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Perspectivas de las terapias celulares: pasado, presente y futuro

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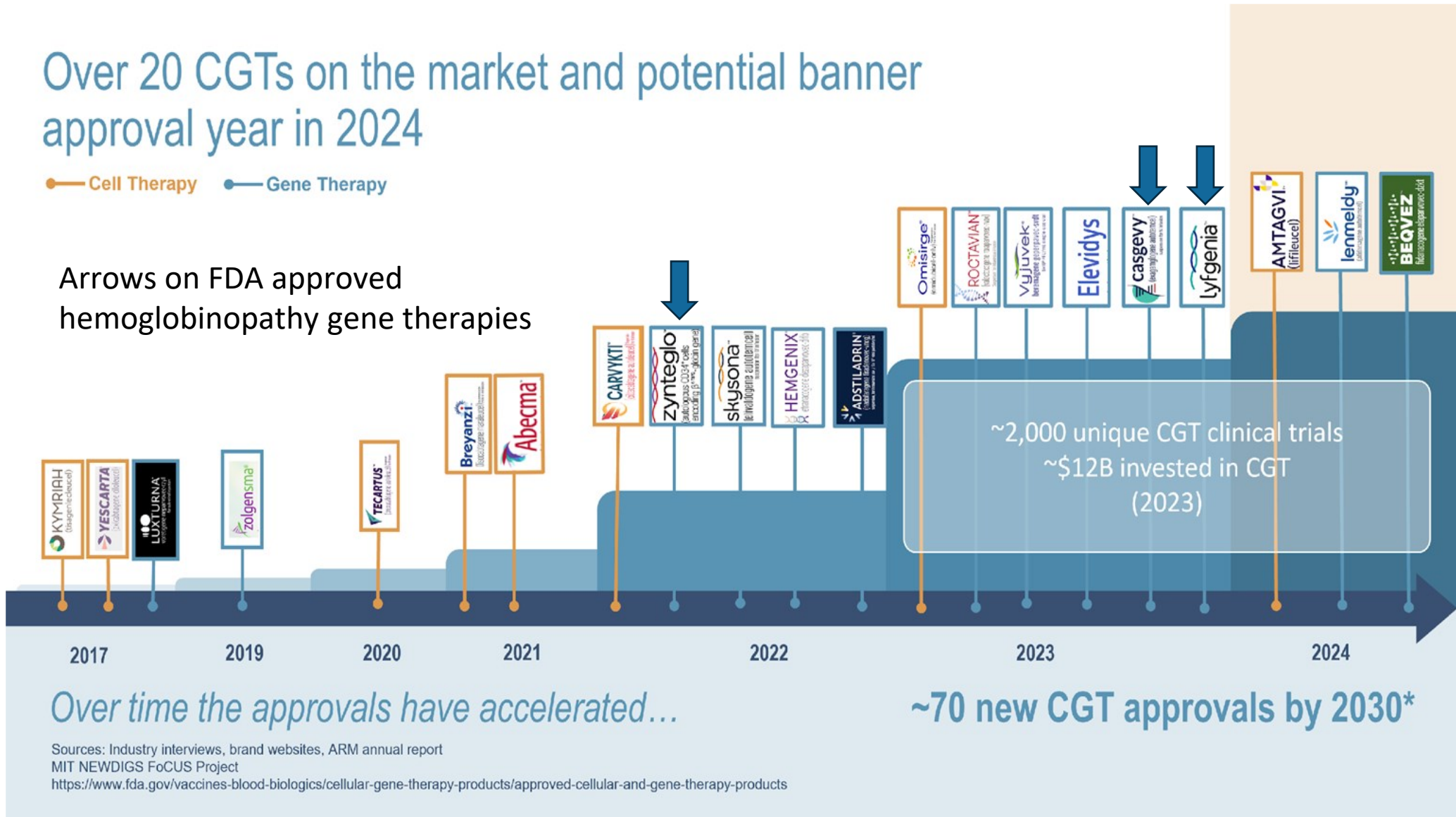
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Over 20 CGTs on the market and potential banner approval year in 2024

— Cell Therapy — Gene Therapy

Arrows on FDA approved hemoglobinopathy gene therapies



Over time the approvals have accelerated...

Sources: Industry interviews, brand websites, ARM annual report
MIT NEWDIGS FoCUS Project
<https://www.fda.gov/vaccines-blood-biologics/cellular-gene-therapy-products/approved-cellular-and-gene-therapy-products>

<https://twolabs.com/cell-and-gene-therapy-pipeline-navigating-key-trends-and-pricing-dynamics/>

Evolving Landscape of Development, Approval and Monitoring

Traditional Therapeutics

1. Decades of experience in managing the process
2. Largely one-dimensional:
Academia > Industry > Consumer

Biologics

Built on previous experience: Blood Banking & HSC transplantation

Cell Therapy

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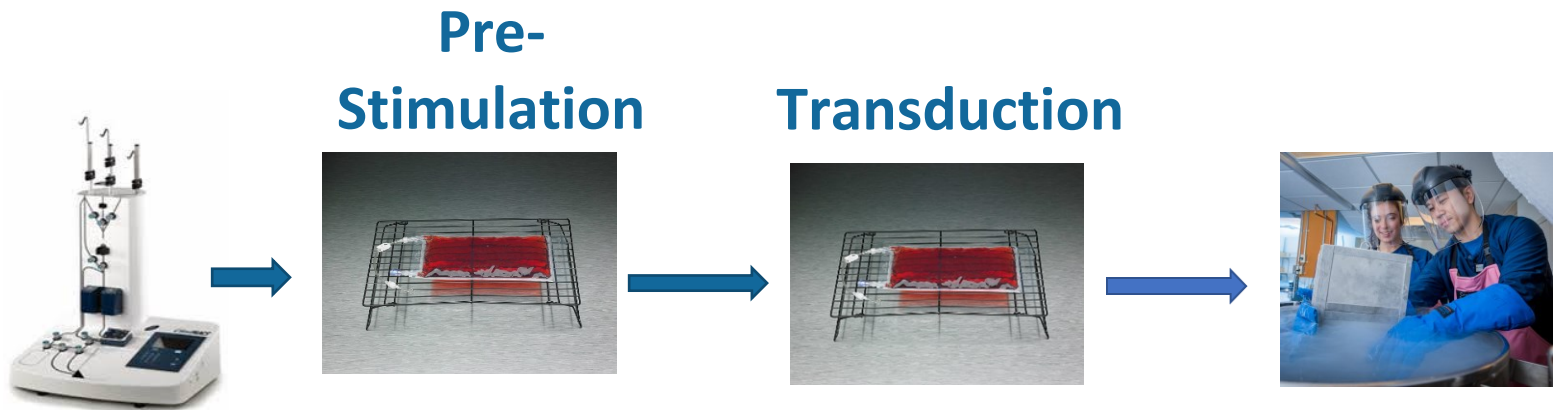
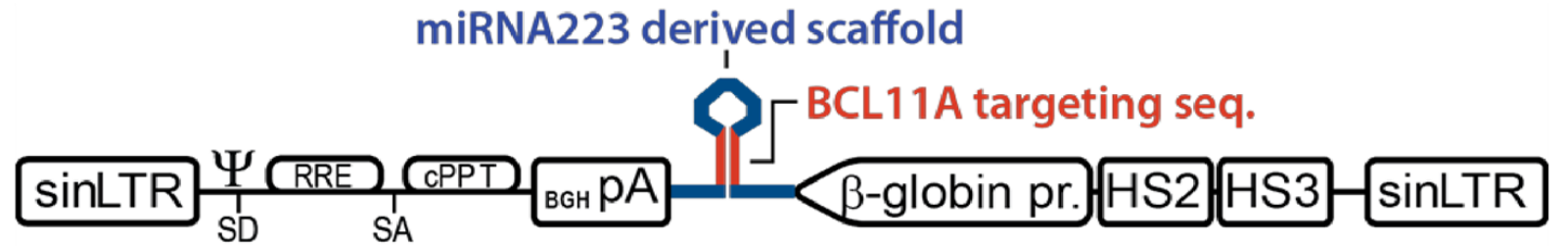
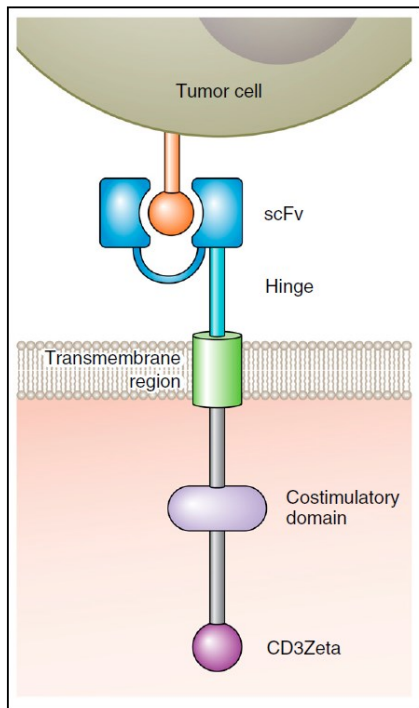
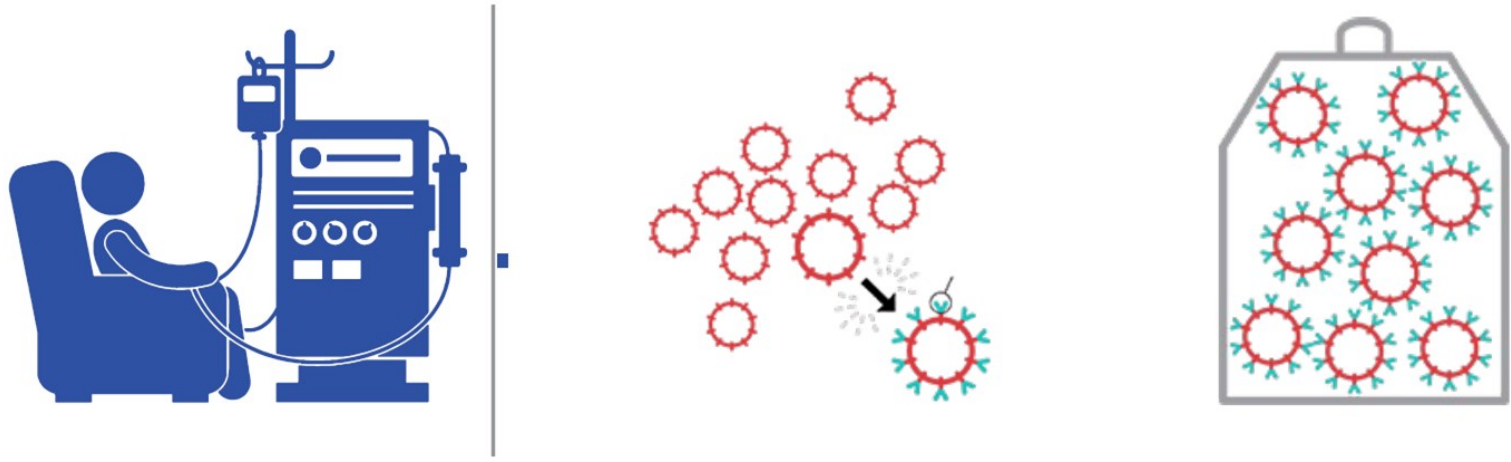
1. Greater involvement of academic centers in the idea and development stage
2. Personalized, particularly autologous therapies
3. Treatment Center is the part of the manufacturing continuum
4. Issues related to long-term follow up



Current Trends in HSCGT/IEFGT/Vaccines/In vivo GT

- **Growing number of FDA licensed products (HSC, CAR-T, TILs)**
 - Multiple products in pipeline to be approved before the end of 2024 and many more in 2025.
 - Multiple investigational products in development
 - Challenge to define clinical priorities. Competition between “equals”.
 - Need of refined laboratory tests to demonstrate superiority.
- **Increased use of investigational CTL, VSTs, MLNK, CAR-NK, B-cell, T-reg, iPSC-derived differentiated cells/tissues/organoids:** solid tumors, regenerative medicine, infectious diseases, autoimmune disorders,...
- **Gene Editing**
 - CRISPR/Cas9, base editors, prime editors
 - Concerns about long-term effects (potency and safety). Time will say!
- **Personal Neoantigen Vaccines (TCR dependent or TCR independent)**
 - RNA-, DNA-, peptide- loaded nanoparticles
 - RNA-, DNA-, peptide- loaded cells
- **In vivo gene therapy**
 - Lentiviral vectors for CAR-T generation in vivo
 - Lentiviral vectors for SCD gene therapy

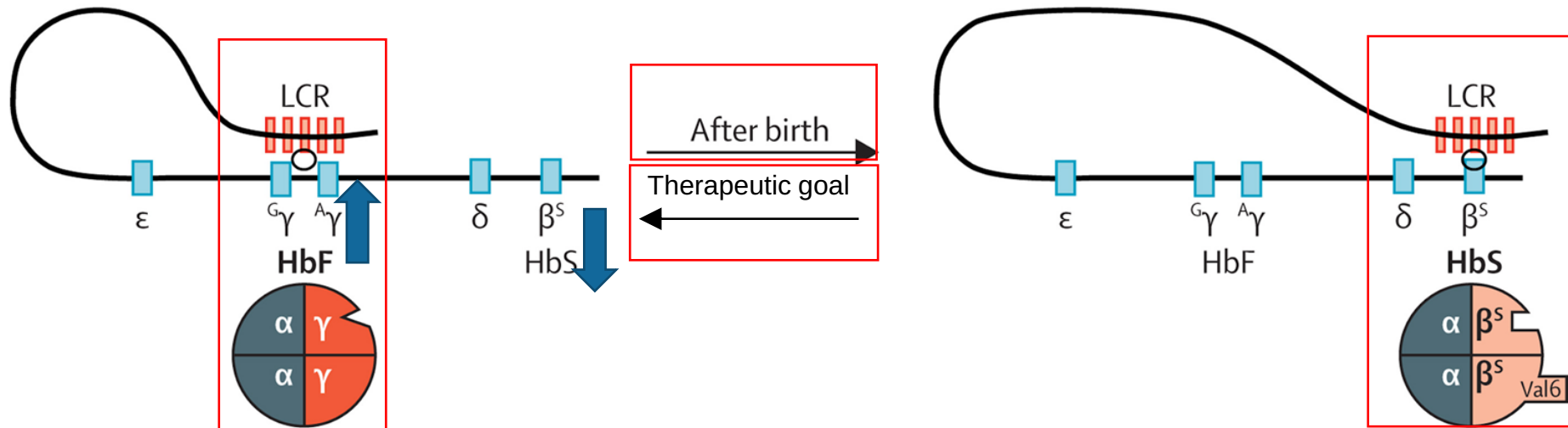
Currently licensed genetically modified T cell products



Locus Control Region (LCR) repositions after birth to adult β -globin gene leading to SCD

Flipping the fetal to adult switch on SCD

Sickle-cell disease



Lette and Bauer. *Lancet*, 2016

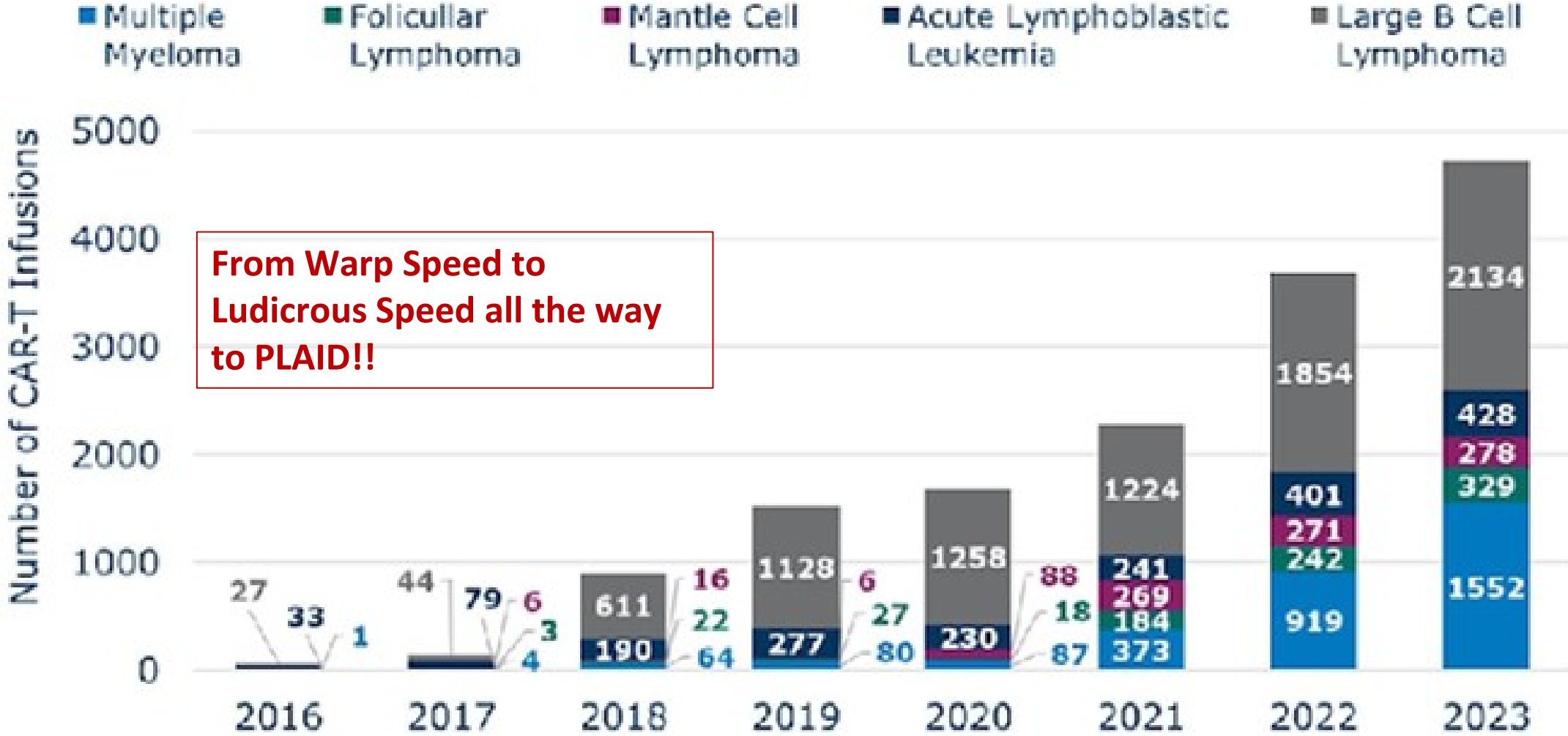
US FDA licensed cell-based therapeutics for specific indications: corporations

<u>ABECMA (idecabtagene vicleucel)</u>	BCMA CAR-T	Celgene Corporation, a BMS Company
<u>AMTAGVI (lifileucel)</u>	Melanoma TIL	Iovance Biotherapeutics, Inc.
<u>AUCATZYL (obecabtagene autoleucel)</u>	CD19 CAR-T	Autolus Limited
<u>BREYANZI (lisocabtagene maraleucel)</u>	CD19 CAR-T	Juno Therapeutics, Inc., a BMS Company
<u>CARVYKTI (ciltacabtagene autoleucel)</u>	BCMA CAR-T	Janssen Biotech, Inc.
<u>CASGEVY (exagamglogene autotemcel [exacel])</u>	GE: Sickle Cell Disease	Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated
<u>KYMRIAH (tisagenlecleucel)</u>	CD19 CAR-T	Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation
<u>LANTIDRA (donisleucel)</u>	Allogeneic pancreatic islets	CellTrans Inc.
<u>LAVIV (Azcicel-T)</u>	Allogeneic fibroblasts (for nasolabial wrinkles)	Fibrocell Technologies
<u>LENMELDY (atidarsagene autotemcel)</u>	LVV: Metachromatic Leukodystrophy	Orchard Therapeutics (Europe) Limited
<u>LYFGENIA (lovotibeglogene autotemcel [lovo-cel])</u>	LVV: Sickle Cell Disease	bluebird bio, Inc.
<u>OMISIRGE (omidubicel-only)</u>	Nicotinamide-modified HPC(CB) - HSCT	Gamida Cell Ltd.
<u>PROVENGE (sipuleucel-T)</u>	Activated CD54+ PB cells – Prostate Ca.	Dendreon Corp.
<u>REGENECYTE (HPC, Cord Blood)</u>	Allo, unrelated HPC(CB)	StemCyte, Inc.
<u>RETHYMIC</u>	Allogeneic thymic tissue	Enzyvant Therapeutics GmbH
<u>RYONCIL (remestemcel-L-rknd)</u>	Allogeneic BM MSC - GvHD	Mesoblast, Inc.
<u>SKYSONA (elivaldogene autotemcel)</u>	LVV: Adrenoleukodystrophy	bluebird bio, Inc.
<u>STRATAGRAFT</u>	Allogeneic cultured keratinocytes/dermal fibroblasts in murine collagen	Stratatech Corporation
<u>TECARTUS (brexucabtagene autoleucel)</u>	CD19 CAR-T	Kite Pharma, Inc.
<u>TECELRA (afamitresgene autoleucel)</u>	MAGE4 TCR restricted engineered T-cell	Adaptimmune LLC
<u>YESCARTA (axicabtagene ciloleucel)</u>	CD19 CAR-T	Kite Pharma, Incorporated
<u>ZYNTEGLO (betibeglogene autotemcel)</u>	LVV: Beta-thalassemia	bluebird bio, Inc.

FDA approved CAR T cell products

Disease	CAR T-Cell Therapy Approved	5 Companies	Date of Approval	Target
Large B-Cell Lymphoma	Axicabtagene ciloleucel	Kite	October 2017	CD19
	Tisagenlecleucel	NVS	May 2018	CD19
	Lisocabtagene maraleucel	BMS	Feb 2021	CD19
Mantle Cell Lymphoma	Brexucabtagene autoleucel	Kite	July 2020	CD19
Follicular Lymphoma	Axicabtagene ciloleucel	Kite	March 2021	CD19
	Tisagenlecleucel	NVS	May 2022	CD19
Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia	Lisocabtagene maraleucel	BMS	March 2024	CD19
Multiple Myeloma	Idecabtagene vicleucel	BMS	March 2021	BCMA
	Ciltacabtagene autoleucel	Janssen	Feb 2022	BCMA
Adult ALL	Brexucabtagene autoleucel	Kite	October 2021	CD19
	Obecabtagene Autoleucel	Autolus	November 2024	CD19
Pediatric ALL	Tisagenlecleucel	NVS	August 2017	CD19

Number of CAR-T Infusions by Indication in the US Annually



CMCF as an example of central, academic cell therapy focused facility

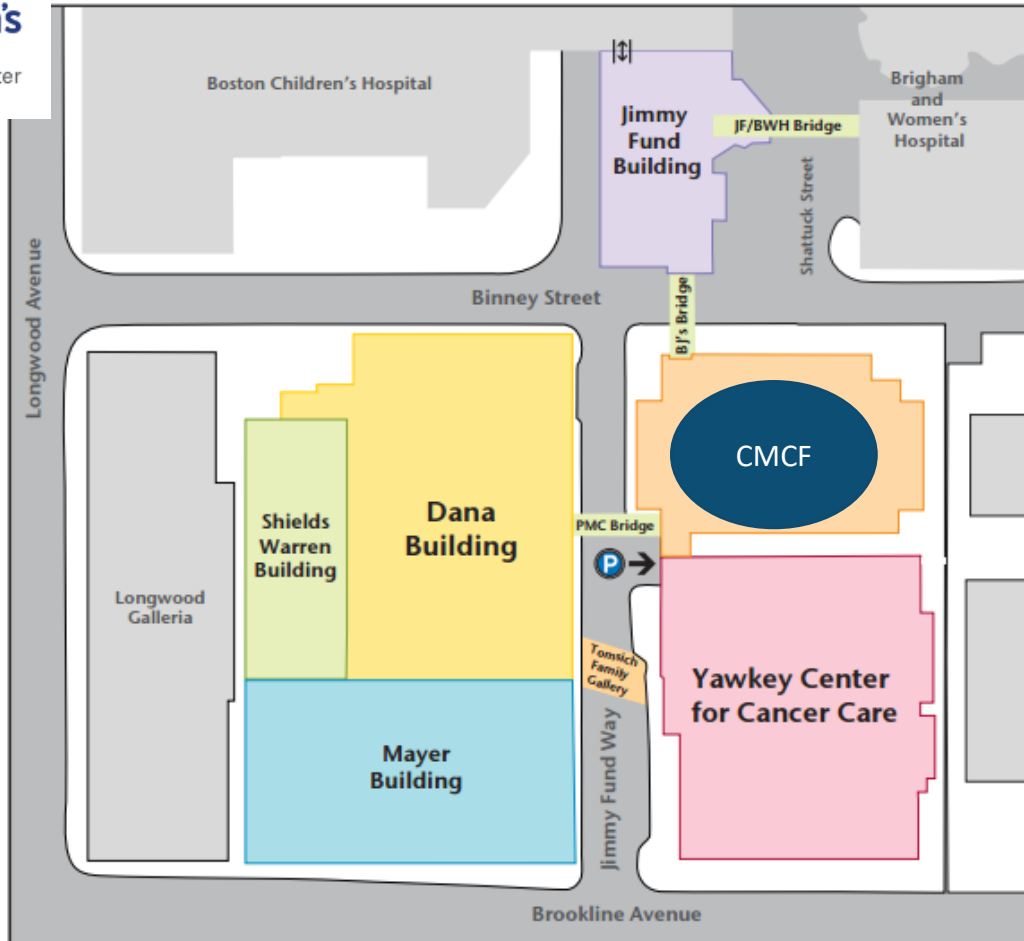


Dana-Farber/Boston Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders Center

BCH Pedi
BMT/IEC



ANA-FARBER Longwood Campus



Dana-Farber
Cancer Institute



Brigham Cancer Center

DF/BWH & DF
Adult In-Pt



Dana-Farber
Cancer Institute

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Out-Pt



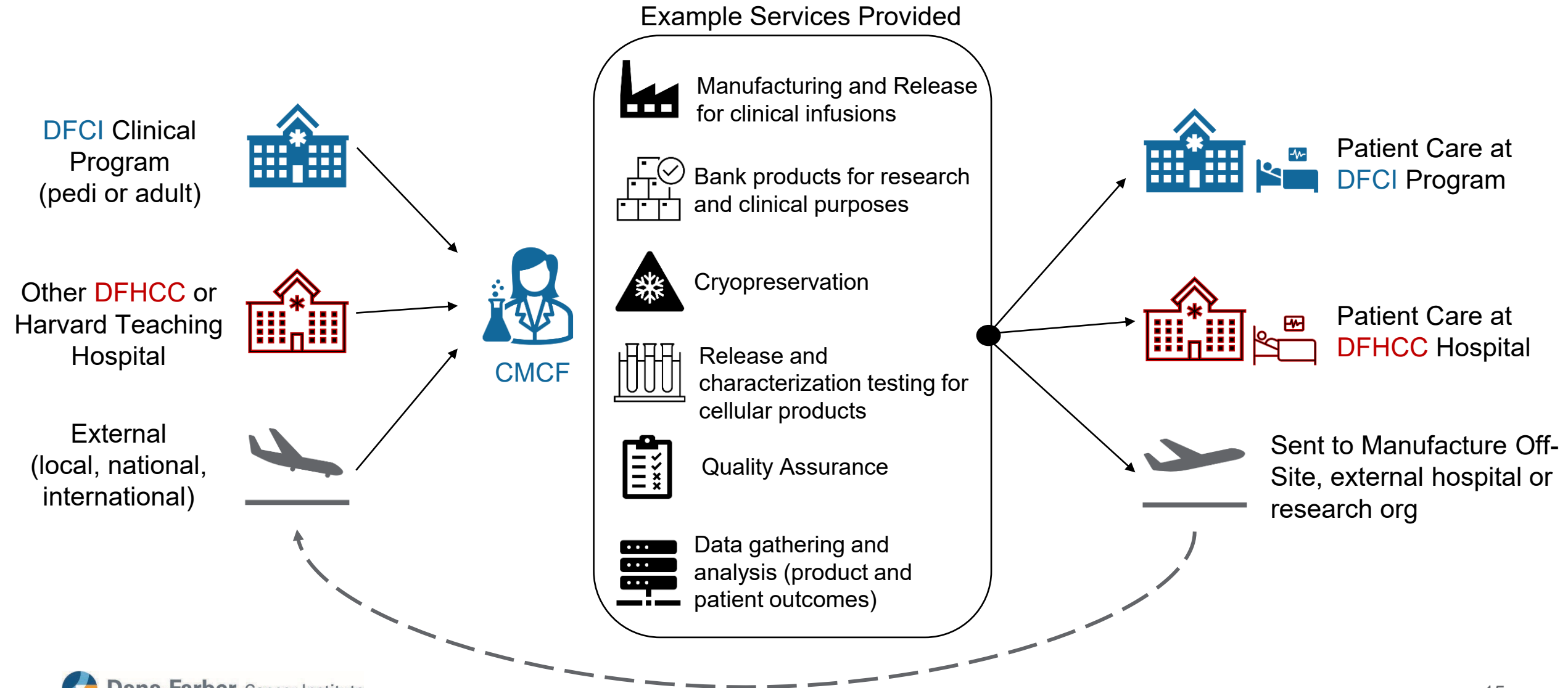
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Connell and O'Reilly Families Cell Manipulation Core Facility (CMCF)

- **Supports Adult and Pediatric Stem Cell Transplant Programs at DFCI, BCH and BWH**
 - FACT Accredited cell manufacturing for minimal and extensive cell processing
- **Cell Pharmacy**
 - Support inventory management and distribution of FDA-approved and investigational cellular products manufactured at other facilities
- **Cell manufacturing support for clinical trials – Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center BCH, BWH, MGH and other sites**
 - Hematopoietic stem cell transplantation – stem cell graft engineering
 - Cell therapy for cancer - CAR T cells, NK cells
 - Genetic modification of hematopoietic stem cells – gene therapy for sickle cell disease
 - Development of novel cell therapeutics
- **Work with basic and clinical investigators to develop novel cell therapies**
 - Technical
 - Scale up cell manufacturing, standardization of procedures
 - Reagents, equipment, quality control, release testing
 - Validation of manufacturing procedures for cellular products
 - Regulatory
 - Supports FDA Investigational New Drug (IND) applications

High-Level Schema of Clinical-Based Activity in CMCF



Examples of investigational products generated in an academic facility

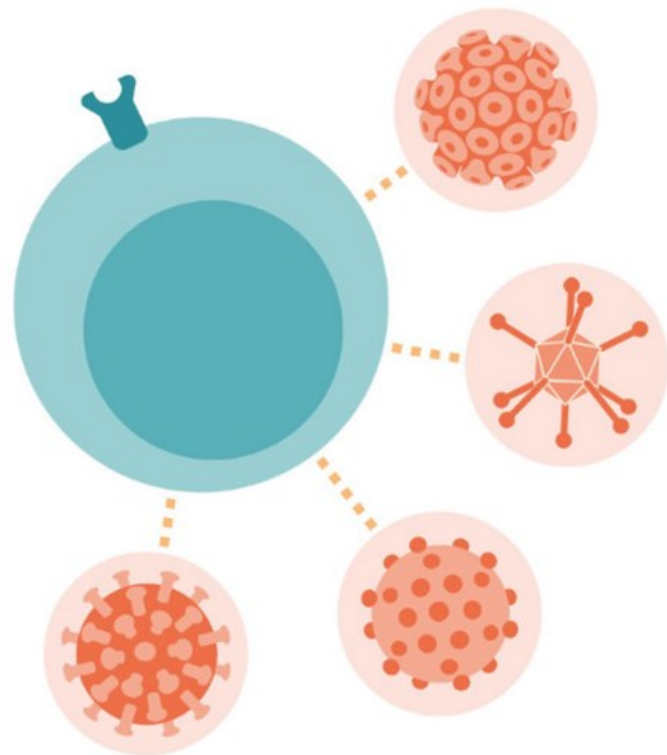
Cell-based CGT & our academic experience

CAR-T (RVV/LVV) T-reg (isolated or expanded) TIL (unmod or RNA modified) Vaccines (RNA or peptide)	VST (CMV, EBV, Adeno, BKV)	B-cells CIML-NK CAR-NK CAR-M	MSC iPSC/ Dopaminergic neurons CALEC	HSC, macrophages, neutrophils: LVV Gene editing
		Master Cell Banks for viral production Master Cell Banks for peptide presentation		

Most are autologous products with exceptions of MSC and MCBs

Third-party virus-specific T cells for the treatment of double-stranded DNA viral reactivation and posttransplant lymphoproliferative disease after solid organ transplant

Are virus-specific T cells (VST) a safe and effective therapy for viral infections in SOT recipients?



Open label, phase II trial

98 SOT recipients

Quadrivalent third-party VST infusions for:



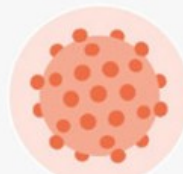
ADV



BKPyV



CMV



EBV

Median: 2 infusions per patient

Overall response rate:

68% ADV

45% BKPyV

65% CMV

61% EBV

Of patients with postTx lymphoproliferative disorder:

20% had a complete response

40% had a partial response

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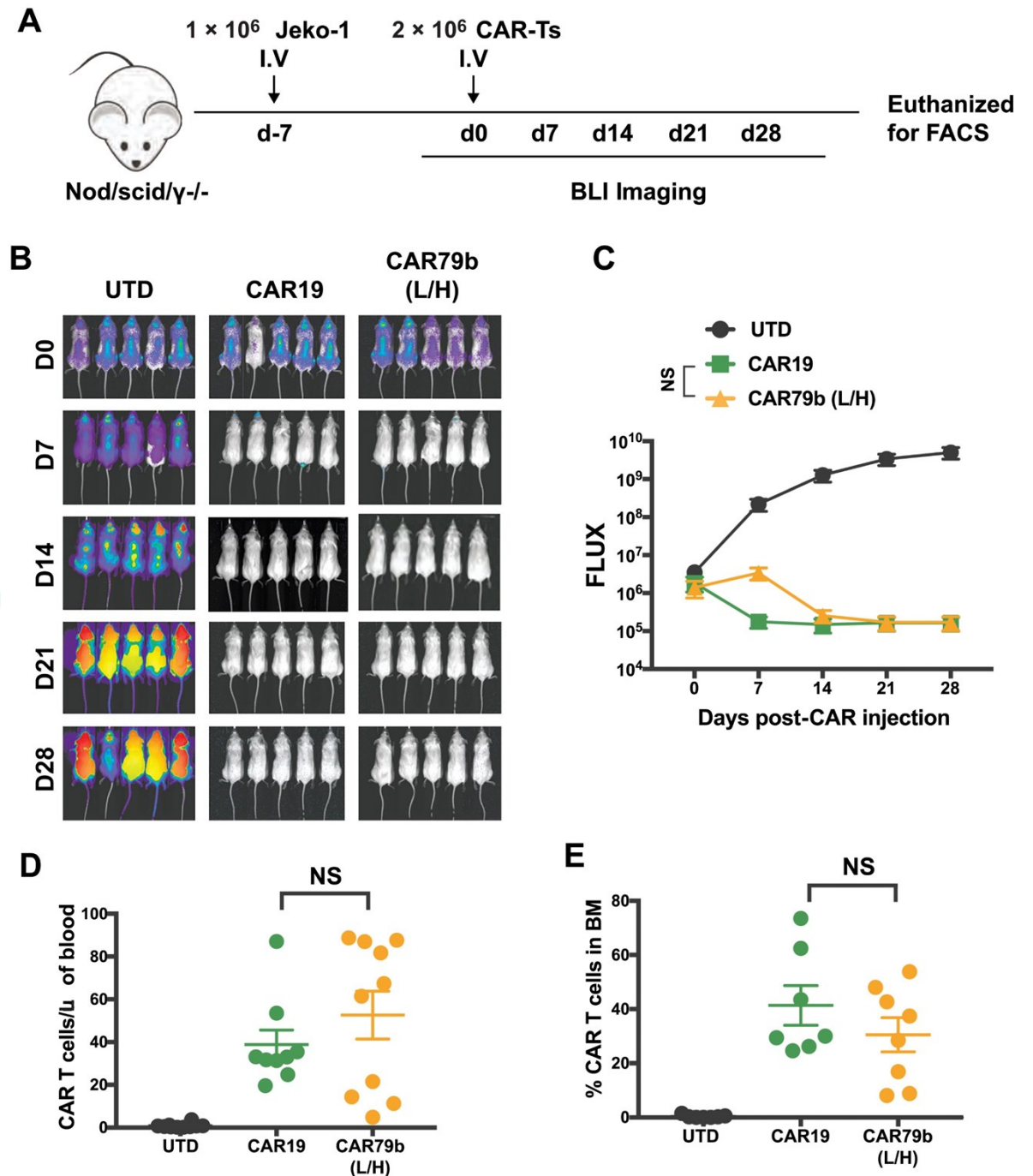
CD79b-19 CAR T Cells in Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma

ClinicalTrials.gov ID NCT06026319

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Chimeric Antigen Receptor T Cells Targeting CD79b Show Efficacy in Lymphoma with or without Cotargeting CD19

Marcella Maus, MD



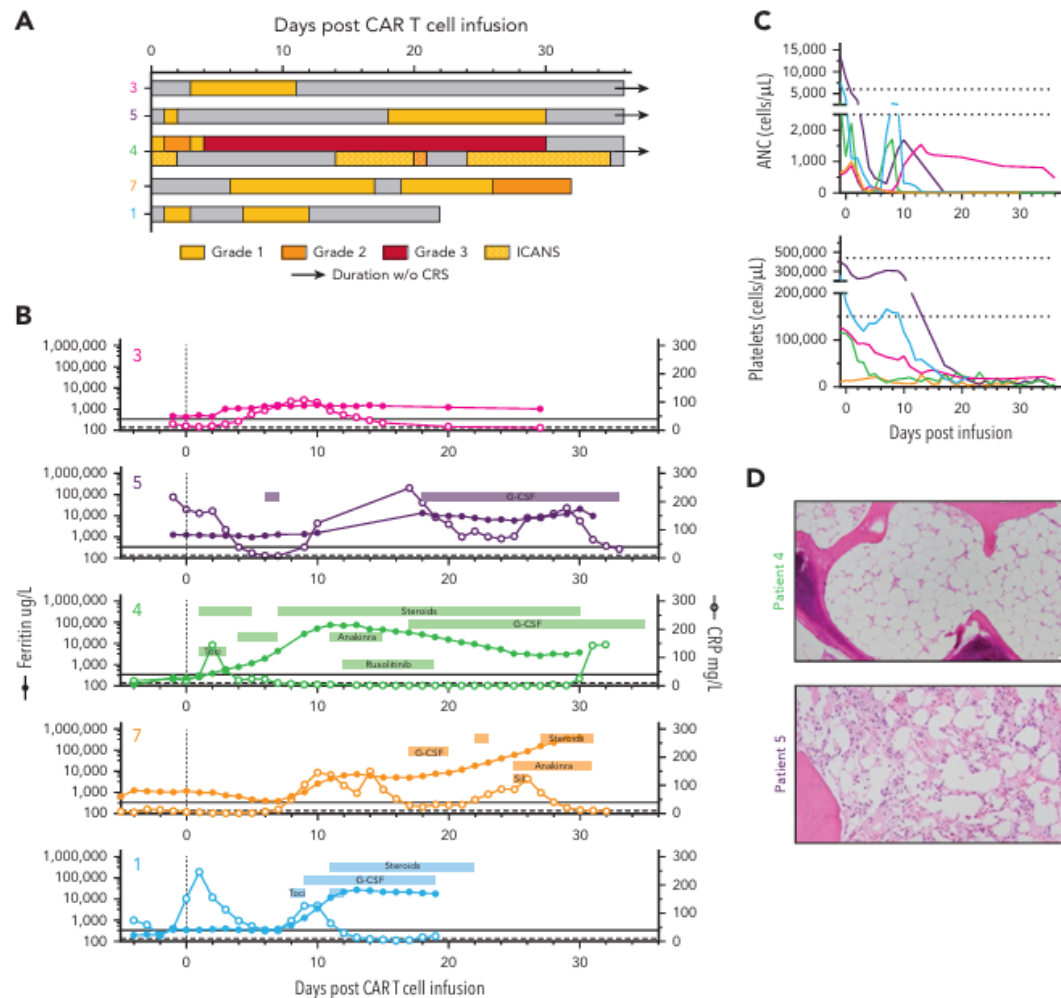
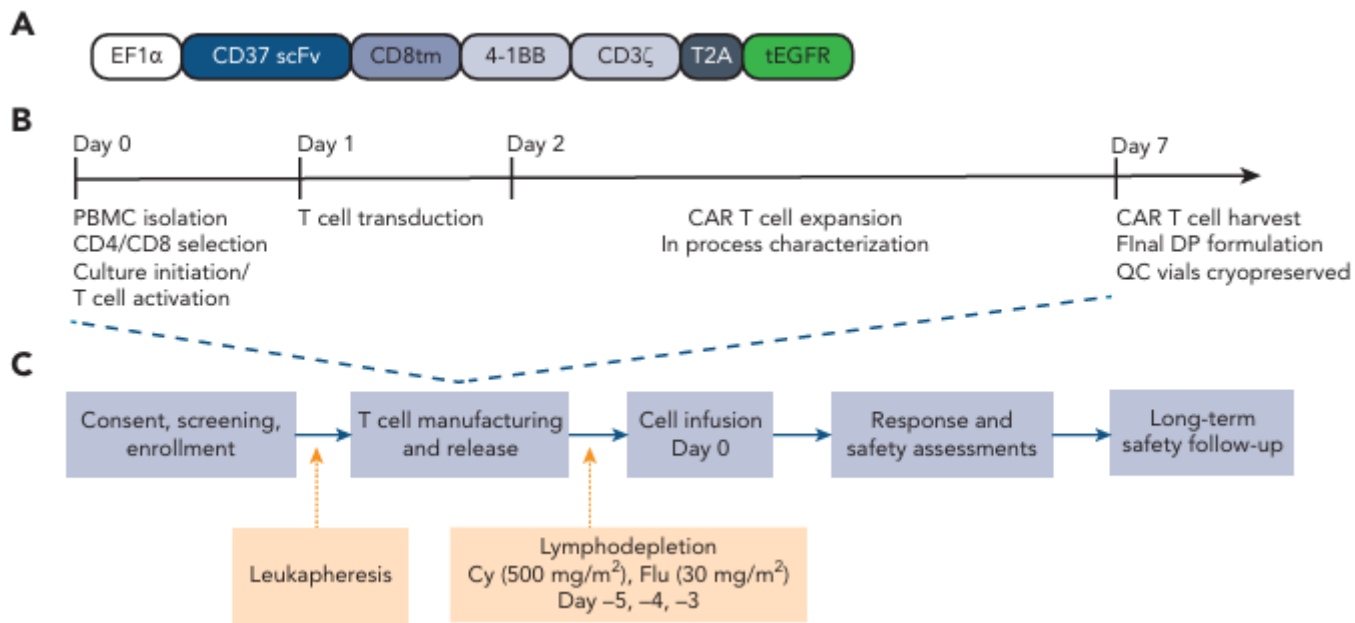
Completed 

CAR-37 T Cells in Hematologic Malignancies

ClinicalTrials.gov ID  NCT04136275

CLINICAL TRIALS AND OBSERVATIONS

Phase 1 study of CAR-37 T cells in patients with relapsed or refractory CD37⁺ lymphoid malignancies



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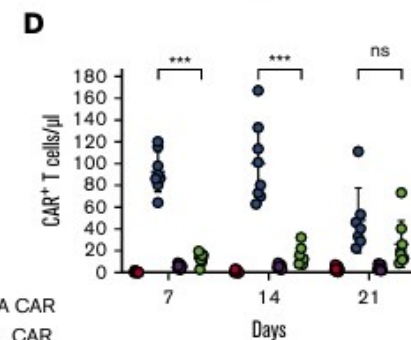
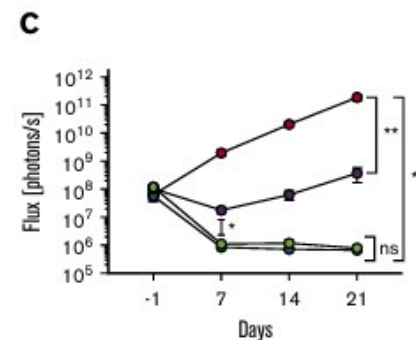
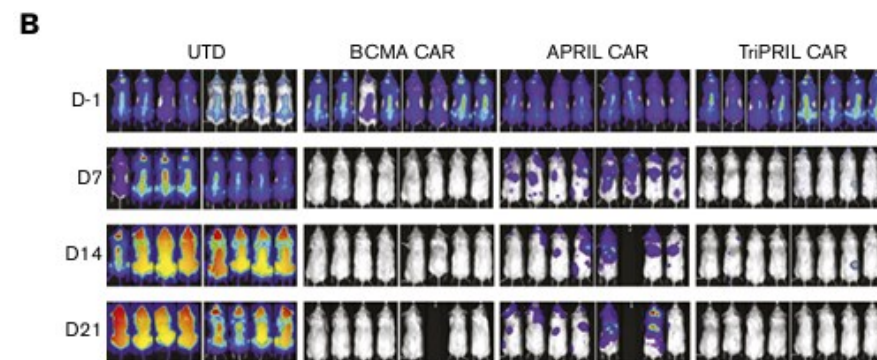
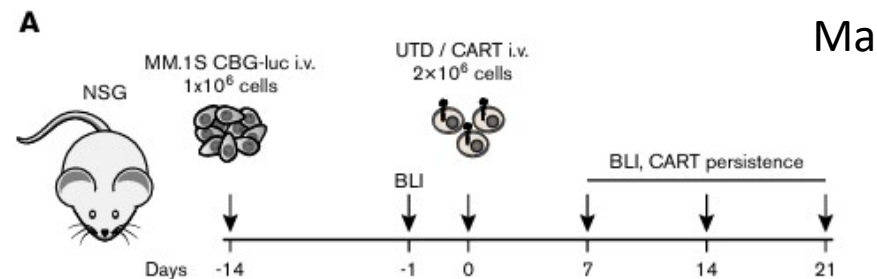
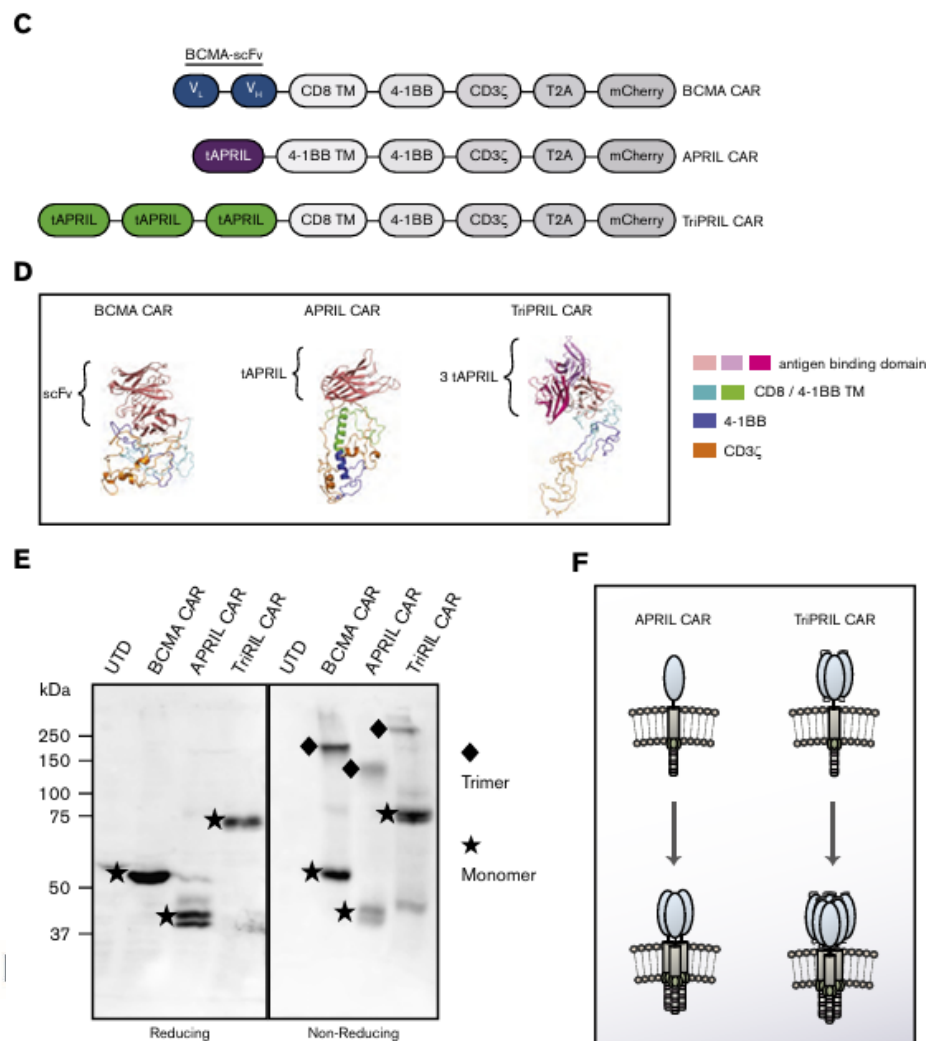
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TriPRIL CAR T Cells in Multiple Myeloma

ClinicalTrials.gov ID  NCT05020444

Rational design of a trimeric APRIL-based CAR-binding domain enables efficient targeting of multiple myeloma

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CARv3-TEAM-E T Cells in Glioblastoma

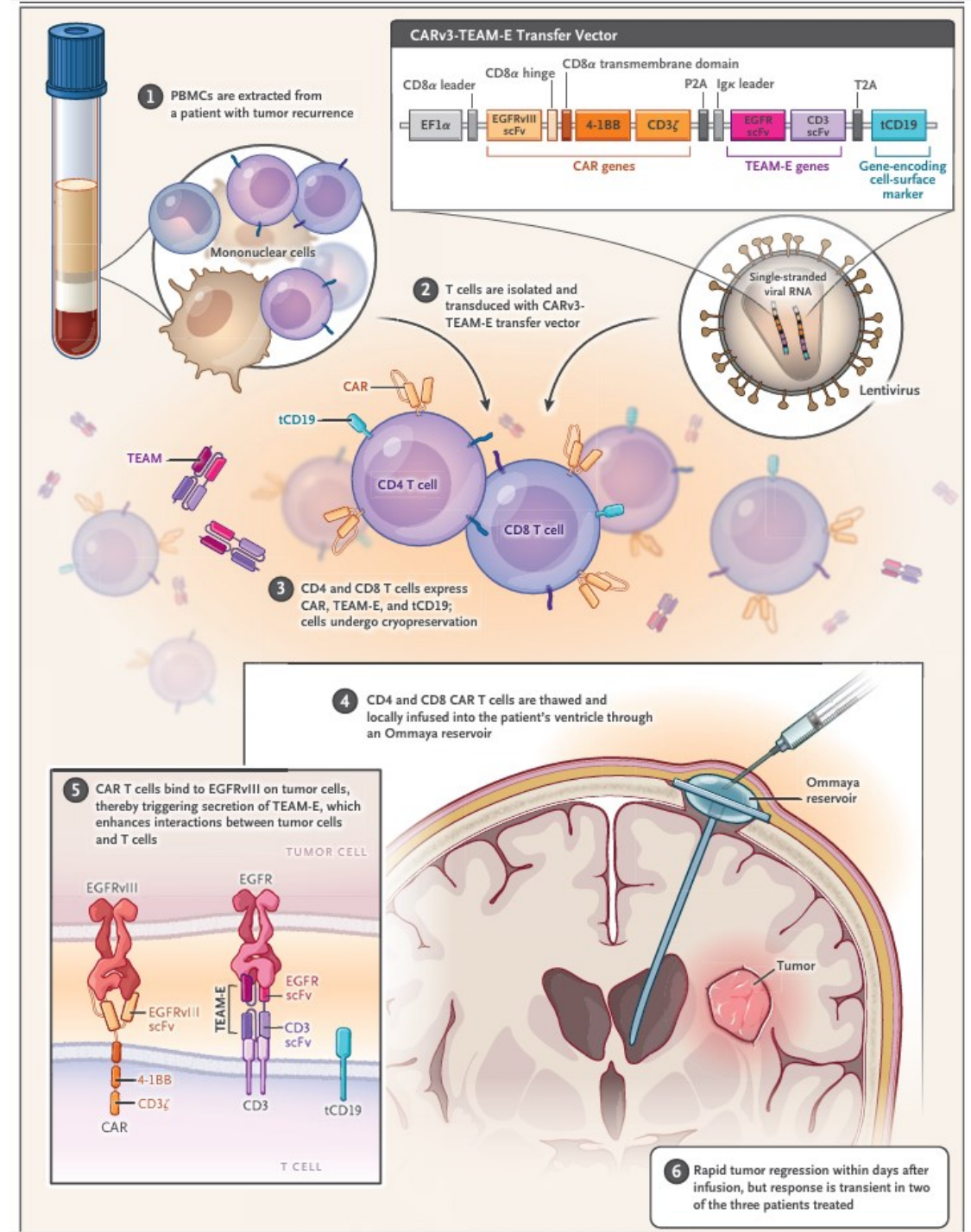
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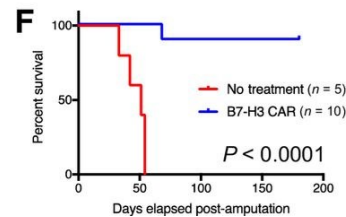
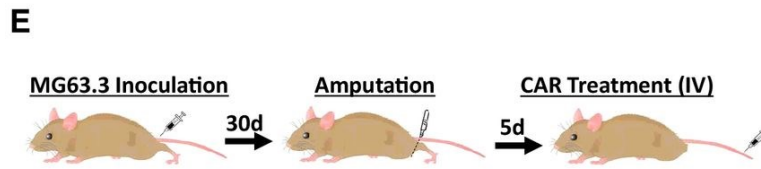
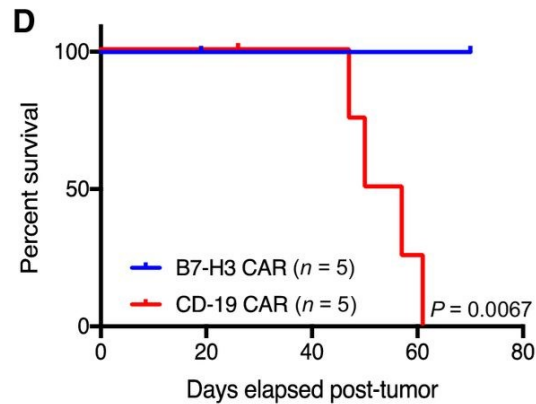
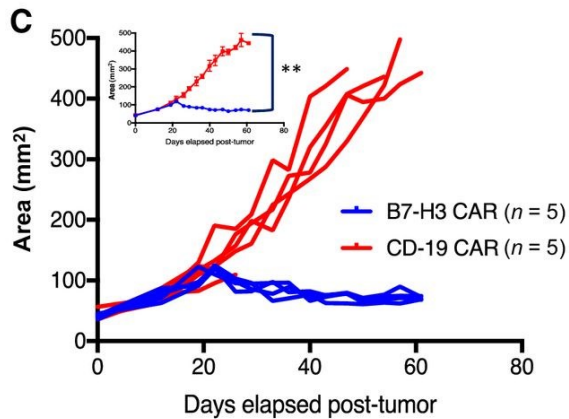
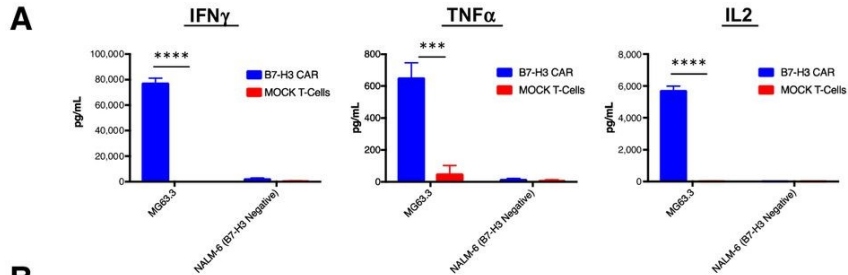
BRIEF REPORT

Intraventricular CARv3-TEAM-E T Cells in Recurrent Glioblastoma

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Tech transfer of a new B7-H3 CAR-T in glioma



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CAR T Cells Targeting B7-H3, a Pan-Cancer Antigen, Demonstrate Potent Preclinical Activity Against Pediatric Solid Tumors and Brain Tumors **FREE**

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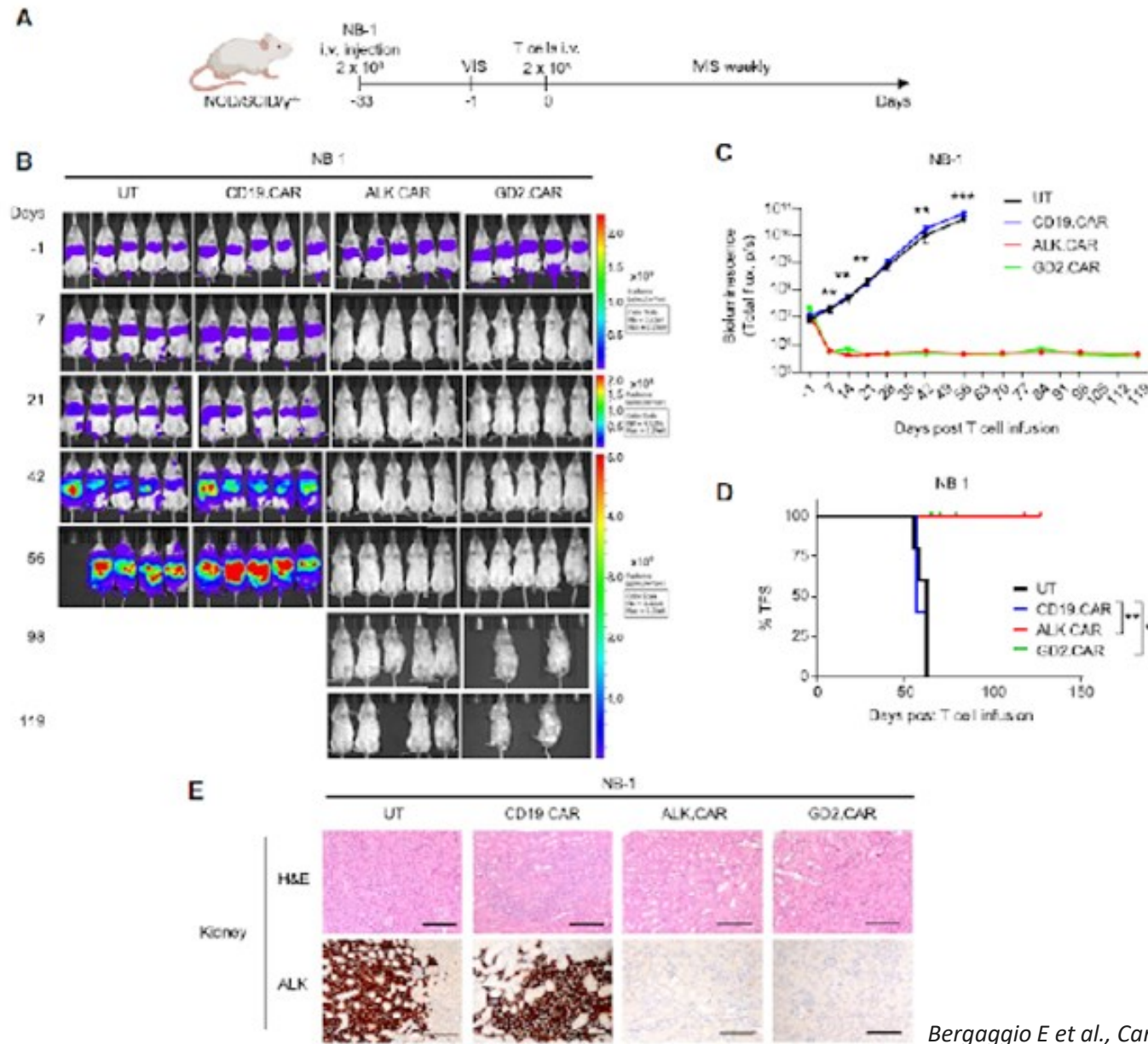
<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41591-024-03451-3>

Intracerebroventricular B7-H3-targeting CAR T cells for diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma: a phase 1 trial

Robbie Majzner,
MD

From Pre-Clinical to Clinical: Practical problems you may encounter

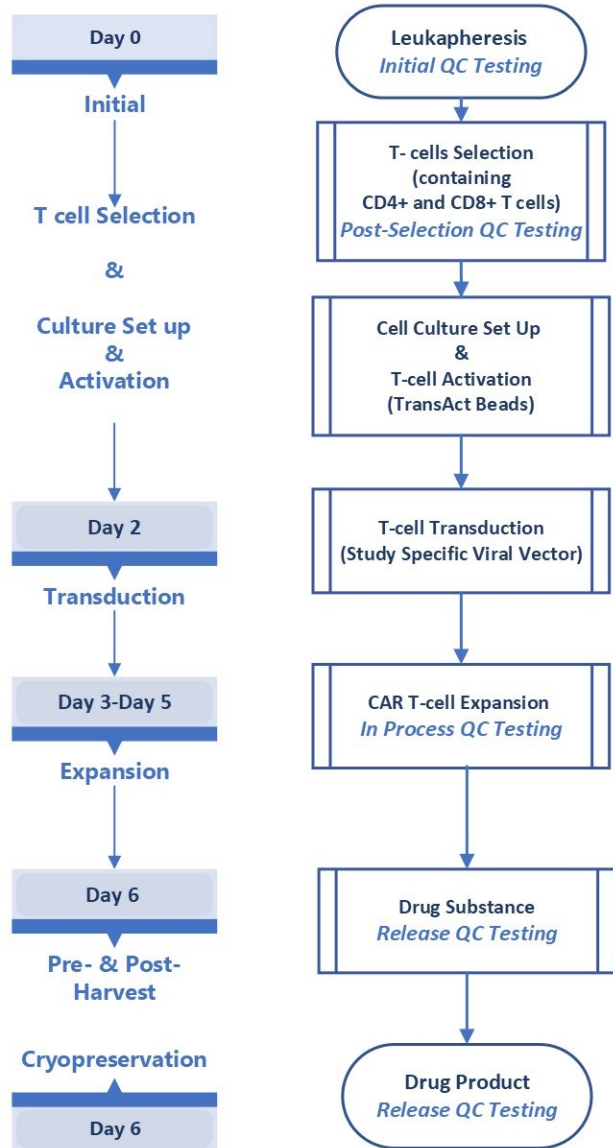
Case Study: Onboarding CAR T cells for Neuroblastoma



- Dr. Chiarle's lab generated ALK.CAR vector: target the ALK receptor selectively expressed by Neuroblastoma cells and showed that their efficacy depends on the abundance of ALK receptor on the surface of tumor cells
- Tested the anti-tumor activity in a mouse model of ALK driven Neuroblastoma
 - Ffluc transduced NB-1 in NSG
 - CAR = CD28 costimulatory endodomain
 - Transduction efficiency= 50%
- UT= Untreated Group
- CD19.CAR= Negative Control
- ALK.CAR= Test Group
- GD2.CAR= Positive Control

Case Study: Onboarding the New CAR T Study

✓ Manufacturing Process:



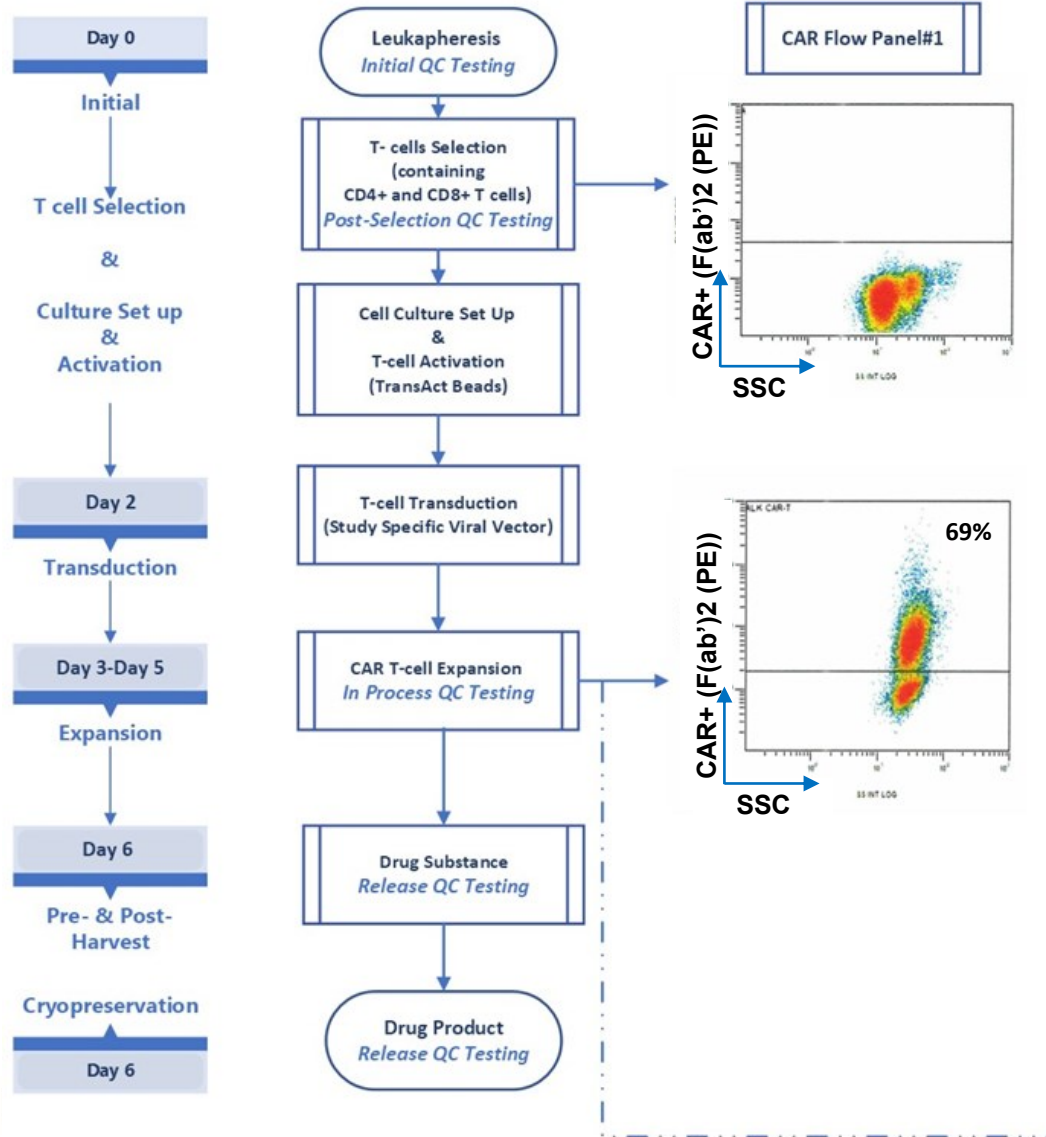
✎ Assay Validations:

Common Assays used for CAR T

Tests	Platform Validated
Cell Count	✓
Viability	✓
Transduction Efficiency	✓
RCR/RCL	✓
Flow cytometry	✓
VCN assay	✓
Mycoplasma	✓
Endotoxin	✓
Sterility (BacT ALERT)	✓
Potency	-
Other	-

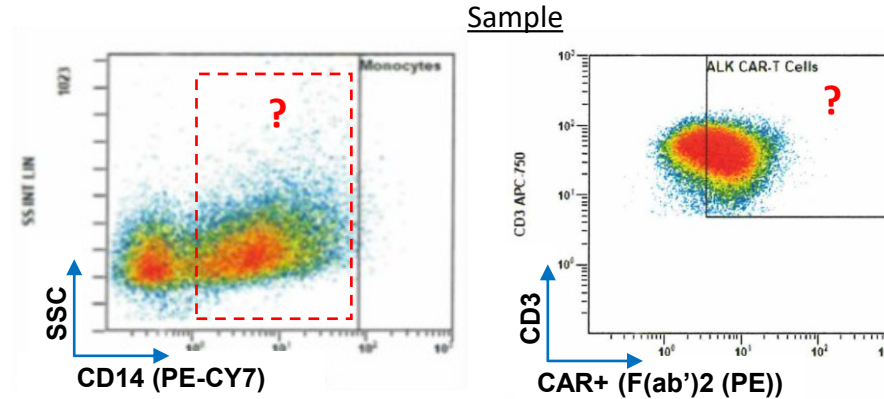
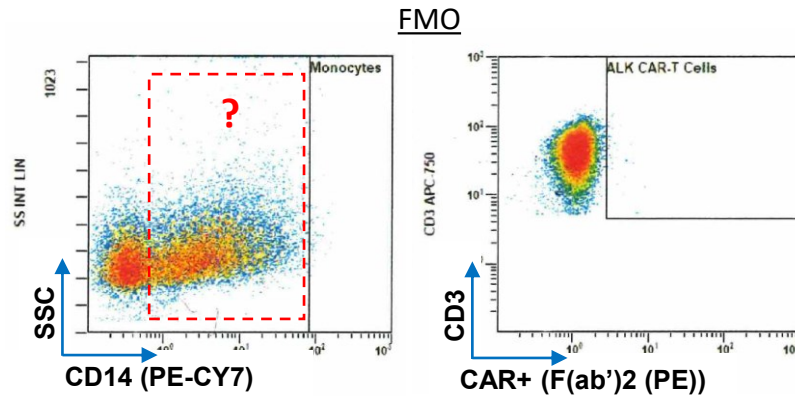
Case Study: CAR T cells Manufacturing for Neuroblastoma in CMCF

Training Run #1



Case Study: Troubleshooting CAR Flow Panel #2

Step 1: define issue



Step 2:

- connected with CAR+ AB manufacturer
- shared available data
- and followed suggestion:
 - Fc blocking
 - order a new AB with different fluorochrome as PE fluorescence protein could stick to the cells
 - add goat/human/rabbit serum to the staining buffer

Step 3:

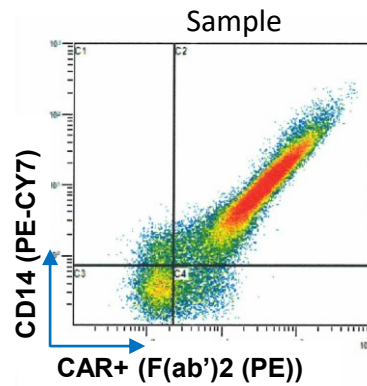
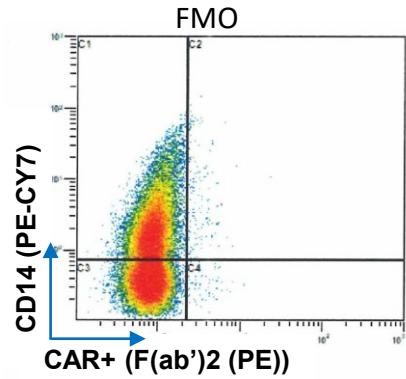
- informed Sponsor and shared current troubleshooting plan
- brainstorm back up plan(s)

Considering:

- Timeline?
- Acceptable to FDA?
- Cost effective?

Case Study: Addressing Non-Specific/ Unwanted AB Binding

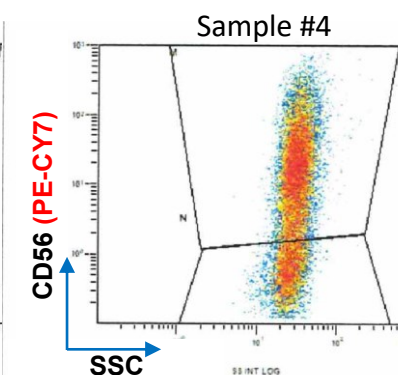
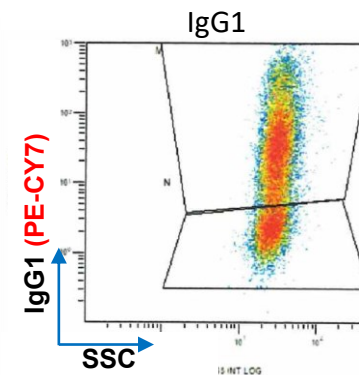
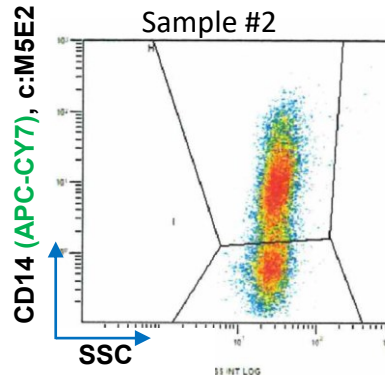
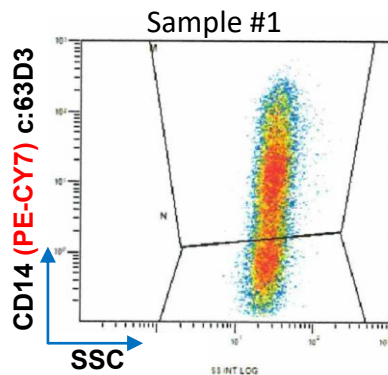
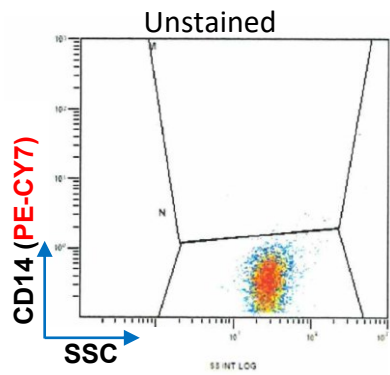
Troubleshooting #1



CAR+ cells = CD14 PE-Cy7

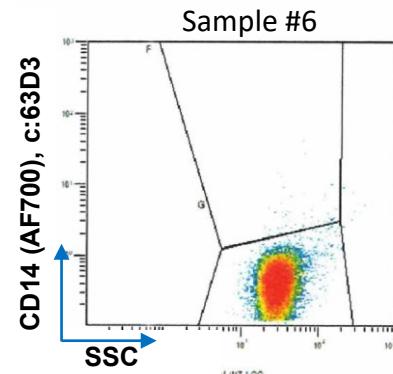
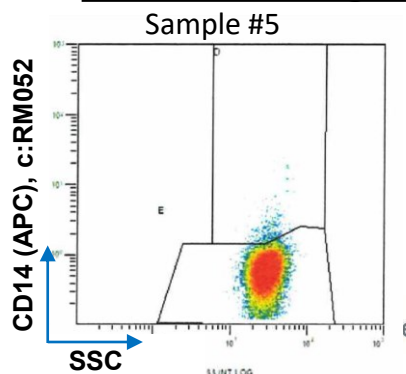
Fluorochrome	CD-	Clone	Pos / Neg
PE-Cy7	CD14	63D3	+
APC	CD14	RM052	-
APC-Cy7	CD14	M5E2	+
AlexaFluor700	CD14	63D3	-
PE-Cy7	CD56		+
PE-Cy7	IgG1		+

Troubleshooting #2



CAR+ cells = -Cy7?

Troubleshooting #3



CAR+ cells bind to -Cy7

Progress:

Company Field Specialist:

"I think we need to start from scratch"

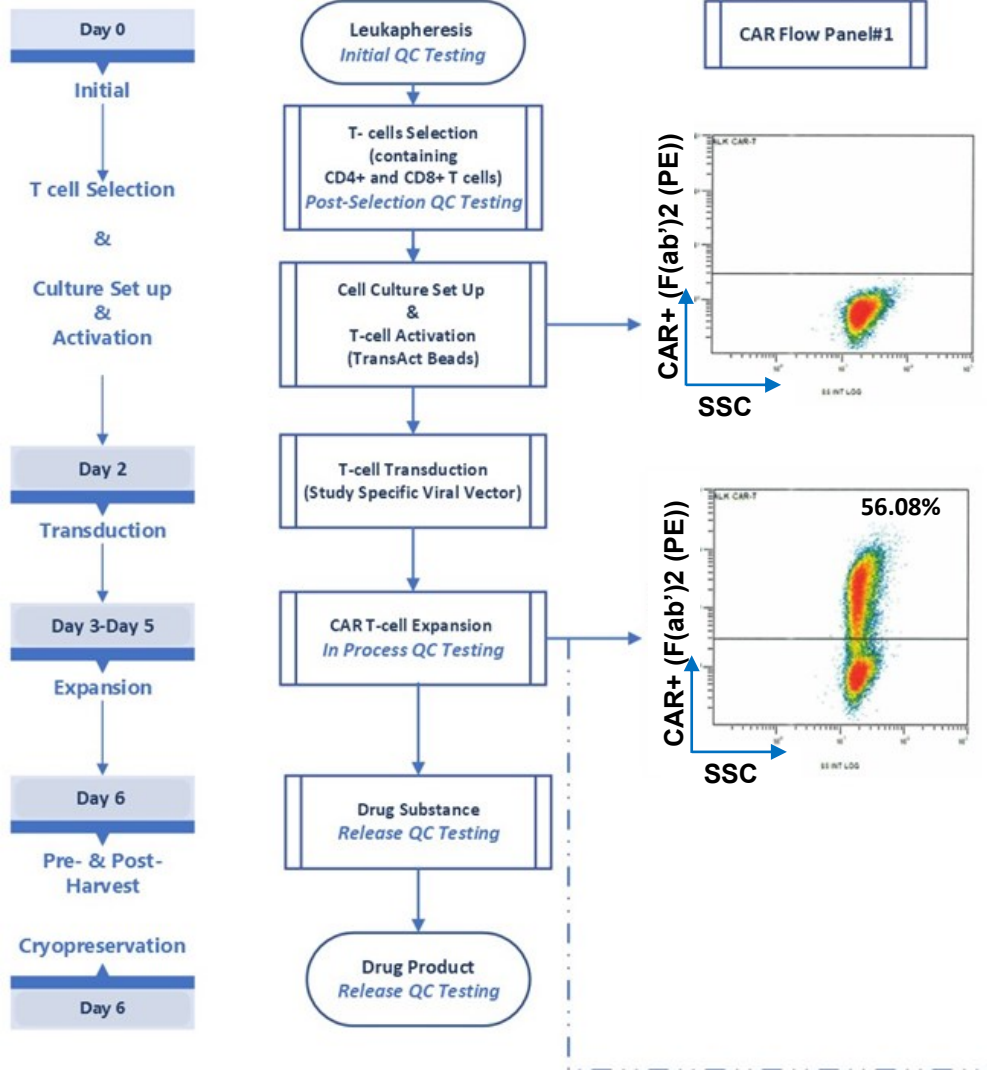
Sponsor: *"Timeline?"*

CMCF :

"Let's replace AB containing -Cy7 and try again"

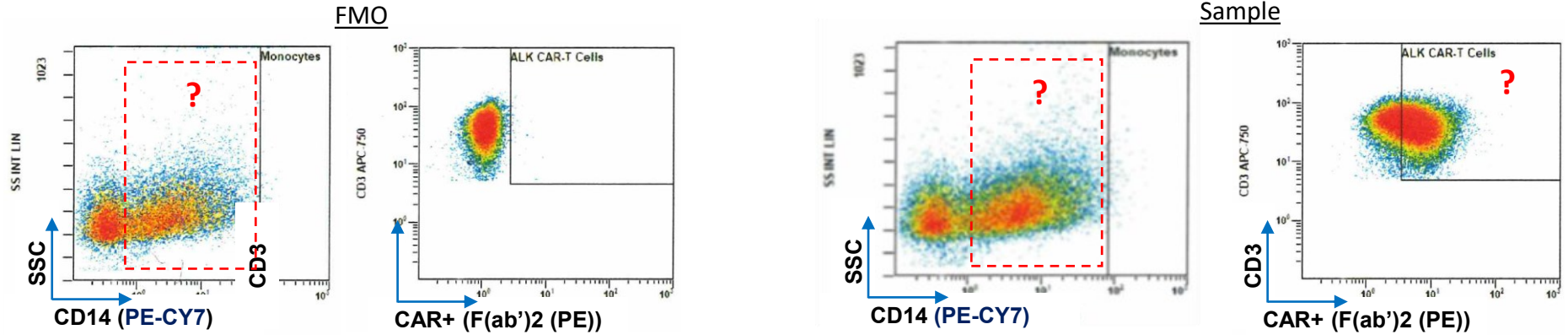
Case Study: Replace CD14 PE-Cy7 with CD14 APC

Training Run #2



Case Study: CAR Flow Panel #2 Final Touch

Conclusion 1 :
non-specific/
undesired
binding



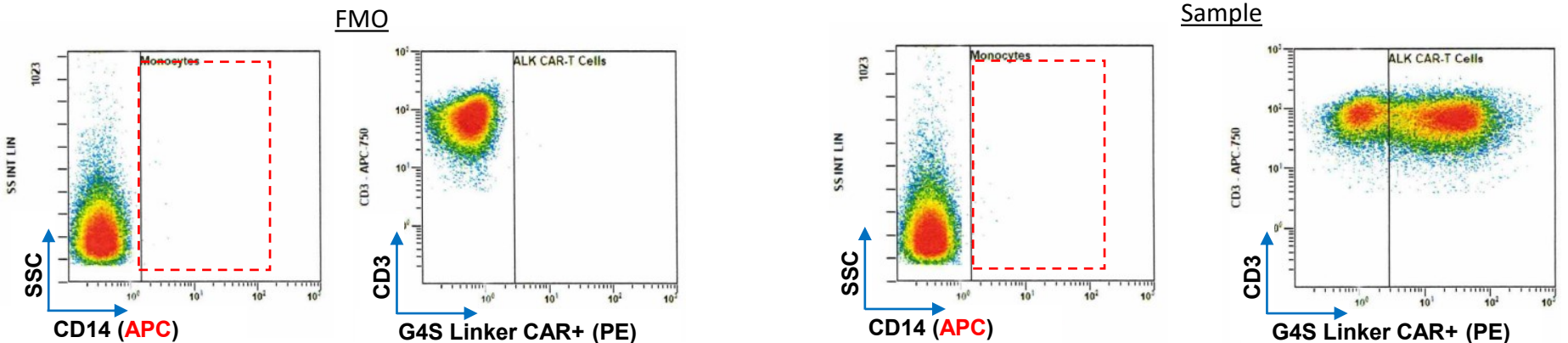
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Study of hALK.CAR T Cells for Patients with Relapsed/refractory High-risk Neuroblastoma

ClinicalTrials.gov ID NCT06803875

Conclusion 3:
✓ Safety & Use
G4S linker



Certification and Accreditation of professionals and clinical and manufacturing sites

Standards

Accreditation Process

Inspectors

Education and Resources

Standards



Hematopoietic Cellular Therapy

Immune Effector Cells

Common for Cellular Therapies

Cord Blood Banking

Establishing Global Standards in Cellular Therapies

- **Foundation for the Accreditation of Cellular Therapy**
- Accreditation body for multiple types of cell therapy for decades
- Designed to ensure quality standards but vetting internal quality management systems – including education, availability of qualified staff and resources, and continual data review
- All aspects of chain – apheresis, cell processing lab, clinical program

Growing AABB's Biotherapies Footprint

Credentialing the Workforce

The Certified Advanced Biotherapies Professional (CABP) program continues to grow.

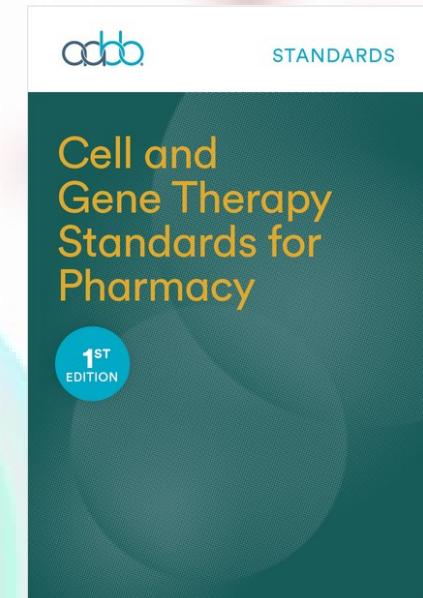
150 credentialed, with over 50 more in progress.



AABB | Certified Advanced Biotherapies Professional

Raising the Bar in Accreditation and Standards

12th ed. of *Cellular Therapy Standards* effective July 1, 2025, expanding focus on critical technology considerations, returned and reissued products.



New Accreditation Program: *Cell & Gene Therapy Standards for Pharmacy*



**Quality Management
Systems** CERTIFICATION

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Check out these AABB Publications



AABB Biotherapies Manual Coming Soon!



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Cell & Gene Therapy: 2026

1. Ten years ago, groundbreaking, lifesaving and 'transformative CGTs started being developed.
2. Today, the industry has realized much of that potential. CGTs have evolved from proof-of-concept to commercialized treatments, from pre-clinical concepts to reality.
3. In 2025, 43 FDA approvals and expansion of indications of earlier treatment lines.
4. The Industry is buzzing with new breakthroughs and technical/biological developments.
5. However, several concerns in the horizon seem to be harder-than-expected to fix.

The biggest challenges in cell and gene therapy: Global Accessibility

1. Making CGTs affordable and commercially viable
2. Each country is different, with different needs, regulatory framework and different expectations on outcome
3. Improving patient-specific supply chains
4. Standardization of Material Collection and Product Administration, at clinical sites and manufacturing processes
5. Standardization of QC and potency assays and processes.
6. Better, faster, cheaper!

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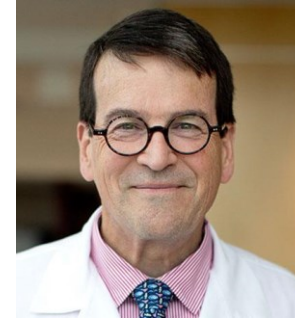
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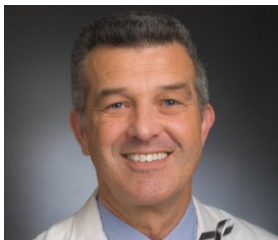
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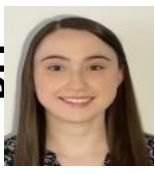


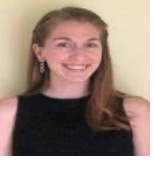
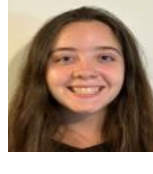
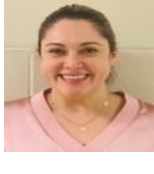
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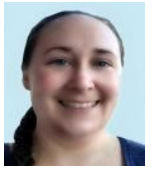








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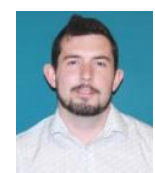



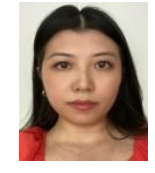



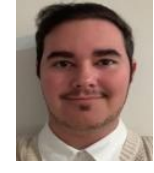
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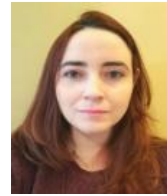

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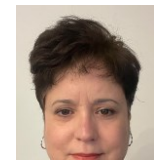









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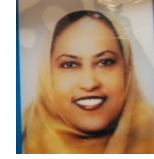

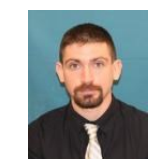
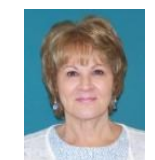


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