

# **CB 2782-PEG**

## **A Complement Factor C3- Inactivating Protease for Dry AMD**

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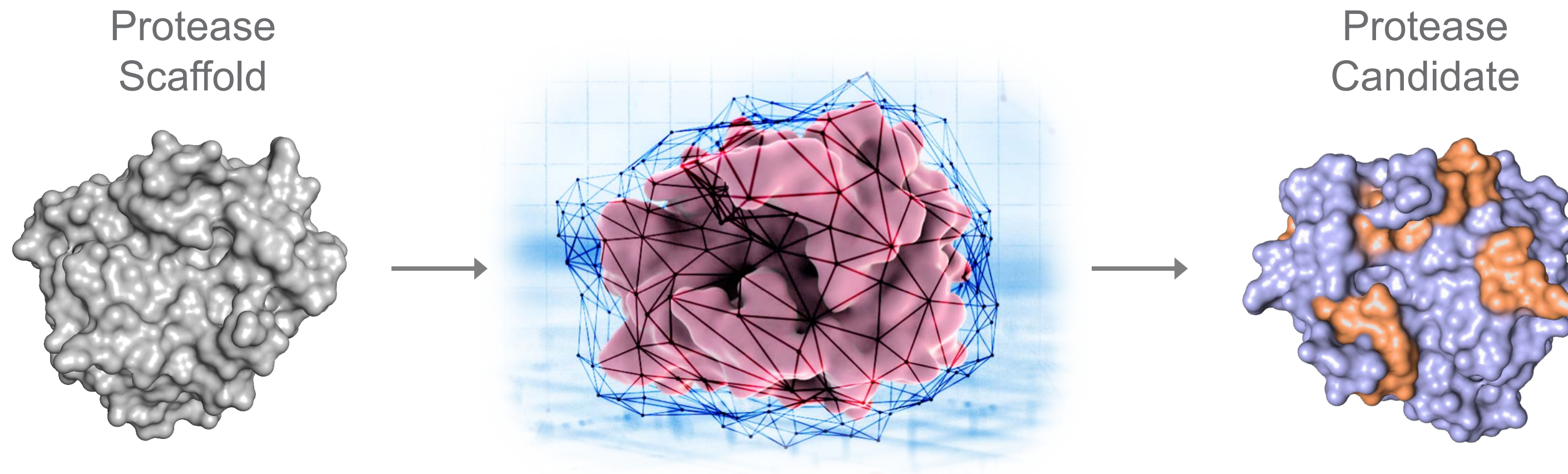
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# Catalyst protease platform

Unique expertise enables design of optimized & differentiated protease candidates

## Discovery Platform



✓ **Structure Guided Design**

✓ **Molecular Evolution**

✓ **Engineered Regulation**

✓ **Pharmacokinetic Improvement**

## Our Proteases

- + Functionally enhanced natural proteases in the complement & coagulation cascades
- + Engineered novel protein degraders in the complement cascade
- + Modulate or target biological activation or inactivation



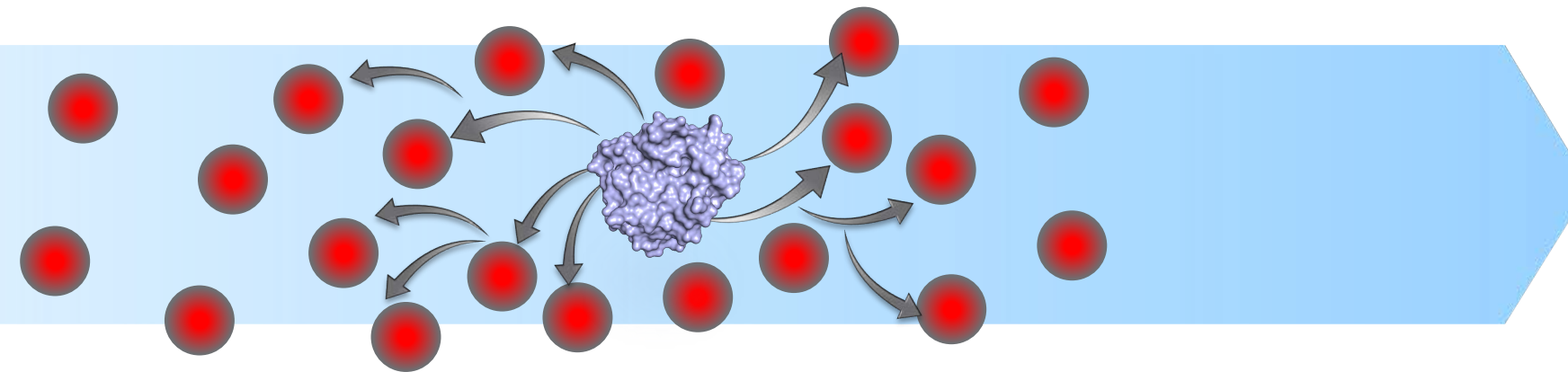
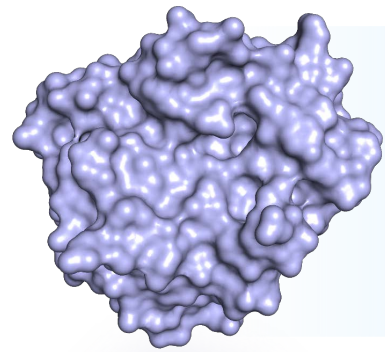


# Proteases are ideal for high abundance targets & cascades

**A better way to regulate biological processes compared with antibodies & small molecules**

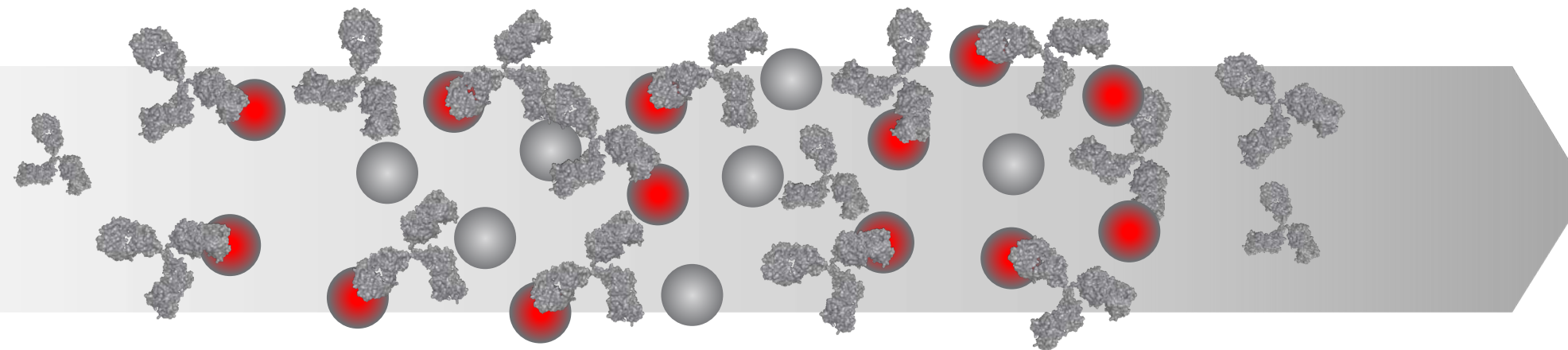
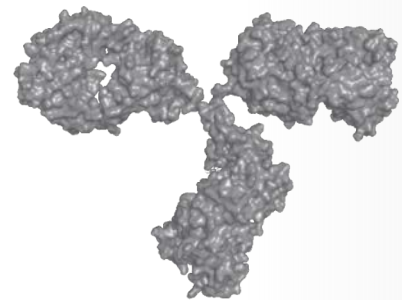
## Therapeutic target neutralization

Protease



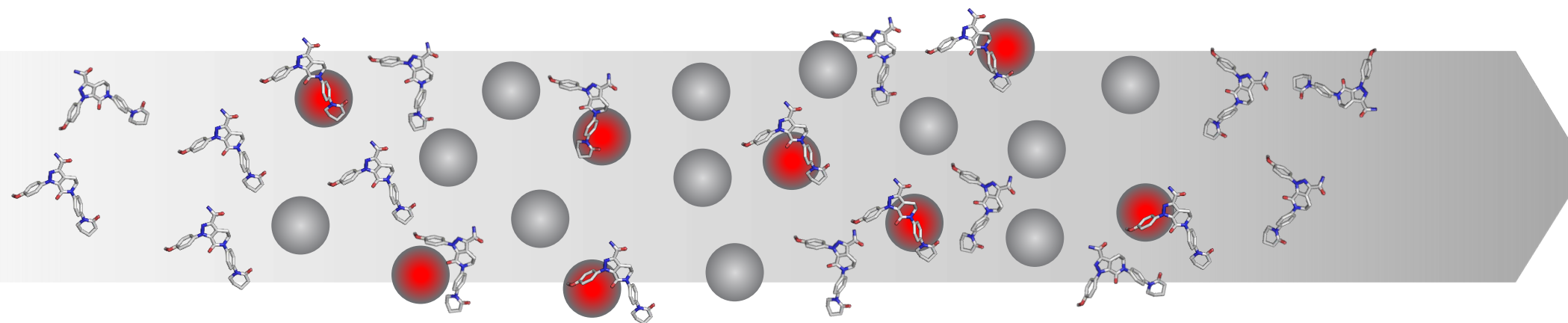
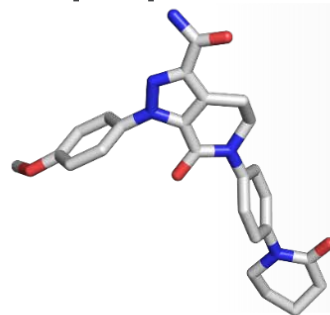
Efficient regulation at low concentrations of therapeutic protease

Antibodies



Requires high concentrations in excess of the target

Small molecules / peptides



Requires high concentrations & frequent dosing



# The leading cause of blindness is geographic atrophy (GA)

There is no approved treatment for GA



## Geographic atrophy is a high unmet need

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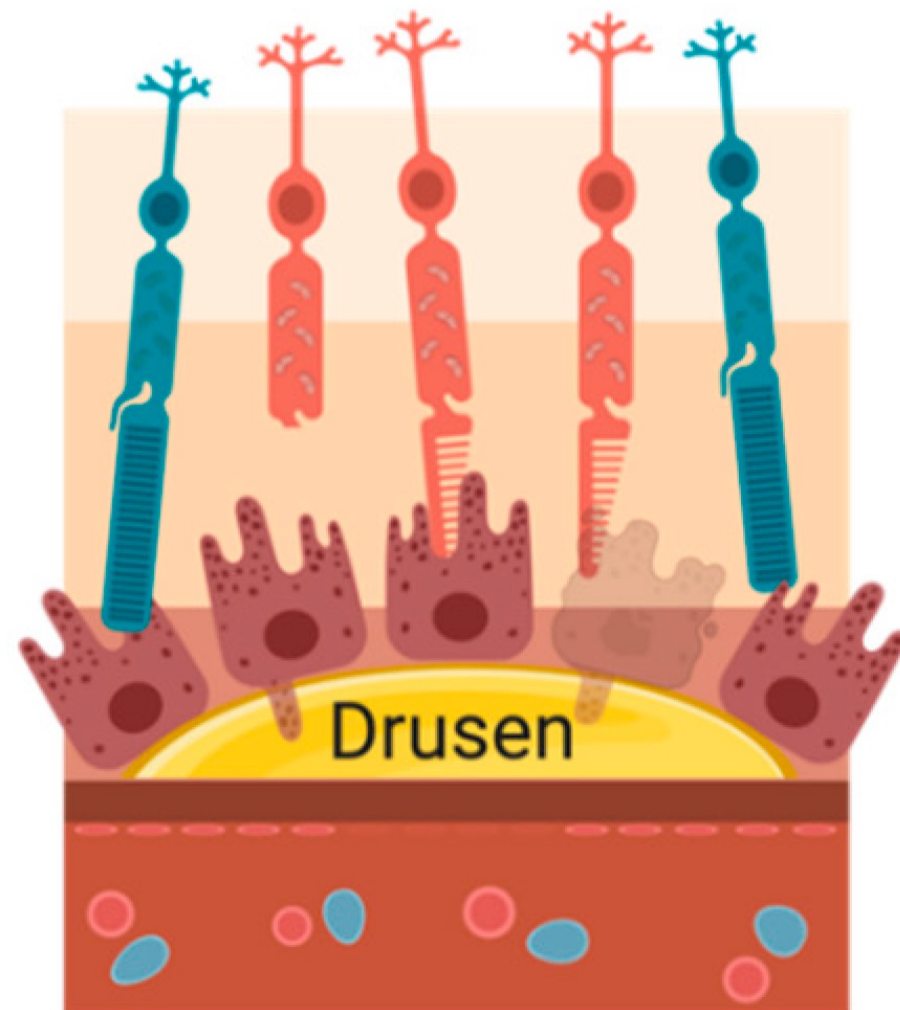
- + Advanced stage of dry age-related macular degeneration (dAMD)
- + dAMD affects ~1M people in the US & >5M WW, no currently approved therapy
- + Global market >\$5B
- + C3 is a clinically validated target for dry AMD
- + New interventional modalities may offer improved efficacy



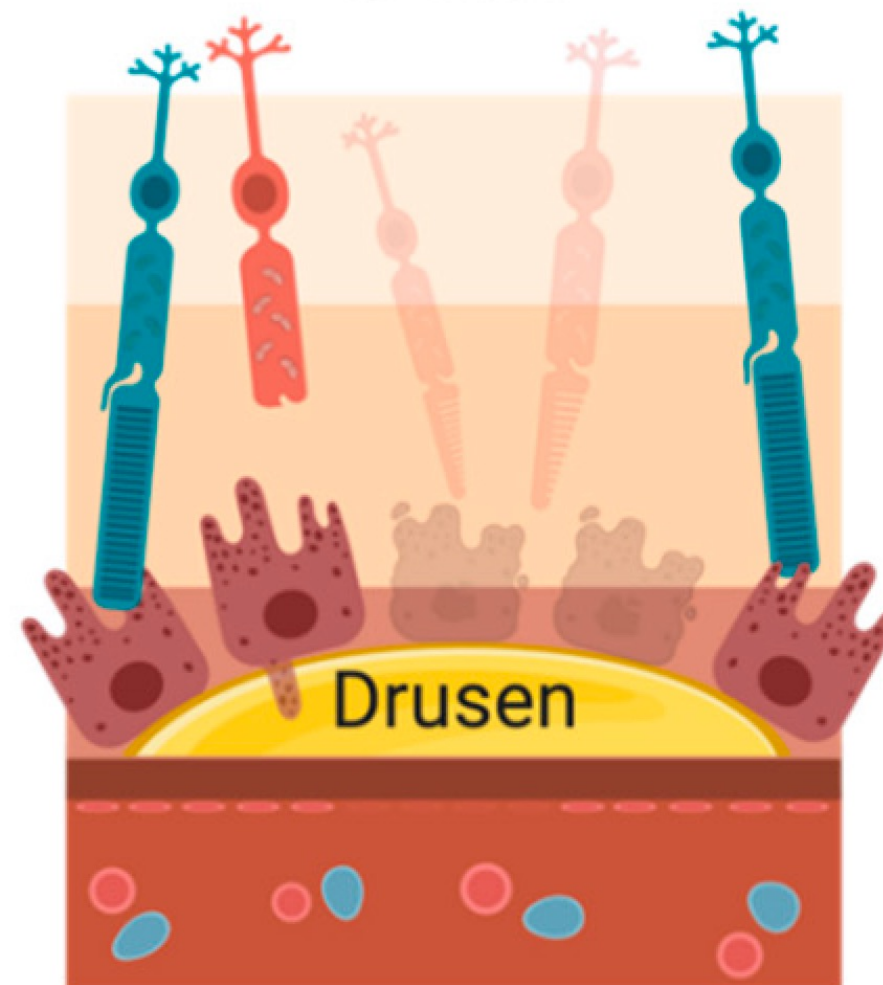
# Progression of the healthy retina to AMD

## Complement is implicated across the AMD spectrum

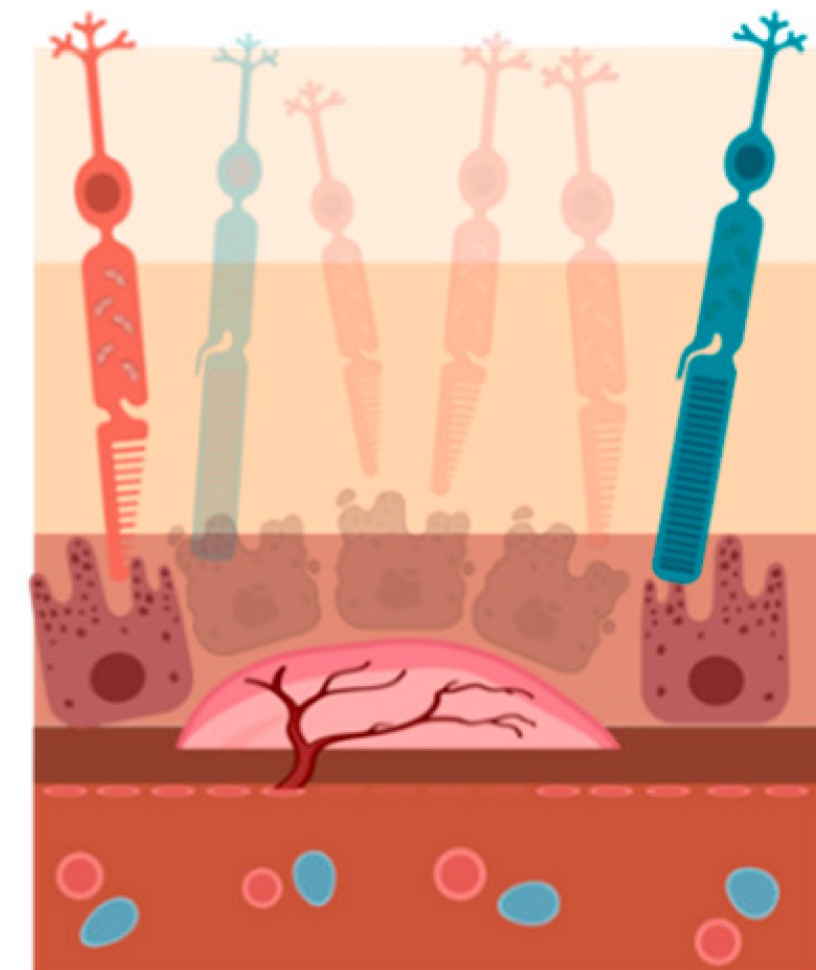
Age-Related  
Maculopathy



Dry AMD



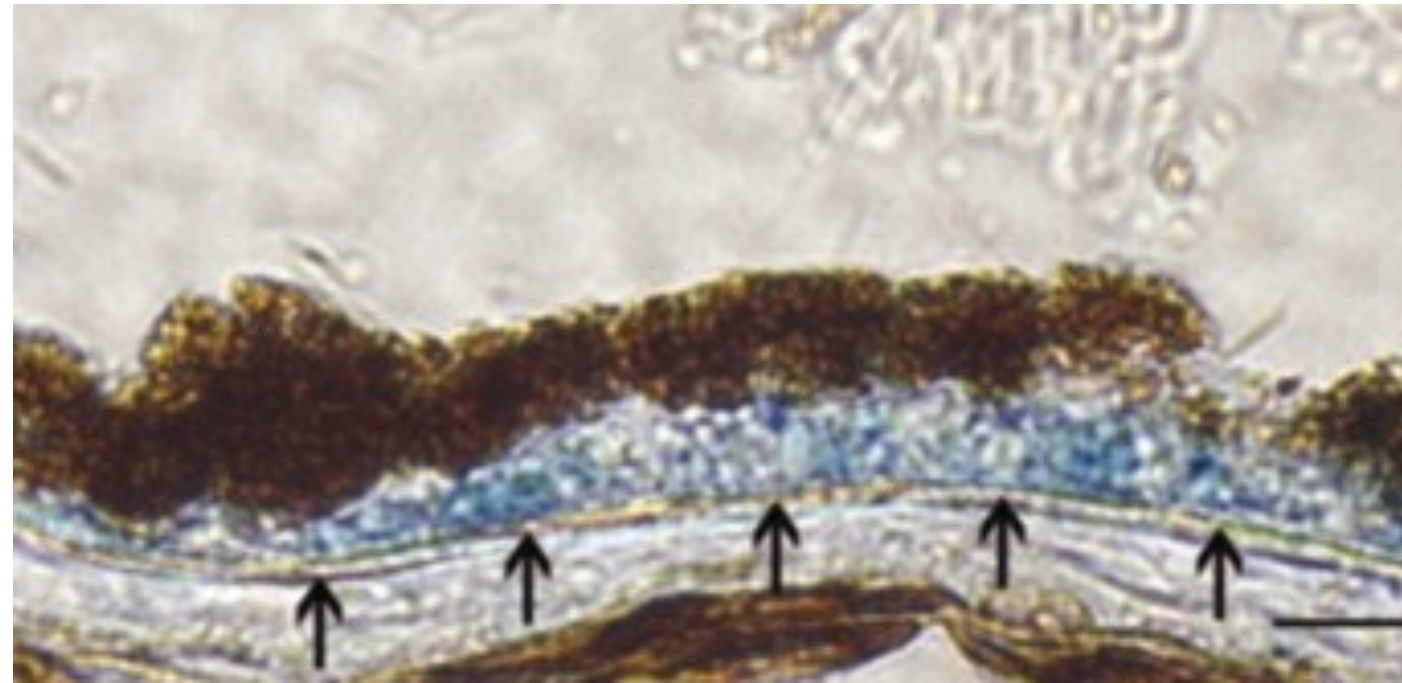
Wet AMD



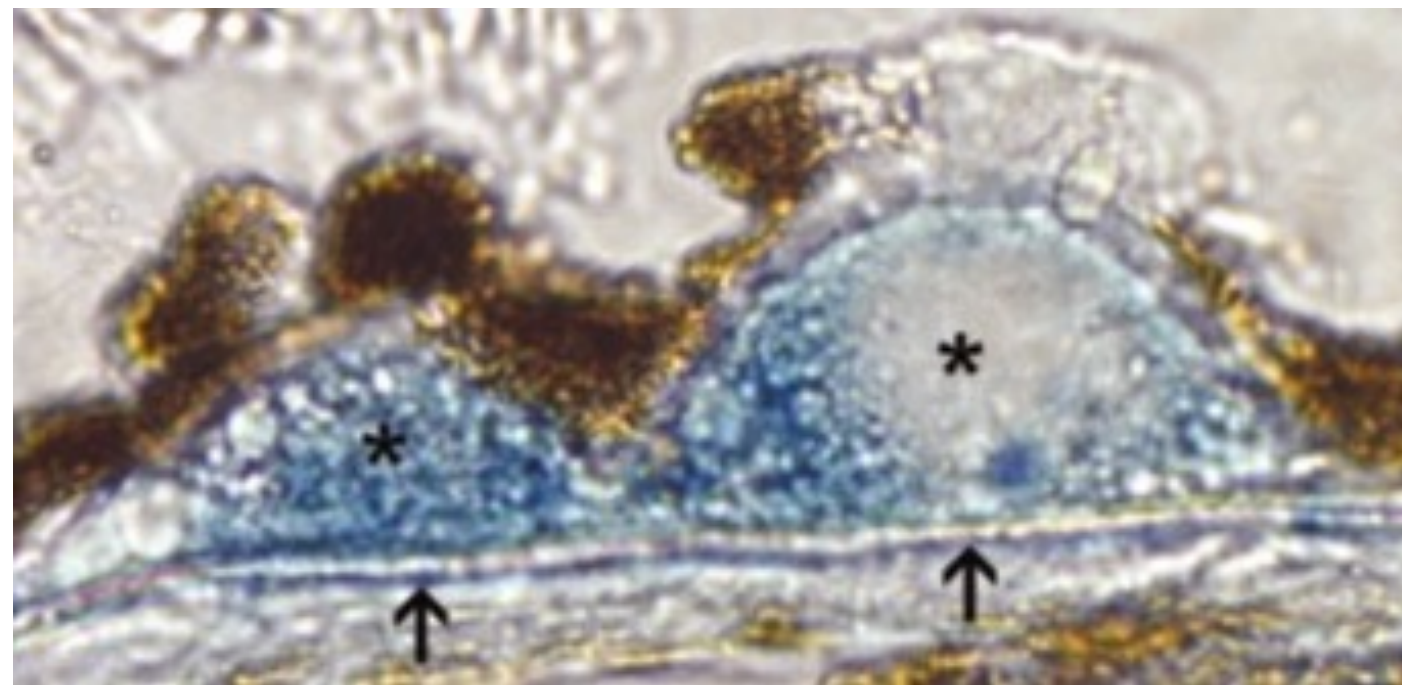
# Complement is implicated in the progression of AMD

## C3a is deposited in soft and hard drusen of dAMD patients

Soft Drusen



Hard Drusen



Deposition in the proximity of the RPE & Bruch's membrane

## Dysregulated complement implicated in AMD progression

- + Alternative pathway involvement
- + Genetic association or dysregulation of:
  - + Complement factor H (FH)
  - + Complement factor 3 (C3)
  - + Factor B (FB)
  - + Factor D (FD)
  - + Complement Factor I (CFI)
  - + Complement factor 9 (C9)

Nozaki et al. (2006) PNAS 103(7):2328-33

Park et al. (2019) Front Immunol 10:1007

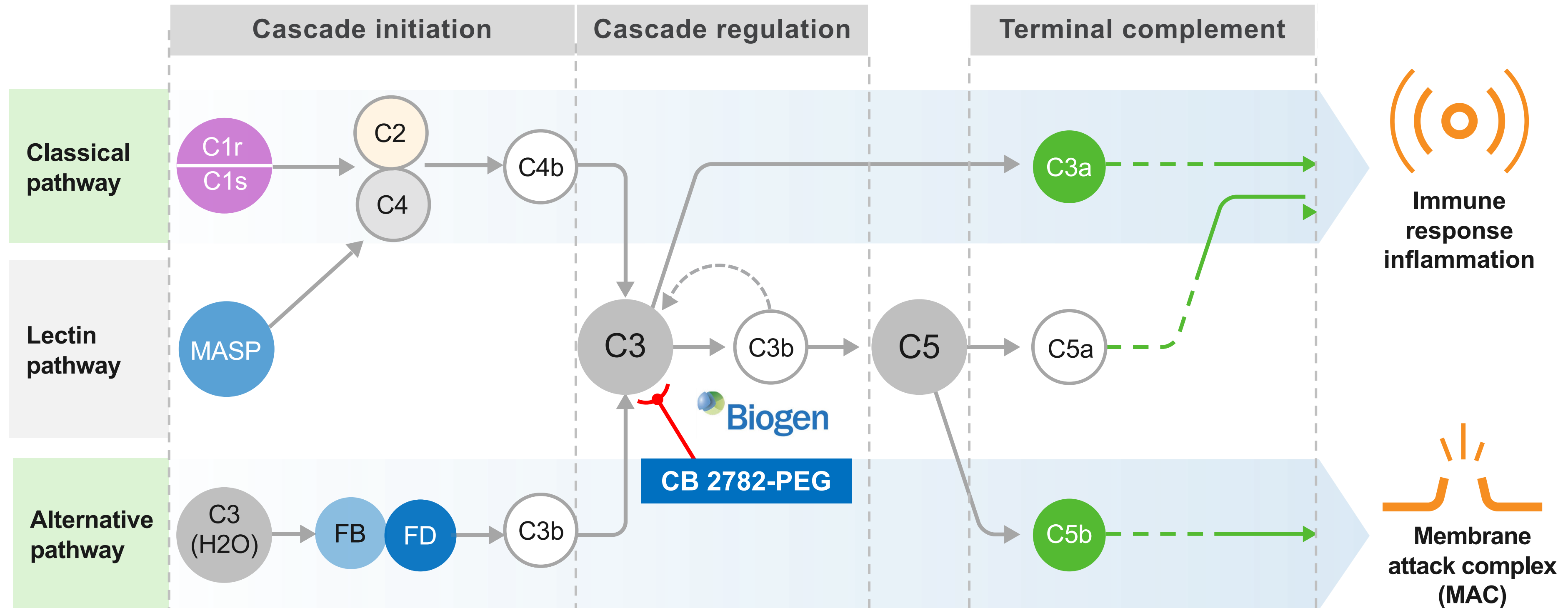
RPE: retinal pigment epithelium





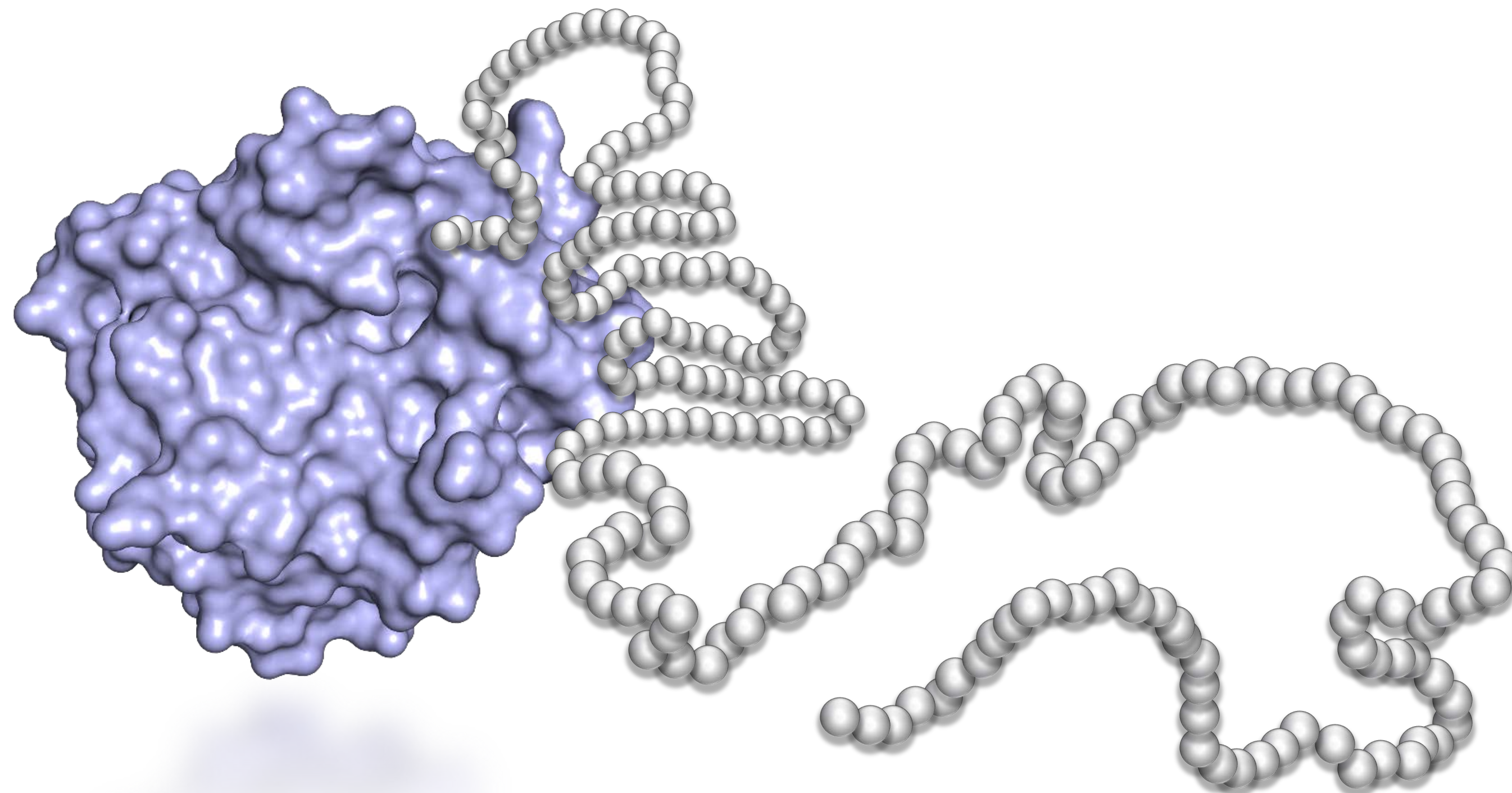
# Targeting the central axis of complement at C3

**CB 2782-PEG targets the central regulator of the complement cascade**





# CB 2782-PEG: Long acting anti-C3 protease for dry AMD



## Potential best-in-class C3 degrader for dry AMD

- + Generated from Catalyst's proprietary **protease engineering platform**
- + Potent, selective & long acting, degrades C3 into inactive fragments
- + NHP PK & PD data predict potential **best-in-class** human intravitreal product

- ✓ Cysteine specific 40 kDa PEG (maleimide) conjugated
- ✓ Site specific labeling on an engineered free Cysteine

# CB 2782-PEG: Potential best-in-class treatment for dAMD

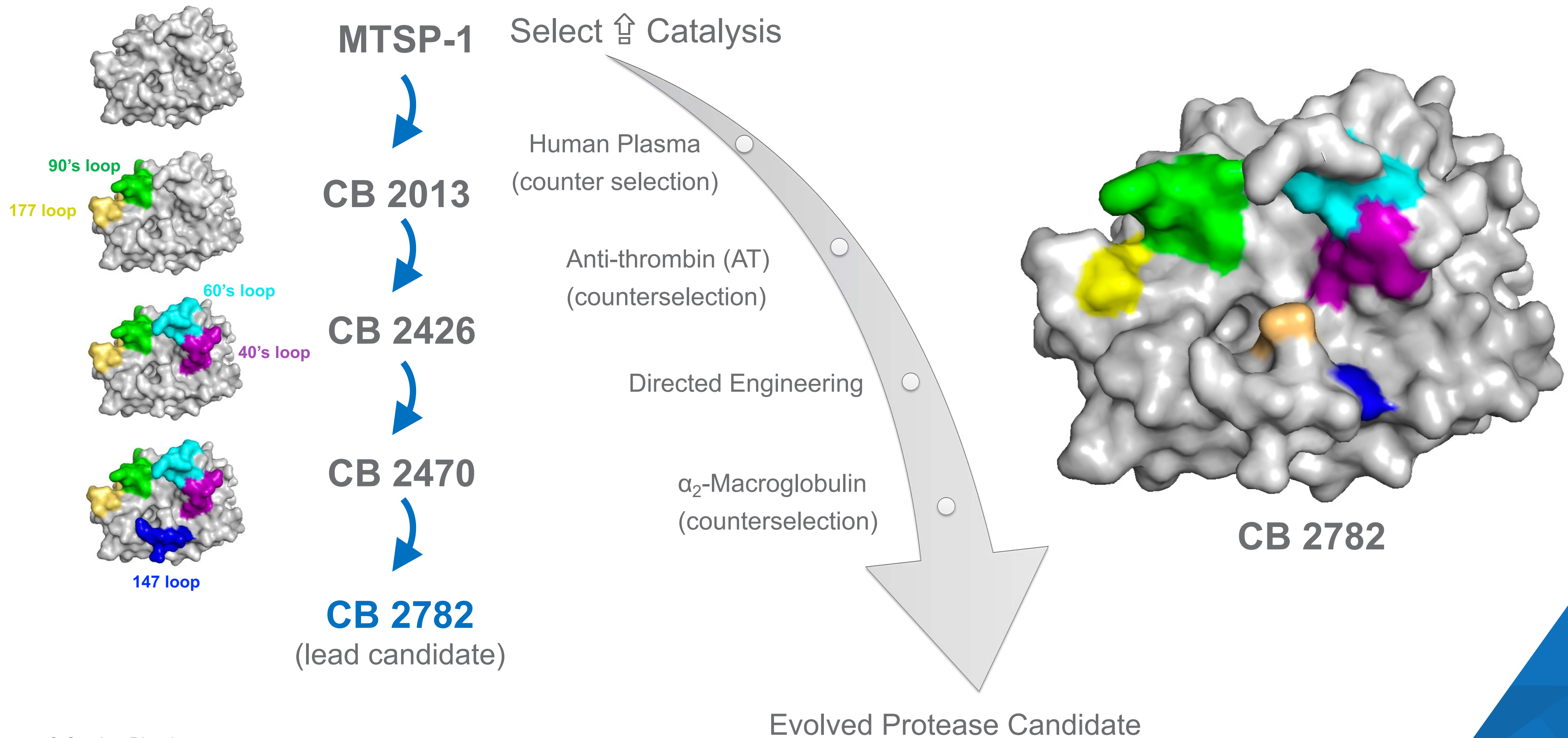
## Designed as a differentiated molecule in C3 regulation



Differentiated attributes	CB 2782-PEG Designed to address
Potential for less frequent dosing	✓
Low intraocular dose	✓
Effectively “sweeps away” the targeted C3	✓
Degrades C3 in a manner that removes both C3b & C3a	✓
Offers sustained suppression of complement	✓

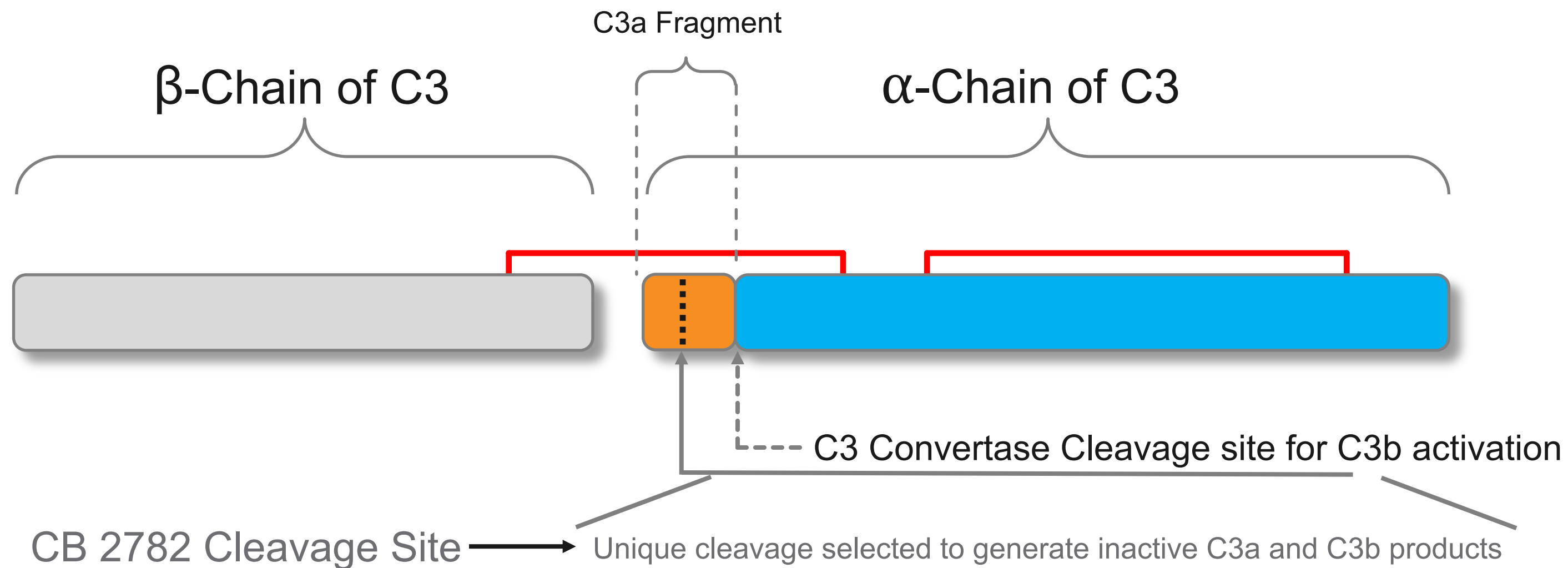


# Molecular evolution of CB 2782 for C3-specific cleavage



# Selection of a specific “inactivating” cleavage site

## Schematic of C3 structure and the C3 convertase cleavage site



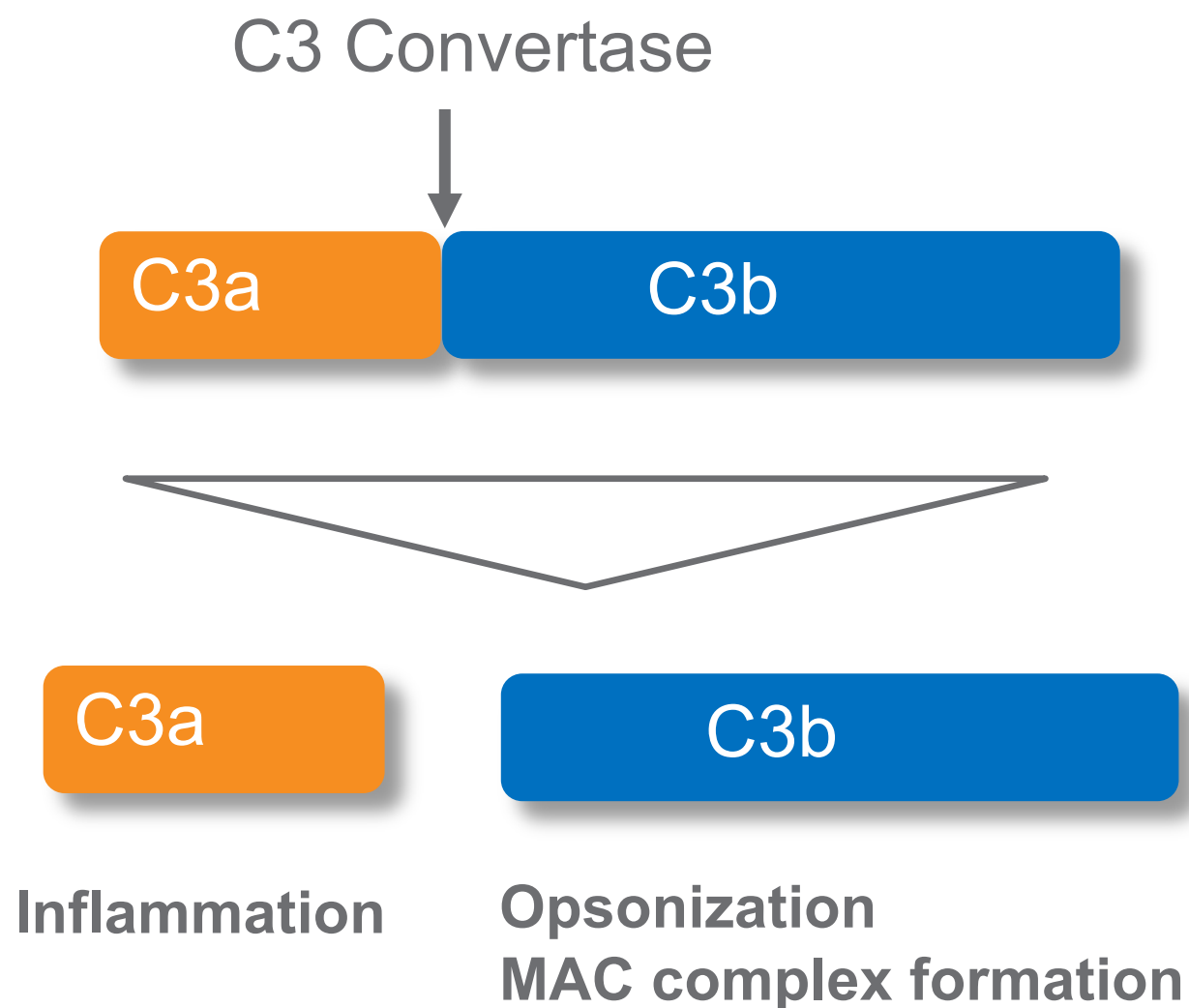
- + CB 2782 was engineered to specifically cleave a single site in C3
  - Divergent from that which is cleaved by the C3 convertases
- + Cleavage of C3 results in an inactive C3a and C3b-related species
  - Cannot be further activated by the C3 convertases



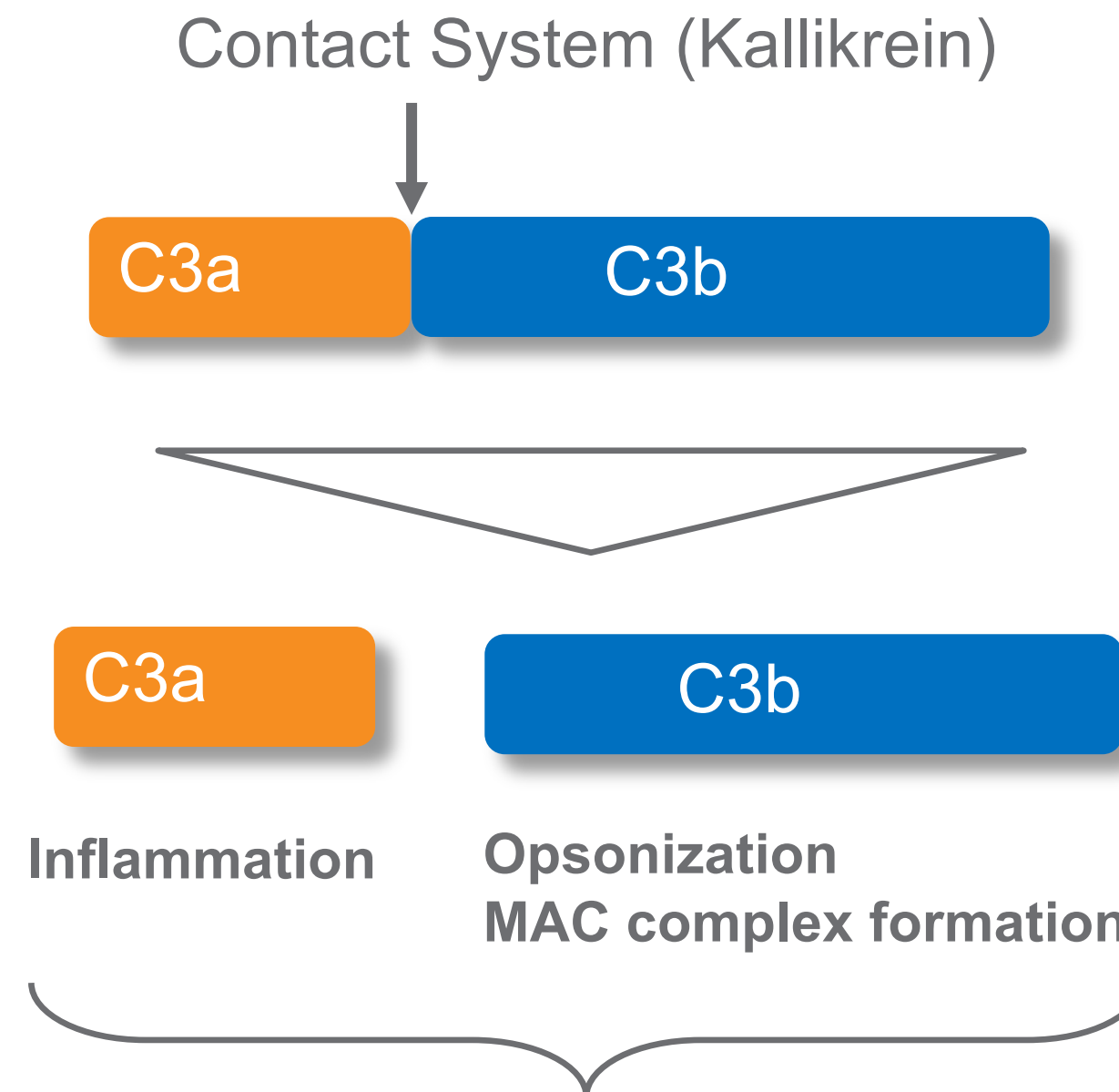
# C3 can be activated by multiple mechanisms

## Activation of plasma kallikrein provides an alternate mechanism of dysregulation

### Complement Pathway Activation

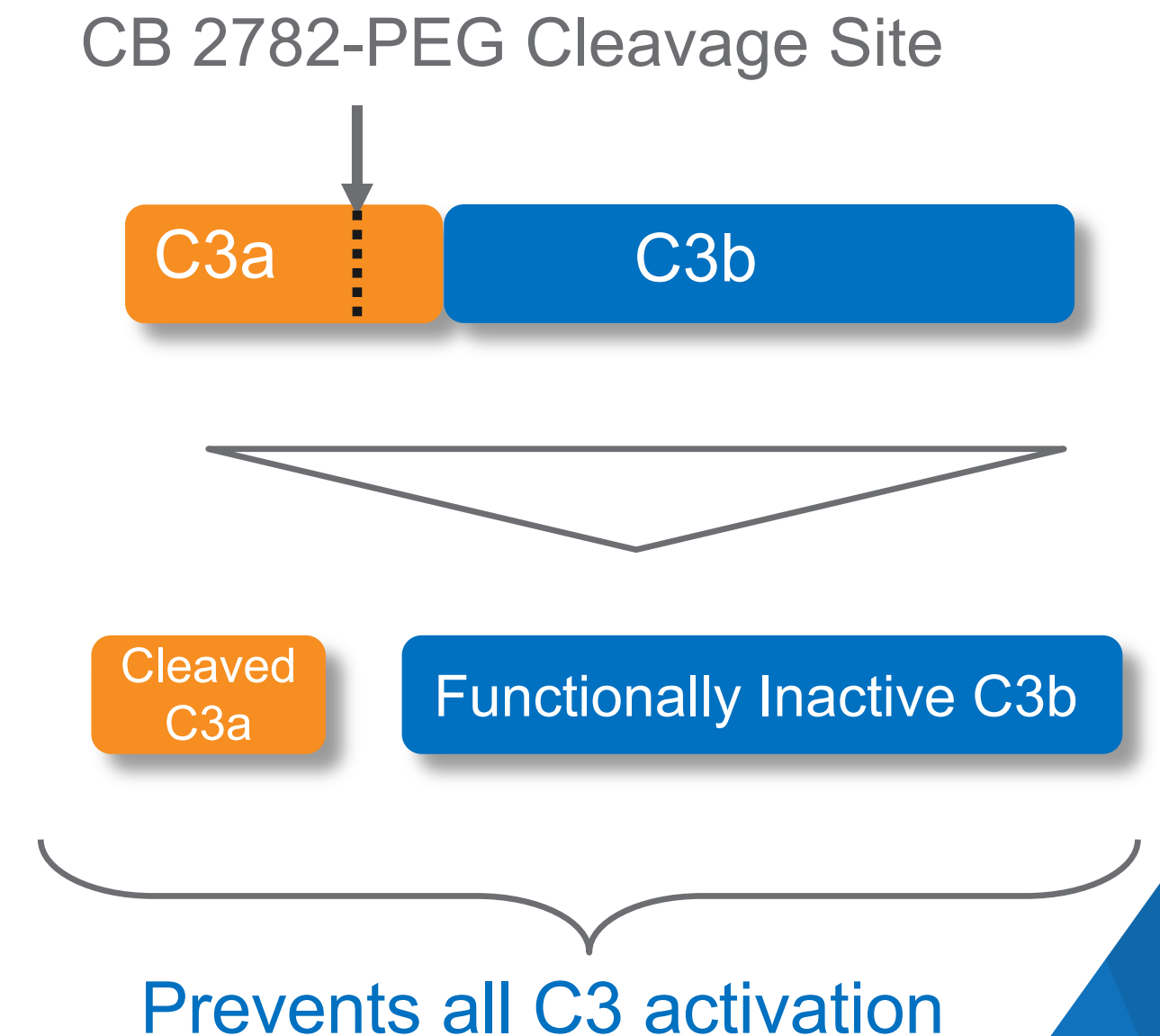


### Non-Complement Pathway Activation

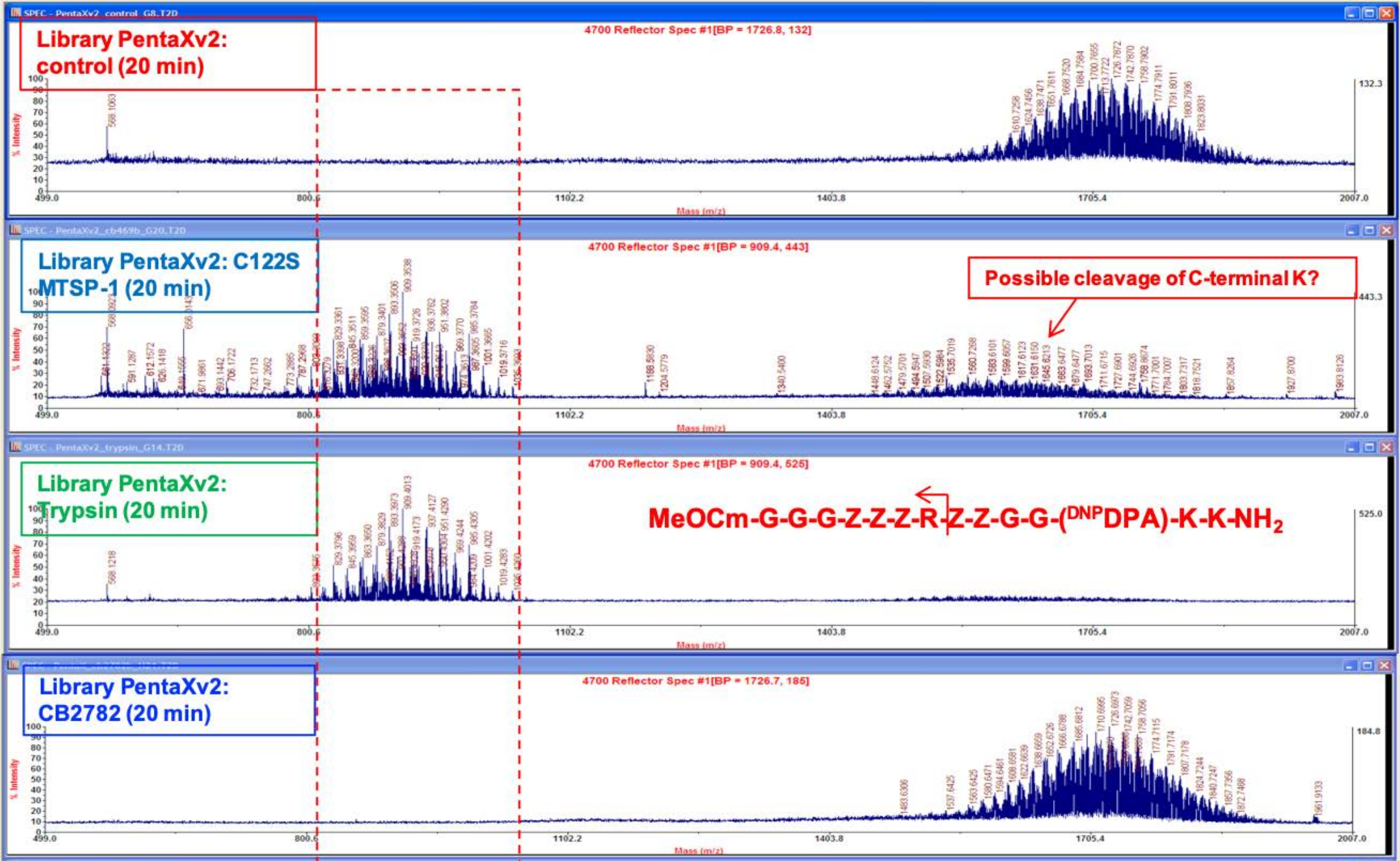


Not prevented by therapies targeting the C3 convertase

### C3 Degradation by CB 2782-PEG



# CB 2782 shows high specificity



## Cleavage of PentaXv2 Library

$P_4 \ P_3 \ P_2 \ P_1 \ P_1' \ P_2'$

▲-G - G - G - Y - Y - Y - R - Y - Y - G - G - ■ - K - K - NH<sub>2</sub>

Y Any of 18 AAs (excluding R, C)

▲ N-terminal 7-methoxycoumarin-4-acetyl

■ dinitrophenyl-diaminopropyl

# Peptides  
1,889,568 (18<sup>5</sup>)

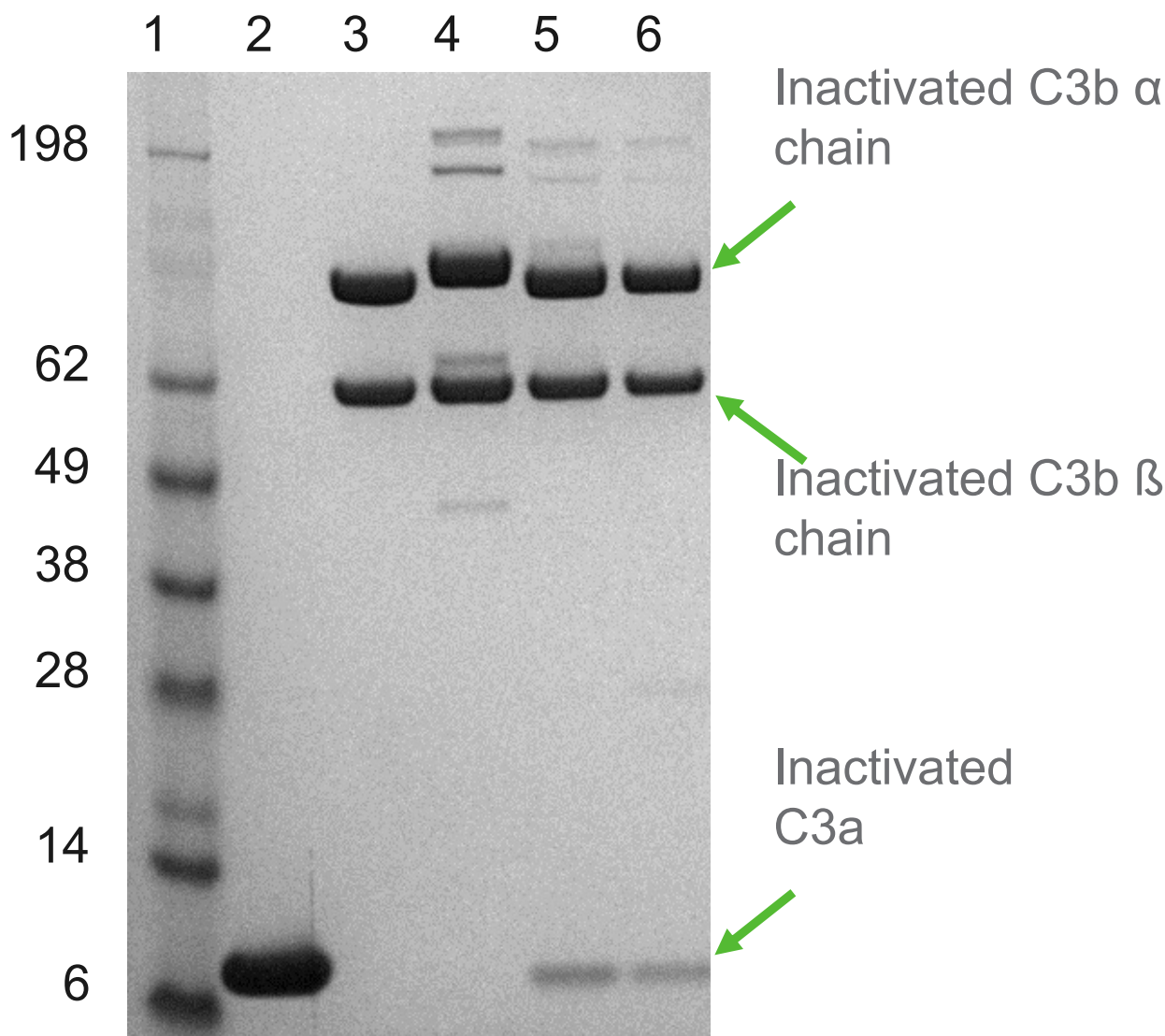
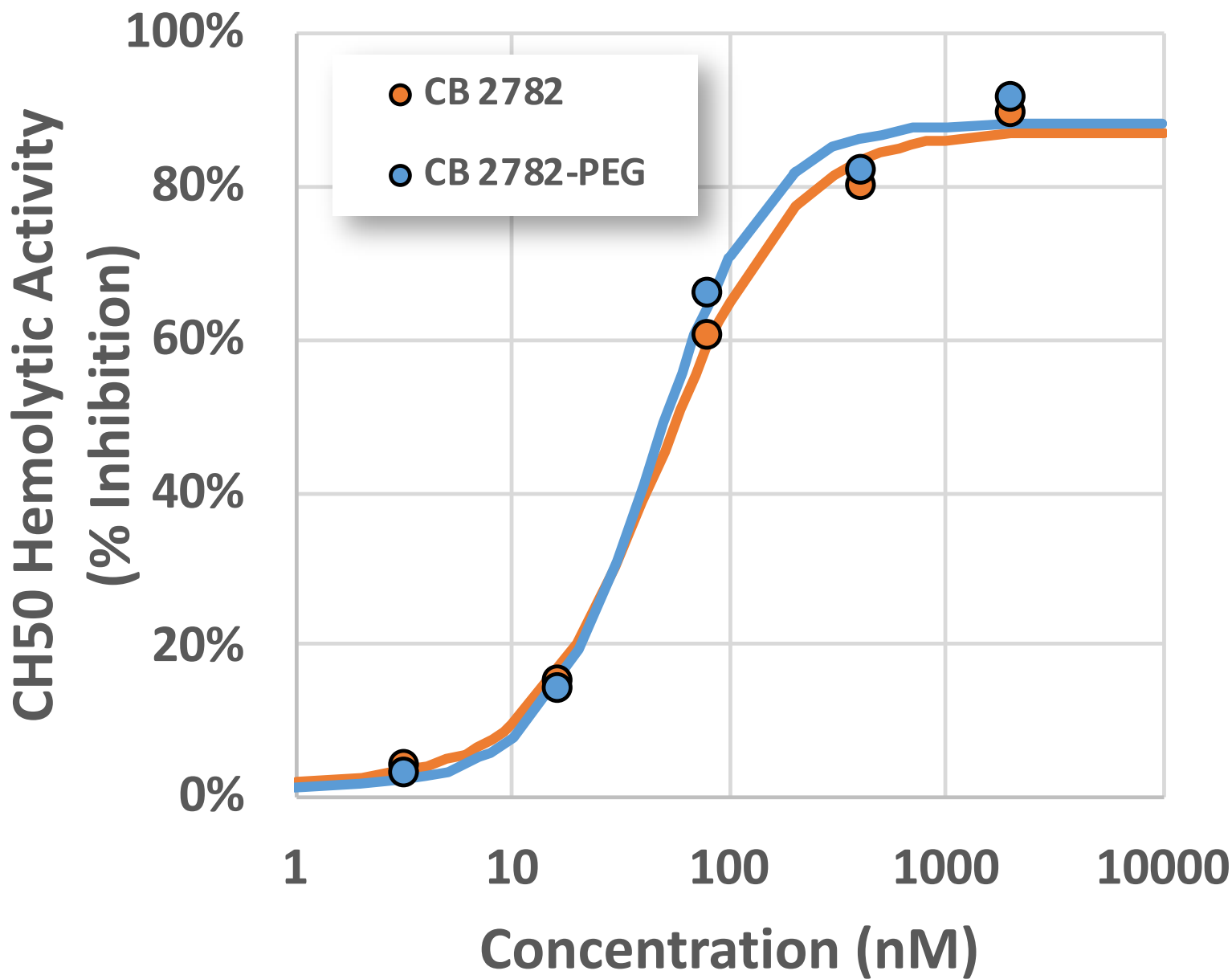
- + Essentially no detectable cleavage of the PentaXv2 library by CB 2782
- + Near complete cleavage by MTSP-1
- + Complete cleavage by trypsin



# 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 & CB 2782-PEG specifically cleave C3 at a single site into inactive fragments

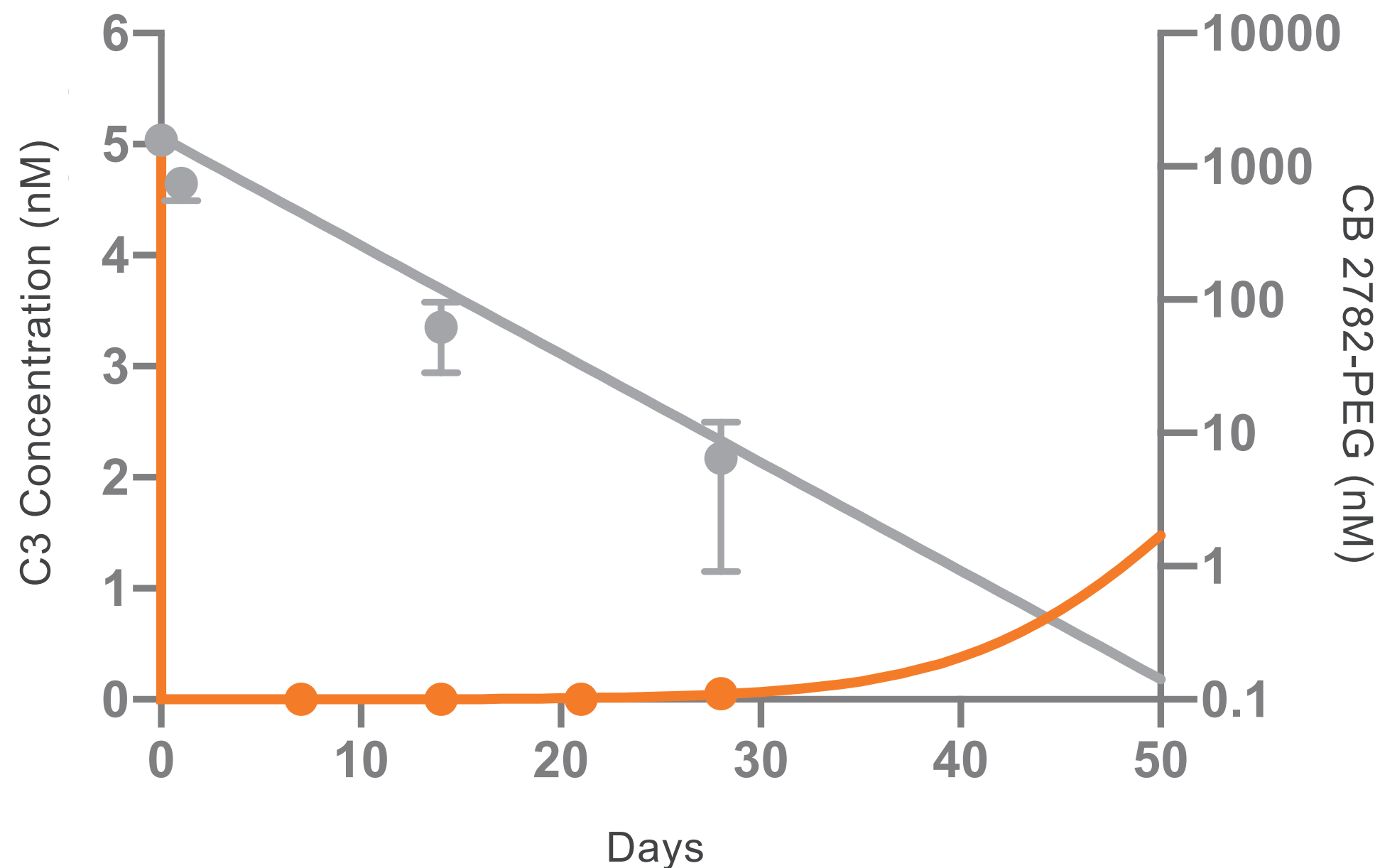


Reduced SDS-PAGE	
Lane	Sample
1	Ladder
2	C3a
3	C3b
4	C3
5	2 $\mu$ M C3 treated with 0.2 $\mu$ M CB 2782-PEG
6	2 $\mu$ M C3 treated with 0.2 $\mu$ M CB 2782

# CB 2782-PEG: Best-in-class C3 degrader for dAMD

## Protease advantage demonstrated *in vivo*

CB 2782-PEG degrades C3 levels in the eye for at least 28 days in a non-human primate model



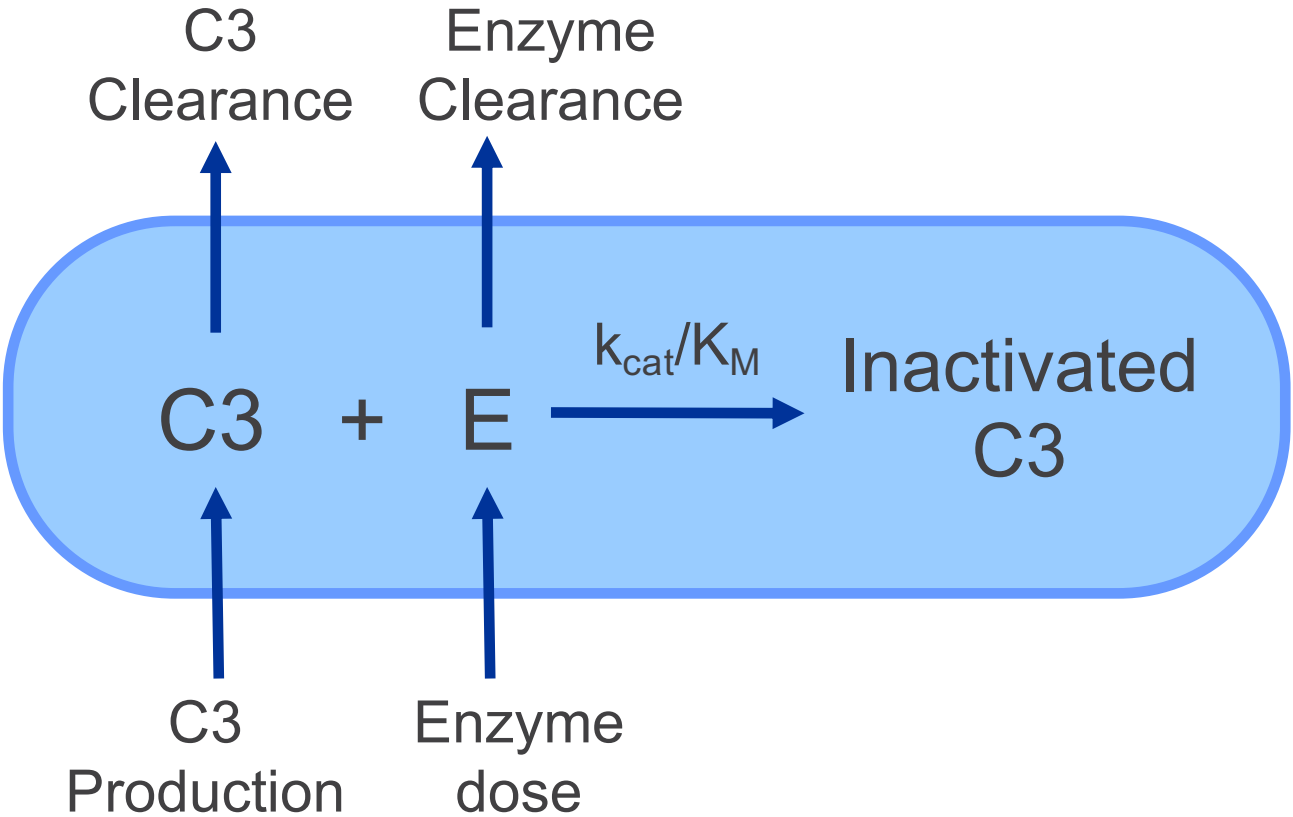
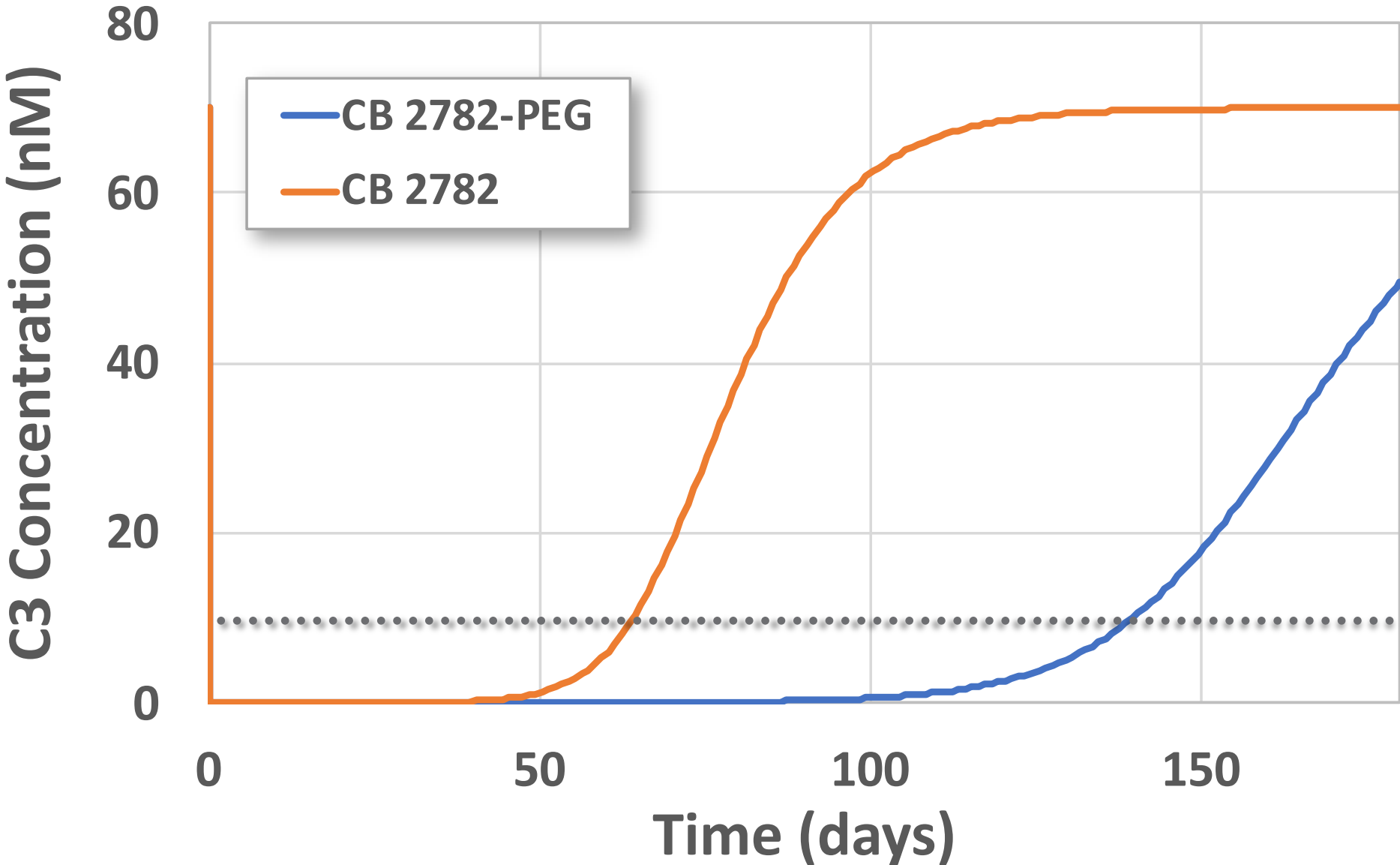
## Catalytic advantage of proteases

- + One therapeutic molecule neutralizes 1000s
- + Fast & potent response
- + Extended pharmacodynamic effect
- + Can activate or degrade therapeutic targets
- + Engineered novel protein degraders “sweep away” difficult to drug targets



# Predicted low infrequent human dose

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





# Key takeaway messages

- ✓ Engineered novel specificity through molecular evolution and rational design
- ✓ Nonclinical studies resulted in 99% elimination of C3 for 28 days
- ✓ Predicted efficacious and less frequent dosing
- ✓ CB 2782-PEG has potential for best-in-class efficacy and convenience in dry AMD
- ✓ Offers sustained suppression of complement



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