



CB 2782-PEG: a Complement Factor C3-Inactivating Protease and Potential Long-Acting Treatment for Dry AMD

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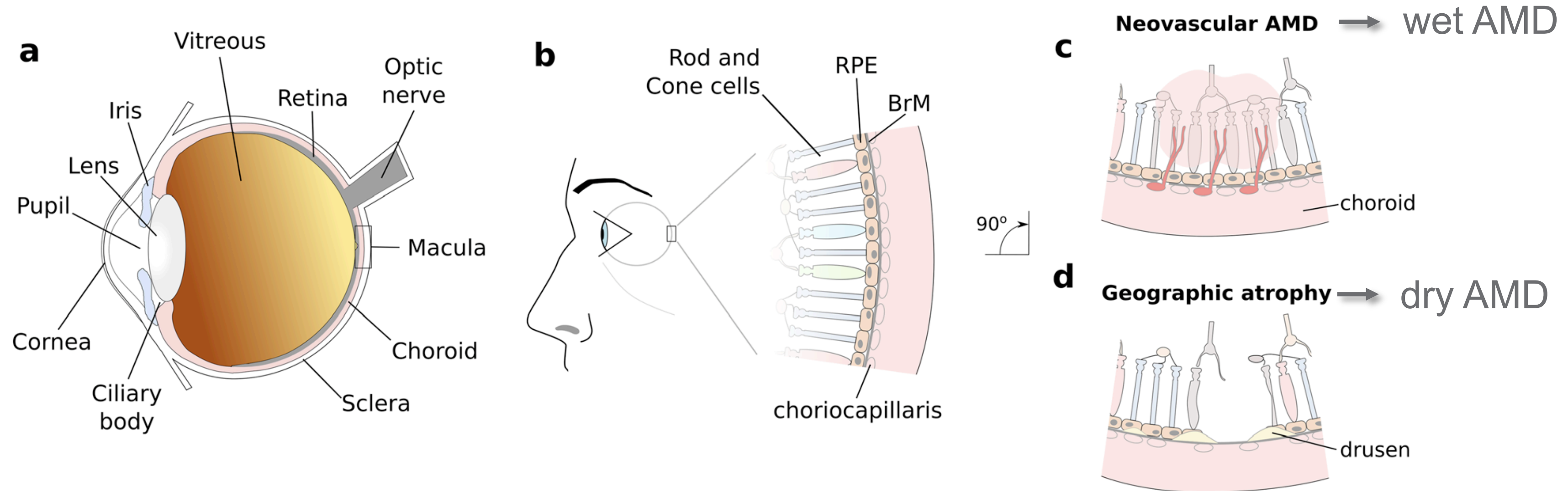
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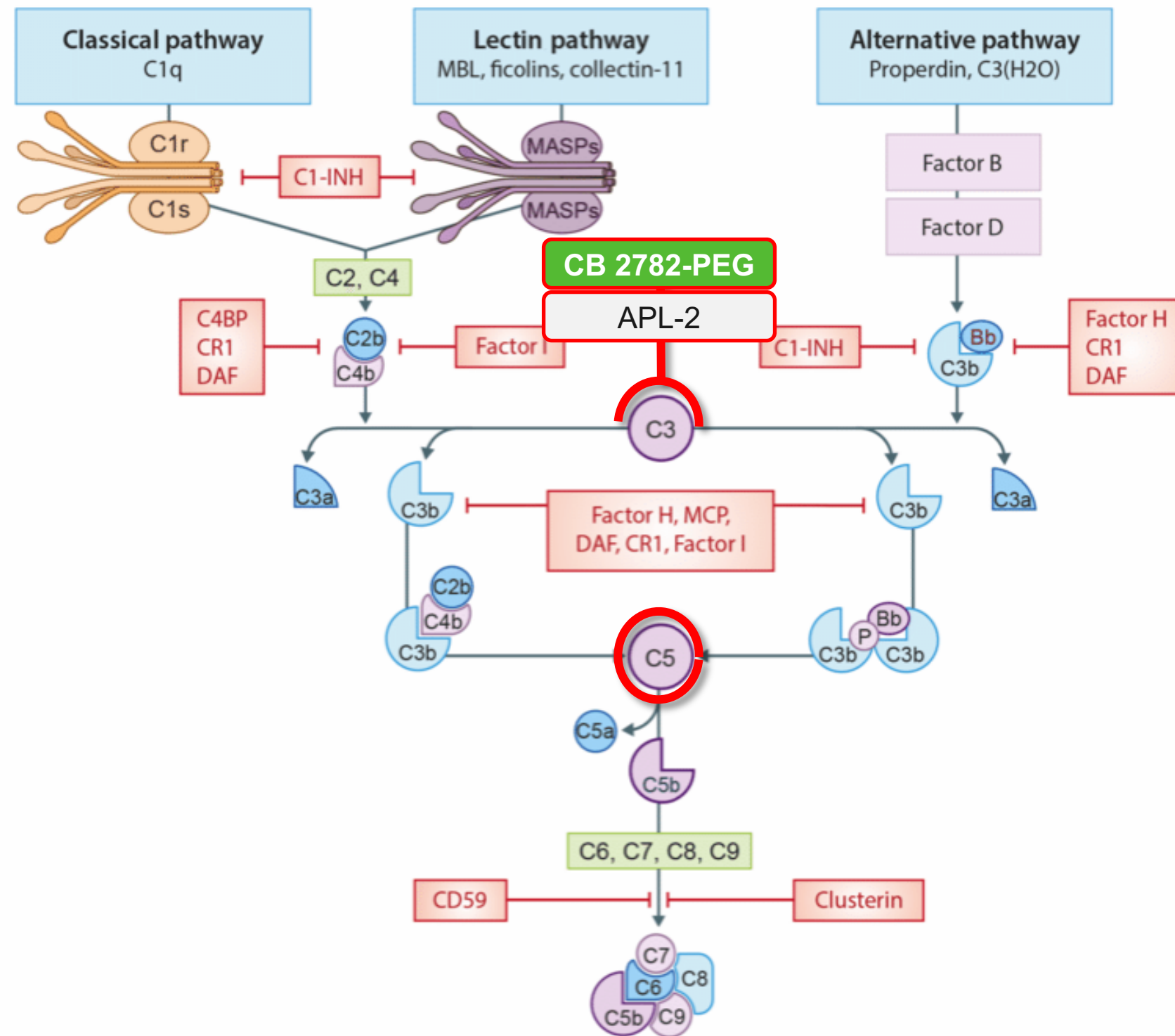
Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD)



Clark and Bishop "The eye as a complement dysregulation hotspot" Semin Immunopathol (2018) 40:65–74

- + Wet and dry AMD are distinct diseases of which both **lead to vision loss and blindness**
- + Geographic atrophy (GA) results in progressive loss of photoreceptors and irreversible central vision loss
- + Unlike wet AMD, **no marketed treatment is available for dry AMD**

C3 is the best validated target for GA in dry AMD



Advanced dAMD, or geographic atrophy (GA), has a devastating impact on vision and leads to blindness

+ No currently approved therapies

C3 is the best clinically validated target in GA

+ Apellis - APL-2 (anti-C3 PEGylated peptide) completed P2

C5 targeting has shown 2 failures and 1 success in dAMD

+ Iveric - Zimura (avacincaptad pegol) - met primary endpoint

+ Novartis – LFG316 (IVT) – failed primary endpoint

+ Alexion – Soliris (IV) – failed primary endpoint

Proteases provide superiority to peptides or antibodies

+ Sub-stoichiometric dosing and a catalytic mechanism

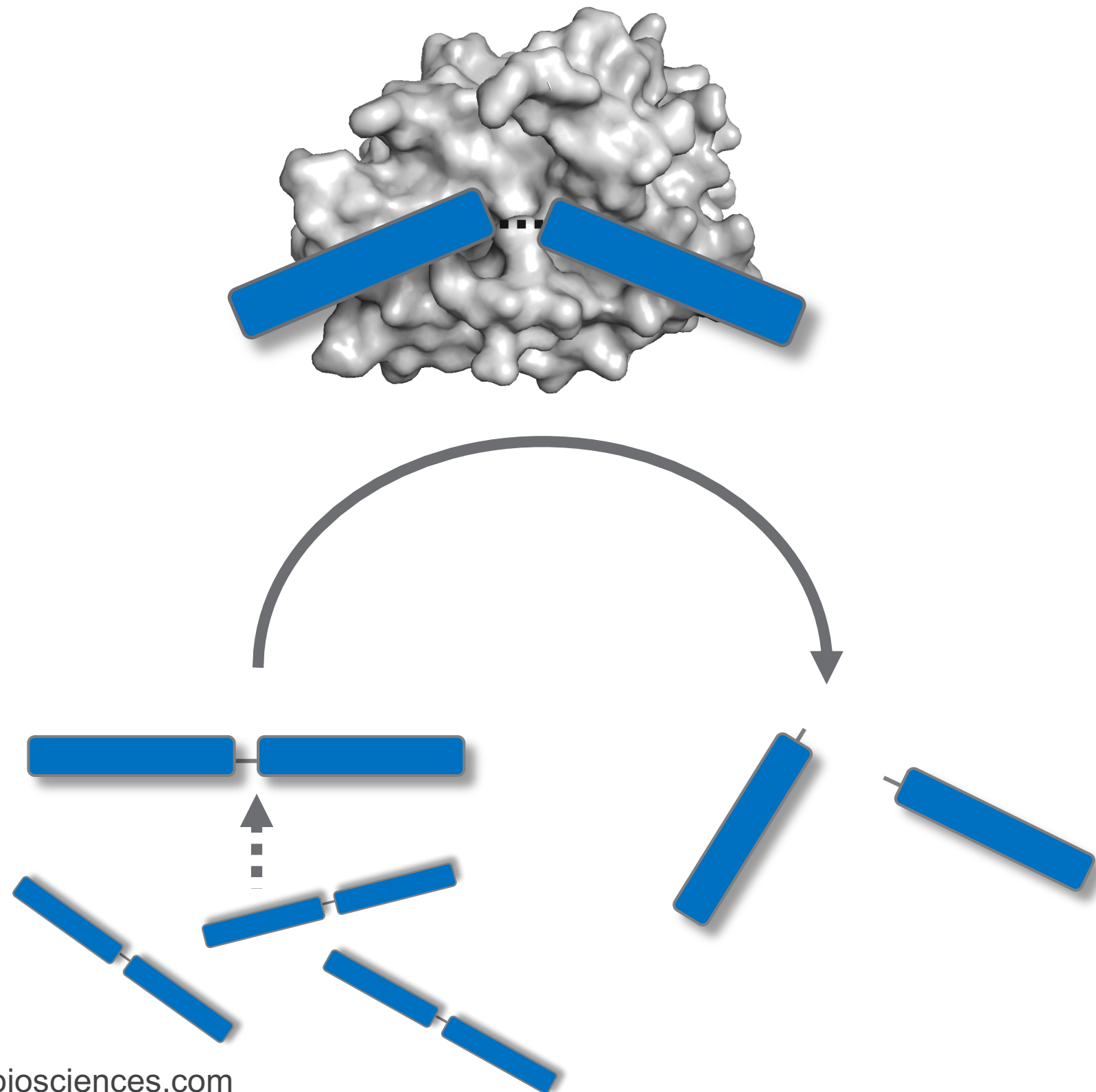
+ **Potential best-in-class anti-C3 therapeutic**

+ **Q3mo or Q4mo dosing**

Catalytic inhibition is superior to stoichiometric inhibition

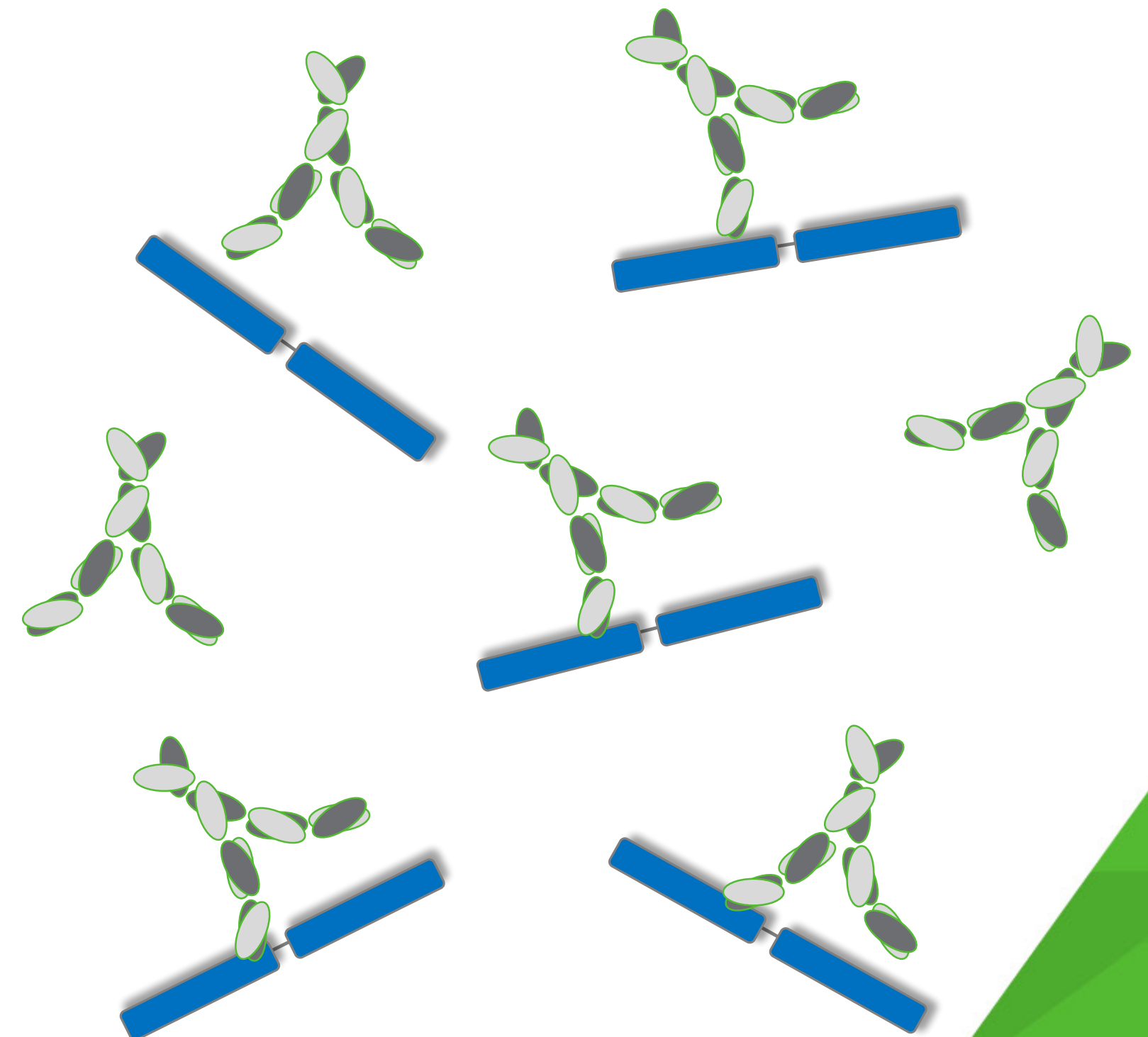
Catalytic Inhibition

1 protease inhibits 1000s of target molecules



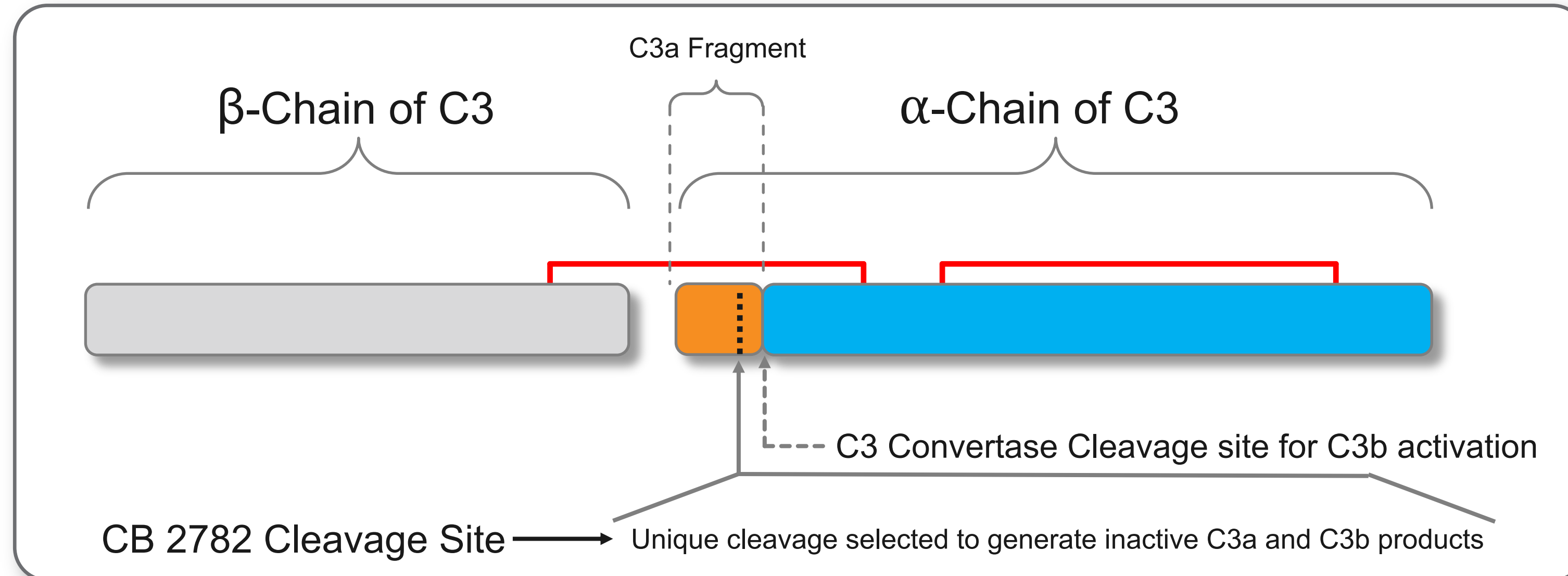
Stoichiometric Inhibition

≥ 1000 s binders inhibits 1000s of target molecules



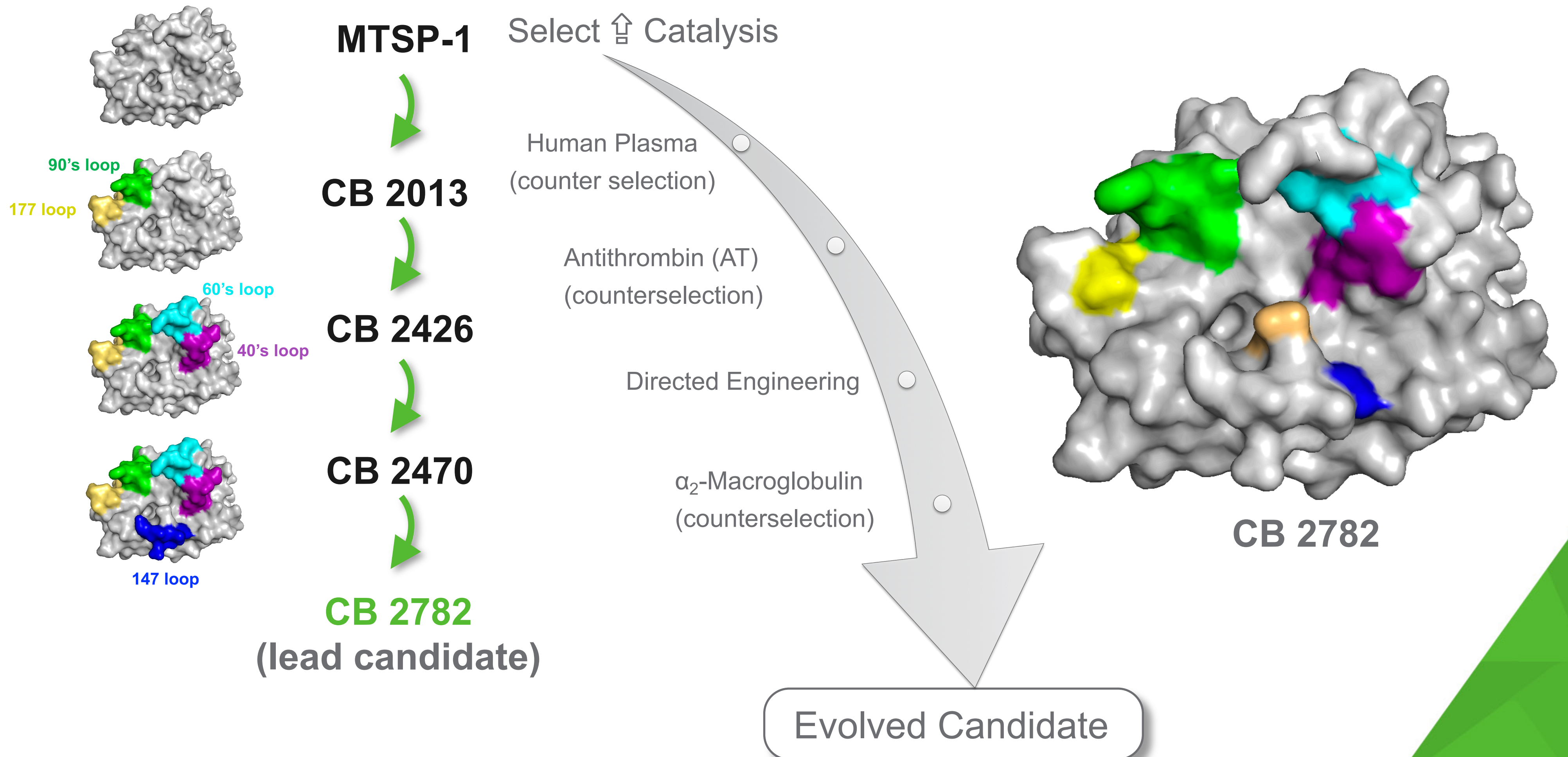
Selection of a specific “inactivating” cleavage site

Schematic of C3 structure and the C3 convertase cleavage site

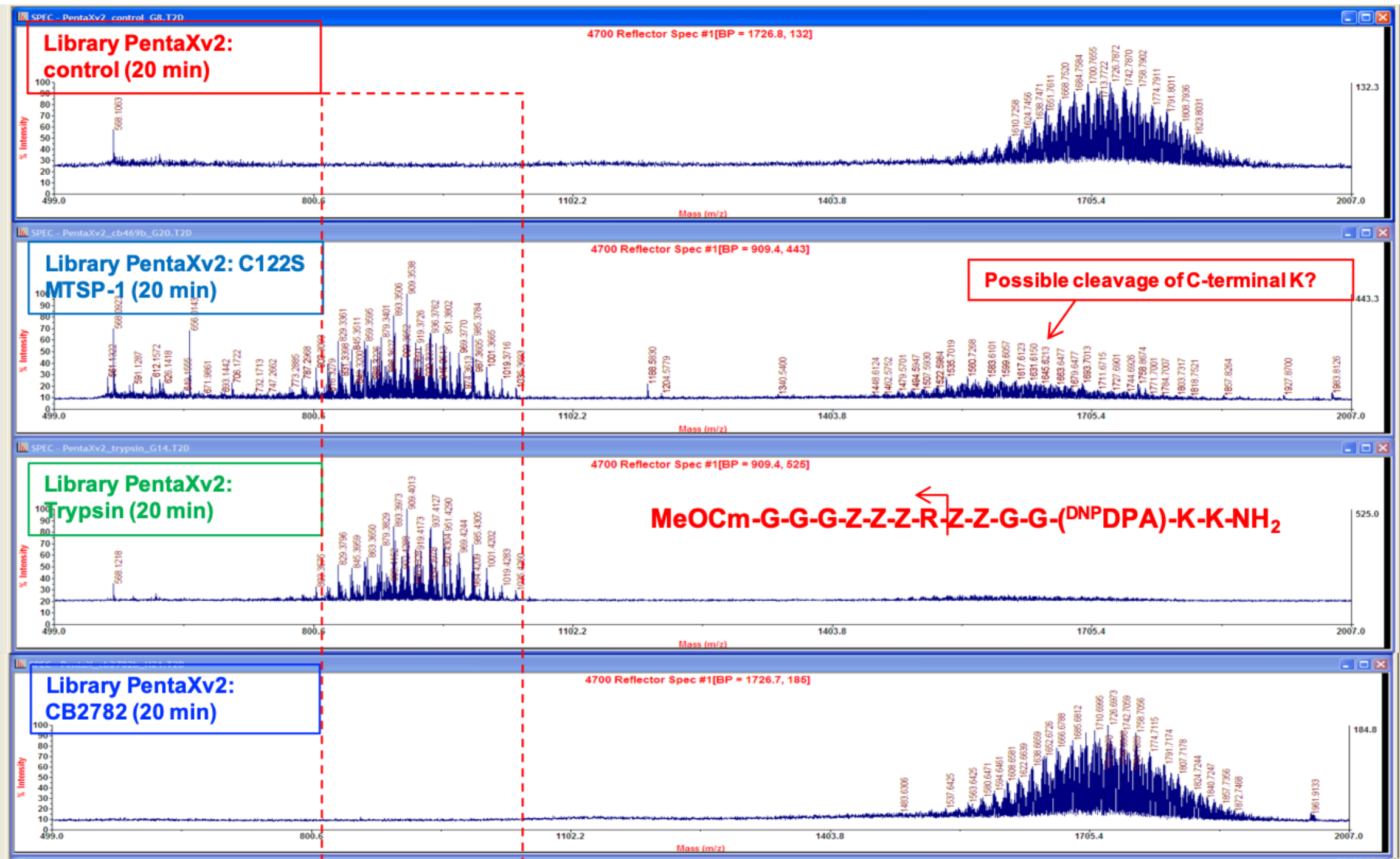


- + CB 2782 was engineered to specifically cleave a single site in C3
 - Divergent from that which is cleaved by the C3 convertases
- + Cleavage of C3 results in an inactive C3a and C3b-related species
 - Cannot be further activated by the C3 convertases

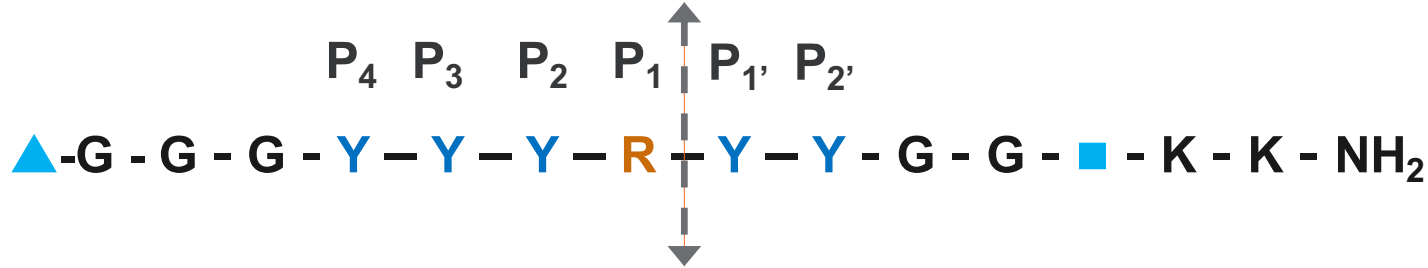
Molecular evolution of CB 2782 for C3-specific cleavage



CB 2782 shows high specificity



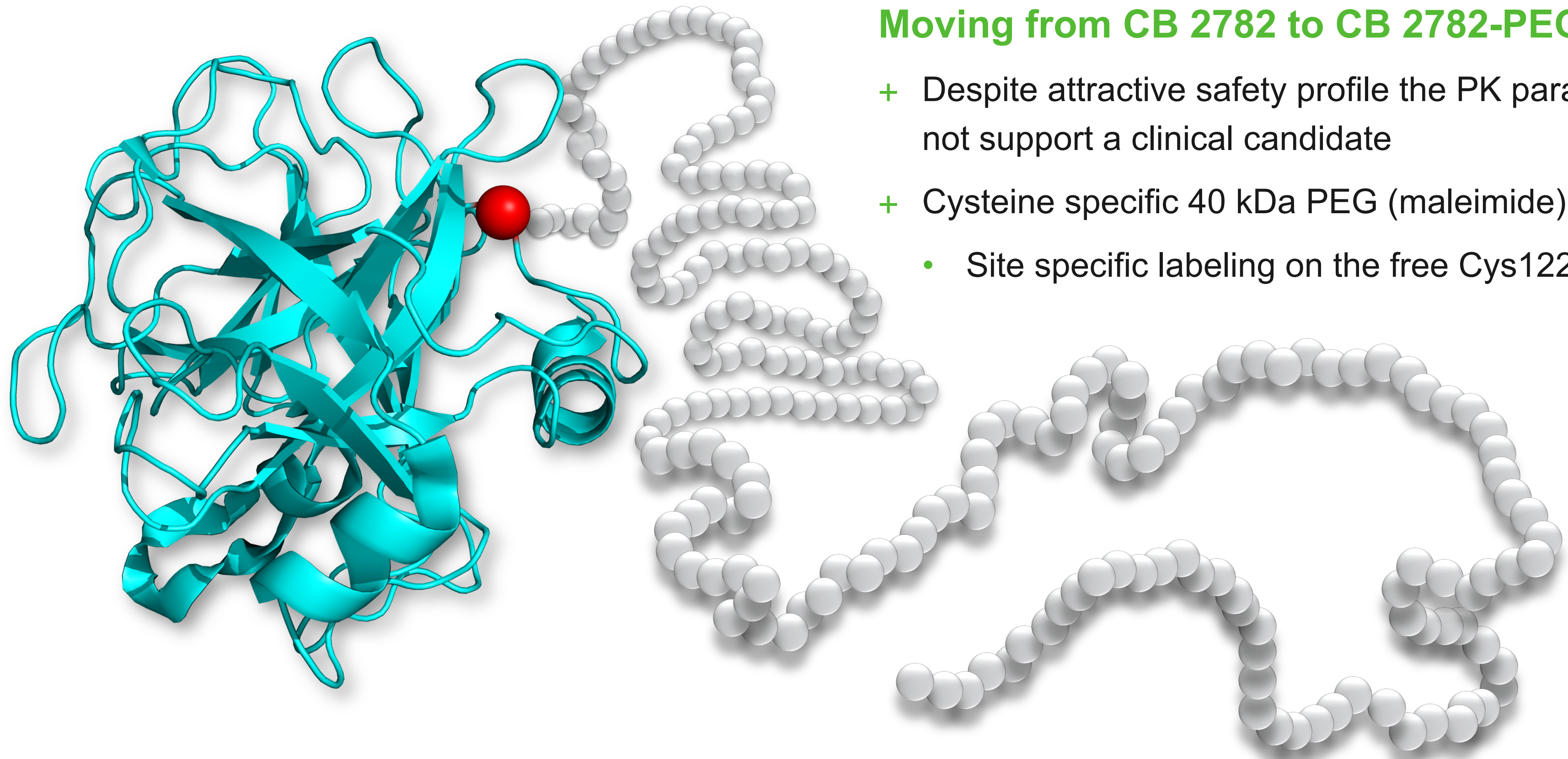
Cleavage of PentaXv2 Library



- Y Any of 18 AAs (excluding R, C)
 - ▲ N-terminal 7-methoxycoumarin-4-acetyl
 - dinitrophenyl-diaminopropyl
- # Peptides
1,889,568 (18⁵)

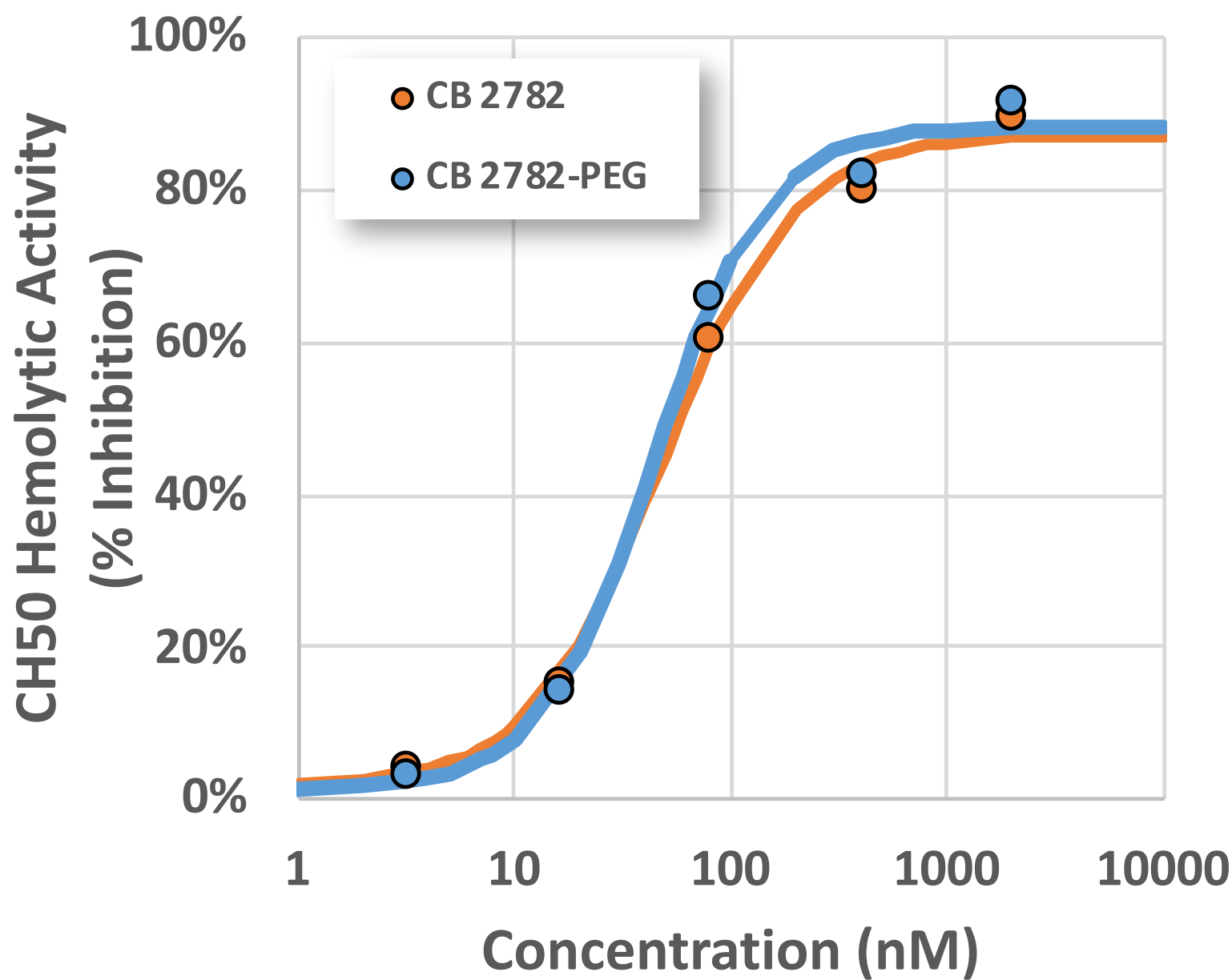
- + Essentially no detectable cleavage of the PentaXv2 library by CB 2782
- + Near complete cleavage by MTSP-1
- + Complete cleavage by trypsin

Development Candidate CB 2782-PEG

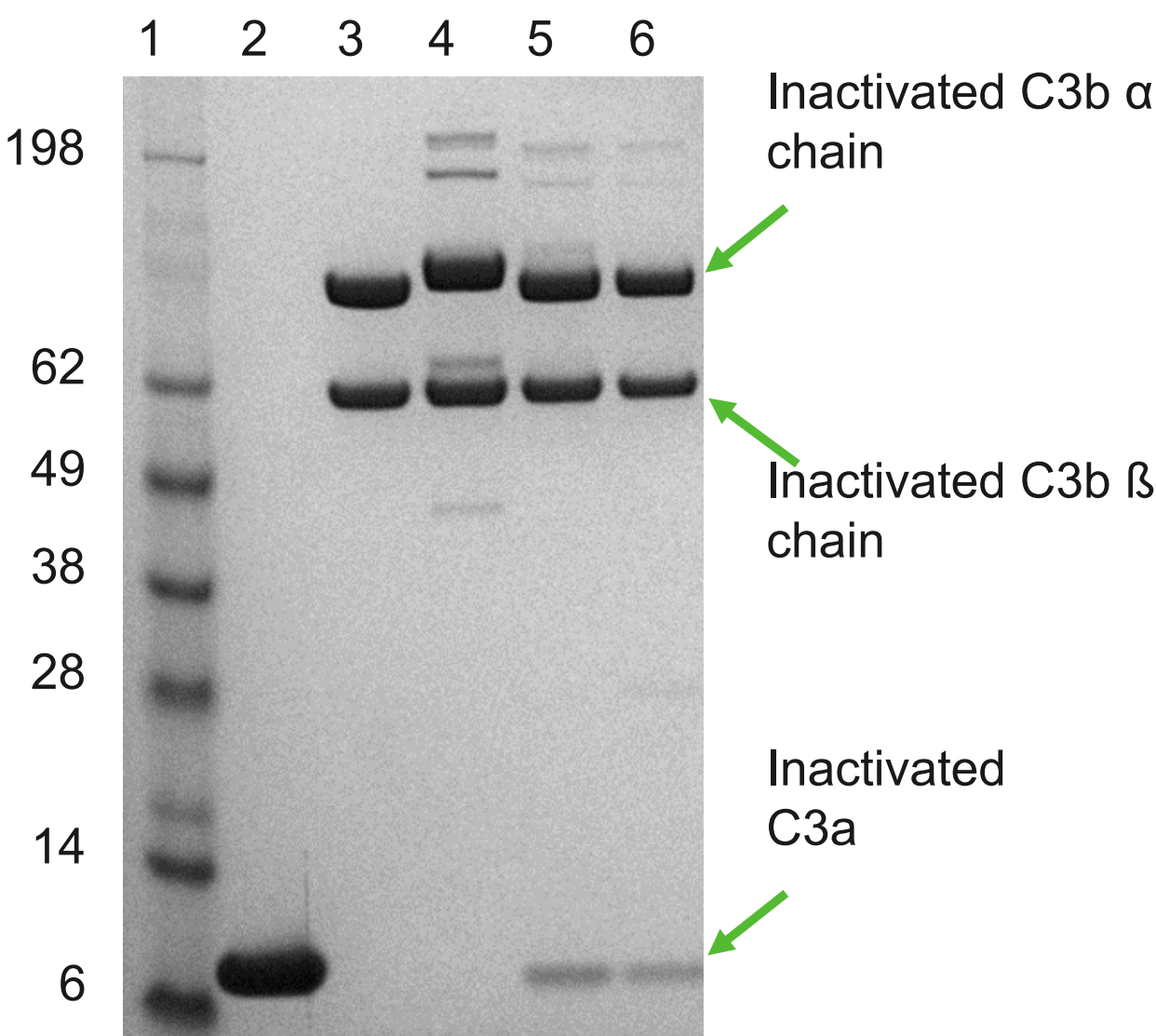


CB 2782-PEG has indistinguishable activity vs CB 2782

CB 2782 and CB 2782-PEG inhibit complement-mediated hemolysis *in vitro*

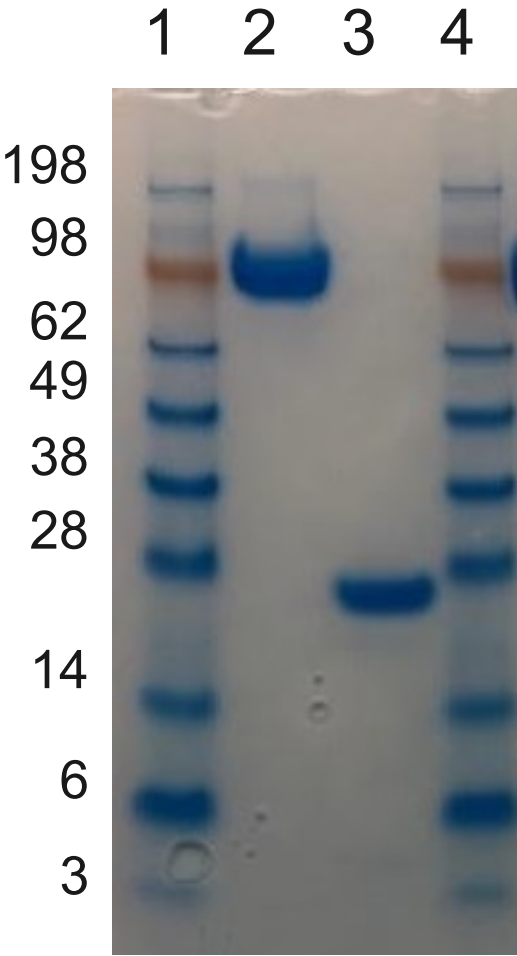
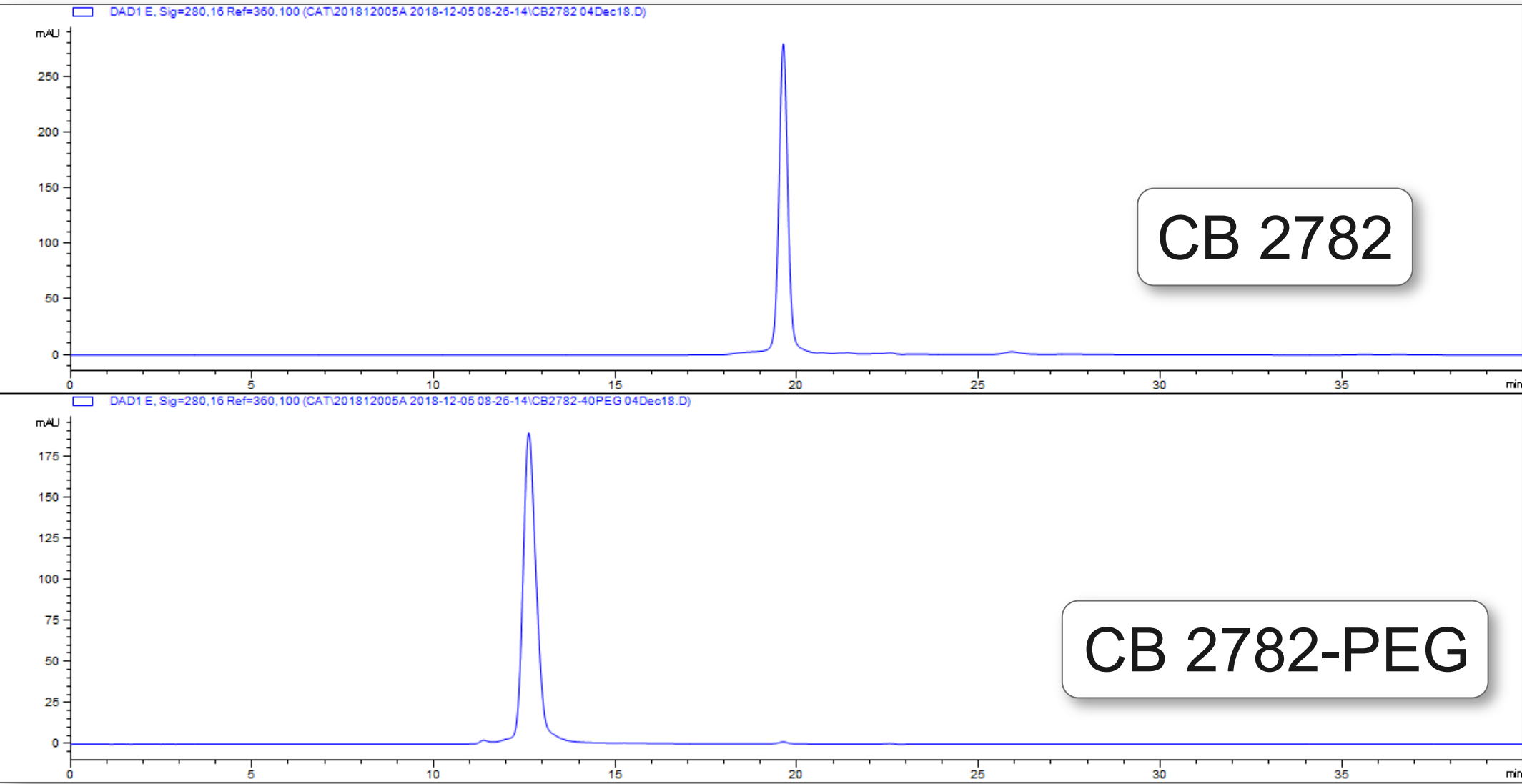


Sub-stoichiometric CB 2782 and CB 2782-PEG specifically cleave C3 at a single site into inactive fragments



Reduced SDS-PAGE	
Lane	Sample
1	Ladder
2	C3a
3	C3b
4	C3
5	2 μM C3 treated with 0.2 μM CB 2782-PEG
6	2 μM C3 treated with 0.2 μM CB 2782

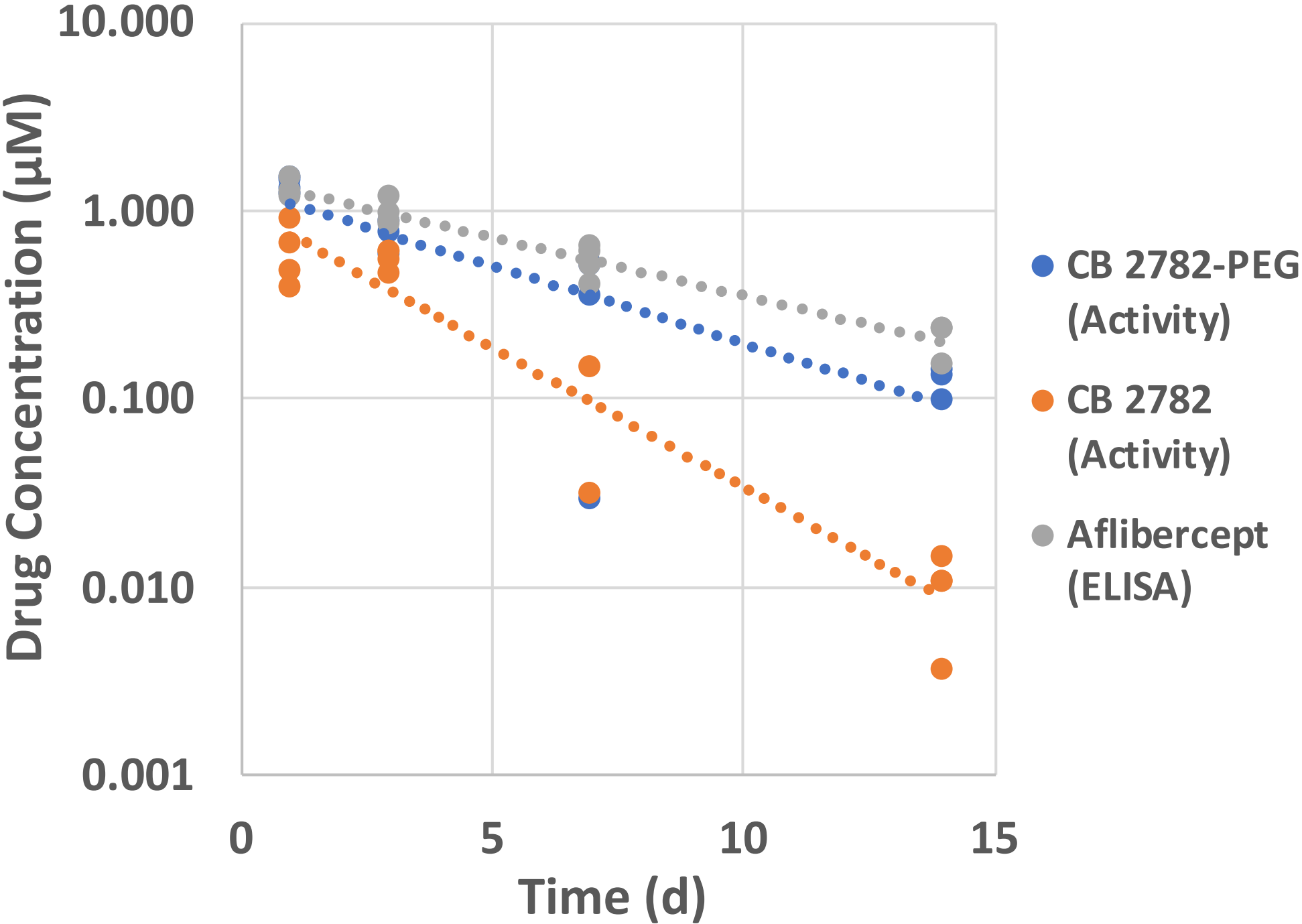
CB 2782-PEG retains full activity and is highly pure (>95%)



Lane	Sample
1	Ladder
2	CB 2782-PEG
3	CB 2782
4	Ladder

CB 2782-PEG has ~2x increased half-life in rabbits

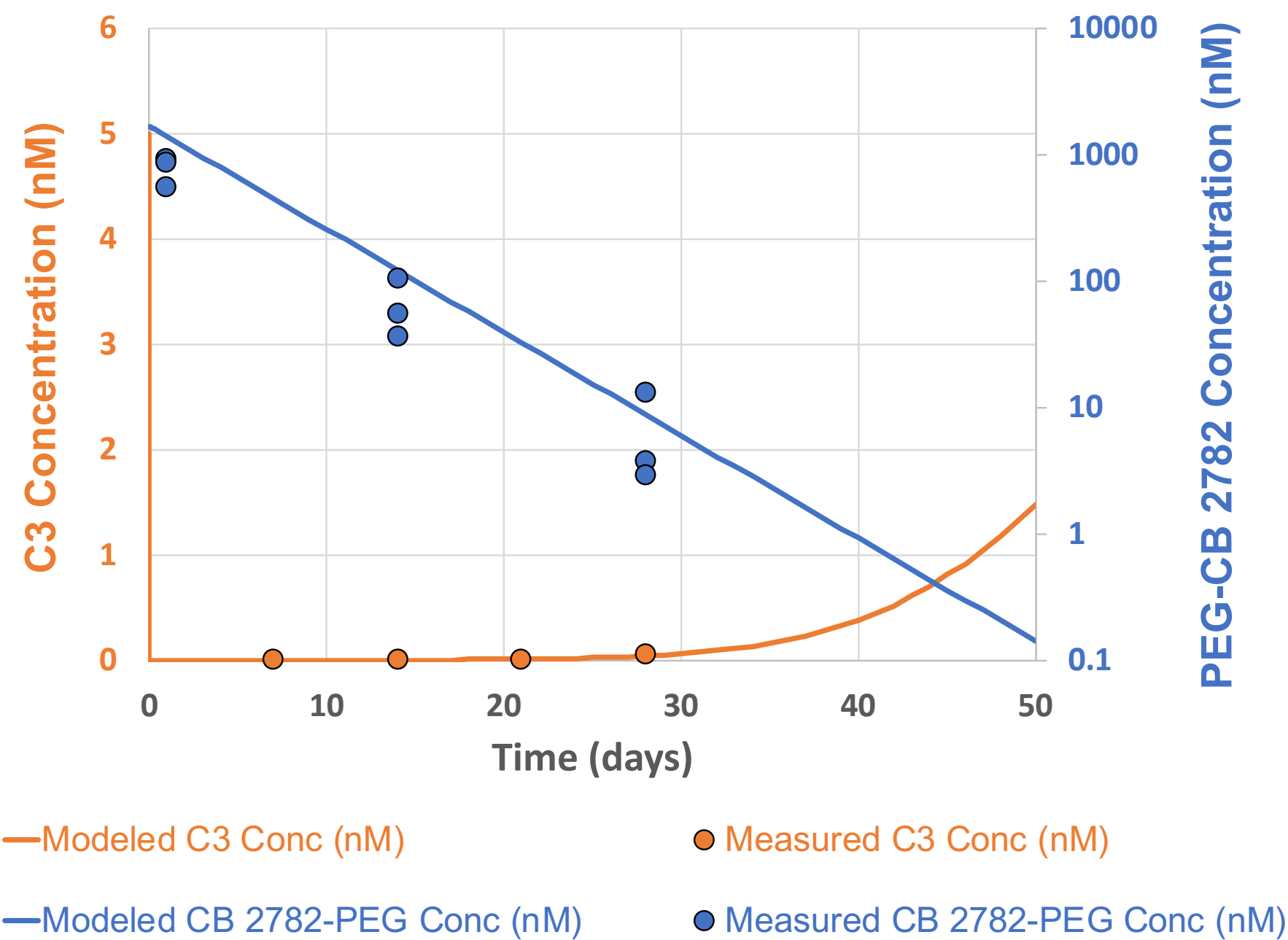
Rabbit IVT Pharmacokinetics



Parameter	CB 2782-PEG	CB 2782	Aflibercept
t-half-terminal (d)	3.85	1.90	4.82
Mean residence time (d)	5.63	3.21	7.24
Cmax (µM)	1.52	0.90	1.52
Tmax (d)	1	1	1
AUC 0-inf (µM-d)	7.79	3.14	9.66
AUC 0-t (µM-d)	7.07	3.12	8.06

CB 2782-PEG eliminates vitreous C3 in NHPs

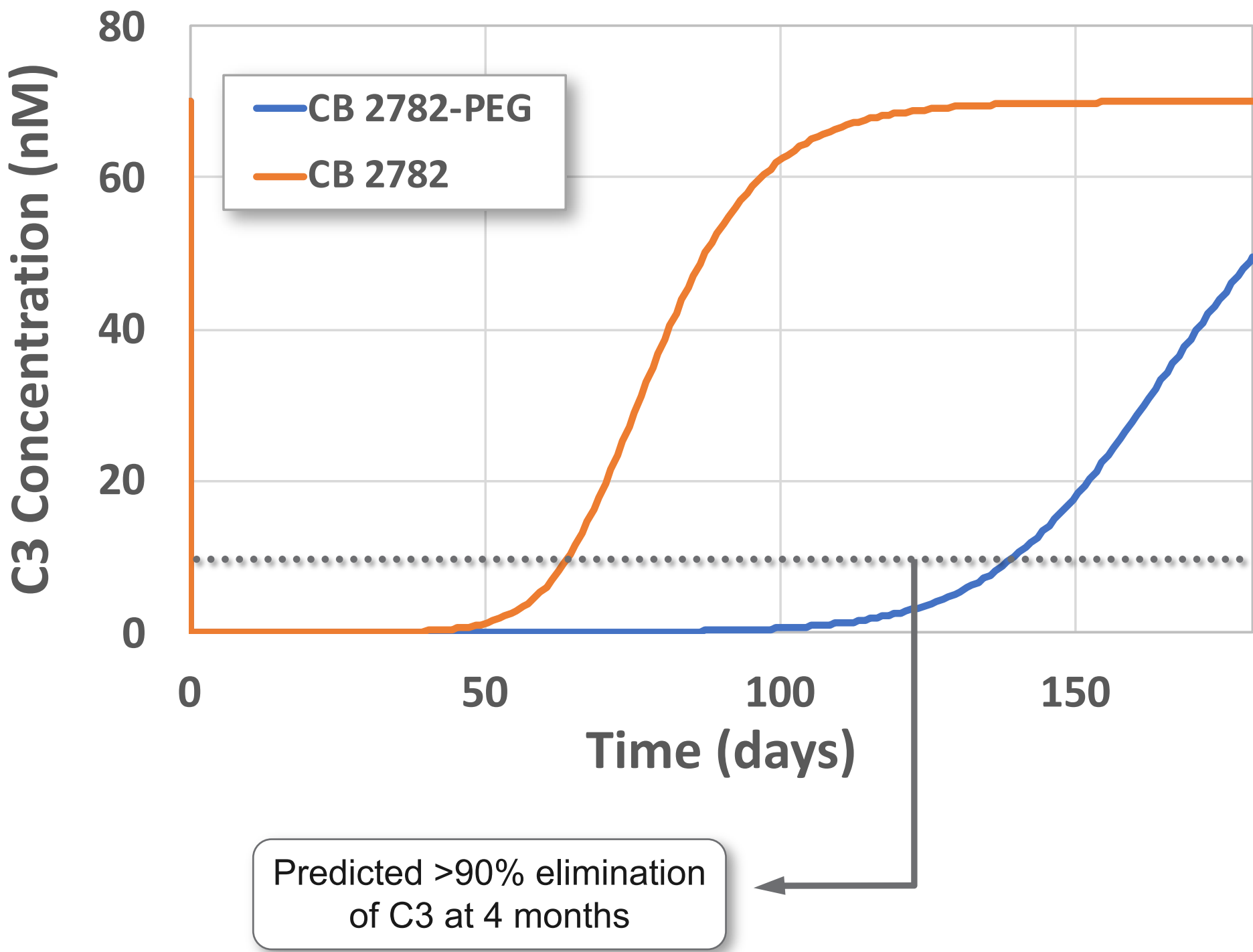
Intravitreal CB 2782-PEG has a half-life of 3.7 days and eliminates at least 99% of C3 in vitreous humor of African green monkeys for at least 28 days



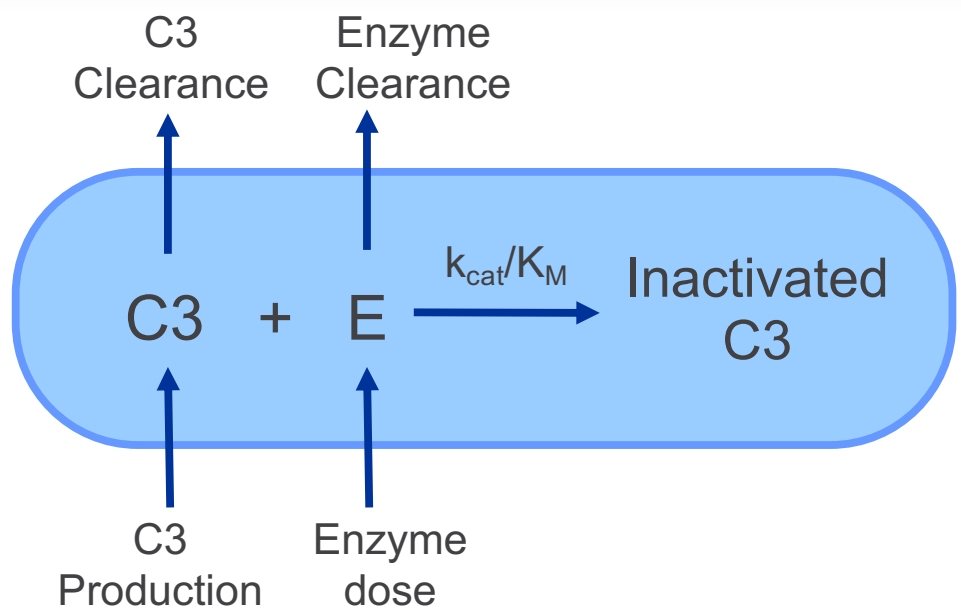
Parameter	CB 2782-PEG
t-half-terminal (d)	3.7
Mean residence time (d)	3.37
Cmax (µM)	0.90
Tmax (d)	1
AUC 0-inf (µM-d)	6.94
AUC 0-t (µM-d)	6.92

Predicted 2.0 mg human dose three to four times a year

Enzyme Model: Fit to observed primate PK/PD data and scaled to the human condition



Model Parameter	African Green Monkey		Human	
	Value	Source	Value	Source
Vitreous Volume (mL)	3.0	Measured	4.4	Literature
C3 Steady State Conc (nM)	5.0	Measured	70	Literature
C3 Vitreous Half-Life (d)	4.4	Literature	8.2	Literature
Enzyme Dose (mg)	0.125	Known	2.0	Known
Enzyme Half-Life (d)	3.7	Measured	8.5	2.3X scaling from AGM to human
Enzyme k_{cat}/K_M (nM ⁻¹ d ⁻¹)	1.88	Fit	1.88	AGM Model



Summary & conclusions

Engineered novel specificity through molecular evolution and rational design

Significantly improved catalysis and stability in a biological milieu

Intravitreal injection resulted in at least 99% elimination of C3 for at least 28 days in monkeys that translates to >90 days in humans

CB 2782-PEG has potential for best-in-class efficacy and convenience in dry AMD

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