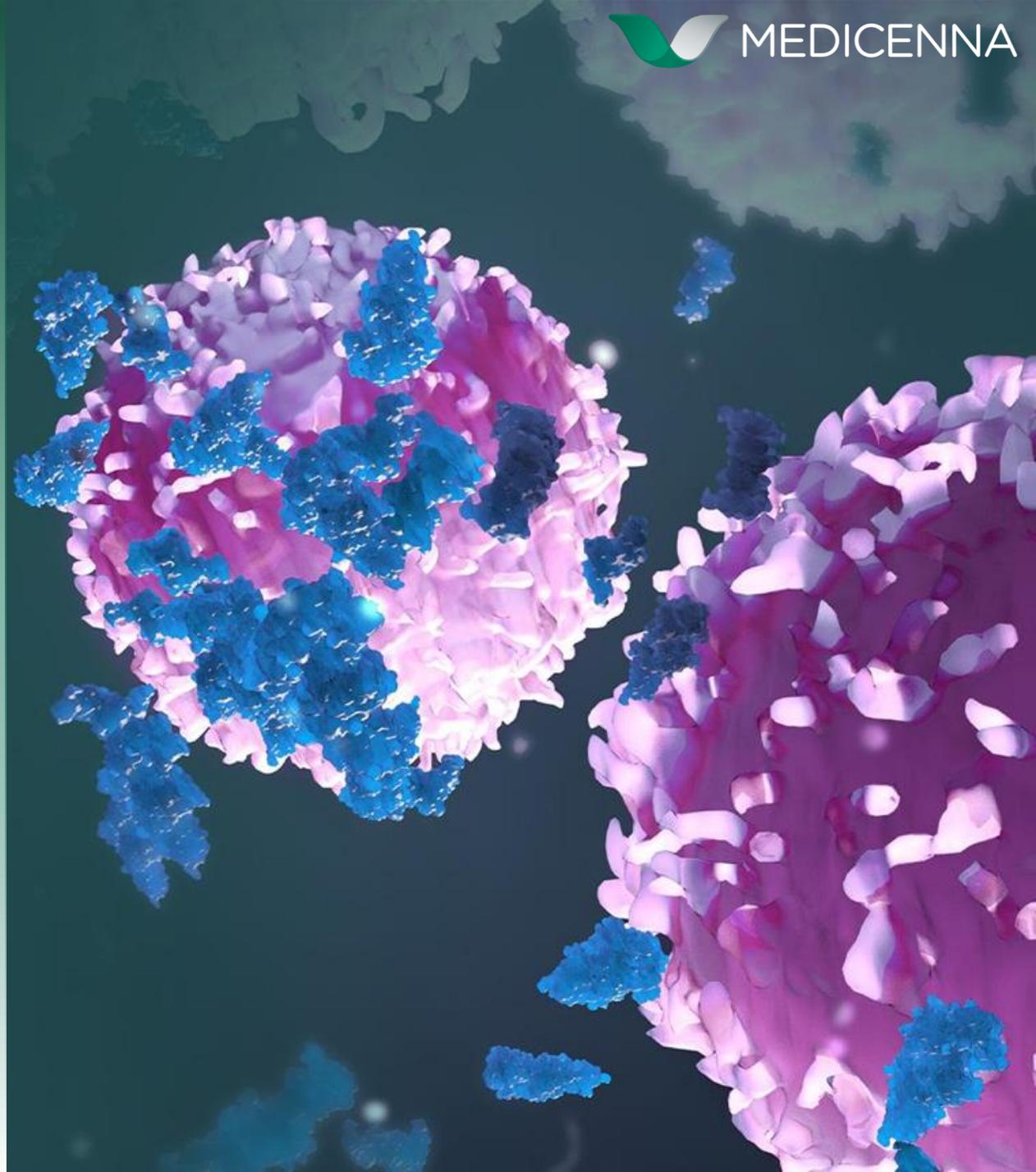


# **Characterization of MDNA113, a Tumor-Targeting Anti-PD1-IL-2SK Immunocytokine with Conditional Activation to Increase Tolerability and Maximize Efficacy**

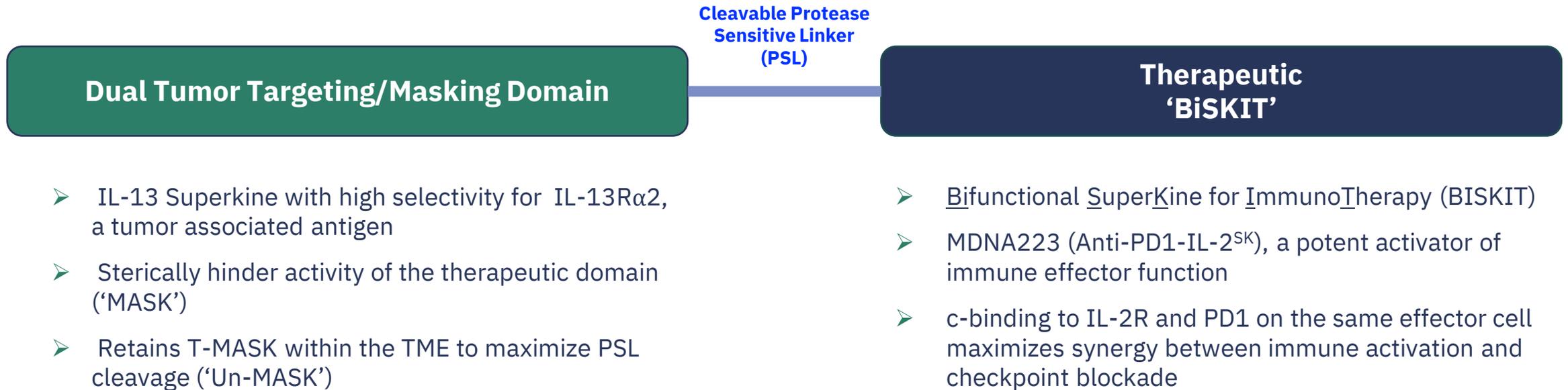
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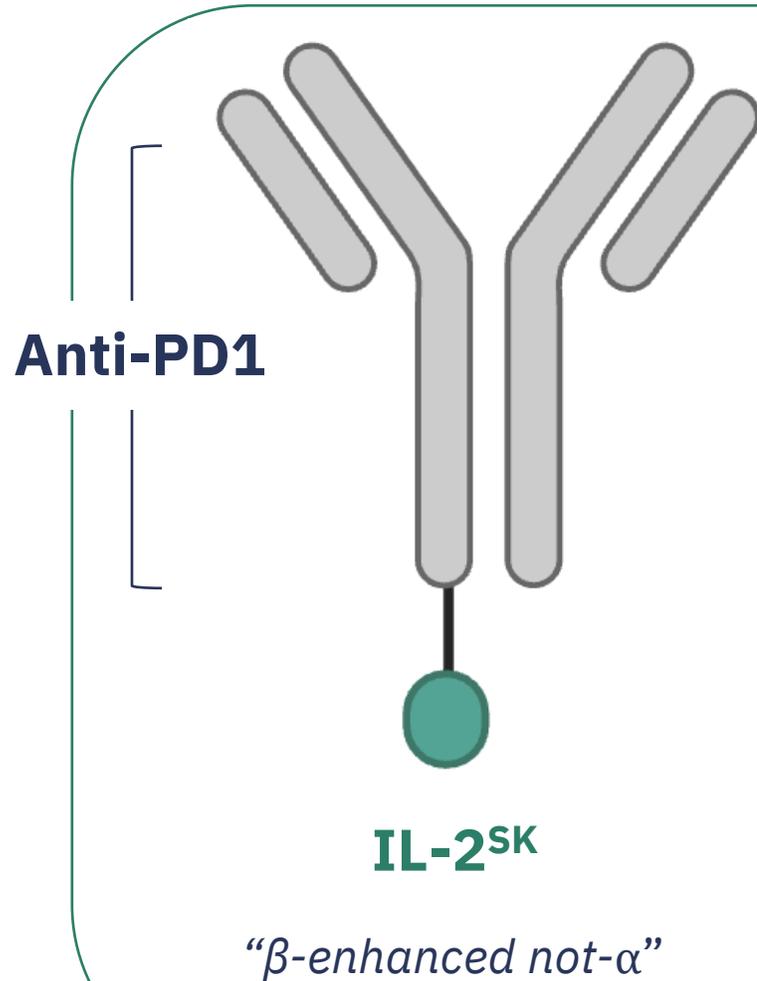
# Distinctive Features of the T-MASK Platform

## T-MASK (Targeted Metallo/Protease Activated SuperKine) designed to:

- Minimize risk of systemic toxicity
- Maximize therapeutic activity at the tumor site



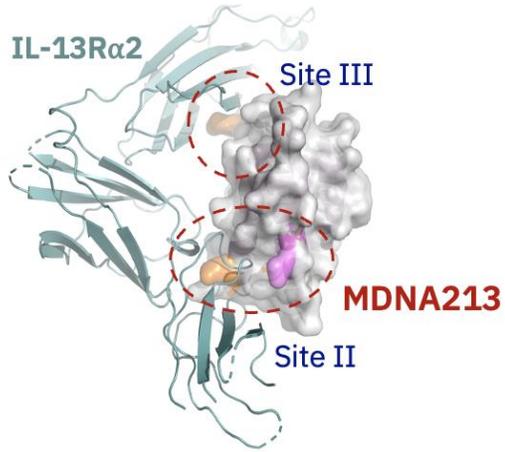
# MDNA223, an Anti-PD1-IL-2<sup>SK</sup> BiSKIT



- engineered to promote cis-binding to IL-2R and PD-1 receptors on the same effector immune cell
- designed to maximize synergy between IL-2R agonism (potentiates immune response) and PD1/PDL-1 immune checkpoint blockade (prevents immune exhaustion)
- combining 2 potent therapeutics into one immunotherapy

**Preferentially activates CD8<sup>+</sup> T and NK cells with limited Treg increase**

# MDNA213, an IL-13<sup>SK</sup> with Highly Selective Affinity for IL-13R $\alpha$ 2



## MDNA213

An IL-13 Superkine Targeting IL-13R $\alpha$ 2 for Tumor Targeting and Masking

- High affinity and selectivity for IL-13R $\alpha$ 2 (a tumor associated antigen on a broad range of tumors)
- Acts as a masking domain to hinder engagement of T-MASK with its cognate receptor, thereby limiting signaling
- Retention of T-MASK in IL-13R $\alpha$ 2 expressing tumors promotes cleavage by therein proteases to fully activate its immune stimulatory activity

## IL-13R $\alpha$ 2 Positive Cancers Annual World-Wide Incidence > 2M

IL-13R $\alpha$ 2 expression is associated with unfavorable clinical outcomes in multiple cancers; limited expression on normal tissues

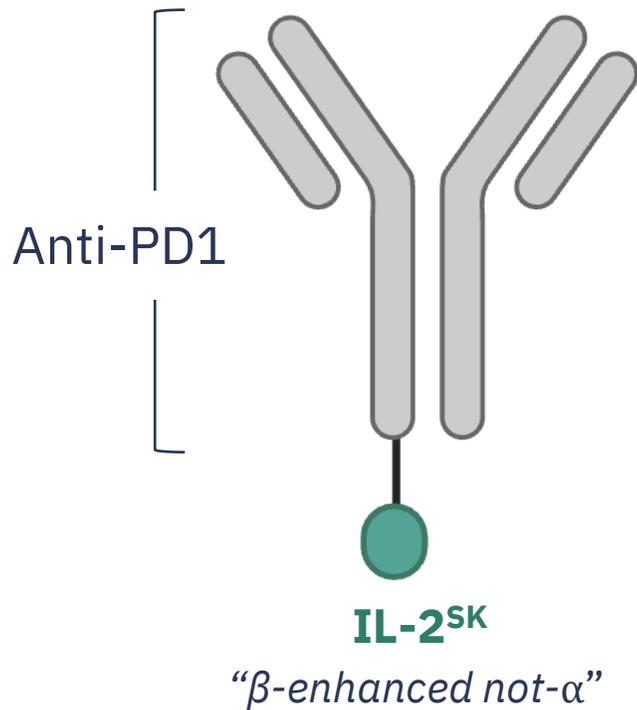
<b>Liver Cancer</b> <b>82%</b> Hou et al., J Cancer Res & Clinical Oncol (2009)	<b>Breast Cancer</b> <b>75%</b> Papageorgis et al., Br Cancer Res (2015)	<b>Glioblastoma</b> <b>75%</b> Joshi et al., Cancer Res (2000)	<b>Ovarian Cancer</b> <b>75%</b> Kioi et al., Cancer (2006)
<b>Pancreatic Cancer</b> <b>71%</b> Shimamura et al. Clin Cancer Res (2010)	<b>Colon Cancer</b> <b>66%</b> Barderas et al., Cancer Res (2012)	<b>Kidney Cancer</b> <b>53%</b> Kang et al., J Per Med (2021)	<b>Mesothelioma</b> <b>50%</b> Oncomine Cancer MicroArray (OMCA Database)
<b>Prostate Cancer</b> <b>47%</b> Nagai et al., Cancer Reports (2023)	<b>Lung Cancer</b> <b>44%</b> Xie et al., Oncotarget (2015)	<b>Head &amp; Neck Cancer</b> <b>33%</b> Kawakami et al., Clin Cancer Res (2003)	<b>Melanoma</b> <b>32%</b> Beardi et al., Clin Cancer Res (2013)

# MDNA113 is a Masked IL-13<sup>SK</sup> Tumor Targeting Anti-PD1-IL-2<sup>SK</sup>

## T-MASK (Targeted Metallo/Protease Activated SuperKine)

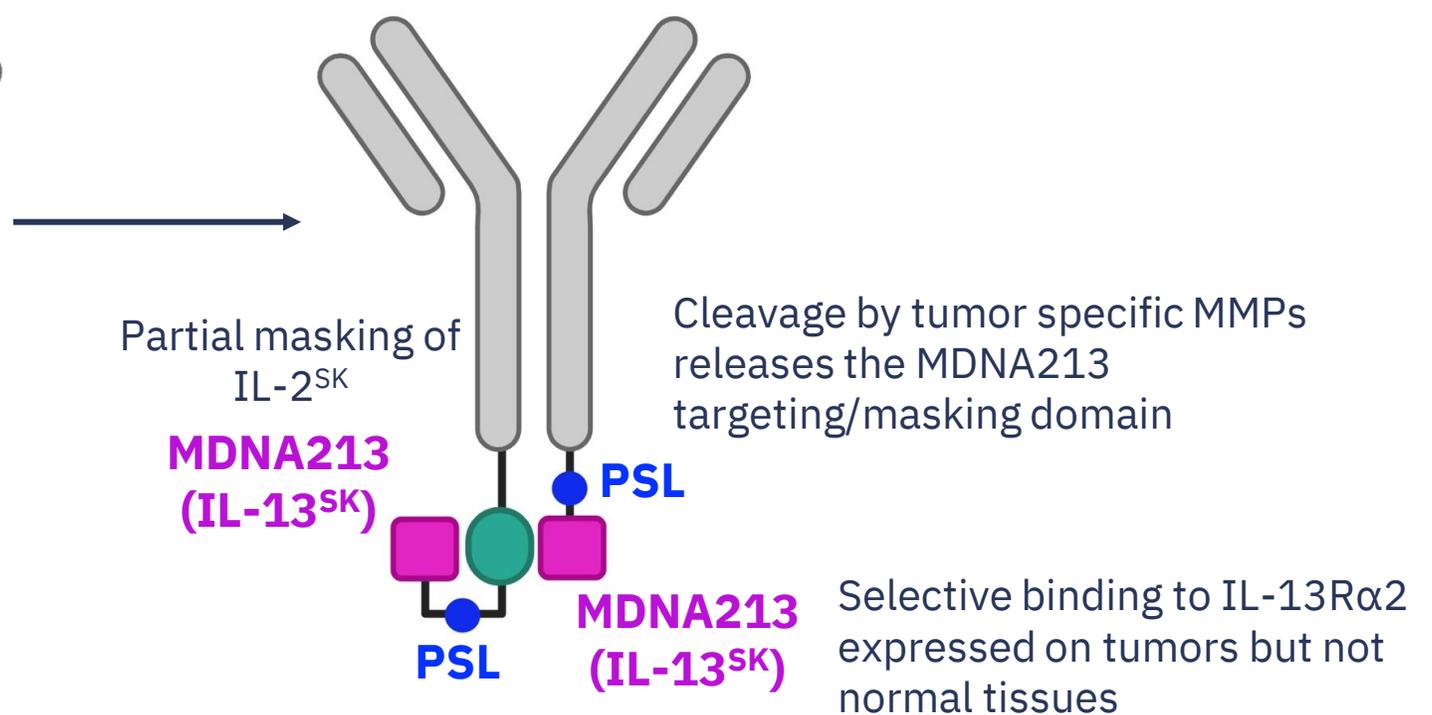
*cis*-Binding to  
PD-1 and IL-2R

MDNA223  
(Non-Masked)



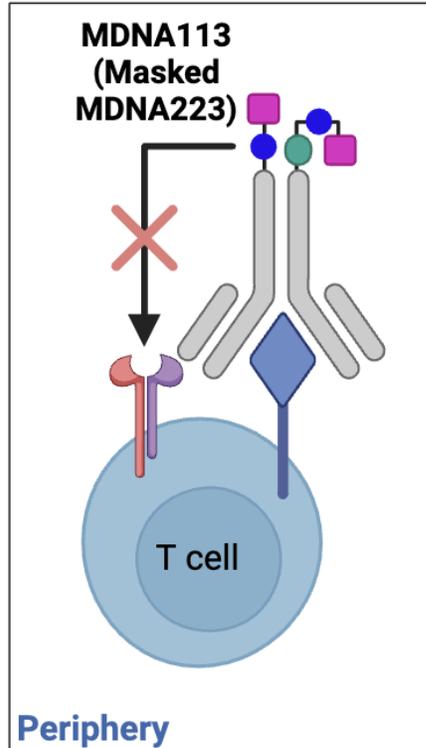
MDNA113  
(T-MASK)

*Tumor targeting and  
conditional activation*

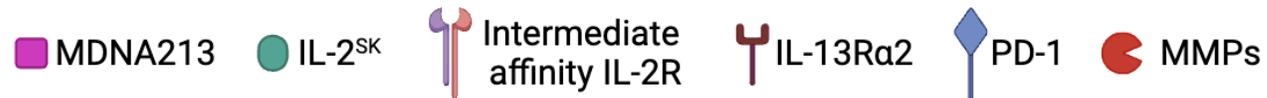
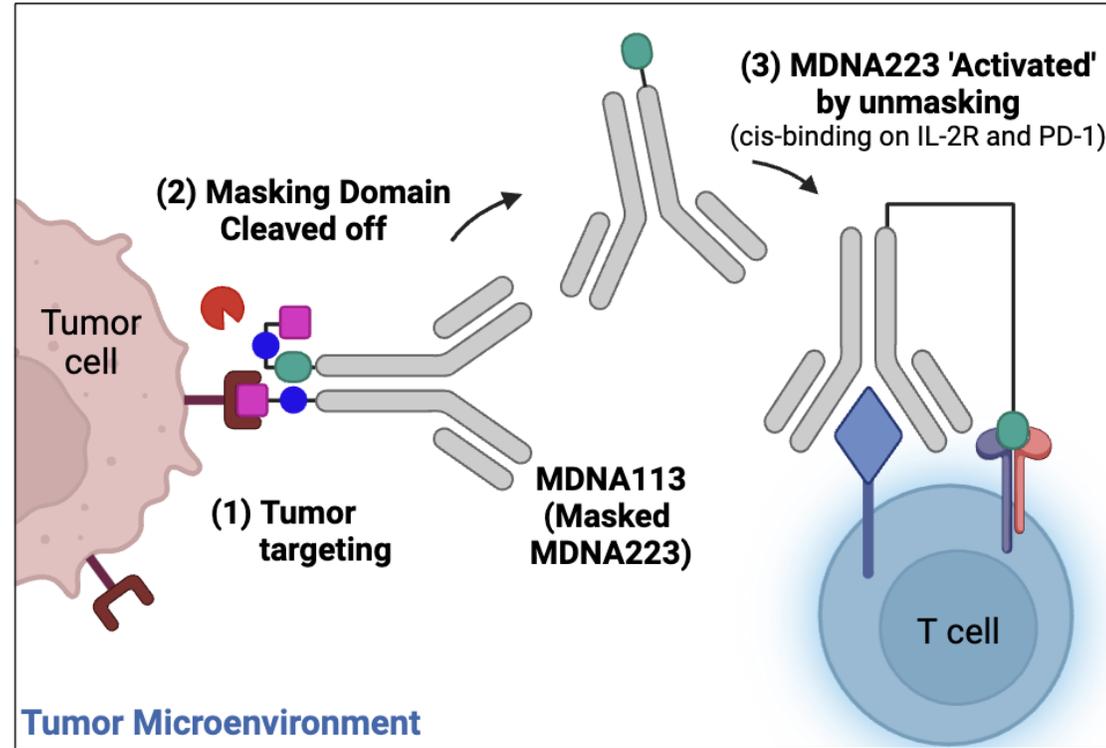


# Mechanism of Action

## Attenuated IL-2R Stimulation

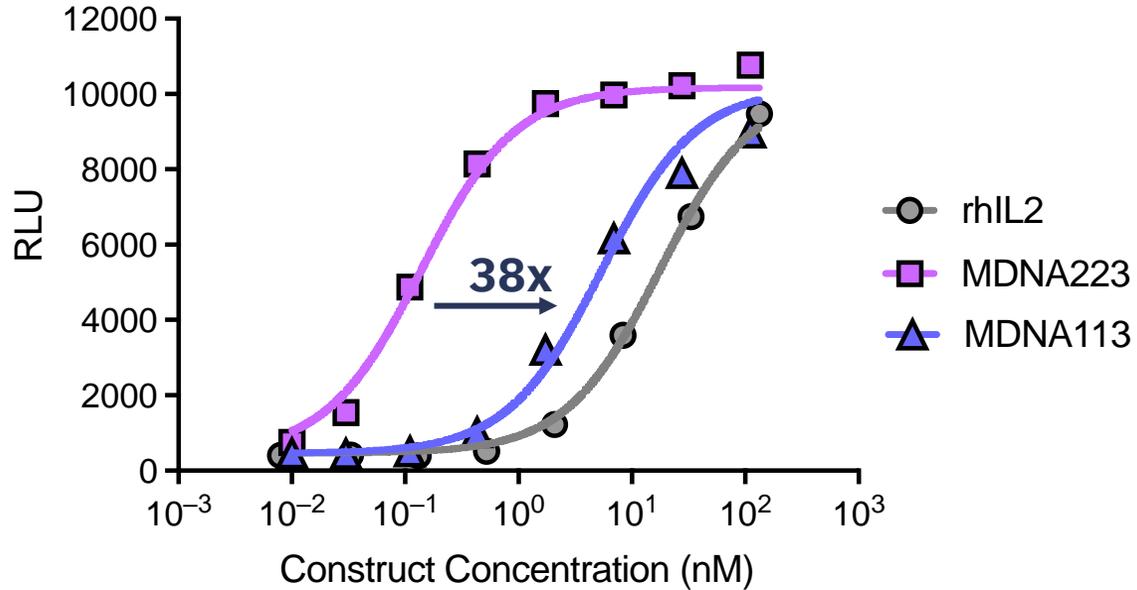


## Fully Restored IL-2R Stimulation



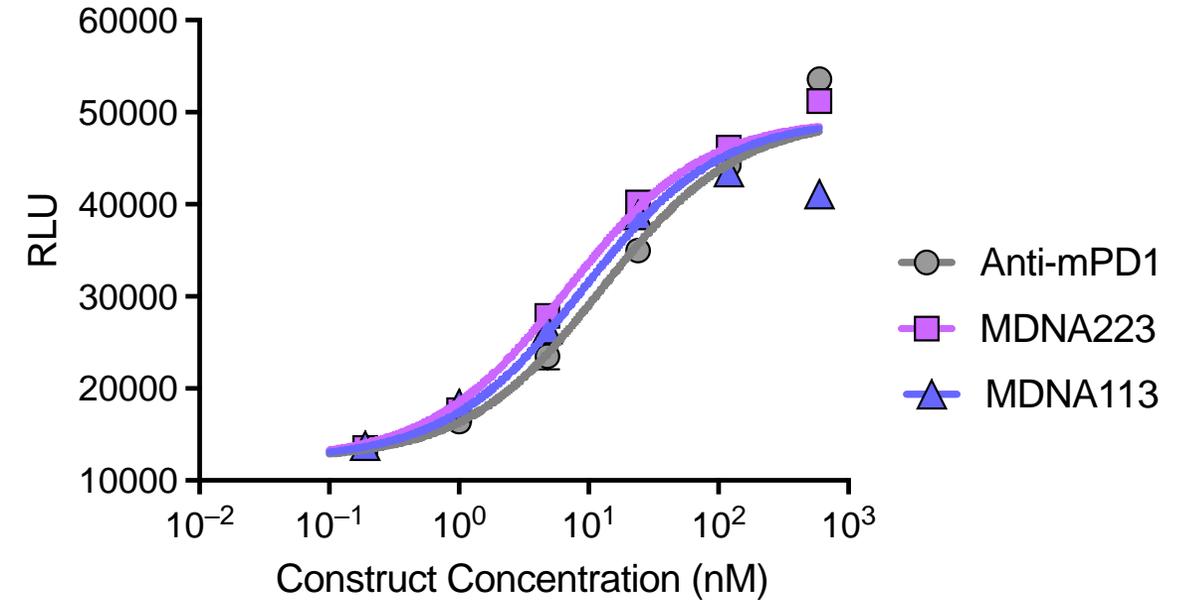
# MDNA113: Attenuated IL-2R Signaling with Intact PD1/PDL-1 Immune Blockade

## IL-2R Agonism is Attenuated



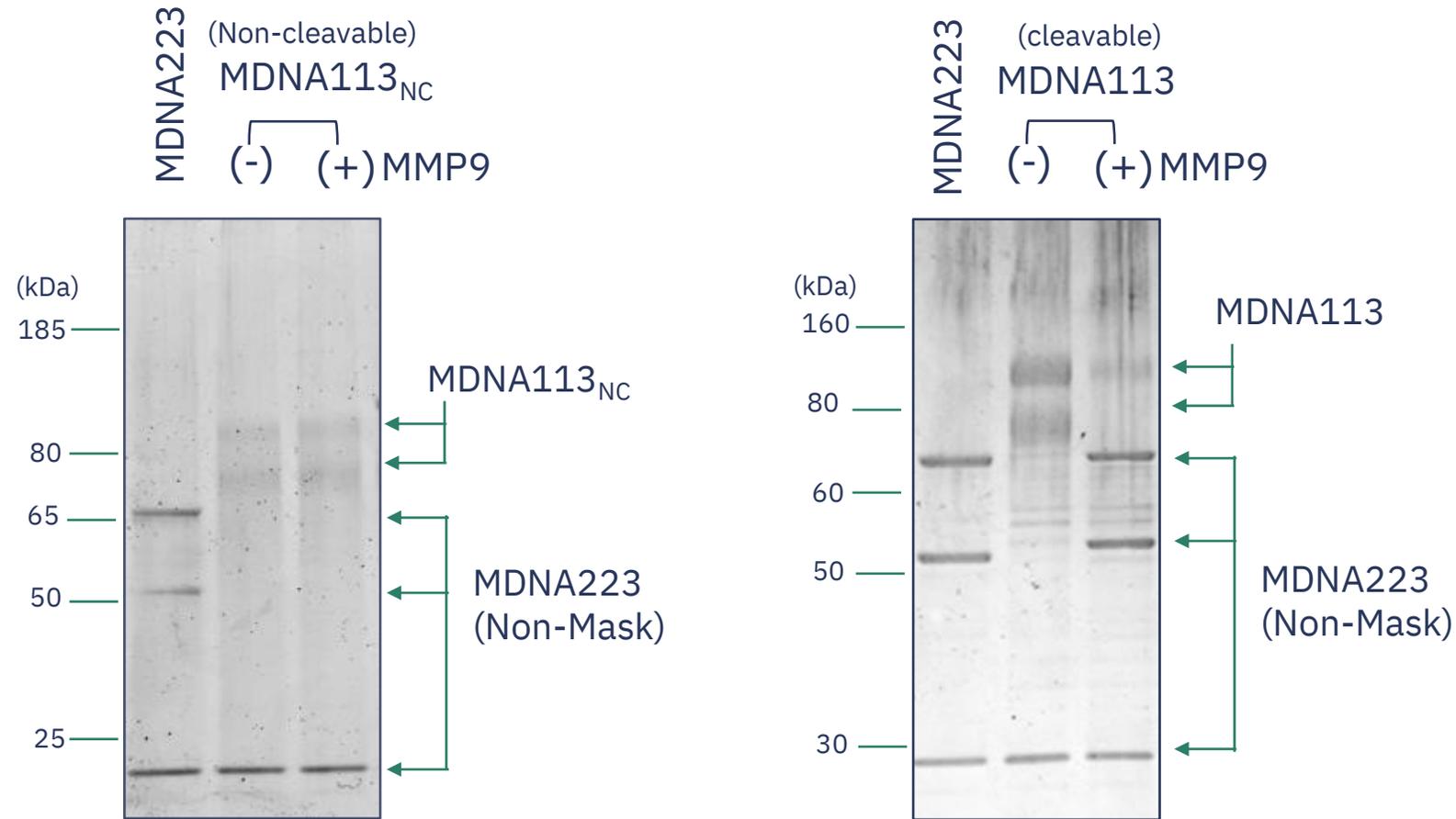
Jurkat IL-2R $\beta\gamma$  bioassay lacking CD25 expression  
RLU = relative luminescence unit

## PD-1/PDL-1 Blockade is Retained



PD-1 reporter assay: co-culture of PD-1 reporter cells and PD-L1 aAPC/CHO-K1 cells.

# MMP9 Cleavage of MDNA113 Releases the MDNA213 MASK Domain

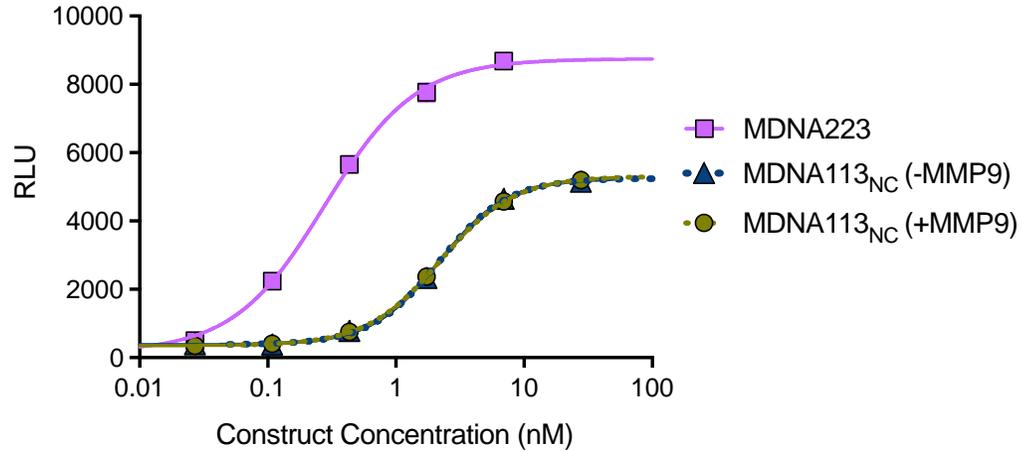


rMMP9 incubation at 5  $\mu$ g/mL at 37°C for 1 h

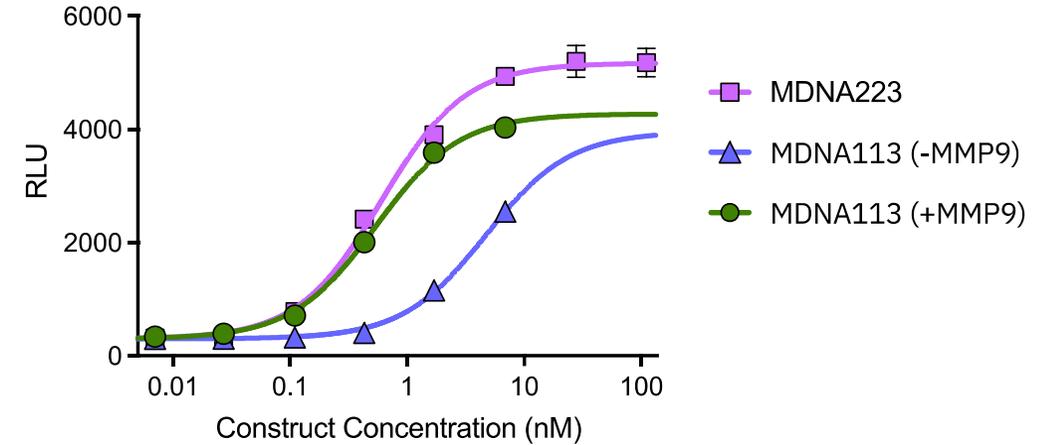
**MMP9 completely cleaves MDNA113 but not MDNA113<sub>NC</sub> (non-cleavable linker)**

# MMP9 Cleavage Fully Restores IL-2R Agonism to MDNA113

**Non-cleavable (MDNA113<sub>NC</sub>)**



**Cleavable (MDNA113)**



	EC <sub>50</sub> (pM)
MDNA223	279
MDNA113 <sub>NC</sub> (-) MMP9	2176
MDNA113 <sub>NC</sub> (+) MMP9	2206

	EC <sub>50</sub> (pM)
MDNA223	597
MDNA113 (-) MMP9	4477
MDNA113 (+) MMP9	532

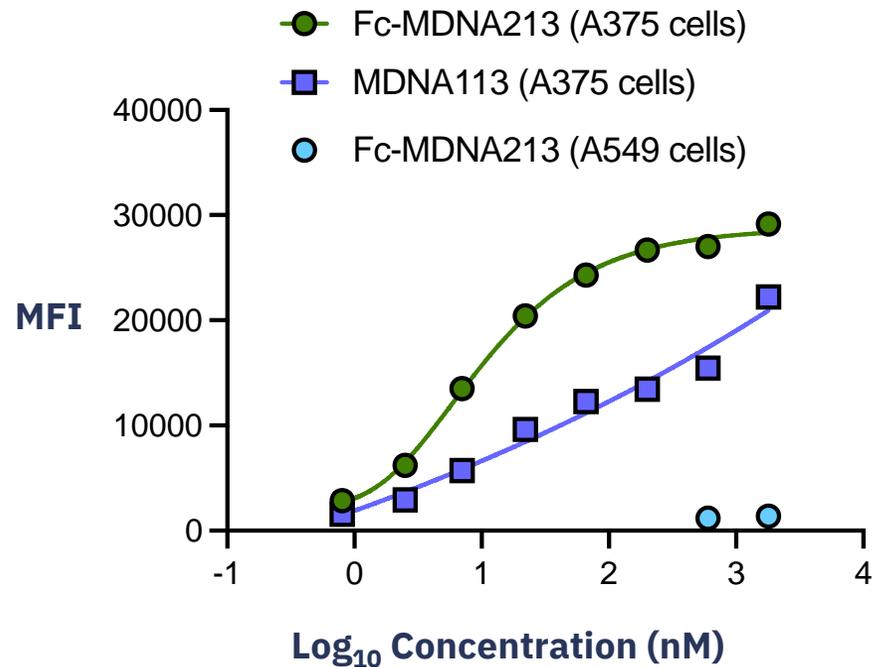
Jurkat IL-2R $\beta\gamma$  bioassay lacking CD25 expression

**Proteolytic activation restores full activity of MDNA113 with cleavable linker**

# Selective and Durable Accumulation in IL-13R $\alpha$ 2 Positive Tumors

## Selective binding to IL-13R $\alpha$ 2 positive cells

A375: IL-13R $\alpha$ 2 positive  
A549: IL-13R $\alpha$ 2 negative



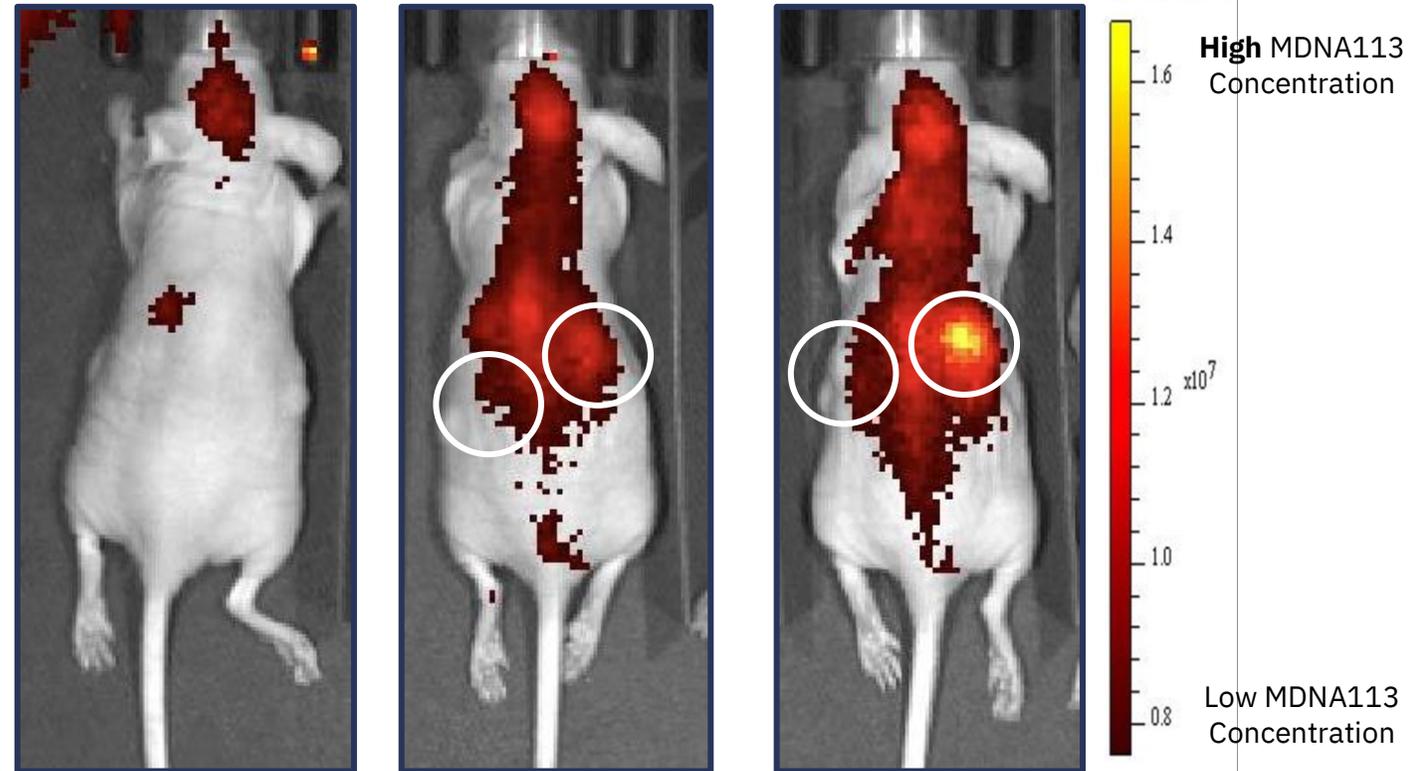
Cell binding studies by flow cytometry  
MFI: mean fluorescence intensity

## Accumulation in IL-13R $\alpha$ 2 positive tumors for >7 days

Background  
(control)

MDNA223  
(no targeting)

MDNA113  
(tumor targeting)



Left flank: A549  
(IL-13R $\alpha$ 2 Negative)

Right flank: A375  
(IL-13R $\alpha$ 2 Positive)

Tumor bearing athymic mice were IV injected with a single dose of VivoTag800 labelled MDNA223 or MDNA113 (2 mg/kg)

# Masking with MDNA213 Attenuates Peripheral Lymphocyte Expansion in Mice

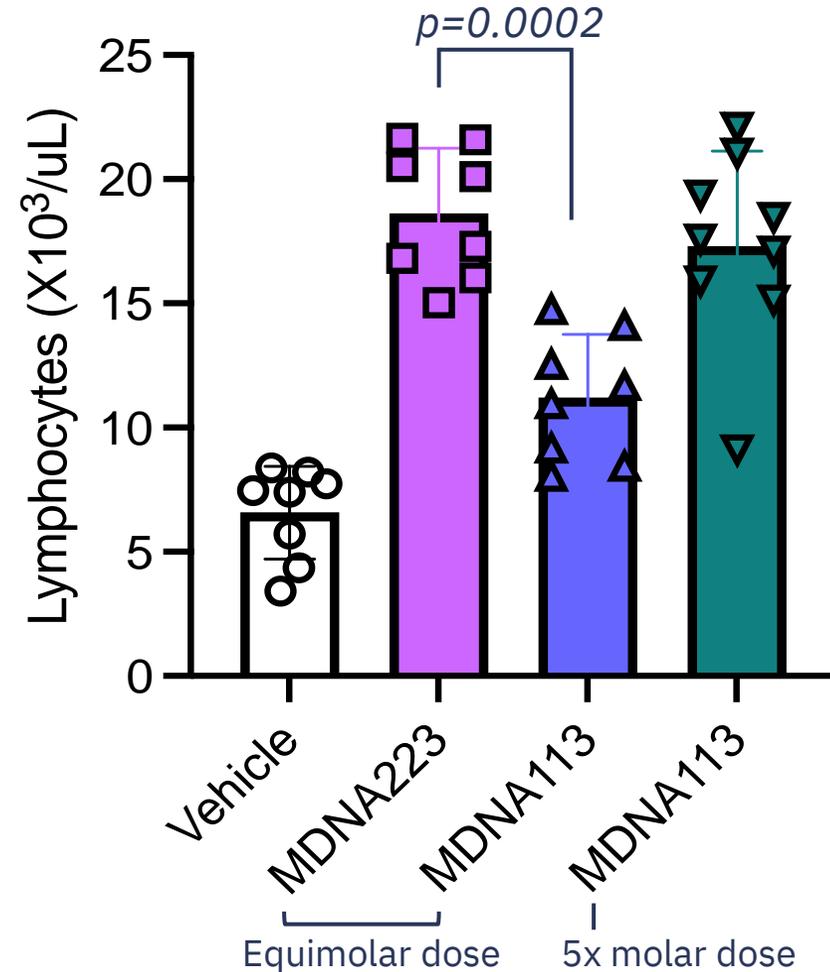
Increased MDNA113 dose overcomes partial masking effect

Single IP administration  
(Day 1)

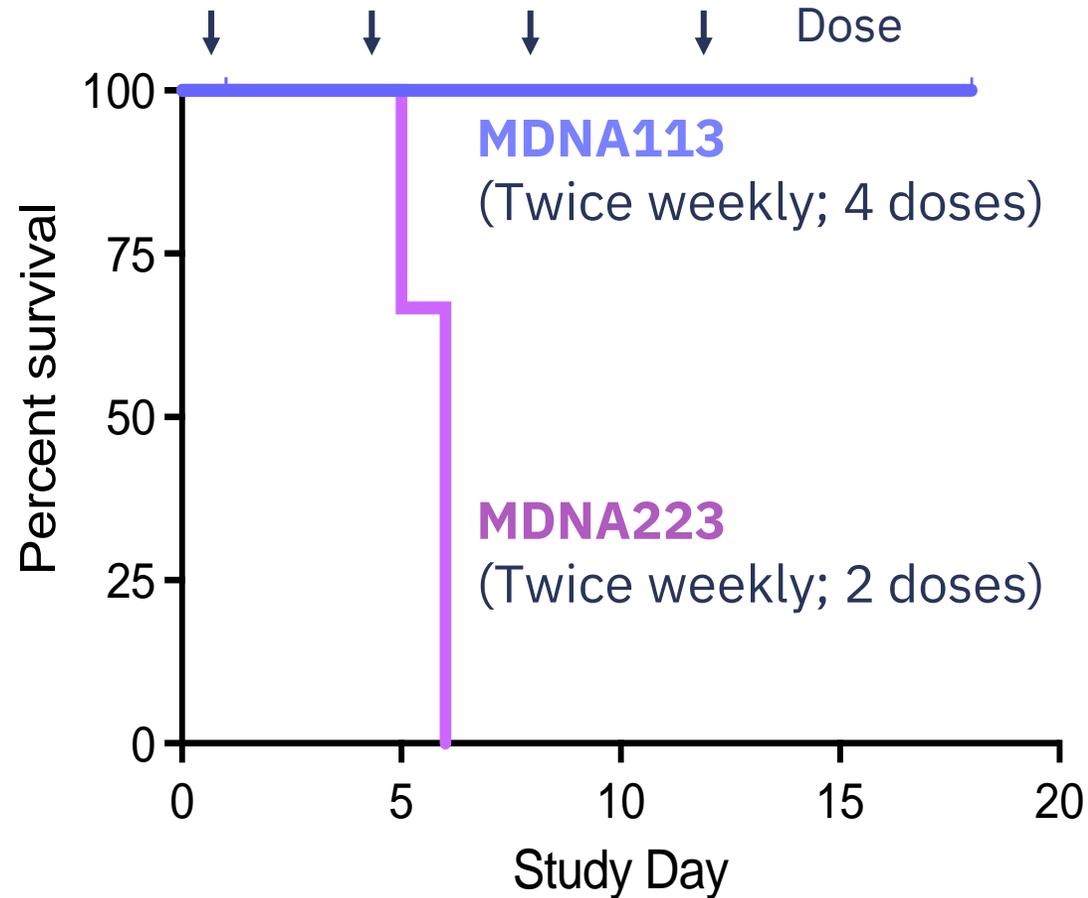


Balb/c Mice

Hematology  
Analysis of Whole  
Blood  
(Day 3)



# MDNA113 Demonstrates Greater In Vivo Tolerability



C57Bl/6 mice were treated with equimolar doses of MDNA223 and MDNA113 on a twice weekly schedule

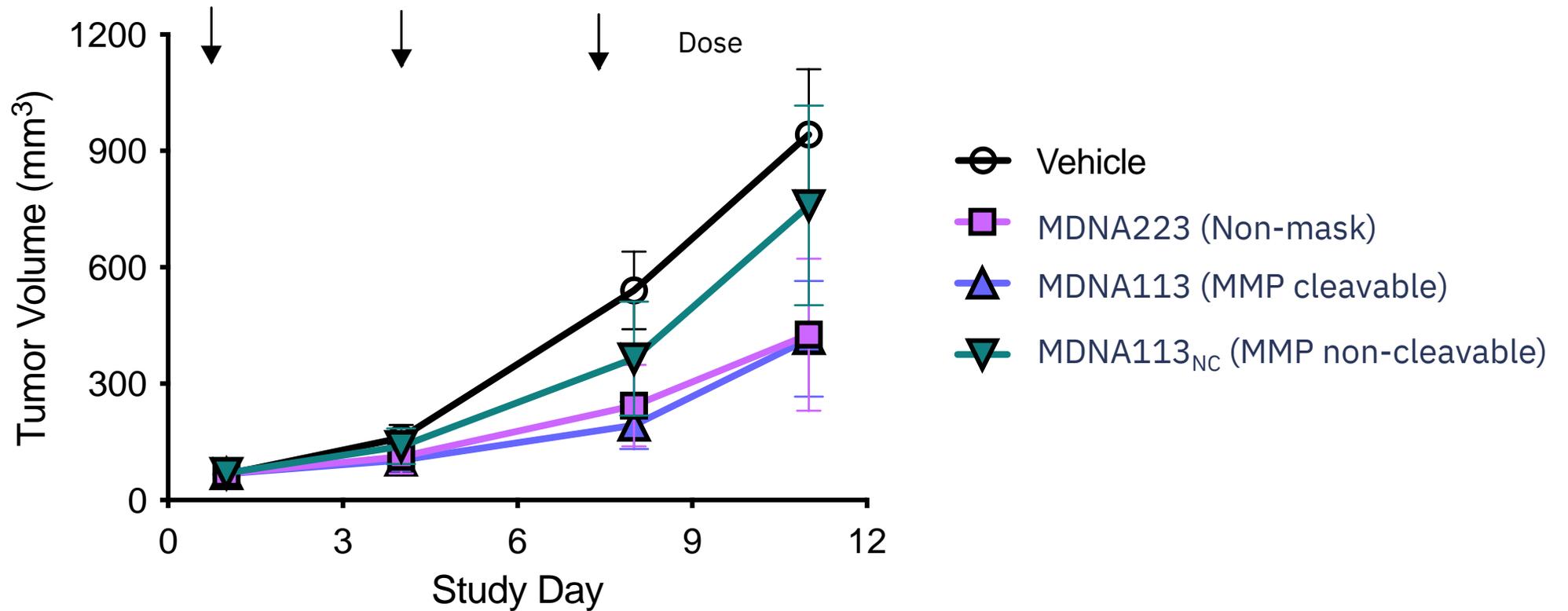
# Proteolytic Activation of MDNA113 within Tumors Potentiates In Vivo Efficacy

## Intra-tumoral Treatment in MC38 (IL-13R $\alpha$ 2 negative) Tumor Model

IT administration



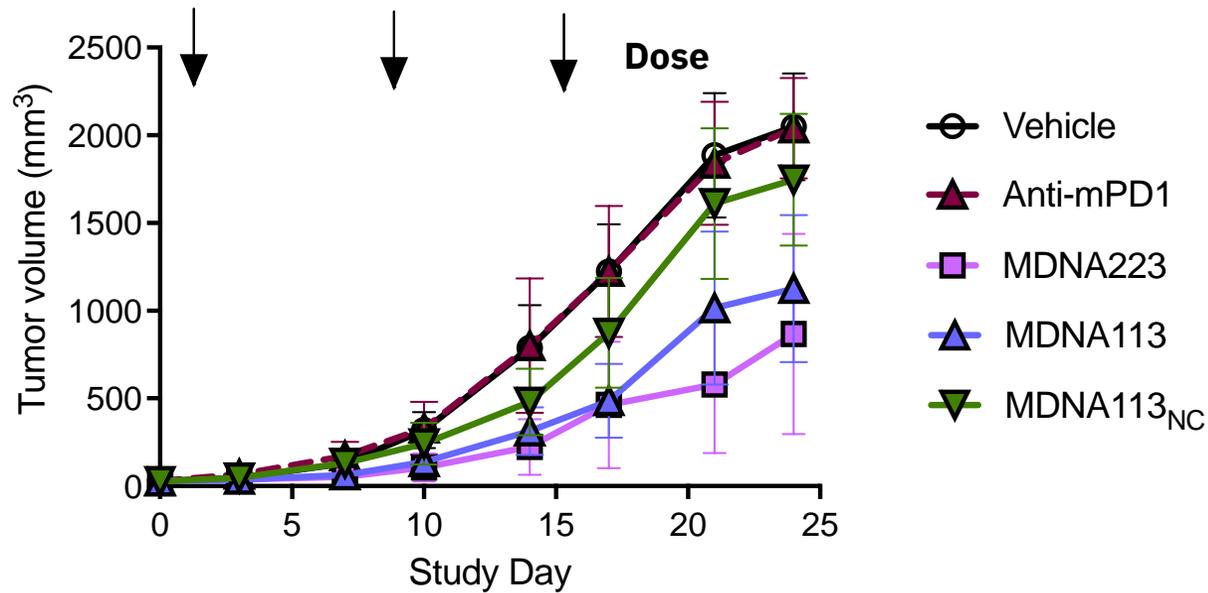
C57Bl/6 Mice



Avg tumor volume of 40 mm<sup>3</sup> at initiation of dosing; Dose of 15 ug/tumor by IT injection

# Systemic MDNA113 Treatment Shows Potent Tumor Inhibition

## Intra-peritoneal Treatment in MC38 (IL-13R $\alpha$ 2 negative) Tumor Model



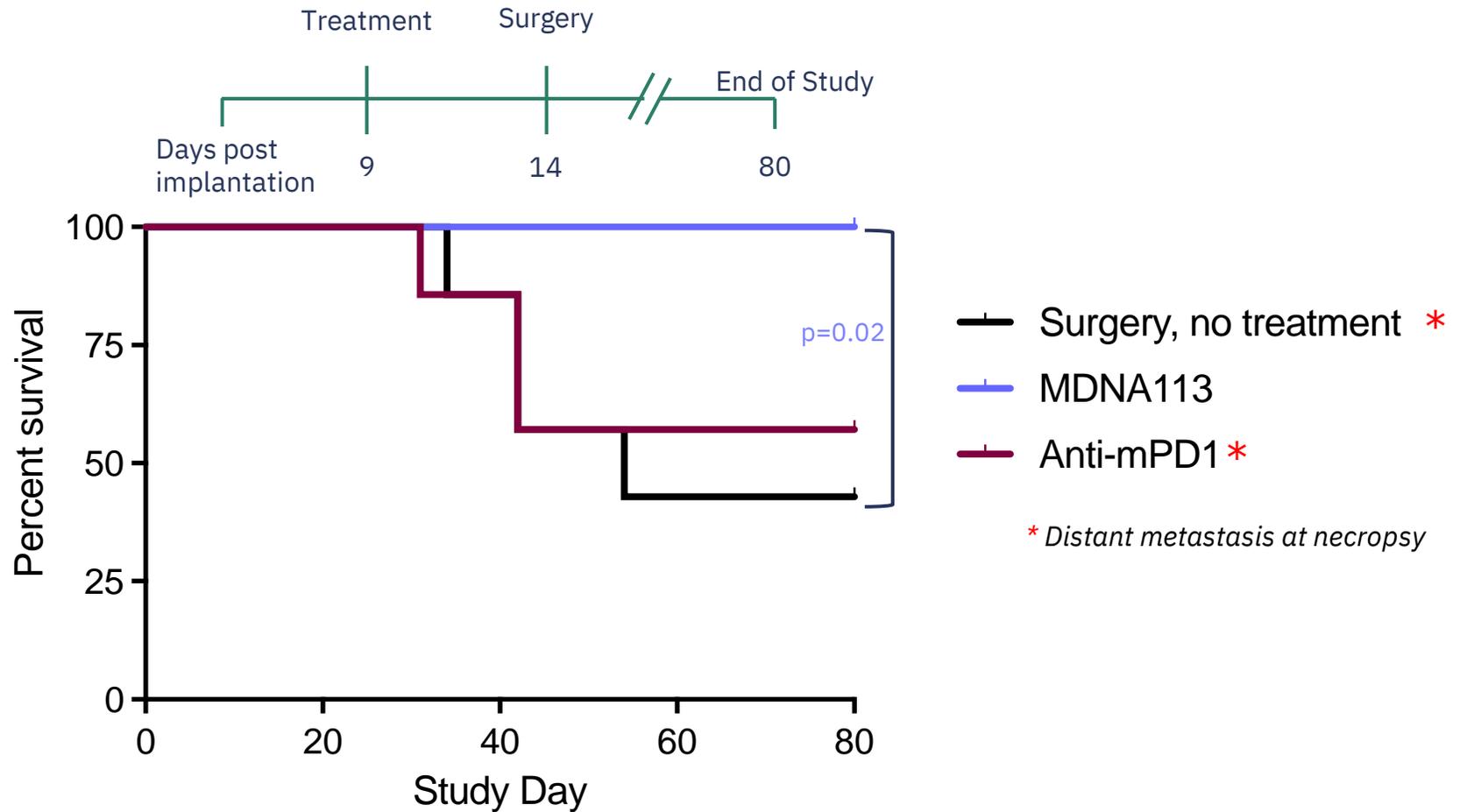
Treatment	Complete Regression
Vehicle	0/15
Anti-mPD1	0/8
MDNA223	1/15
MDNA113	7/15
MDNA113 <sub>NC</sub>	0/8

Avg tumor volume of 30 mm<sup>3</sup> at initiation of dosing; All dosed once weekly at molar equivalent doses

From 2 independent studies

# Single Neo-adjuvant Treatment with MDNA113 Provides Survival Benefit

## 4T1.2 (IL-13R $\alpha$ 2 negative) Orthotopic Breast Cancer Model



Equimolar doses of MDNA113 and Anti-mPD1 were administered, IP.

# Summary

- MDNA113 exhibits attenuated IL-2R stimulation without altering PD1/PDL-1 blockade activity *in vitro*.
- MMP cleavage of MDNA113 releases the MASK domain (MDNA213), restoring IL-2R signaling *in vitro*.
- MDNA113 selectively binds IL-13R $\alpha$ 2 positive tumor cells *in vitro* and durably accumulates (>7 days) in IL-13R $\alpha$ 2 positive tumors in mice.
- MDNA113 is better tolerated than non-masked counterpart (MDNA223), supporting higher dose and more frequent dosing schedule.
- Cleavable MDNA113 shows similar efficacy as non-masked MDNA223, consistent with proteolytic activation within TME.
- Single neoadjuvant treatment with MDNA113 in a highly invasive orthotopic 4T1.2 breast cancer model significantly increases survival by preventing metastasis.
- T-MASK is a highly versatile platform with unique tumor targeting and conditionally activatable features to mitigate risk of systemic toxicity and maximize therapeutic activity at tumor site