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Targeted Protein Degradation and The Chromatin Regulatory System

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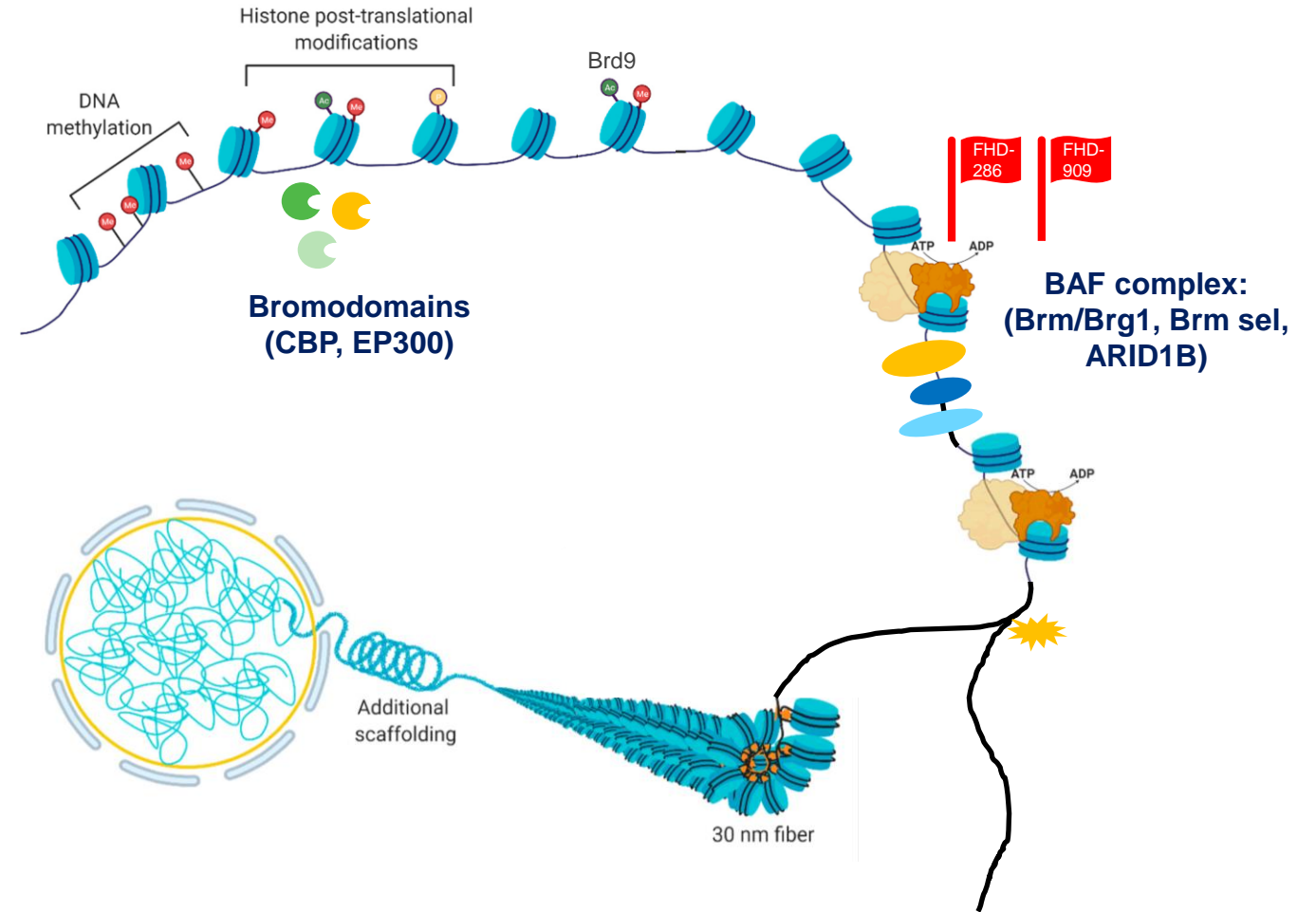
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Foghorn Research is Focused on Chromatin Biology

Dysregulated chromatin underlies oncogenesis

Gene expression in the right cells at the right time is critical for normal growth, development, and homeostasis

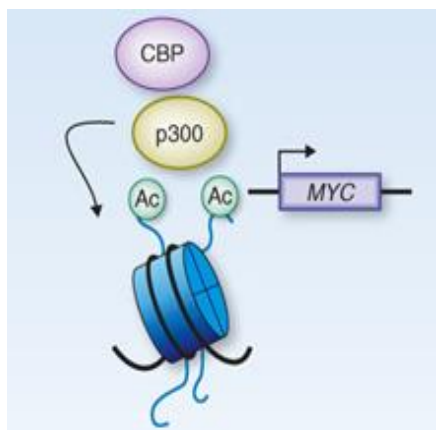
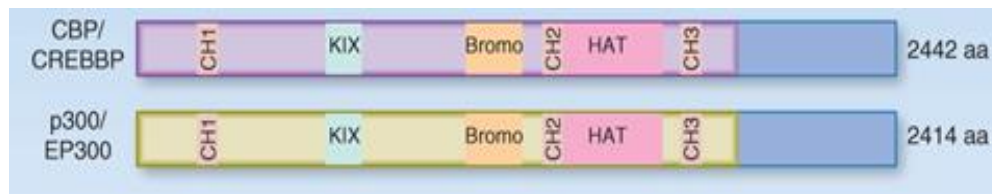


Broad Pipeline Across a Range of Targets and Modalities

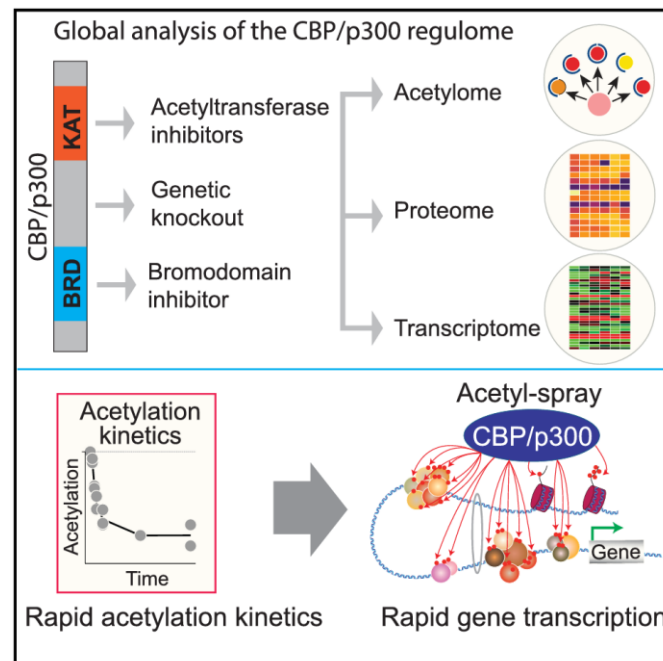
Modality	Program	Disease	Discovery	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Commercial Rights
Enzyme Inhibitors	FHD-286 (BRG1/BRM)	Relapsed/Refractory AML					
	FHD-909 (Selective BRM)	BRG1 mutant cancers (e.g., ~8-10% of NSCLC, bladder, endometrial, colorectal)					
Protein Degraders	Selective BRM	BRG1 mutant cancers (e.g., ~8-10% of NSCLC, bladder, endometrial, colorectal)					
	Selective CBP	EP300 mutant cancers (e.g., ~5-10% of bladder, gastric, breast, NSCLC, colorectal)					
	Selective EP300	EP300 dependent cancers (e.g., prostate, DLBCL), CBP mutant cancers (e.g., ~9-10% of NSCLC, bladder, melanoma)					
	Selective ARID1B	ARID1A mutant cancers (~5% of all solid tumors)					
Transcription Factor Disruptors	Undisclosed	Undisclosed					
Partnered Program	Undisclosed	Undisclosed					
3 Discovery Programs	Undisclosed	Undisclosed					

CBP and EP300 Proteins... A Decades Long Challenge in Selectivity

CBP and EP300 have multiple conserved domains, thus achieving selectivity with a small molecule is a significant challenge

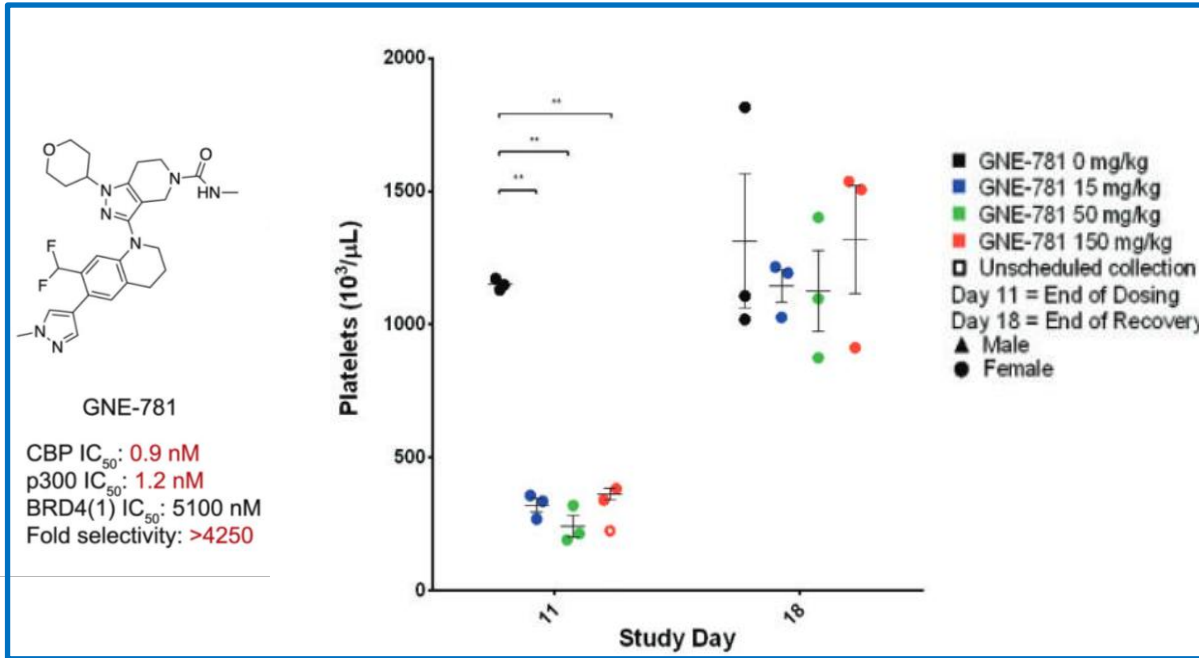


(Kadoch, Cancer Discovery 2016)

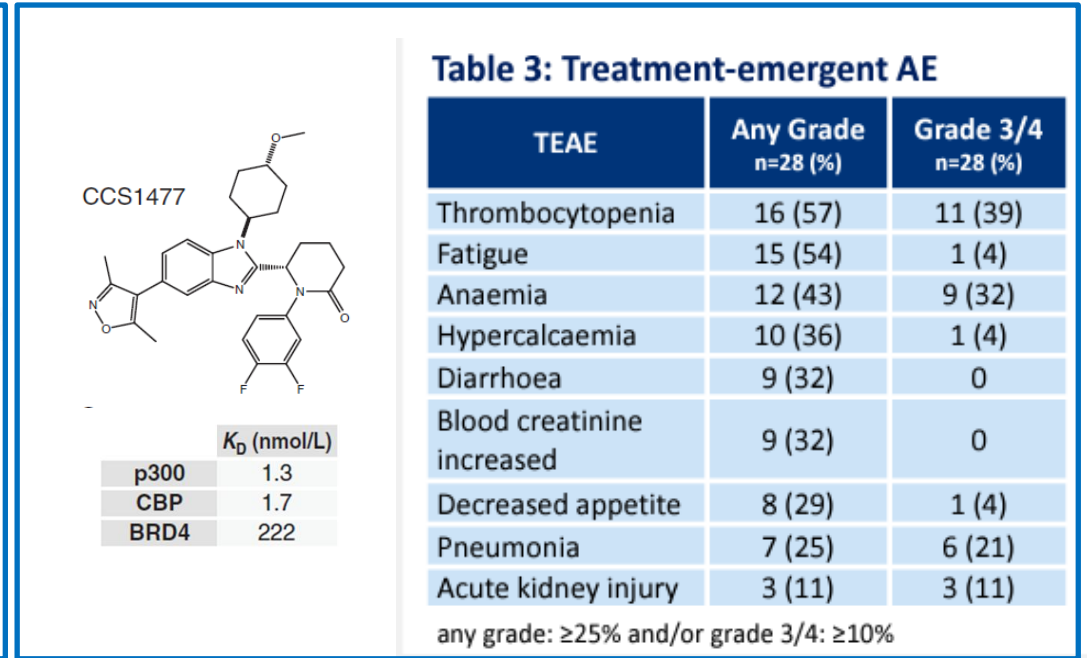


- CBP and EP300 are chromatin regulators and histone acetyltransferases
- EP300/CBP regulate protein abundance through acetylation-dependent protein stability
- RNAi and CRISPR screens point to a synthetic lethal relationship that can be exploited in a variety of cancer indications
- Several domains within CBP/EP300 with known binders and inhibitors
 - HAT enzymatic inhibitors
 - Bromodomain inhibitors
- Dual targeting has revealed tolerability and safety issues

Genentech and Cellcentric Have Reported Significant, but Reversible, Thrombocytopenia for Their Dual CBP/EP300 Bromodomain Inhibitors



Genentech



Cellcentric

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Selective Degradation of CBP to Address Mutant EP300 Cancers

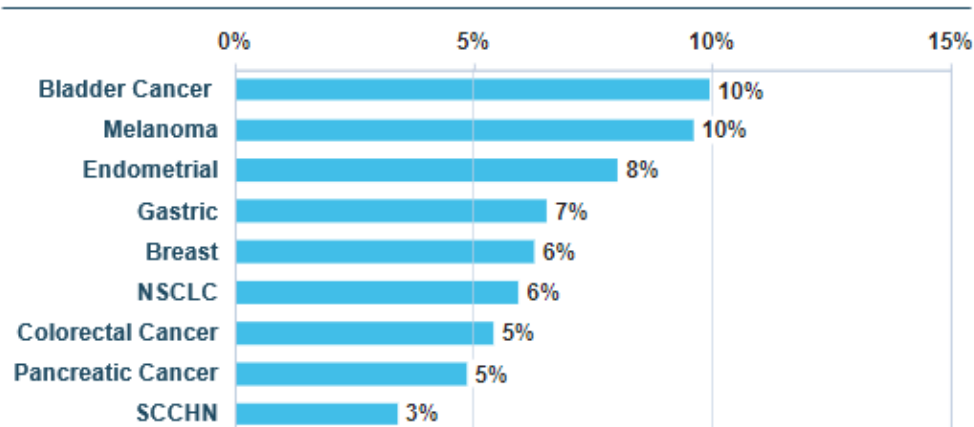
- CBP Selective Degradation Poster (D. Sappal):
Session: Tuesday, April 9, 1:30pm–5pm; 6067 / 26
- Long-Acting Injectable Platform Poster (M. Lin):
Session: Wednesday, April 10, 9am–12:30pm; 7185 / 26

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A CBP Selective Degradator Could Address Up To 100K+ Patients Annually Across Multiple Tumor Types

EP300 Mutant Cancers

EP300 Loss Rate*



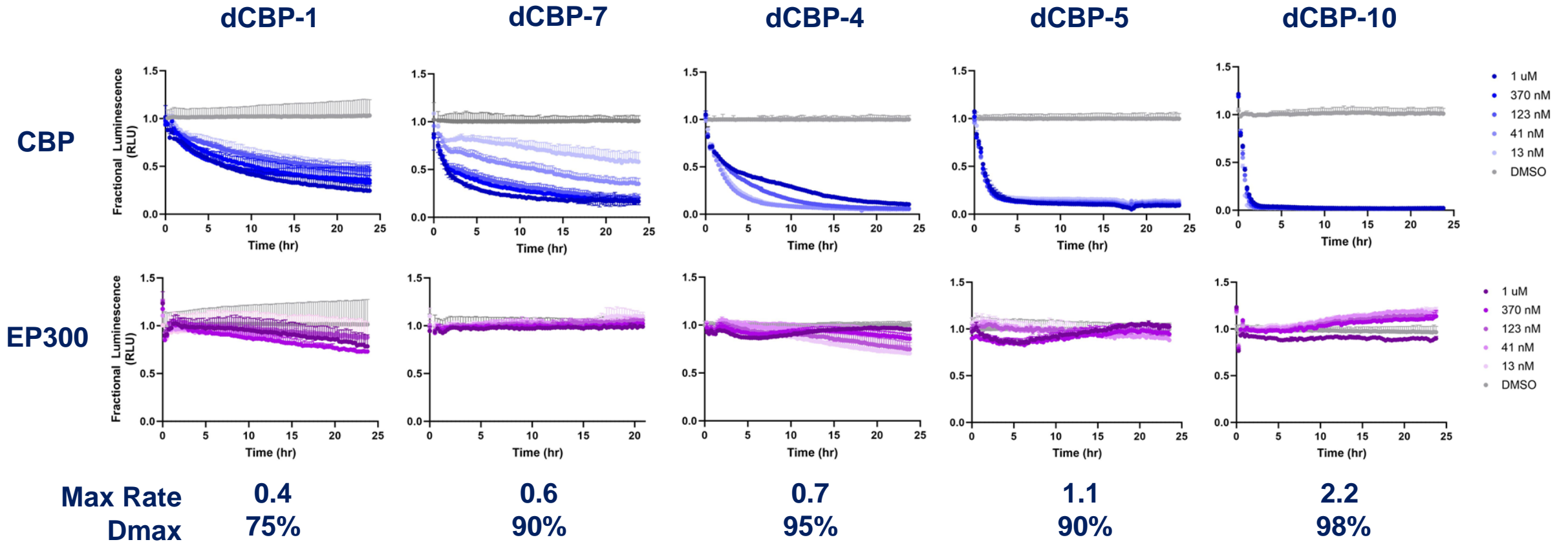
Additional opportunities include other malignancies with EP300 loss such as cervical and ovarian cancer, esophageal cancer, liver and DLBCL

Large Addressable Population (G7)

- **100K+ patients annually***
- **Identification via existing diagnostic tests**

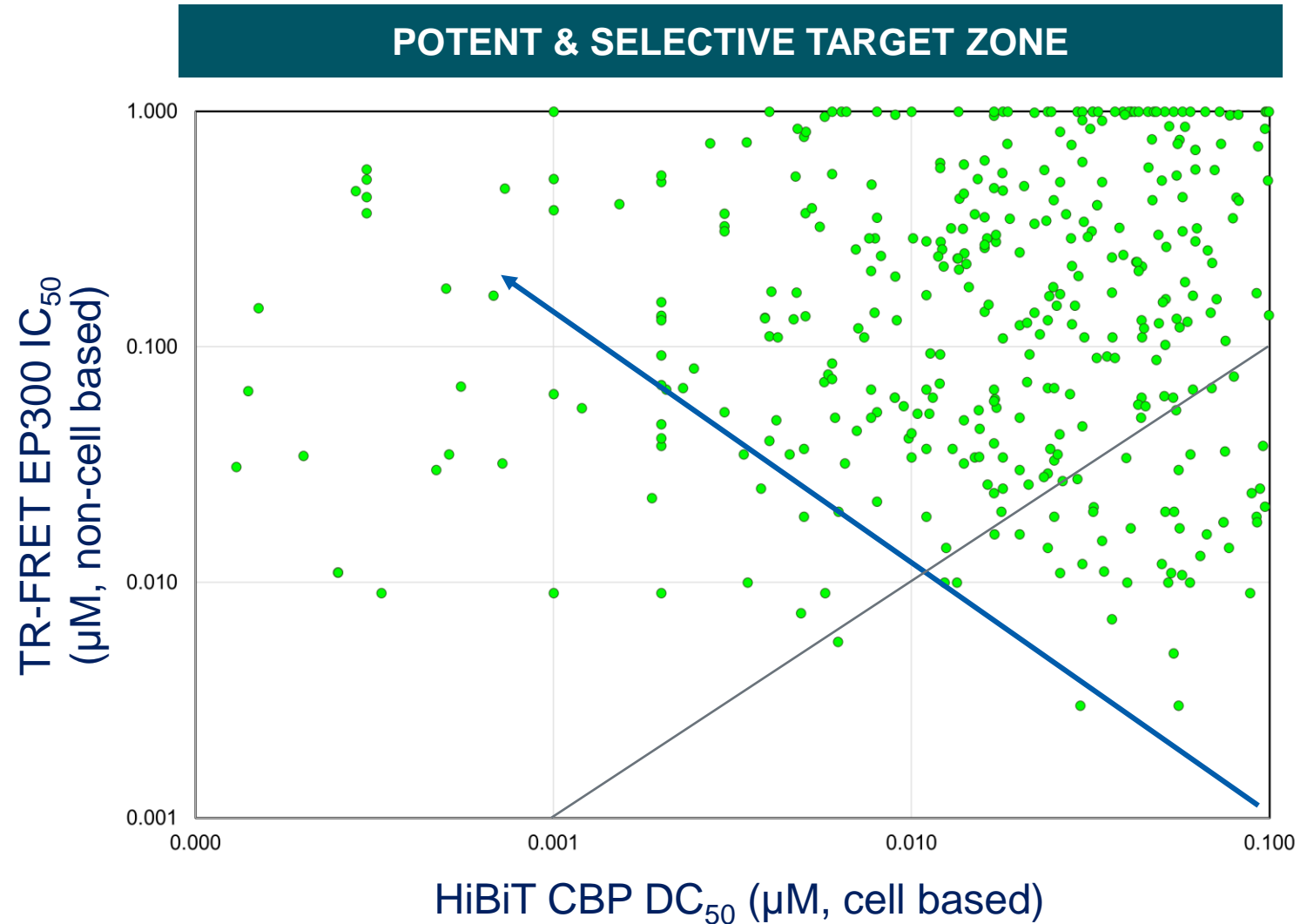
Notes: *EP300 loss can be imparted by any of the following genetic alterations: deep deletion, high impact mutation with loss of heterozygosity, multiple high impact mutations, one moderate impact mutation and one or more moderate or high impact mutations, moderate impact mutation with loss of heterozygosity, or low gene expression. **Sources:** DRG Epidemiology Data, TCGA Analysis

CBP Selective Degraders Evolution Has Yielded Fast Kinetics, and Complete Target Degradation with Selectivity Over EP300



Enhancing Selective CBP Degradation While Significantly Reducing CBP/EP300 Bromodomain Binding

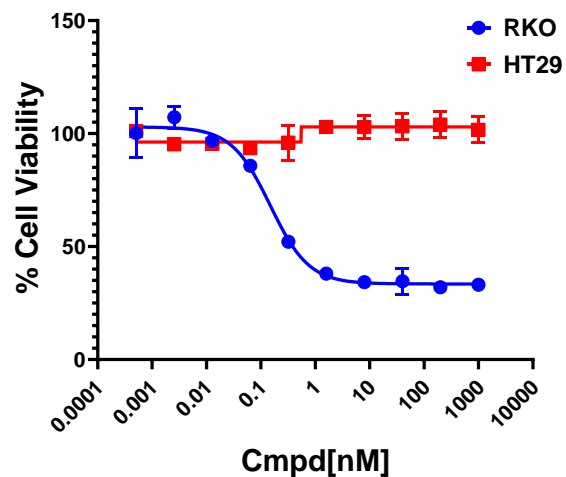
- Established robust SAR to significantly reduce CBP & EP300 bromodomain binding affinities while enhancing selective CBP degradation potency.
- The majority of our potent CBP selective degraders have $> 10\mu\text{M}$ binding affinity (TR-FRET IC_{50}) for BRD4 with no observed degradation of BRD4.



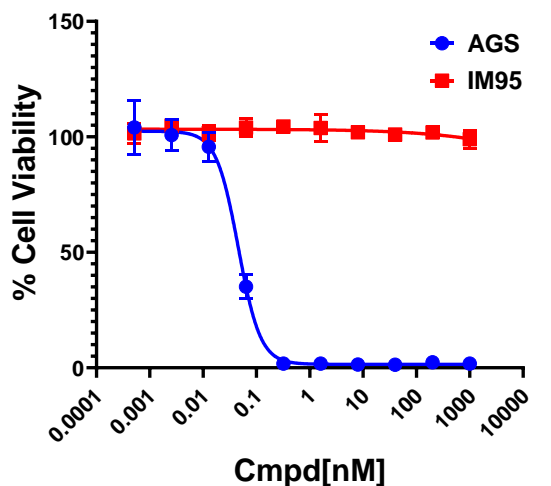
Advanced CBP Selective Degraders Validate Synthetic Lethal Hypothesis Across EP300_{mut} Cell Lines



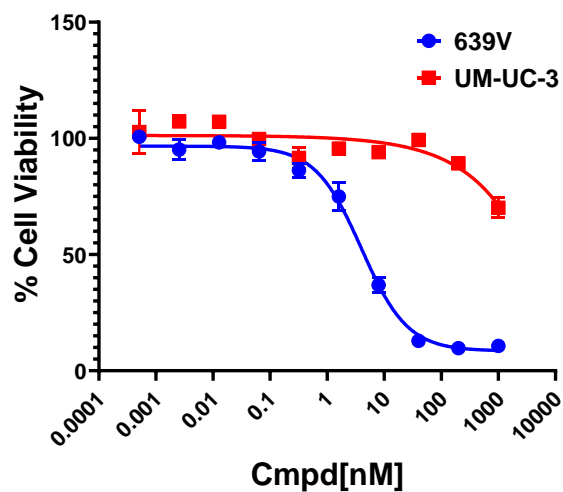
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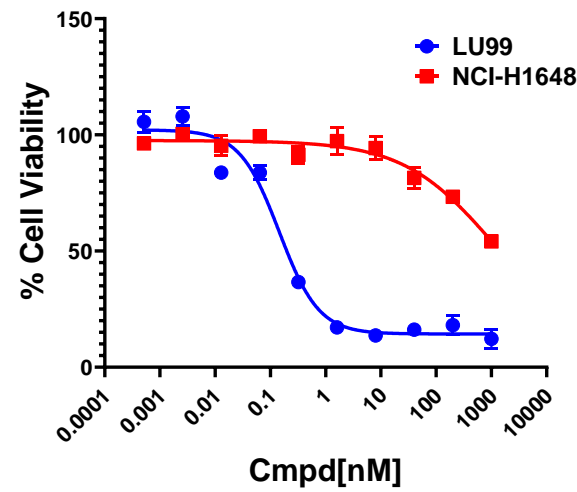
Gastric



Bladder



Lung

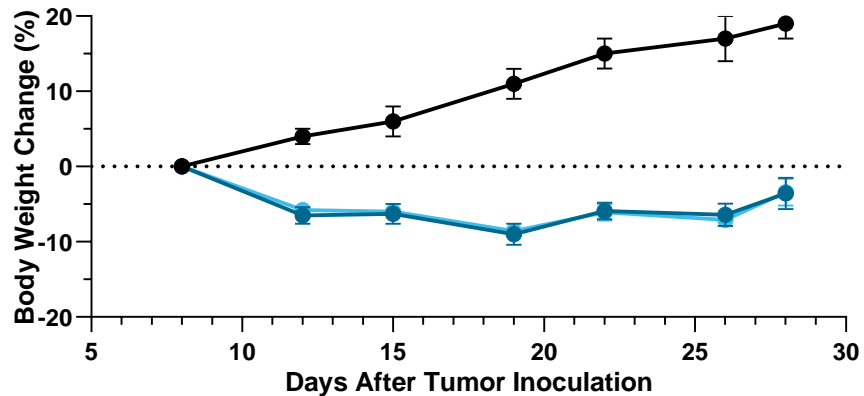
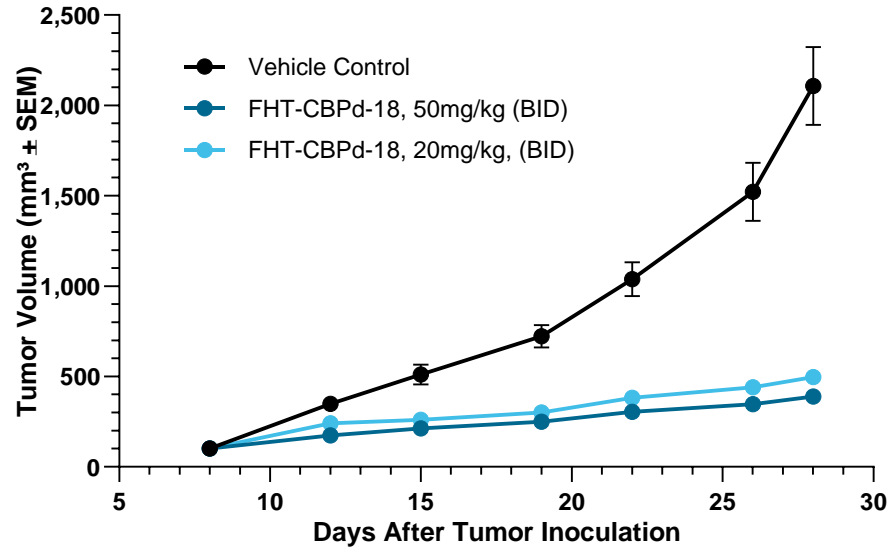


	COLORECTAL		GASTRIC		BLADDER		LUNG	
Cell line	RKO	HT29	AGS	IM95	639V	UM-UC-3	LU99	NCI-H1648
GI50 (nM)	0.15	>1000	0.045	>1000	3.9	>1000	0.14	972.8

Selective CBP Protein Degradation Results in Significant Tumor Growth Inhibition in Colorectal and Bladder EP300 Null Models

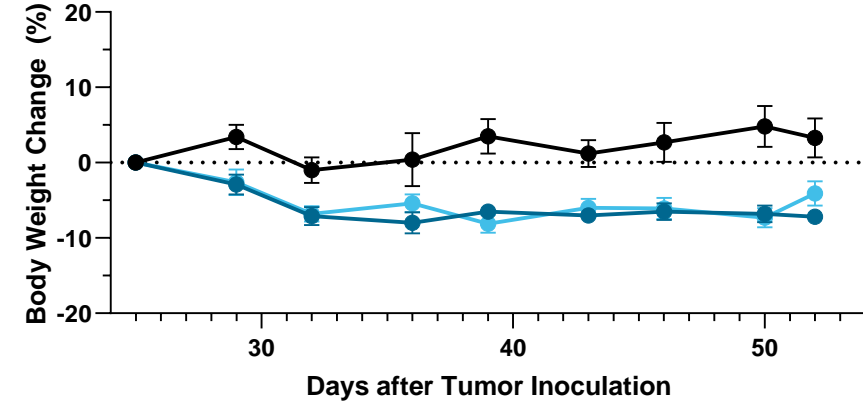
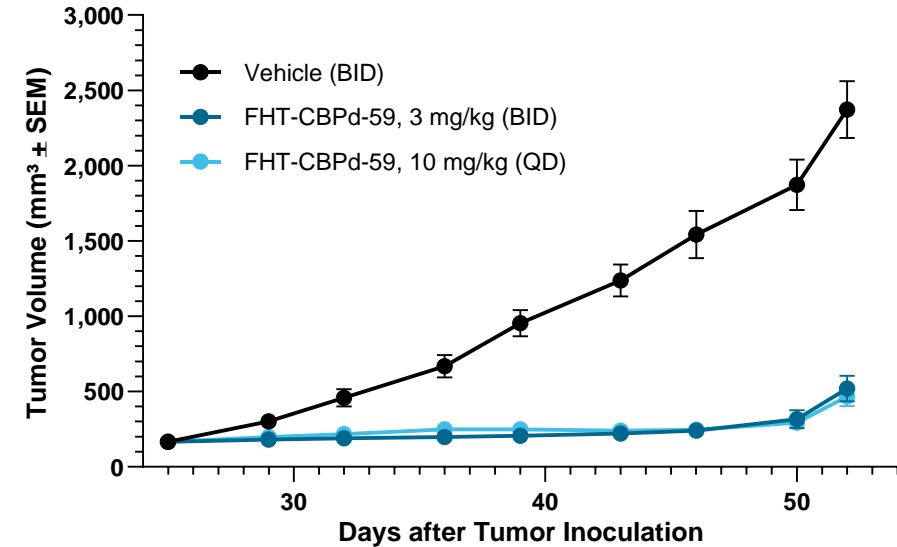
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RKO (EP300 Null) Model

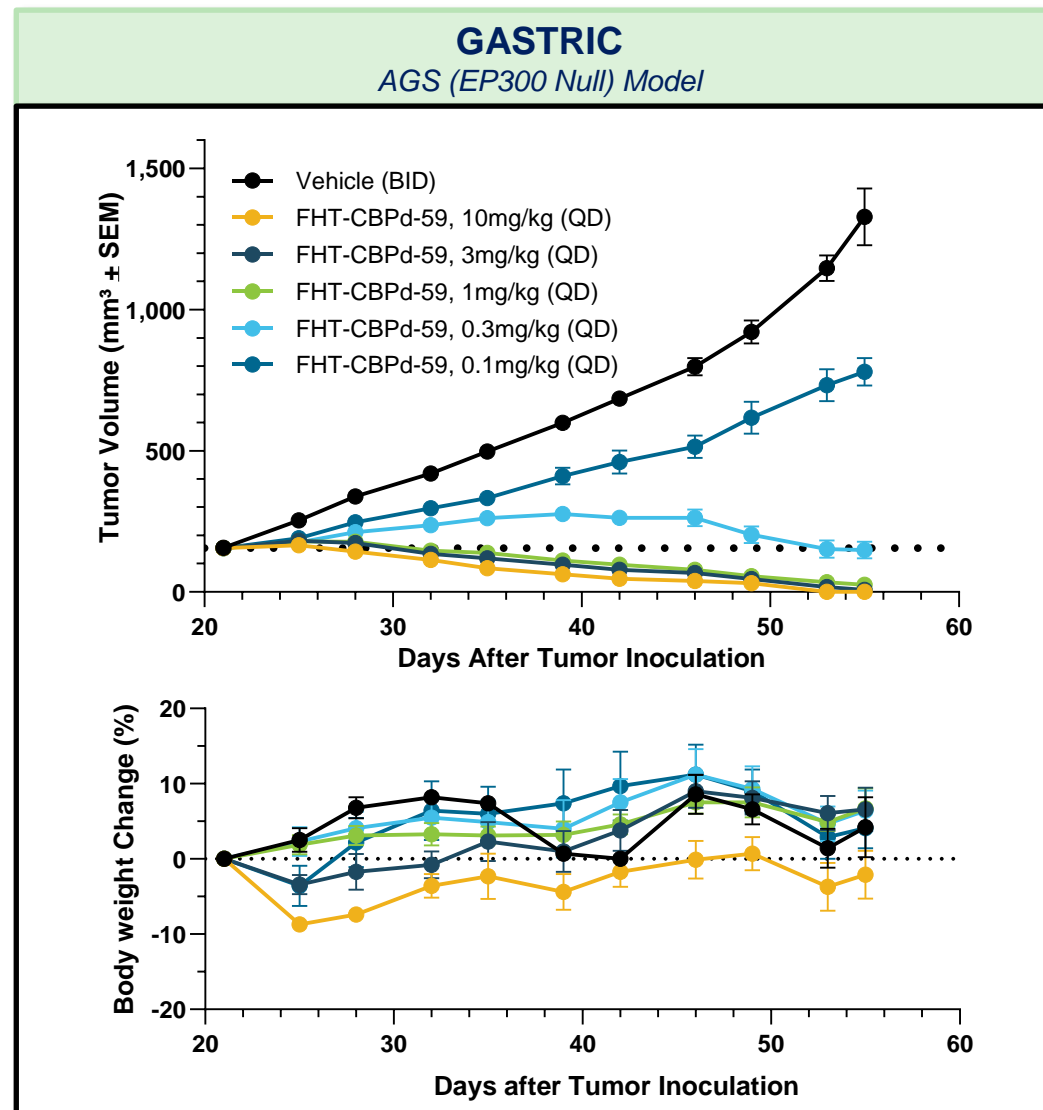


BLADDER

639V (EP300 Null) Model

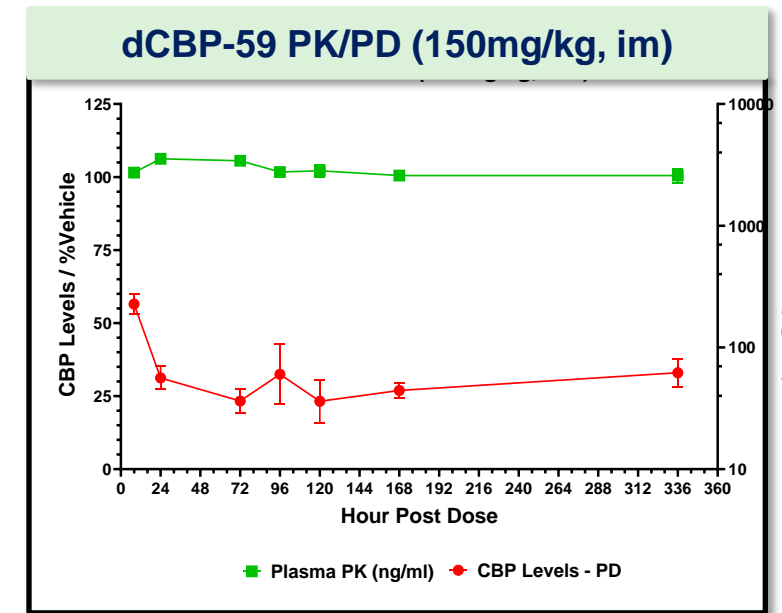
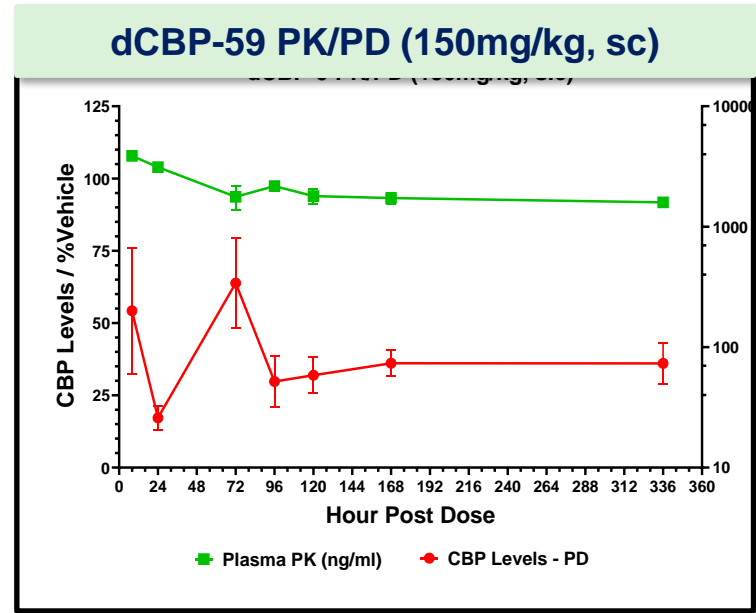
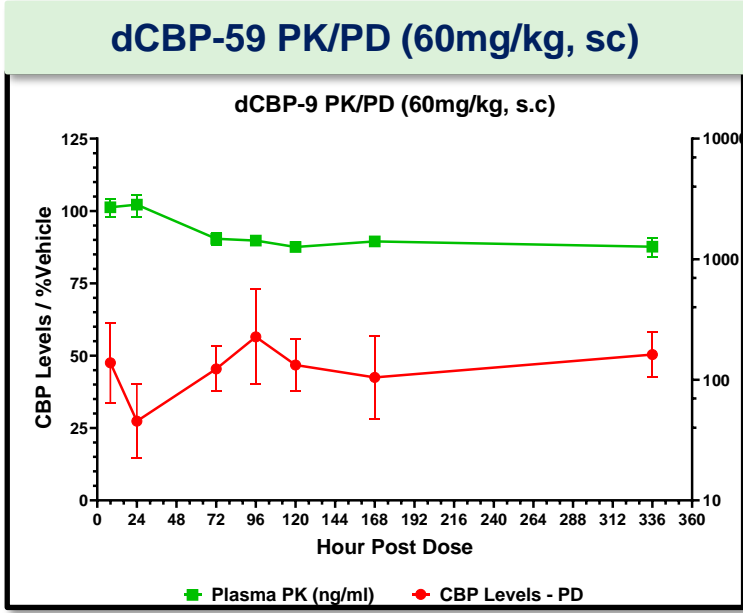


Selective CBP Protein Degradation Results in Tumor Regression in Gastric EP300 Null Model

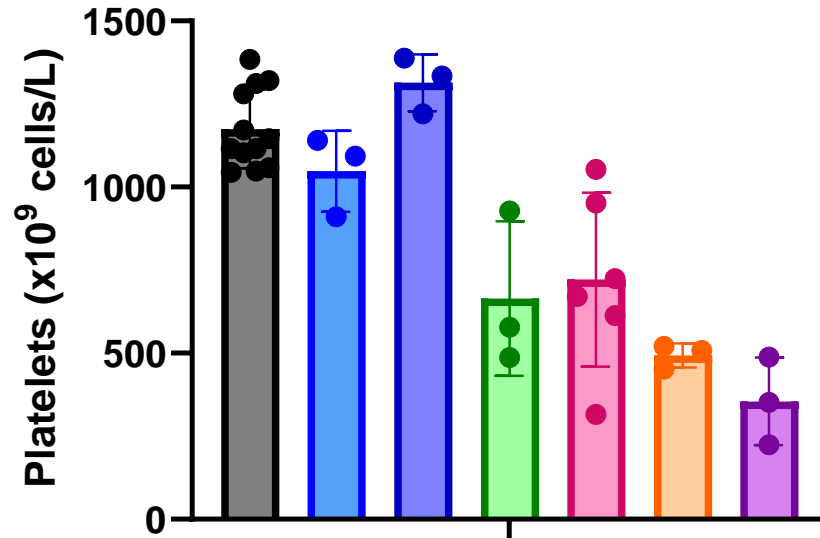


Long-Acting Injectable Formulations Provide 2 Weeks of Sustained PK and CBP Degradation From a Single Dose (sc or im)

2-week PK/PD study in RKO tumor-bearing mice

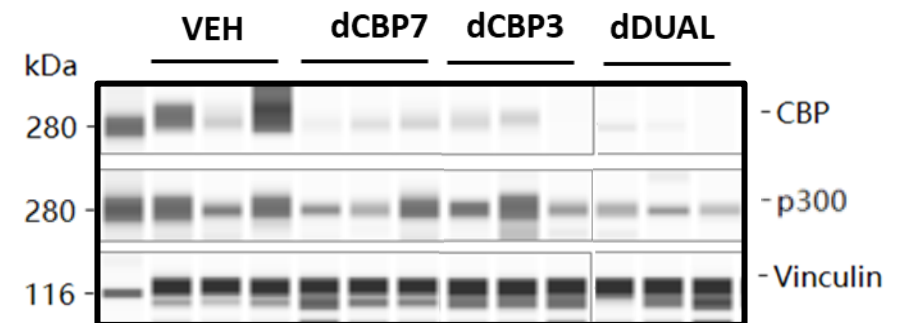


In Contrast to Competitor Compounds, Selective CBP Degraders Do Not Show Thrombocytopenia at Efficacious Doses



- Vehicle
- dCBP-59, 3mpk, sc, QD
- dCBP-59, 10mpk, sc, QD
- Dual degrader, 50mpk, sc, QD
- Dual BD inhibitor, 3mpk, p.o, BID
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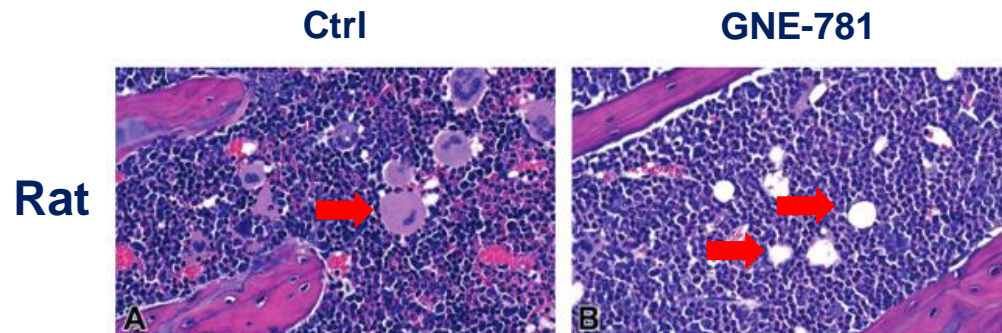
- Selective CBP degradation has no impact on platelet count following 14-days of dosing in an investigational safety study in mice
- Dual CBP/EP300 inhibition or degradation results in a significant decrease in platelets
- Confirmed degradation of CBP in mouse liver and spleen (shown below) tissues taken at the end of an earlier investigational safety study



CBP Selective Degraders Spares Megakaryocytes In Vivo

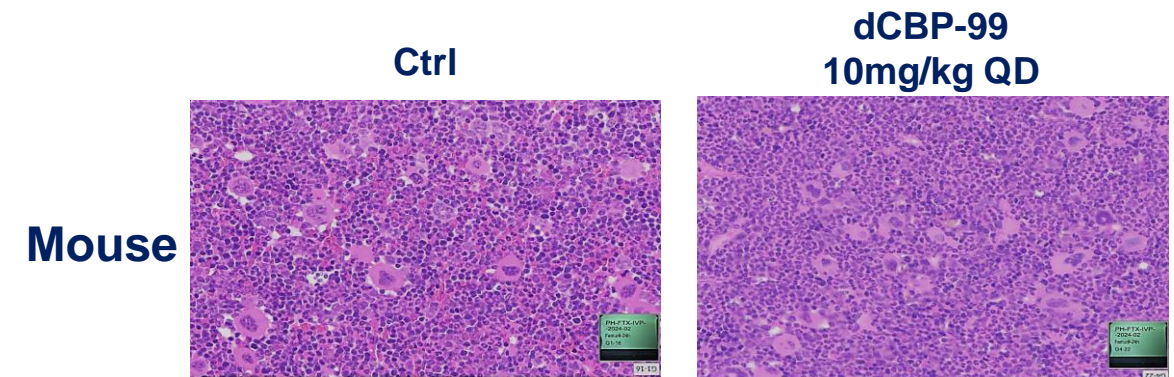
GNE781 (dual BDi)

- Internally validated observation of decreased platelet counts at efficacious doses/exposures
- Dual CBP/EP300 degradation recapitulated the platelet loss seen with dual inhibition
- In addition, Genentech revealed bone marrow hypocellularity in rat (shown) and dog tox studies



CBP Selective Degraders

- To date, we have not observed thrombocytopenia with any of our CBP degraders
- Selective degraders exhibit reduced effect on megakaryocyte differentiation and platelet production in vitro as compared to dual BD inhibitors
- Bone marrow H&E staining in the mouse shows sparing of megakaryocytes in vivo



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Selective Degradation of EP300 to Address CBP Mutation and EP300 Dependent Cancers

- EP300 Selective Degradation Poster (M. Zimmerman):
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An EP300 Selective Degradator Would Address 100K+ Patients Annually Across Solid Tumors and Heme Malignancies

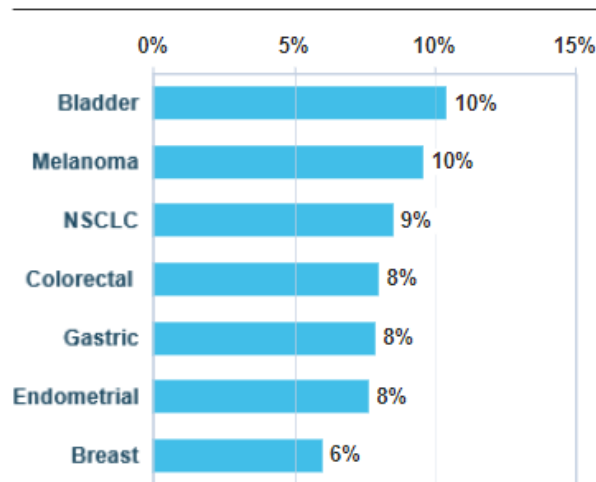
CBP Mutant Tumors

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EP300 Dependent Cancers

Large Addressable Population (G7)

CBP Loss Rate*



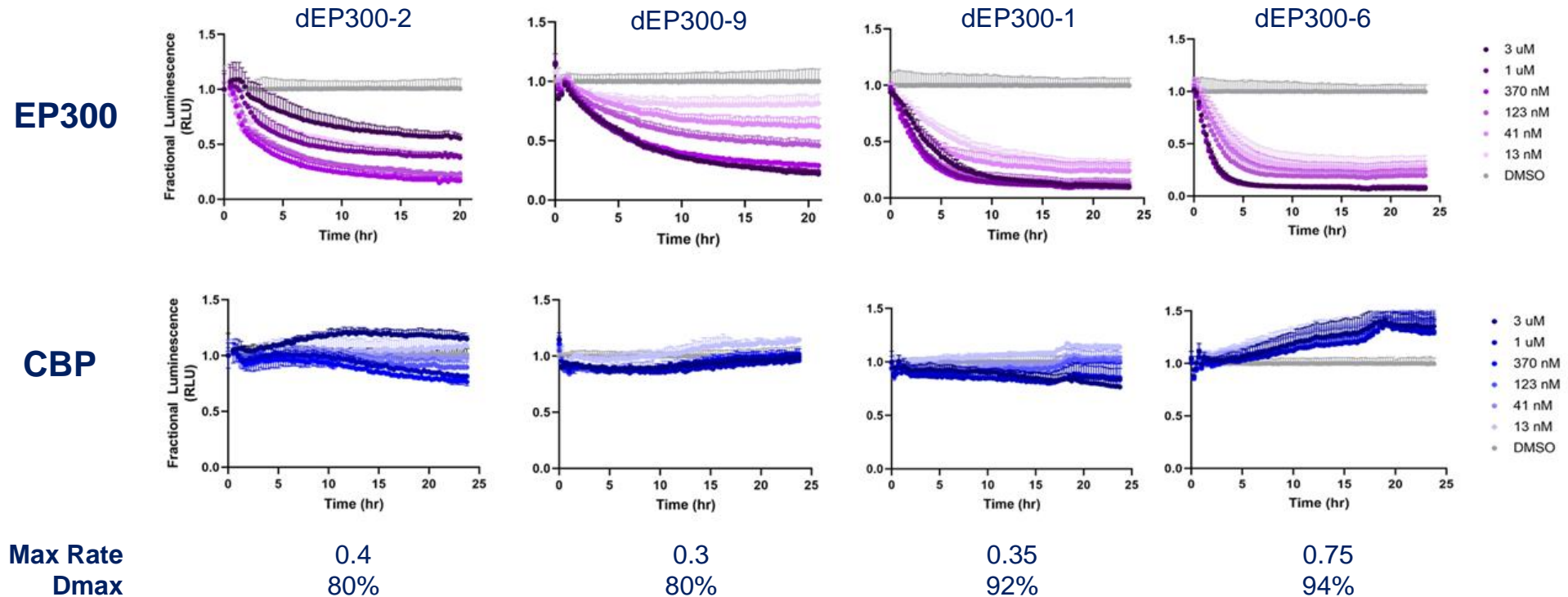
- Solid tumors
 - AR+ mCRPC
- Hematologic malignancies
 - DLBCL
 - Multiple Myeloma

- 100K+ patients annually*
- Identification via existing diagnostic tests

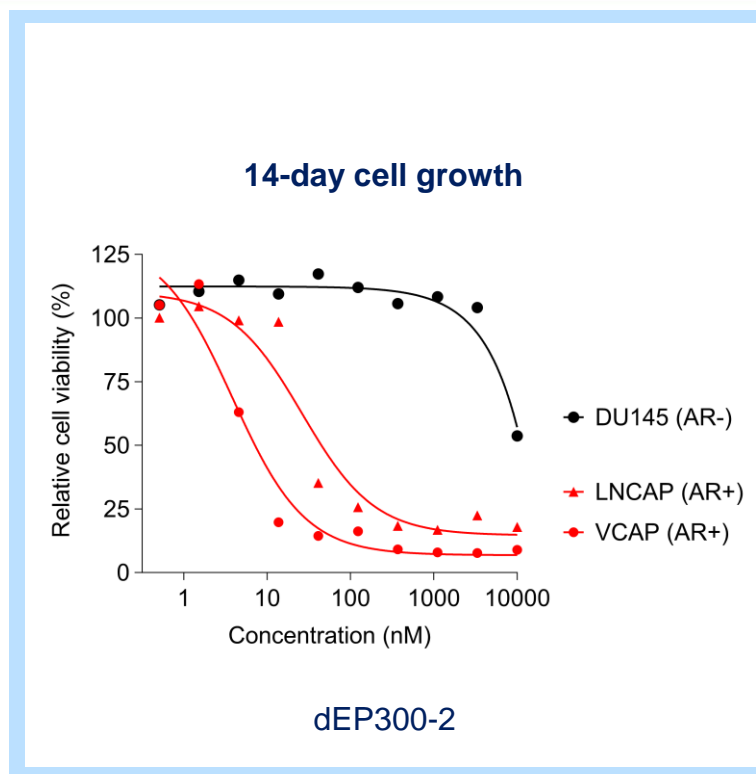
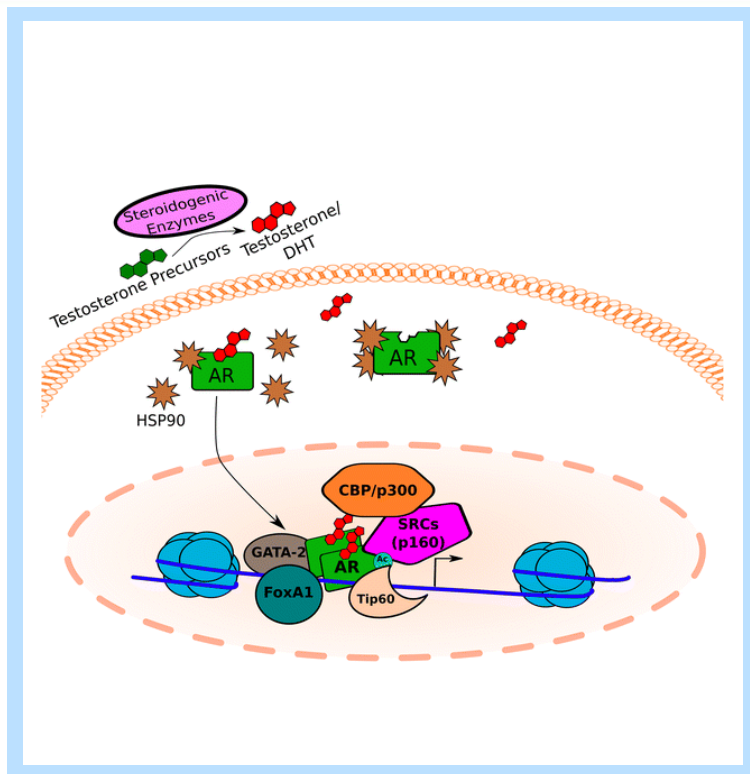
Additional opportunities include EP300-dependent malignancies (e.g., NHL), or CBP loss (e.g., ovarian cancer, SCCHN, cervical cancer)

Notes: *CBP Loss can be imparted by any of the following genetic alterations: deep deletion, high impact mutation with loss of heterozygosity, multiple high impact mutations, one moderate impact mutation and one or more moderate or high impact mutations, moderate impact mutation with loss of heterozygosity, or low gene expression **Sources:** DRG Epidemiology Data, TCGA Analysis; 1. [Welti et al. Cancer Discov 2021](#); [Zou et al. Acta Pharmacologica Sinica 2019](#); [Bluemn et al. Cancer Cell 2017](#) 2. Morin et al. Clin Cancer Res; 22(9); 2290–300; Pasqualucci Nature. 2011 March 10; 471(7337): 189–195

Improving Rate and Depth of Degradation as We Advance EP300 Selective Chemical Matter



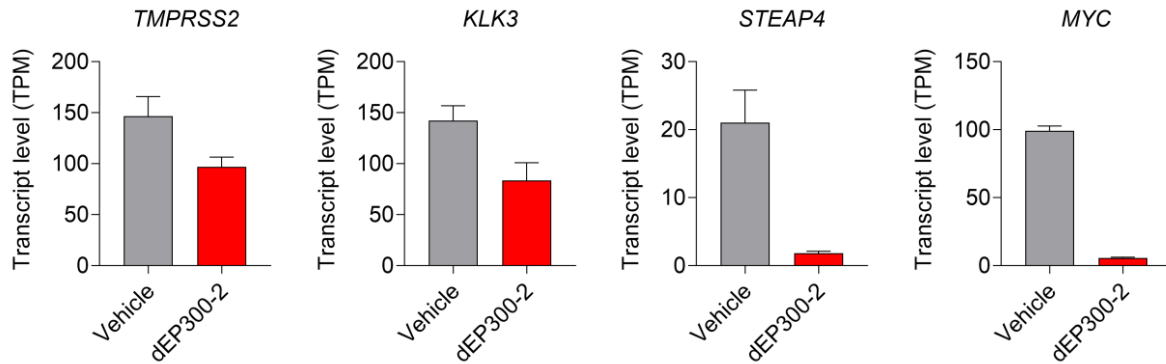
EP300 Biased Degradation Attenuates Proliferation of AR+ Prostate Lines and Blocked DHT Induced PSA Induction in VCAP Prostate Model



- EP300 biased degradation by dEP300-2 has a cell killing effect in AR+ prostate cell lines but not in AR- prostate lines
- EP300 degradation by dEP300-2 in VCAP cells blocks DHT-induced PSA/KLK3 expression
- We hypothesize that an EP300 selective degrader would be sufficient to abrogate the activity of AR

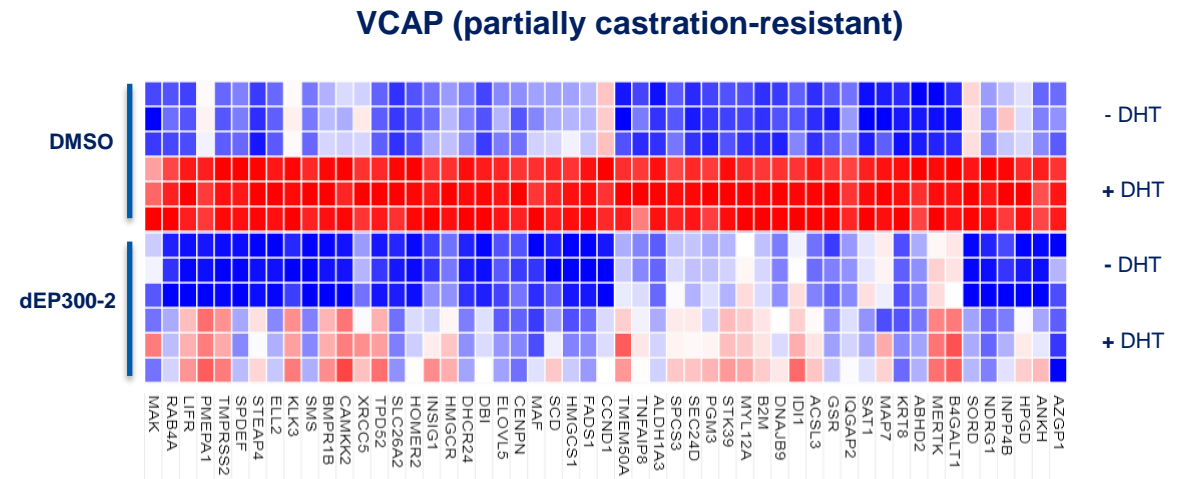
mRNA Sequencing Demonstrates That dEP300-2 Attenuates AR-signaling in VCAP Cells Both *In Vitro* And *In Vivo*

dEP300-2 TREATMENT ATTENUATES AR-DRIVEN TRANSCRIPTION IN VCAP XENOGRFT TUMORS



- VCAP CDx tumors underwent single-day treatment with either vehicle or dEP300-2 (50 mg/kg, BID) and samples were collected 6 h after final dose

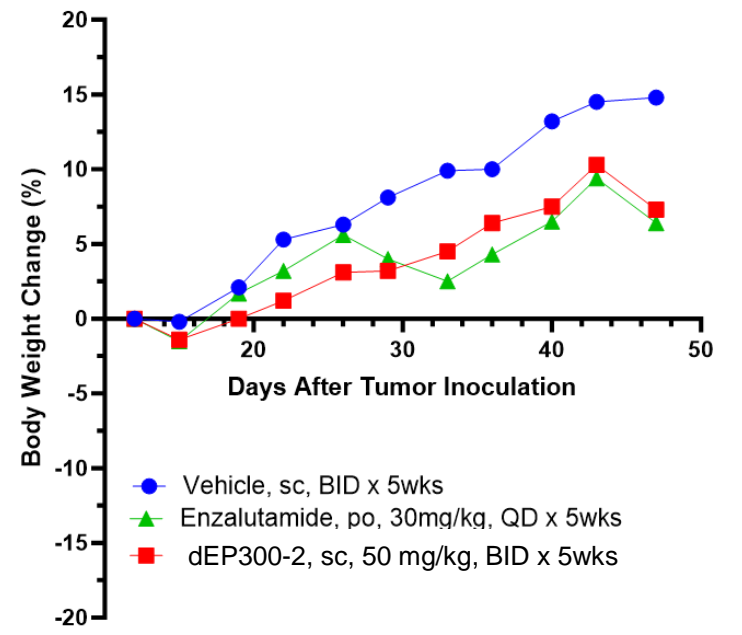
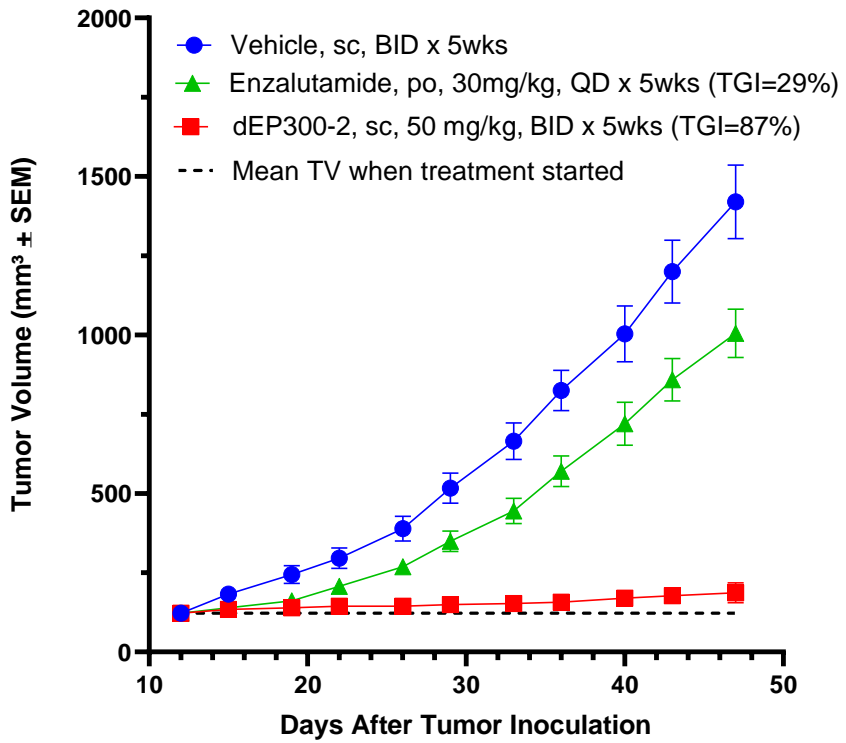
dEP300-2 BLOCKS THE UPREGULATION OF AR TARGETS IN VCAP CELLS FOLLOWING DHT STIMULATION



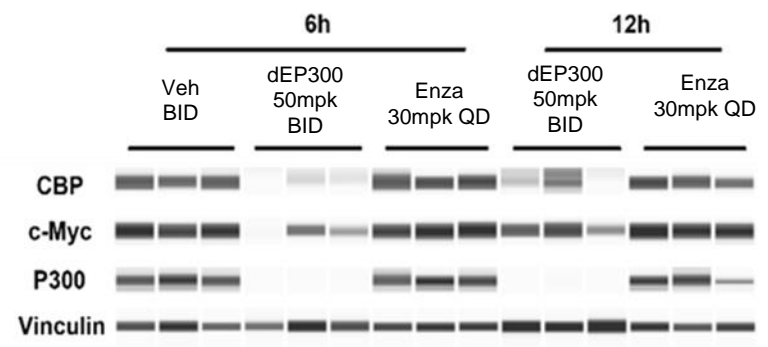
- VCAP cells were incubated in media containing charcoal-stripped serum and either DMSO, Enzalutamide (1 uM) or dEP300-2 (50 nM) for 24 h. Cells were stimulated with for 0 or 24 h

In Vivo POC: EP300 Degradation Results in Significant Tumor Growth Inhibition in AR+ VCaP Prostate Model and Positively Differentiates from Enzalutamide

VCAP (AR+) Prostate CDX Model

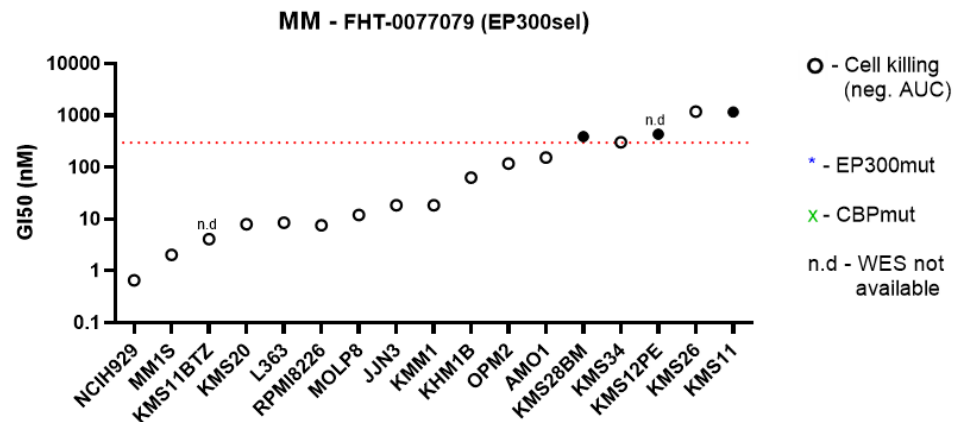
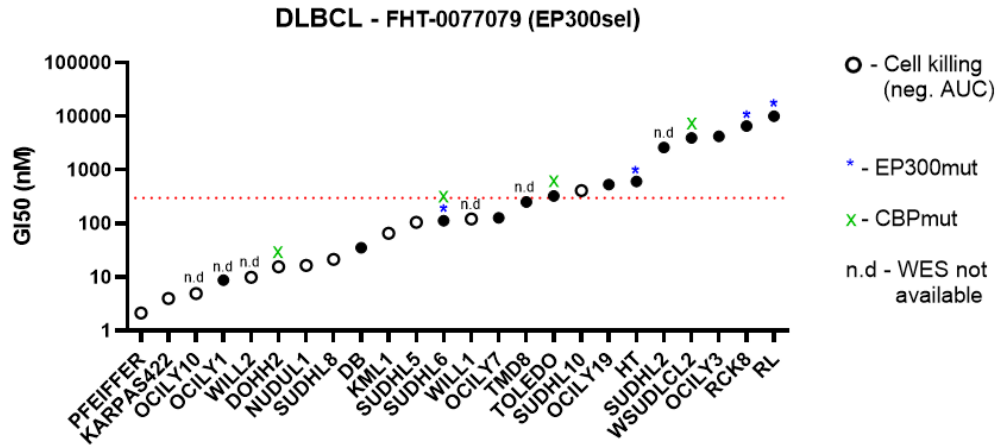


- Accumulation of dEP300-2 in tumor observed at end of study that is consistent with partial degradation of CBP observed in some animals
- Future studies will explore more selective degraders

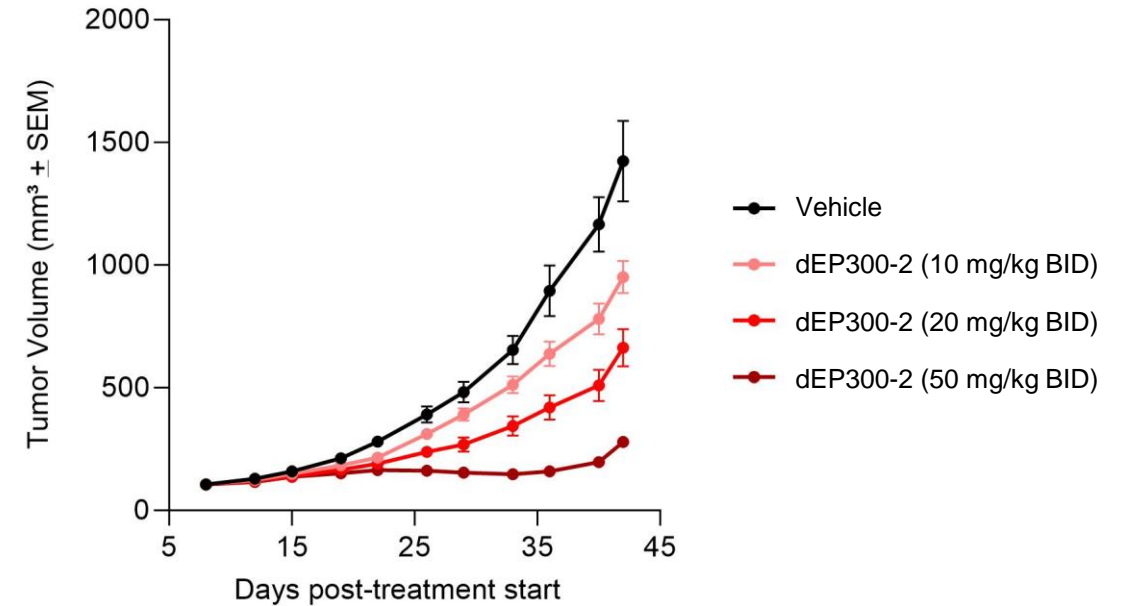


End of study PD

EP300 Dependency in Hematological Malignancies

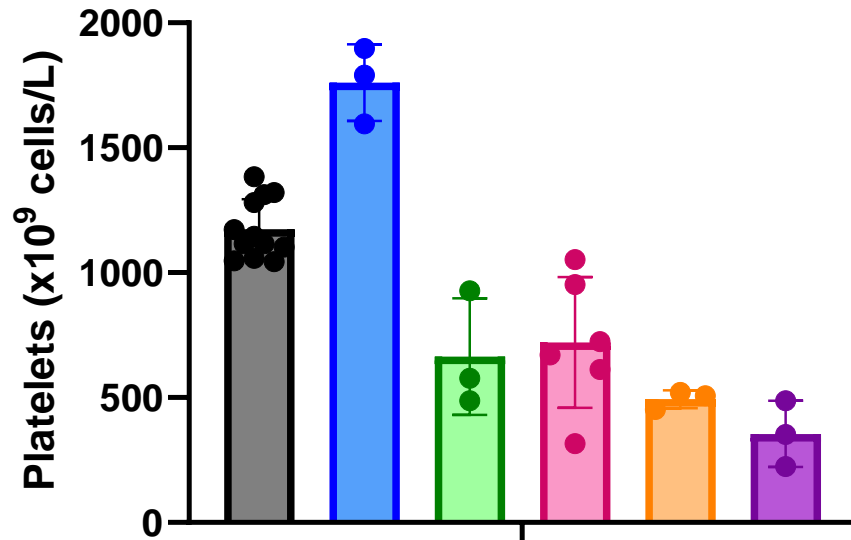


KARPAS422 xenograft tumor growth (DLBCL)



- **Additional in vitro anti-proliferation studies are ongoing in AML and other NHL/B-cell malignancies**
- **Considering an in vitro PDX screen across B-cell heme malignancies**

EP300 Degraders Do Not Show Thrombocytopenia at Efficacious Doses



- Vehicle
- dEP300, 50mg/kg, sc, BID
- Dual degrader, 50mg/kg, sc, QD
- Dual BD inhibitor, 3mg/kg, p.o, BID
- Dual BD inhibitor, 10mg/kg, p.o, BID
- Dual BD inhibitor, 30mg/kg, p.o, BID

- At efficacious doses, our EP300 degrader shows no reductions in platelet count following 14-days of dosing in an investigational safety study in mice
- In contrast, dual CBP/EP300 inhibition or degradation results in a significant decrease in platelets

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