

# Rational Design of Selective CDK2 and Cyclin E1 MGDs

Targeted Protein Degradation and Induced Proximity Summit

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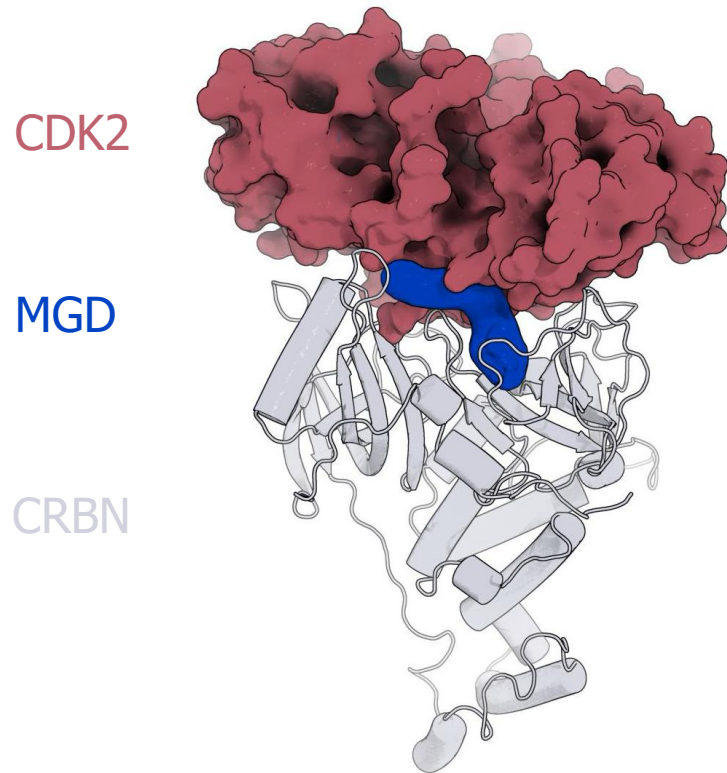
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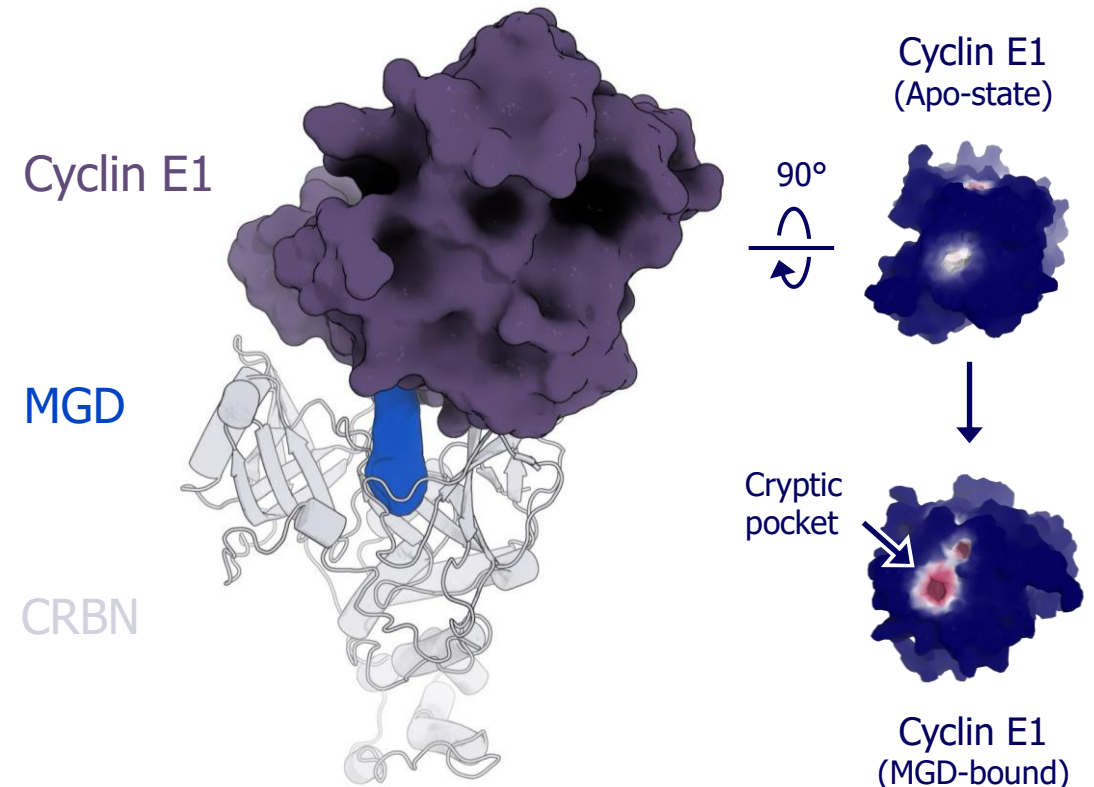
# Targeting the Cell Cycle by Exquisitely Selective Molecular Glues Degraders

**CDK2 program:** Novel binding mode (not G-loop engagement) and differentiated MoA over inhibitors



CDK2-MGD-CRBN-DDB1 cryo-EM structure  
(DDB1 not shown)

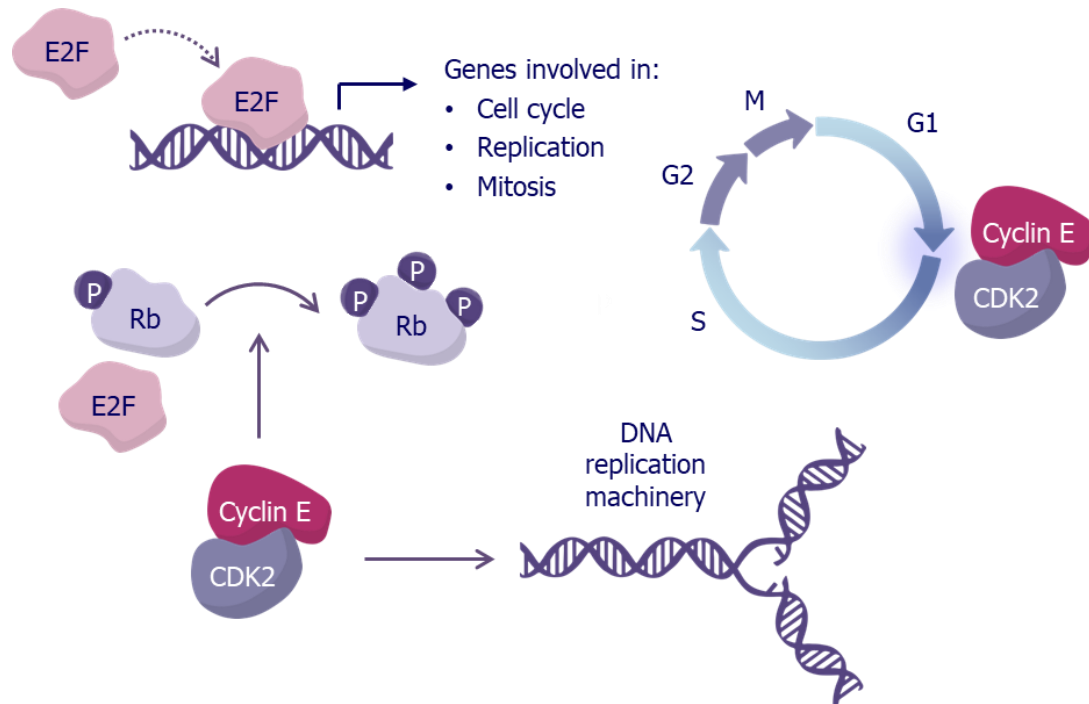
**Cyclin E1 program:** Novel binding mode leveraging a cryptic pocket on cyclin E1



CCNE1-MGD-CRBN-DDB1 cryo-EM structure  
(DDB1 not shown)

# Cyclin E and CDK2 Play Critical Roles in Cell Cycle Regulation, Tumorigenesis, and Drug Response

## Cyclin E and CDK2 are critical regulators of G1-S progression



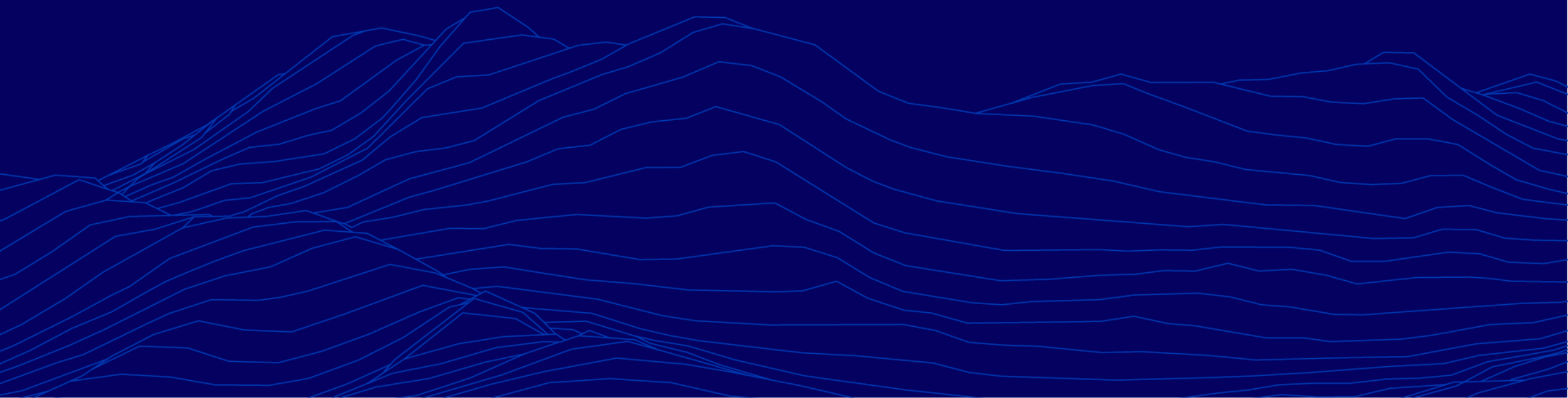
## Cancers with cyclin E/CDK2 dysregulation

- **CDK2 program:** HR<sup>+</sup> breast cancer where CDK2 activity reduces response to CDK4/6 inhibitors
- **Cyclin E1 program:** Cyclin E1 (*CCNE1*) amplified cancers (ovarian, endometrial, gastric, breast, etc.)



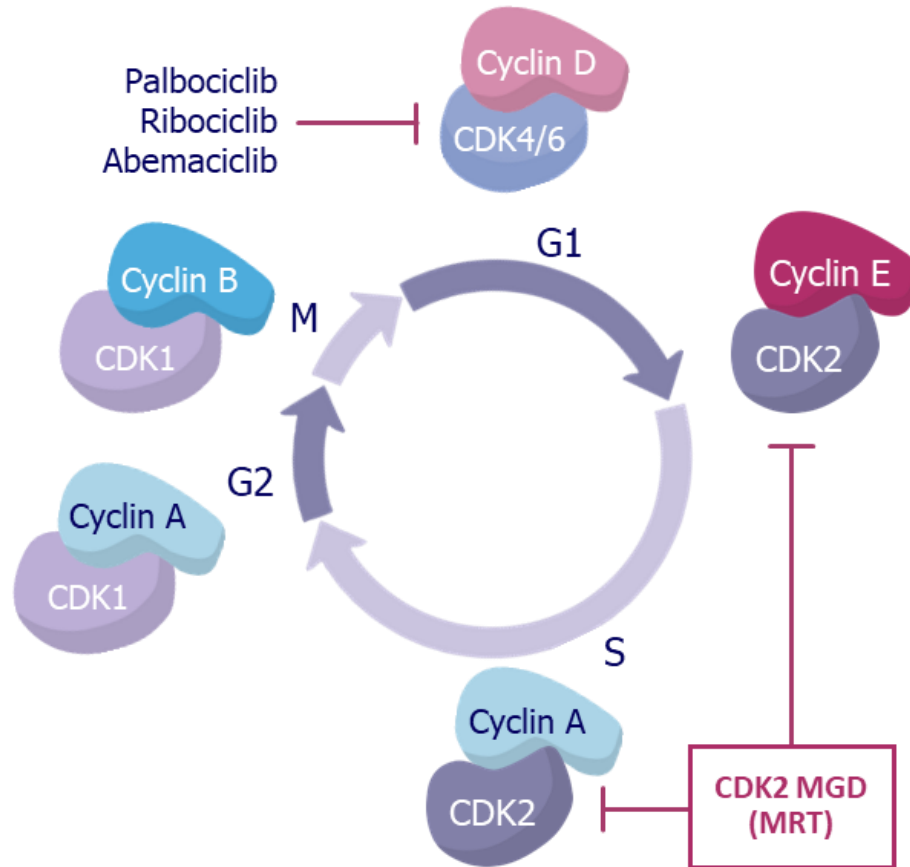
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# CDK2 Program



# CDK2 is a Key Driver of Cell Cycle Progression in Cancer

## CDK2: a key cell cycle regulator



### Therapeutic hypothesis:

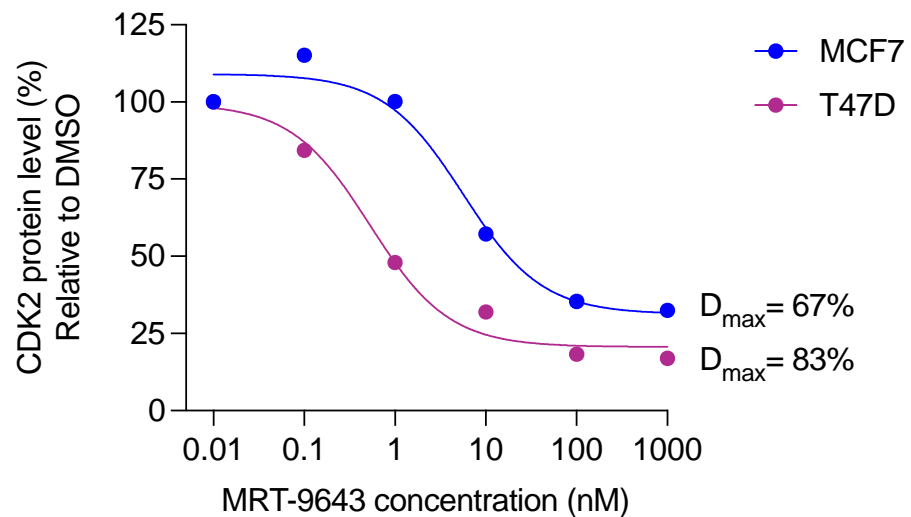
- CDK2 is a key driver of cancers with cyclin dependent kinase pathway alterations
- MGDs will achieve greater selectivity against other CDKs and kinases in general, as well as more sustained pathway inhibition compared to inhibitors

### Clinical Opportunity:

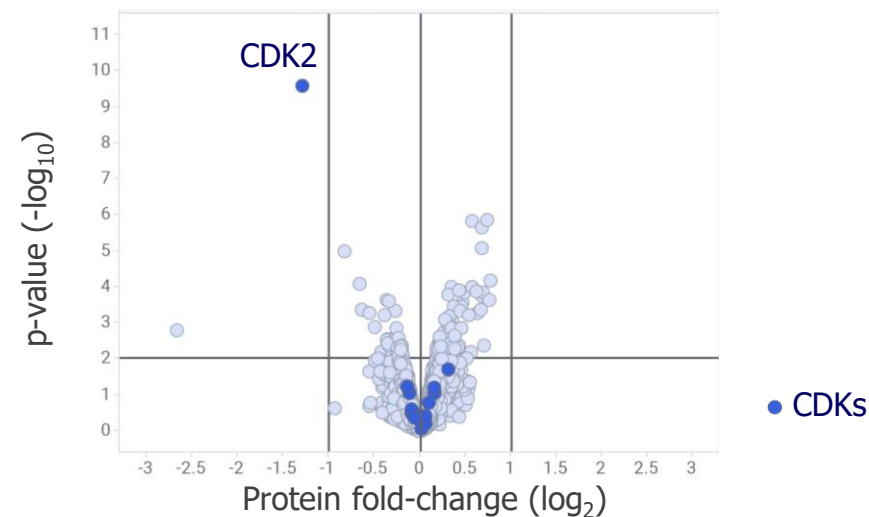
- ER positive breast cancer pre and post treatment with CDK4/6 inhibitors (~474K patients)

# MRT-9643 is a Potent and Highly Selective CDK2-directed MGD

## MRT-9643 is a potent CDK2-directed MGD



## MRT-9643 induces highly selective CDK2 degradation and has a favorable ADME/DMPK profile



TMT Proteomics (24 hr/1  $\mu$ M), MCF7 cells

### No degradation of other known CRBN neosubstrates

#### *in vitro* data

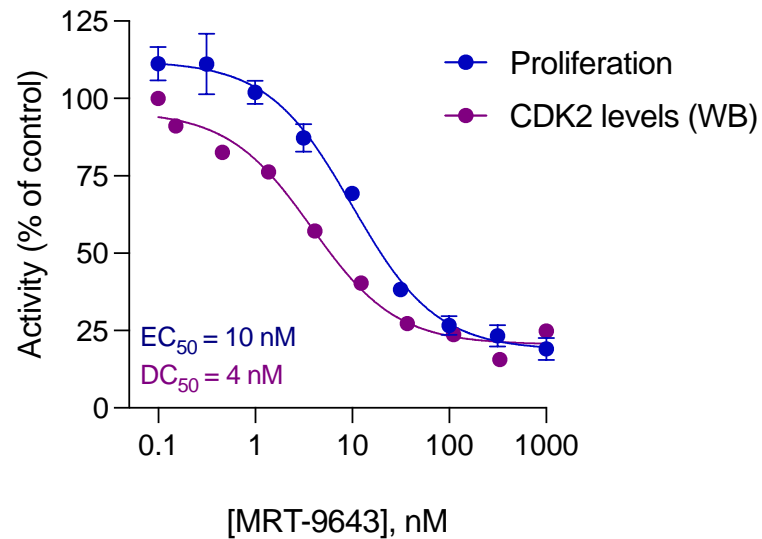
CRBN binding, $IC_{50}$	289 nM
Ternary complex, $EC_{50}$	6 nM
Degradation, $DC_{50}$ / $D_{max}$ (HEK 293)	56 nM / 64 %

#### ADMET profile

CYP DDI <sub>s</sub>	$IC_{50}$ 15 - >50 $\mu$ M
hERG inhibition patch clamp	$EC_{50}$ 4.4 $\mu$ M
Oral bioavailability (mouse)	44 %

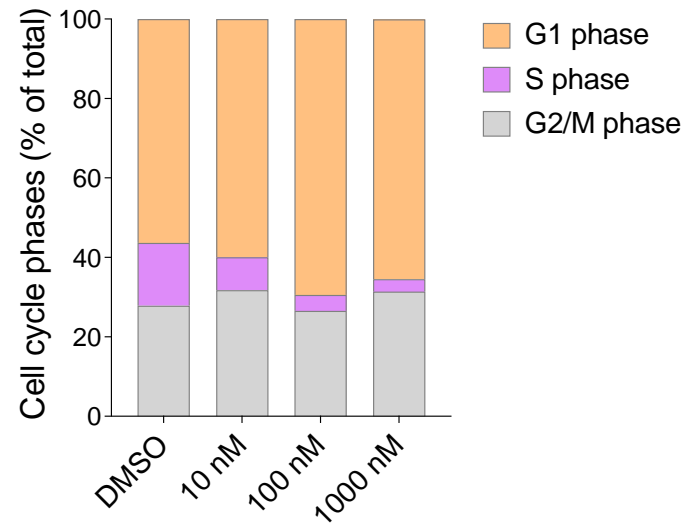
# MRT-9643 Inhibits Proliferation of CDK2-dependent Cancer Cells

## CDK2 degradation inhibits proliferation



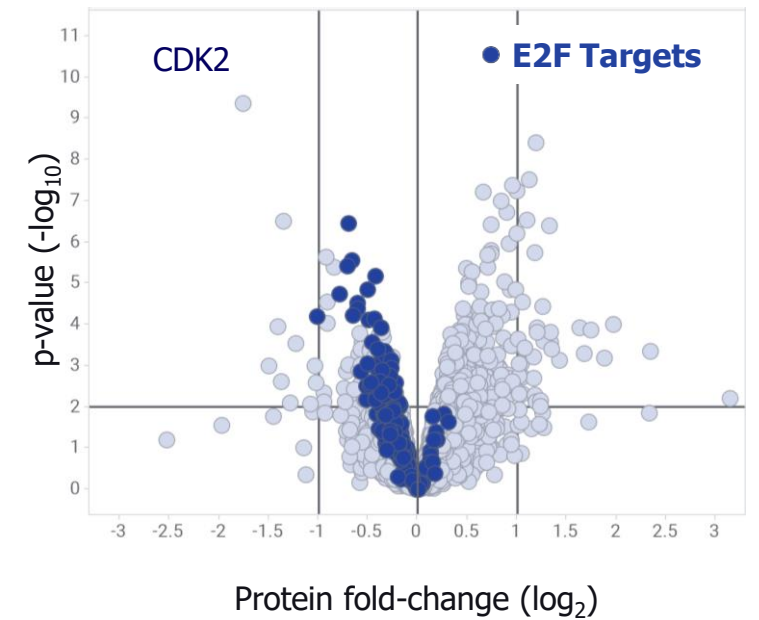
WB degradation (24 hr) MDA-MB-157  
CyQuant proliferation assay (7 d) MDA-MB-157

## CDK2 degradation arrests CDK2-dependent cells in G1 phase



Cell cycle analysis (DAPI and EdU)  
MDA-MB-157 (24 hr)

## CDK2 degradation results in reduction of E2F pathway proteins



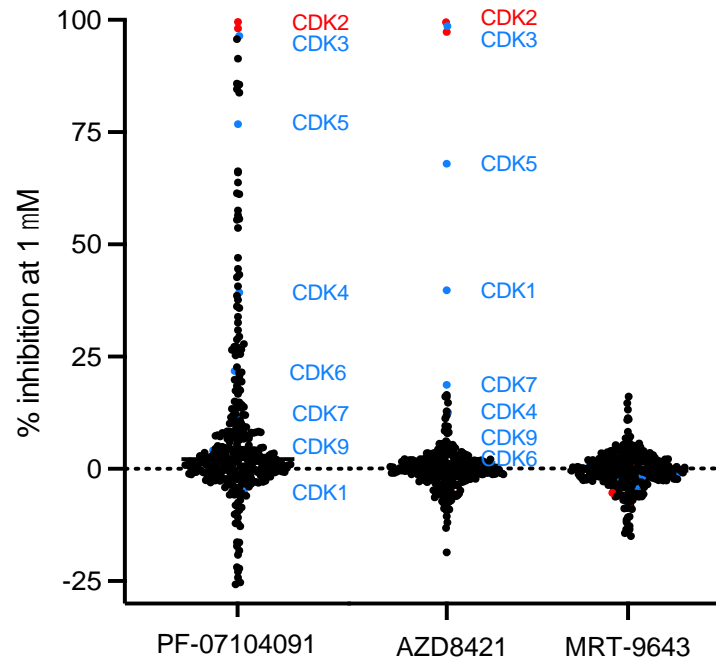
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MDA-MB-157





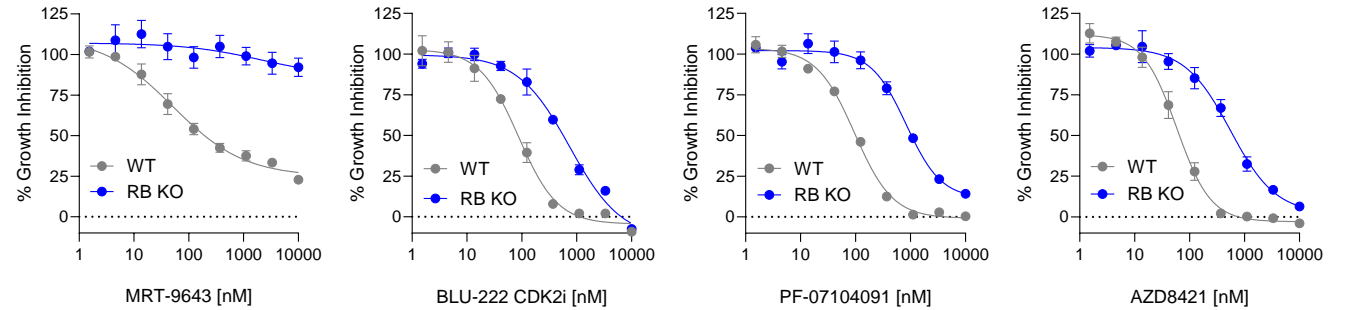
# MRT-9643 Displays Superior Selectivity Compared to Clinical CDK2 Inhibitors

Clinical-stage CDK2 inhibitors show off target activity in biochemical kinome profiling

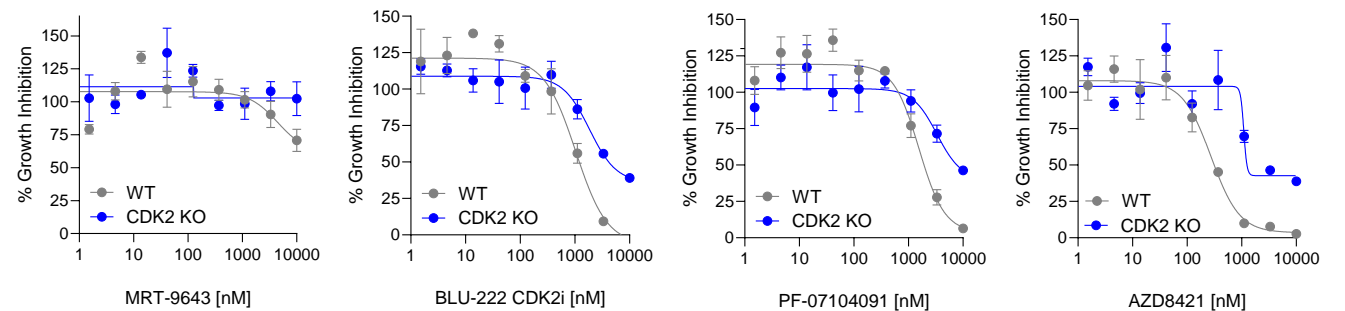


CDK2 inhibitors but not CDK2 MGD display CDK2-independent activity

CDK2-dependent MDA-MB-157 cells – RB WT vs. KO



CDK2-independent MCF7 cells – CDK2 WT vs. KO



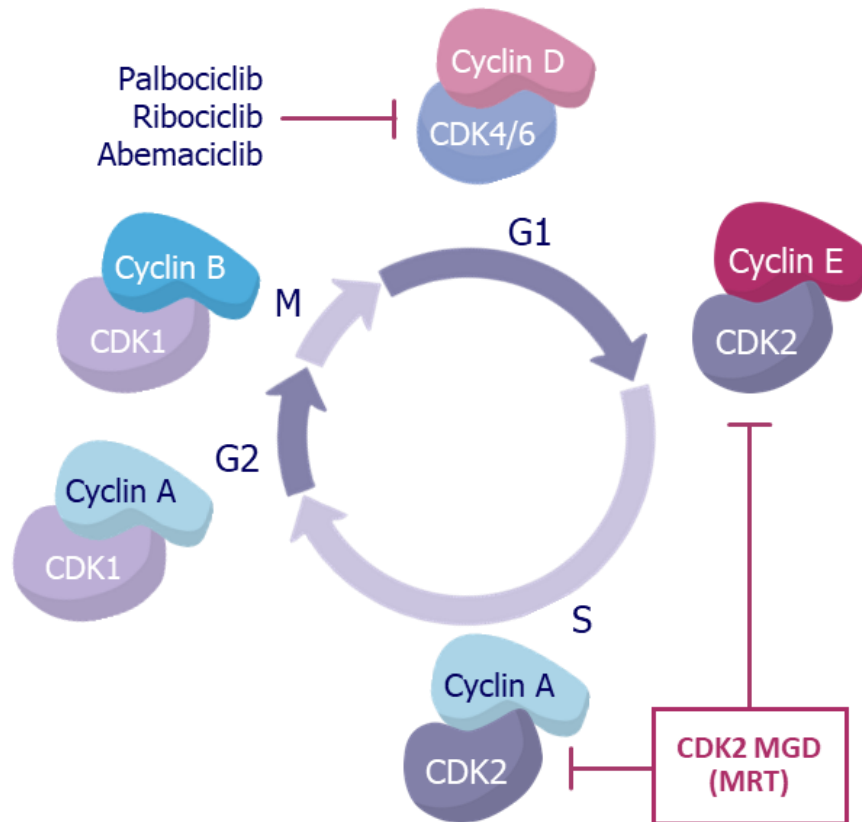
Carna Mobility Shift Assay; 1  $\mu$ M CDK2i or CDK2 MGD across 323 human kinases

7-day CyQuant assay

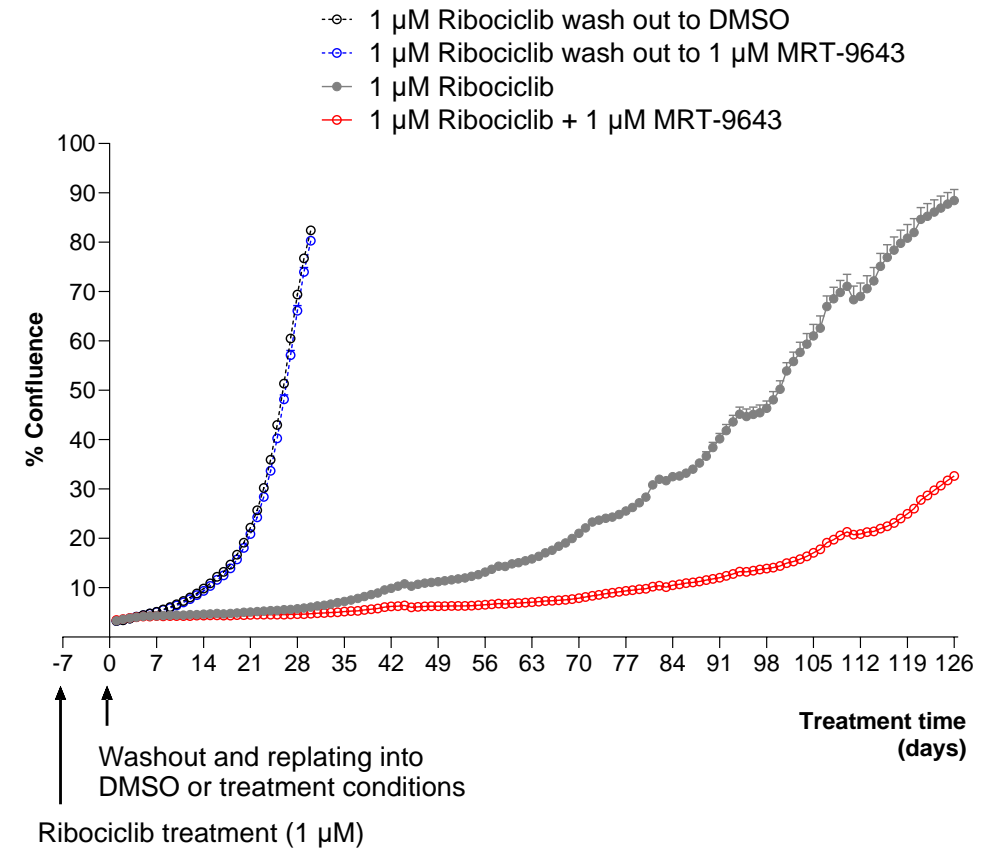


# MRT-9643/Ribociclib Combination Delays Resistance Onset in ER<sup>+</sup> Model *in vitro*

## CDK2 MGD and CDK4/6 inhibitor combination



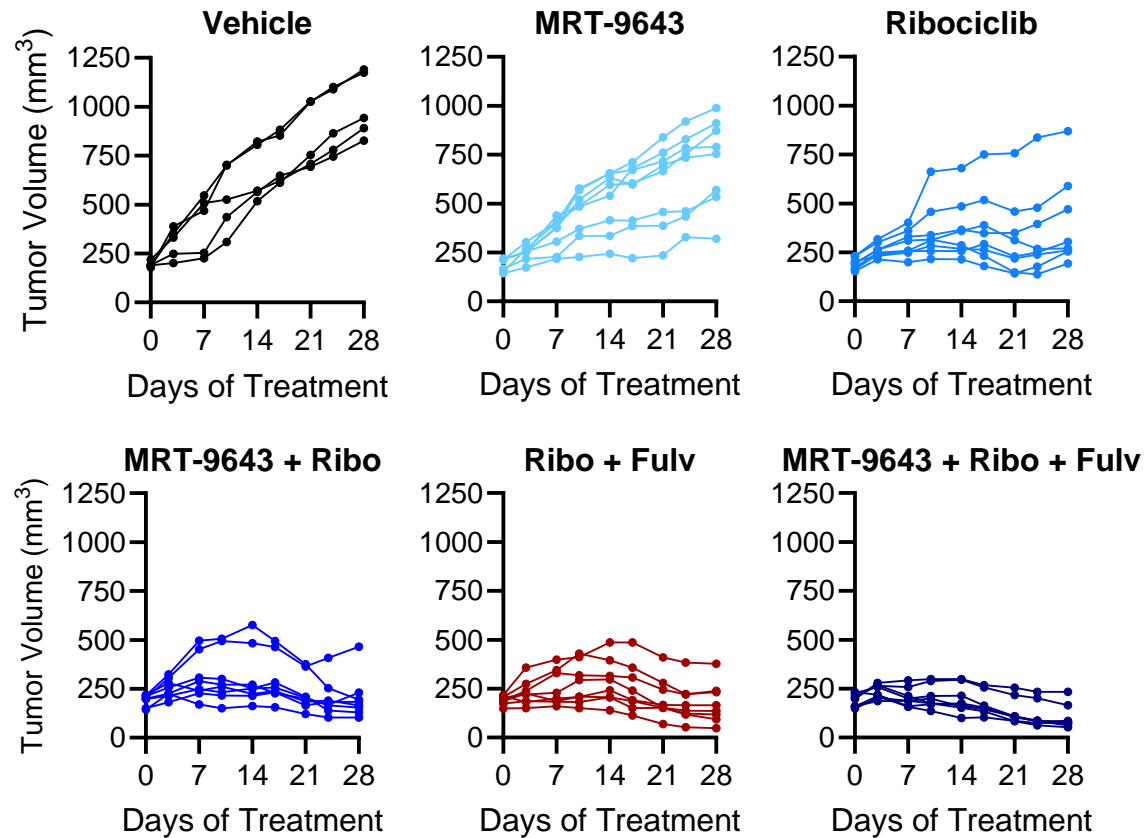
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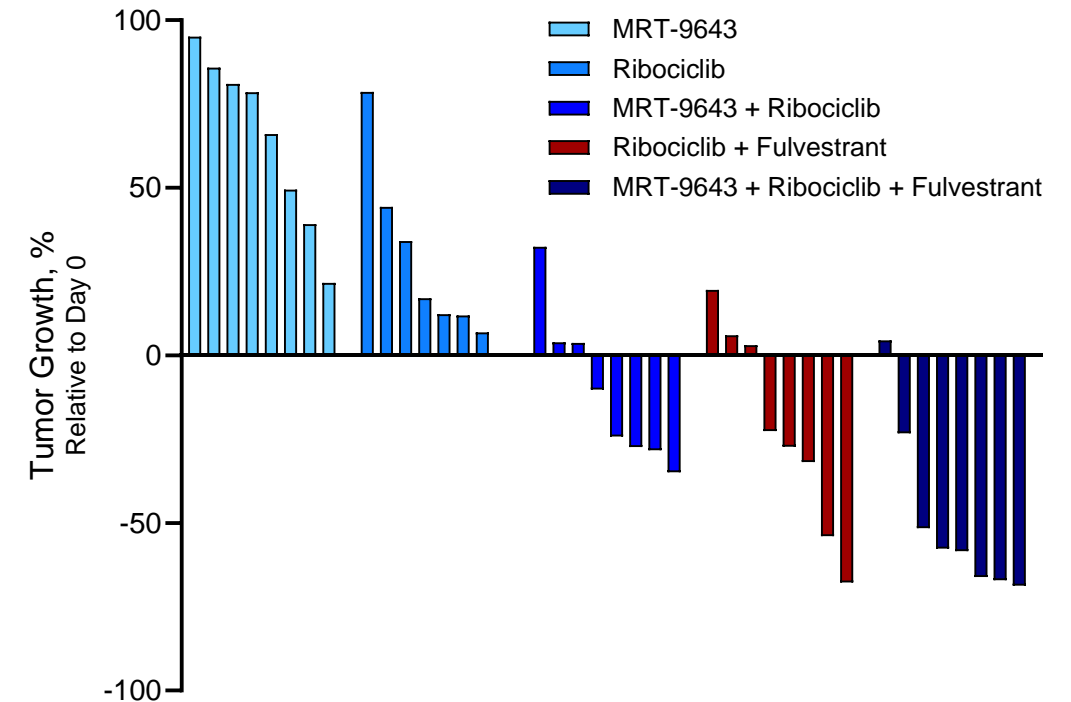
Incucyte confluence monitoring, MCF7

# MRT-9643 Demonstrates Activity in Combination with CDK4/6 Inhibitor (and Fulvestrant) in ER+ Breast Cancer (MCF7)

**MRT-9643 induces strong TGI in combination with CDK4/6 inhibitor *in vivo***



**MRT-9643 induces robust tumor regression in combination with CDK4/6 inhibition and fulvestrant**

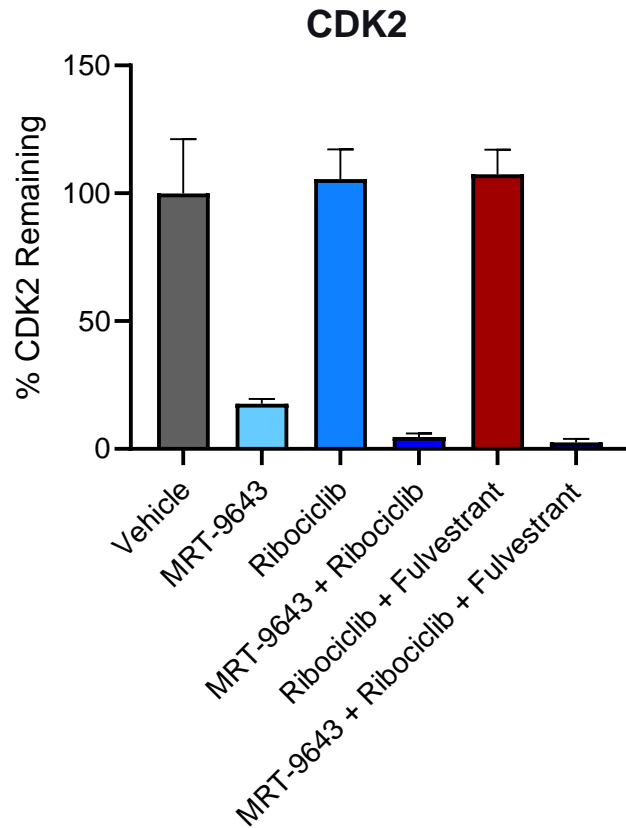


28-day efficacy evaluation in MCF7 CDX Model  
(MRT-9643 dosed at 30 mpk BID)

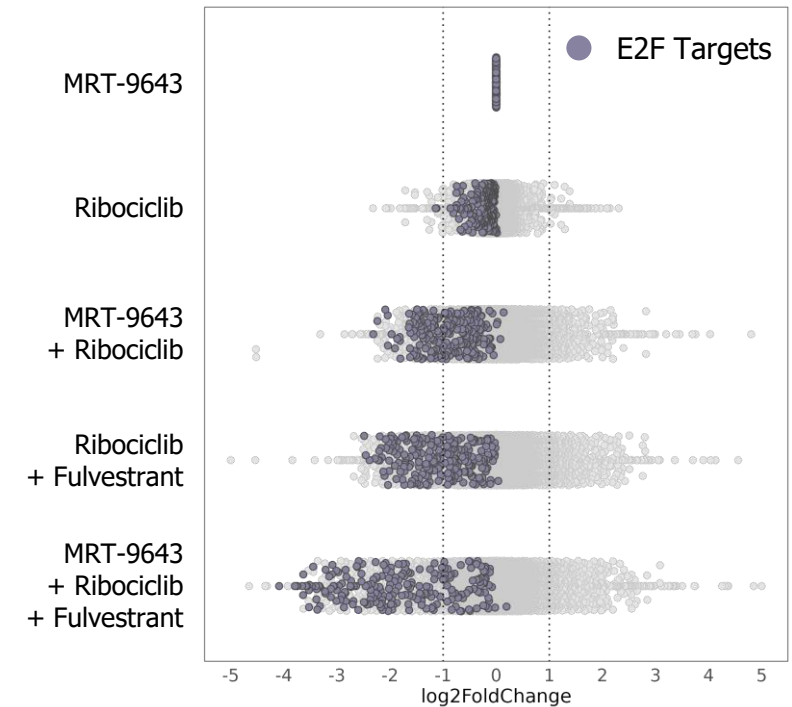
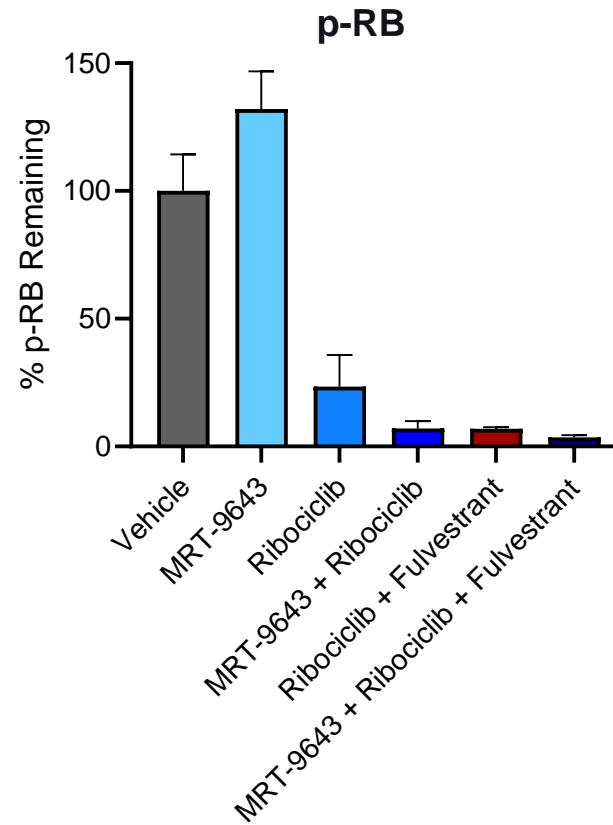


# MRT-9643 Induces Strong Pathway Suppression in Combination with CDK4/6 Inhibitor in ER<sup>+</sup> Breast Cancer (MCF7)

**MRT-9643 readily degrades CDK2 *in vivo*, alone or in combination**



**MRT-9643 induces robust pathway suppression in combination with breast cancer SoC**

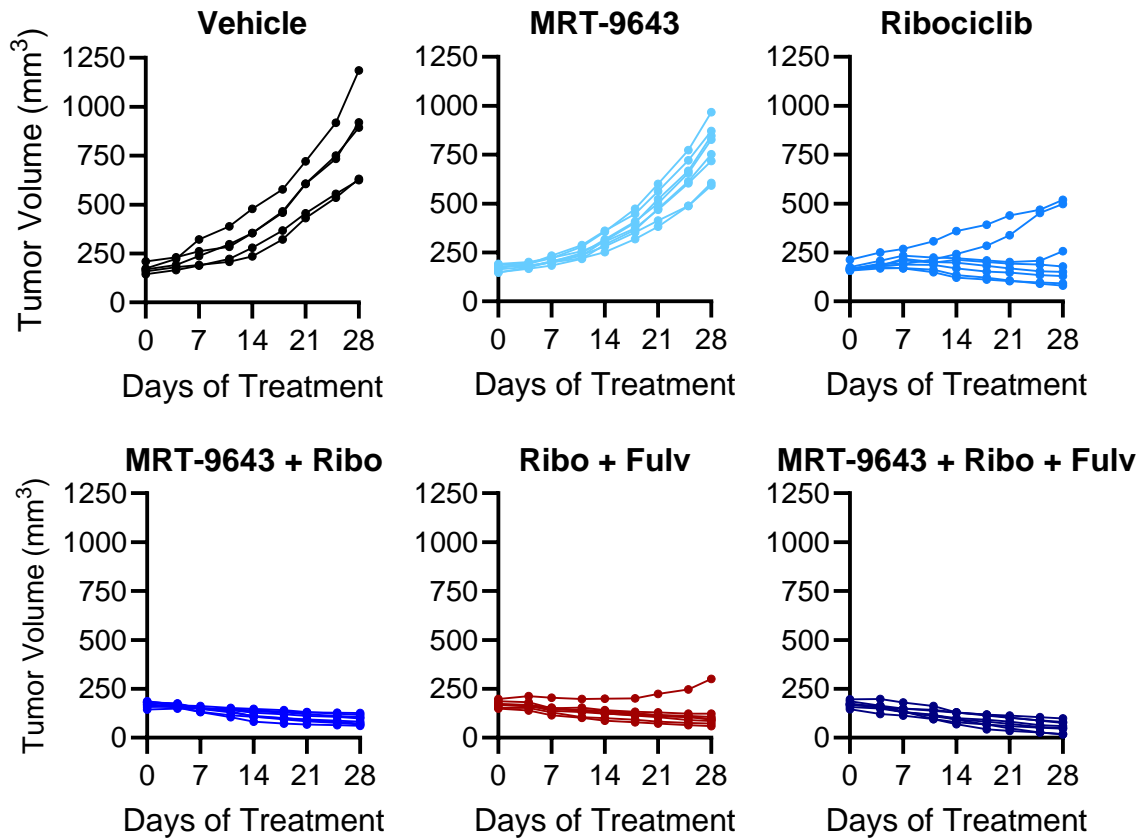


Western blot analysis  
Day 28 PD, 1 hr post second BID dose

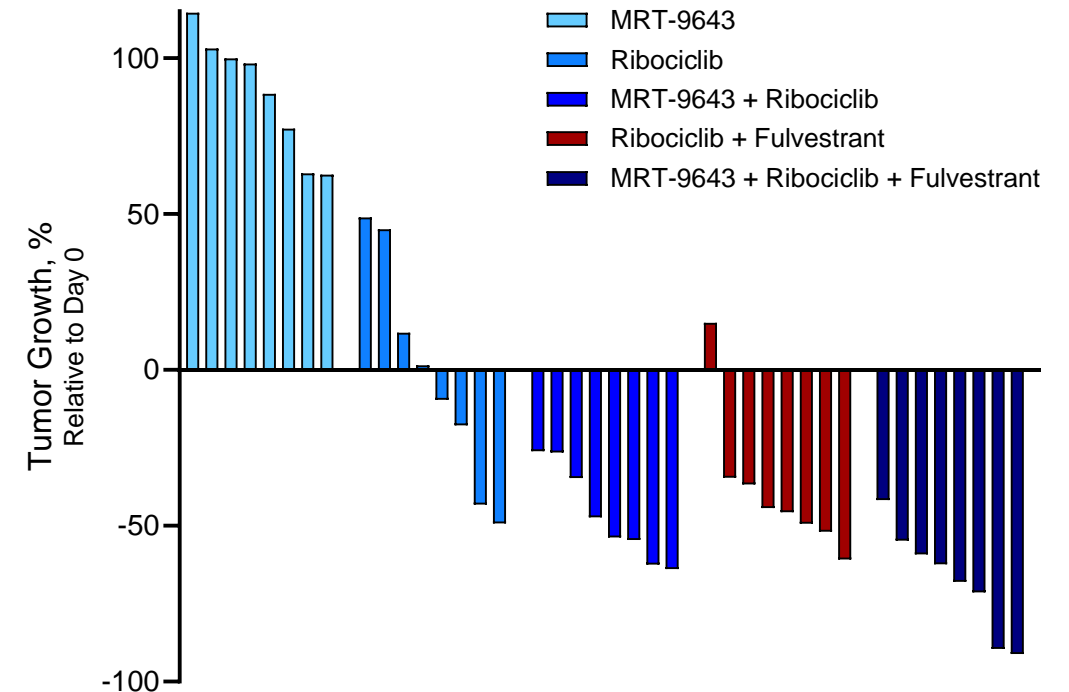
RNA-Seq analysis (fold change relative to vehicle)  
Day 28 PD, 1 hr post second BID dose

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## CDK2 Program

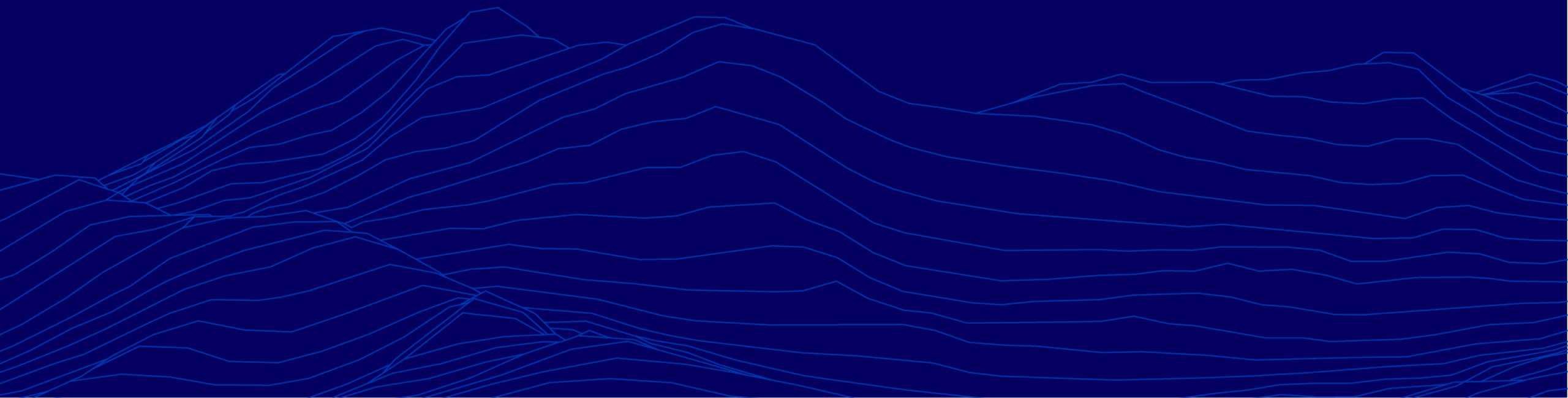
- **Highly selective** CDK2-targeting molecular glue degraders
- Best in CDK2-class potential
- RB-dependent activity indicates on-target effects and differentiates from clinical-stage CDK2 inhibitors
- Efficacy observed in **combination with CDK4/6 inhibitors**; combined effects (PD modulation and efficacy) in ER<sup>+</sup>/HER2<sup>-</sup> breast cancer xenograft models
- **Program advancing towards development candidate nomination**





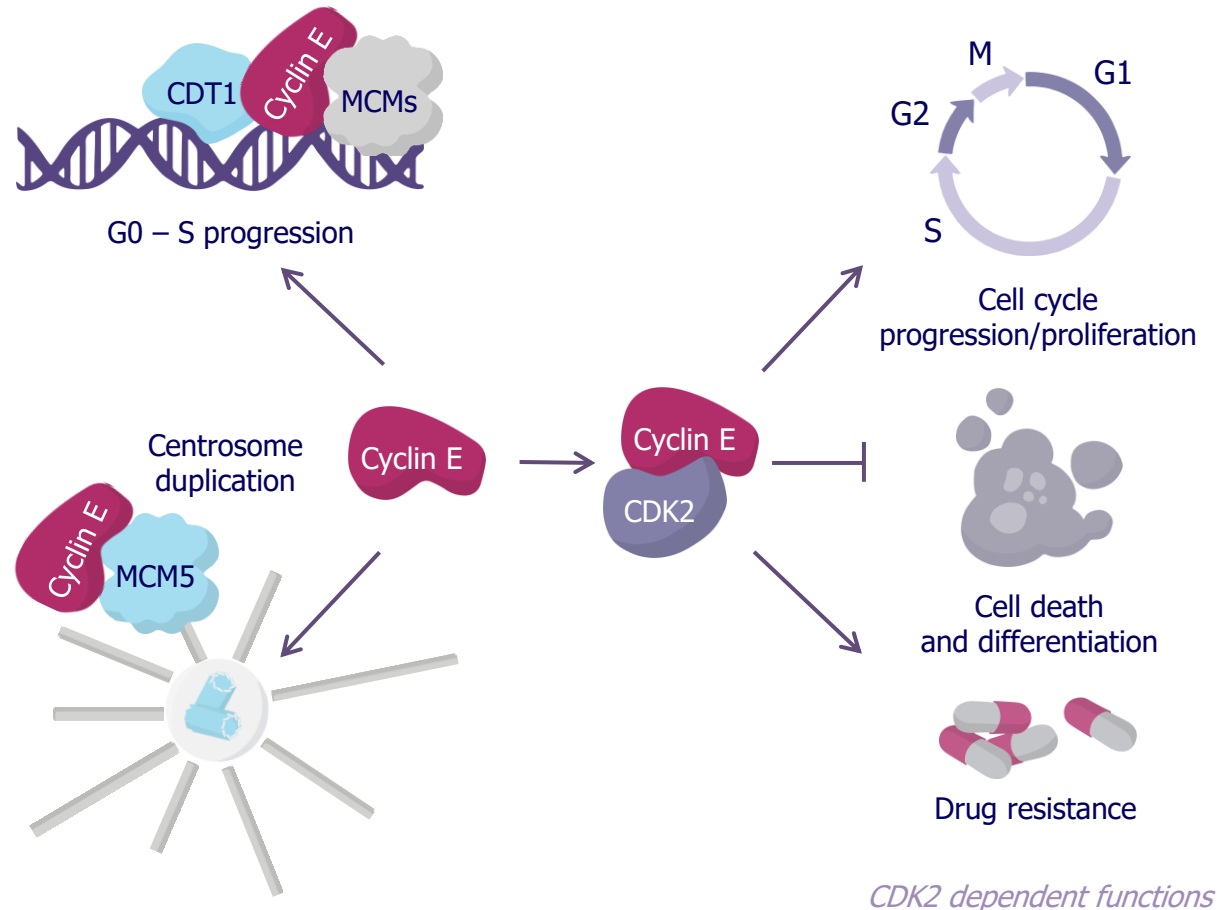
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# Cyclin E1 Program



# CCNE1 (Cyclin E1) is a Target for Solid Tumors with Deregulated Cyclin E1

## Cyclin E drives multiple hallmark cancer mechanisms



### Therapeutic hypothesis:

CCNE1 (cyclin E1) is a well-recognized human oncogene that drives multiple hallmarks of cancer, and has been considered undruggable. Selective degradation of cyclin E1 can target tumors with deregulated cyclin E1 (amplification or overexpression).

### Clinical opportunity:

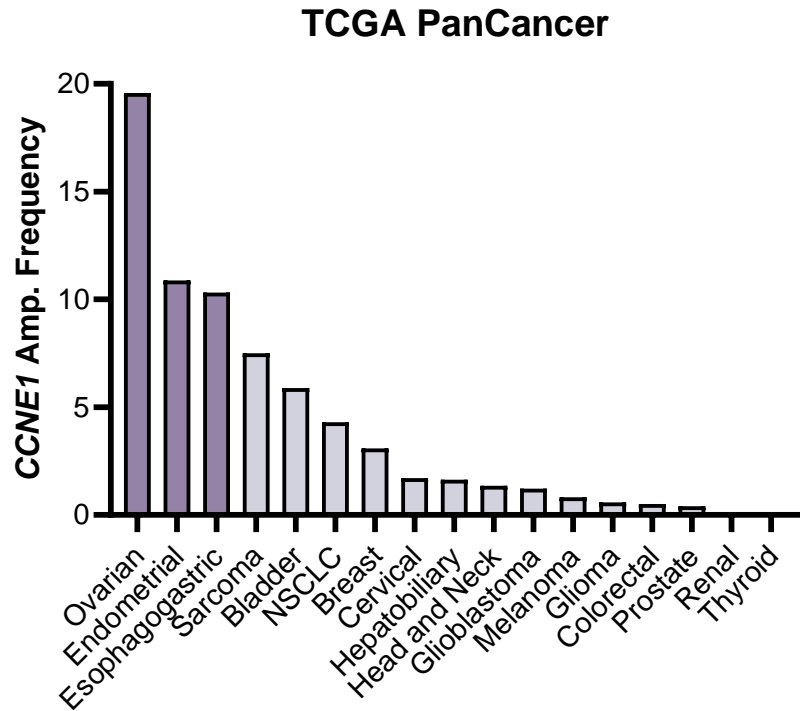
First-in-class cyclin E1 degraders for cyclin E1 amplified cancers

- Ovarian (~19%), endometrial (~10%), gastric (~10%) cancer, and others

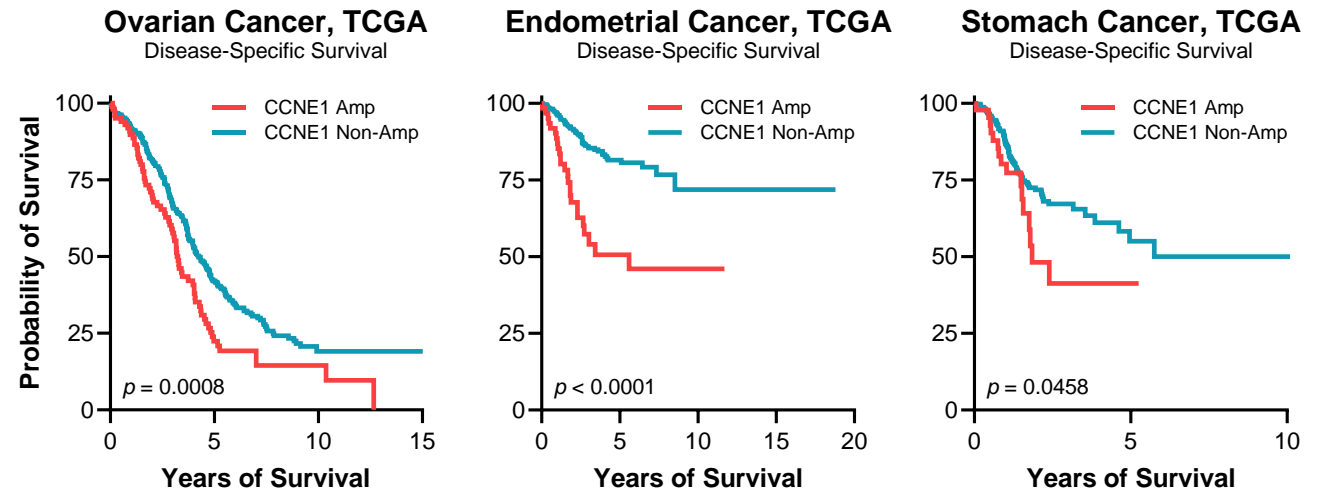


# CCNE1 is Frequently Amplified and Correlates with Poor Survival

## CCNE1 Amplification Across Cancer Types



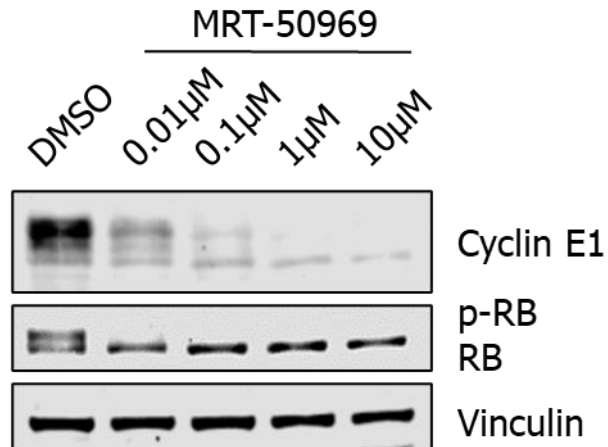
## CCNE1 Amplification Correlates with Poor Patient Survival



Cancer	5-Year Survival		CCNE1 Amp. Hazard Ratio
	CCNE1 Amp	Non-Amp	
Ovarian	<b>22.4%</b>	42.1%	1.70
Endometrial	<b>50.6%</b>	81.4%	7.15
Stomach	<b>41.2%</b>	55.0%	1.93

# MRT-50969 is a Potent and Highly Selective Cyclin E1-directed MGD

**Cyclin E1 degradation leads to downstream pathway suppression**

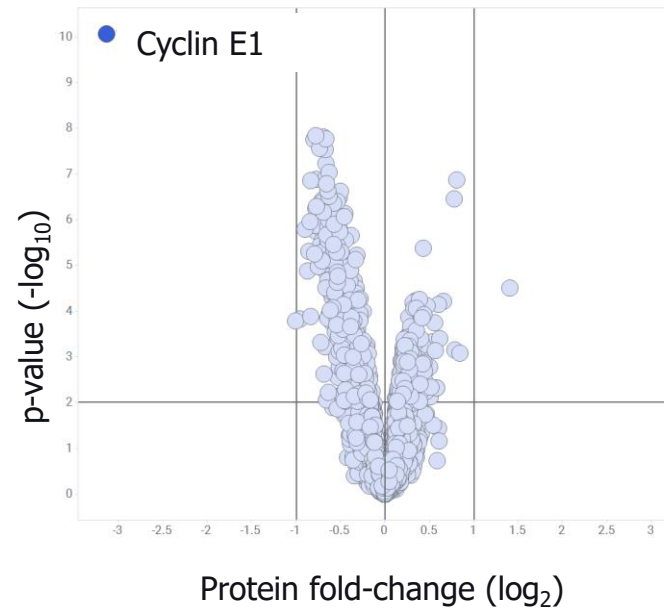


***In vitro* data**

CRBN binding, IC <sub>50</sub>	0.15 μM
Ternary complex, EC <sub>50</sub>	3 nM
Degradation, DC <sub>50</sub> /D <sub>max</sub>	3 nM / 94 %

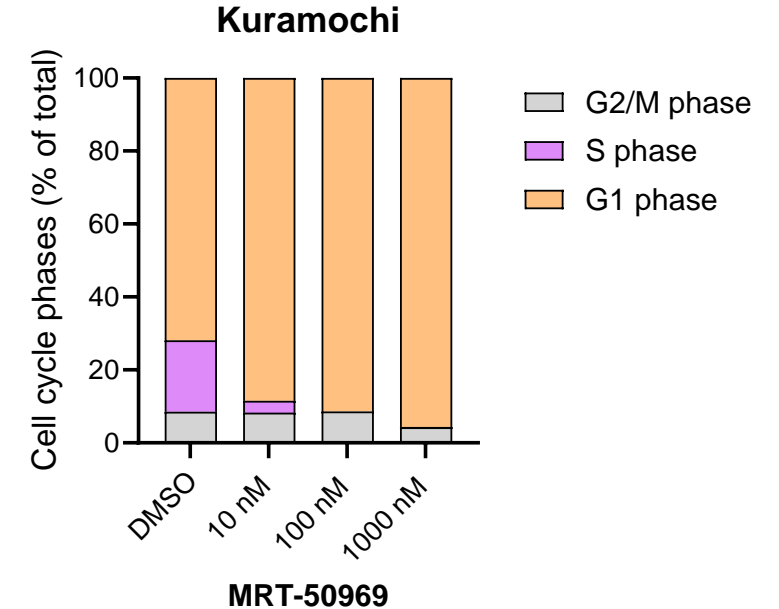
Western blot, OVISE, 24h

**MRT-50969 is highly selective for cyclin E1**



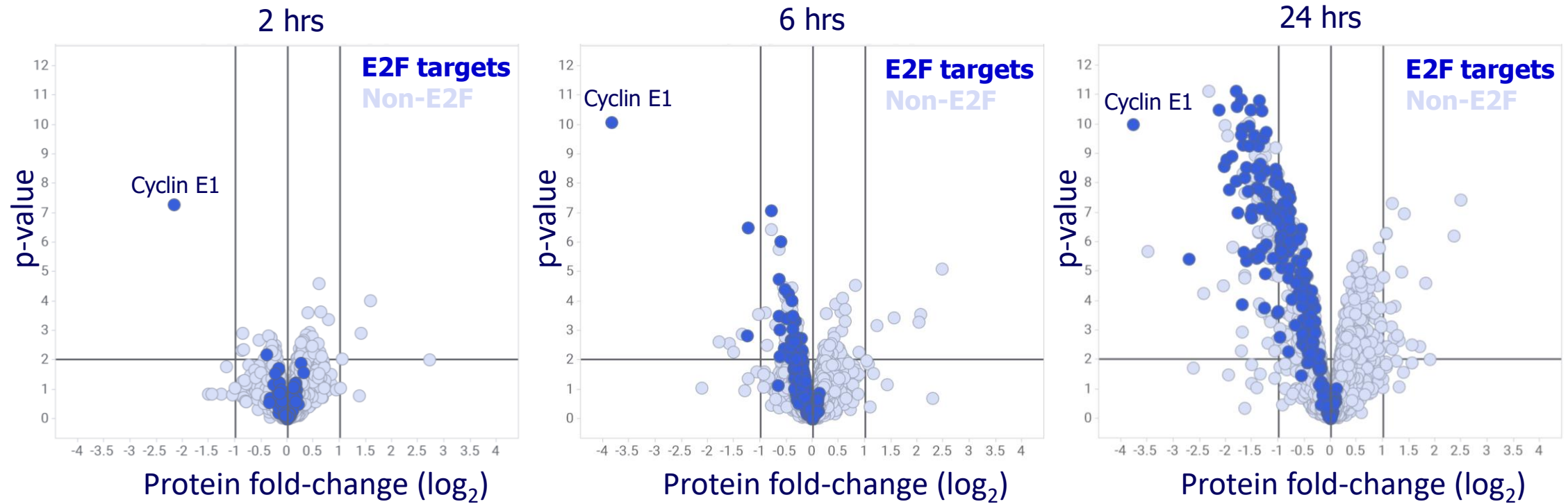
TMT Proteomics, MDA-MB-157 RB K/O  
1 μM, 24h

**MRT-50969 induces robust G1/S cell cycle arrest**



FACS, EdU incorporation, 48h

# MRT-50969 Suppresses E2F Targets via Cyclin E1 Degradation

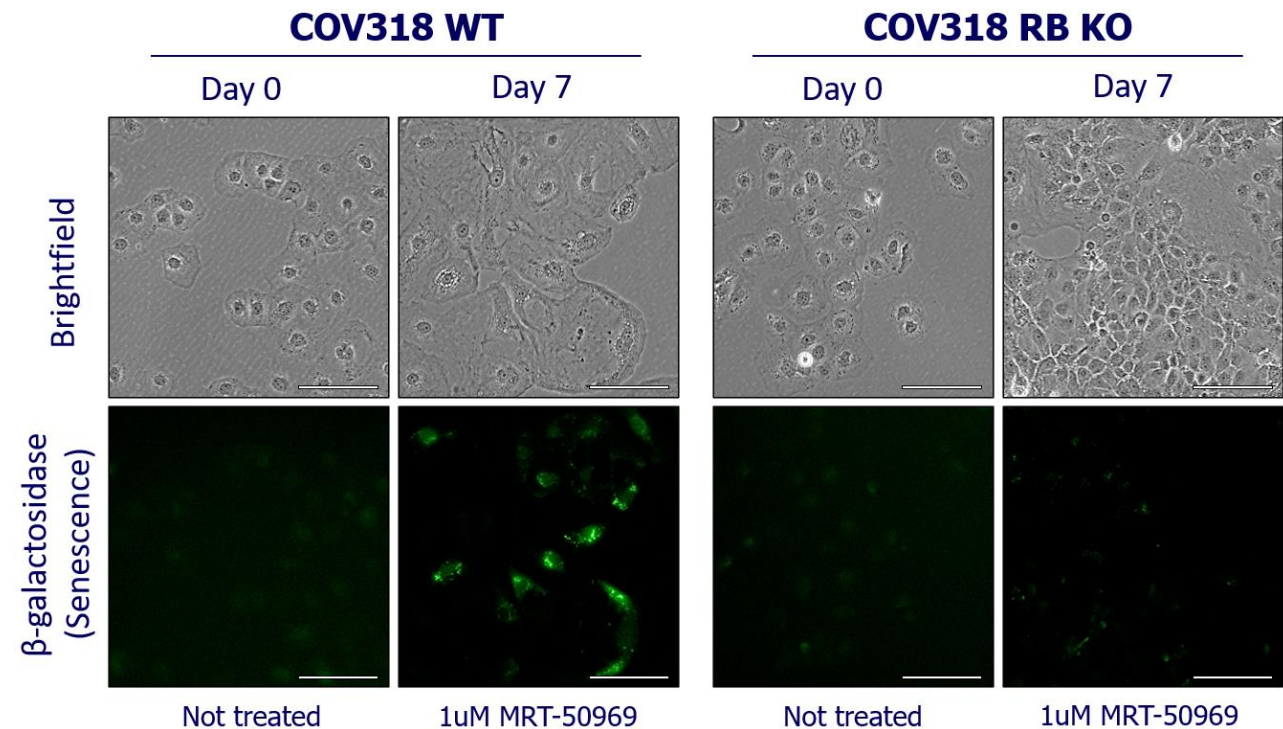
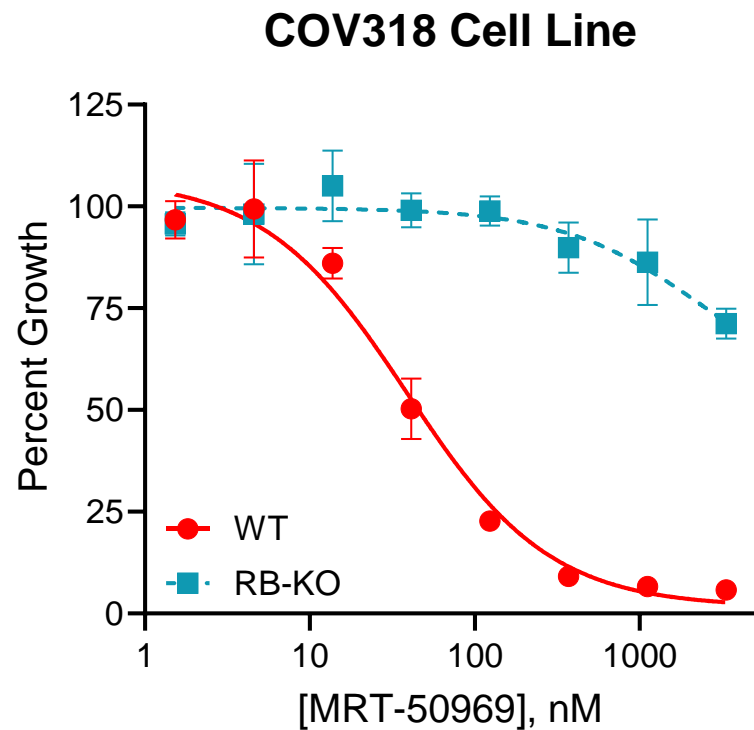


TMT proteomics, HCC1569 cells  
1 $\mu$ M MRT-50969

# Cyclin E1 MGD-Induced Growth Suppression and Senescence Induction is Mediated by RB

Loss of RB blunts growth suppression induced by MRT-50969

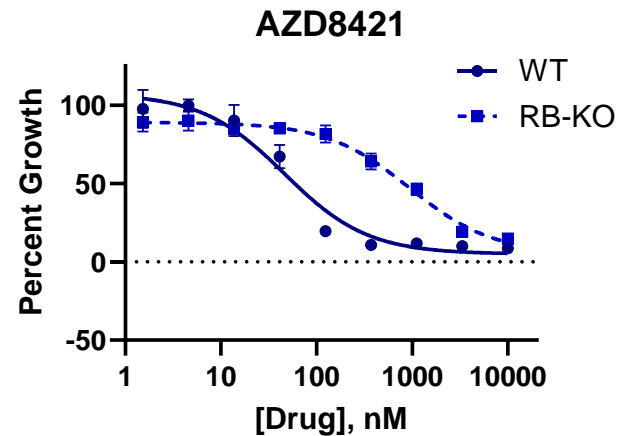
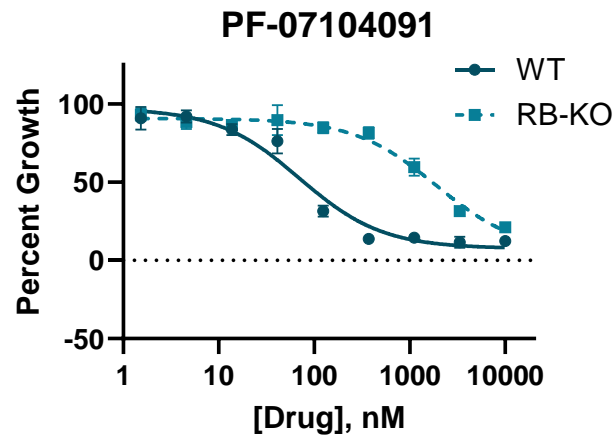
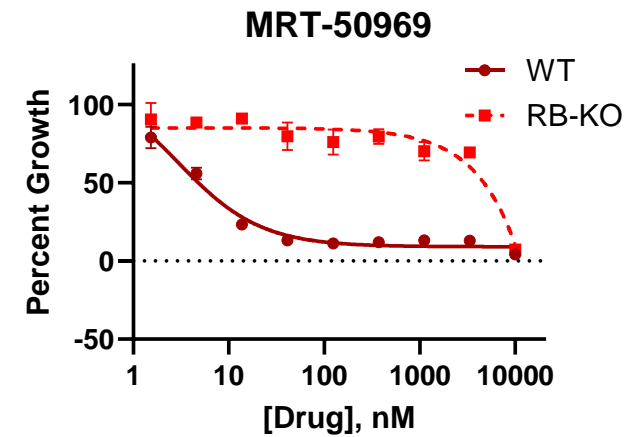
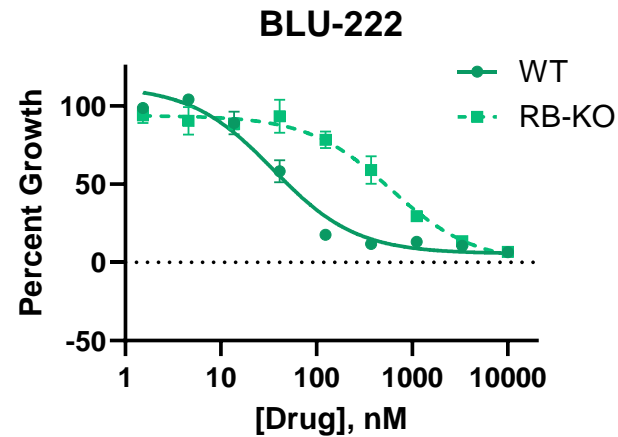
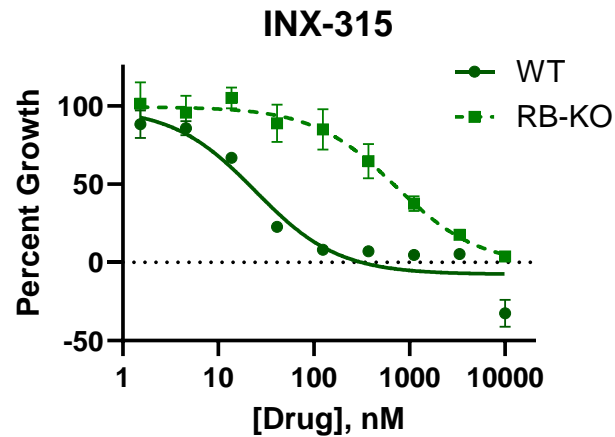
Induction of senescence by cyclin E1 degradation is RB-dependent



Senescence visualized with CellEvent Senescence Green  
Images: 10X; Scale-bar: 300 $\mu$ m

CyQuant, 5 days

# Cyclin E1 MGD is More Dependent on RB Signaling than Clinical Stage CDK2 inhibitors



Compound	MKN1 GI <sub>50</sub> (nM)	
	WT	RB-KO
MRT-50969	4.8	4665
INX-315	21	675
BLU-222	50	518
PF-07104091	78	1706
AZD8421	59	817

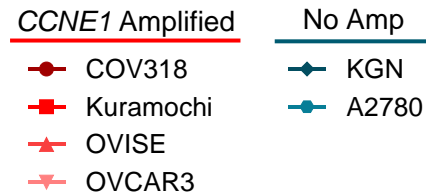
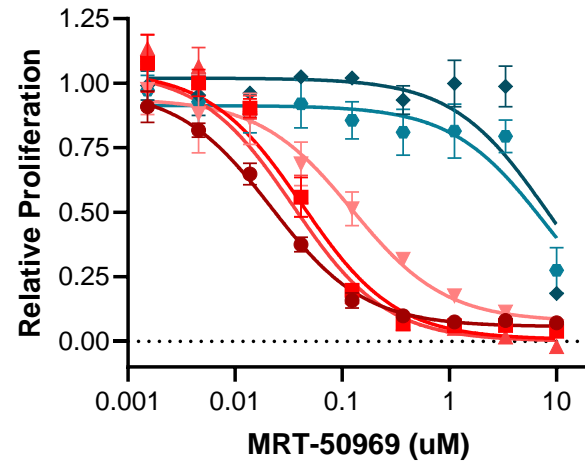
CDK2 inhibitors

5 Day CyQuant Assay, MKN1 Cell Line +/- RB

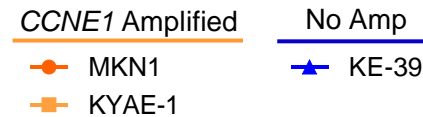
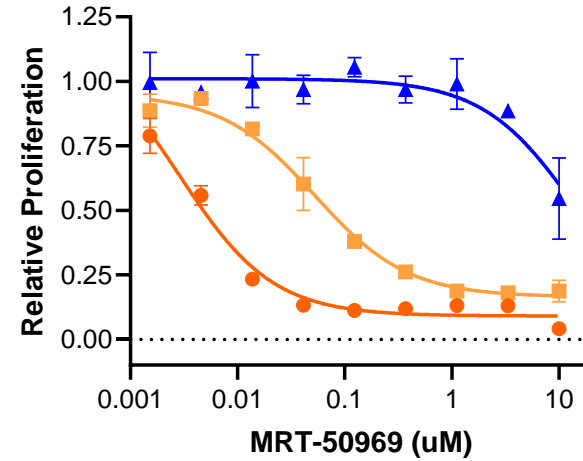


# MRT-50969 Exhibits Preferential Growth Suppression in *CCNE1* Amplified Cell Lines of Multiple Lineages

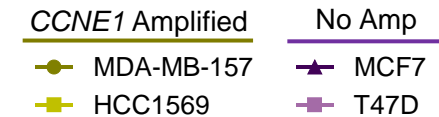
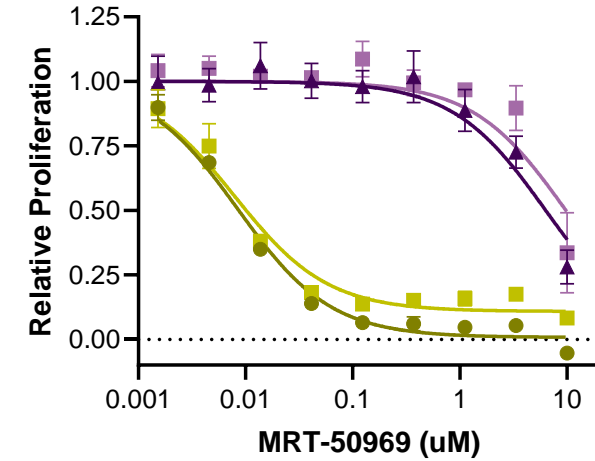
## Ovarian cancer



## Gastric cancer



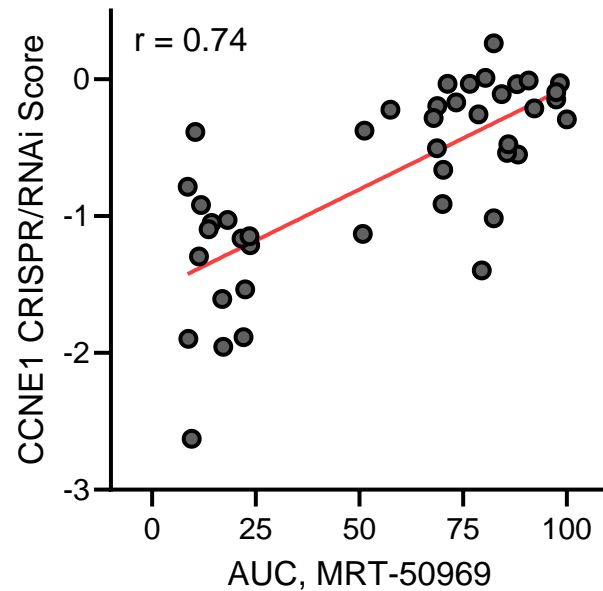
## Breast cancer



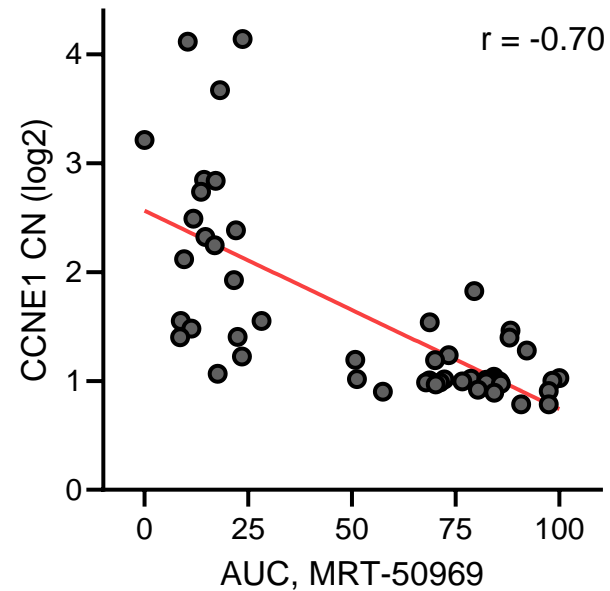
CyQuant, 5 days

# Cyclin E1 MGD Sensitivity is Highly Correlated with *CCNE1* Gene Dependency, Copy Number and Expression

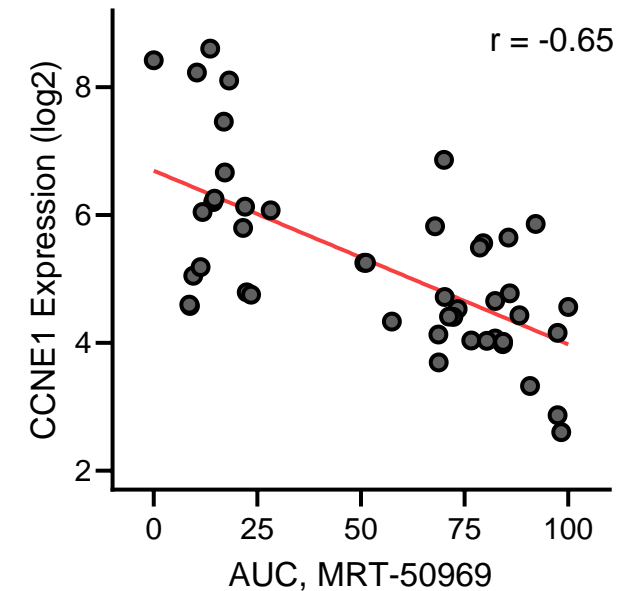
## Gene dependency



## Copy number

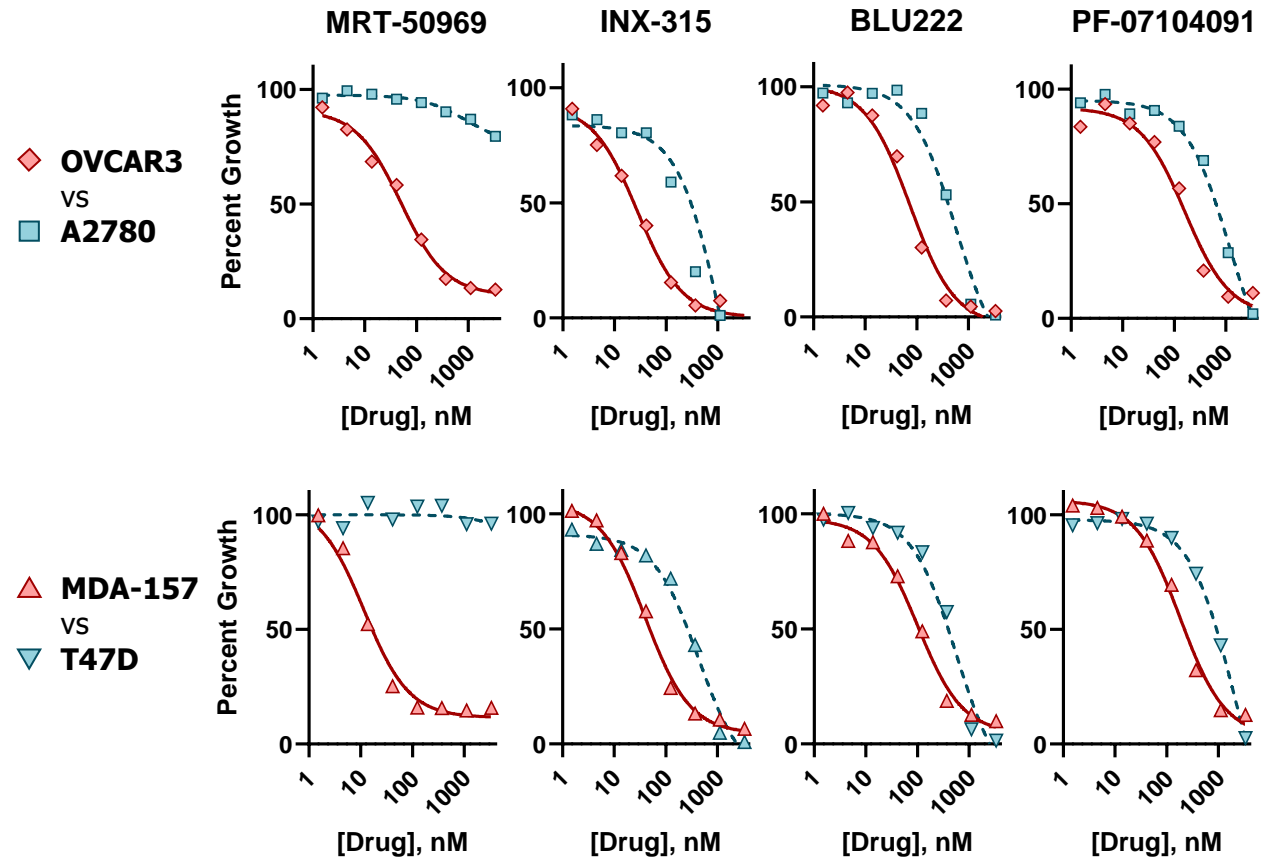
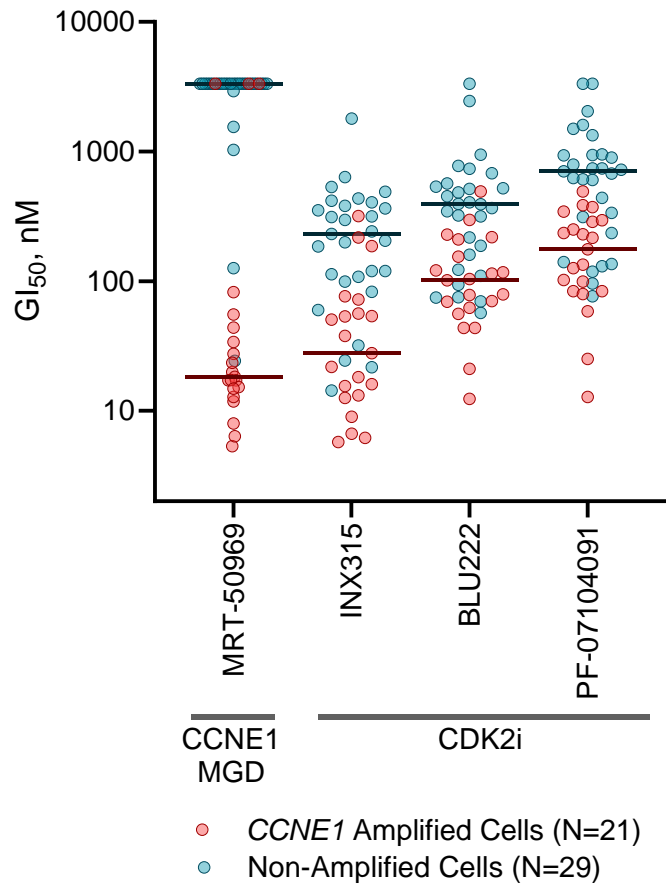


## mRNA expression



5 Day CyQuant assay, 50 cancer cell line panel;  
Gene dependency and genomics data from DepMap/Broad Institute

# MRT-50969 Shows Superior Differential Activity in *CCNE1* Dependent Cell Lines Compared to Clinical-Stage CDK2 Inhibitors



5 Day CyQuant assay, bars indicate median  $GI_{50}$

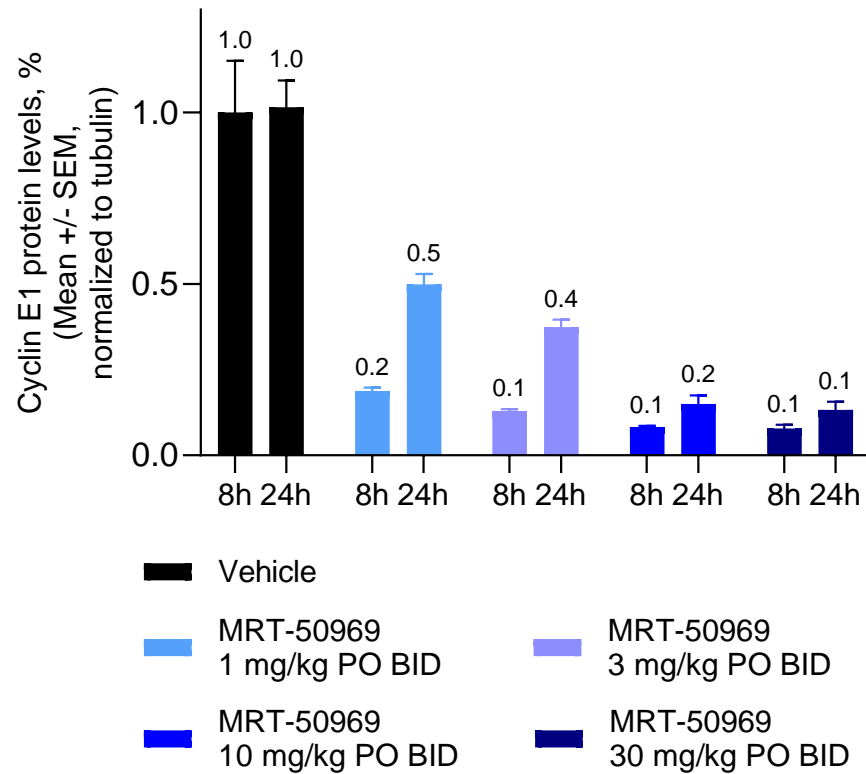
$GI_{50}$  = growth inhibition 50%, the concentration of drug required to inhibit the growth of cancer cells in vitro by 50%





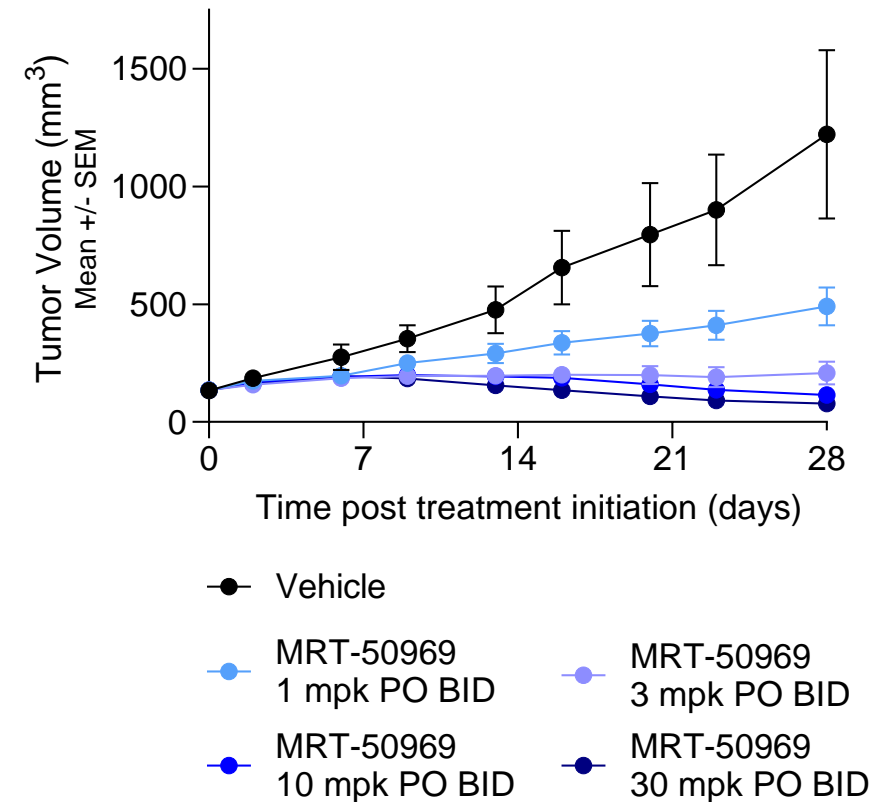
# MRT-50969 Inhibits Tumor Growth in a *CCNE1* Amplified Breast Cancer Model *in vivo*

## MRT-50969 degrades cyclin E1 *in vivo*



Day 28/8h and 24h PD, Western blot, HCC1569 CDX

## MRT-50969 inhibits tumor growth in *CCNE1* amplified breast cancer model



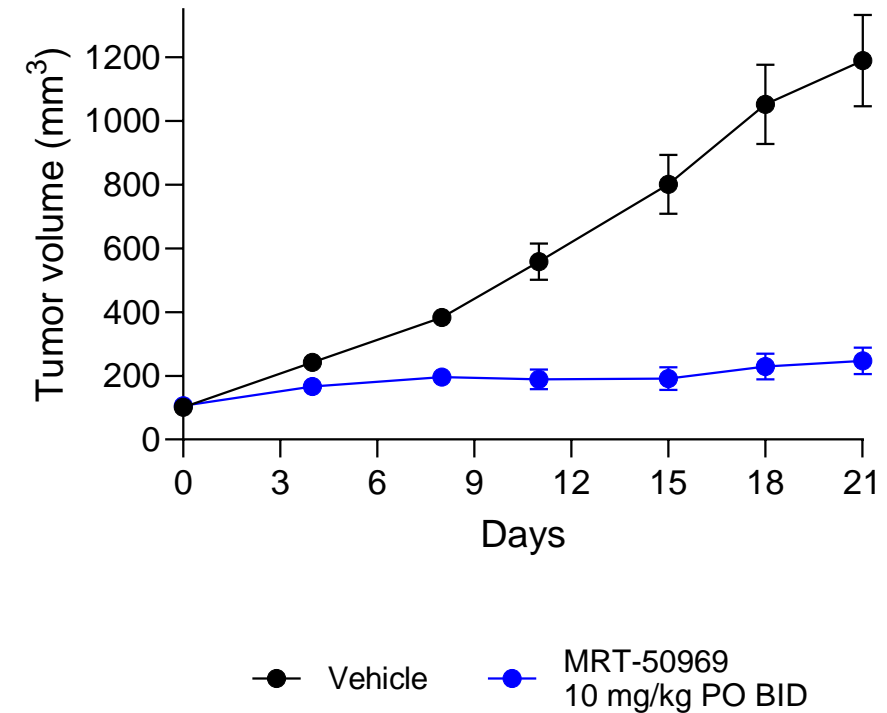
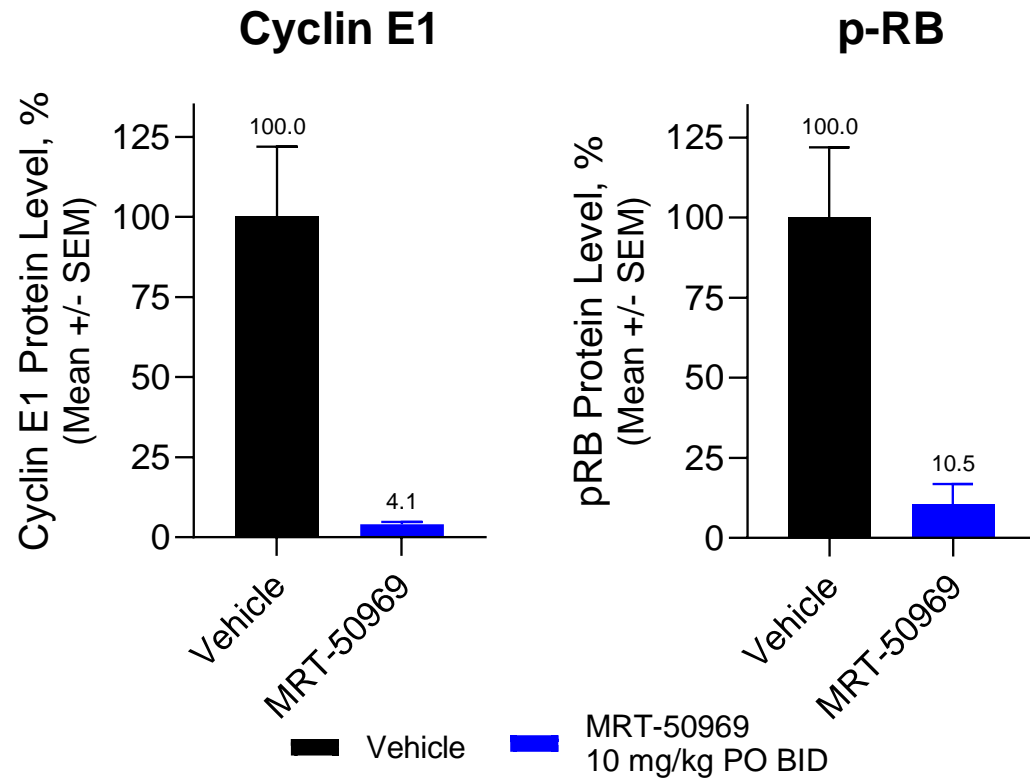
HCC1569 CDX, 28-day efficacy study



# MRT-50969 Inhibits Tumor Growth in a *CCNE1* Amplified Gastric Cancer Model *in vivo*

**MRT-50969 degrades cyclin E1 and inhibits downstream pathway activity *in vivo***

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Day 21/8h PD, Western blot, MKN1 CDX  
Protein level normalized to tubulin

21-day efficacy study in MKN1 CDX model

# Cyclin E1 Program

- First-in-class, **highly selective** cyclin E1-targeting molecular glue degraders; previously undruggable target
- Sensitivity to cyclin E1 MGD **parallels genetic dependency**, suggesting on-target MGD activity
- *CCNE1* amplified cell lines (ovarian, endometrial, gastric, breast) are sensitive to cyclin E1 degradation
- RB-dependent activity indicates on-target effects and **differentiates from clinical-stage CDK2 inhibitors**
- **Monotherapy efficacy** seen in *CCNE1*-amplified cancer models *in vivo*



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