### **UNITED STATES** SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

#### FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 16, 2022

### **Prelude Therapeutics Incorporated**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-39527 (Commission File Number)

81-1384762 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

200 Powder Mill Road Wilmington, Delaware, 19803 (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (302) 467-1280

N/A (Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

|                                  | Trading   | Name of each exchange       |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| Title of each class              | Symbol(s) | on which registered         |
| Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value | PRLD      | Nasdaq Global Select Market |

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company ⊠

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.  $\Box$ 

#### Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

Prelude Therapeutics Incorporated (the "Company") has prepared investor presentation materials with information about the Company, which it intends to use as part of investor presentations. A copy of the investor presentation materials to be used by management for presentations is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information furnished with this report, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference into any other filing under the Exchange Act or the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

| Item 9.01    | Financial Statements and Exhibits   |
|--------------|---|
| (d) Exhibits |   |
| Exhibit No.  | Description   |
| 99.1         | Presentation  |
| 104          | Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL Document) |

#### SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

#### PRELUDE THERAPEUTICS INCORPORATED

Date: February 16, 2022

By: /s/ Laurent Chardonnet Laurent Chardonnet Chief Financial Officer



# Precision Oncology Redefined

February 2022

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This presentation contains "forward-looking" statements within the meaning of the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including, but not limited to: our plans to develop and commercialize small molecule therapies, our expectations about timing and ability to commence, enroll or complete clinical studies and to obtain regulatory approvals for PRT543, PRT811, PRT1419, PRT2527 and other candidates in development, the ability of our product candidates to treat various cancers, the ability to discover additional suitable candidates for regulatory approval, the potential impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the sufficiency of our cash and cash equivalents to fund our operations.

Any statements contained herein or provided orally that are not statements of historical fact may be deemed to be forward-looking statements. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by such terminology as "believe," "may," "will," "potentially," "estimate," "continue," "anticipate," "intend," "could," "would," "project," "plan," "expect" and similar expressions that convey uncertainty of future events or outcomes, although not all forward-looking statements contain these words. Statements, including forward-looking statements, speak only to the date they are provided (unless an earlier date is indicated).

These forward-looking statements are based on the beliefs of our management as well as assumptions made by and information currently available to us. Although we believe the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, we can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. If such assumptions do not fully materialize or prove incorrect, the events or circumstances referred to in the forward-looking statements may not occur. We undertake no obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statements for any reason after the date of this presentation to conform these statements to actual results or to changes in our expectations, except as required by law. Accordingly, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. Additional risks and uncertainties that could affect our business are included under the caption "Risk Factors" in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission for the three months ended September 30, 2021 and in our upcoming Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021.

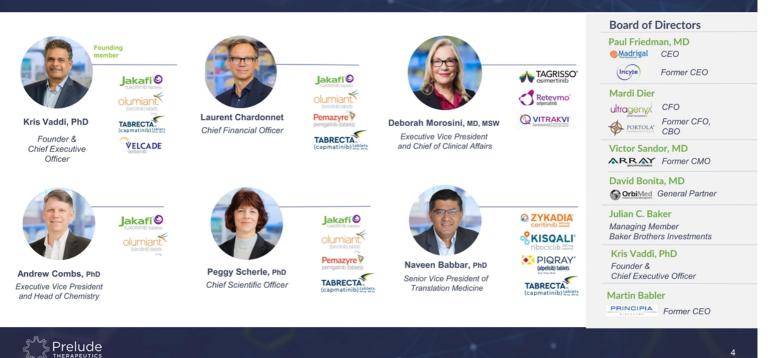


### Prelude Therapeutics: Vision

Build a fully integrated oncology company on the foundation of drug discovery excellence to deliver novel precision cancer medicines to underserved patients

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### **Experienced Management Team: Proven Track Records**







# Precision Oncology: Targeting Clinically Relevant Pathways

| TARGET                 | PRMT5                             | MCL1                     | CDK9                          | SMARCA2<br>(BRM)            |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| MOA                    | mRNA Splicing & DNA Repair        | Apoptosis                | Transcriptional<br>Regulation | Synthetic<br>Lethality      |
| SELECTABLE<br>PATIENTS | Spliceosome<br>Mutations,<br>HRD+ | Venetoclax<br>Resistance | MYC Amplified                 | SMARCA4 (BRG1)<br>Mutations |
| CANCERS                | Glioma, Myeloid,<br>Solid Tumors  | AML, MDS, CLL            | Sarcoma, Prostate,<br>AML     | NSCLC, Endometrial          |

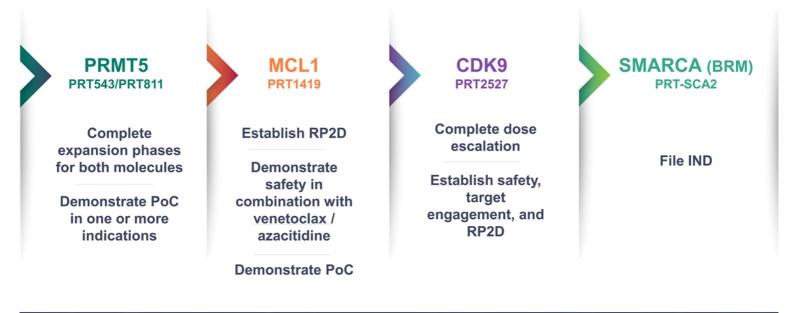
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# **Current Pipeline: Diversified and Growing**

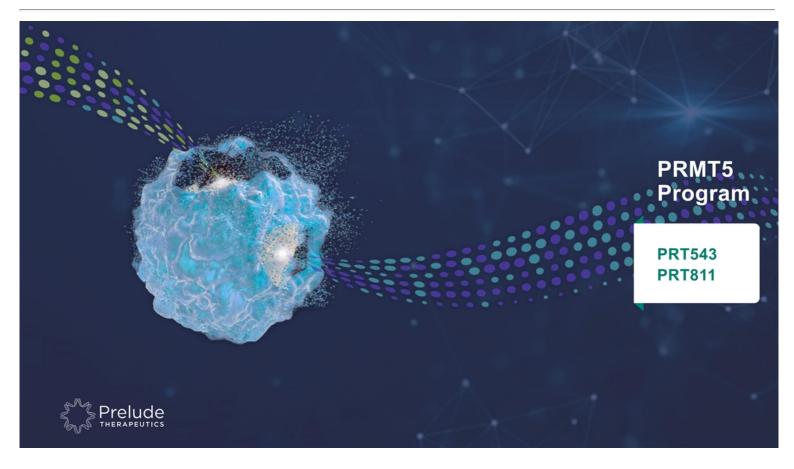
| PROGRAM                           | CANCER INDICATIONS                        | IND ENABLING | PHASE 1<br>ESCALATION | PHASE 1<br>EXPANSION | PHASE 2/3<br>REGISTRATION |
|-----------------------------------|---|--------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| PRT543<br>(PRMT5)                 | Solid Tumors, Myeloid Cancers             |              |                       |                      |                           |
| PRT811<br>(Brain Penetrant PRMT5) | IDH+ High Grade Glioma,<br>Uveal Melanoma |              |                       |                      |                           |
| PRT1419<br>(MCL1)                 | AML, MDS, CLL                             |              |                       |                      |                           |
| <b>PRT2527</b><br>(СDК9)          | Sarcoma, Prostate, AML                    |              |                       |                      |                           |
| PRT-SCA2<br>(SMARCA2)             | NSCLC, Endometrial                        |              |                       |                      |                           |
| PRT-K4<br>(Kinase)                | Solid Tumors                              |              |                       |                      |                           |

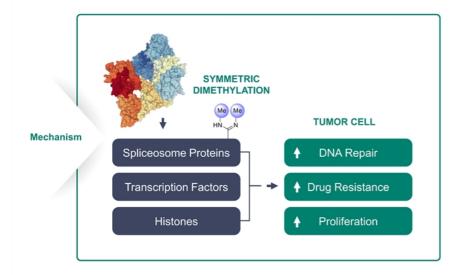
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# 2022 Goals: Aggressive with Clear Deliverables



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- PRMT5 catalyzes symmetric arginine dimethylation (sDMA) of protein substrates including histones, transcription factors, and spliceosome proteins
- Dimethylated substrates of PRMT5 control key oncogenic and resistance mechanisms
- PRMT5 inhibition is highly efficacious in models with mutations in DNA repair or mRNA-splicing pathways in preclinical models
- PRMT5 inhibition can be leveraged to target
  genetically selected patient populations in the clinic







### **Potential Best-In-Class PRMT5** Inhibitors



### **Differentiated PRMT5 Inhibitors**

- . Highly selective and potent oral candidates
- PRT811 is highly differentiated in the class with high brain • penetration potential

#### Applicability in Both Solid Tumors and Heme

- Strong scientific rationale and robust preclinical activity across . broad range of cancers
- Early clinical signals in multiple cancer types •

### **Optimized PK Profile**

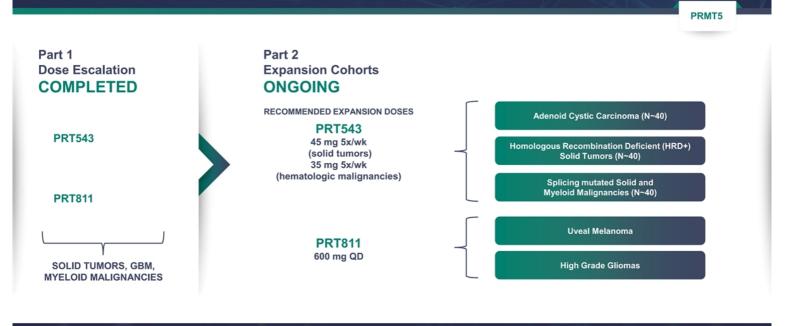
- High oral bioavailability and optimal half-life to maximize therapeutic window
- · Differentiated safety and clinical activity profile



#### Potential Rapid Path to Market

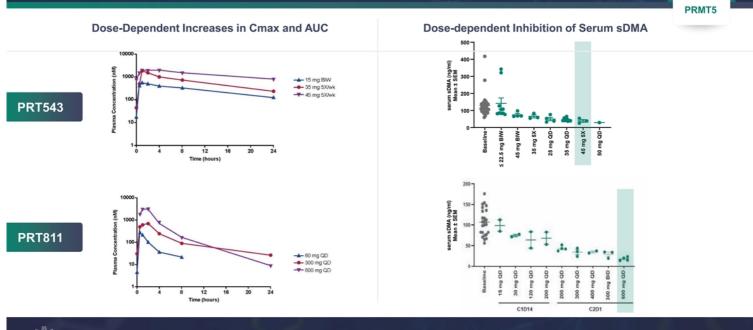
- · Potential for accelerated approval pathway
- · Opportunity in multiple cancer types

### PRMT5: Phase 1 Data Will Drive Phase 2/3 Indication Selection



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# PRT543 and PRT811 Demonstrate Desirable PK and PD Properties



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Data presented at 2021 AACR-NCI-EORTC Annual Meeting. 13

### **PRMT5** Phase 1: Key Takeaways and Next Steps

PRMT5

### FAVORABLE SAFETY PROFILE

PRT543 and PRT811 well tolerated

Favorable safety properties

Low incidence of dose-limiting toxicities at expansion doses

# DESIRABLE PK & PD PROFILES

Dose-dependent increase in exposure

High levels of target inhibition

PRT811 demonstrated best-in-class profile with wide therapeutic window

### PRELIMINARY CLINICAL ACTIVITY

Objective responses in solid tumors

IWG anemia benefit in myeloid malignancies

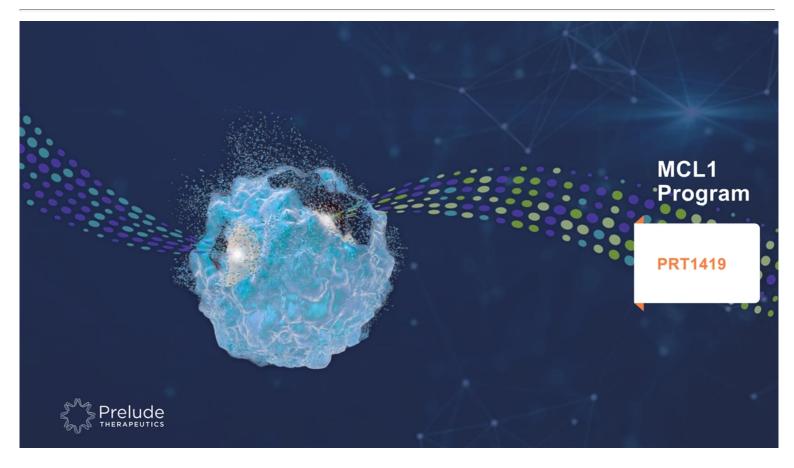
Anti-tumor activity observed in relapsed/refractory patients with target biomarker profile

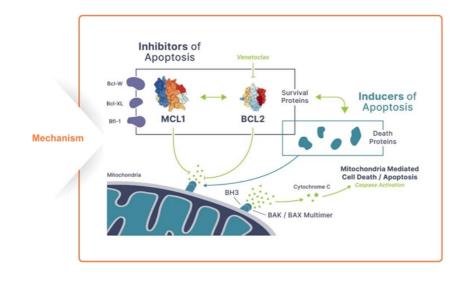
### NEXT STEPS

Complete expansion phases for both molecules

Demonstrate PoC in one or more indications

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- MCL1 is a member of family inhibitors of apoptosis (BCL2); often overexpressed in cancers
- BCL2 family is clinically validated Venetoclax approved for lymphoid and myeloid malignancies
- MCL1 is a bypass and resistance mechanism for Venetoclax and multiple TKIs
- Challenging medicinal chemistry target that
   requires disruption of protein-protein interaction

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MCL1



Candidate

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Differentiated Clinical-Stage MCL1 Inhibitor





MCL1 Inhibitor

- Potent and selective
- No cardiotoxicity signal in GLP-toxicology studies

#### **Targeting Selected Heme and Solid Cancers**

- · Robust activity in preclinical models with once weekly dosing
- Potential combination strategy with Venetoclax and/or HMAs in Hematological malignancies

#### **Optimized PK Profile Maximizes Therapeutic Window**

- Higher clearance built in to achieve desirable duration of target inhibition
- Optimal physicochemical properties

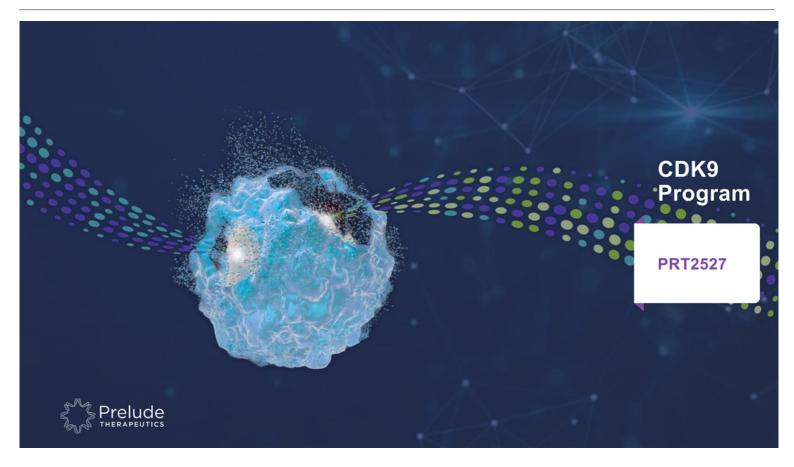


#### **Potential Rapid Path to Market**

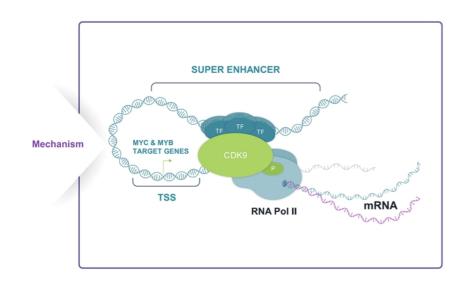
 Venetoclax-resistant cancers offer opportunity for accelerated approval



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# **CDK9: Targeting Cancer Through Transcriptional Regulation**



- CDK9 phosphorylates RNA Pol II and regulates transcription
- Regulates expression of several immediate early genes driving oncogenesis and resistance (i.e. MYC, MYB, MCL1)
- Non-selective CDK9 inhibitors have demonstrated clinical activity in multiple tumor types but poor tolerability
  - Lack of selectivity and potency vs other CDK9s is believed to contribute to low therapeutic window

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Potential Best-in-Class Selectivity and Potency

**PRT2527** 





### **CDK9** Inhibitor

- Most selective in the class vs CDK family and across the kinome
- Low nanomolar potency in blocking tumor cell proliferation

#### **Targeting Selected Heme and Solid Cancers**

- Robust activity in preclinical models at well-tolerated doses
- Enhanced sensitivity in tumors that are MYC-dependent
- Provides patient selection strategy in clinic

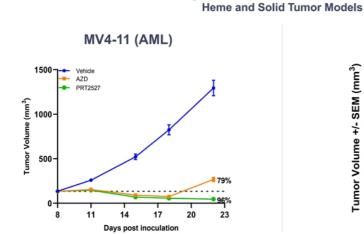


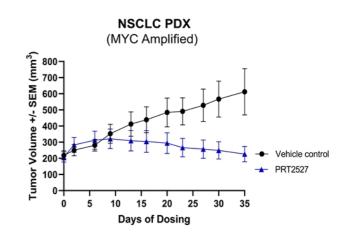
#### **Optimized PK Profile**

· Higher clearance built in to maximize therapeutic window

# **Robust Activity in Preclinical Models at Well-Tolerated Doses**

Sustained Regression at Well-Tolerated Doses In Vivo in both

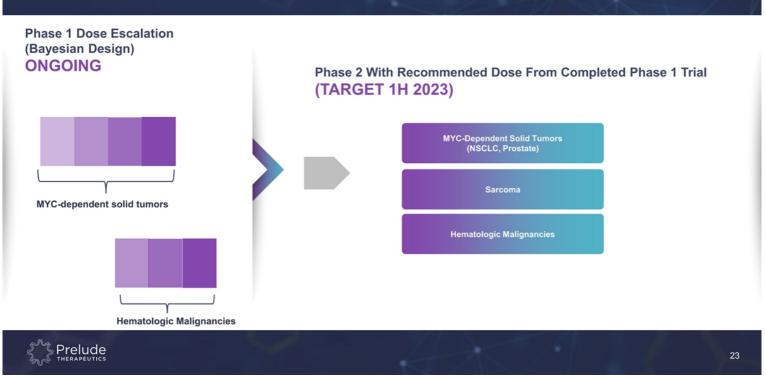


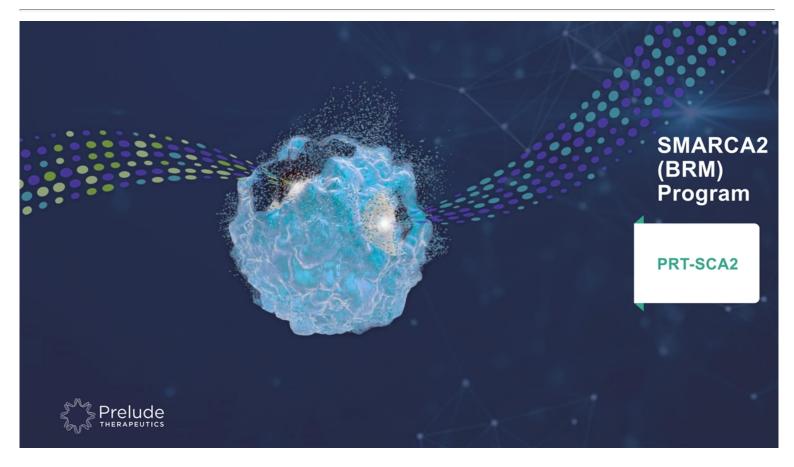


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CDK9

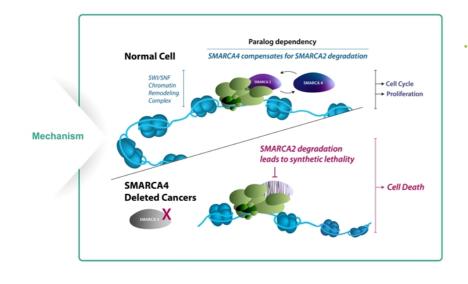
# **CDK9: Clinical Overview**





### Targeting SMARCA2 (BRM): Leveraging Synthetic Lethality

SMARCA2



frequently mutated in cancer making it a potential therapeutic target

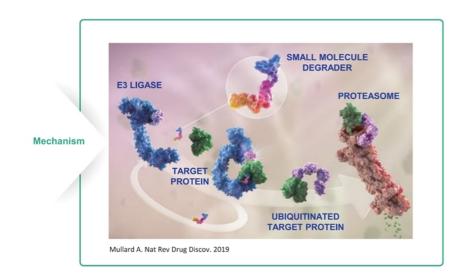
The chromatin remodeling (SWI/SNF) complex is

- Activity of the SWI/SNF complex requires either SMARCA4 (BRG1) or SMARCA2 (BRM)
- Loss of SMARCA4 (BRG1) through mutation leads to dependency on SMARCA2 (BRM)
- Subsets of solid tumors express SMARCA4 (BRG1) mutations
- Selectively inhibiting SMARCA2 (BRM) offers an attractive approach to target SMARCA4 (BRG1) mutant tumors

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### Achieving SMARCA2 Selectivity Through Degrader Approach

SMARCA2

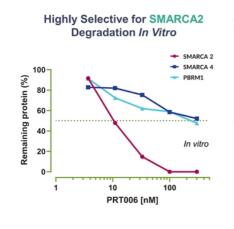


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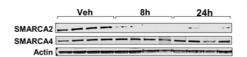
- SMARCA2 selectively over highly homologous SMARCA4 isoform has been a challenging medical chemistry problem with traditional small molecule approaches
- Target Protein Degradation (TPD) of SMARCA2 selectively over SMARCA4 is possible through differences in ternary complexes
- Prelude scientists identified the molecular basis for achieving high degree of selectivity for SMARCA2 over SMARCA4
- Lead molecules from multiple chemical scaffolds with sub-nanomolar potency and selectivity have been discovered

### PRT-SCA2: Potent and Selective SMARCA2 Degrader with In Vivo Activity

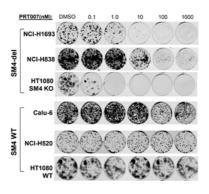
### SMARCA2



### Highly Selective for SMARCA2 Degradation *In Vivo* Hours after dosing



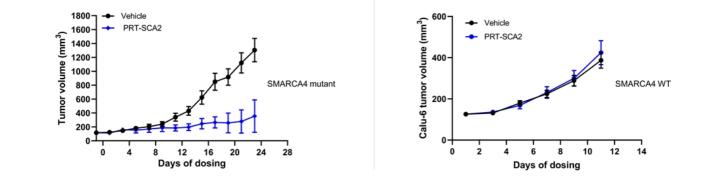
#### Prelude SMARCA2 Degraders Replicate Genetic Synthetic Lethality



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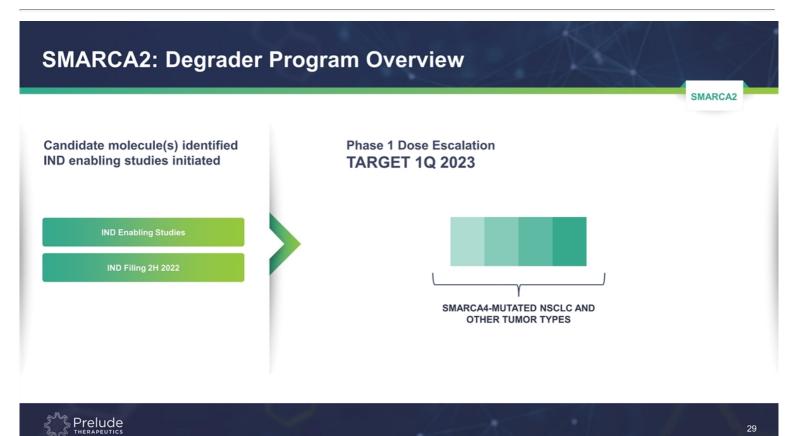
Robust Tumor Growth Inhibition of SMARCA4 mutated but not WT Xenograft

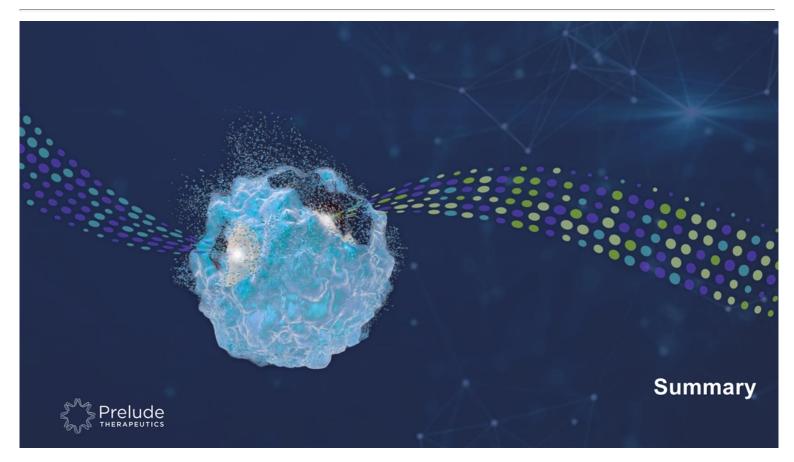


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SMARCA2





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