



# Discovery Deep Dive: Prelude's Lead SMARCA2 Degrader (PRT3789)

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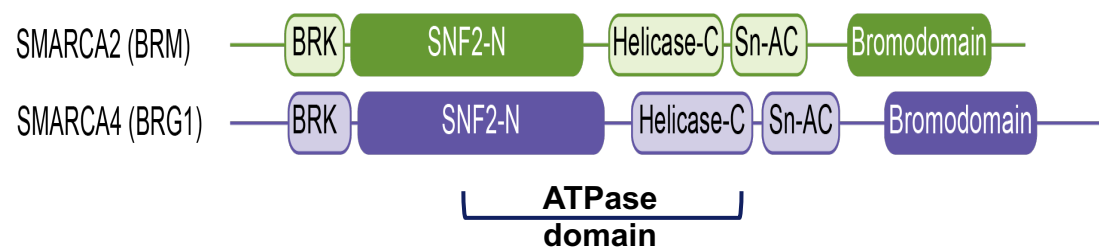
# Learning Objectives

- Why has SMARCA2 selectivity been so hard to achieve? How did Prelude succeed?
- Why are we so excited about the profile and potency of our lead program, PRT3789?



# Selectively targeting SMARCA2 has been a significant challenge for industry

## Selective SMARCA2 Inhibition is an Unmet Medicinal Chemistry Challenge



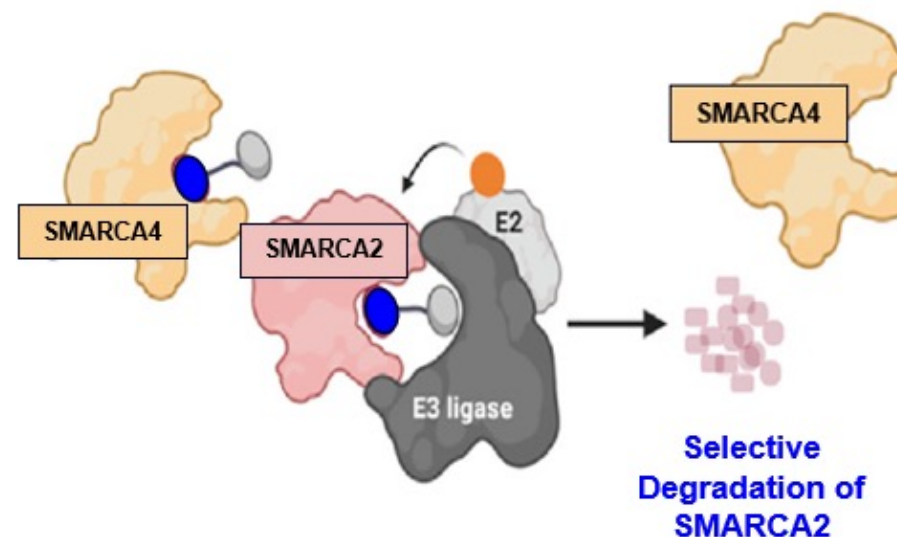
- **Bromodomain Binders**

- Non-selective and inactive in SMARCA4 mutated cancer cells<sup>1</sup>

- **ATPase Inhibitors**

- Inhibitors show low selectivity for SMARCA2 in cell proliferation assays (<10 fold<sup>2</sup> and ~33 fold<sup>3</sup>)

## Prelude's Targeted Protein Degradation (TPD) Approach



- **SMARCA2 Selective Degradation** is possible through differences in ternary complexes and subsequent ubiquitination of unique lysine residues

<sup>1</sup> Vangamudi et al, Cancer Res. **2015** (Pfizer); Taylor et al J. Med. Chem **2022** (Genentech)

<sup>2</sup> Papillon et al, J. Med. Chem **2018** (Novartis) <sup>3</sup> AACR **2024** (Foghorn/Lilly)

## When it comes to targeting SMARCA2, degraders offer distinct advantages

	Inhibitors	Degraders
Potency	✓	✓
High Selectivity	✗	✓
Extended PD	✗	✓
Oral Bioavailability	✓	✓

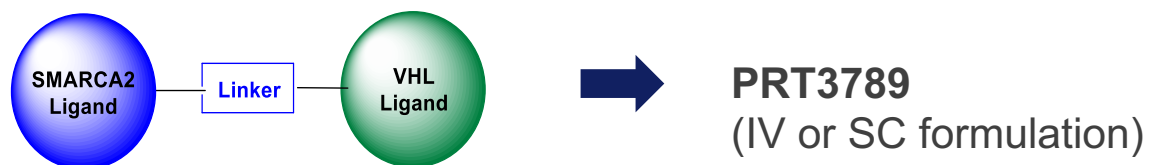
Early attempts at achieving both potency and selectivity with inhibitor approaches had challenges

Inhibitors do not degrade the target and need to be dosed at levels that retain IC<sub>90</sub> coverage continuously

Degraders demonstrate sustained PD effect as it takes ~72h for SMARCA2 to resynthesize

# Prelude scientists solved the SMARCA2 selectivity enigma

## Parallel VHL- and CRBN-based SMARCA2 Degradator Programs



- **IV or SC Candidate - VHL-TPDs** provided an expedited path to potential clinical development with QW dosing

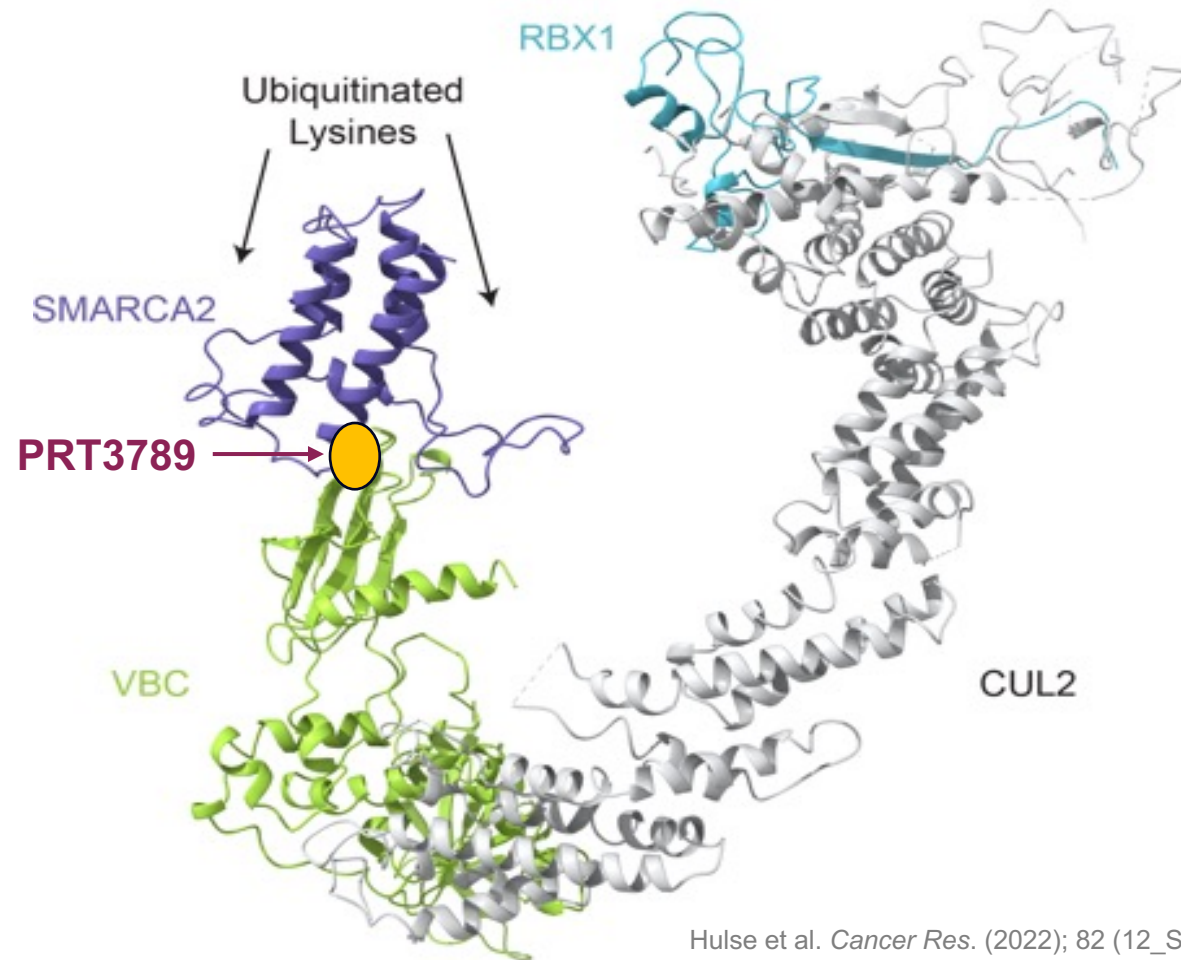


- **Oral Candidate - CRBN-TPDs** provided oral candidates, but required extensive lead optimization with balancing of potency, selectivity and oral PK properties

Our lead IV and oral clinical candidates both have sub-nanomolar degradation potencies and very high selectivity (>1000 fold) for SMARCA2 over SMARCA4

# PRT3789: Our Lead SMARCA2 Degradator

## Tertiary Complex of SMARCA2/ PRT3789/VHL E3 Ligase



Hulse et al. *Cancer Res.* (2022); 82 (12\_Suppl) :3263.

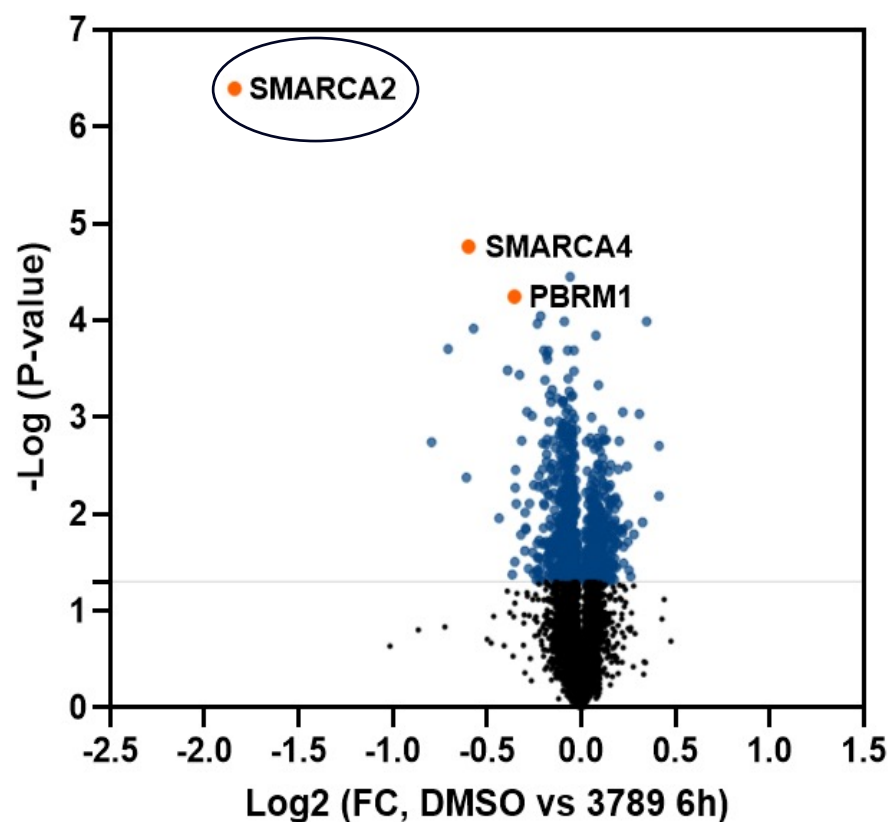
**PRT3789 has been shown to catalyze the polyubiquitination of unique lysine residues expressed only in SMARCA2 and not SMARCA4**

**Unique conformational bias promotes selective ubiquitination and degradation of only SMARCA2**



# PRT3789 is highly potent and highly selective

Assay	PRT3789
SMARCA2 Degradation (nM)	0.73
Selectivity: Cell Proliferation (SMARCA4 / SMARCA2)	>1000 fold



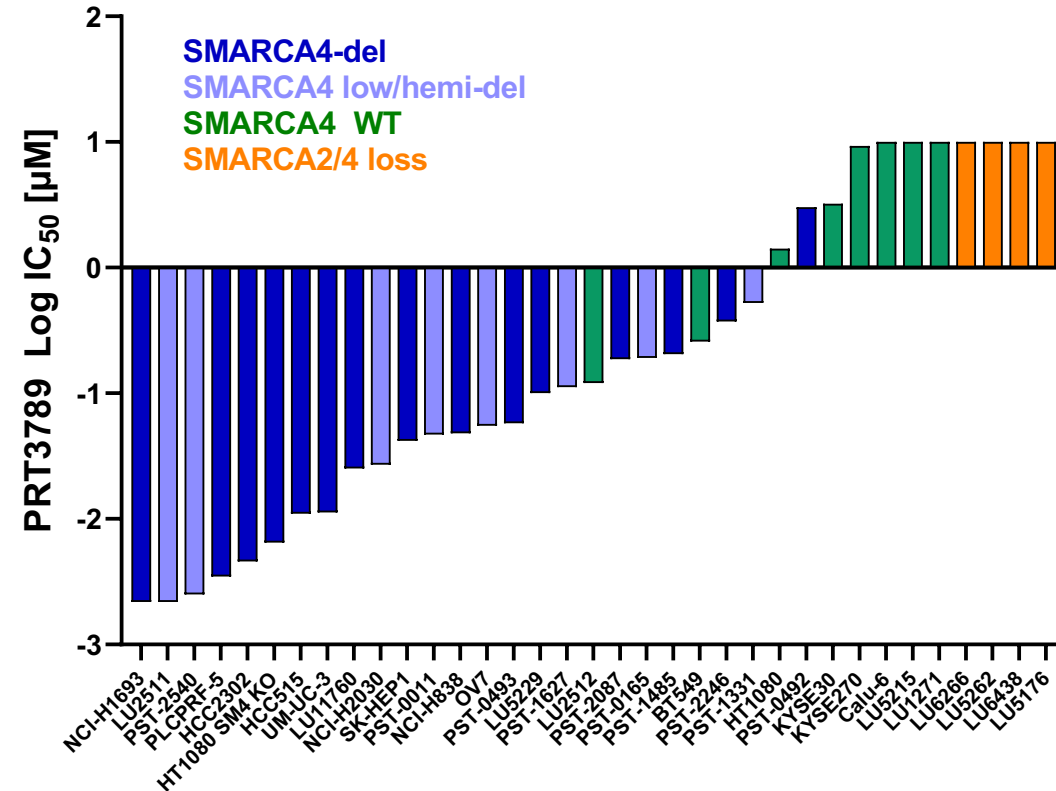
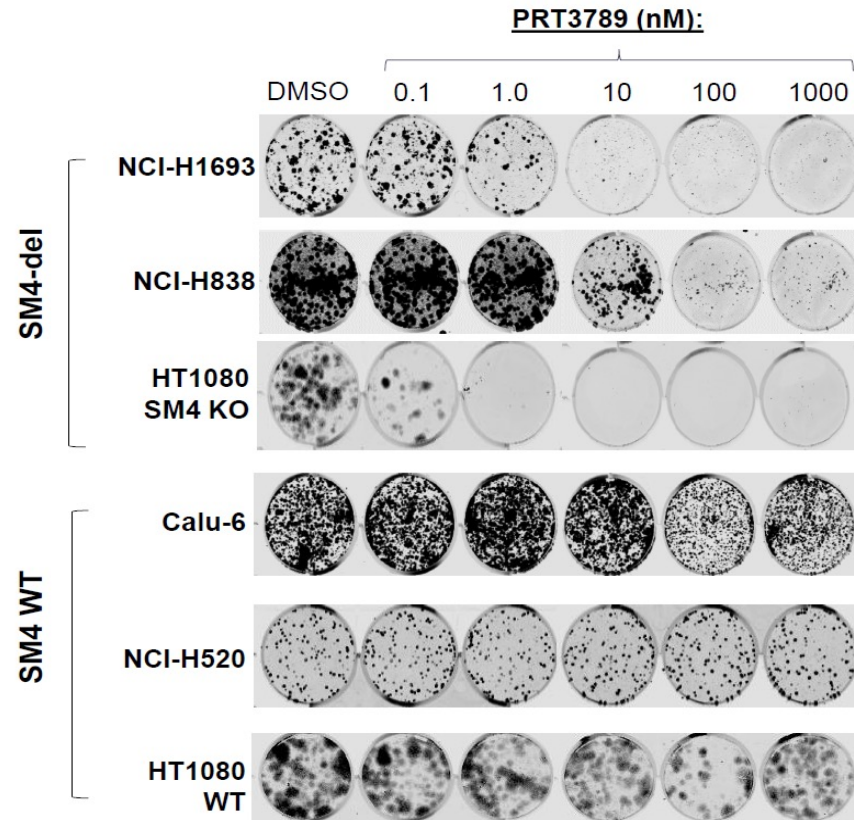
**Sub-nanomolar SMARCA2  
degradation potency**

**Highly selective for  
SMARCA2 vs SMARCA4  
(>1000 fold)**

**High selectivity across  
the proteome**



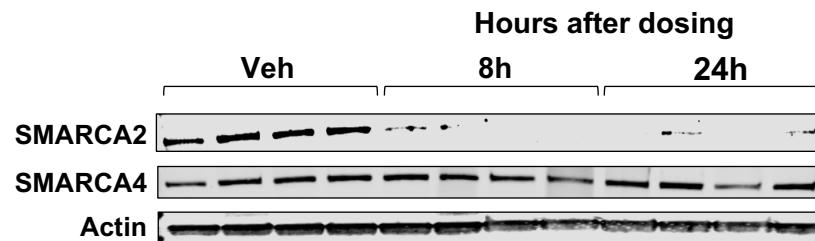
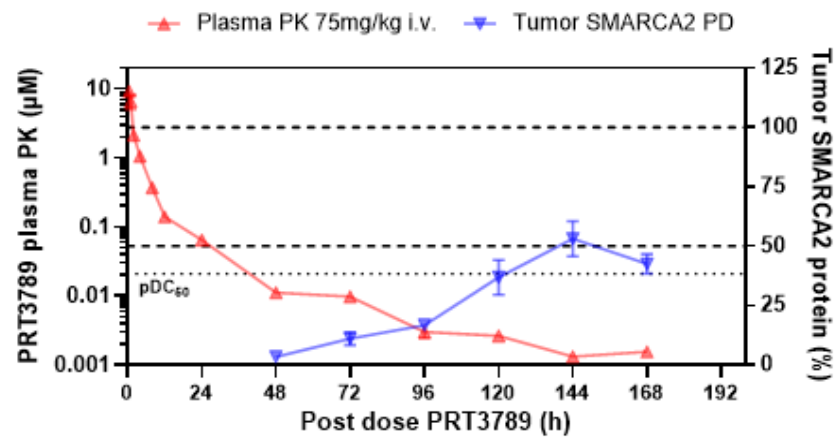
# PRT3789 induces synthetic lethality in SMARCA4-deficient cancer cells *in vitro*



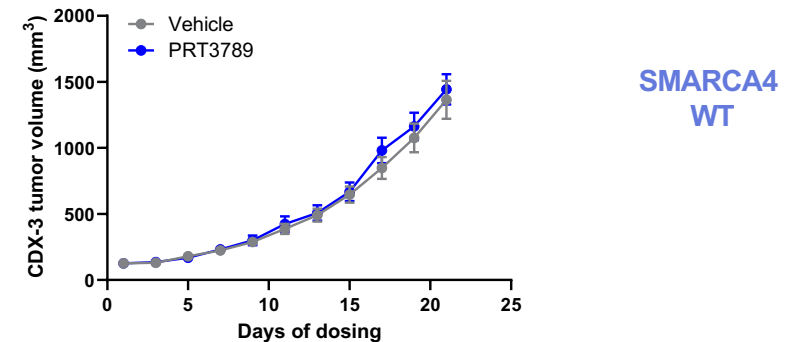
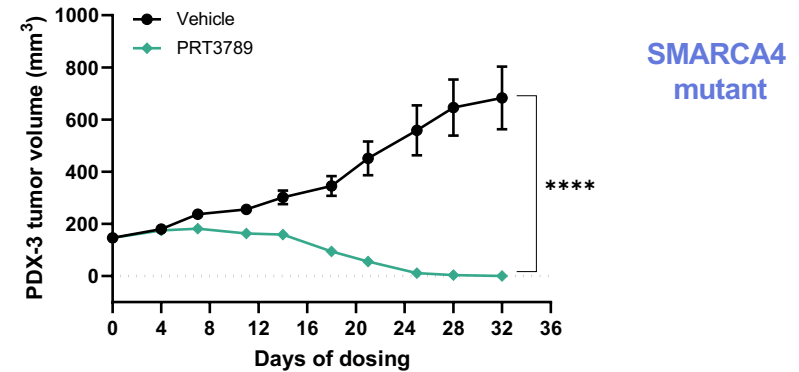
- PRT3789 selectively inhibits SMARCA4 deficient cancer cell proliferation *in vitro*
- None or limited response in SMARCA4 WT and SMARCA2/4 dual loss cancer cells
- >1000x selectivity in cell proliferation assays

# PRT3789 demonstrates selective tumor regression *in vivo*

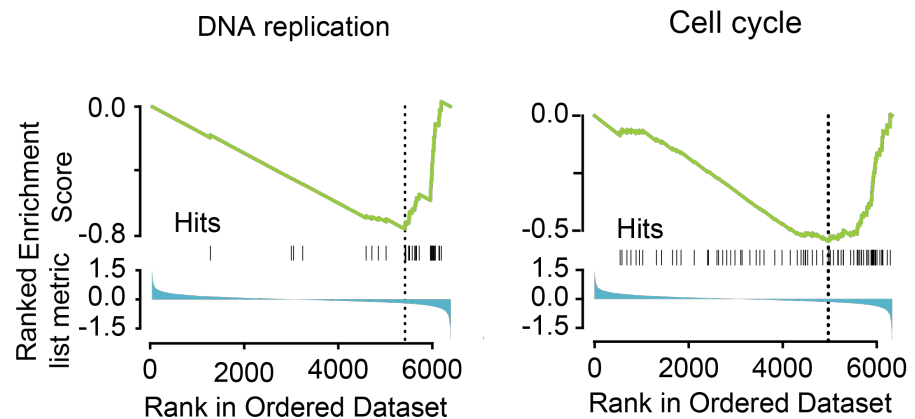
## PK/PD - Highly Selective for SMARCA2 Degradation



## Robust Tumor Growth Inhibition of SMARCA4 mutated but not WT Xenograft



# PRT3789 demonstrates potential for synergy with chemotherapy and apoptosis-inducing agents



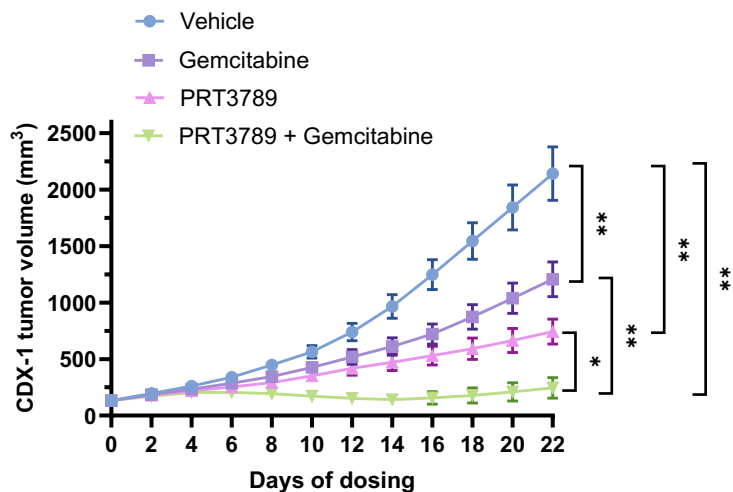
**FEN1, LIG1, MCM, PCNA, POLA1/2, POLD1/2/3, POLE/2/3**

**BUB1B, CCNA2/B2, CDC25C, CDK1/2, CHEK1/2**

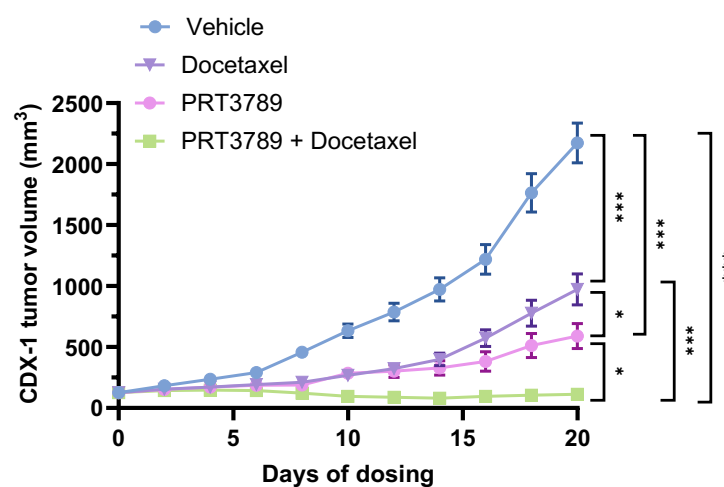
Several oncogenic gene sets regulated by PRT3789

Supports combination strategies with both cytotoxic and apoptosis-inducing agents (e.g., RAS)

## Gemcitabine



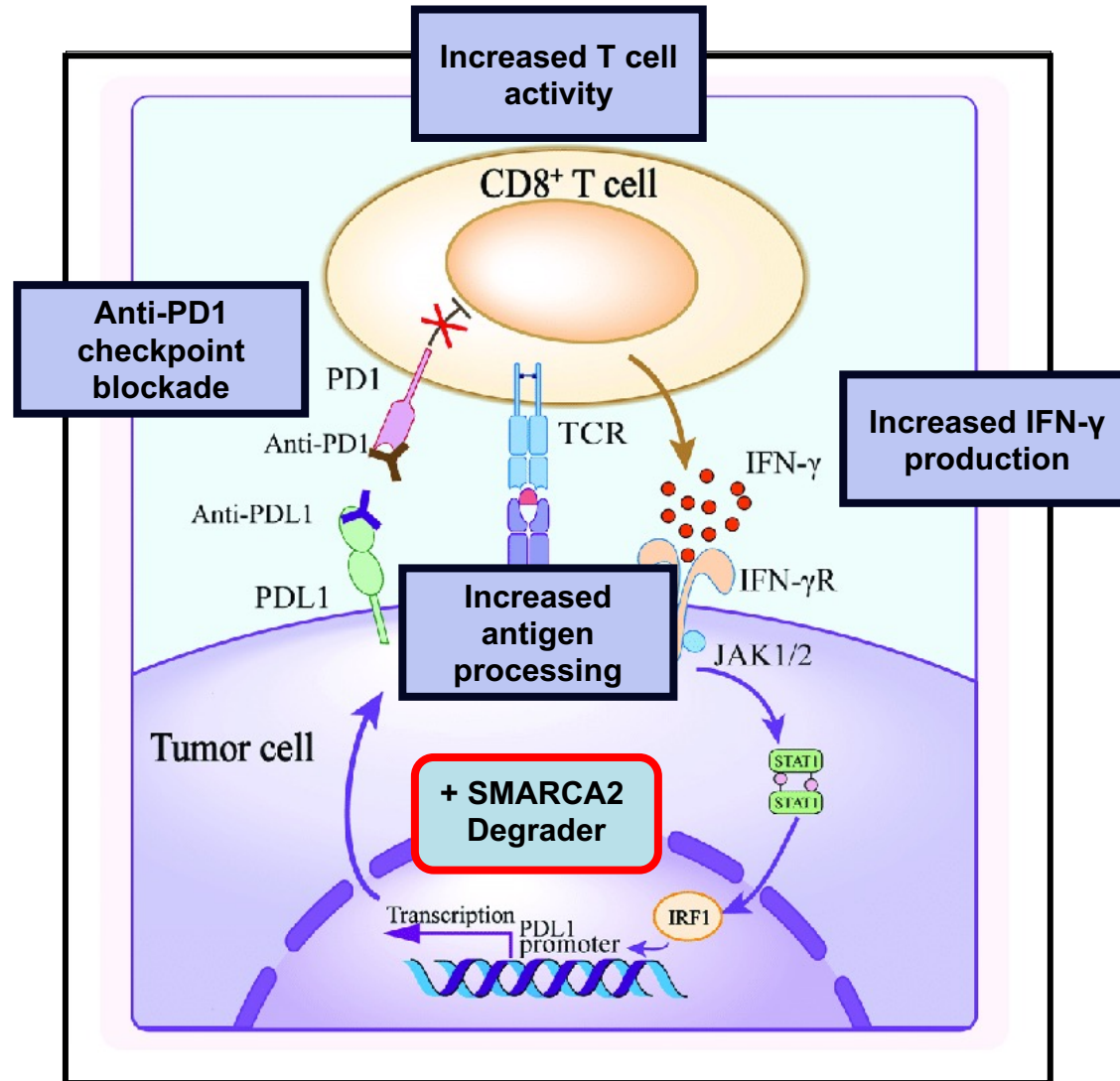
## Docetaxel



*In vivo* CDX models show strong tumor regression in combination with gemcitabine or docetaxel

# SMARCA4 degraders may also have synergy with and help to potentiate PD1/PDL1 immunotherapy

“Turning Cold Tumors Hot”



In SMARCA4-deficient cancer cell lines, SMARCA2 degradation...

Induces presentation of unique MHC-I peptide

Upregulates antigen processing and presentation machinery

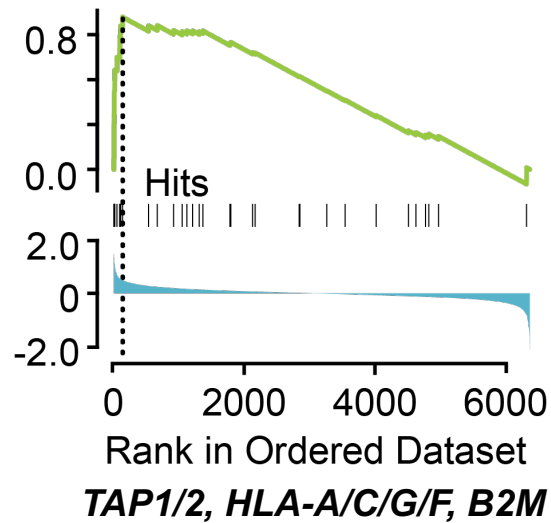
Increases cytokine production

Promotes T-cell activity and accelerates tumor cell killing



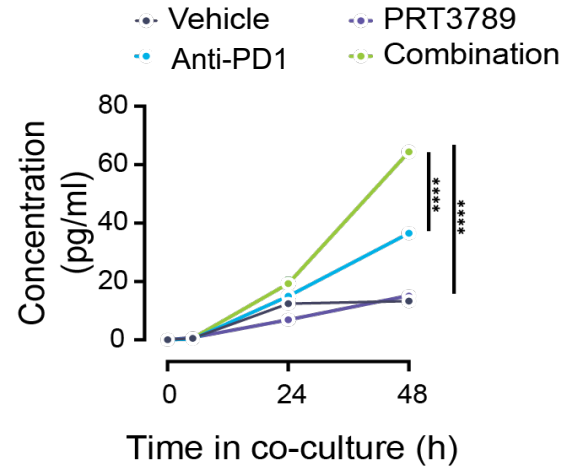
# Preclinical data for PRT3789 support rationale for anti-PD1 combination

## PRT3789 Upregulates Genes for Antigen Processing and Presentation

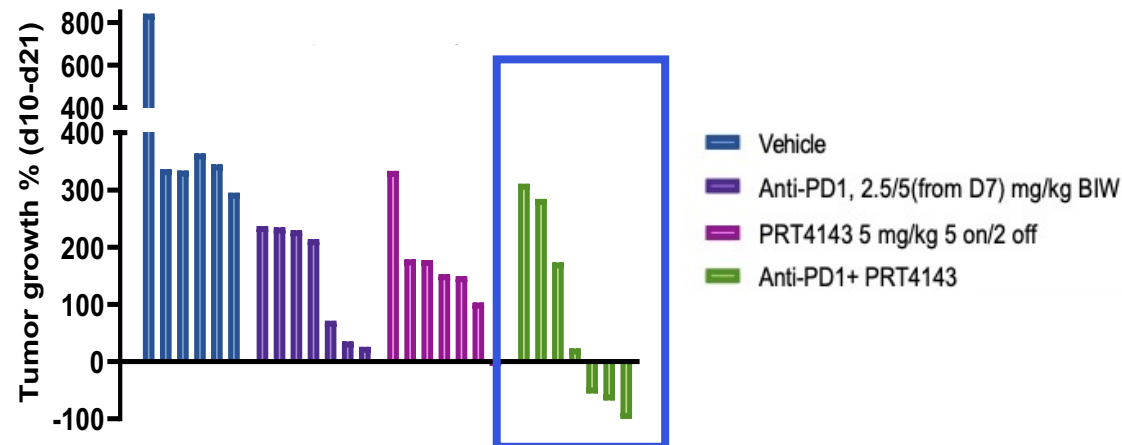
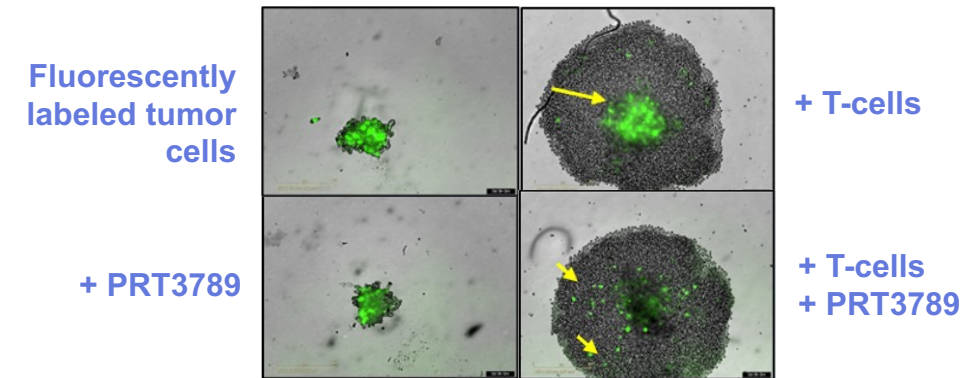


## SMARCA2 Degradator + Anti-PD1 Demonstrates Tumor Regression *In Vivo*

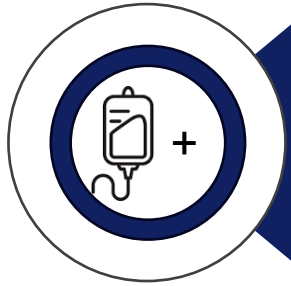
## PRT3789 Increases IFN-g Levels in Combination with anti-PD1 *In Vitro*



## PRT3789 Promotes T-cell mediated Tumor Cell Killing *In Vitro*

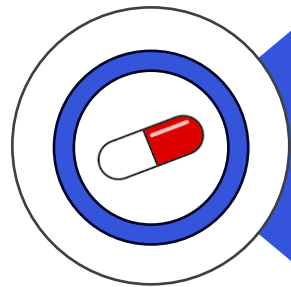


# PRT3789 was the industry's first selective SMARCA2 degrader to enter the clinic



## Lead SMARCA2 Degradator (PRT3789)

- ✓ Highly potent, selective degrader with once-weekly IV dosing
- ✓ Phase 1 trial underway, advancing well in clinic
- ✓ Generally well tolerated with no dose limiting toxicities observed to date
- ✓ Synergy with chemotherapy and immunotherapy



## Oral SMARCA2 Degradator (PRT7732)

# We solved SMARCA2 selectivity challenge >1000 fold

- Targeting SMARCA2 has been challenging due to the high homology between SMARCA2 and SMARCA4
- We have identified both IV and oral candidates with sub-nanomolar degradation potencies and high selectivity for SMARCA2 over SMARCA4
- Our lead program, PRT3789, is the first selective SMARCA2 degrader to enter clinical development
- Preclinical data for '3789 shows significant tumor regression in animal models, favorable safety, and high potential for chemoimmunotherapy synergy

Key  
Takeaways