

# Targeting NETs in human disease

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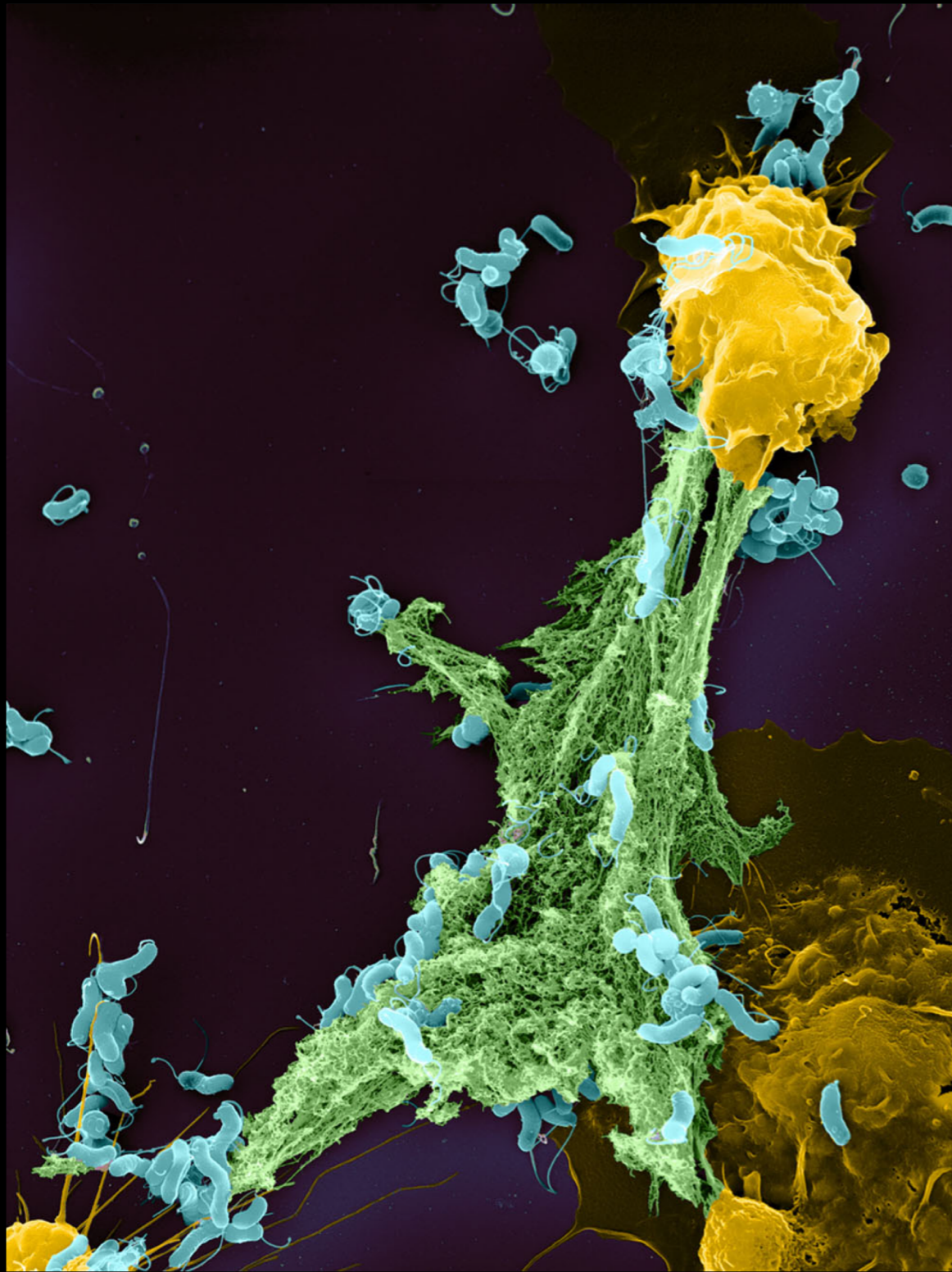


**Demetrios Braddock MD/PhD:** Assoc. Prof. Yale; Expertise in enzyme therapeutics and biologic development; Scientific Founder of Inozyme (Series A Jan 2017, IPO July 2020); Scientific Founder of Petragen (Series A Oct 2020); Founder and Medical Director of Precipio (2011-2017).



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# Background and Rationale: Overview



Neutrophils casting a net entrapping Helicobacteria

Dr. Volker Brinkman, Max Planck Institute for Infection Biology, Berlin Germany (ref 28)

A. Increased NET formation and reduced degradation drives the morbidity/mortality in

- Thrombotic conditions including
  - ANCA Vasculitis, Anti-phospholipid syndrome
  - Acute Kidney Injury, ST-elevation following MI
- Autoimmune disorders such as Lupus, Hypocomplementemic urticarial vasculitis syndrome (HUVS), others
- Severe COVID-19 infection
- Cancer Metastasis

B. Neutrophils 'self destruct', shooting 'NETs' of DNA in the presence of:

- Foreign viral and micro-organisms
- Specific High Grade (highly metastatic) Tumor Cells including
  - Breast Cancer
  - Esophageal Cancer
  - Lung Cancer
  - Esophageal Cancer

# Problem and Solution

A. Several human enzymes are reported to degrade NETs

- DNase1
- Dnase1L3
- Others

B. Efficacy of enzymes limited by poor bioavailability and pharmacologic properties

- A 1999 study to determine efficacy of DNase1 in Lupus (Genetech & NIH)
  - drug was well tolerated
  - no neutralizing antibodies
  - failed to achieve therapeutic bioactive concentrations and was therefore ineffective

C. Braddock Lab has expertise engineering stable and bioavailable enzyme therapeutics.

- ENPP1 enzyme for GACI:
  - Can be lyophilized to a powder and rehydrated, retaining full activity
  - Lyophilized enzyme can be heated to 100° F for 3 months, rehydrated, without aggregation or loss of activity
  - Half-life of 36 hours
  - Predicted human dose is 2 mg/Kg sub-Q, twice a week
  - First in human dosing to begin in first quarter, 2021
- Recently increased potency of ENPP1 ERT to enable bimonthly dosing at 0.3-0.6 mg/Kg

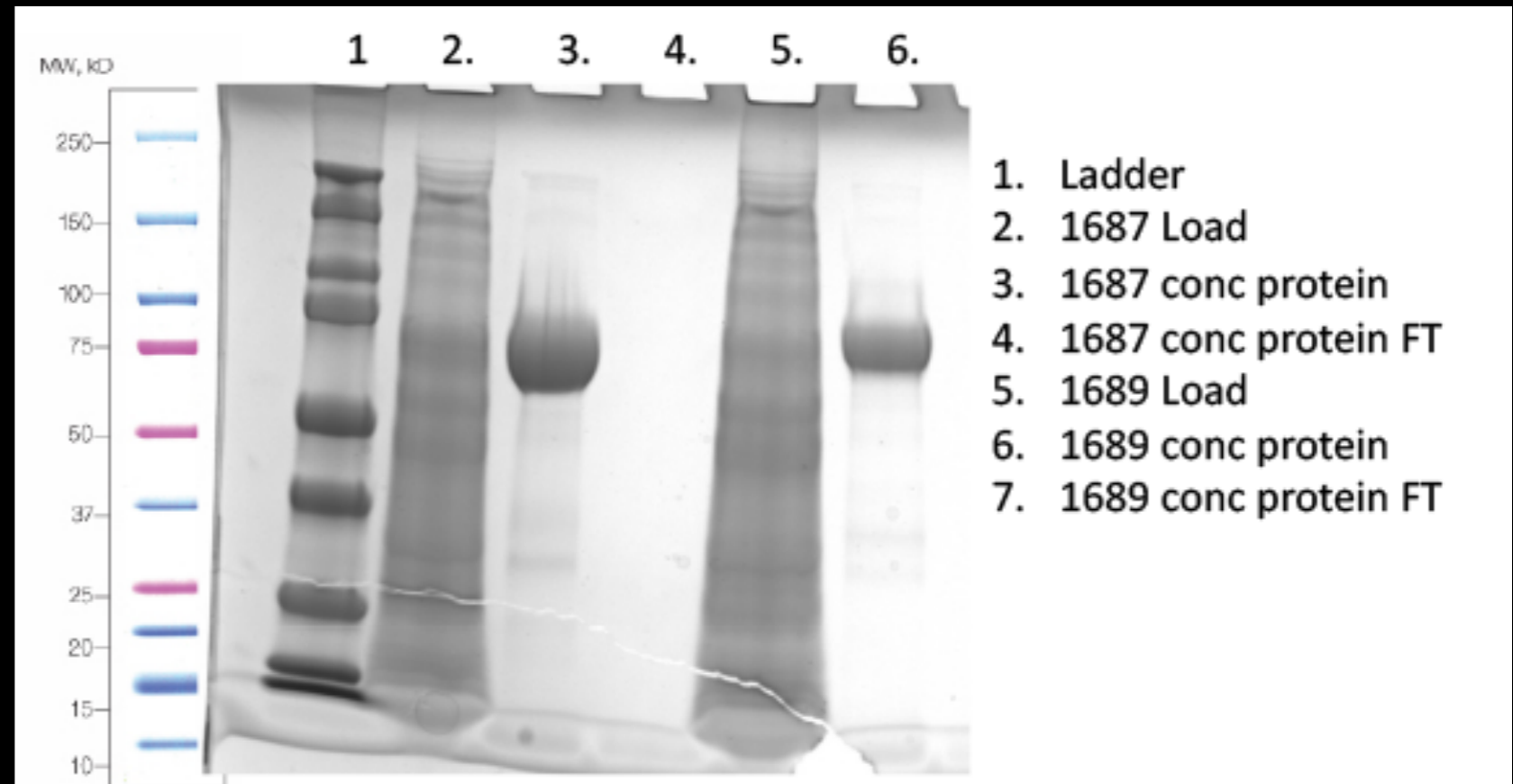
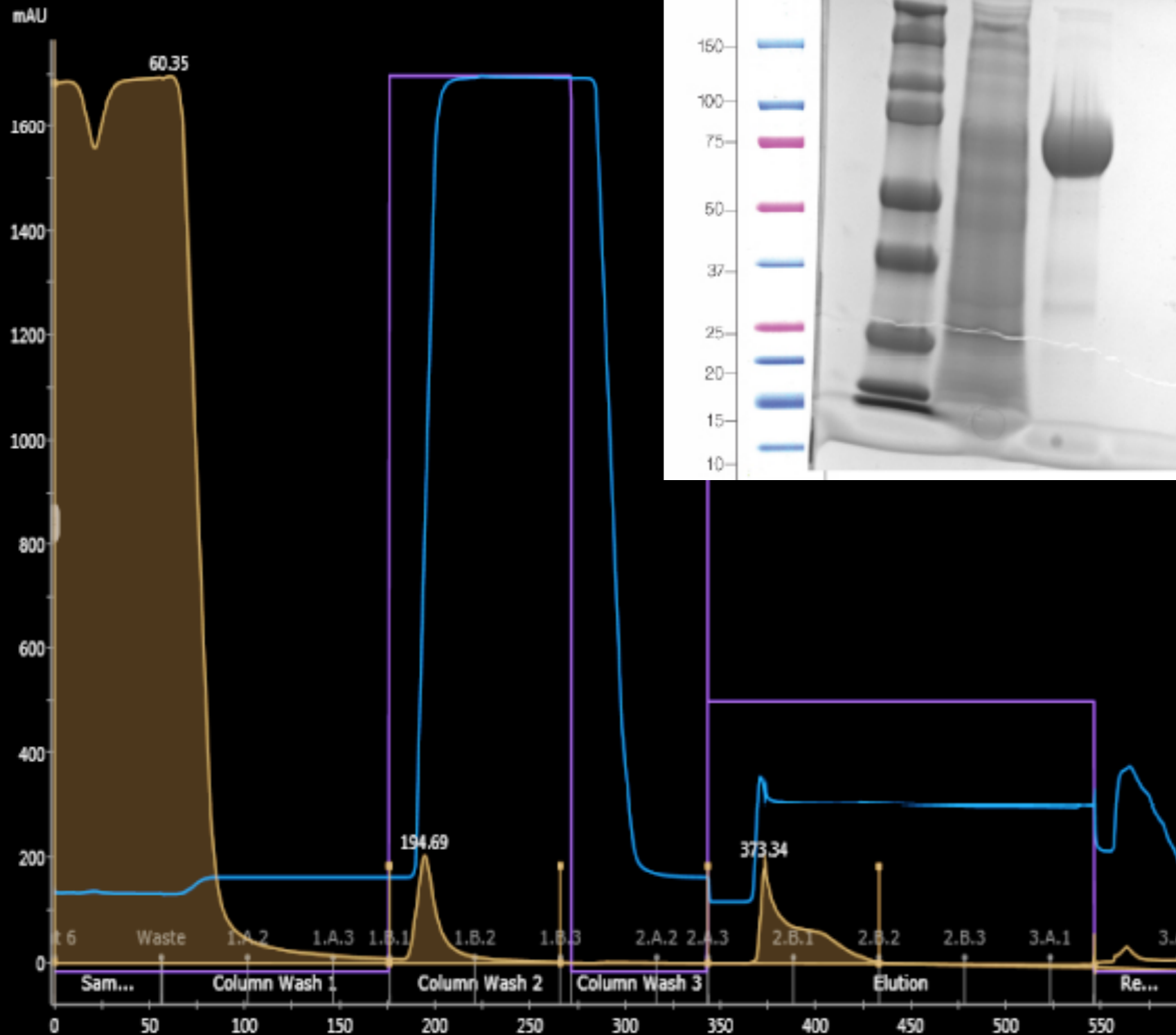
D. Braddock lab has applied their experience in enzyme biologics to design and optimize stable and long acting DNA degrading Biologics (DDB's)

- Stabach et al., 'Improving the Pharmacodynamics and In Vivo Activity of ENPP1-Fc Through Protein and Glycosylation Engineering' Clin Transl Sci. 2020 Oct 16. doi: 10.1111/cts.12887.

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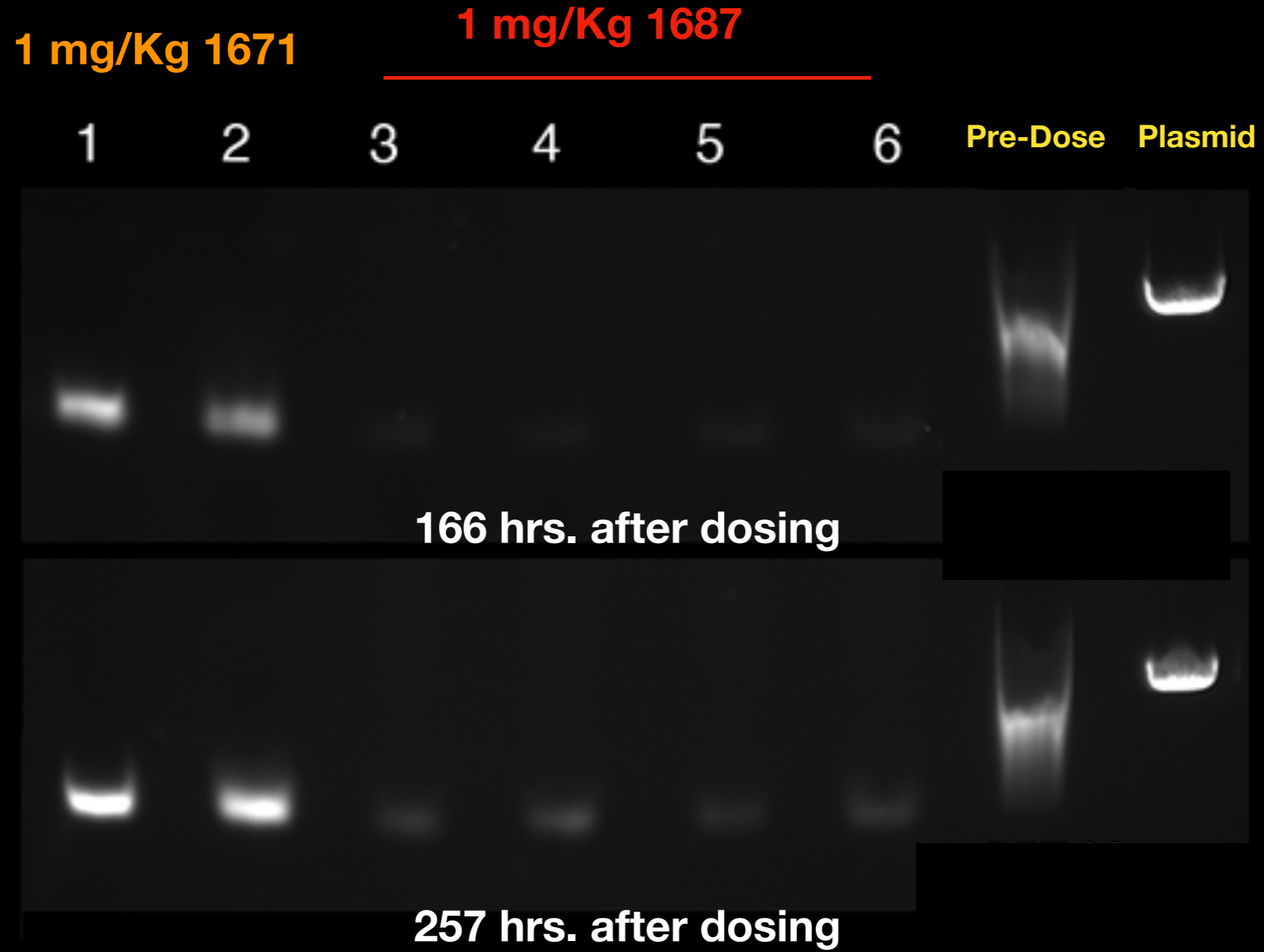
Rigorous, scalable, amenable to GMP production

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# Pharmacodynamics

Bioactivity for over 10 days following single sub-Q dose



# Murine models of NET driven Thrombosis and Tumor Metastasis

**Thrombosis:** DNase1 and DNase1L3 knockout mice stimulated with GCSF: Mortality in 7 days

**Acute Kidney Injury:** Rodent model of renal injury on ventilator

## **Tumor Metastasis:**

### **1. Tail vein injection of high grade metastatic tumors**

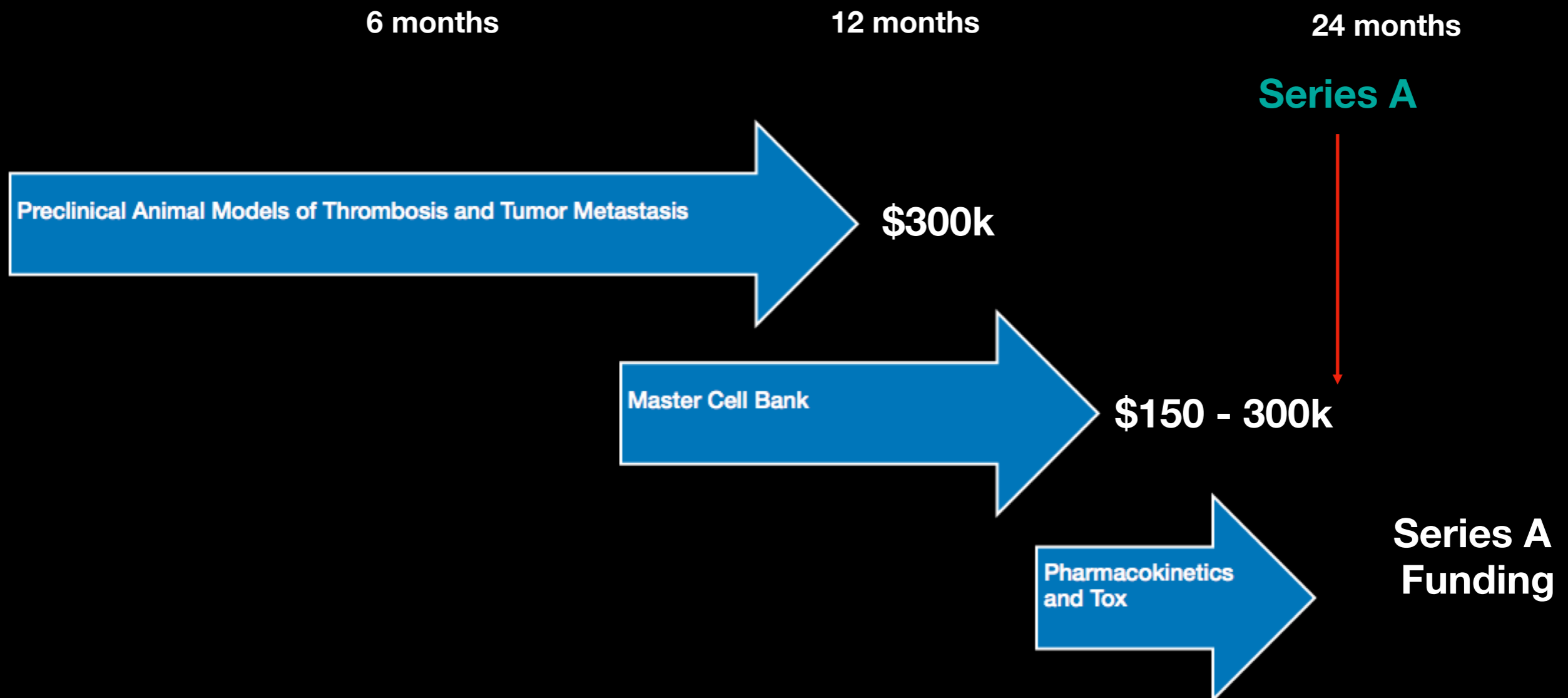
- Breast
- Lung
- Esophageal
- Pancreas

### **2. Spontaneous Metastasis**

- Breast: implantation into mammary fat pad w/ and w/o resection
- Lung/esophageal/pancrease: Implantation into flank

# Timelines and Budget

- **Preclinical animal models of Thrombosis and Oncology:** Begin upon funding, Thrombosis models of Acute Kidney Injury, Oncology models to include Triple neg breast, Pancreatic, and Esophageal cancer
- **Clinical cell bank and Master cell lines:** To begin within 3 months of successful preclinical animal models
- **Series A raise:** To begin after Master Cell Bank established





# Summary

**We have developed optimized DDB ready for *in vivo* efficacy studies in established animal models of NET driven thrombotic and oncologic diseases**

- DDB's are highly stable
  - Retain activity for 3 months at room temperature
  - Can be frozen and stored in an aqueous buffer at -80C without loss of activity
  - Amenable to multiple freeze-thaw cycles without loss of activity
- Rigorous purification amenable to high-throughput bio-production has been established.
- PK and PD have been determined
  - *in vivo* bioactivity of lead constructs is confirmed out to at least 257 hours.
- IP on composition of matter and indications filed by Yale OCR (OCR7857)
- *In vivo* efficacy studies are now underway