# CAR-T Cell Therapies: From Origin to Acceleration

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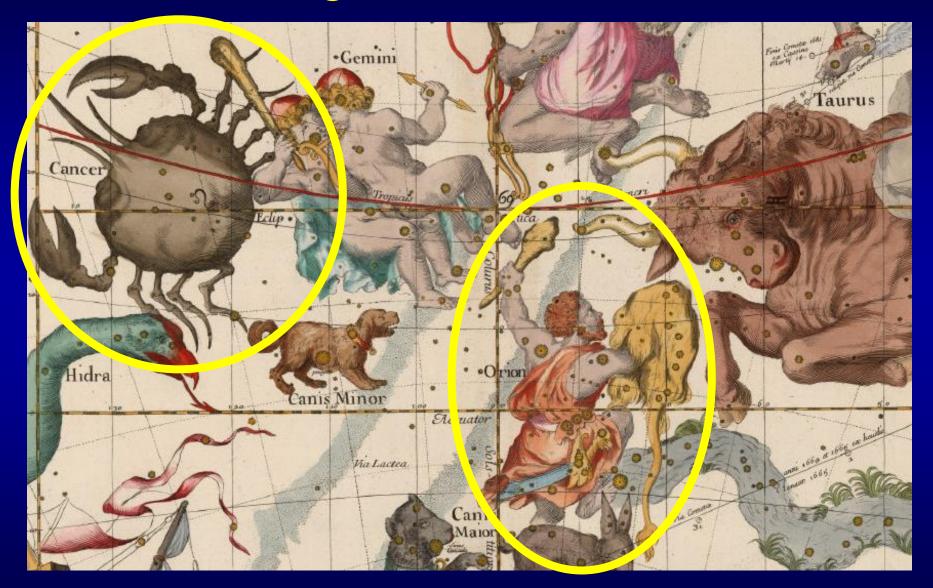




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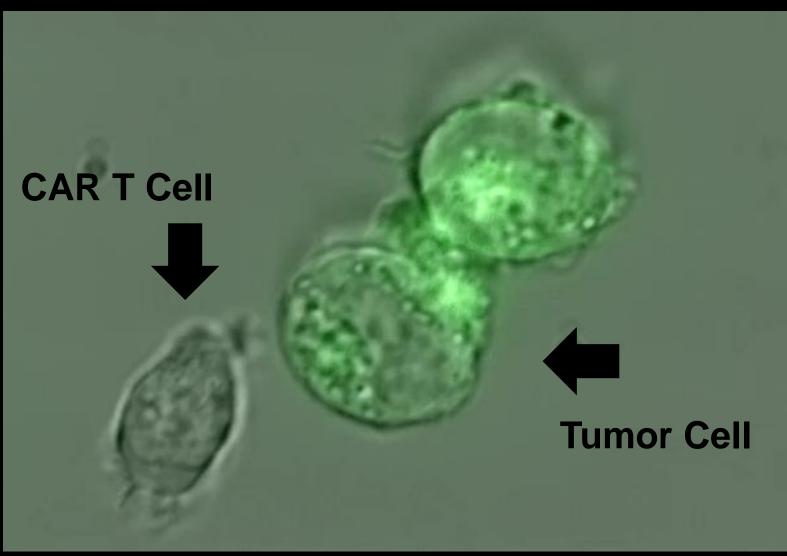
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# Redirecting Orion to Hunt Cancer



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# Redirection of Specificity and Effector Function: The Beginning

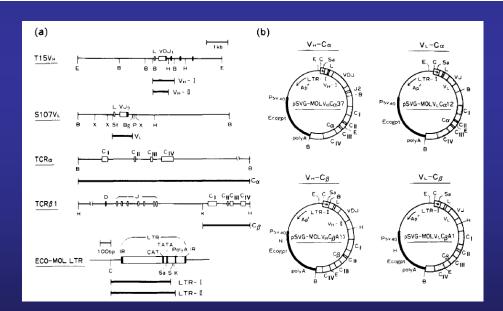
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Pages 960-968 Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA Vol. 86, pp. 10024-10028, December 1989 Immunology

#### EXPRESSION OF CHIMERIC RECEPTOR COMPOSED OF IMMUNOGLOBULIN-DERIVED V RESIONS AND T-CELL RECEPTOR-DERIVED C REGIONS

Yoshihisa Kuwana<sup>1</sup>, Yoshihiro Asakura<sup>1</sup>, Naoko Utsunomiya<sup>2</sup>, Mamoru Nakanishi<sup>2</sup>, Yohji Arata<sup>2</sup>, Seiga Itoh<sup>3</sup>, Fumihiko Nagase<sup>4</sup> and Yoshikazu Kurosawa<sup>1\*</sup>

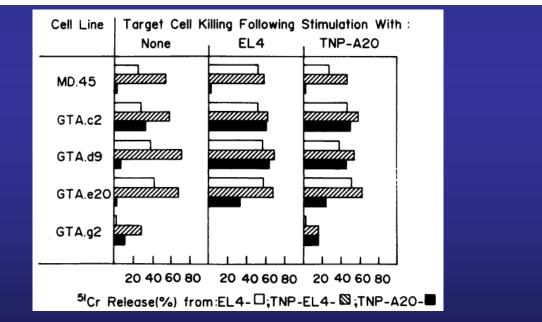


### Expression of immunoglobulin-T-cell receptor chimeric molecules as functional receptors with antibody-type specificity

(chimeric genes/antibody variable region)

GIDEON GROSS, TOVA WAKS, AND ZELIG ESHHAR\*

Department of Chemical Immunology, The Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot 76100, Israel



This approach can be

In future, it might become possible for T cells recognizing any antigens without MHC restriction to be produced by the technique described in this paper. exploited, for example, to direct cytotoxic T lymphocytes to kill tumor or virally infected cells.

# **MATERIASTVOAR PRUBLICATIONSRIPT/ACEdomiaNA** First CAR Clinical Trials in Industry



#### RECOMBINANT DNA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING March 3-4, 1994 CD4-zeta in HIV+ Subjects

Long-term in vivo survival of receptor-modified syngeneic T cells in patients with human immunodeficiency virus infection

Robert E. Walker, Christine M. Bechtel, Ven Natarajan, Michael Baseler, Kristen M. Hege, Julia A. Metcalf, Randy Stevens, Allison Hazen, R. Michael Blaese, Clara C. Chen, Susan F. Leitman, Jolie Palensky, Janet Wittes, Richard T. Davey Jr, Judith Falloon, Michael A. Polis, Joseph A. Kovacs, David F. Broad, Bruce L. Levine, Margo R. Roberts, Henry Masur, and H. Clifford Lane

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| Hege et al. Journal for ImmunoTherapy of Cancer (2017) 5:22<br>DOI 10.1186/s40425-017-0222-9             | Journal for ImmunoTherapy<br>of Cancer              |                                   |  |
| RESEARCH ARTICLE   | Open Access   | First CAR T Trial in Cancer       |  |
| Safety, tumor trafficking and  | CrossMark   |                                   |  |
| immunogenicity of chimeric antigen   |   | Conducted 1997<br>Published 2017! |  |
| receptor (CAR)-T cells specific for TAG-72   |   |                                   |  |
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Prolonged survival and tissue trafficking following adoptive transfer of CD4 $\zeta$  gene-modified autologous CD4<sup>+</sup> and CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells in human immunodeficiency virus–infected subjects

Ronald T. Mitsuyasu, Peter A. Anton, Steven G. Deeks, David T. Scadden, Elizabeth Connick, Matthew T. Downs, Andreas Bakker, Margo R. Roberts, Carl H. June, Sayeh Jalali, Andy A. Lin, Rukmini Pennathur-Das, and Kristen M. Hege

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#### MATERIAL OWNED BY BRUCE LEVINE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA Women of Early CAR T Cell Development



**Helene Finney** 

- CellTech (UCB)
- Chimeric receptors providing both primary and costimulatory signaling in T cells from a single gene product. Journal of Immunology. 1998;161:2791-7



**Kristen Hege** 

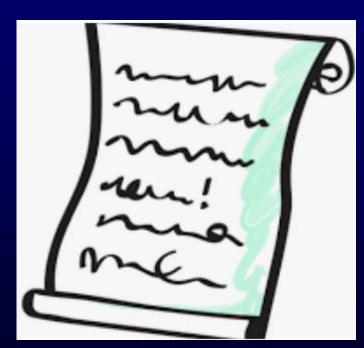
- Cell Genesys
- Celgene
- Led first ever clinical trial of CAR T Cells in cancer 1997



Margo Roberts

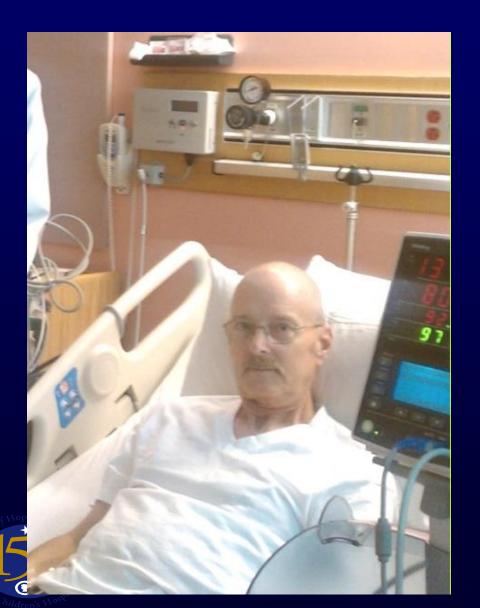
- Cell Genesys
- Kite
- Chimeric receptor molecules for delivery of co-stimulatory signals US Patent 5,686,281 filed May 31, 1995, granted November 11, 1997

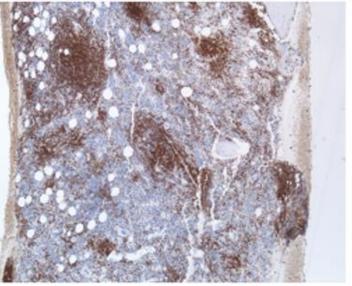
- CAR T cells in Liquid Tumors
- CAR T cells in Solid Tumors
- Multiplex Engineering
- Where are We Going?



# August, 2010 CAR T Cells Targeting CD19 in CLL

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Pt #3 7.7 (3.5)

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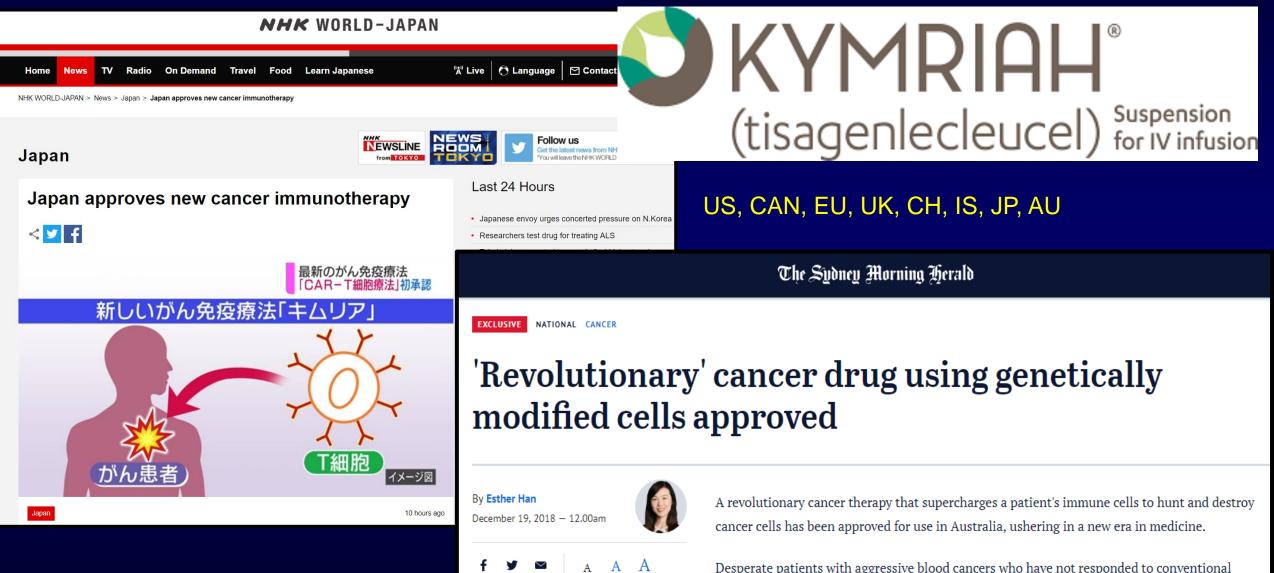
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# Global Regulatory Approvals



Desperate patients with aggressive blood cancers who have not responded to conventional treatments have been heading overseas to receive a shot of the "custom-made" drug and

# CD19-targeting CAR T cell immunotherapy outcomes correlate with genomic modification by vector integration

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#### J Clin Invest. 2020 Feb 3;130(2):673-685.

## Mater and the standing fate Mapping Questions

- Do you "get what you get?"
- Should you select (patients or cells) and how do we know we are not missing important cells or denying patients?
- Passengers or Drivers?
- Experimentation and Iteration



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- A subset of patients with refractory CLL have durable remissions after Kymriah
- For refractory CLL, the CR rate with Kymriah is about ~30%
  - Frey NV et al. J Clin Oncol. 2020;38(25):2862-71
- CLL cells induce CAR T dysfunction
  - Singh N et al. Cancer Discov. 2020;10(4):552-67
- BTK/ITK inhibitors appear to synergize with CD19 CAR T
  - Turtle CJ. J Clin Oncol. 2017;35(26):3010-20, Gill, S. et al, unpublished
- CLL is emblematic of the tug-of-war between effective but non-curative targeted reagents (ibrutinib, venetoclax, etc) and a potentially one-time curative T cell-based therapy!

## MATERIAL OWNED BY BRUCE LEVINE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA Solid Tumor Challenges

- Antigen Coverage
- Antigen Escape
- Antigen Specificity
- Immunosuppressive Microenvironment
- Trafficking



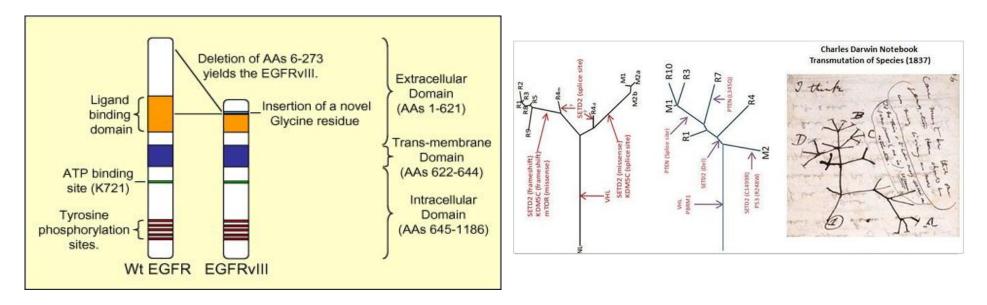
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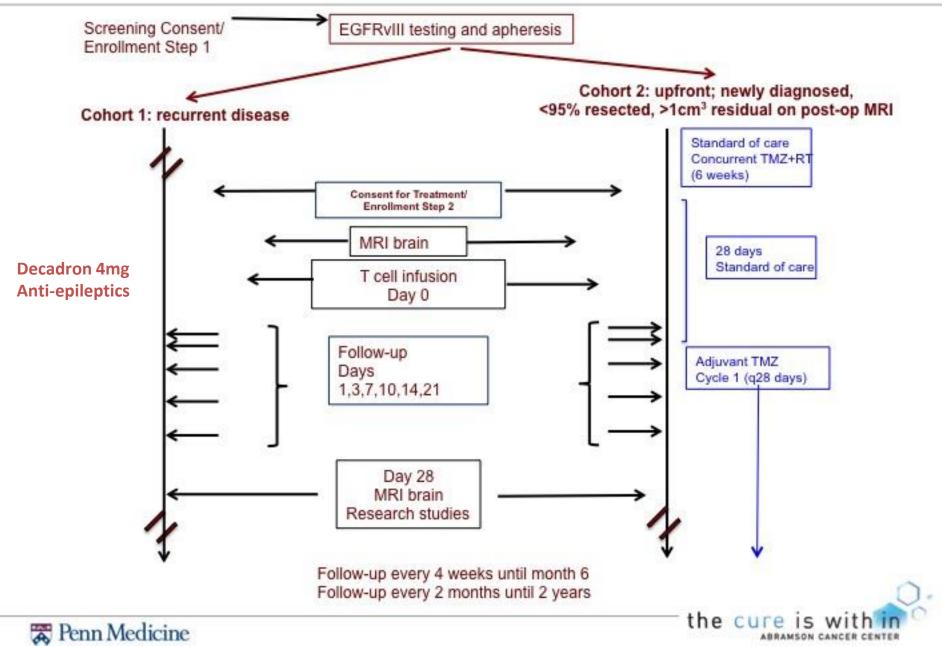
#### MATERIAL OWNED BY BRUCE LEVINE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVAN EGFRVIII as a CAR Target for GBM Pros and Cons as a CAR Target

- Pro: tumor specific mutation so that on-target, off-tumor toxicity is unlikely
- Con: EGFRviii is a subclonal mutation: tumor heterogeneity



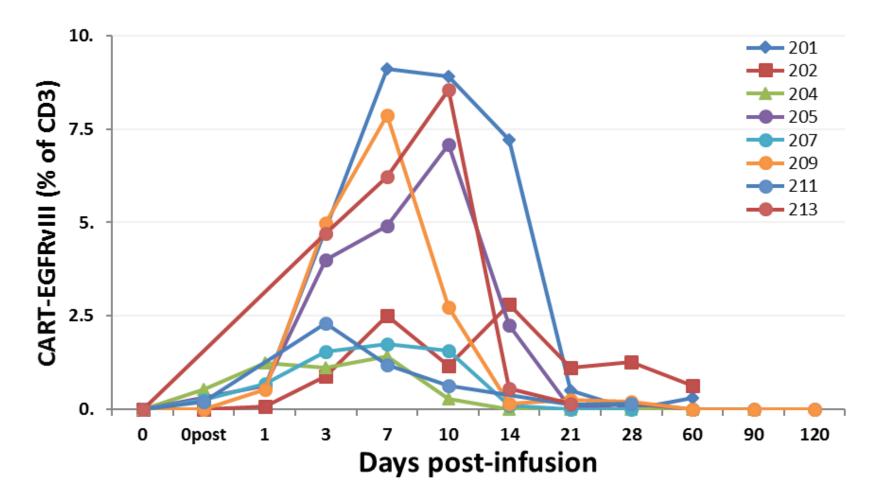
 Francis JM. EGFR variant heterogeneity in glioblastoma resolved through single-nucleus sequencing. Cancer discovery. 2014;4(8):956-71.

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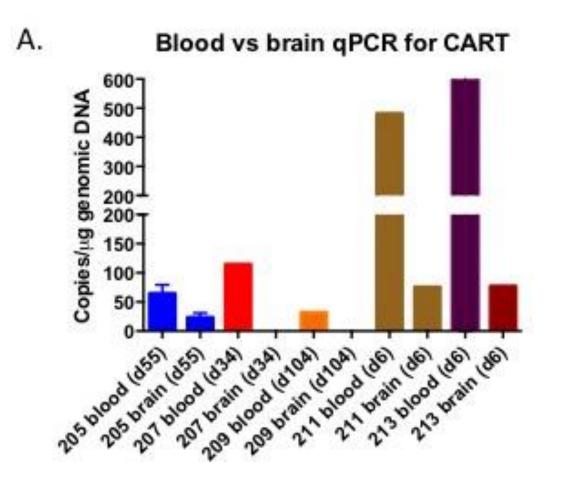
# CART engraftment and persistence in blood

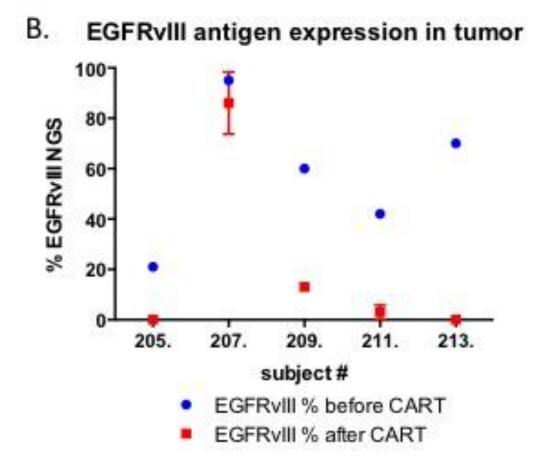
**Flow Cytometry** 



A single dose of peripherally infused EGFRvIII-directed CAR T cells mediates antigen loss and induces adaptive resistance in patients with recurrent glioblastoma, O'Rourke, D.M., et al. Sci Transl Med. 2017 Jul 19;9(399):eaaa0984

#### MATERIAL OWNED BY BRUCE LEVINE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA CART Trafficking to Brain and Downregulation of EGFRviii





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**O**Screening for EGFRvIII and CART-EGFRvIII manufacturing is feasible for GBM patients

**O**Infusion of CART-EGFRvIII is safe, but may induce seizures.

**O**There is no EGFR-directed toxicity in 8 of 8 patients (not cetuximab!)

**O**Mechanism of Action established:

- **CART-EGFRvIII expand in blood** and traffic to brain.
- > CART-EGFRvIII detectable (Q-PCR analysis) in brain tumor in 3 of 5 patients
- **EGFRvIII** antigen loss (NGS analysis) in brain tumor in 4 of 5 patients

O Induction of new T cell infiltrates by IHC in tumor resection specimens may suggest antigenic spreading or bystander T cells

OAdditional strategies: target other antigens to prevent tumor escape, combine with checkpoint Ab

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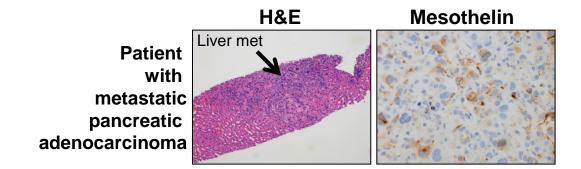
## Material owners a same target for CAR of cells

#### **Description and characterization**

- <u>GPI anchored membrane protein</u> (40 kDa) that can be shed from cells. Elevated levels of soluble mesothelin in ~50% of patients with mesothelioma and ovarian cancer but have not been observed in pancreatic adenocarcinoma.
- Normal expression on mesothelial cells lining pleura, peritoneum, and pericardium.
- <u>Biological function</u> remains unclear but has been shown to bind to CA-125 (MUC16) and may have a role in cellular adhesion, tumor invasion and metastasis.

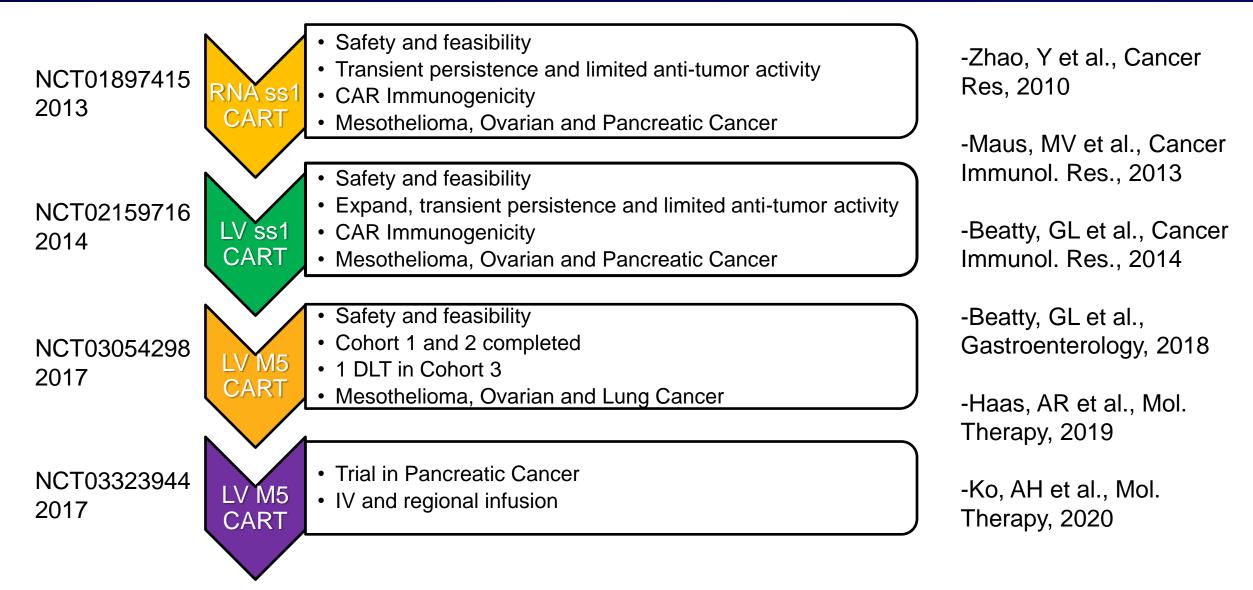
#### **Expression by malignant tissues**

- Pancreatic adenocarcinoma (100%)
- Epithelial mesothelioma (100%)
- Ovarian carcinoma (85-100%)
- Lung adenocarcinoma (50%)

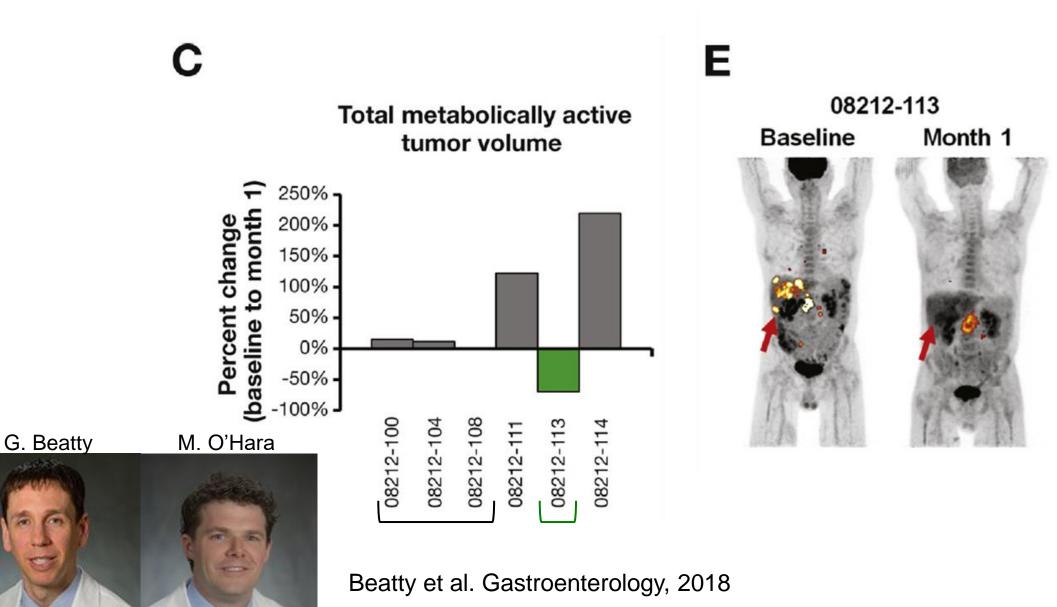


Pastan and Hassan Cancer Res 2014; Chang and Pastan PNAS 1996; Carpenito et al, PNAS 2009

### Penn Glinical Trials using SS1 and M5 Mesethelin-targeting CAR T cells for the treatment of solid tumors



#### Activity of Sty Mesothelin RMA GAR in Metastatic RDA: Clinical Responses



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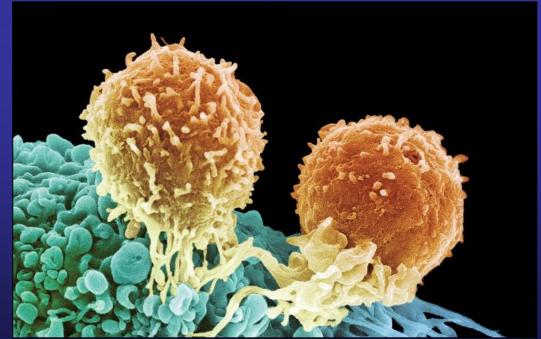
- CAR T targeting mesothelin have antitumor activity in mesothelioma and pancreatic cancer
- The optimal schedule and route of administration of CAR T cells remains to be defined
- CAR T cell trafficking to tumor and evidence of spreading immunity
- Checkpoint blockade with PD-1 and CTLA-4 antagonists augments the activity of CAR T cells in preclinical models and early stage clinical trials

1. Beatty GL, et al . Mesothelin-specific chimeric antigen receptor mRNA-engineered T cells induce anti-tumor activity in solid malignancies. *Cancer Immunol Res.* 2014;2:112.

2. Beatty GL, et al. Activity of Mesothelin-specific Chimeric Antigen Receptor T cells Against Pancreatic Carcinoma Metastases in a Phase 1 Trial. *Gastroenterology*. 2018; pii: S0016-5085(18)30323.

# Multiplex Engineered T Cells in Cancer





# NY-ESO<sup>A</sup> IERAPECTER EN INVERSE PER Street ate sustained antigen-specific antitumor effects in myeloma

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Encouraging clinical responses

were observed in 16 of 20 patients (80%) with advanced disease, with a median progression-free survival of 19.1 months. NY-ESO-1–LAGE-1 TCR–engineered T cells were safe, trafficked to marrow and showed extended persistence that correlated with clinical activity against antigen-positive myeloma.

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- Relapse associated with loss of gene modified cells
- Evidence suggests that NY-ESO-1 T cells become exhausted
- How to enhance survival and function?

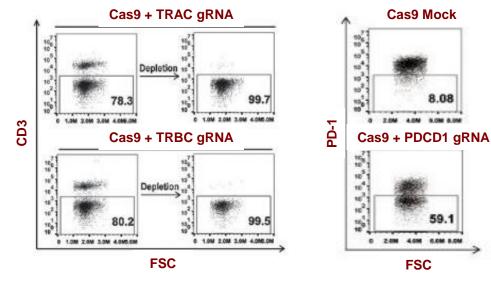
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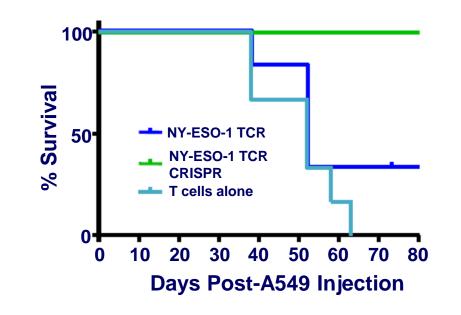
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- **Hypothesis:** 
  - Removal of genes encoding the endogenous TCR, TCRα (*TRAC*) and TCRβ (*TRBC*), would enhance NY-ESO-1 TCR activity and reduce autoimmunity
  - Removal of PD-1 (*PDCD1*) would enhance activity and persistence
  - We previously demonstrated CRISPR/Cas9 and TRAC, TRBC and PDCD1 targeting gRNAs could be successfully introduced via electroporation in preclinical models to disrupt gene expression



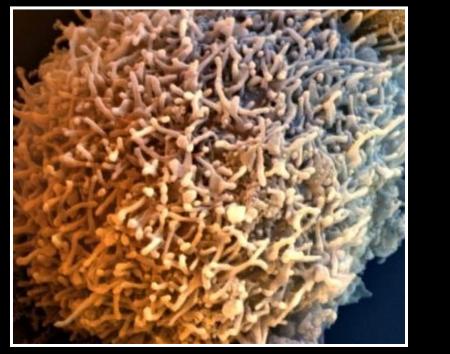
#### **CRISPR/Cas9 Editing of T cells**

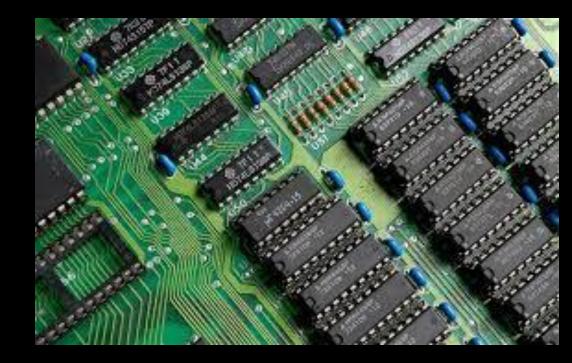
**Overall Survival** 



Ren et al. Clin. Cancer Res. 2016

# Advanced Cellular Re-Programming





- Logic Gated Boolean CAR's- "And", "Or", Not
- Safety Switches
- Conditional/Stealth CAR's
- Armored CAR's

#### MATERIAL OWNED BY BRUCE LEVINE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA NY-ESO-1 TCR CRISPR Triple Edited (TCR $\alpha$ TCR $\beta$ PD1) T Cell Study Objectives

Objectives

Primary: Determine safety profile of a single infusion of autologous t cells modified to express NY-ESO-1 transgenic TCR and gene edited at the endogenous TCR and PD-1 (CRISPR edited T cells)

Secondary:

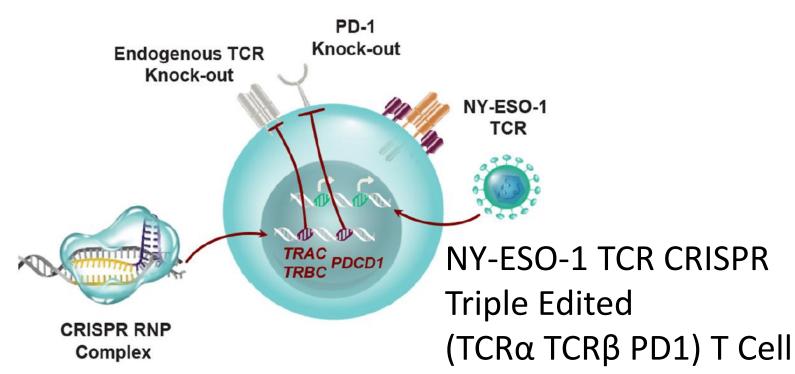
- 1. Describe anti-tumor responses and survival after infusion
- 2. Evaluate manufacturing feasibility
- 3. Determine engraftment, persistence, and trafficking of NY-ESO-1 redirected CRISPR cells
- 4. Evaluate bioactivity of NY-ESO-1 redirected CRISPR cells
- 5. Describe the incidence of immunogenicity

Adult patients HLA-A2\*0201 positive who have relapsed/refractory tumors expressing NY-ESO-1 antigen. Patients with myeloma, synovial sarcoma, melanoma

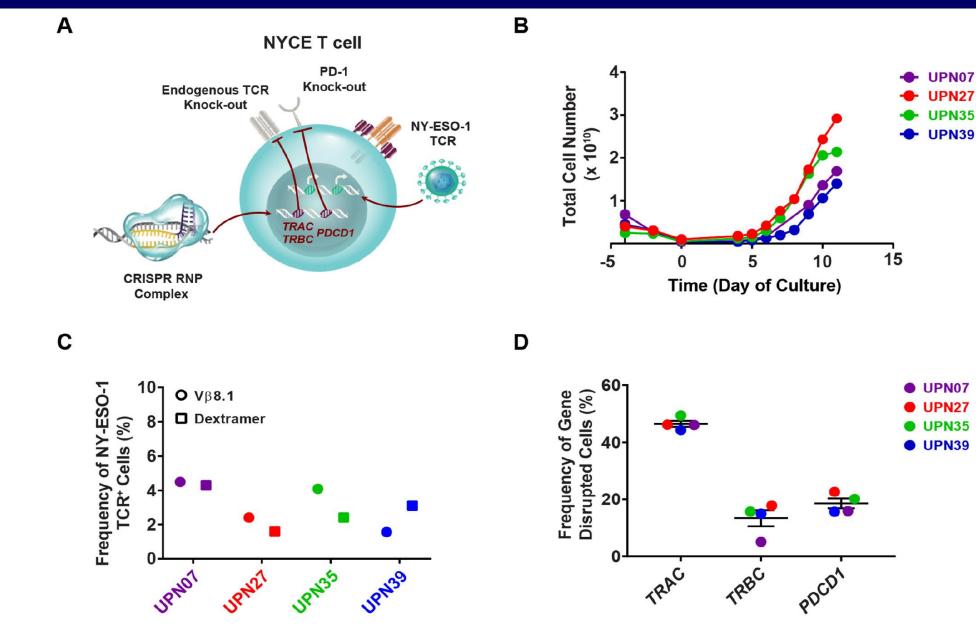
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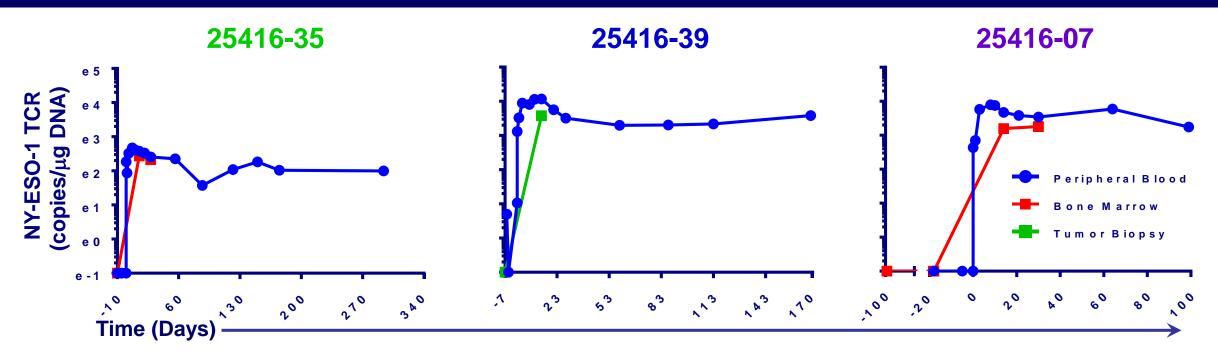
### NYCE T cell



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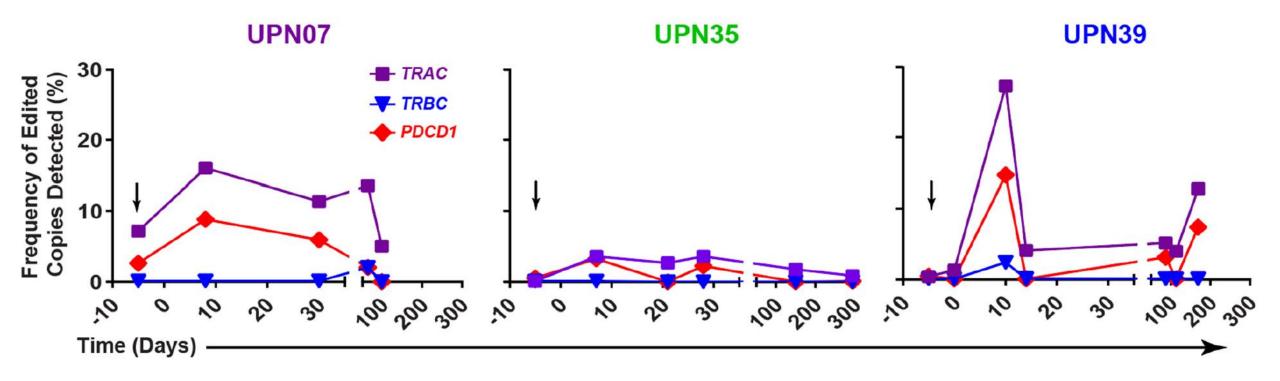
• There is rapid expansion and stable persistence of T cells expressing the NY-ESO-1 transgenic TCR as measured by qPCR in all 3 patients

- The stable PK of NY-ESO-1 expressing T cells is very different from the PK of CAR T cells which tends to decrease more quickly

Clear trafficking of T cells to the tumor

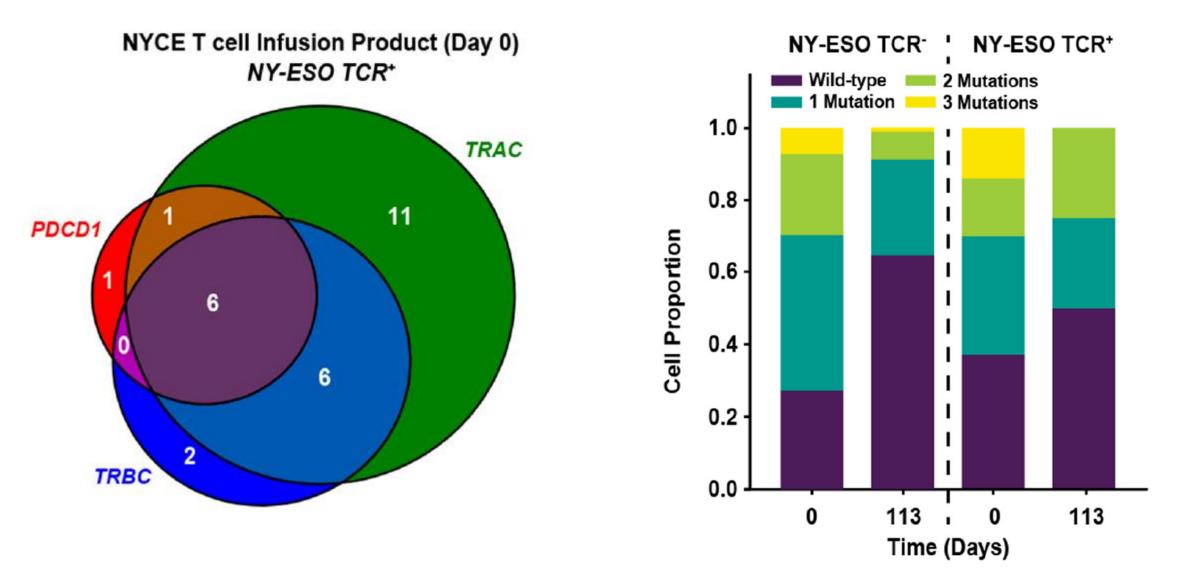
- The levels of T cells expressing the NY-ESO-1 TCR in bone marrow and tumor is similar to blood

### NYCE CRISPR Genome-Edited Cells: Persistence in Blood of TRAC, TRBC, and PDCD1 edits by dPCR



- TRAC and PD1 have highest frequency
- TRBC was lowest efficiency in vitro, and also in vivo
- Pt 07 shortest follow up

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# <u>NY-ESO-1</u> <u>CRISPR (TCR-PD1)</u> Triple <u>Edited</u> T Cell Study Summary

- 1. A single infusion of CRISPR/Cas9 triple edited T cells is safe in 3 patients
  - No cytokine release syndrome, no severe adverse events
  - Best response is stable disease
- 2. Persistent engraftment of the edited T cells for at least 6 months
  - Suggests immunogenicity of Cas9 is not occurring under these conditions
  - Studies to determine impact of T cells on NY-ESO1 and LAGE1 expression are pending
- 3. Up to 10% of the TCR-modified T cells have PD1 disruption at 1 to 6 months
  - No evidence of autoimmunity
- 4. This trial: 2016-17 gene editing technology. New trial: latest improved gene editing technology



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| Assay  | Release Specification  |  |  |  |  |
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| Cell viability on sentinel vial  | >70%   |  |  |  |  |
| Transduction efficiency by flow cytometry (Net V $\beta$ 8.1 surface expression) | ≥2%  |  |  |  |  |
| Residual bead number   | < 100 beads / 3e6 cells  |  |  |  |  |
| Endotoxin  | Negative   |  |  |  |  |
| Mycoplasma   | Negative   |  |  |  |  |
| BACTEC culture   | No growth at day 7   |  |  |  |  |
| IL-2 independent growth (long-term culture)                                      | No proliferation in absence of IL-2  |  |  |  |  |
| Fungal culture   | No growth at day 7   |  |  |  |  |
| Transduction efficiency for transgene integration<br>(qPCR WPRE copy number)     | $\geq$ 0.02 - $\leq$ 5 average copies/cell                                 |  |  |  |  |
| RCL (VSVg copy number)   | Decreasing from day 5 to post-<br>harvest or < 50 average copies/ug<br>DNA |  |  |  |  |
| Disruption of TRAC gene (TCR-alpha editing)                                      | Detectable disruption  |  |  |  |  |
| Disruption of TRBC gene (TCR-beta editing)                                       | Detectable disruption  |  |  |  |  |
| Disruption of PDCD1 gene   | Detectable disruption  |  |  |  |  |
| Residual Cas9 protein  | Decreasing Cas9 concentration<br>from day 0 to harvest                     |  |  |  |  |

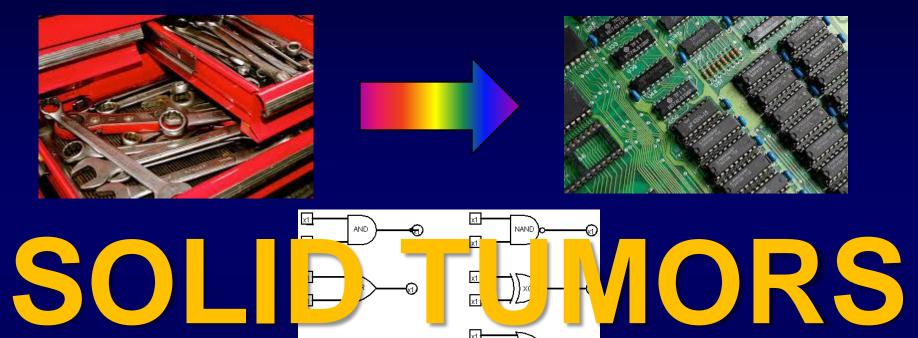
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### MATERIAL OWNED BY BRUCE LEVINE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA What a Gene Editing Investigator May Be Asked

- Worst case scenario: induced off-target effects that induce transformation, and a form of hematologic malignancy
- FDA: Off target sites identification needs to be based on not only in silico analysis but also on unbiased assays.
- # gRNAs evaluated, detailed description of manufacture, # noncomplementary bases tolerated, sequence of Cas9, purity, ratio of free vs complexed protein, stability, residual
- Laboratory test, validated laboratory test, CLIA test
- Long term culture assay
- Cell product potency



# MATERIAL OWNE Sypthetic Biology PENNSYLVANIA The Advanced CAR Toolbox



- Logic Gated Boolean CAR's- "And", "Or", Not
- Checkpoint Resistant CAR's
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## **Evolution in Tools**





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CYTOMATE Cell Processing System







UPPER HEX SUPPORT

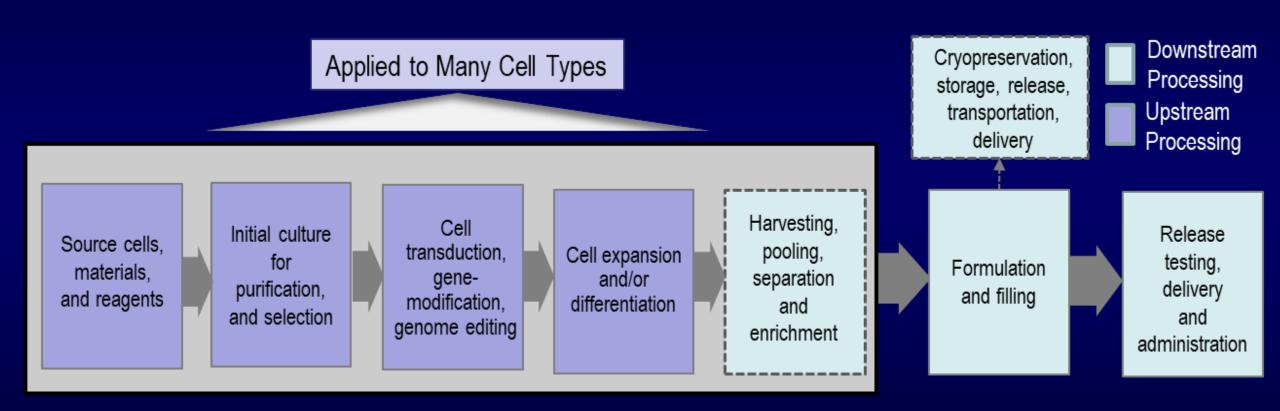
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### MATERX WIVE Immune Cell Engineering Processing Flow



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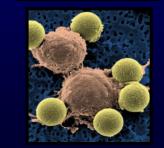






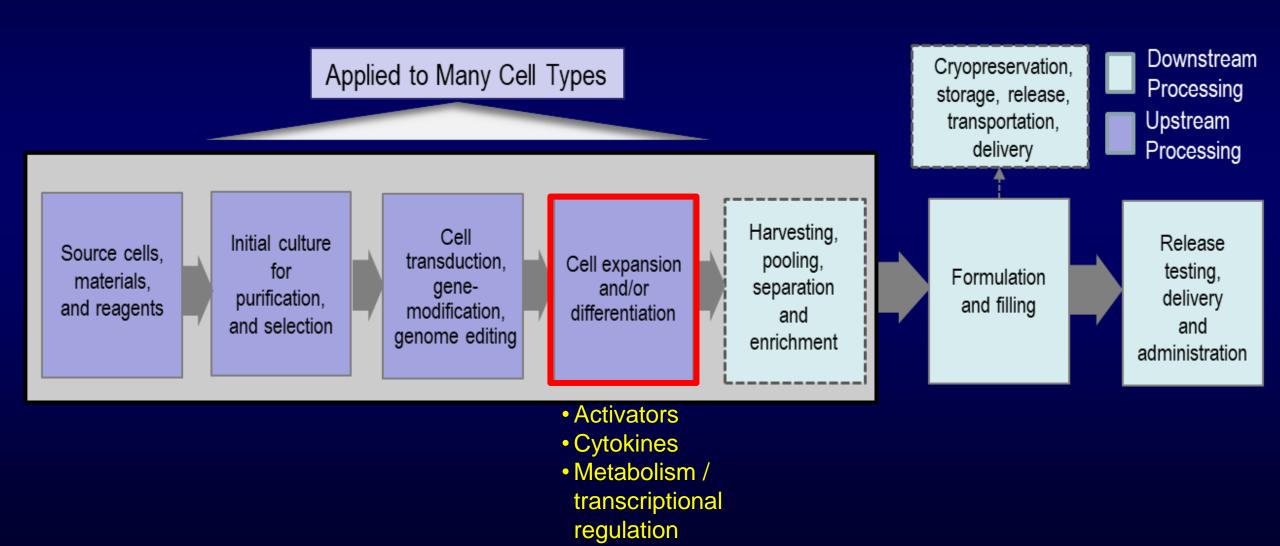








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# Manufacturing Improvements: Faster CAR's



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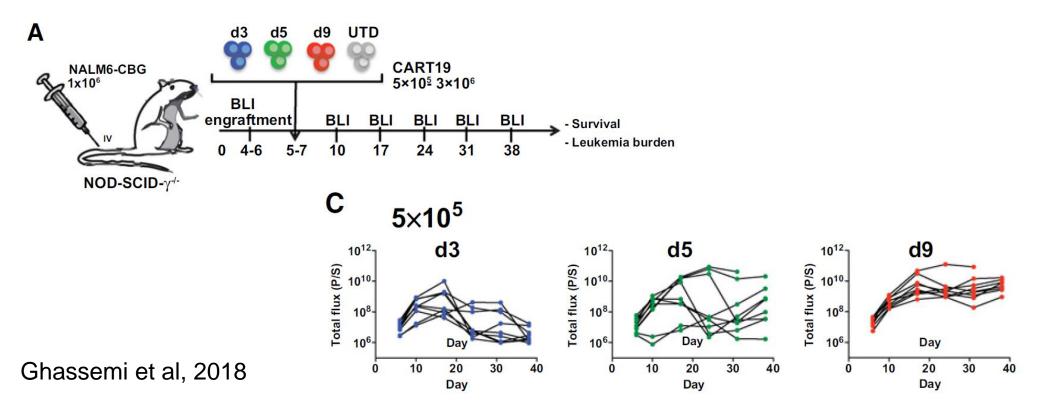
### Reducing *Ex Vivo* Culture Improves the Antileukemic Activity of Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) T Cells



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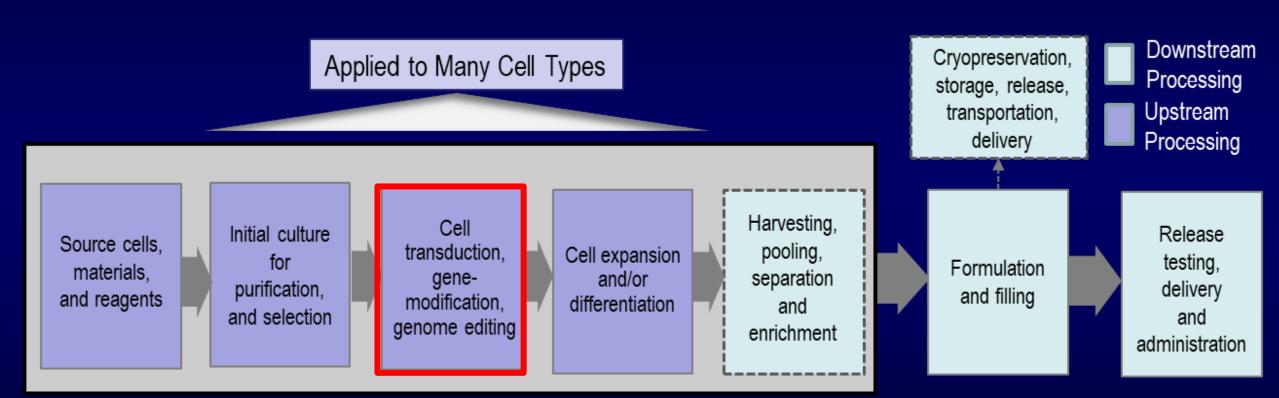
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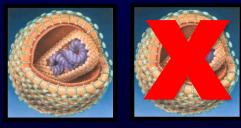
**ASH 2020** 

| Patient # | Gender<br>(M/F) | Age (yrs) | BM<br>blasts by<br>flow<br>cytometr<br>y (%) | Prior<br>transplant | Prior<br>CD19<br>CAR-T | CAR-T cell<br>dose<br>(cells/kg)                                       | Response<br>in 2 weeks | 16223        | CRS | ICANS | From<br>CAR-T to<br>HSCT<br>(days) | Disease status at last<br>evaluation         |              |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------|--|---------------------|------------------------|--|------------------------|--------------|-----|-------|------------------------------------|--|--------------|
| Y02001    | м               | 48        | 41.6   | No                  | No                     | 6.00×10 <sup>4</sup>   | NR                     | CR MRD-      | 1   | 0     | <u>r</u> tr                        | Relapsed with MRD+<br>on day116              |              |
| Y02002    | F               | 5         | 17.7   | No                  | No                     | 6.00×10 <sup>4</sup>   | CR MRD-                | CR MRD-      | 1   | 1     | 48                                 | Expired from<br>GVHD,infection on day<br>143 |              |
| Y02003    | М               | 17        | 0.5  | No                  | Yes                    | 1.53×10 <sup>5</sup>   | CR MRD+                | 87 <u></u> 8 | 0   | 0     |                                    | Withdrew on day 14                           |              |
| Y02004    | F               | 13        | 0.1  | No                  | No                     | 1.02×10 <sup>5</sup>   | CR MRD-                | CR MRD-      | 1   | 0     | 71                                 | MRD-CR on day 210                            | *            |
| Y02005    | F               | 11        | 24.3   | No                  | No                     | 1.50×10 <sup>5</sup>   | CR MRD-                | CR MRD-      | 1   | 0     | 57                                 | MRD-CR on day 187                            |              |
| Y02006    | F               | 9         | 36.6   | No                  | Yes                    | 1.00×<br>10 <sup>5</sup> (second<br>infusion<br>2.62x10 <sup>5</sup> ) | CR MRD+                | CR MRD+      | 0   | 0     | 0                                  | Second infusion NR                           |              |
| Y02007    | М               | 3         | 0.5  | No                  | No                     | 1.00×10 <sup>5</sup>   | CR MRD-                | CR MRD-      | 1   | 0     | 63                                 | MRD-CR on day 106                            |              |
| Y02008    | F               | 13        | 34.2   | Yes                 | Yes                    | 1.50×10 <sup>5</sup>   | CR MRD-                | CR MRD-      | 0   | 0     | 6 <del></del> 61                   | Relapsed on day 84                           |              |
| Y02009    | M               | 5         | 0.1  | No                  | No                     | 1.51×10 <sup>5</sup>   | CR MRD-                | CR MRD-      | 0   | 0     | 64                                 | MRD-CR on day 91                             | $\mathbf{X}$ |
| Y02010    | М               | 12        | 63.5   | No                  | No                     | 2.25×10 <sup>5</sup>   | CR MRD-                | CR MRD-      | 2   | 0     | t <del></del> 6i                   | MRD-CR on day 28                             |              |

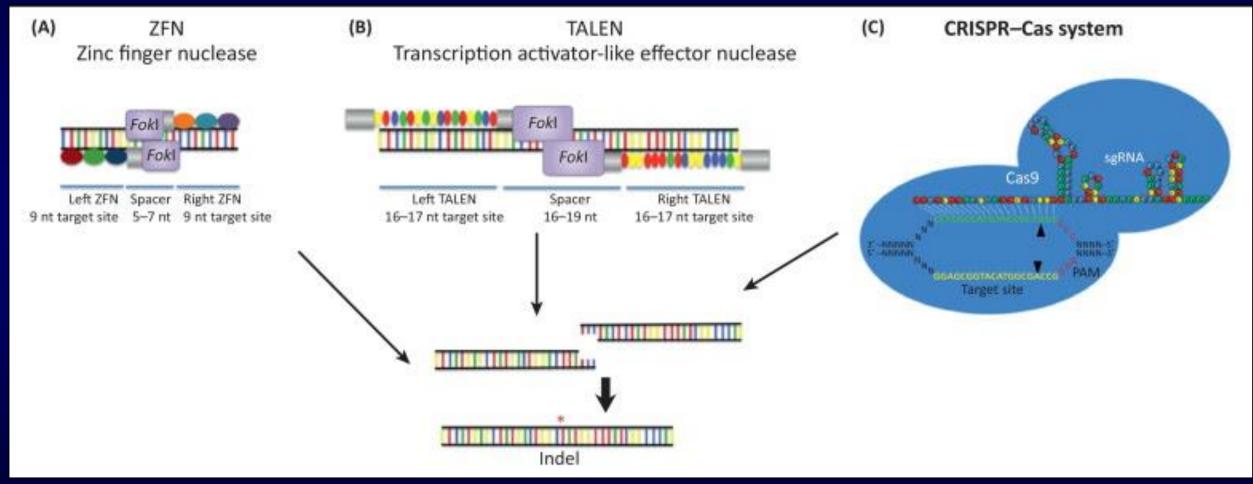
BM: bone marrow, HSCT: hematopoietic stem cell transplantation, CRS: cytokine release syndrome, ICANS: immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome, NR: no response, MRD: minimal residual disease, CR: complete remission, MRD-CR: MRD-negative CR, GVHD: graft-versus-host disease

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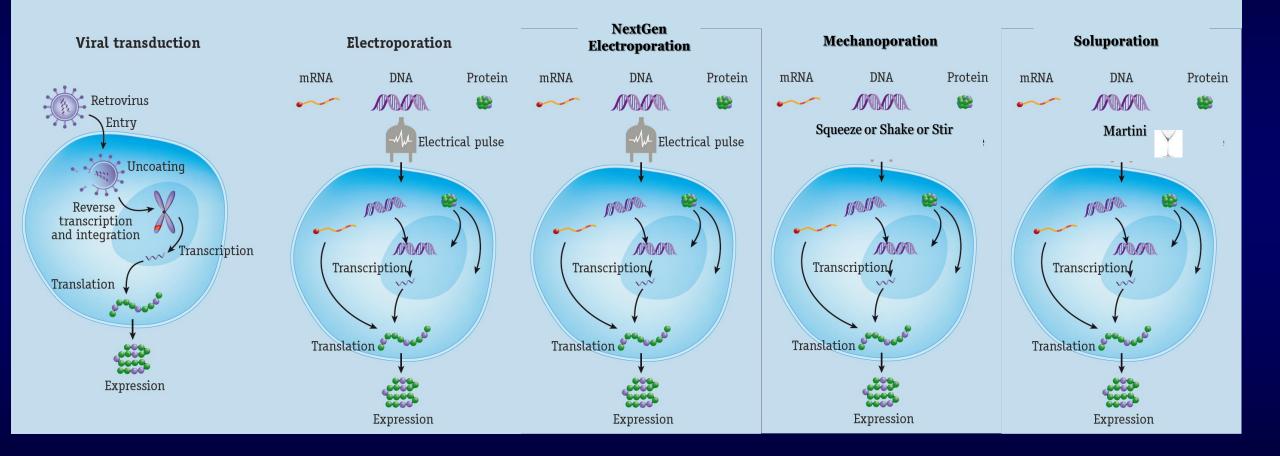




# Genomic disruption (and insertion) as therapeutic cell engineering tools



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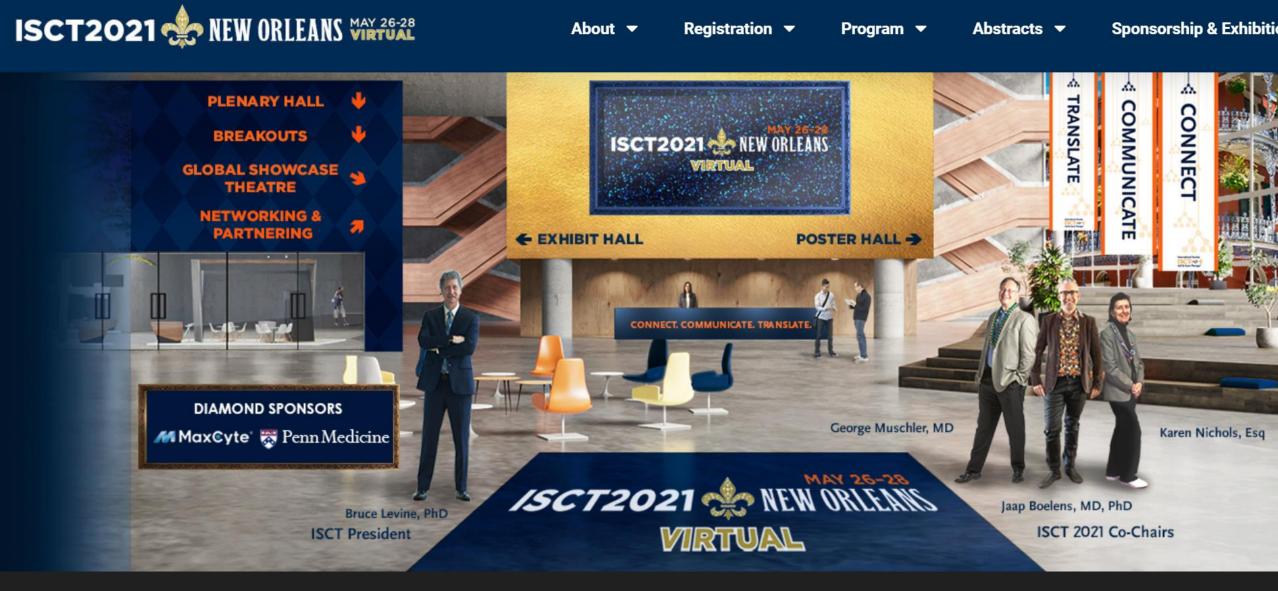
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