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# Development of MRT-2359, an orally bioavailable GSPT1 molecular glue degrader, for the treatment of lung cancers with MYC-induced translational addiction

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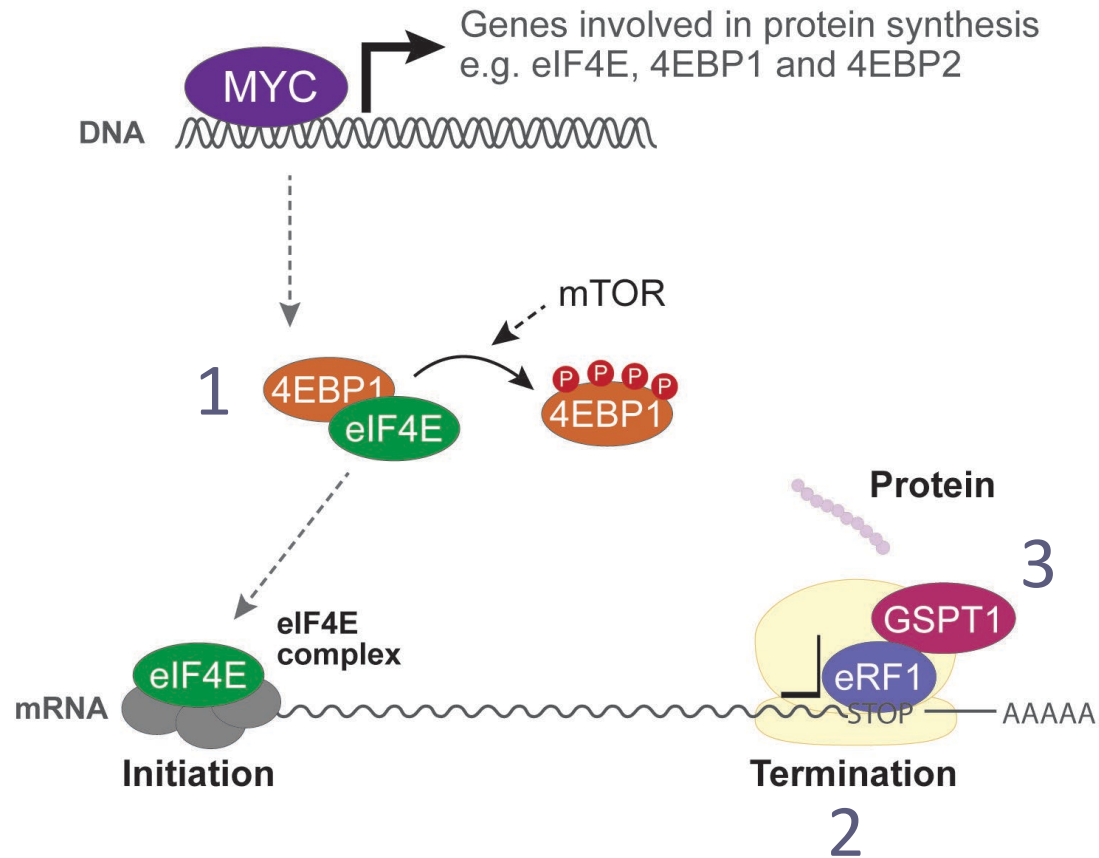
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# Targeting MYC-driven Tumors and Their Addiction to Protein Translation



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## Addiction

To sustain growth, MYC-driven tumors are **addicted to protein translation**

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## Dependency

This addiction creates a dependency on the **translation termination factor GSPT1**

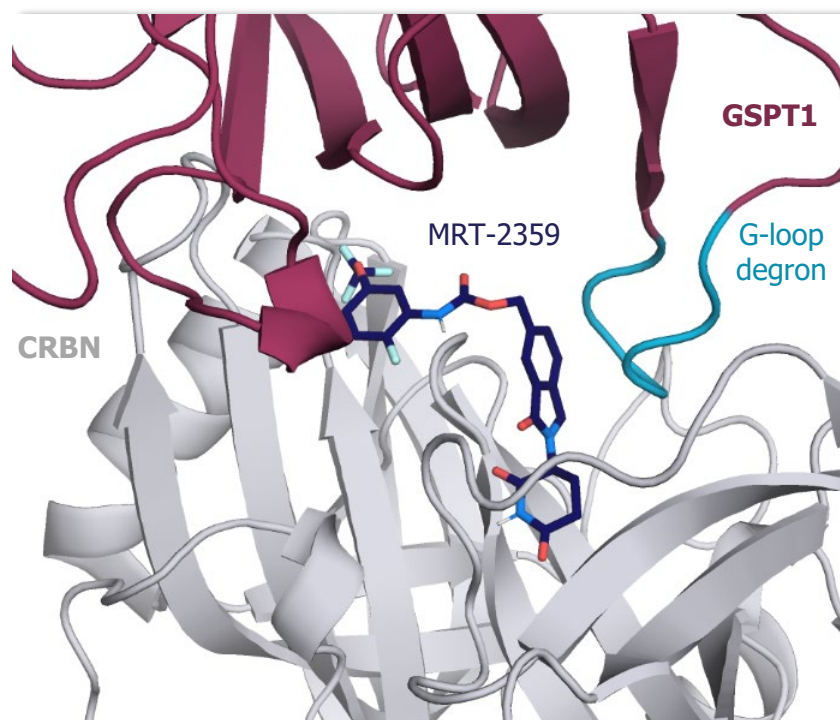
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## Therapeutic vulnerability

**GSPT1 is a therapeutic vulnerability of MYC-driven tumors** which can be targeted using molecular glue degrader (MGD)

# MRT-2359 is a Highly Selective, Orally Bioavailable GSPT1 MGD with a Favorable ADMET Profile

## CRBN/MRT-2359/GSPT1 ternary complex



## Biochemical and cellular data

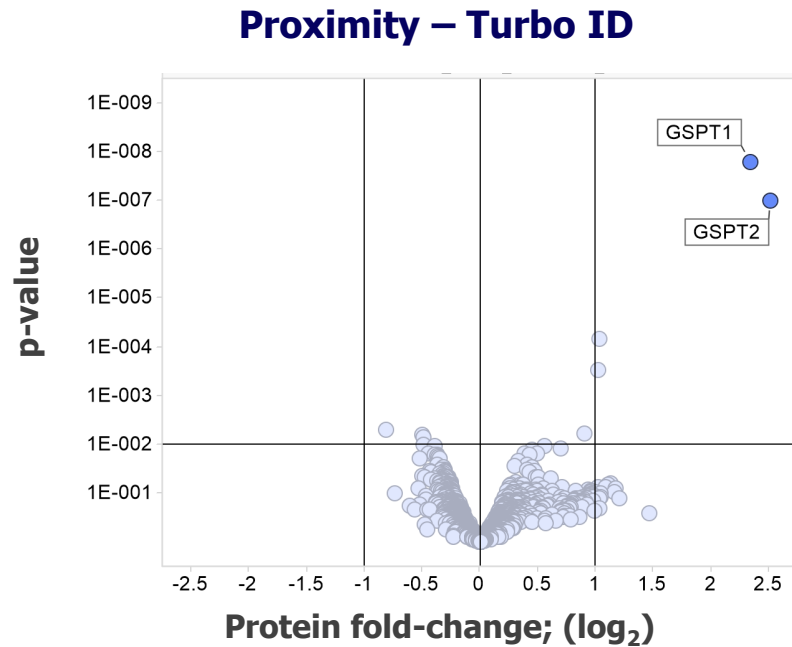
CRBN binding (HTRF; $K_i$ )	113 nM
Ternary complex (HTRF; $EC_{50}$ )	7 nM
CRBN dependency (KO, multiple lines)	Yes
G-loop dependency (G575N mut., multiple lines)	Yes
Selectivity (proteomics)	GSPT1 / GSPT2
Degradation $DC_{50}/D_{max}$ (in disease relevant lines)	1-20 nM / 100%
Viability $EC_{50}$ (in disease relevant MYC high lines)	2-80 nM

## ADMET profile

CYP DDIs (7 isoforms)	> 30 $\mu$ M
CEREP (Safety panel 44)	None
hERG inhibition (patch clamp)	$EC_{50}$ > 30 $\mu$ M
Oral bioavailability (all species)	~50%

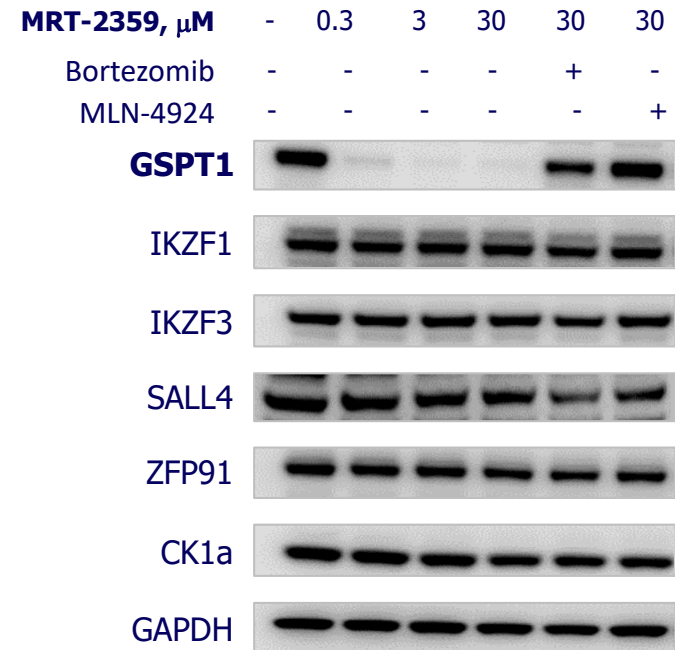
# MRT-2359 is a Highly Selective Recruiter and Degradator of GSPT1

**MRT-2359 is a potent inducer of GSPT1-cereblon proximity**



100 nM MRT-2359, 1hr post treatment

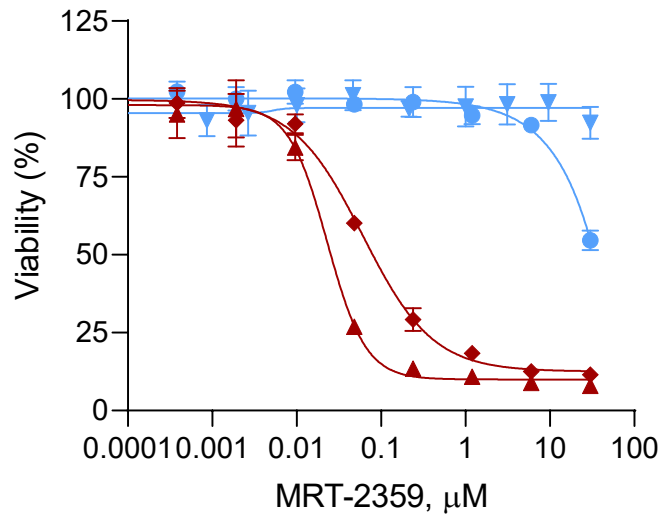
**MRT-2359 is highly selective against common neosubstrates of CRBN**



6hr post treatment in MM1S and Kelly (SALL4)

# MRT-2359 Shows Preferential Activity in MYC High or Neuroendocrine (NE) Positive Lung Cancer Lines

## N-MYC - NSCLC lines



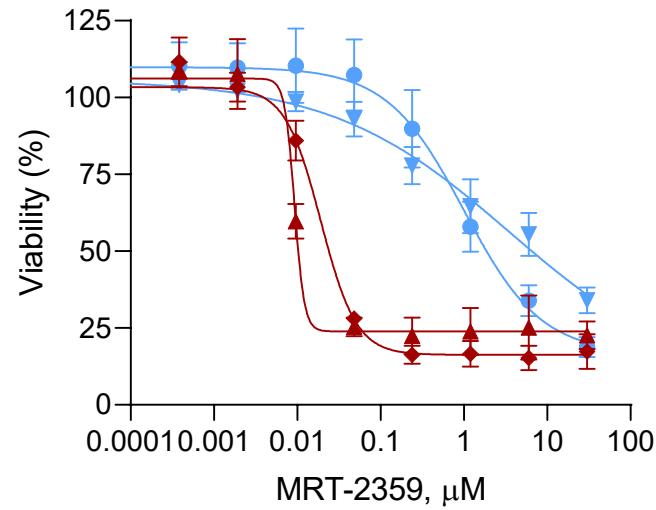
### High N-MYC

- ▲ NCI-H1155
- ◆ ABC-1

### Low N-MYC

- NCI-H2023
- ▼ NCI-H441

## L-MYC - SCLC lines



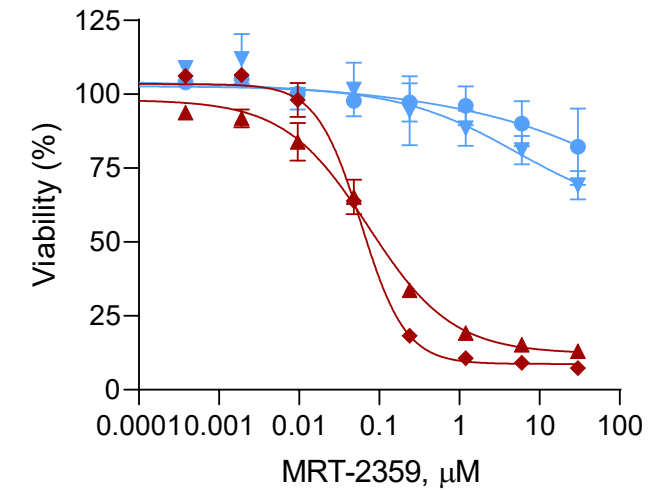
### High L-MYC

- ▲ NCI-H1836
- ◆ NCI-H1876

### Low L-MYC

- NCI-H2286
- ▼ NCI-H196

## NE positive lung lines



### High NE

- ▲ NCI-H810
- ◆ NCI-H1770

### Low NE

- NCI-H2405
- ▼ NCI-H1693

All cell lines are L-MYC and N-MYC low

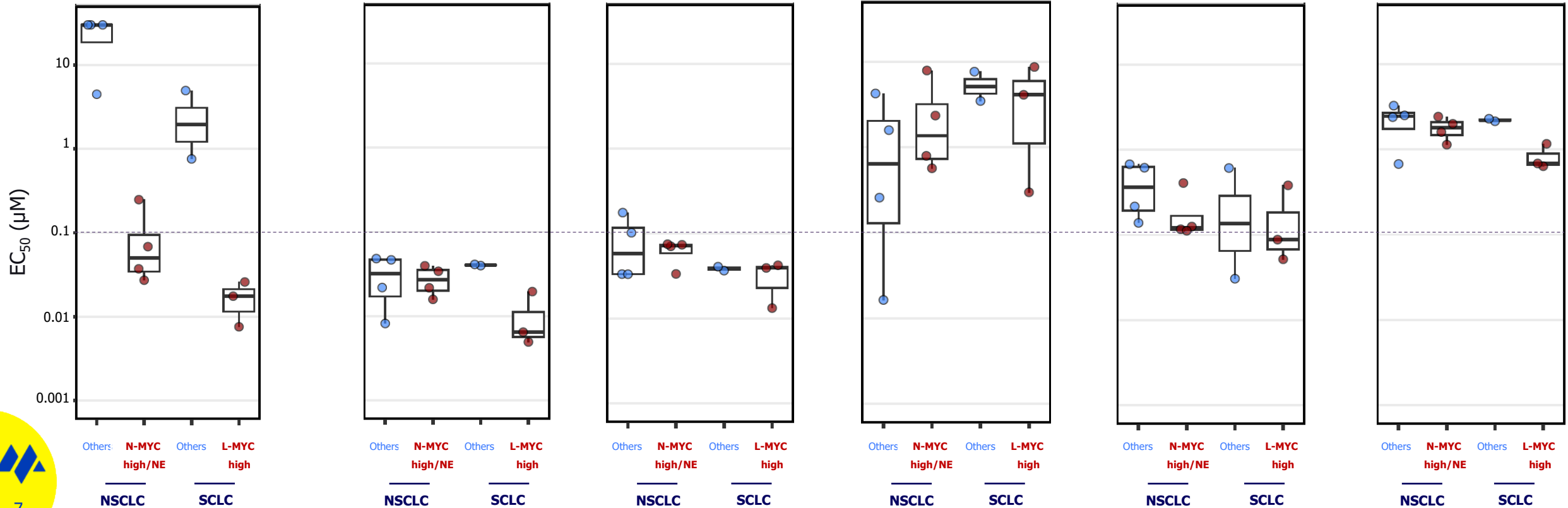
72 hr viability assay (CTG)

# MRT-2359 Preferential Activity in MYC High Lung Cancer Lines is Unique

**MRT-2359**

**Other therapeutic agents targeting protein translation process or machinery lack preferential activity in the MYC high lung lines**

Similarly for agent targeting Myc transcriptional reprogramming

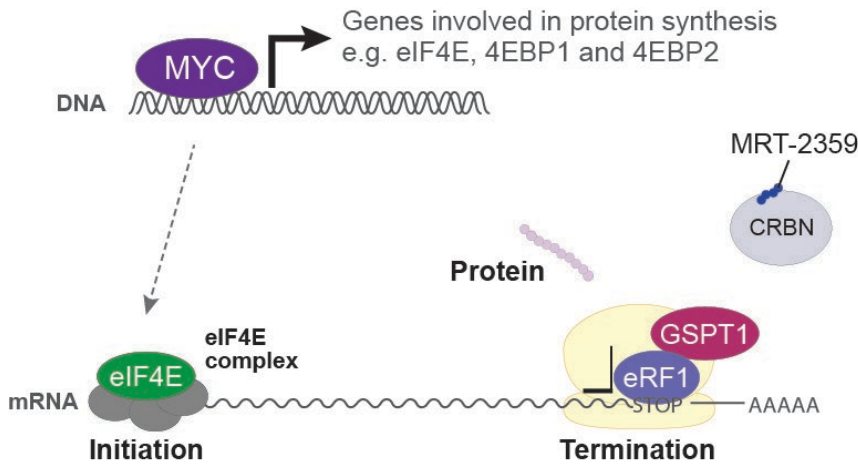


72 hr viability assay (CTG).

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# Three Mechanisms Driving Preferential Activity in MYC High Cancer Lines



## Preferential GSPT1 degradation

MRT-2359 leads to rapid and deeper degradation of GSPT1 in cancer cells with high MYC expression



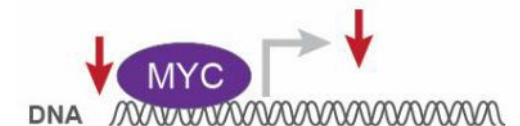
## Preferential inhibition of translation

MRT-2359 preferentially impairs protein synthesis in tumor cells with high MYC expression



## MYC down modulation

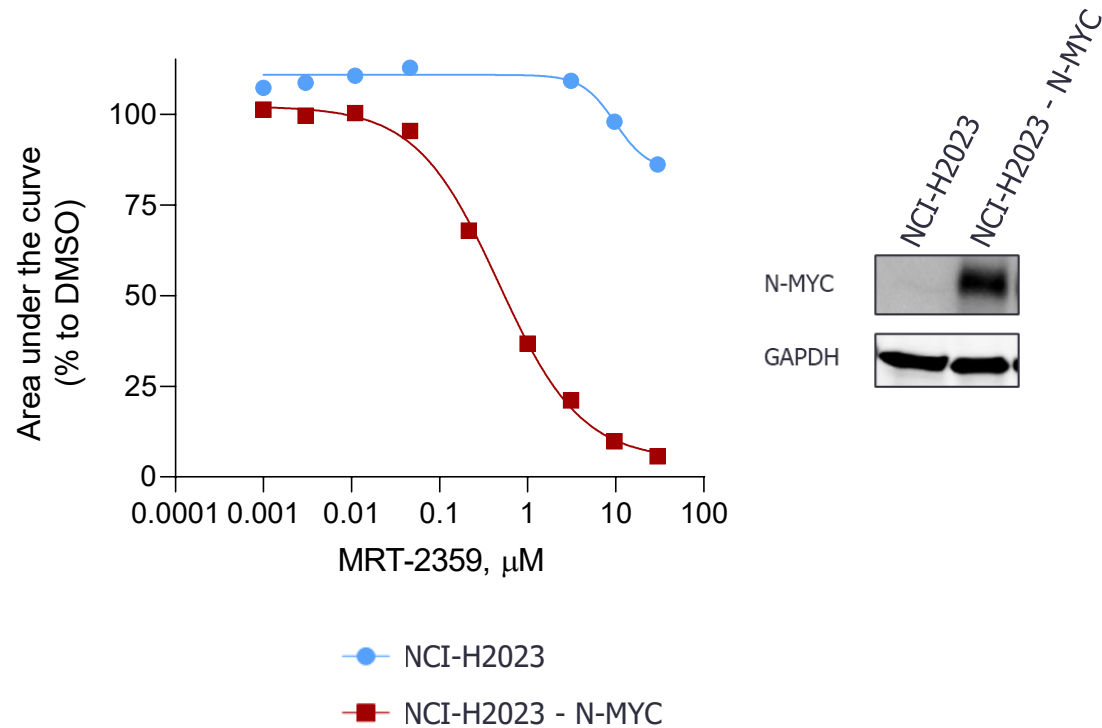
MRT-2359 indirectly affects MYC expression and transcriptional activity



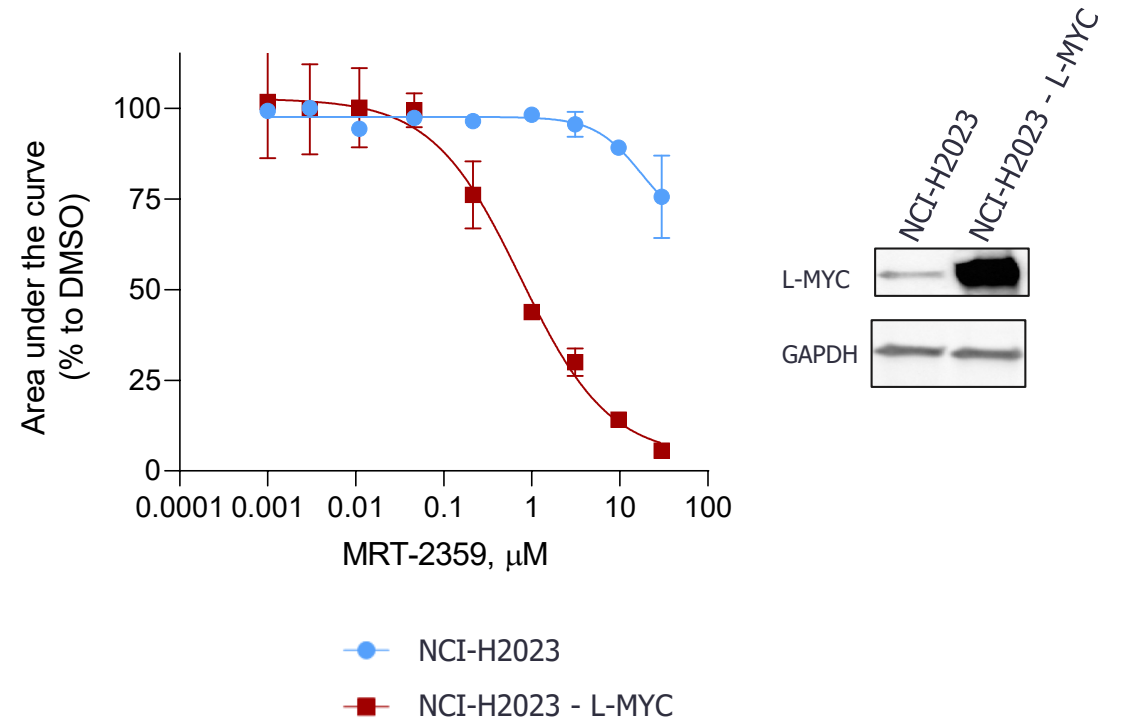


# The Sole Overexpression of MYC Sensitizes Initially Resistant NSCLC Cells to MRT-2359

## Constitutive N-MYC overexpression in NCI-H2023 cells

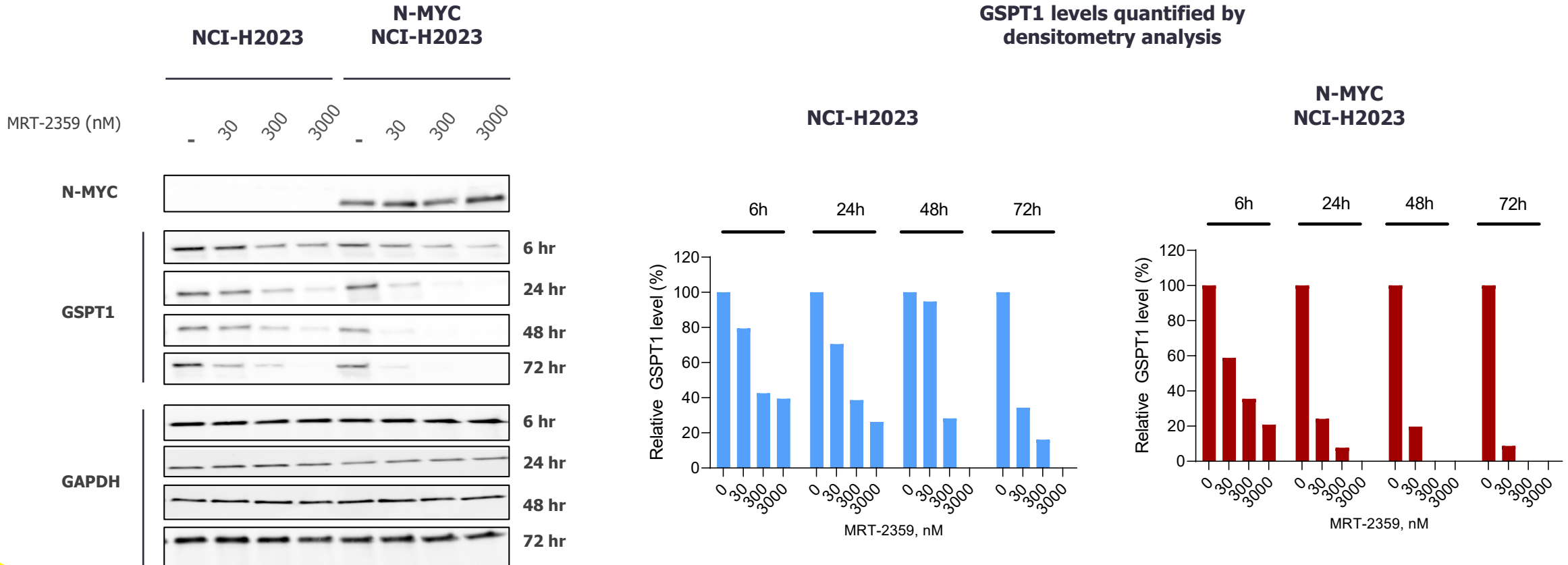


## Constitutive L-MYC overexpression in NCI-H2023 cells



Incucyte, 120 hr post treatment

# MRT-2359 Induces a Faster and Deeper GSPT1 Degradation in the NCI-H2023 Line Overexpressing N-MYC



Doxycycline-inducible N-MYC NCI-H2023 cell line (4 days induction)



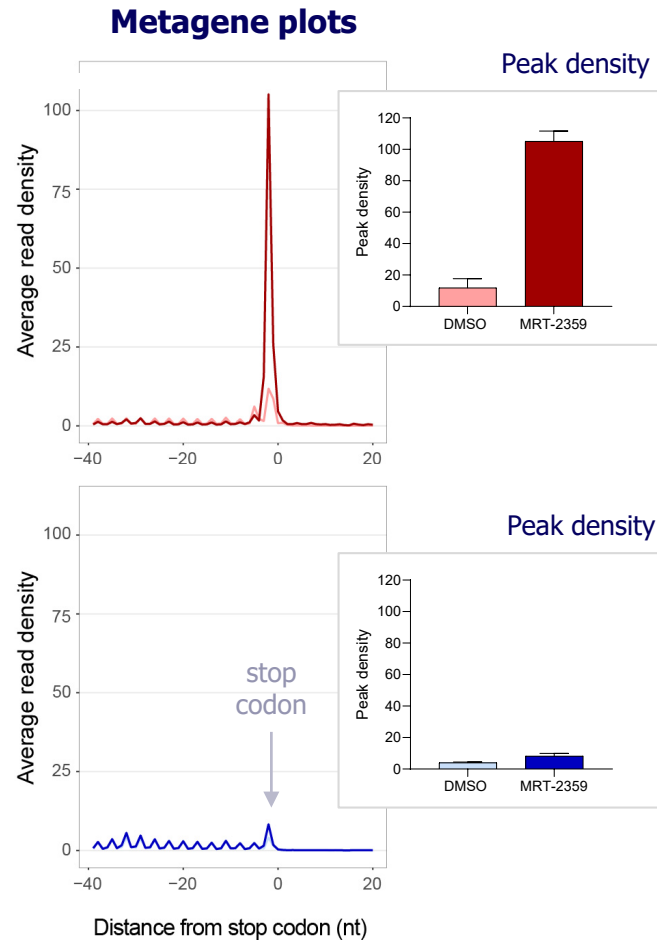
# MRT-2359 Preferentially Impairs Protein Synthesis in Tumor Cells with High MYC Expression

**MRT-2359 induces ribosome stalling at stop codon only in N-MYC high cell line**

**MRT-2359 completely abrogates protein synthesis only in N-MYC high cell line**

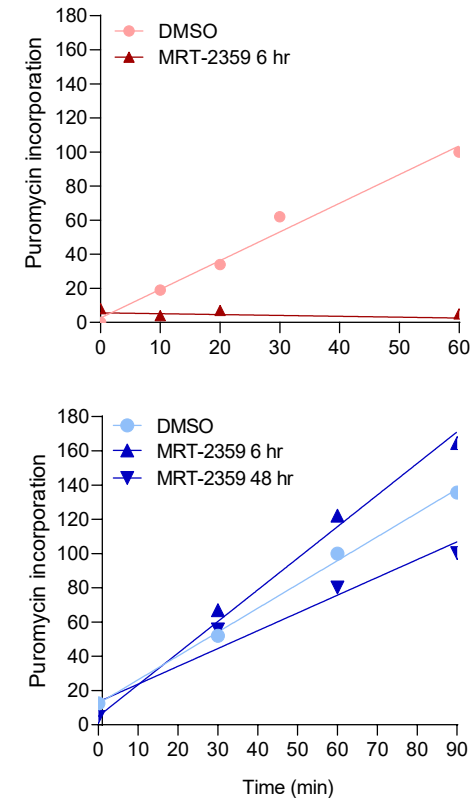
**High N-MYC  
NCI-H1155**

**Low N-MYC  
NCI-H2023**



Ribo-Seq – 24 hr post-treatment

**Puromycin incorporation**

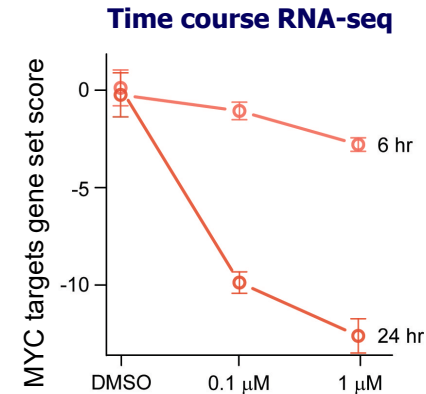
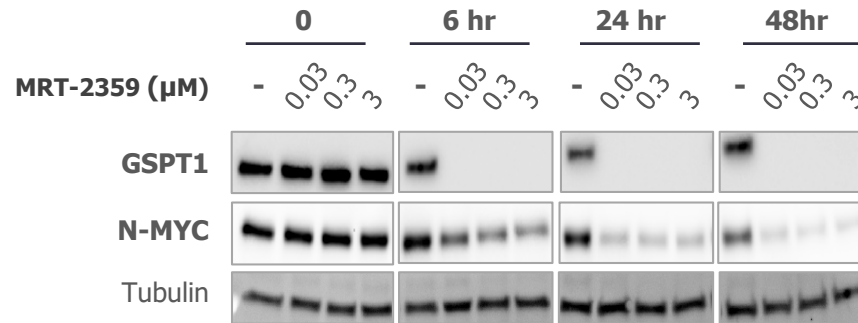


# MRT-2359 Affects MYC and MYC Pathway in N-MYC High NSCLC Cell Lines

**MRT-2359 induce GSPT1 degradation leading to N-MYC protein downregulation in NCI-H1155**

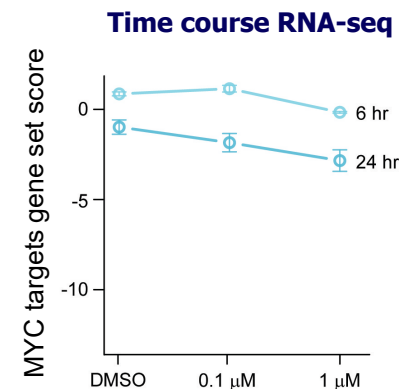
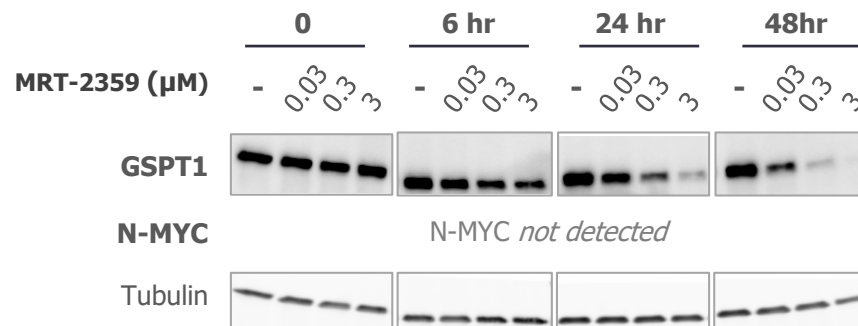
**Degradation of GSPT1 leads to downregulation of N-MYC transcriptional output in NCI-H1155**

**High N-MYC  
NCI-H1155**



**Transcriptional modulation of >200 MYC target genes**

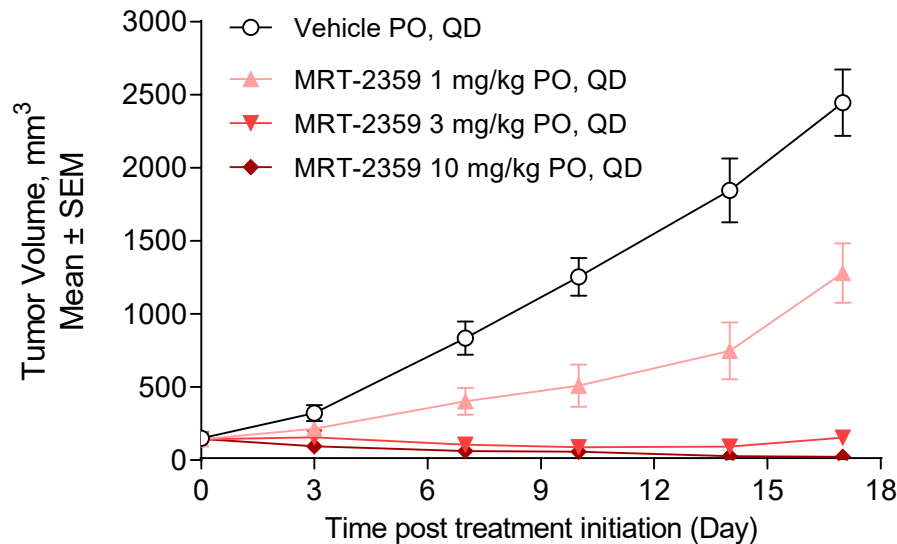
**Low N-MYC  
NCI-H2023**



# MRT-2359 Induces Tumor Regressions in N-MYC-driven Xenograft Models

## Oral dosing of MRT-2359 shows anti-tumor activity and regressions in NCI-H1155

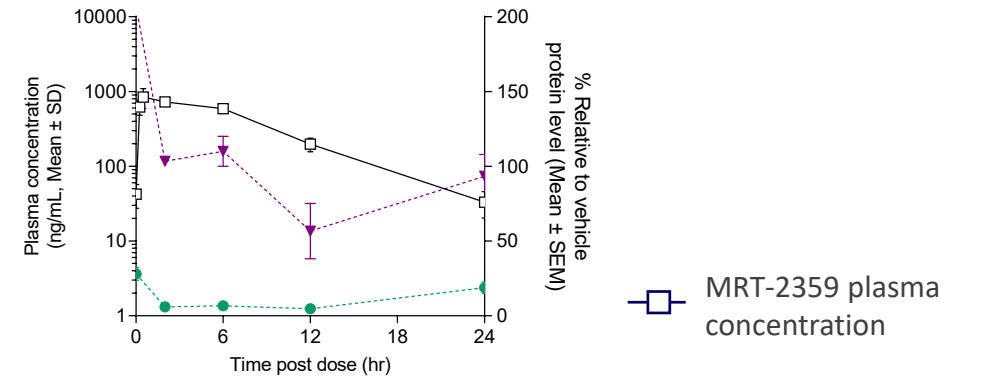
Similar observations in other high N-MYC expression models (ABC-1, NCI-H1770)



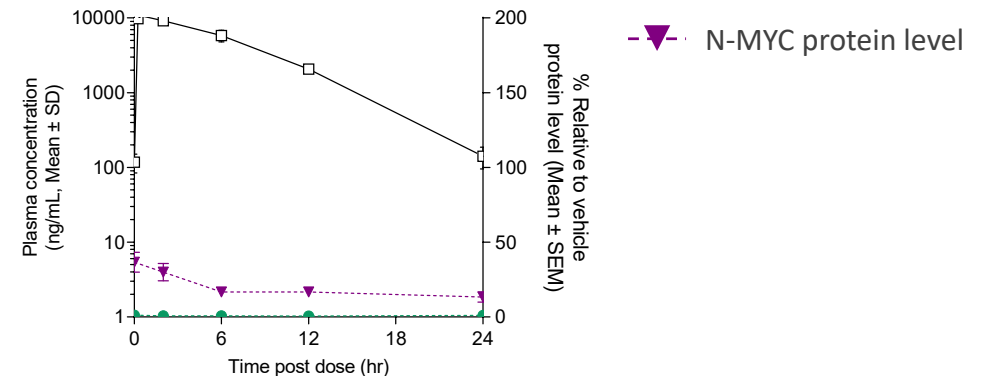
## Dose- and time-dependent degradation of GSPT1 is associated with N-MYC downregulation

Day 5

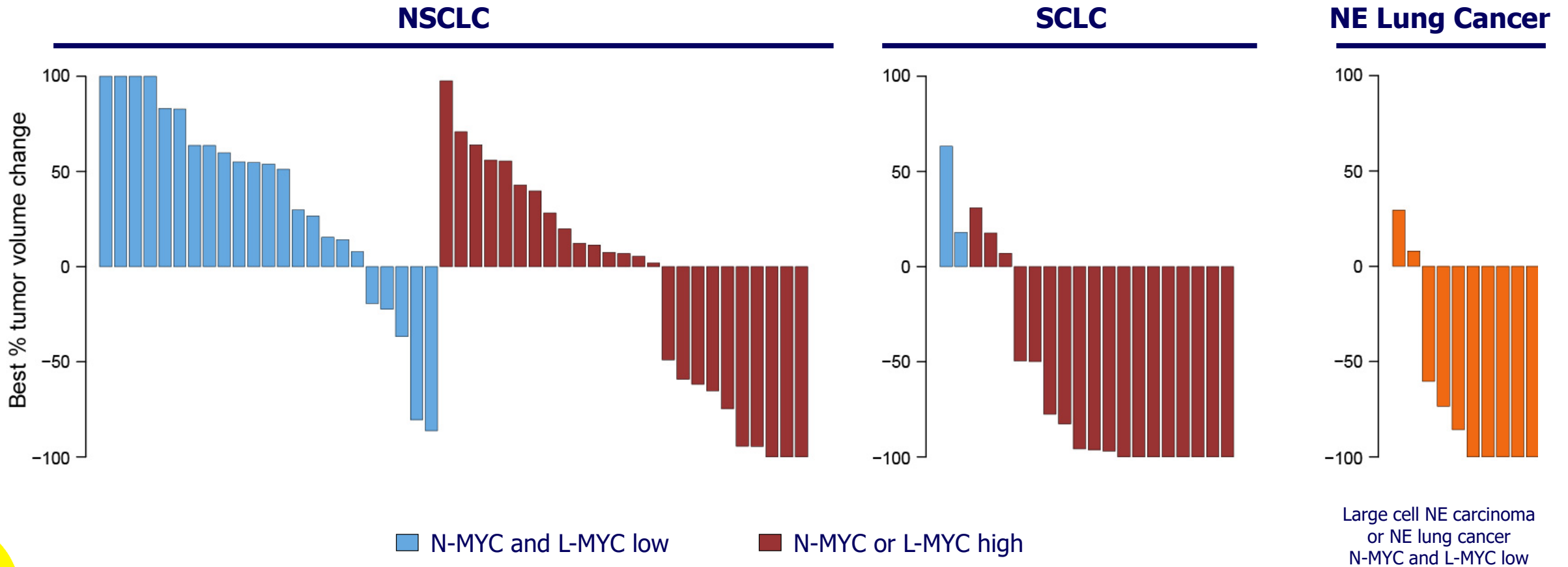
1 mg/kg



10 mg/kg

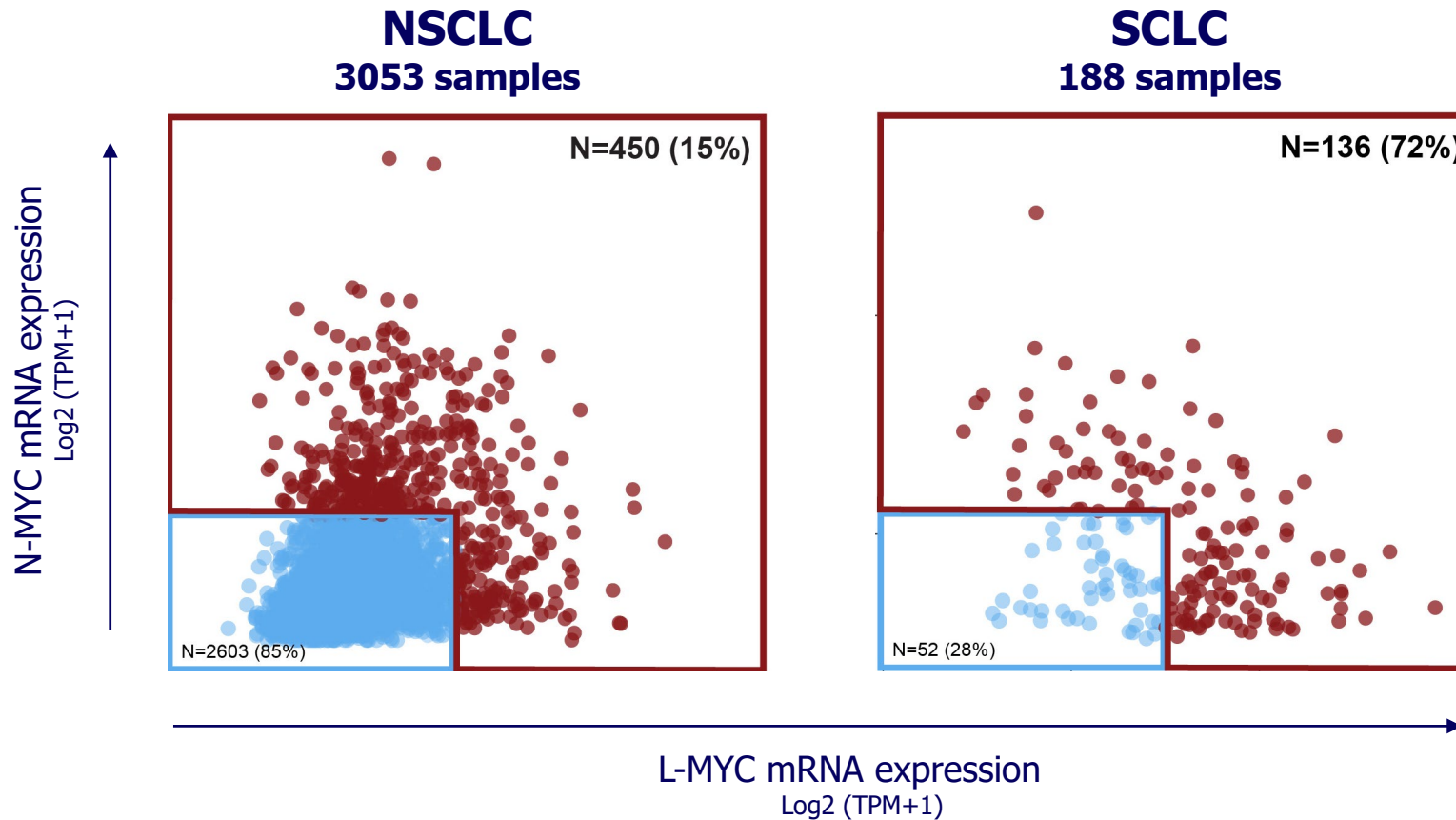


# MRT-2359 Demonstrates Preferential Anti-tumor Activity in MYC High or Neuroendocrine (NE) Lung Cancer PDXs



**MRT-2359 10 mg/kg, PO, QD**

# High Frequency of L-MYC and N-MYC Expression in NSCLC and SCLC from Real-world Data



## Demographic and Diseases Characteristic

- There is no notable difference in the proportion of MYC high expressors across disease staging, gender or racial groups

## Treatment Outcomes

- No statistically significant associations between MYC high status and treatment outcomes

### mRNA expression

- High N-MYC or L-MYC (Red dot)
- Low N-MYC and L-MYC (Blue dot)

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# MRT-2359 is a Best-in-Class GSPT1-directed MGD for MYC-driven Tumors

Orally available and highly optimized towards MYC-driven solid tumor setting

- MRT-2359 is a **highly selective, orally bioavailable GSPT1 MGD** designed through our QuEEN™ platform
- Has **optimal degradation kinetics** to achieve preferential activity in MYC-driven cancer cells
- Shows **preferential activity in MYC-driven cancer cells** of various solid tumor lineages, including **NSCLC and SCLC**
- Displays **preferential activity** across >70 primary human xenograft (PDX) models stratified for **MYC expression levels** as well as in **NE lung cancer PDX models**
- **IND cleared** for Phase 1/2 trial Sept. 2022 (NCT05546268)
- Patient **dosing initiated** Oct. 2022





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