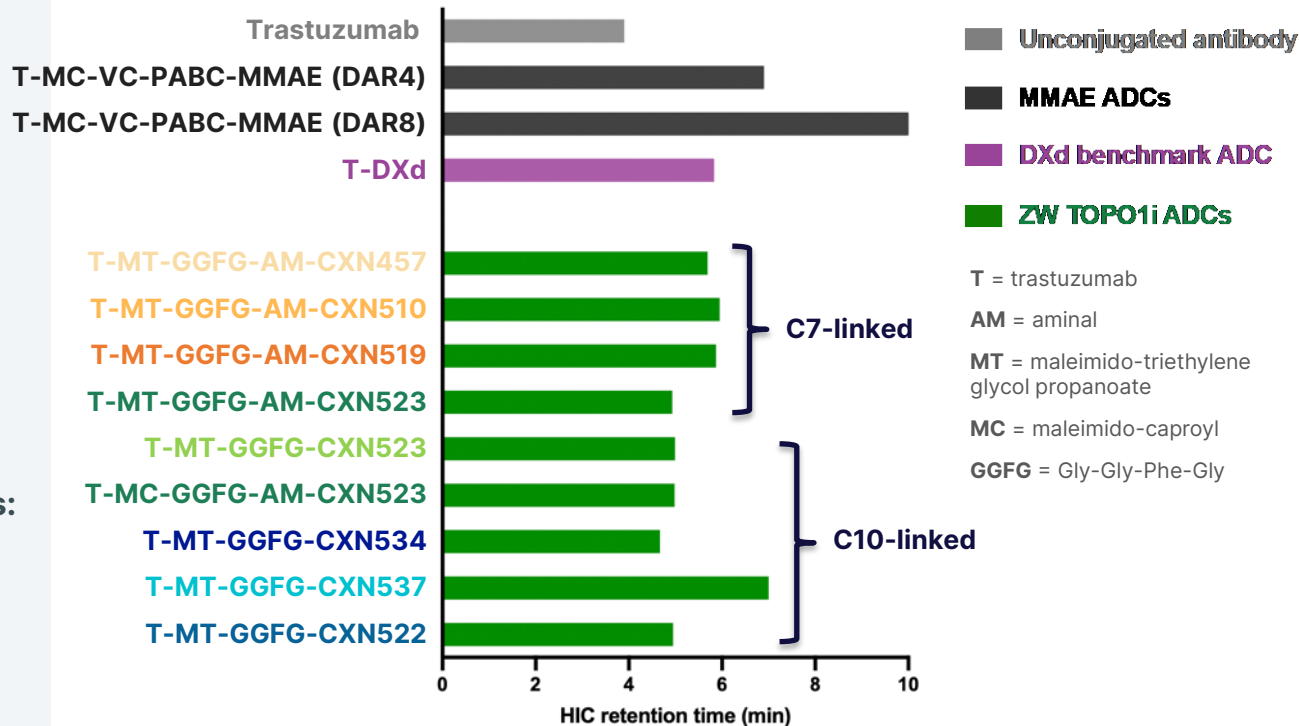
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Unconjugated antibody

MMAE ADCs

DXd benchmark ADC

ZW TOPO1i ADCs

T = trastuzumab

AM = aminor

MT = maleimido-triethylene glycol propanoate

MC = maleimido-caproyl

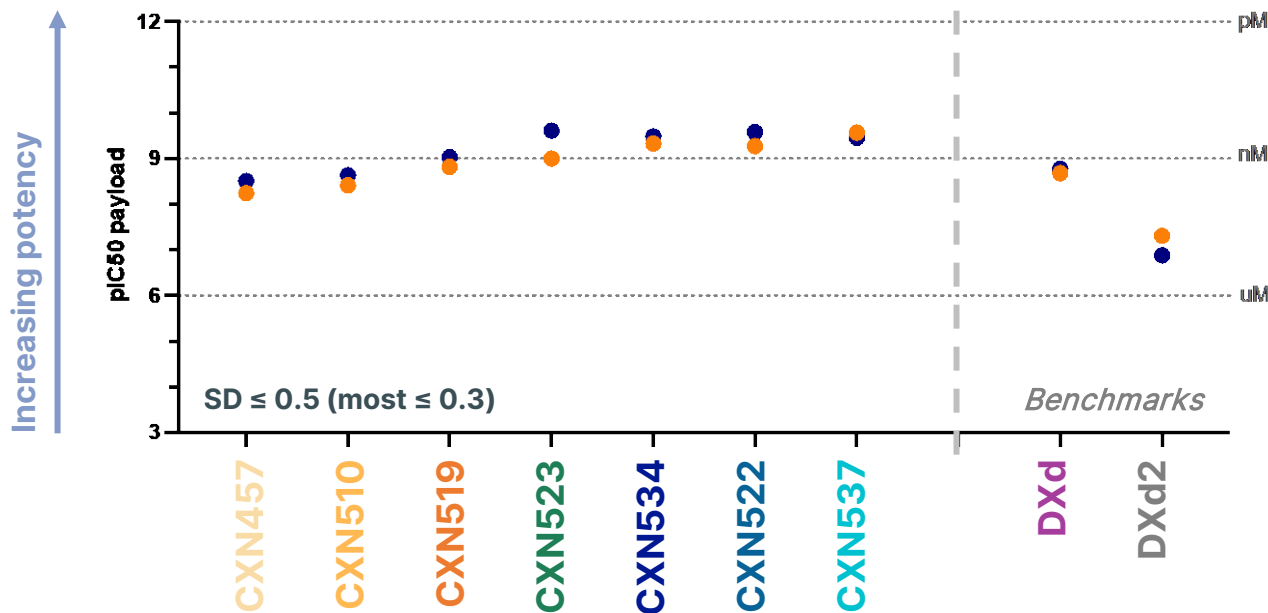
GGFG = Gly-Gly-Phe-Gly

C7-linked

C10-linked

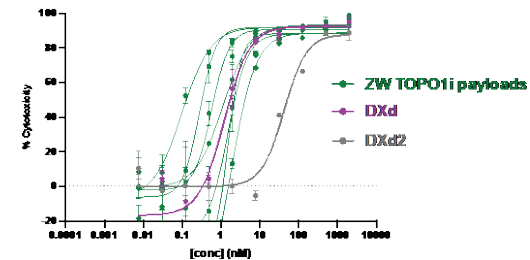
Increasing hydrophobic character

# Payloads Showed Similar Potency to Benchmarks on Multiple Cell Lines

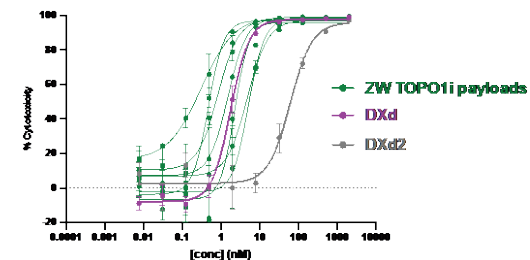


- pIC50 SK-BR-3
- pIC50 MDA-MB-468

## SK-BR-3:



## MDA-MB-468:

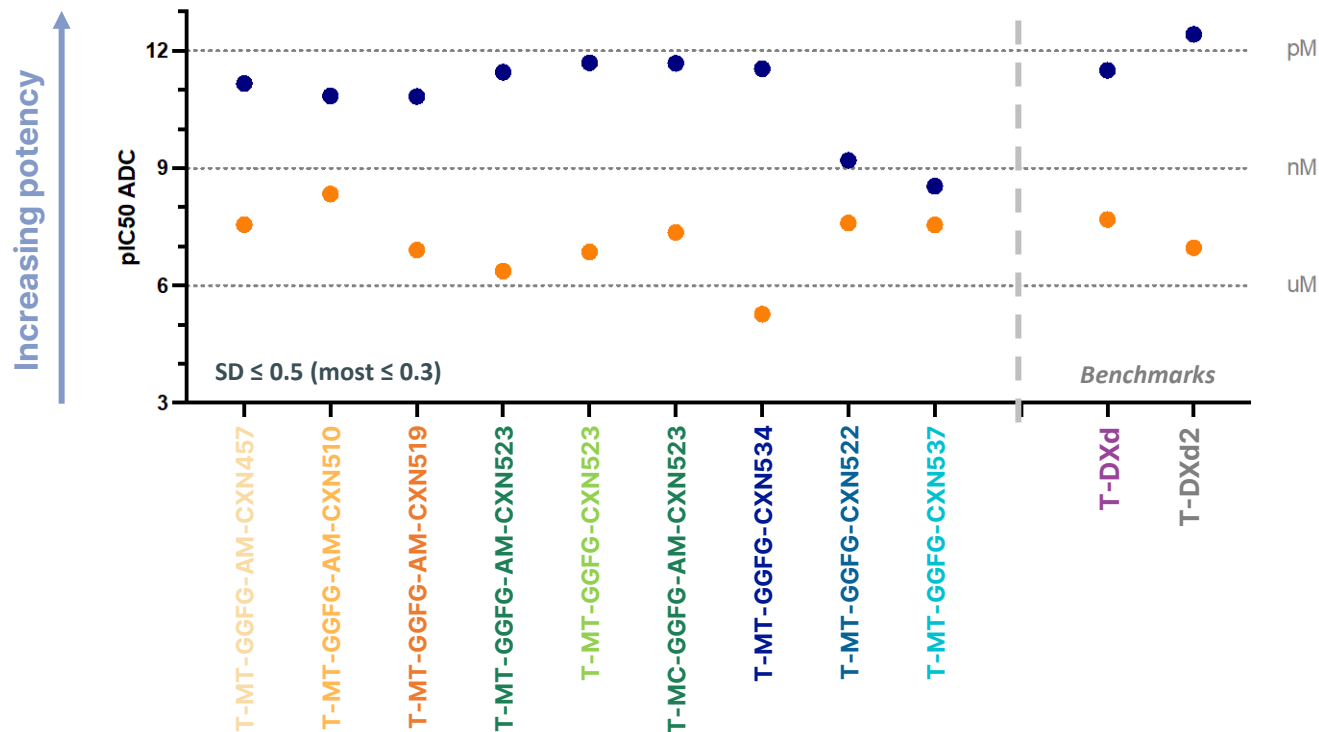


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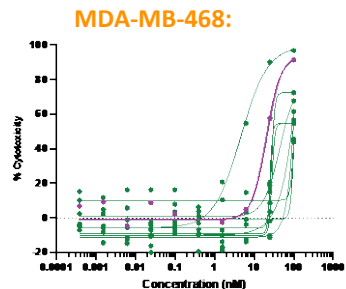
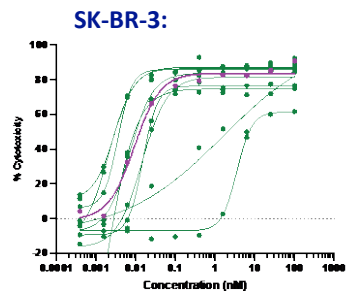
Representative pIC50s; >70 cell lines tested



# Most ADCs Showed Good Potency and Selectivity

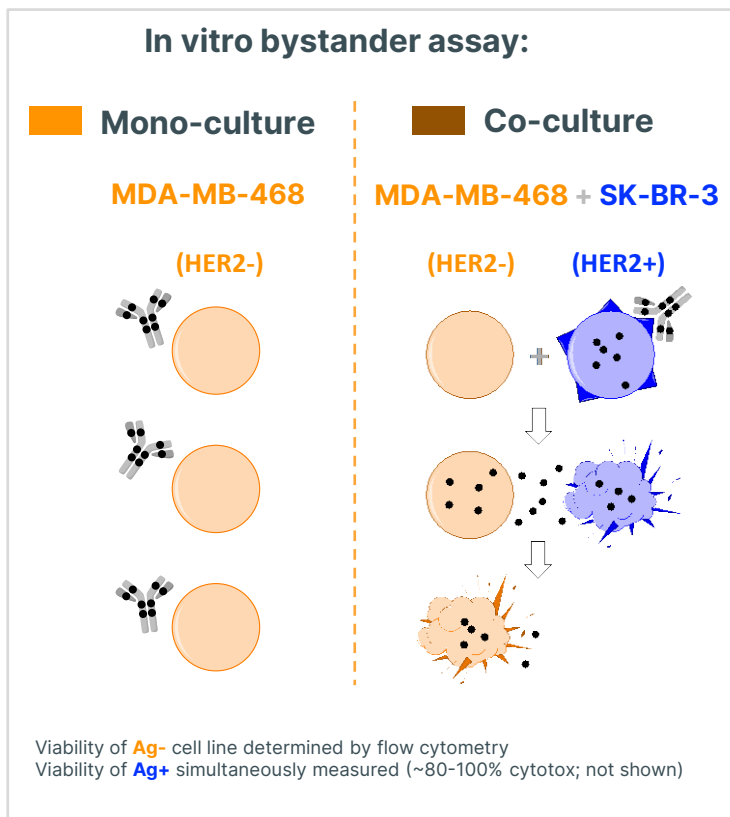


- pIC50 SK-BR-3 (Ag+)
- pIC50 MDA-MB-468 (Ag-)

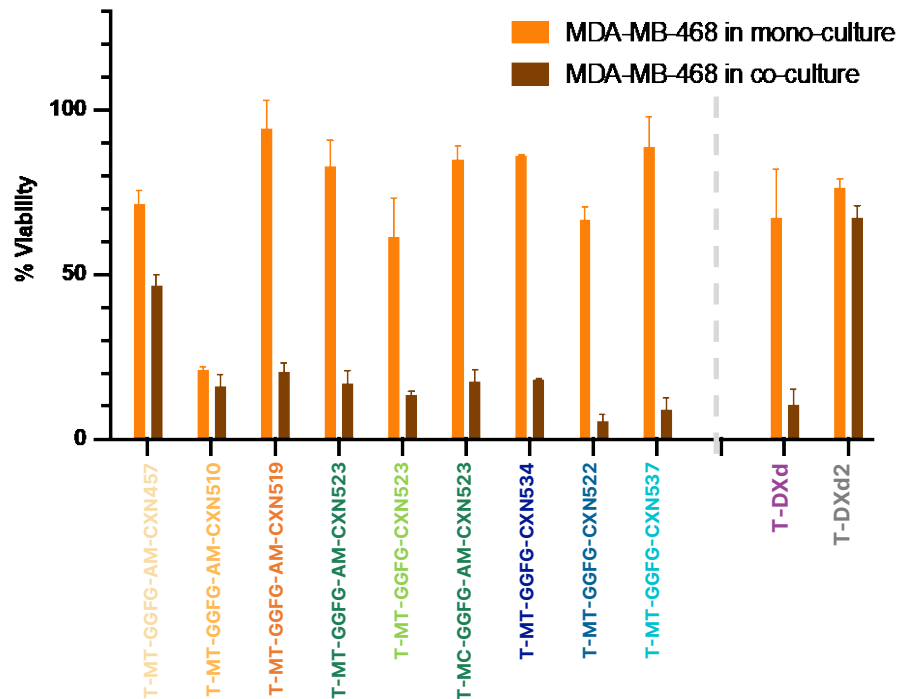


Representative pIC50 in an Ag+ cell line sensitive to TOPO1i ADCs and an Ag- cell line

# Strong Bystander Activity for Most Zymeworks TOP01i ADCs



## 1 nM ADC treatment



Lower bystander!

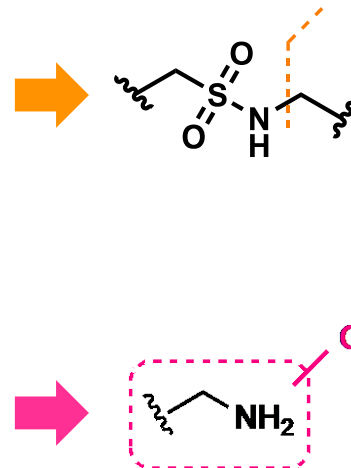
Unstable



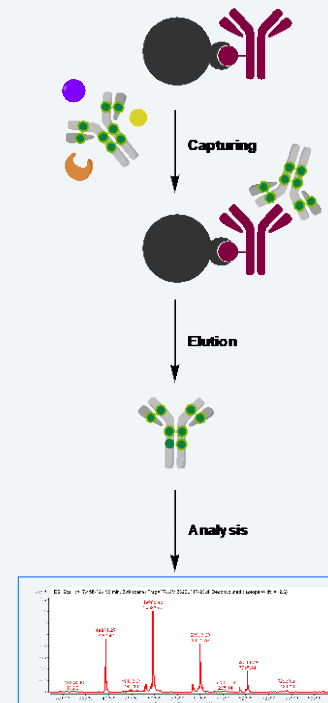
# ADC Plasma Stability Assays Revealed Liabilities for Two Drug-linkers

ADC	Observed payload instability (7 d, mouse plasma) <sup>1</sup>
T-DXd	none
T-MT-GGFG-AM-CxN457	none
T-MT-GGFG-AM-CxN510 ❌	drug-linker fragmentation
T-MT-GGFG-AM-CxN519	none
T-MT-GGFG-AM-CxN523	none
T-MT-GGFG-CxN523	none
T-MC-GGFG-AM-CxN523	none
T-MT-GGFG-CxN534 ❌	drug-linker oxidation
T-MT-GGFG-CxN522	none
T-MT-GGFG-CxN537	none

❌ doesn't meet design criteria

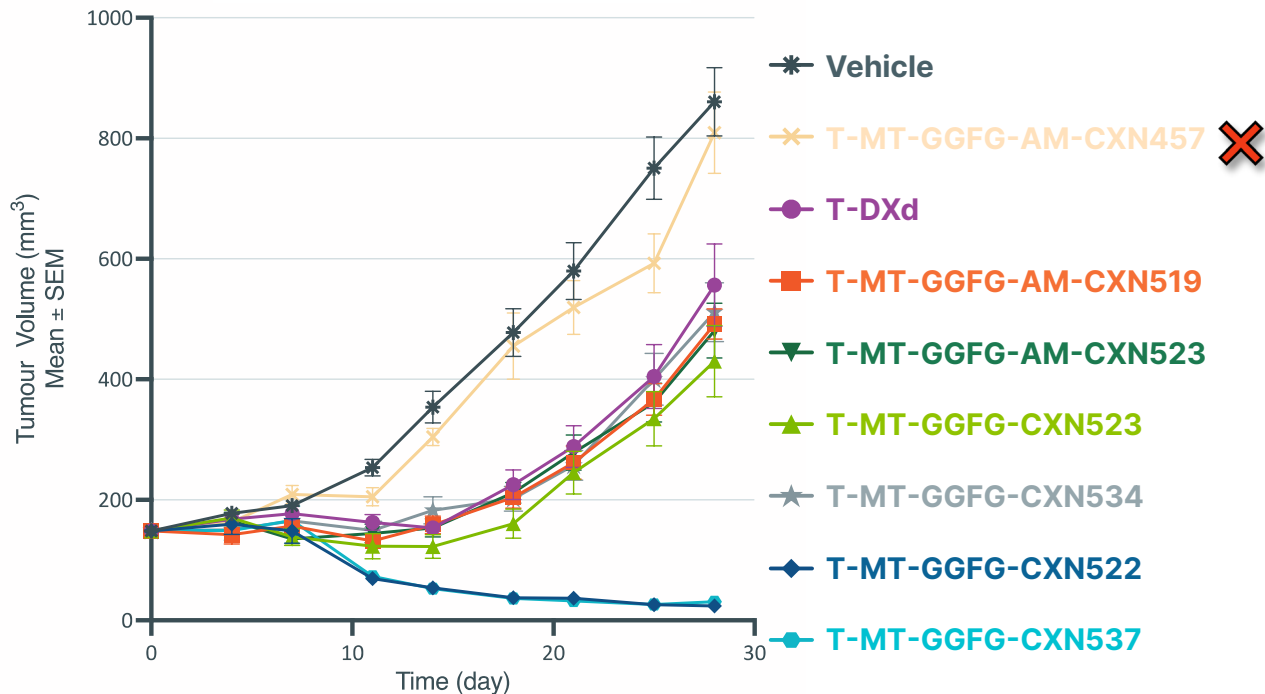


## IP-MS Workflow:



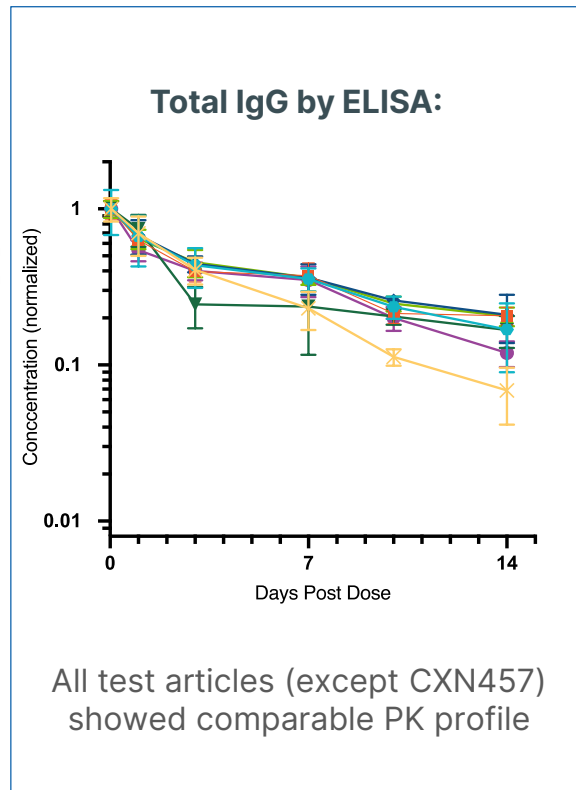
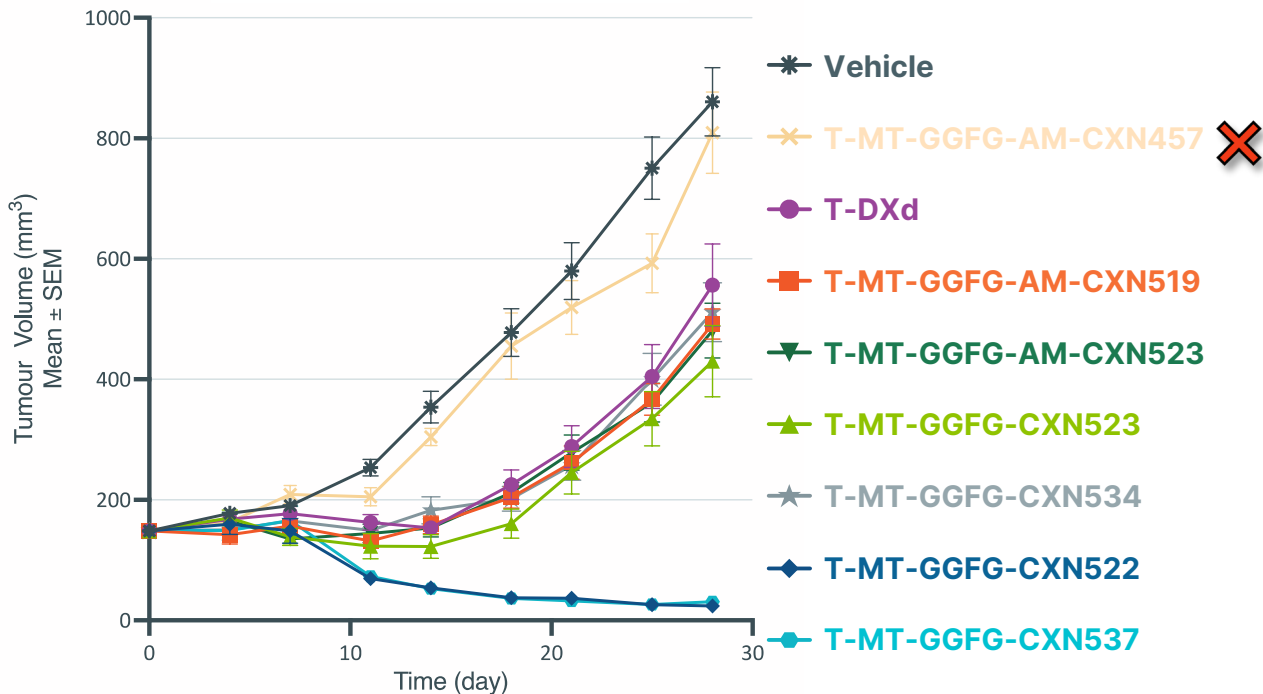
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Single dose, ~3 mg/kg



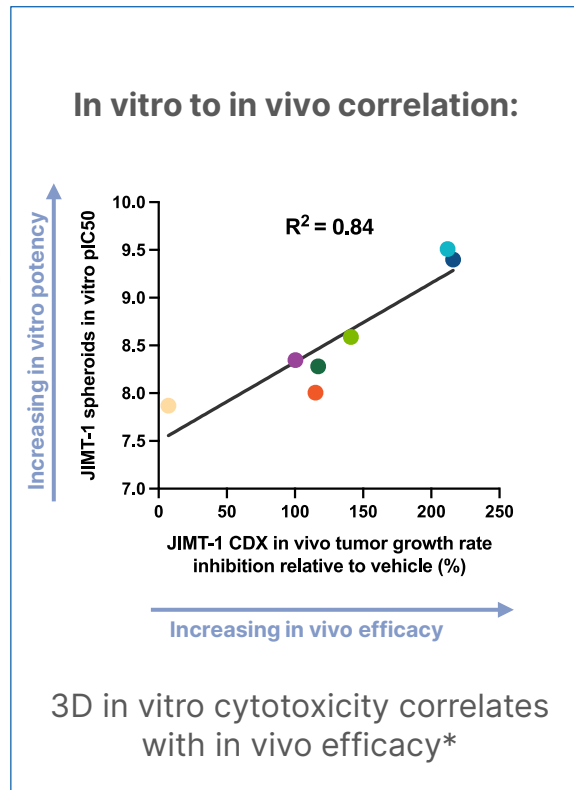
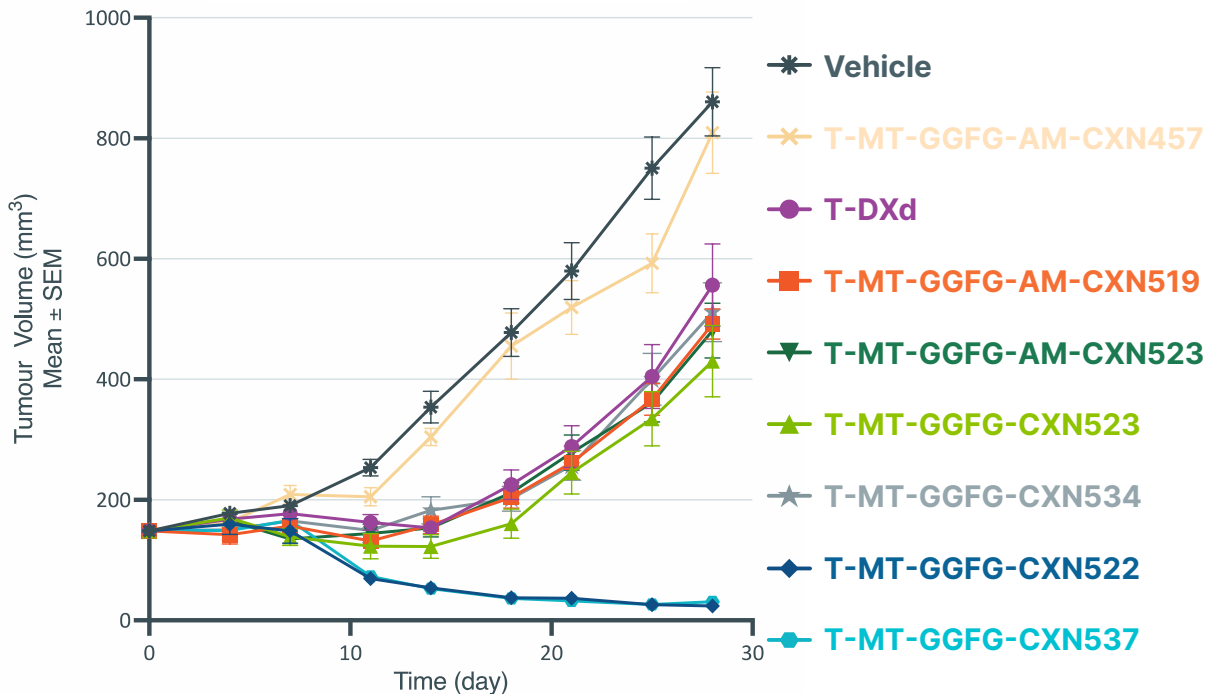
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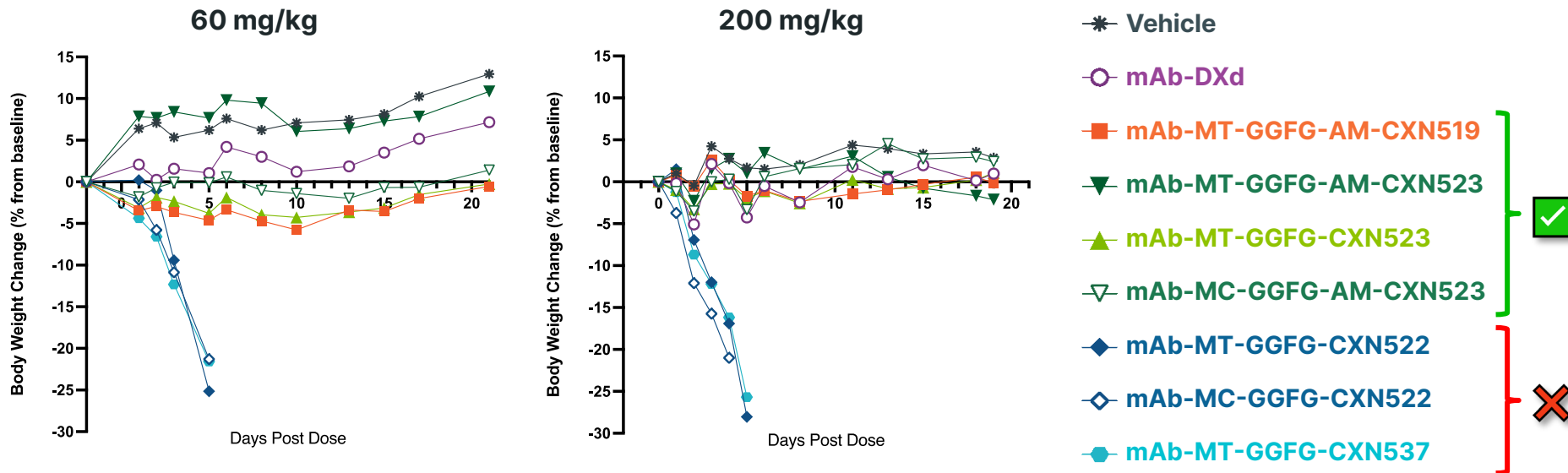
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\*2D in vitro cytotoxicity on JIMT1 resulted in pIC50s < 7 with incomplete curves

# Four Zymeworks TOP01i ADCs were Tolerated at High Doses in Mice

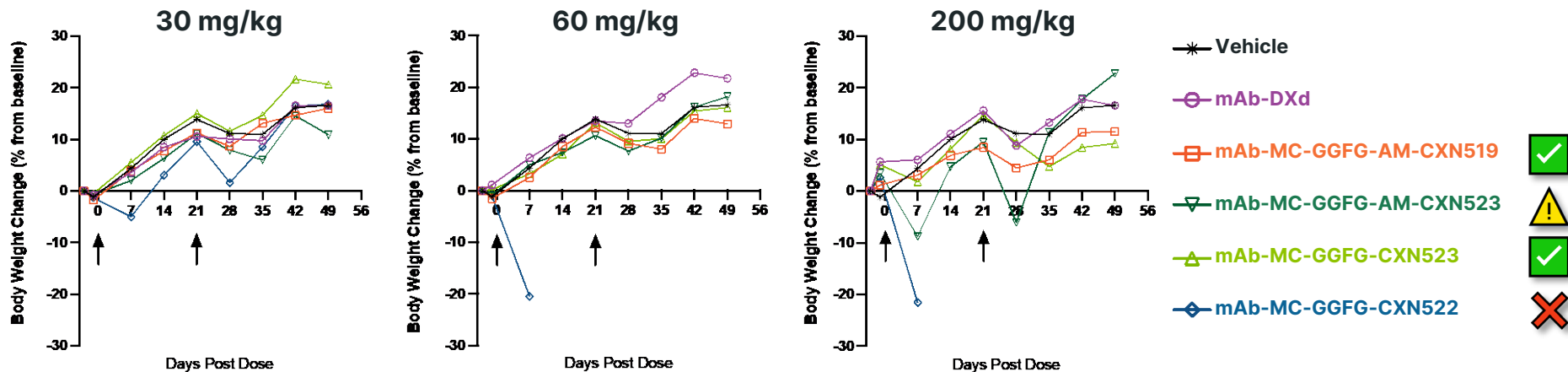


✓ design criteria met (tolerated at 200 mg/kg)

✗ design criteria not met (not tolerated at 200 and 60 mg/kg)

- TAA = Folate receptor  $\alpha$
- Balb/c female mice, 8 weeks old
- 60 and 200 mg/kg
- Intraperitoneal injection, single dose
- 3 animals per group

# Top Two TOP01i ADCs Identified in a Rat Tox Study



design criteria met



not better than ZW191 mAb-MC-GGFG-CXN523

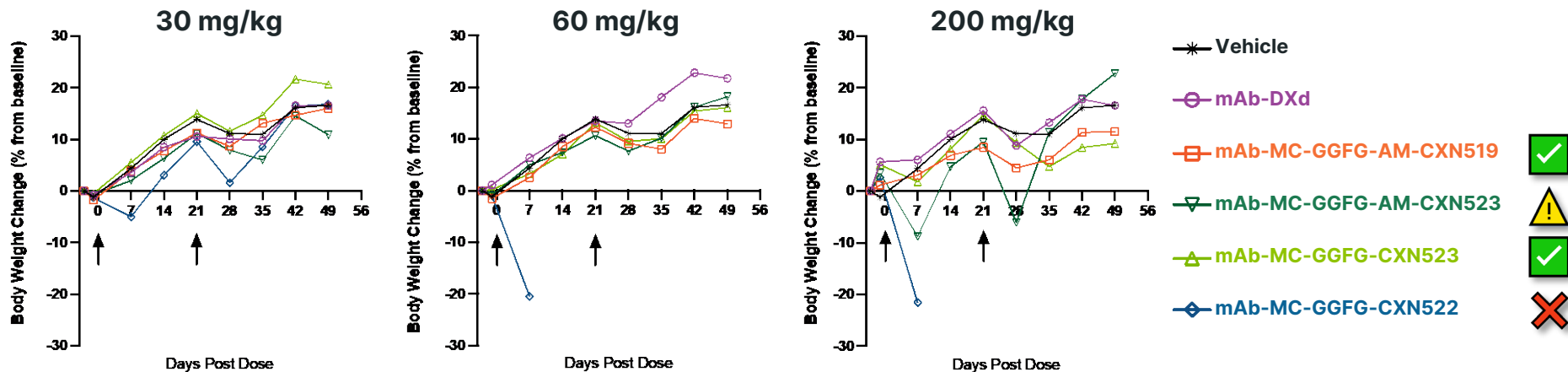


design criteria not met

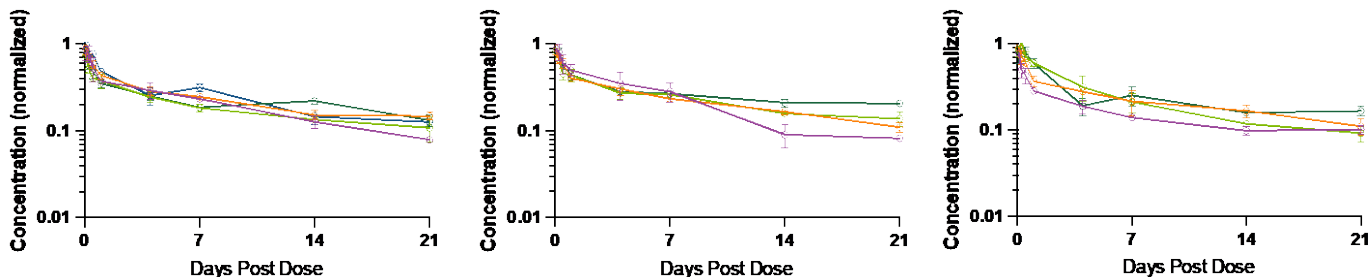
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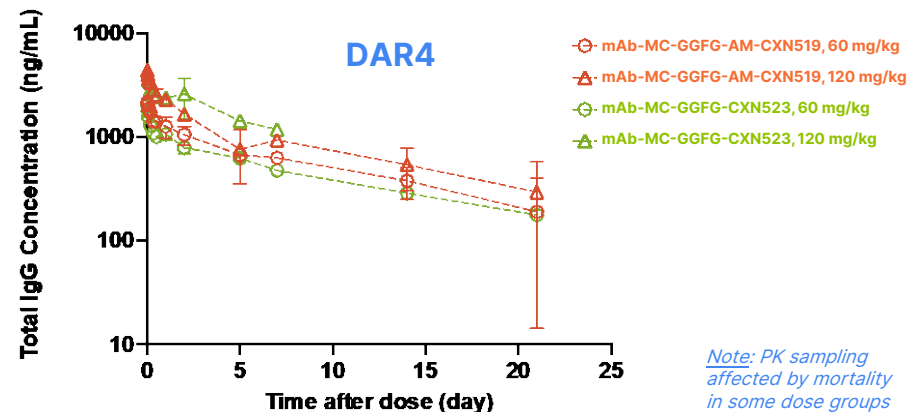
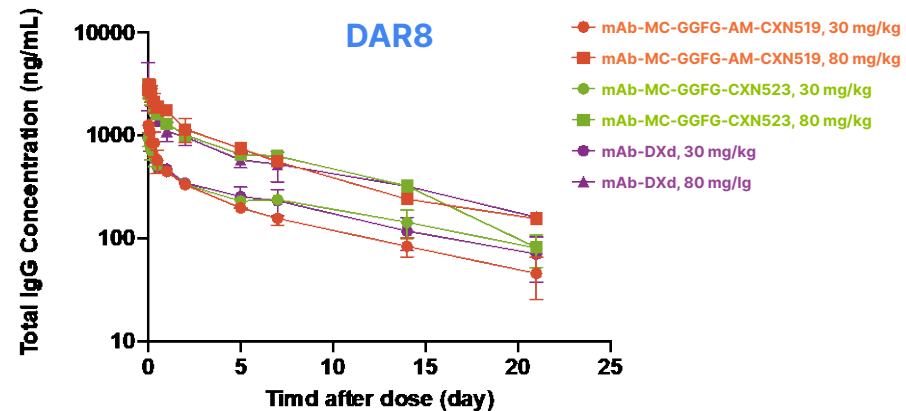
Toxicokinetic analysis showed comparable profile across the different test articles:



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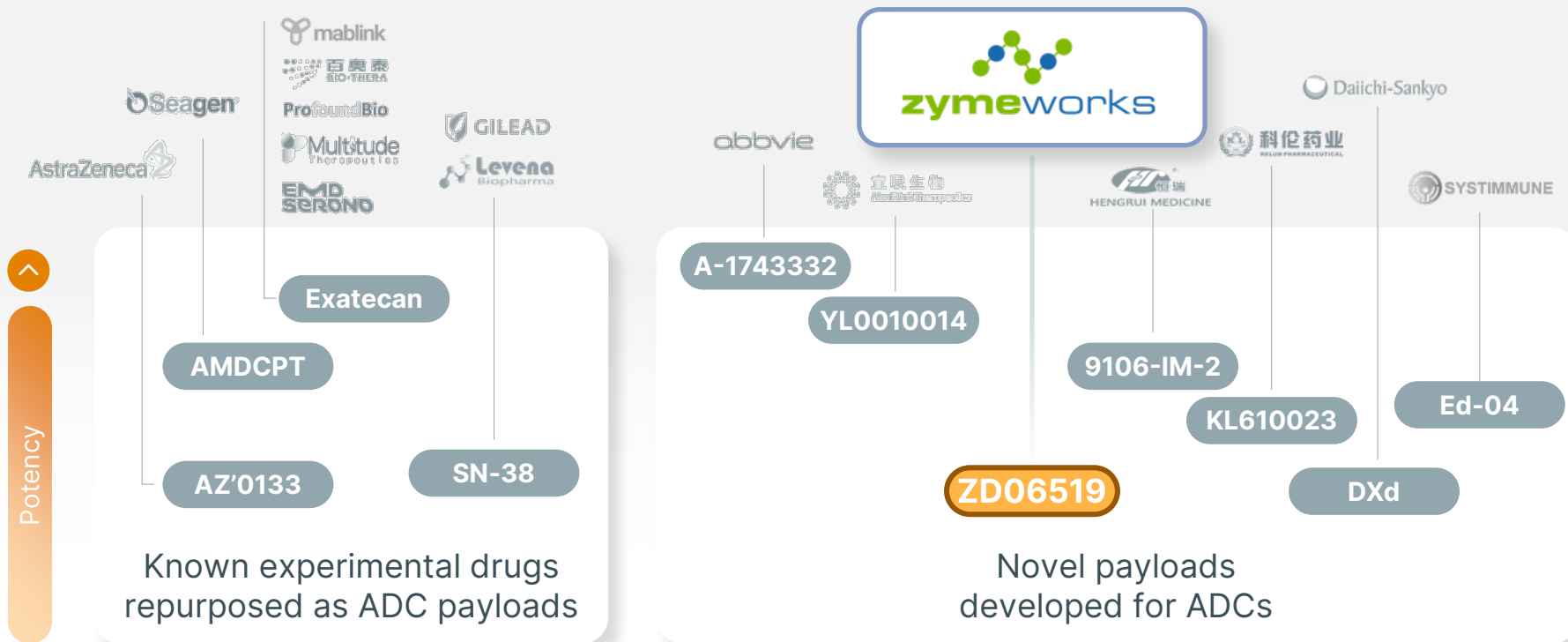
# Two Dose NHP ADC Toxicity Study Support the Selection of MC-GGFG-AM-CXN519 as Platform Lead Drug-linker

Group	Test Article	DAR	Dose (mg/kg)	Tolerated?
1	Vehicle	-	-	-
2	mAb-DXd	8	30	Y
3			80	N
4	mAb-MC-GGFG-AM-CXN519	4	60	Y
5			<b>120</b>	Y
6			30	Y
7	mAb-MC-GGFG-AM-CXN519	8	80	N
9			60	Y
10	mAb-MC-GGFG-CXN523	4	<b>120</b>	N
11			30	Y
12			80	N



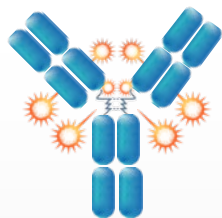
*Note: PK sampling affected by mortality in some dose groups*

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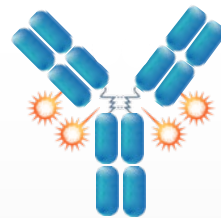


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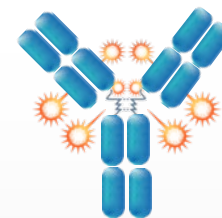
# ZD06519 Payload is Being Utilized in Multiple Pipeline Programs



**ZW191**



**ZW220**



**ZW251**

**Target**

FR $\alpha$

NaPI2b

GPC3

**Format/Technology**

Monospecific/TOPO1i ADC

Monospecific/TOPO1i ADC

Monospecific/TOPO1i ADC

**Potential Indications**

Ovarian cancer, other gynecological cancers, and other solid tumors

Ovarian cancer, NSCLC

Liver cancer

**Stage**

IND-enabling

IND-enabling

Lead format evaluation

**Next Milestone**

IND 2024

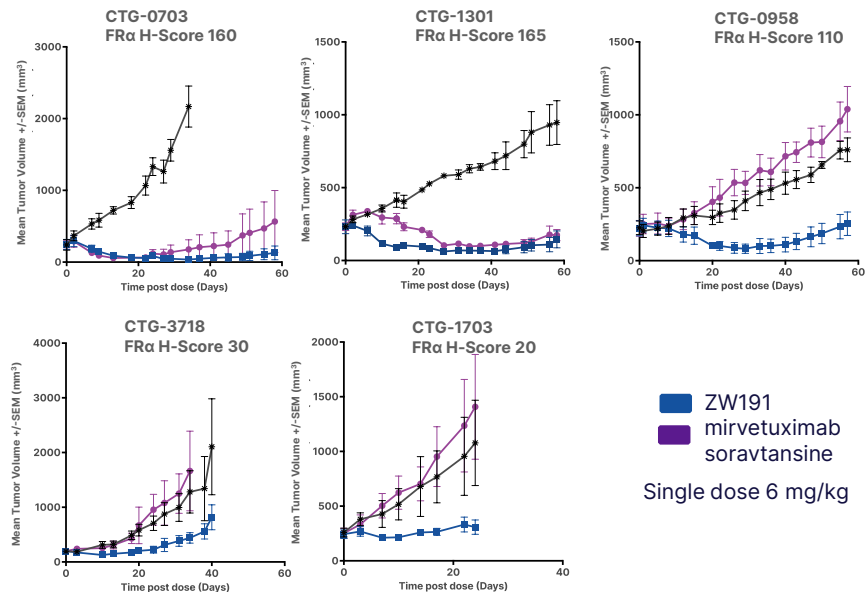
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*Additional early-stage assets in development*

# ZW191, a DAR 8 FR $\alpha$ -targeting ADC

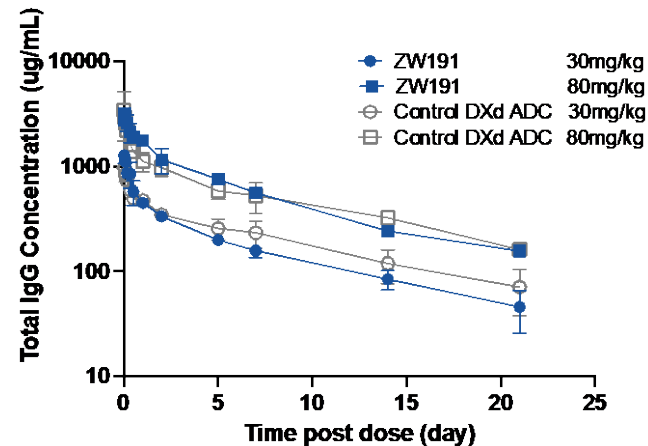
## ZW191 Demonstrates Strong Efficacy in Ovarian Cancer PDX Models with a Range of FR $\alpha$ Expression



**Higher FR $\alpha$ -expressing models:**  
 ZW191 at least as efficacious as MirvDM4

**Lower FR $\alpha$ -expressing models:**  
 ZW191 substantially more efficacious than MirvDM4

## ZW191 is Well Tolerated at 30 mg/kg in Non-Human Primates

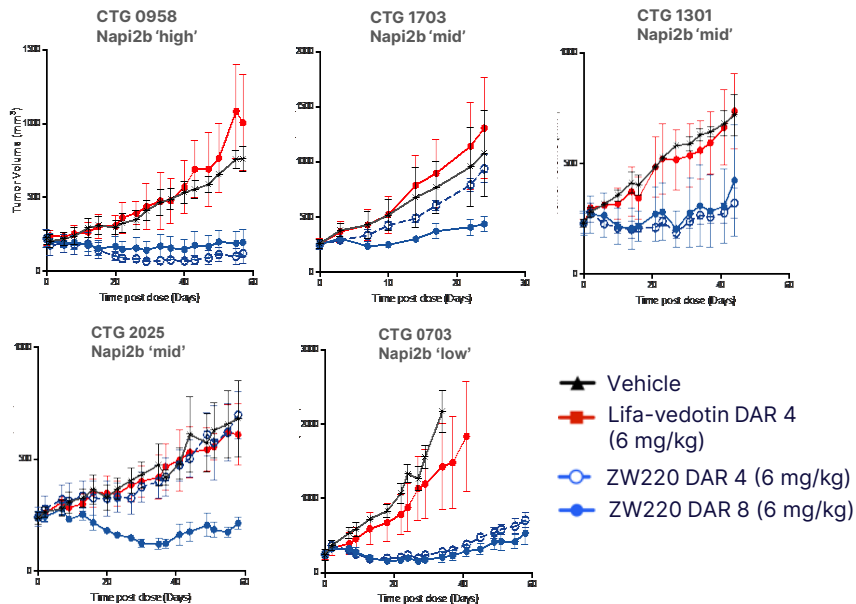


Test article	Doses	
ZW191 (DAR 4)	60 mg/kg	120 mg/kg
ZW191 (DAR 8)	30 mg/kg	80 mg/kg

- No increased severity of adverse events compared to DXd ADC
- **DAR 8 ADC selected for preclinical development**

# ZW220, a DAR 4 NaPi2b-targeting ADC

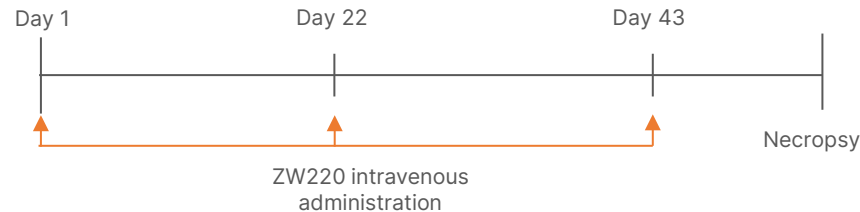
## ZW220 Demonstrates Robust Anti-Tumor Activity in NaPi2b-Expressing Ovarian Cancer PDX Models



- ZW220 is more efficacious than Lifituzumab-vedotin
- DAR 4 ADC is equivalent to DAR 8 ADC in 3/5 models

## ZW220 is Well Tolerated at 90 mg/kg in Non-Human Primates

### Three dose non-GLP NHP toxicology study



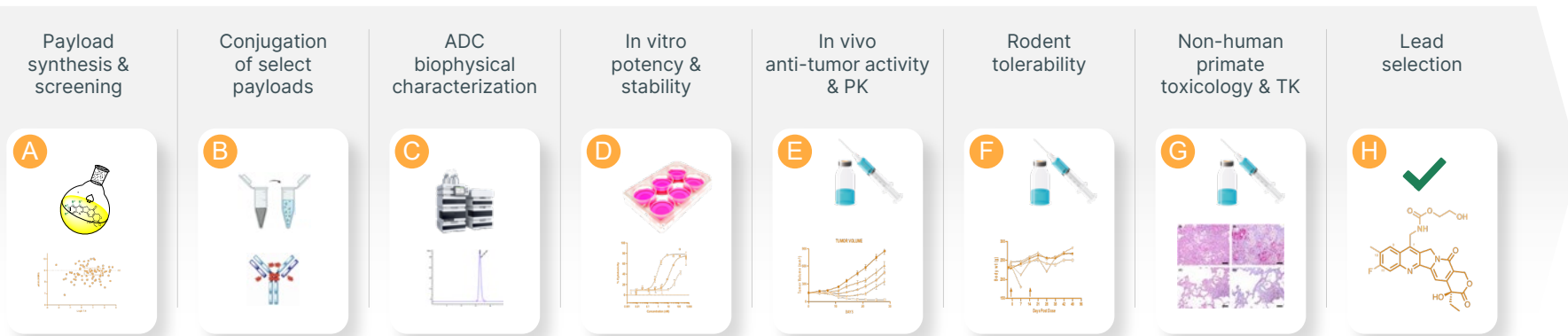
Test article	Doses		
ZW220 DAR 8	15 mg/kg	30 mg/kg	45 mg/kg
ZW220 DAR 4	30 mg/kg	60 mg/kg	90 mg/kg

- Minimal changes in body weight, hematology parameters, and clinical chemistry parameters in all treatment groups.
- No mortality observed in any treatment group prior to necropsy.
- **DAR 4 ADC selected for pre-clinical development**



# Robust Interrogation Yields Pipeline Ready TOPO1i ADC Platform

## From concept to platform:



## From platform to pipeline:

**8** Tumor targets

**80** Cell lines

**>25** CDX models

**>25** PDX models

**3** PK studies

**5** Tox & TK studies

**3 Pipeline programs**  
ZW191, ZW220, ZW251

**Additional early-stage assets**



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