



# **Innovative Bioincubator and Pre-Clinical Contract Research Organization**

## **Offering Extensive Research Discovery Products and Services**

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# Accomplishments



▶ SBH Sciences is an innovative Bioincubator and Contract Research Organization (CRO).



▶ We have been operating for over 27 years, and have been providing over 350 biotechnology companies with high-quality products and services.



▶ SBH Sciences has supported many start-up companies. We have collaborated with three companies through all stages of drug development, bringing seven NCE's to clinical trials.



▶ One of the Seven drugs, Xpovio, was granted FDA approval in July of 2019.

# Cell-Based Products



SBH Sciences has produced and commercialized 30 recombinant cytokines, 8 enzymes, and 40 Monoclonal Antibodies. Please contact for custom requests.

## Recombinant Cytokines

- ▶ Activin-A
- ▶ Bone Morphogenic Proteins (BMP-2, BMP-7)
- ▶ CD22
- ▶ Growth Factors (HGF)
- ▶ GDF-15/MIC-1★
- ▶ IGF-BPs (IGF-BP-6)
- ▶ Interferon (IFN- $\beta$ )
- ▶ Interleukins (IL-12, IL-23)★★
- ▶ Soluble receptors (s-IL-6R)
- ▶ TGF-Beta (TGF- $\beta$ 2)
- ▶ TNF Receptor (HVEM-Fc)

## Enzymes

- ▶ 8 Glycosyltransferases

## Monoclonal Antibodies

- ▶ Anti-TNF- $\alpha$
- ▶ Anti-VEGF
- ▶ Anti-Gelectin-3
- ▶ Anti-T
- ▶ Anti-Tn
- ▶ Anti-STn

★ Only company that produces GDF-15/MIC-1 naturally from human cells.

★★ Licensed human IL-12 process technology to Neumedicines, a California based company, and collaborated with them to develop IL-12 for Acute Radiation Syndrome. The project was supported by BARDA and DoD and is in Phase II / III clinical trials.

# Extensive Services Offered to Support and Accelerate Your Research Programs



- ▶ 11 Biomarker Analysis platforms
- ▶ Cell-based Assays, over 500 cell lines
  - ▶ Cytokine, chemokine, oncology, inflammation, and TLRs
- ▶ T-Cell Activation
- ▶ Molecular Biology
- ▶ Gene and Cell Therapy
- ▶ Monoclonal Antibodies Development (in collaboration with Caerus)
- ▶ Development of Biologics
  - ▶ Cell Culture
  - ▶ Protein Purification
  - ▶ Analytical HPLC
  - ▶ ELISA / RBA (e.g., PD1/2 binding assay)
  - ▶ FACS
  - ▶ Formulation
  - ▶ Stability
  - ▶ Anti-Drug Antibody (ADA) assay

# Comprehensive Biomarker Analysis Services

- ▶ SBH has 11 state-of-the-art biomarker analysis platforms including Luminex, MSD, Ella, Jess, SMCxPRO, FACS, and qRT-PCR.
- ▶ SBH is the first CRO to offer automated simple western blot services on “Peggy Sue”, “Wes”, and “Jess” (Protein Simple).
- ▶ SBH Diagnostics, our strategic partner company, is a Contract Research Organization providing biomarker analysis under CLIA certification and GLP guidelines.
- ▶ We assist companies and enable translation from non-regulated to regulated environment (clinical trials).



# Eleven Platforms to assist with Biomarker analysis



**BD Accuri C6**  
BD Biosciences



**CLAIROstar**  
BMG Labtech



**Ella**  
ProteinSimple



**IsoLight**  
IsoPlexis



**Jess**  
ProteinSimple



**Luminex 200**  
Luminex



**Peggy Sue**  
ProteinSimple



**QuickPlex SQ 120**  
MSD



**SMCxPRO**  
MilliporeSigma



**StepOne PCR**  
Applied Biosystems



**Wes**  
ProteinSimple

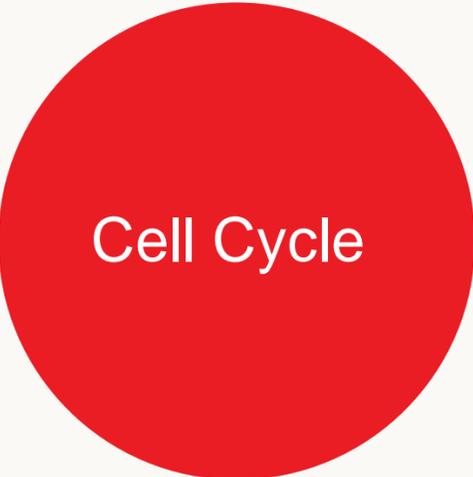
# Bioanalytical Services



Analysis of biological matrix such as blood, serum, plasma, urine and tissue samples

- ▶ ELISA-Based Assays
- ▶ Receptor / Ligand - Binding Assay
- ▶ Anti-Drug Antibodies (ADA)
- ▶ Immunogenicity neutralizing antibody assays (Nab)
- ▶ Analytical HPLC
- ▶ Chromatography
- ▶ Pharmacokinetics (PK) and Pharmacodynamics (PD)
- ▶ Multiplex Services (Luminex, ELLA, MSD, IsoLight)
- ▶ Automatic Western Blot (Jess / Wes)
- ▶ Endotoxin
- ▶ Cell-Based Potency Assays
- ▶ Flow-Cytometer Based Assays

# Comprehensive Pathway Analysis (Companion Biomarkers)



# Cell Culture Services



## Mammalian and Insect Cells

▶ Production of recombinant proteins, monoclonal antibodies, and vaccines

▶ Optimization of growth conditions (media optimization and serum-free adaptation)

▶ Multi-liter supply of any mammalian cell line, before or after cytokines stimulation

▶ Customized services (10 human primary cells and > 500 mammalian cell lines are currently available)

▶ Creation of new stable cell lines

▶ 2D and 3D assay capabilities including Organoids (in collaboration with Bonds Biosystems)

▶ Irradiation experiments (combination of anti-cancer therapy)

▶ Preparation and isolation of Exosomes

▶ Commercial production of cell culture spent media (8 years; 19 lots; > 150 L each lot)

# Protein Purification Services



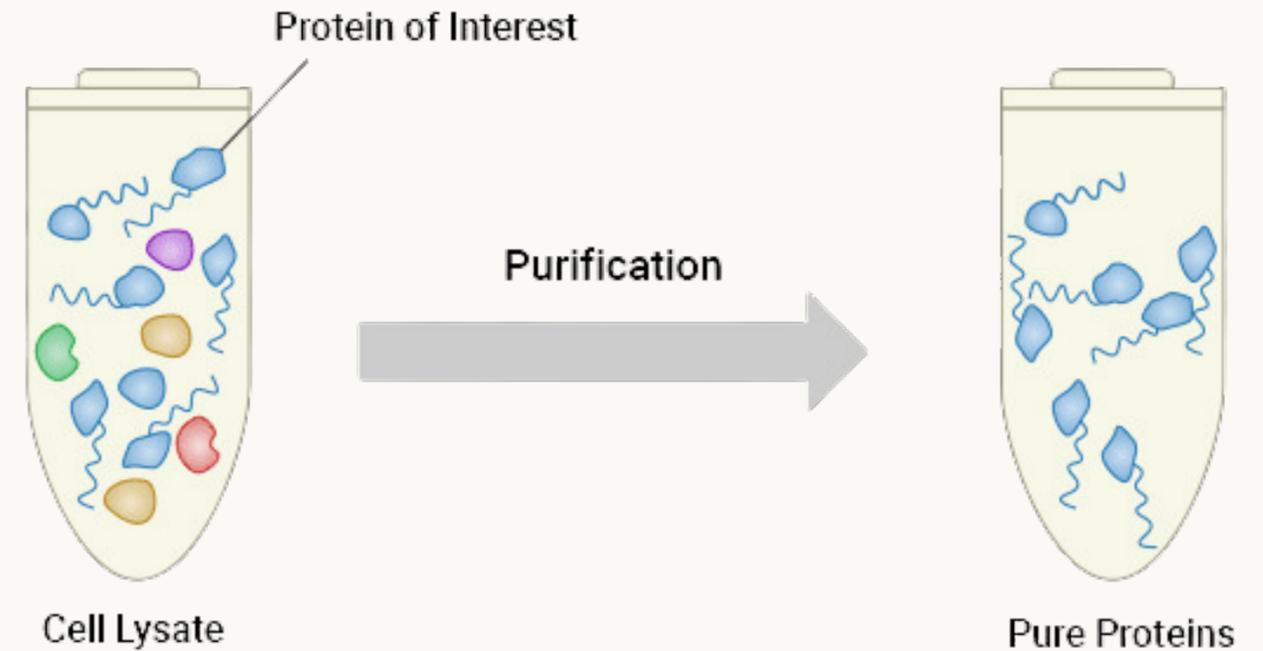
For biologics

▶ Development of scalable, well-validated, and reproducible purification processes

▶ Liquid chromatography capabilities (Ion Exchange, HIC, Affinity, Metal, HA, SEC)

▶ HPLC (Preparative and Analytical methods development)

▶ Protein formulation and stability studies



# Cell-Based Assay Capabilities



▶ SBH Sciences is best positioned to assist you in therapeutic areas such as inflammation, oncology, and fibrosis

▶ 350 cell-based assays to measure cytokine activity (cytokine-induced proliferation, cytokine-induced killing, cytokine release assays, and cytokine neutralization)

▶ GPCR activation to determine chemokine activity (e.g., IL-8, GRO, MCP1)

▶ Screening of therapeutic antibodies for specific activity which includes receptor binding assays, ADCC, ADCP, ADC, CDC assay, and immunocytokines

▶ 370 different human cancer cell lines to facilitate in-vitro lead drug optimization (cytotoxicity, invasion, migration and adhesion assays)

▶ Cell-based disease models for compound selection (inflammation/fibrosis – THP-1, RAW 264.7, BEAS-2B, SW-982, human Lung Fibroblast, PBMC, and immortalized liver cell line)

# Cell-Based Assay Capabilities

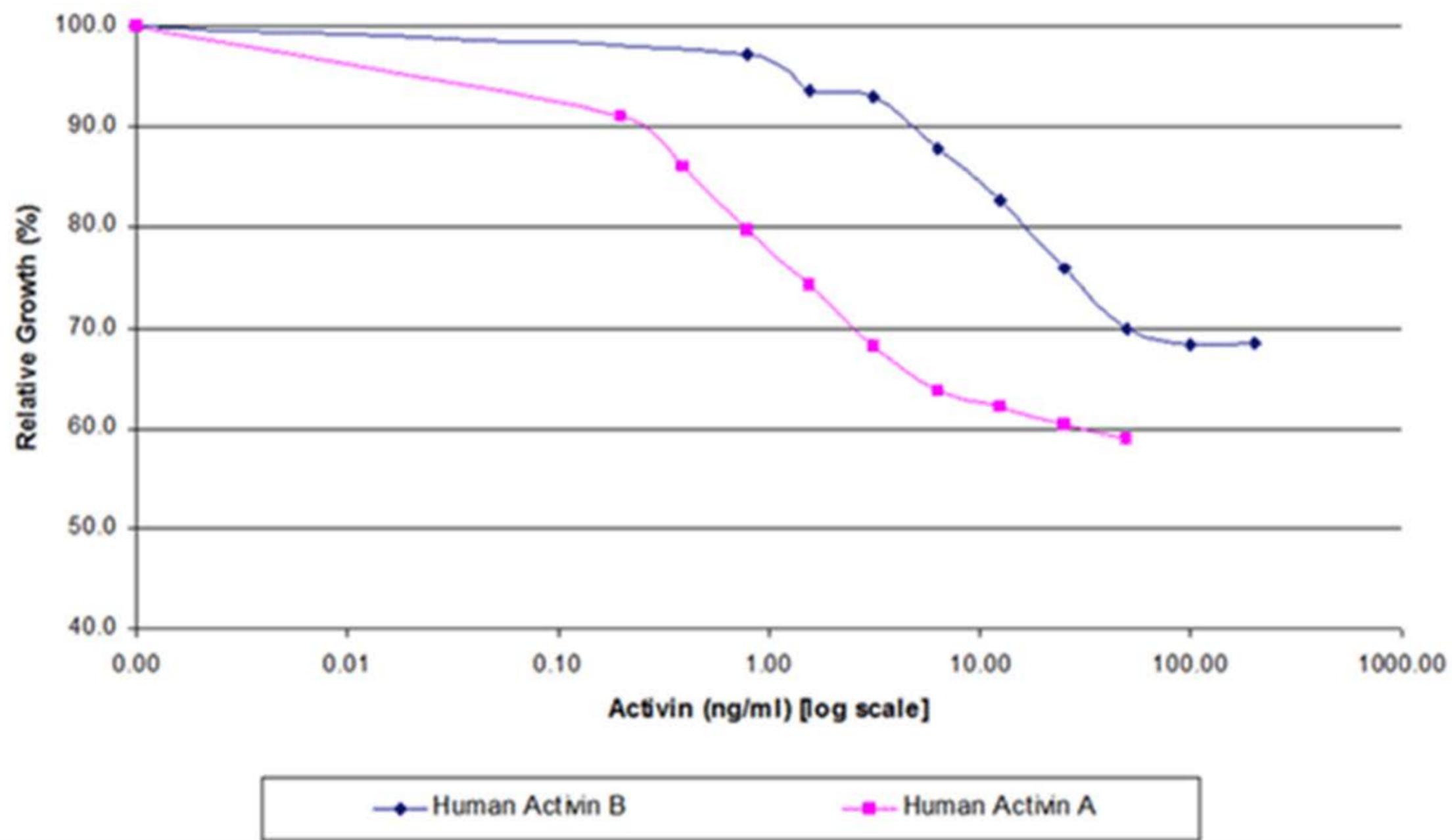
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- ▶ T-Cell Activation (e.g., T-cell-engaging IgG-like antibody targeting FLT3 on AML cells and Activation of the 4-1BB/CD137 pathway on T-cells)
- ▶ Co-Culture Experiments [e.g., RAW264.7 and ID8 cancer cells]
- ▶ Testing for the presence of anti-Adeno-Associated Virus (AAV) in pig serum
- ▶ Immunostimulation [e.g., transfection of h-PBMC with c-di-AMP (CDN) that activates h-STING and results in the secretion of IFN-alpha that enhances anti-cancer activity]
- ▶ TLRs activity [e.g., cytokine induction by TLR agonists]
- ▶ Microglial Activation
- ▶ Exosome uptake by human macrophages

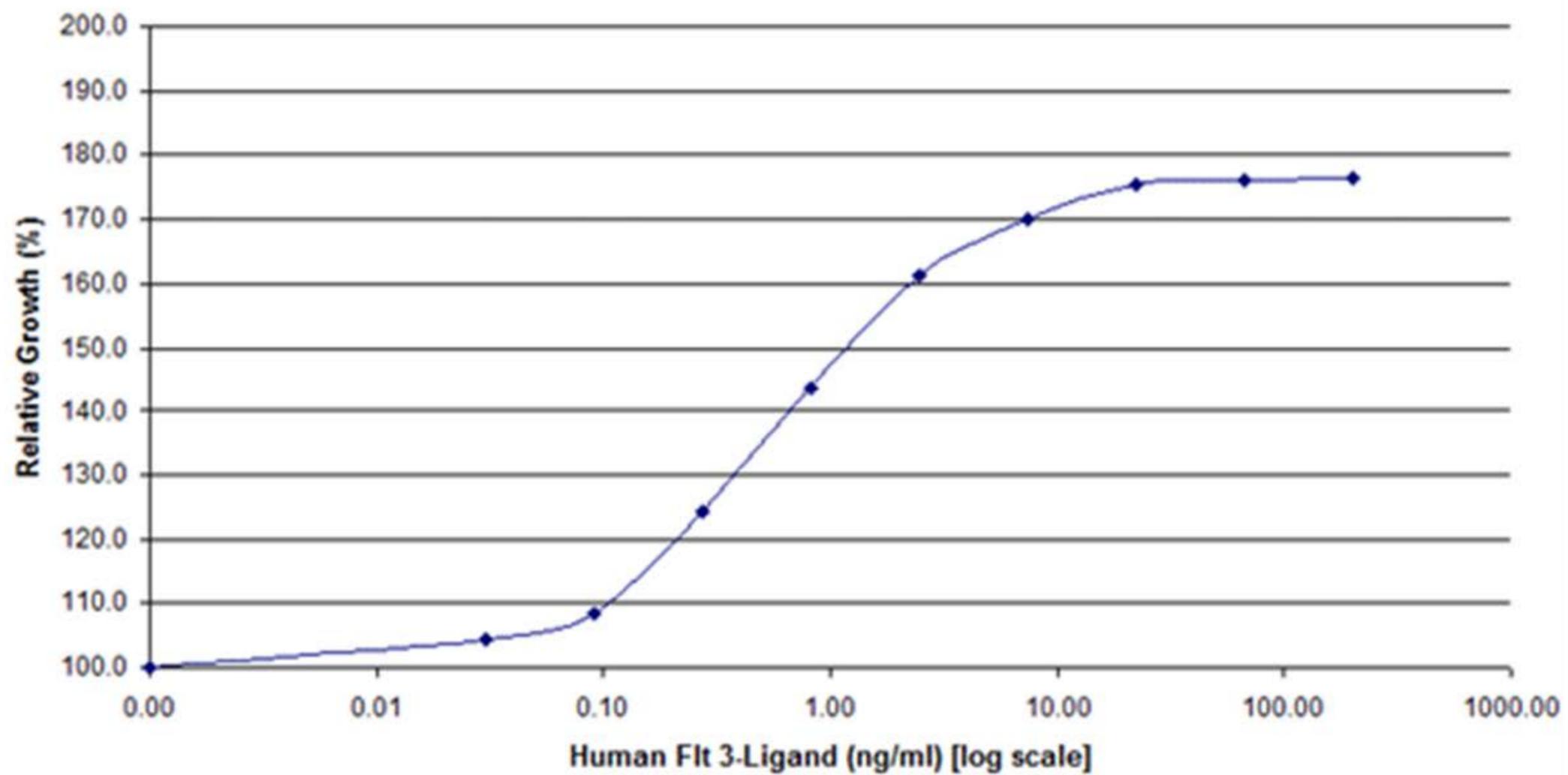


**Cell-Based Assay :  
h-Activin A and h-Activin B  
using MPC-11 cell line**





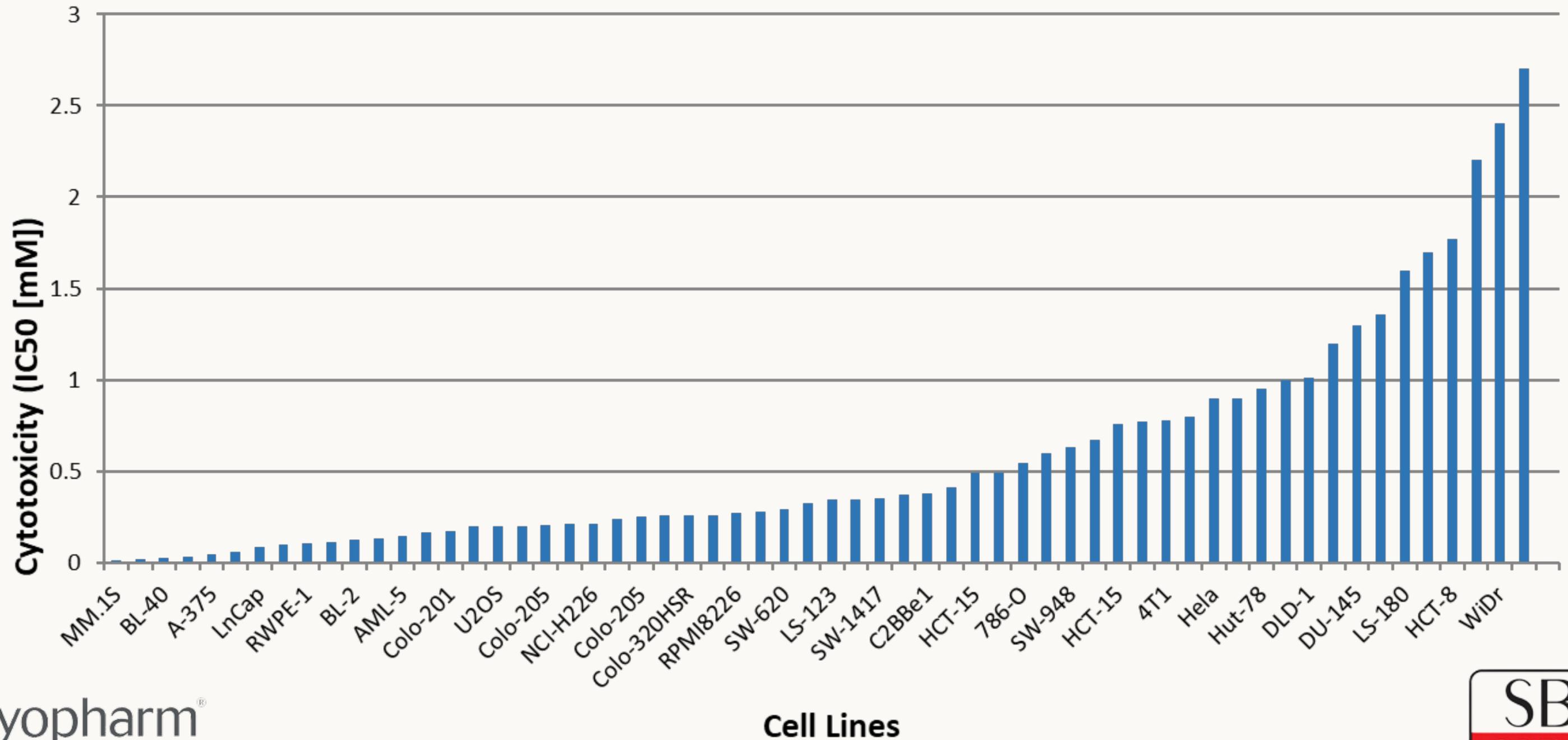
Cell-Based Assay :  
h-Fit 3-Ligand  
using AML-5 cell line



—◆— Human Flt 3-ligand

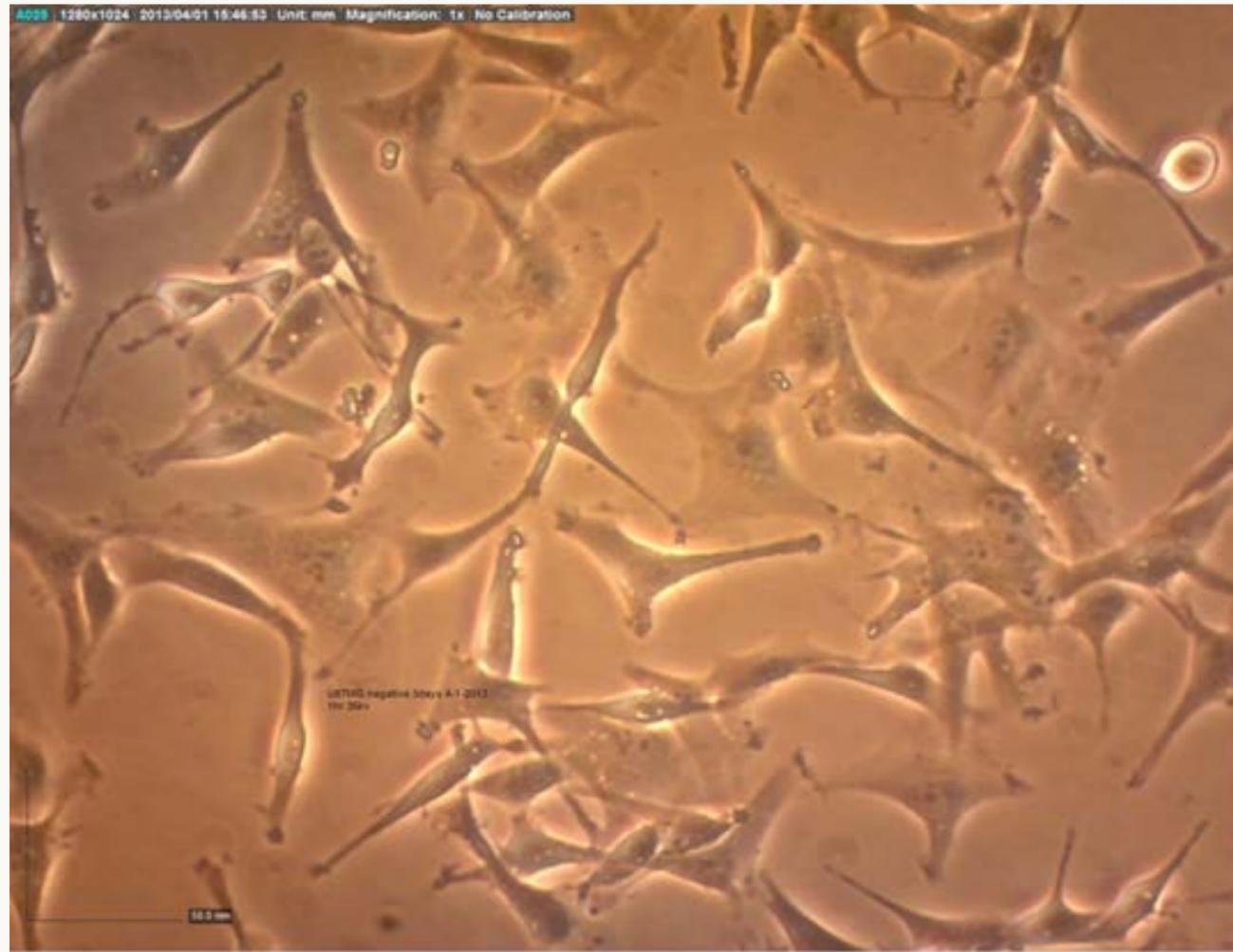
# Cancer Cell Cytotoxicity

370 human cancer cell lines are ready for immediate studies



# Irradiation Capability

U87MG cell line

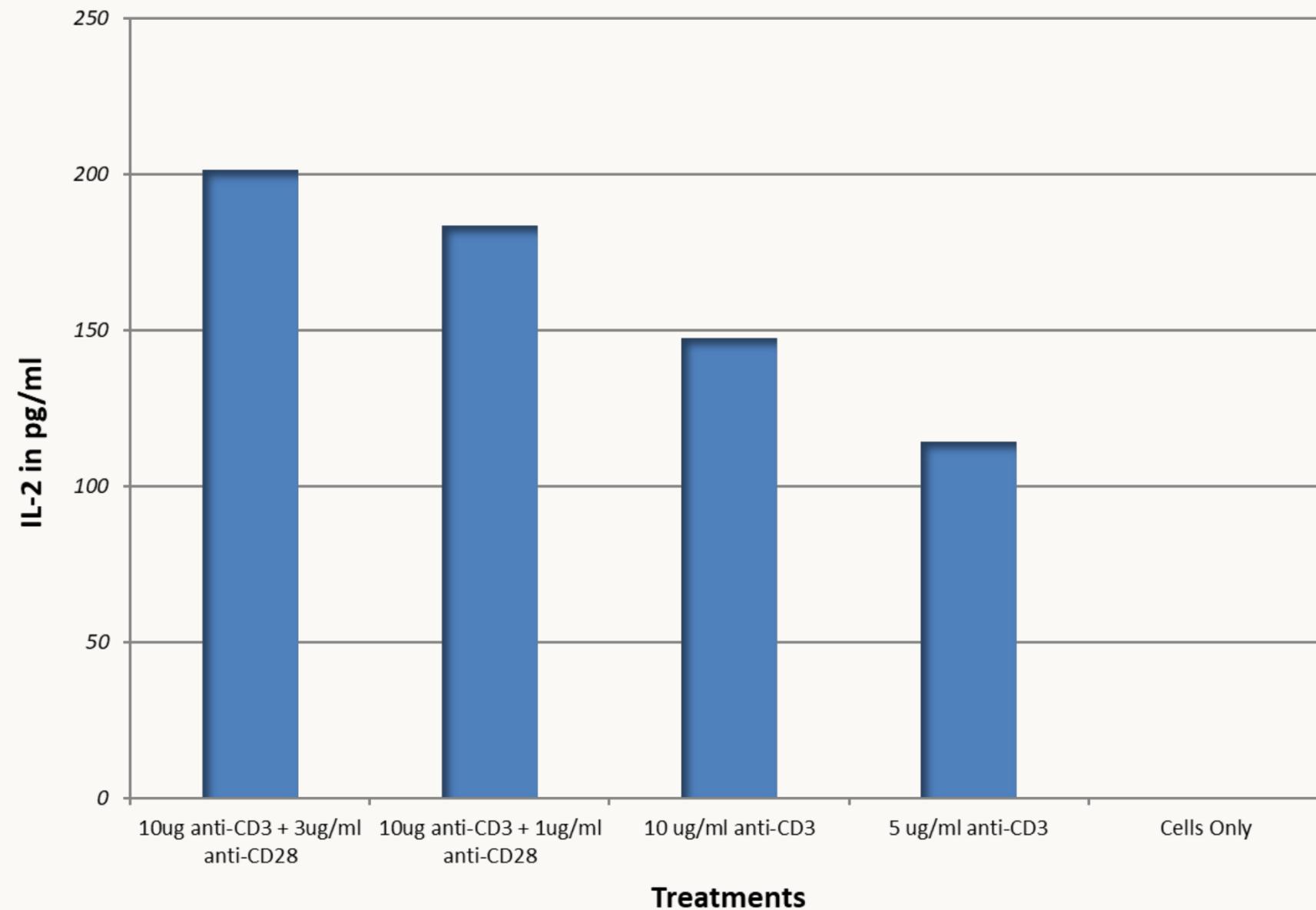


Low-dose radiation can cause cell morphology changes in U87MG as a post-radiation model system.

# T-Cell Activation



Human IL-2 secreted by Jurkat clone EG-1 cells after stimulation with immobilized anti-CD3 and soluble anti-CD28



# Drug Development Solutions

Examples of discovery projects supported by SBH Sciences in the last 3 years

## I. Inflammation:

Differentiation of THP-1 cells to:

- M1 (IFN-gamma & LPS)
- M2 (IL-13 & IL-4)

WES Analysis of iNOS expression by RAW 264.7 cells.

Measurement of TLR-4, TLR-5, TLR-7, TLR-8 & TLR-9 agonist activity using the SEAP reporter HEK293 or THP1 cell lines.

Screening Agonist / Antagonist compounds targeting CB1 & CB2 receptors.

## II. Experiments using isolated: Neutrophil, Eosinophils, Basophils

## III. Modulation of T-cell activation.

## IV. Isolation of Stem Cells from Human Milk.

## V. Pig, Rat and Mouse – Scale up of intestinal organoids (ileum & duodenum) and transfect and create stable cells prior to in-vivo transplantation.

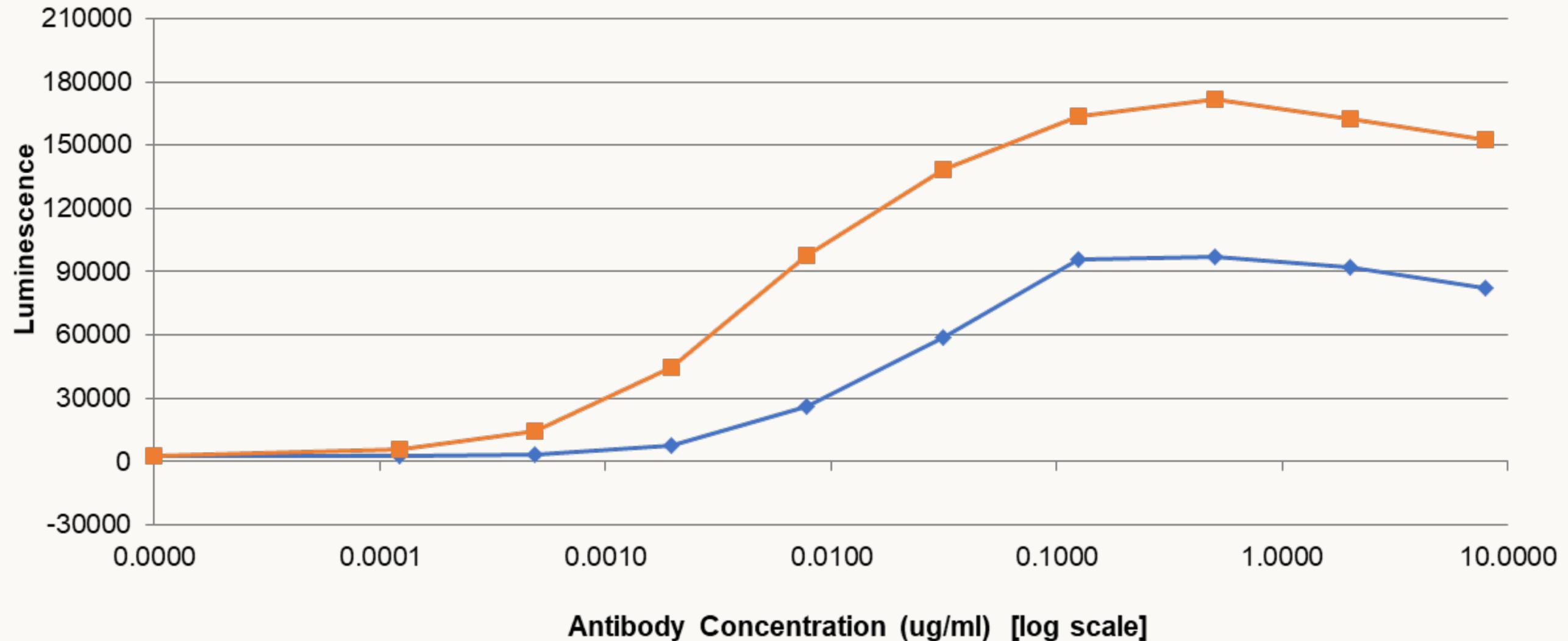
# Drug Development Solutions

## Examples of discovery projects supported by SBH Sciences (continued)

- VI. Optimization of adeno-associated virus (AAV) vector design and function in cell lines, primary cells, and ex-vivo tissues and organoids.
- VII. Transfection of mouse and human pancreatic beta-cell lines.  
Transduction of pancreatic beta cell lines and mouse and human islets.
- VIII. qPCR assays for vector copy number and AAV titer.
- IX. Investigate the potential of IL2/IL12 fusion protein to induce potent anti-tumor immunity.
- X. Isolation of NK cells from human PBMC and investigate the role of NKG2D receptor – MICA interaction by FACS analysis.
- XI. Screening RNA-targeting therapeutics compounds as an innovative anti-cancer drug.
- XII. Development of cell-based assay to assess the activity of virus-like particles containing CpG-A DNA to stimulate TLR9 activity.
- XIII. Screening of hundreds of peptides against multi-targets (e.g., TL1A).

# Antibody-Dependent Cell-Mediated Cytotoxicity (ADCC)

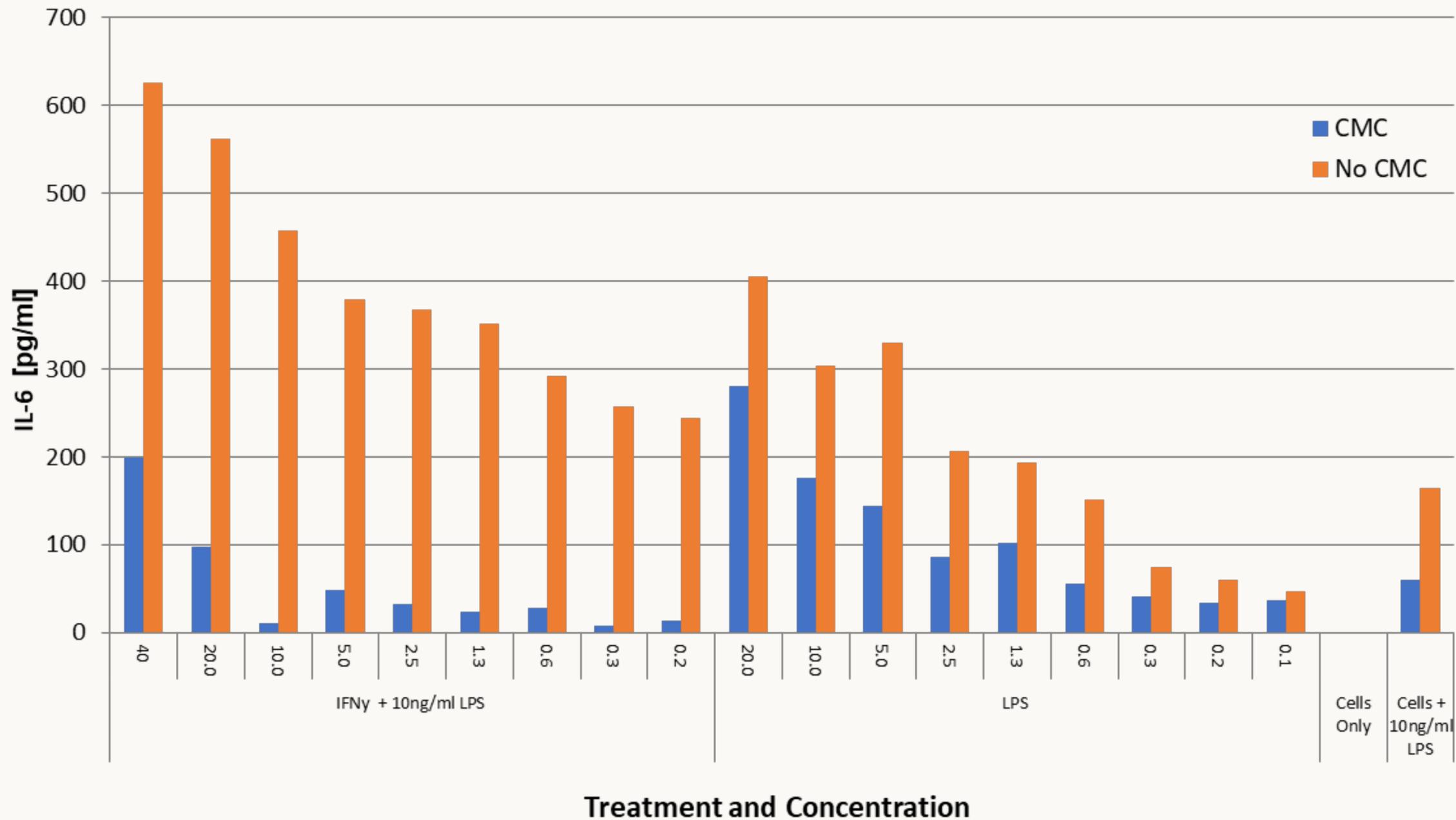
Promega Kit (G7010; 12.8-Fold Effector-to-Target) Using SK-BR-3 Cells



Herceptin - Drug

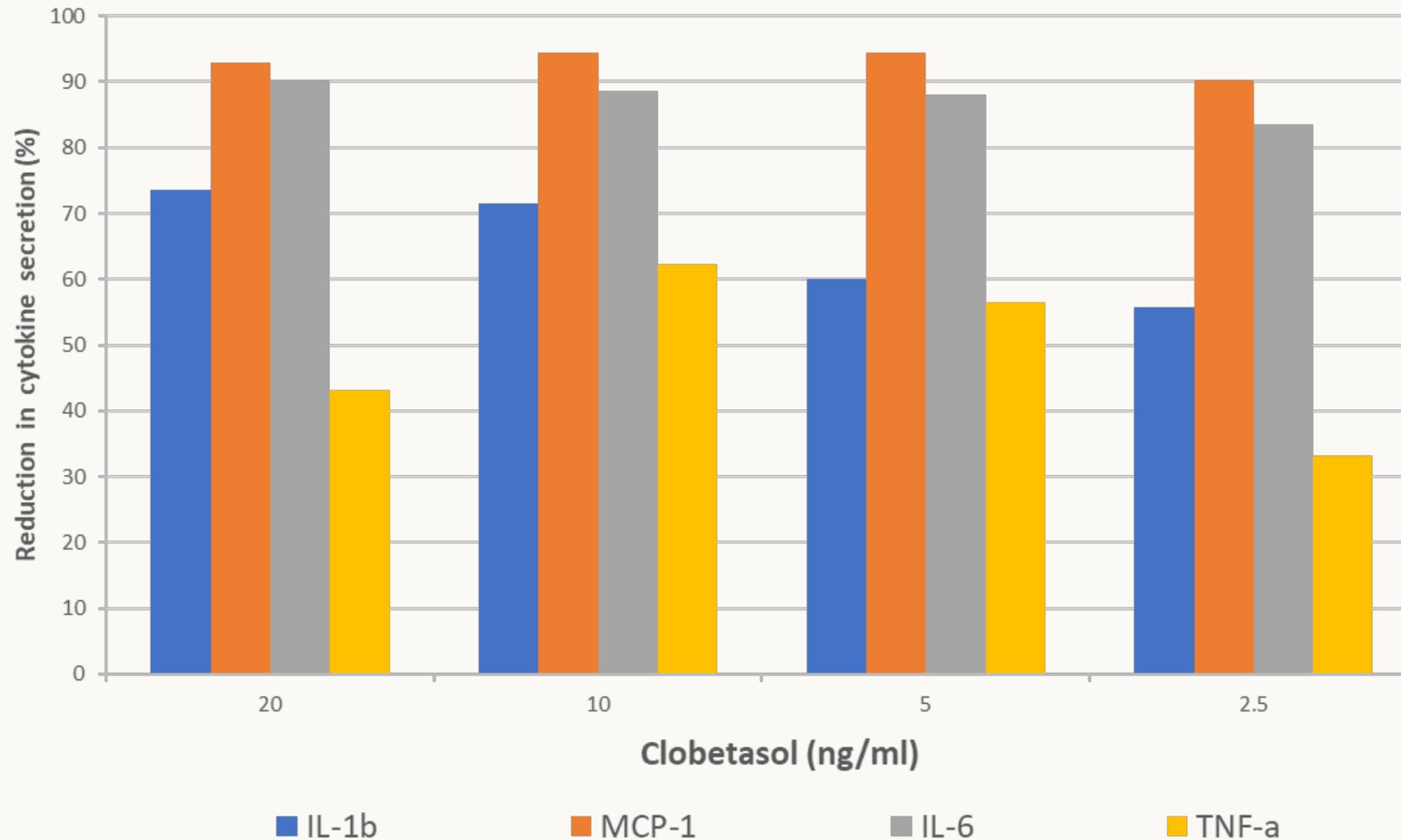


# Human IL-6 secretion by THP-1 cells stimulated with LPS alone or in combination with IFN-gamma after Complete Media Change (CMC) to remove PMA or No Media Change



# In-Vitro Inflammation Model 1

Differentiated THP1, Positive Control: Clobetasol  
 Stimulation by: 1.25 ng/ml LPS + 0.5 ng/ml IFN-gamma

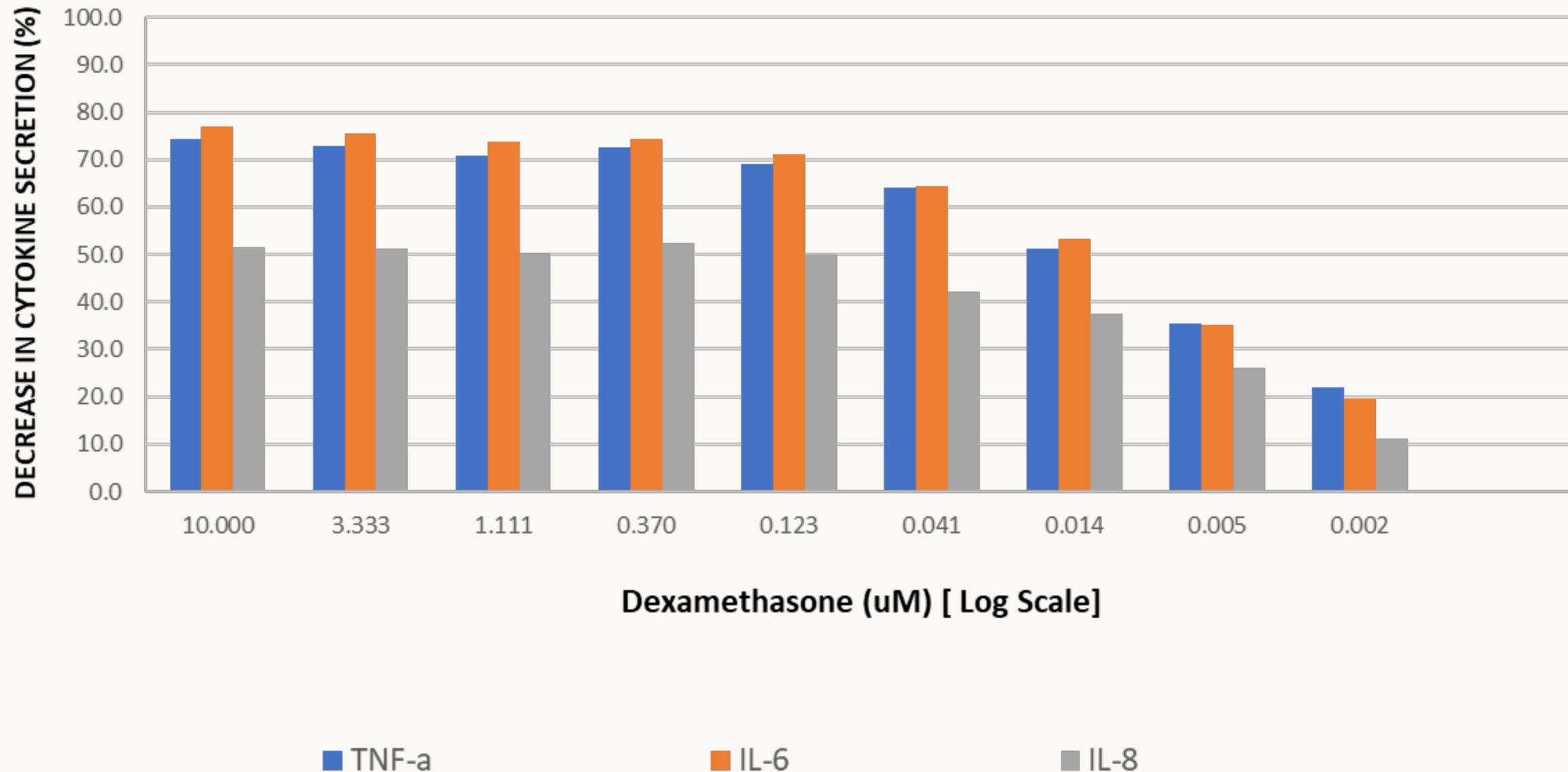


# In-Vitro Inflammation Model 2

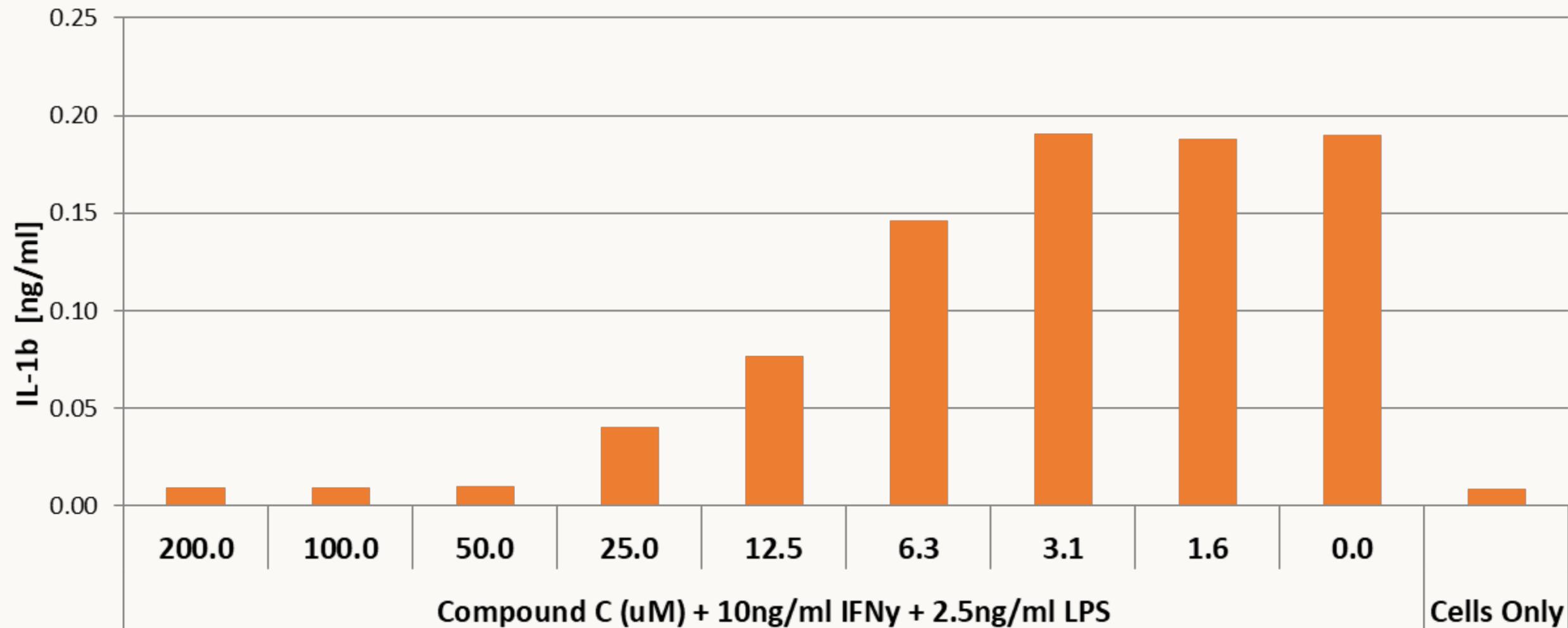
Treatment of human PBMC by 10 ug/ml R-848

Assay Positive Control: Dexamethasone

24 Hrs. of Exposure

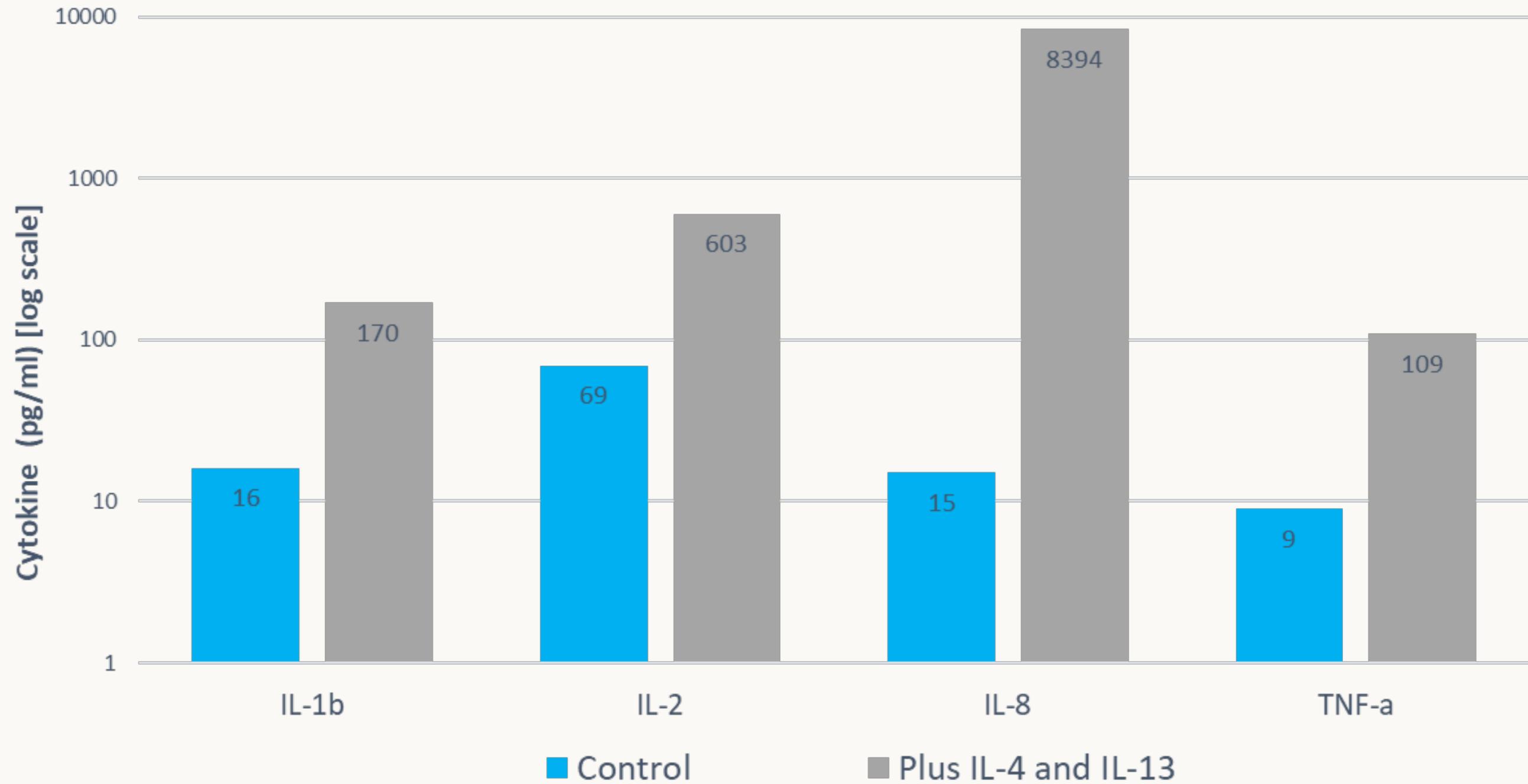


**h-IL-1b Secretion by THP-1 Cells Treated with Compound C  
in Combination with 10ng/ml IFN-gamma and 2.5ng/ml LPS for 3 Days (M1)  
(Pre-Treatment with PMA for 3 days prior to the experiment)**



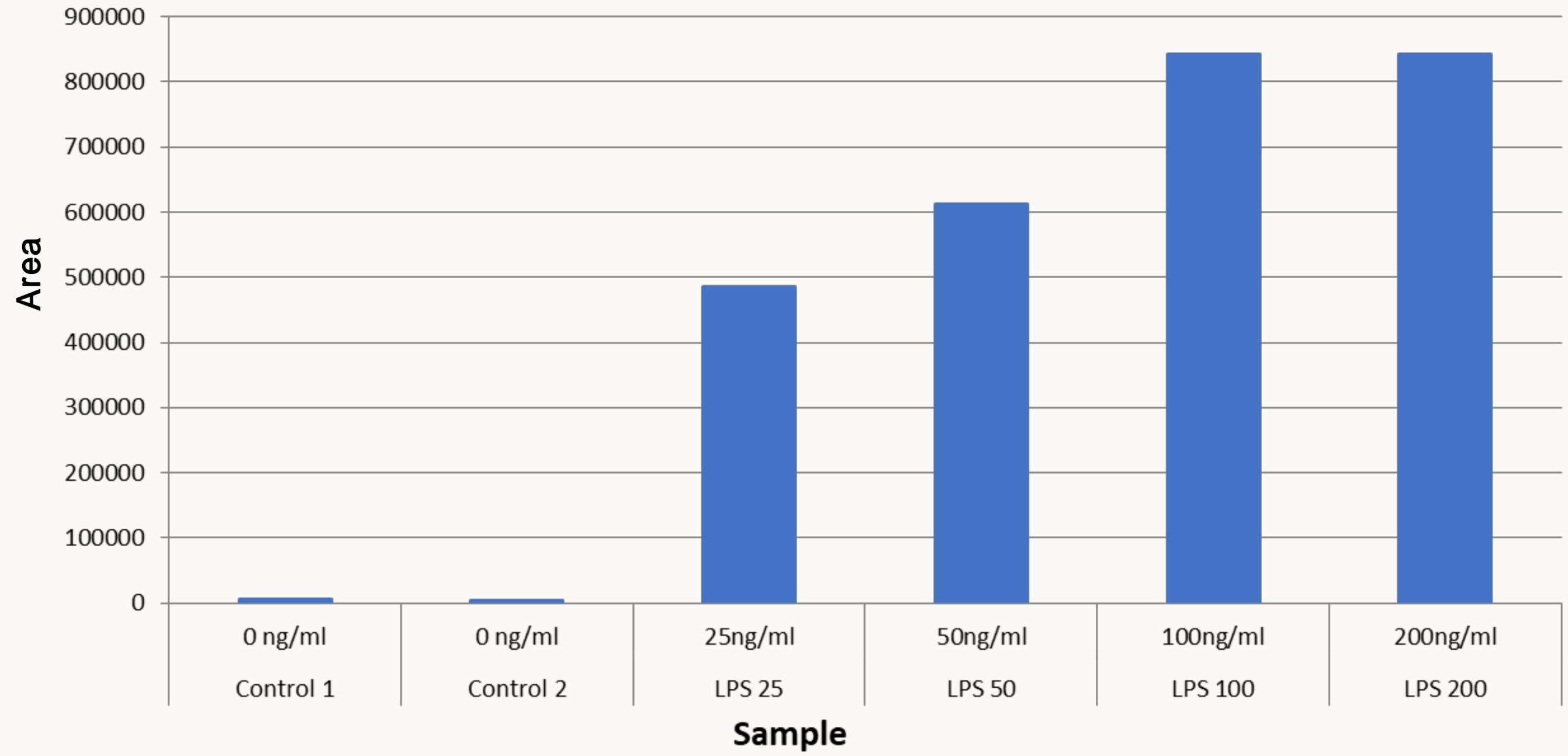
Please note: Up to 100 uM Compound C did not cause any cytotoxicity effect on the cells.

# Polarization / Differentiation of THP1 Cells (M2)

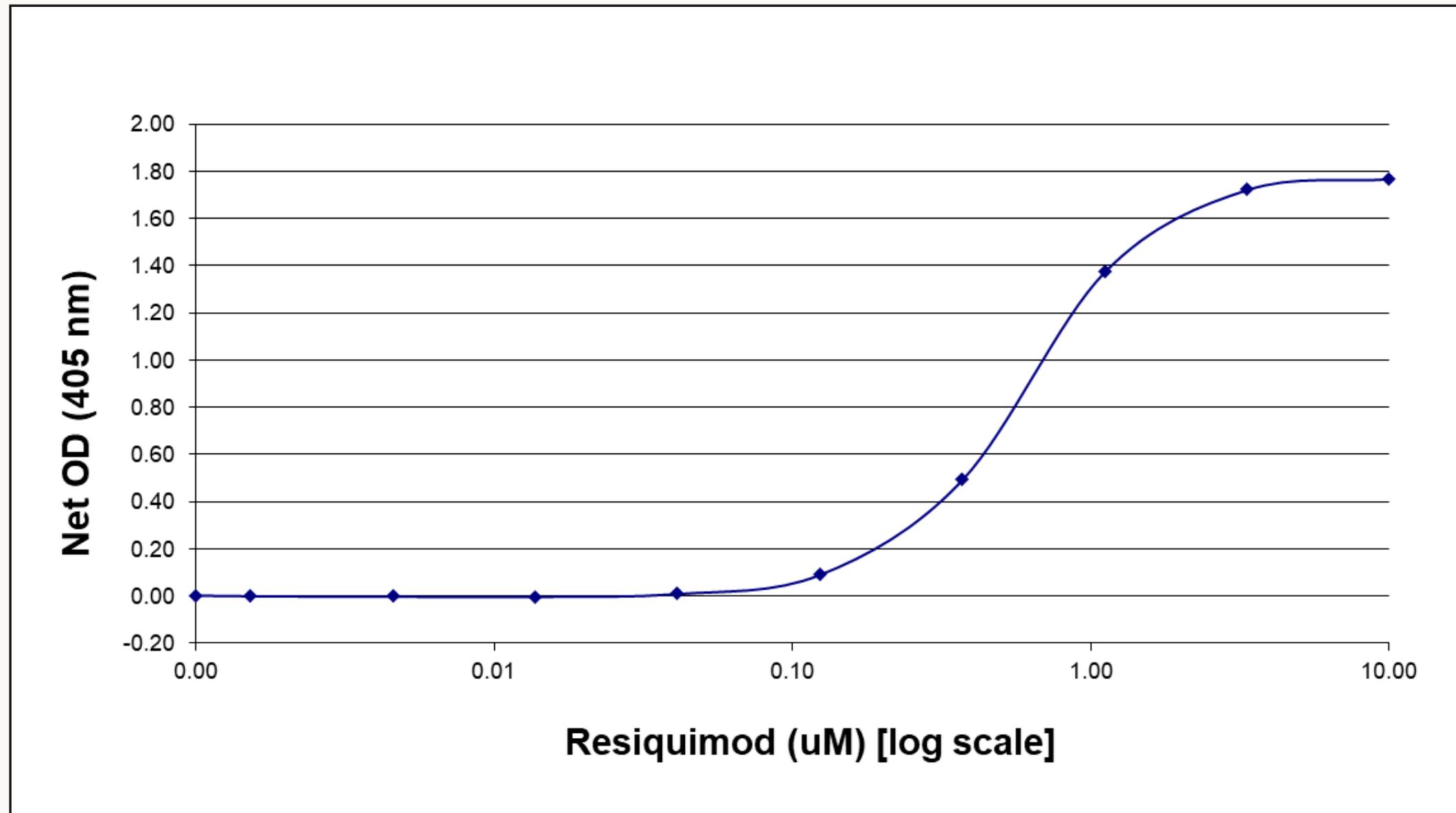


# RAW 264.7 Cells

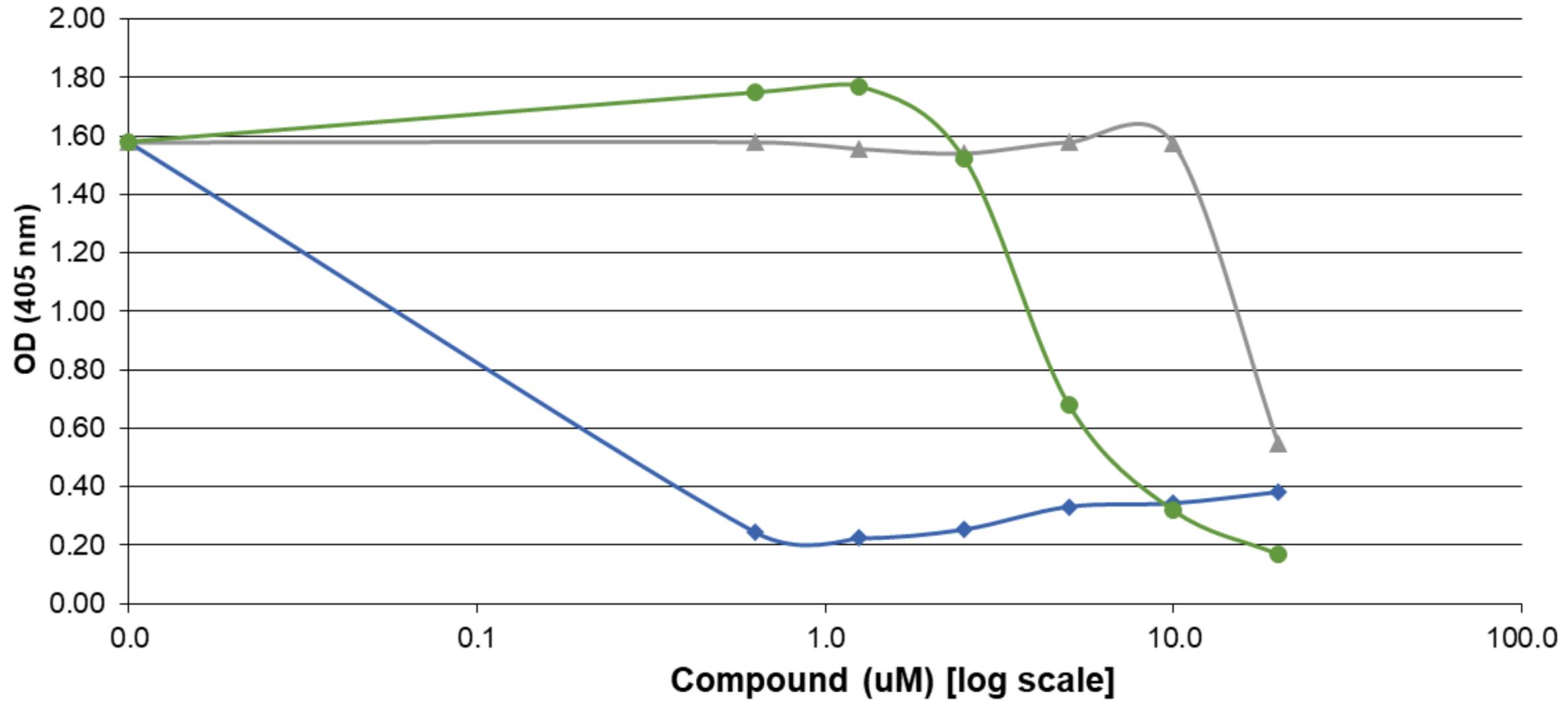
## iNOS Peak Area with WES Analysis (ProteinSimple)



**HEK-TLR7 Cells**  
**Bioassay of Resiquimod (R-848)**  
**Treatment for 46 Hours**  
**Alkaline Phosphatase Activity**

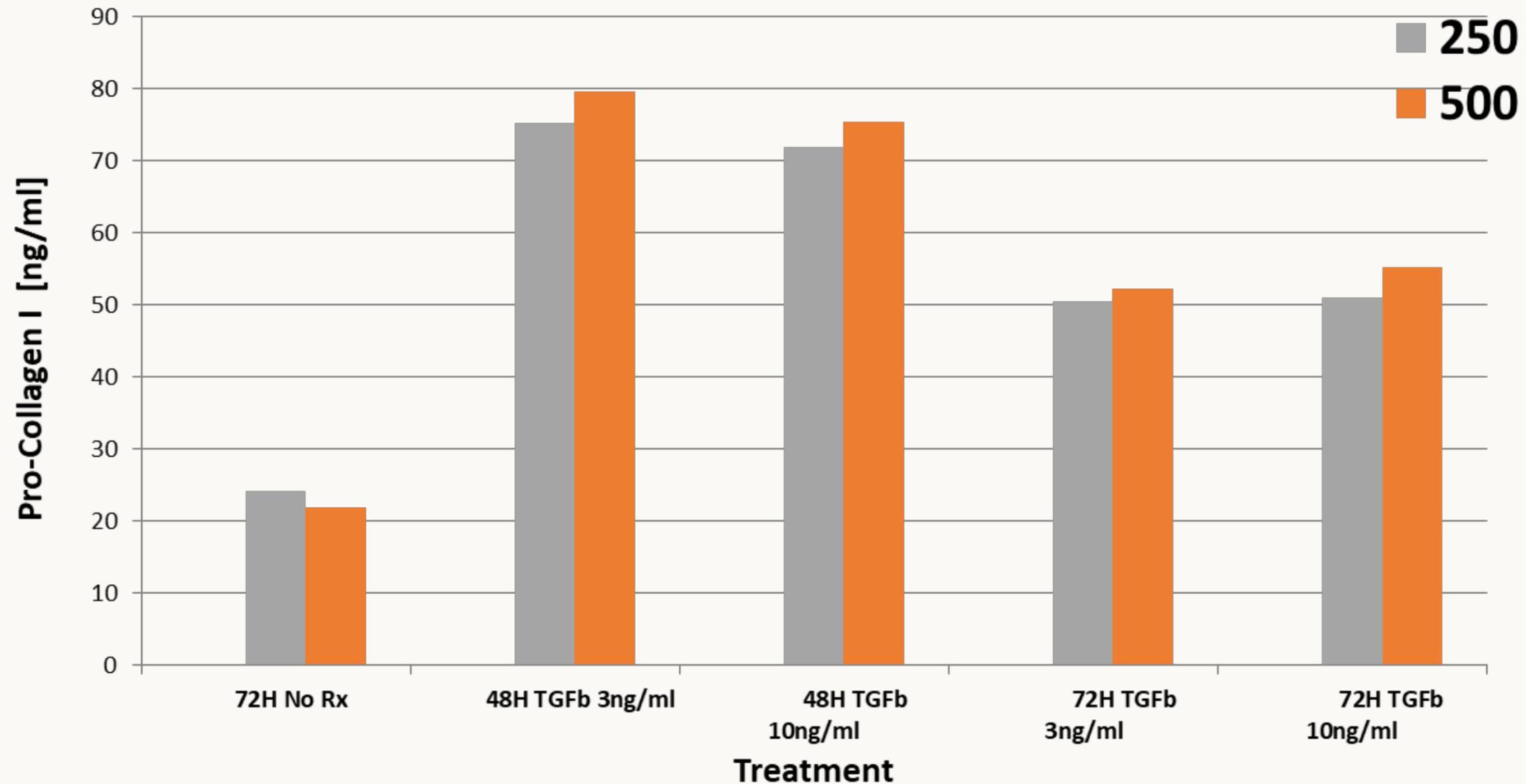


**Bioassay STAT-3 Activity using HEK-293 Cell Line  
Anti - STAT-3 Activity (in the presence of hIL-6)**

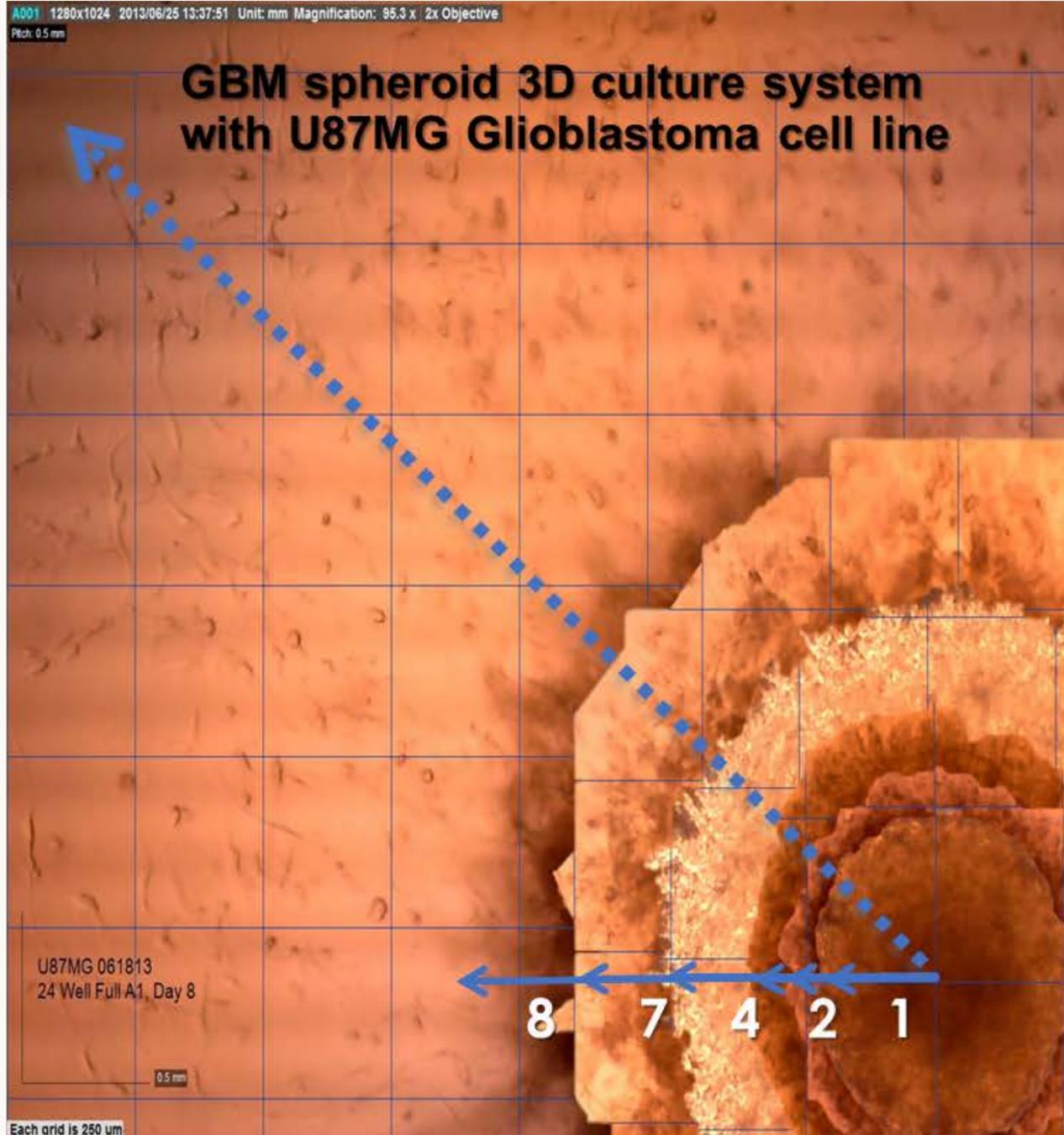


# In-Vitro Fibrosis Model

h-Pro-Collagen I Production by human Lung Fibroblast Cells  
 Treated with 3 and 10 ng/ml TGF-b1 for 48 or 72 Hours  
 (Diluted 1:250 or 1:500 Fold prior to ELISA)



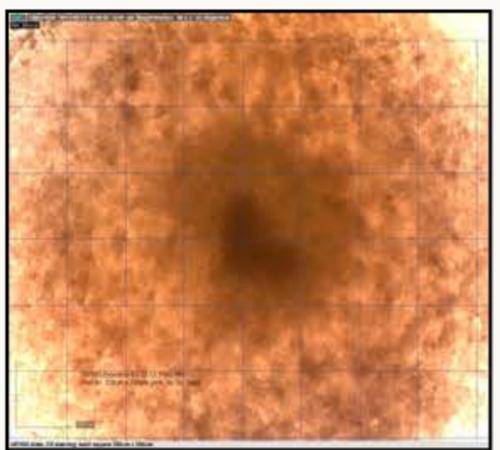
Untreated  
GBM



The radial spread in two dimensions is reminiscent of the natural disease. Not shown here is the invasion down into the substrate as well.



← 8 7 4 2 1 →  
Spheroid outgrowth over 8 days  
(boxes = 250 um)  
No. 1 represents initial spheroid plated



# Clinical Product Development



## Case Study: Human IL-12, a Novel Radiation Medical Countermeasure

- ▶ Proprietary human IL-12 production process was developed by S B H S ciences
- ▶ COA was established for commercial release to the R&D market
- ▶ Neumedicines, Inc. (CA) licensed the technology from S B H S ciences
- ▶ In 2008, both companies collaborated to secure a Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) contract to develop IL-12 for Acute Radiation Syndrome
- ▶ in 2009, S B H S ciences optimized the process, scale-up, and transferred the technology to a GMP manufacturing
- ▶ 2011- Submission of IND and First-In-Human for Toxicity studies

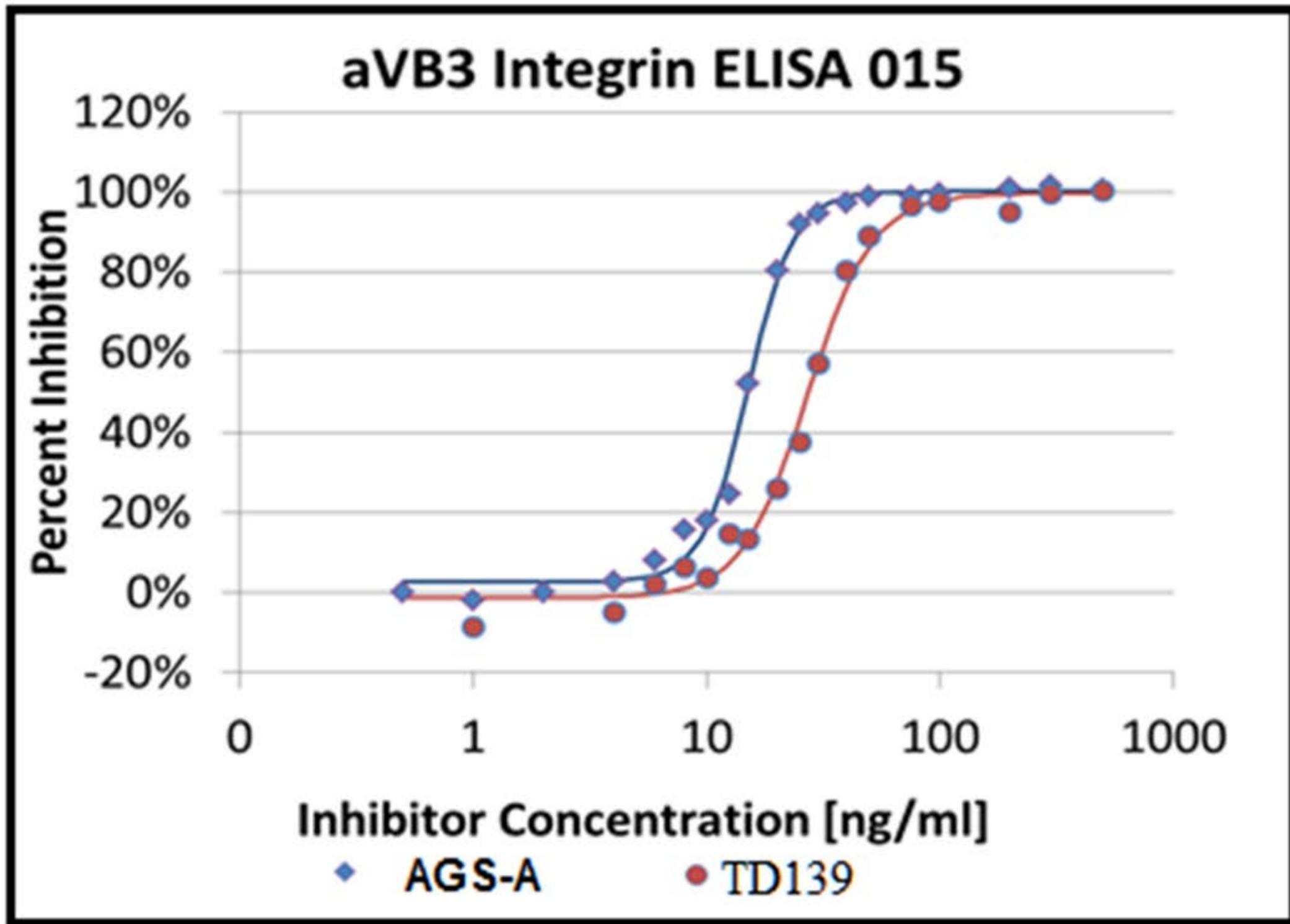


# Partnerships

Galectin Therapeutics and SBH Sciences,  
announce the formation of  
**Galectin Sciences, LLC,**  
Collaborative Venture for Research and Development  
Galectin Inhibitors  
for Oral Administration

5 Provisional Patents have been submitted  
2 Issued Patent

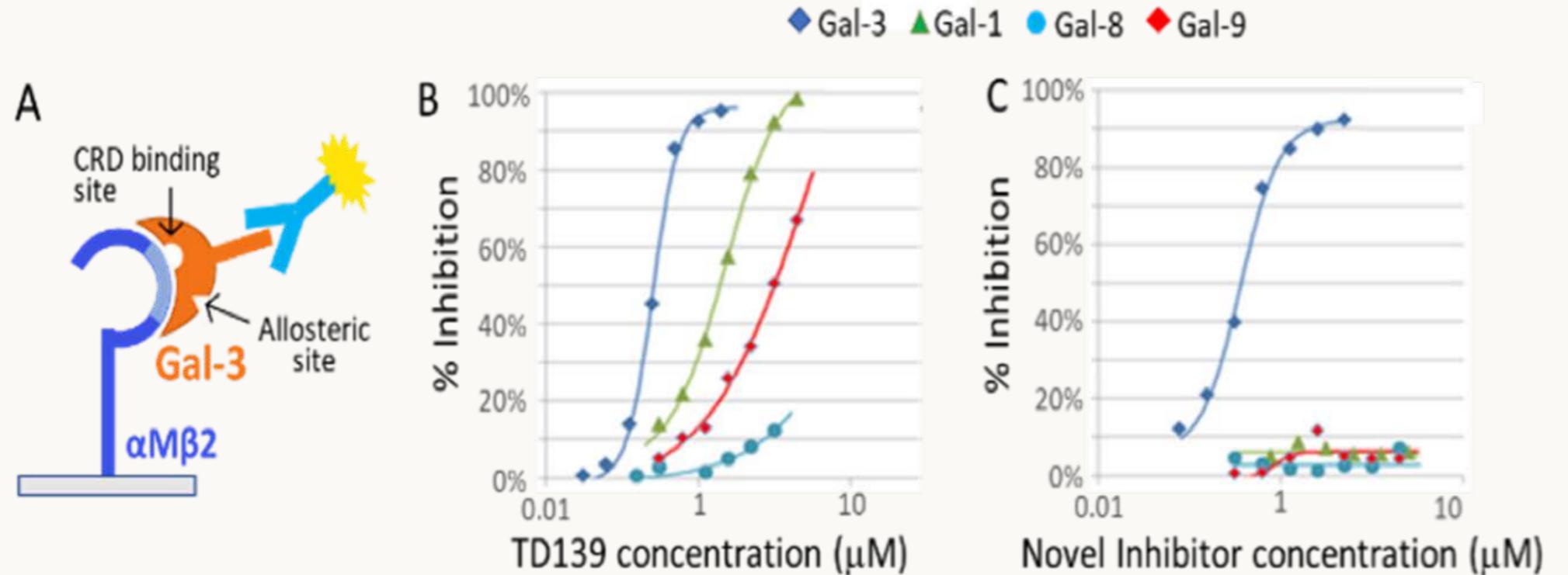




# Improved specificity of Galectin-3 modulators

In a receptor-based ELISA (A), TD139 inhibits binding of multiple galectins to integrin  $\alpha M\beta 2$  (B).

An allosteric Gal-3 inhibitor (G 229) shows significantly greater specificity for Gal-3 over other galectins (C).



# Key Roles at SBH



President & CSO

Regulation-  
QA / QC

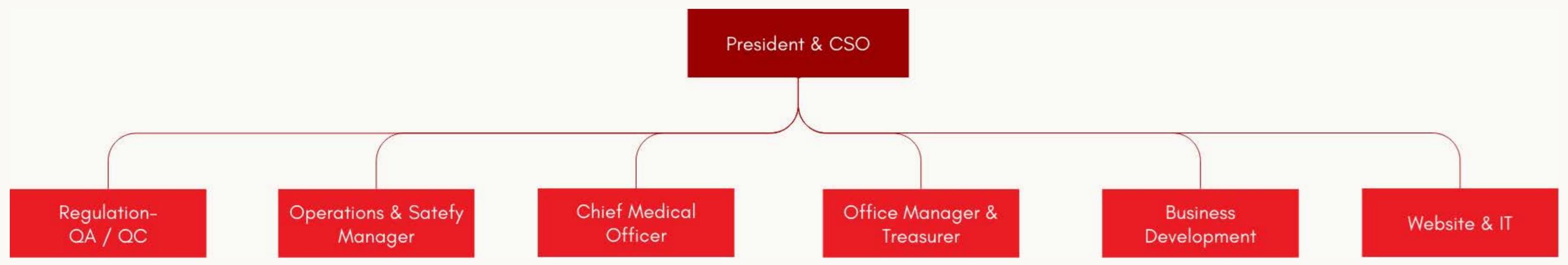
Operations & Safety  
Manager

Chief Medical  
Officer

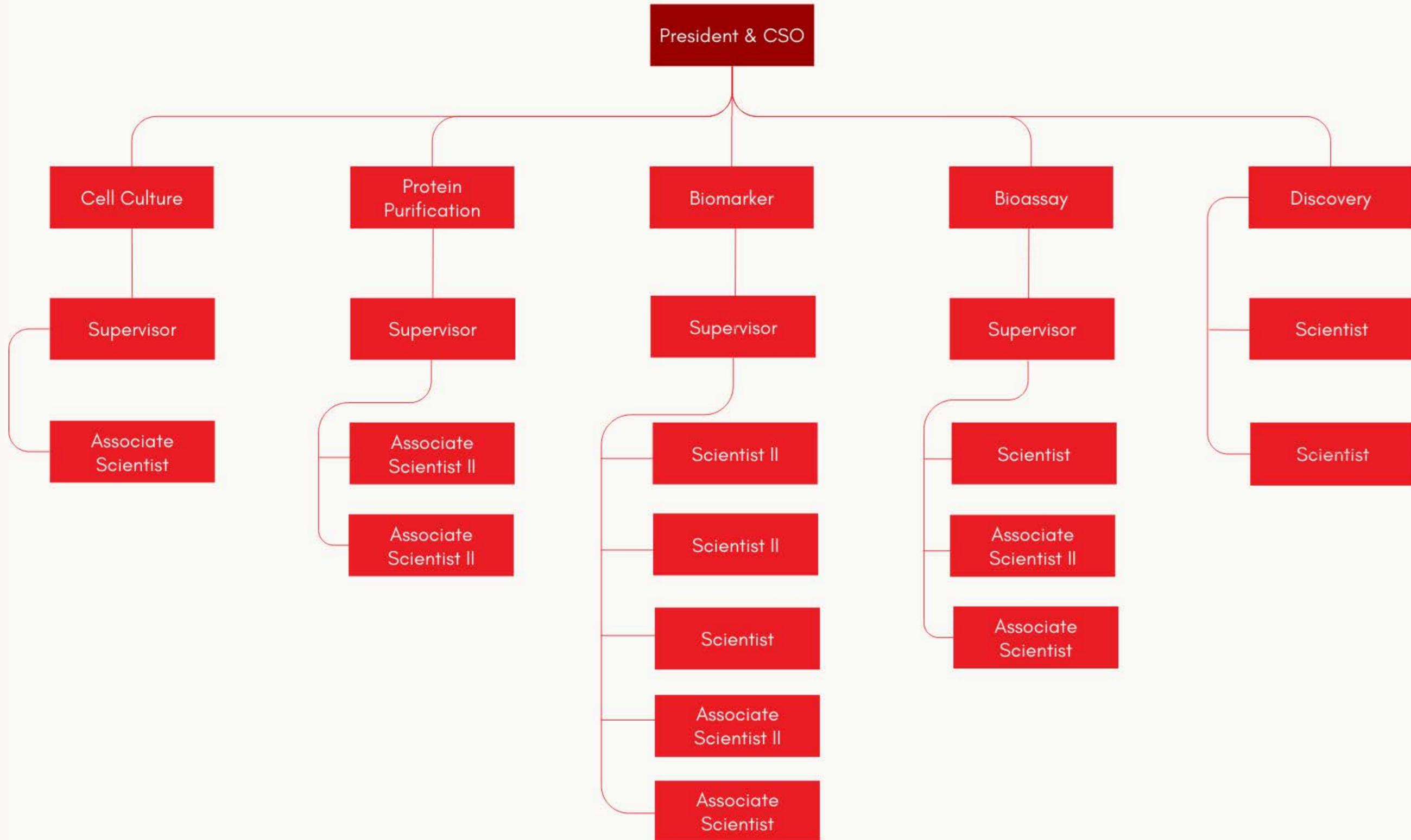
Office Manager &  
Treasurer

Business  
Development

Website & IT



# Company Structure



# Create Your Competitive Advantage

Seamlessly Transition Your Product from Early Development to Preclinical and Clinical Stages



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