

# Development of a Probody Drug Conjugate (PDC) Targeting CD71 for the Treatment of Cancer

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# Outline



Overview of Probody<sup>®</sup> technology and CytomX pipeline



Development of a CX-2029, a Probody Drug Conjugate (PDC) targeting CD71 (Transferrin Receptor)



Development and validation of a diagnostic assay for CD71



Evaluation of target distribution in a patient population

# Probody Therapeutics Are Designed to Be Activated in the Tumor Microenvironment (TME)

## ON TARGET TOXICITY LIMITS THE DEVELOPMENT OF POTENTIALLY ATTRACTIVE ANTIBODY THERAPEUTICS

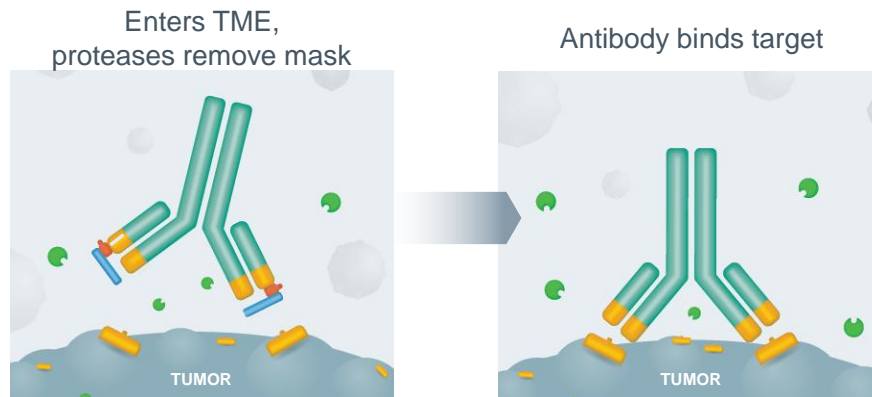
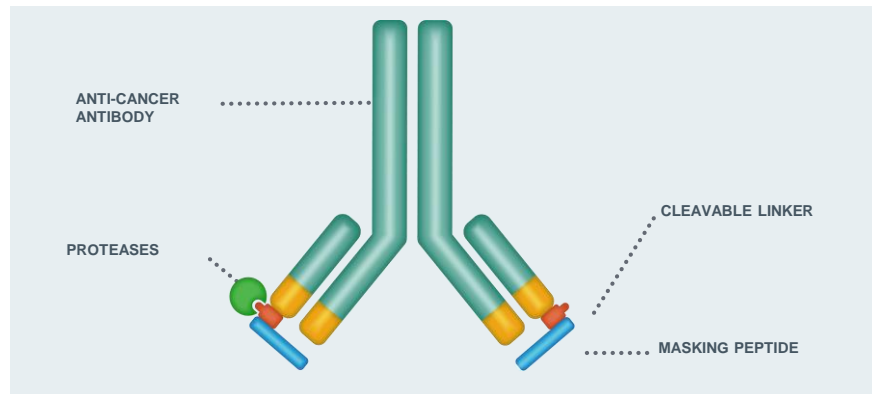
- “Masked” to limit binding to normal tissue
- “Un-masked” by tumor-associated proteases
- Linkers cleaved by multiple proteases for utility across tumor types

## CYTOPIX PROBODY PLATFORM IS DESIGNED TO LOCALIZE TARGET BINDING TO TUMOR

- Maintaining potency
- Reducing side effects
- Enabling new target opportunities

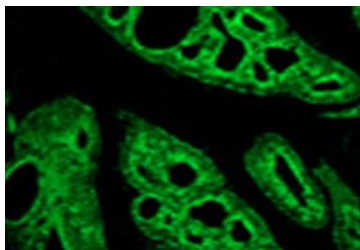
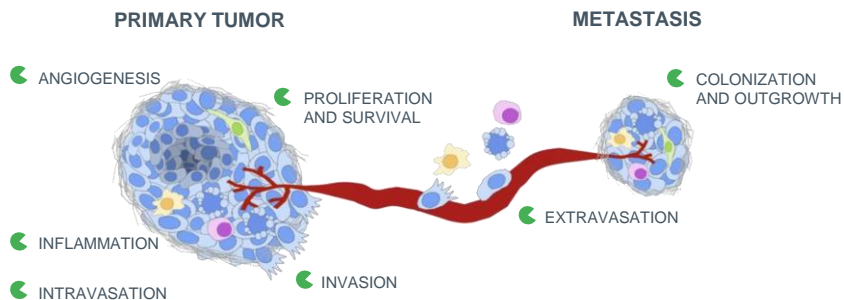
## PROBODY PLATFORM IS APPLICABLE ACROSS MULTIPLE TARGETS AND MODALITIES

- Improve therapeutic window for validated targets
- Create therapeutic window for difficult-to-drug targets
- Applicable to multiple binding modalities

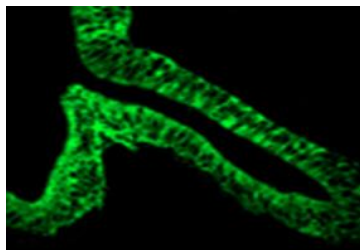


# Activated Proteases Are Prevalent in Tumors But Not in Healthy Tissue

## UPREGULATED PROTEASE ACTIVITY IS A HALLMARK OF ALL CANCERS<sup>1</sup>

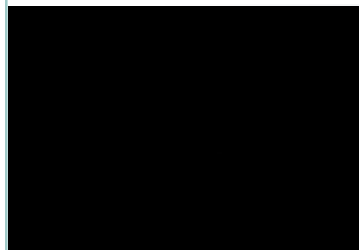
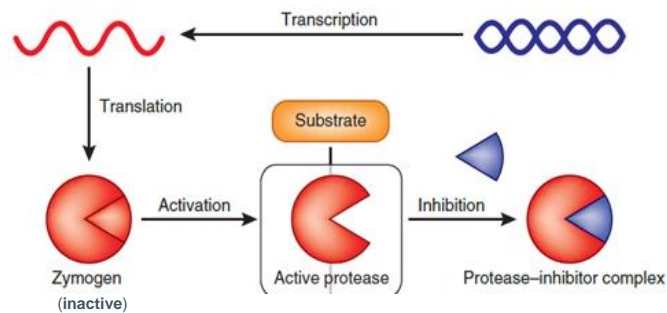


Primary Colon Cancer



Metastatic Colon Cancer

## PROTEASE ACTIVITY IS TIGHTLY CONTROLLED IN HEALTHY TISSUES<sup>2</sup>

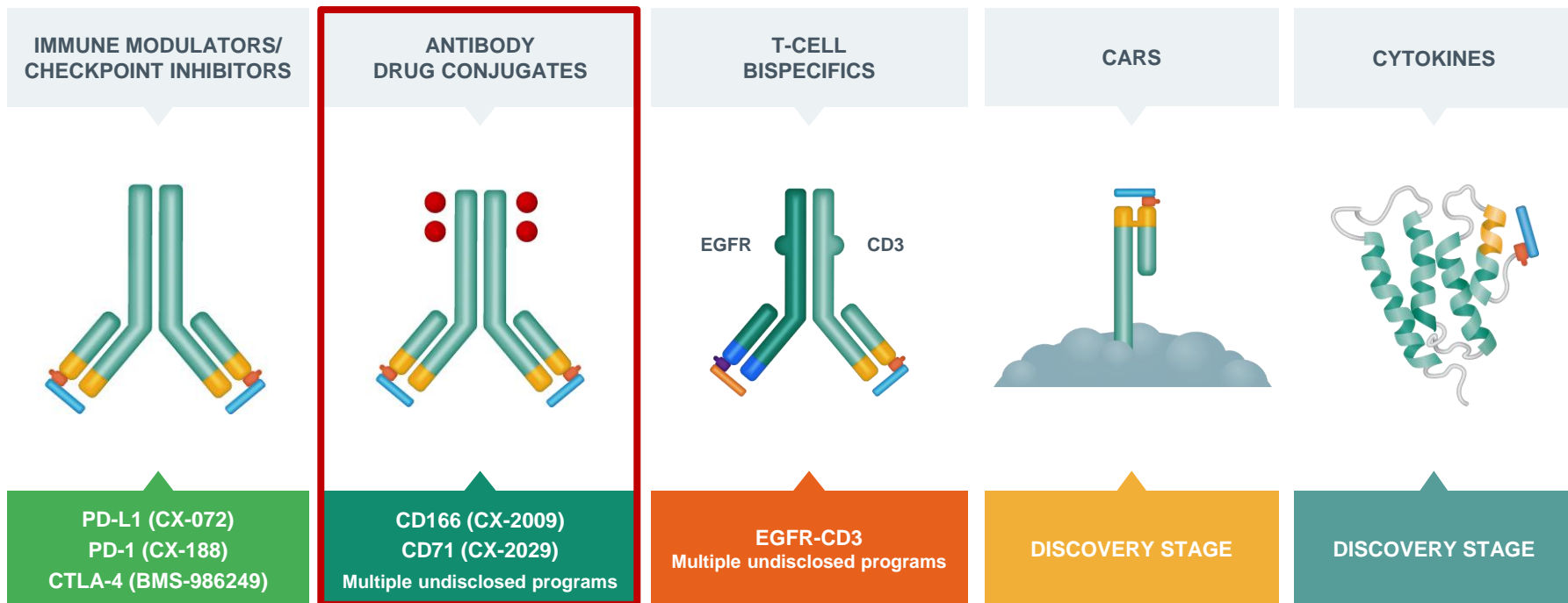


Normal Colon

## IMAGING OF ACTIVE PROTEASE<sup>3</sup>

1. Sevenich, et. al. Gene & Dev., 2014; 2. Deu, et.al., Nature Struct Mol Biol 2012; 3. Matriptase: LeBeau, et al., PNAS 2013

# Probody Platform Is Applicable Across Multiple Modalities



# The Probody Platform Potentially Enables an Attractive Class of ADC Target

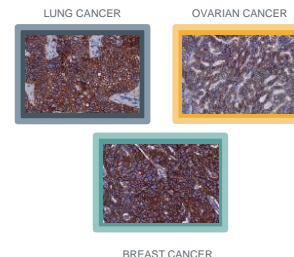
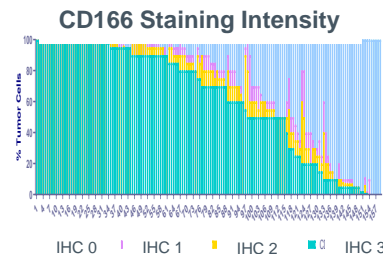
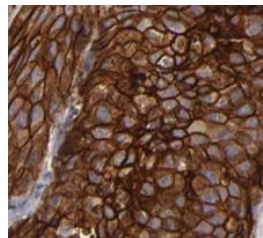
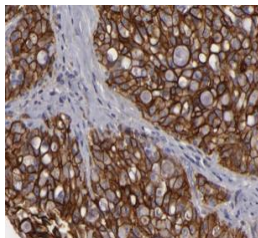
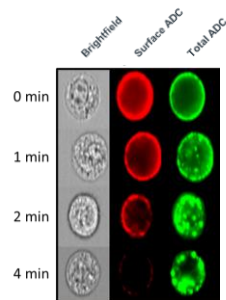
Efficiently  
Internalizing

High  
Membrane  
expression

Uniform  
Tumor  
Expression

Majority of Patients  
Express at High  
Level

Highly Expressed  
in Multiple  
Common Cancers



These targets are typically expressed highly in normal tissues = not suitable for traditional ADC

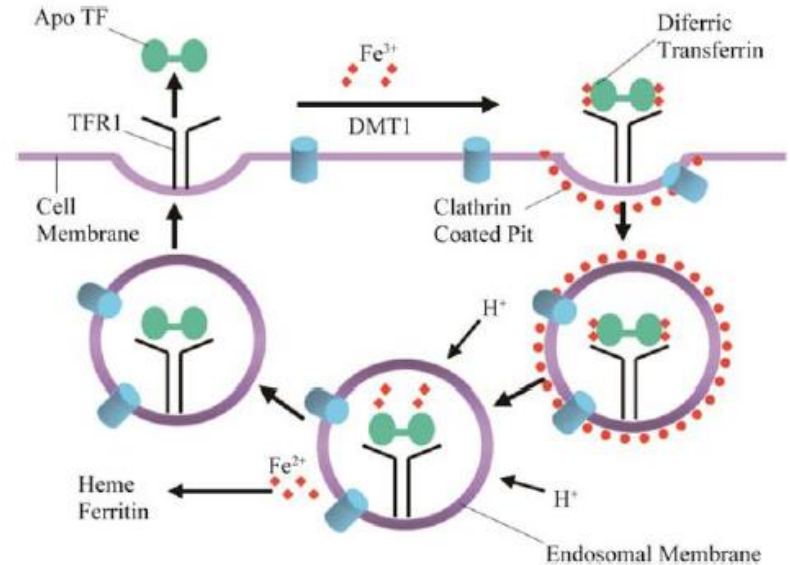
# CD71 (TfR1): An Undruggable ADC Target





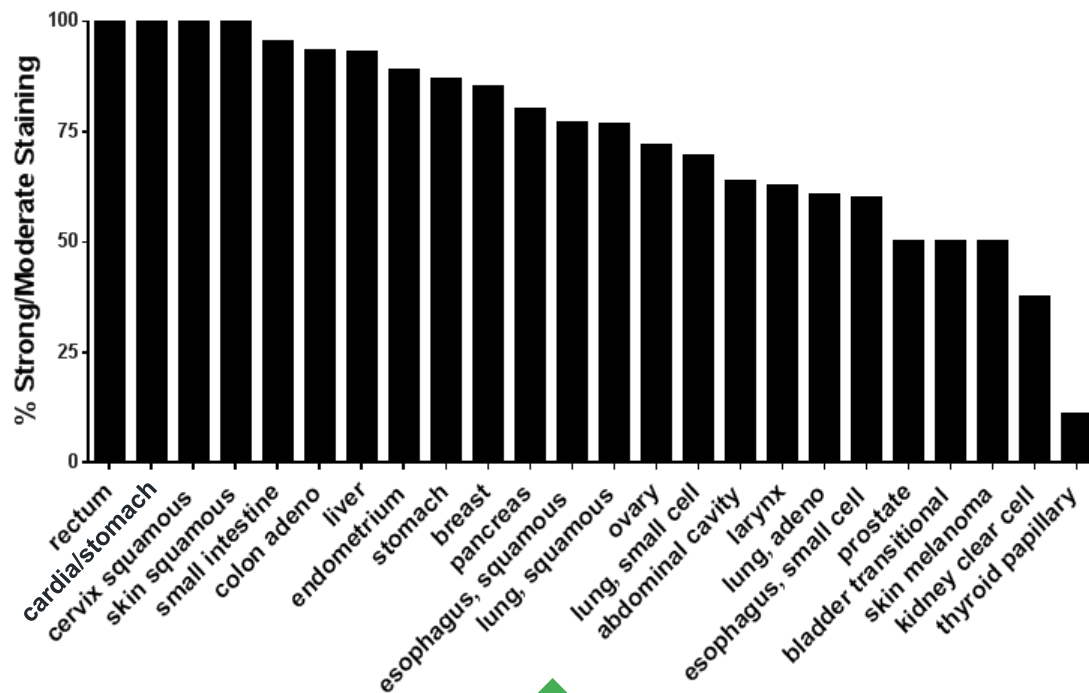
# CD71 (TfR1) Transferrin Receptor

- Transmembrane glycoprotein that efficiently internalizes iron-bound transferrin
- Highly expressed in malignant cells
- Also expressed in healthy tissues with high iron requirement, notably
  - Dividing cells
  - Erythrocyte precursors
- Considered 'undruggable' with traditional ADC technology
- CX-2029 is a masked form of a proprietary anti-CD71 antibody conjugated to MMAE
  - Collaboration with AbbVie



Elliott & Head, J Cancer Therapy, 3: 278-311 (2012)

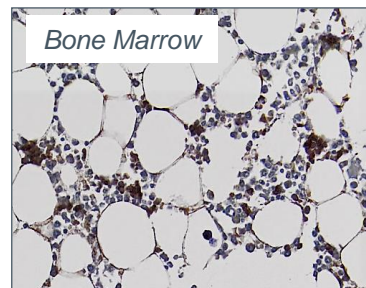
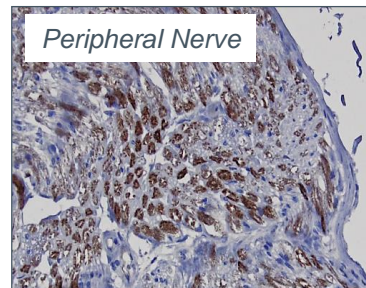
# CD71 Expression Is High and Prevalent in Multiple Cancer Types



Expression evaluated by IHC using commercial Ab and cancer TMAs

# CD71 Is Expressed in Many Normal Tissues

Tissue Type	Human
Bone	++
Breast	-
Brain	+
Colon	-
Esophagus	-
Heart	-
Kidney	-/+
Liver	-
Lung	++ (few cells)
Nerve	++
Ovary	+
Pancreas	-
Prostate	-
Skin	-/+
Small Intestine	-
Spleen	-
Stomach	+
Skeletal Muscle	-
Testis	+
Uterus	+ / ++



High CD71 expression in normal tissues suggests it is not a suitable ADC target



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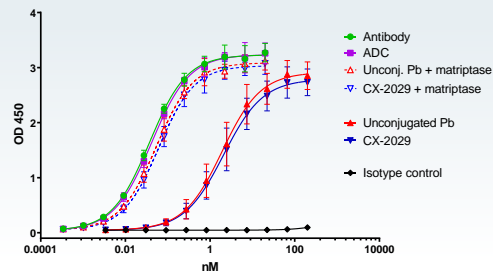
CX-2029:

**A Probody Drug Conjugate (PDC) Targeting CD71**

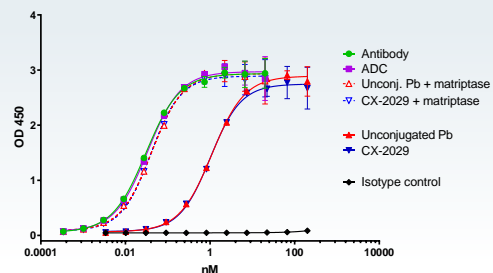


# CX-2029 Is Active in Cell line-Derived and Patient-Derived Tumor Models in Mice

## HUMAN CD71



## CYNOMOLGUS CD71

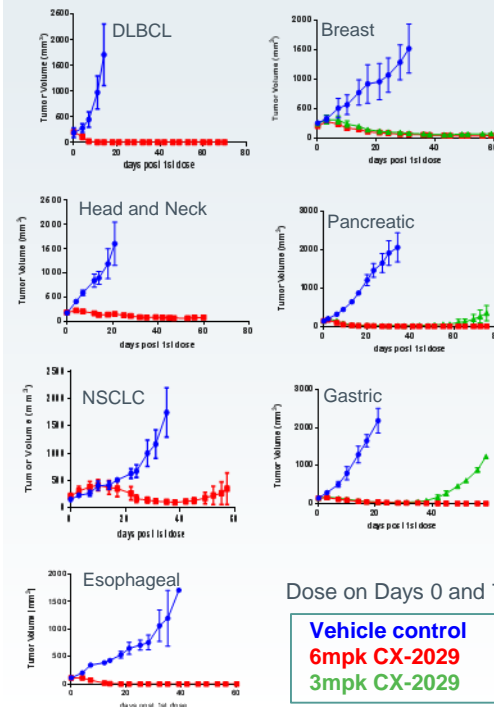


CDX - cell line derived xenograft  
PDX - patient derived xenograft

- Parental anti-CD71 antibody binds equivalently to human and monkey CD71 (ELISA)
- Probody therapeutic shows reduced binding to CD71
- Protease activation of PDC restores binding activity
- Broad, potent activity in mouse tumor models

Model Type	Regressions or Stasis
Cell line- derived (unselected)	15/21 (71%)
Patient-derived (high expressing)	30/36 (83%)

## EFFICACY IN PDX MODELS



Dose on Days 0 and 7

Vehicle control  
6mpk CX-2029  
3mpk CX-2029

# CX-2029 Was Tolerated at 10x Higher Dose Than CD71 ADC


## *Cynomolgus monkeys, DAR2*

Test Article	Dose (mg/kg)	Outcome	Hemoglobin*	Neutrophil count*
Vehicle	NA	--	13.1	4,693
CX-2029 (PDC)	6	Tolerated	10.1	347
CX-2029 (PDC)	12	Not tolerated	9.0	87
CX-2030 (ADC)	6	Not tolerated	6.6 (d10)	20 (d10)
CX-2030 (ADC)	2	Not tolerated	9.3 (d7)	70 (d7)
CX-2030 (ADC)	0.6	Tolerated	12.2	280

\*Average HGB (g/dL), d15 or as indicated; average neutrophil count (per ul) on Day 11 or as indicated

- Toxicity is hematologic: anemia and neutropenia
  - Consistent with either on-target (CD71-mediated) and/or off-target toxicity of MMAE
- Mortality at non-tolerated dose levels was attributed to bacterial infection


# CX-2029 Summary and Conclusions



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Preclinical results are consistent with CX-2029 behaving as designed for PDC

# Development and Validation of an IHC Assay for CD71



# Diagnostics Strategy for ADCs

## The Efficacy of ADCs requires:

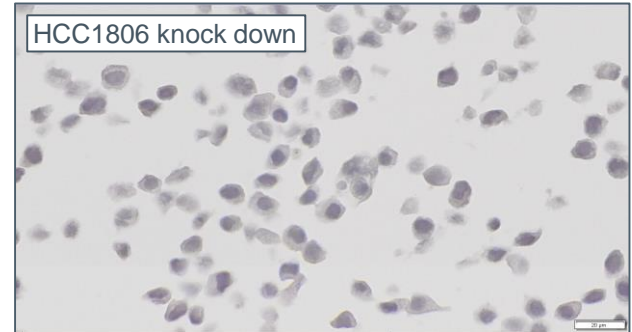
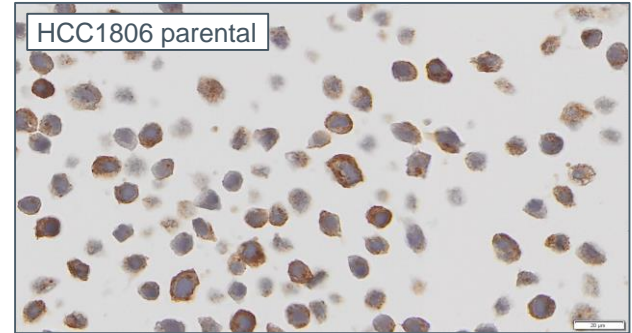
- Sensitivity to payload:
  - Indication specific
  - Prior evidence of sensitivity/resistance to toxin class (e.g. acquired taxane-resistance)
- Target expression:
  - Selection of patients based on homogeneity and intensity of target expression above a predetermined threshold
  - Fresh tissue preferred, archival accepted provided expression is maintained over time and regardless of intervening treatments

**Development of a Clinical  
Trial Test CTA**

# Generation of a specific Anti-CD71 IHC Antibody

Mouse monoclonal antibodies generated using standard hybridoma technology

- Immunization with peptide unique to CD71
- Primary screening by ELISA
- Secondary screening by IHC
- Selection based on:
  - Cell line IHC staining specificity
  - Human tissues IHC staining specificity
  - Western blot
  - IHC staining on CD71 knock-down cells
  - IHC performance on accepted platforms



# CD71 IHC Assay Was Validated in 7 Tumor Types

Tumor Type	Tissue	Number Blocks
Breast Cancer	Breast Tumor	20
	Normal Breast	10
Esophageal Cancer	Esophageal carcinoma	20
	Normal esophagus	10
Pancreatic Cancer	Pancreatic carcinoma	20
	Normal pancreas	10
Non Small Cell Lung Cancer	NSCLC	20
	Normal Lung	10
Non- Hodgkin Lymphoma	Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma	20
	Normal lymph node	10
Gastric Cancer	Gastric tumor	20
	Normal stomach	10
Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma	Head and Neck tumor	20
	Normal larynx, pharynx, etc	10

## Validation done at Molecular MD

### Specificity:

- No/low background in cell pellets/ tissues negative for CD71

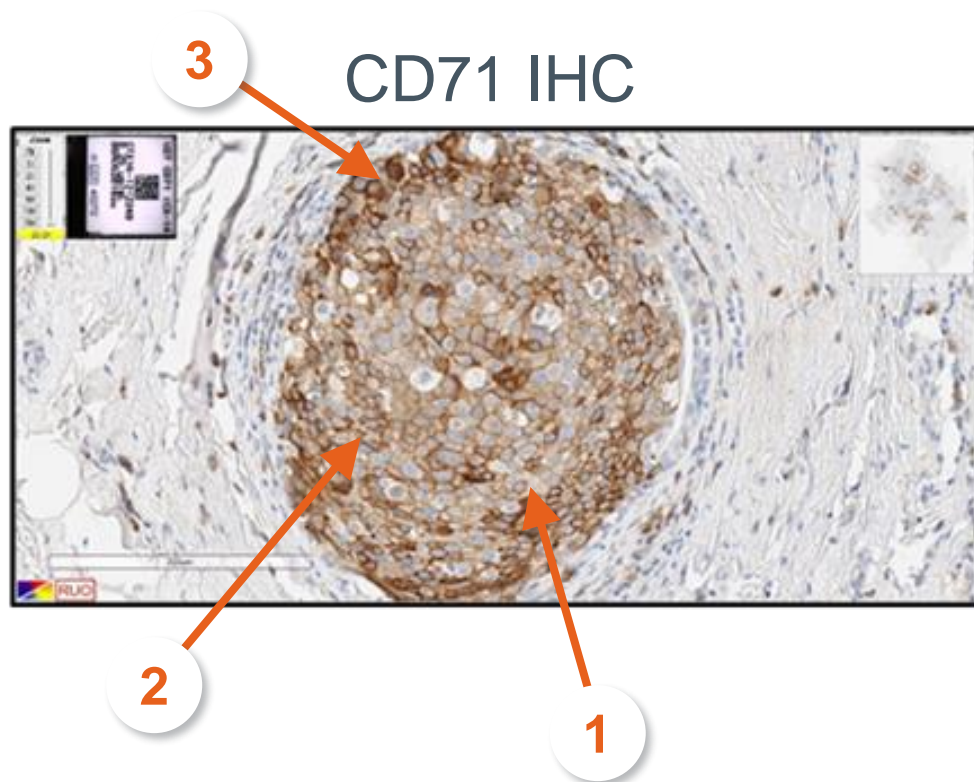
### Sensitivity

- Able to detect CD71 in tissues known to be weakly positive
- Adequate dynamic range to distinguish cells with low, medium and high CD71 levels in tissues

### Precision

- Comparable intensity and percentage of positive cells in five specimens from each indication:
  - On the same day (intra-assay)
  - On non consecutive days (inter-assay)
  - By two separate lots of reagent

# Development of a Scoring Method Based on Staining Intensity and Tumor Cell Content



Intensity Score	Percentage of Cells
Strong (3+)	5
Moderate (2+)	90
Weak (1+)	5
Negative (0)	0

Example of staining of Breast Cancer on Ventana platform

# CD71 IHC Assay

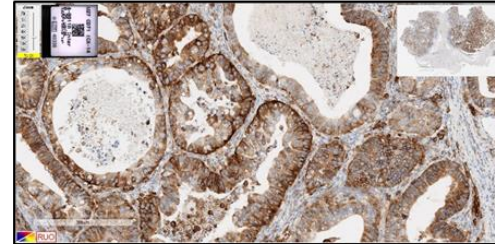
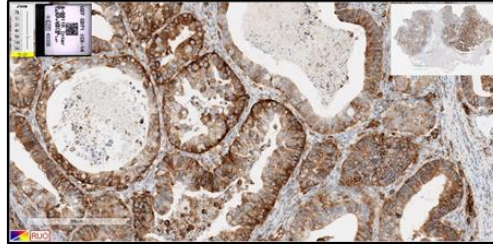
- CAP/CLIA validation completed at Molecular MD
- Membrane-associated and total staining scored separately
- Staining in non-tumor cells (normal epithelium, immune, etc.) is excluded from analysis
- Scoring is attributed following pathologist's visual assessment of the staining intensity on tumor cells:
  - 0 = no staining
  - 1 = weak staining
  - 2 = moderate staining
  - 3 = strong staining
- A minimum of 100 tumor cells is required for the assessment to be valid

# CD71 IHC Demonstrates a Robust Inter-Assay Precision

**Operator 1**

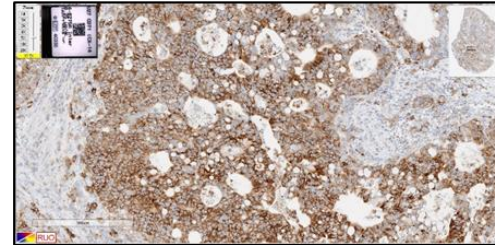
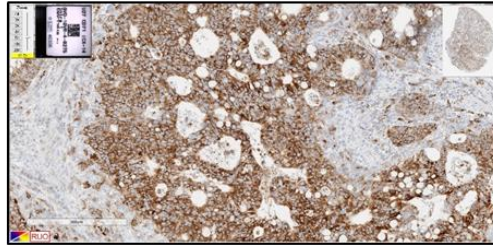
**Operator 2**

Esophageal cancer  
Sample 1



Example of staining of  
esophageal cancer on  
Ventana platform

Esophageal cancer  
Sample 2



Assay precision  
evaluated on 5 samples  
for all indications with  
similar results

		% cells 3+	% cells 2+	% cells 1+	% cells 0
Sample 1	Operator 1	80	10	10	0
	Operator 2	70	20	10	0
Sample 2	Operator 1	80	10	10	0
	Operator 2	80	10	10	0

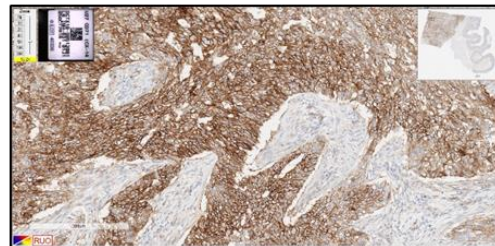
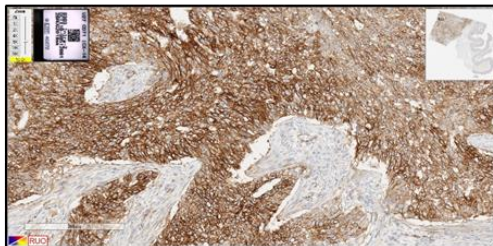


# CD71 IHC Demonstrates Robust Lot-to-Lot Assay Precision

**Lot 02272018**

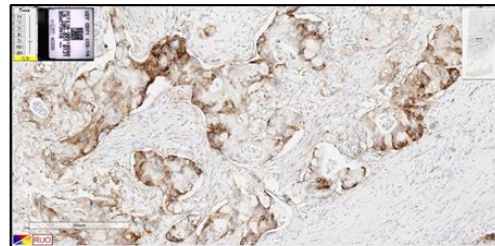
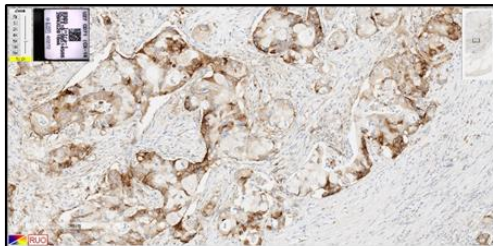
**Lot INH-01J1**

Pancreatic cancer  
Sample 1



Example of staining of  
pancreatic cancer on  
Ventana platform

Pancreatic cancer  
Sample 2

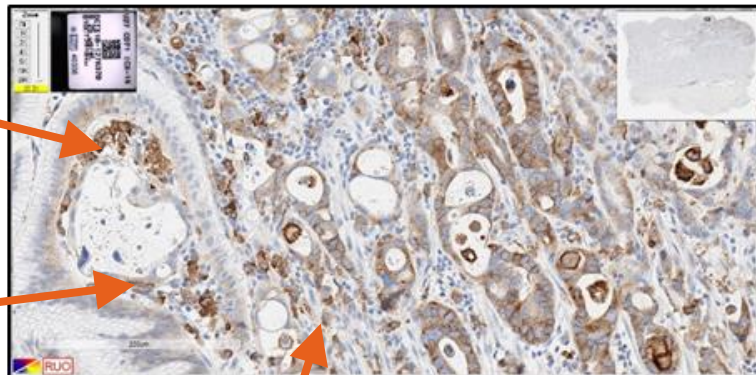


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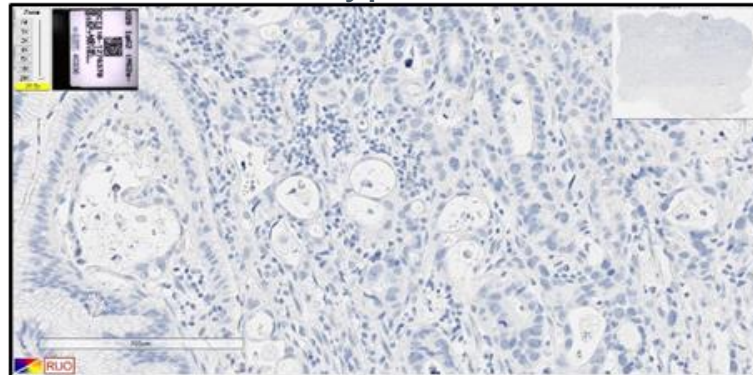
		% cells 3+	% cells 2+	% cells 1+	% cells 0
Sample 1	Lot 02272018	70	30	0	0
	Lot INH-01J1	70	30	0	0
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	Lot INH-01J1	80	20	0	0

# Example of CD71 Heterogenous Staining

CD71 IHC



Isotype Control



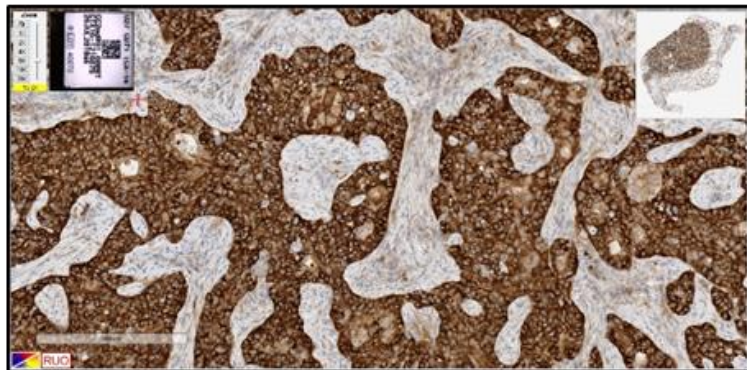
Intensity Score	Percentage of Cells
Strong (3+)	50
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Negative (0)	35

Example of staining in gastric cancer sample

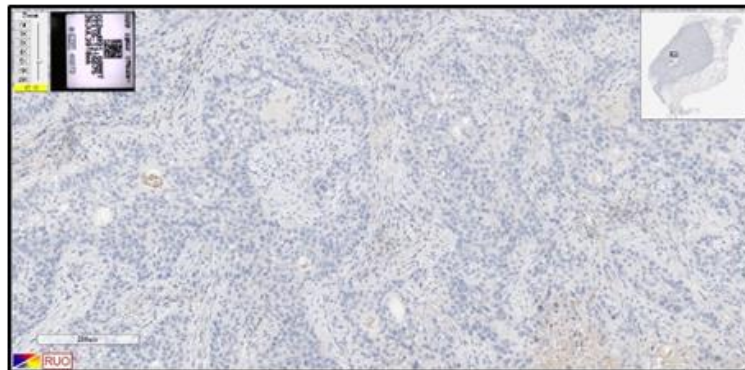


# Example of CD71 Homogenous Staining

CD71 IHC



Isotype Control



Intensity Score	Percentage of Cells
Strong (3+)	100
Moderate (2+)	0
Weak (1+)	0
Negative (0)	0

Example of staining in squamous cell carcinoma of the lung sample


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A robust IHC assay for the detection of CD71 expression in archival tumor tissue was developed and validated for 7 tumor types (Breast, Esophageal, Pancreas, NSCLC, NHL, Gastric, HNSCC)



CX-2029 FIH trial was initiated in June 2018 (NCT03543813)

- Dose escalation is on-going
- CD71 expression in patient tumor is being assessed