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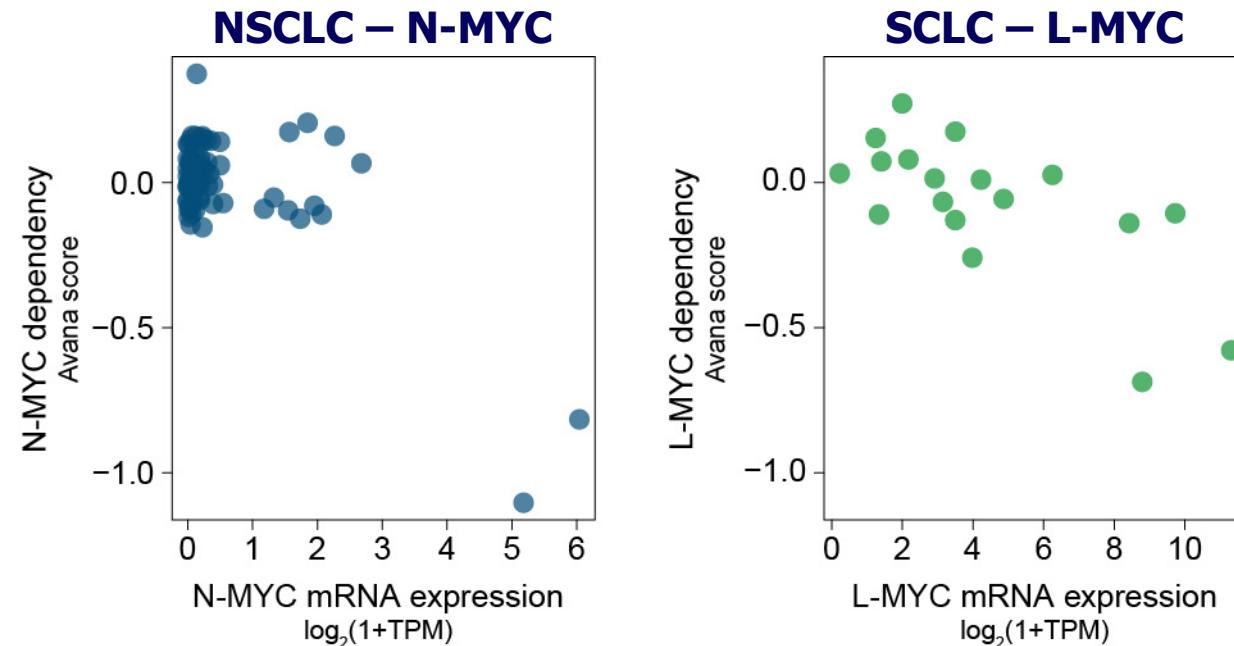
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MYC Transcription Factors are Undruggable Oncogenes

MYC family members are amongst the most dysregulated oncogenes in human cancer

- MYC family: c-MYC, N-MYC, and L-MYC
- MYC dysregulation is frequently associated with poor prognosis and unfavorable patient survival
- MYC up-regulation dysregulates key cellular processes (e.g. ribosome biogenesis and protein synthesis)
- MYC dependency is observed in many cancer types

Cells expressing high MYC are sensitive to MYC CRISPR KO

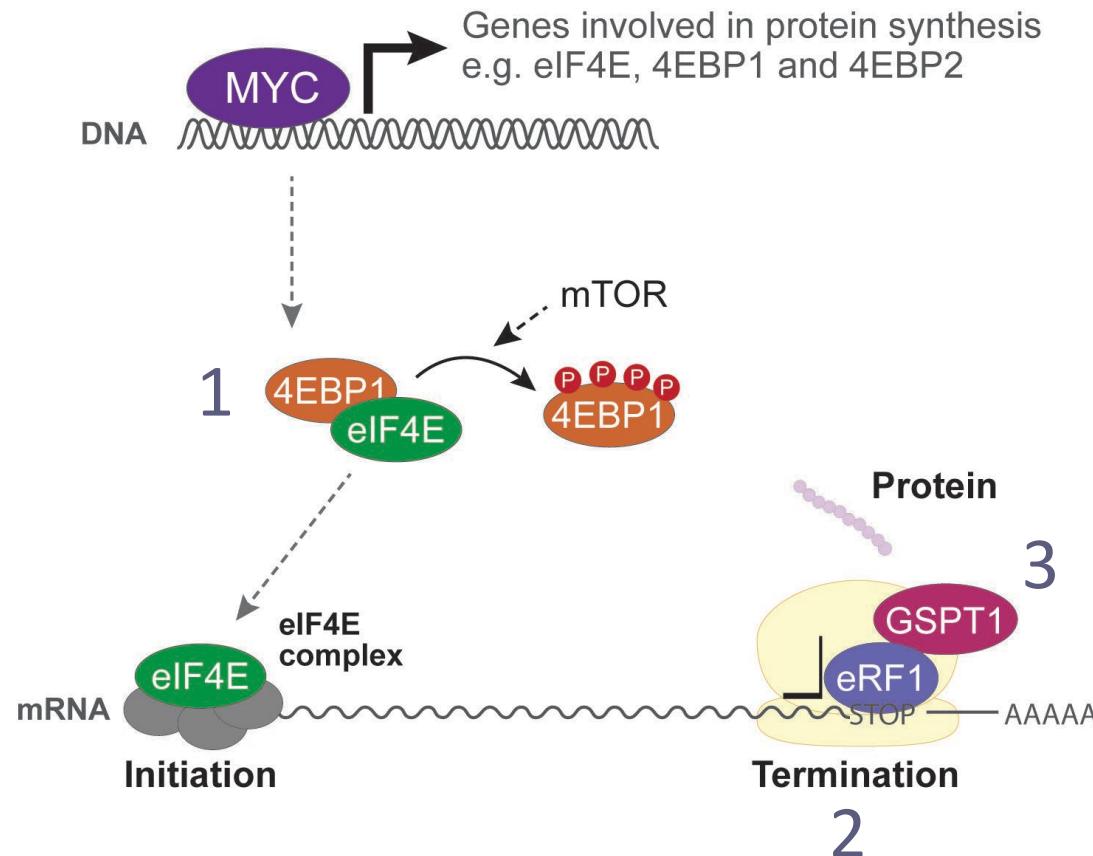


DepMap data, each dot represents a cell line

Targeting enhanced translation induced by MYC represents an attractive alternative



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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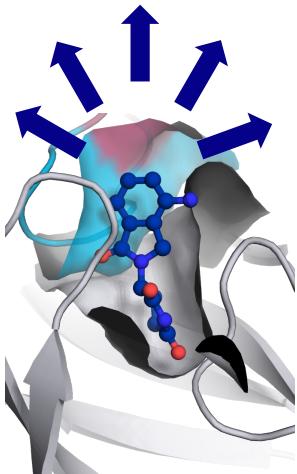
Therapeutic vulnerability

GSPT1 is a therapeutic vulnerability of MYC-driven tumors which can be targeted using MGD

QuEEN™ Discovery Engine Facilitates the Discovery of MRT-2359

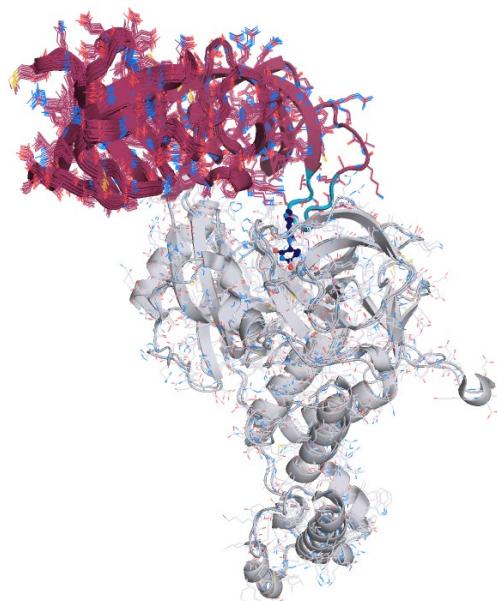
Proprietary MGD library

Diverse library, rationally designed, using structural insights to engage a variety of degrons

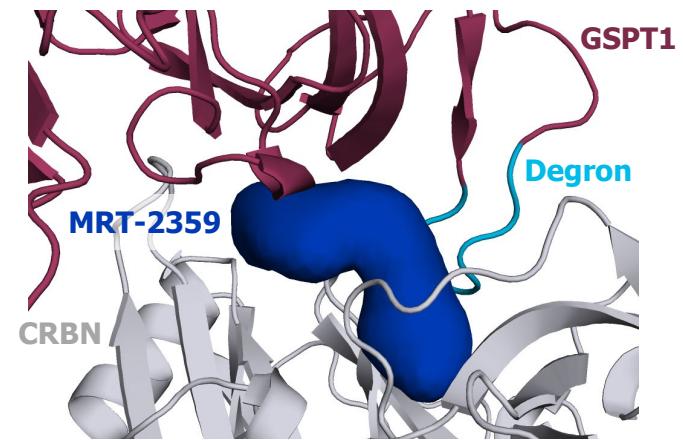


Rhapsody™

In silico ternary complex modelling using proprietary AI-powered algorithms



MRT-2359 is a potent GSPT1 degrader

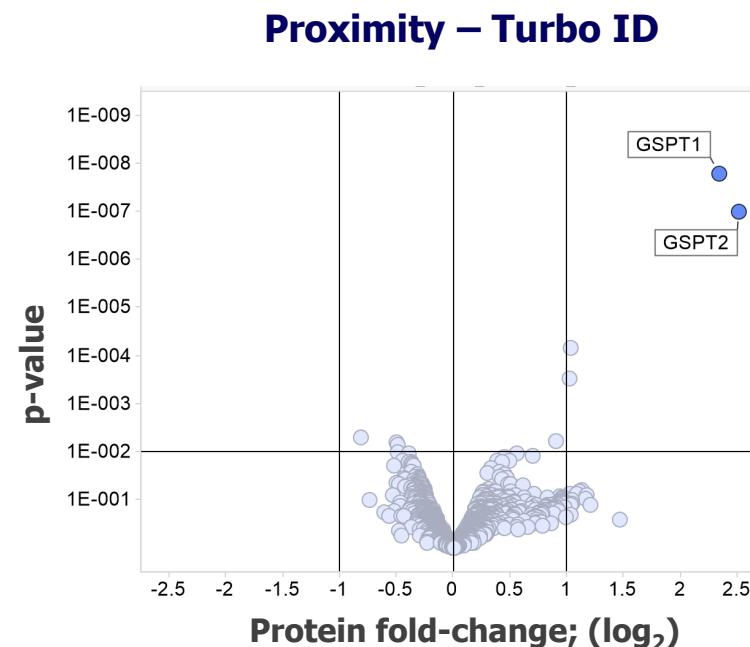
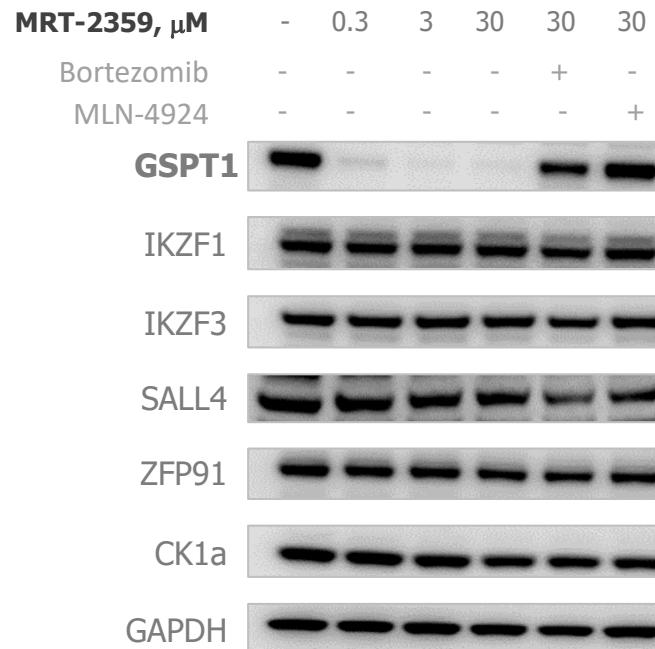


in vitro data

CRBN binding, K_i	113 nM
Ternary complex, EC_{50}	< 7 nM
Degradation, DC_{50}	80 nM

MRT-2359 is a GSPT1-directed MGD with Favorable Drug-like Properties

MRT-2359 is a selective GSPT1-directed MGD



MRT-2359 is orally bioavailable and has favorable ADMET profile

ADMET profile

CYP DDIs	> 30 μM
hERG inhibition patch clamp	$\text{EC}_{50} > 30 \mu\text{M}$
Oral bioavailability all species	~50%

- MRT-2359 is neither an inhibitor, nor an inducer of major CYPs
- MRT-2359 doesn't inhibit hERG
- MRT-2359 is orally bioavailable

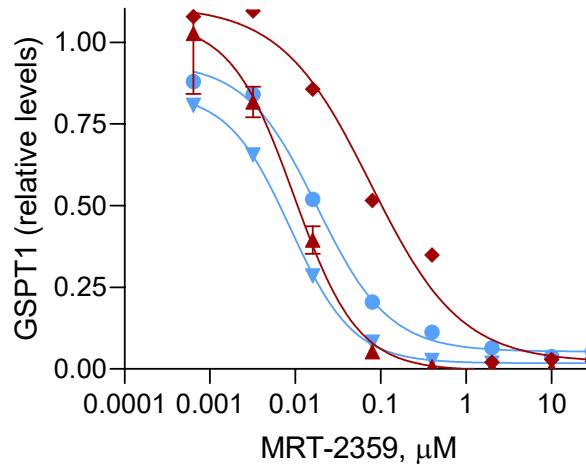
6hr post treatment in MM1S and Kelly (SALL4)

1hr post treatment

Preferential activity of MRT-2359 in MYC-Driven NSCLC Lines

MRT-2359 induces GSPT1 degradation in all cell models, but show preferential antiproliferative activity in N-MYC high cell lines

GSPT1 degradation



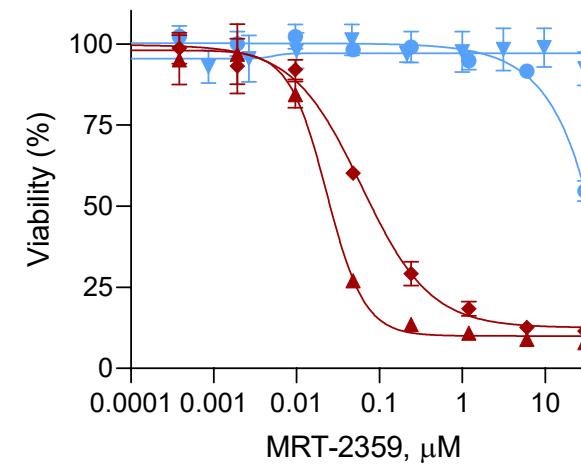
High N-MYC

- ▲ NCI-H1155
- ◆ ABC-1

Low N-MYC

- NCI-H2023
- ▼ NCI-H441

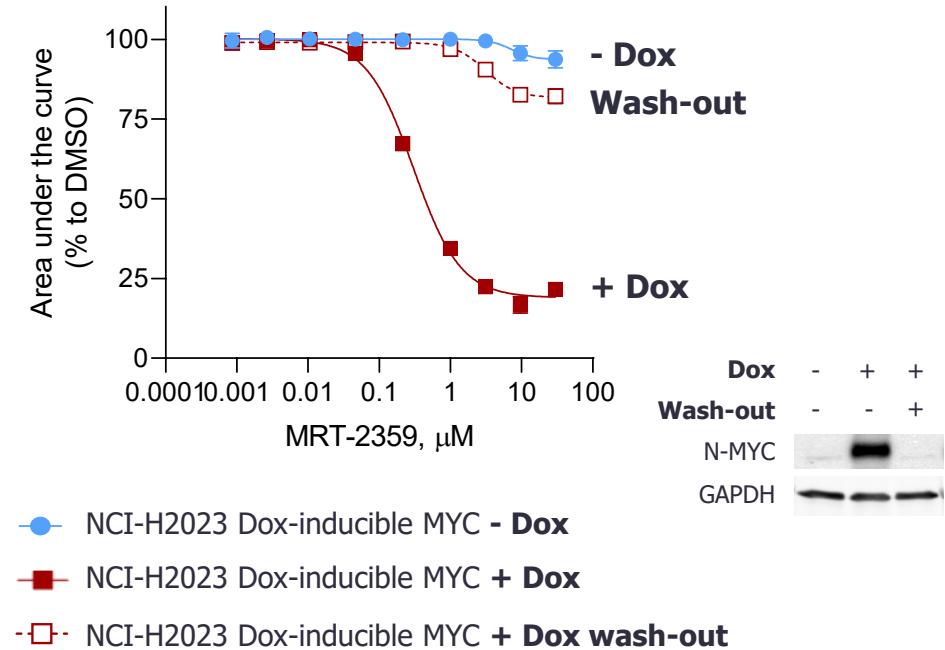
Viability



GSPT1 western blot at 6 hr (N-Myc high) and 24 hr (low). 72 hr viability assay (CTG)

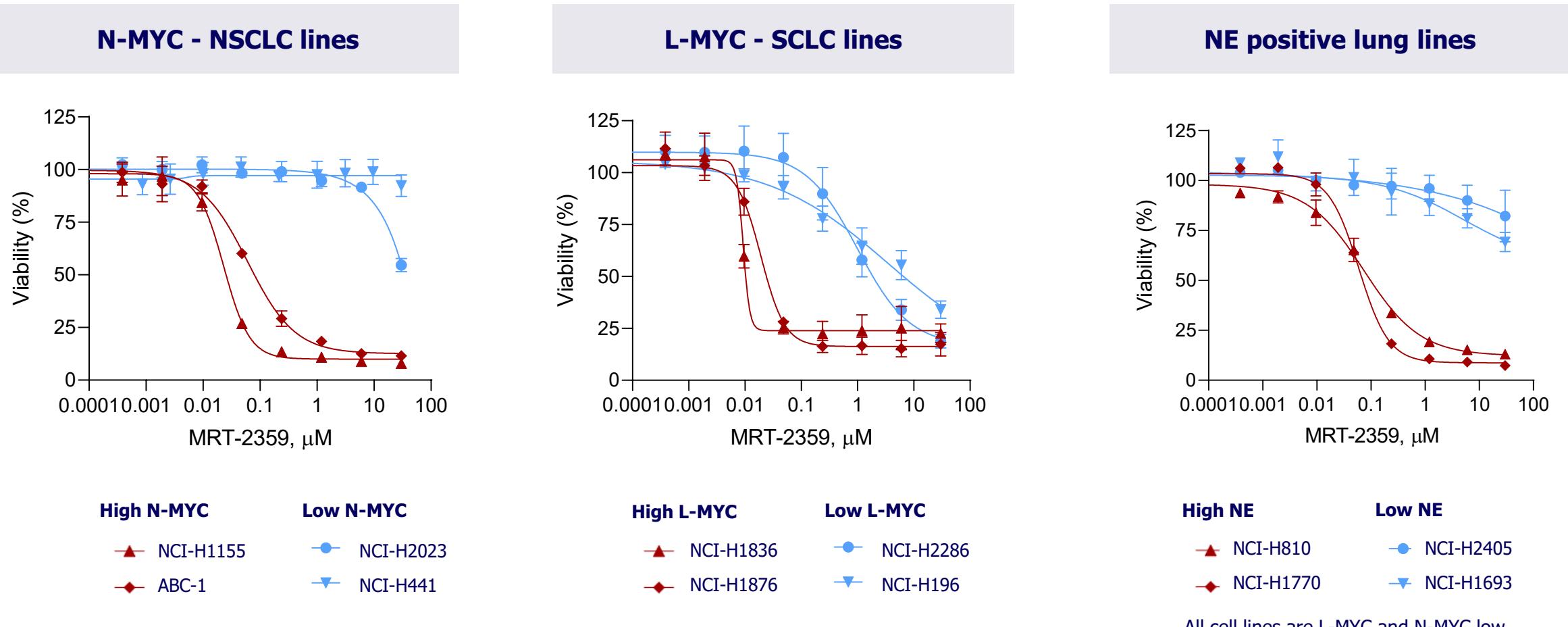
N-MYC overexpression sensitizes NCI-H2023 resistant cells to MRT-2359

Doxycycline-inducible N-MYC model



Incucyte, 96 hr post treatment

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

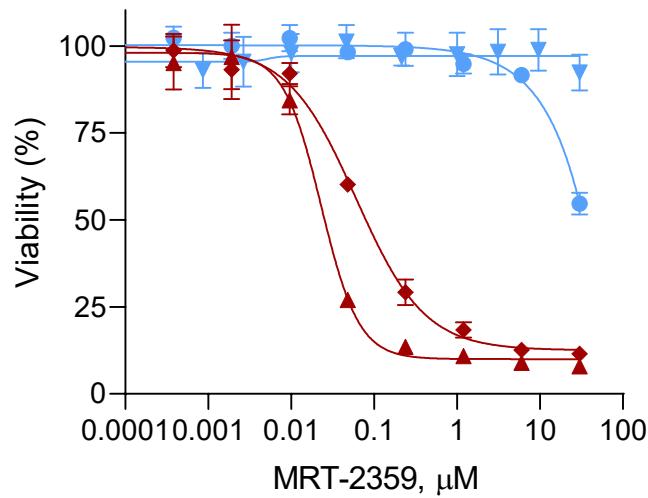


72 hr viability assay (CTG)

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

MRT-2359 Shows Preferential Activity Compared to "Rapid" GSPT1 Degraders

MRT-2359



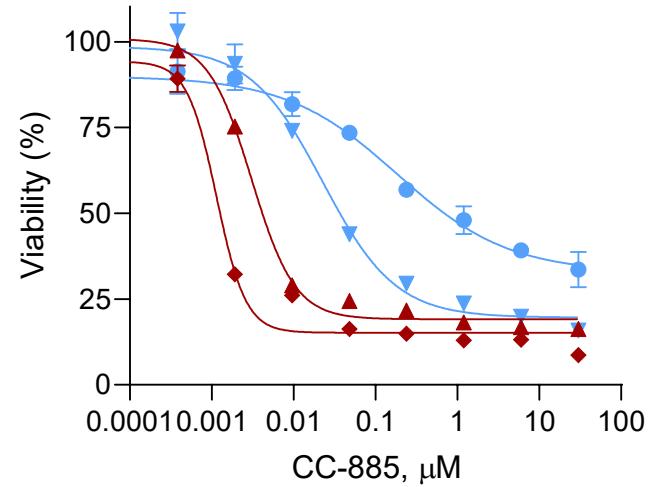
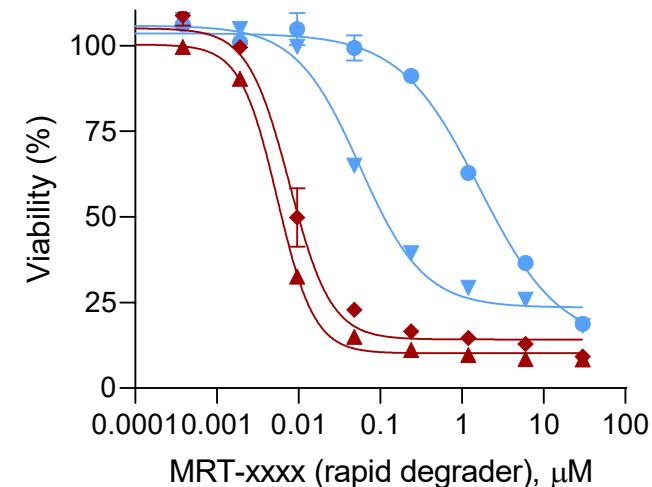
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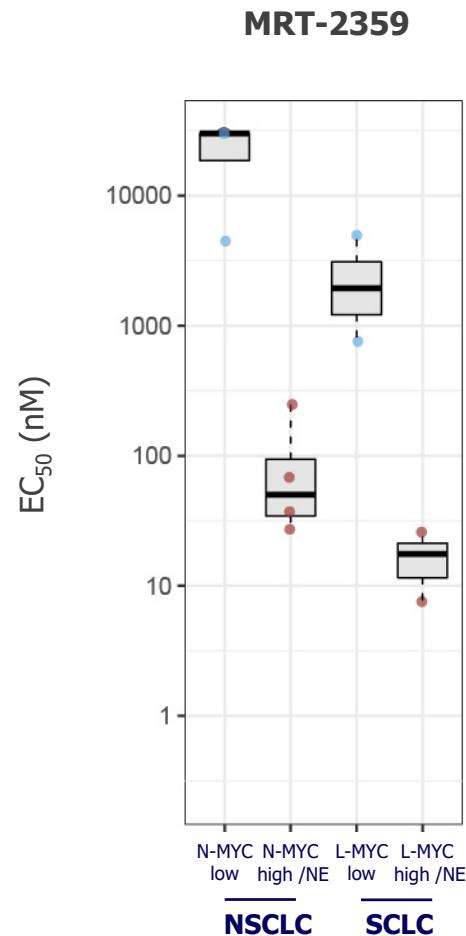
"Rapid" GSPT1 degraders lack preferential activity in N-MYC high cell lines



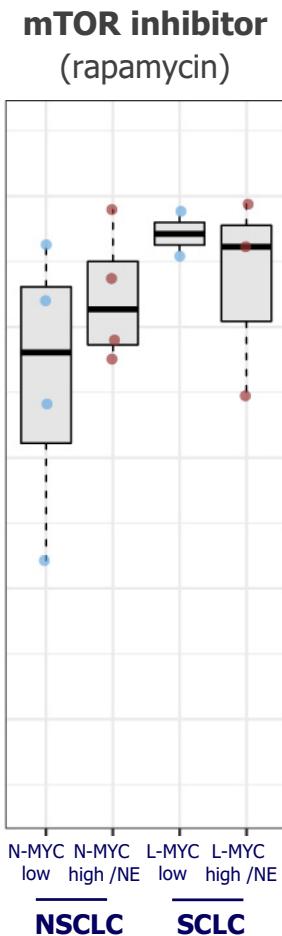
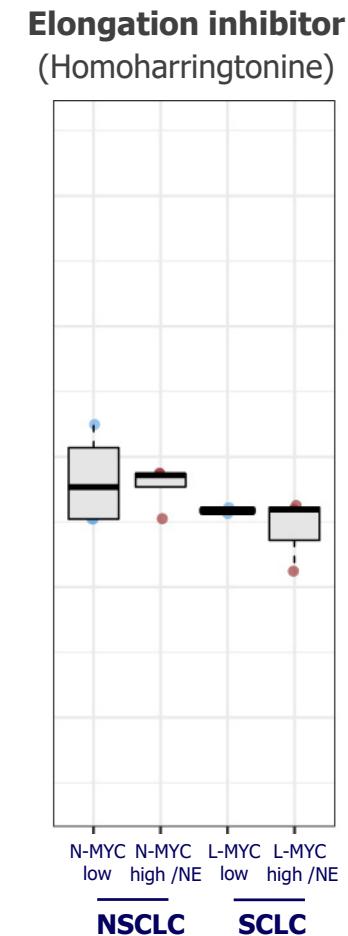
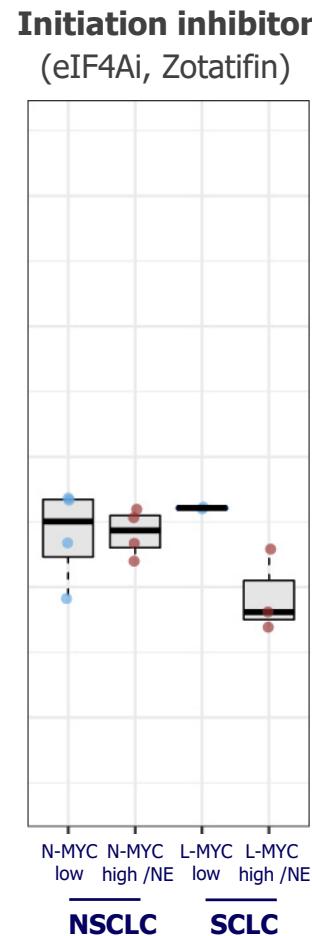
- Differential activity can be optimized and is a function of selectivity and degradation dynamics
- High selectivity and intermediate fast degradation (6h – vs 1-2h to maximum degradation) lead to greater differential activity

Translation Initiation/Elongation Inhibitors Do Not Show Preferential Activity in MYC High NSCLC and SCLC Cell Lines

MRT-2359 shows preferentially activity in MYC high lung lines



Translation initiation and elongation inhibitors lack differential activity



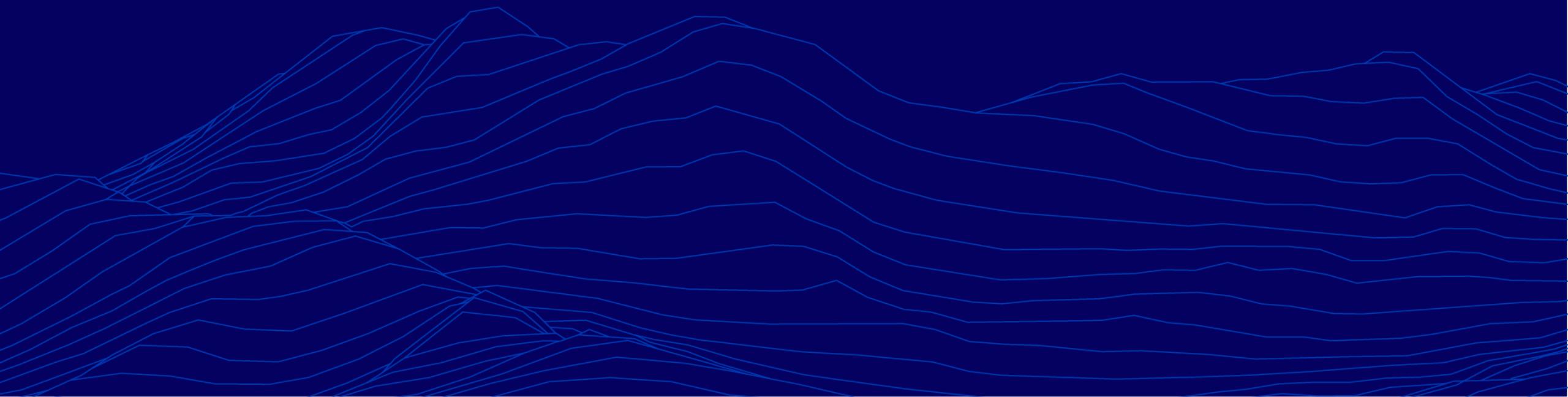
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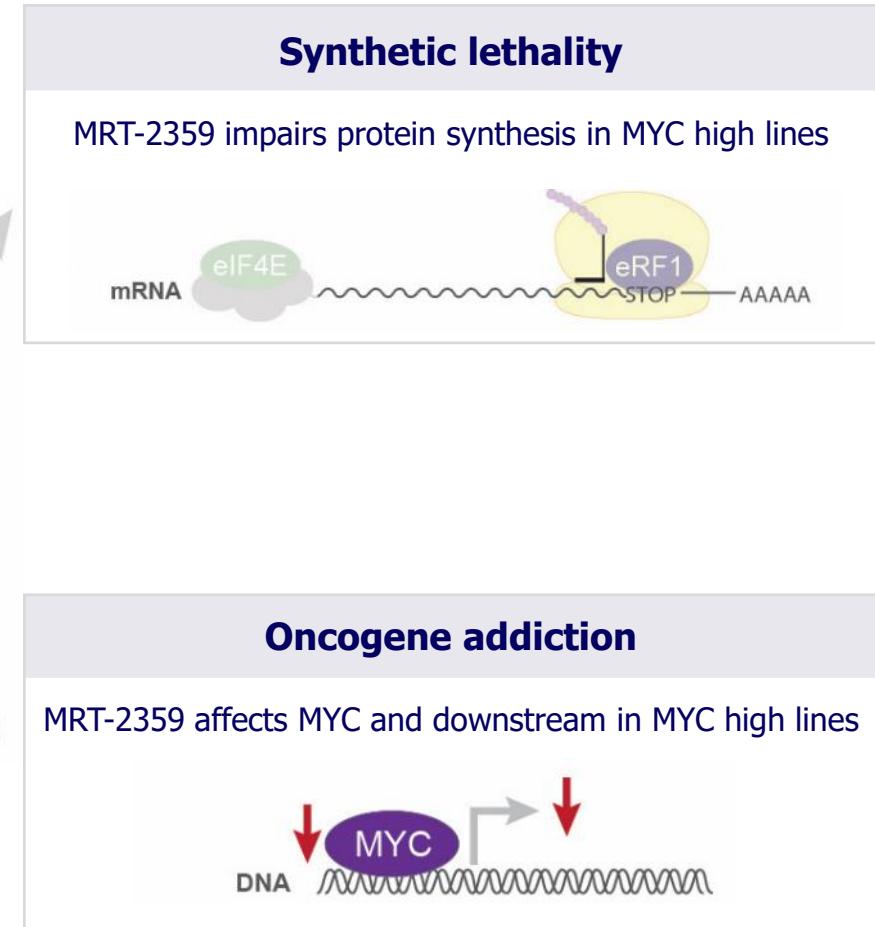
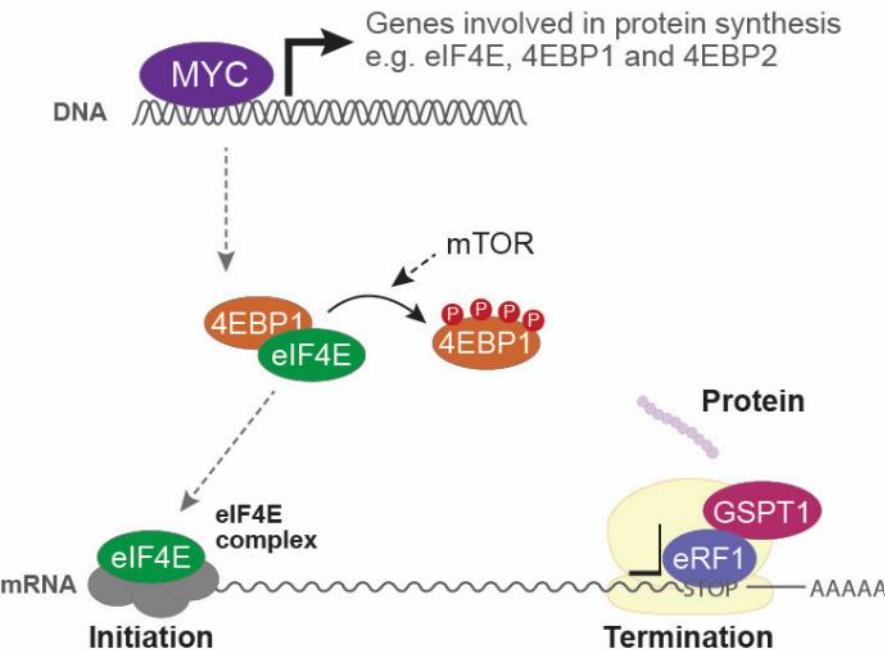


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MRT-2359 Mechanism of Action



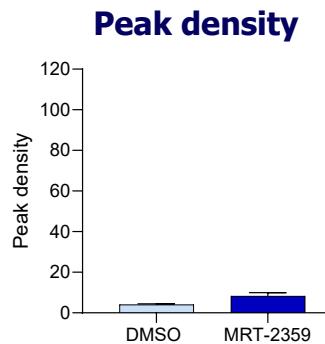
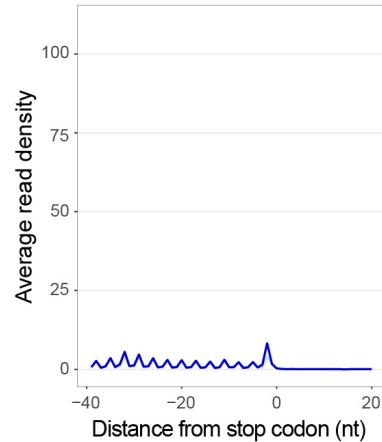
MRT-2359 Mechanism of Action in MYC-driven Tumors



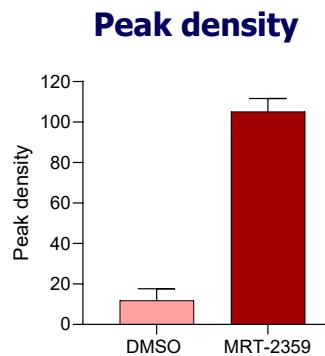
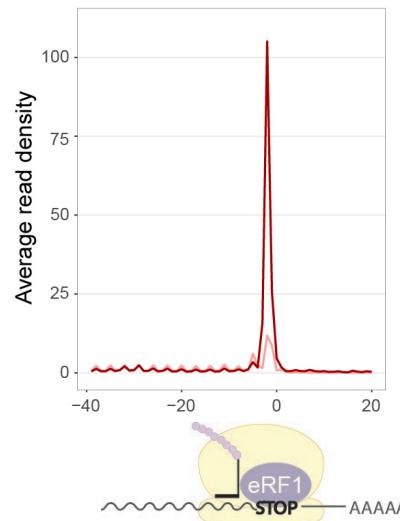
MRT-2359 Impairs Protein Synthesis in N-MYC High NSCLC Cell Lines

Low N-MYC
NCI-H2023

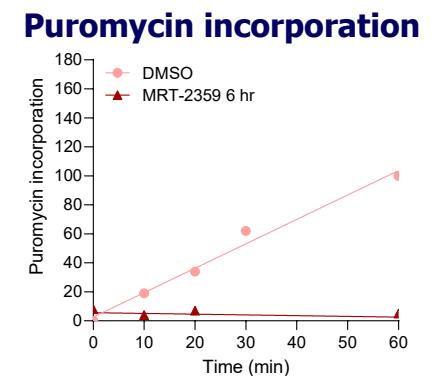
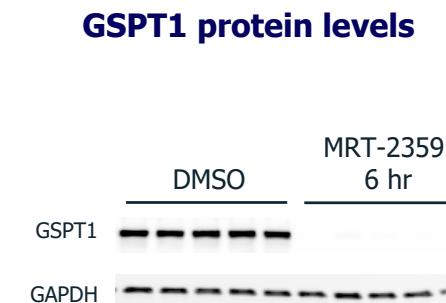
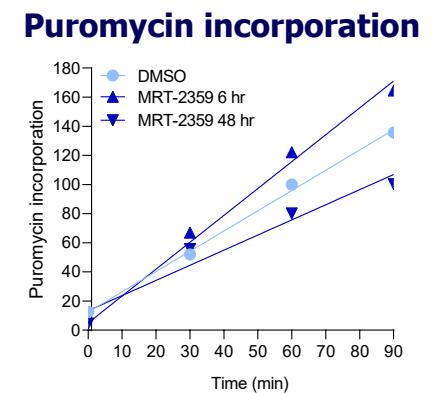
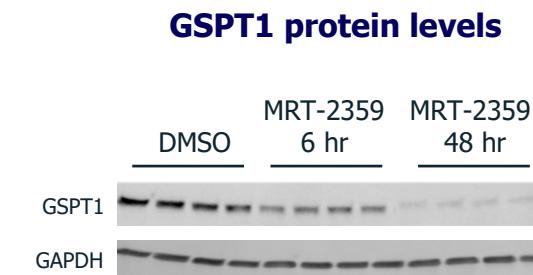
MRT-2359 induces ribosome stalling only in N-MYC high cell line



High N-MYC
NCI-H1155



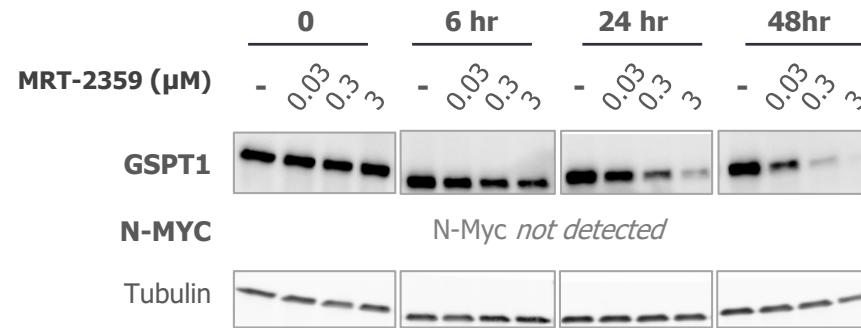
MRT-2359 rapidly and completely abrogates protein synthesis only in N-MYC high cell line



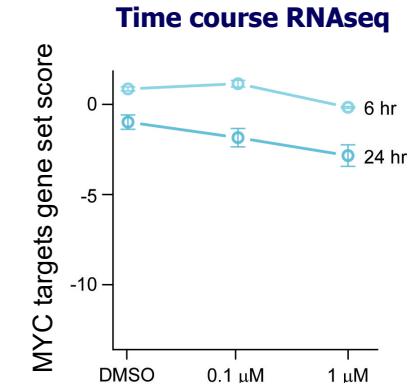
MRT-2359 Affects MYC and MYC Pathway in N-MYC High NSCLC Cell Lines

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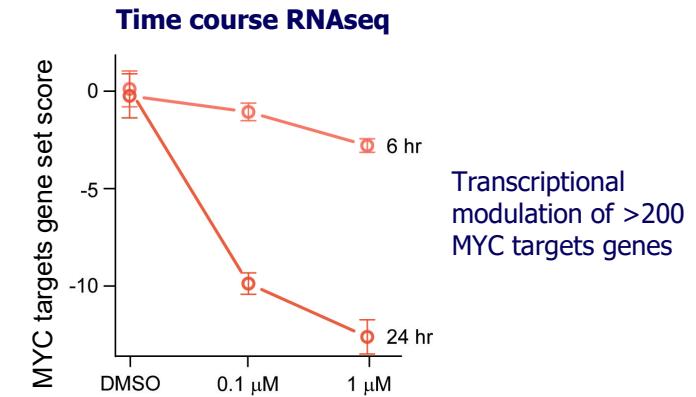
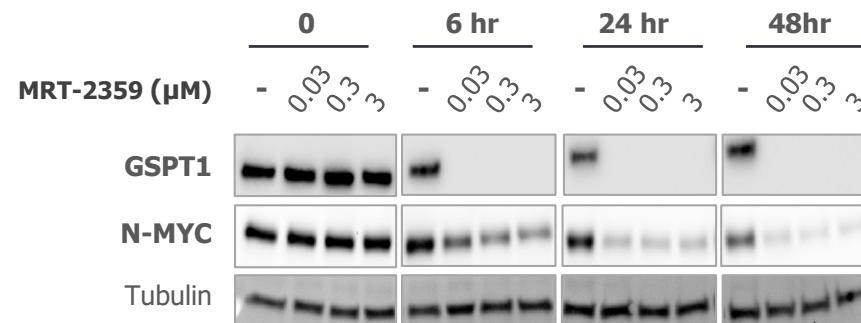
MRT-2359 induce GSPT1 degradation leading to N-MYC protein downregulation in NCI-H1155



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



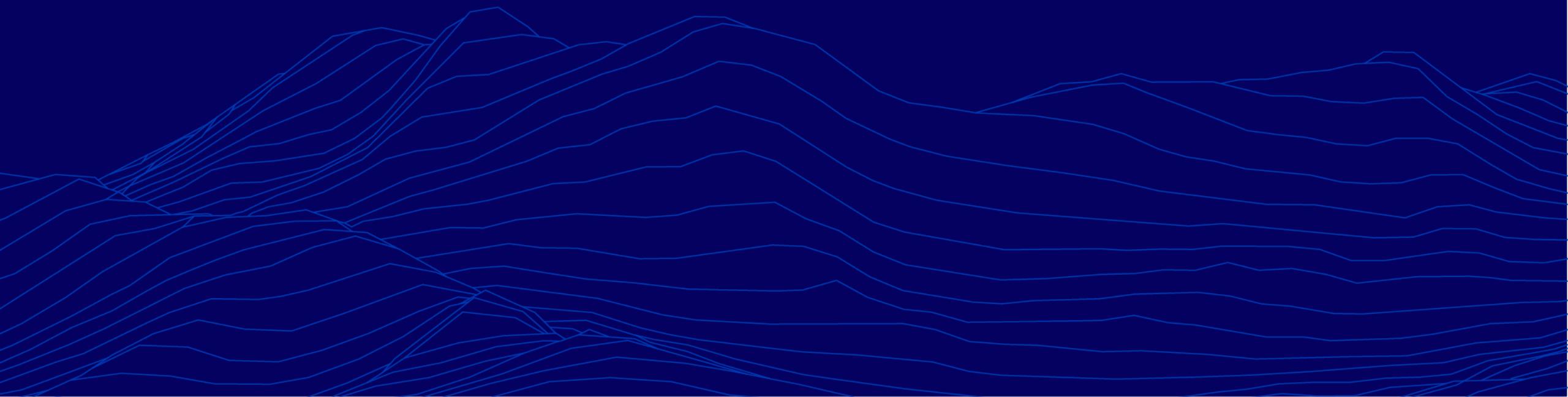
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MRT-2359 and Other Clinical Stage GSPT1 Degrader



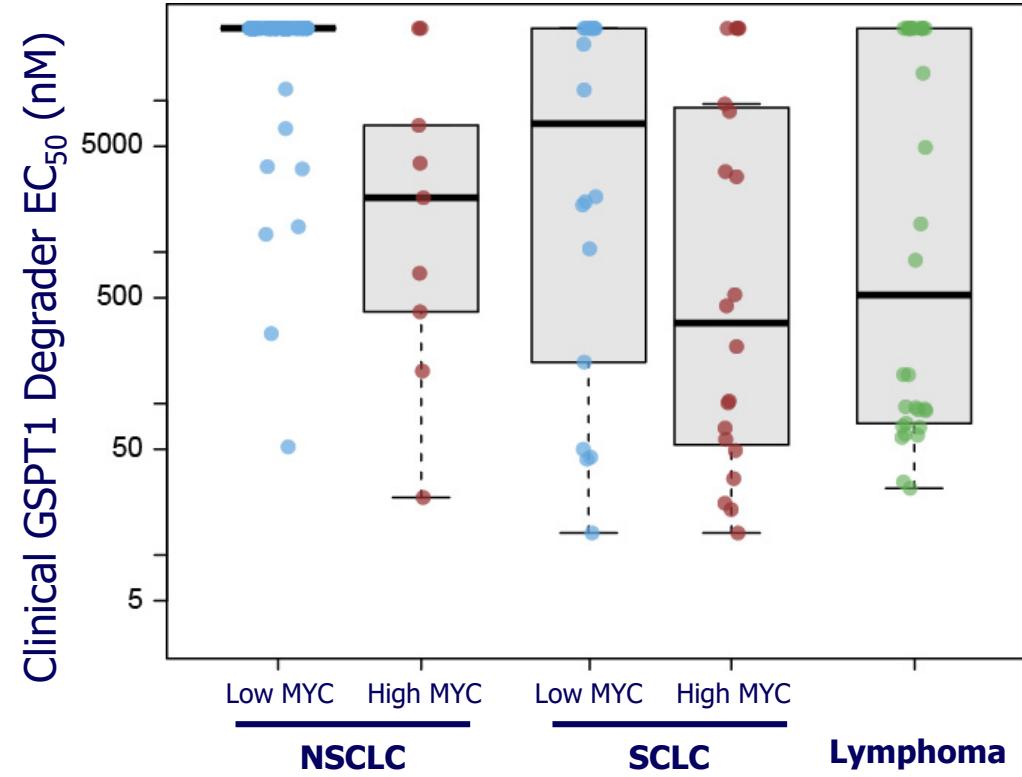
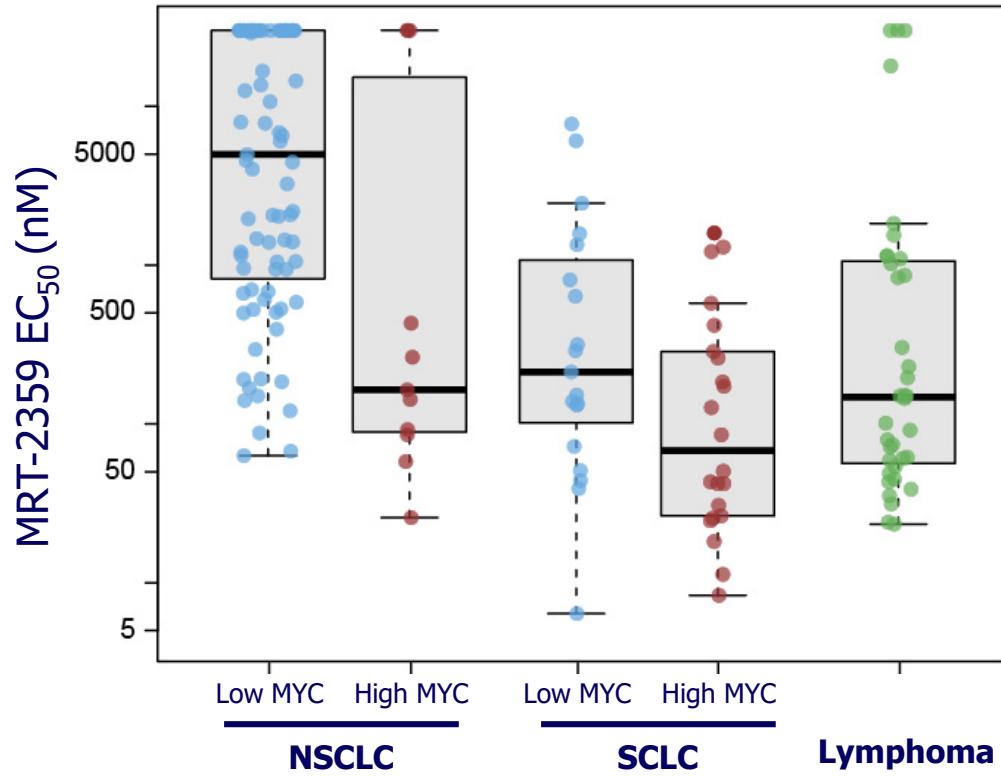
MRT-2359 Shows Superior Characteristics Compared to Clinical GSPT1 Degrader

	Assay	MRT-2359	Clinical GSPT1 Degrader
in vitro	Selectivity (TMT Px, WB)	GSPT1, GSPT2	GSPT1, GSPT2, SALL4, FIZ1, RNF166, ODC1
	CYP DDI (2B6, 1A2, 2D6, 3A4, 2C8, 2C9, 2C19)	> 30 uM	CYP2C19 @ 1.5 uM
	hERG (patch clamp)	> 30 uM	5.3 uM
	CEREP	a1A > 50% @ 10 uM	M1/M2 > 50% @ 10 uM
	Caco2 (Efflux Ratio)	9	>100
in vivo	Route of Administration	PO	IV
	Development status	Ph I	Phase I/Ib
Clinical	Stratification	Myc high	None reported

* Comparison based on internal profiling. Selectivity based on internal data as well as data from DFCI Proteomic data base
<https://proteomics.fischerlab.org>



Superior Activity of MRT-2359 in MYC-driven Cancer Cell Lines



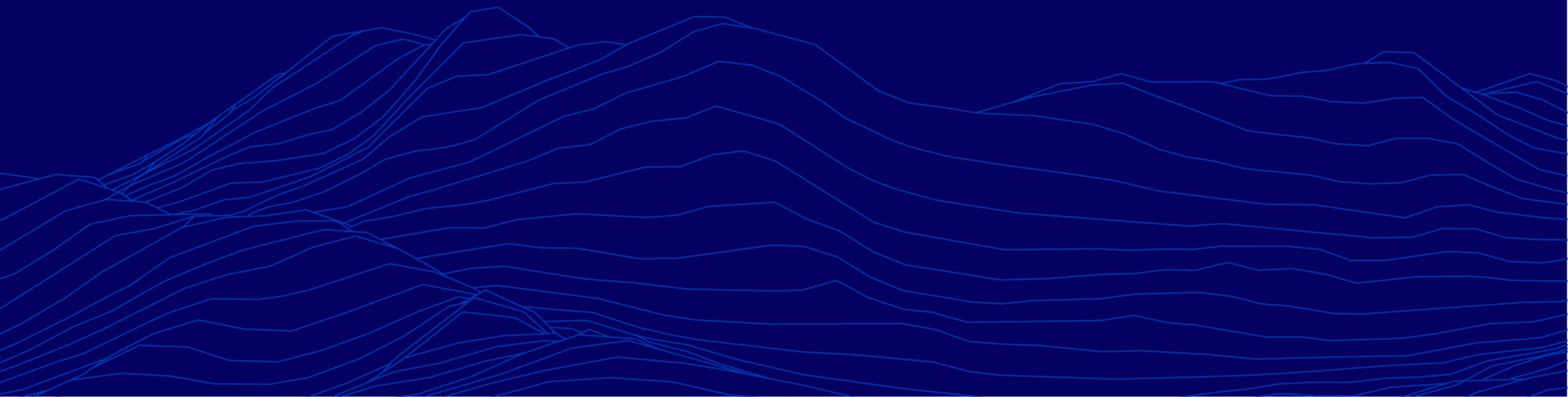
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Preclinical Anti-tumor Activity of MRT-2359 in MYC-driven Animal Models



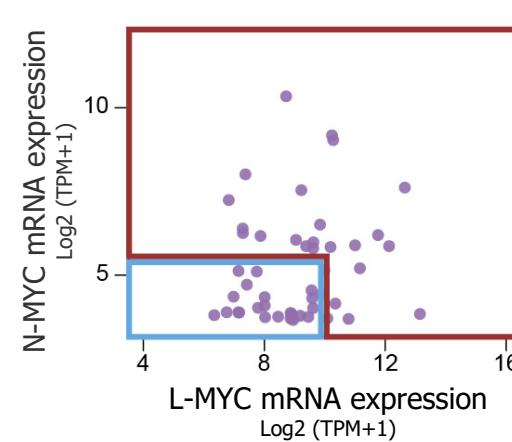
MRT-2359 Mouse-trial in NSCLC, SCLC and Lung NE Patient-derived Xenograft

Collection of PDX models



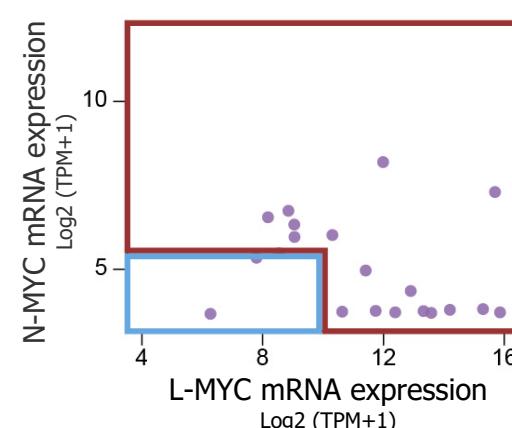
All models have been characterized by DNA and RNAseq

NSCLC



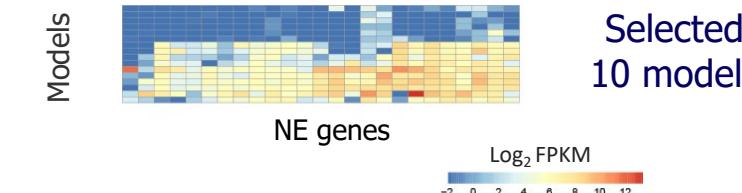
Selected
48 models

SCLC



Selected
20 models

Large cell NE carcinoma or NE lung cancer



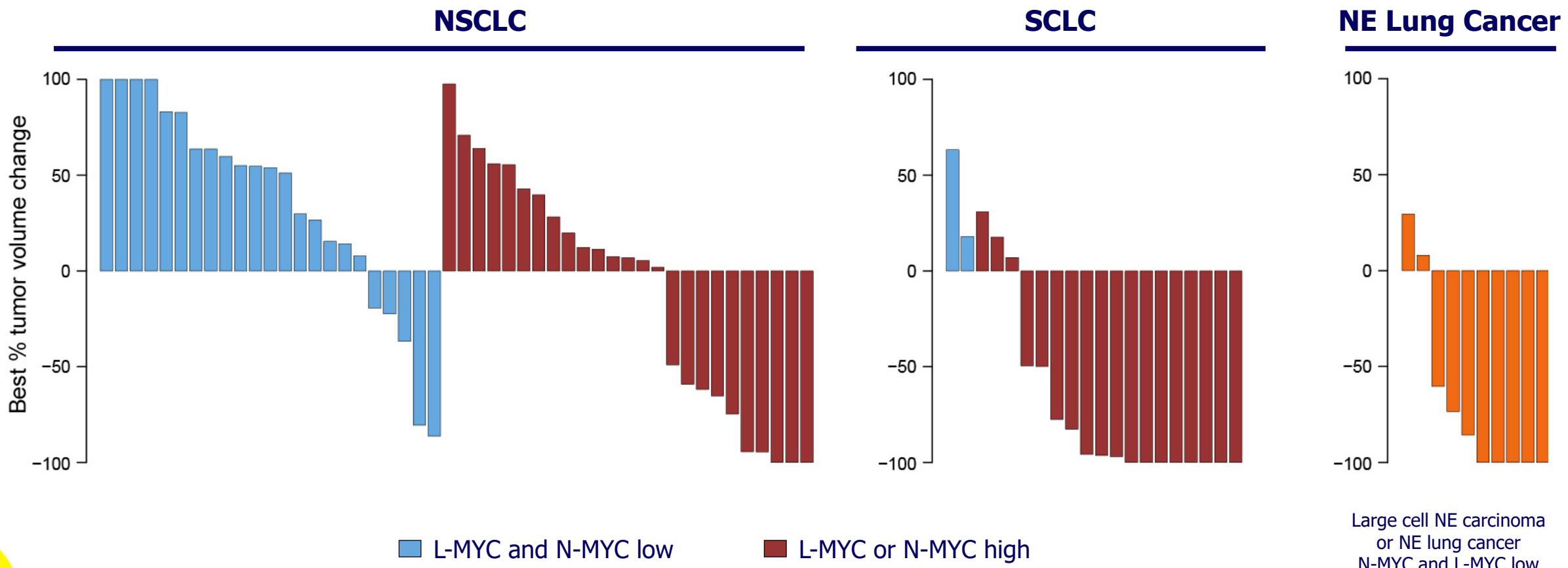
Selected
10 models

Models selected across range of N-MYC and L-MYC mRNA expression levels or NE status were treated with:

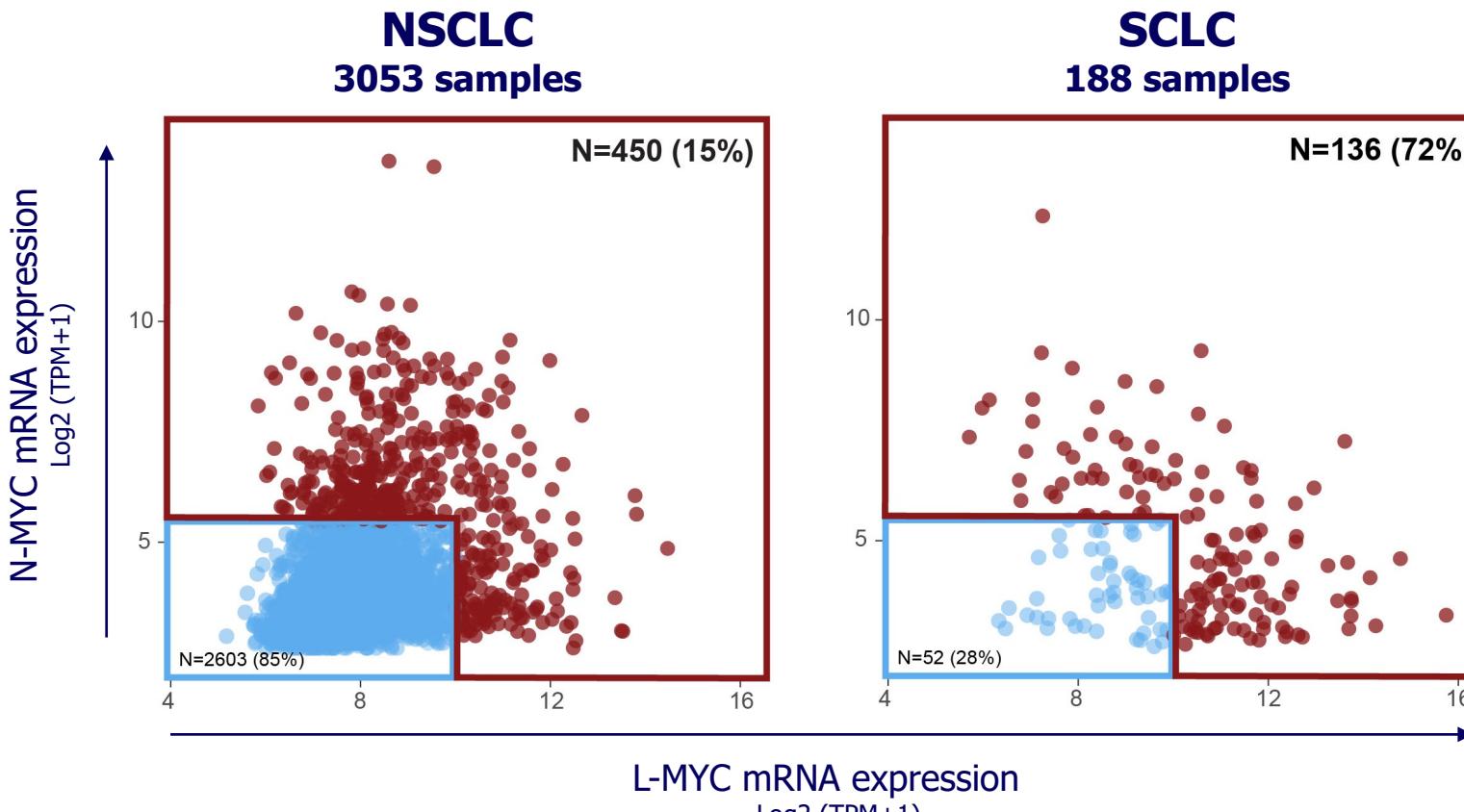
- Vehicle
- MRT-2359 10 mg/kg PO QD

3 mice for each treatment group

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



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



mRNA expression
● High N-MYC or L-MYC
● Low N-MYC and L-MYC

Demographic and Diseases Characteristic

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

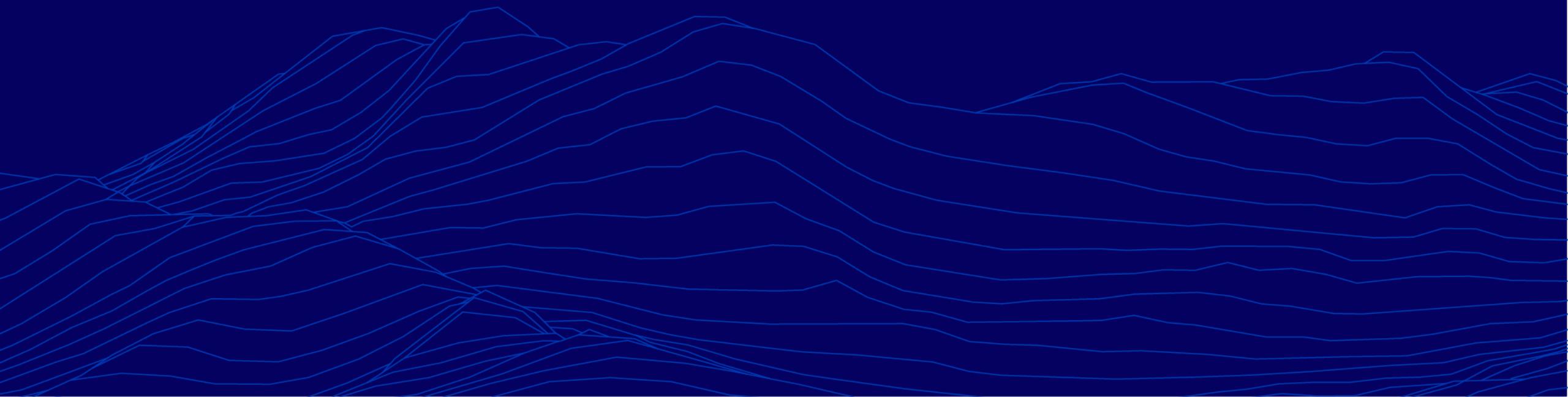
Treatment Outcomes

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

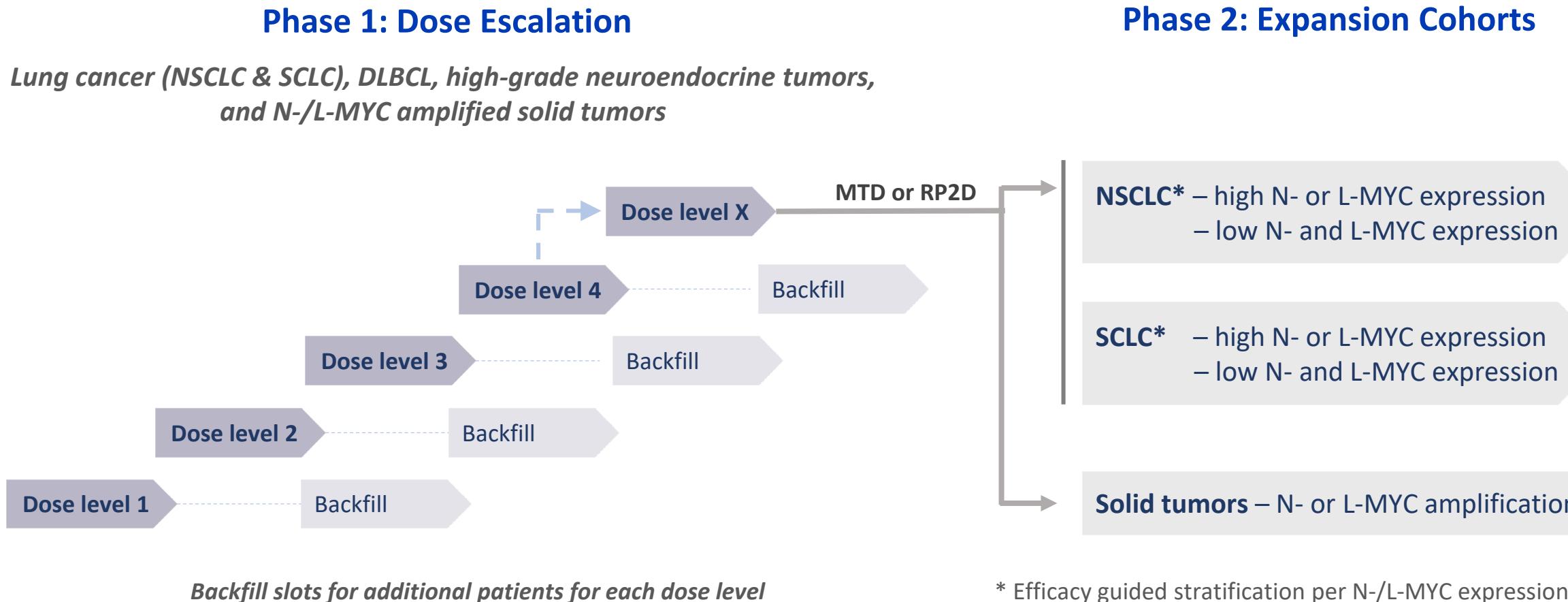


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Phase 1/2 Clinical Study



MRT-2359-001 Clinical Study Design



Clinical Sites

Clinical Site	PI	Expertise
MDACC	Dr. Rodon	Phase I/Lung
SCRI	Dr. Spigel	Lung
MSKCC	Dr. Choudhury	Phase I/Lung
DFCI	Dr. Janne	Lung
Mary Crowley CR	Dr. Barve	Phase I
START TX	Dr. Papadopoulos	Phase I
Honor Health	Dr. Tsai	Phase I
Indiana University	Dr. Opyrchal	Phase I

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