

E3 Ligase Whole Body Atlas

**A Large-Scale Absolute Abundance Map Enabling
Next-Generation Tissue Selective Degraders**

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The tagline is set against a background of a starry night sky with a constellation of stars and lines. The text is in white and orange.

INVENTING NEW MEDICINES
WITH TARGETED PROTEIN DEGRADATION

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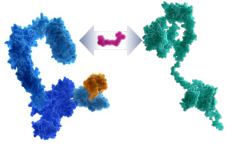
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Outline



TPD & a need for tissue restricted E3 ligases



MQAtlas: A novel algorithm for creating E3 Atlas



E3 Atlas and Insights for TPD



Application in developing tissue restricted degrader drugs

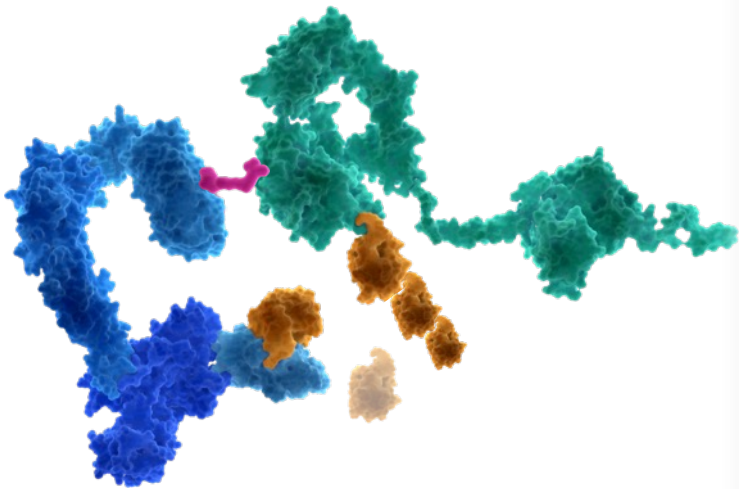
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TPD and a need for E3 Atlas

Expanding the Druggable Proteome with TPD

Proteome Editing with TPD

Small molecule binds to E3 & disease-causing target protein to **induce its degradation**



Medical knock down strategy with **flexibility of a small molecule drug** (oral & systemic)

Target Types

ID

Inadequately Drugged Targets with Clear Degrader Advantage
e.g. IRAK4*, MDM2

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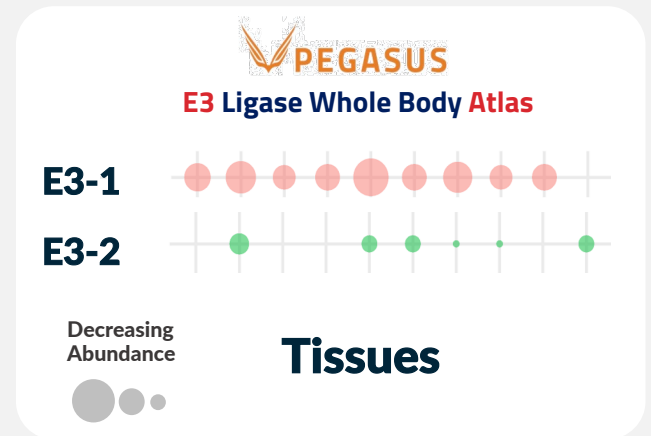
Undrugged Targets by any other technology
e.g. STAT3*

TR

Clinically Validated Targets Enabled by E3 Ligase Tissue Restricted Expression

* Kymera Degraders **in Clinic**

Tissue restricted degradation **via restrictively expressed E3s eliminates unwanted on-target toxicity** in certain healthy tissues



Tissue sparing or selective E3 ligases allow **full clinical potential**

The 'Why', 'What' and 'How' of E3 Atlas

Why?

Tissue Restricted

Differentiated investment in high value E3 Ligases

What?

**Human E3 Ligase
Whole-Body Atlas**

Determine expression profiles of ~600 unique E3 ligases (+ drug targets) in both health and disease

How?

**Desired
Features**

Determine the ideal approach

**Approach: Proteomics +
Novel Algorithm**

- **Speed @ Budget:** no upfront reagent build cost
- **Reliable:** protein level directly (+ QC)
- **Deep Coverage:** all E3 ligases (& POIs)
- **Scope:** human, whole body in health & disease
- **Absolute abundance & stoichiometry**





Introducing MaxQuantAtlas

**A Novel Algorithm for Creating E3
Atlas**

Development of a Human Whole Body Protein Expression Atlas

Strong Industry-Academia Collaboration



MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE
OF BIOCHEMISTRY

Jürgen Cox Lab

Breakthroughs

- Algorithm for global concentration profiles
- Can tackle very heterogeneous quantitative proteomics data
- Computational scalability and feasibility
- Consolidated Atlas clusters globally by biology, not by technology

>4,000 Proteomes Integrated

>460 acquired @ Kymera

>3,400 published, e.g.

>40 Healthy Tissues

>560 Primary Tumor Samples (CPTAC)

>15+ Cell Types Relevant for Tox
(GI organoids, cardiomyocytes, hepatocytes...)

250 CCLE Cancer Cell Lines

Skin Layers and Cell Types

Immune and Structural Cell Types
(T cells, B cells, keratinocytes, fibroblasts ...)

>16.5k unique gene IDs in Atlas

Introducing MaxQuantAtlas – A Novel Algorithm

A Scalable Workflow for Deep, Precise and Global Expression Maps

Heterogenous Proteomics Data

Public Repository Data

Kymera Internal Data

Multiple
MS Instruments



Multiple Repositories



Multi-MS
Technologies

LFQ

MS1 labeling

TMT MS2

TMT MS3

DIA-LFQ

Multiplexed

DIA



Consolidation to an Atlas

MQAtlas

MQ
Evidence
Files Only



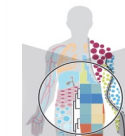
MaxQuant
Consolidator



Automated
Analysis + QC



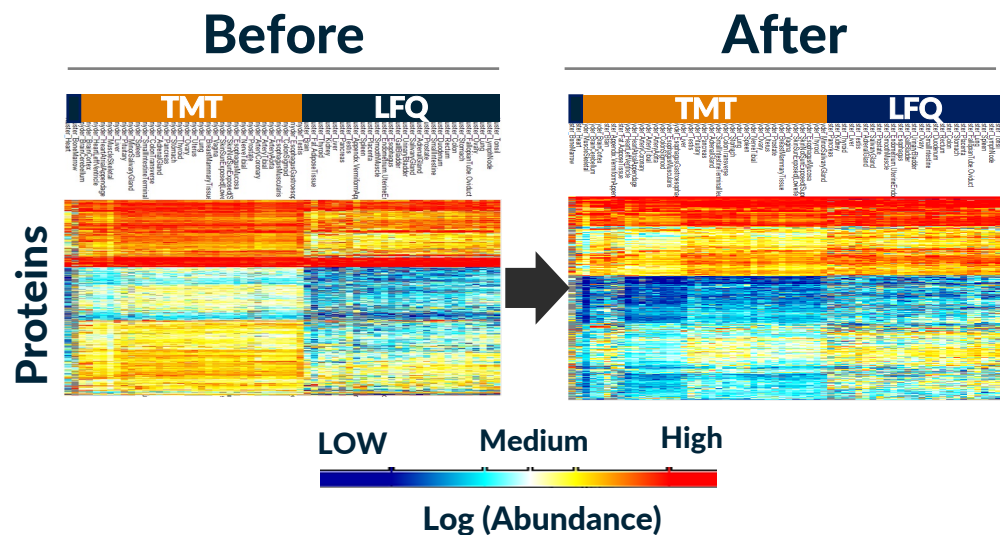
Atlas Database
& Web Server



➔ Automatic / Scalable / Feasible

Core Concepts

How We Made the Data Comparable



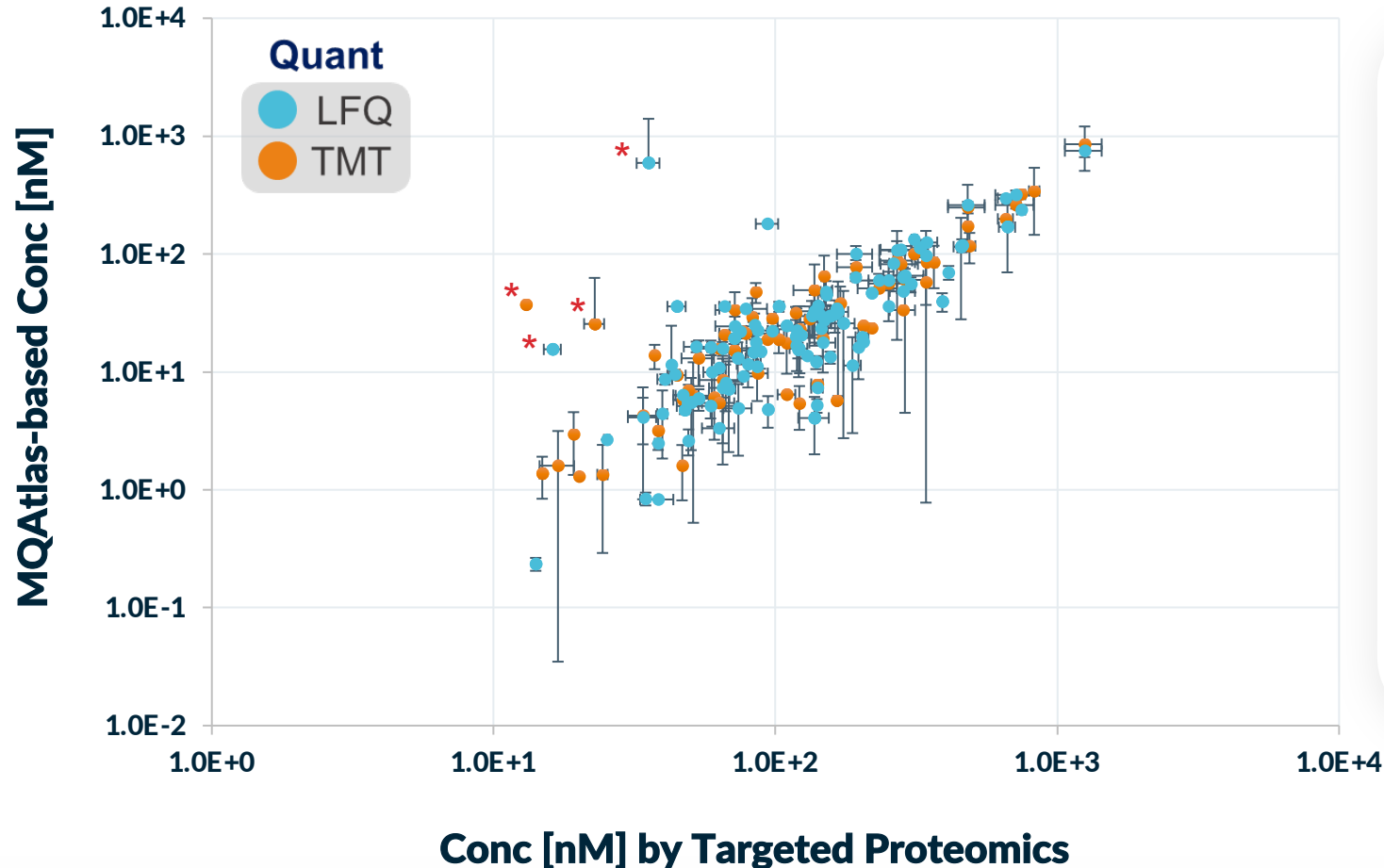
Comparable abundances across quant approaches **AFTER** MQAtlas Consolidation

- **Reconstructed protein intensities** in isobaric labeling data from MS1 precursor and MS2 reporter intensities
- **Optimized decompression** of TMT reporter intensities
- **Common protein grouping** over the entire atlas; comparability
- **Absolute calibration** by proteomic ruler or total protein concentration (Wiśniewski et al, *MCP*, 2014)
- **Dynamic range imputation** Novel imputation technique developed for big heterogeneous data.

- Does our Atlas provide reliable abundance estimates - technically?
- Does it capture the biology of sampled proteomes?

MQAtlas Absolute Abundance Estimations Correlate Well with Precise Spike-in Targeted Quantifications

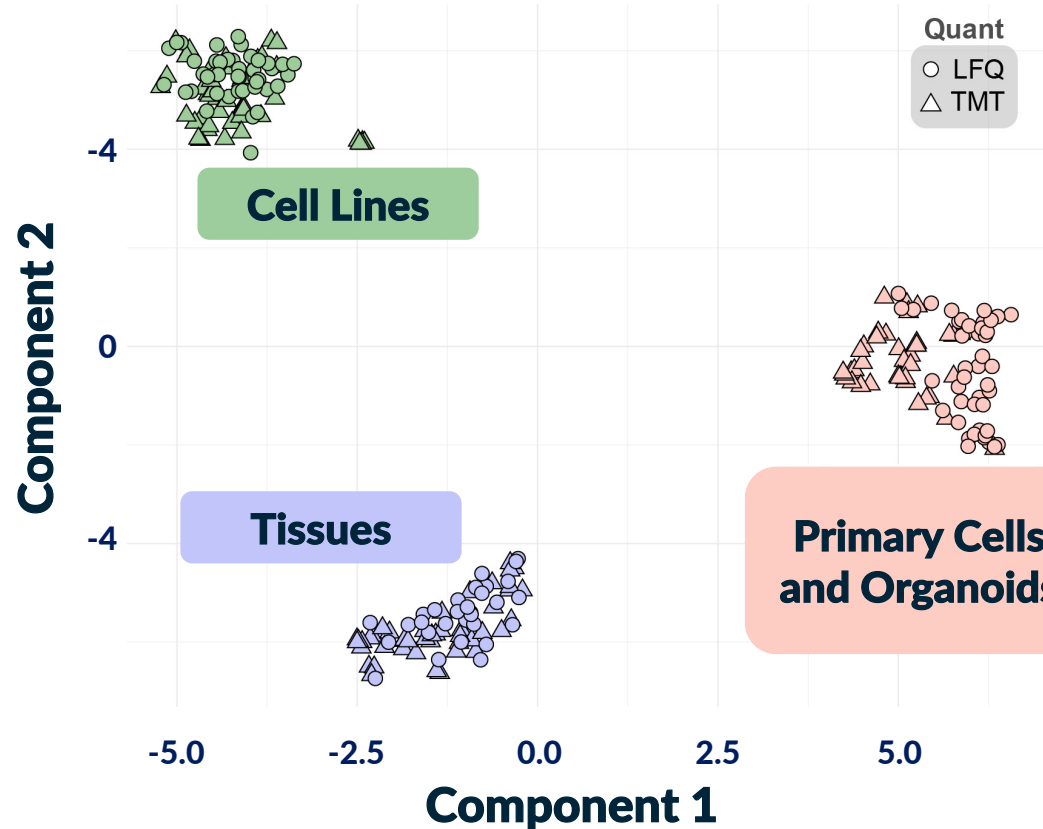
MQAtlas Vs Targeted Proteomics



- MQAtlas offers a surprisingly **high level of accuracy in abundance estimates** across multiple MS-technologies
- **25** E3 ligases & target proteins differentially expressed in seven different cell lines

*Probable false positive peptide identifications in E3 Atlas datasets

Consolidated Protein Atlas Clusters Globally by Biology, Not by Technology



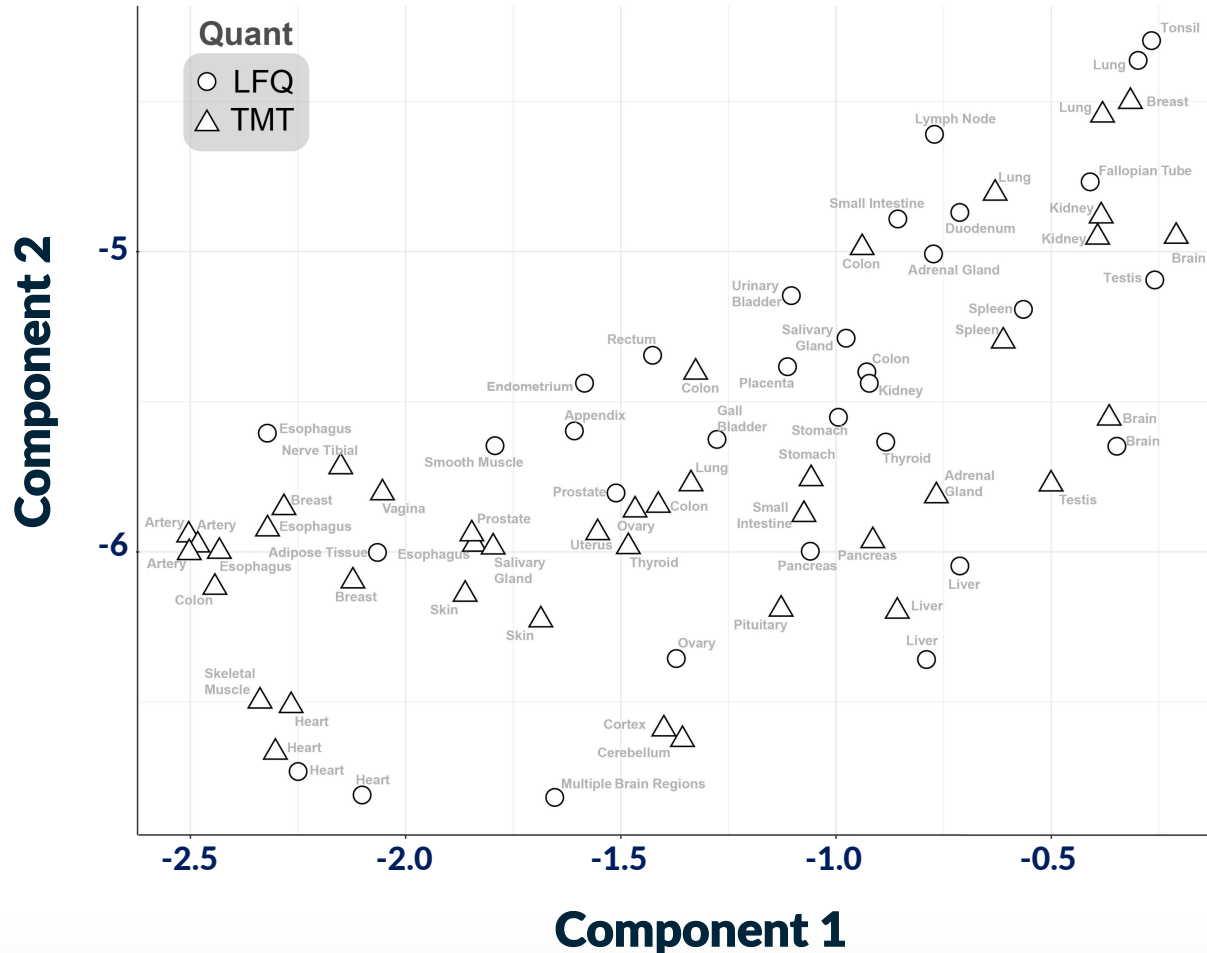
- **>60 proteomes** representing heterogenous data from multiple labs
- **Three major clusters** based on biology of samples completely independent of technical proteomic approach
- **Cancer cell lines cluster separate from tissues**
 - Non cancer cells in primary tumors
 - Difference in cultured lines vs primary tumors



Atlas captures the biology of integrated diverse proteomes thereby providing **reliable absolute abundance patterns in various models of human health and disease**

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Tissue Specific Cluster

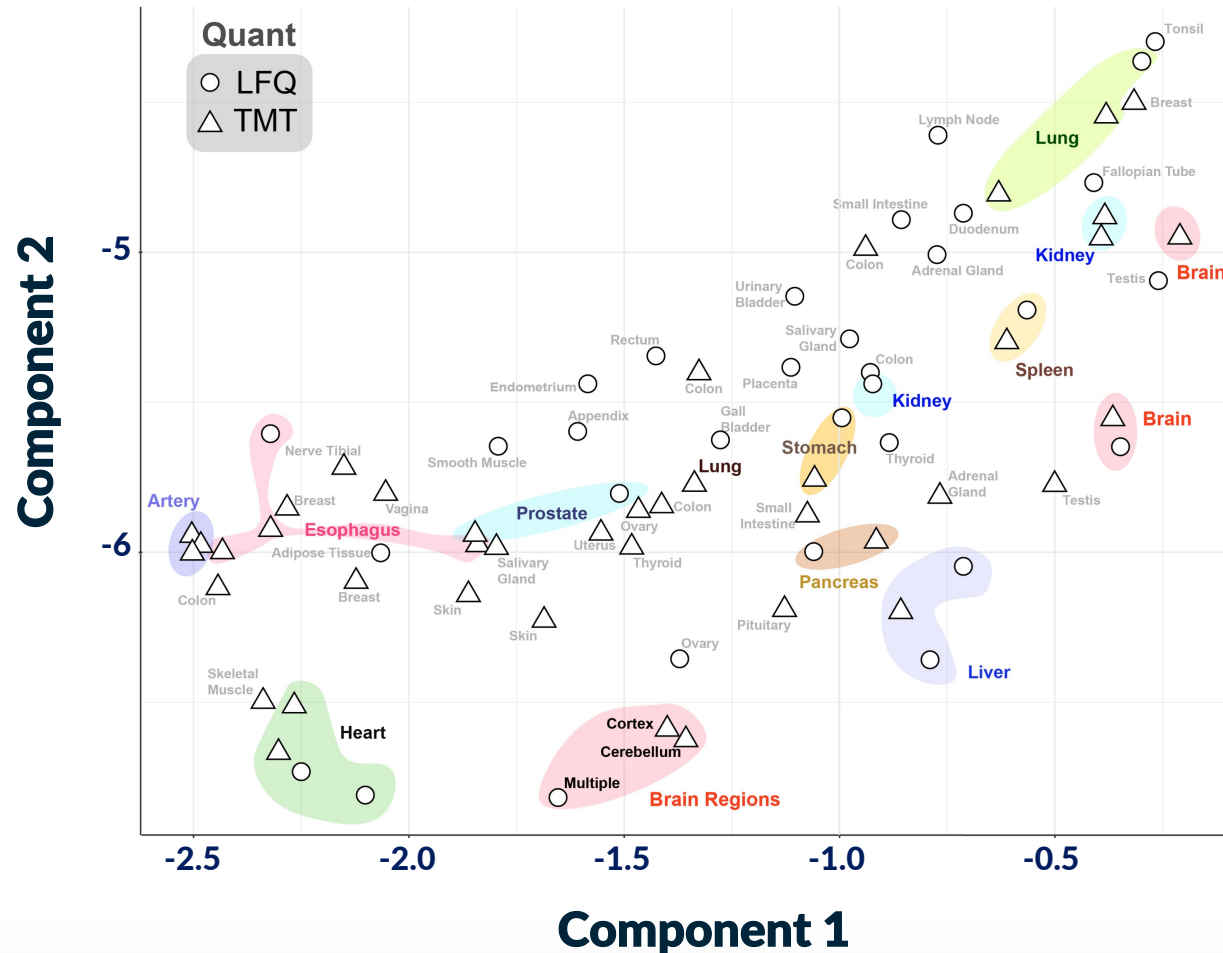


- Representative heterogenous data from multiple labs

UMAP analysis reveals data is **NOT** clustered by Quantification method

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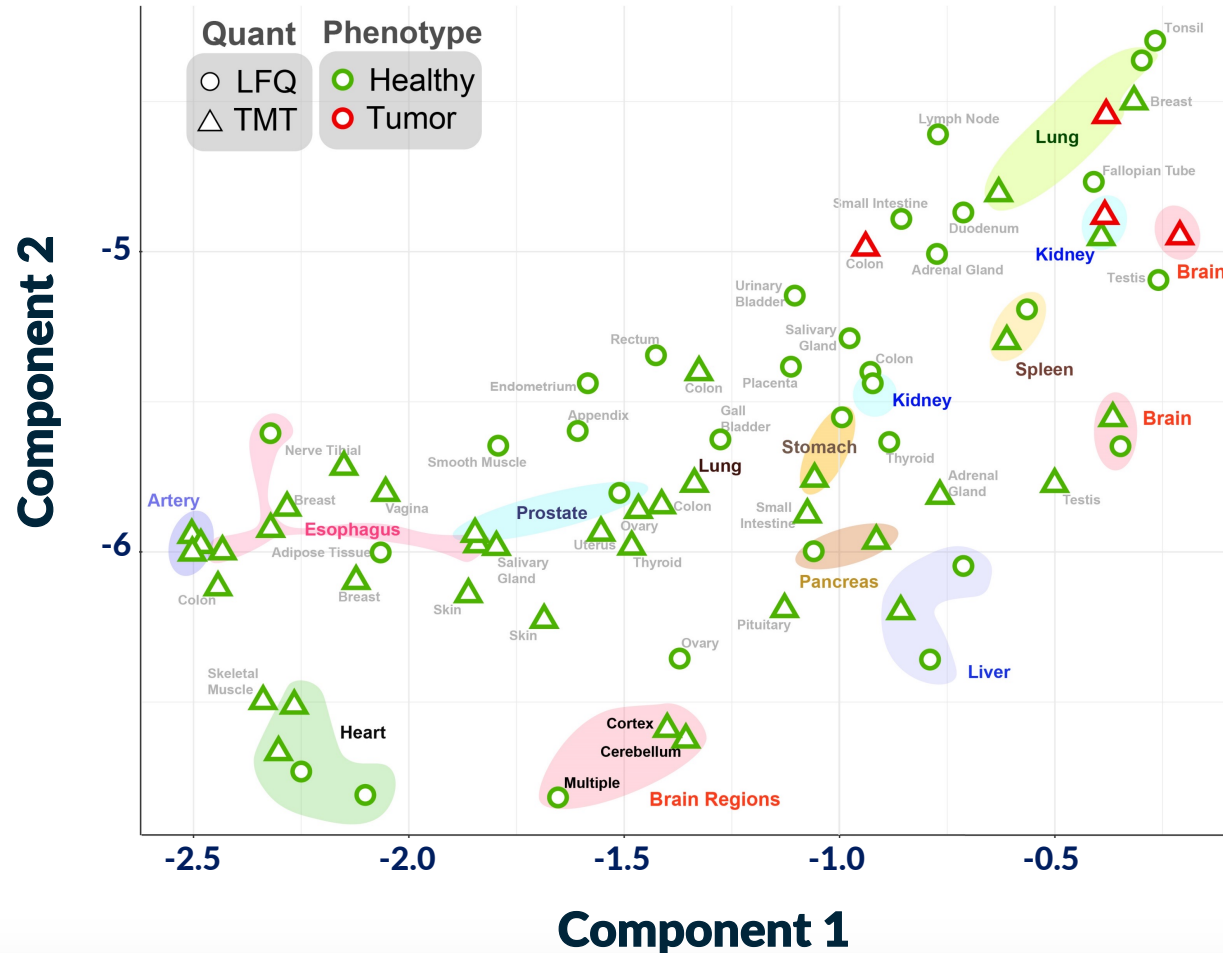


- Representative heterogenous data from multiple labs
- Clustering based on tissues → grouping diverse quant data of same tissue together

UMAP analysis reveals data is **clustered by biology**

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Tissue Specific Cluster



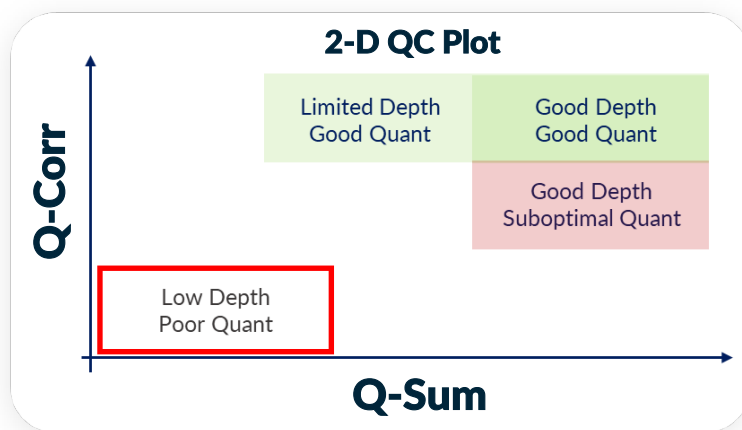
- Representative heterogenous data from multiple labs
- Clustering based on tissues
- Primary tumors group together
- Tumor and matching healthy tissues cluster together

Health and Disease Tissue Expression Map captures underlying biology providing reliable absolute abundance patterns

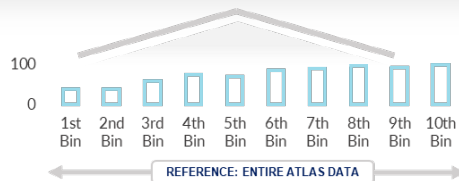
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New QC Parameters Developed

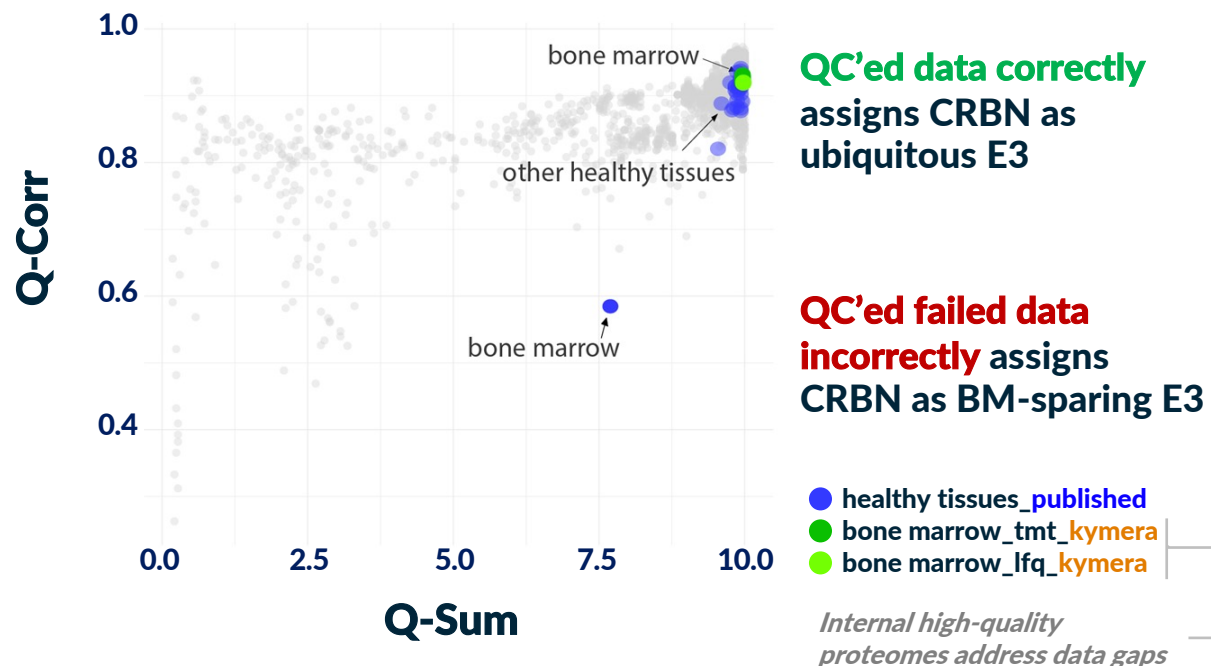
Comparable Quantitation?
Quantitative correlation relative to reference proteome



Comparable Depth?
the sum of the quantiles
Protein detection across abundance bins



Atlas Data Resolved on 2D QC



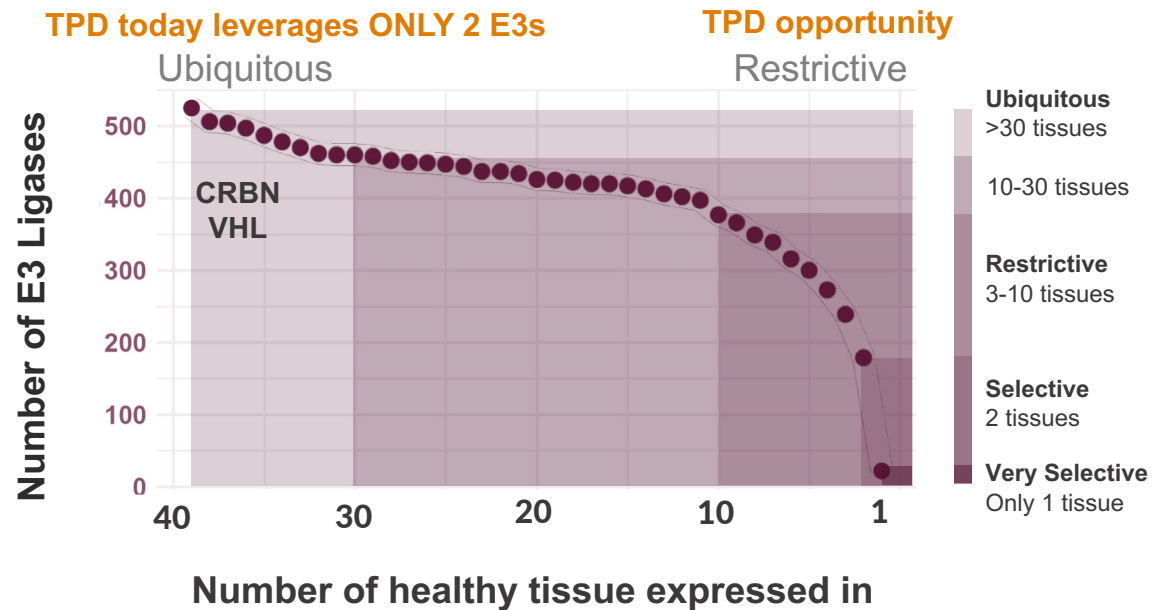
- Our **quality-controlled** expression atlas provides **reliable protein expression profiles**
- Kymera addresses data gaps with internal high-quality proteomes



Learnings from E3 Whole Body Human Atlas Implications for TPD

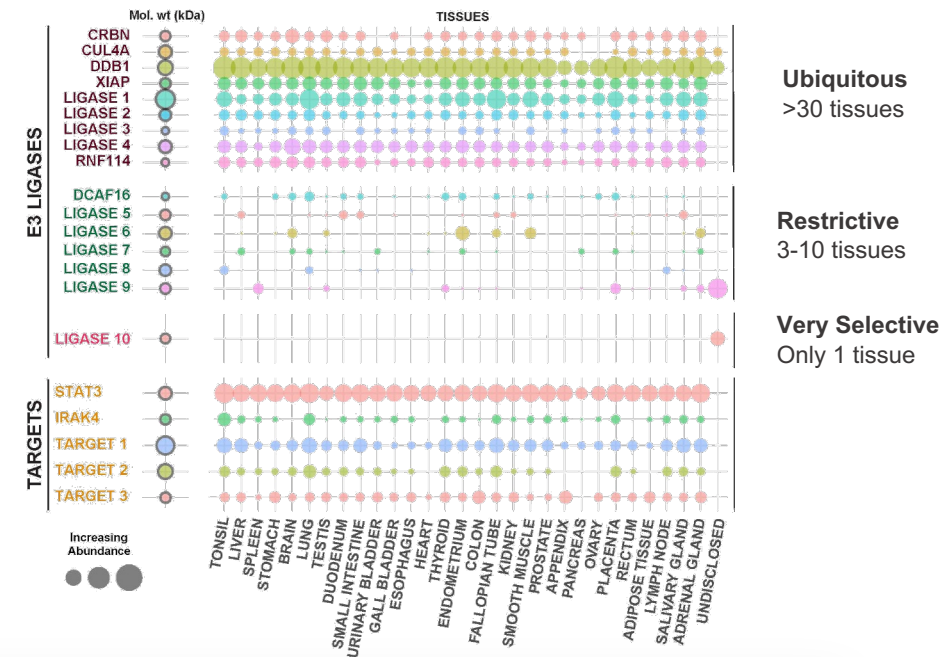
Novel E3 Ligases to Drug a New Generation of Targets

A Third of E3 Ligases are Selectively Detected in 1-2 Tissues



PEGASUS
E3 Ligase Whole Body Atlas

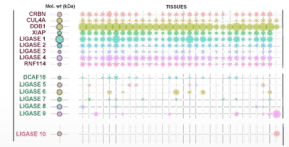
578 E3 Ligases
(Unique Gene IDs)



- Determined the expression profiles of ~600 unique E3 ligases
- Patterns mapped in both disease and healthy contexts
- Ability to match a target protein with appropriate E3 ligase based on expression and biology via a machine learning algorithm
- Vision to develop tissue-selective or tissue-restricted degraders to enable novel therapeutic opportunities

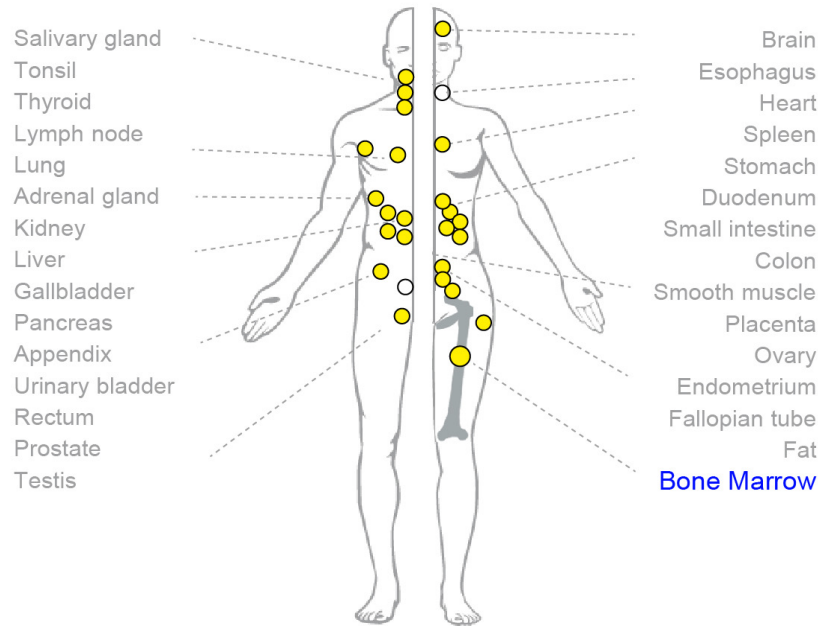
Towards Restrictive Degradation

Using Human E3 Atlas-based Expression Profiles of ALL Ligases



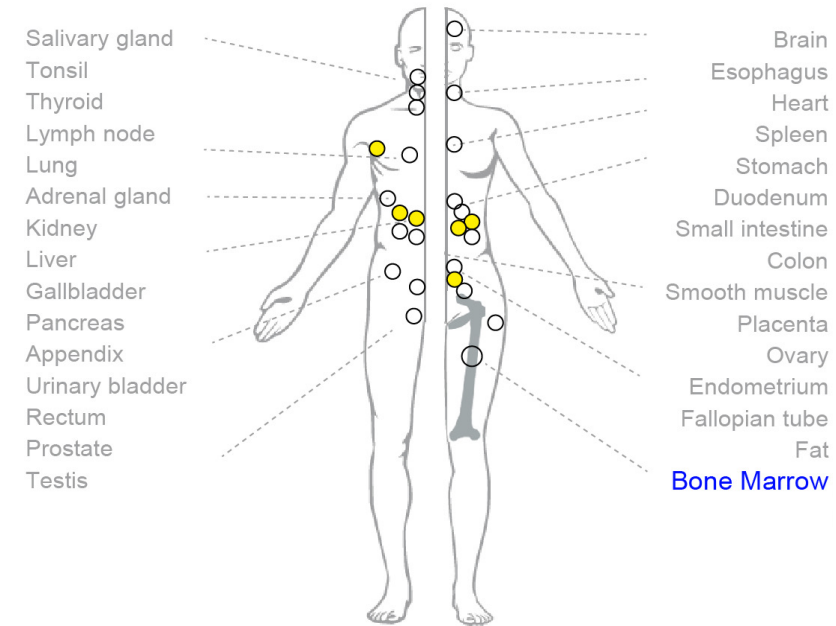
Example: Oncology / Selective Degradation / Tissue Sparing

● = Target Degradation



Undesired Degradation = Clinical Tox

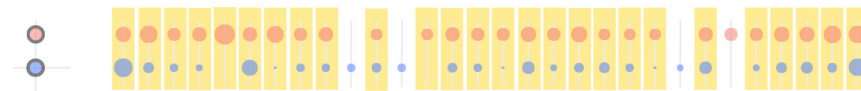
Ubiquitous Target Degradation



No Degradation = Safe

Restrictive Target Degradation

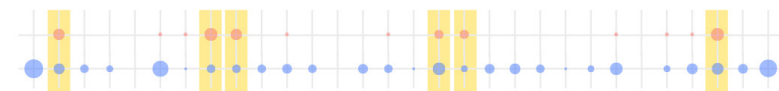
CRBN
ONC TARGET



Decreasing Abundance

Tissues

LIGASE B
ONC TARGET



Tissues

Lessons for TPD from E3 Atlas Mining Exercises

BENEFIT

Clinical utility
Candidate E3

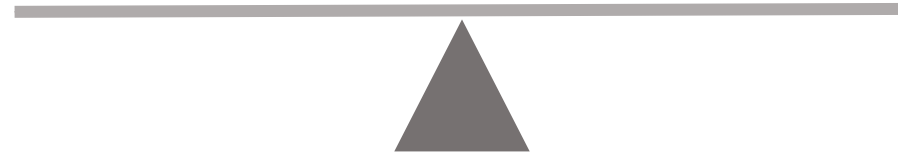


Safe Degraders



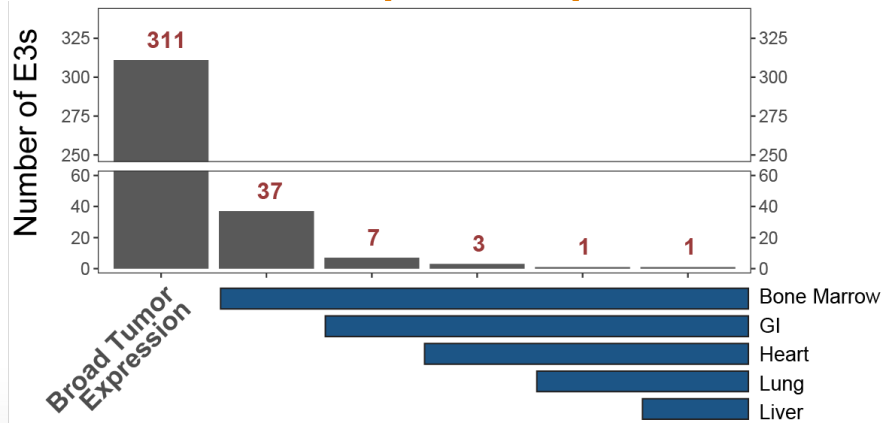
RISK

Clinical tox
De-risk all tissues



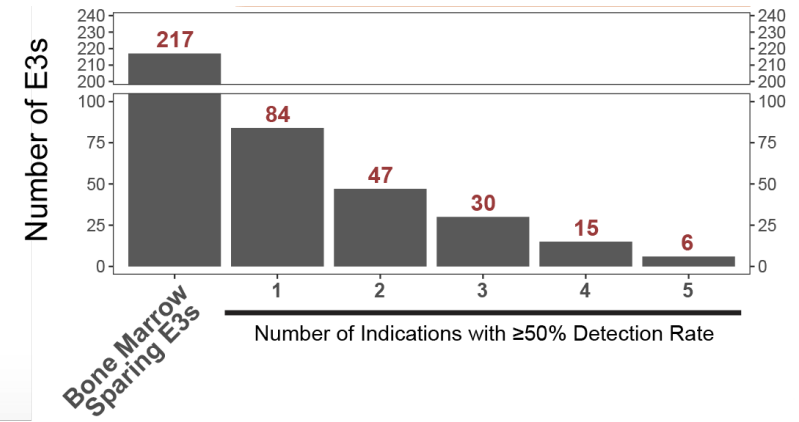
1 'Very' Restricted Expression Profiles Yield Rather Limited Candidate E3 Ligases for Drug Discovery

Tissue Sparing Potential of E3s with Broad Primary Tumor Expression



2 E3 Candidates Addressing 'all' Potential Toxicity Concerns May Have Little Clinical Utility

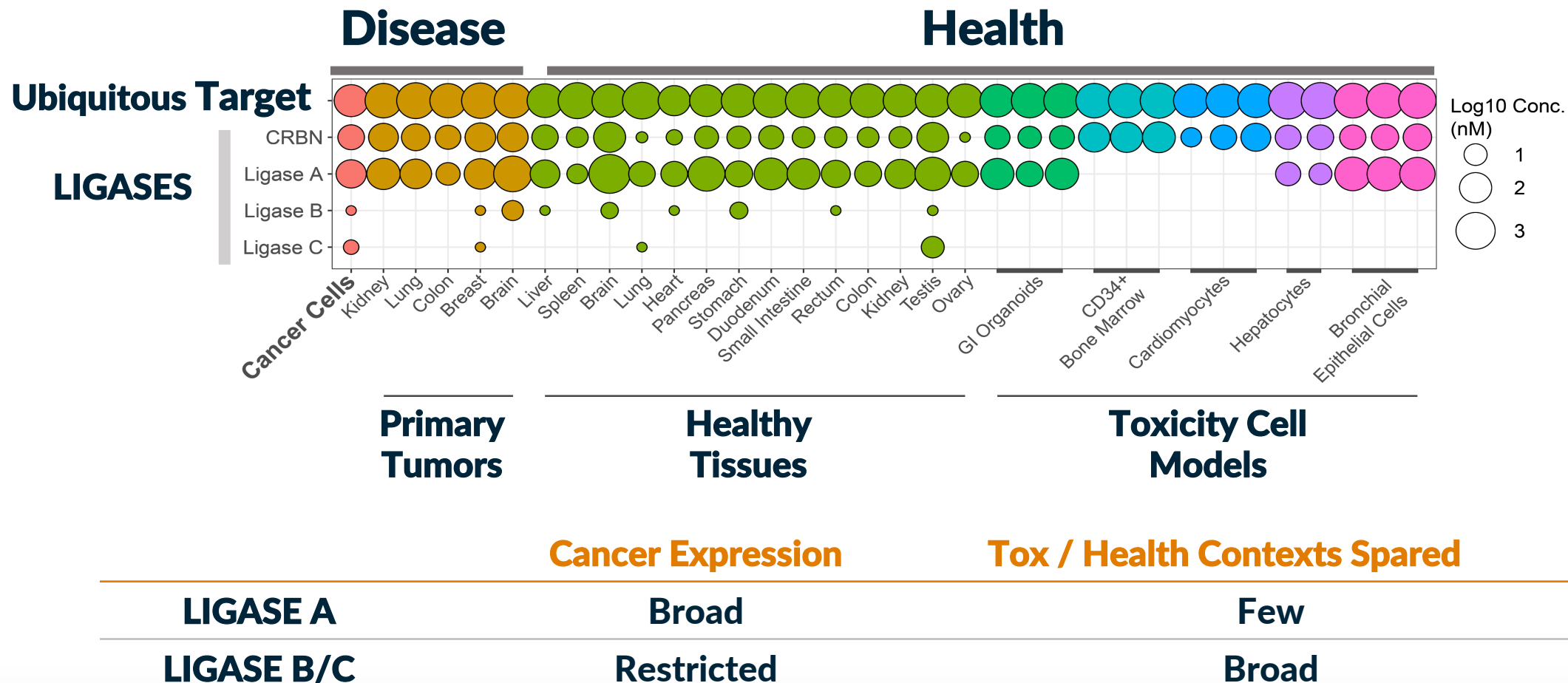
Clinical Utility of Bone Marrow Sparing E3s



Example - E3 Ligase Profiles

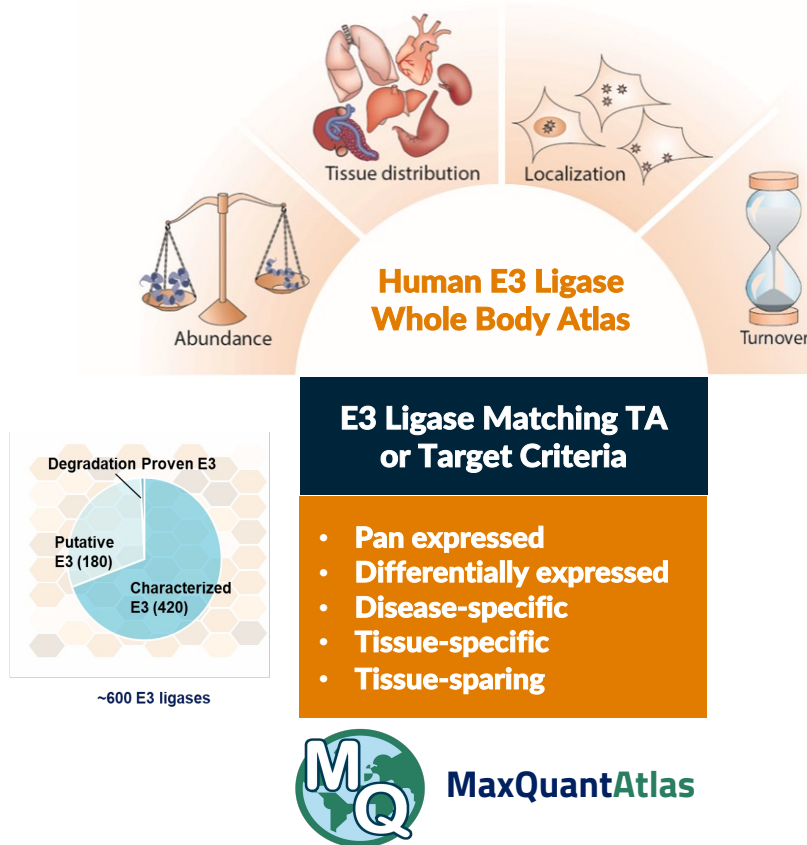
Varying De-risking vs Clinical Utility Balance

Representative Absolute Abundance Profiles in Healthy & Cancer Resolved to Tissues & Cells



First Human E3 (& POI) Absolute Expression Atlas in Health & Disease

Invest in E3s with Tissue Sparing Potential for Targets with Unmet Clinical Need



Relative Abundance in Health and Disease

- Tissue sparing or Ubiquitous
- Expression in disease: Broad or restricted

Absolute Abundance

- Benchmarking expression of novel E3s vs CRBN/VHL
- E3: target stoichiometry to predict efficiency of ternary complex formation

Subcellular Localization

- Match E3 and POI subcellular location
- ID colocalized (interacting) partners for compartment specific degradation approaches

Half-Life

- E3 and POI(s): QSP modeling and covalent hit strategies

Advanced Wses: e.g. Targeted Delivery of Degraders

- Selected expression of differentially expressed surface expressed proteins

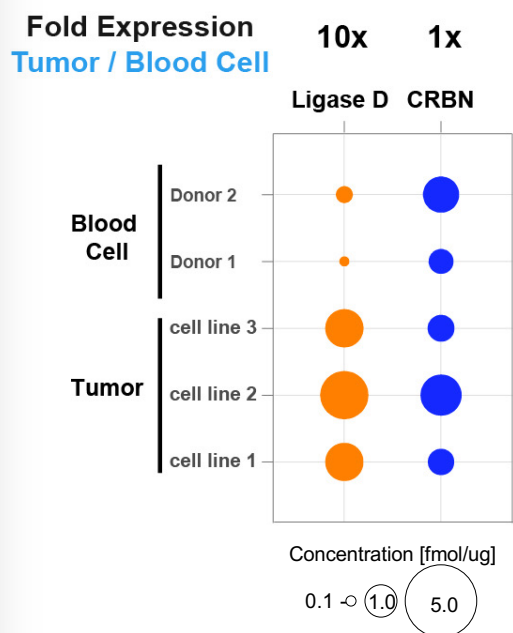


E3 Atlas-enabled Novel Precision Medicine Degradation Programs

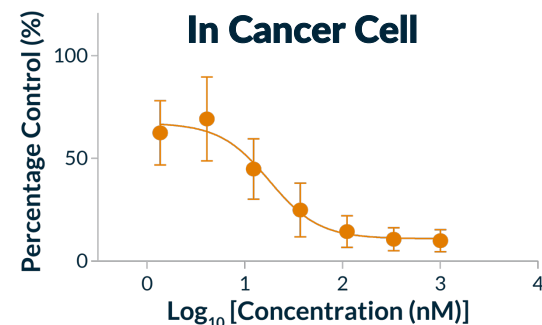
Unlocking a Clinically Validated Target by a Tissue Sparing E3

- Kymera has characterized an E3 ligase that is expressed broadly but NOT in ONE blood cell type
- A clinically validated oncology target has dose limiting toxicity driven by on-target pharmacology in the same blood cell type where this E3 ligase is absent/very low

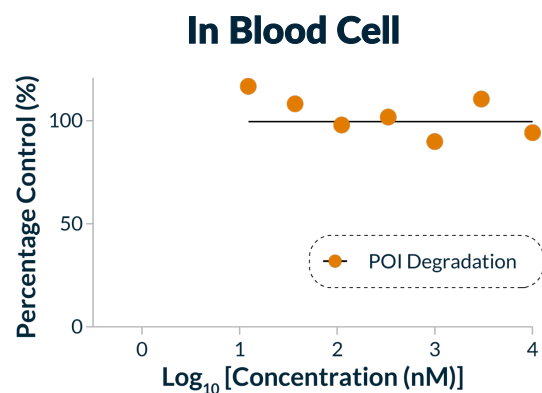
E3 Ligase is Almost Absent in One Blood Cell Type



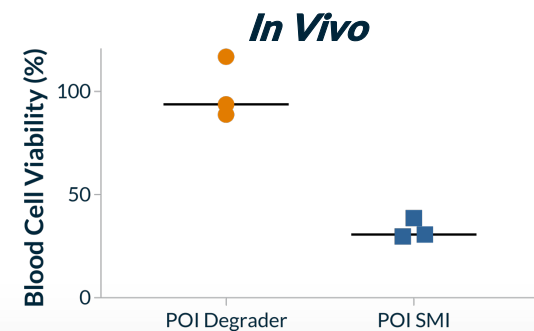
Optimization and Degradation Program



Kymera's degrader using this E3 ligase **degrades target in cancer cells**



Kymera's degrader using this E3 ligase **DOES NOT degrade target in one blood cell type**



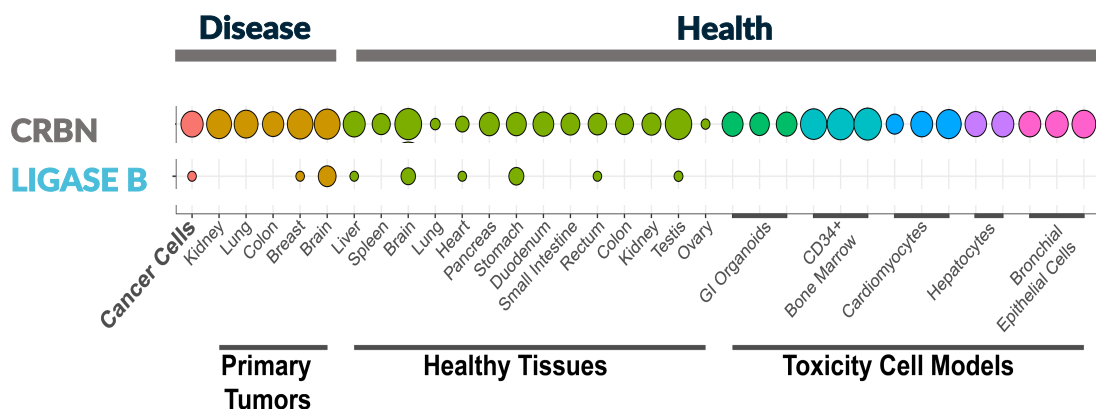
In a pharmacologically active dose *in vivo* a **degrader allows blood cells to survive** while SMI leads to substantial cell death

POI = protein target of interest

Chemically Harnessing a Novel Very Restrictive E3 Ligase

Ligase B :

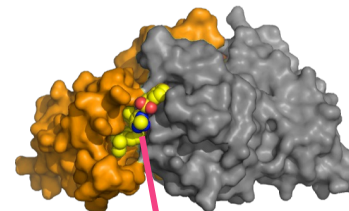
Favorable healthy & disease profile for tissue-selective degradation



Ligand Identification and Degradation

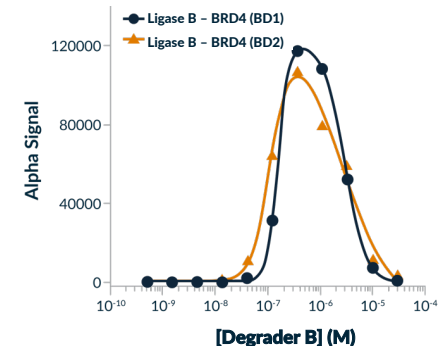
Small Molecule Ligand Bound to a Tissue-selective E3 Ligase

Ligase B, Ligand B



Lead Compound Affinity $K_D = < 0.2 \mu\text{M}$

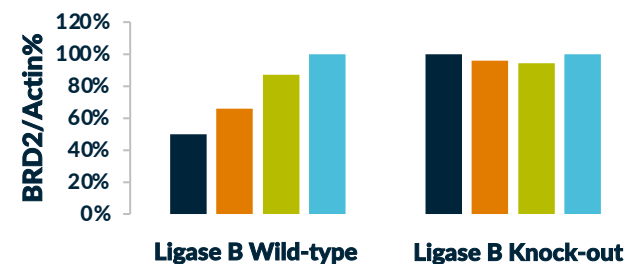
Leads to Ternary Complex Formation with a Protein of Interest



Cell-based Degradation by HiBiT

Degradation B Analogue Concentrations

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Summary



- Kymera's Mission is to develop tissue restricted drugs maximizing the therapeutic index of clinically well-validated targets by minimizing on-target toxicity



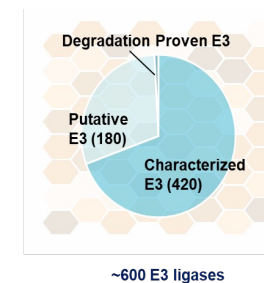
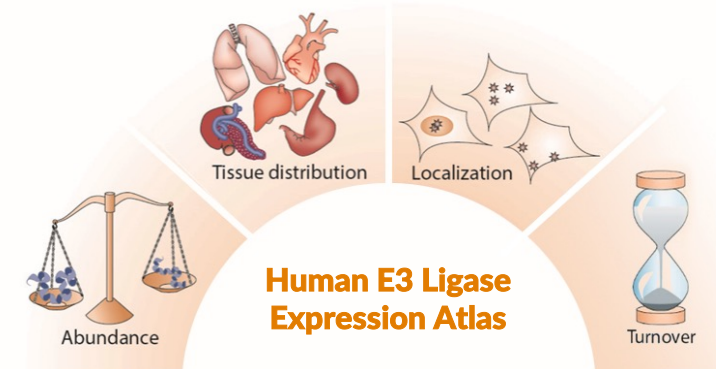
- Developed a Novel Algorithm (MQAtlas) for creating a large-scale protein concentration map of E3s in health and disease



- E3 Ligase Whole Body Atlas routinely used to identify tissue sparing E3 ligases in a disease agnostic manner
- Through **Pegasus Platform**, Kymera is able to chemically harness biology of identified novel tissue restricted E3 ligases



E3 Ligase Whole Body Atlas



E3 Ligase Matching TA or Target Criteria

- Pan expressed
- Differentially expressed
- Disease-specific
- Tissue-specific
- Tissue-sparing



MaxQuantAtlas

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Lead Discovery

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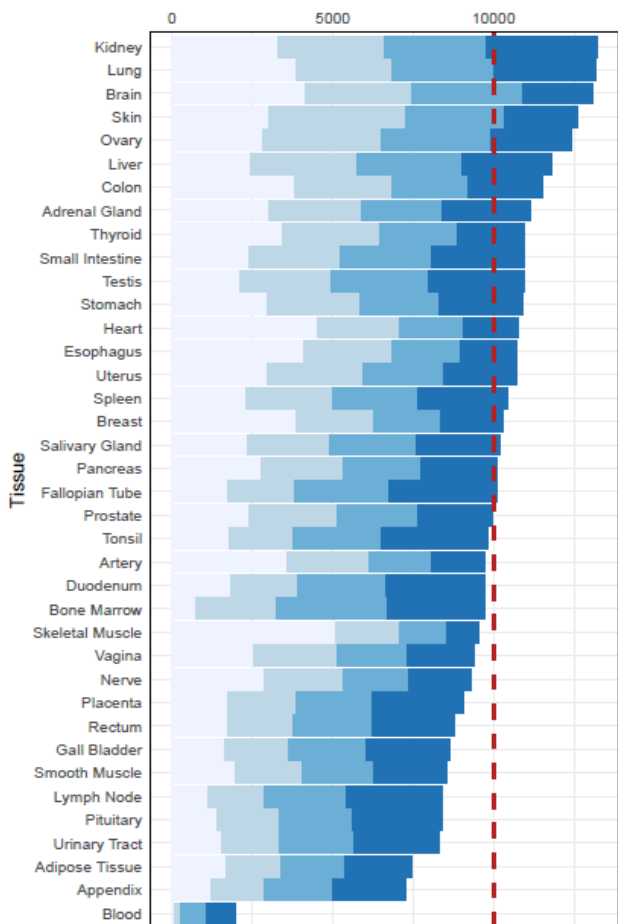
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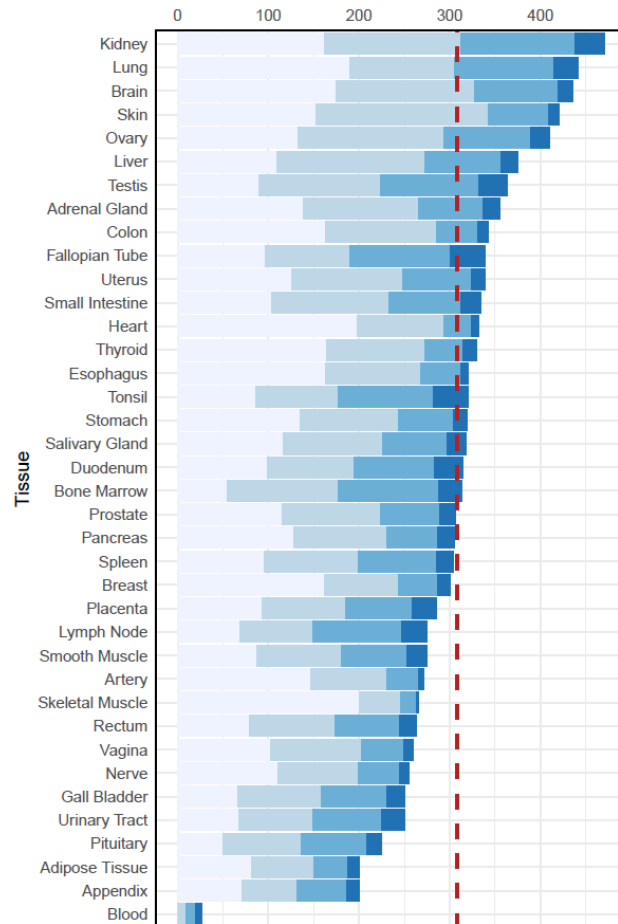
Abundance of E3s and Transcription Factors

Total Proteome



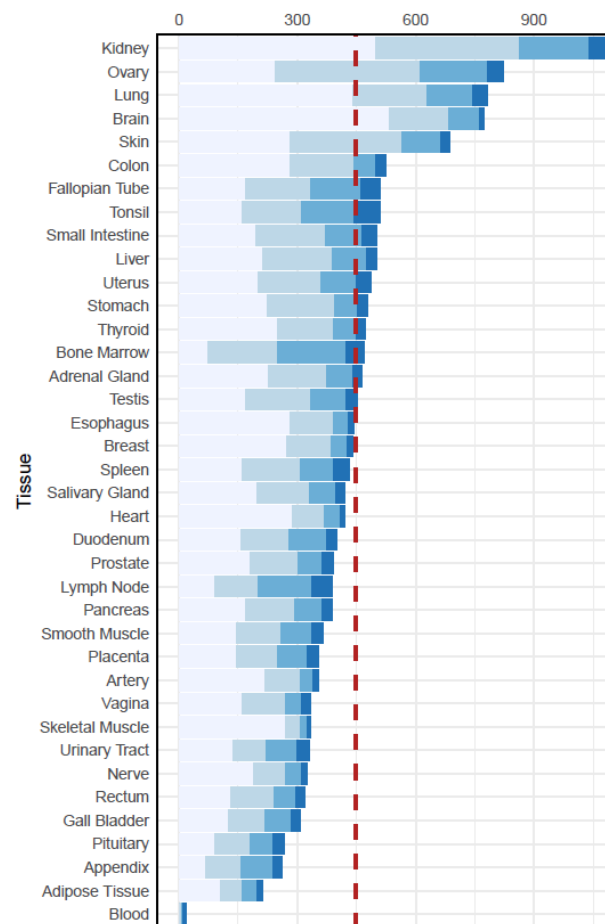
Average ≈ 10,000

E3 Ligases



Average ≈ 300

Transcription Factors*



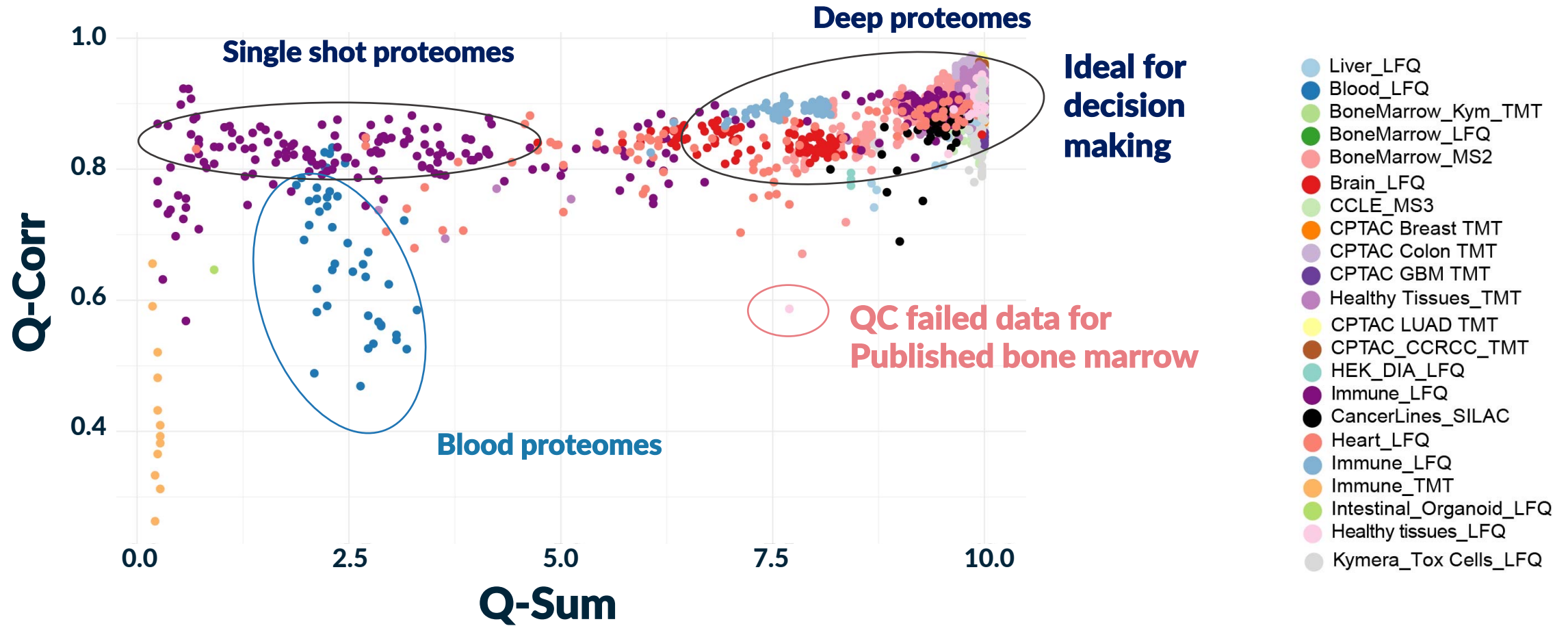
Average ≈ 450

- E3s are generally a lower abundant protein class but expressed at higher levels than transcription factors

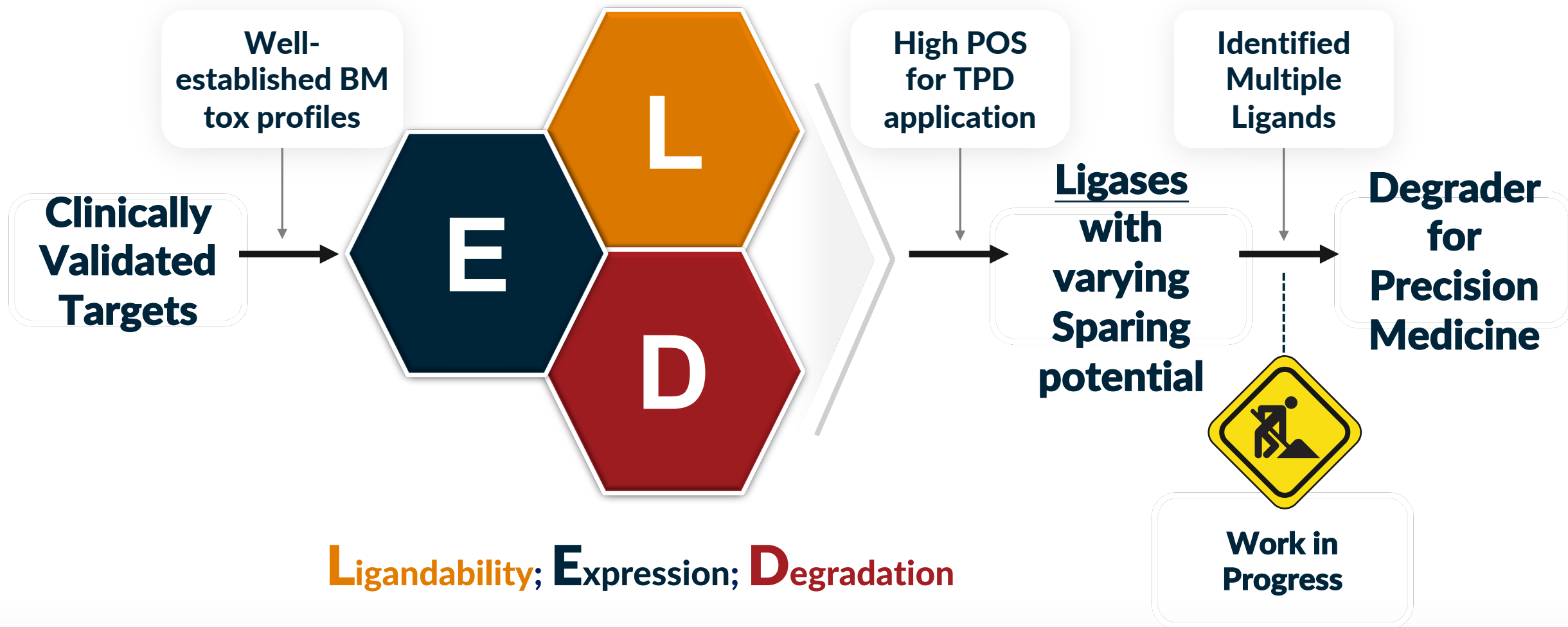
*Total: 1639 genes, Lambert et al., Cell 2018

Improved Decisions with Quality Controlled Data Integration

New QC Parameters Developed



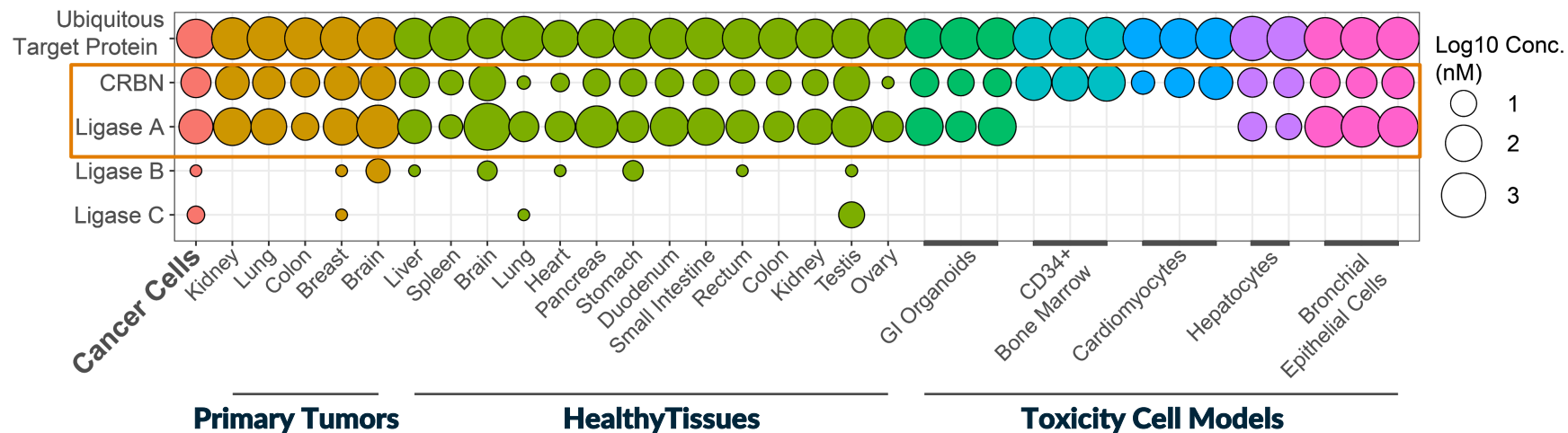
Developing Next Gen Degradator for Precision Medicine



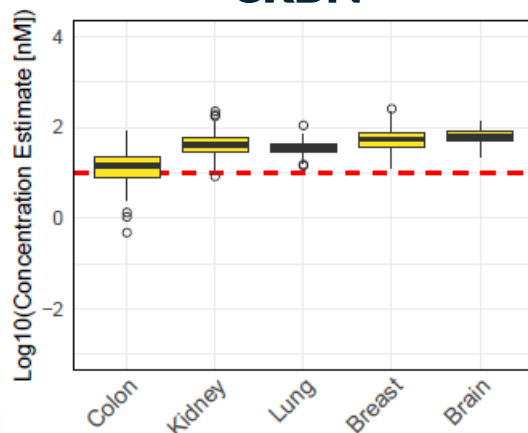


A Novel Tissue Sparing E3 Ligase with Broad Cancer Utility

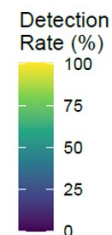
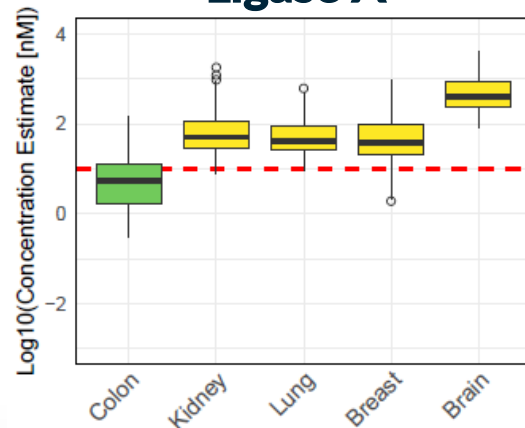
Protein Expression in Healthy and Cancer Tissues



CRBN



Ligase A

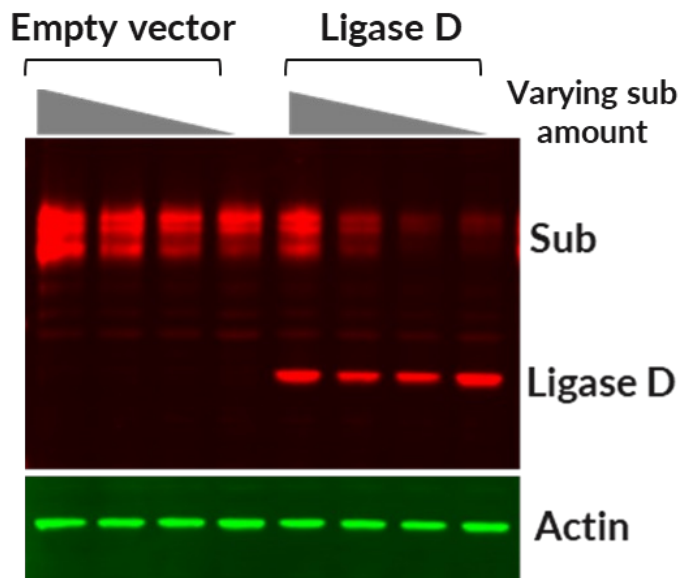


- Highly expressed in multiple cancer types (i.e. comparable to CRBN).
- Very low to no expression in key tox cells, especially in blood progenitors.
- Tissue-sparing potential is suitable for multiple solid tumor indications.

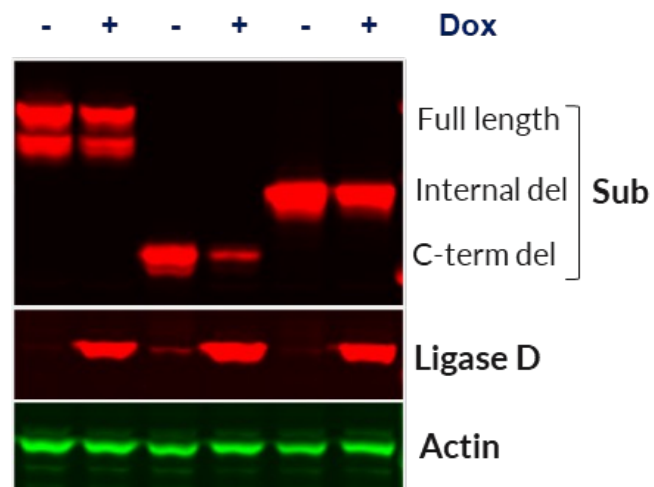


Robust "D" toward Natural and Neo-substrates

Degradation of Endogenous Substrate

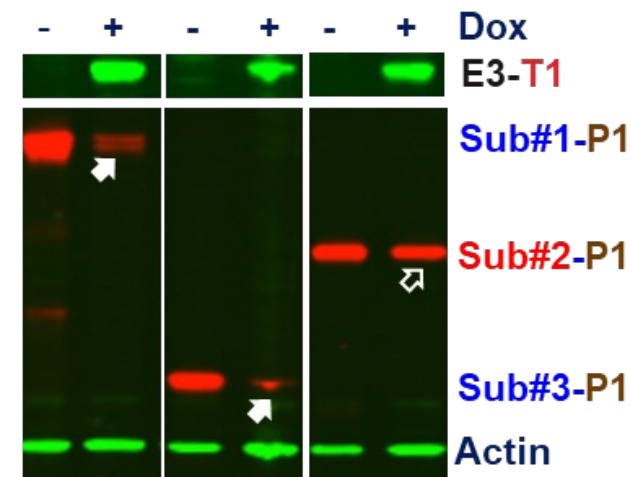


Dox-inducible stable lines



Degradation of Neo Substrates

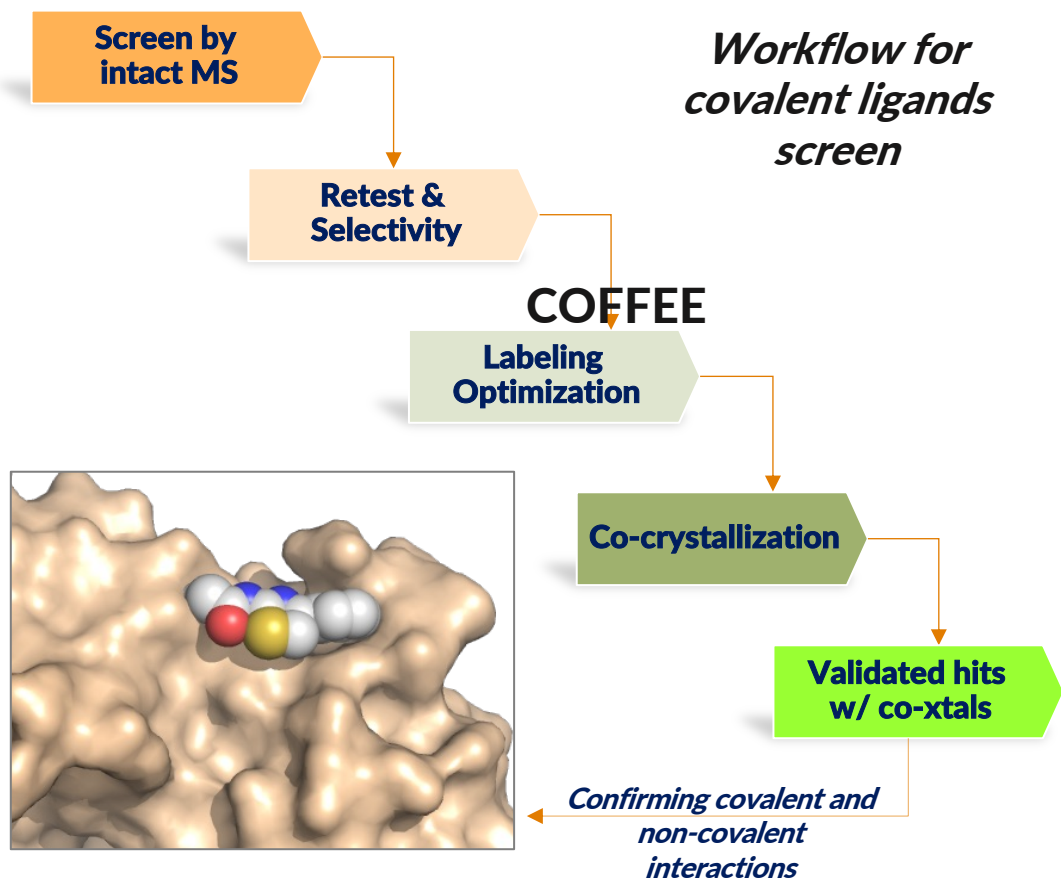
PoC of New Proximity System





Validation of Druggability of Novel Site

Identification of Covalent Ligands



Validation of Functional Competency

