

# AB801 POTENTLY & SELECTIVELY INHIBITS AXL TO OVERCOME THERAPEUTIC RESISTANCE

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# AXL Signaling Is a Common Mechanism of Resistance to Standard of Care Therapies

AXL signaling supports therapeutic resistance (relapse) to multiple therapeutics:

## ▪ Targeted Therapy

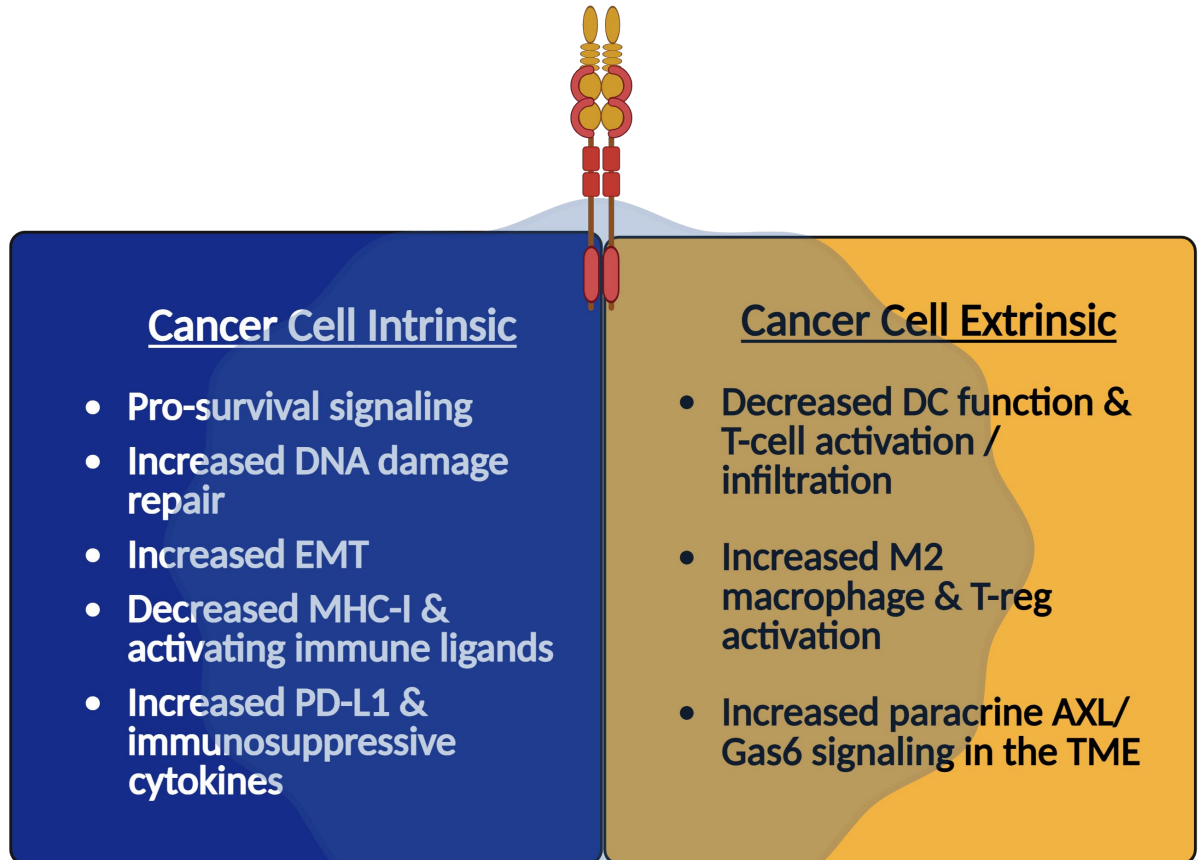
- Upregulation of AXL expression
- Homo- and hetero-dimerization with other TAM receptors and RTKs

## ▪ Chemotherapy

- Increases DNA repair
- Increases anti-apoptotic and survival signaling

## ▪ Immunotherapy

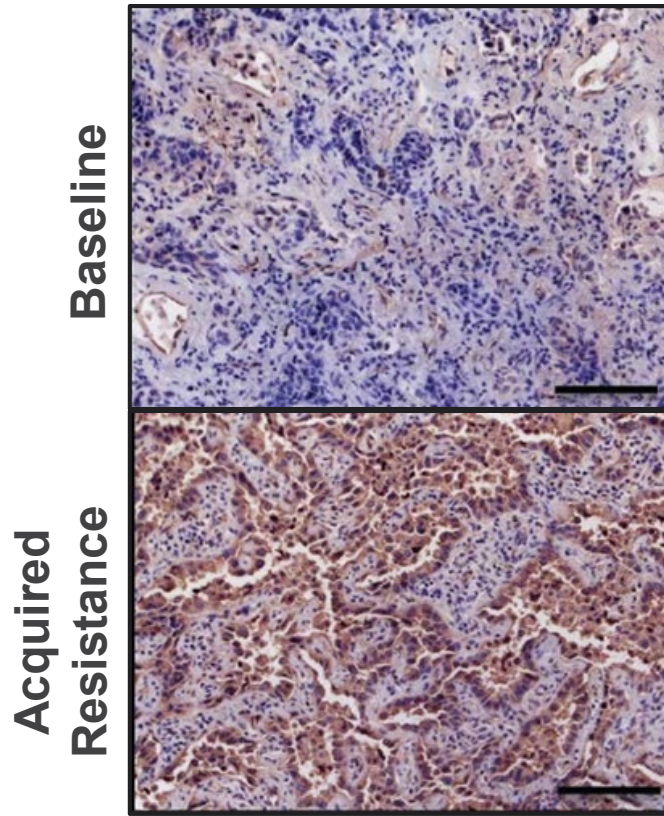
- Decreases antigen presentation
- Secretion of immunosuppressive chemokines



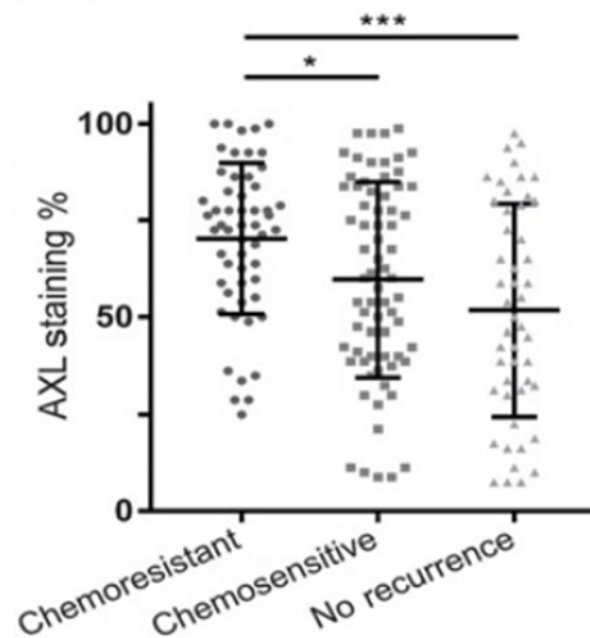
**Therapeutic Hypothesis: Inhibiting AXL signaling will overcome multiple mechanisms of drug-resistance**

# AXL Signaling Supports Therapeutic Resistance in Multiple Indications

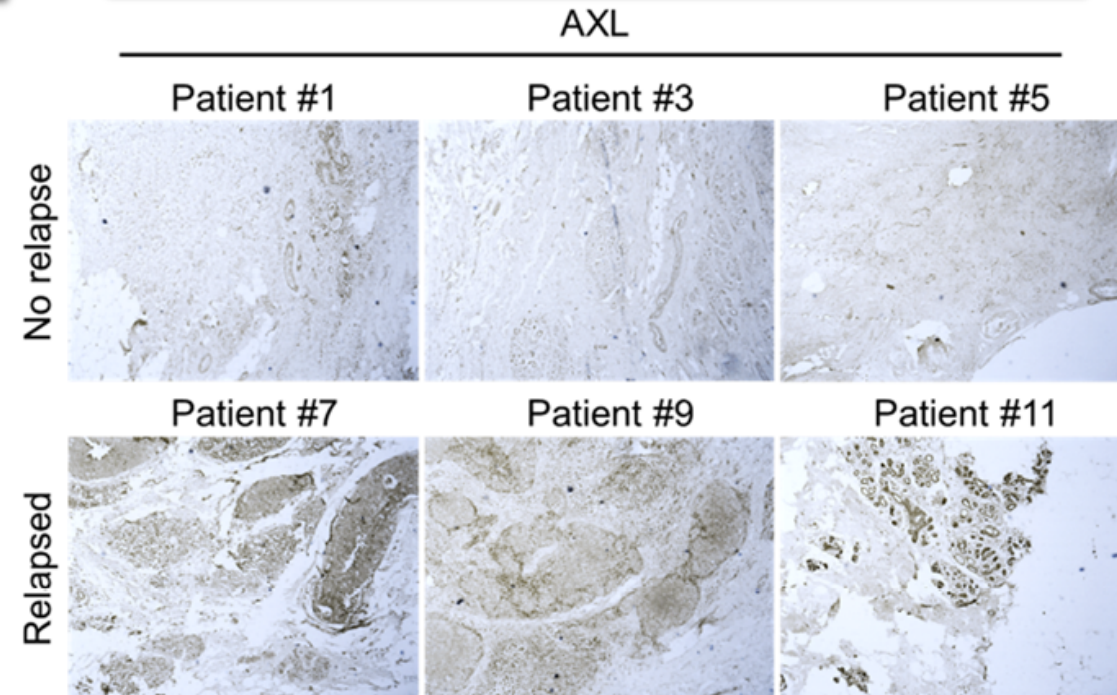
## EGFR<sup>mut</sup> NSCLC (Erlotinib)



## Ovarian (Taxanes)



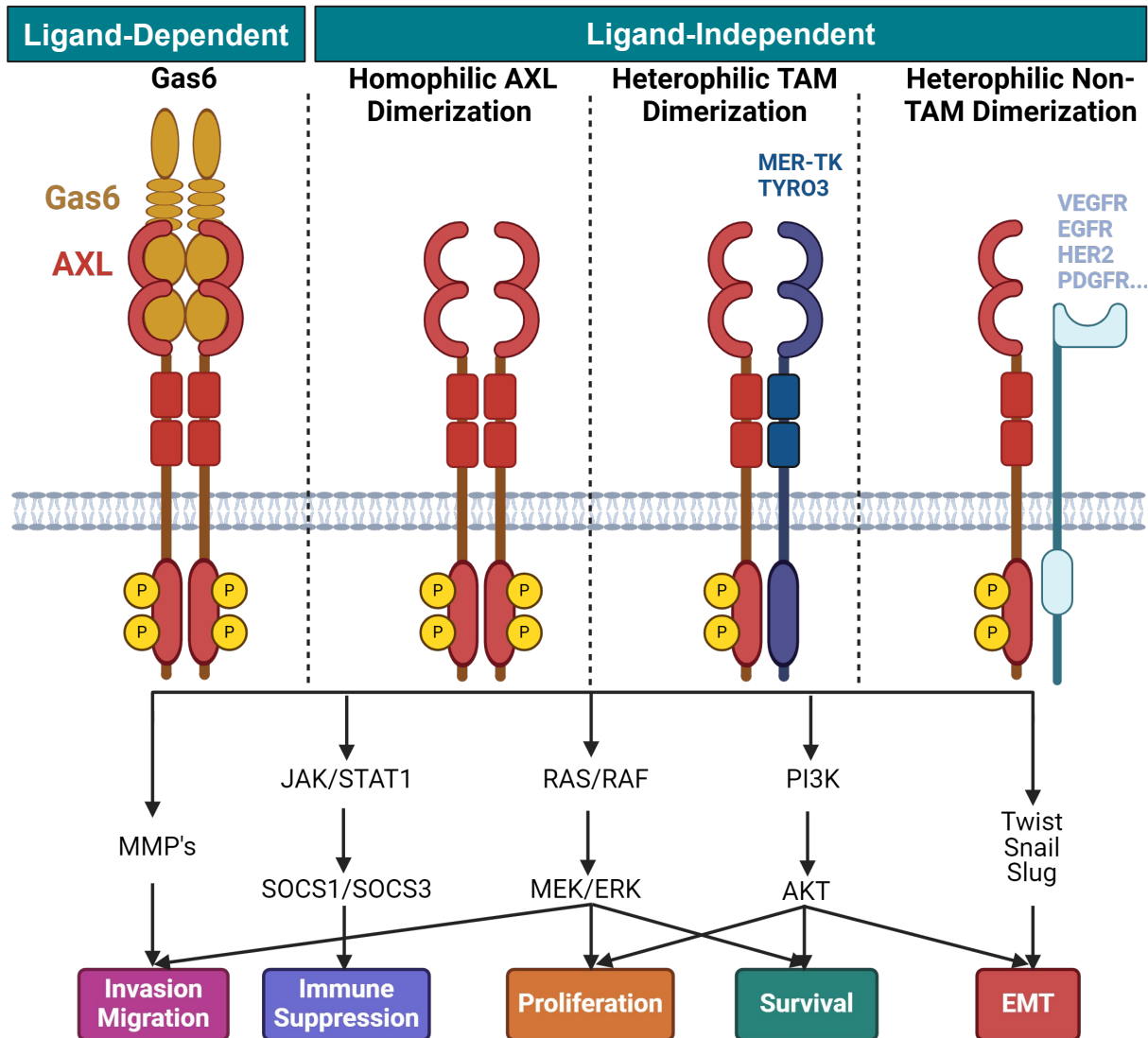
## Breast (Chemotherapy)



**High expression of AXL results in therapeutic resistance**

NSCLC data: Zhang, et al., Nat Genet 2012  
 Ovarian data: Quinn, et al., Mol Cancer Ther. 2019  
 Breast data: Aldonza, et al., Scientific Reports. 2021

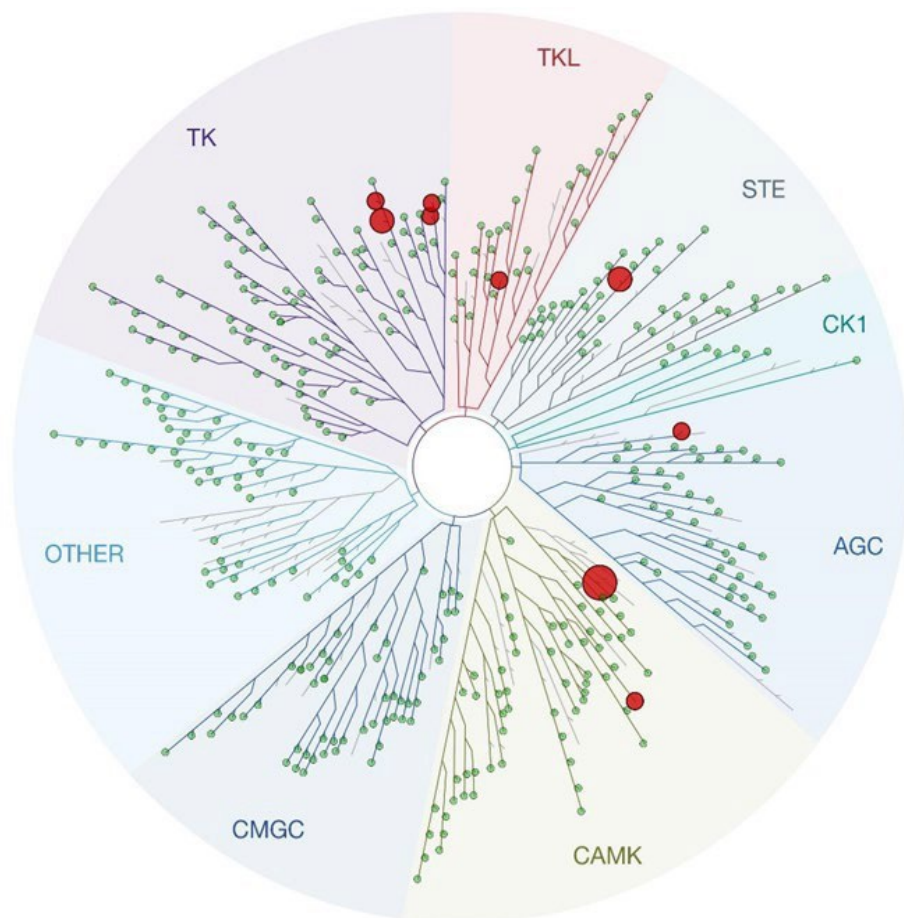
# AXL Signaling is Mediated by Both Ligand-Dependent and Ligand-Independent Dimerization



- **AXL phosphorylation**
  - Ligand-dependent via Gas6
  - Ligand-independent via AXL homodimerization or heterodimerization with other TAM family members or RTK's
- **AXL signaling promotes cancer cell proliferation, survival, migration, EMT, and an immunosuppressive microenvironment**

# AB801 Is a Highly Potent and Selective AXL Inhibitor

## AB801



**AB801 only hits one other kinase within a 200-fold window of AXL**

## AB801 Is Highly Selective for AXL

Kinase	$K_d$	$K_{d,kin} / K_{d,AXL}$
AXL	0.093	1
DRAK1	4.4	47
HPK1	26	280
TRKA	31	330

## AB801 is a Potent Inhibitor of AXL

	Assay	AB801
Biochemical	hAXL HTRF $IC_{50}$ (700 $\mu$ M ATP)	1.75 nM
	AXL $K_i$	0.024 nM
	Fold selectivity over hMERTK / hTYRO3 (enzyme $K_i$ over AXL $K_i$ )	860x / 1400x
Cell Based	pAXL ELISA $IC_{50}$ (100% serum)	68 nM

Selectivity of AB801 evaluated at Eurofins using KINOMEScan™ screening platform; tested against 403 non-mutant kinases @ 100 nM

# But Haven't AXL Inhibitors Already Been Used in the Clinic?

- Several multi-TKIs, like cabozantinib, have been described as AXL inhibitors, however they inhibit many other kinases as or more potently than AXL
- Clinically, lack of selectivity results in dose-limiting toxicities (DLTs) making complete inhibition of AXL unachievable
  - Inhibition of LCK or FLT3 (and associated myelosuppression) by several multi-TKIs limit their ability to combine with standard of care treatments like chemo- and immunotherapy

## In vitro kinase inhibition profile of Cabozantinib

Kinase	IC <sub>50</sub> ± SD, <sup>a</sup> nmol/L
VEGFR2	0.035 ± 0.01
MET	1.3 ± 1.2
MET (Y1248H)	3.8
MET (D1246N)	11.8
MET (K1262R)	14.6
RET	5.2 ± 4.3
TIE2	14.3 ± 1.1
AXL	7
FLT3	11.3 ± 1.8
KIT	4.6 ± 0.5
RON	124 ± 1.2

Staurosporine



Sunitinib



Sorafenib



Imatinib

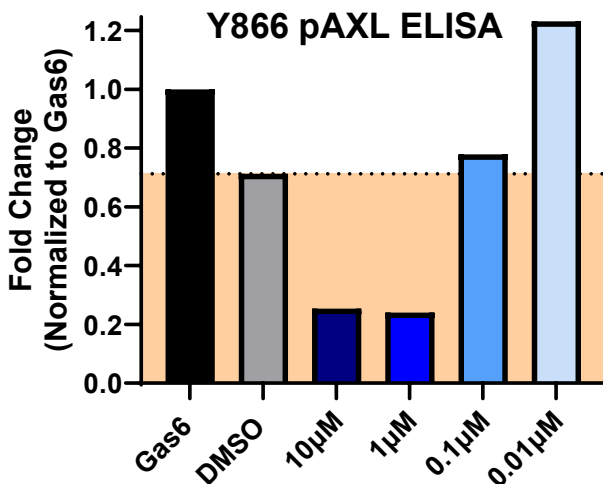
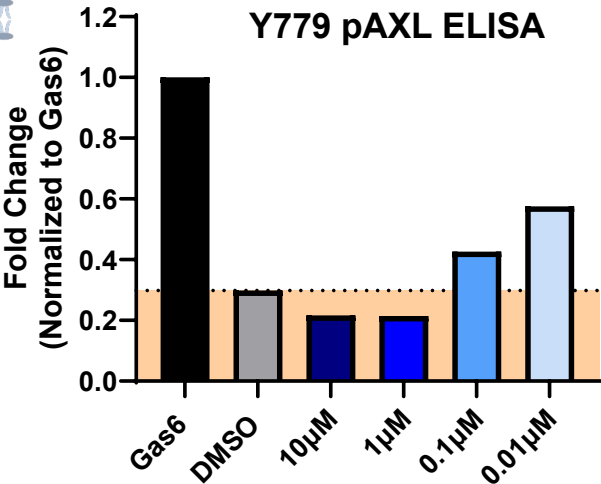
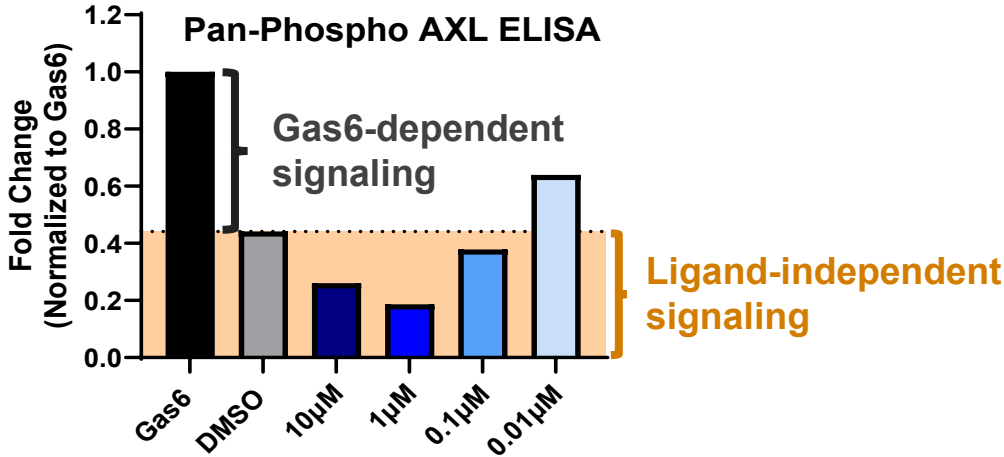
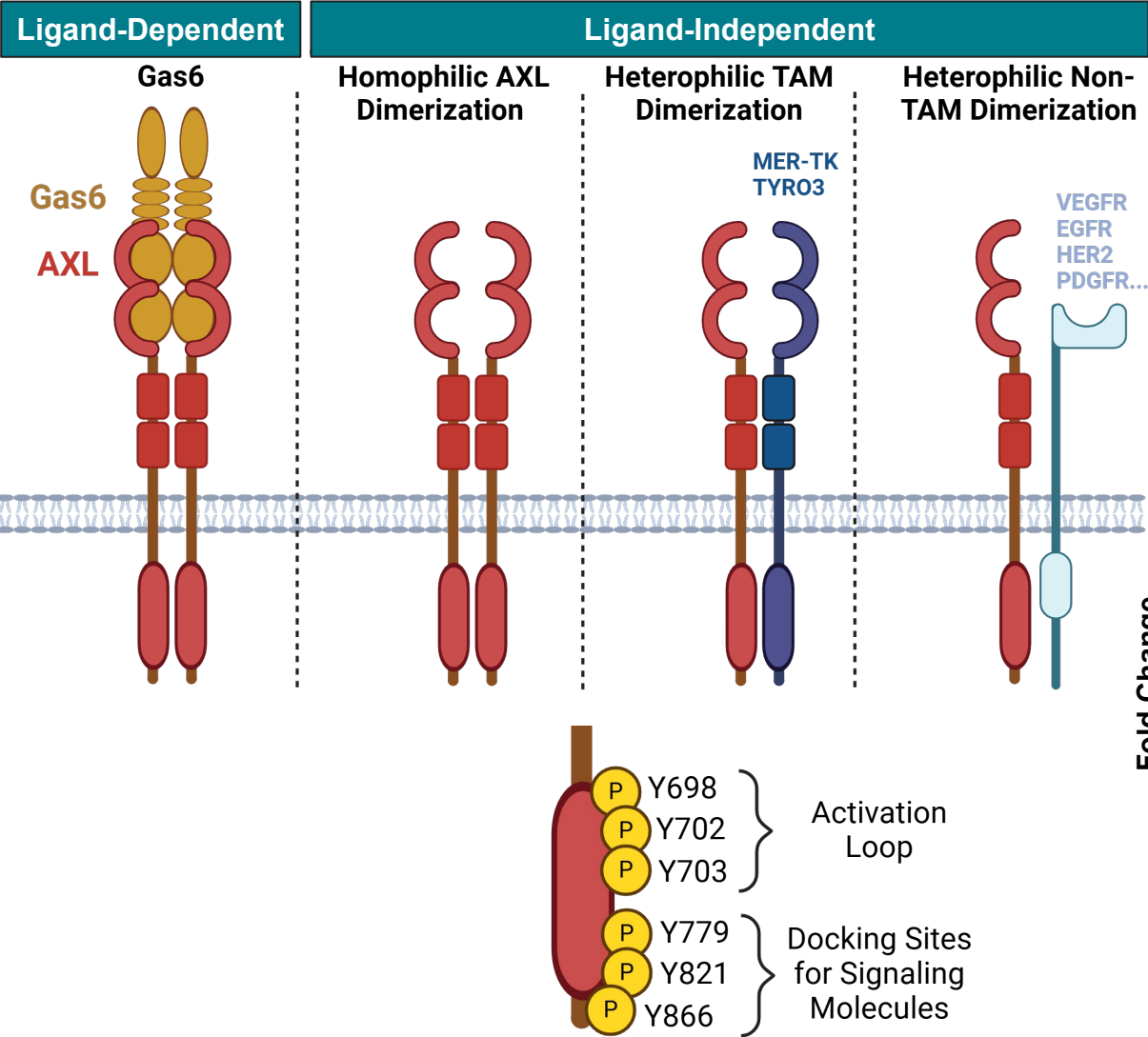


Dasatinib



Ghoreschi, et al. Nature Immunology. 2009

# AB801 Inhibits Both Ligand-Dependent and Ligand-Independent AXL Signaling



Arcus has developed custom antibodies for pAXL sites that are directly involved in AXL signaling

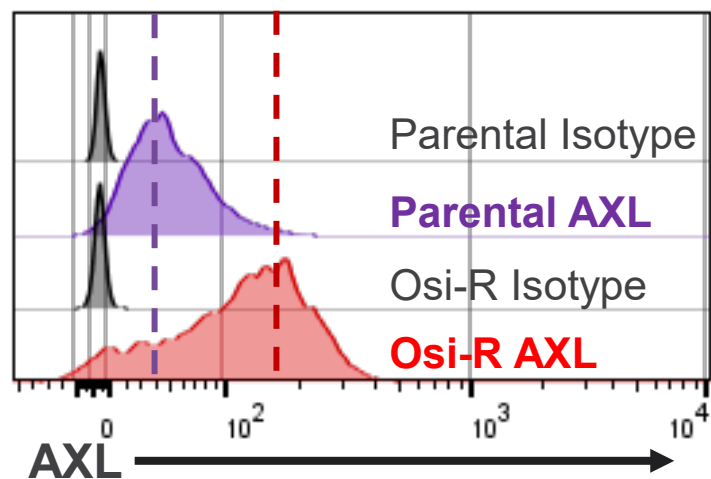
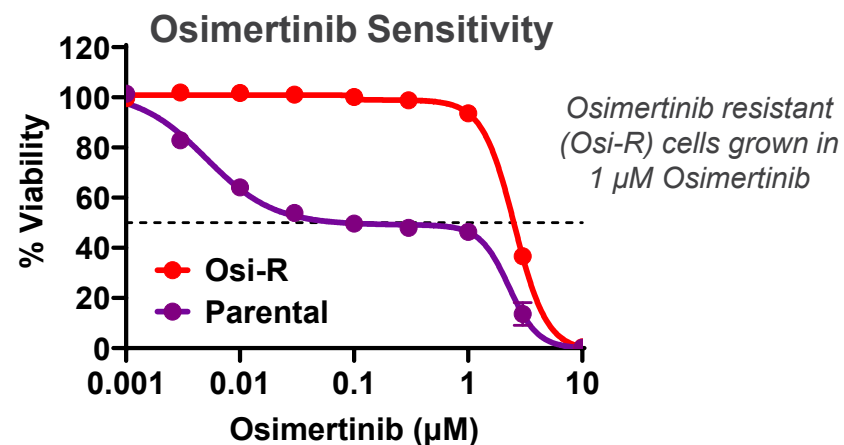
# AB801 RESTORES SENSITIVITY TO TARGETED THERAPIES

EGFR-mutant NSCLC

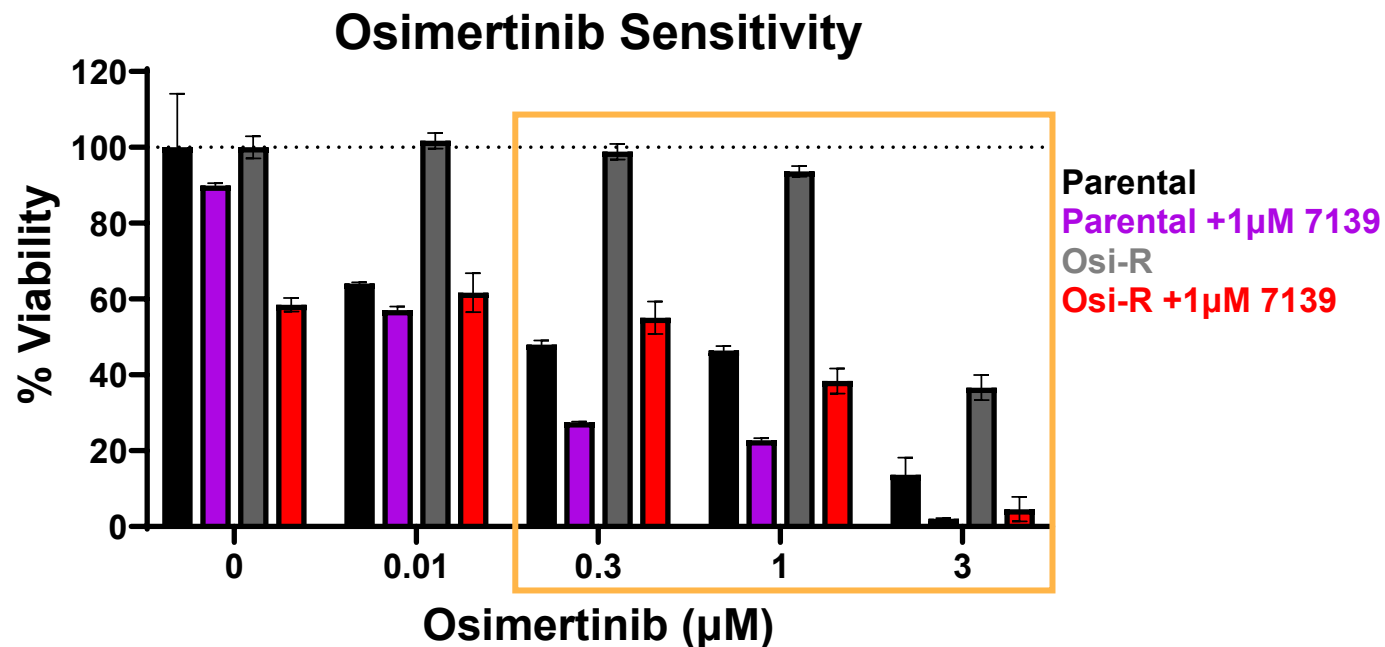


# AXL Expression Increases in Osimertinib-Resistant PC9 Cells: AXL Inhibition Restores Sensitivity

AXL is Upregulated in Osimertinib-Resistant PC9 Cells



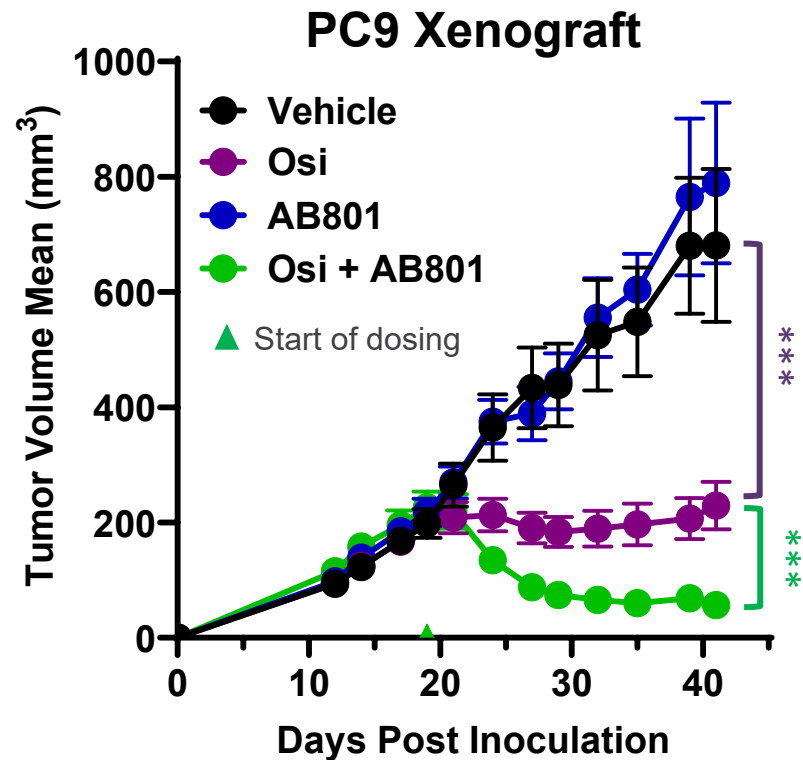
AXL Inhibition Enhances Responses to Osimertinib



7139 is an Arcus AXL inhibitor tool compound

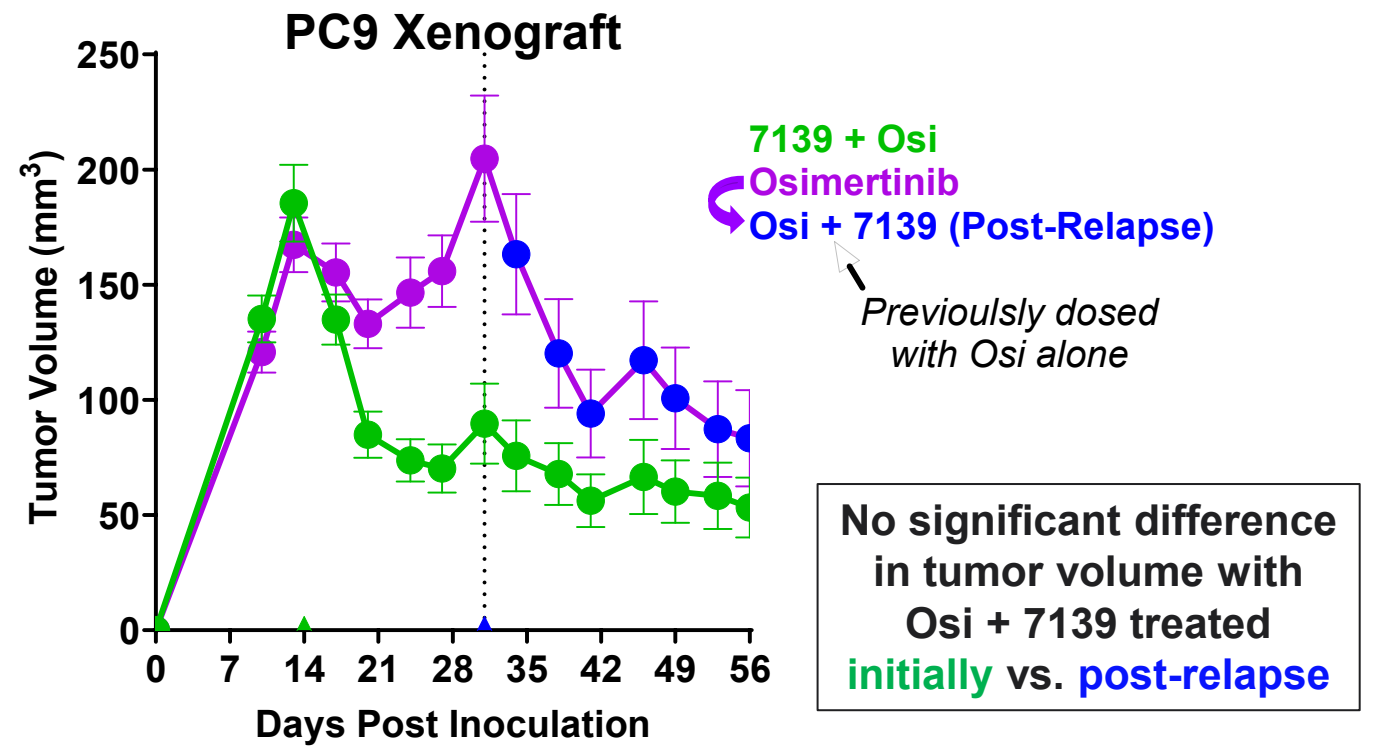
# Significant Efficacy Is Observed with AXL Inhibition in Combination with Osimertinib Initially & Post-Relapse

## AB801 in Combination With Osimertinib Drives Tumor Regressions



AB801: 30 mg/kg BID  
 Osimertinib ("Osi"): 2.5 mg/kg QD

## AXL Inhibition Reverses Relapse to Osimertinib Treatment



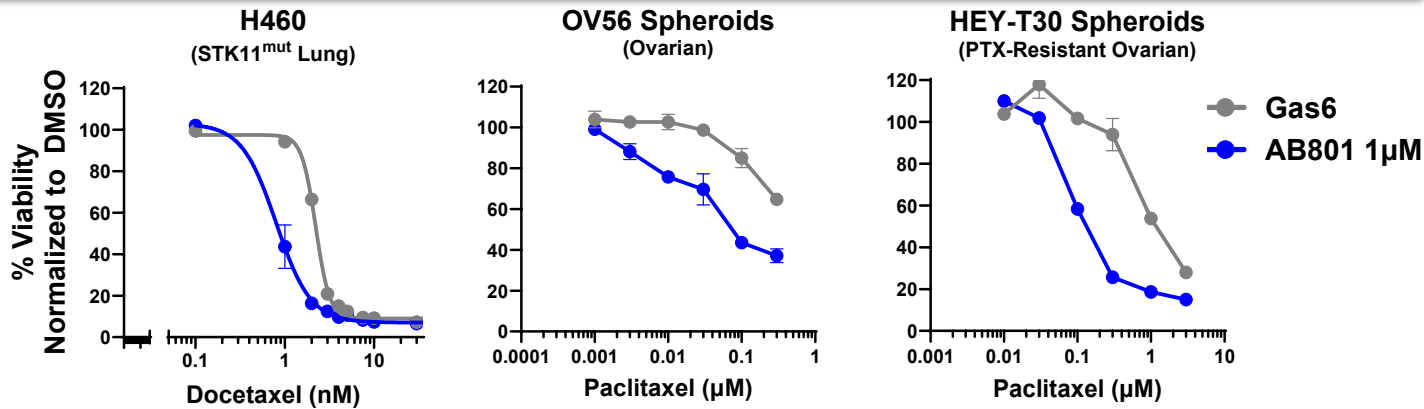
7139: 100 mg/kg BID  
 Osimertinib ("Osi"): 2.5mg/kg QD

# AB801 RESTORES SENSITIVITY TO CHEMOTHERAPIES

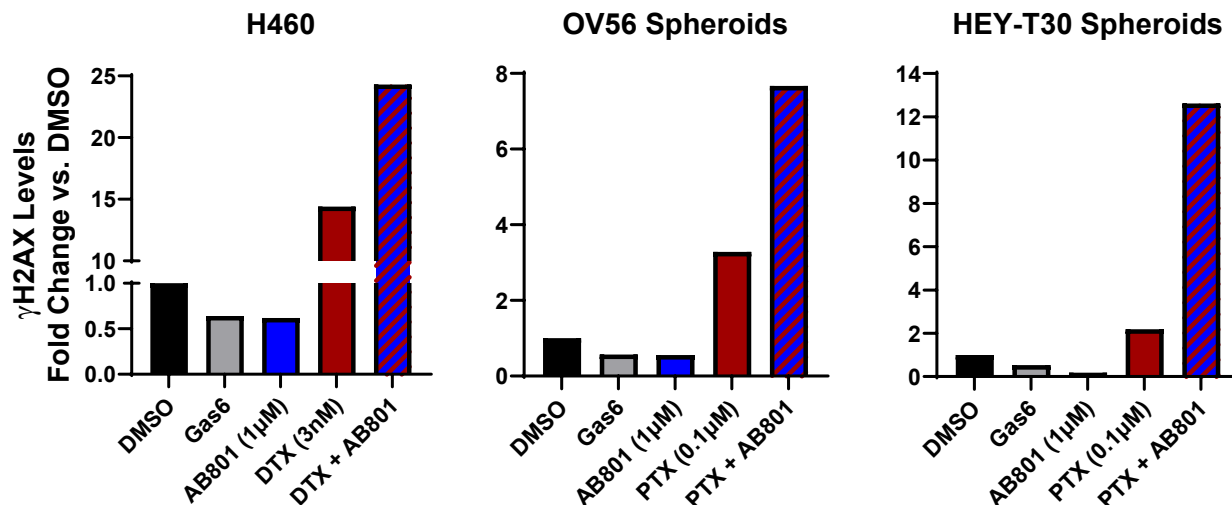
Taxanes and Platinum Therapies

# AB801 Increases DNA Damage Leading to Cell Death In Combination With Chemotherapy

## AB801 Increases Chemosensitivity



## AB801 Increases $\gamma$ H2AX In Combination with Chemotherapy



### Cancer Cell Intrinsic

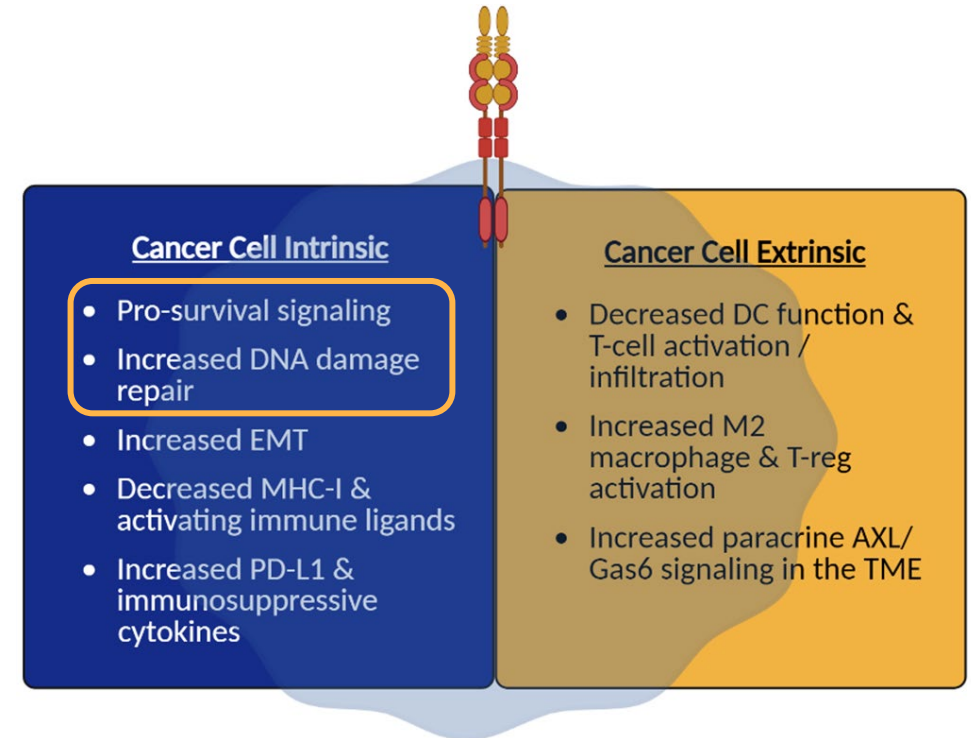
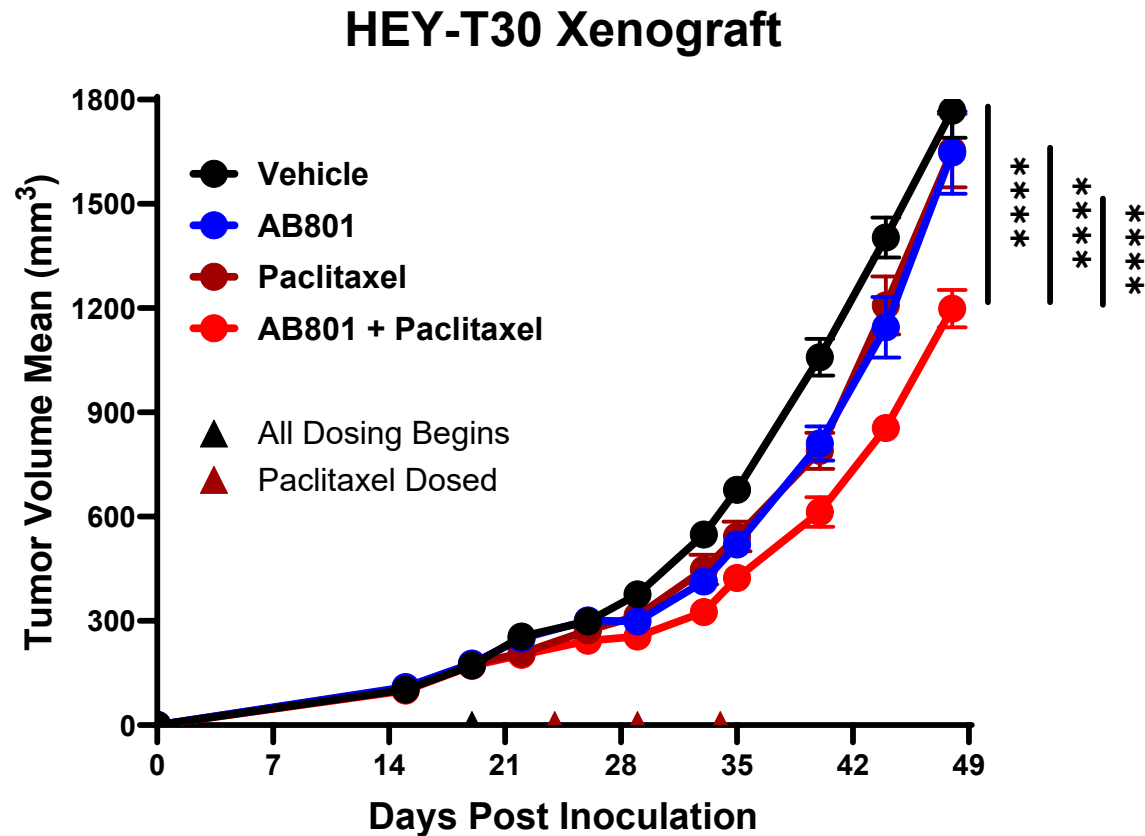
- Pro-survival signaling
- Increased DNA damage repair
- Increased EMT
- Decreased MHC-I & activating immune ligands
- Increased PD-L1 & immunosuppressive cytokines

### Cancer Cell Extrinsic

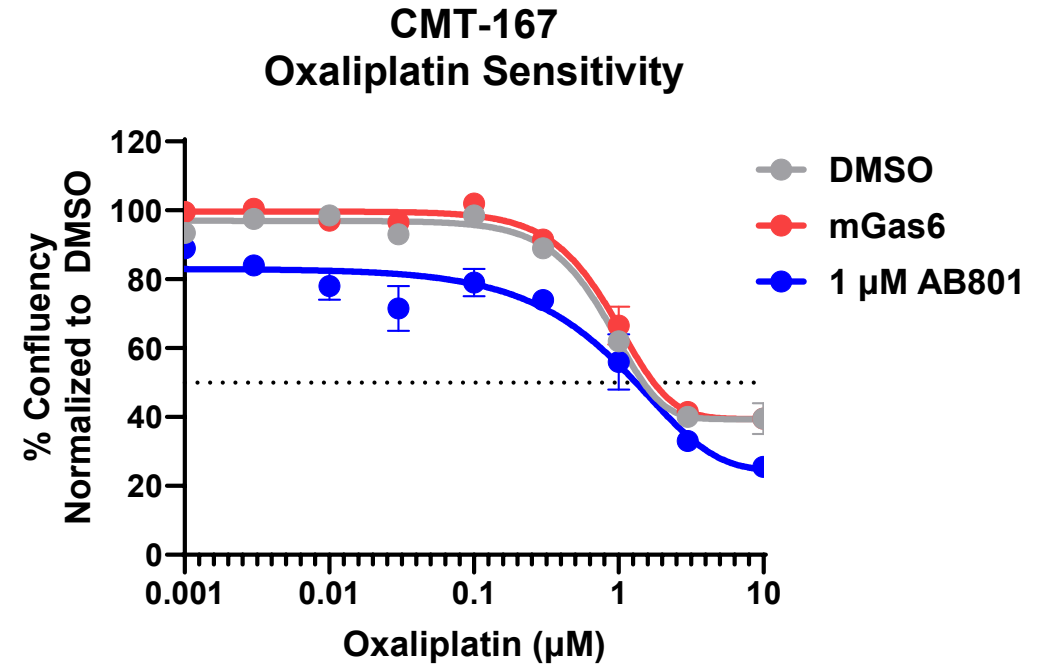
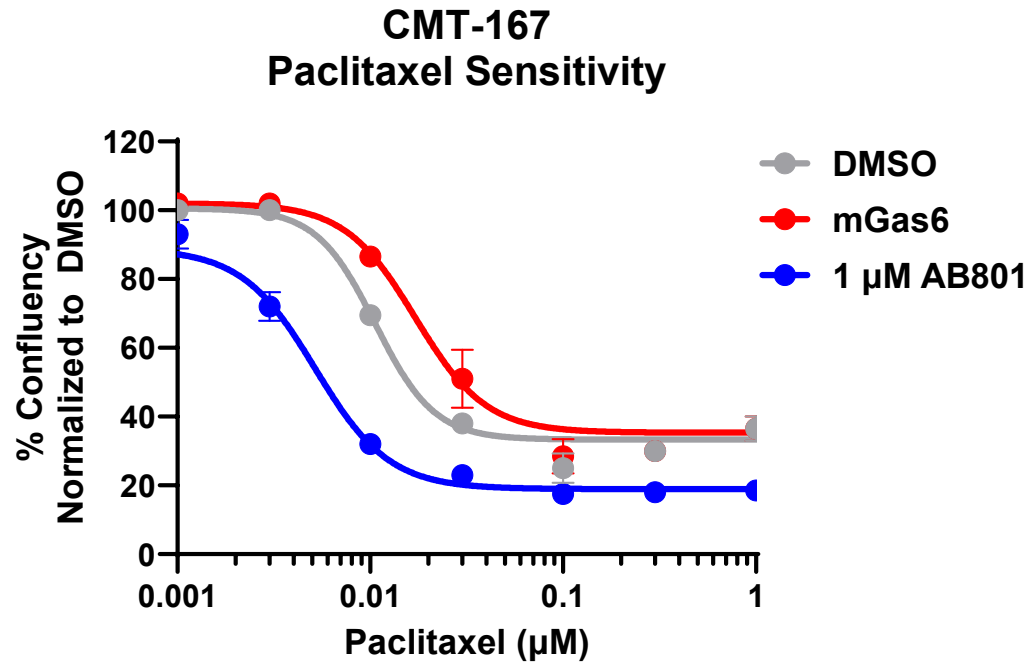
- Decreased DC function & T-cell activation / infiltration
- Increased M2 macrophage & T-reg activation
- Increased paracrine AXL/ Gas6 signaling in the TME



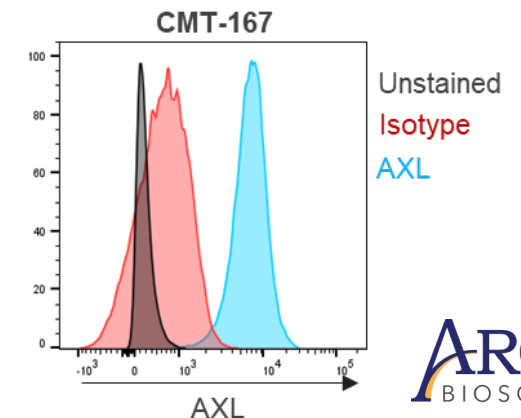
# AB801 Combined with Paclitaxel Demonstrates Anti-Tumor Activity in Paclitaxel-Resistant HEY-T30 Xenografts



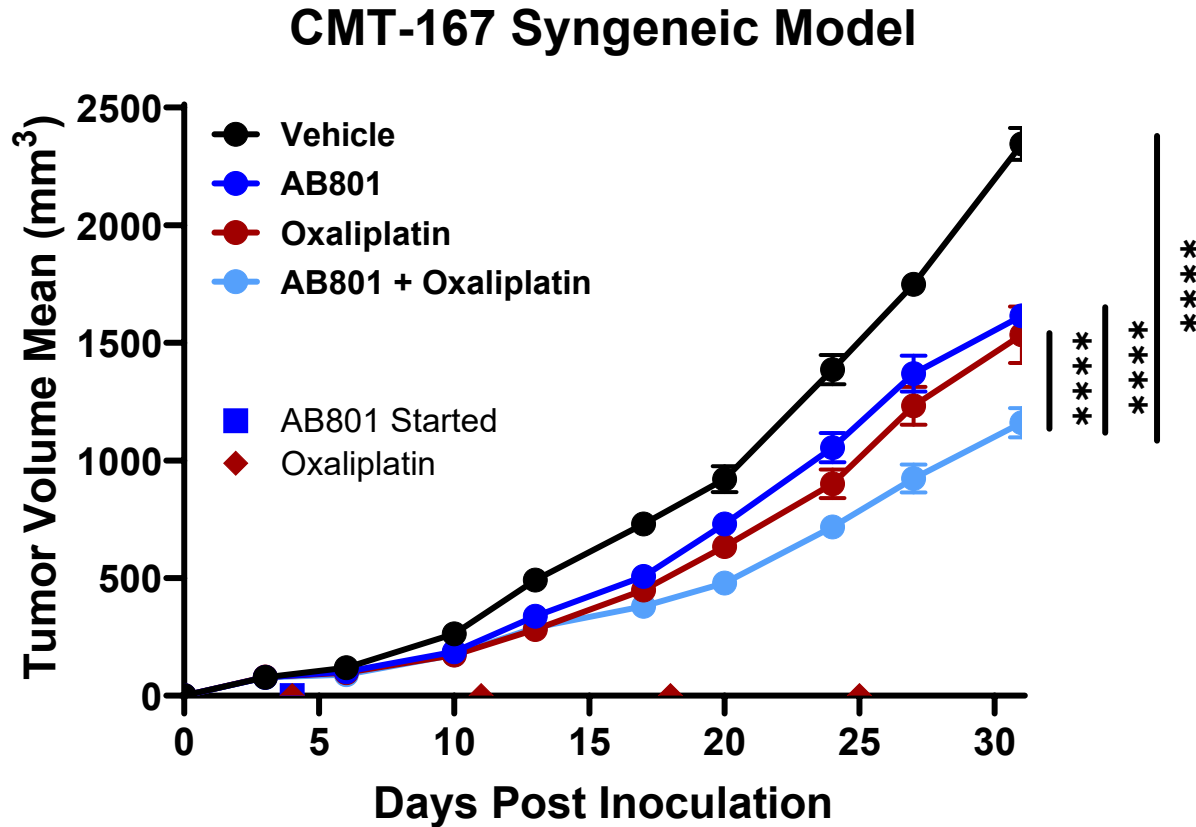
# AB801 Increases Sensitivity to Chemotherapy in CMT-167 Murine Lung Cancer Cells *In Vitro*



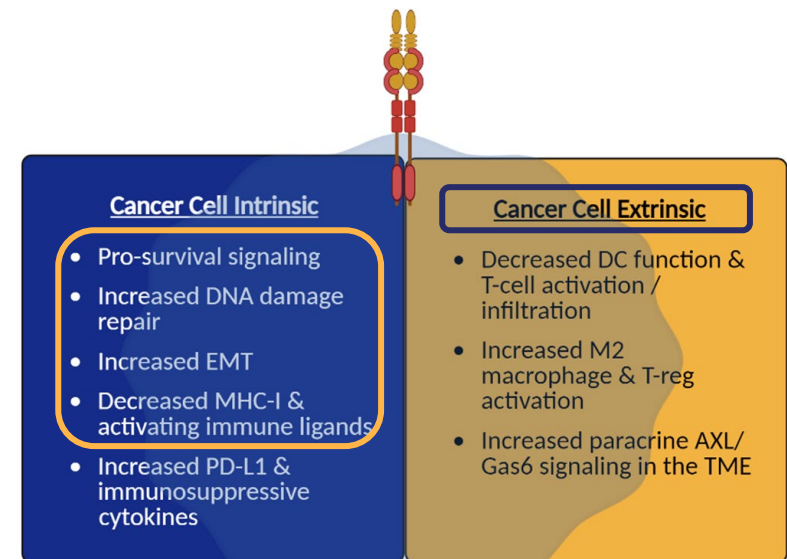
- Express high levels of AXL and very low levels of MHC-I
- Respond poorly to chemotherapy and  $\alpha$ PD-1 therapy
- Immunosuppressive TME *in vivo*



# AB801 in Combination with Oxaliplatin Demonstrates Significant Anti-Tumor Efficacy in CMT-167 Lung Syngeneic Model



- Single-agent activity of **AB801** is observed
- **AB801 + Oxaliplatin** doublet shows significant anti-tumor efficacy vs. **AB801** or **Oxaliplatin** single agent



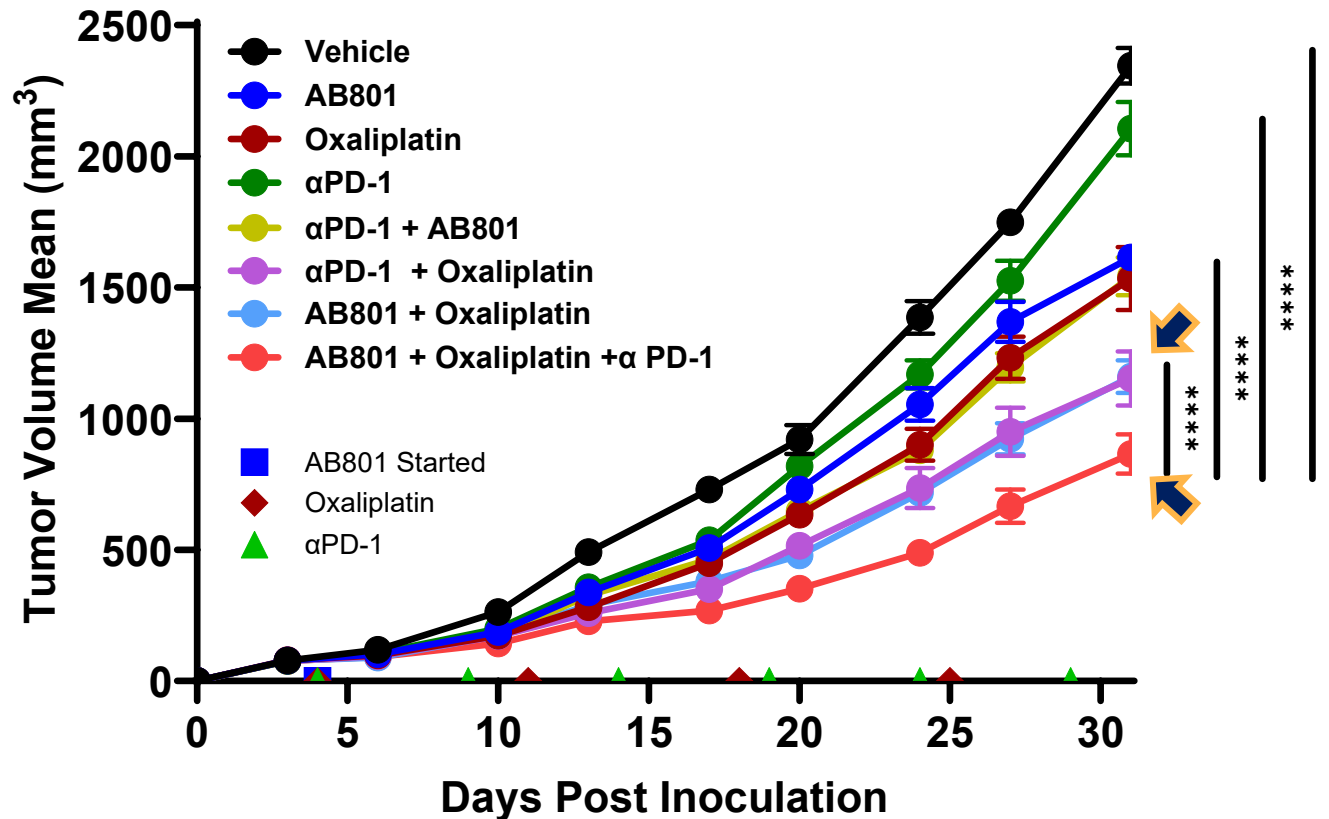
# AB801 ENHANCES RESPONSES TO IMMUNO CHEMOTHERAPIES

Combination with  $\alpha$ PD1 and chemotherapies

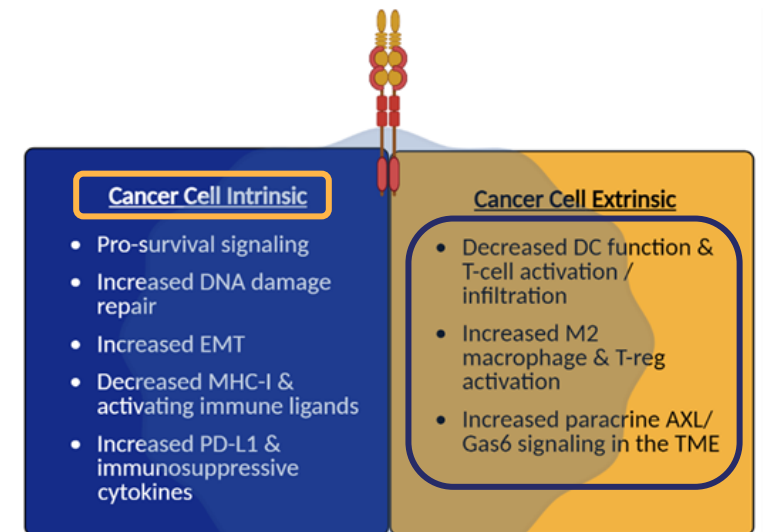


# AB801 in Combination with Oxaliplatin and $\alpha$ PD1 Demonstrates Significant Efficacy in CMT-167 Lung Syngeneic Model

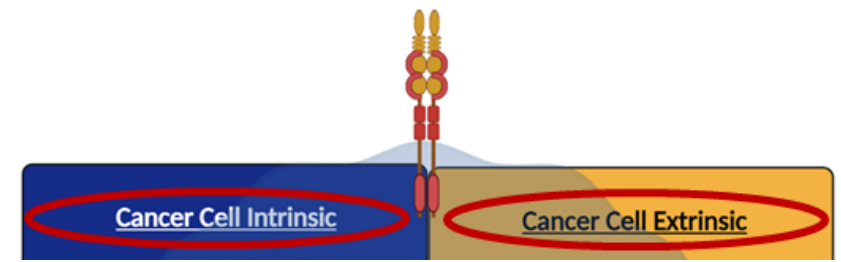
## CMT-167 Syngeneic Model



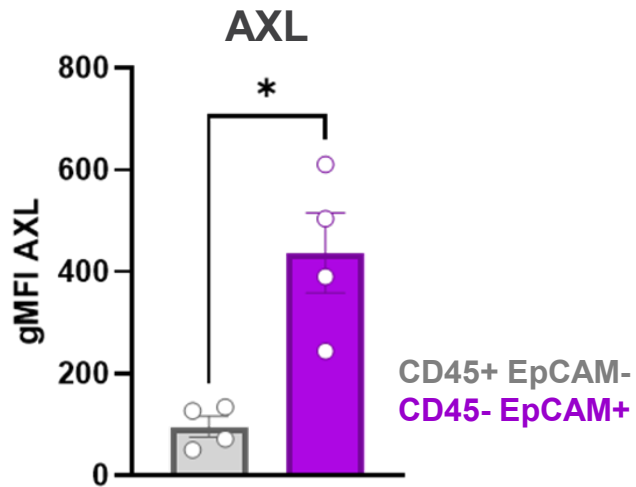
- Comparable efficacy between **AB801 + Oxaliplatin** and **PD-1 + Oxaliplatin** doublets
- **AB801 +  $\alpha$ PD-1 + Oxaliplatin** triplet shows significant anti-tumor efficacy vs. doublet or single-agent therapies



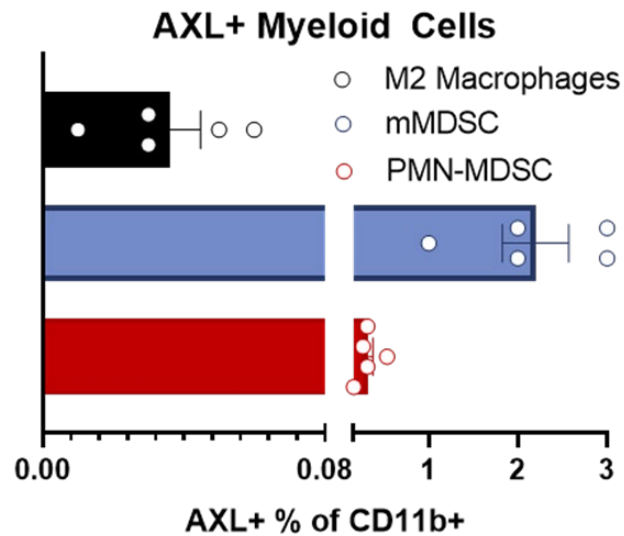
# AXL Is Expressed In Both Tumor and Immune Cells in MC38 Tumors



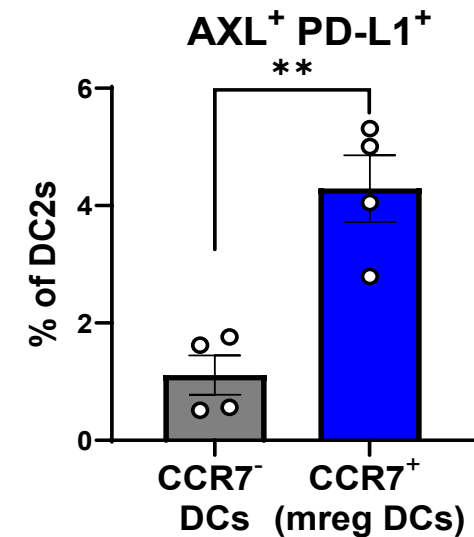
**MC38 Tumor Cells Express AXL**



**Myeloid Cells Express AXL**



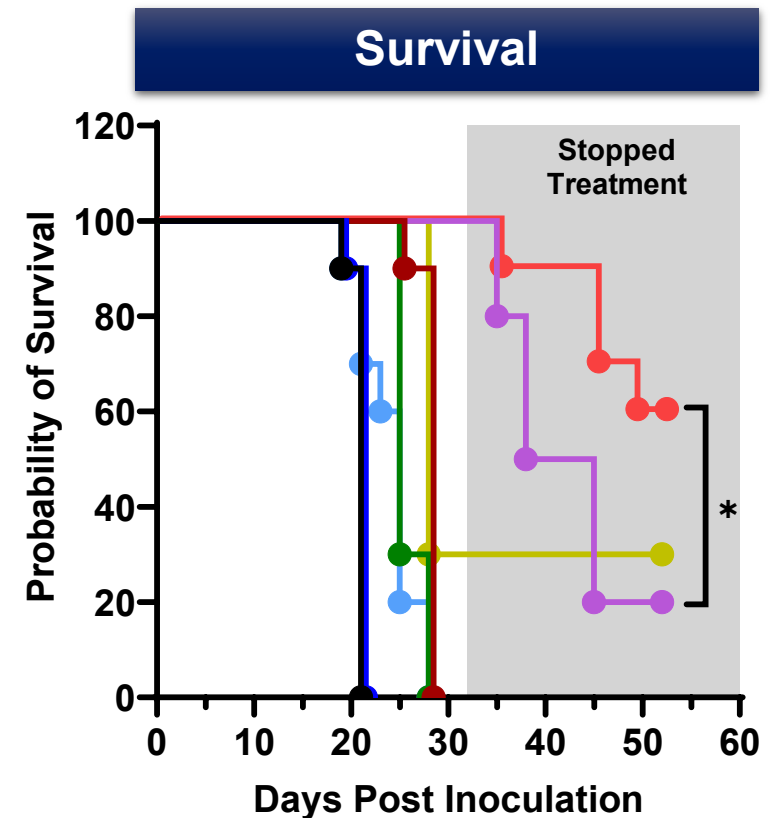
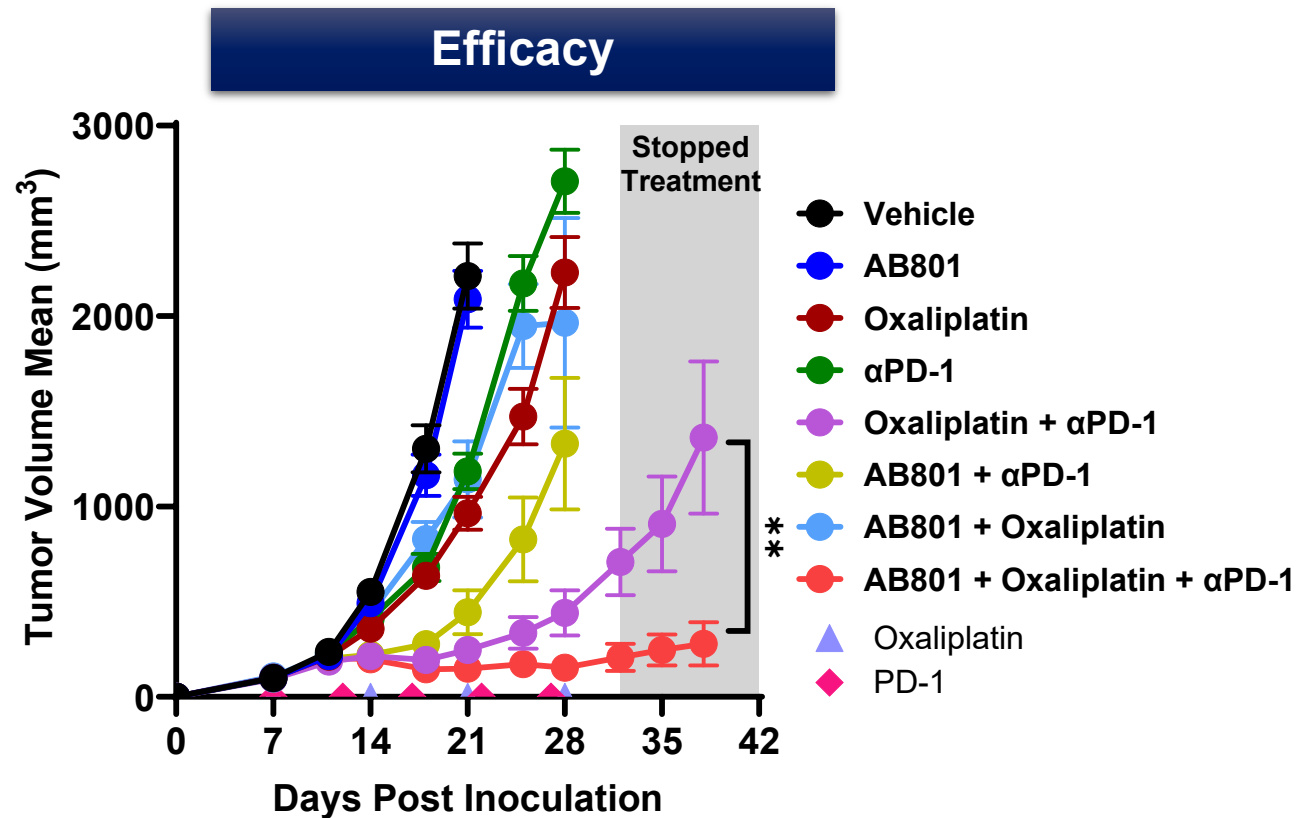
**mregDC's Co-Express Significantly Higher Levels of AXL & PD-L1**



**AXL signaling dampens immunostimulatory functions of select immune cells**

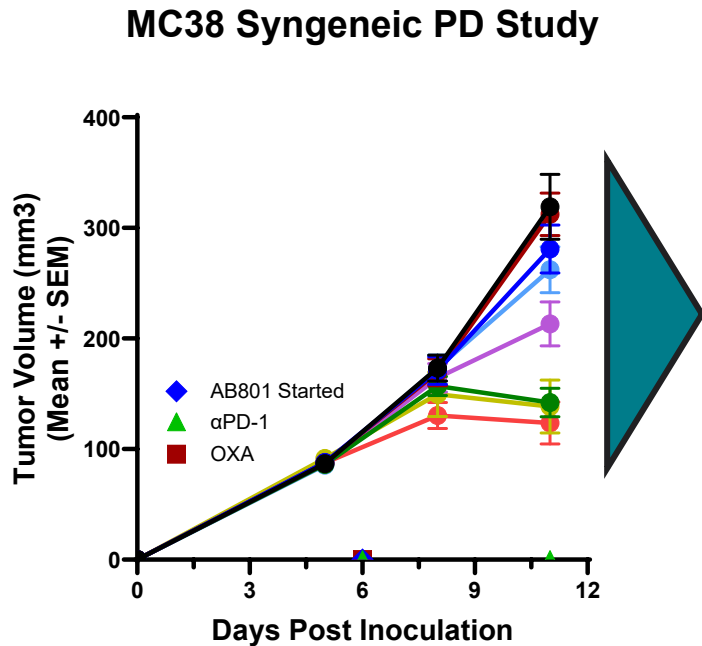
# AB801 in Combination with Oxaliplatin and $\alpha$ PD-1 Significantly Enhances Efficacy & Survival in $\alpha$ PD-1 Unresponsive Tumors

## MC38 Syngeneic Model

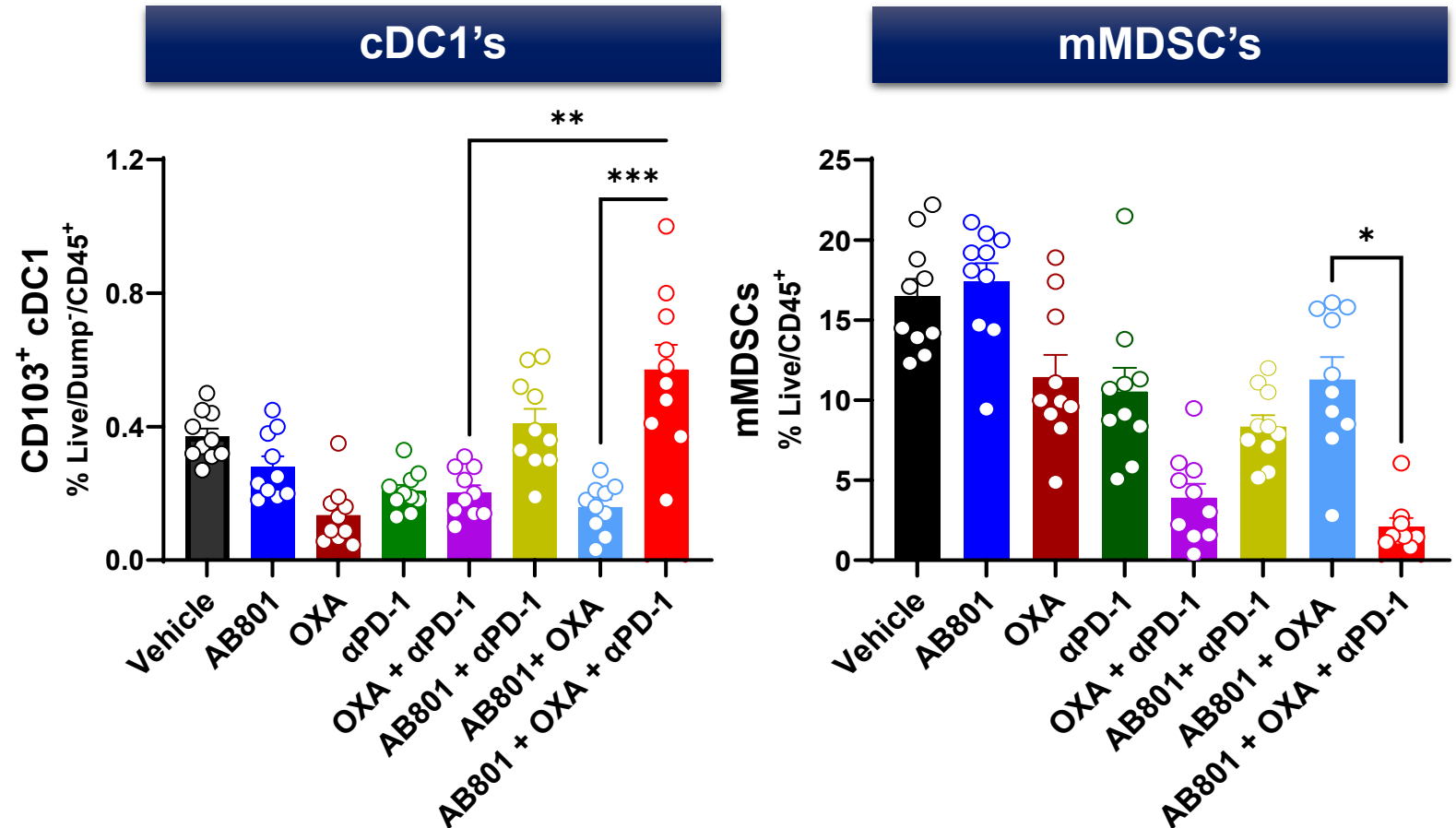


Larger MC38 tumors do not respond well to  $\alpha$ PD-1

# AB801 in Combination with Oxaliplatin and $\alpha$ PD-1 Generates a Pro-Inflammatory Immune Response



Single agent efficacy of  $\alpha$ PD-1 was observed, in contrast to efficacy study



**AB801 in combination with Oxaliplatin &  $\alpha$ PD-1:**

- Increases pro-inflammatory cDC1's
- Decreases immunosuppressive mMDSC's

# Summary:

## AXL Inhibition Will Overcome Therapeutic Resistance

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- **AXL is a bypass survival pathway that mediates resistance to several therapeutic modalities**
- **AB801 inhibits both ligand-dependent & ligand-independent AXL signaling**
- **AB801 reverses therapeutic resistance through both tumor intrinsic and extrinsic mechanisms**
  - AB801 sensitizes tumor cells to chemotherapy by increasing DNA damage
  - AB801 enhances immunostimulatory DC's and reduces suppressive MDSC's *in vivo*
- **AB801 restores responses to targeted therapy and chemotherapy in human xenograft models**
- **Combination treatment of AB801, Oxaliplatin &  $\alpha$ PD-1 increases anti-tumor efficacy and prolongs survival in several murine models**

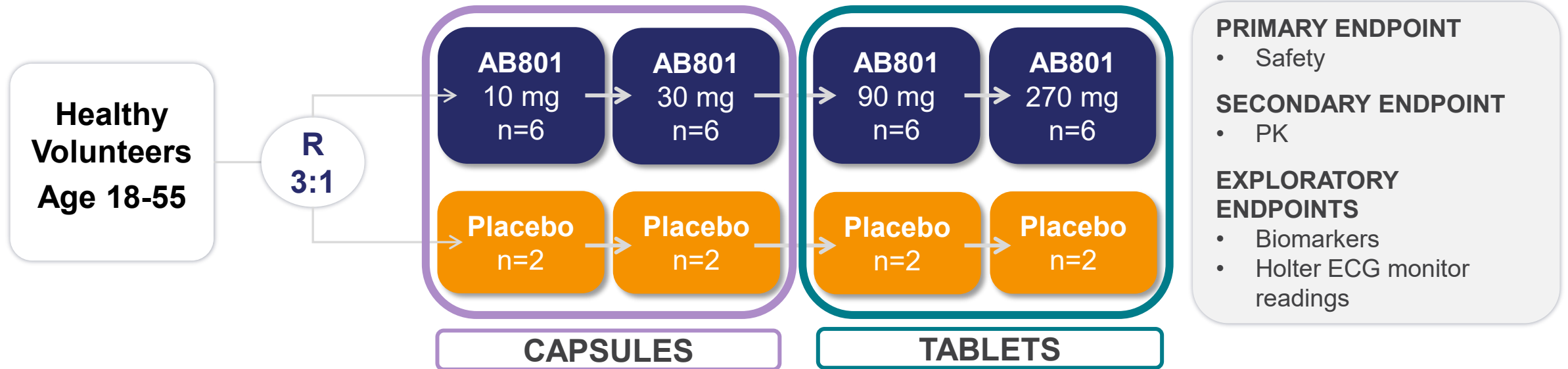
# AB801 CLINICAL DEVELOPMENT

# ARC-26: Phase 1 Healthy Volunteer Single Ascending Dose Study for AB801 Has Been Completed

## Pre-Screening

## Screening

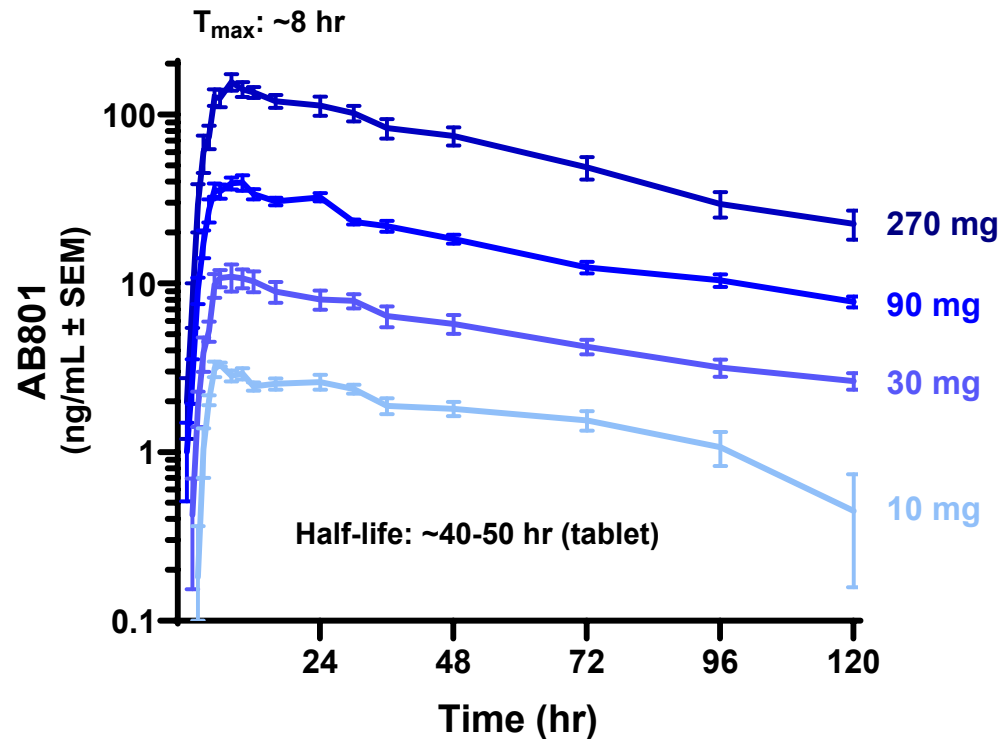
## Single Ascending Dose (SAD) Cohorts



Single doses of AB801 up to 270 mg were well tolerated with no safety signals observed in any of the cohorts

# AB801 Pharmacokinetics and Safety Observed in ARC-26 Supports the Planned AB801 Doses for the ARC-27 Patient Study

AB801 Exposure Increases Dose-Proportionally with a Single Oral Dose (n=6)



ARC-27

- **Dose escalation in advanced solid tumors**
  - NSCLC, CRC, Breast, RCC, Ovarian, HNSCC, Bladder
  - Evaluate AB801 single agent tolerability and activity to inform dose in expansion stage
- **Expansion cohort with AB801 + Docetaxel in 2L+ non-squamous NSCLC**
  - Safety, PK, and activity (ORR) to support POC Phase 2 study



# Conclusions

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- Data supports the therapeutic hypothesis that **AXL signaling is a mechanism of therapeutic resistance** to several therapies
- This therapeutic hypothesis has not yet been fully tested in the clinic due to the lack of potent and selective AXL inhibitors (or the use of molecules that block only ligand-dependent AXL signaling)
- **AB801 is a highly potent and selective AXL inhibitor**
- No safety signals with AB801 were observed in a healthy volunteer study, supporting dose escalation in cancer patients and dose expansion of AB801 combined with docetaxel

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