



# Preclinical characterization of <sup>212</sup>Pb x MSLN Radio-DARPin Therapeutic for Ovarian Cancer

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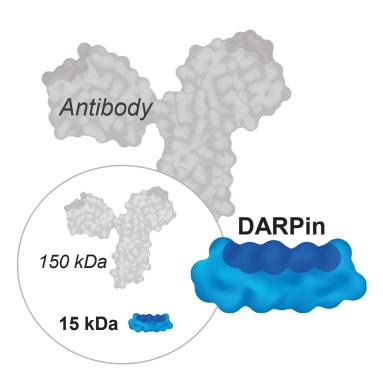


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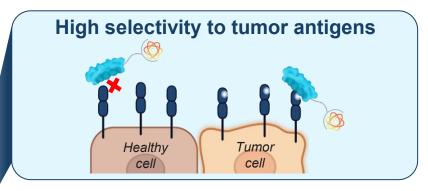
## Leverage DARPin Features to Address Biological Problems

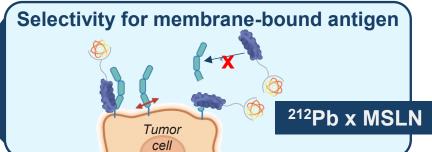


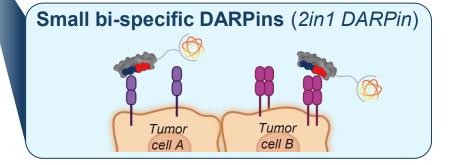
**DARPins** are binding proteins derived from natural ankyrin repeat proteins

#### **DARPin** key features

- ✓ 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
  - → Kidney engineering
- ✓ Clinical Validation
  - 7 clinical compounds
  - > 2500 patients treated







## Radio-DARPins as Ideal Vectors for Targeted Alpha Therapy

Combining versatile DARPin features with the power of <sup>212</sup>Pb

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**PIONEERS of DARPIN THERAPEUTICS** 







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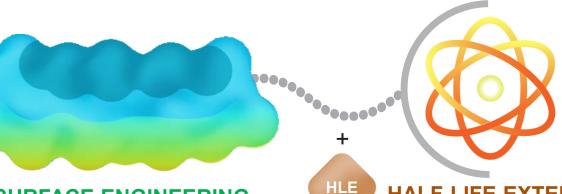
PIONEERS of TARGETED ALPHA THERAPY

#### INTRINSIC DARPIN PROPERTIES

- Proven selective targeting
- High affinity
- Broad target space
- Small size
- High stability

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## <sup>212</sup>Pb: ALPHA-EMITTING THERAPEUTIC ISOTOPE

- Proven clinical efficacy
- Fast & high energy deposition (10.6h half-life)
- Safe profile
- Ideal waste management

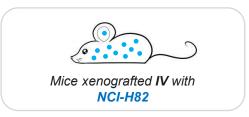
#### **SURFACE ENGINEERING**

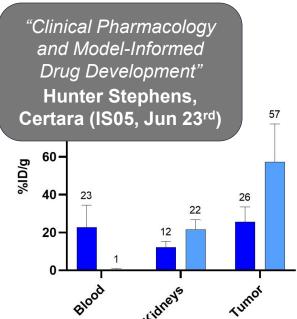
Reduced kidney accumulation

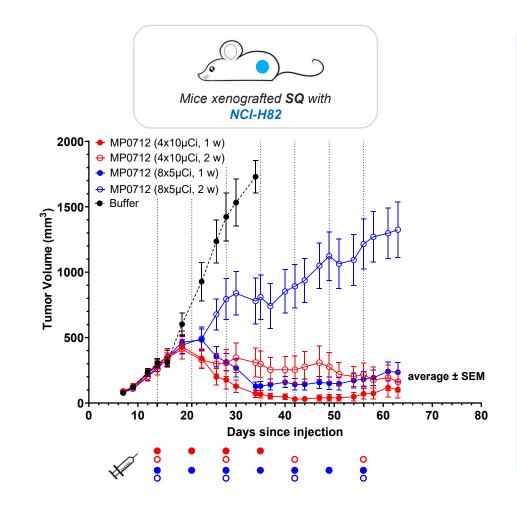
#### **HALF-LIFE EXTENDER**

- Tunable serum half-life
- Promote tumor uptake

## MP0712, the first <sup>212</sup>Pb-DLL3 Targeted Radiotherapeutic for SCLC







#### **Characteristics of MP0712**

- Encouraging preclinical results
  - High tumor uptake
  - T:K ratio >2 in model matching clinically relevant DLL3 expression levels (NCI-H82)
  - Complete and durable tumor regression at 4x 10 μCi\*
  - Favorable safety profile up to 30 μCi /1.11 MBq (not shown)
- · IND-enabling package completed
- Initial first-in-human clinical data expected in 2025

\* At day 63, complete

tumor regression was

seen for ~70% of mice

# <sup>212</sup>Pb x MSLN Targeted Radio-DARPin for Ovarian Cancer

Overcoming biological hurdles for next-gen targeted alpha therapy

#### Ovarian Cancer (OC): High medical need and marginal progress

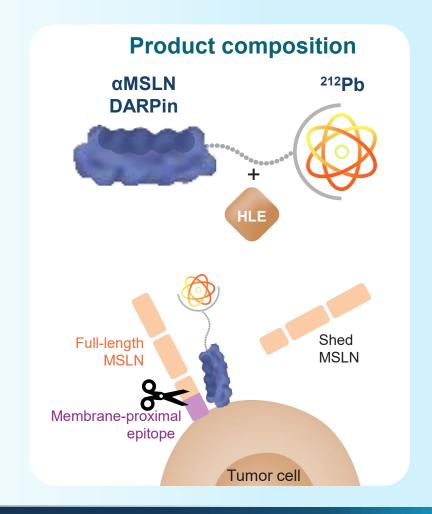
- 5-year OS < 50% (diagnosis often in late stage)
- Limited options for 2L (platinum) resistant / refractory patients who are ineligible for ADCs (~50% patients)"

#### Mesothelin (MSLN): A promising target for OC as 1st indication

- Highly expressed in OC (>80% prevalence), expression maintained in metastases<sup>1</sup>
- Shed MSLN might limit efficacy of MSLN-targeted therapies<sup>2-5</sup>
  - Systemic sMSLN up to 160 ng/mL (4 nM) reported for OC patients<sup>6,7</sup>
  - High sMSLN reported to limit the efficacy of MSLN ADC in a phase 1/2 study<sup>8</sup>
- → sMSLN sink might interfere with radio-therapeutics (especially at micro-dosing)

#### RDT x MSLN: Targeted delivery of alpha radiation with <sup>212</sup>Pb

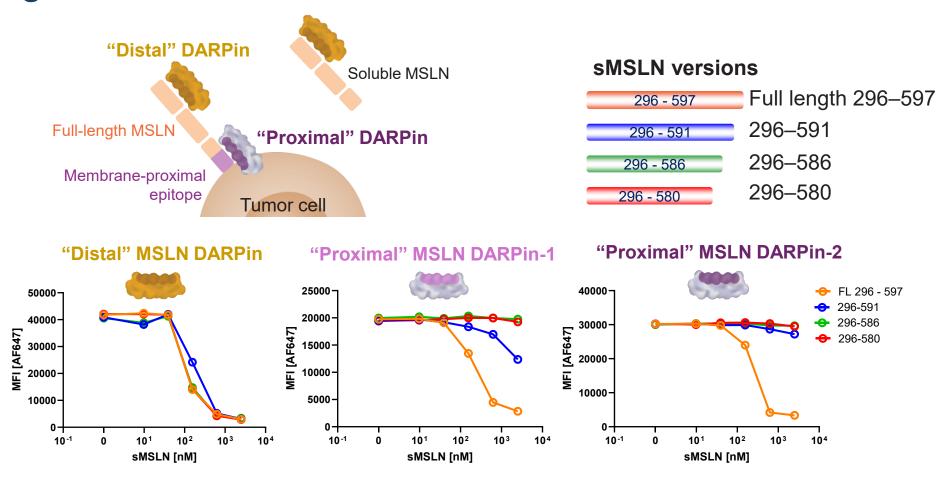
- MSLN DARPin targets membrane-proximal epitope (and not shed MSLN)
- <sup>212</sup>Pb payload: high energy alpha emissions in short time frame
- Potential for combinations with immunotherapy







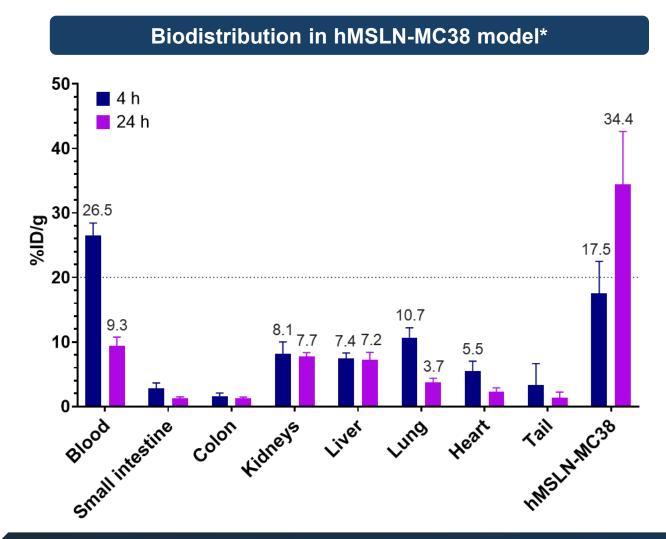
## Binding of Proximal DARPin is Maintained in Presence of sMSLN



- Identified binders have picomolar affinity to membrane-proximal MSLN (K<sub>D</sub>= 34 pM for DARPin-2, *not shown*)
- Binding to tumor cells in vitro was not affected by soluble MSLN, particularly for DARPin-2



## Attractive BioD Profile of <sup>212</sup>Pb x MSLN RDT Candidate

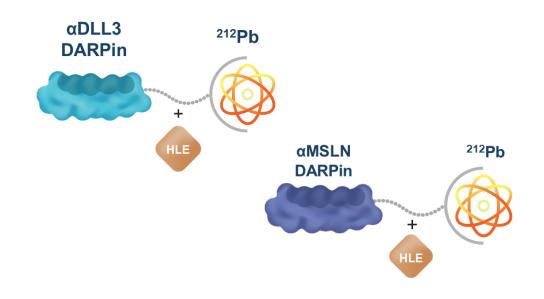


- Selected binder (DARPin-2) shows favorable in vivo biodistribution:
  - Strong tumor uptake
  - Modest accumulation in healthy organs
  - → T:K ratio of 2 (4h) and 4.5 (24h)
- Data meet internal success criteria for continued preclinical development
- → MP0726 nominated as MSLN x RDT development candidate



## Summary & Outlook – Radio-DARPin Therapeutics

- ✓ Successful RDT platform optimization
  - Attractive biodistribution profiles (tumor, kidney, blood)
- ✓ MP0712: <sup>212</sup>Pb x DLL3 RDT lead candidate for SCLC
  - T:K > 2 in mouse models expressing low DLL3
  - Good efficacy & favorable safety profile in vivo
  - IND-enabling package completed
- ✓ MP0726: <sup>212</sup>Pb x MSLN as next RDT program for OC
  - Selectivity for membrane-bound antigen vs shed antigen
  - Attractive BioD profile with T:K > 2



# MP0712 / 212Pb x DLL3

- First-in-Human studies to start in 2025 (Phase 1), IND application in Summer 2025
- Initial clinical data by end 2025 (imaging & dosimetry)
- · Initial efficacy and safety data in H1 2026

#### Radio-DARPin Therapy (RDT)

- MP0726: Proceed with preclinical development of <sup>212</sup>Pb x MSLN program
- Additional <sup>212</sup>Pb x RDT programs nominated in collaboration with Orano Med (up to 10 products)
- Continue evolving RDT platform for next differentiated RDT programs



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