

# OPTIMIZING THERAPEUTIC EFFICACY AND TOLERABILITY THROUGH CANCER CHEMISTRY

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## Overcoming Traditional Design Limitations With AI-Based Discovery

REC-617: Interim Ph 1 monotherapy dose escalation clinical data

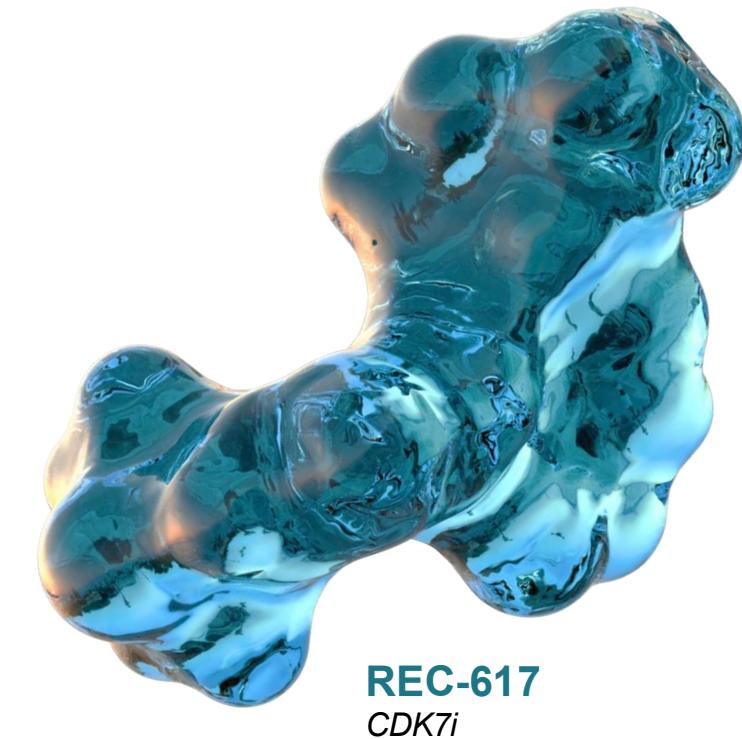
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# The next 20 minutes!

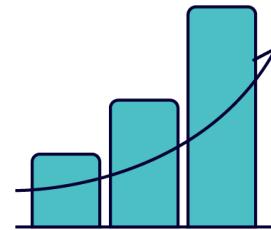
- The real problem
- Recursion OS – precision molecular design
- CDK7 as an oncology drug target
  - Therapeutic index (TI) challenges
- Emerging data from ELUCIDATE
  - Phase 1 monotherapy dose escalation update



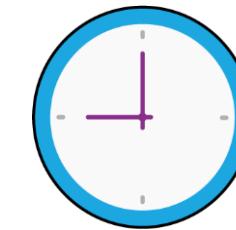
# Issues we must collectively address



**>90%**  
Clinical attrition rate

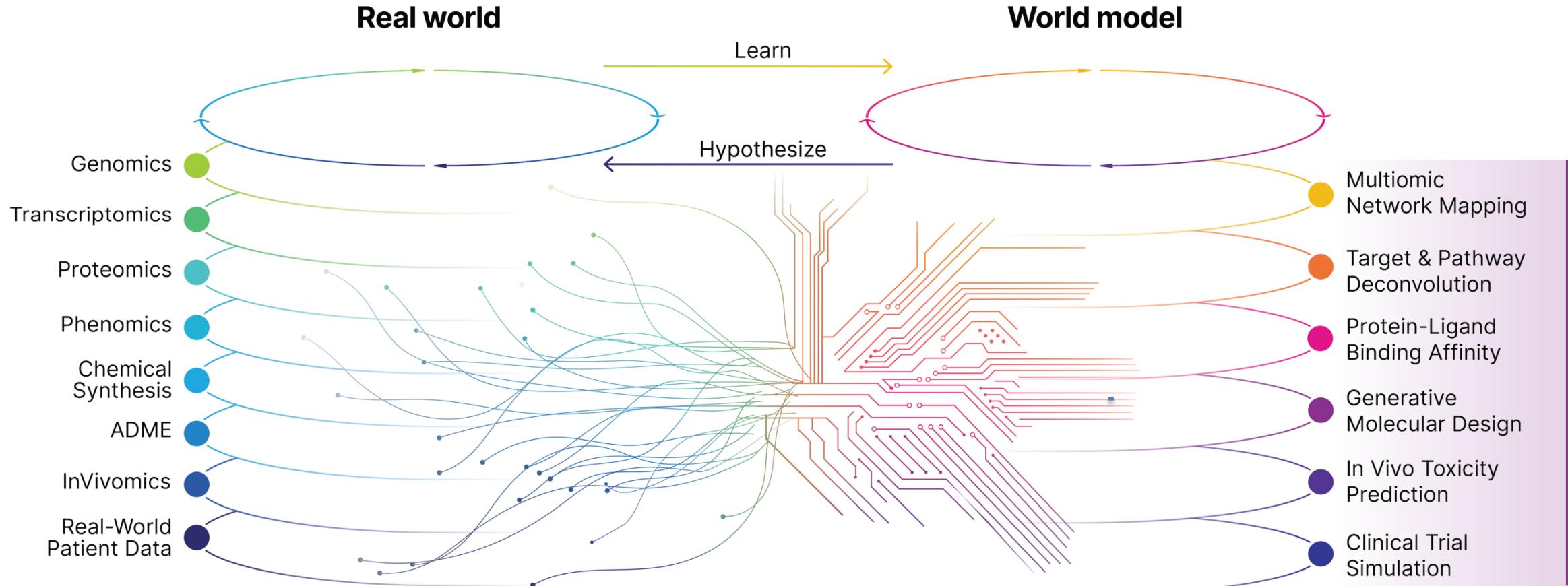


**\$2.4+ billion**  
Cost of failure  
(attrition weighted)

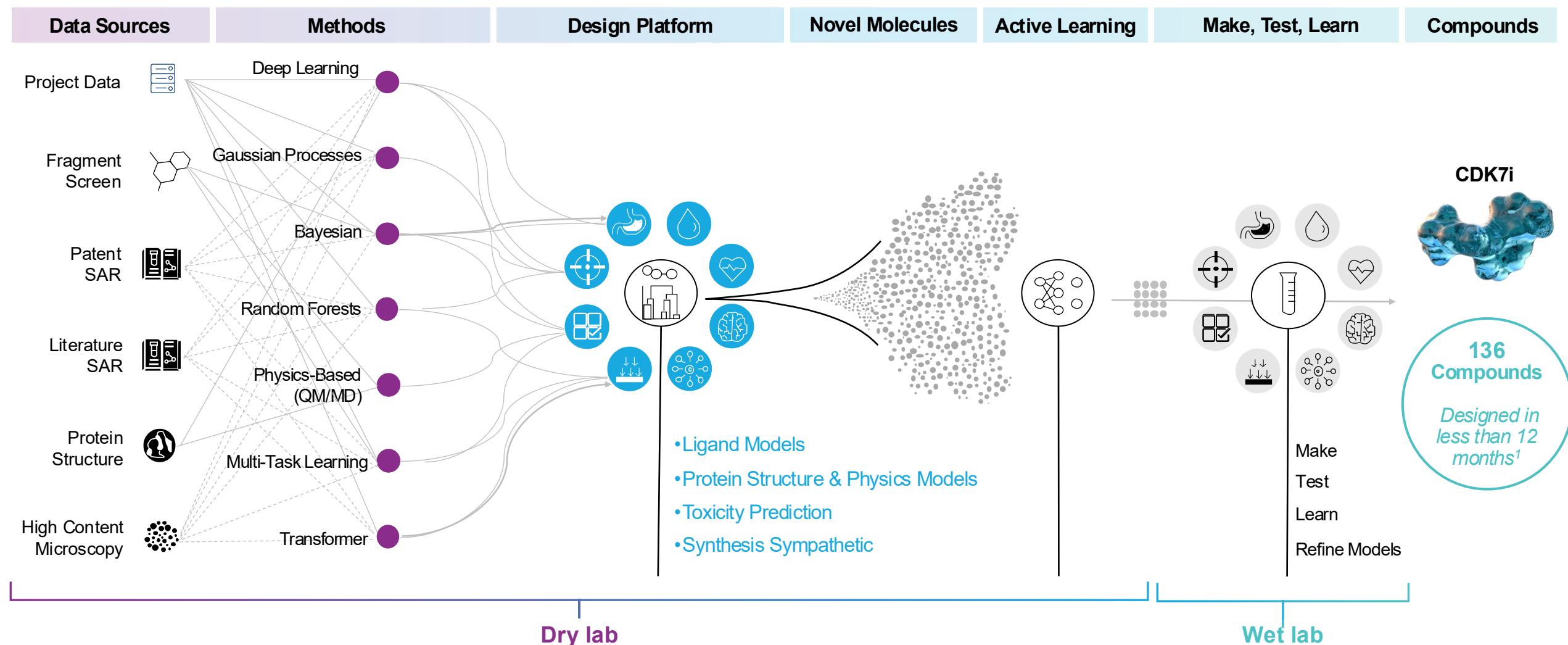


**10-15 years**  
To commercial launch

# Recursion OS: End-to-end AI tech stack for drug discovery



# Recursion's precision design platform



# CDK7: A multi-pronged therapeutic strategy

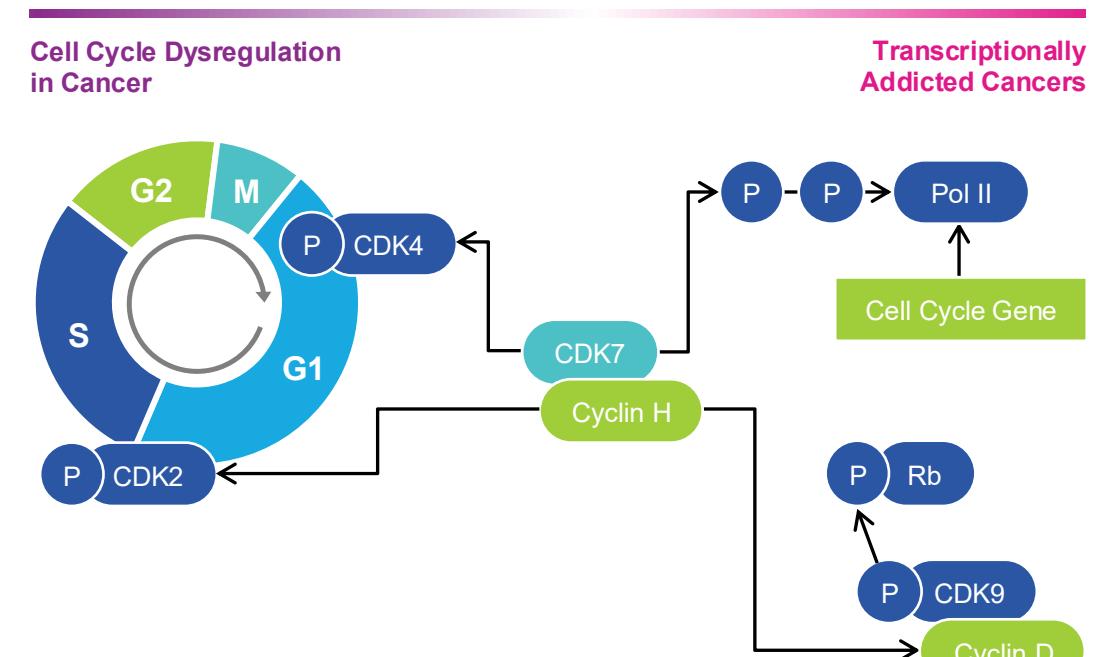
**Cell cycle dysregulation and transcriptional "addiction" are both hallmarks of many aggressive cancers**

- Simultaneous inhibition of both mechanisms should allow CDK7i to be both effective and overcome common adaptations
- Cell lines resistant to CDK4/6i respond to CDK7i
- CDK7 phosphorylates multiple targets including ER

**Combining CDK7 inhibitors with agents targeting complementary pathways may achieve a more comprehensive antitumor response**

## The design challenge

- CDK7 is indispensable for cell proliferation<sup>1</sup>
- High turnover cells (neutrophils, intestinal, and gastric epithelia) need to be managed



1. Gunuza, M., Sáiz-Ladera, C., Cañamero, M. et al, *EMBO J*, 31, 2498 (2012). <https://doi.org/10.1038/embj.2012.94>; Sources: Zhang M et al, *Am J Cancer Res.* 2021 May 15;11(5):1913-1935; Schachter and Fisher, *Cell Cycle* 12:20, 3239-3240; October 15, 2013; © 2013 landes Bioscience; Patel et al (2016) *Clin Cancer Res* (2016) 22 (23): 5929-5938; Sava GP et al, Ali S. *Cancer Metastasis Rev.* 2020 Sep;39(3):805-823.; Xu et al. 2020 *Nature*

# Precision design for optimizing therapeutic index with CDK7

*In an oral molecule, how do we look to achieve a therapeutic index (TI) >1?*

**Highly selective  
for CDK7**

**Rapid oral absorption  
to reduce GI tissue  
exposure**  
(highly permeable with minimal  
transporter interactions)

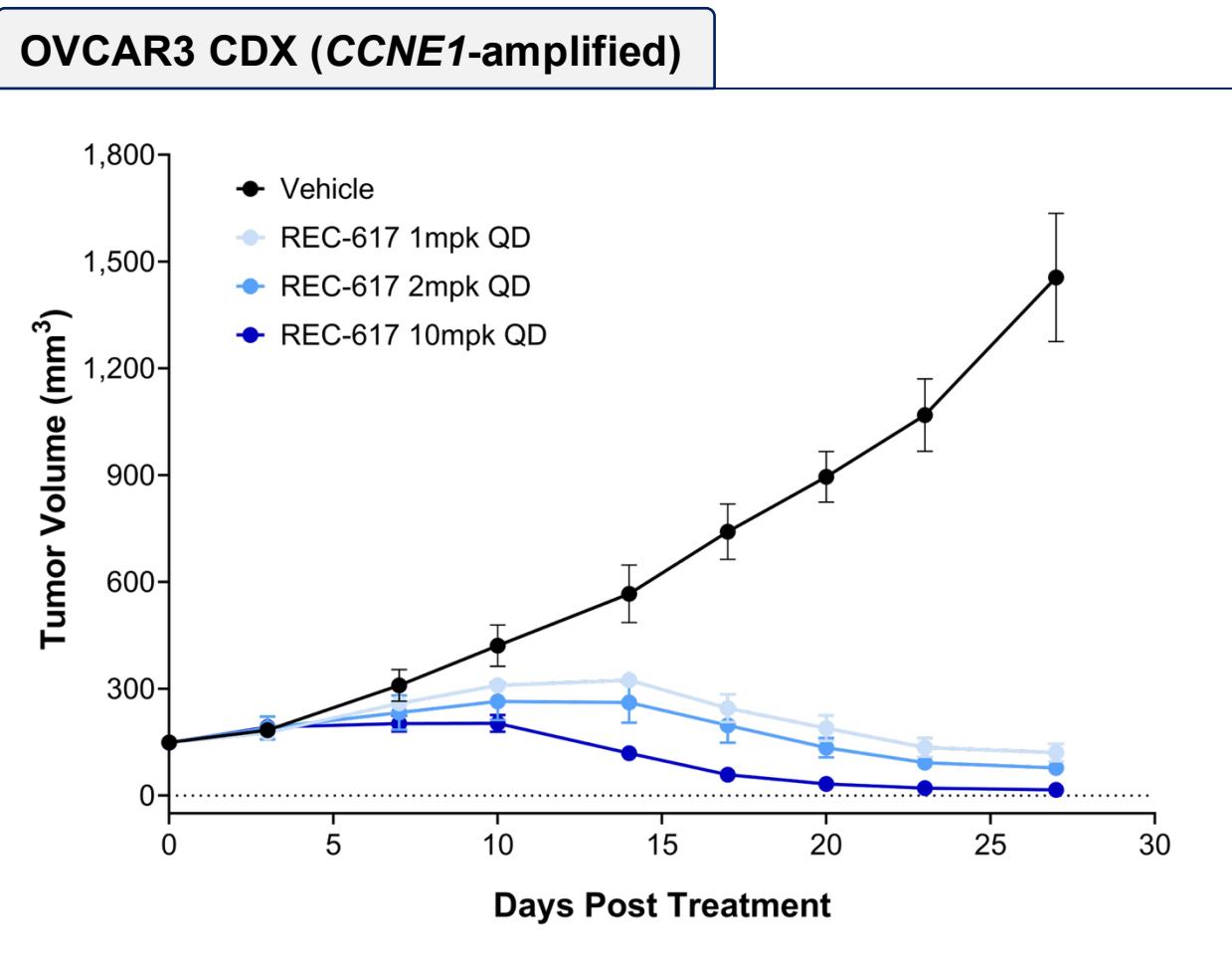
**Reversible MOA allows  
fine control of target  
engagement**

**Manage time on target  
while limiting drug  
holidays**

**Suitable human half-  
life to enable clinical  
team to optimize dosing  
regimen**

**Select tumors with high  
dependency on CDK7**

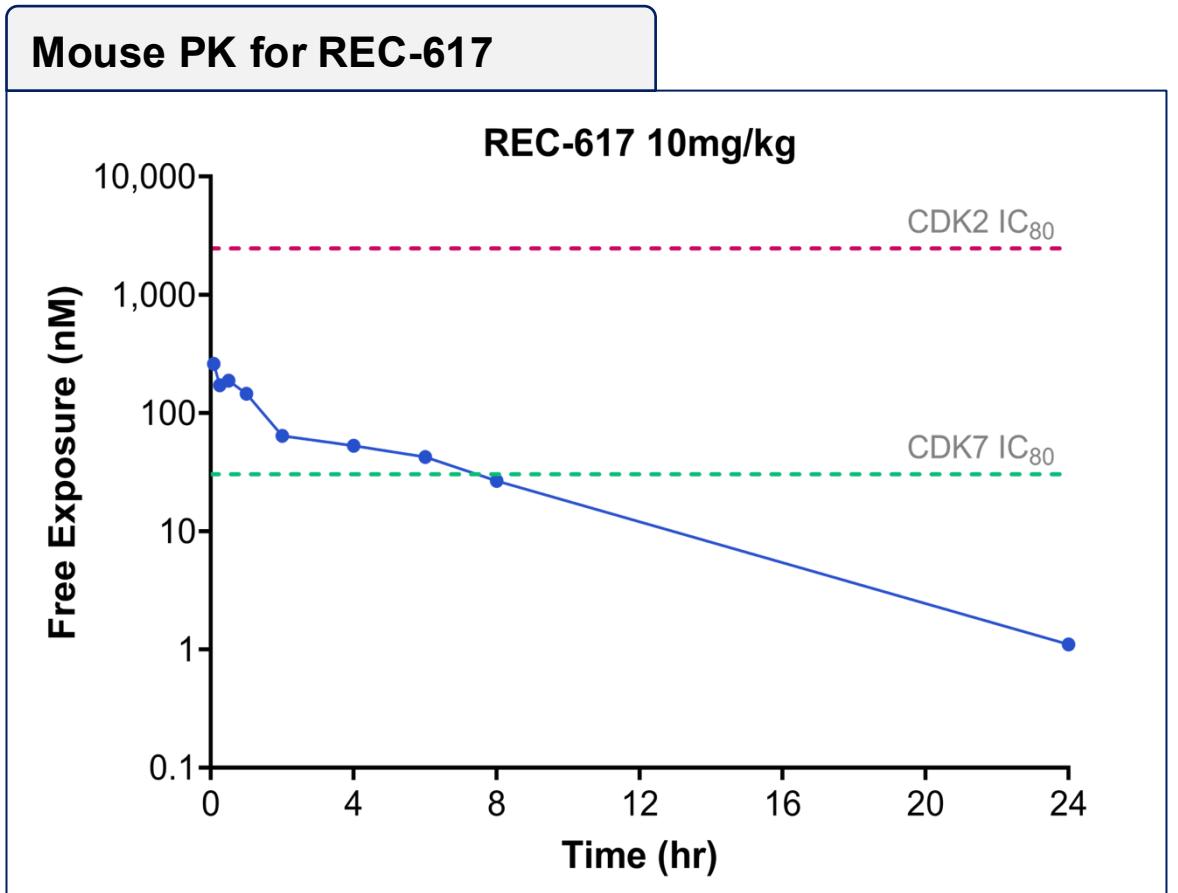
# In vivo: REC-617 demonstrates potent tumor regressions in CCNE1-amp CDX model



- N = 8
- 28-day treatment
- REC-617 administered QD PO
- **No significant body weight loss** seen across treatment arms
- **8/8 mice in 10mpk arm had complete tumor regression at Day 27**

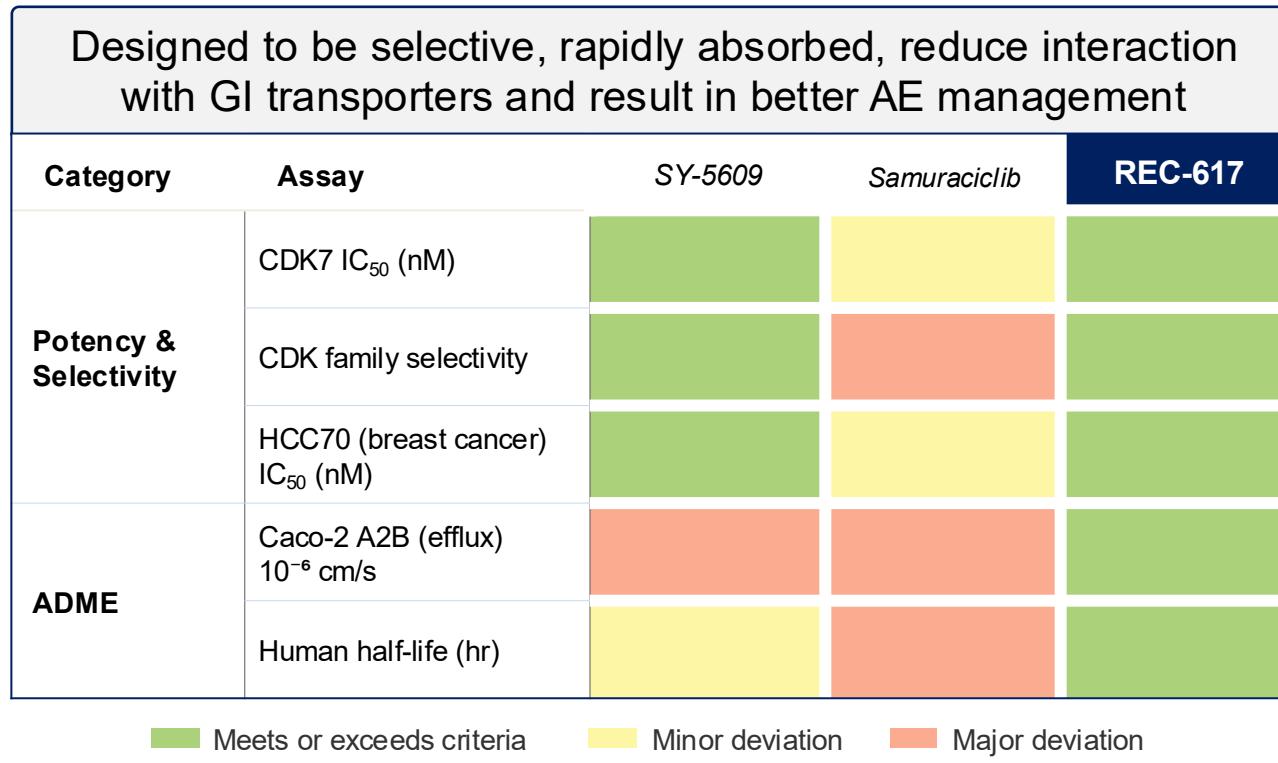


# In vivo: REC-617 is a potent and selective CDK7 inhibitor with favorable PK



- Day 1 PK samples
- **~6-hour coverage over CDK7 biochemical IC<sub>80</sub>** led to complete tumor regression
- 82-fold window over nearest off-target

# REC-617 has Best-in-Class potential



- REC-617 has **high permeability, low efflux** – consistent with rapid absorption
- Other compounds preclinically:
  - Low permeability and higher efflux suggesting slower absorption
  - Will take significantly longer to reach steady state
  - Long half-life and persistent inhibition of CDK7 potentially driving AEs

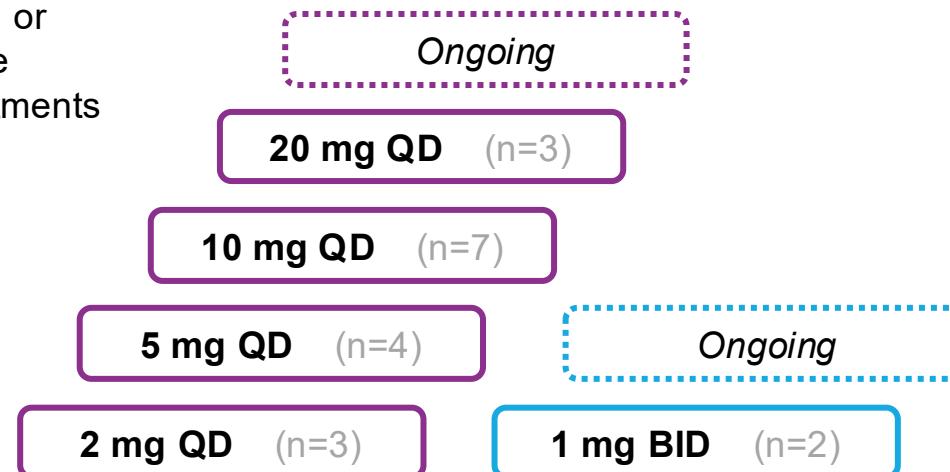
# ELUCIDATE: FIH Phase 1/2 clinical trial of REC-617 in advanced solid tumors

## Phase 1 Monotherapy Dose-Escalation

REC-617 advanced solid tumors

*Enrollment commenced July 2023*

- Unresectable, locally recurrent, or metastatic cancer
- Progressed following, or intolerant to, available standard of care treatments
- ECOG PS 0-1



- 18 of 19 response evaluable patients
- PK/PD
- MTD not reached
- Parallel dose escalation ongoing
- Prophylaxis for N/V/D<sup>1</sup> not mandated

1. N/V/D = nausea, vomiting, diarrhea

# Patient population: Heavily pre-treated with ~4 median prior lines of anti-cancer treatment

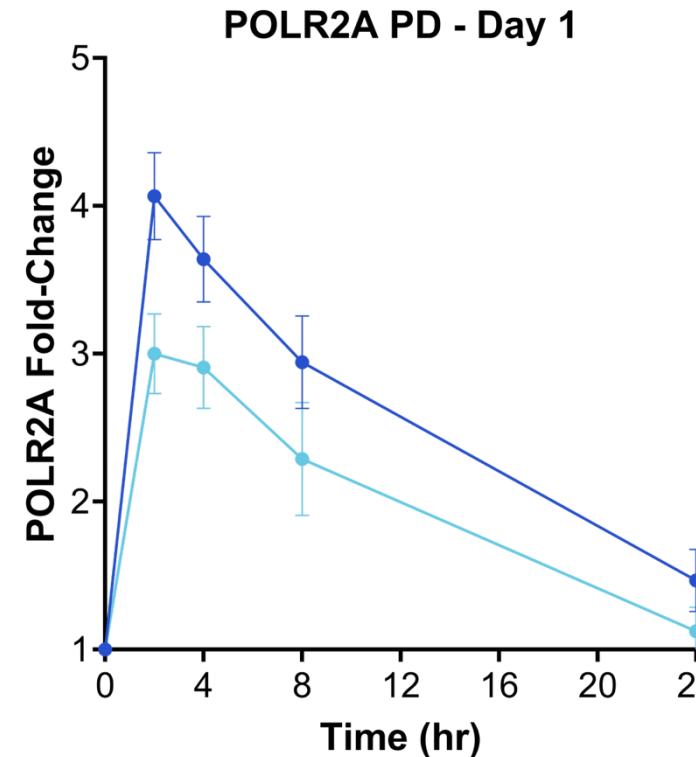
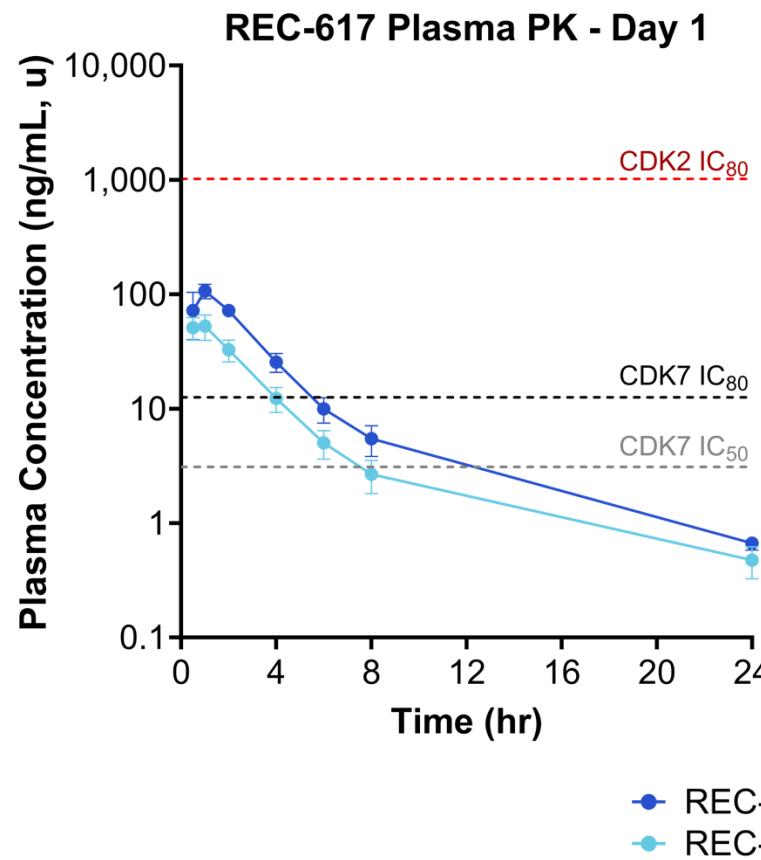
Patient Characteristic	All Patients (N=19) <sup>1</sup> 18 of 19 response evaluable patients	Prior Lines of Therapy in the Advanced Setting (median) <sup>3</sup>
Age, Median (range), Years	60 (30, 79)	
Female	9 (48%)	
Tumor Type		
Colorectal Adenocarcinoma	10 (53%)	4
HR <sup>+</sup> /HER2 <sup>-</sup> Breast Adenocarcinoma <sup>2</sup>	3 (16%)	4
NSCLC	3 (16%)	3
Epithelial Ovarian Carcinoma	2 (10%)	4
Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma	1 (5%)	3

1. Data-cut off : 15 November 2024. All data shown as n (%) unless otherwise specified

2. All patients received CDK4/6 inhibitors in prior lines

3. Advanced setting: Locally advanced pre-metastatic and metastatic setting - includes adjuvant and neo-adjuvant treatment regimens as 1 line of therapy

# REC-617 achieves dose dependent PK/PD and strong target modulation in the clinic

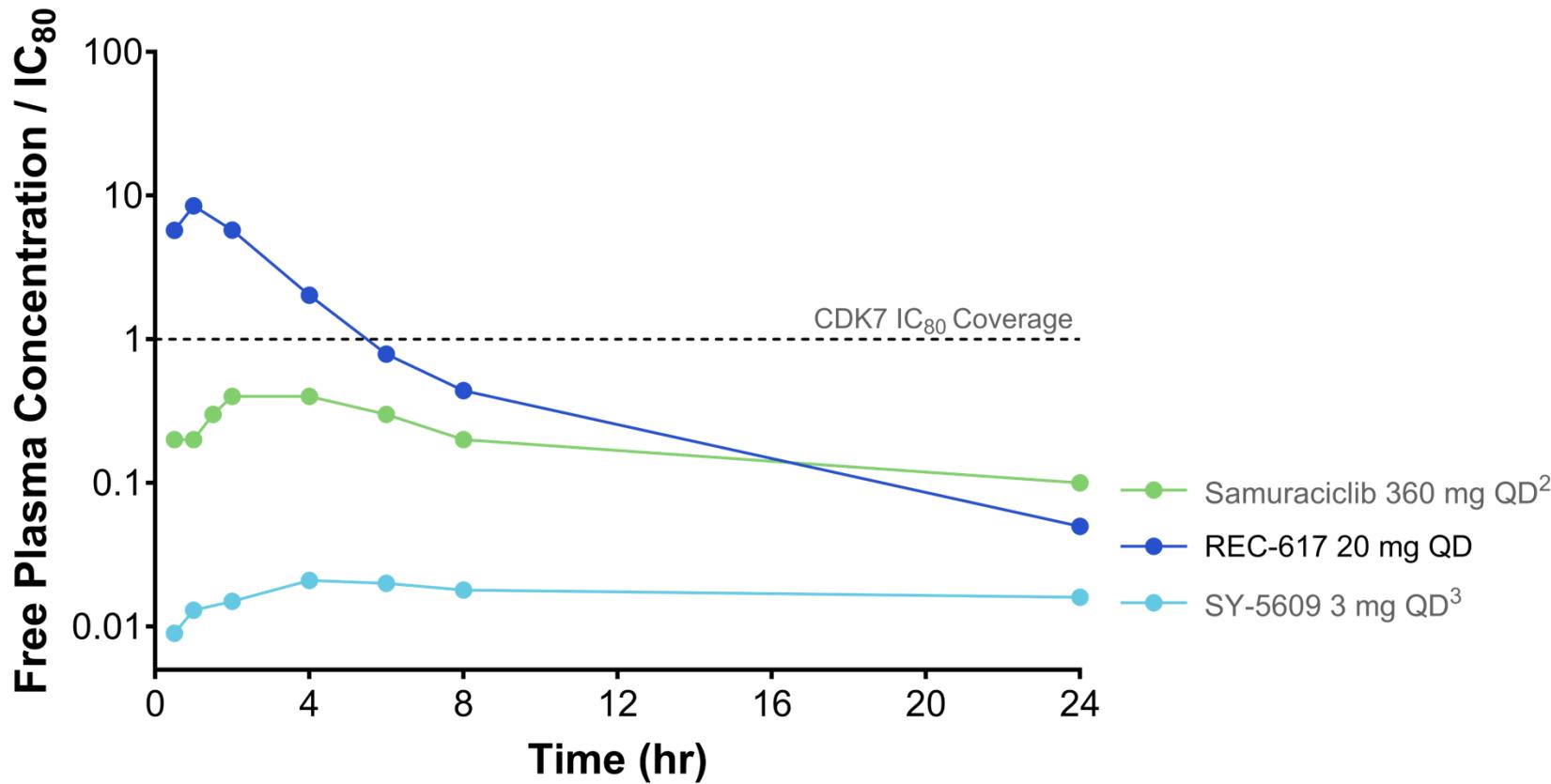


## PK/PD Summary

- Dose-Linear PK:** REC-617 exceeds CDK7 IC<sub>80</sub> with rapid absorption ( $T_{max}$  0.5–2h) and short t<sub>½</sub> (5–6h)
- Robust Target Engagement:** Early POLR2A 3-4x modulation suggests ~80–90% target engagement<sup>1</sup>
- Rapid Transient Modulation:** Quick, time-limited target engagement with POLR2A normalization in 24h
- BID Evaluation:** Twice-daily dosing under investigation

1. Papadopoulos KM, et al. ENA (2020)

# REC-617 offers a differentiated profile that potentially improves the therapeutic index



1. CDK7  $IC_{80}$  reflects biochemical in-vitro potencies on file

2. Coombes, RC, Nat Comms (2023)

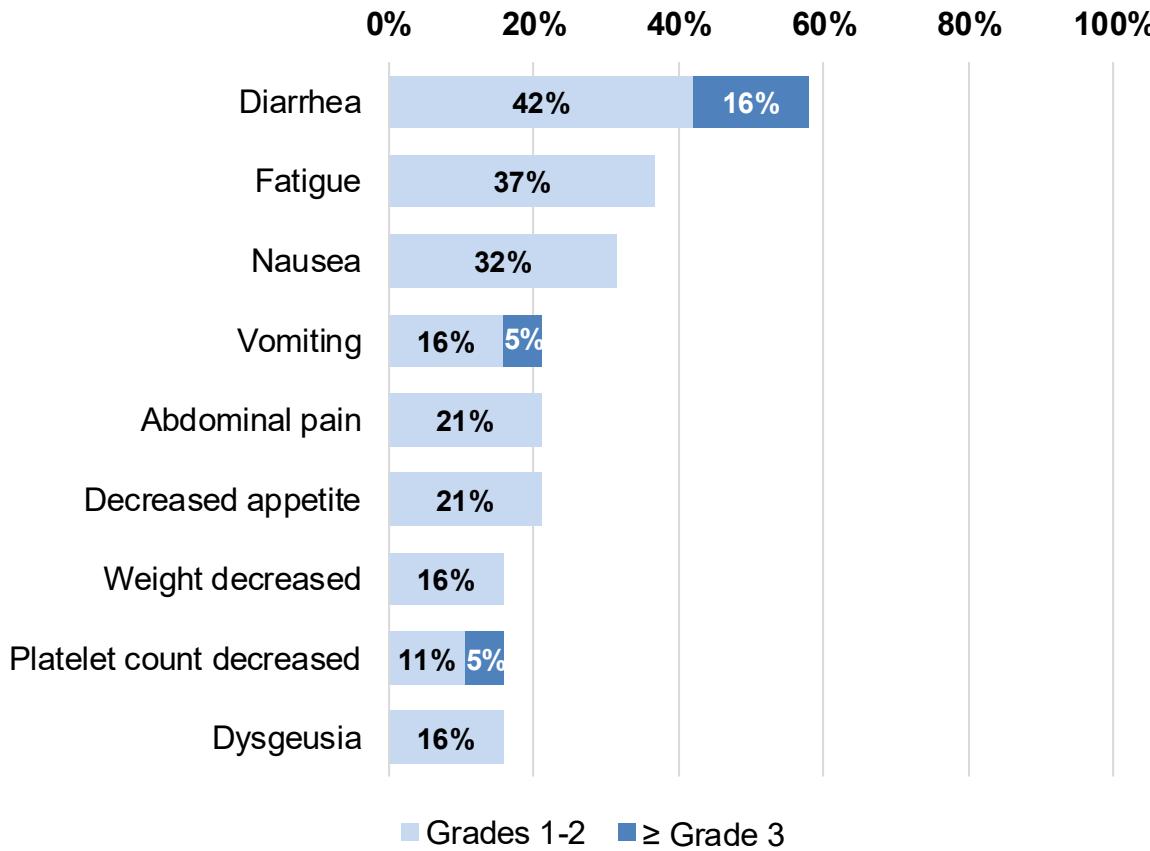
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## Competitive Differentiation

- Data suggests **superior target coverage for REC-617<sup>1</sup>** compared to two clinical CDK7 inhibitors
- REC-617 is **more rapidly absorbed** (earlier  $T_{max}$ ) compared to reported PK from two CDK7 inhibitors<sup>2,3</sup> suggesting **a reduction in localized GI residence time**
- **A shorter half-life** would allow for flexible target modulation, which may **improve the therapeutic index** in the clinic

# Preliminary safety data suggests potential Best-in-Class oral CDK7 inhibitor

## Treatment Related AEs occurring in $\geq 10\%$ patients (% of patients, N=191)



- **Adverse events (AEs) were predominantly low grade, on-target, and reversible upon treatment cessation**
- **Early data indicates a favorable safety profile – Maximum tolerated dose (MTD) not reached**
  - **No treatment discontinuations due to AEs** compared to competitor (~14%)<sup>2</sup>
  - **Lower drug-related diarrhea** (58%) than competitor (82%)<sup>2</sup>
- **3 treatment related SAEs** reported in 2/19 patients; enterocolitis (G2, C1), diarrhea (G3, C2), nausea/vomiting (G3, C1)
  - Events resolved and treatment continued after dose reduction
- **Antiemetics, anti-diarrheals not mandated prophylaxis for nausea / vomiting / diarrhea**

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2. Coombes, RC, Nat Comms (2023), Phase 1 monotherapy dose escalation data (N=44)

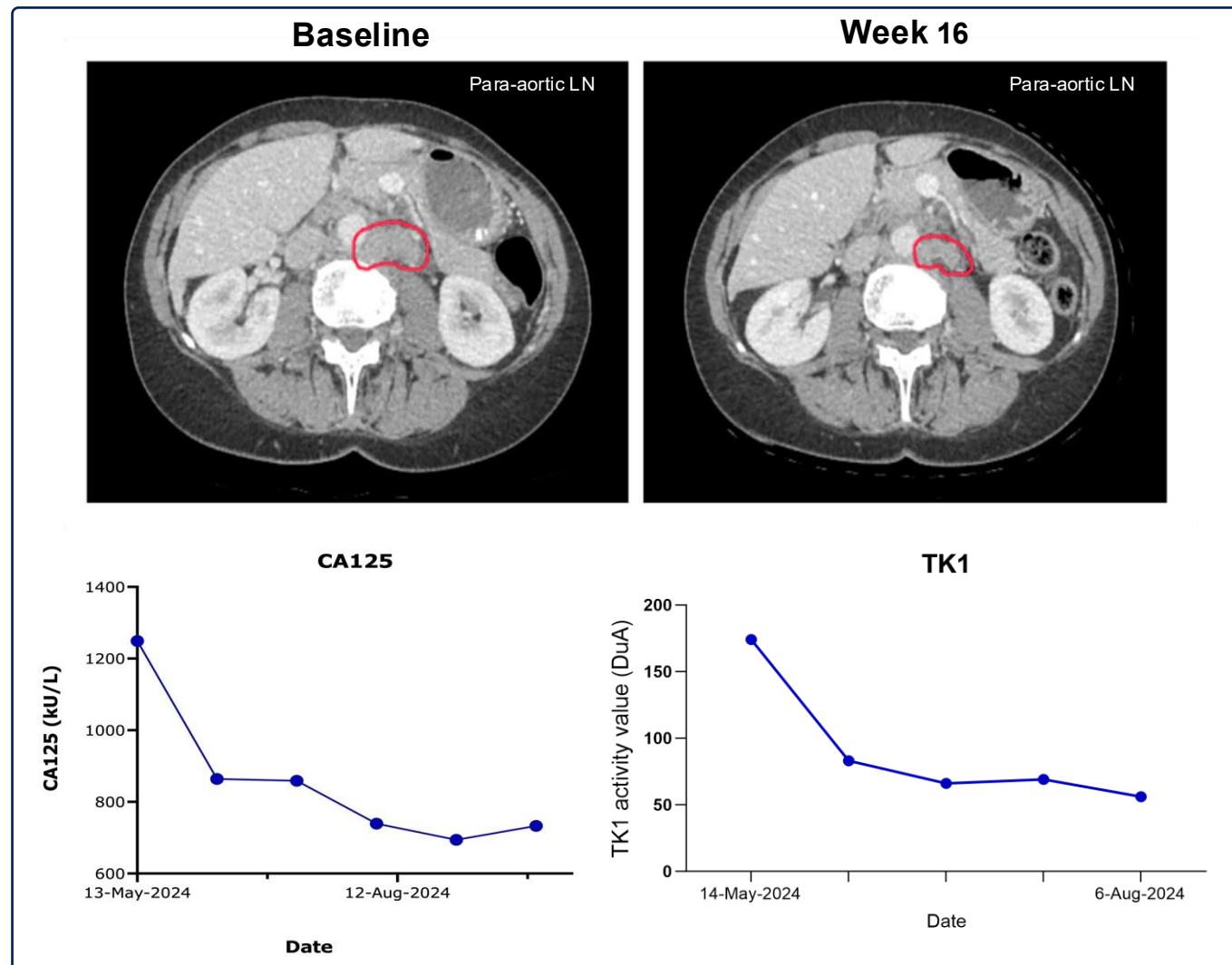
# Monotherapy response: Confirmed durable PR observed in heavily pre-treated metastatic ovarian cancer

- **One confirmed, durable partial response (PR) by RECIST 1.1<sup>1</sup>**
  - 69-year-old woman with **platinum resistant ovarian cancer**, who had **progressed following 4 lines of prior therapy in advanced setting** with **metastatic disease to lungs and lymph nodes**
    - Patient was diagnosed with Stage IIIc ovarian cancer 2019
    - No BRCA1/2 mutation, low tumor mutational burden, and small TP53 variant (VAF 8%)
    - Initiated therapy at 20mg QD, dose reduced at Week 4 to 10mg QD due to transient Grade 3 nausea
- **Four additional patients achieved durable (up to 6 months of treatment) response of stable disease (SD) as best response across multiple dose levels**
  - All four patients progressed prior to entering the study
  - Three CRC patients (6L-7L) and one NSCLC patient (4L)
  - One patient on 2mg QD and three patients on 10mg QD

1. Response evaluation criteria in solid tumors, PR: decrease of more than 30% in the sum of the longest diameters of target lesions + no new lesions + no progression of non target lesions

# Monotherapy response vignette

- One confirmed, durable partial response (PR) by RECIST 1.1<sup>1</sup>
  - Partial response (-34%) achieved with reduction in 2 lymph nodes (para-aortic and mesenteric) at Week 16 with normalization of LDH
  - Reduction of tumor marker CA125 from 1249 to 694 kU/L (-44%)
  - Reduction of tumor marker TK1 from 174 to 56 DuA (-68%)
  - Response ongoing after more than 6 months of treatment. Patient continues study therapy without need for antiemetics



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# Summary of interim ELUCIDATE Ph 1 monotherapy clinical data

- REC-617 is an **orally active, highly selective, reversible CDK7 inhibitor**
- Precision designed using the Recursion OS platform, REC-617 is optimized **for rapid oral absorption and a half-life tailored to enable optimal dosing regimens** for patients
- Robust PK exposure (IC<sub>80</sub> and above) and strong target modulation in the clinic (~80-90%), with high oral bioavailability and superior target coverage** amongst oral investigational CDK7 inhibitors
- REC-617 is preliminarily observed to be **well tolerated with predominately Grade 1-2 AEs**
  - No treatment discontinuations to date due to AEs**, with reduced GI side-effects compared to published data on CDK7 inhibitors. Dose escalation still on-going
- Encouraging interim monotherapy antitumor activity** at tolerable dose
  - 1 confirmed partial response (PR) with a durable response** ongoing after more than 6 months of treatment
  - Four additional patients achieved durable (up to 6 months of treatment) stable disease (SD) as best response**
- MTD has not been reached, dose escalation continues**

- **Parallel dose escalation (QD and BID) of monotherapy** ongoing
  - BID dosing schedule may provide optimal coverage
- **Combination studies expected to initiate for ELUCIDATE in H1, 2025**
- ELUCIDATE and preclinical updates to be presented at future medical conferences
- Patient selection to leverage Recursion's multimodal RWD and Casual AI models

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