



**i-body platform** - superior versatility  
and tunability relative to classic scFv  
domains for CAR cell therapies

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- Example: [STRUGGLINGPROGRAM] under development by [COMPANYNAME] by [SCIENTIST].

# i-bodies: sdAB-like molecules with engineered binding loops conferring unique binding properties

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**AdAlta** i-bodies are combination of a human protein with unique long loop binding sites that mimic the structural features of the shark single domain antibody system



Human protein scaffold

+



Engineered target specific binding loops

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**AdAlta** i-body library contains  $10^{10}$  unique i-bodies. Each unique i-body has different binding loops



12-15kDa protein  
90% smaller than MAb  
50% smaller than scFv

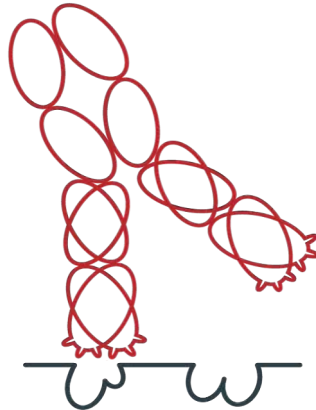
**i-bodies allow for high affinity, high specificity binding to targets that are intractable for traditional antibodies**

**Small Molecules**



i-bodies have high specificity, avoiding off-target issues of small molecules

**Antibodies**









i-bodies are ~10% the size of human antibodies, capable of engaging sterically hindered cell membrane receptors

**i-bodies**



The i-body CDR structure confers unique binding capabilities, enabling unique epitope engagement and tunable pharmacology

**Flexible, modular formats**

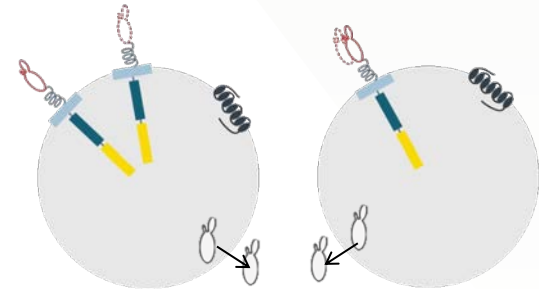
-  CAR cell therapy
-  ADC/ radiotherapeutic
-  Bi-specific
-  Fc-fusion
-  PEGylation
-  Naked i-body

## i-bodies enable optimized CAR constructs (i-CARs)

Feature	Benefit
Small size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased CAR gene cassette/vector capacity, efficient multi-functional CAR cell creation</li> </ul>
Long CDR3 binding domain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access to unique tumor antigens/epitopes and TME modulating proteins in cancer tissue</li> </ul>
Tunable binding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Control of immune synapse (length + strength)</li> </ul>
Robust conformation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Natural stability delivers robust CAR binding domain and stable secreted molecules</li> </ul>

### Superior i-CAR products

- CARs against novel tumor antigens
- Dual and bi-specific CARs for enhanced specificity, reduced tumor escape and logic gated CARs
- Secreted antibodies to modulate TME



## i-body-like sdAb CAR-T therapies are an emerging, validated approach

Group	Year	Stage	sdAb CAR Target	Available Results
<b>AdAlta Ltd/Carina Biotech</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Proof of principle (in vitro)</b>	<b>Undisclosed</b>	
Johnson and Johnson <sup>1</sup> Legend Biotech	2022	Market	anti-BCMA CAR-T (bipepitopic)	P3 results for n=97 patients <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ORR: 97.9%; sCR 78.4%</li> <li>• PFS: 77% (at 12 months)</li> <li>• Overall survival: 89%</li> </ul>
Shenzhen Pregene Biopharma <sup>2</sup>	2021	Phase 1 (complete)	anti-BCMA CAR-T	P1 results for n=34 patients: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ORR: 88.2%; sCR/CR: 55.9%</li> <li>• PFS(at 12 months): 53.7%; Median PFS: 12.1 months</li> <li>• Overall survival at 12 months: 78.8%</li> </ul>
PersonGen BioTherapeutics <sup>3</sup>	2020	Phase 1 (ongoing)	CD7	P1 results for n=3 patients: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All patients had increased IL-6</li> <li>• PFS observed in 3/3; remission observed in 2/3 patients</li> </ul>
PersonGen BioTherapeutics <sup>4</sup>	2022	Phase 1 (ongoing)	CD19	Not yet available
Legend Biotech <sup>5</sup>	2020	Phase 1 (ongoing)	Claudin 18.2	Not yet available
National Cancer Institute (USA) <sup>6</sup>	2022	Preclinical (mouse)	PD-L1	<i>In vitro</i> lysis of breast and liver tumor cells <i>In vivo</i> regression of liver tumor cells
Boston Children's Hospital <sup>7</sup>	2019, 2020	Preclinical (mouse)	PD-L1 EIIIB fibronectin	<i>In vivo</i> reduction of tumor growth and increased survival Improved activity of CAR-Ts secreting anti-CD47, anti-PD-L1 and anti-CTLA4 nanobodies

<sup>1</sup><https://www.clinicaltrialsarena.com/projects/carvykti-ciltacabtagene-autoleucl/>

<sup>2</sup>[https://ascopubs.org/doi/abs/10.1200/JCO.2021.39.15\\_suppl.8025](https://ascopubs.org/doi/abs/10.1200/JCO.2021.39.15_suppl.8025)

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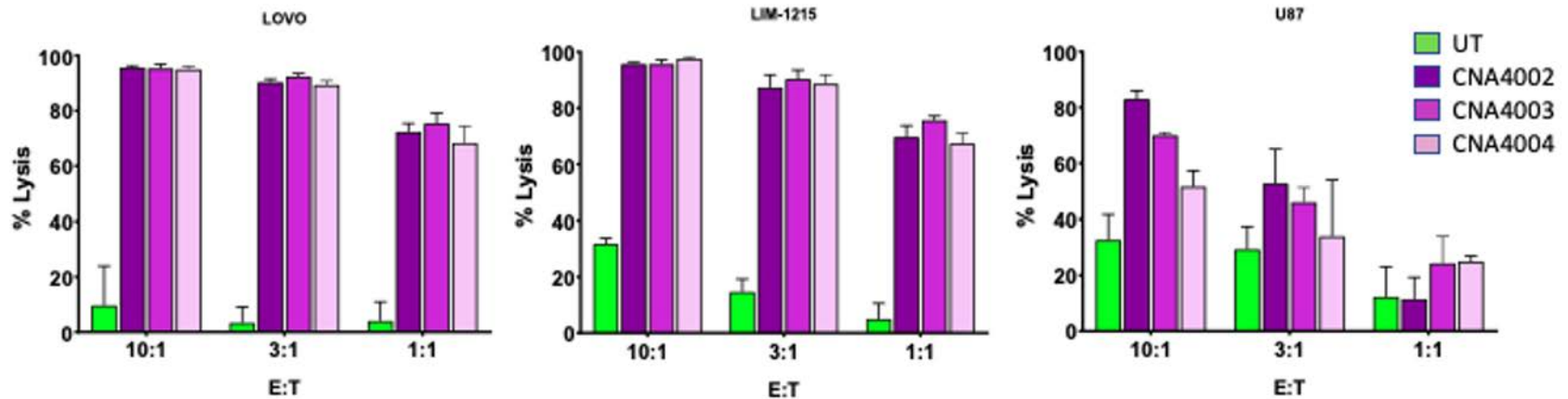
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<sup>6</sup>[https://www.cell.com/molecular-therapy-family/oncolytics/fulltext/S2372-7705\(22\)00032-8#secsectitle0020](https://www.cell.com/molecular-therapy-family/oncolytics/fulltext/S2372-7705(22)00032-8#secsectitle0020)

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## And we have done it: i-body enabled CAR-T (i-CAR-T) cells demonstrate *in vitro* cell killing<sup>1</sup>



Experimental details

- Cell lines: colorectal cancer (LOVO and LIM1215); glioblastoma (U87)
- CAR-T constructs: CNA4002/CNA4003/CNA4004 incorporate an i-body against a single target “X” and variable linker lengths
- Control: unmodified T cell (UT) that does not result in significant killing (lysis) of these cell lines
- i-CAR-T cells manufactured with 97% transduction (i-body CAR insertion) efficiency
- i-CAR-T cells included 60-70% CD4+ (helper) and 20-30% CD8+ (cytotoxic – killer) T cells



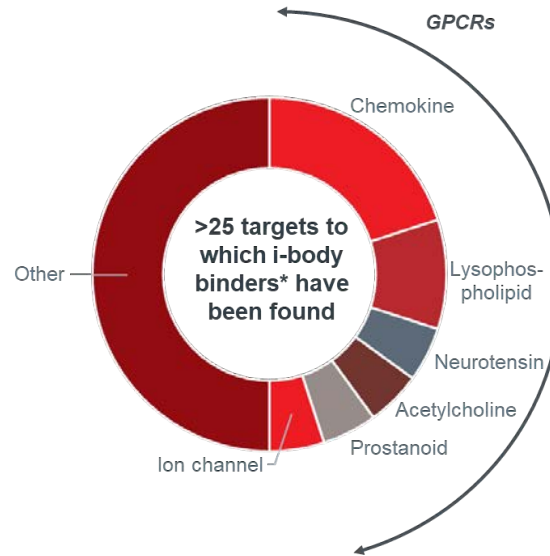
# i-bodies can address multiple targets of interest for solid tumour CAR cell therapy

GPCRs are implicated in multiple cancer types, poorly addressed by antibody drugs

- ***i-bodies identified against at >10 GPCRs from >5 classes***

Other soluble and membrane bound targets are implicated in cancer or influence the tumour micro-environment

- ***i-bodies identified against >25 membrane bound and soluble protein targets including proteases, growth factor receptors, peptides, ECM proteins***



## Example cancers where GPCRs are upregulated

Colorectal	Breast
HCC(liver)	Prostate
Pancreatic	Myeloma
Stomach	Melanoma
Bone	NSCLC/SCLC
Esophageal	Glioma
HNSCC	Cervical
Thyroid	Synovial
Ovarian	Neuroendocrine













## Example GPCR families implicated in cancer

Adhesion	Glycoprotein hormone
Adreno	Lysophospholipid
Angiotensin	Orphan (many)
Calcitonin	Prostanoid
Chemokine	Proteinase activated
Frizzled	Somatostatin

## Example other cancer relevant target classes

<i>Upregulated</i>	<i>TME modulating</i>
IGFR	PD-1
EGFR	PD-L1
MUC	CTLA-4
NKGD2	CD47

## Experienced leadership from discovery through manufacturing, clinical and commercialisation

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# *Appendix*

## Benefits of i-bodies over scFV for CAR targeting

	i-body	scFV
Natural monomer	+++	-
Stable - conformation	+++	+/-
Stable – thermal stability	++	++
Small size	12-15 kDa	25-30 kDa
Multivalent targeting	+++	-
Tuned affinity	+++	++
Tuned linkers	+++	+
Clinically validated	++	+++
Soluble – TME modifying	+++	+

## AdAlta-Carina collaboration synergies

By joining forces, AdAlta and Carina access complimentary expertise to create a toolbox to address three main challenges facing solid tumour CAR-T therapies. AdAlta expands its pipeline and further validates the i-body platform.



### Precision

Limited tumour-specific antigens – healthy tissue can be damaged

Incomplete expression of tumour-antigens – tumour can escape



i-bodies specifically designed to enable access to new, difficult antigens

Small size confers greater design flexibility, enabling bi-specific and dual CARs to enhance specificity



### Performance

Tumour mass hard to penetrate for immune cells



Engineered Chemokine Receptor Platform directs CAR-T cells to and into solid tumours



### Persistence

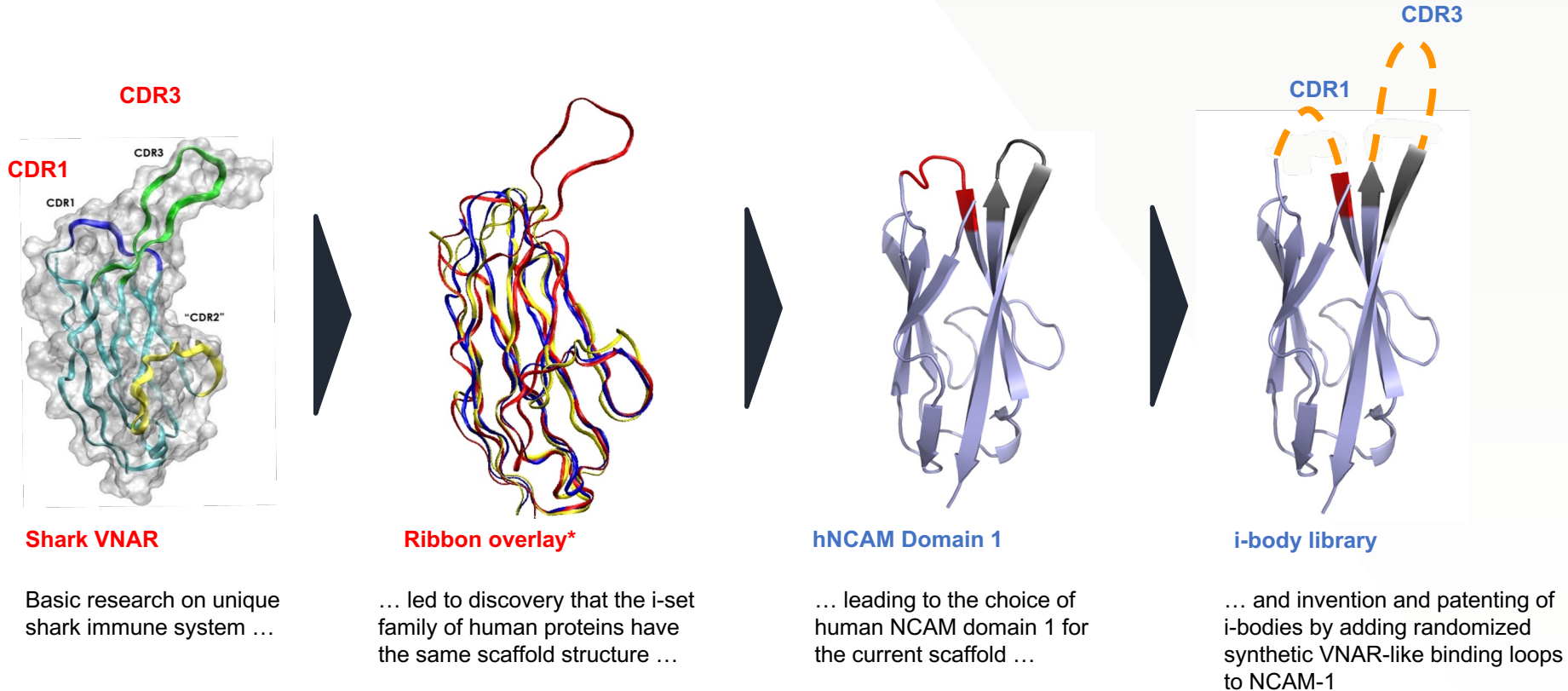
Tumour secretes molecules that suppress immune cell activity



Best practice manufacturing process (9 days, 90% efficiency) and Chemokine Receptor Platform make more robust, resilient CAR-T cells

# Invention of i-bodies

i-bodies are built from a human NCAM domain 1 scaffold and randomized synthetic shark VNAR-like binding loops



\* Shark VNAR (red); human i-set immunoglobulins (yellow and blue)

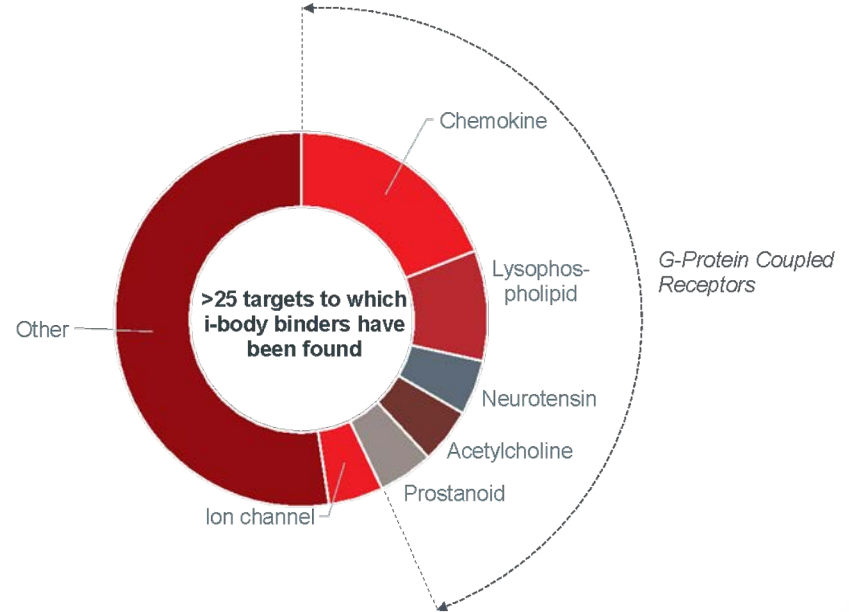
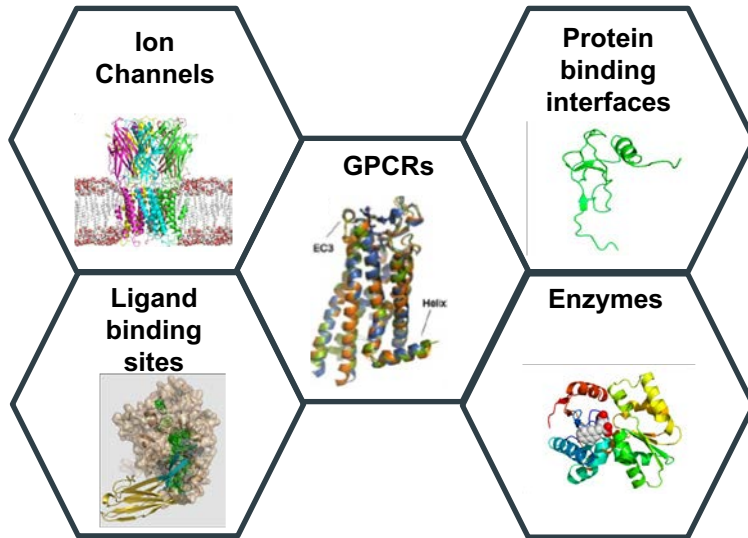


# An immensely powerful drug discovery platform

i-body technology can enable a wide range of therapeutic and diagnostic products

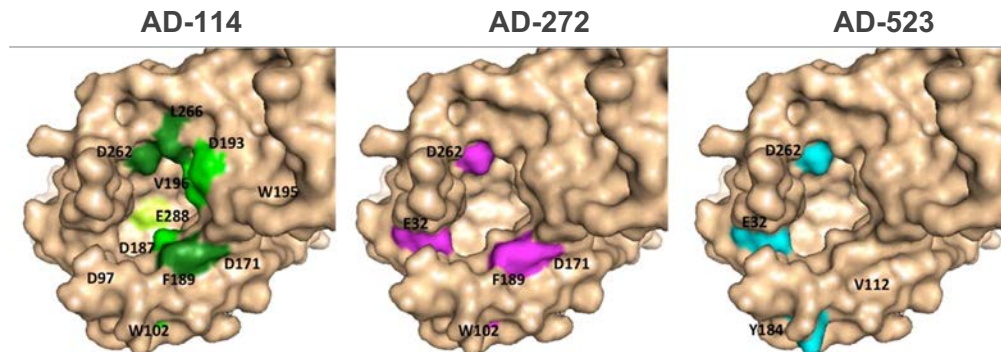
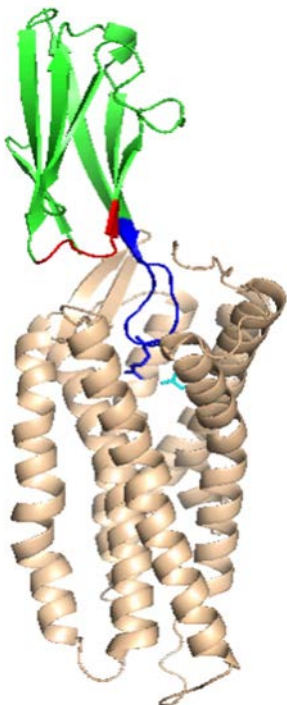
Wide range of target classes

Small size, long loop of i-body can access unique epitopes



## CXCR4 i-bodies demonstrate tunable pharmacology and functional biology

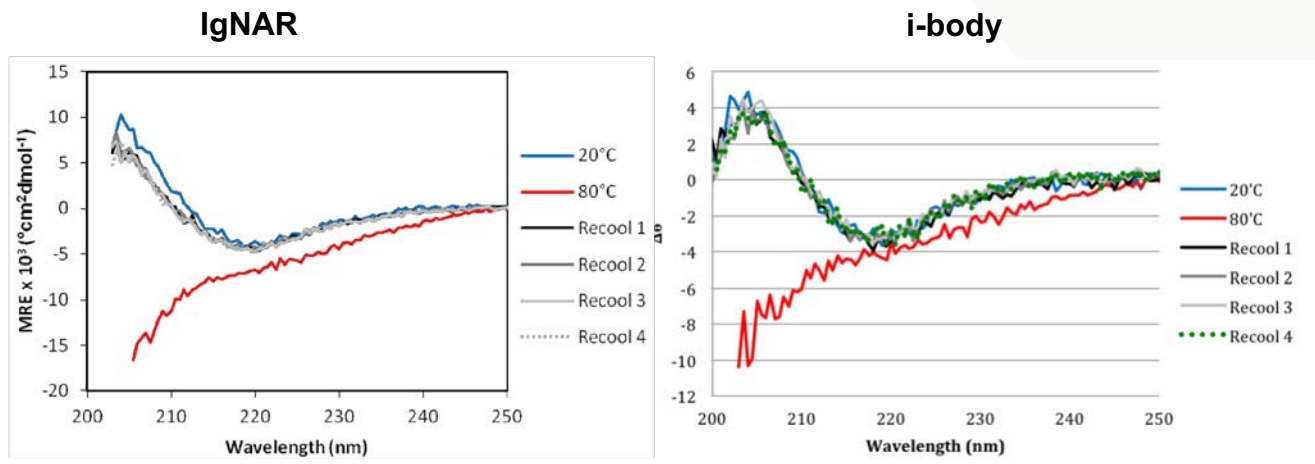
Three i-bodies with high affinity to CXCR4 and differing by only 2-3 amino acids have distinct epitope binding, different signaling and *in vitro* functional readouts



Affinity to CXCR4 ( $K_D$ /nM)	4.2	1.8	9.2
Inhibition of $\beta$ -arrestin ( $IC_{50}$ /nM)	1.18	1.38	2.94
Inhibition of cAMP ( $IC_{50}$ /nM)	99	300	225
Inhibition of HIV entry ( $IC_{50}$ /nM)	131	838	349
Reduction of leaking and fibrosis in mouse laser CNV model	YES		NO

## i-body stability: temperature cycling

i-body and shark IgNAR refolding (measured by circular dichroism) has been demonstrated following repeated temperature cycling to 80°C.



- **The i-body and IgNAR unfolds and then re-folds upon heating when measured by circular dichroism (CD) spectroscopy**
- At 20°C the secondary structure of the i-body and IgNAR is predominantly  $\beta$ -strand
- When heated to 80°C a predominantly random coil structure at the high temperature is present (red lines for both i-body and IgNAR) consistent with unfolding of the scaffolds
- Upon re-cooling to 20°C the i-body and IgNAR adopted a similar profile to that obtained prior to heating. Repeated heating-cooling cycles resulted in reproducible results, suggesting the proteins are very resistant to high temperatures and are able to refold following thermal denaturation

## Indicative i-body screening campaign

