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## The DARPin® bispecific molecule

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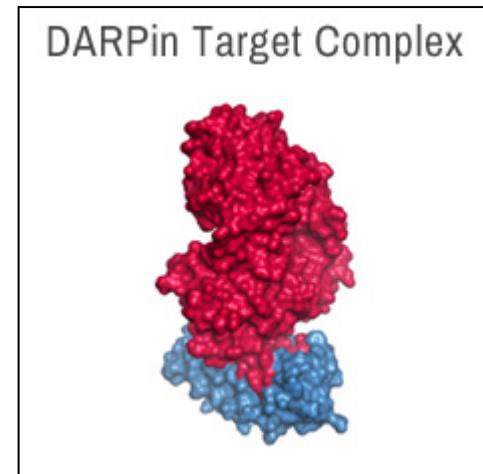
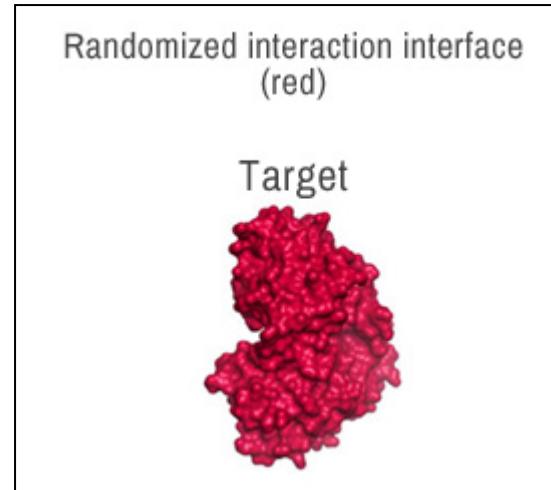
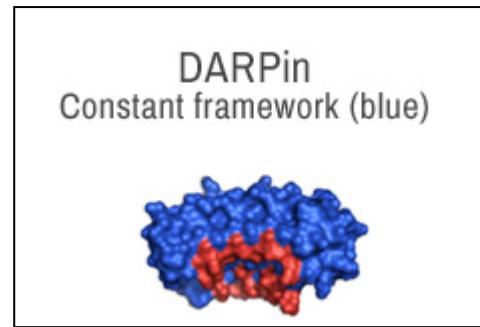
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# DARPin® Proteins: A Different Class of Therapeutics

Small protein therapeutic agents derived from natural ankyrin repeat proteins, one of the most common binding proteins in nature and responsible for diverse functions, such as cell signaling and receptor binding.

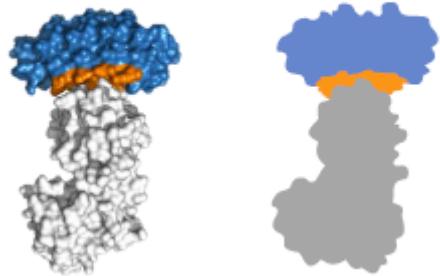


**Natural principle:** repeat proteins were evolved as binders in multifunctional contexts

Small size	14 – 18 kD	a increased tissue penetration
High potency	< 5 – 100 pM	active at low concentration
High stability and solubility	soluble at > 100 g/L	ideal drug properties
Cost efficient bacterial production	7 – 15 g/L	rapid and low-cost
Tunable PK properties	PK toolbox (min – weeks)	adjust to patient need
High developability	robust class behavior	standard processes

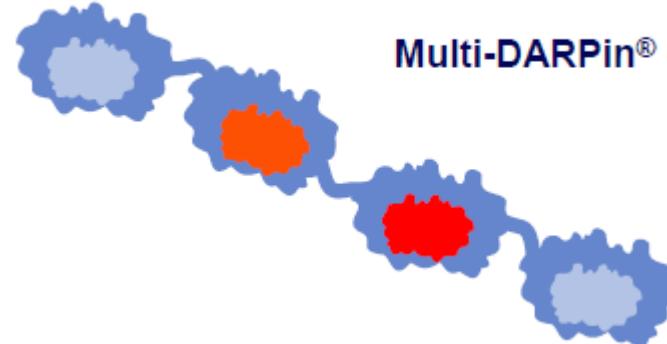
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**Mono-DARPin®**

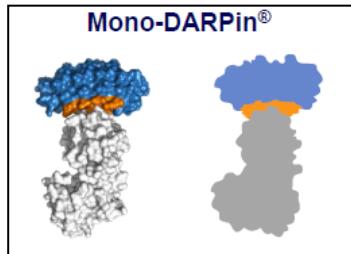


**Mono-DARPin®:** selected to bind a given target with high affinity & specificity (large libraries)

**Multi-DARPin® (4x)**

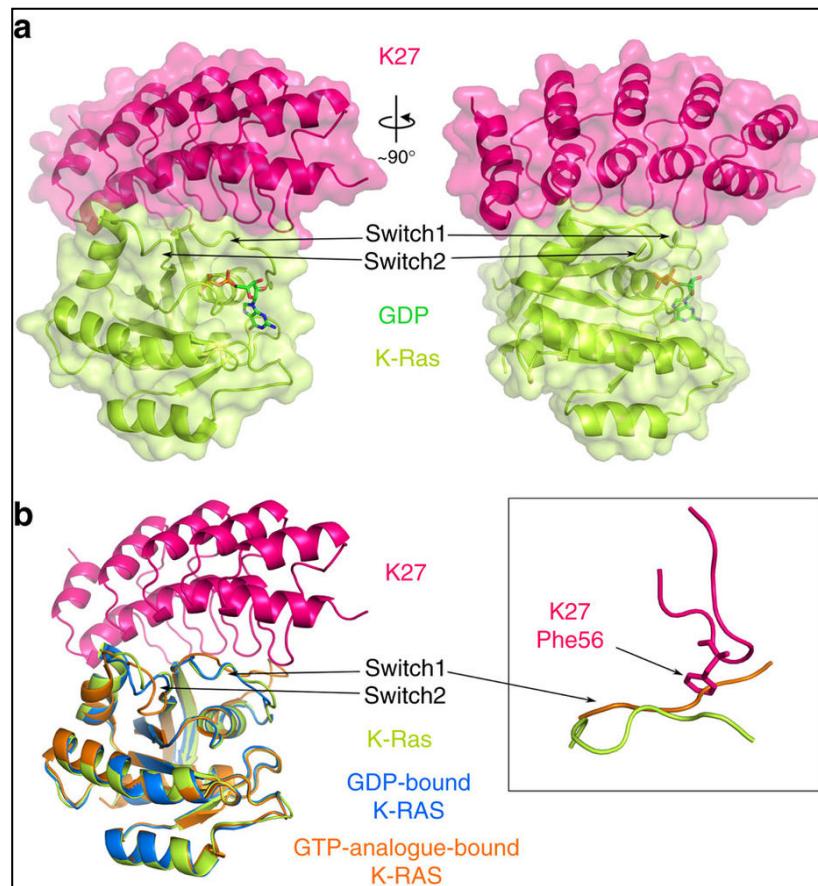


**Multi-DARPin®:** linked mono-DARPin® ( $\geq$  six) & directly used for functional screening

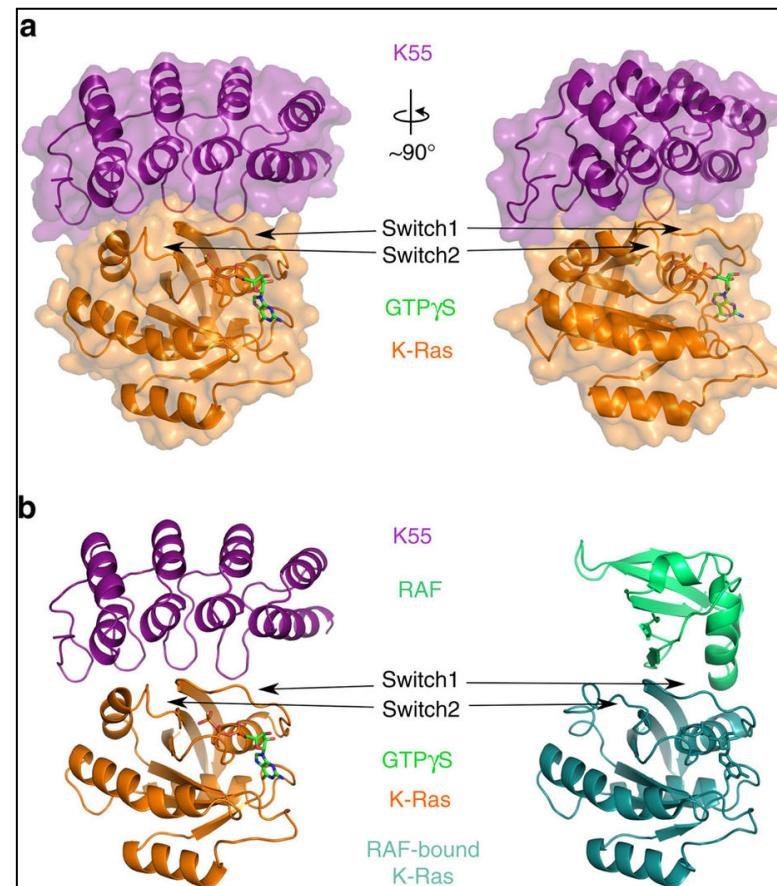


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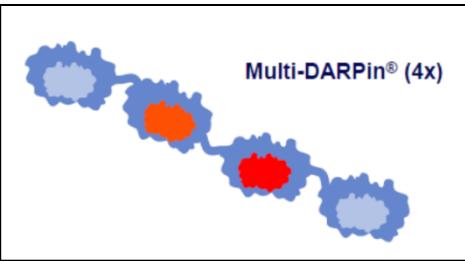
DARPin K27 inhibits nucleotide exchange



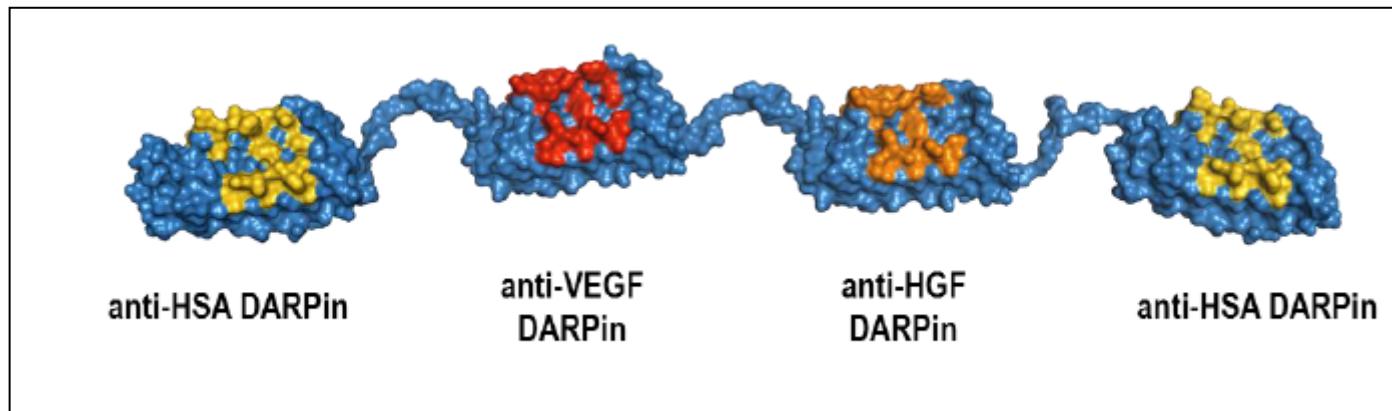
DARPin K55 inhibits the Ras/Raf interaction



Guillard S, et al. Nature Commun 2017



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Middleton MR, et al. ESMO 2016

# The DARPin® Difference in Oncology

## Current Challenges

- Unlimited growth
- Sustained angiogenesis
- Tissue invasion & metastasis
- Evades body's immune system

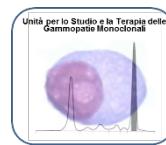
## DARPin® Difference

- DARPin® candidates targeting multiple pathways
- Tumor-localized multi-DARPin® candidates
- Novel modes of action (MoAs)

ENVIRONMENT



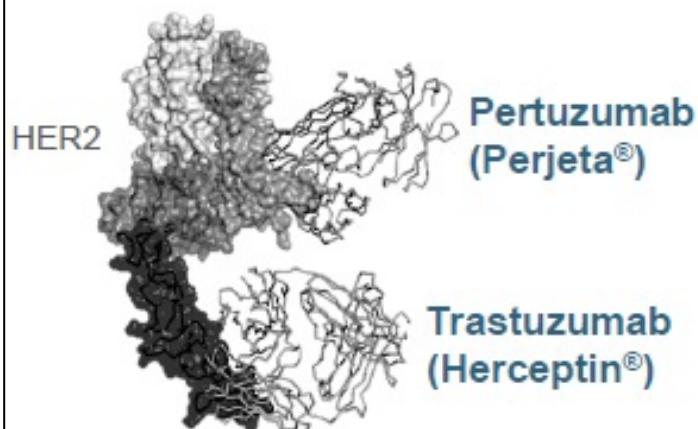
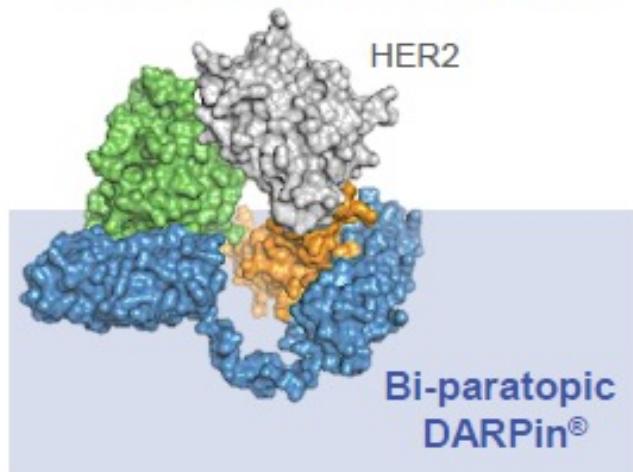
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# MP0274: Killing HER2+ Cells With New MoA

“Handcuff” as Master Switch



## MP0274

- Multi-DARPin® protein binding two distinct HER2 epitopes
- Indications: patients with HER2-addicted tumors

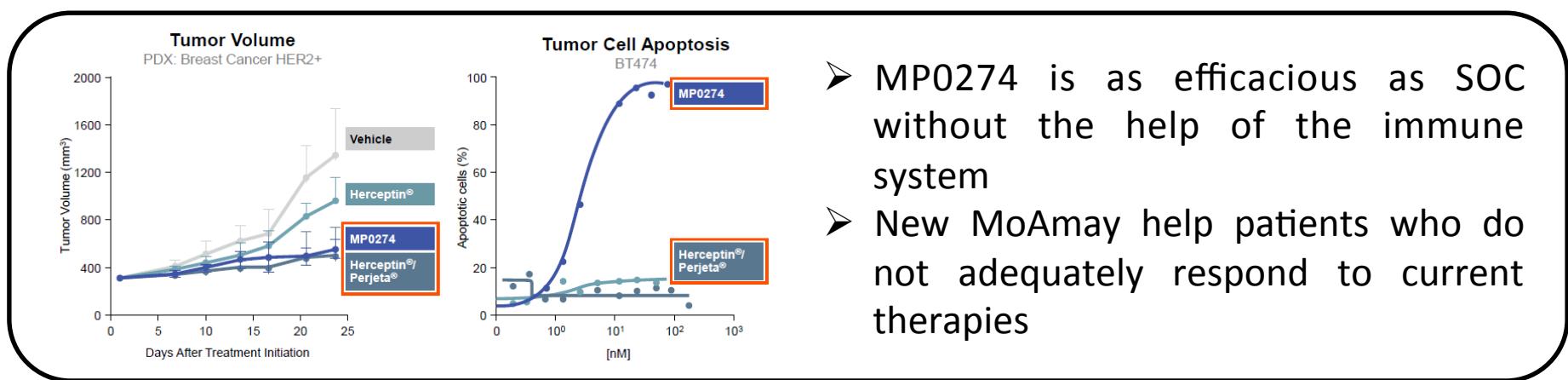
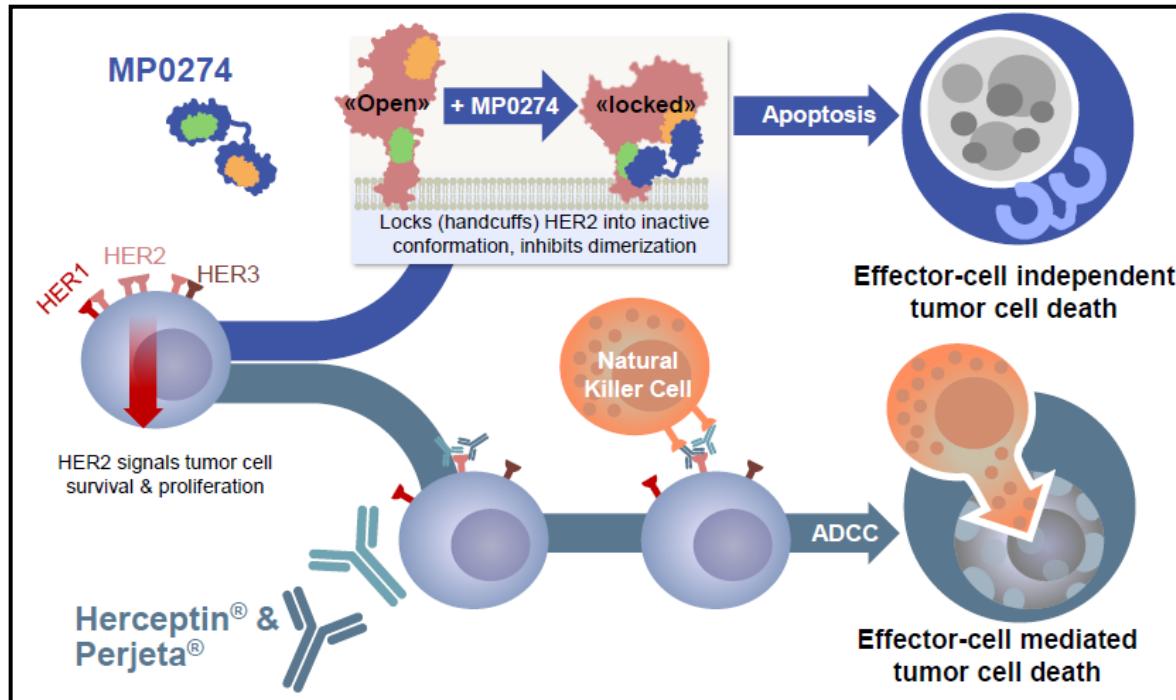
## Development/Stage

First regulatory submission in Q4/2016

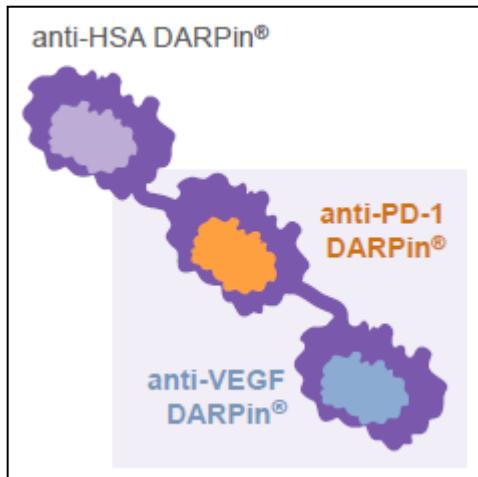
## Differentiation & Potential Benefit

- Induces apoptosis (cell death) in HER2+ tumor cells without ADCC
- New MoA may help patients who do not adequately respond to current therapies

# Direct Induction of Tumor Cell Death Is Unique to MP0274

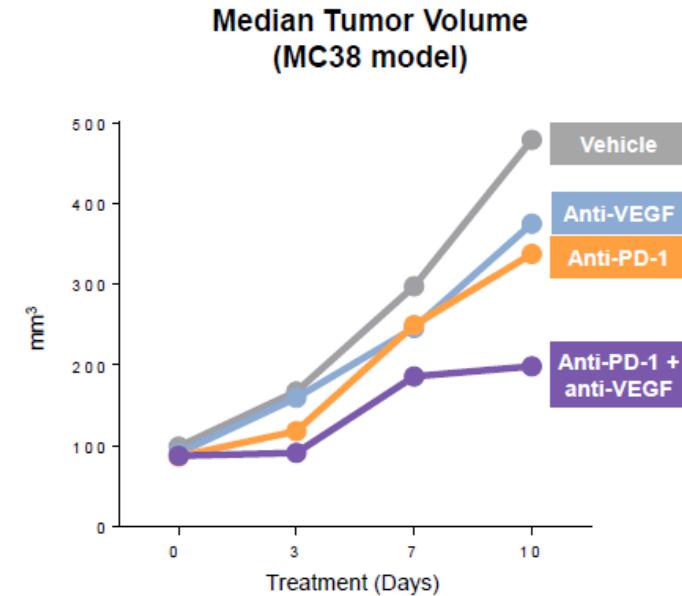


# Immuno-Oncology

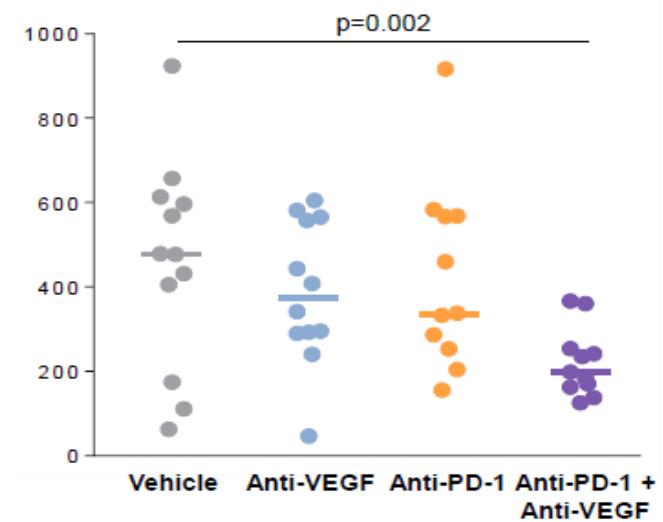


Multi-DARPin® Protein PD-1/VEGF

- Inhibits PD-1 and VEGF
- Rationale: ideal backbone in all indications where PD-1/VEGF will become gold standard
- Normalization of tumor vasculature to enhance immune cell infiltration and PD-1 efficacy
- Opportunity for
  - More patients to respond to anti-PD-1 therapy
  - Use across more indications compared with PD-1 monotherapy



Individual Tumor Volumes, Day 10



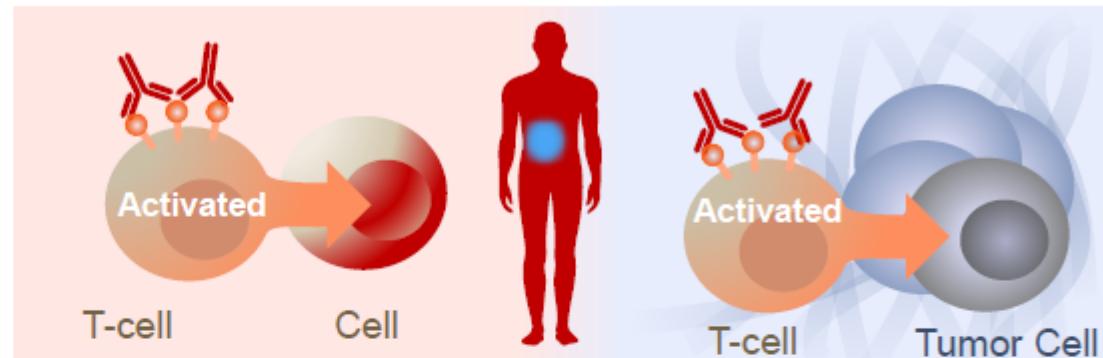
# Unleashing Potential of Agonists in I/O

## Agonistic mAb:



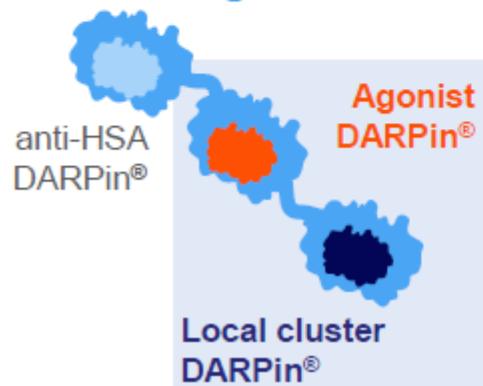
T-cell agonist target

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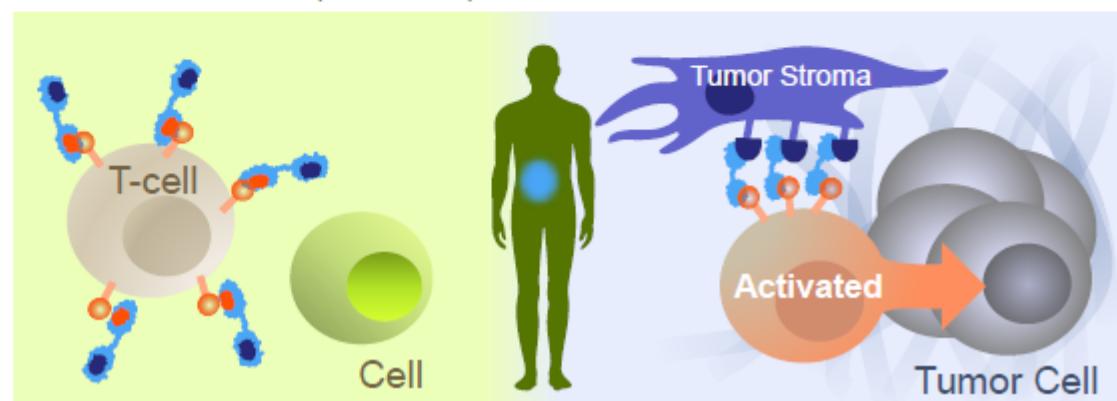


## IN THE TUMOR

## Tumor-restricted DARPin® Agonists

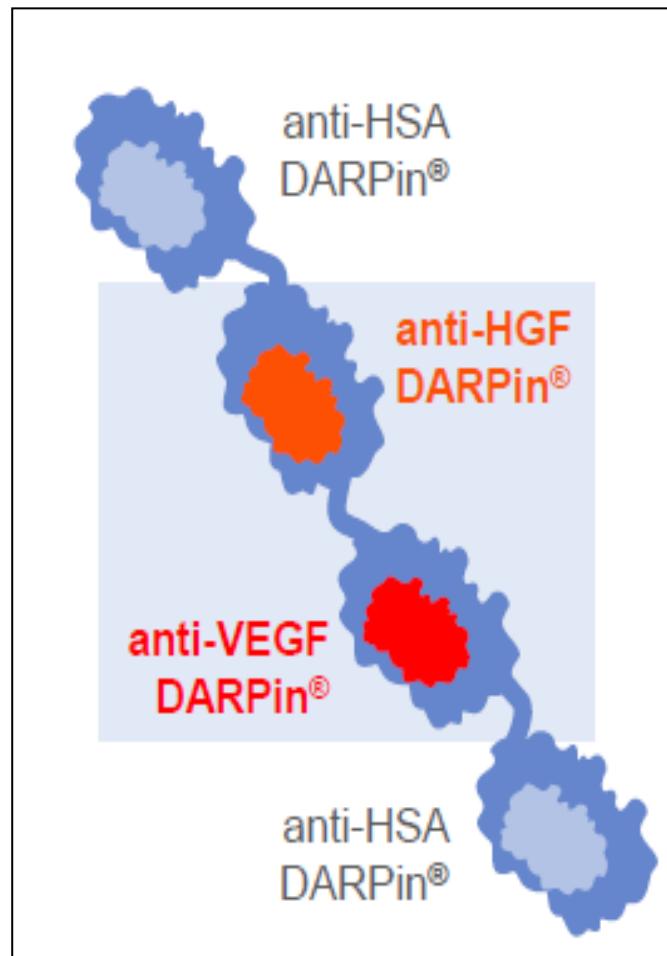


## In CIRCULATION (SYSTEMIC)



## IN THE TUMOR

# MP0250: An Ideal Combination (anti-VEGF & HGF)



## MP0250

First bi-specific biologic targeting VEGF and HGF

## Development/Stage

### Phase 1: solid tumor study

- Demonstrated good tolerability and exposure, encouraging efficacy

### Phase 2: multiple myeloma study

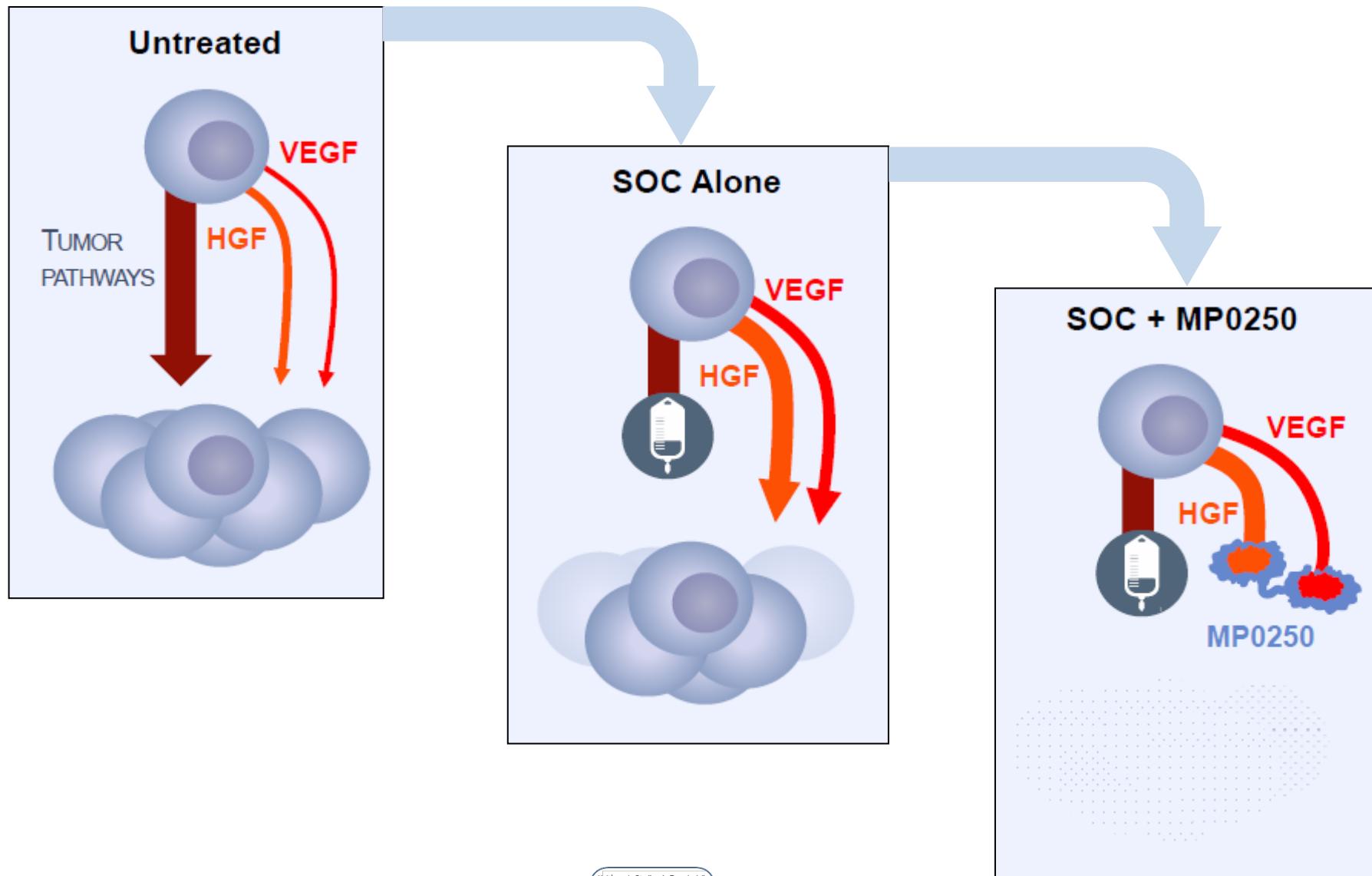
- Regulatory submission Q4/2016
- Initial safety data expected 2017
- Initial efficacy data expected 2018

**Additional Phase 2** for solid tumor indication started in 2017

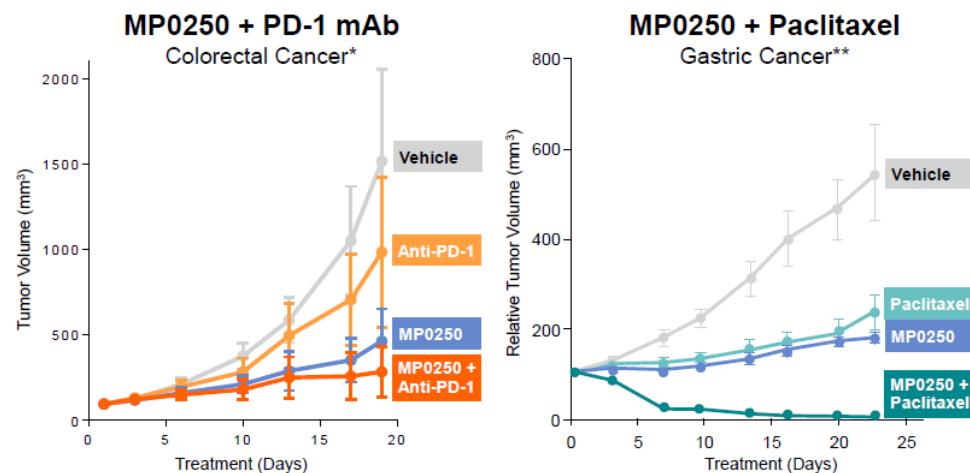
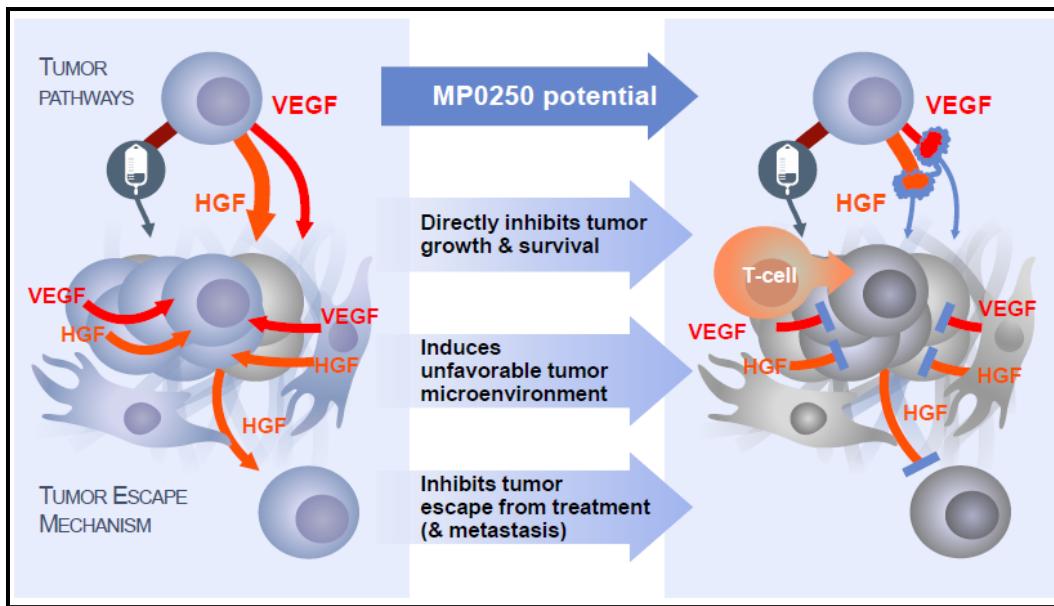
## Differentiation & Potential Benefit

- Ideal for patients with likely VEGF-and/or HGF-mediated escape from previous treatment
- Can be combined with standard therapy

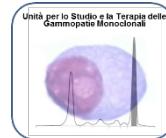
# MP0250 Blocks Tumor Escape

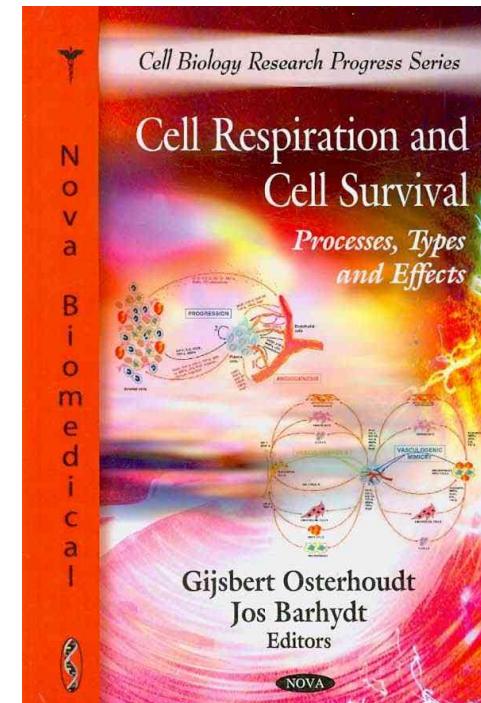
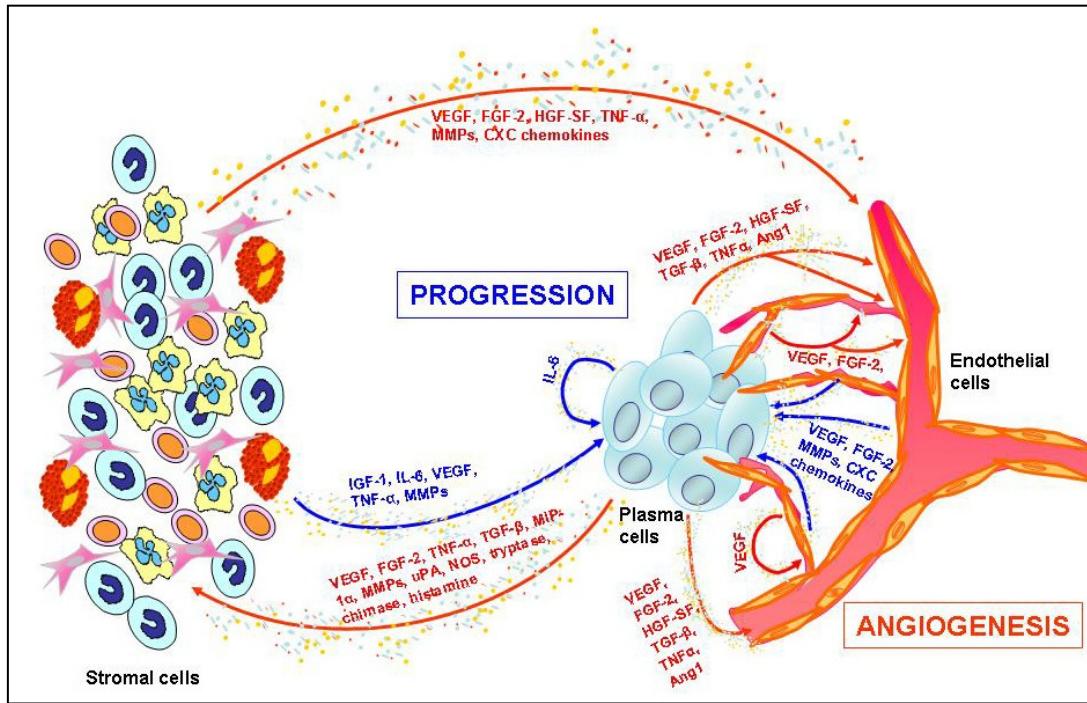


# MP0250 Attacks Tumor on Several Levels



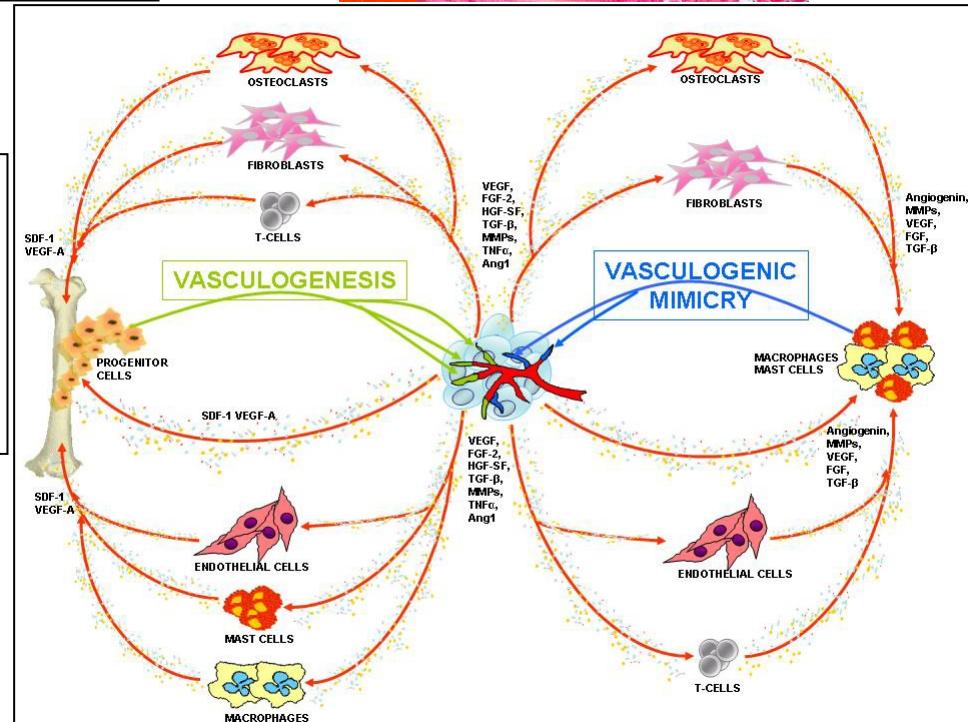
MP0250: Combination with chemotherapy and biologics across diverse cancers: renal, liver and lung cancer



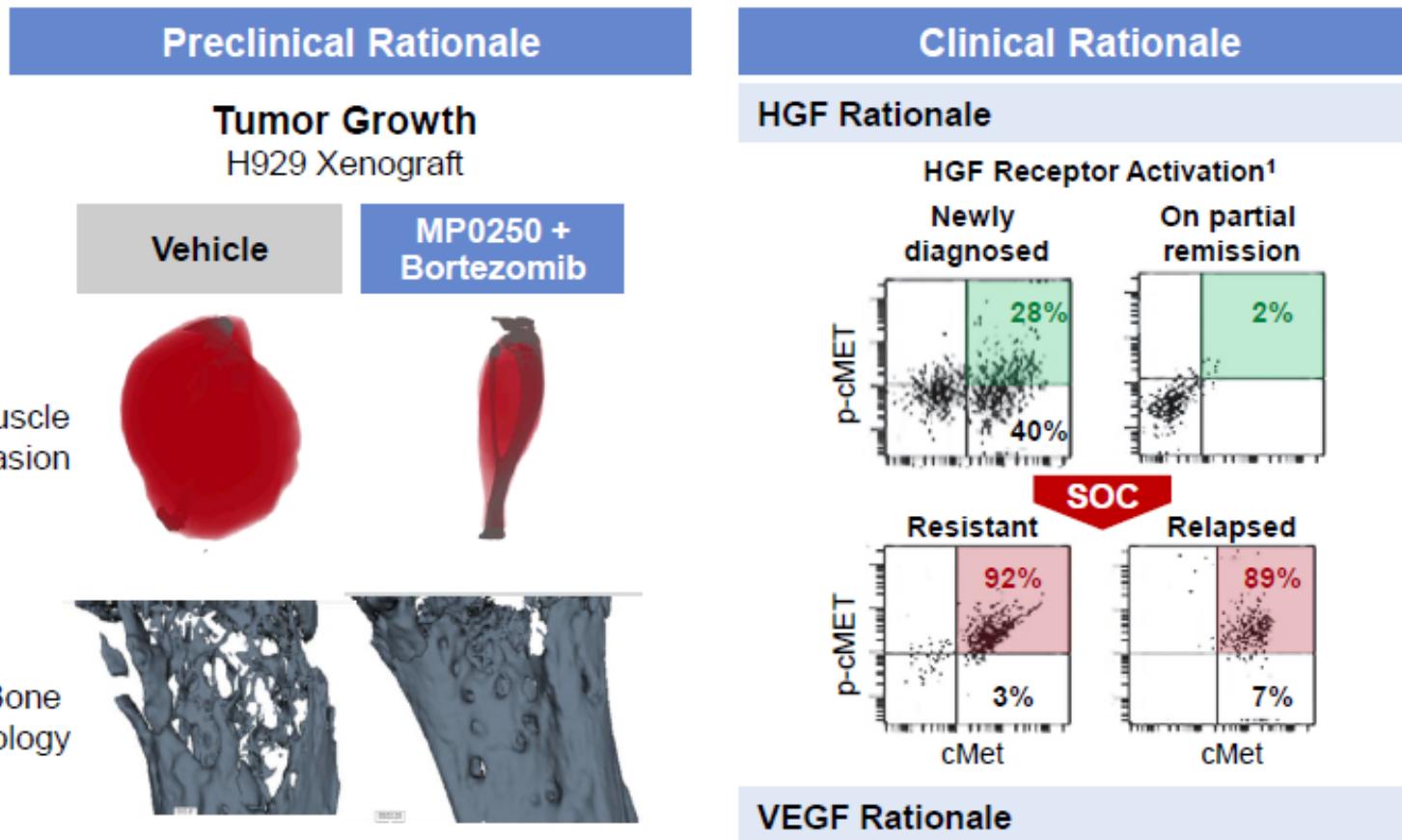


## The Bone Marrow Microenvironment in Multiple Myeloma: Cellular and Molecular Basis of Disease Progression

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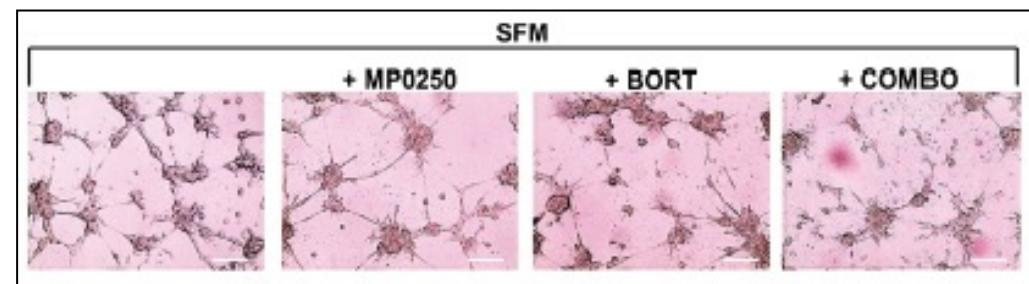
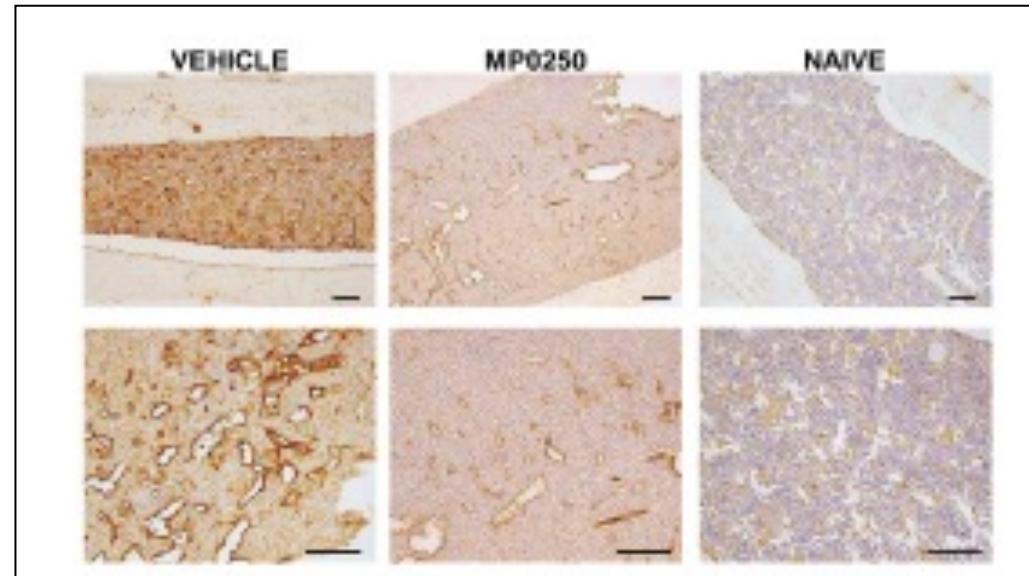
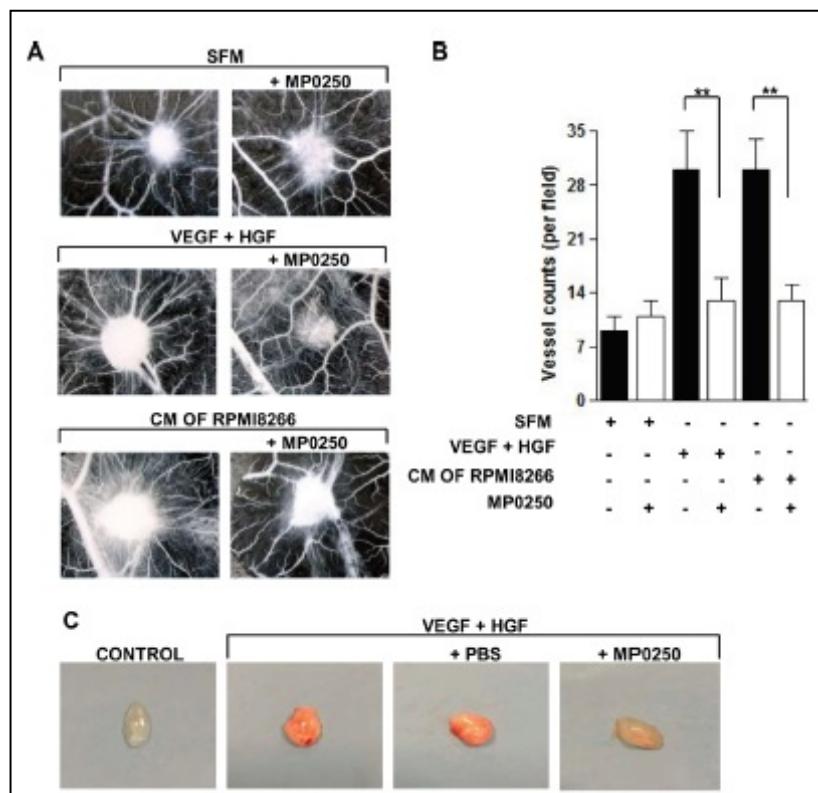
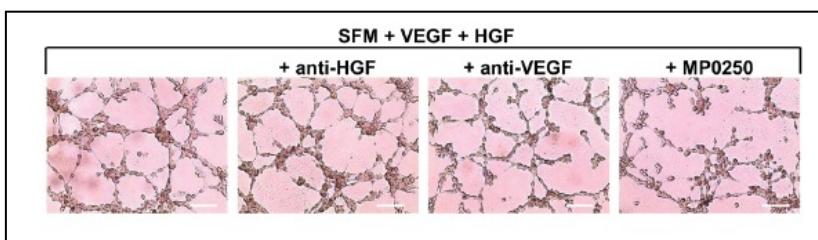
# Preclinical and Clinical Data Support MP0250 + SOC for Multiple Myeloma



1. Moschetta M, et al. Clin Cancer Res 2013;19:4371-82; 2. White D, et al. Cancer 2013;119:339-47.

## Targeting angiogenesis in multiple myeloma by the VEGF and HGF blocking DARPin® protein MP0250: a preclinical study

Luigia Rao<sup>1,\*</sup>, Kim De Veirman<sup>2,\*</sup>, Donato Giannico<sup>1</sup>, Ilaria Saltarella<sup>1</sup>, Vanessa Desantis<sup>1</sup>, Maria Antonia Frassanito<sup>1</sup>, Antonio Giovanni Solimando<sup>1</sup>, Domenico Ribatti<sup>3</sup>, Marcella Prete<sup>1</sup>, Andreas Harstrick<sup>4</sup>, Ulrike Fiedler<sup>4</sup>, Hendrik De Raeve<sup>5</sup>, Vito Racanelli<sup>1</sup>, Karin Vanderkerken<sup>2,\*</sup> and Angelo Vacca<sup>1,\*</sup>



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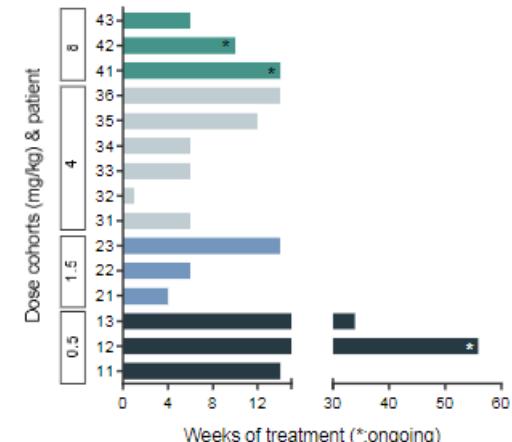
### First-in-human Phase I study to evaluate MP0250, a DARPin<sup>®</sup> blocking HGF and VEGF, in patients with advanced solid tumors

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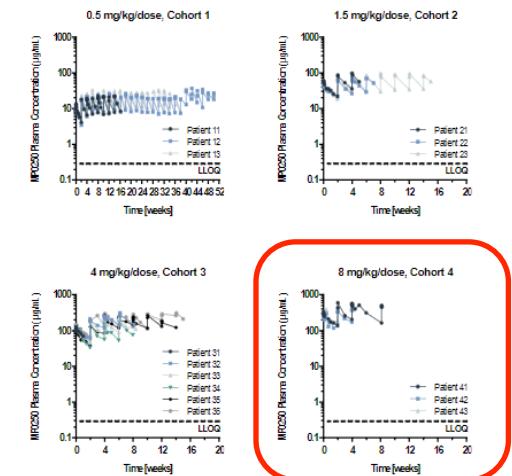
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Characteristics of patients enrolled (total and per dose cohort)

Cohort	Dose mg/kg	# Patients	Age (Med, Range)	Male / Female	Tumor types	# Infusions (Med, Range)	# prior Tx (Med, Range)
All	0.5-8	15	63 (20-78)	5/10			
1	0.5	3	70	female	Endometrial sarcoma	8	2
			20	female	Nasopharyngeal carcinoma	29	2
			57	female	Cervical adenocarcinoma	18	3
2	1.5	3	67	male	Colorectal carcinoma	3	7
			60	male	NSCLC	4	4
			62	male	Carcinoma of the tongue	8	1
3	4	6	41	female	Adenocarcinoma of unknown primary	4	1
			67	male	Colorectal carcinoma	1	4
			70	female	Renal cell carcinoma	4	3
			78	female	Breast cancer	4	7
			61	female	Breast cancer	7	1
			63	female	Salivary gland carcinoma	8	0
4	8	3	69	female	NSCLC	8	4
			70	male	Colorectal carcinoma	6	4
			63	female	Ovarian carcinoma	4	2



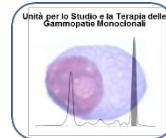
Treatment duration was  $\geq 3$  months in about 50% of patients with 2 patients exceeding 8 months.



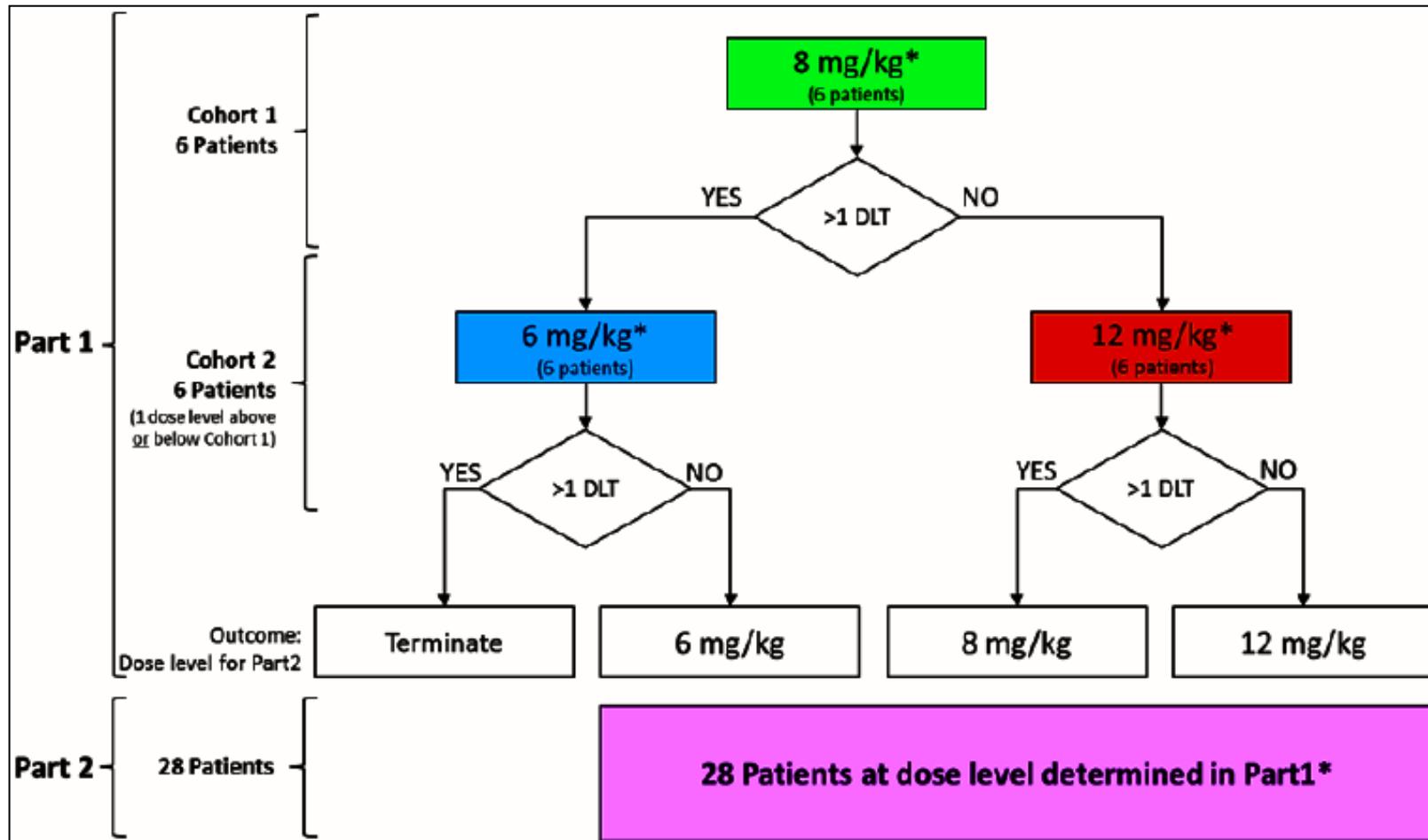
List of all adverse events in more than two patients.

Severity (NCI-CTC v4.03)	Dose cohort (mg/kg)		0.5		1.5		4		8		Total	
	N	1-2	3	1-2	3	1-2	3*	1-2	3	1-2	3	
Hypertension												7
Diarrhea	1			2		2		1		1		6
Fatigue	1			2		1		1		2		6
Nausea				1		3		2		2		6
Cough	2			1		1		1		1		5
Anorexia	1					2						3
Back pain	1					2						3
Blood bilirubin increased						2		1		1		3
Vomiting						2		1		1		3

\* Two patients died due to progressive disease; of whom one presented in addition grade 4 hyperglycemia and thrombocytopenia.

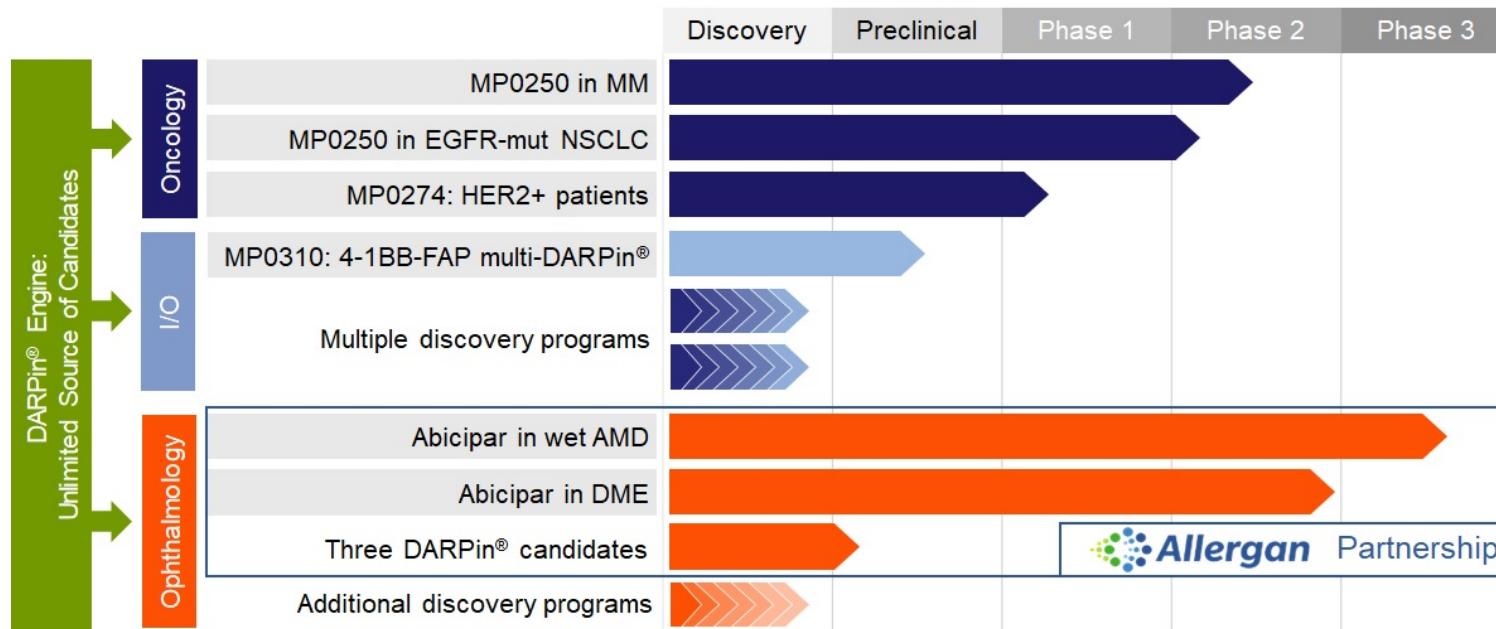


# MP0250 Plus Bortezomib + Dexamethasone: Phase II MiRROrStudy



# Conclusions

- **Natural principle:** repeat proteins were evolved as binders in multifunctional contexts.
- **Ideal properties:** mono-& multi-DARPin® are soluble, stable with a high-yield production.
- **Preclinical and clinical efficacy and safety.**
- **Broad range of application:** Oncology, Immuno-Oncology, Immunology, Ophthalmology.



AMD, age-related macular degeneration; DME, diabetic macular edema; MM, multiple myeloma; NSCLC, non-small cell lung cancer.

A photograph of a sunset over a calm ocean. In the foreground, several palm trees stand silhouetted against the bright sky. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow across the water. In the distance, a range of mountains is visible under the setting sun.

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