



# Chugai's Strategy for Drug Discovery Research

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# New Mid-Term Business Plan: 5 Strategies



## Create global growth drivers and maximize value

### Strategy 1 Value Creation

Realize innovative drug discovery to cure and manage diseases

### Strategy 2 Value Delivery

Deliver patient-centric solution to maximize value of growth drivers

### Strategy 3 Promote advances in personalized healthcare

Realize the further advancement of PHC and innovate R&D process by utilizing digital technology and data

## Strengthen HR and infrastructure that support Chugai's business

### Strategy 4 Human capital and structural reform

Develop high-caliber HR talent that support innovation, and drastically reform costs, systems and processes

### Strategy 5 Strengthen sustainable platforms

Simultaneously realize company growth and sustainable social development



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# The Fusion of Biology and Technology Generates Innovations in Drug Discover



Biology	Technology	Innovation
<p><b>Discovery</b> of erythrocyte growth factor Erythropoietin</p>	<p>Recombinant DNA technology</p>	<p><b>エポジン</b><sup>®</sup></p>
<p><b>Discovery</b> of neutrophil growth factor G-CSF</p>	<p>Manufacturing biologics using CHO</p>	<p><b>ハイロジン</b><sup>®</sup></p>
<p><b>Discovery</b> of key immune regulator IL-6</p>	<p>Humanization of antibody</p>	<p><b>アクテムラ</b><sup>®</sup></p>
<p><b>Discovery</b> of strong driver oncogene ALK</p>	<p>Kinase inhibitor with high selectivity</p>	<p><b>アレセンサ</b><sup>®</sup></p>
<p><b>Invention</b> of MOA to mimic Factor VIII</p>	<p>Bispecific antibody</p>	<p><b>ヘムライブラ</b><sup>®</sup></p>

# Measures to Establish Strength in Biology



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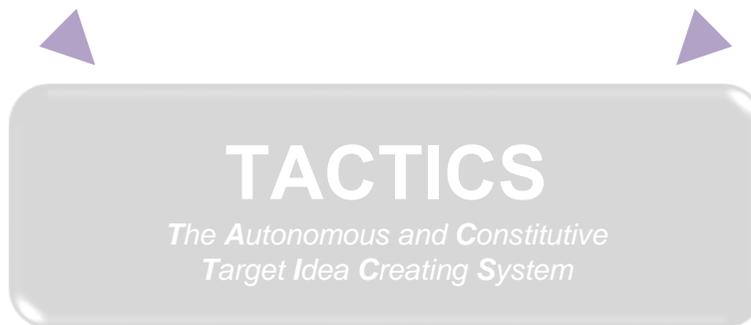


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**iFReC**  
 WPI Osaka University  
**IFReC**  
 Osaka Univ.  
 Acquisition of new findings based on world's top basic immunology


**COI**  
 東京大学  
 The University of Tokyo  
**Univ. of Tokyo**  
 Search for new targets in rheumatic diseases through GWAS/eQTL analysis


 国立研究開発法人  
 国立がん研究センター  
 National Cancer Center Japan  
**NCC**  
**National Cancer Center**  
 Search for new CIT targets through immune cell profiling of tumors

  
**On-site Lab.**

  
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Discovery of new biology insights/targets

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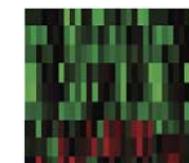
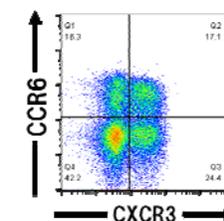
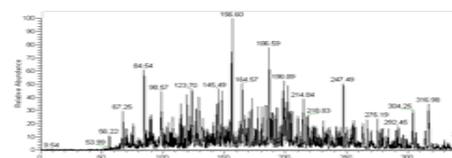
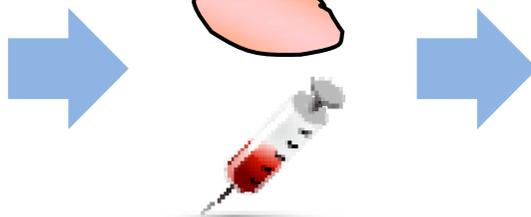
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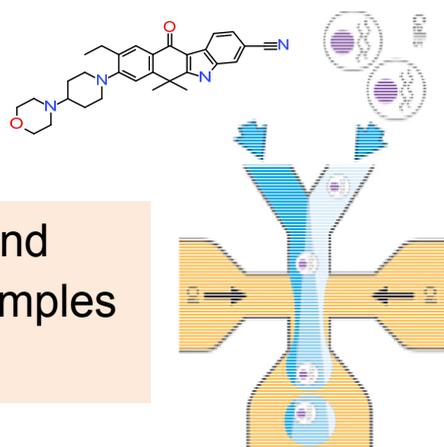
# Cultivation of a Deep in-house Understanding of Human Disease Biology



Collection of human disease samples



Conceptual illustration



Evaluation of compound activity using fresh samples  
Target validation



Acquisition and integration of comprehensive and multifaceted analysis data on various diseases

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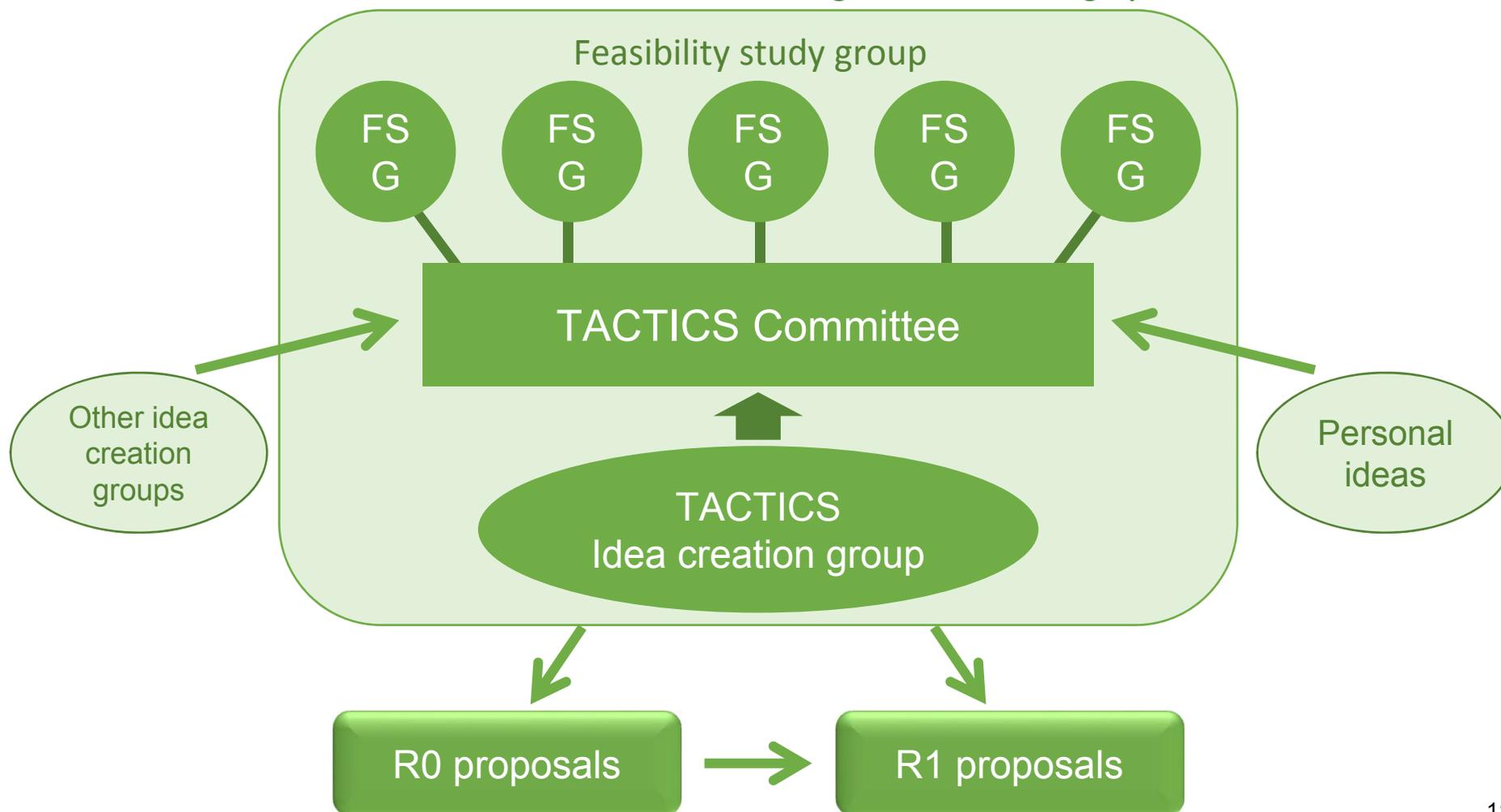
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# TACTICS: System for Creating Drug Discovery Ideas Across the Research Division



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*The Autonomous and Constitutive Target Idea Creating System*



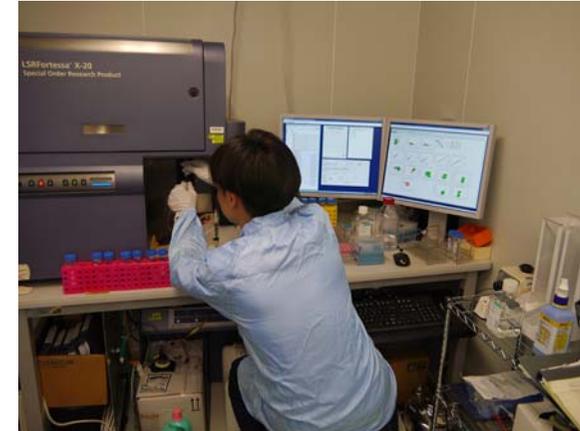
# Promote Unique Discoveries and Inventions through TACTICS



Ideas  
Hypothesis



Experiments  
Discovery



Systematic promotion of  
unique inventions based on  
unique discoveries

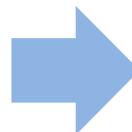
# Paradigm Shift in Drug Discovery

## “Era of Discovery → Era of Invention”

### Era of Discovery

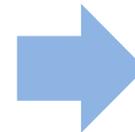
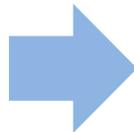


Biological discovery



Drug

### Era of Invention



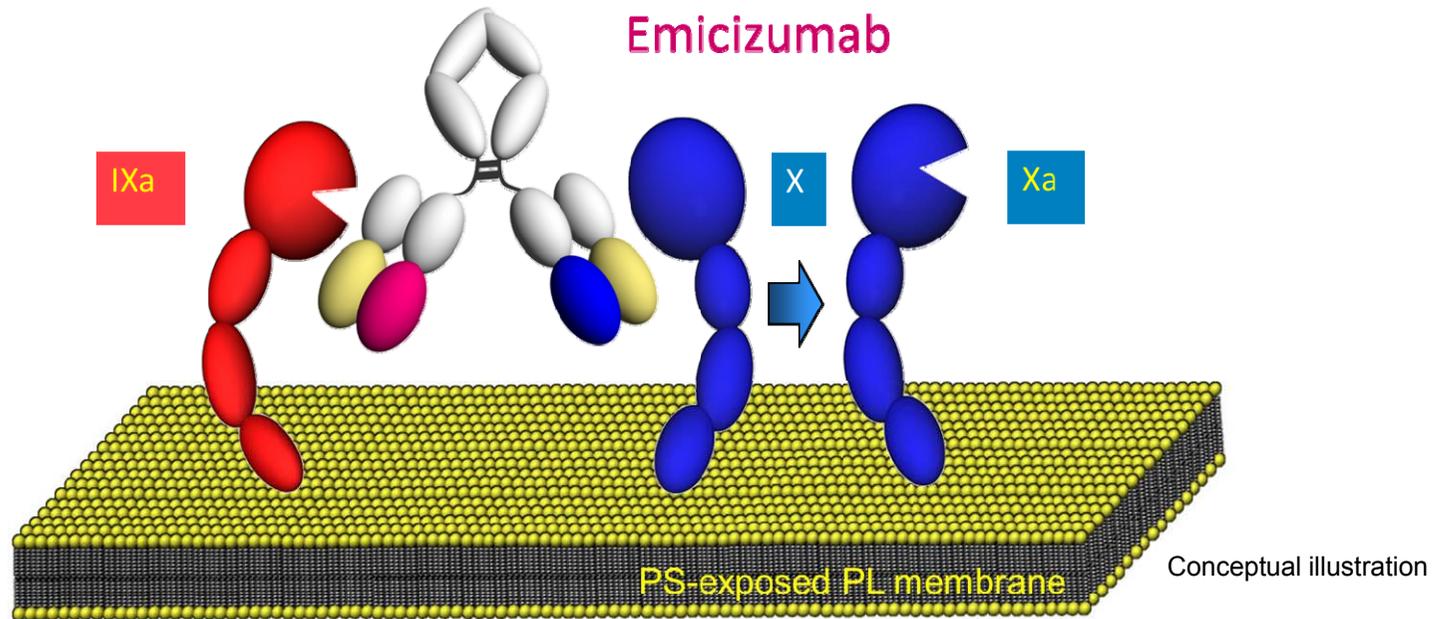
**Create  
medical value**

- Invention of drug discovery idea (MoA)
- Invention of modality technology

# HEMLIBRA: Brought by Original Invention



Roche Roche Group



Blood coagulation mechanism  
by Factor IXa/X



Generally known

Bispecific antibody



Concept: known  
**Manufacturing: Invention**

Mimic Factor VIII function with  
a bispecific antibody



**Invention**

# Chugai Life Science Park Yokohama (New Research Laboratory)



## Summary

A core research facility to be built in Yokohama, Kanagawa Prefecture (planned completion in 2022)

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

Emphasizing climate change countermeasures, local disaster preparedness, and biodiversity preservation; aiming to acquire LEED Gold certification for environmental performance

Will reduce our overall environmental footprint (including the consolidation of existing facilities)

Signed environmental agreement with city of Yokohama, emphasizing coexistence with the local community



- The integration of all functions related to drug discovery research is expected to promote further research efficiency and collaboration.
- Enhanced efforts to promote the fusion of biology and technology

# Chugai Pharmabody Research Pte. Ltd. (Singapore)



Chugai Pharmabody Research  
(CPR)

- Creation of antibody drugs using Chugai's antibody engineering technologies
- Development of new antibody engineering technologies



Opened in 2012,  
Fully-owned by  
Chugai

# Chugai's Mission Statement



~Innovation all for the patients~

## Mission

**Dedicate ourselves to adding value by creating and delivering innovative products and services for the medical community and human health around the world**

## Core Values

- 1. Patient Centric**      Make each patient's wellbeing our highest priority
- 2. Pioneering Spirit**      Pursue innovation by improving ourselves and thinking differently
- 3. Integrity**      Maintain the highest standards in all we do to create shared value with society

## Envisioned Future

**Become a top innovator for advanced and sustainable patient-centric healthcare, powered by our unique strength in science and technology and the alliance with Roche**



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# Appendix: Characteristics of Each Modality



- In addition to antibodies and small molecules, the addition of middle molecules as a drug discovery modality greatly expands the potential for drug discovery.

	Small molecule	Middle molecule	Antibody
<b>Molecular weight</b>	<b>MW &lt;500</b>	<b>700 &lt; MW &lt;1600</b>	<b>MW 15000</b>
<b>Oral administration</b>	Available	Available	Not available
<b>Effects on intracellular targets</b>	Available	Available	Difficult
<b>Inhibition of protein-protein interaction</b>	Difficult	Available	Available
<b>Specificity</b>	Low	Mid - High	High
<b>Dosage interval</b>	Short (daily)	Short (daily)	Long (Every 2 weeks)



# **Chugai's Antibody Engineering Technologies for Innovative Drug Discovery**

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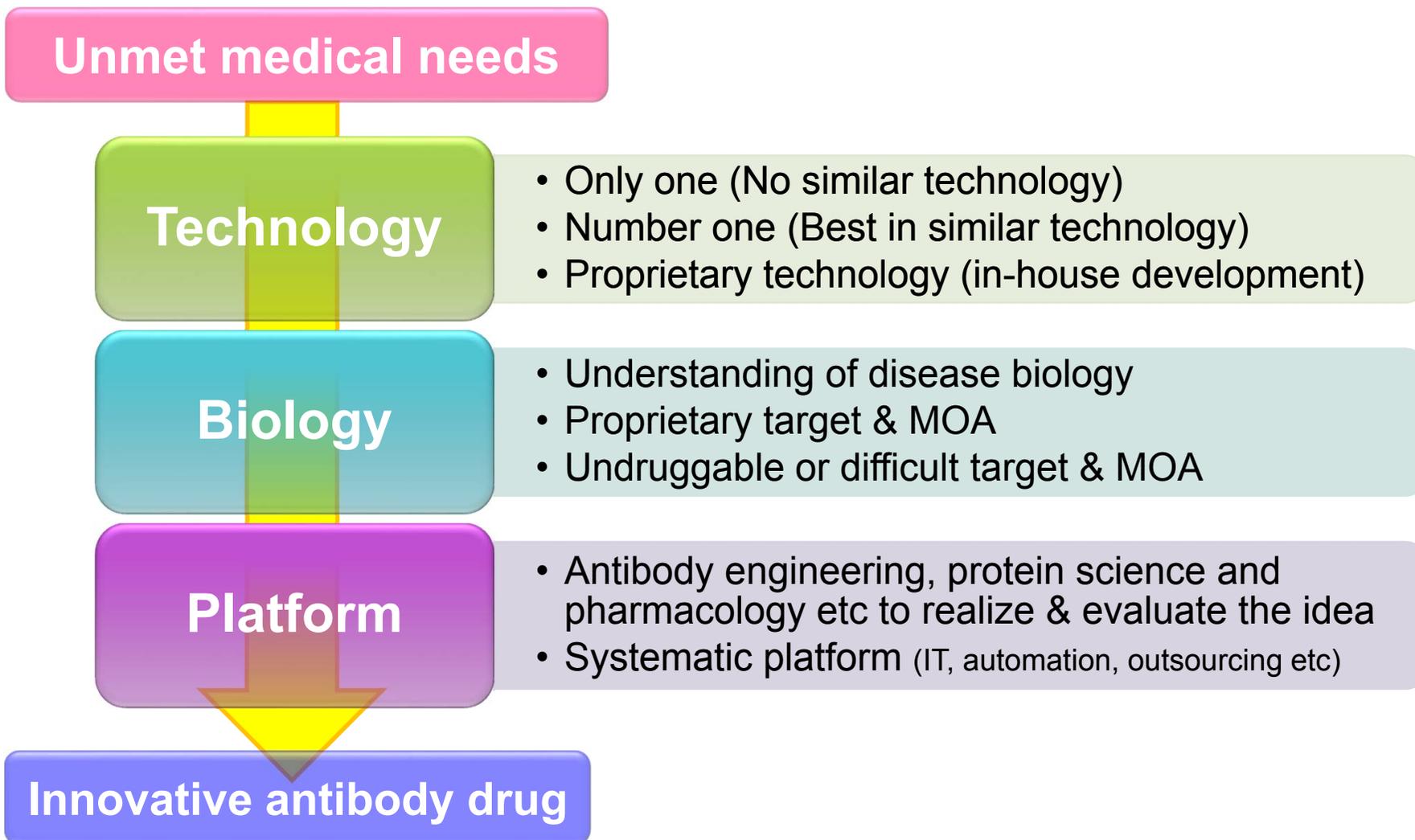
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# Agenda



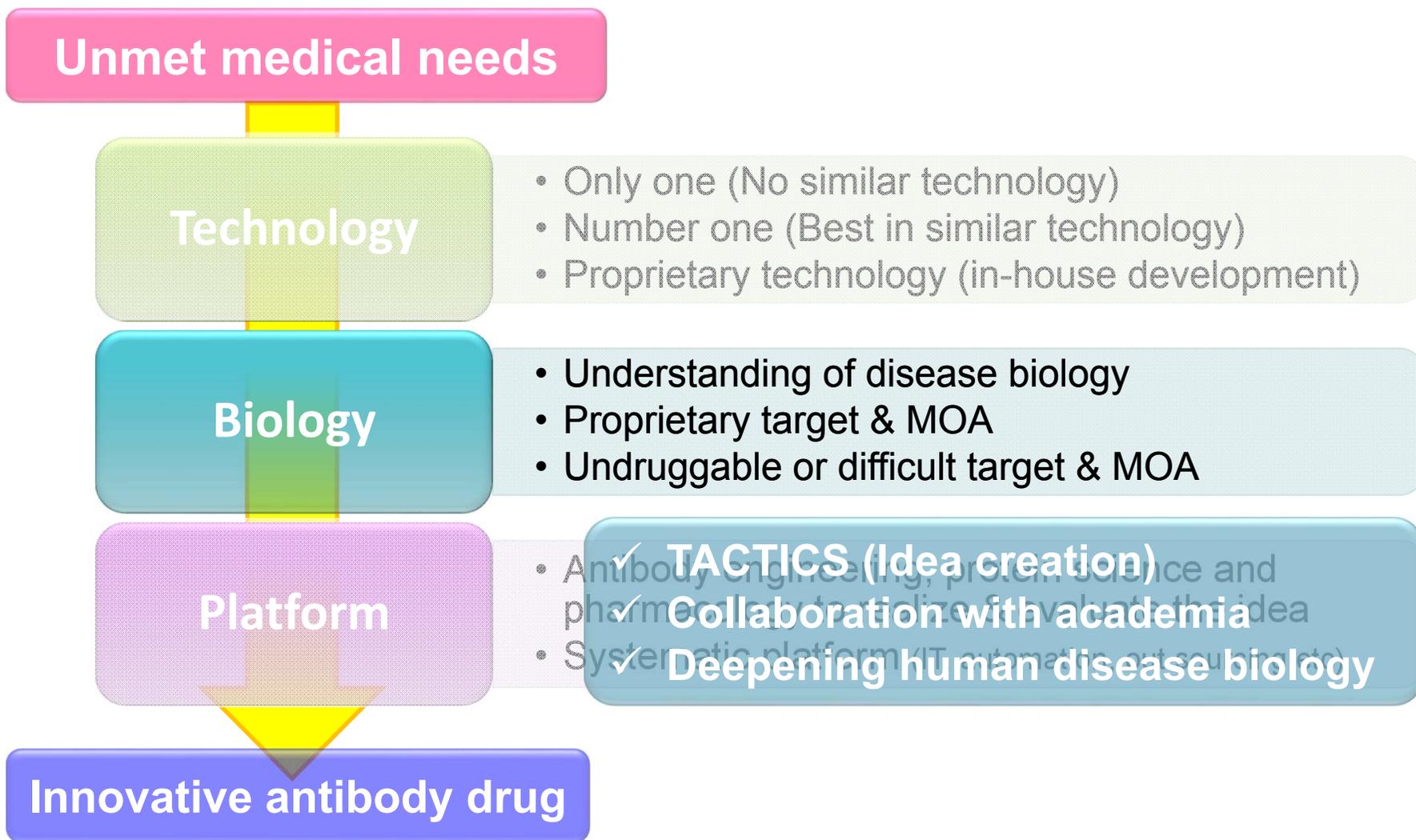
1. Antibody Drug Discovery Strategy and Platforms
2. Recycling antibody<sup>®</sup> and Sweeping antibody<sup>®</sup> Technology
3. Switch Antibody<sup>™</sup> Technology
4. Next Generation Bispecific Antibody Technology
5. Summary

# From Unmet Medical Needs to Discovery of Innovative Antibody Drug

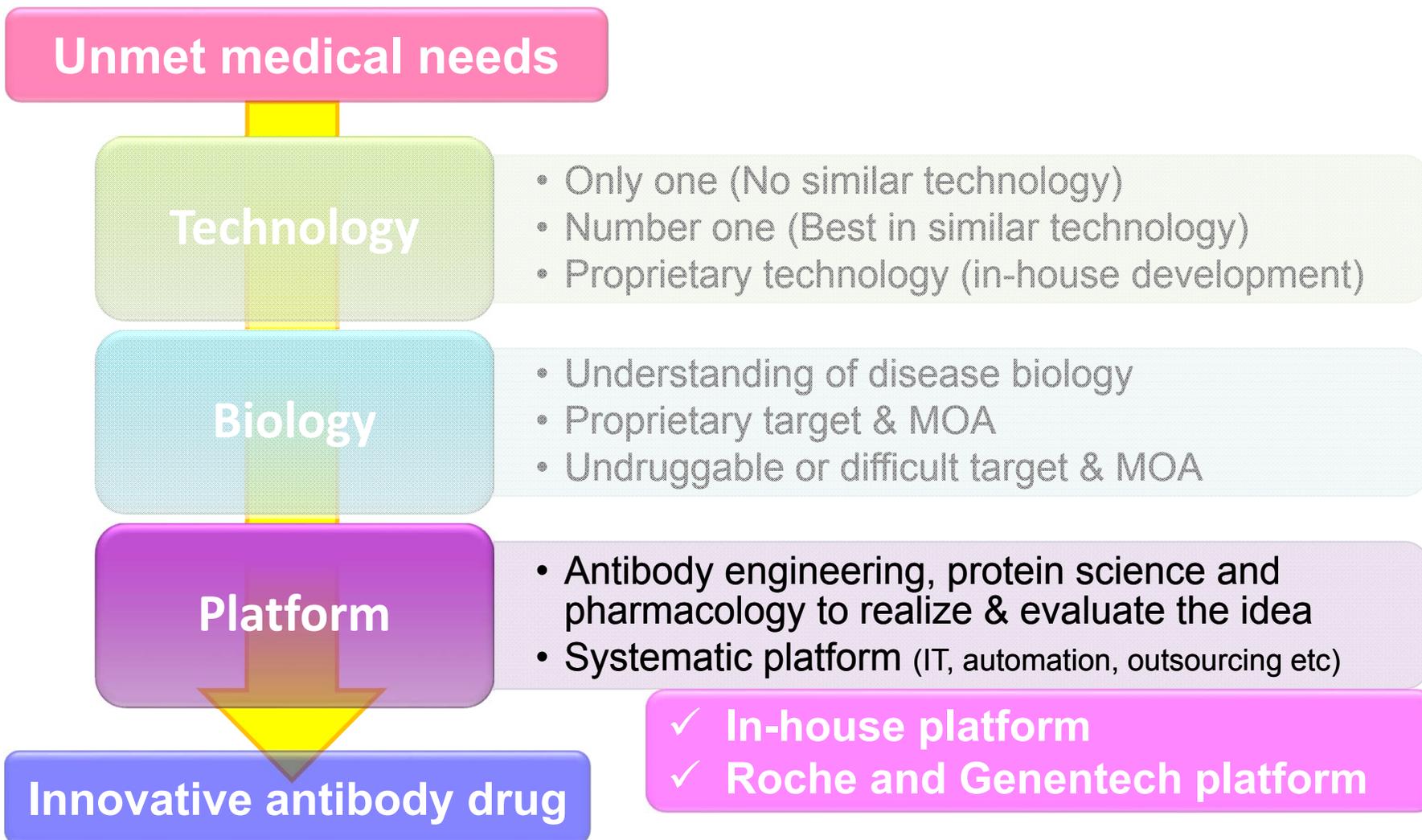


# Discovery of Innovative Antibody Drug

## Target & MOA



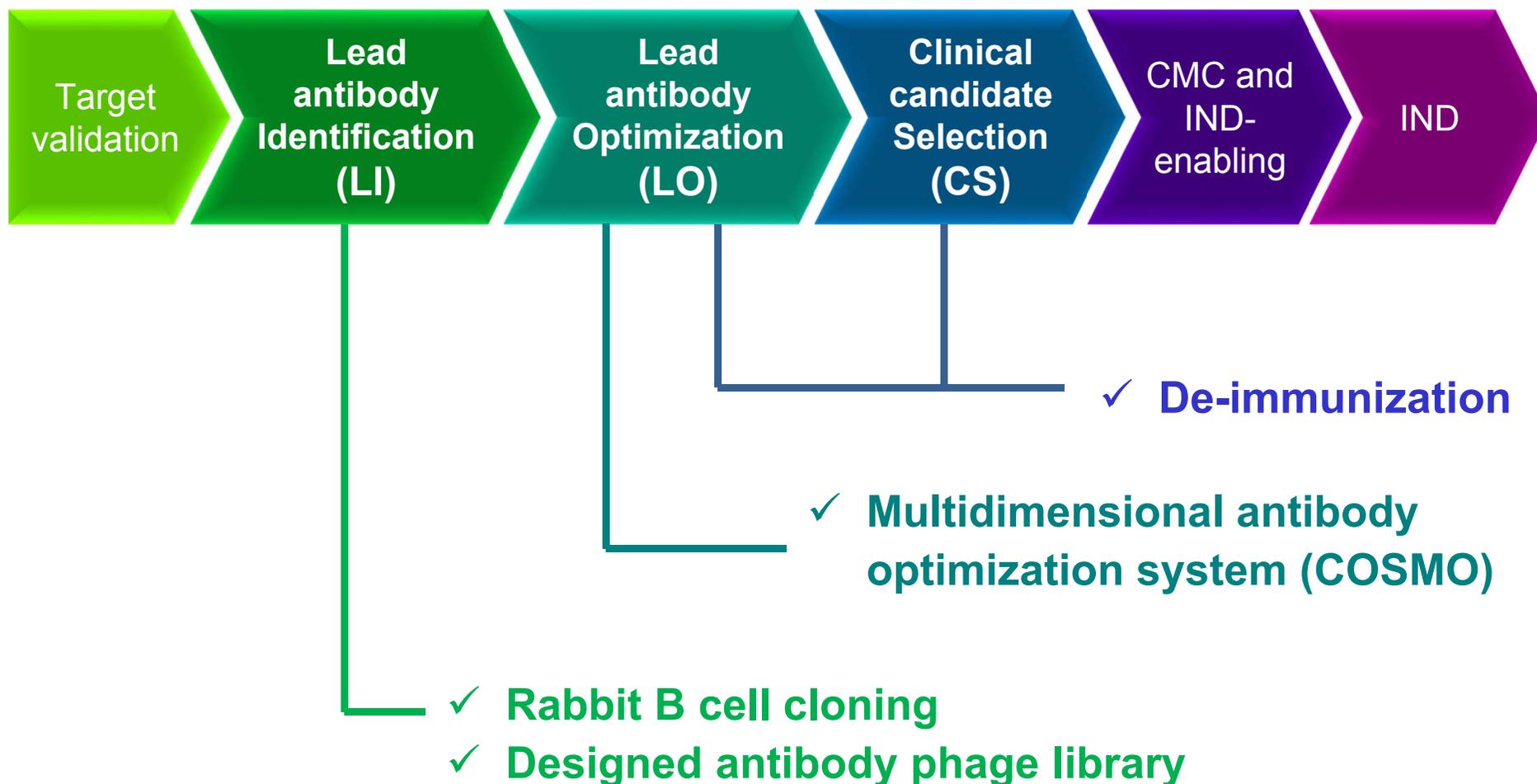
# Discovery of Innovative Antibody Drug Platform





# Chugai's Four Competitive Platforms Supporting Antibody Drug Discovery

## Antibody drug discovery process



# Lead Antibody Identification (LI) Platform



Roche Roche Group

## Rabbit B-cell cloning

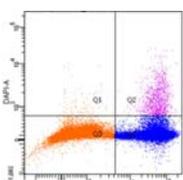
mAb with high affinity binding against the right epitope



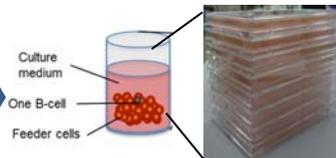
Immunization



B-cell sorting



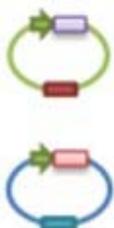
B-cell culture



Lead candidates



Gene cloning



HT B-cell screening

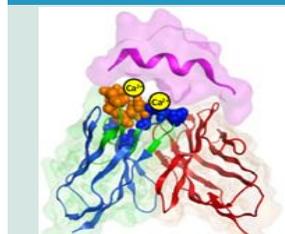


Animal immunization with DNA, protein or cell followed by automated high-throughput screening system

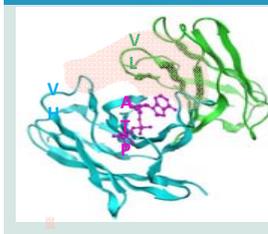
## Designed phage library

mAb with unique function which is impossible by animal immunization

pH dependent library



ATP dependent library



Biomek

Plate hotel



Auto centrifuge

Shaker incubator

Phage panning

Biomek

KingFisher



Colony picker



Screening Cloning

Lead candidates

Designing library and phage panning (antibody screening) against target protein or cell in automated high-throughput system

# Lead Antibody Optimization (LO) Platform



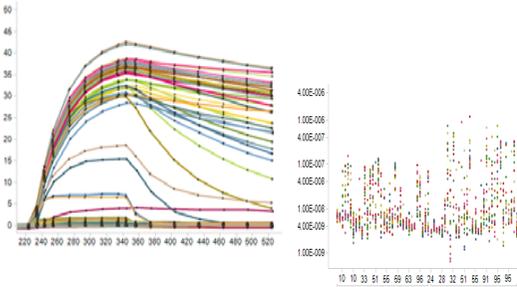
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**COSMO** : Comprehensive Substitution for Multidimensional Optimization

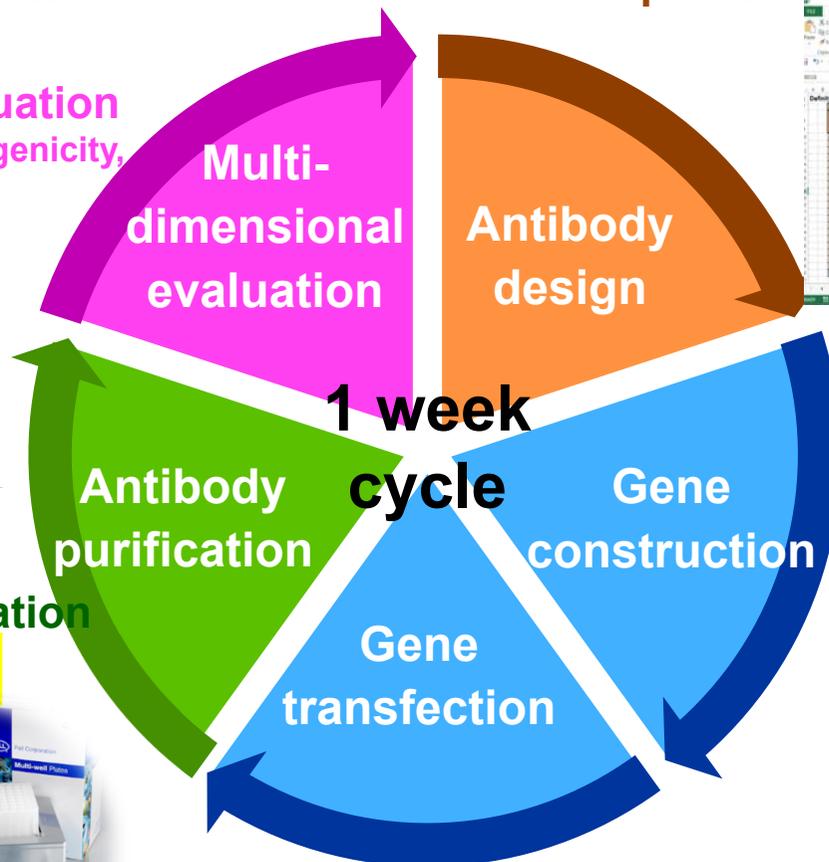
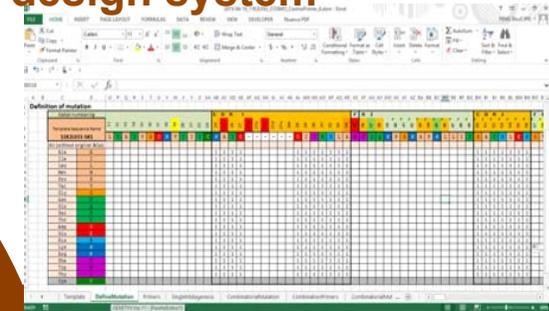
✓ HTP affinity measurement

**~2000 Run/Week**

✓ Multidimensional evaluation  
(i.e. stability, solubility, immunogenicity, non-specific binding)



✓ HTP primer design system



**1 week cycle**

✓ HTP antibody purification

**~1500 Abs/Day**



✓ HTP Ab construction and transfection

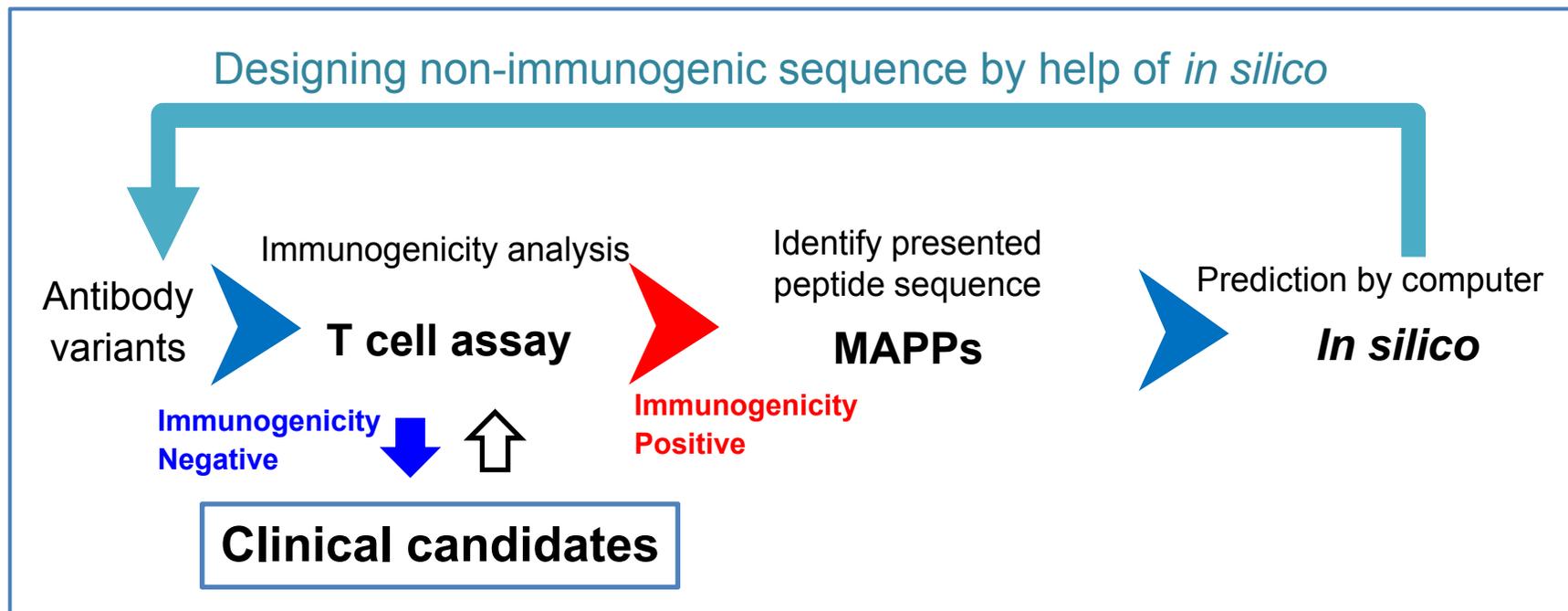
**~3000 Abs/week**

Source : Chugai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.

# De-immunization Platform



- Challenge: Increased immunogenicity was the main concern when we “engineer” humanized antibody or human IgG1 sequence.
- Solution: We have established de-immunization platform to minimize immunogenicity risk of our highly engineered antibodies.



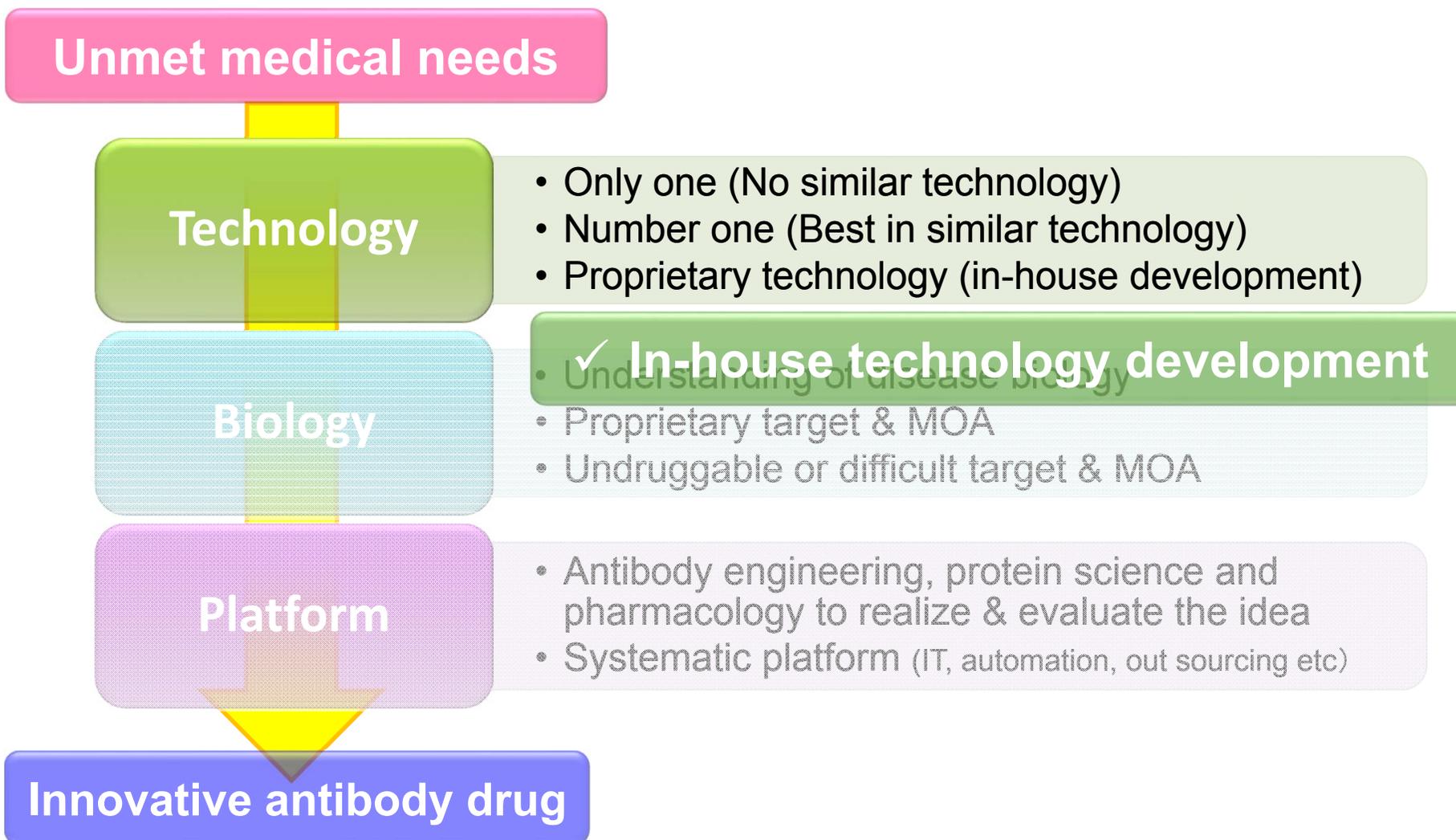
**T cell assay:** In vitro method to predict immunogenicity using human CD4+ T cell

**MAPPs:** Mass spectrometry method to identify the sequence of peptide presented on MHC class II by dendritic cells

***In silico:*** Prediction of binding affinity of peptide to MHC class II

# Discovery of Innovative Antibody Drug

## *In-house technology development*

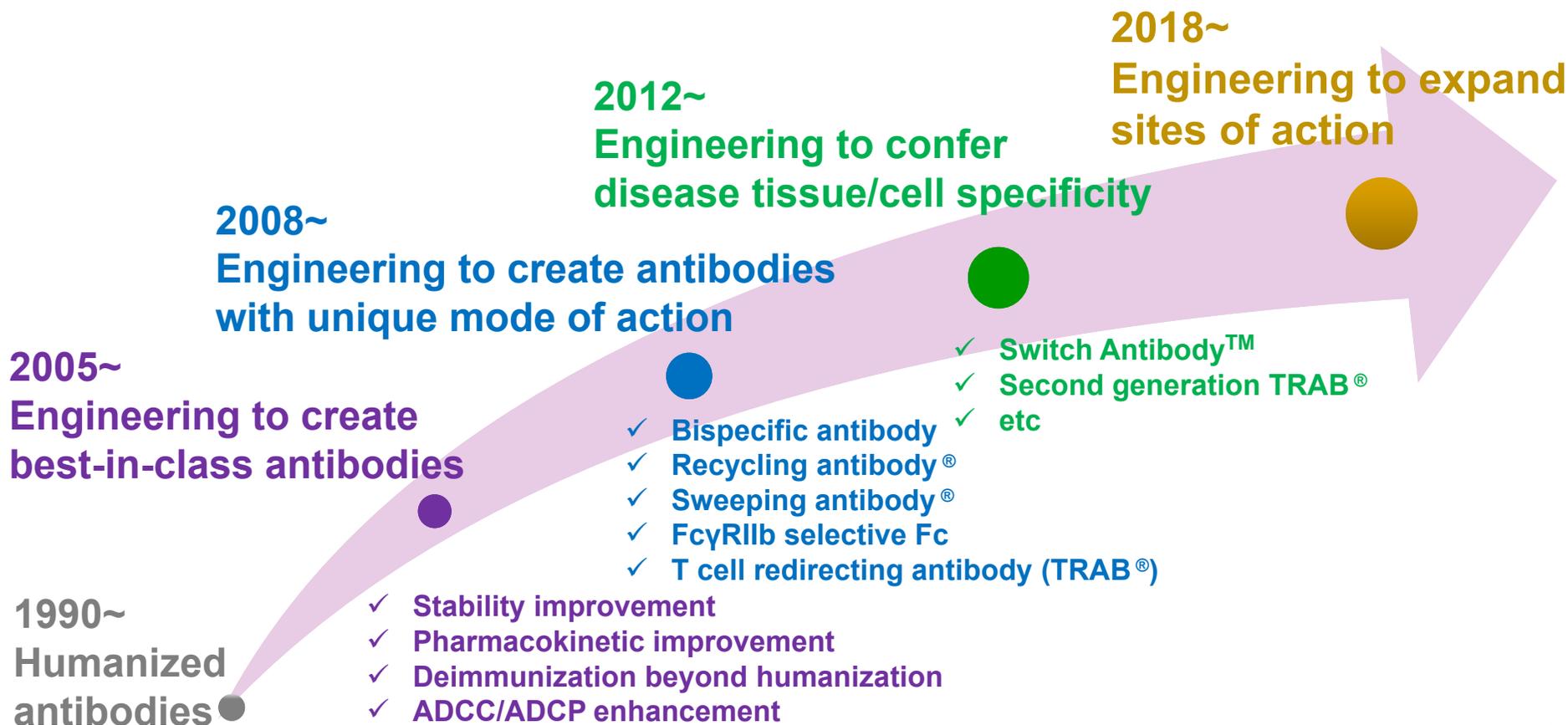


# Continuous Evolution of Proprietary Antibody Engineering Technologies

Maximize the value of drug target



Create drug against undruggable target and MOA



# Mission of Chugai Pharmabody Research



*Maximize the value of Chugai's antibody engineering capability*

## Drug discovery

(from 2012 to present):

Generate clinical candidates based on Chugai's established proprietary antibody engineering technologies.

## Technology development

(from 2017 to present):

Establish novel antibody engineering technologies to create drug against undruggable target and MOA.

Technology to expand sites of action

Technology to confer disease tissue/cell specificity

Technology to create antibodies with unique mode of action

Technology to create best-in-class antibodies

CPR 2012~

CPR 2017~

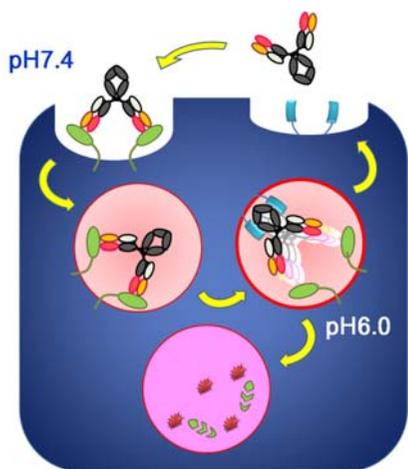
CPR 2018~



# Recycling antibody<sup>®</sup> and Sweeping antibody<sup>®</sup> Technology

# Recycling antibody<sup>®</sup>

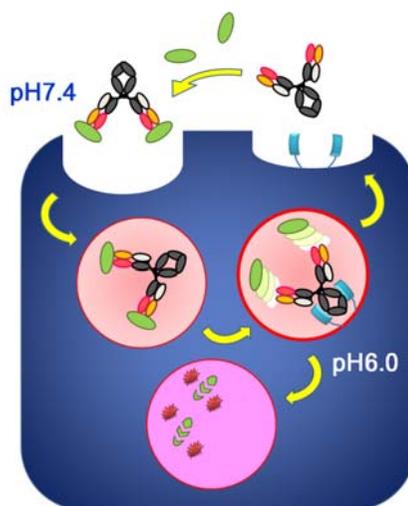
*Enables antibody to bind to target multiple times*



- Satralizumab (anti-IL6R Recycling antibody<sup>®</sup>)
  - Confirmed recycling effect against **membrane** antigen in human
  - Positive phase 3 data in NMOSD patients

SAkuraSky Study

*Yamamura et al, N Engl J Med 2019; 381:2114-2124*



- Crovalimab (anti-C5 Recycling antibody<sup>®</sup>)
  - Confirmed recycling effect against **soluble** antigen in human
  - Positive phase 1/2 data in PNH patients

COMPOSER Study interim report at ASH2018

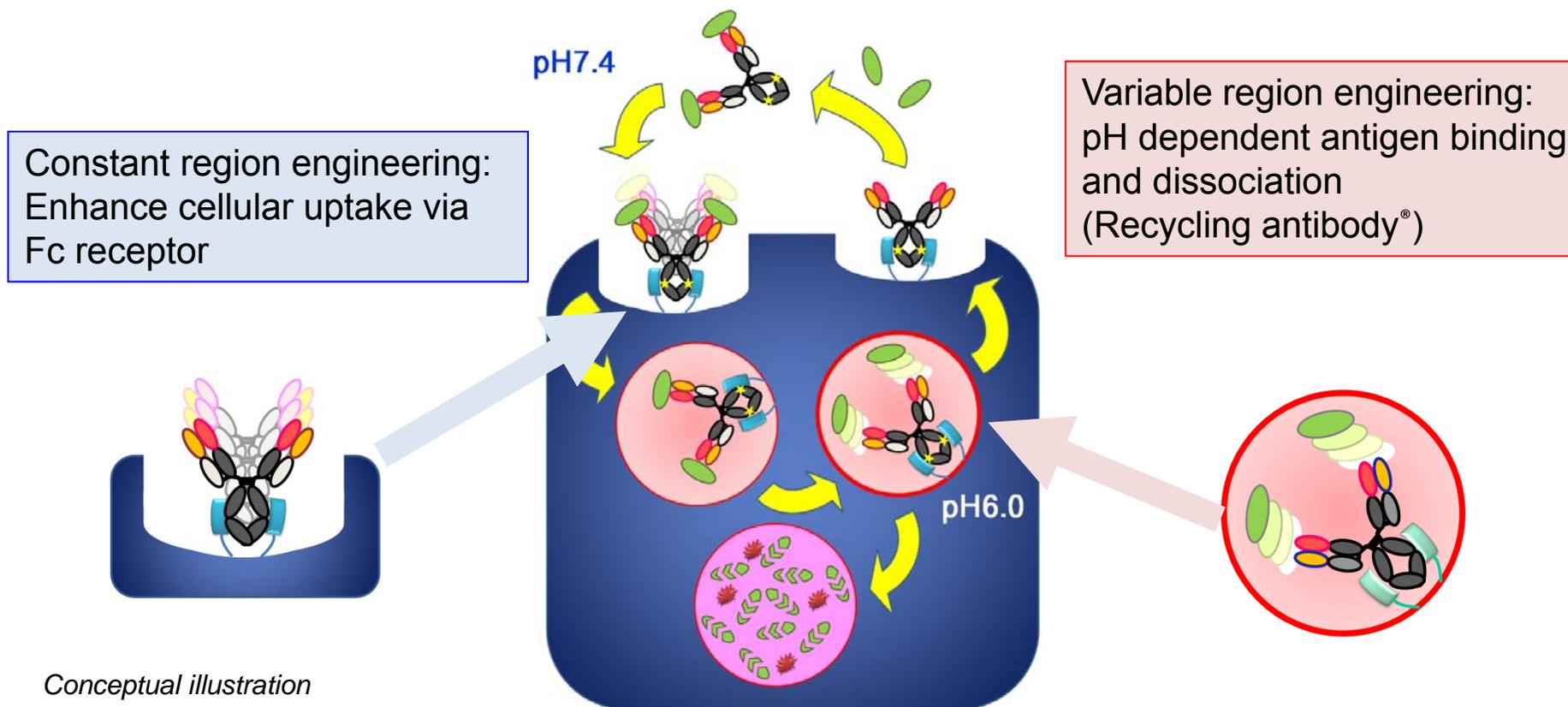
- AMY109 (Recycling antibody<sup>®</sup>)
  - Phase 1 study in endometriosis patients

Conceptual illustration

JapicCTI183841

# Sweeping antibody<sup>®</sup>

## *Eliminates soluble antigen from plasma*



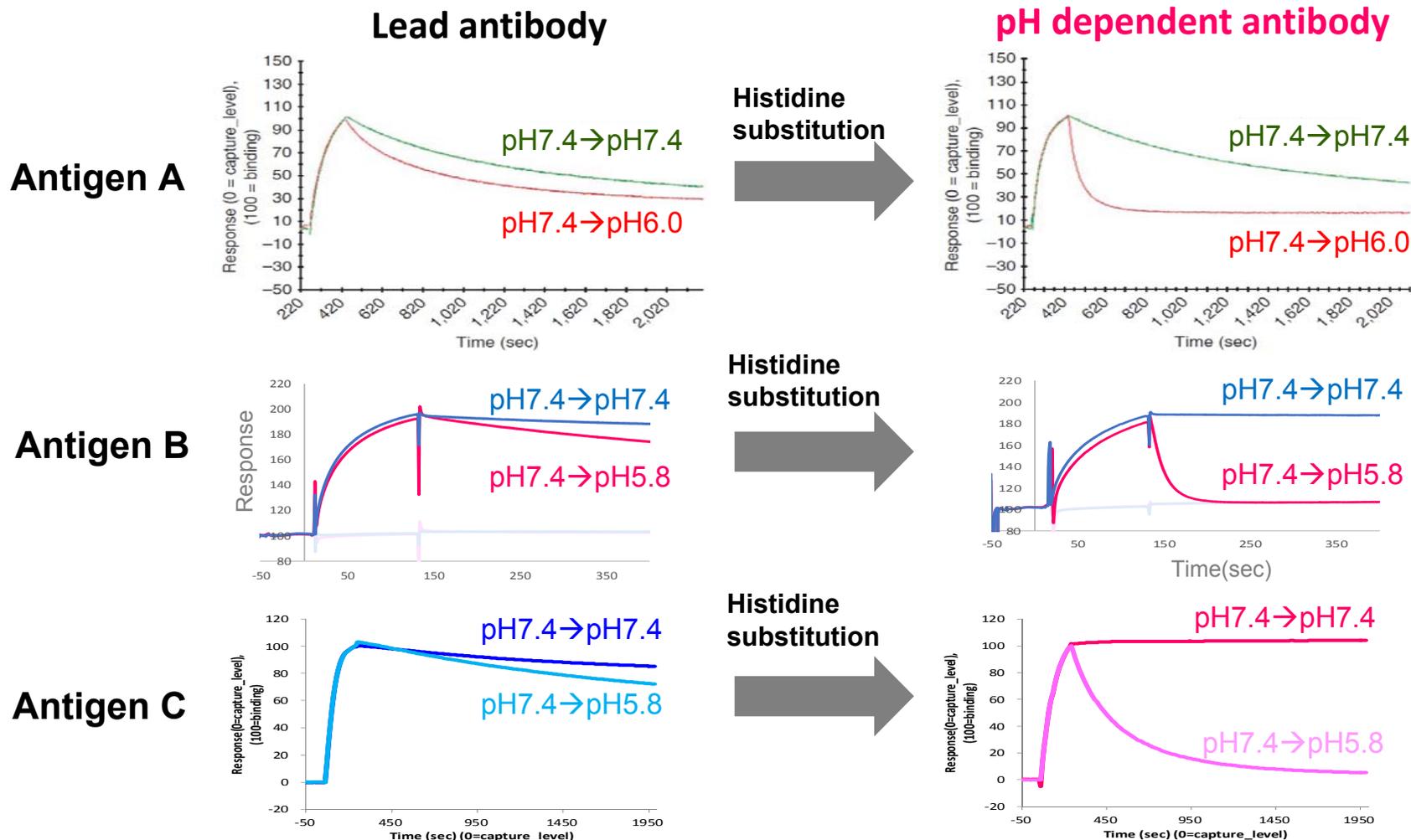
Elimination of soluble antigen from plasma by accelerated endosomal delivery and lysosomal degradation of the antigen can be expected.

*Nature Biotechnology, 2010, Igawa et al*  
*PLOS One, 2013, Igawa et al*  
*Biochim Biophys Acta, 2014, Igawa et al*  
 (All of the above, author is an employee of Chugai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.)

# pH Dependent Antibody Can be Generated from Any Lead Antibody by COSMO



Binding analysis by surface plasmon resonance



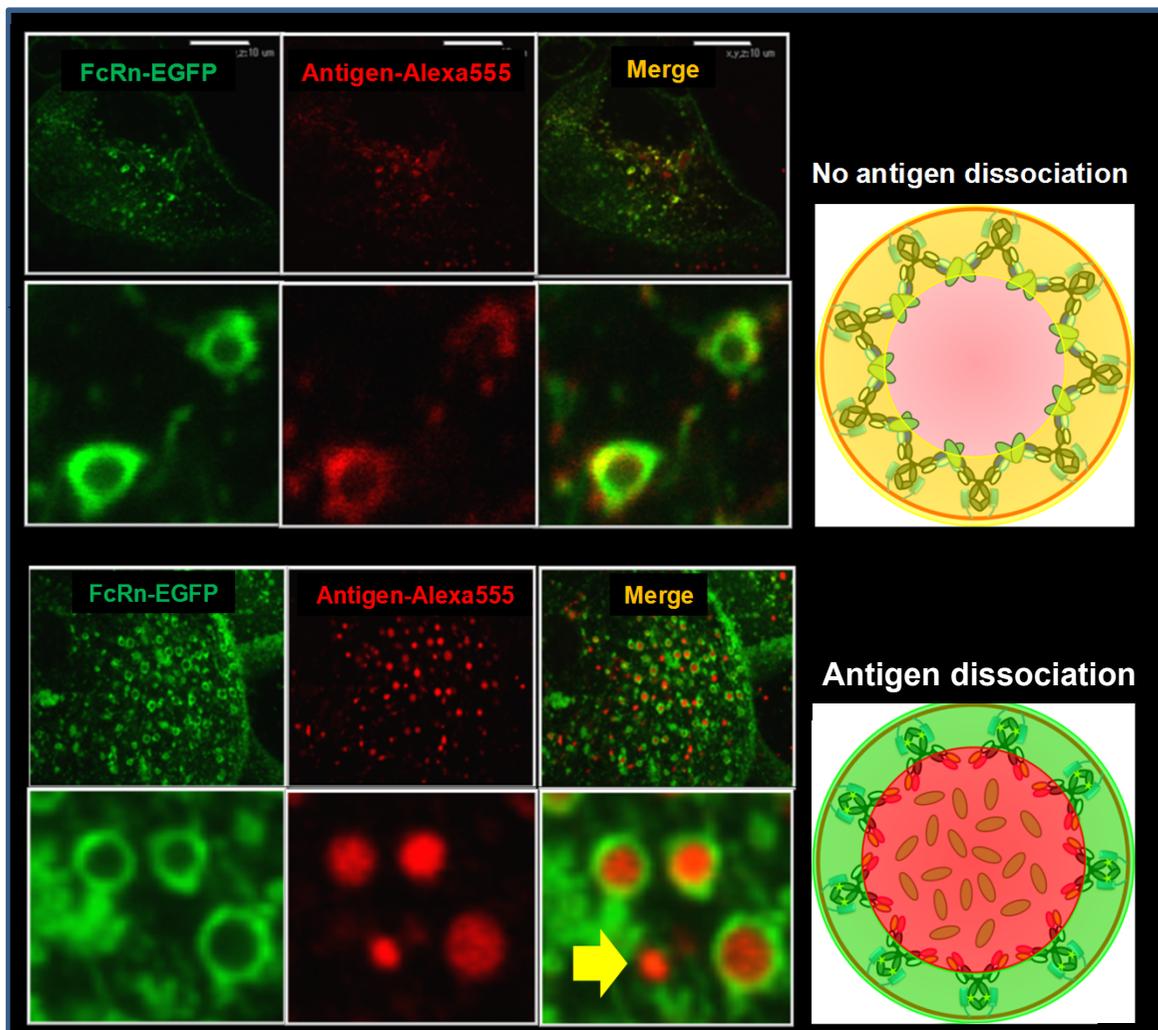
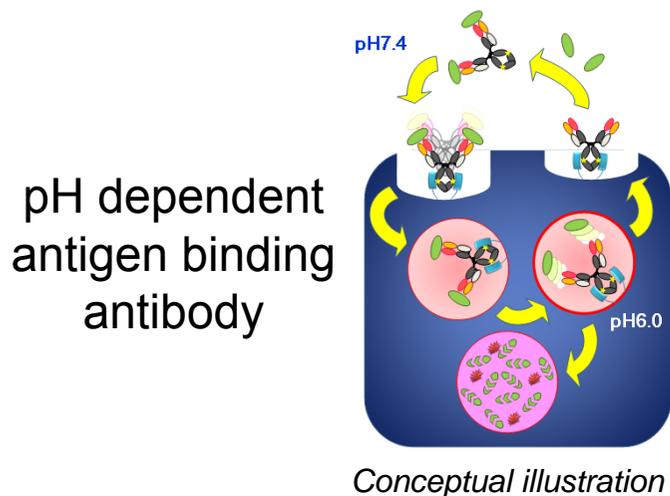
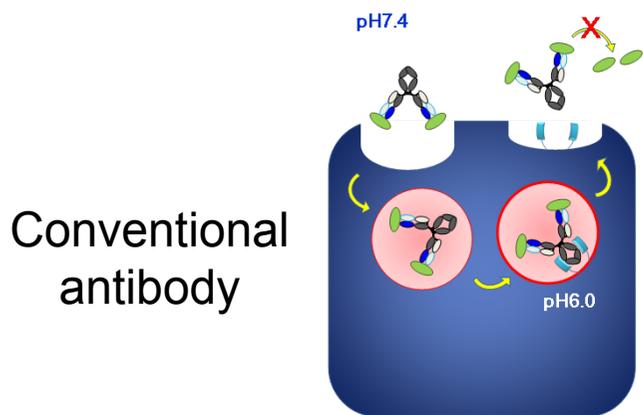
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*In-house data*

# pH Dependent Antigen Binding Antibody Release the Soluble Antigen in Endosome



*In vitro* confocal microscope

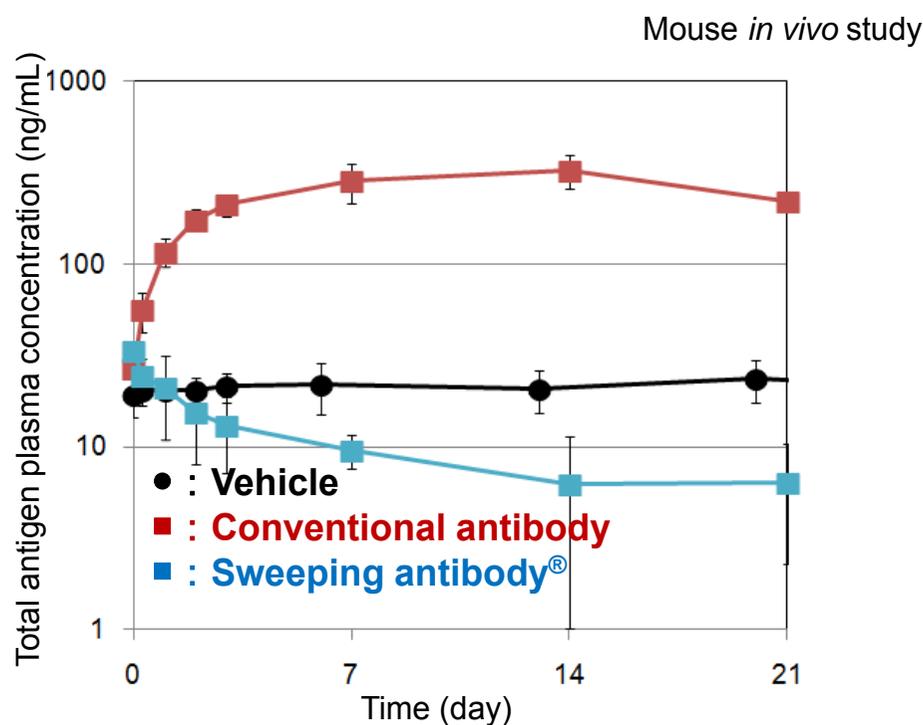
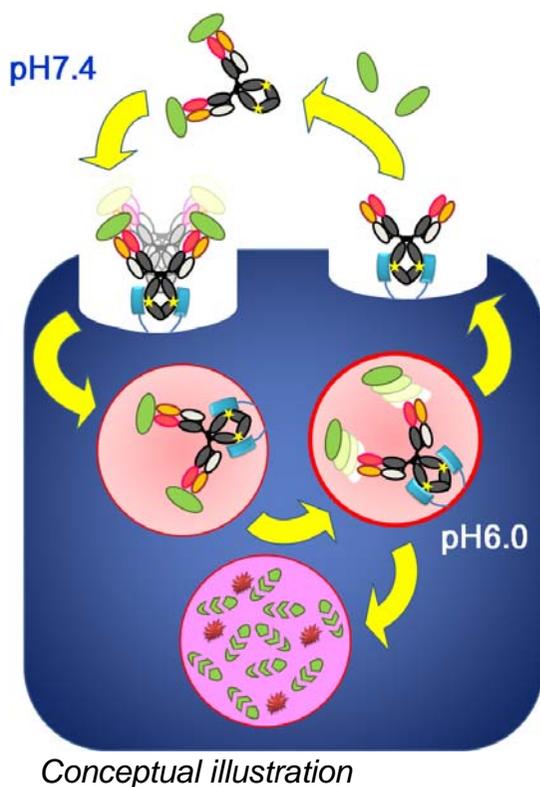


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# Challenges in First Generation FcRn Mediated Sweeping antibody<sup>®</sup> Technology

- FcRn mediated first generation Sweeping antibody<sup>®</sup> showed modest sweeping in mouse (~50-fold reduction of antigen)



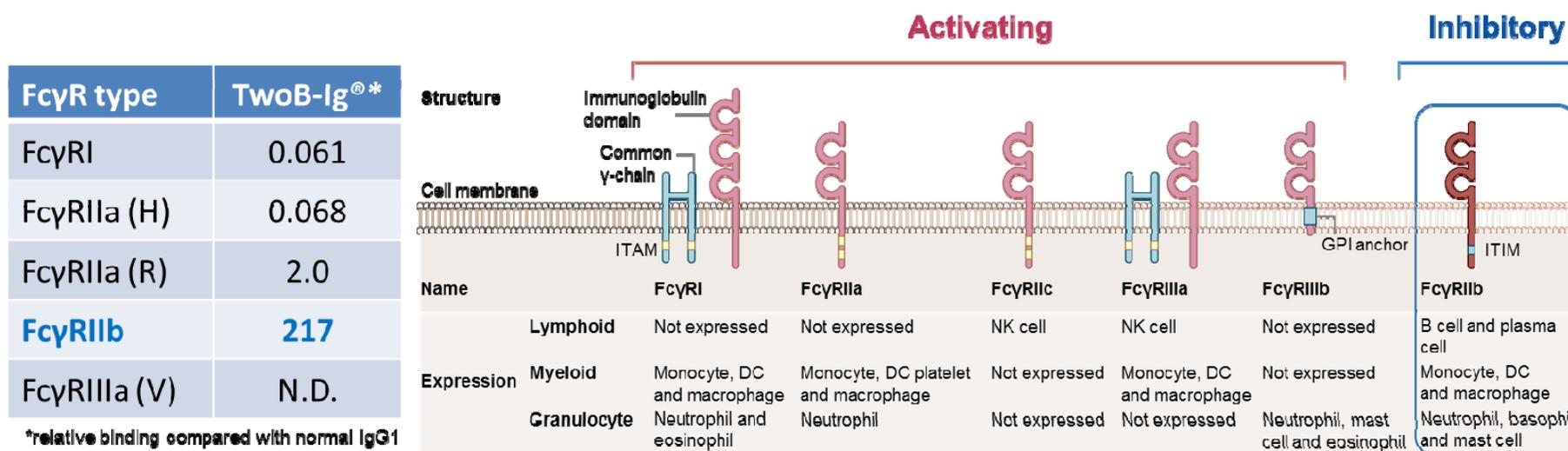
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- However, **sweeping was inefficient in cynomolgous monkey**
  - Effective sweeping in monkey is required for human translatability



# TwoB-Ig<sup>®</sup> : Enhancing FcγRIIb Mediated Uptake of Antibody-Antigen Complex

- FcγRIIb plays a major role in clearing antibody-antigen complexes from body through liver sinusoidal endothelial cells (LSEC)
- TwoB-Ig<sup>®</sup> variant is applied to selectively increase FcγRIIb binding
  - Enhance FcγRIIb-mediated uptake of antibody-antigen complex by LSEC
  - Reduced FcγRIIa/IIIa binding to prevent platelet activation and ADCC activity



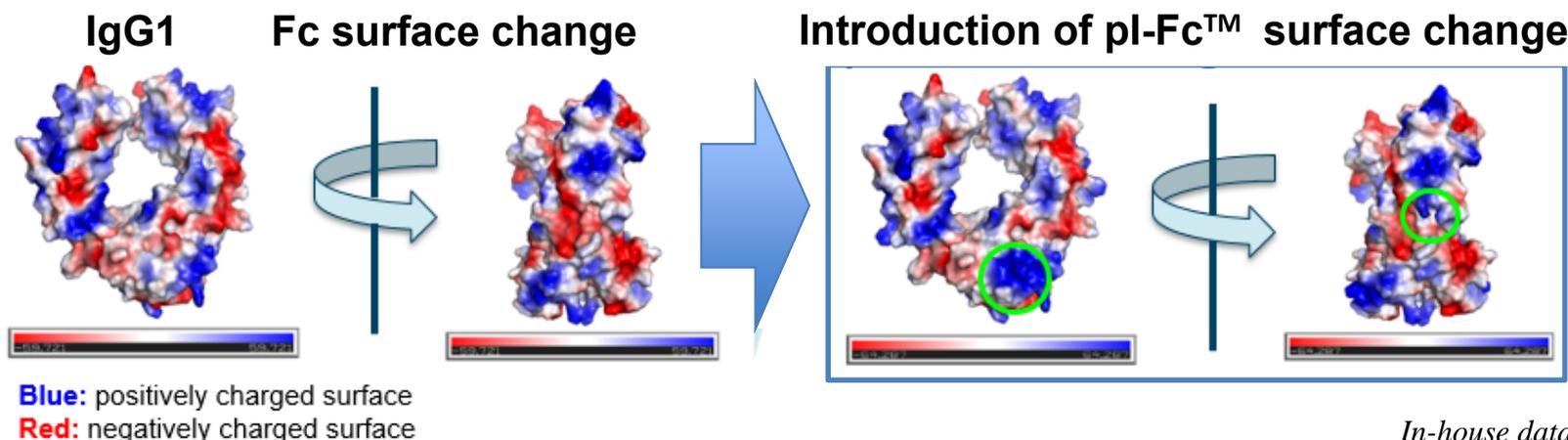
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Nat Rev Immunol. 2010, 10, 328-343.

# pI-Fc™: Positively Charged Fc to Enhance the Uptake of Antibody–Antigen Complex

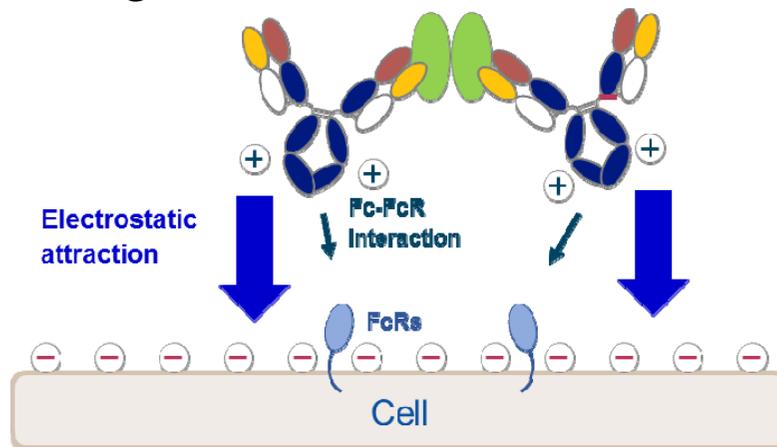


- Introducing positive charge to the Fc domain



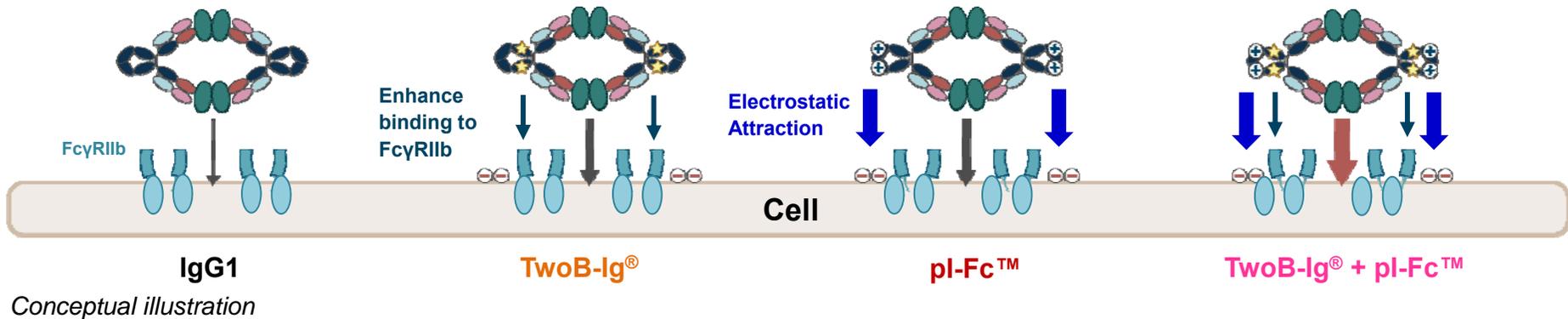
*In-house data*

- Positively charged Fc enhance cellular uptake of the complex



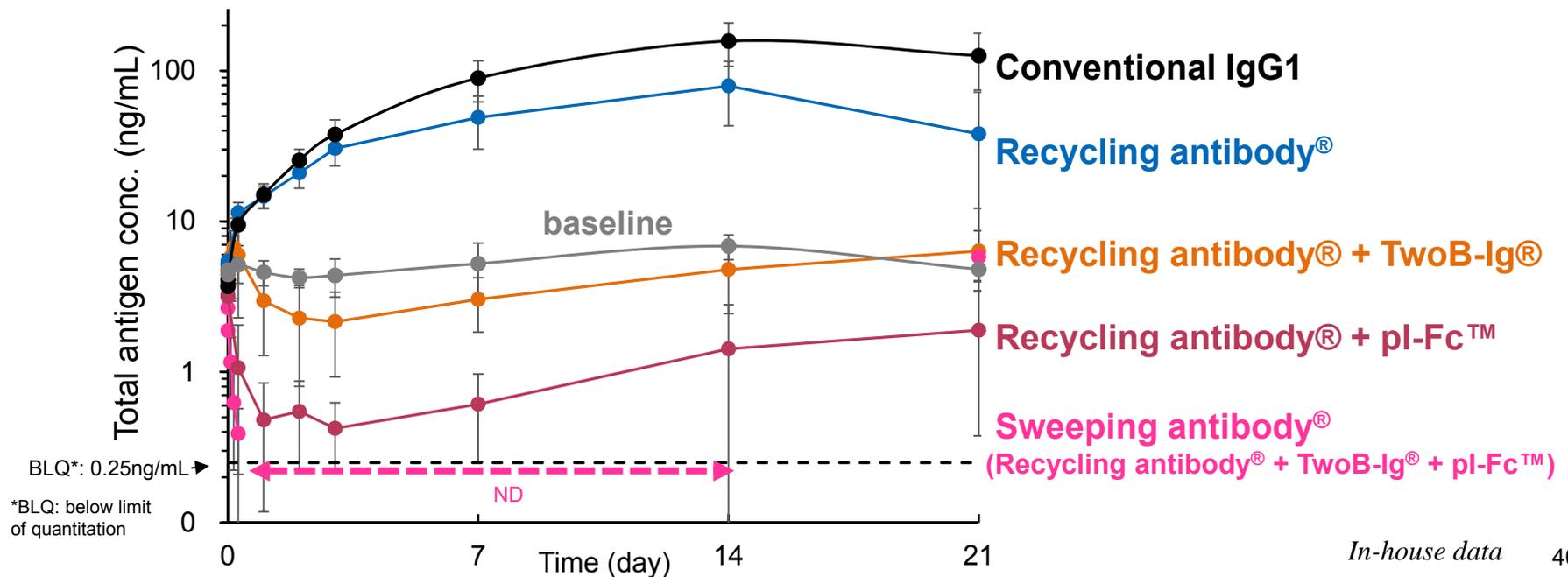
*Conceptual illustration*

# Combination of TwoB-Ig<sup>®</sup> and pI-Fc<sup>™</sup> Achieved Strong Antigen Sweeping in Monkey



## Antigen Sweeping effect in Cynomolgus monkey

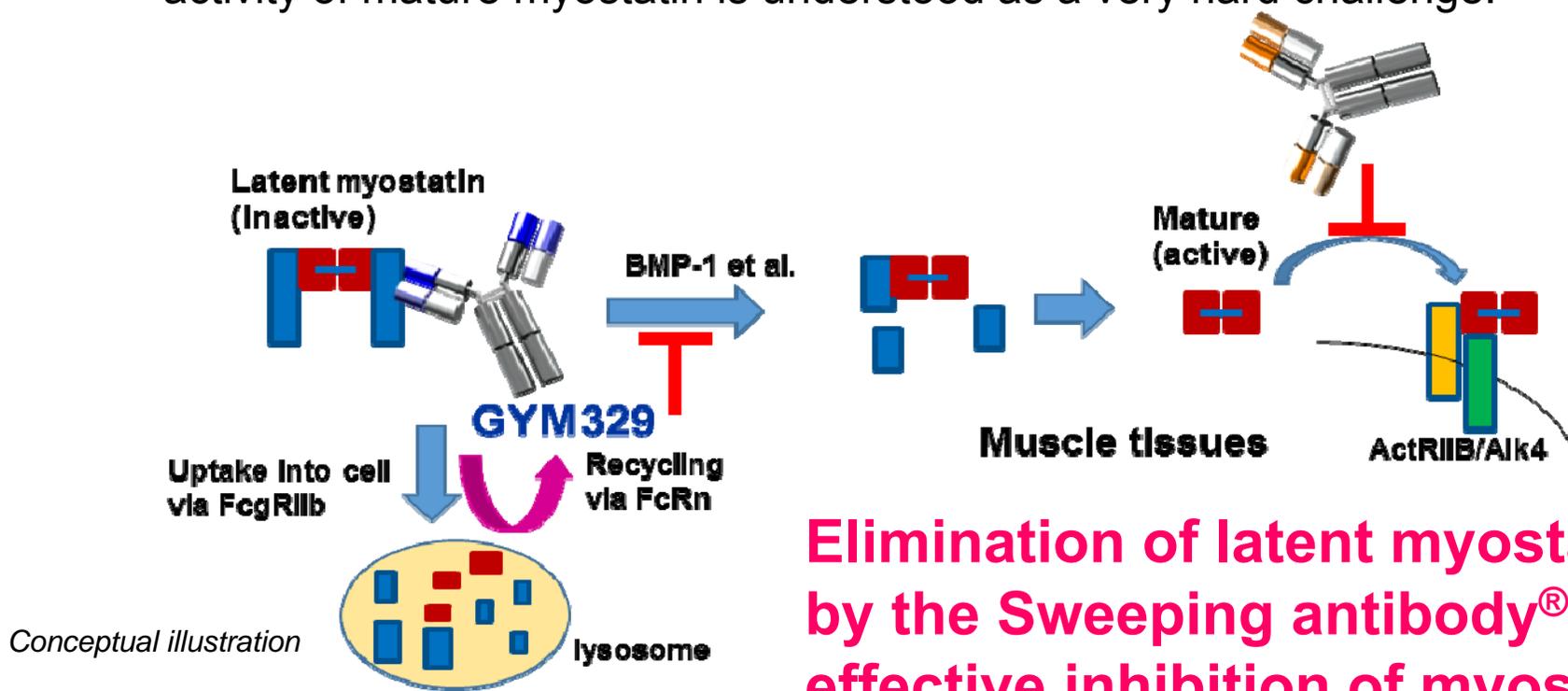
Cyno *in vivo* study



# GYM329/RG6237

## *Anti-latent myostatin Sweeping antibody<sup>®</sup>*

- Control progression of loss in muscle strength by latent myostatin inhibition for neuromuscular disease
  - Myostatin is autocrine/paracrine protein secreted from skeletal muscles as an inactive form (latent and pro-myostatin) and complete inhibition of biological activity of mature myostatin is understood as a very hard challenge.



**Elimination of latent myostatin by the Sweeping antibody<sup>®</sup> for effective inhibition of myostatin**

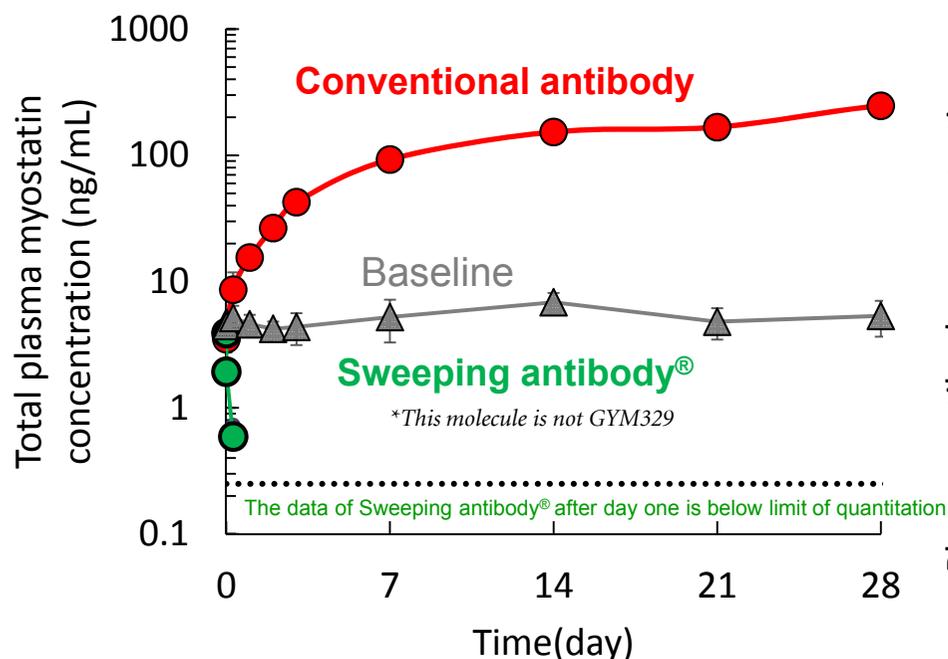
**Sweeping latent myostatin (elimination from plasma)**

# Sweeping antibody<sup>®</sup> Reduced Plasma Latent Myostatin by >1000-fold

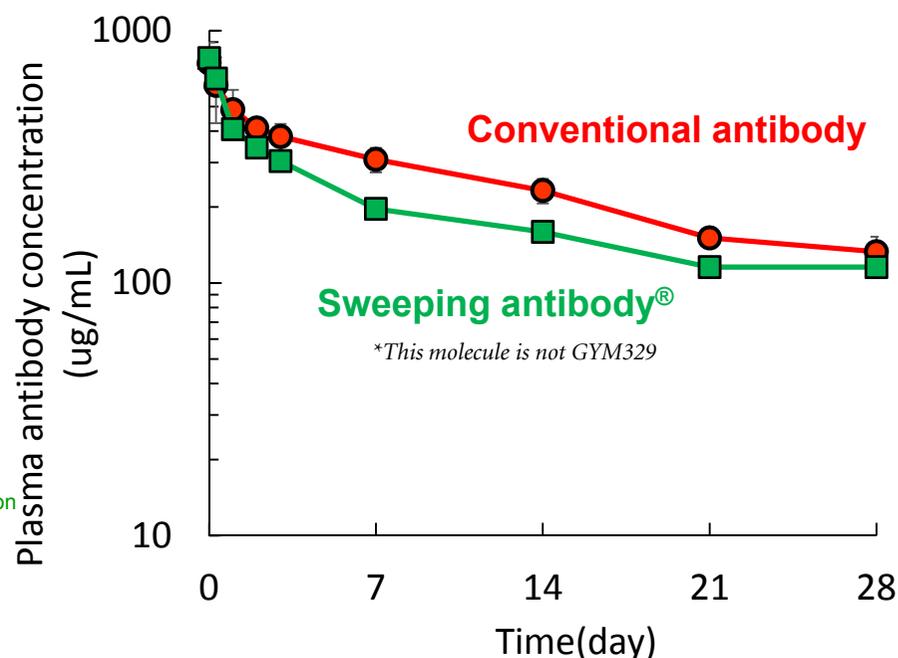


Cyno *in vivo* study

### Total latent myostatin concentration



### Antibody concentration

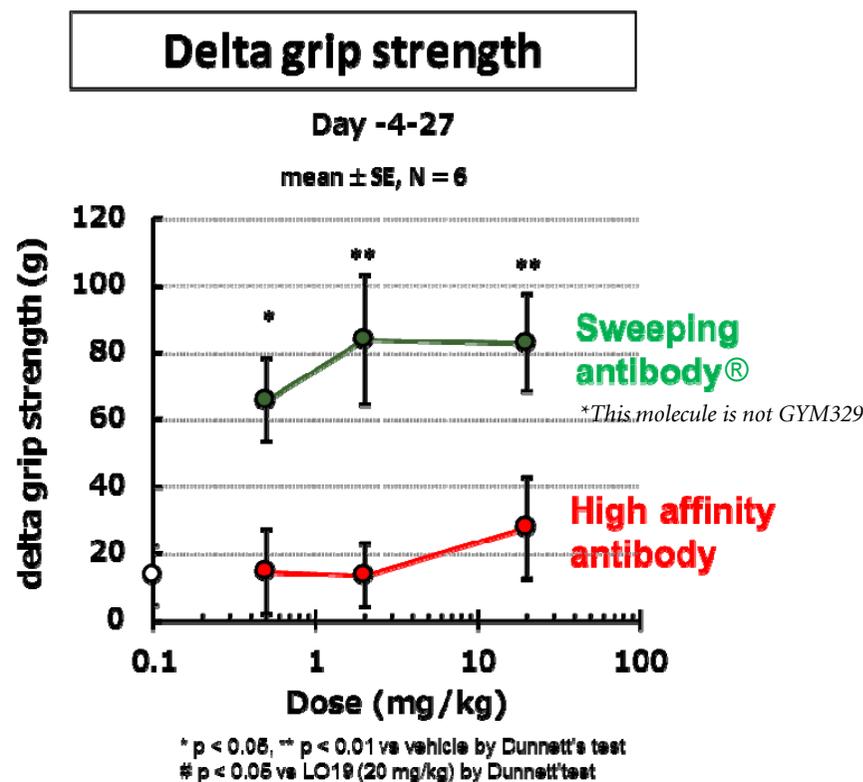
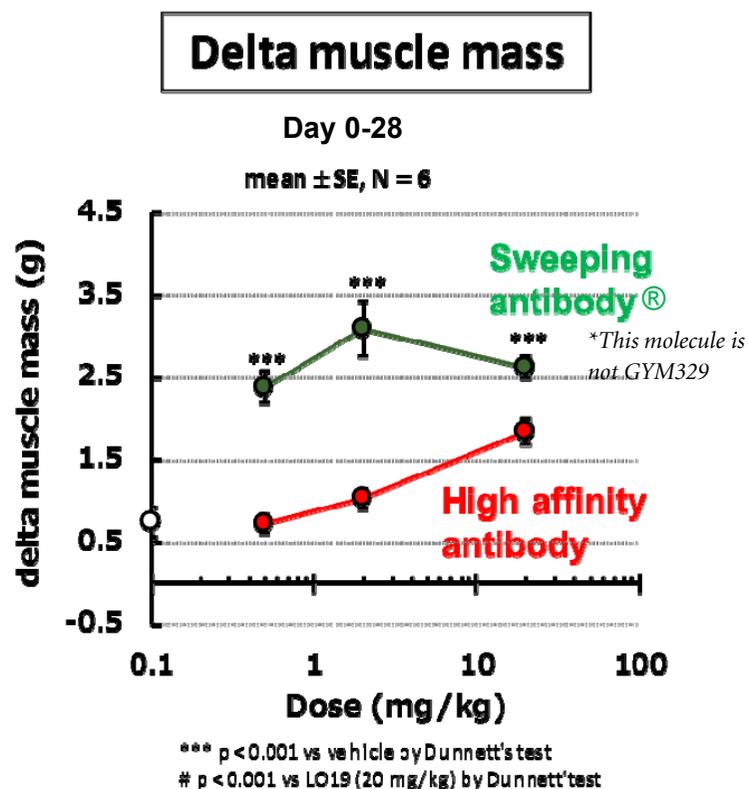


Sweeping antibody<sup>®</sup> eliminated latent myostatin from plasma while antibody pharmacokinetics was similar to conventional antibody.

# Sweeping antibody<sup>®</sup> against latent myostatin is Superior to High Affinity Neutralizing Antibody in Mouse



Mouse *in vivo* study



Sweeping antibody<sup>®</sup> against latent myostatin is highly effective in increasing both muscle mass and muscle function of SCID mouse.

# Recycling antibody<sup>®</sup> and Sweeping antibody<sup>®</sup>

## Summary



- ❑ Recycling antibody<sup>®</sup> technology was validated clinically.
- ❑ Sweeping antibody<sup>®</sup> technology was established by combination of TwoB-Ig<sup>®</sup> and pI-Fc<sup>™</sup> technology.
  - Confirmed sweeping effect in cynomolgous monkey
- ❑ Sweeping antibody<sup>®</sup> against latent myostatin reduced total antigen concentration by >1000-fold and improved maximum pharmacological efficacy.
  
- ❑ **4** project utilizing these technologies in clinical development.
  - Satralizumab (anti-IL6R Recycling antibody<sup>®</sup>)
  - Crovalimab (anti-C5 Recycling antibody<sup>®</sup>)
  - GYM329/RG6237 (anti-latent myostatin Sweeping antibody<sup>®</sup>)
  - AMY109 (Recycling antibody<sup>®</sup>)
- ❑ **2** project utilizing these technologies in discovery stage.



# Switch-Ig<sup>®</sup> / Switch Antibody<sup>™</sup> Technology

# On-target Toxicity is One of the Remaining Challenges of Antibody Therapeutics

## Anti-CD44v6 antibody drug conjugate

Systemic killing of CD44v6+ cells



Kill CD44v6 positive cancer cell

**Fatal skin toxicity as side effect  
(clinical development terminated)**

## Anti-4-1BB agonist antibody

Systemic activation of 4-1BB+ immune cells



Activate tumor infiltrating 4-1BB+ T cells

**Fatal hepatic toxicity as side effect  
(clinical development terminated)**

## Anti-EGFR Ab for colorectal cancer

Systemic neutralization of EGFR



Kill EGFR dependent cancer cell

**Severe skin toxicity as side effect**

## Engineered T cell (CAR-T etc) therapy

Systemic killing of antigen expressing cells



Kill antigen positive cancer cell

**Severe side effect by attacking normal  
cells expressing the target antigen**

## Anti-CTLA4 antibody for melanoma

Systemic neutralization of CTLA4



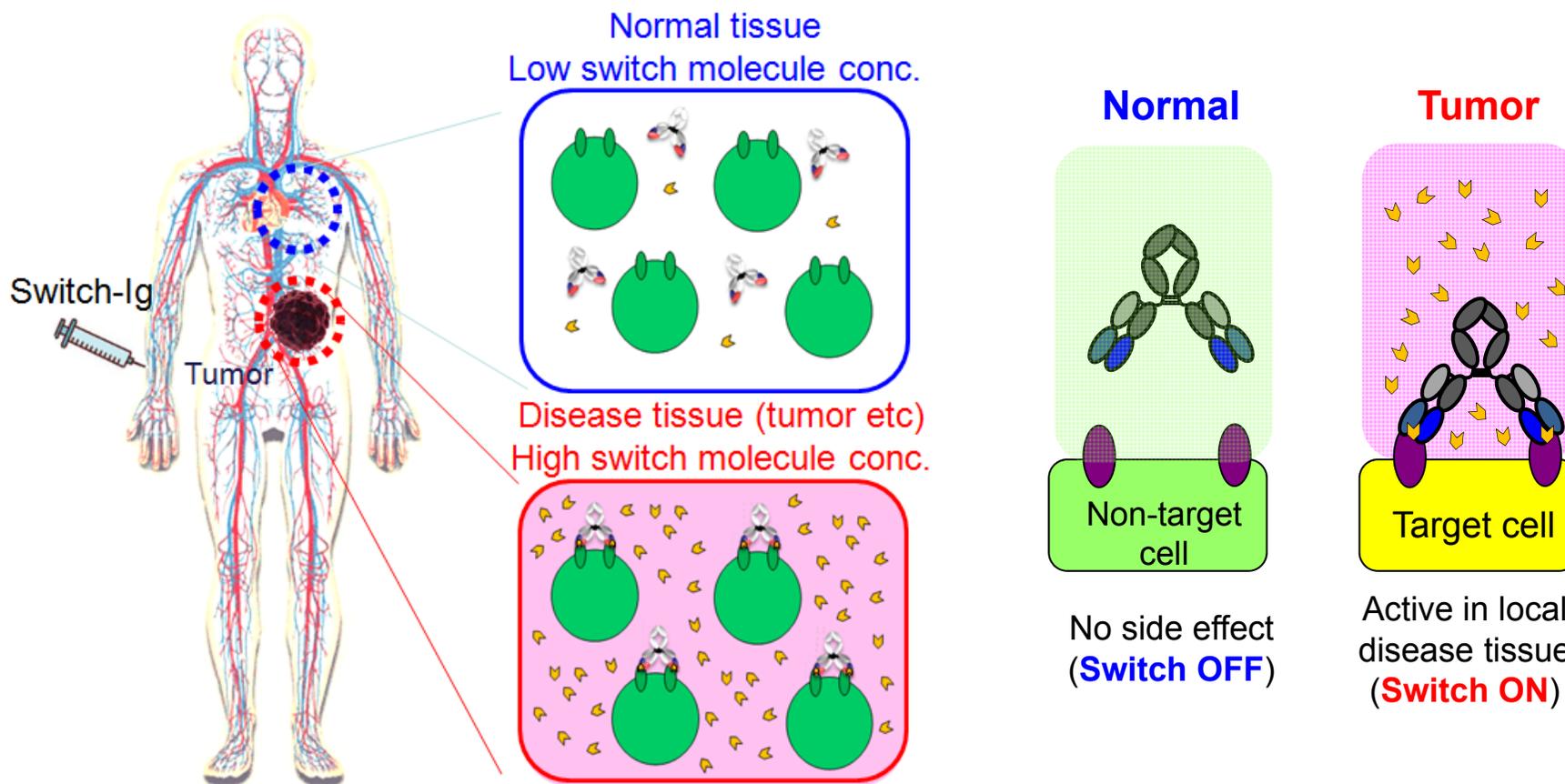
Activate tumor infiltrating CTLs

**Severe autoimmune as side effect**

# Switch-Ig<sup>®</sup>

*Disease microenvironment Switch Antibody<sup>™</sup> technology*

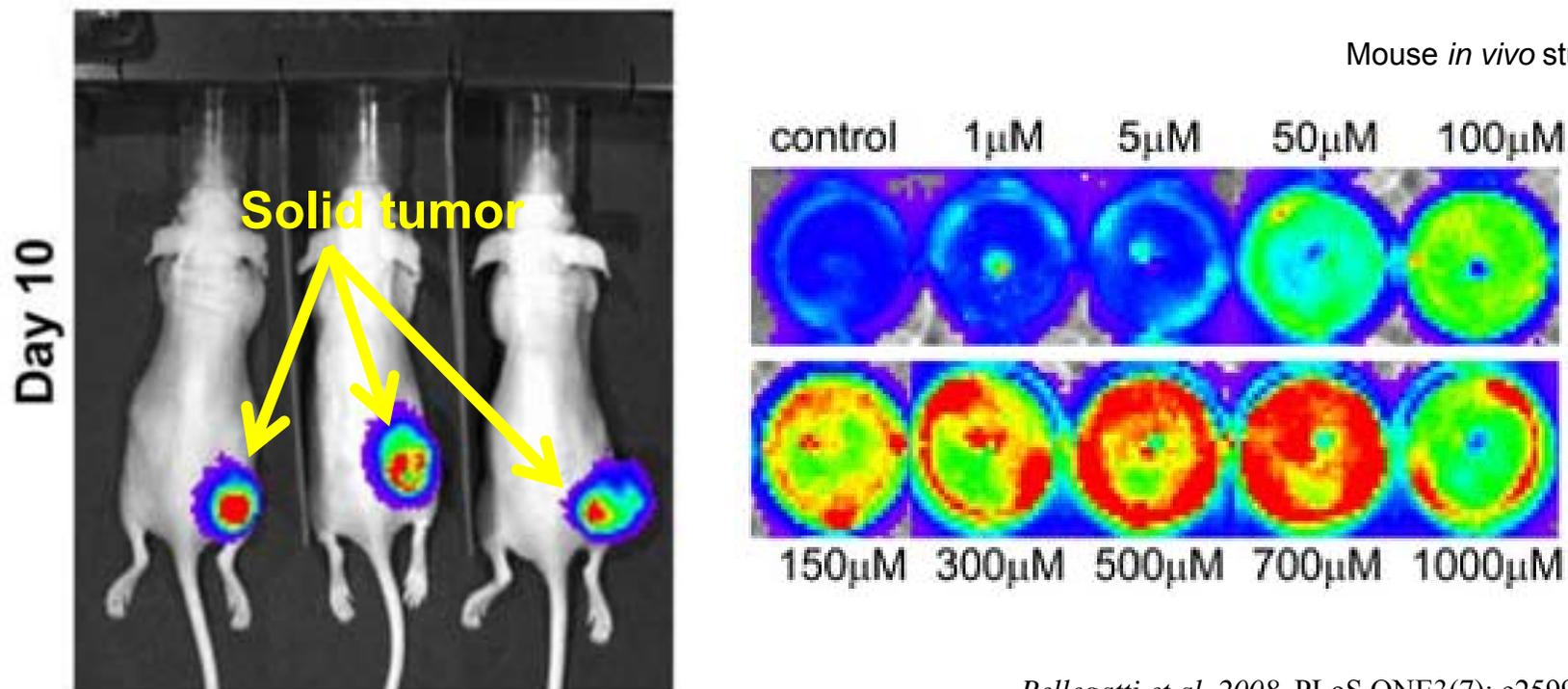
**“Switch Antibody<sup>™</sup>” binds to the antigen only in the presence of tumor specific small molecule metabolite (switch molecule).**



Conceptual illustration

# Extracellular ATP Selectively Elevated in Tumor Microenvironment as Switch Molecule

- Intracellular ATP (adenosine triphosphate) is 5-8 mM, and extracellular ATP in **normal tissue and plasma** is tightly regulated at around **~30 nM**.
- Within solid tumor microenvironment, intracellular ATP is released from necrotic, apoptotic and stressed cancer cells.
- **>100  $\mu\text{M}$**  extracellular ATP is accumulated in **solid tumor** in mice tumor.

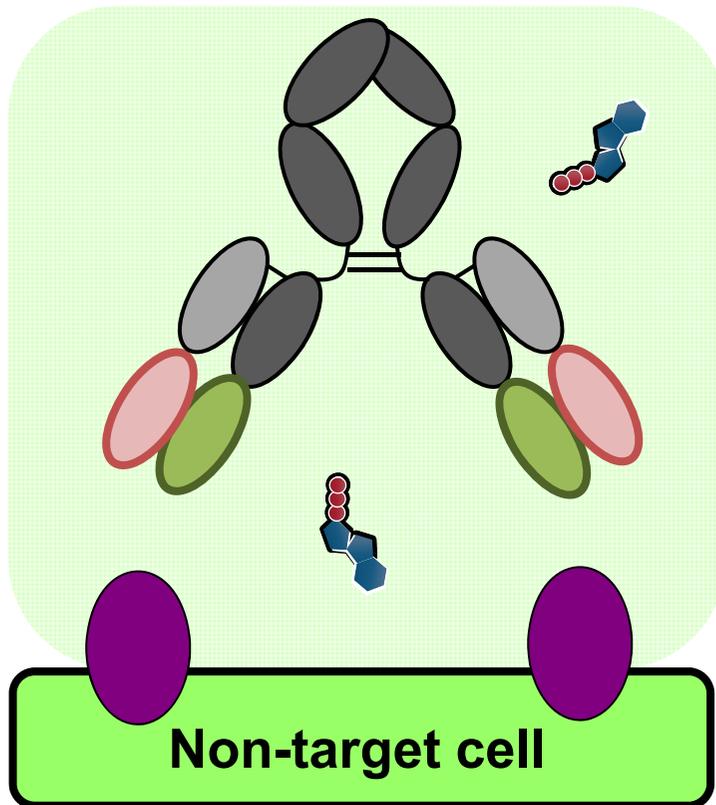


# Switch Antibody™ Binds to the Target Antigen Only under the Presence of ATP

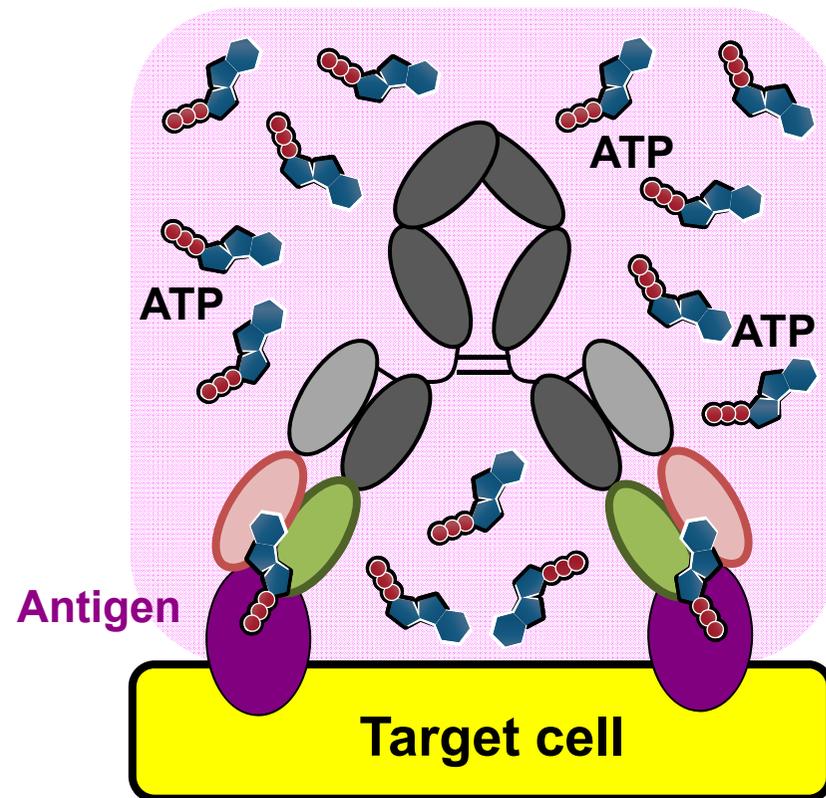


Roche Roche Group

Normal tissue  
(low ATP)



Solid tumor  
(high ATP)



Conceptual illustration

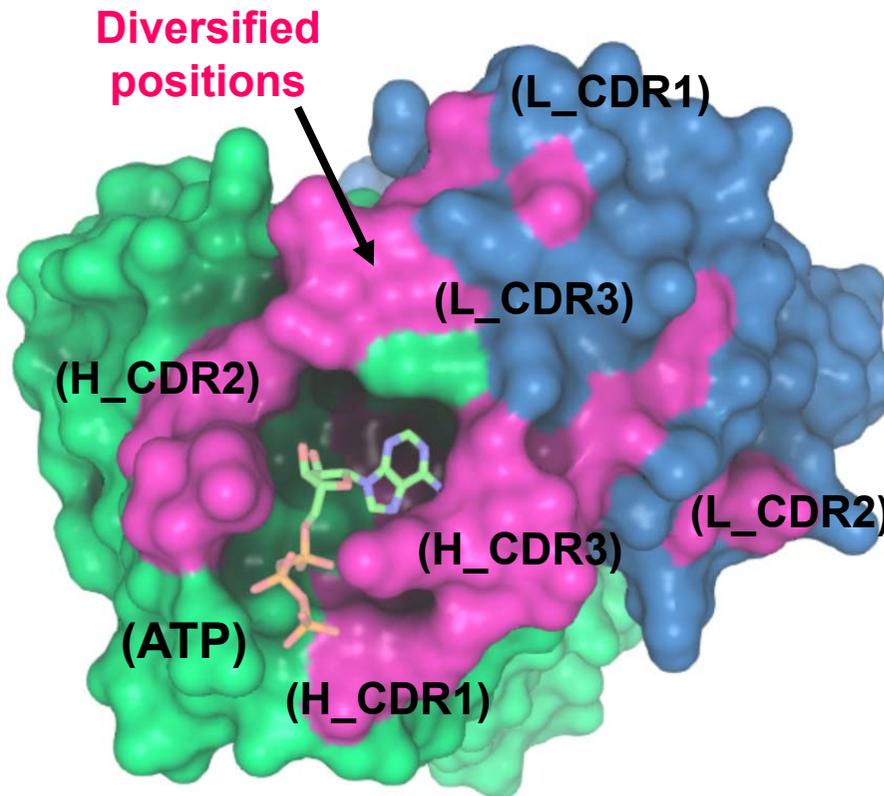
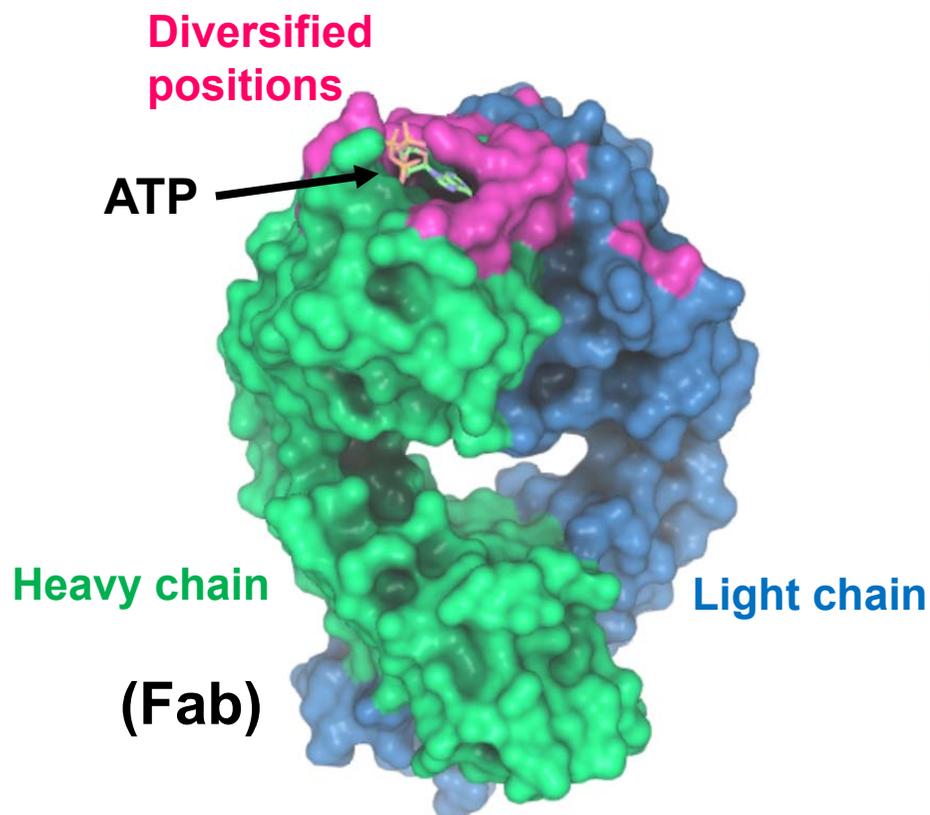
# Designed Phage Library with ATP-binding Motif for ATP Switch Antibody™ Generation



Side view

Top view

X-ray crystal structure



The Fab library is displayed on phage for ATP-dependent binding antibody selection

# Demonstrating the Concept of Switch Antibody™ Using Model Antigen and Animal



- Model antigen
  - Antigen: Human IL-6 receptor (hIL-6R) 
  - Goal: **Generate ATP dependent anti-hIL-6R Switch Antibody™**
- Mouse model
  - Mouse: Transgenic mouse systemically overexpressing hIL-6R in normal tissues, and bearing hIL-6R expressing solid tumor
  - Goal: **Switch Antibody™ does not bind to hIL-6R in normal tissue, but bind to hIL-6R expressed on cancer cell and exert anti-tumor activity**

**Non-switch Antibody  
(=Conventional Ab)**



**Switch Antibody™**



*Conceptual illustration*

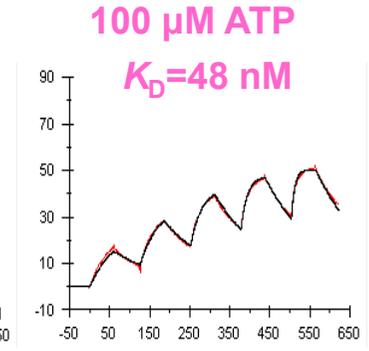
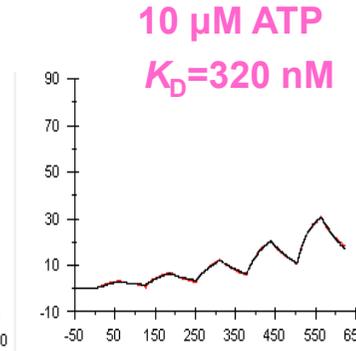
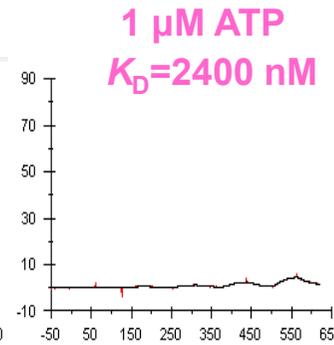
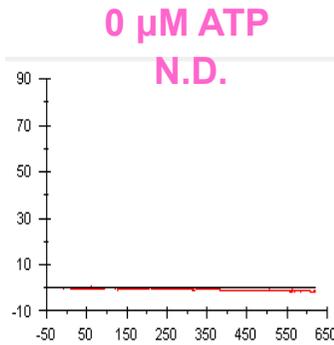
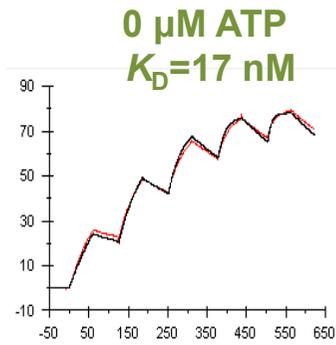
# Switch Antibody™ Demonstrates ATP Dependent hIL-6R Binding and ADCC Activity



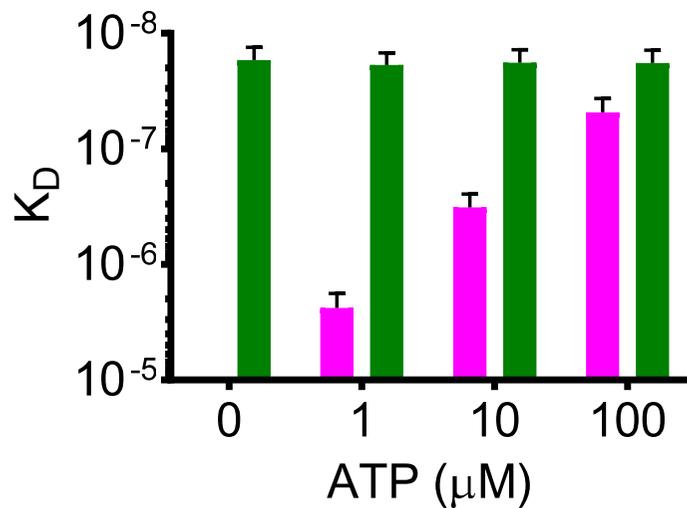
Binding analysis by surface plasmon resonance  
in vitro study

Non-switch Antibody

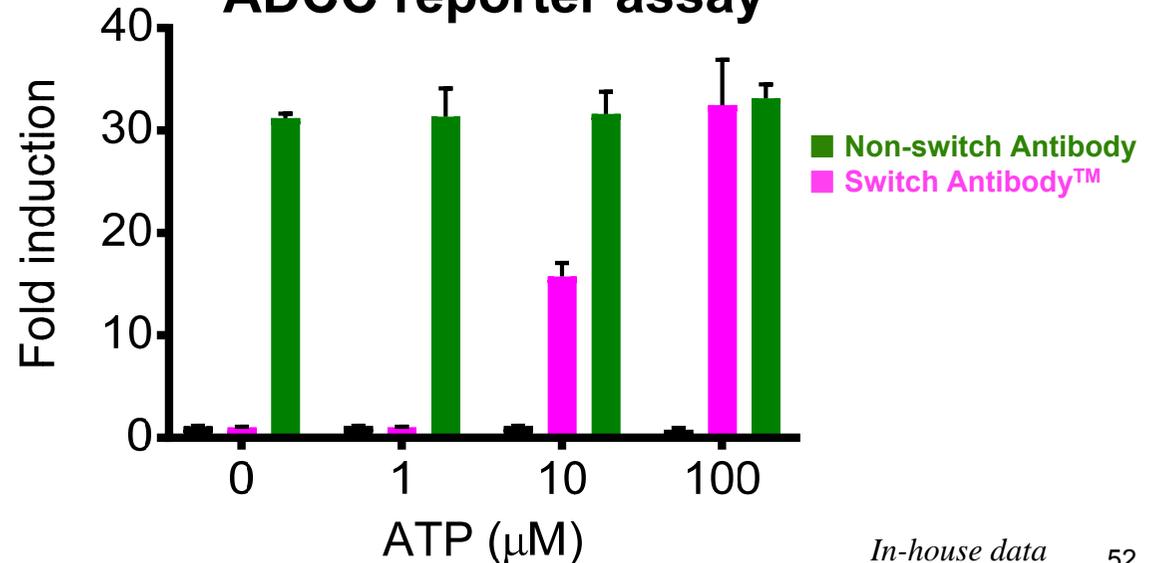
Switch Antibody™



Binding affinity ( $K_D$ )



ADCC reporter assay



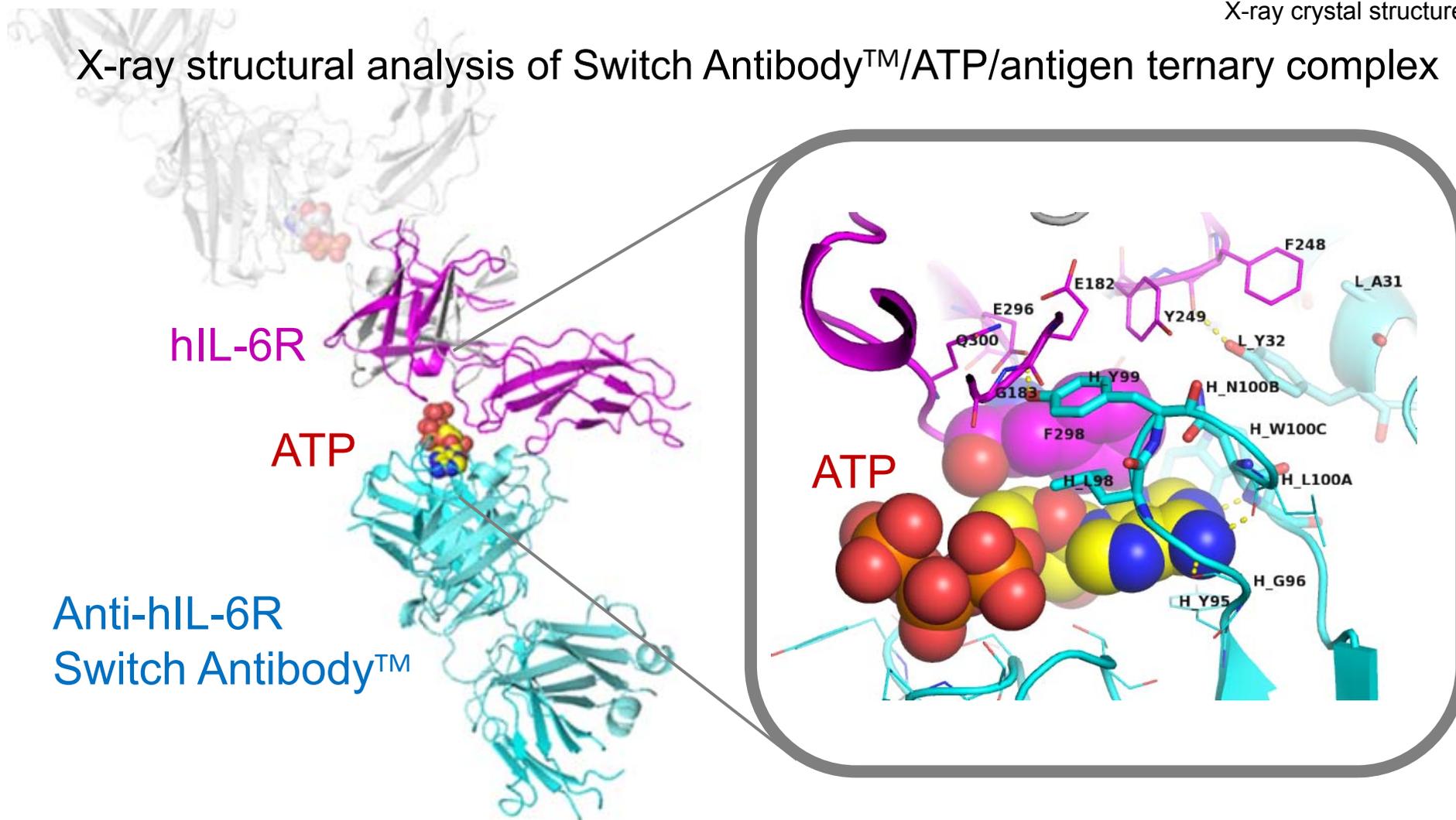
In-house data

# ATP Located in Between Switch Antibody™ and the Antigen Serving as a Switch



X-ray crystal structure

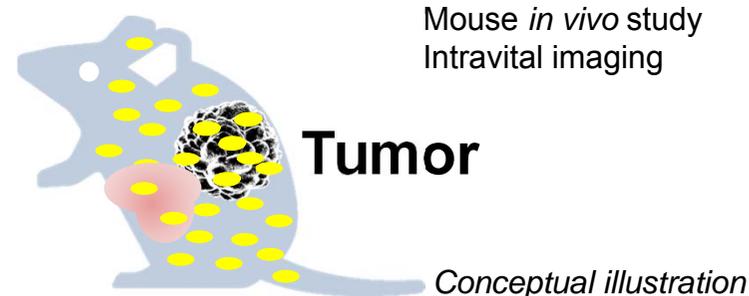
X-ray structural analysis of Switch Antibody™/ATP/antigen ternary complex



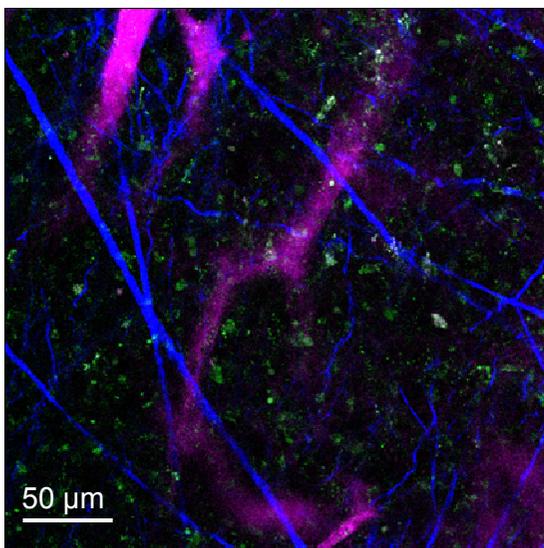
# Switch Antibody™ was Similarly Distributed to hIL-6R Expressing Tumor as Non-switch Antibody



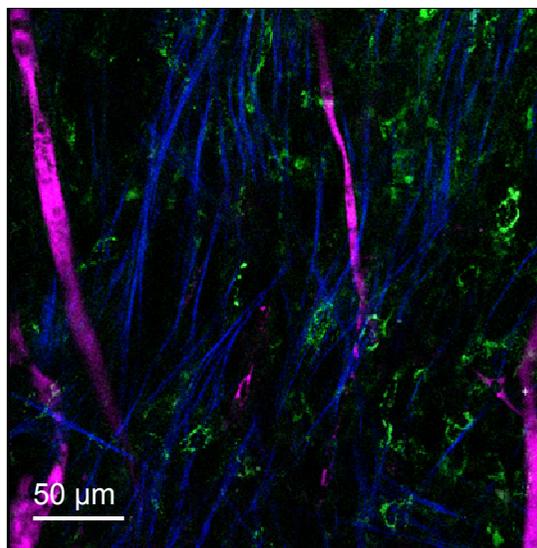
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hIL-6R expressing Hepa 1-6 mouse tumor  
(all three antibodies were labelled in green)



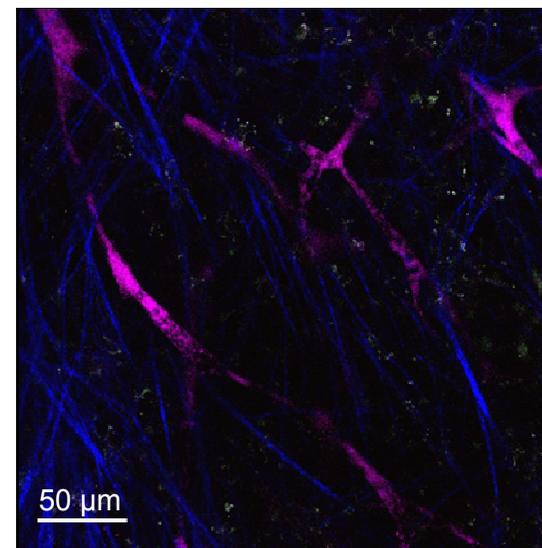
## Non-switch Antibody



## Switch Antibody™



## Isotype control



Collaboration with Department of Immunology and Cell Biology, Graduate School of Medicine, Osaka university

Green signal : Antibody  
Pink signal : Blood vessel  
Blue signal : collagen

*In-house data*

# Switch Antibody™ was not Distributed to hIL-6R Overexpressing Liver



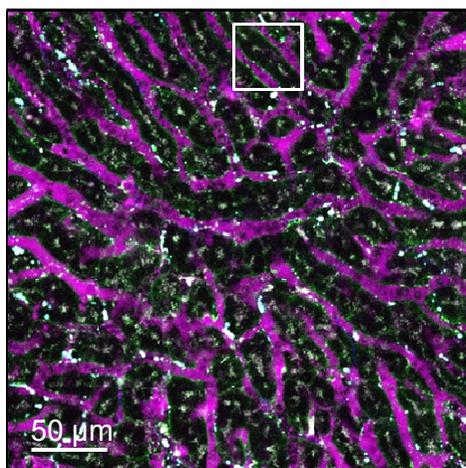
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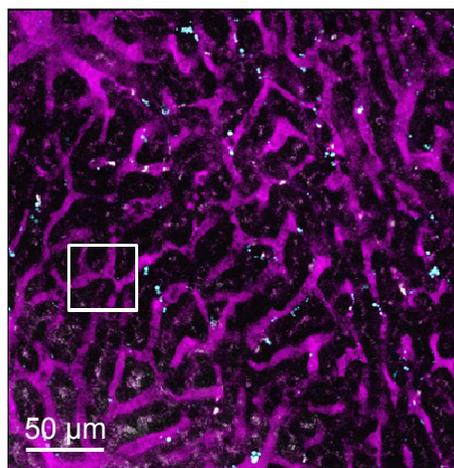
Mouse *in vivo* study  
Intravital imaging

Conceptual illustration

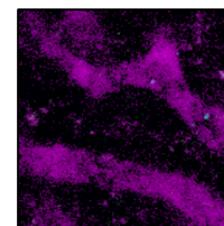
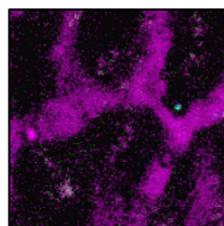
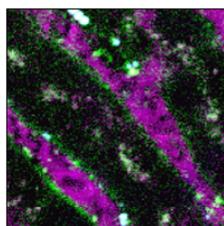
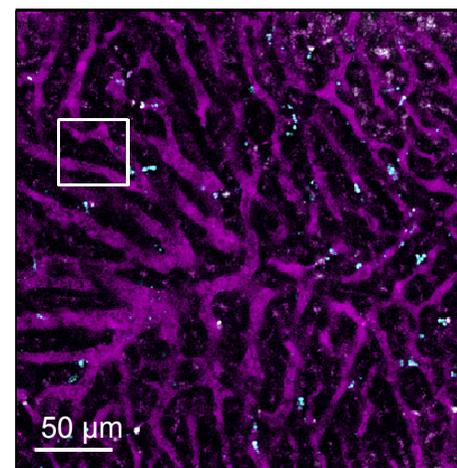
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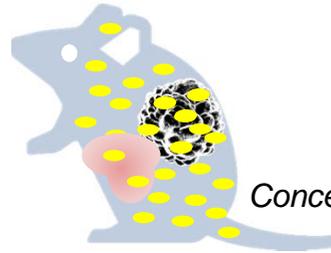
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Collaboration with Osaka university

*In-house data*

# Switch Antibody™ was Selectively Distributed to Tumor but not to Liver

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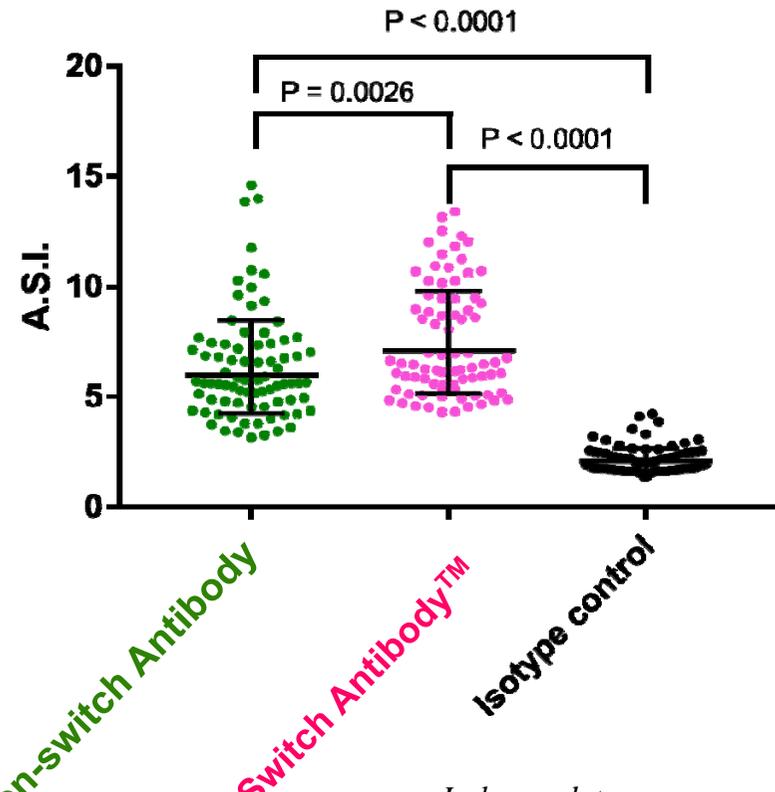
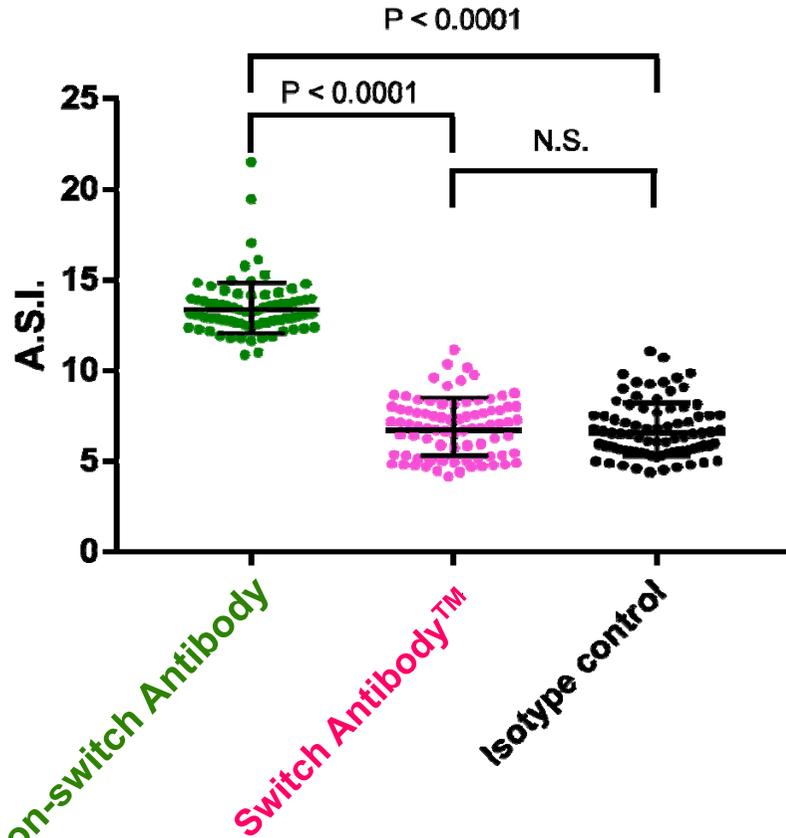


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Mouse *in vivo* study  
Intravital imaging  
Tukey's multiple comparison test

**Liver**

**Tumor**



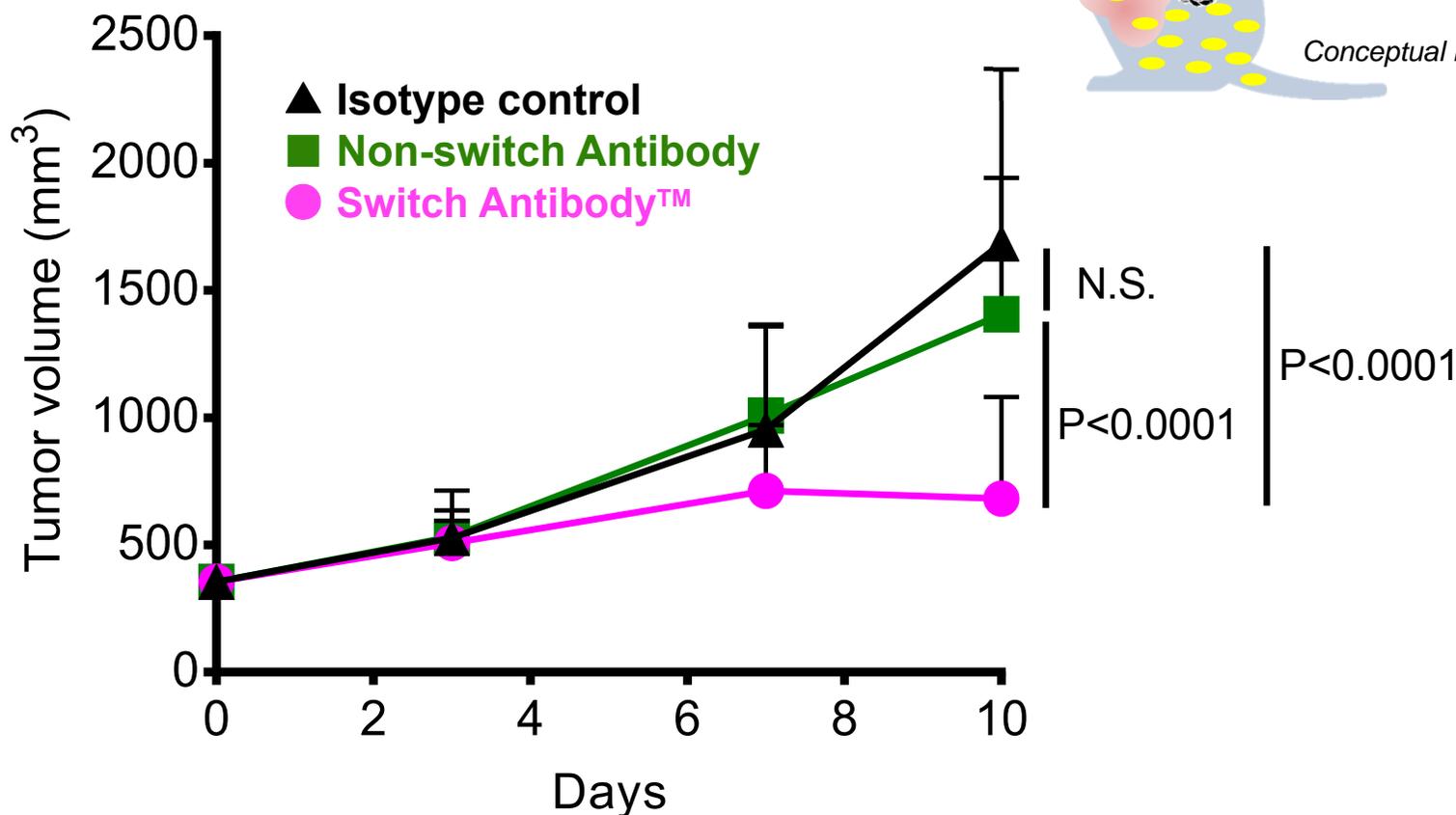
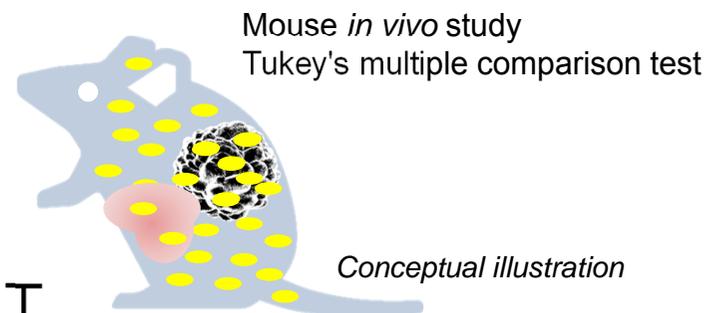
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# Switch Antibody™ Demonstrated Tumor Growth Inhibition



hIL-6R transgenic mouse with  
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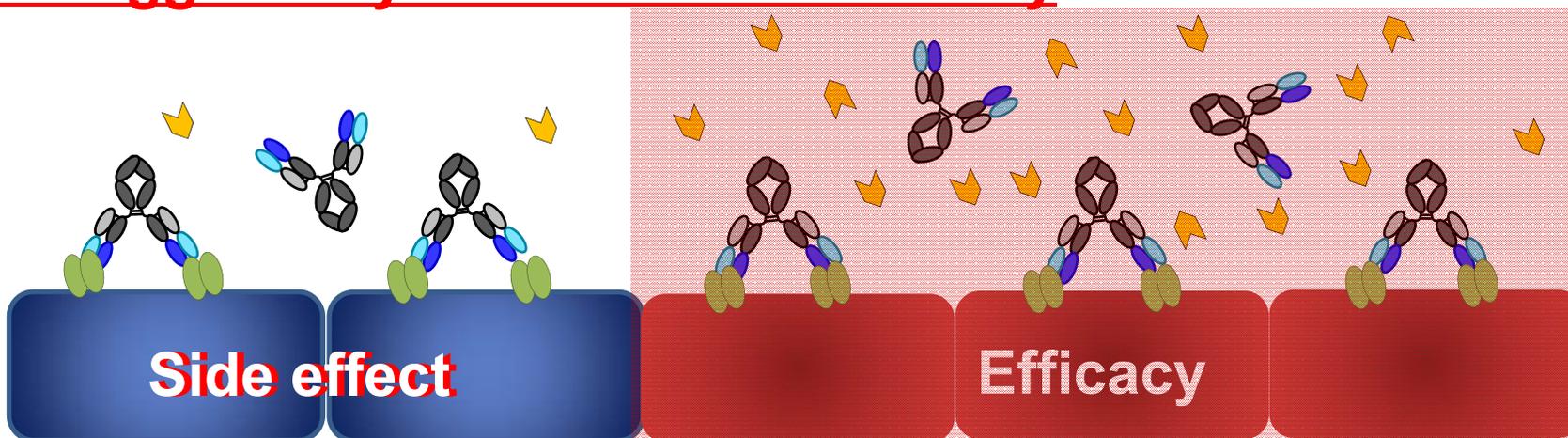


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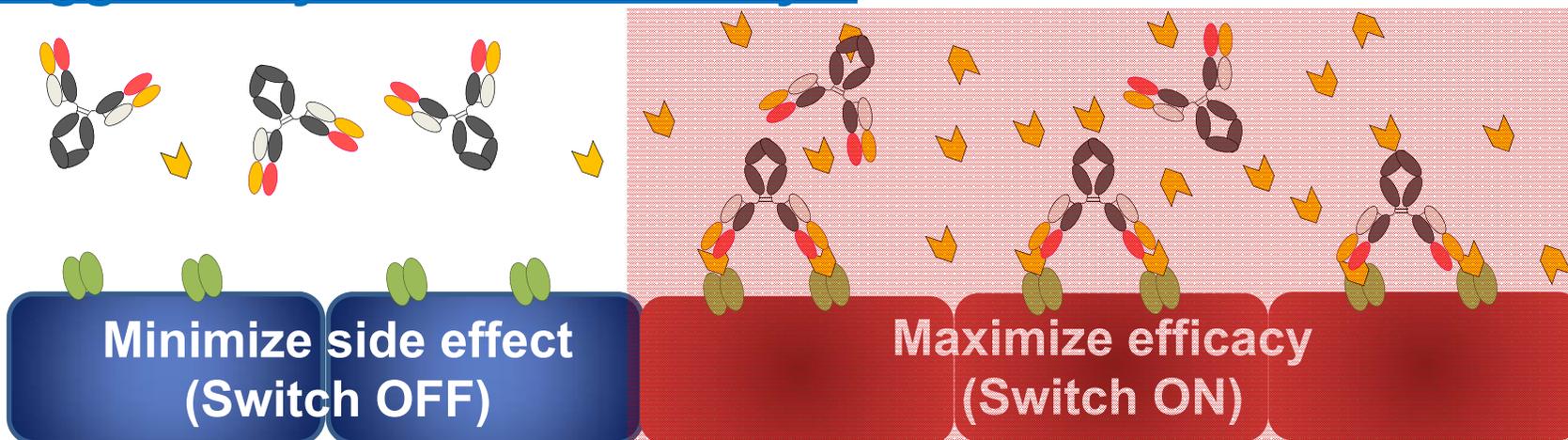
# Making Undruggable Target Druggable



## Undruggable by conventional antibody



## Druggable by Switch Antibody™



Normal tissue

Disease lesion with high switch molecule

# Switch Antibody™ Summary



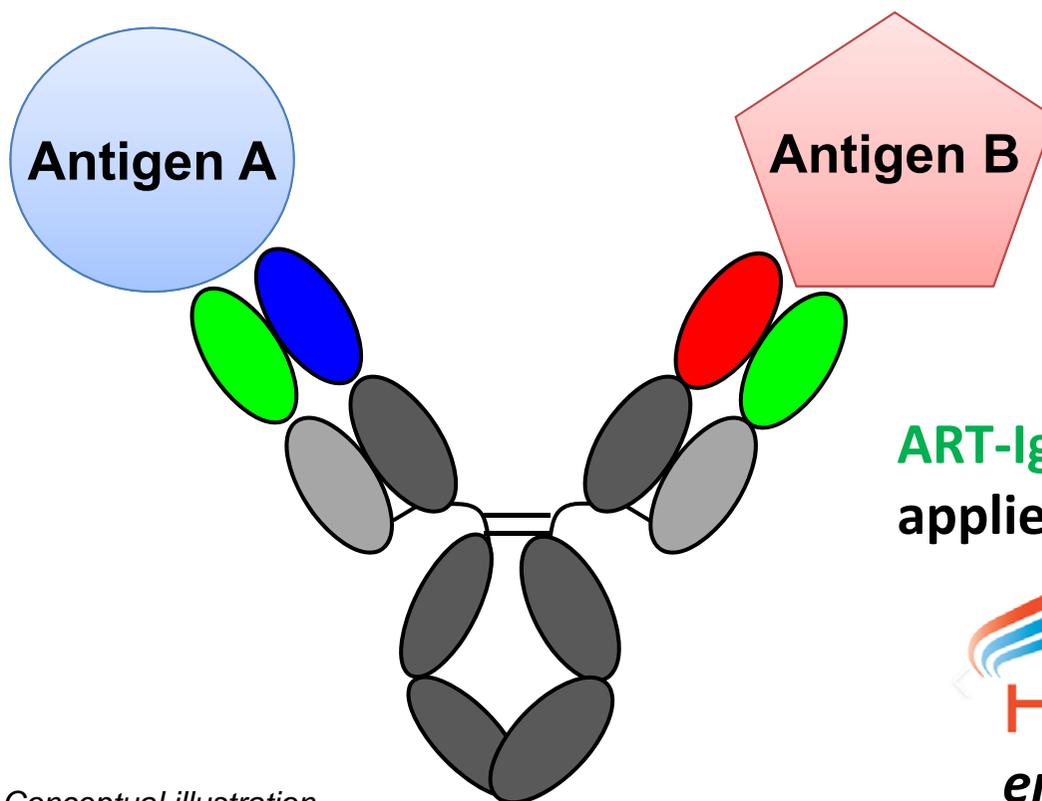
- ❑ Switch-Ig® specifically binds to the target antigen in the tumor microenvironment without detectable binding to the antigen in plasma and normal tissue.
- ❑ Switch-Ig® technology transforms undruggable target into druggable target, and enables more effective and safer antibody therapeutics in oncology field.
  - **1** project utilizing Switch-Ig® planned to enter into clinical development next year.
  - **6** projects utilizing Switch-Ig® in discovery stage.



# Next Generation Bispecific Antibody Technology

# First Generation Bispecific Antibody

*Asymmetric bispecific IgG antibody with common light chain*



*Conceptual illustration*

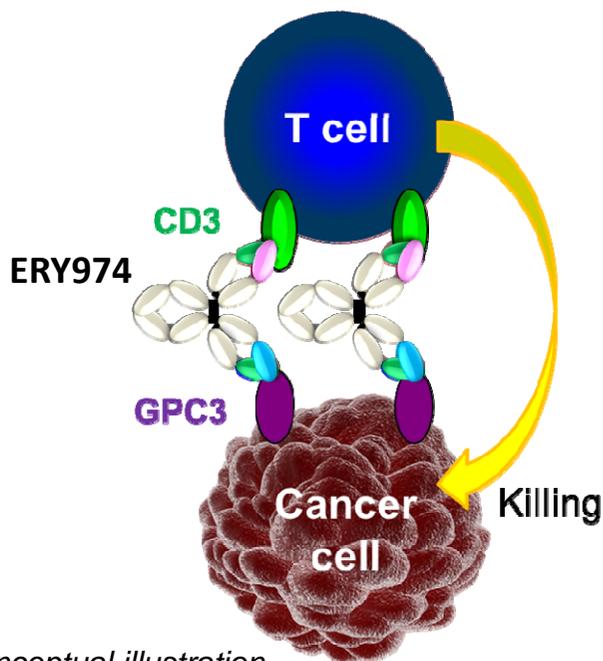
**ART-Ig<sup>®</sup> technology successfully applied to create Hemlibra<sup>®</sup>**



# ERY974: T cell Redirecting AntiBody (TRAB<sup>®</sup>) *Anti-GPC3/CD3 bispecific antibody*

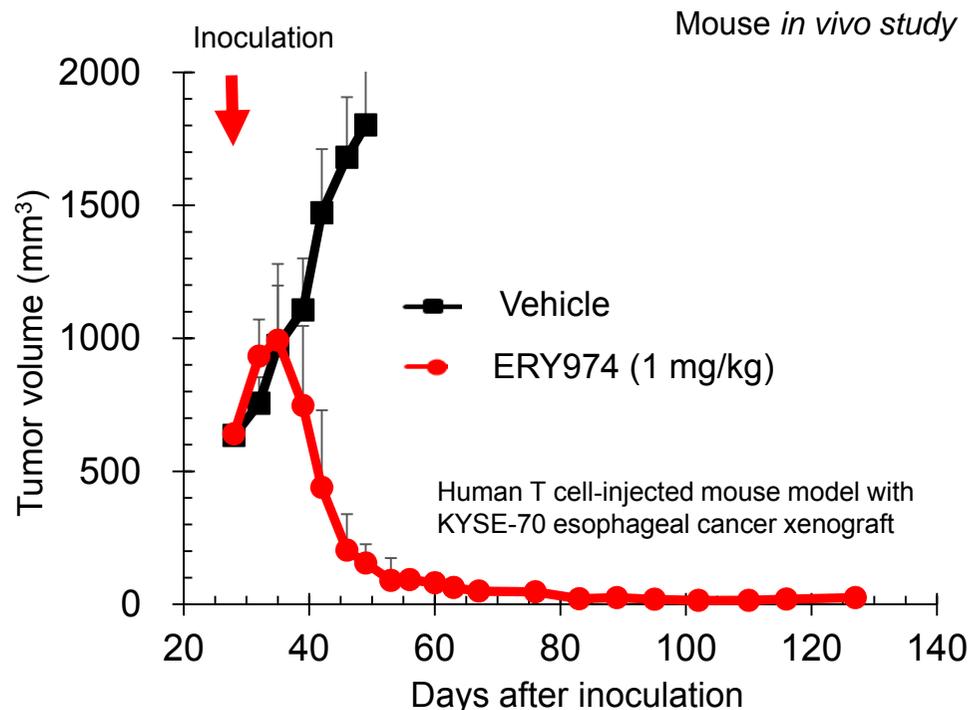


- **TRAB<sup>®</sup>** is Chugai's proprietary platform with TA(tumor antigen)/CD3 bispecific IgG antibody engineered not to bind to FcγR.
- ERY974 is Chugai's first TRAB<sup>®</sup> being tested in phase 1 study.



Conceptual illustration

Applied **ART-Ig<sup>®</sup>** with common light chain for bispecific antibody manufacturing.



*Science Trans Med, 2017, Ishiguro et al*

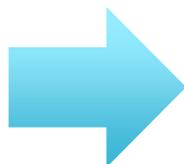
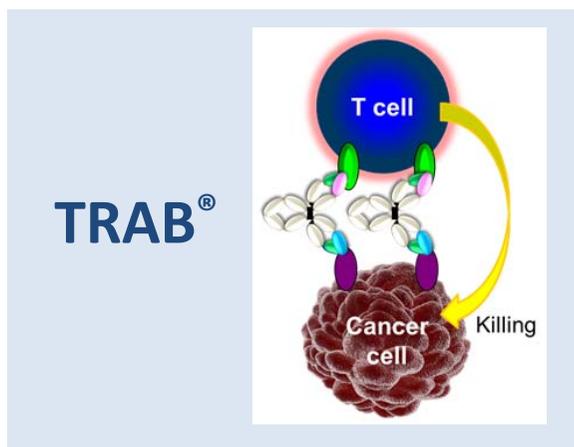
(Author is an employee of Chugai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.)

# Next Generation Bispecific Antibody

## ❑ Second generation



**NXT007**  
Second generation emicizumab



1. Expand to other tumor antigens
2. Enhance efficacy
3. Improve safety

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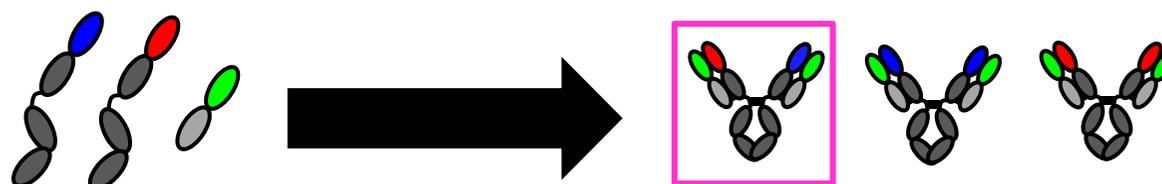
## ❑ Third generation

**Novel mode of action by controlled binding to two antigens  
(not just binding to two different antigens)**

# Second Generation Bispecific Antibody

## *Non-common Lch asymmetric bispecific antibody*

- First generation: **ART-Ig<sup>®</sup>** using common light chain



*Advantage*

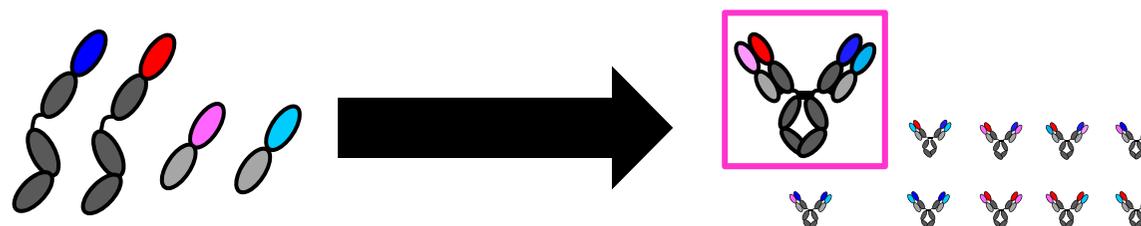
Easiness for manufacturing

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*Disadvantage*

Engineering freedom is limited

- Second generation: **FAST-Ig<sup>™</sup>** with non-common light chain



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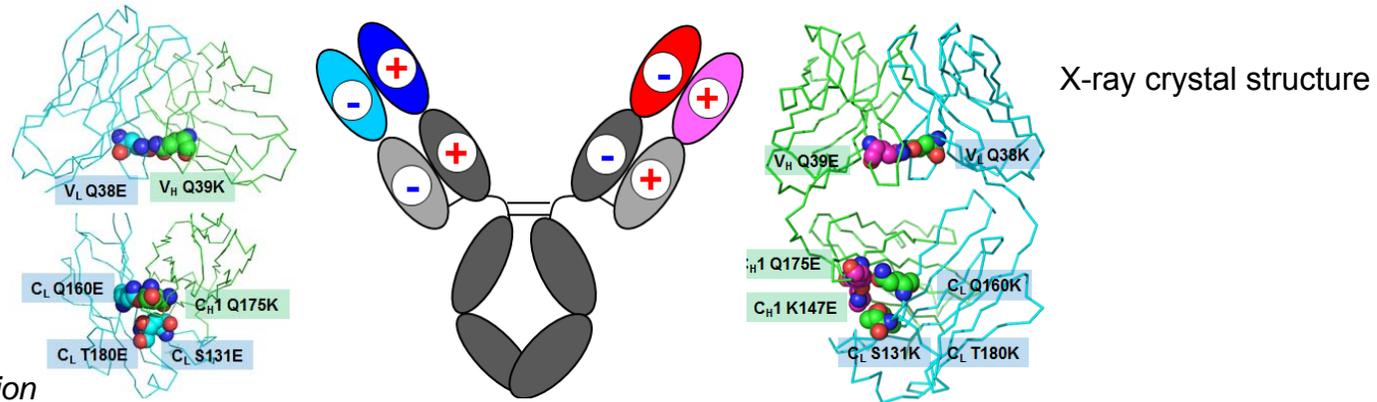
**Freedom to engineer two light chains independently, and allows design of bispecific antibody with complex mode of action**

# FAST-Ig™

## Four-chain Assembly by electrostatic Steering Technology

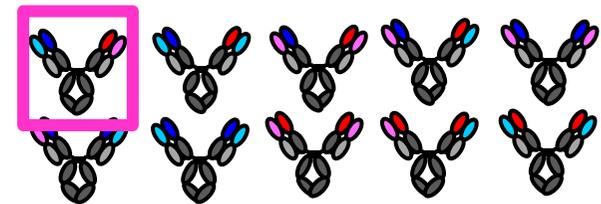
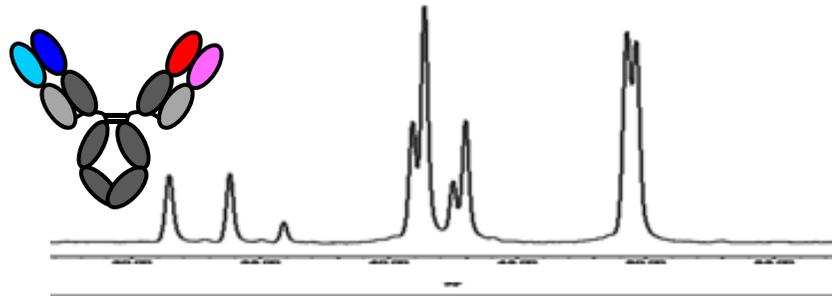


- Controlled heavy and light chain assembly by charge engineering

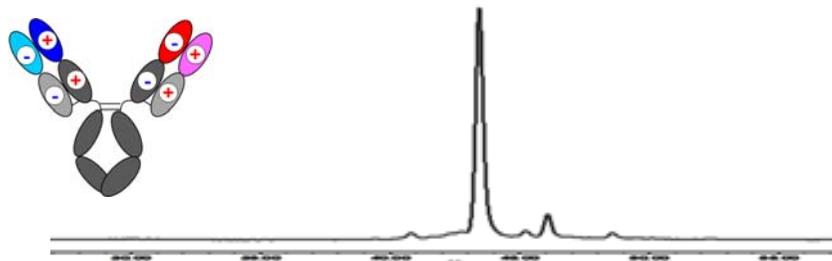


Conceptual illustration

Wild type  
IgG1  
(HLL)



FAST-Ig™  
(HLL)



Ion exchange chromatography analysis of protein A purified samples

*In-house data*

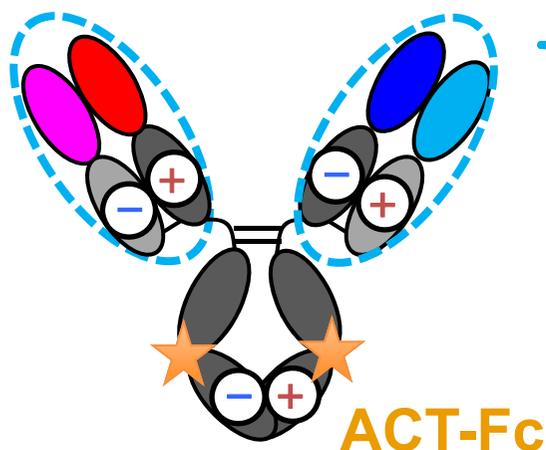
# NXT007

## Anti-FIXa/FX bispecific antibody



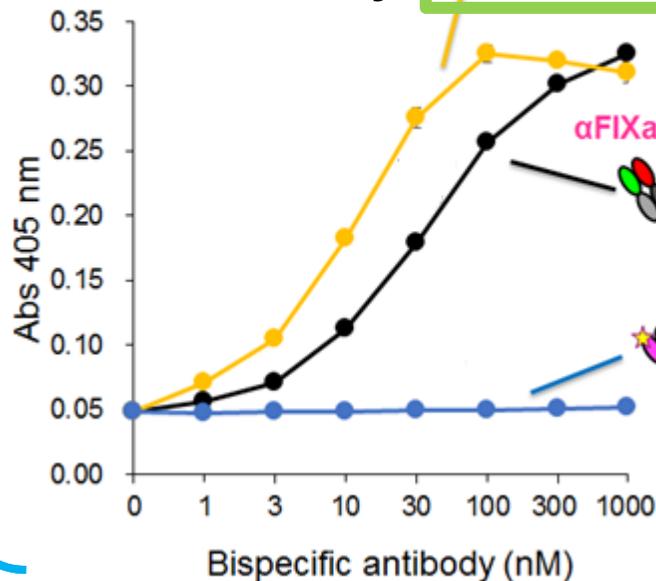
Example of enhancing activity with non-common Lch

FAST-Ig™



Conceptual illustration

FVIII-like activity



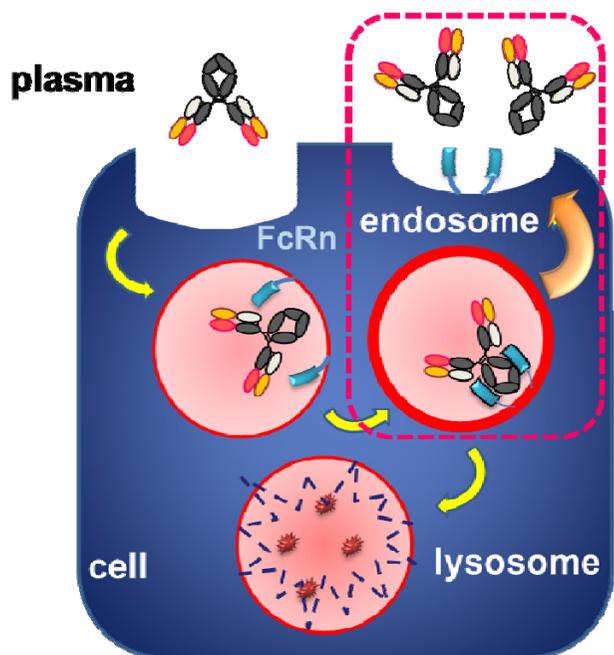
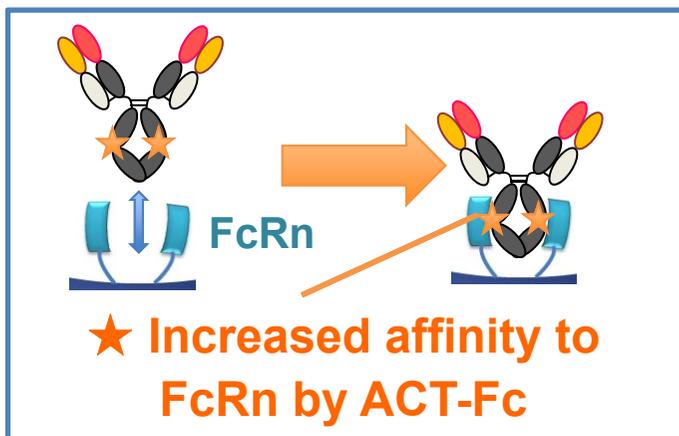
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### NXT007 Target Profile

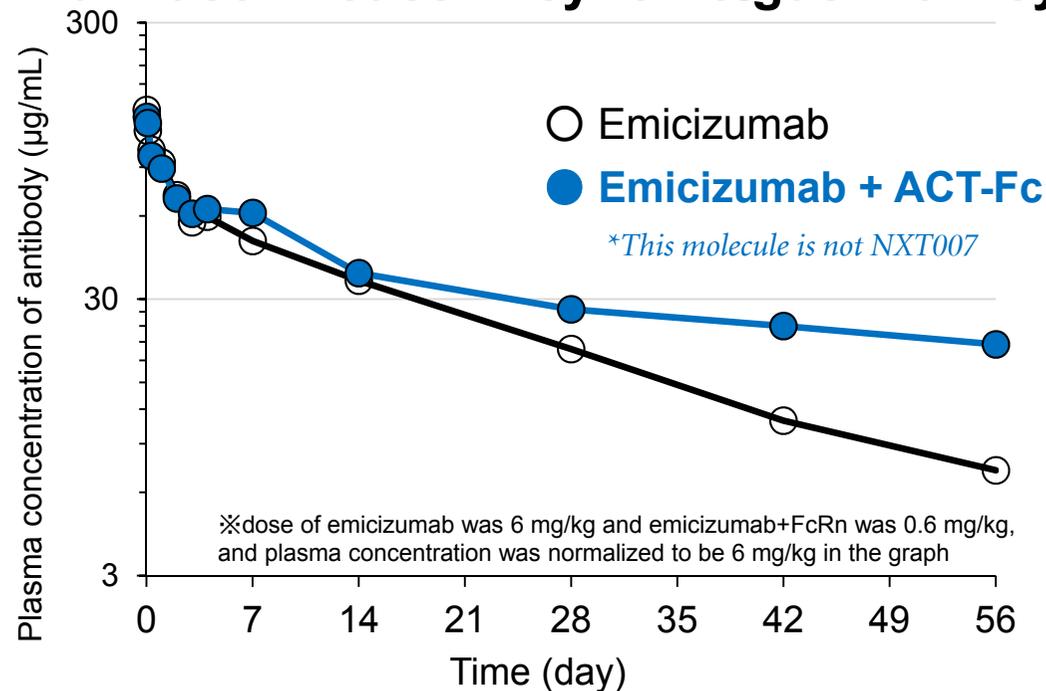
- Achieve normal level of hemostatic ability
  - ✓ Further optimization of emicizumab variable region enabled by FAST-Ig™
- Improved convenience in administration
  - ✓ Achieved by ACT-Fc and application of administration device etc

# ACT-Fc: FcRn Binding Enhancing Mutation Improves the Pharmacokinetics of Emicizumab



Conceptual illustration

## Pharmacokinetics in cynomolgus monkey



	T <sub>1/2</sub> (day)	CL (mL/day/kg)
Emicizumab	19.4	3.69
<b>Emicizumab + ACT-Fc</b>	<b>54.5</b>	<b>1.70</b>

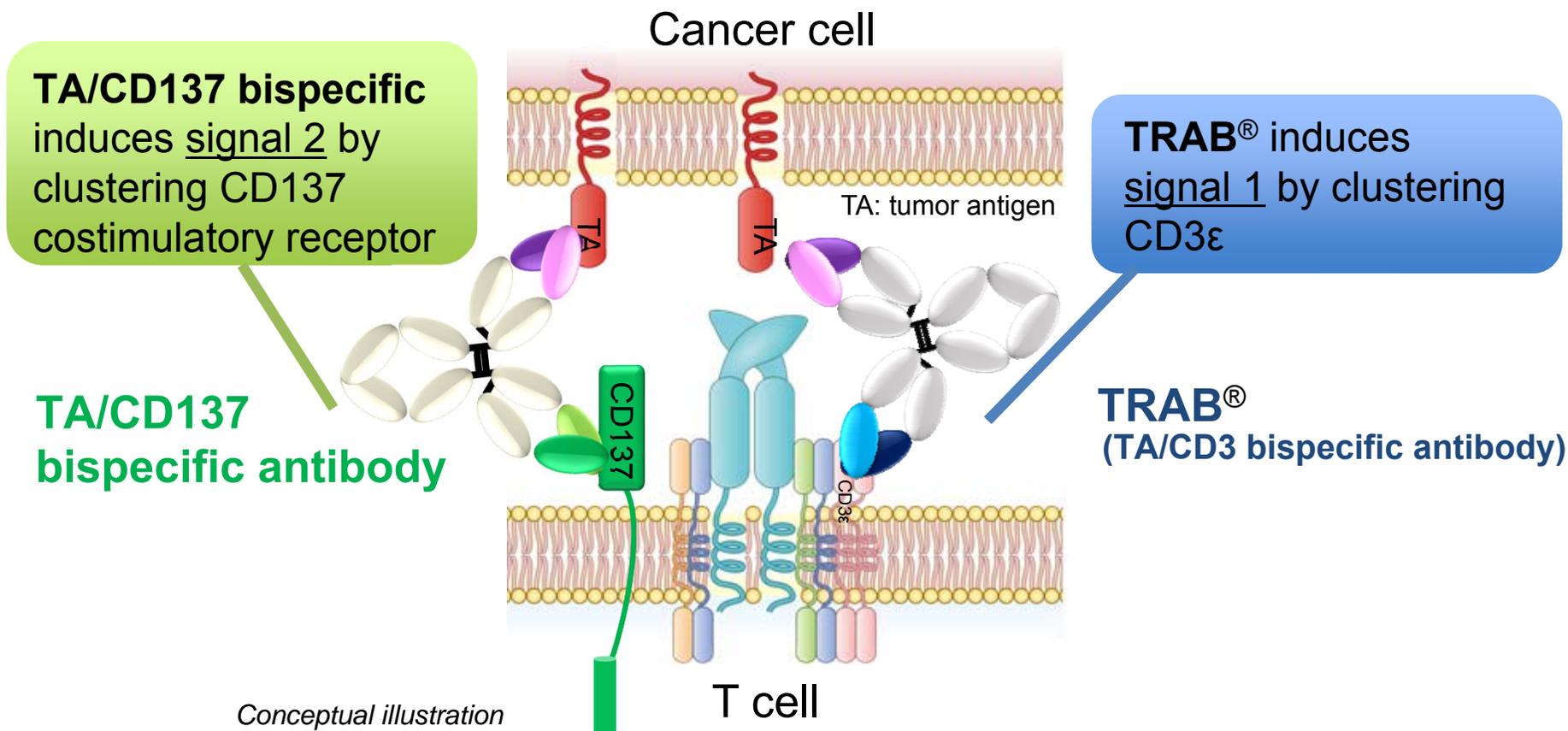
ACT-Fc is also applied to crovalimab, AMY109 and GYM329

# T cell Redirecting AntiBody (TRAB®) Drug Discovery Strategy



1. Bringing multiple TRAB® projects targeting various tumor antigens (TAs) into discovery research pipeline
  - CD3 bispecific antibodies against novel tumor antigens
  - **FAST-Ig™** with non-common light chain accelerates the research
2. Combining **costimulatory signal** to improve anti-tumor efficacy of TRAB®
  - Combination of costimulatory signal with TA/CD137 bispecific
3. Incorporating **Switch Antibody™** technology to improve the safety profile of TRAB®
  - Tumor antigen expressed in normal tissue leads to toxicity
  - ATP dependent tumor antigen binding to avoid normal tissue toxicity

# TA(tumor antigen)/CD137 Bispecific Antibody to Induce Costimulatory Signal to T cell

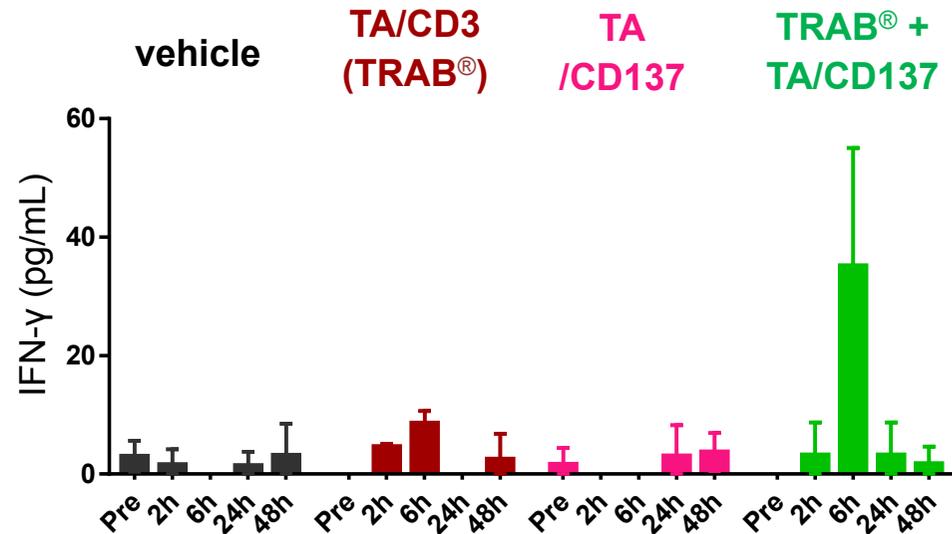
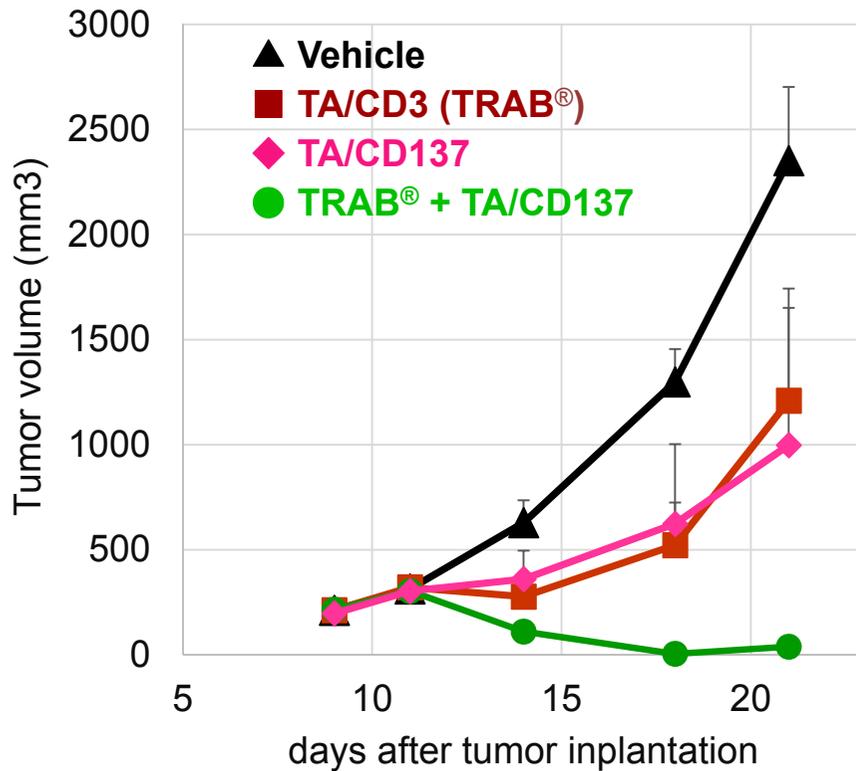


Full activation and improved survival by combining signal 1 and 2 mimics the natural process of T cell activation

# Synergistic Anti-tumor Effect by Combining TA/CD3 and TA/CD137 Bispecific Antibodies

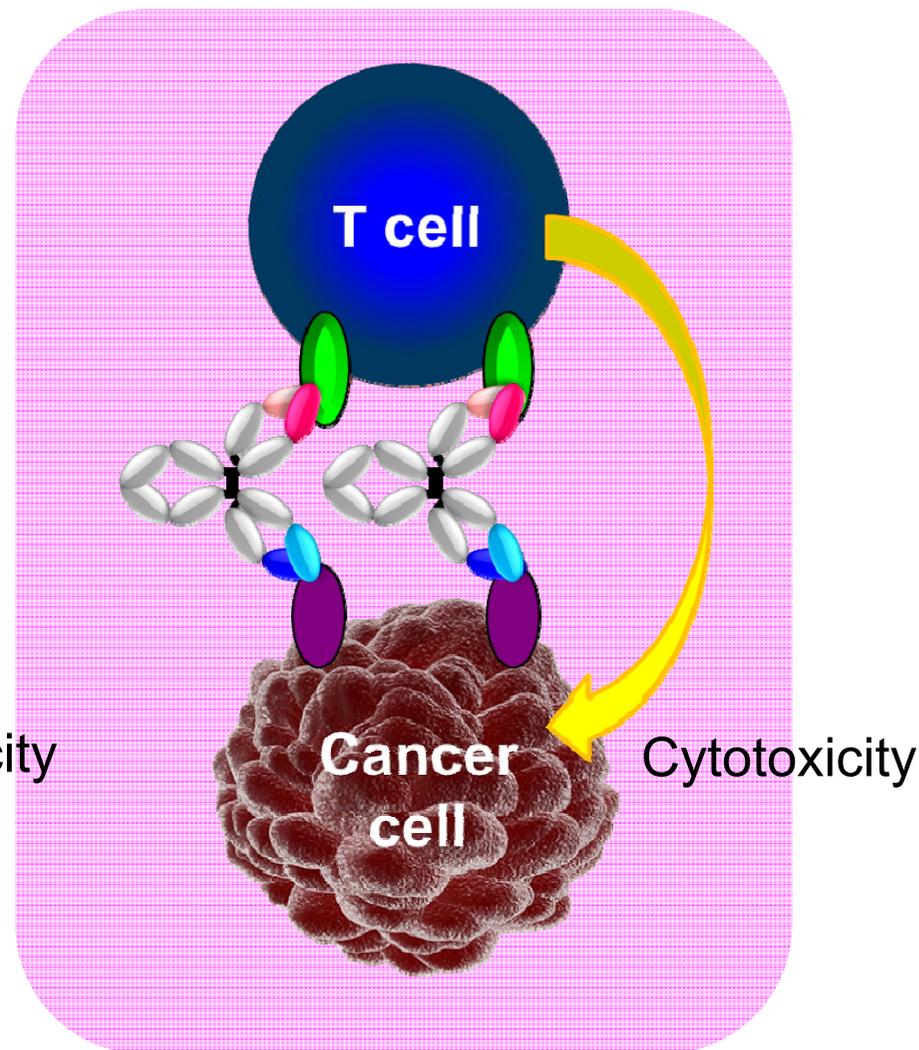
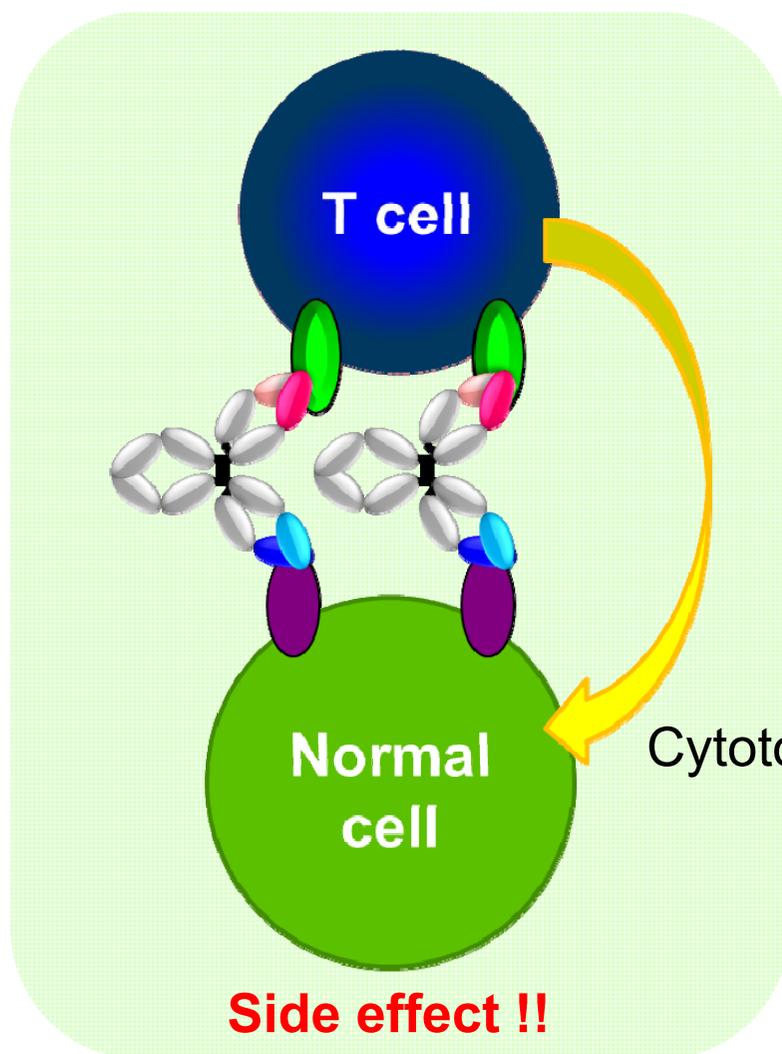


Mouse *in vivo* study



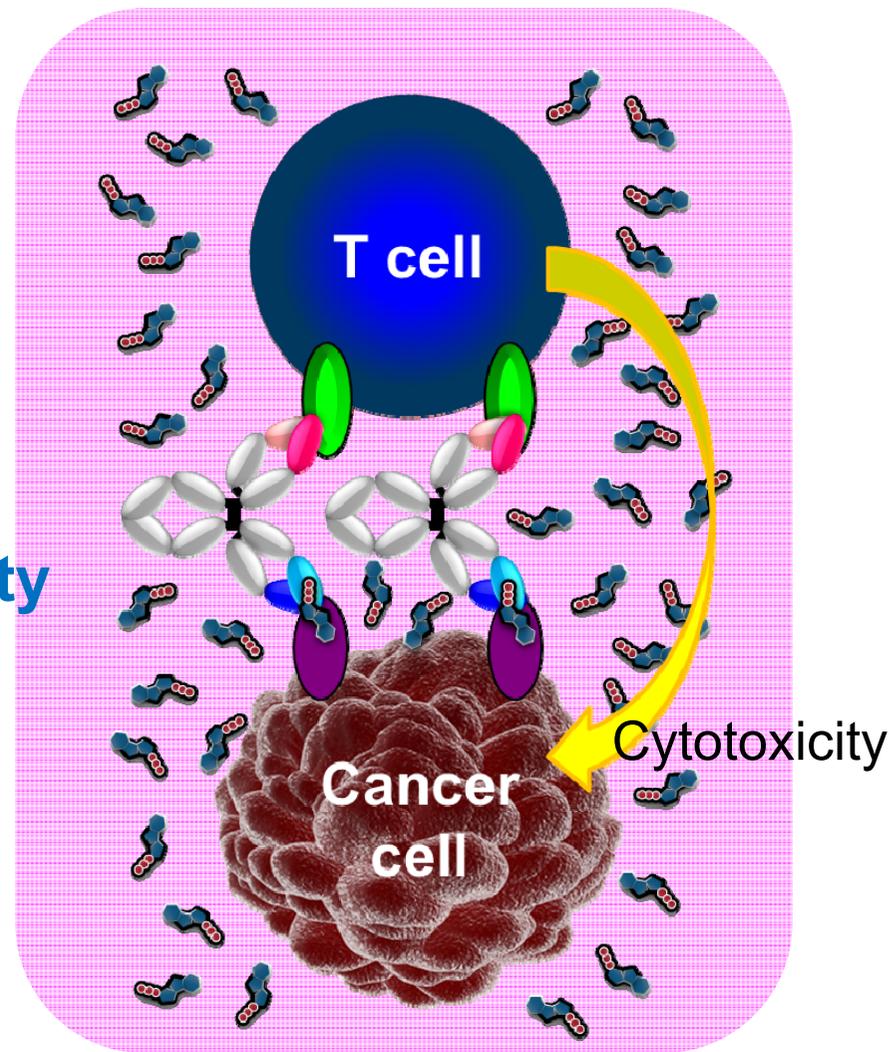
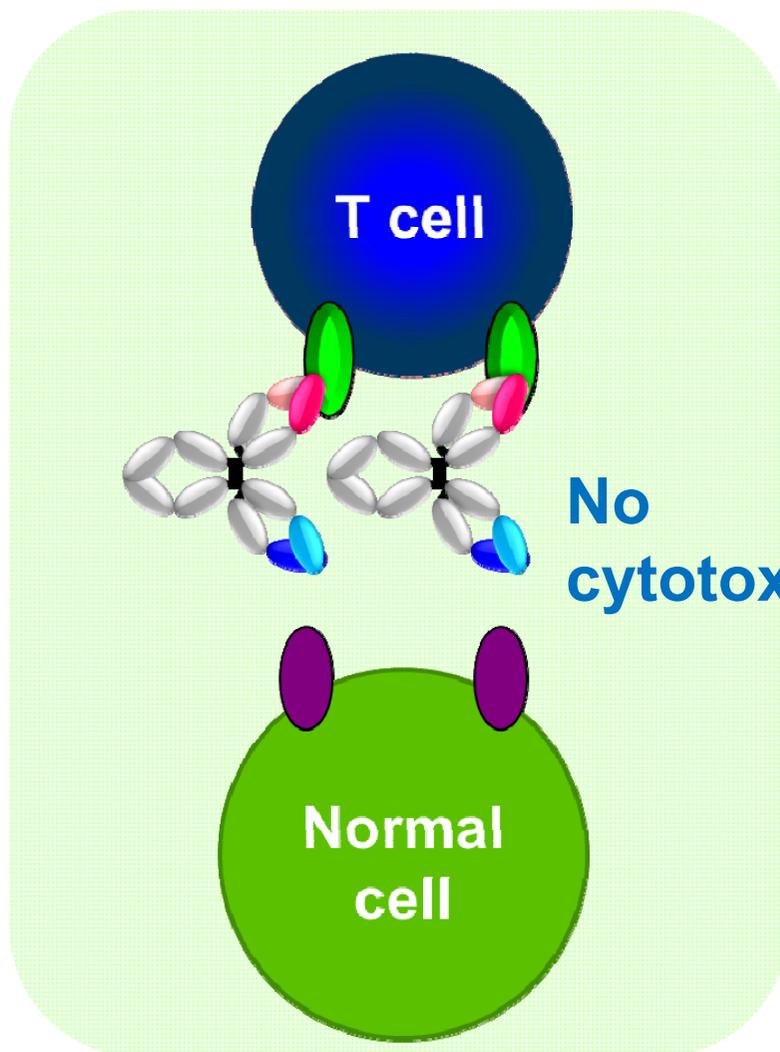
In TRAB resistant mouse tumor model, combination of TA/CD137 bispecific antibody significantly improved anti-tumor efficacy and IFN $\gamma$  production.

# ON-target OFF Tumor Side Effect is the Major Challenge of TRAB<sup>®</sup>



Conceptual illustration

# Switch Antibody™ is Applicable to TRAB® and Various Cancer Immunotherapies



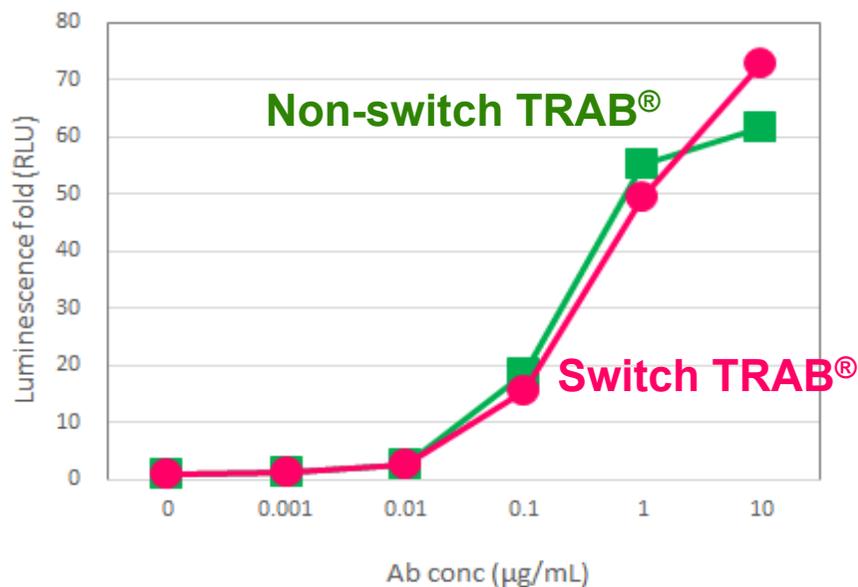
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# Switch TRAB<sup>®</sup> Shows Strong T cell Activation Only under the Presence of ATP

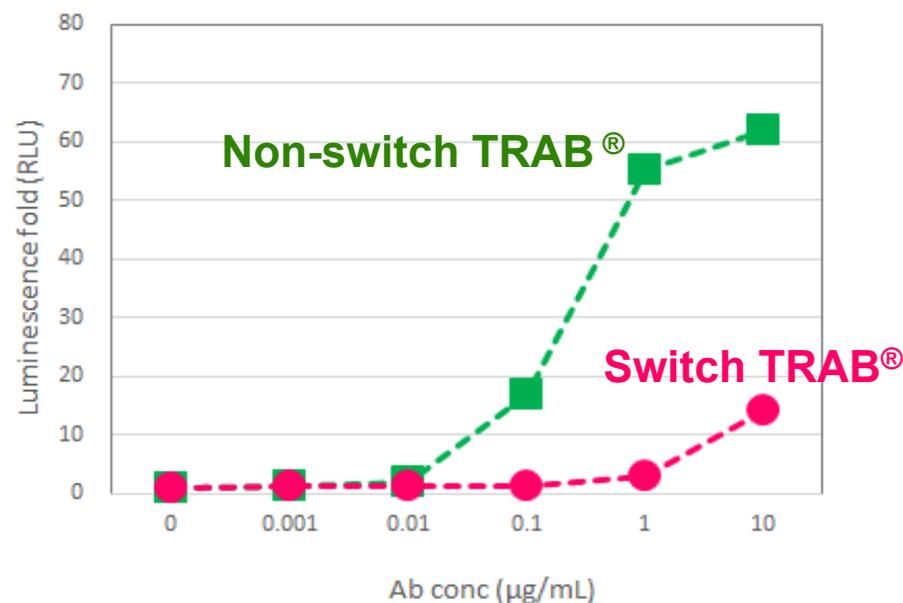


*In vitro* reporter cell assay

### 100 μM ATP



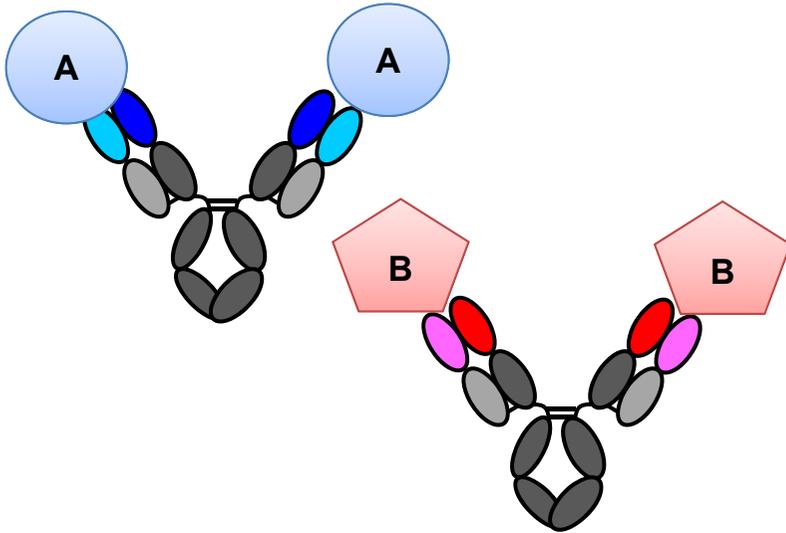
### No ATP



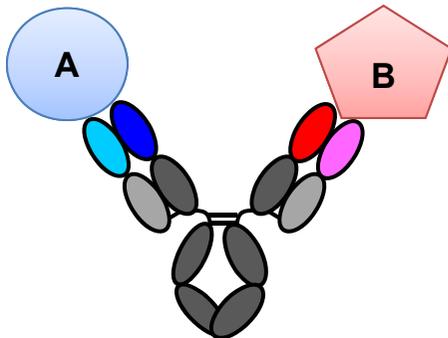
# Third Generation Bispecific Antibody

*Dual specific mutually competitive bispecific Fab*

Conventional IgG antibody



Asymmetric bispecific IgG antibody



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Antibody with mutually competitive bispecific Fab

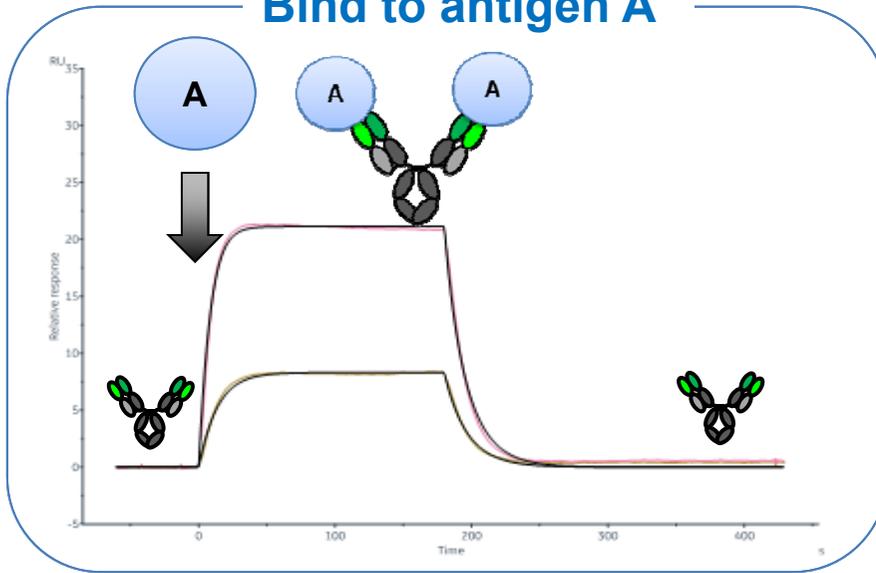
Enables novel mode of action by **controlled** binding to two antigens

# Novel Bispecific Antibody Can Bind to Two Different Antigens but not at the Same Time

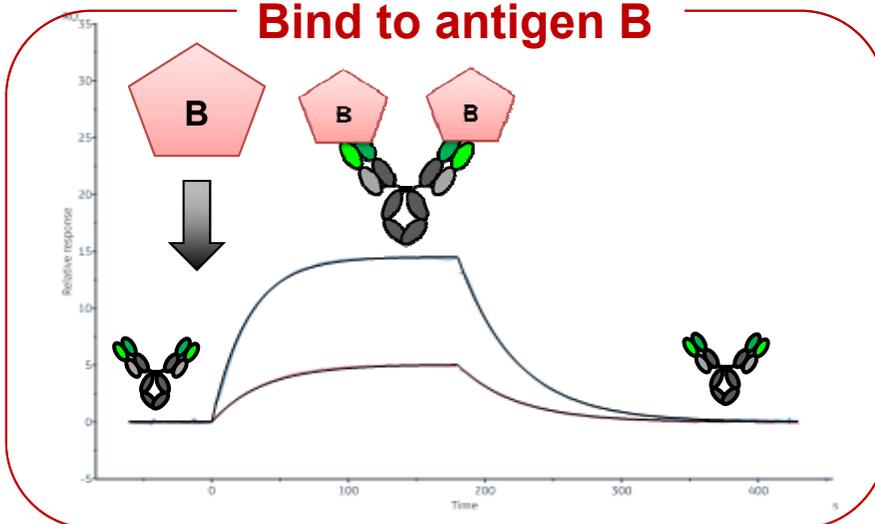


Binding analysis by surface plasmon resonance

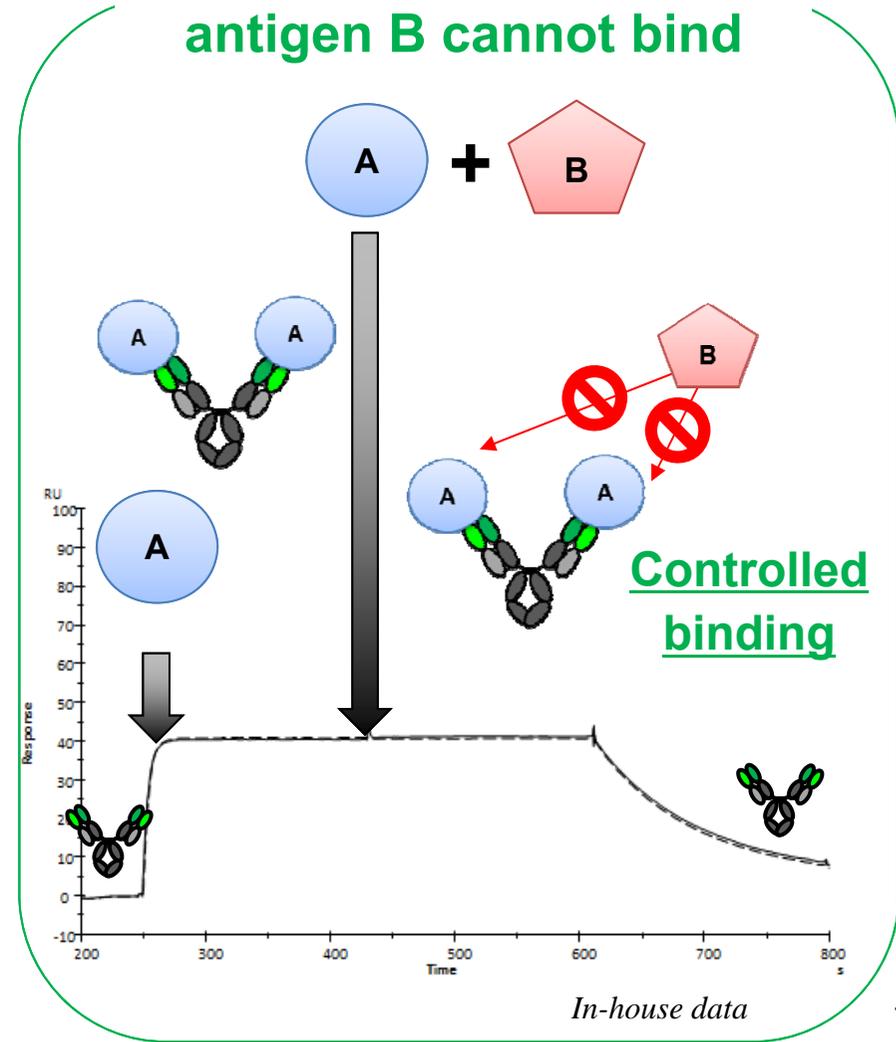
Bind to antigen A



Bind to antigen B



When antigen A is bound, antigen B cannot bind



# Next Generation Bispecific Summary



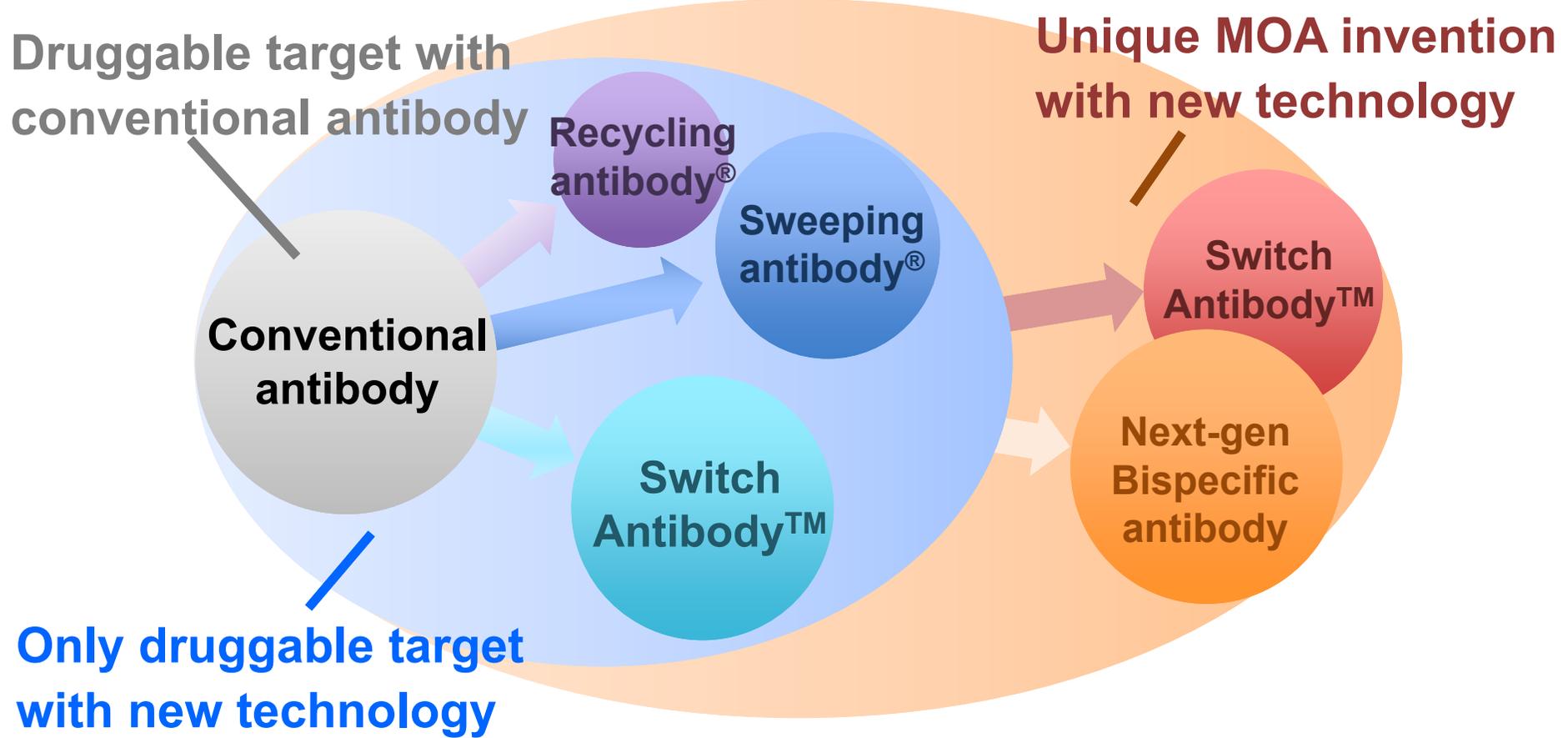
## □ Second generation bispecific antibody

- FAST-Ig<sup>TM</sup> removes common light chain restriction to manufacture bispecific antibody, and enables complex engineering of two arms of bispecific antibody.
  - 1 project utilizing FAST-Ig<sup>TM</sup> in clinical development.
    - NXT007 (anti-FIXa/FX bispecific antibody)
  - 4 projects utilizing FAST-Ig<sup>TM</sup> in discovery stage.

## □ Third generation bispecific antibody

- Mutually competitive bispecific Fab enables novel mode of action by controlled binding to two antigens and antibody with unique mechanism action can be designed.
  - 5 projects utilizing bispecific Fab in discovery stage.

# Summary (1)



**New antibody engineering technologies enables expansion of druggable target and invention of unique modes of action**

# Summary (2)



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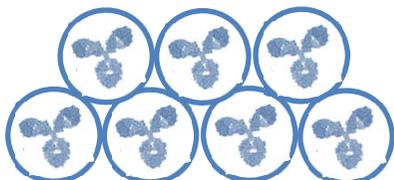
Recycling antibody®  
Sweeping antibody®  
etc



- Satralizumab
- Nemolizumab
- SKY59 (crovalimab)
- AMY109
- GYM329/RG6237

- SMART-Ig®
- ACT-Ig®
- SMART-Fc®
- TwoB-Ig®
- pI-Fc™
- ACT-Fc
- ΔGK™

Bispecific antibody (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> generation)

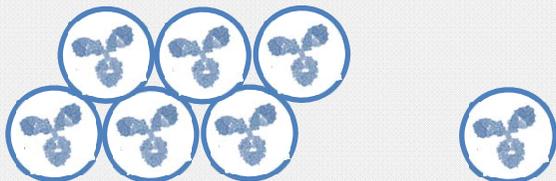


- ERY974
- NXT007



- ART-Ig®
- FAST-Ig™
- TRAB®

Switch Antibody™



- Switch-Ig®

NEW technology etc



- XXX
- YYY
- ZZZ



# Licensable Antibody Engineering Technologies



## SMART-Ig®

Creates the Recycling Antibody®, which is designed to achieve a longer duration of action than conventional antibodies by binding to an antigen multiple times.

## SMART-Fc®

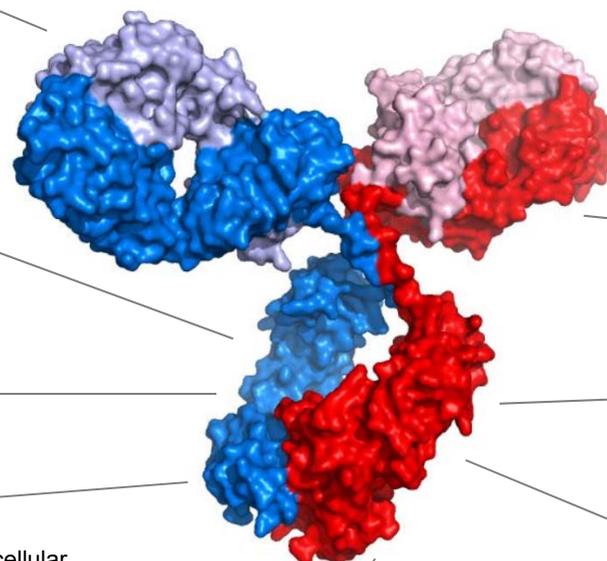
Creates the Sweeping Antibody®, which eliminates soluble antigens from plasma.

## ACT-Ig®

Reduces clearance from plasma.

## ART-Fc®

Expected to enhance the antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity (ADCC) activity and/or antibody-dependent cellular phagocytosis (ADCP) activity by improving the binding activity of the antibody to specific type of FcγRs. Potential applications in the oncology field.



## ΔGK™

Makes manufacturing process less complex. Removes heavy chain C-terminal amino acids (glycine and lysine). This technology reduces the heterogeneity of IgG antibody and can be widely applicable to IgG antibodies.

## ART-Ig®/FAST-Ig™

Enable large-scale production of bispecific IgG antibodies which bind to two different antigens. Eliminates complex downstream process and enables highly efficient manufacturing process.

## TRAB®

Activates T cells in an antigen-dependent manner to specifically kill cancer cells without non-specific FcγR dependent T cell activation.

## TwoB-Ig®

Increases binding selectivity of the Fc region to inhibitory Fcγ receptor IIb. Potential applications in autoimmune diseases and other areas.

## pl-Fc™

Improves agonistic activity or efficiency of soluble antigen elimination from plasma through the facilitation of Fc-FcγR interaction. Enhances the potency when used in combination of SMART-Fc®/TwoB-Ig®

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