

Intervention in Liver Cancer with Molecular Glue Degraders March 2022

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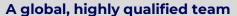
Based in Wroclaw (Poland) and Basel (Switzerland)

Significantly oversubscribed IPO in April 2021

Five drug programs in large potential markets

~100 FTEs on board, almost half of them are PhD level specialists

1,100 m² of laboratory space equipped with state-of-the-art equipment





















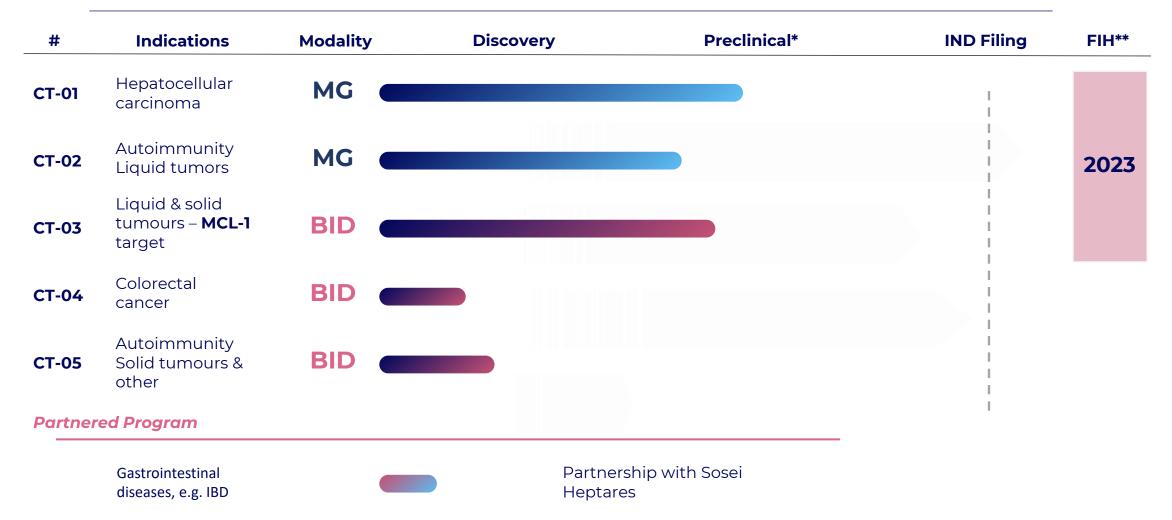








Pipeline



^{*}Preclinical stage include IND-enabling studies

^{**}First in Human; at least 2 projects expected to enter Phase 1 by 2023

BID – Bi-functional Degrader; MG – Molecular Glue



TPD-focused Competences in Place

PHARMACOLOGY

TARGET/E3 LIGASE ENGAGEMENT

POI DEGRADATION

REPORTER & ENDOGENOUS ASSAYS

BIOPHYSICS

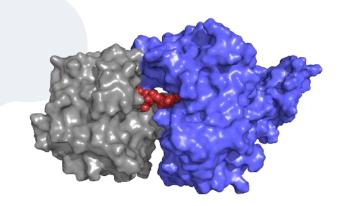
LIGAND BINDING SPR, FP, NMR, BLI, DSF, FRET, BRET

TERNARY COMPLEX FORMATION

PROTEIN SCIENCES

LIBRARY OF E3 LIGASES

PROTEIN PRODUCTION & LABELING



MODELING

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DOCKING LINKER DESIGN

MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY

DEGRADERS' BUILDING BLOCKS

NEW E3 LIGANDS

HTS, FGLD, FOCUSED LIBRARIES

PROTEOMICS

SELECTIVITY PROFILING

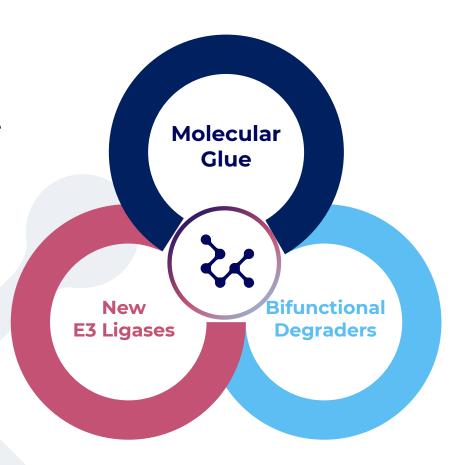
NEW TARGET IDENTIFICATION



Approach

Molecular Glues

Small molecules with good drug properties that stabilize the interaction between the E3 Ligase and the target



Core capabilities

- 100-person team with in-house biophysics, structural biology, HTS, chemistry, biology & proteomics
- Science leadership involved in degradation for > 10 years
- Application of DEL and Affinity Selection MS

Evolving LiLisTM Platform

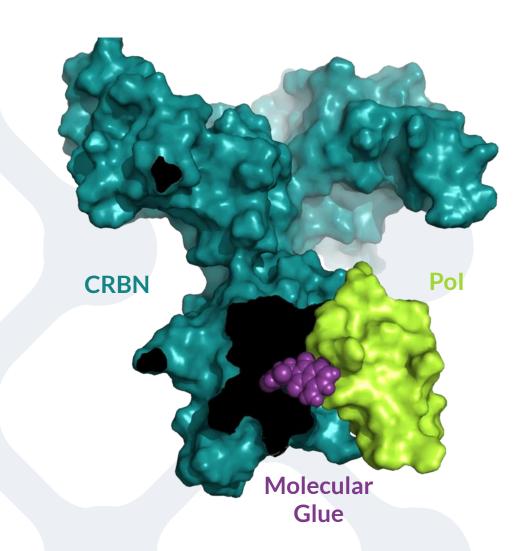
To develop new generation degraders exploiting novel E3 ligases

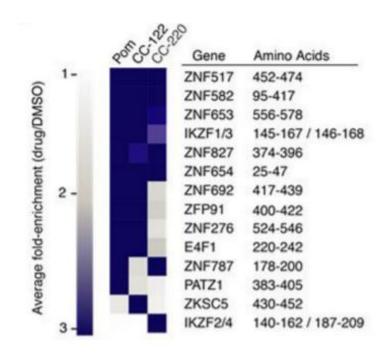
Bifunctional Degraders

A modular approach to degrader discovery



Molecular Glues and Cerebion Degrome

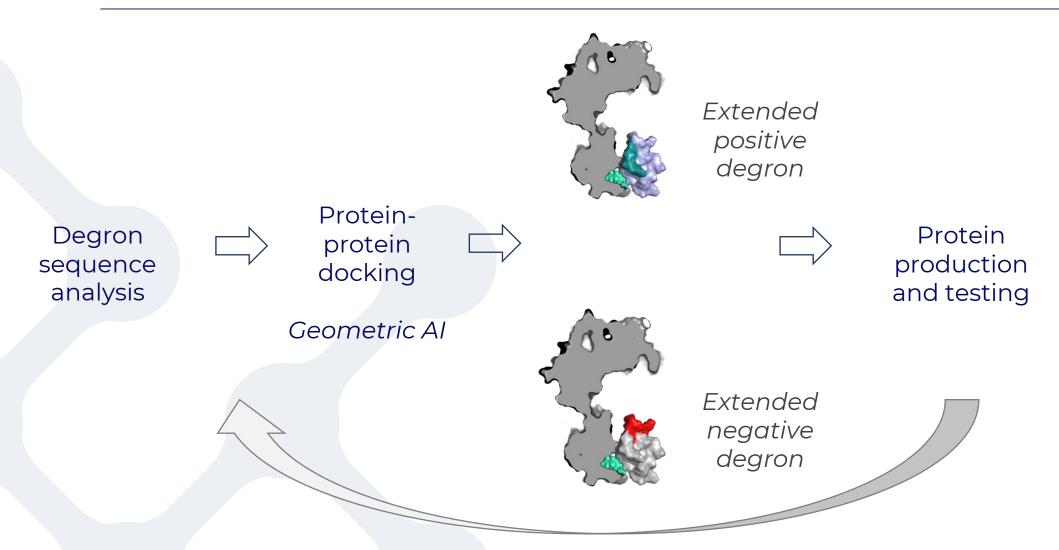




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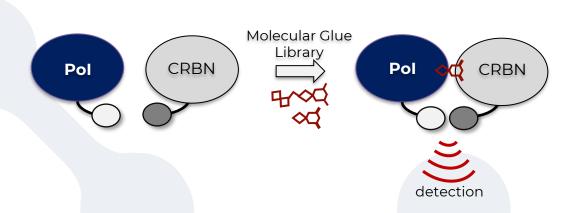
Molecular Glue Discovery Engine

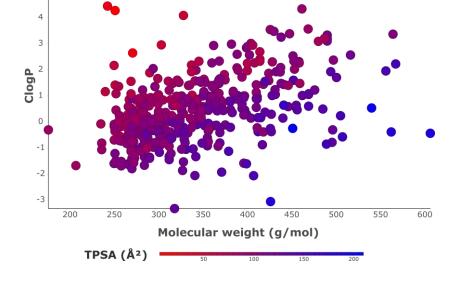


Data Augmentation



Molecular Glue Toolbox





High throughput CRBN recruitment assay developed

- Multiplexed by proteins
- Detection of weak recruiters (~10 μM) unlike cellular degradation assays
- High sensitivity (beyond proteomics)
- Control of the target levels

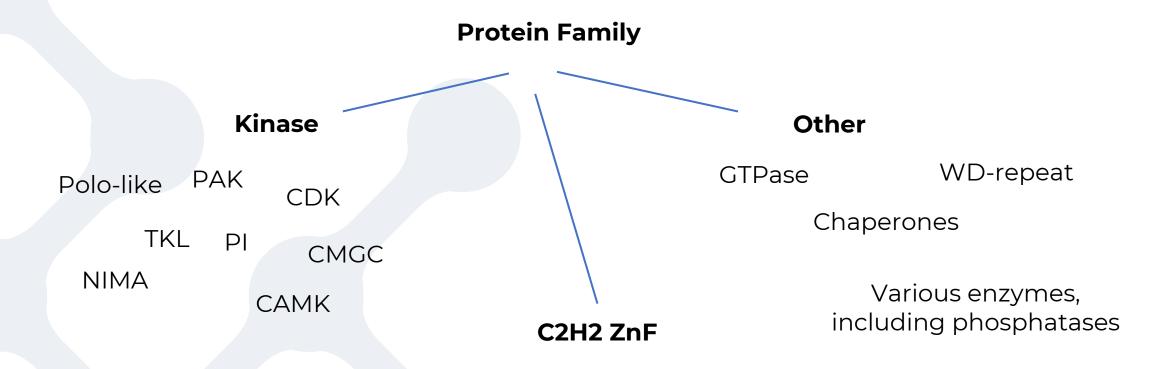
A growing library of molecular glues

- Excellent drug-like properties
- Focused library with high chance of identifying a chemical starting point to CRBN-degron containing proteins
- Patent applications filed for several chemotypes



Identification of CRBN-matching Degrons in Proteome

Continuous and iterative development of degron identification workflow Identified over 80 (non-ZnF) proteins that contain putative CRBN degrons





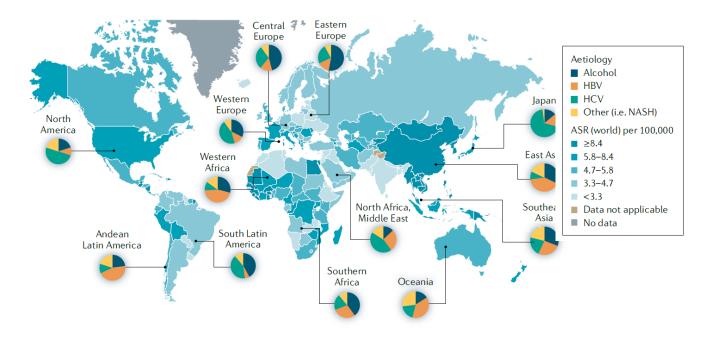
Hepatocellular Carcinoma – a Global Health Challange

- ~1 000 000 new cases each year, the 2nd most common cause of cancer mortality ¹
- Incidence growing worldwide ²
- For HCC patients, the underlying liver disease impacts the quality of life, rendering treatment-related adverse events even more impactful²

References: ¹ Global Cancer Statistics 2018, ²Llovet et al. 2021, DOI: 10.1038/s41572-020-00240-3

Figure: The major risk factors for HCC include cirrhosis of any etiology, chronic alcohol consumption, diabetes or obesity- related NASH, and infection by HBV or HCV²

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A Dramatic Need for New Treatments

- Curative treatments are restricted to early disease
- Recurrence rates after resection as high as 70% at 5 years¹
- OS of Sorafenib < 3 months¹
- In unresectable HCC the combination of Atezolizumab (TECENTRIQ®, a PD-L1)
 plus Bevacizumab (AVASTIN®)
 - 19.2 months median OS* and 29.8% ORR** were reported in IMbrave150 study²
- In 2nd line treatment of grade ≥3 the multikinase inhibitors remain the only option⁷

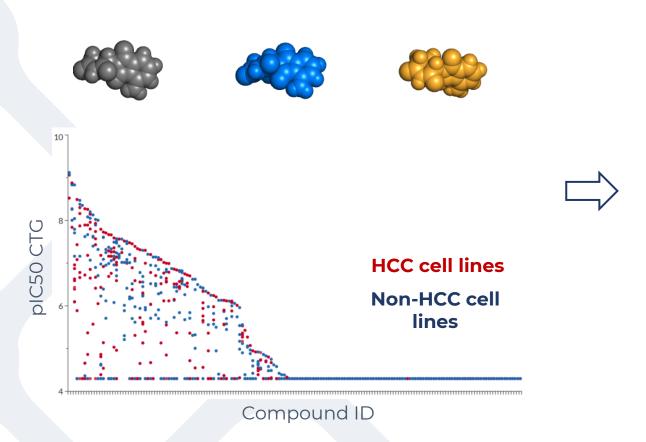
*overall survival; **objective response rate

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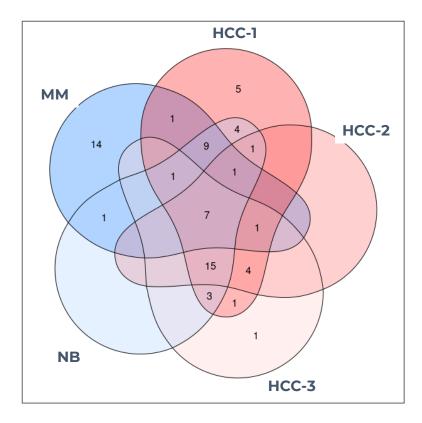


Phenotypic Cell Viability Screen

Classes of molecular glues



HCC cluster identification



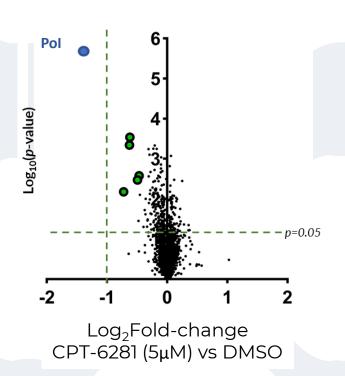
Positive selection - HCC clusters

Negative selection - haematological cluster

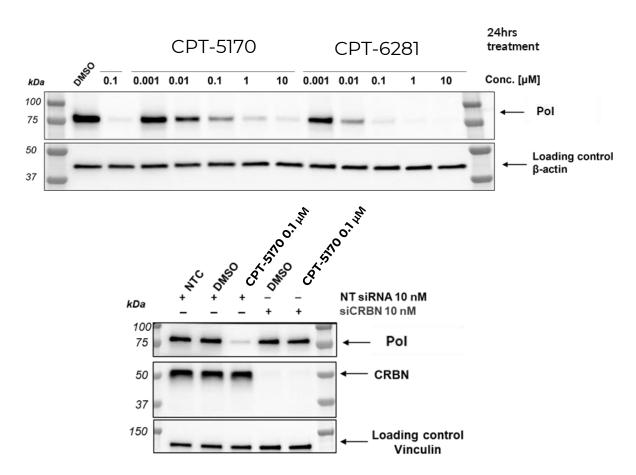


Targeting Liver Cancer with Molecular Glues

Downregulation of Pol in response to CT-01 compounds treatment in HCC-1 cells

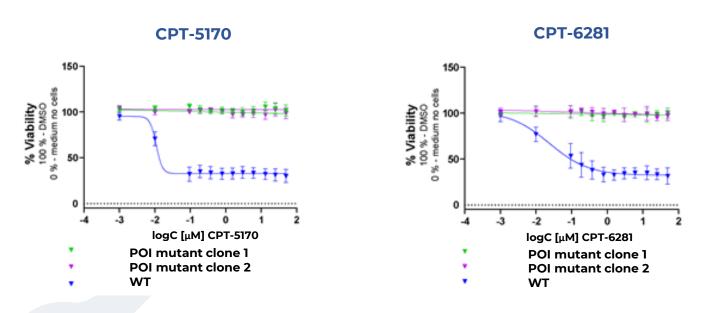


Potent and CRBN-dependent Pol degradation by CT-01 compounds in HCC-1 cells





Pol-dependent Efficacy



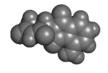
Cell viability after treatment (72 h)

POI mutation mitigated the cytotoxic effect of CPT-5170 and CPT-6281 in HCC cell lines



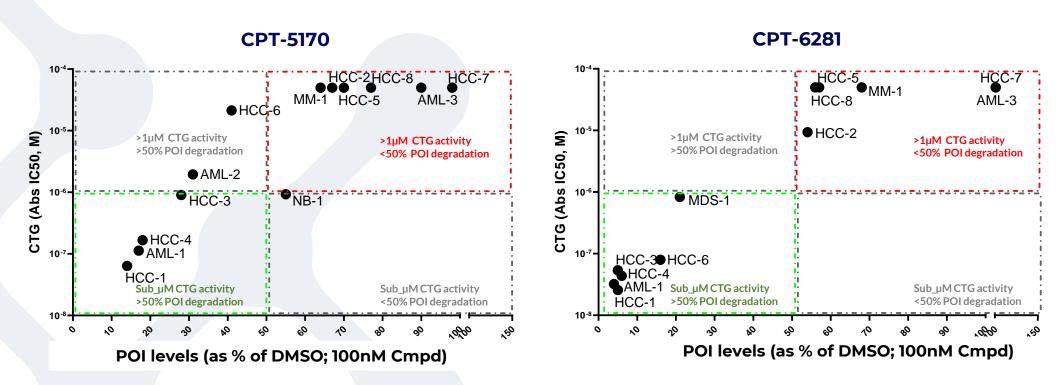
Increasing Pol Degradation Sensitizes HCC Cell Lines

Molecular Glue Evolution

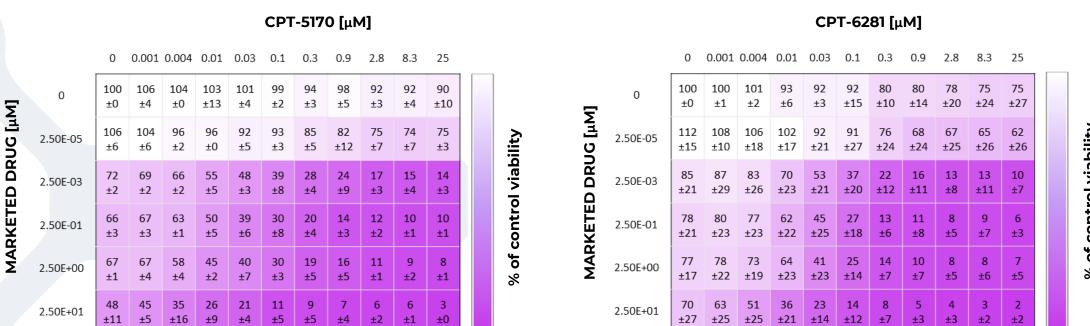








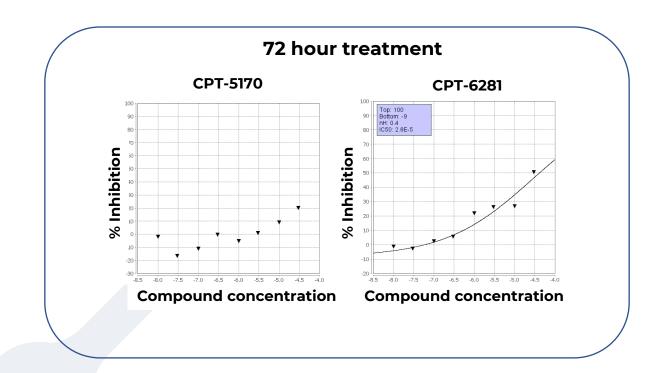
Synergy in Combination with Marketed Drug



Strong synergy of potency and sensitivity of CT-01 degraders in combination with a marketed drug - CTG viability assay



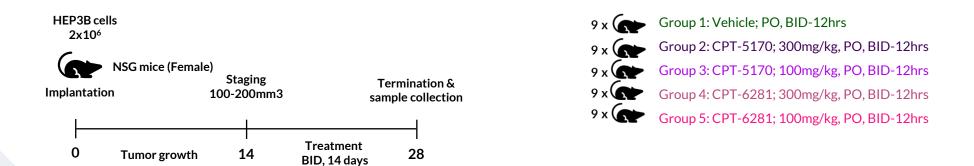
Compounds Non-Toxic to Primary Hepatocytes

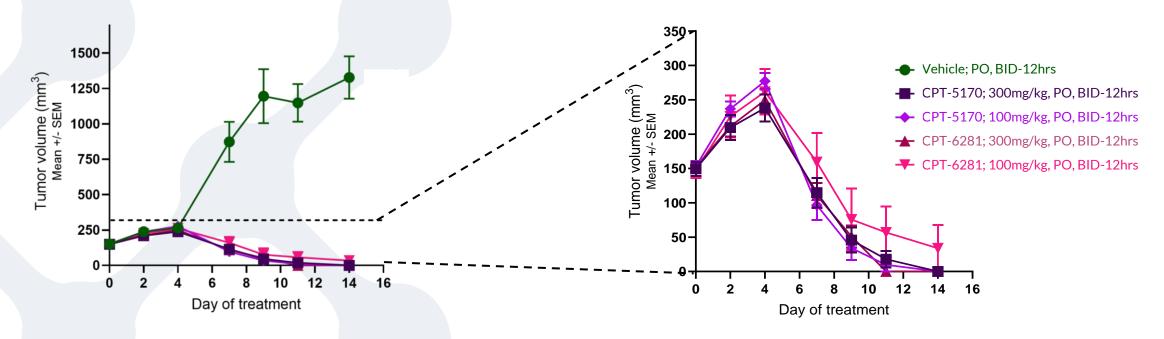


	Primary hepatocytes	НСС-1	HCC-2	НСС-3
CPT-5170	not calculable	33.8E-09	54.5E-09	105E-09
CPT-6281	2.8E-05	14.7E-09	29.3E-09	23.1E-09



Potent Anti-tumor Efficacy in vivo







Summary & Outlook

- 1. Rationalization of Molecular Glue discovery yields potent degraders with selective activity across HCC cell lines
- 2. Developed Molecular Glues induce potent tumor regression
- 3. IND-enabling studies start in Q2 2022



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Development of targeted oncogenic transcription factor degradation technology in the treatment of hepatocellular carcinoma (POIR.01.01.01-00-0740/19)

The goal of project is the development of a drug candidate in the treatment of hepatocellular carcinoma that allows the elimination of cancer cells through induced degradation of oncogenic transcription factor. The efficacy and bioavailability of the drug candidate will be tested in preclinical phase, followed by the Phase I clinical trials.

Project has a 8.1M EUR budget for years 2020-2023. The National Centre of Research and Development supports the project through 6.4M EUR grant-aid.