



^{212}Pb -DLL3 Radio-DARPin shows promising Preclinical Antitumor Efficacy in Small Cell Lung Cancer

Christian Lizak, PhD

SNMMI, June 11th, 2024



Contributing authors: Francesca Malvezzi¹, Amal Saidi², Madlaina Mettier¹, Jitka Vojackova¹, Remo Schibli¹, Stephan Wullschlegler¹, Yvonne Kaufmann¹, Tamar Lekishvili¹, Stefanie Riesenberg¹, Jacqueline Blunschli¹, Liridon Abduli¹, Amy Wong², Tania Stallons², Christian Reichen¹, Aaron Schatzmann², Amelie Croset¹, Anne Goubier¹, Julien Torgue², Daniel Steiner¹

¹ Molecular Partners AG, zurich-Schlieren, Switzerland

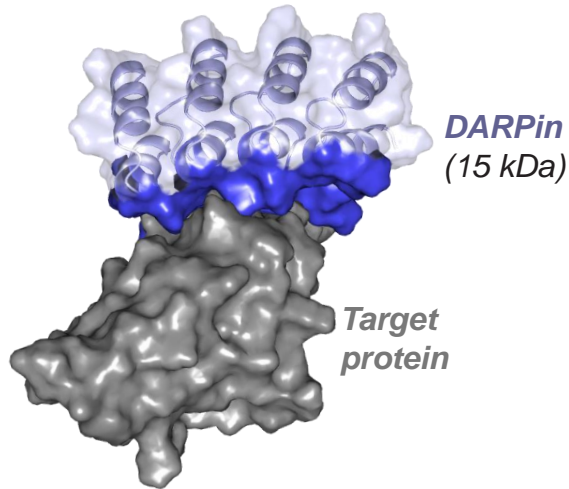
² Orano Med LLC, Plano, TX, USA

Disclosures

- The presented research was funded by Molecular Partners and Orano Med
- All authors are employees of Molecular Partners and Orano Med
- Christian Lizak has ownership of stocks in Molecular Partners

DARPin Therapeutics: Opportunity in Nuclear Oncology?

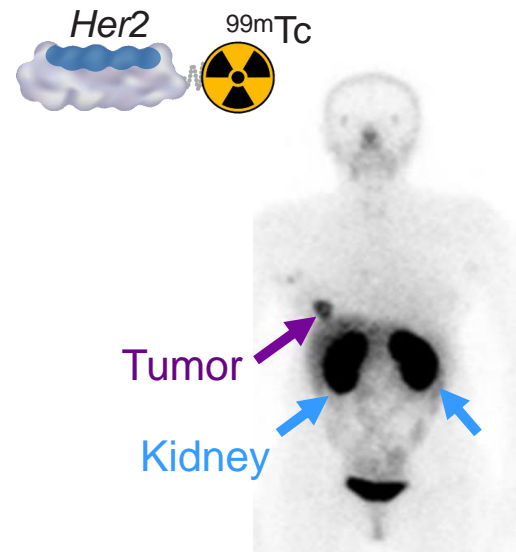
DARPin in Oncology & Beyond



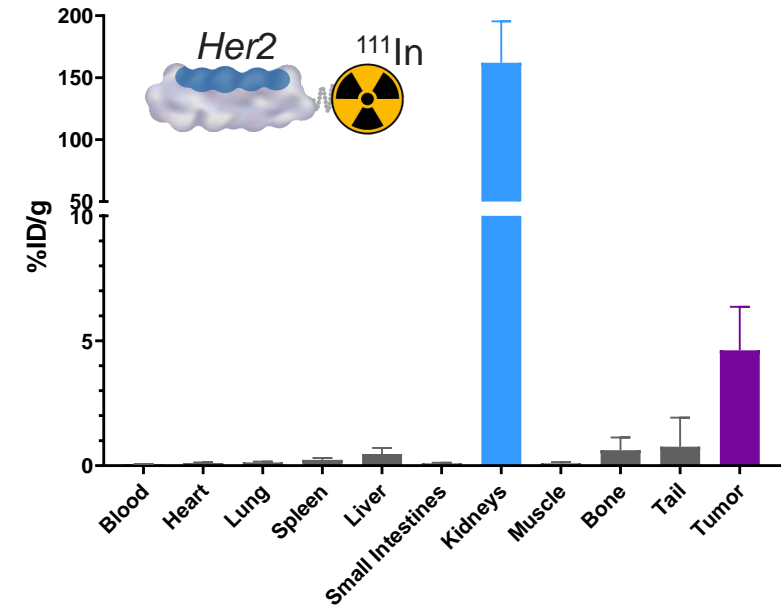
- Close the gap between small molecules & antibodies
- Broad target range, binders against >60 targets
- 7 clinical-stage compounds, >2500 patients treated

The Challenge for Radiotherapeutic Applications

Imaging of Breast Cancer



1st BioD in Tumor Mouse Model

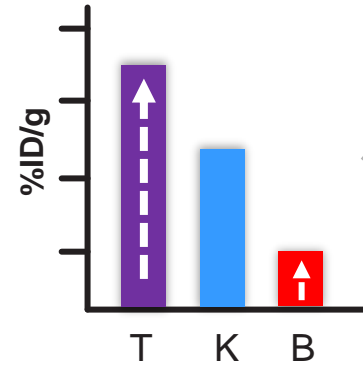
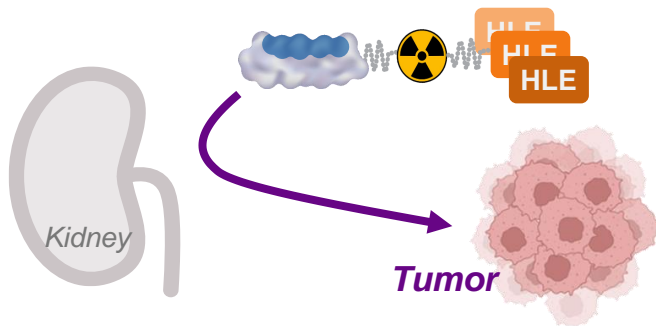


Unlocking DARPins for Radiotherapeutic Applications

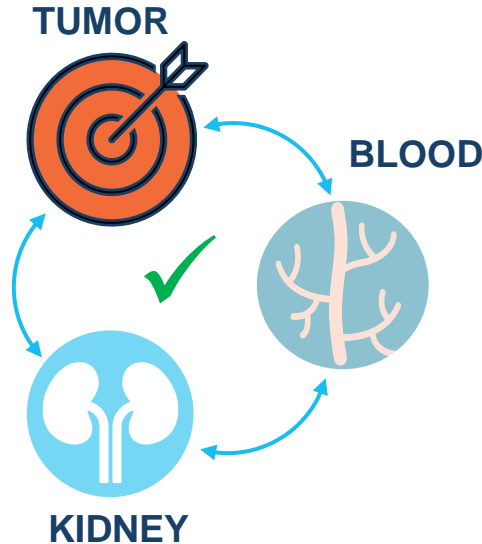
- 1) Increase Tumor Uptake
- 2) Reduce Kidney Accumulation

Radio-DARPin Platform Ready to Deliver Product Candidates

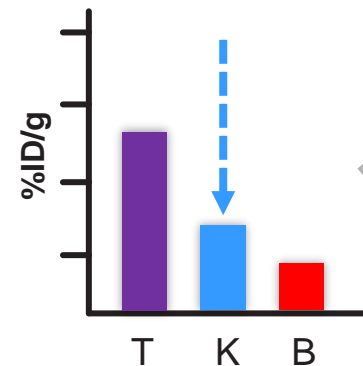
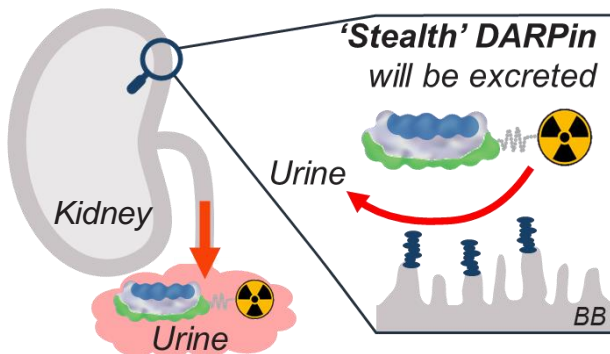
Increased Tumor Uptake
by half-life extension (HLE)*



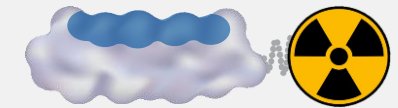
Optimized Biodistribution Properties



Reduced Kidney Accumulation
by surface engineering (Stealth DARPin)*



Intrinsic DARPin Properties



- ✓ **Small Size** (~15 kDa)
→ Deep tumor penetration
→ Short systemic half-life
- ✓ **High Affinity** (pM range)
→ Long tumor retention
- ✓ **High Selectivity**
→ Low accumulation in other tissues
- ✓ **High Stability**
→ Surface Engineering

The first ^{212}Pb -DLL3 Targeted Radiotherapy

Combining distinctive DARPin features with the power of ^{212}Pb for efficacious cancer therapy

SCLC as Indication

- Aggressive cancer with high unmet medical need
 - 2L: mPFS ~3m; 5y OS ~3%^{1,2}
- DLL3 is expressed in >85% of pts³

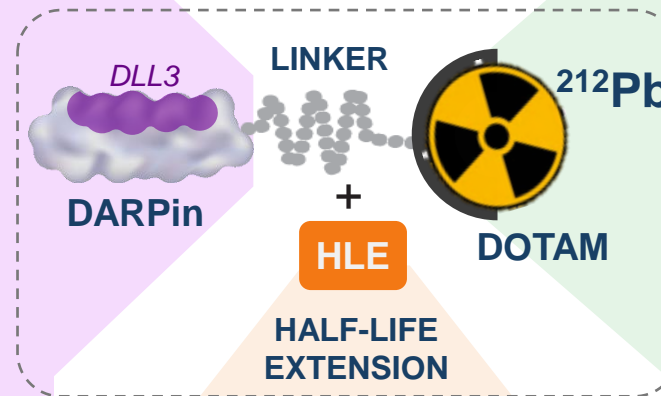
DLL3: A promising Target

- Homogeneous tumor expression, but low expression level in pts
- No expression in healthy tissues
- New treatments with room for improvement: Tarlatamab (AMGEN) for 2L+; ORR ~40%

Diverse set of DARPins against DLL3

- Good developability
- Specific binding with high affinity

PRODUCT COMPOSITION



**Tunable
albumin binding**

^{212}Pb for Targeted Alpha Therapy

- Strong cytotoxicity (dsDNA breaks)
- Single alpha decay (limited free daughters)
 - Limited irradiation of healthy tissues
- Relatively short half-life (10.6 h)
 - Fast energy deposition (efficacy)
 - Easier waste management

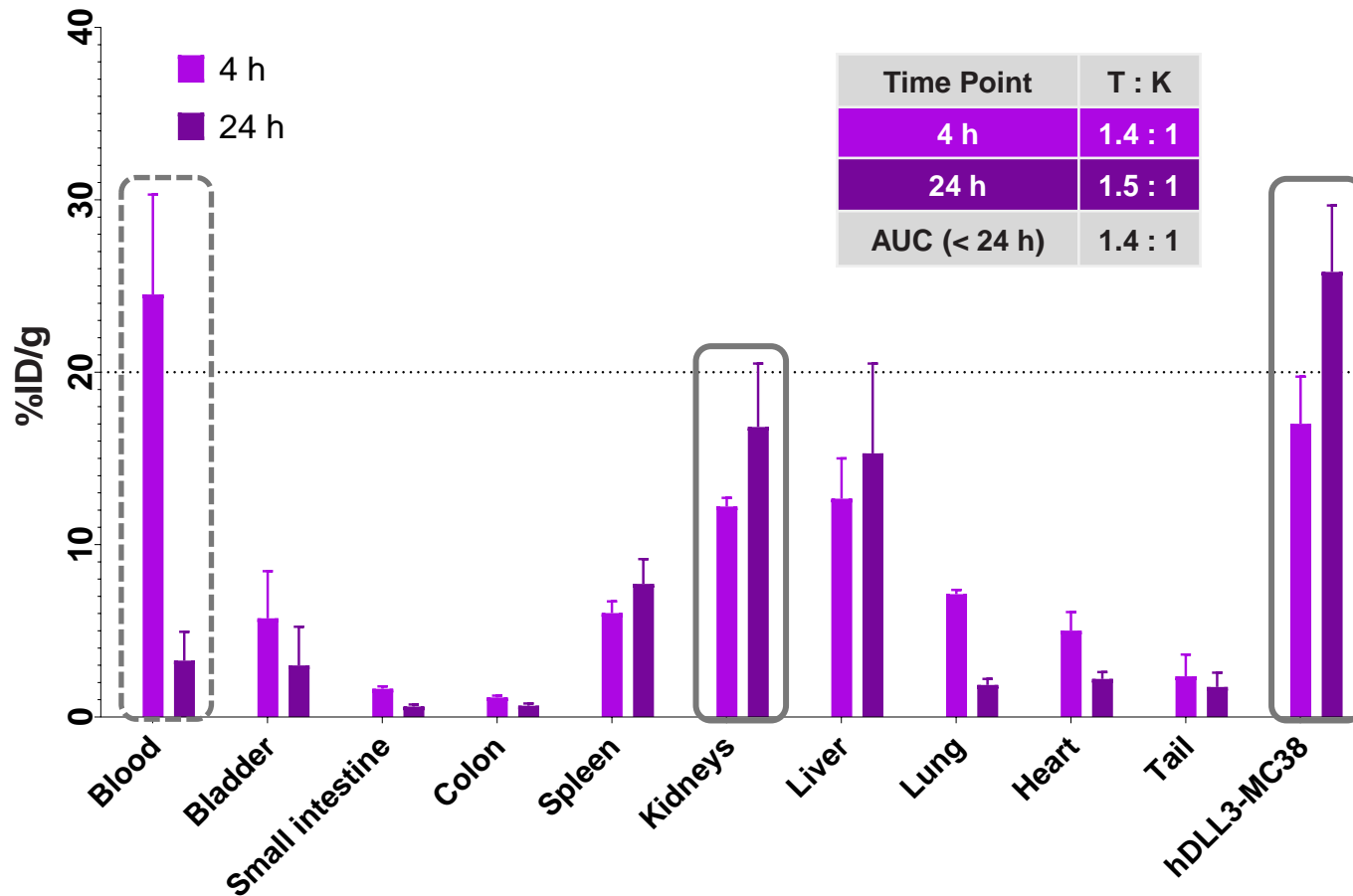
Co-Development with Orano Med

- The leader for ^{212}Pb & a committed partner
- Reliable & scalable ^{212}Pb production
- Independent production capacities (substantial inventory of purified ^{232}Th)

ASCO: Ph2 clinical data ^{212}Pb -DOTAMTATE (AlphaMedixTM) showed an ORR of 55.6%⁴

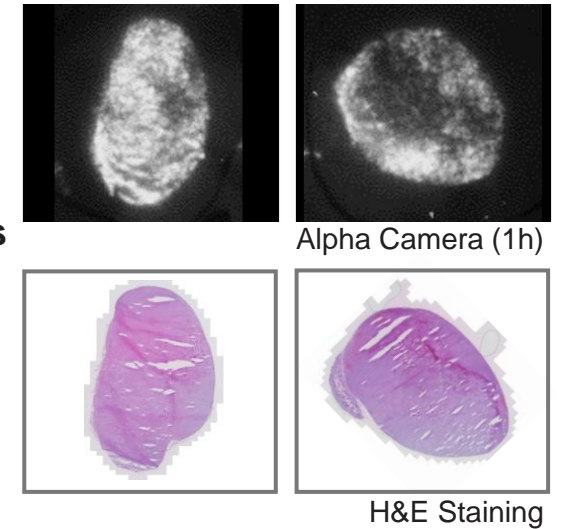
Promising Biodistribution Profile of ^{212}Pb -DLL3 RDT Candidate

MC38-hDLL3 Model with Elevated DLL3 Expression Level *



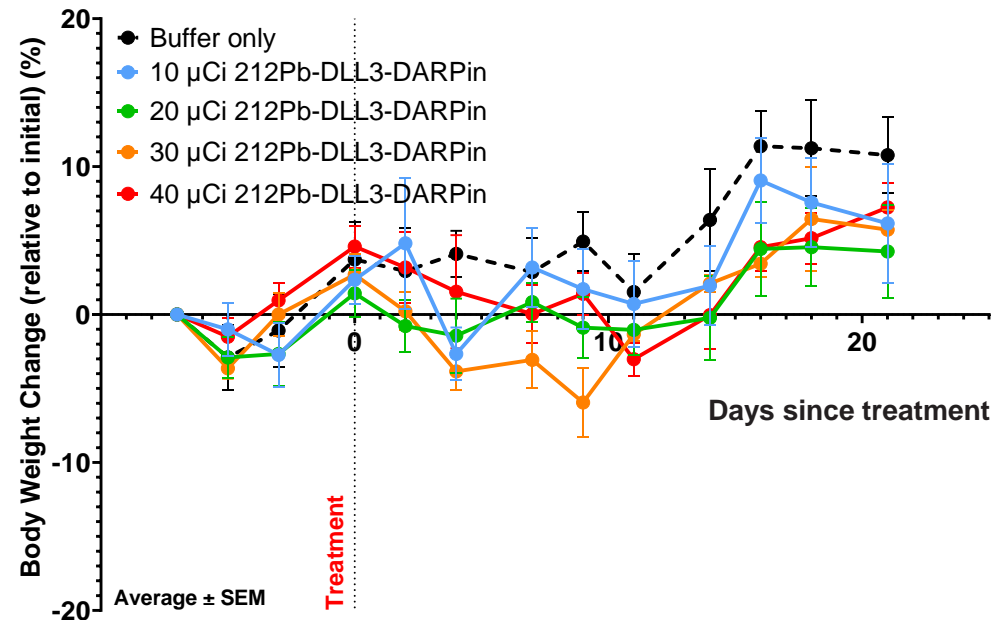
- Positive tumor to non-tumor ratio
→ **Tumor to kidney ratio of 1.4:1 (AUC)**
- **Strong and homogenous tumor uptake** confirmed by alpha camera
- **Elevated blood levels** (caused by half-life tuning) **are quickly decreasing**

Tumor Sections
(NCI-H82 model)



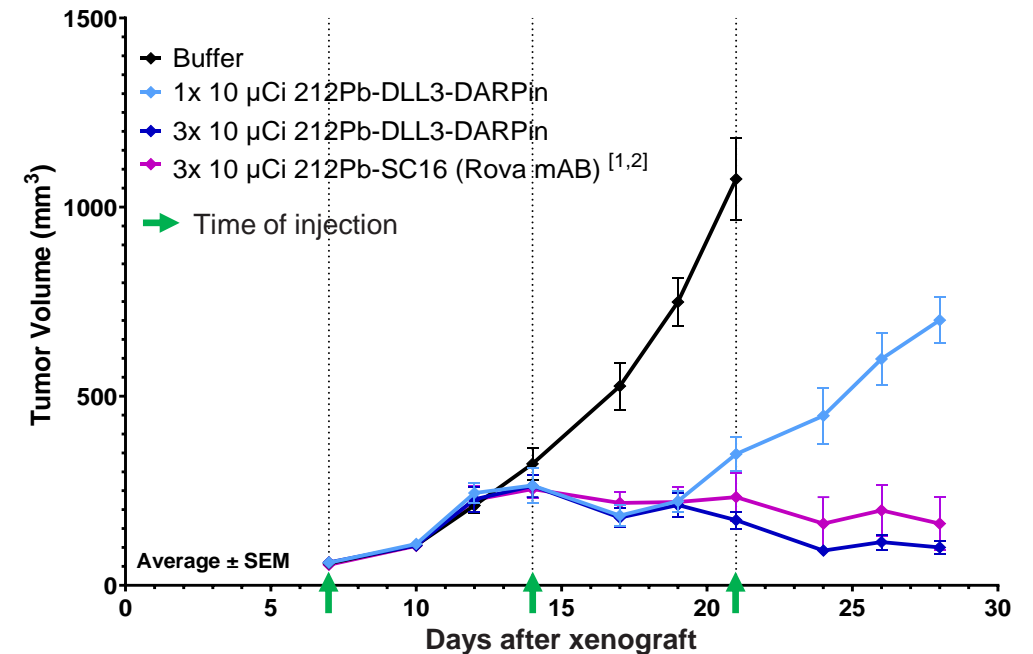
Favorable Safety & Potent Efficacy of ^{212}Pb -DLL3 RDT Candidate

Dose Range Finding in wt Mice



- All treatments up to 40 μCi were well tolerated
- Treatment shows a favorable safety profile suggesting its potential for clinical use

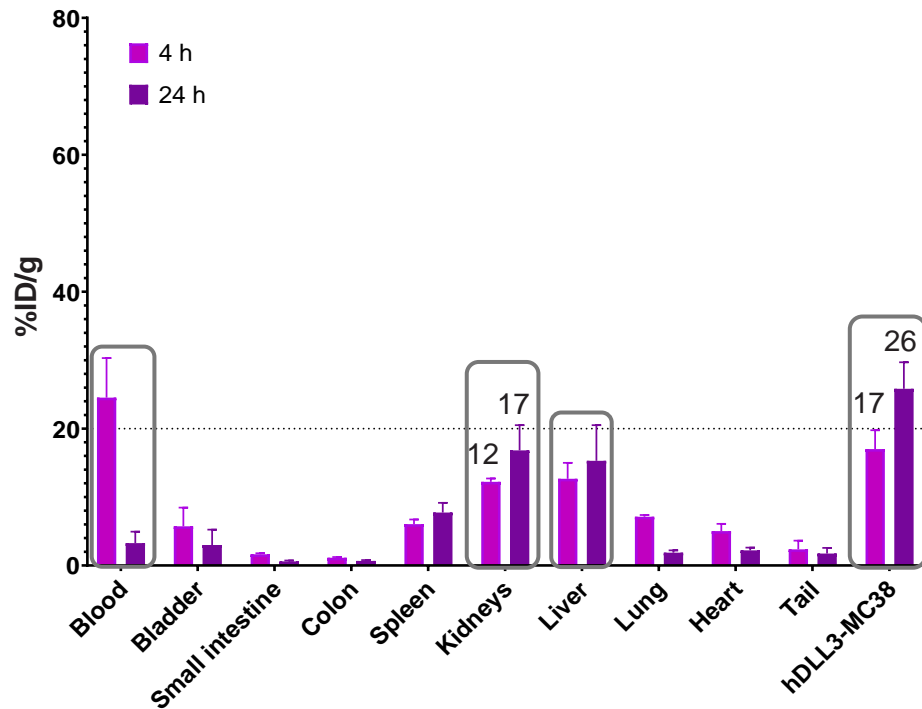
Efficacy in MC38-hDLL3 Model



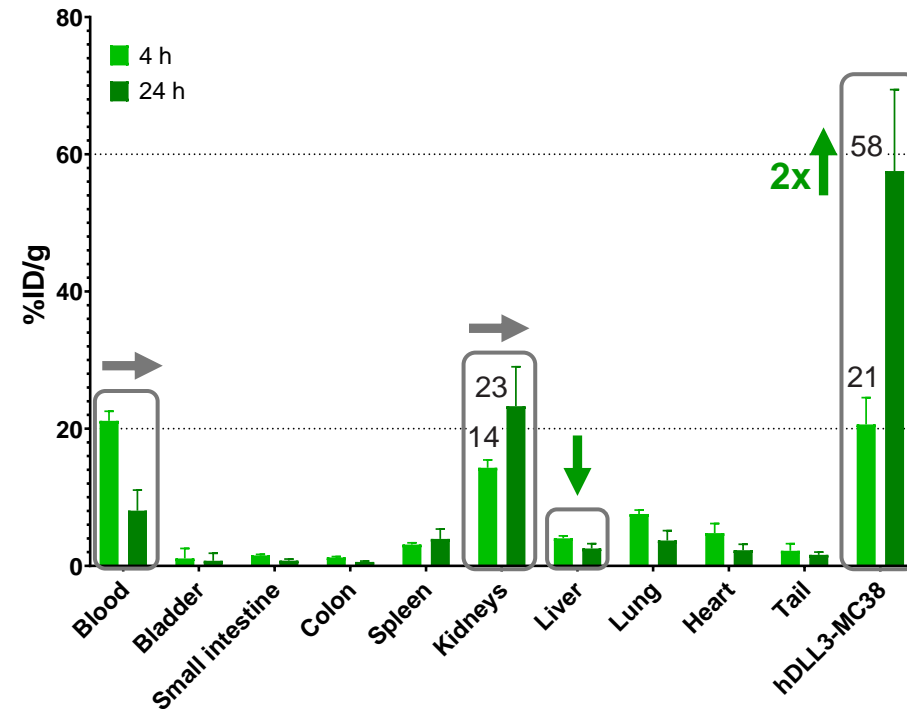
- Significant and durable inhibition of tumor growth (comparable to benchmark mAB)
- Treatment shows profound antitumor activity at clinically relevant dose

MP0712: ^{212}Pb -DLL3 Lead Candidate with Attractive BioD Profile

Reminder: BioD Profile of Previous DLL3 RDT Construct



NEW: Strongly Improved BioD Profile of RDT Lead Candidate



Time Point	T : K
4 h	1.4 : 1
24 h	2.5 : 1
AUC	2.1 : 1

- **MP0712 Lead Candidate** shows encouraging BioD profile with **T:K Ratio >2** in MC38 model
- Similar profile in NCI-H82 model (patient relevant DLL3 expression) with T:K Ratio >1 (data not shown)

Summary – Radio-DARPin Therapy (RDT)

- ✓ Successful RDT platform optimization for reduced kidney accumulation and increased tumor uptake
- ✓ **MP0712 selected as Lead Candidate for ^{212}Pb -DLL3 targeted Radio-DARPin Therapy**
- ✓ IND-enabling activities initiated with Orano Med; **FIH clinical data expected in 2025**



TARGET	RESEARCH	DEV.	RIGHTS
DLL3	MP0712		MOLECULAR partners
Target 2*			oranomed
Target A			MOLECULAR partners
Target B			
Target X			NOVARTIS
Target Y			
Several targets in evaluation			

Outlook:

- **Advance MP0712 and additional pipeline candidates**
- **Evolve RDT platform**
- **Progress collaboration projects with Orano Med and Novartis**

Acknowledgments

Entire Team at Molecular Partners AG



Orano Med Team

Julien Torgue

Amal Saidi

Aaron Schatzmann

Tania Stallons

Amy Wong

Federico Rojas





Thank you for your interest!

Molecular Partners AG
Wagstrasse 14
8952 Zürich-Schlieren
Switzerland
www.molecularpartners.com
T +41 44 755 77 00