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## Podocalyxin is a therapeutic target in cancer

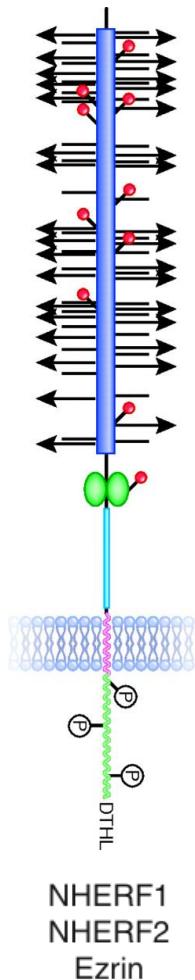
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# Overview

1. Podocalyxin, a new candidate for targeted therapeutics
2. Tumor specific  $\alpha$ -PODXL antibody development
  - 2a. PODO83, a function-blocking antibody
  - 2b. PODO447, a highly tumor specific antibody
    - PODO 447 Antibody Drug Conjugate
5. Summary

# Podocalyxin is a CD34-family sialomucin

## Podocalyxin structure



## Normal tissue expression pattern of podocalyxin

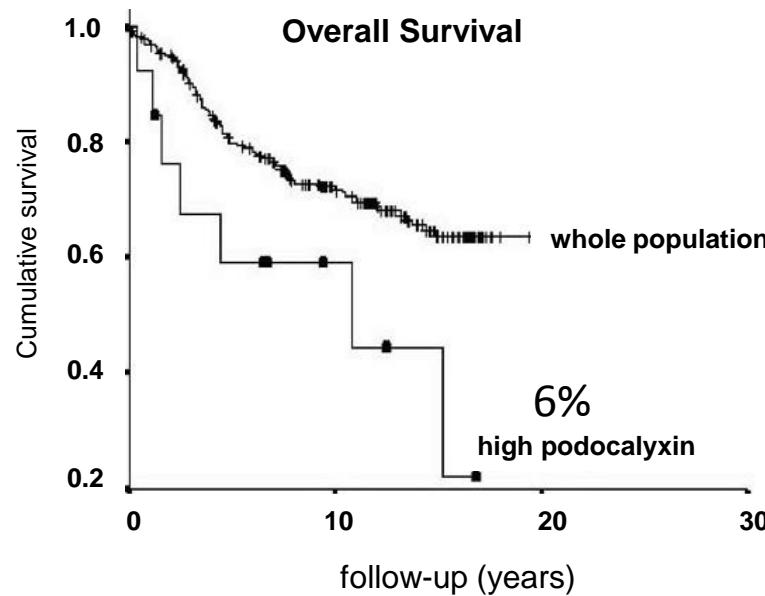
- Vascular Endothelia
- Kidney Podocytes (specialized epithelia)

## Proposed functions

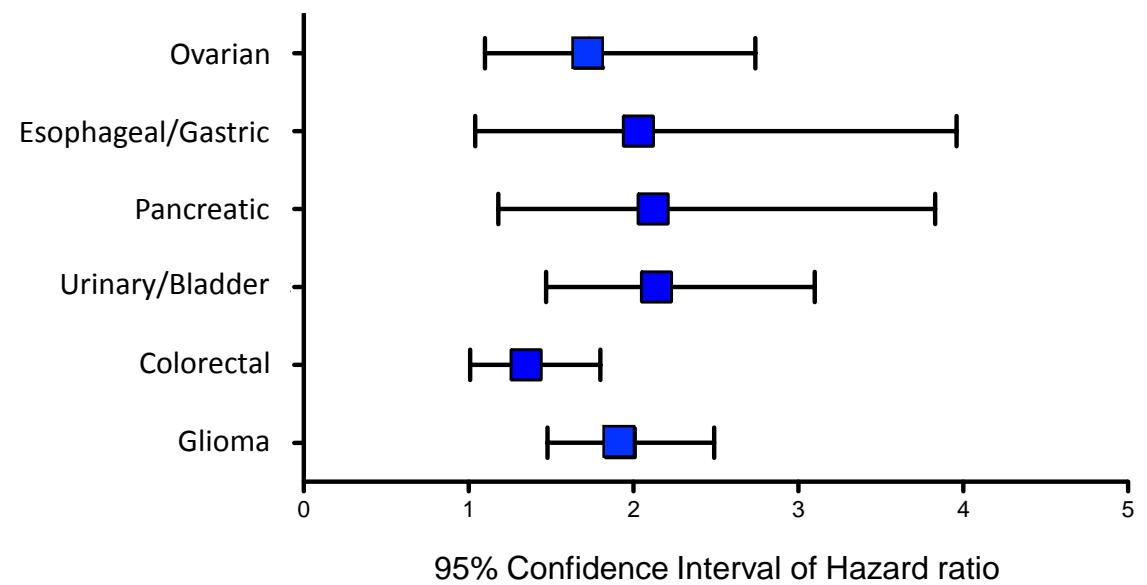
- Blocks adhesion
- Involved in cell migration
- Apical domain expansion
- Establishment of cell polarity
- Lumen formation

# High podocalyxin expression is associated with poor prognosis in several cancer types

Breast Cancer



Meta-analysis of high PODXL overall survival



## Most common cancers

	Male			Female		
Estimated New Cases	→ Prostate	164,690	19%	→ Breast	266,120	30%
	Lung & bronchus	121,680	14%	Lung & bronchus	112,350	13%
	→ Colon & rectum	75,610	9%	→ Colon & rectum	64,640	7%
	→ Urinary bladder	62,380	7%	Uterine corpus	63,230	7%
	Melanoma of the skin	55,150	6%	Thyroid	40,900	5%
	→ Kidney & renal pelvis	42,680	5%	Melanoma of the skin	36,120	4%
	Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	41,730	5%	Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	32,950	4%
	Oral cavity & pharynx	37,160	4%	→ Pancreas	26,240	3%
	Leukemia	35,030	4%	Leukemia	25,270	3%
	Liver & intrahepatic bile duct	30,610	4%	→ Kidney & renal pelvis	22,660	3%
All sites		856,370	100%	All sites	878,980	100%



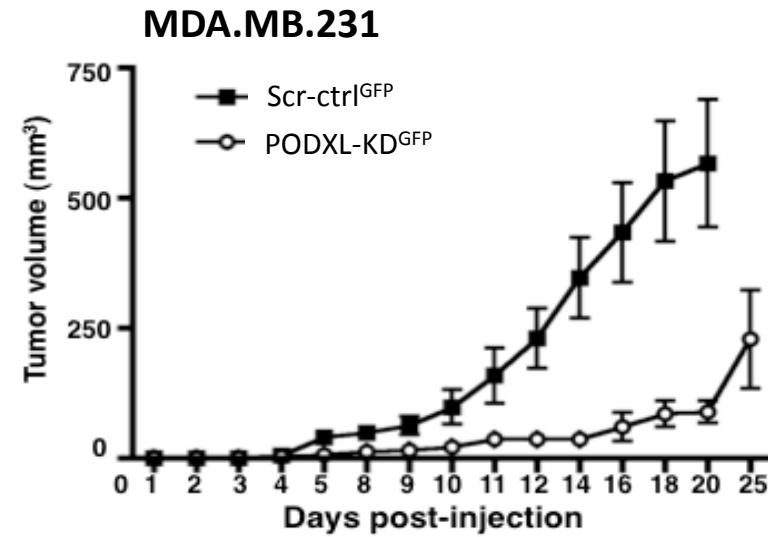

## Responsible for most deaths

	Male			Female		
Estimated Deaths	Lung & bronchus	83,550	26%	→ Lung & bronchus	70,500	25%
	→ Prostate	29,430	9%	→ Breast	40,920	14%
	→ Colon & rectum	27,390	8%	→ Colon & rectum	23,240	8%
	→ Pancreas	23,020	7%	→ Pancreas	21,310	7%
	Liver & intrahepatic bile duct	20,540	6%	→ Ovary	14,070	5%
	Leukemia	14,270	4%	Uterine corpus	11,350	4%
	→ Esophagus	12,850	4%	Leukemia	10,100	4%
	→ Urinary bladder	12,520	4%	Liver & intrahepatic bile duct	9,660	3%
	Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	11,510	4%	Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	8,400	3%
	→ Kidney & renal pelvis	10,010	3%	→ Brain & other nervous system	7,340	3%
All sites		323,630	100%	All sites	286,010	100%

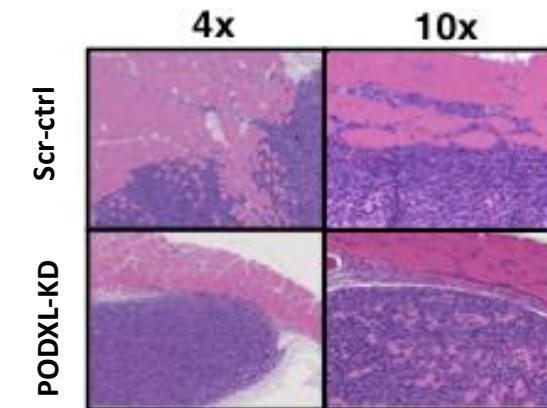



Estimates are rounded to the nearest 10, and cases exclude basal cell and squamous cell skin cancers and in situ carcinoma except urinary bladder. Ranking is based on modeled projections and may differ from the most recent observed data.

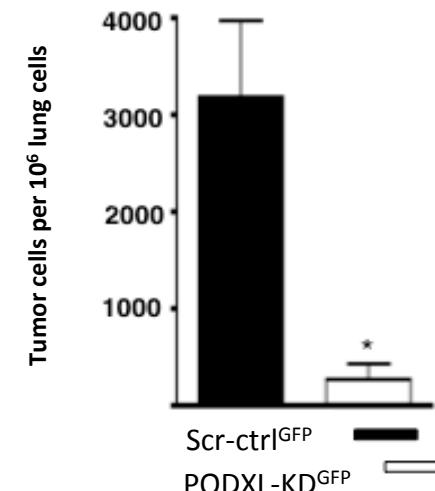
# Podocalyxin expression promotes tumor growth and metastasis *in vivo*



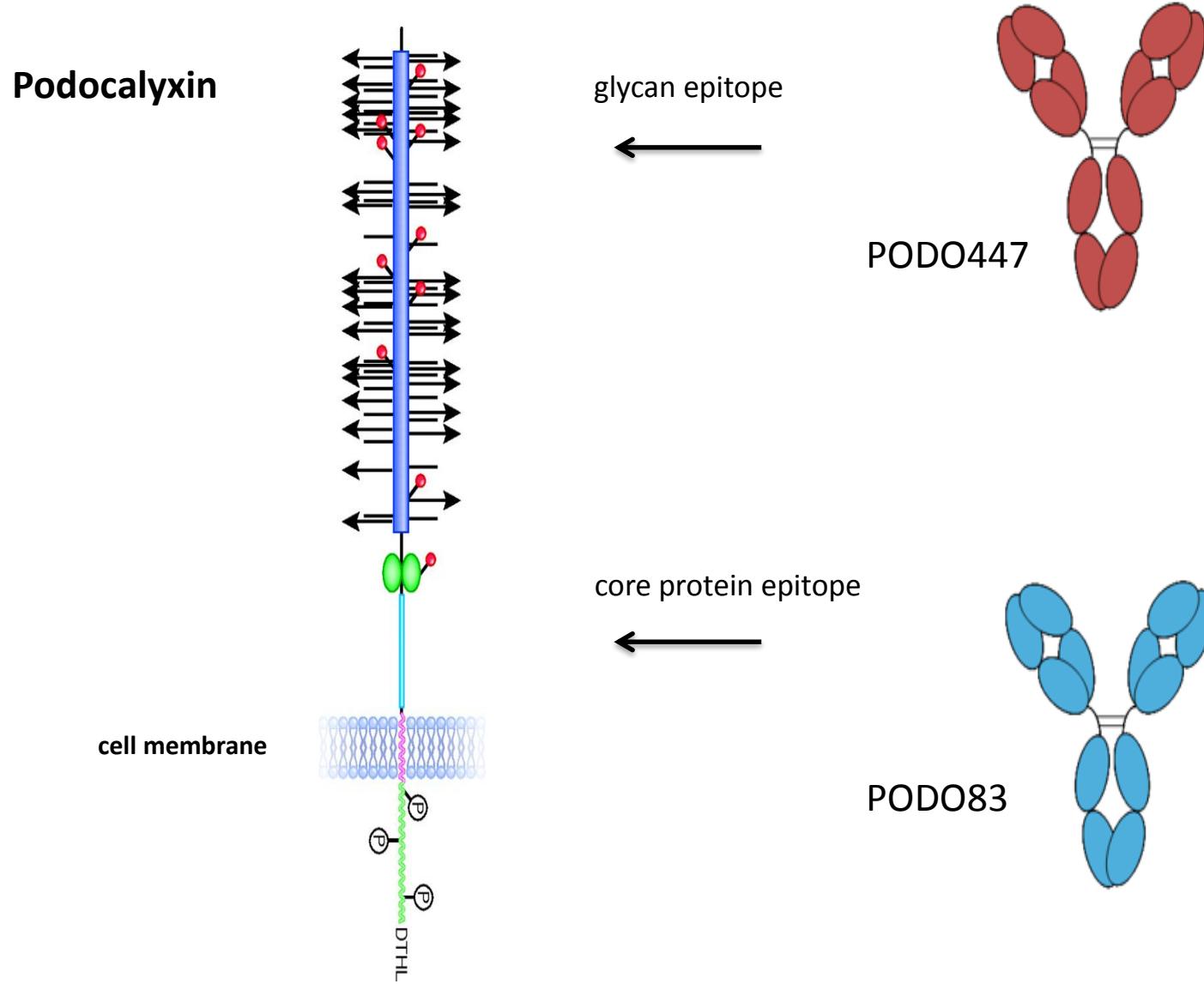
Resected s.c. tumors



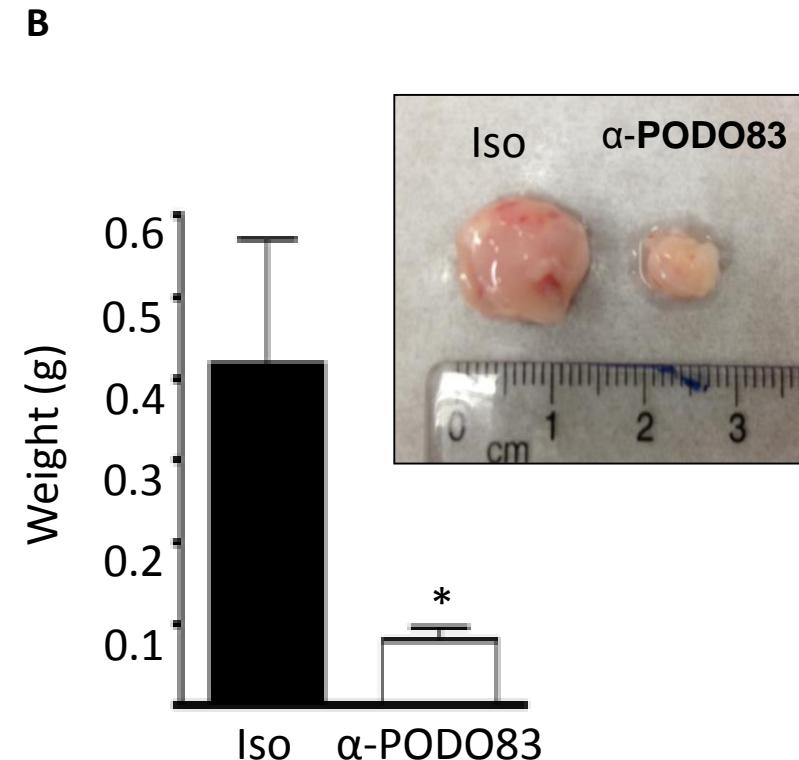
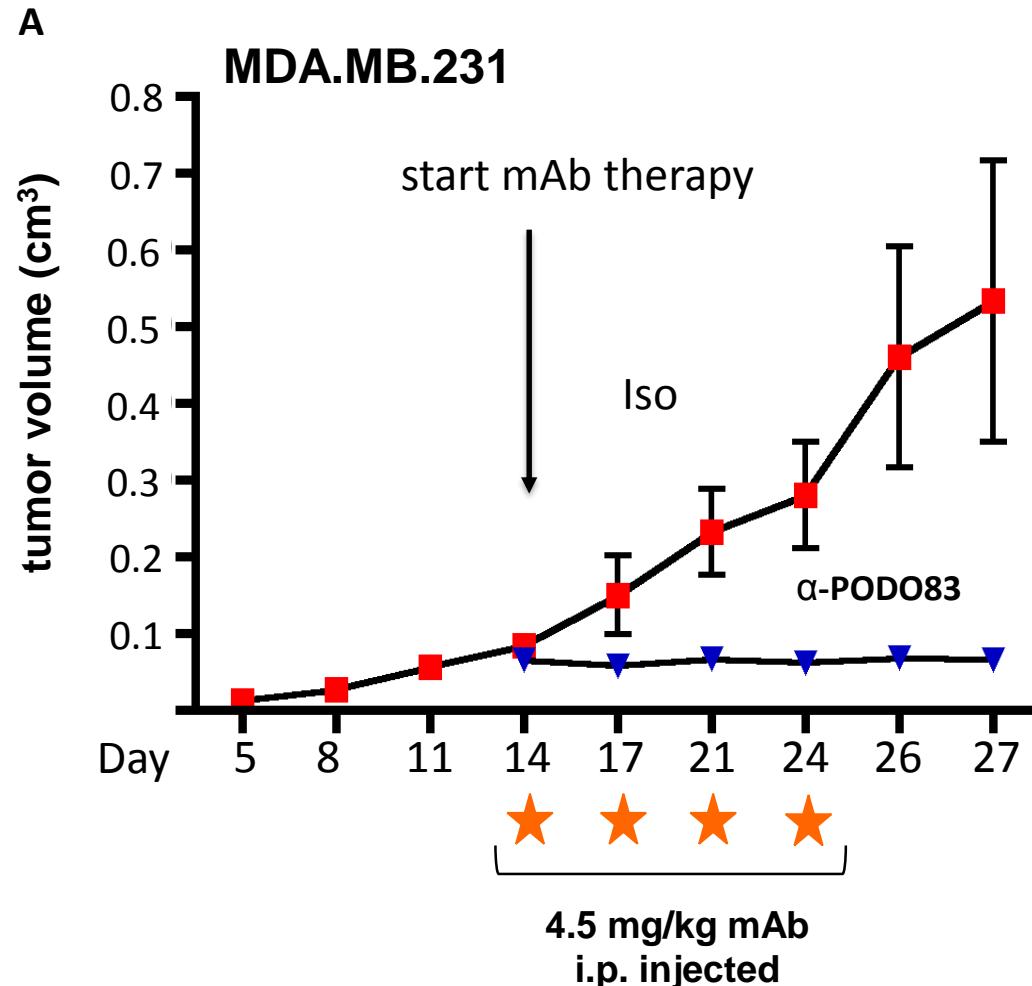
Number of GFP+ cells in the lung



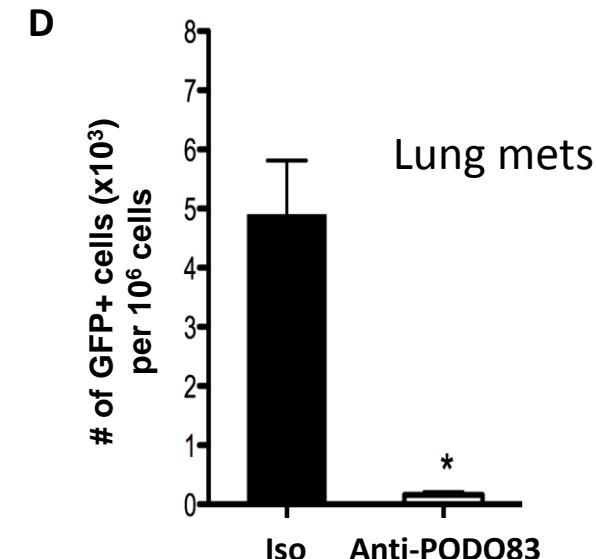
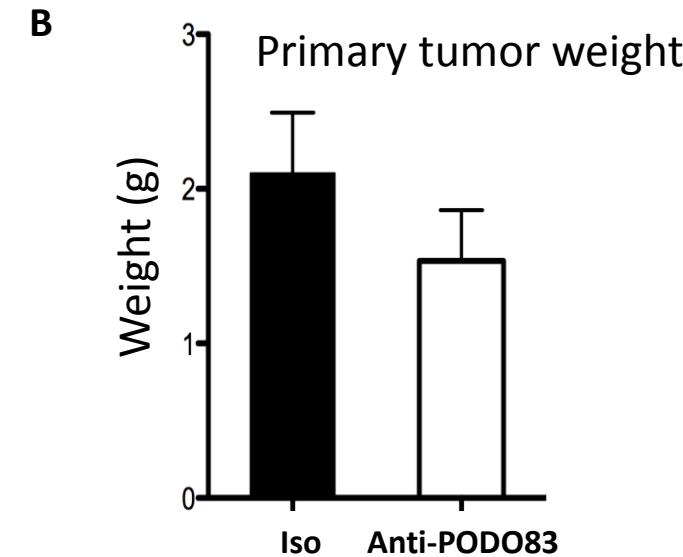
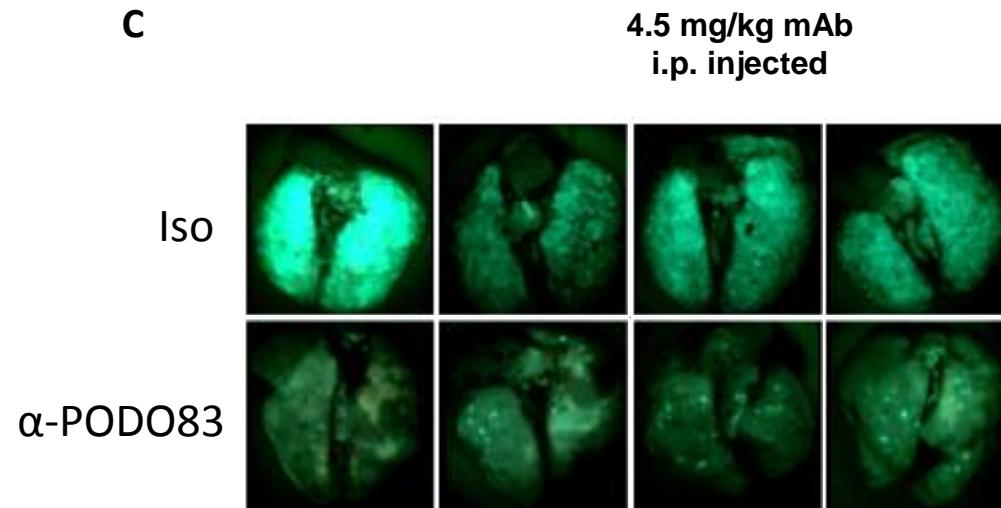
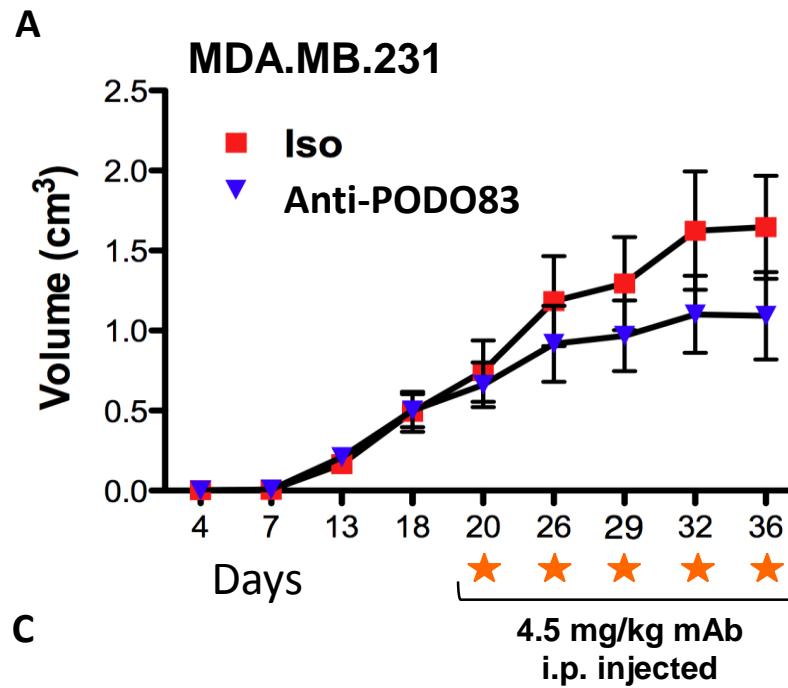
# Lead a-Podocalyxin antibodies



# PODO83 mAb blocks tumor growth and metastasis



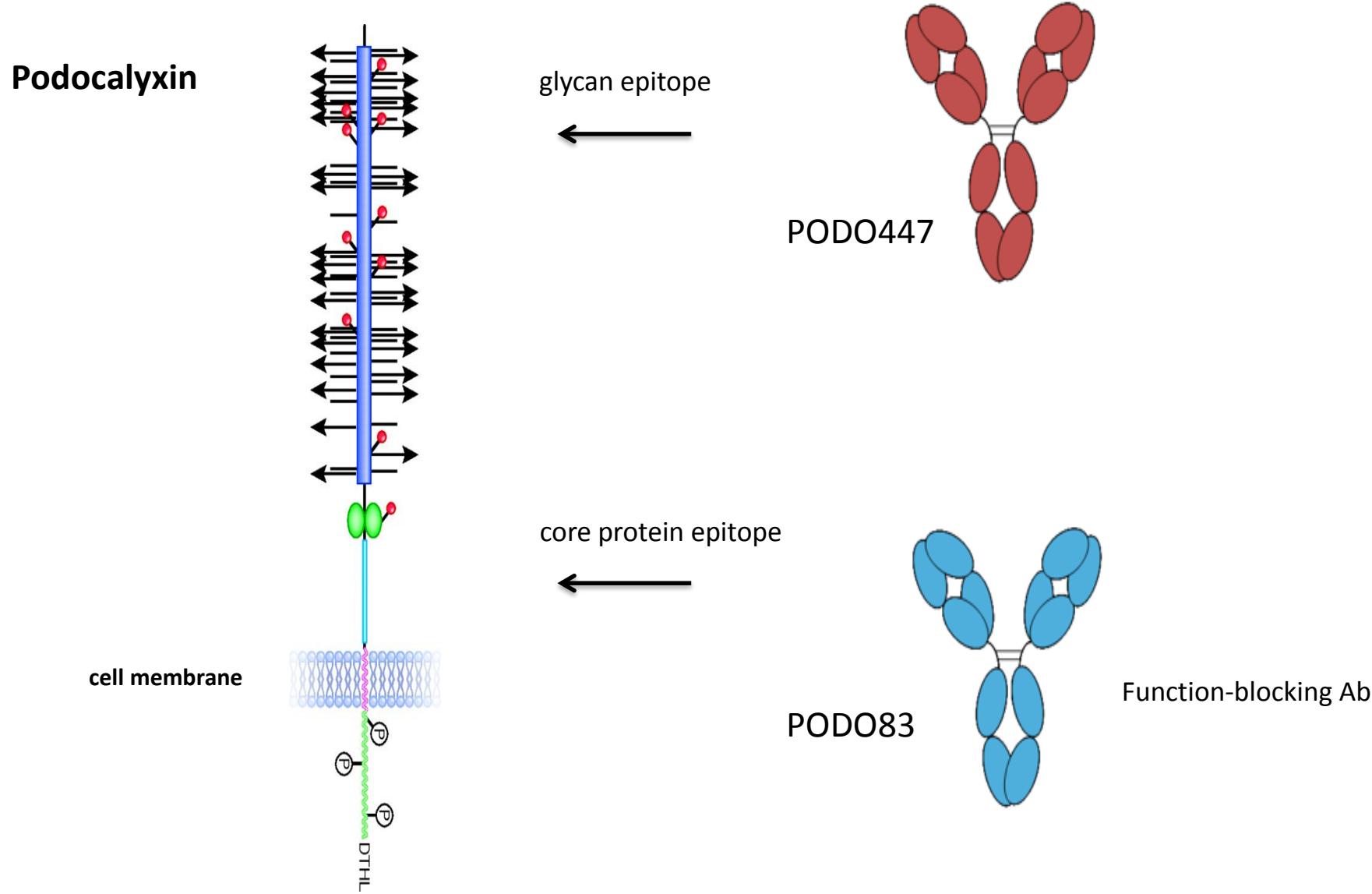
# PODO83 therapy blocks metastasis in mice with established tumor burden ( $\sim 1 \text{ cm}^3$ )



## Summary part 2a

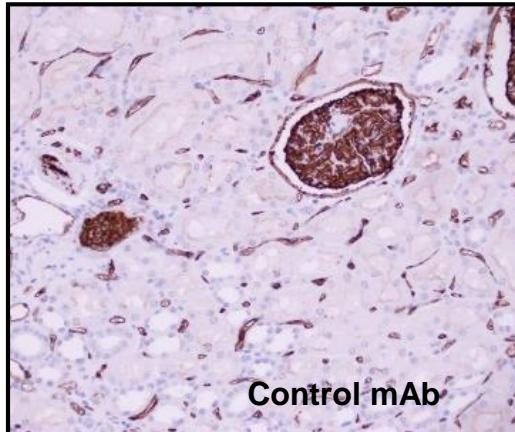
- Podocalyxin expression is associated with poor survival in many cancers, and is important for primary tumor growth and metastasis
- Anti-podocalyxin antibody development produced two lead candidates, PODO83 and PODO447.
- PODO83 is a function-blocking antibody that:
  - Delays primary tumor growth
  - Blocks metastasis in mice with an established tumor burden.

# Lead a-Podocalyxin antibodies

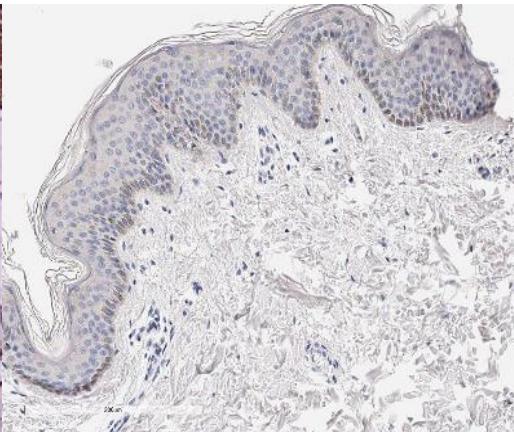


# PODO447 does not recognize PODXL in healthy tissue

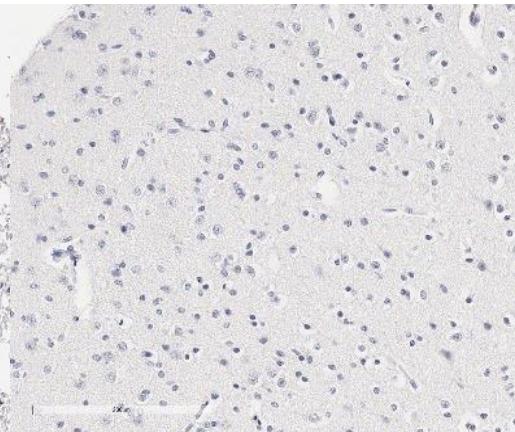
Kidney



Skin

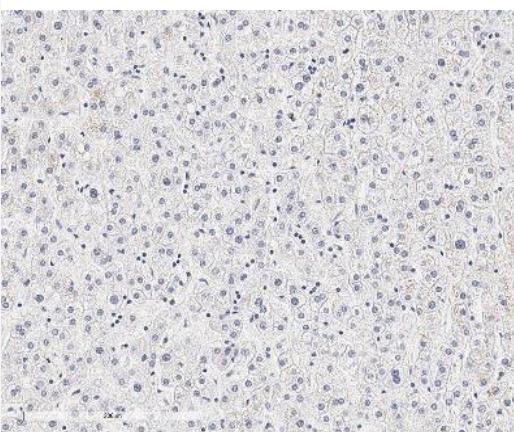


Cerebrum

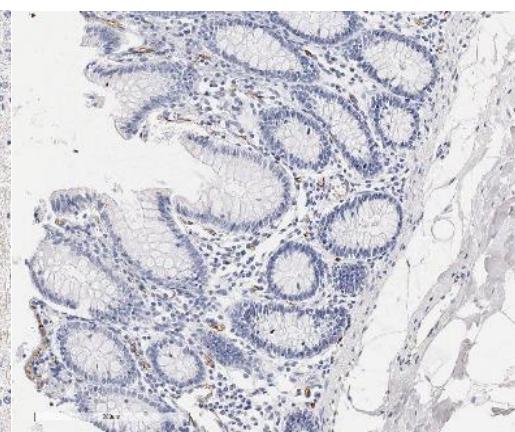


Control mAb

Liver



Colon

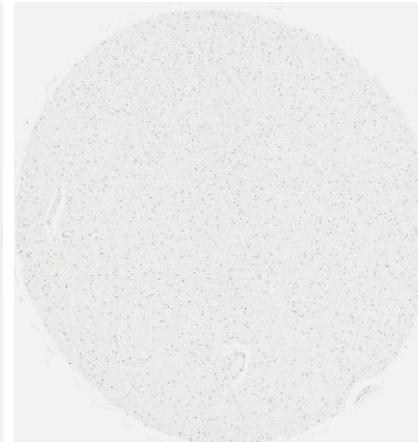
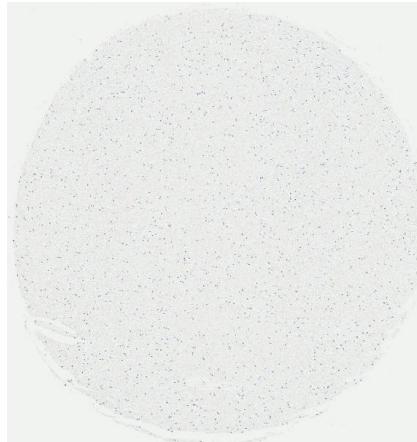


PODO 447

CDRD

# PODO447 does not recognize PODXL in healthy tissue but recognizes a tumor specific target

**Normal Cerebellum**

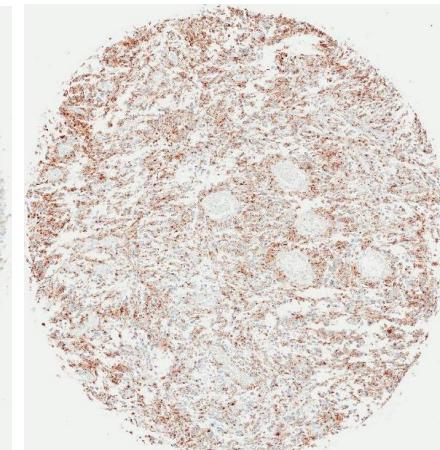
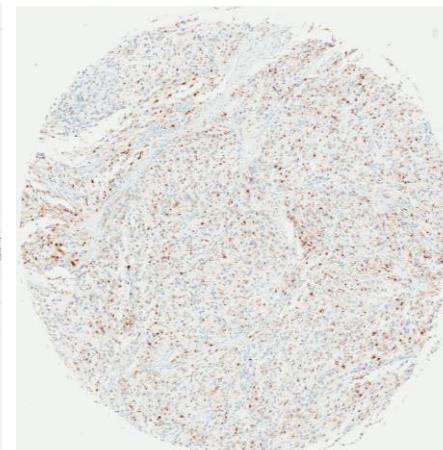
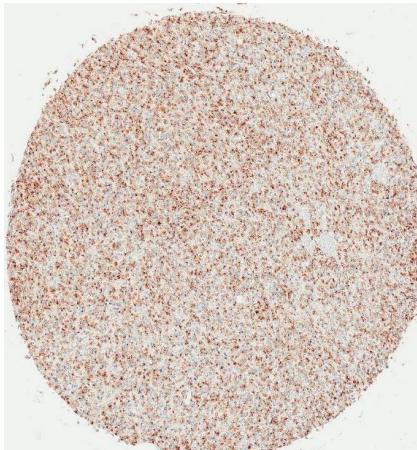


**Glioblastoma  
TMA staining:**

Normal 0/10

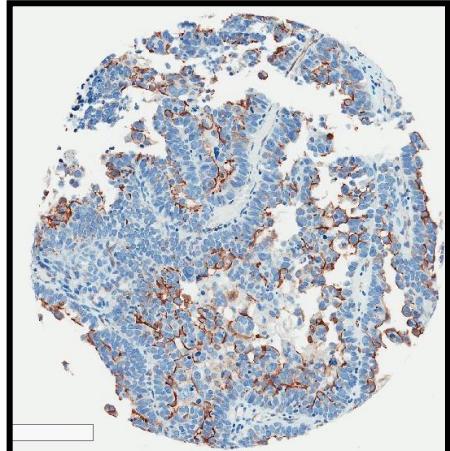
Malignant 22/60

**Malignant Tissue**

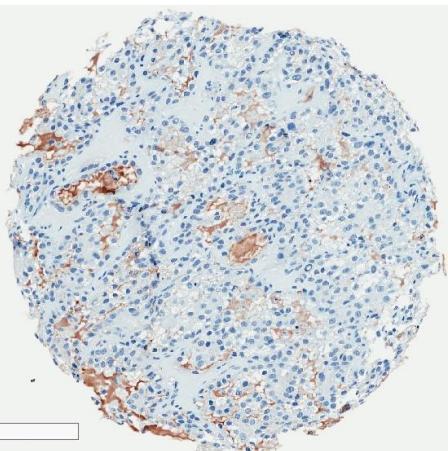


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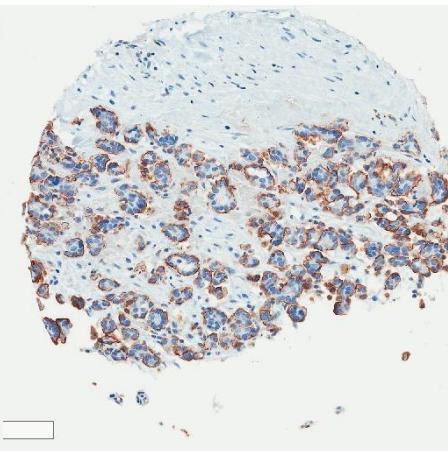
High Grade Serous



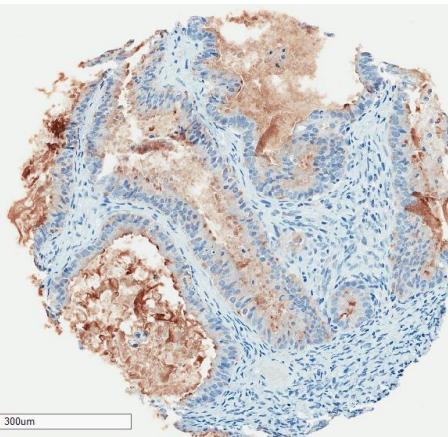
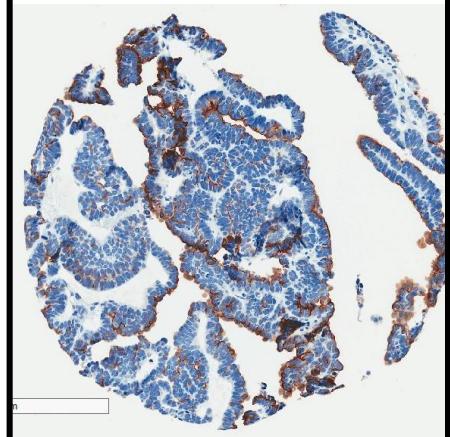
Clear Cell



Low grade serous



Endometrioid

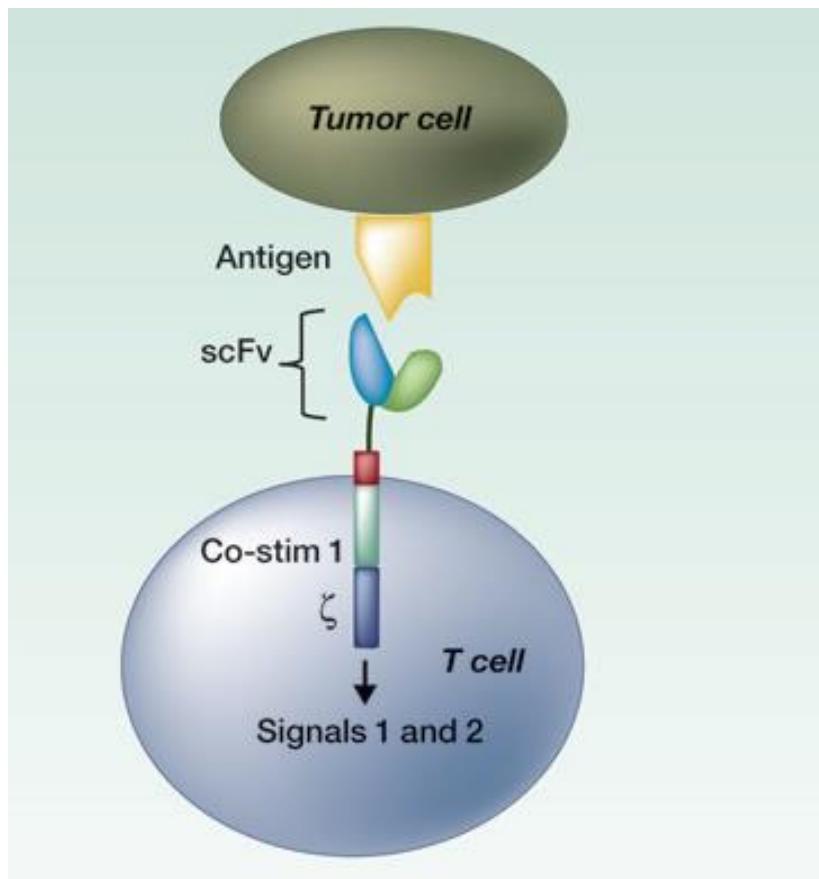


Ovarian Carcinoma TMA staining (n):

High grade serous	64.1% (125)
Clear cell	73.1% (19)
Endometrioid	80.6% (29)
Mucinous	55.6% (5)
Low grade serous	87.5% (7)

# Turning PODO447 into a therapeutic

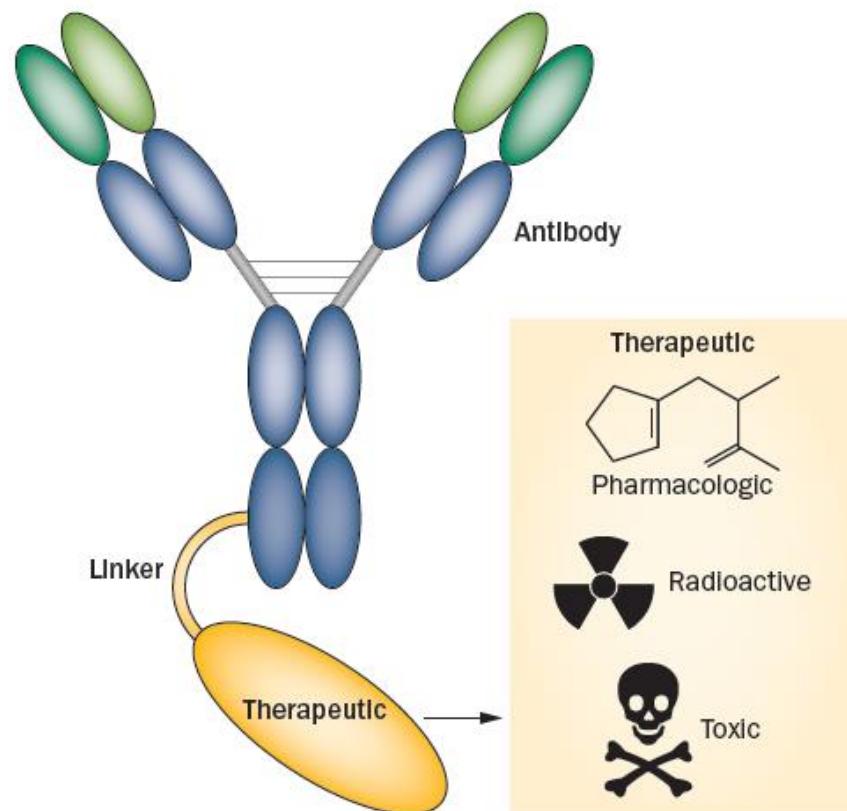
## Engineered T cells: PODO 447 CART



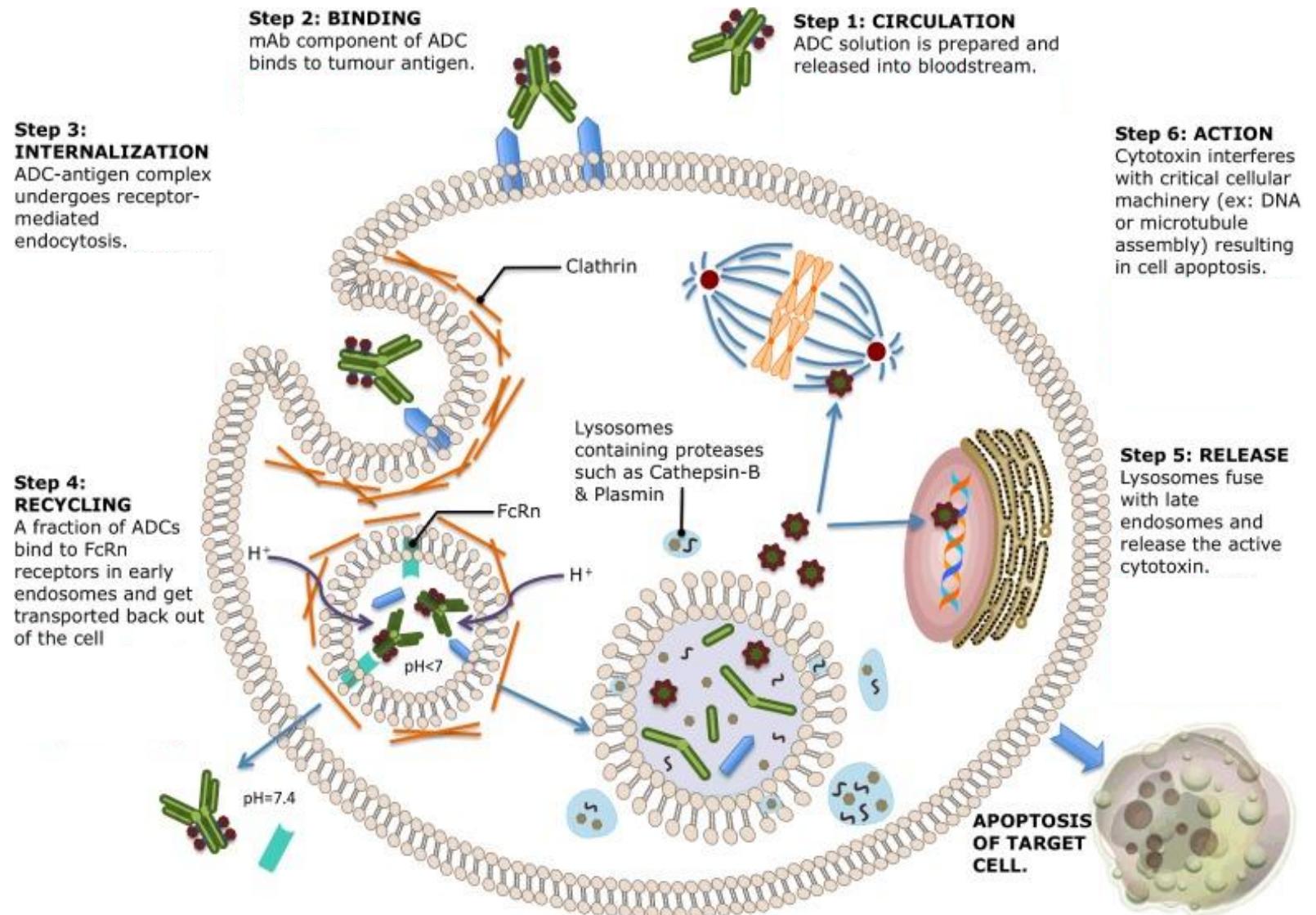
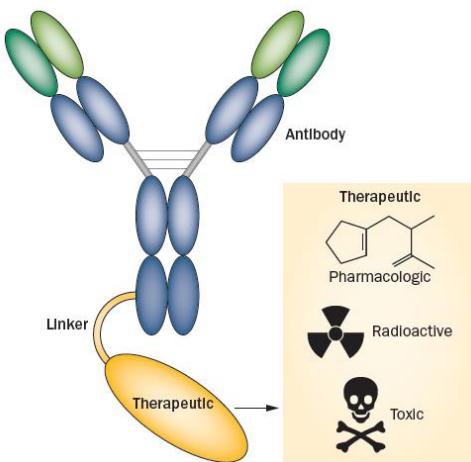
## Antibody Conjugated Drug: PODO447 ADC

PODO447-CTx (Cytotoxic payload)

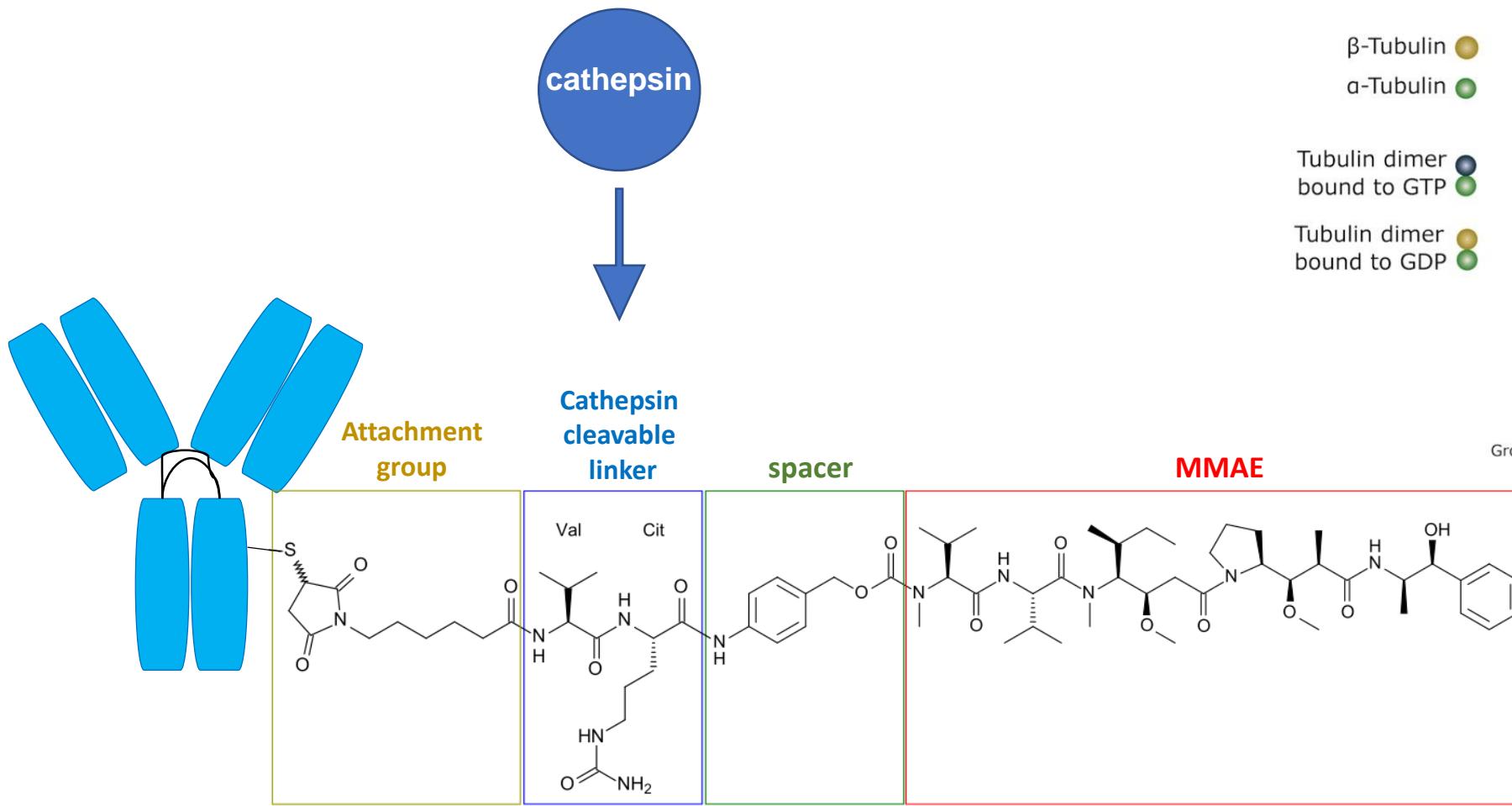
PODO447-Radionucleotide



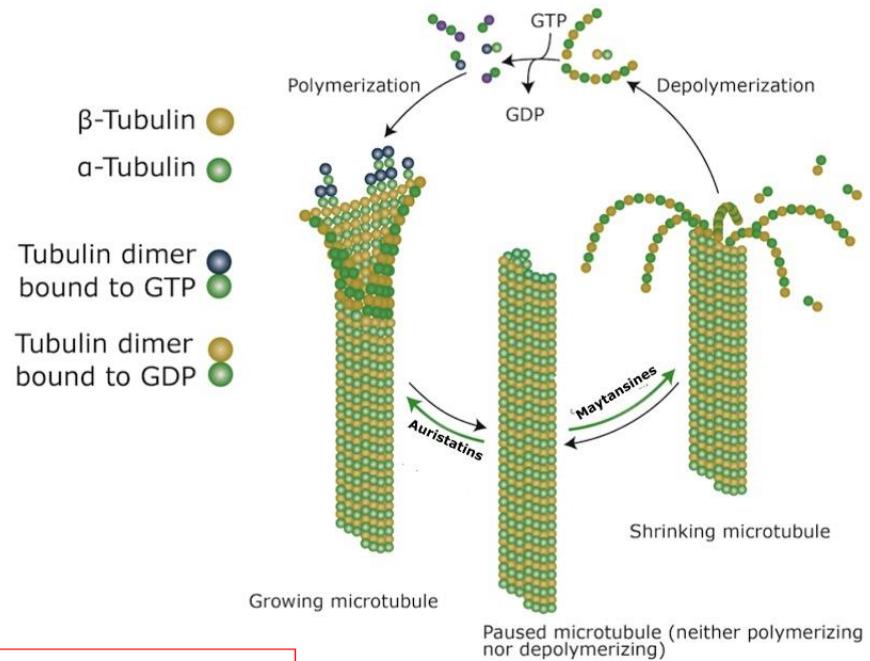
# Antibody Drug Conjugate (ADC)



# PODO447 Antibody Drug Conjugate



**Vedotin (Val-Cit-PABC-MMAE)**

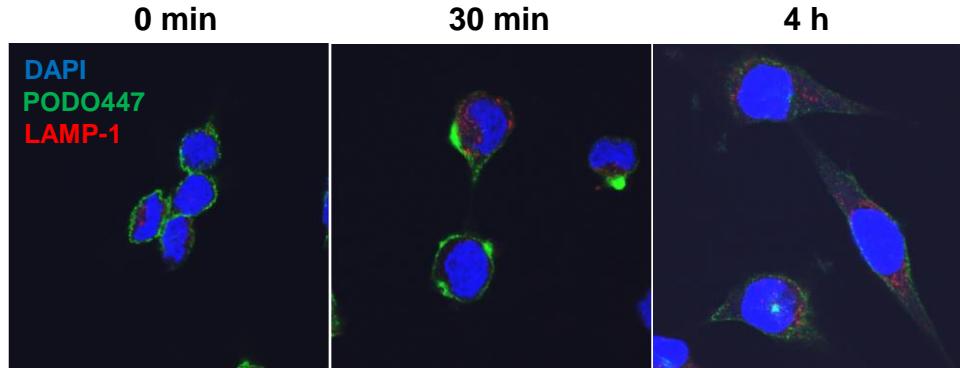


# PODO447 ADC internalizes and has cytotoxic activity *in vitro* and *in vivo*

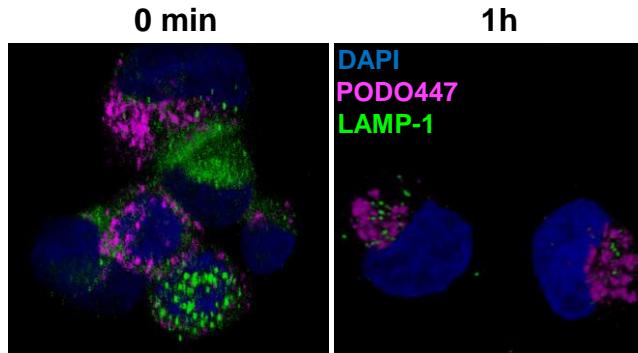
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## PODO447 Internalization

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Glioblastoma

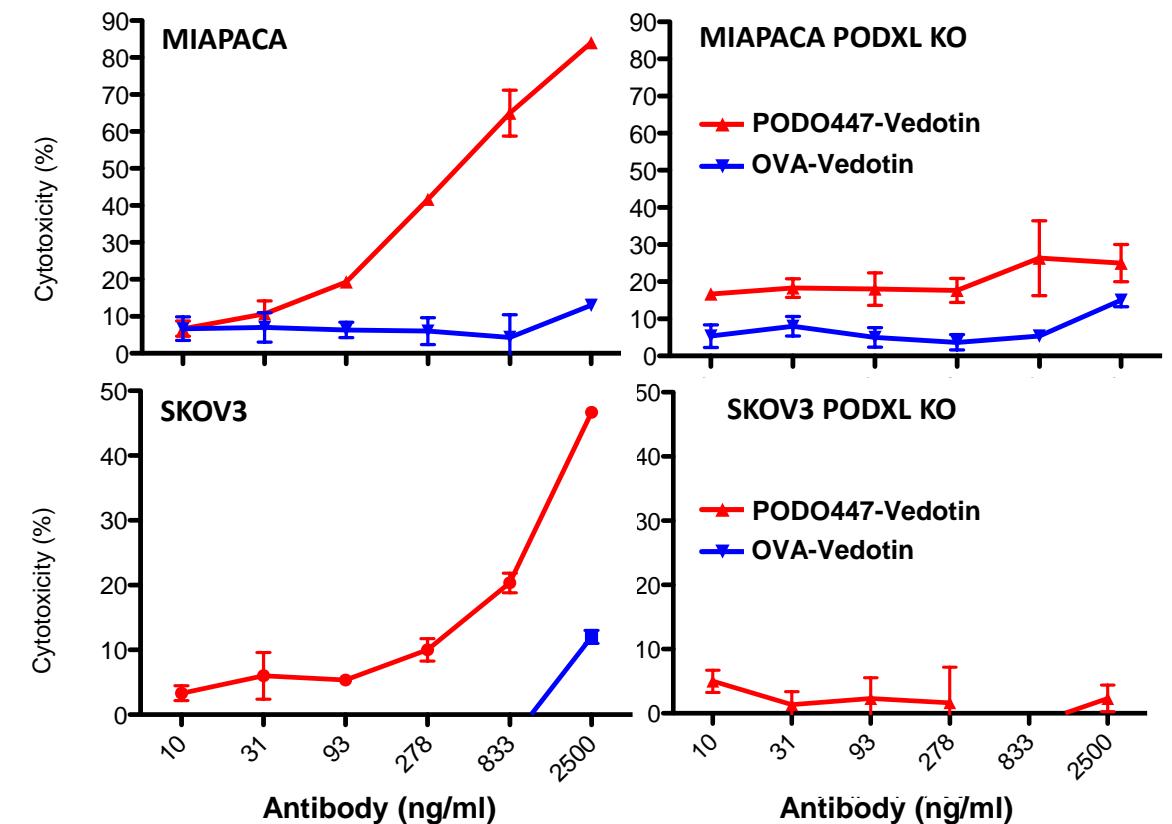


MIAPACA  
Pancreatic



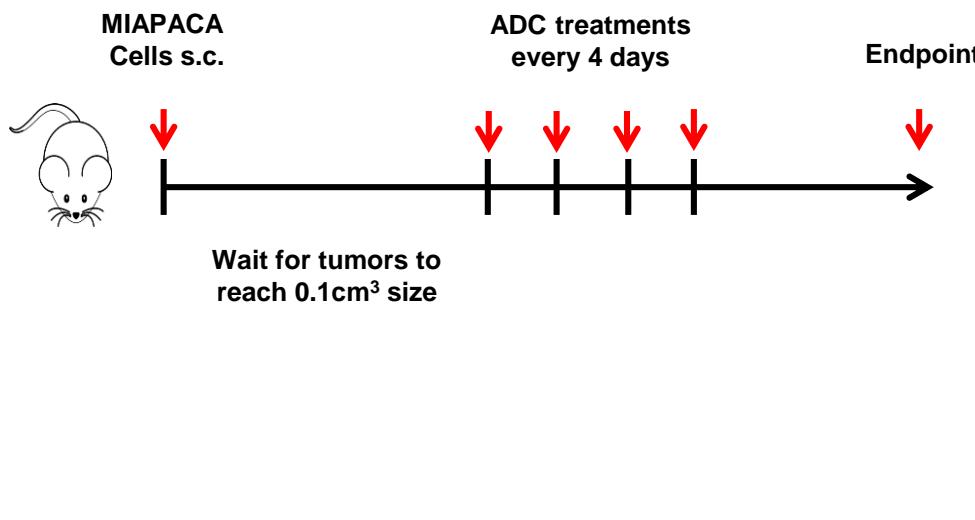
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## PODO447-Vedotin *in vitro* cytotoxicity

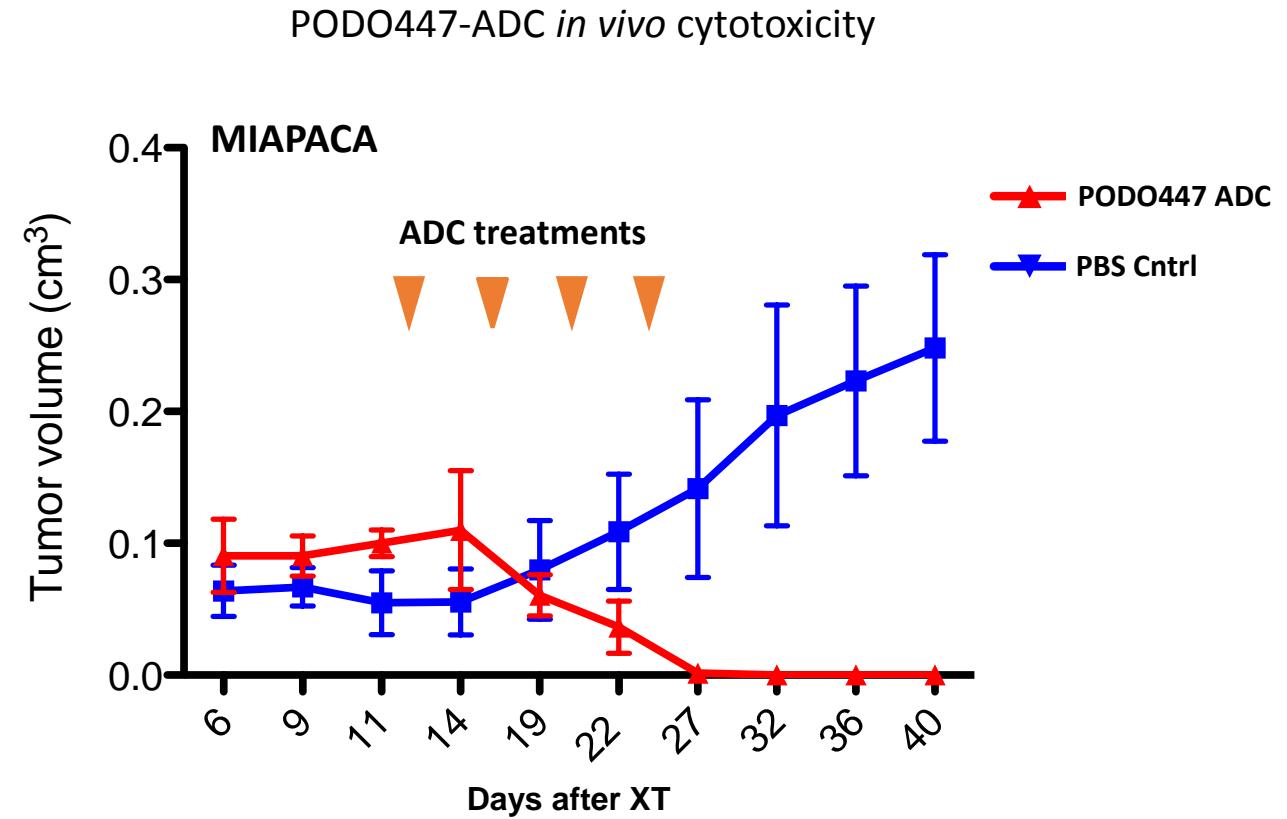


# PODO447 ADC clears tumor burden *in vivo*

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# Final Overview

- Podocalyxin is great candidate for targeted therapeutics for a variety of cancers.
- We have developed two novel  $\alpha$ -PODXL antibodies.
- PODO83 can delay primary tumor growth and block metastasis.
- PODO447 is highly tumor-specific and it can be turned into a therapeutic through conjugation of a toxic payload (i.e. MMAE).



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