



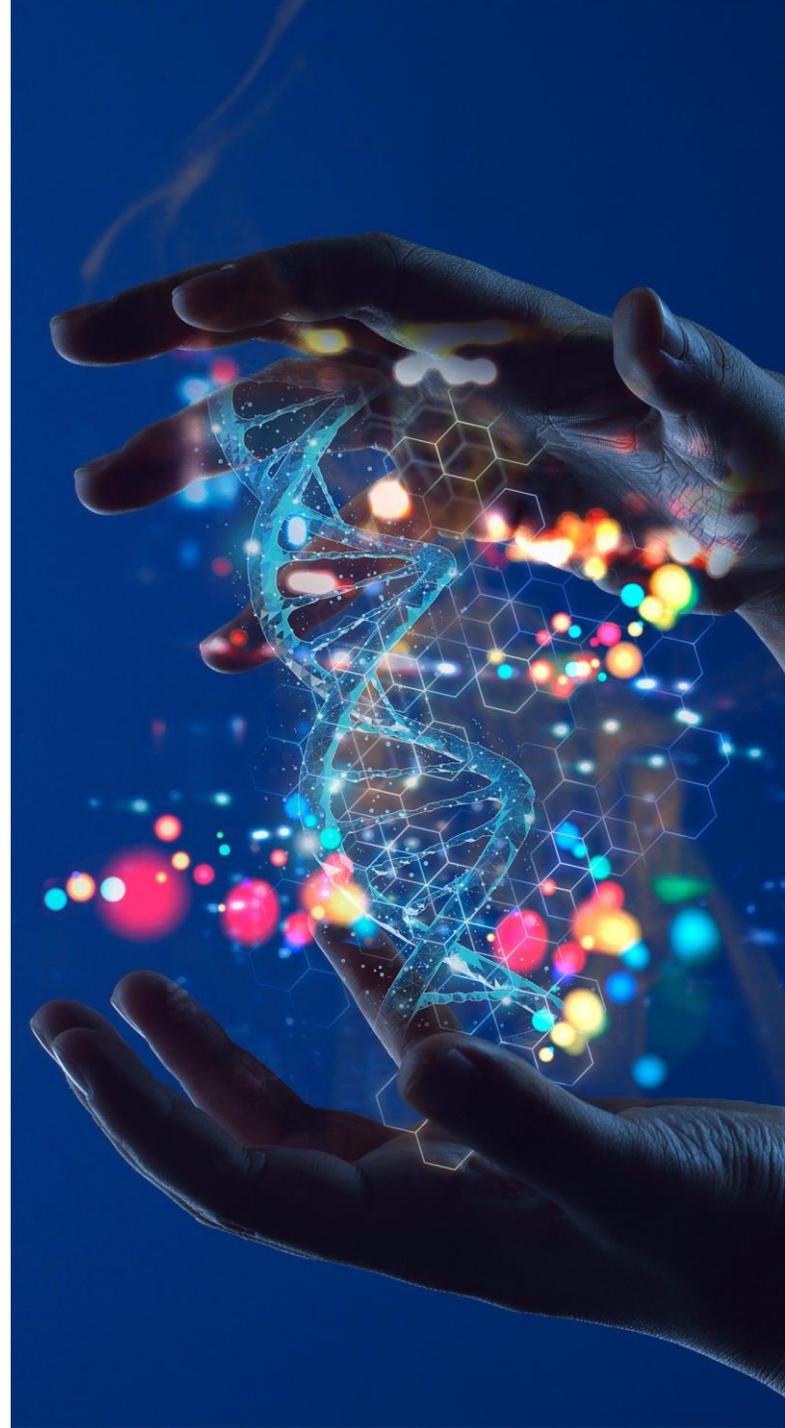
TOP INNOVATOR  
**TOPi** 2030



# Chugai R&D Meeting

**CHUGAI PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD.**

13 December, 2021



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**Tomoyuki Igawa Ph.D.**

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# Chugai's Research Policy

Hitoshi Iikura Ph.D.  
Head of Research Div.

# Chugai's Growth Strategy Logo



Name of our growth strategy to become a Top Innovator in 2030

“TOP” expresses our aspiration to become the leading innovator globally, not just in Japan.

The “I” has two meanings: “Innovator” and I as in “I” or “me”

## “I” of the Innovator

Become a top-class innovator in  
the global healthcare space

## “I” as I or Me

Each one of us plays a leading role in  
Chugai's pursuit of TOP I 2030.

# Drug Discovery to Achieve TOP I 2030

## Achieving the world's most advanced drug discovery

- Realize totally original drug discovery ideas
- Expand existing technologies and building new technological foundations
- Adopt digital technology (Digital Transformation)
- Collaborate with leading global players (Open Innovation)



**Dramatically Improve  
Treatment Satisfaction**

# Multi-Modality Drug Discovery Platform

## Drug discovery technologies

- Medical needs are becoming more diverse and complicated
  - Development of advanced drug discovery technologies to meet high medical needs

## Precise understanding of disease mechanisms

- Understanding the molecular mechanisms of diseases required for drug research and development
  - Deepening understanding of disease through collaboration with academia

## Efficiency of research and development

- Automation and robotics
- Improving data processing capacity with AI
  - Creating precise supervised data

# What We Need to Achieve First-in-Class (FIC), Best-in-Class (BIC)

## Strengthening of disease biology

Novel target molecule groups found in disease biology → **FIC**

**Realize drug discovery for tough targets**

## Development of new original technologies

UMN target molecules reachable by conventional technology.

⇒ **Generic**

Promising target molecules that can achieve effects with our original technologies that are unattainable with conventional technologies.

⇒ **BIC**

Novel target molecules found to be druggable for the first time using our unique technology.

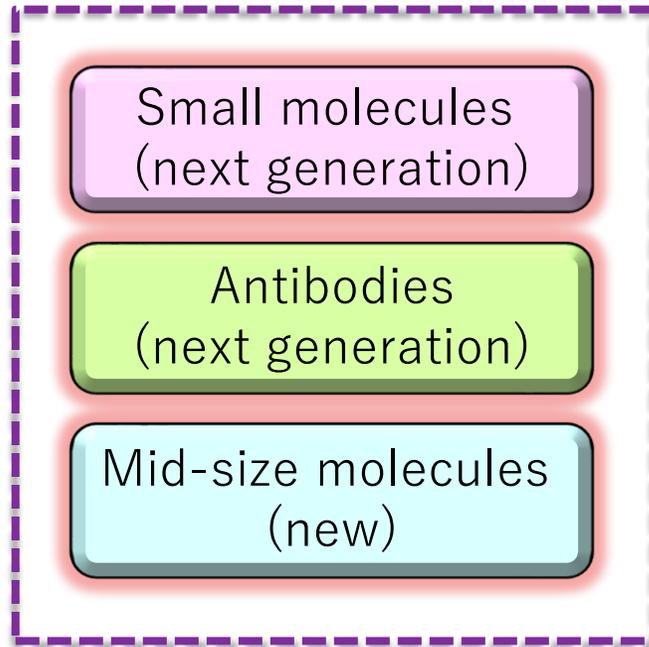
⇒ **FIC**

UMN: Unmet Medical Needs

# Construction of Multi-Modality Drug Discovery Platform

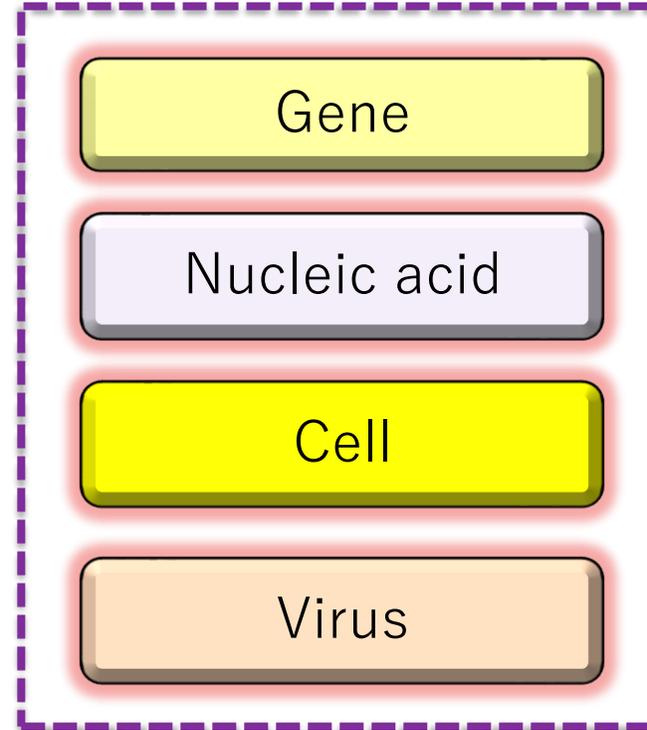
Responding to diverse target molecules and diverse medical needs

In-house drug discovery  
technology  
(strengthening)



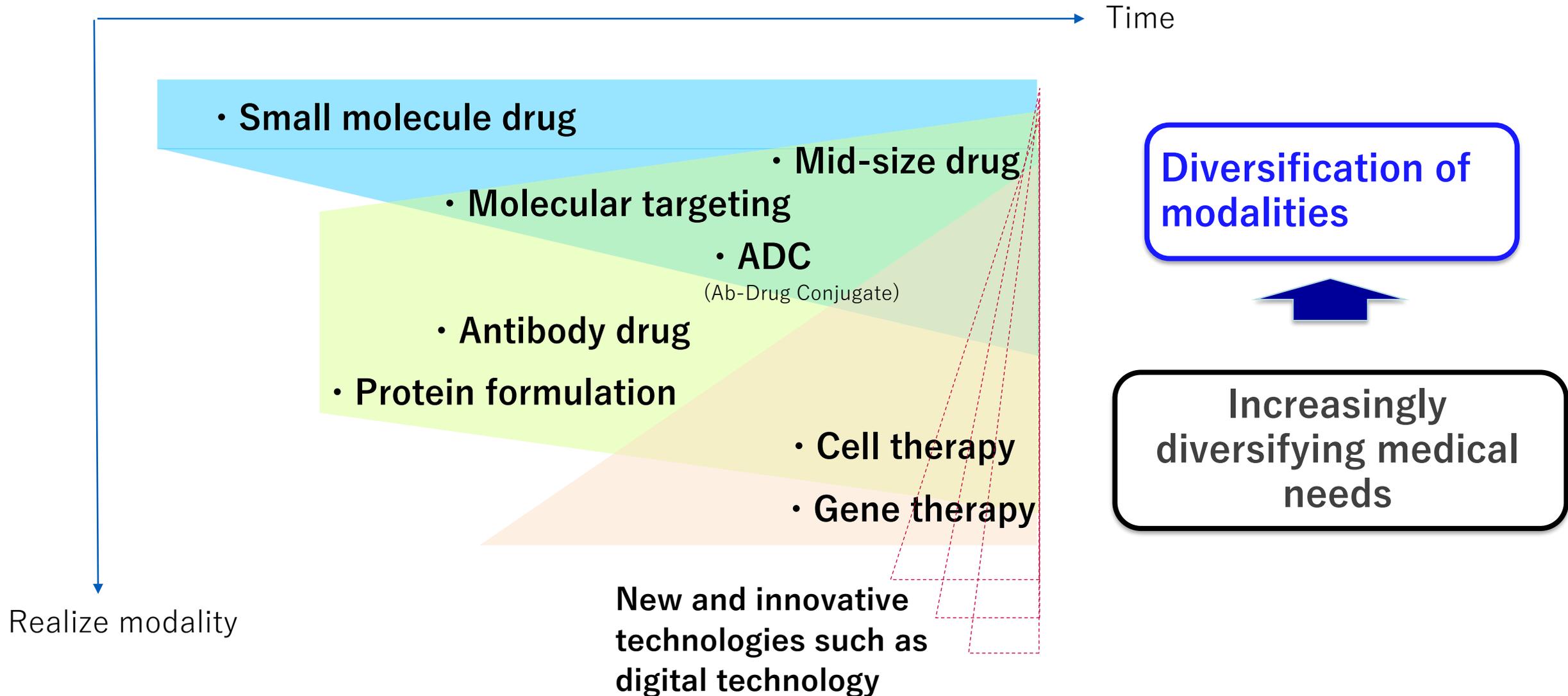
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Expansion (Roche, outside)



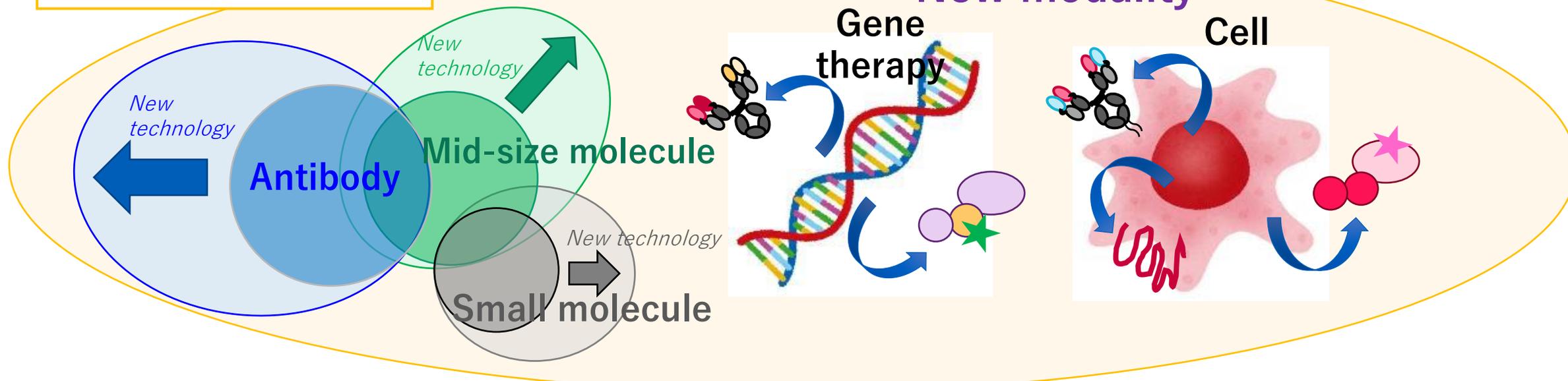
Providing treatment options that match each patient's individual medical needs.

# Creating Innovative Modalities by Integrating Technologies

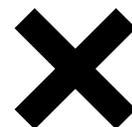


# Expanding Our Druggable Space and Realizing Novel Mechanisms of Action

Target molecular range

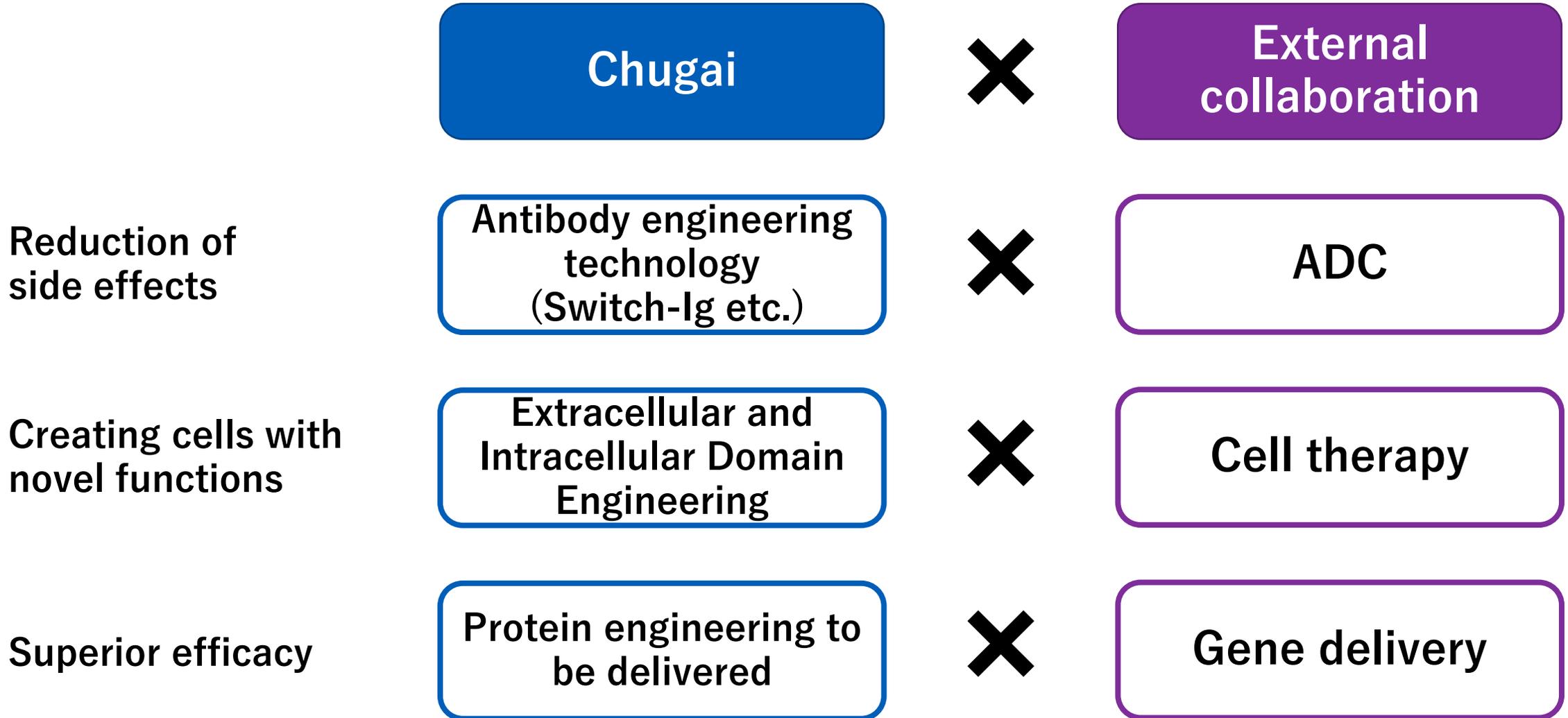


Protein engineering technologies cultivated through Chugai's strong antibody technologies

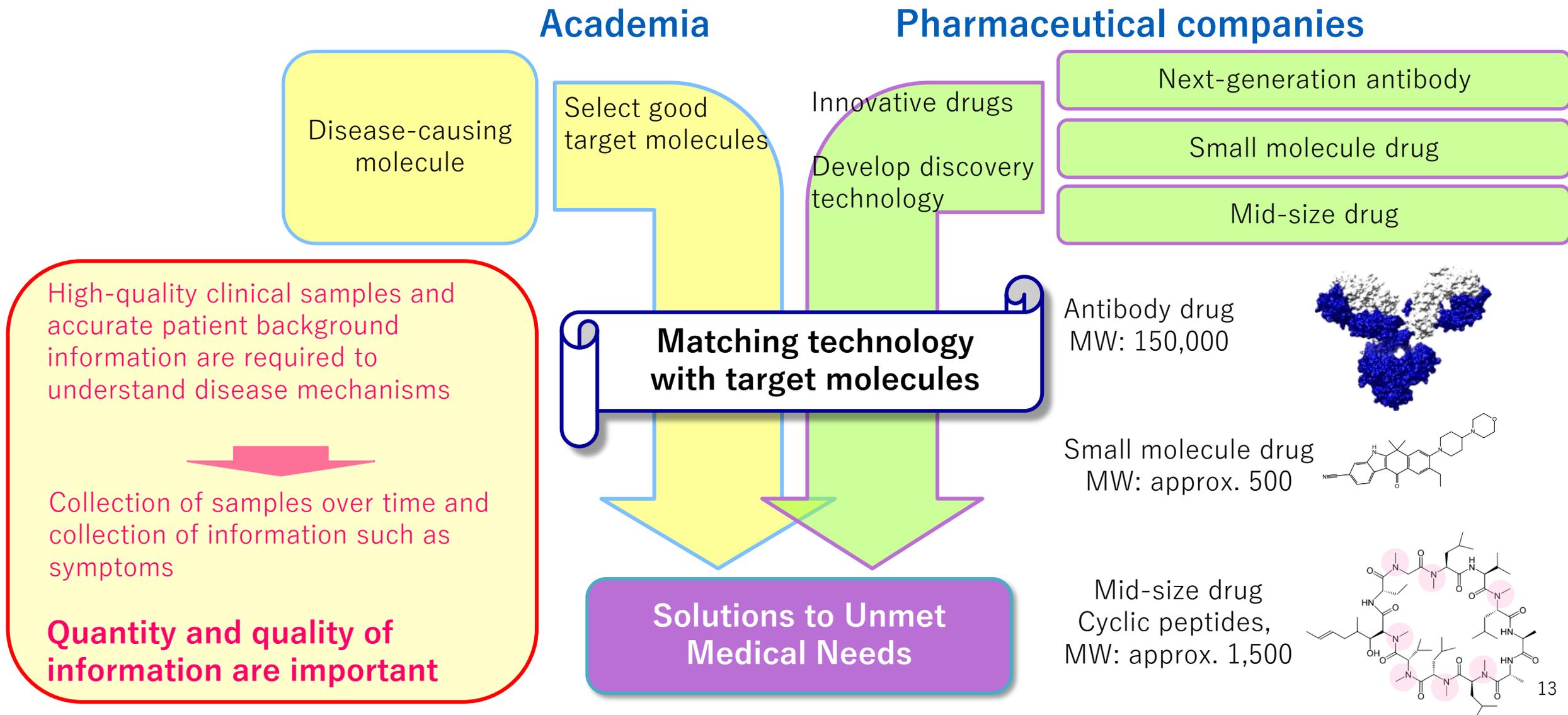


New modalities through external collaboration  
gene therapy, cell therapy, etc.

# Examples of Concepts Combining Protein Engineering and New Modalities



# Search for and Identify Target Molecules



# Collaboration with Academic Institutions

GWAS: Genome Wide Association Study  
eQTL: Expression Quantitative Traits of Locus

## IFReC, Osaka Univ.

Making new discoveries through world-class basic immunology research



## Dept. Allergy & Rheumatology Univ. of Tokyo

Using GWAS/eQTL to identify novel targets for intractable collagen disease.

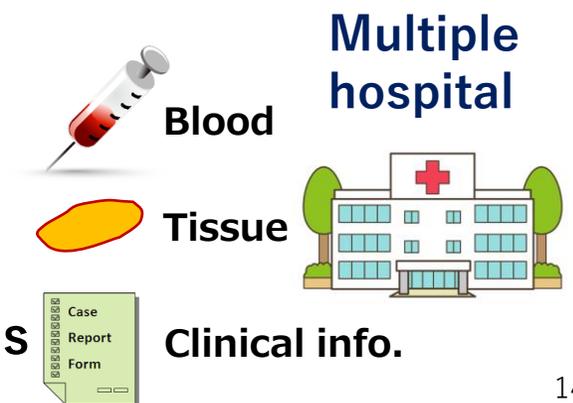


## National Cancer Center

Building new technological foundation for human clinical prediction by using organoids established from human samples

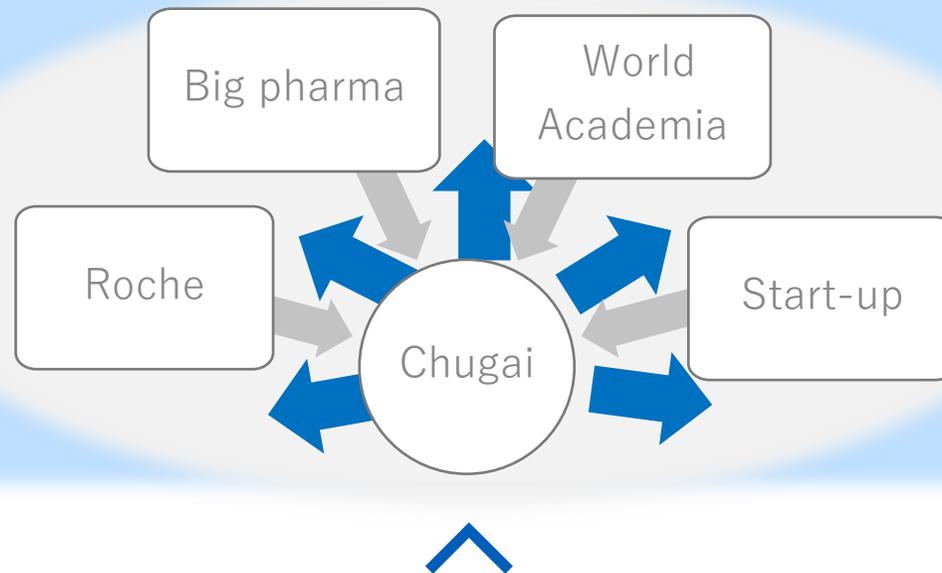


- Deepening understanding of disease and biology
- Discovery of novel biology targets and biomarkers
- Pharmacology evaluation of drug candidates using human samples



# Pursuing Value Maximization: Collaboration with Outstanding Advanced Global Players

- Continue to emphasize Chugai's "craftmanship" and break away from "pure self-reliance"
  1. Acquiring / co-establishing technologies
  2. Agile response to paradigm shifts
  3. Effective use of Roche the group's technologies to speed up
  4. Collaboration utilizing the advantage of our competitive in-house technologies (Antibodies and Mid-size molecules) to pursue outputs

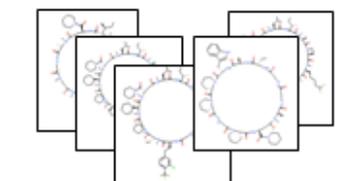


■ External collaboration starting from specific Strategic-Wants

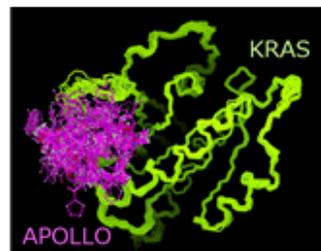
■ Shift from purely self-reliant drug discovery to active collaboration

# Trials using Digital Technology in Drug Discovery

## Mid-size molecule x AI



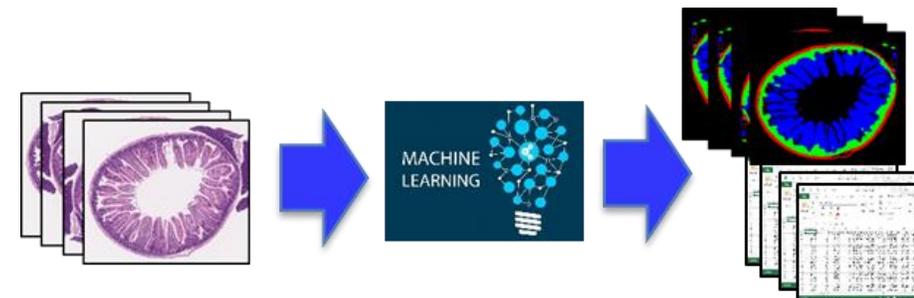
Creation of compound structure by AI



Molecular dynamics,  
Binding site simulation

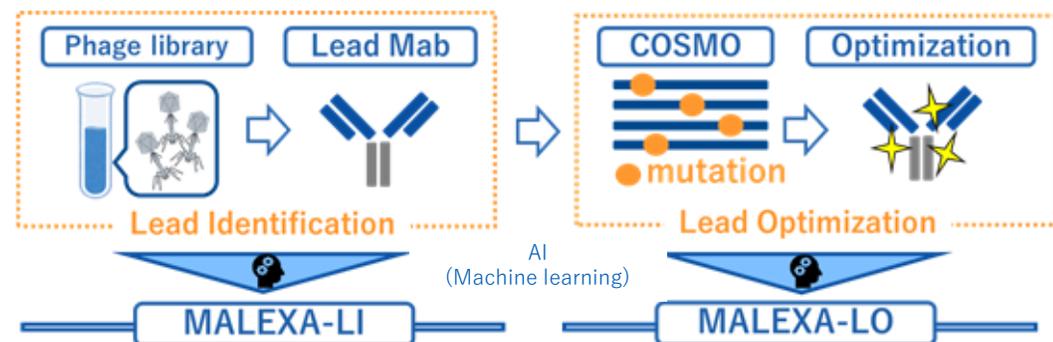
Strengthen structural analysis  
Tech.  
(Cryo electron microscope)

## Digital Pathology: Digitizing pathology analysis



Multiple disease analysis was automated,  
Numerizing characteristics of interest from images

## Ab x AI



Suggest potential lead Ab sequences  
with preferable profiles

Suggest potential lead antibody

## Robotics: Next-generation lab automation



Connect automated  
tests using multiple  
interacting robots

Bench-type robot that can  
mimic a human investigator

# Chugai's Mid-Size Molecule Drug Discovery

Hitoshi Iikura Ph.D.  
Head of Research Div.

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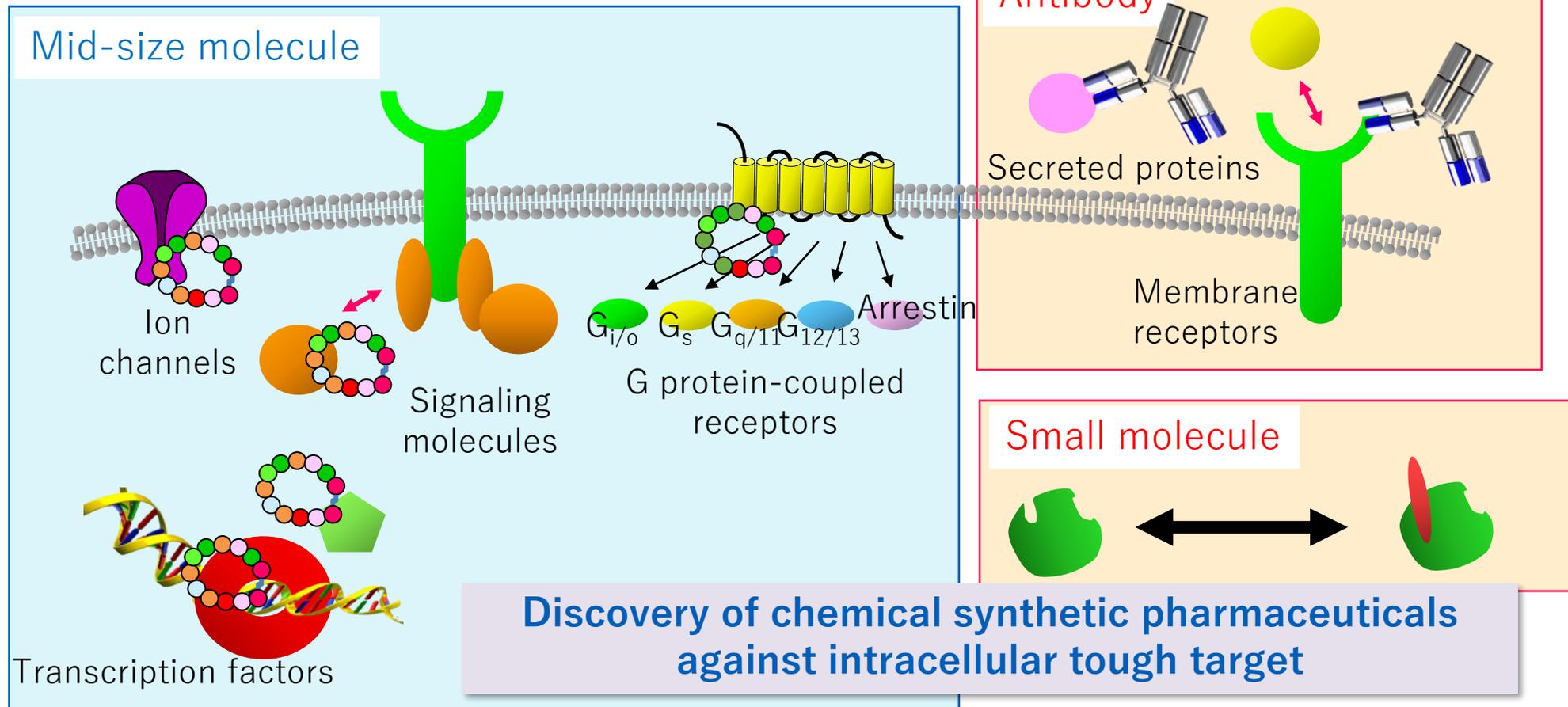
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Foundation to Support Mid-Size Molecule Drug Discovery

# Mid-Size Molecule: Challenge to Address UMN That Cannot be Resolved with Small Molecules and Antibodies

- Drug discovery for intra-cellular tough targets without pockets binding to small molecules (e.g., PPIs).
  - Antibodies target only extracellular molecules (approx. 20% of the total protein)
  - Target molecules with pockets (approx. 20% of proteins)

PPI: Protein-Protein interaction



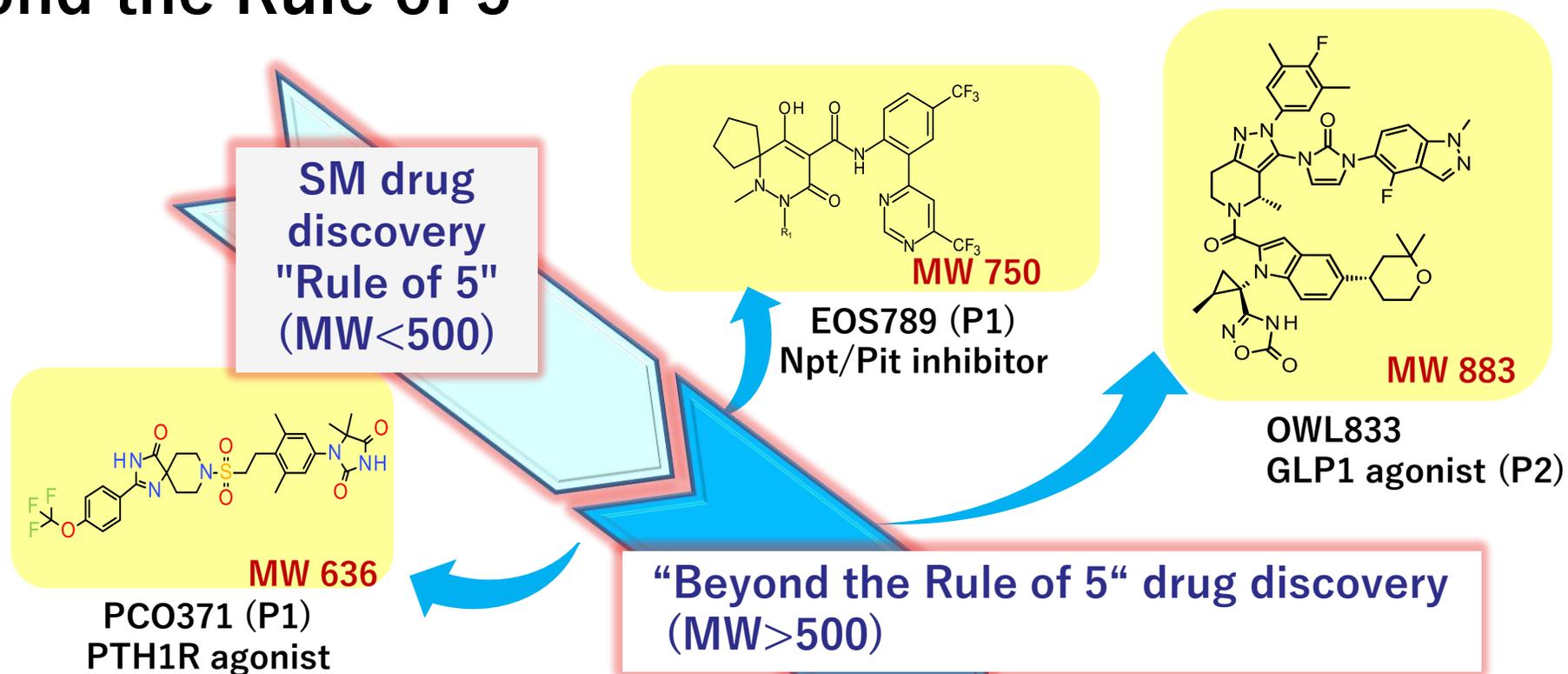
# Rule of 5: Established Guideline for Small Molecule Drug Discovery

- Groundbreaking rule derived from the study of previous drugs that established the best physical properties needed for orally available medicines.
- Probability of successful drug discovery improved after the global adoption of these guidelines.

## At least 3 of the following 4 requirements must be met:

- **MW < 500**                      Molecular weight is less than 500
- **cLogP < 5**                      Cannot be too oily  
(because of increased susceptibility to oxidative metabolism)
- **No. H-B acceptor < 10**                      ]                      Cannot be too watery
- **No. H-B donor < 5**                      ]                      (because it makes it difficult to penetrate the cell membrane)

# Evolution of Chugai Chemistry Directed to Tough Targets: Beyond the Rule of 5



Mid-Size

New library  
(Molecular  
diversity)

Optimization of  
efficacy and  
pharmacokinetics

Drug discovery  
against tough targets

# Benefit of Cyclic Peptides

## ① Mid-size molecules (MW: about 1500) are good for drug discovery against tough targets

⇒ Can induce “Induced fit” of the target protein\* (no protein-side pockets are required)

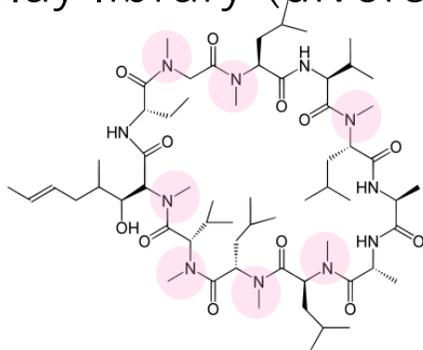
*\*Nature 2007, 450, 1001*

## ② Parallel synthesis will be possible once the chemical synthesis method is established

⇒ Leads to the elucidation of drug-likeness (Rule of 5 for mid-size molecules)

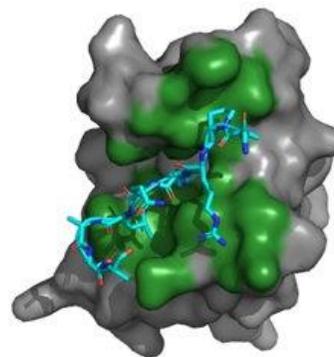
## ③ Compound library construction with great molecule diversity for promising multiple hit compounds is possible.

⇒ Display library (diversity of  $10^{12}$ ) widely used in antibody discovery can be applied.

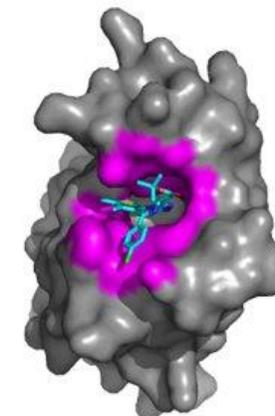


**Cyclosporine**  
MW 1202.6

ex. Bromodomain



PDB ID: 2WP1



PDB ID: 3MXF

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# Challenges to Solve in Cyclic Peptide Drug Discovery

1. To impart Drug-likeness to mid-size molecules that are Beyond the Rule of 5

In addition, Drug-likeness should be defined (semi)quantitatively

Our medicinal chemists (semi) quantitatively define Drug-likeness by synthesizing and evaluating a numerous and various cyclic peptides

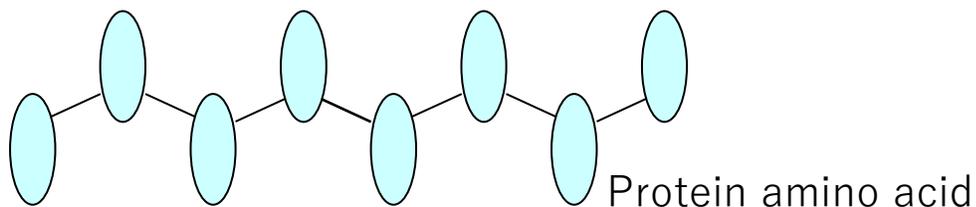
2. With Drug-likeness defined (semi)quantitatively, to construct a display library of non-natural peptides that meets our established definition of Drug-likeness

More advanced technologies are required

# Getting Drug-Like Hit with Mid-Size Molecule

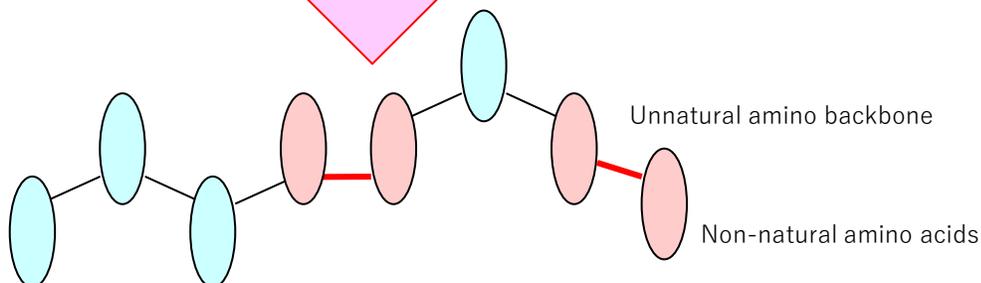
Small-Molecule Strategies (Hit-Selection Using Rule of 5) are also Applied to Mid-Size Molecule Drug Discovery

## Conventional peptide drug discovery



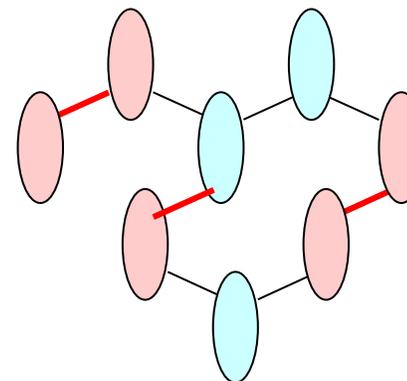
Hit (Potent activity, Poor membrane permeability/metabolic stability)

By using unnatural amino acids  
**Significant structural changes**



Lead (weak activity, good membrane permeability/metabolic stability)

## Next-generation drug discovery



Hit (potent activity, membrane permeability, metabolic stability)

Small conformational change on side-chain displacement that does not touch the backbone



**Lead**

# Translational Synthesis of Unnatural Amino Acid (UAA) Peptides Using Reprogrammed Genetic Codes

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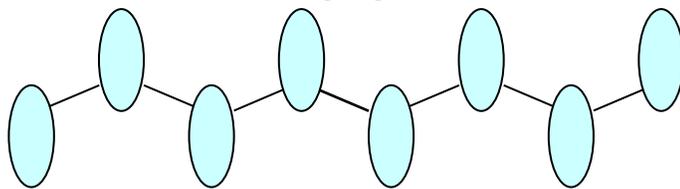


Universal genetic code

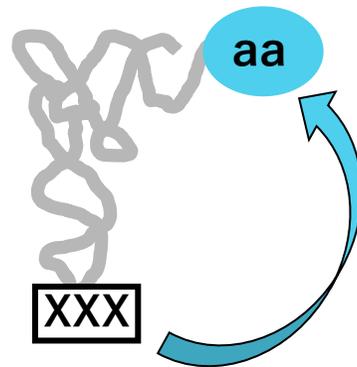
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Natural peptide



*Aminoacyl - tRNA*



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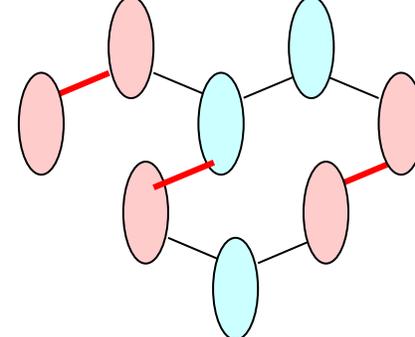


Reprogrammed genetic code

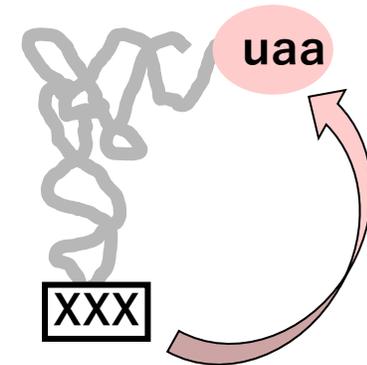
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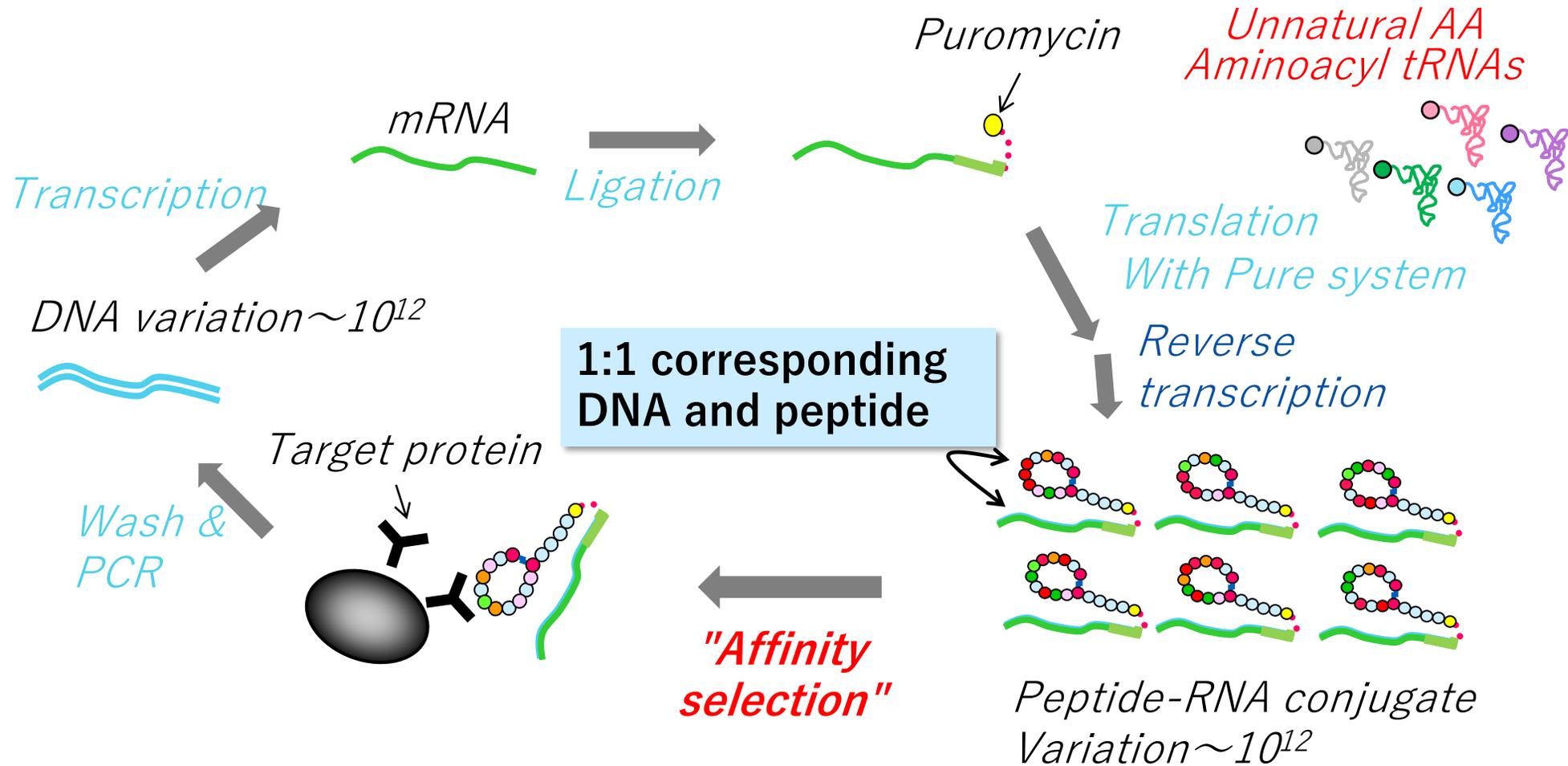
Unnatural peptide



*Unnatural-aa(UAA)-Aminoacyl-tRNA*



# Drug-Like Peptides with $10^{12}$ Diversity Could be Achieved by mRNA Display



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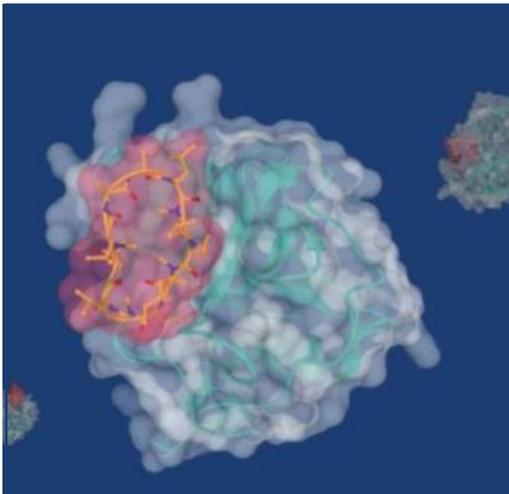
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Established Drug-like cyclic peptide library (*variation*  $\sim 10^{12}$ )

# Establishing a System that Allows Us to Screen more than 20 Targets in a Year at CPR

HTS: High throughput screening  
CPR: Chugai Pharmabody Research Pte. Ltd.



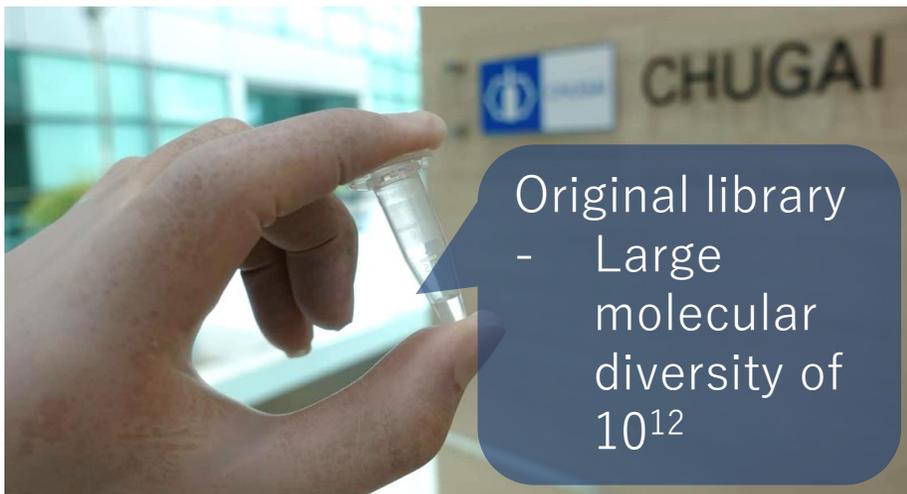
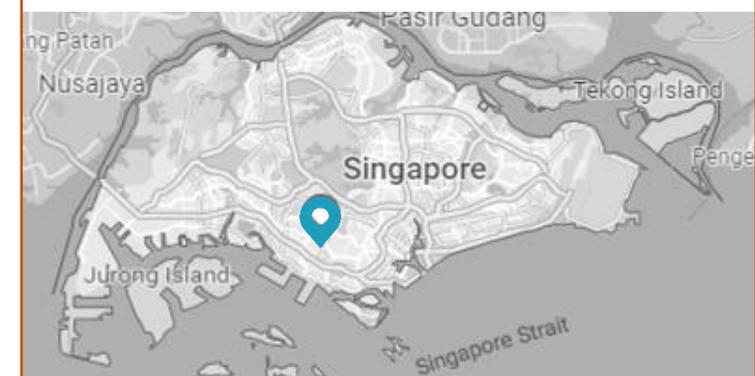
## Mid-size molecule

- Cyclic peptide
- Oral administration
- Membrane permeability

Innovation all for the patients



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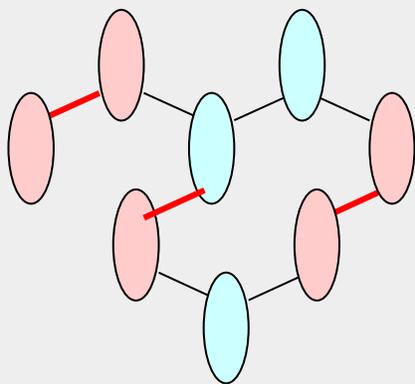
Original library  
- Large molecular diversity of  $10^{12}$

## High-throughput Screening platform

- Identify binders to many targets
- Semi-automated system



# Construction of Cyclic-Peptide Drug Discovery Technology by Fusing Medicinal Chemistry and Biotechnology



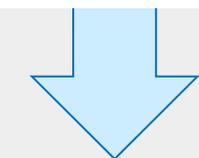
## Chemistry:

Identifying criteria for Drug-likeness

## Biotechnology:

Library construction, obtaining Drug-like hits

Without major structural changes



**Products**

## Chemistry:

Creation of lead compounds from hit Compounds

Creation of clinical products by optimizing lead compounds

## Biotechnology:

Conformational analysis of target proteins and hit compounds

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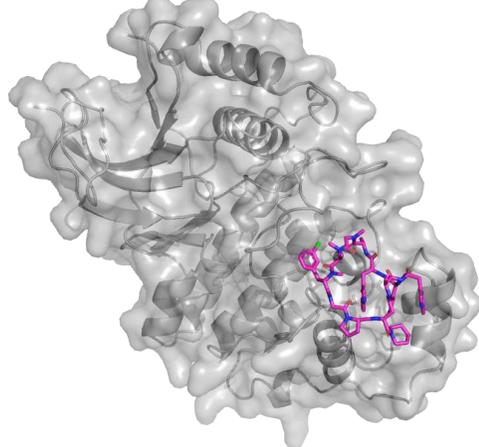
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# Hit to Lead: X-ray Structure, Cryo-Electron Microscopy, and Digital Utilization

- X-ray crystal structure

Synchrotron radiation



(crystal structure of the hit compound)

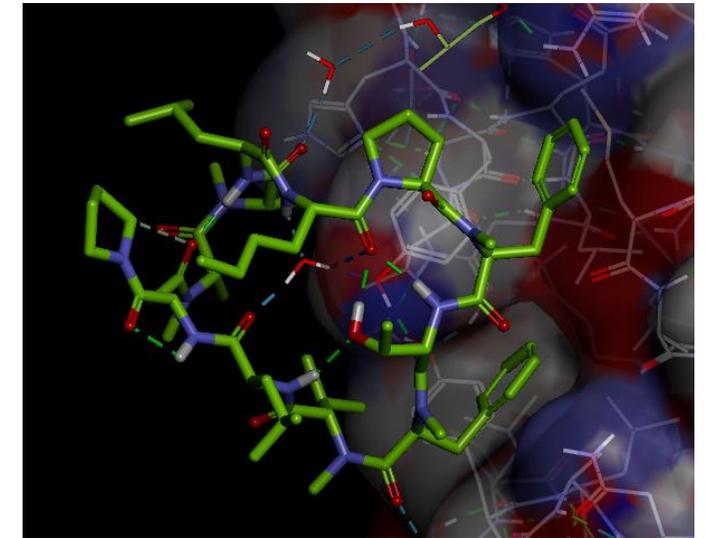
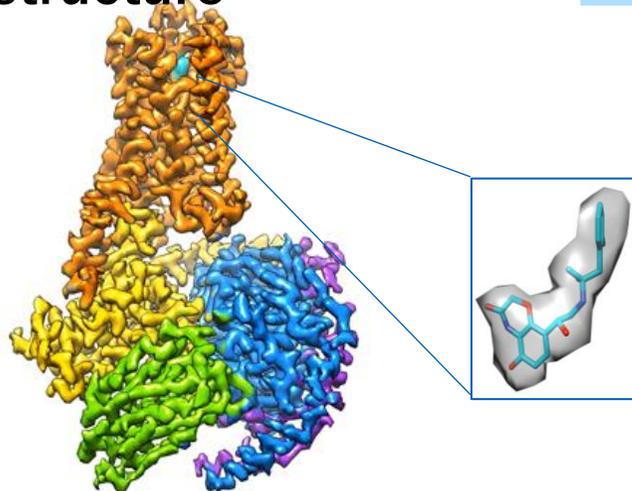
- Digital utilization

Chemical structural modification based on various in-house experimental data

- Simulation
- Prediction model

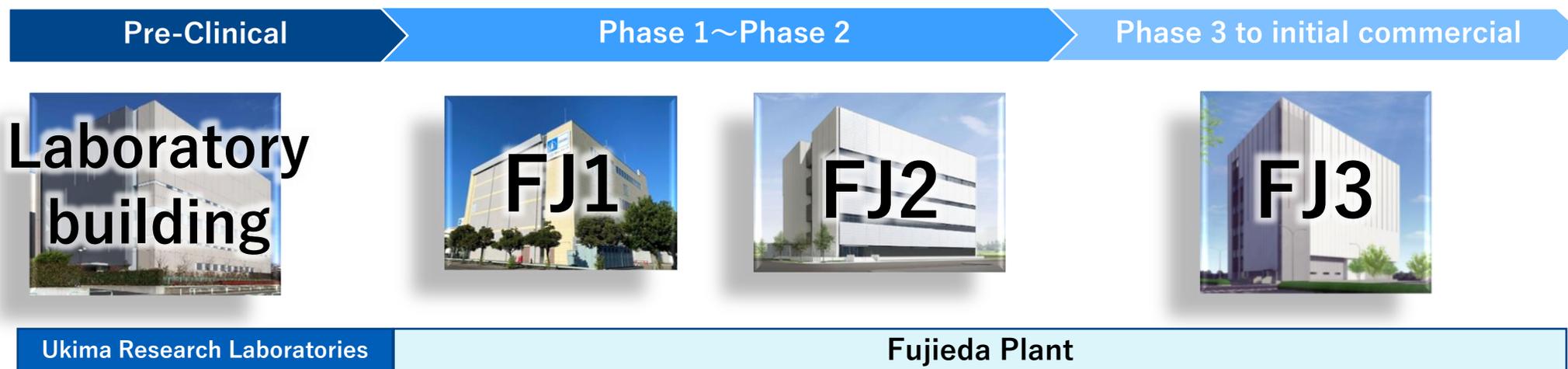
- Cryoelectric structure

Electron microscope



# Set up of Production Facilities

- Acquired advanced technologies for EHS as well as small-and mid-size compounds with high pharmacological activity
- Build a consistent in-house supply system from manufacturing process development and early clinical development to initial commercial production in 2025

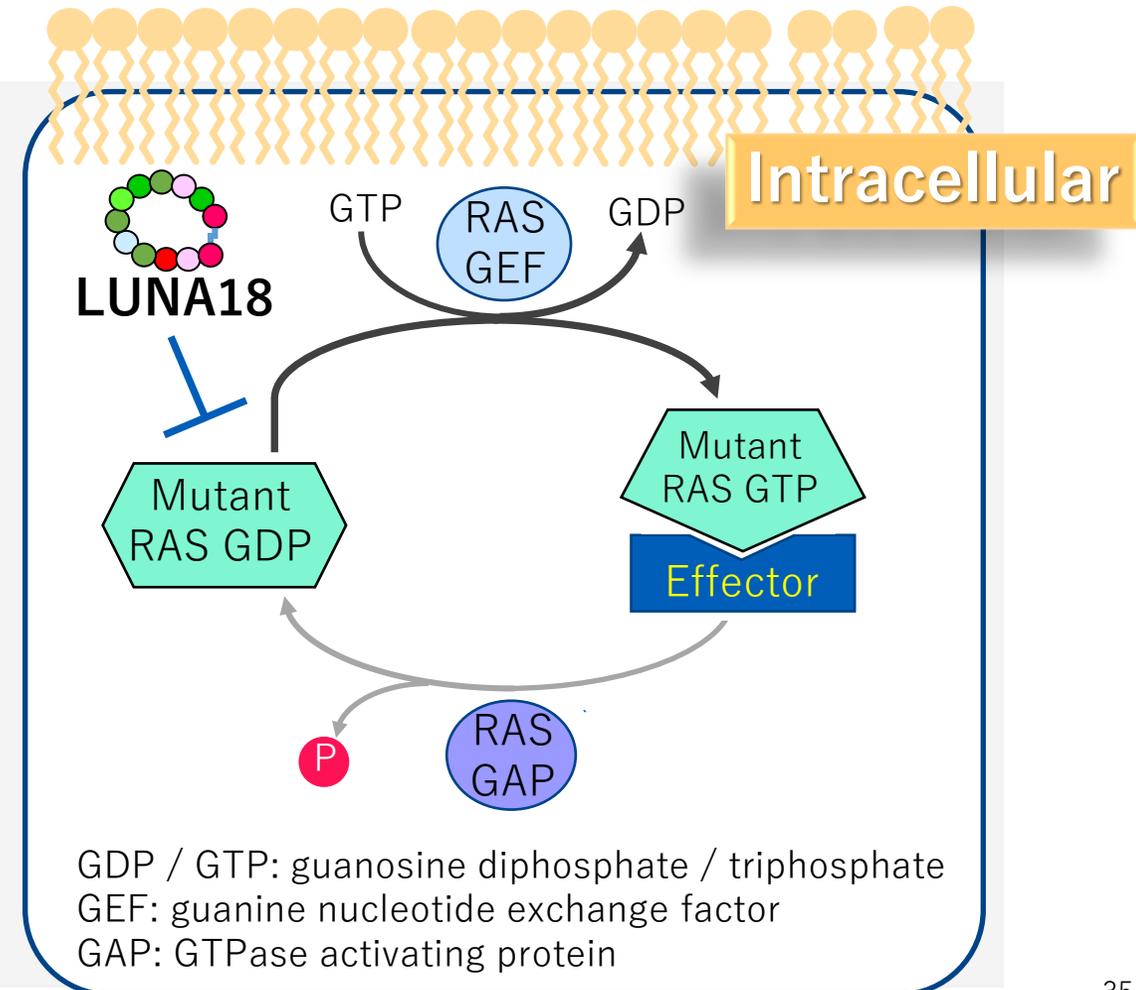


	Ukima Research Laboratories	Fujieda Plant		
Start of Operation	2020	2003	Scheduled in Dec. 2022	Scheduled in Mar. 2025
Total floor area	4,925 m <sup>2</sup>	5,417 m <sup>2</sup>	6,190 m <sup>2</sup>	10,250 m <sup>2</sup>
Total investment	4.5 billion yen	7 billion yen	19.1 billion yen	55.5 billion yen

# The First Clinical Trial from Mid-Size Molecule Technology (October 2021)

## Novel cyclic peptide, LUNA18

- Orally available cyclic peptides
- Inhibits protein-protein interaction between RAS and GEF (inhibits RAS activation)
- Inhibits tumor cell growth for various RAS alterations (mutations or amplifications)





# Chugai Life Science Park Yokohama

## Overview

Core research laboratory constructing in Totsuka-ku, Yokohama city, Kanagawa (Scheduled for completion in 2022)

- Building area: 35,210m<sup>2</sup>
- Total floor area: 119,960m<sup>2</sup>

Focusing on global warming countermeasures, regional disaster prevention, and biodiversity conservation, aiming for environmental performance certification

In addition to making environmental agreements with Yokohama City, we emphasize coexistence with the local community



- **By integrating all functions involved in drug discovery research, we will increase the efficiency of research and promote closer cooperation among our researchers.**
- **Promote more intensive integration of biology and technology**
- **Promote technology development of specialized formulation that is important for Mid-size drug production: Construction of a dedicated building**
- **Improve research productivity by utilizing cryo electron microscopy, automatic robots, and digital foundation such as AI**

# Update on Antibody Engineering Technologies

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Head of Translational Research Div.

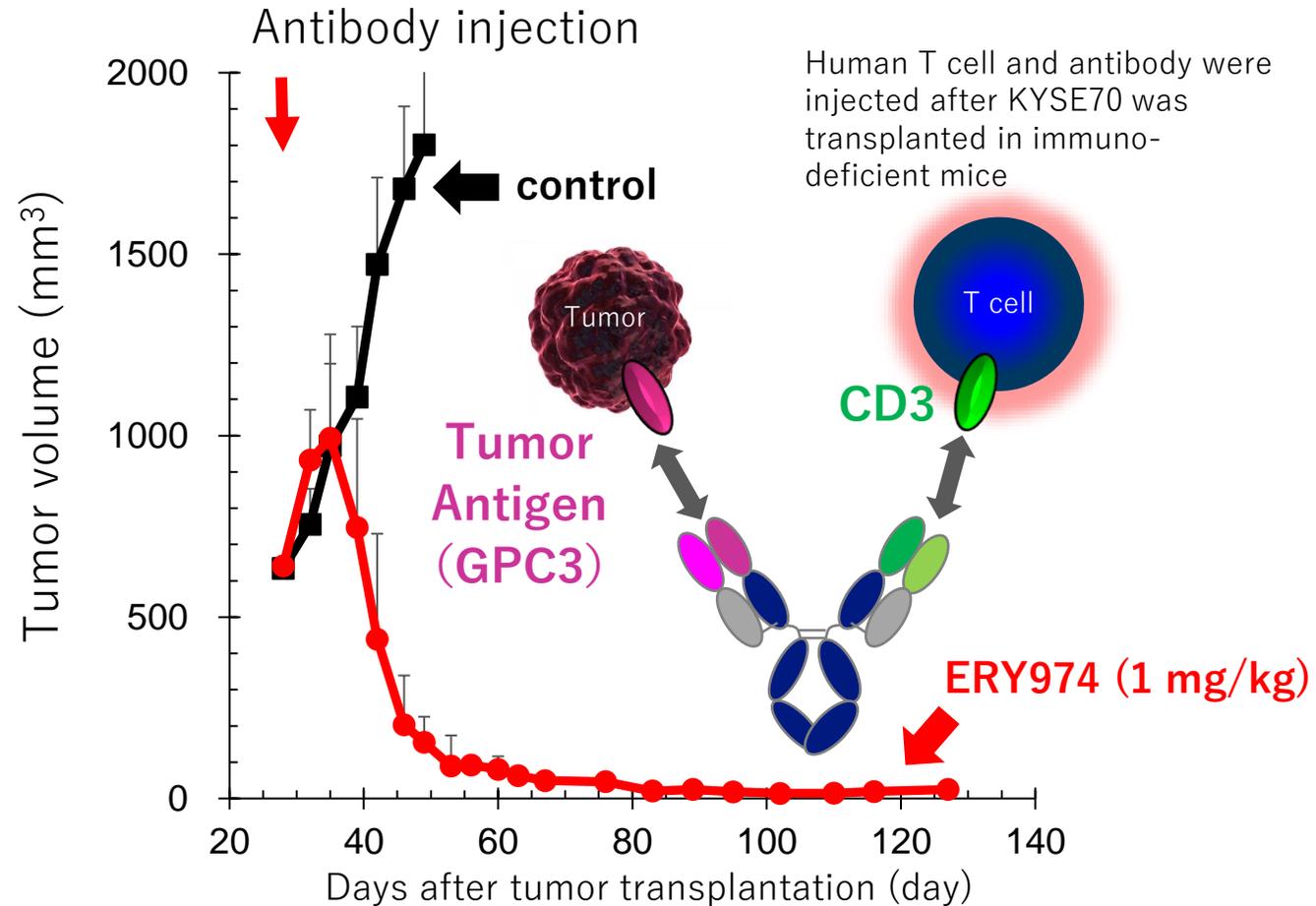
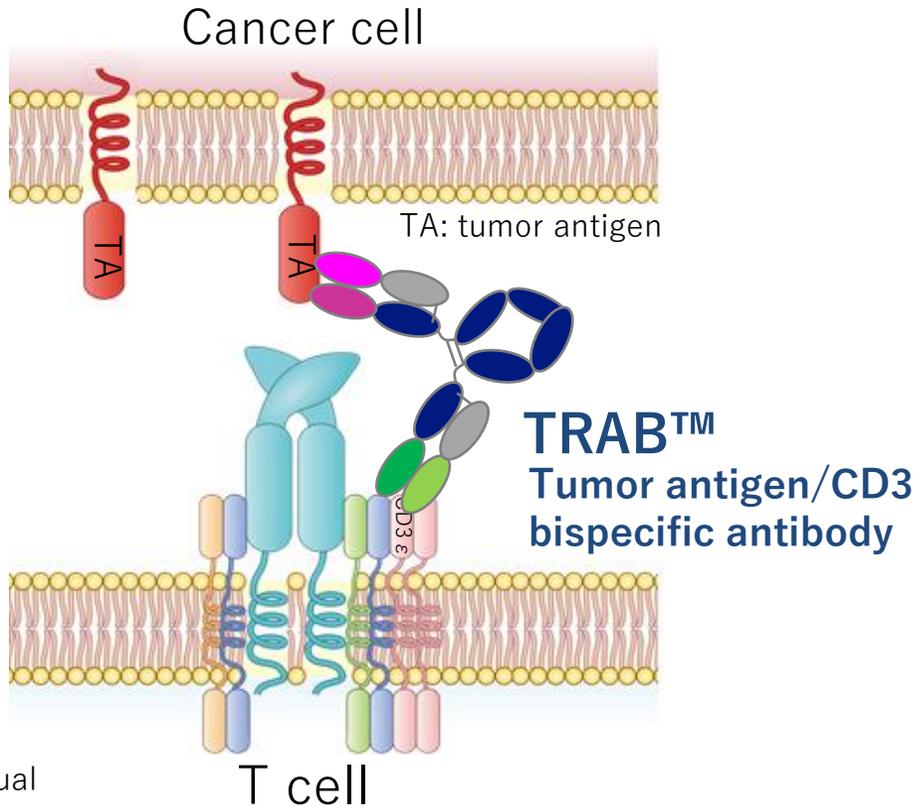
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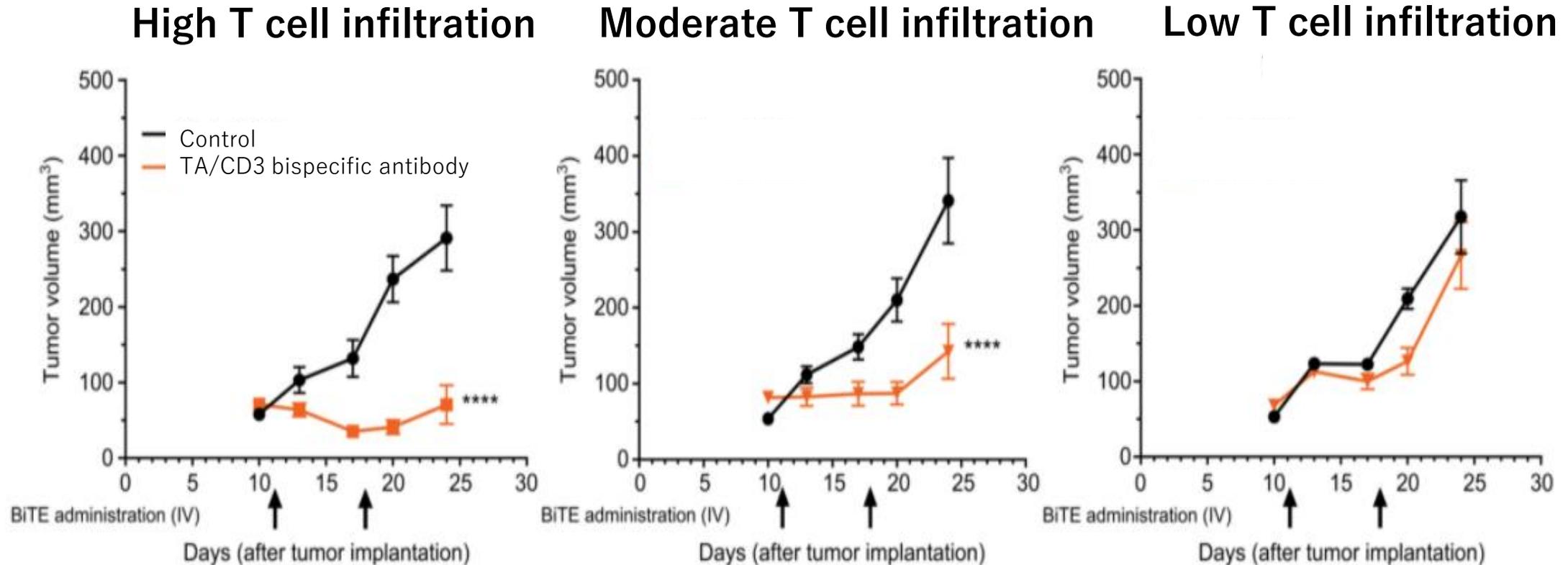
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# T cell Redirecting AntiBody (TRAB™) is a Bispecific Antibody in Cancer Immunotherapy



TRAB™ induced T-cell activation by cross-linking CD3 ε .

# Effect of TA/CD3 Bispecific Antibody is Limited Against Tumor with Less T Cell Infiltration



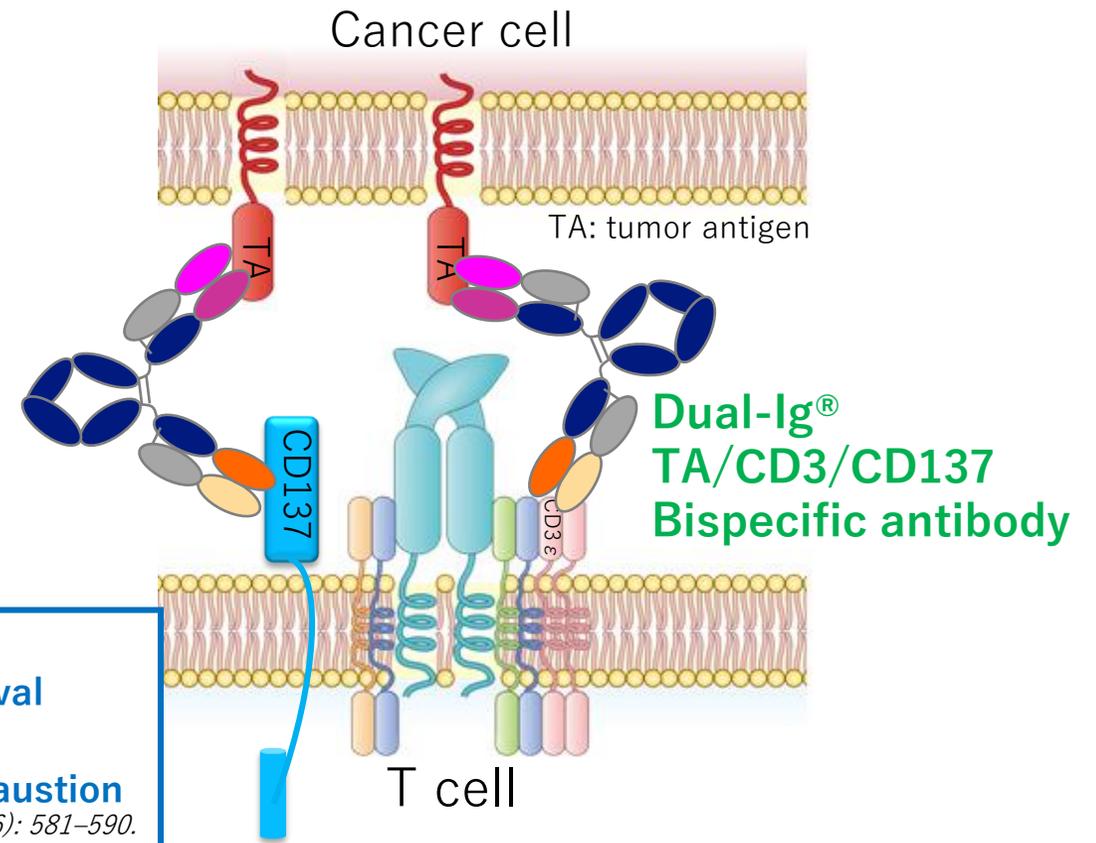
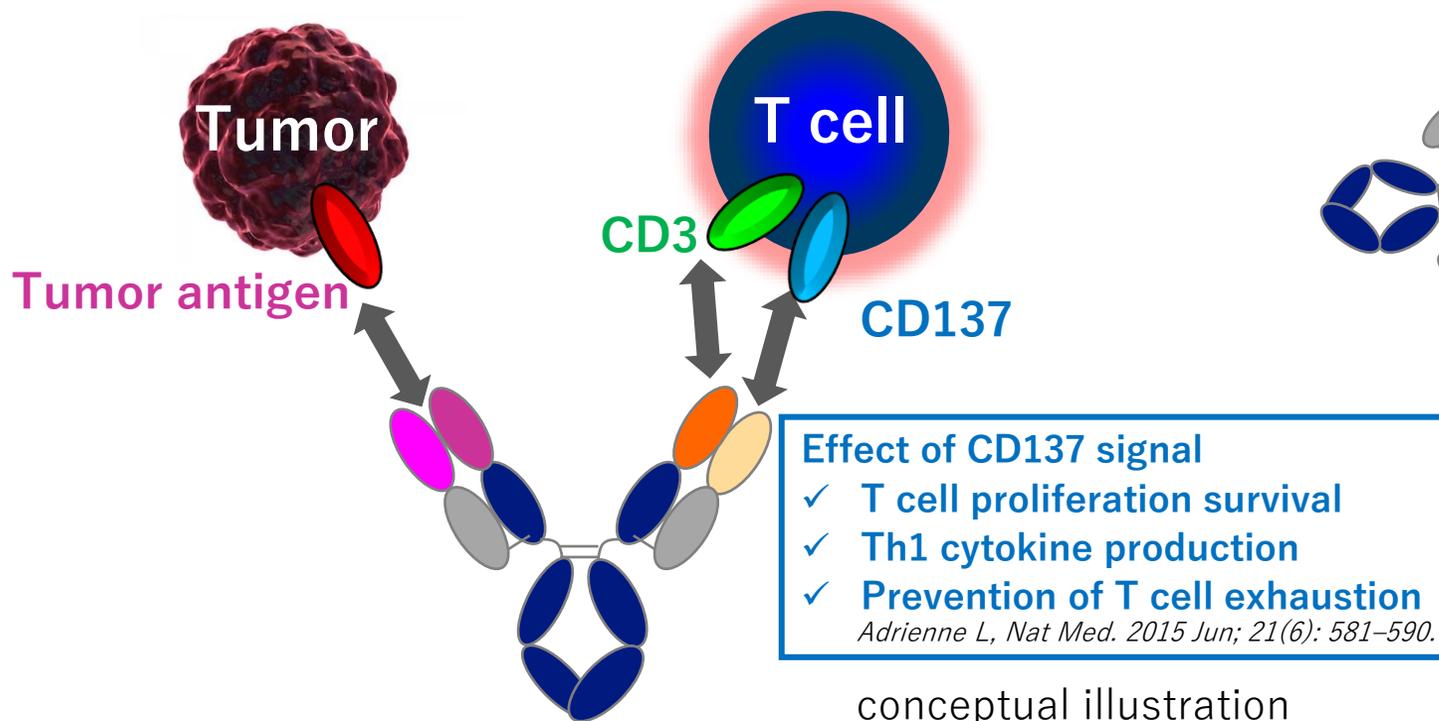
*Belmontes B, Sci Transl Med. 2021 Aug 25;13(608).*

**TA/CD3 bispecific antibodies are developed globally, but the preclinical study showed its efficacy is limited against tumor with less T cell infiltration.**

# Dual-Ig<sup>®</sup>

Dual effector/receptor redirecting-Immunoglobulin

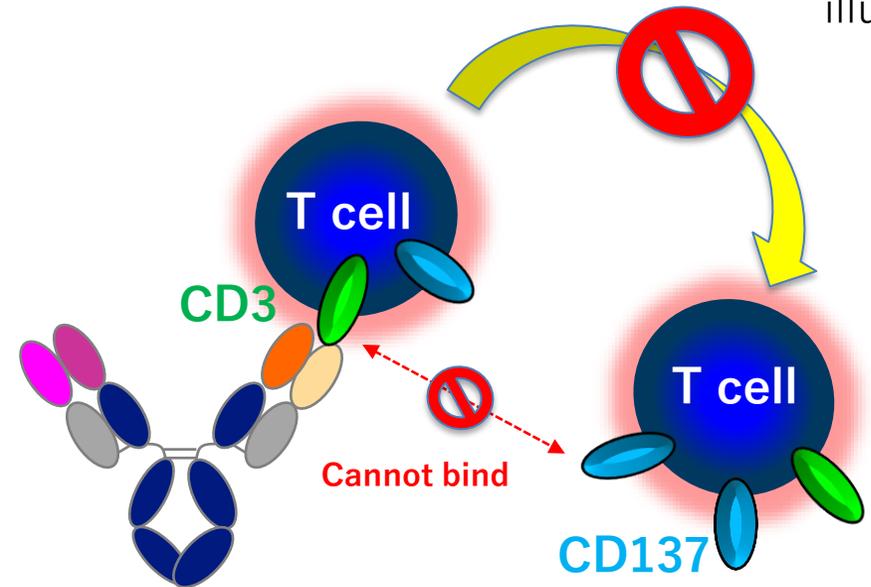
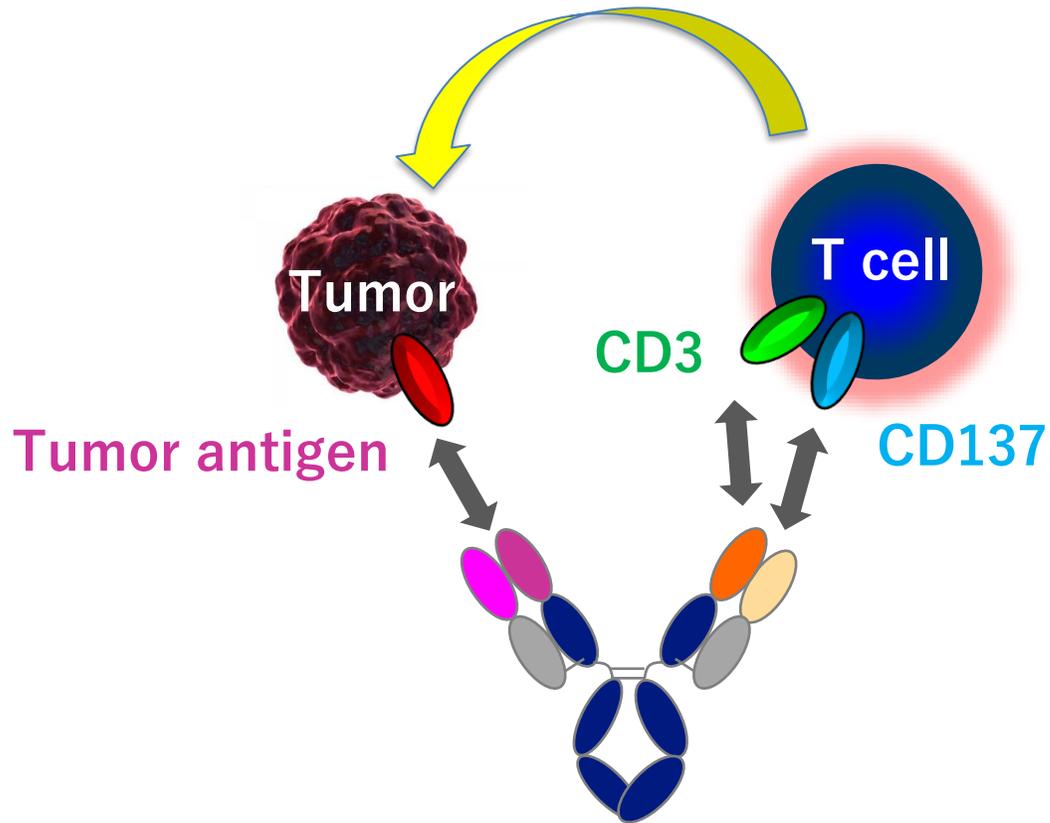
Dual-Ig<sup>®</sup> binds to **CD137** as well as **CD3** with T cell binding Fab



**Dual-Ig<sup>®</sup> is expected to induce costimulation signal by cross-linking CD137 only in the presence of tumor antigen, in addition to CD3-mediated activation**

# Dual-Ig<sup>®</sup>

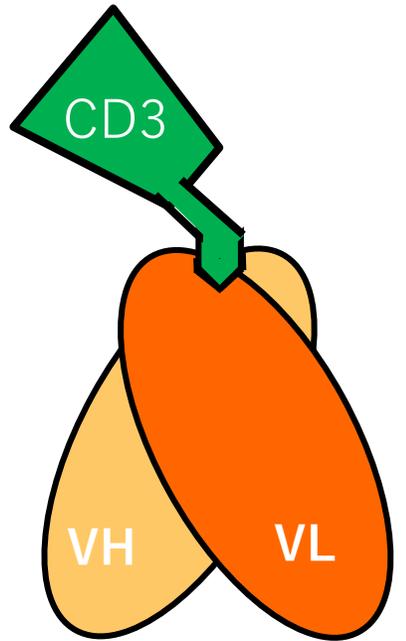
Dual effector/receptor redirecting-Immunoglobulin



conceptual  
illustration

Dual-Ig<sup>®</sup> binds to CD3 and CD137 with T cell binding Fab. It is designed to avoid the binding to CD3 and CD137 simultaneously, which would result in CD3-mediated activation and CD137-mediated costimulation of T cell.

# Dual-Ig<sup>®</sup> Antibody Generation with Uniquely Designed Antibody Library



Anti-CD3 antibody

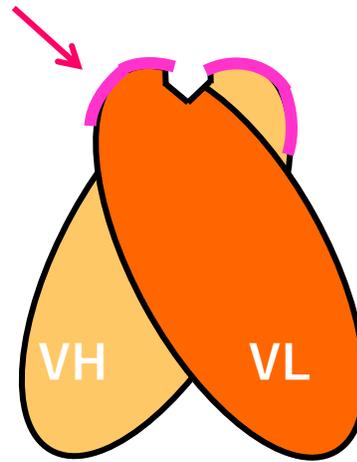
**CD3 interacts with the interface of VH and VL with its N-terminal region,**

VH : Variable domain, Heavy Chain  
VL : Variable domain, Light Chain

Library design



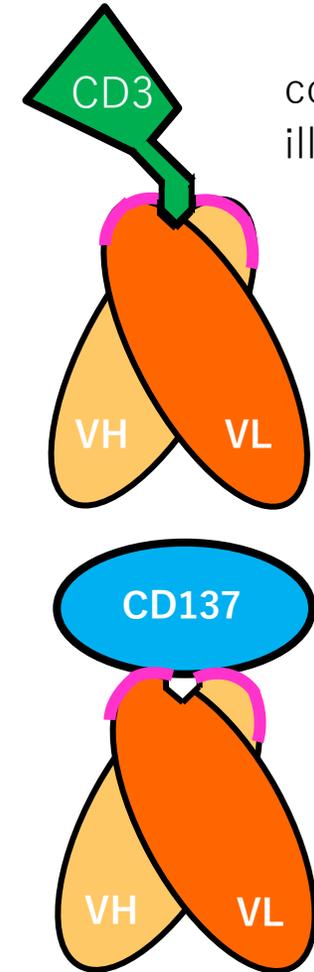
Diversification



Synthetic phage library

**The region which is not used for CD3 recognition can be used for CD137 binding by diversifying the region.**

Concentrate clones which bind to CD137 and CD3



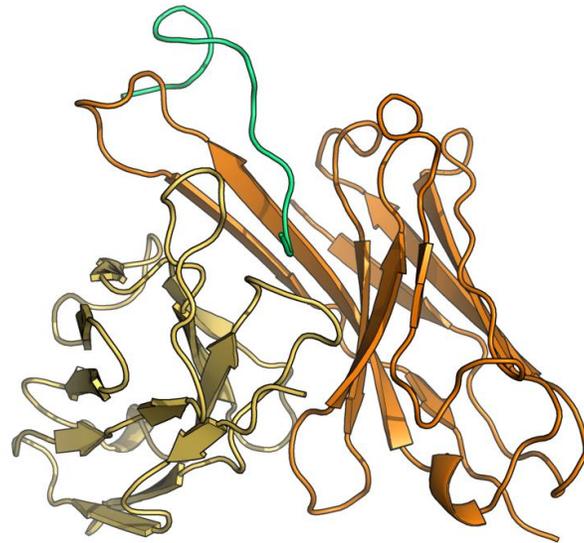
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**Antibodies which bind to CD3 and CD137 were generated from this synthetic library**

# CD3-Recognizing Paratope is Overlapped with CD137-Recognizing Paratope

*Bio International presentation material (modified)*

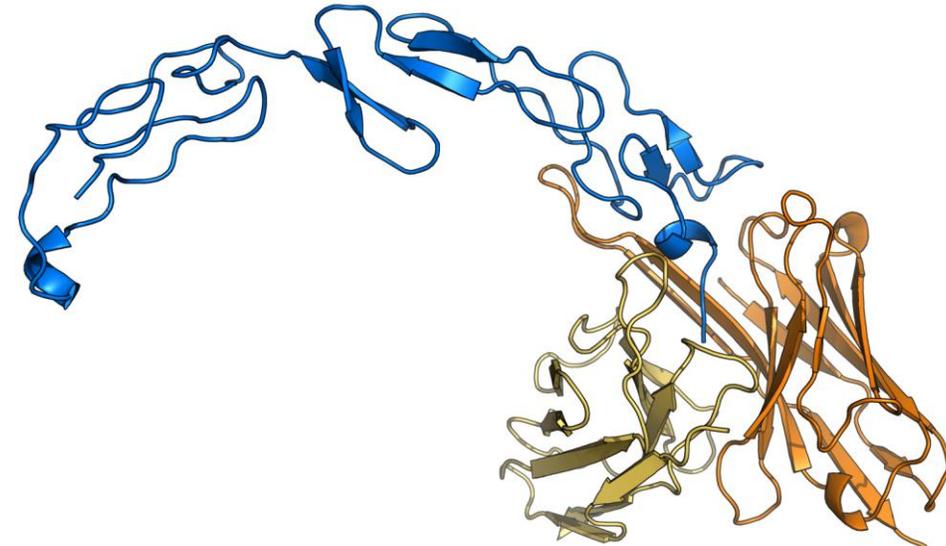
CD3 N-terminal peptide



VL

VH

CD137



VL

VH

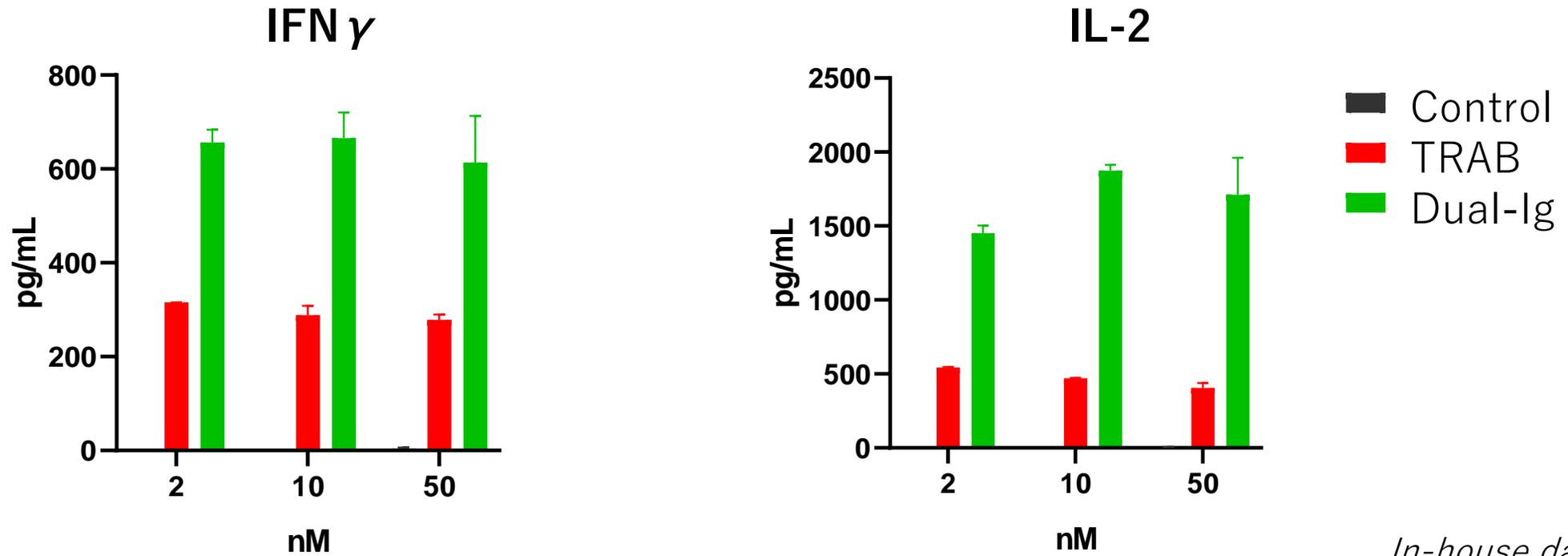
**Dual-Ig<sup>®</sup> is strictly designed not to bind to CD3 and CD137 simultaneously by utilizing the paratope overlapping with CD3-recognizing paratope.**

Paratope: the region of an antibody with which the antibody recognizes and binds to an antigen

# Dual-Ig<sup>®</sup> Induced Th1 Cytokines 2-3 Fold Higher than TRAB<sup>™</sup>

Cytokines were measured after antibodies were added into culture medium where human PBMC and cancer cells expressing tumor antigen were cocultured.

PBMC: peripheral blood mononuclear cell

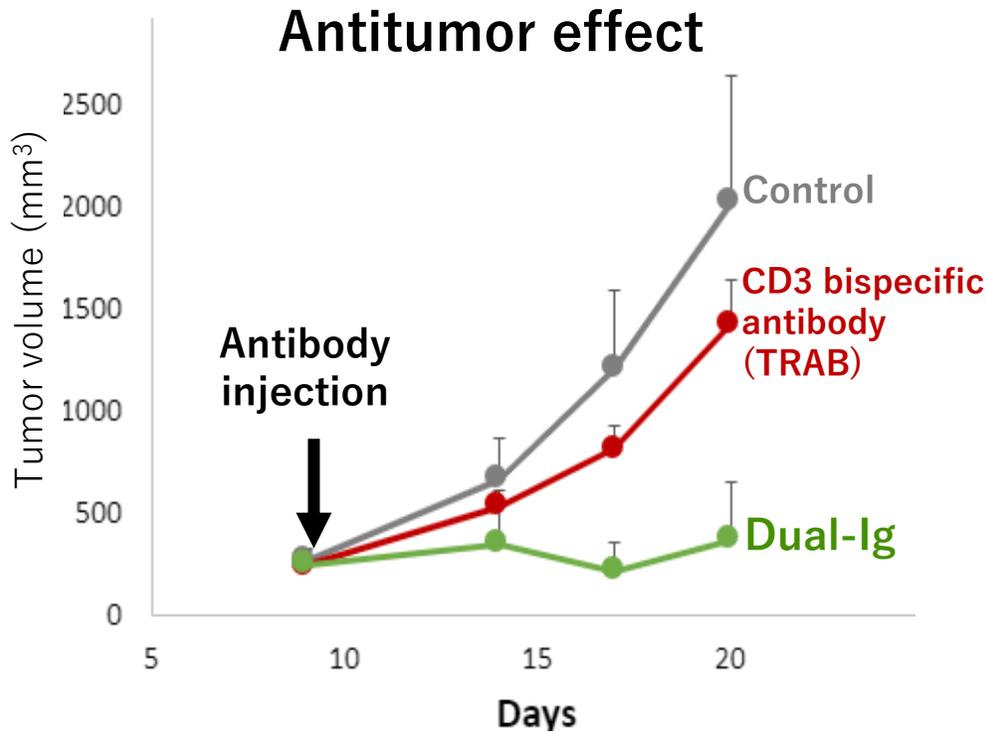


Dual-Ig<sup>®</sup> induces Th1 cytokines in the presence of tumor antigen-expressing cells more than TRAB<sup>™</sup>.

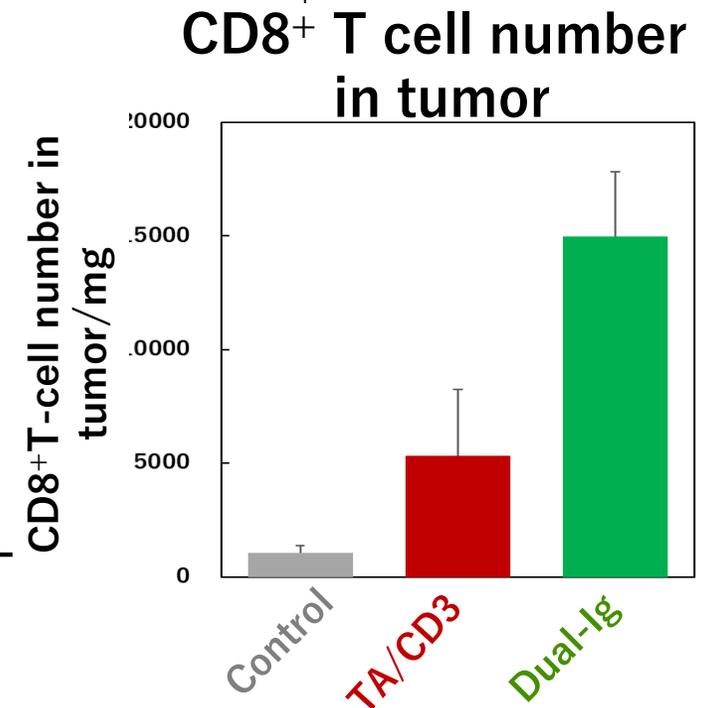
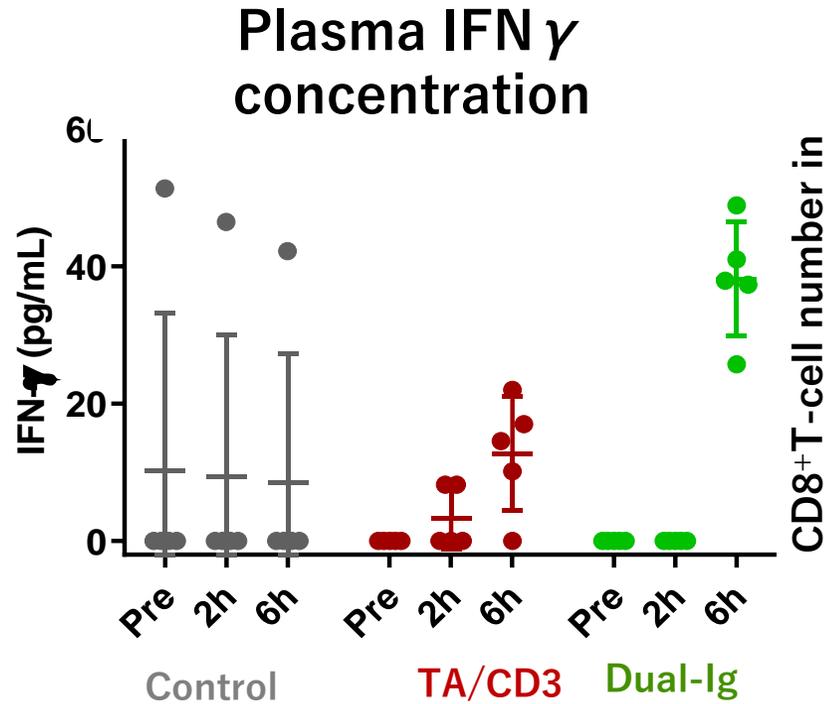
(IFN  $\gamma$  is an essential cytokine for antitumor effect and IL-2 for T cell survival.)

# Dual-Ig<sup>®</sup> Shows Antitumor Effect by Increasing CD8<sup>+</sup> T Cells More than CD3 Bispecific Antibody

Tumor volume, IFN  $\gamma$  concentration and CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell number were measured after antibodies were administered in mouse tumor-transplanted mice.



Tumor bearing hCD3/hCD137 Tg mouse



PEGS Europe presentation material (modified)

Dual-Ig<sup>®</sup> shows antitumor effect by increasing CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells more than CD3 bispecific antibody (TRAB<sup>™</sup>).

# Dual/LINC-Ig™ Further Enhanced Antitumor Effect



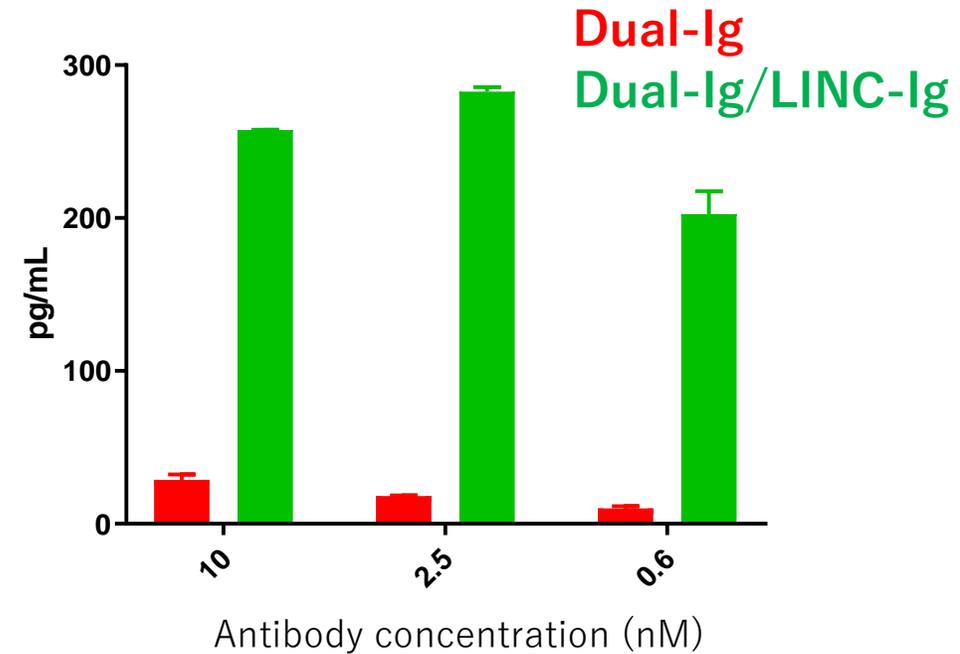
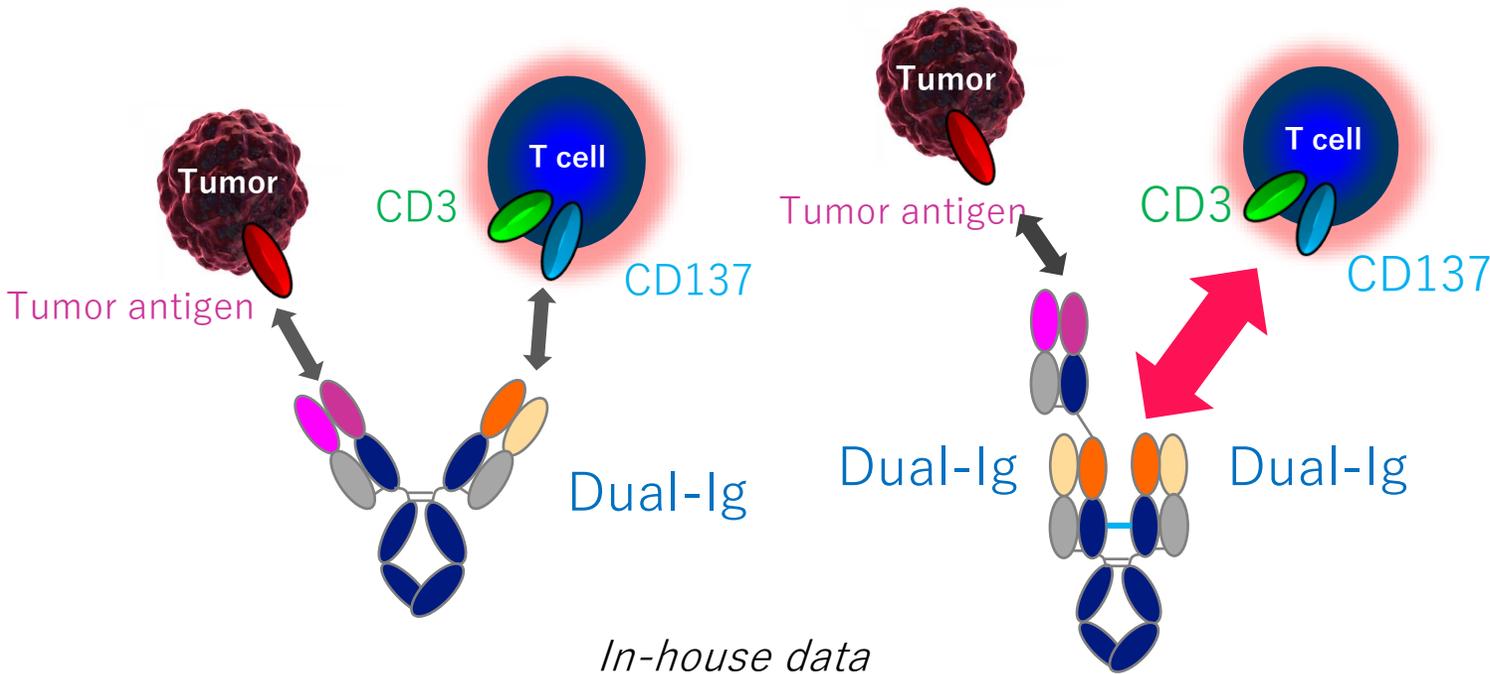
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Dual-Ig®

Dual/LINC-Ig™

IFN  $\gamma$  production



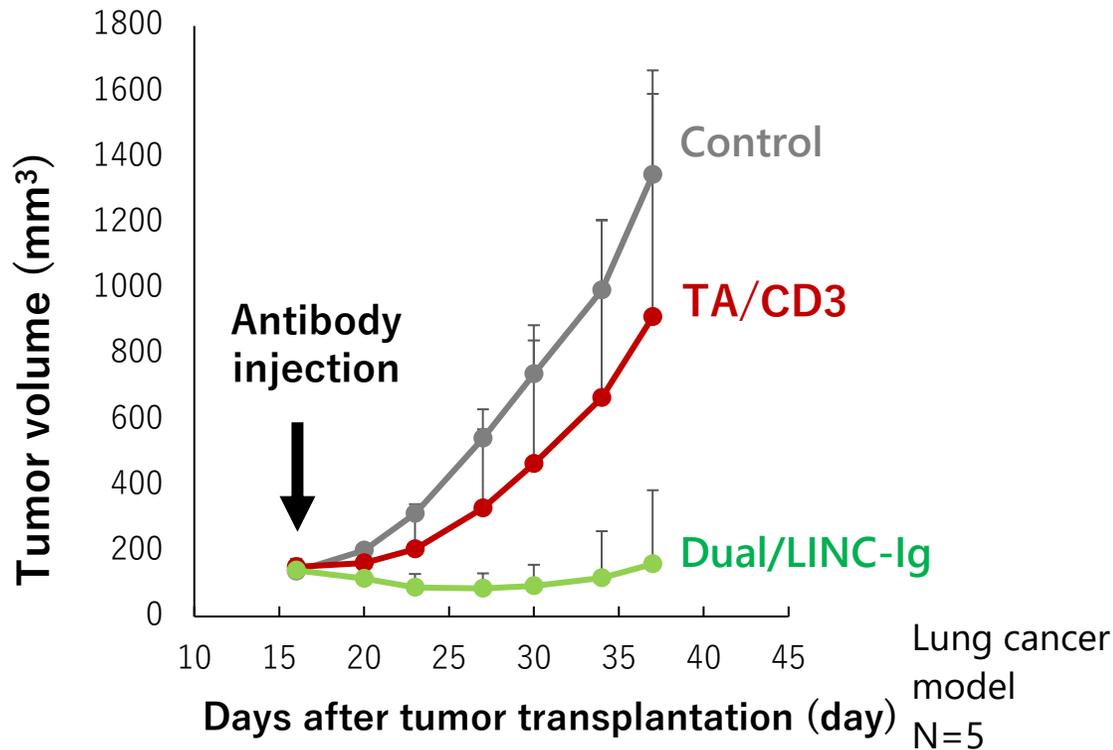
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**Dual/LINC-Ig™ has two Dual-Ig® cross-linked with LINC-Ig™, with which Dual/LINC-Ig™ can enhance cytotoxicity by inducing enhanced CD3/CD137 signal into T cell.**

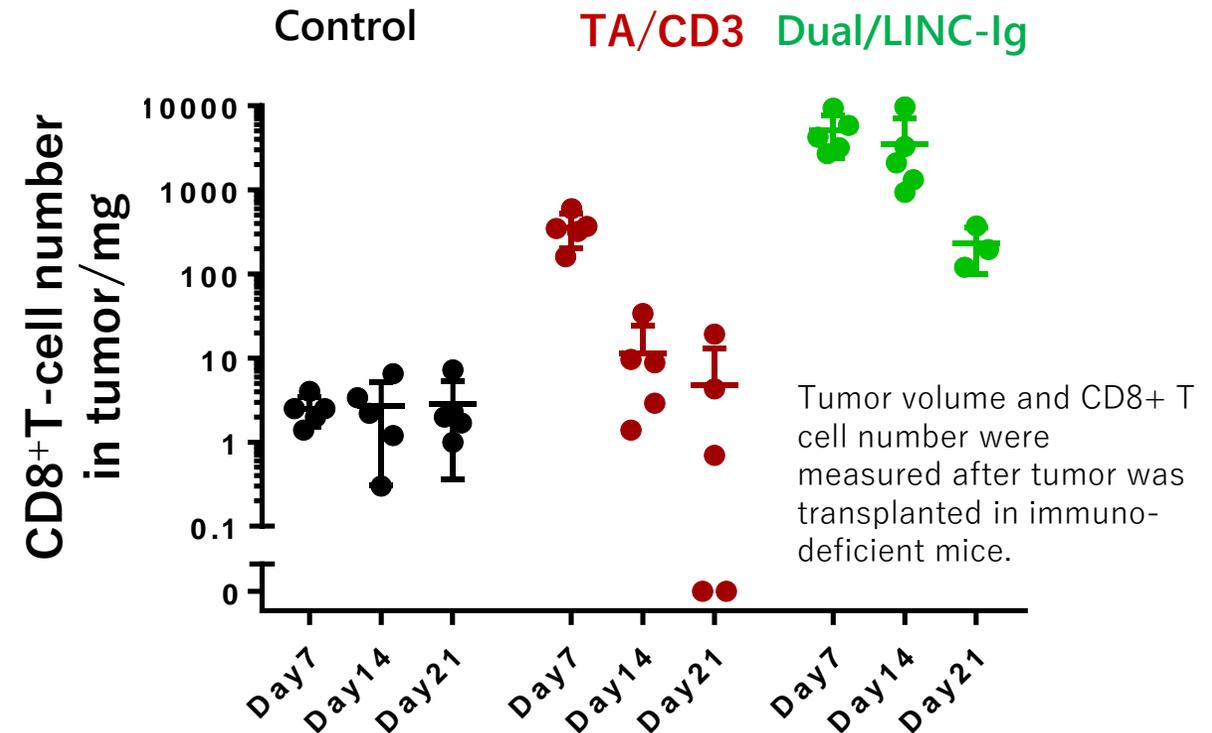
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*In-house data*

### Antitumor effect



### CD8<sup>+</sup> T cell number in tumor



Dual/LINC-Ig™ increased CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells by 10 to 1000-fold and showed antitumor efficacy in a preclinical model in which CD3 bispecific antibody (and Dual-Ig®) did not show tumor retardation.

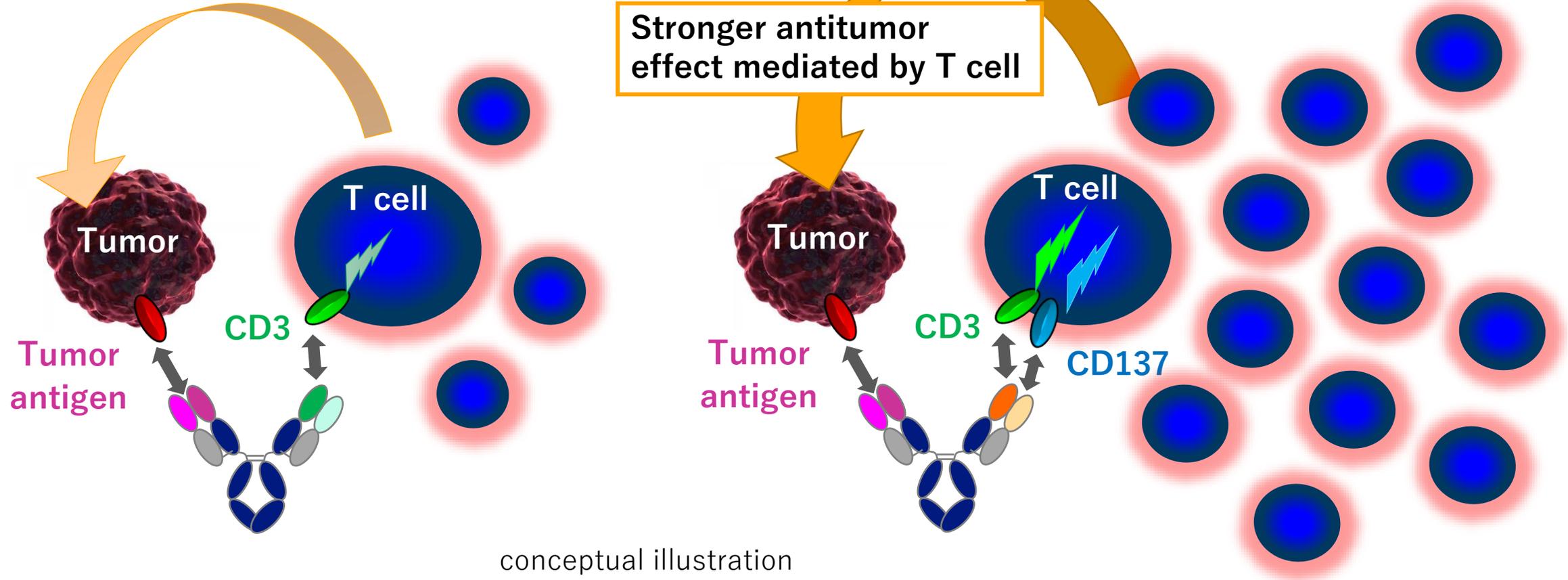
# Dual-Ig<sup>®</sup> Enables Drug Discovery Against Cancer with Limited T Cell Infiltration by Drastically Increasing Number of T Cell

**TRAB<sup>™</sup>**  
(conventional technology)

**Dual-Ig<sup>®</sup>**

**Drastic increase of T cell**

**Stronger antitumor effect mediated by T cell**



conceptual illustration

# The Current Status of Dual-Ig<sup>®</sup> Application

- Currently have two projects applying Dual-Ig<sup>®</sup> at GLP-TOX stage.
- Several projects in combination with Switch-Ig<sup>™</sup> at research stage.

Project	Technology	Cancer type	Stage
A	Dual-Ig <sup>®</sup>	Lung cancer etc	GLP-TOX
B	Dual/LINC-Ig <sup>™</sup>	Lung cancer etc	GLP-TOX
C	Dual-Ig <sup>®</sup> etc	Lung cancer etc	Lead Optimization
D	TRAB/Dual-Ig	Colorectal cancer etc	Lead Optimization
E	TRAB/Dual-Ig & Switch-Ig <sup>™</sup>	Various cancer types	Lead Identification
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- **Another project, different from Dual-Ig<sup>®</sup> at GLP-TOX stage, utilizing the nature of antibody binding to multiple antigens with a single Fab.**

# Agenda

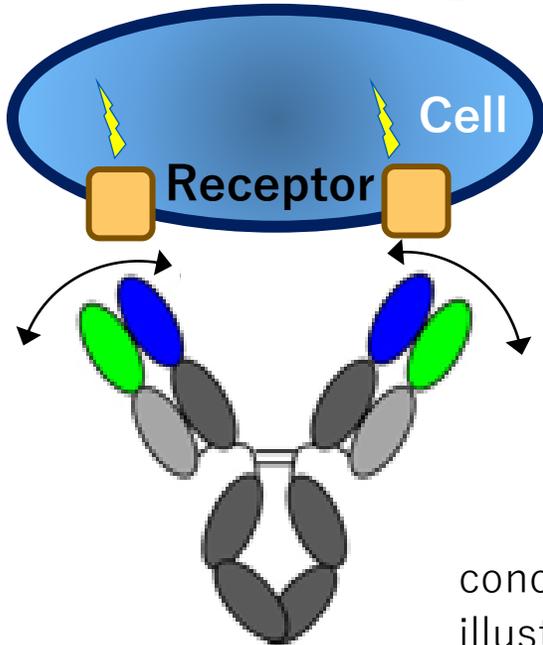
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# LINC-Ig<sup>TM</sup>

LINCed-Immunoglobulin

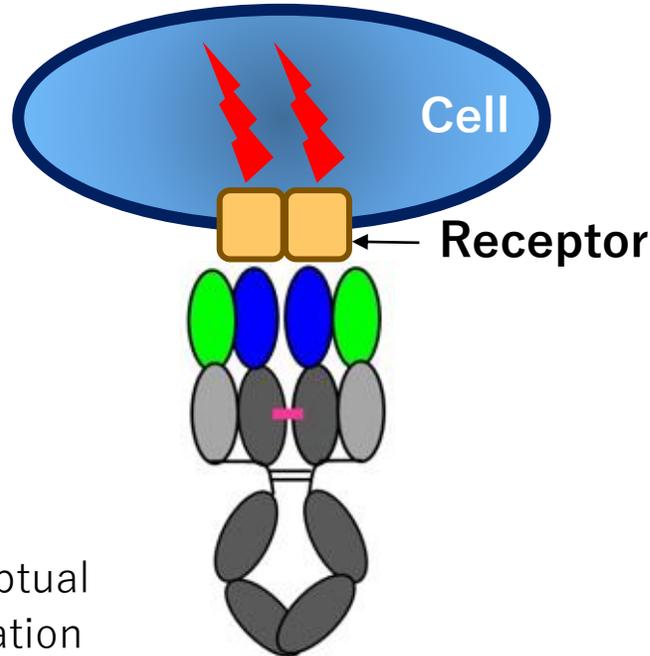
Enhances agonistic activity of antibody by controlling spatial mobility of 2 Fabs

## Conventional IgG



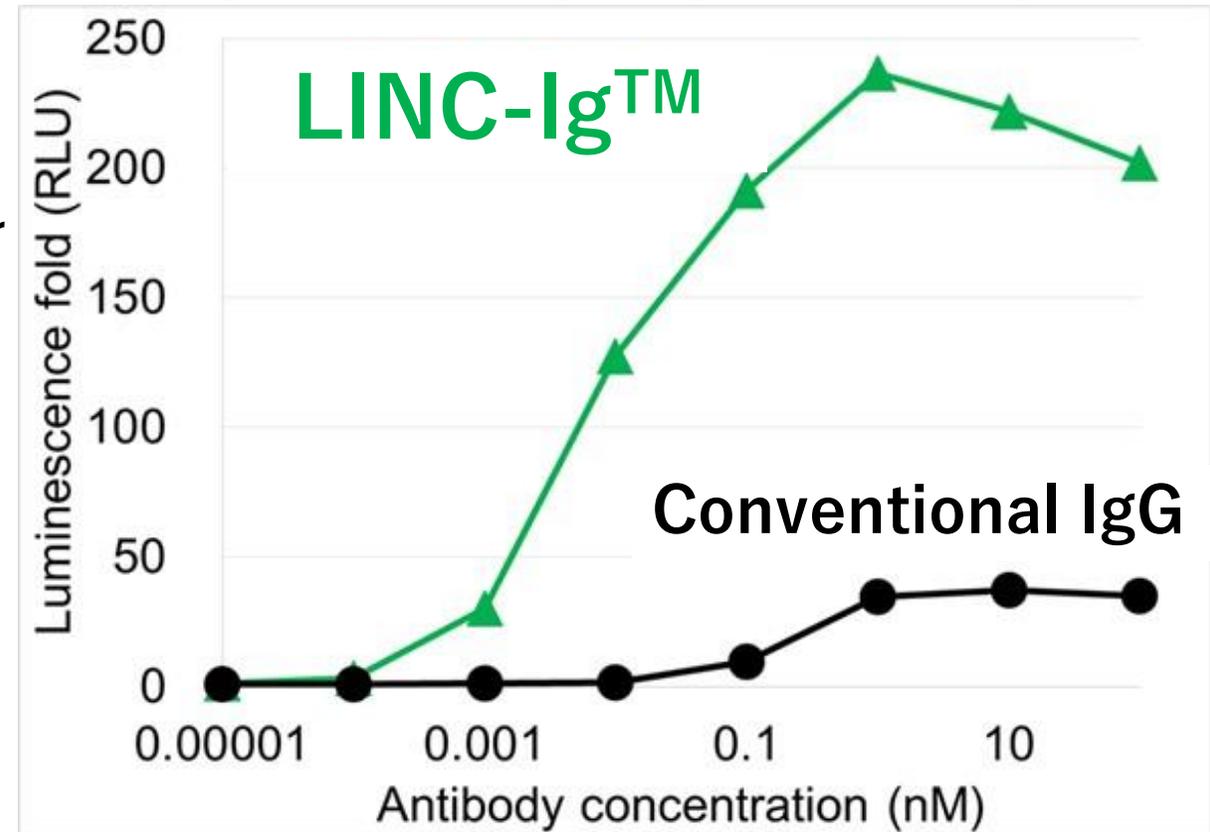
The two Fabs can move freely and therefore cannot cluster receptors effectively

## LINC-Ig<sup>TM</sup>

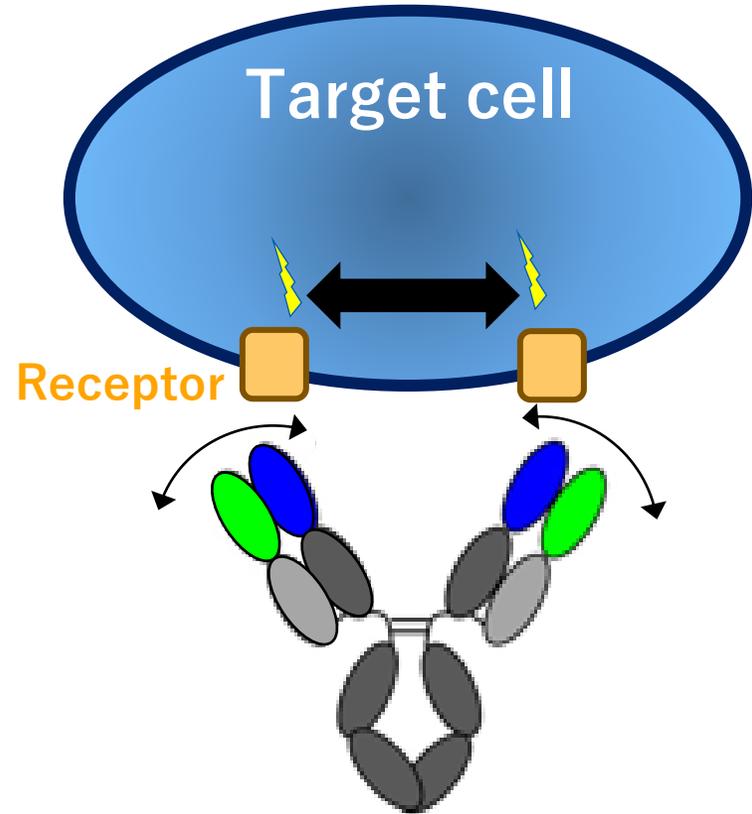


Controls the mobility of Fab domains by engineering disulfide bonds between Fab-Fab

## Agonistic activity of agonist antibody



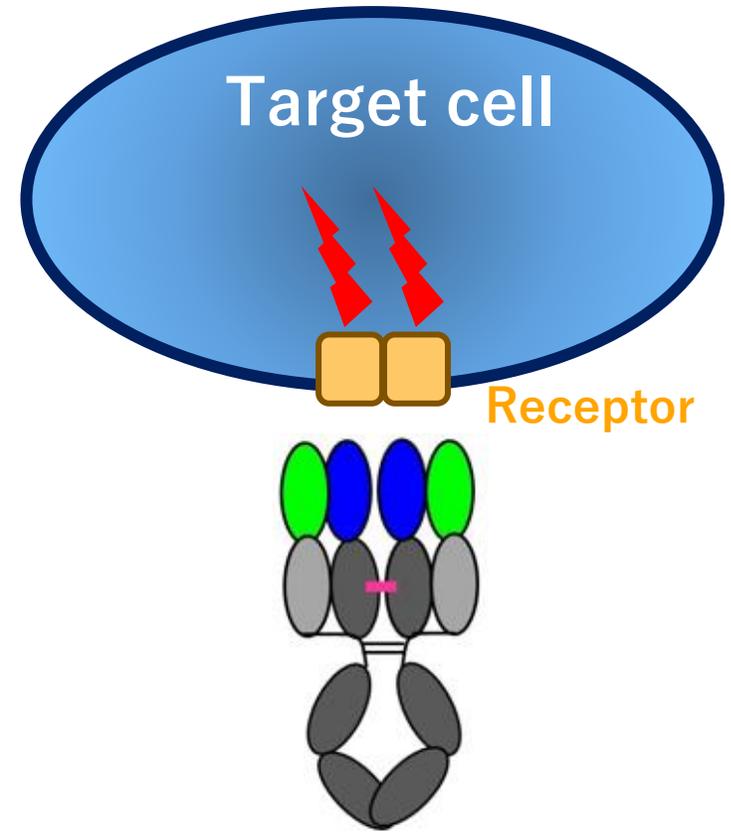
# Making Undruggable Agonistic Antibody Target Druggable



## Conventional IgG

Conventional antibody cannot induce agonistic activity due to large distance between the receptors

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## LINC-Ig<sup>TM</sup>

**LINC-Ig<sup>TM</sup> effectively dimerizes receptors and exerts agonist activity**

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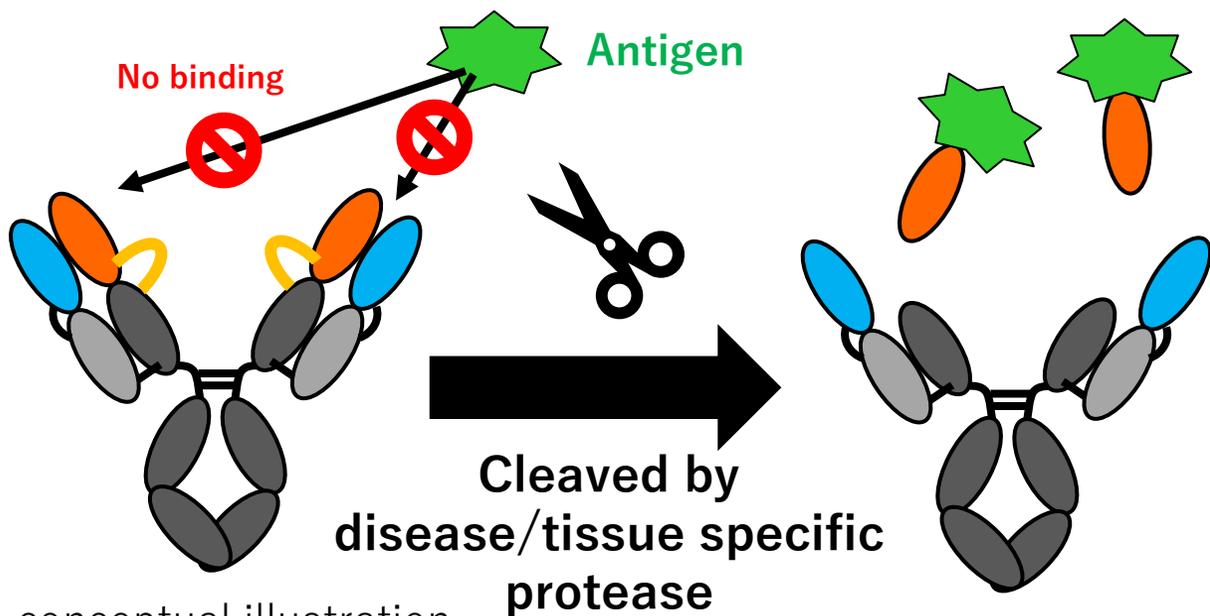
# PAC-Ig™

Protease **ACT**ivated-**I**mmunoglobulin

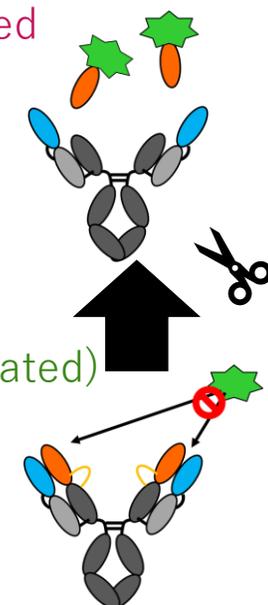
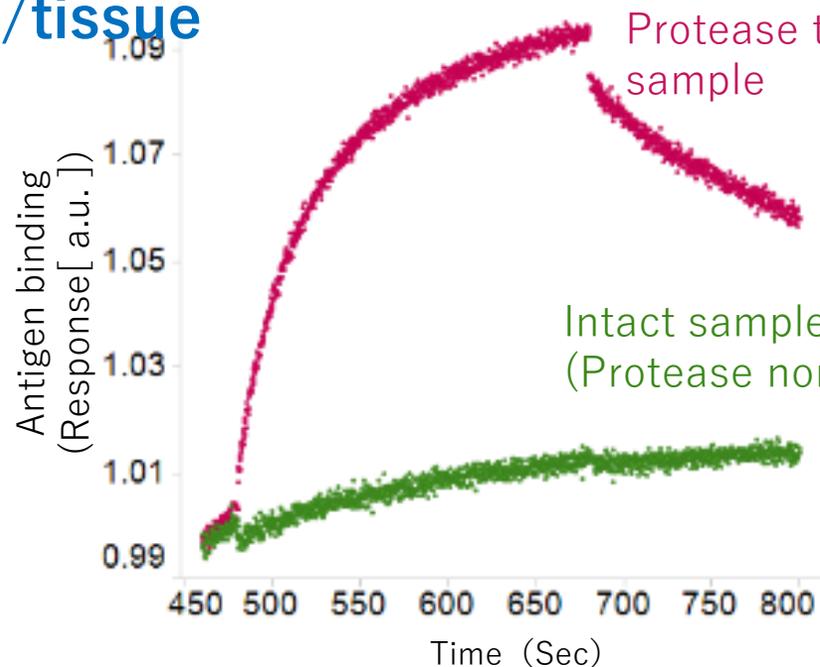
Technology to create antibody which can bind to the target only after cleavage by protease specifically present at disease/tissue

 **Antigen binding VHH (Single domain Ab)**  
VHH : Variable domain of heavy chain of heavy chain antibody

 **Unique linker selectively cleaved by disease/tissue specific protease**



conceptual illustration



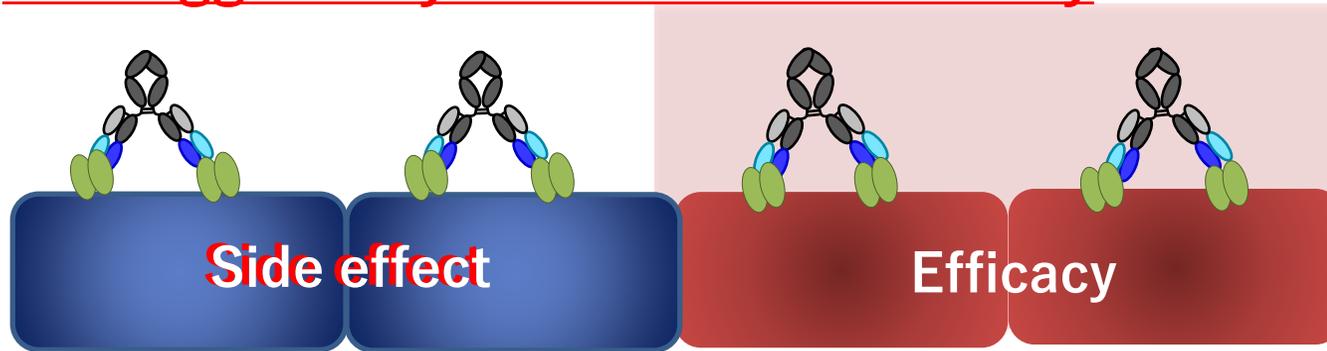
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- ✓ VHH associated with VL cannot bind to the antigen
- ✓ Long half-life as IgG
- ✓ Site specific antigen binding by released VHH
- ✓ Minimize systemic action by rapid clearance

# Making Undruggable Target Druggable

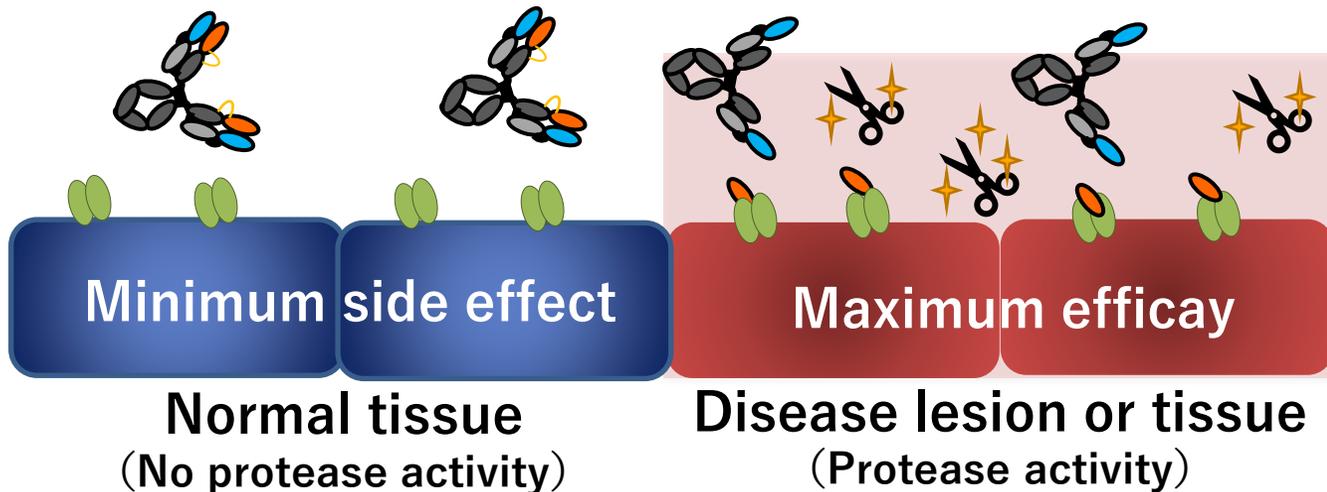
Enabling spatiotemporal control of antibody function by engineering antibody to be activated after cleavage by protease (protease plays a key role for homeostasis and progression of disease)

## Undruggable by conventional antibody

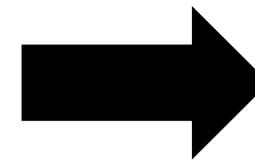


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## Druggable by PAC-Ig™



In case returns to blood or normal tissue,



Minimum effect due to rapid elimination from circulation

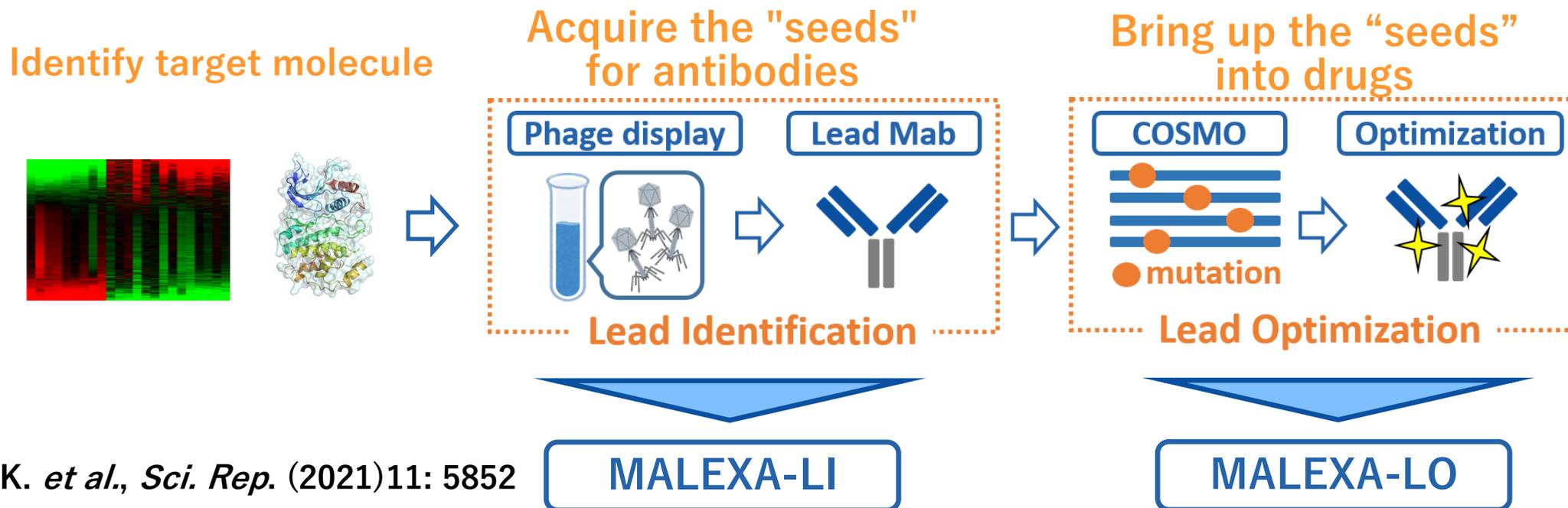
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# Changing the Drug Discovery Process with MALEXA™

## MALEXA: Machine Learning x Antibody

### Antibody Drug Discovery Process and Application of MALEXA™



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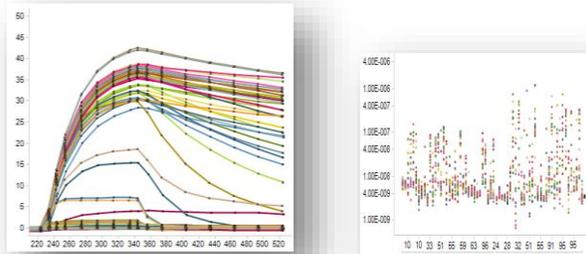
Need to design and develop process-specific machine learning algorithms

# Multidimensional Antibody Optimization System

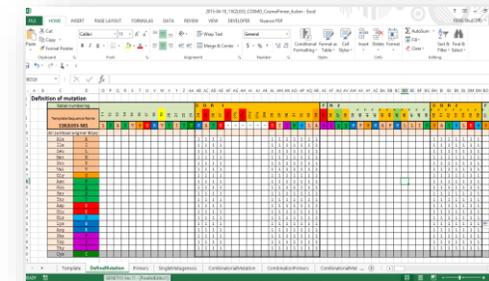
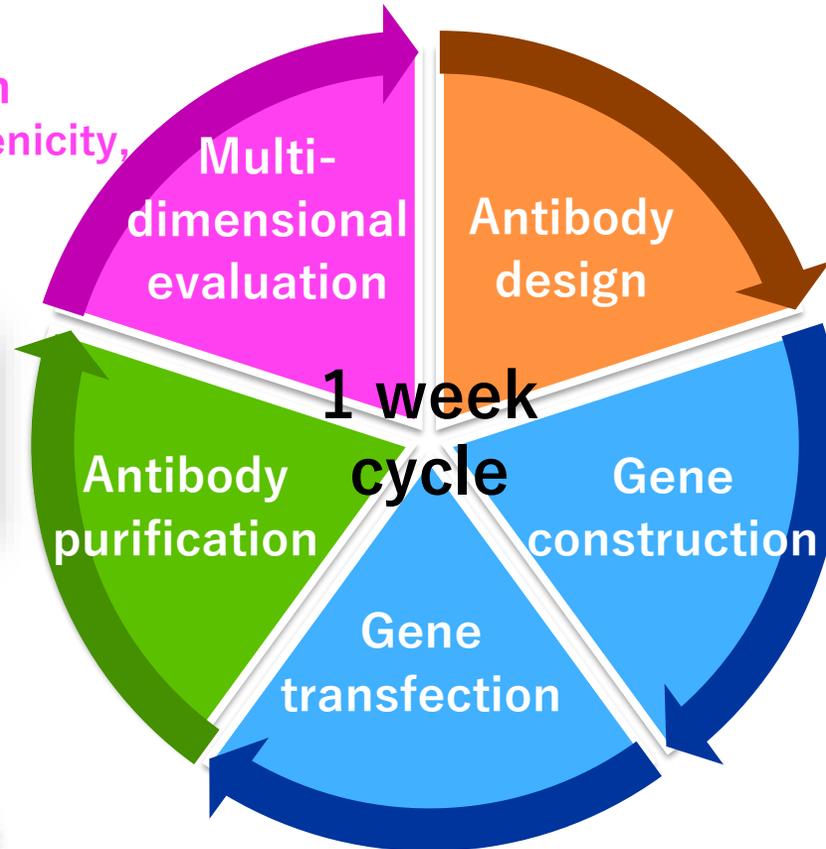
**COSMO: Comprehensive Substitution for Multidimensional Optimization**

- ✓ HTP affinity measurement  
~2000 Run/Week
- ✓ Multidimensional evaluation  
(i.e. stability, solubility, immunogenicity, non-specific binding)

- ✓ HTP primer design system



- ✓ HTP antibody purification  
~1500 Abs/Day



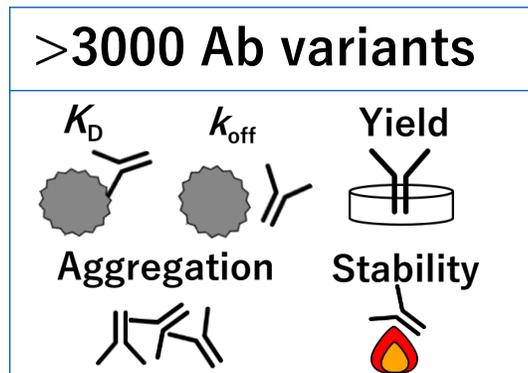
Source : Chugai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.

- ✓ HTP Ab construction and transfection  
~3000 Abs/week

# MALEXA-LO : Leveraging Machine Learning for Multi-Dimensional Antibody Optimization

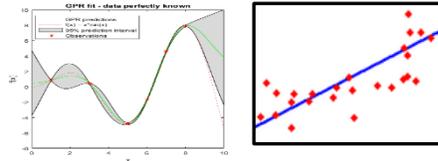
Starting with comprehensive single-mutation data (COSMO), design high-performance antibody variants through repeated rounds of machine learning-based prediction and experimental evaluation.

## Data obtained from COSMO

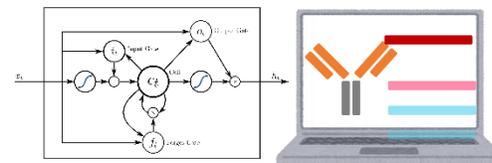


Wet lab

## Predictive model

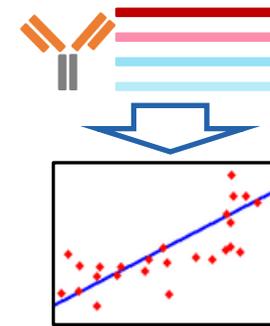


## Sequence generation



Computer

## Recommendation



## Evaluation



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Efficient exploration of functional sequence space

Design variant combinations



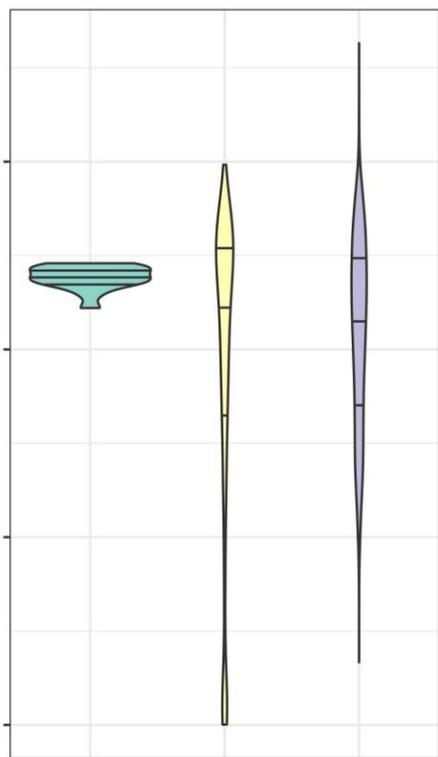
# MALEXA-LO Can Predict Antibodies with Better Properties than by the Conventional Approach



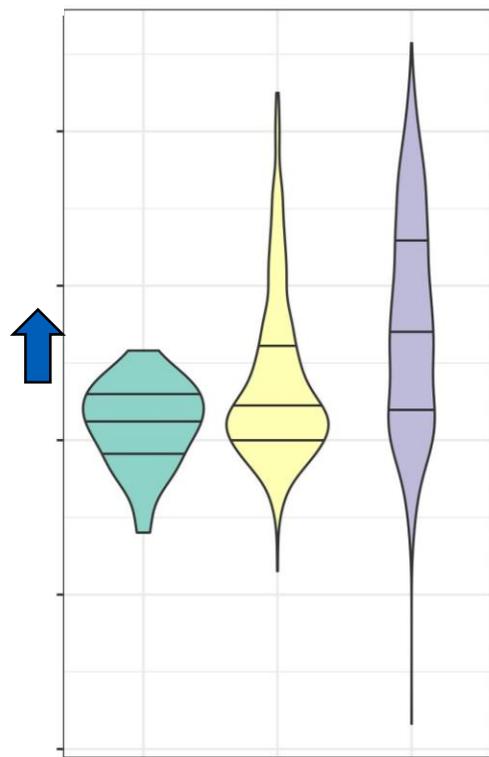
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The violin plots show the binding characteristics, inhibition activity, and antibody yield, measured *in vitro*, for each category of antibodies.

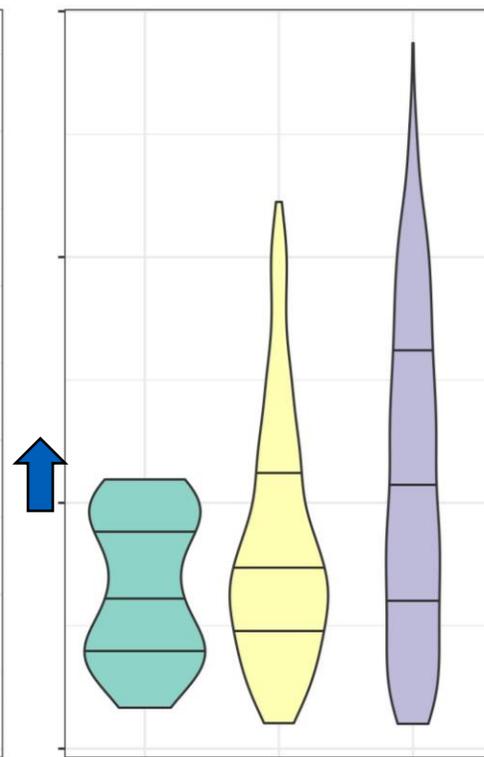
### Unique binding characteristics



### Inhibition activity



### Antibody yield



- MALEXA (959 antibody variants)
- Conventional approach (677 antibody variants)
- Lead antibody

MALEXA predicted better sequences than the conventional researcher-led design approach.



Further improve the system to include various parameters such as PK, immunogenicity and physicochemical properties.

In-house data

By applying MALEXA to increasingly complex antibody drug design, increase the productivity of drug discovery research and the quality of drug candidates.

# Antibody Project Pipeline Utilizing Antibody Engineering Technologies



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\* Projects that utilize multiple technologies are displayed in each technology.

**Recycling Antibody<sup>®</sup>**  
**Sweeping Antibody<sup>®</sup>**  
etc.



SOF10 (cancer/P1)



AMY109  
(endometriosis, cancer /P1)



GYM329/RG6237  
(SMA/P1)



satralizumab



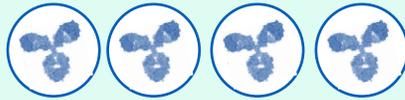
nemolizumab  
(atopic dermatitis/Filed)



crovalimab (PNH/P3)

PNH: Paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria

**Bispecific antibody (Non-Oncology)**



NXT007 (hemophilia A/P1)



emicizumab

**Bispecific antibody (Oncology, Dual-Ig<sup>®</sup> etc.)**



ERY974 (cancer/P1)

**Switch Antibody<sup>™</sup>**  
(ATP switch)



STA551 (cancer/P1)

**PAC-Ig<sup>™</sup>, new technologies, etc.**



*and more*



codrituzumab (cancer/P1)



tocilizumab

Discovery

GLP-tox

Clinical trial

Launched

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