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Adoptive T-cell Immunotherapies for T-cell malignancies

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T-cell malignancies

T-cell leukemias

- ✓ T-cell acute Lymphoblastic leukemia (T-ALL)

15% of childhood AL

25% of adulthood AL

- ✓ T-cell Lymphoblastic lymphoma (TLLy)

Rare and no BM involvement

- ✓ Adult T-cell leukemia/Lymphoma (ATLL)

Rare and fatal outcome. HTLV1-driven.

- ✓ T-cell large granular lymphocytic leukemia (T-LGL)

- ✓ T-prolymphocytic leukemia (T-PLL)

Very rare

T-cell Lymphomas

- ✓ Cutaneous T-cell Lymphoma (CTCL)

Mycosis Fungoide

Sezary Syndrome

- ✓ Peripheral T-cell Lymphoma (PTCL)

Anaplastic large T-cell lymphoma (ALCL)

Angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma (AITL)

Extranodal (NK)-T-cell lymphoma (ENKTL)

Enteropathy-associated T cell lymphoma (EATL)

Hepatosplenic T-cell lymphoma (HSTCL)

PTCL-not otherwise specified

R/R patients wit T-cell tumors have few therapeutic options beyond allogeneic HSC transplant (25% TRM)

Current MoAb-based IT efficiency remains modest

- Toxin-conjugated anti-CD5 or toxin-anti-CD7 MoAb

- T-ALL 
- TCL 

- Immunecheckpoint Inhibitors in:

- ENKTL  
- TCL 

- Mogamulizumab (anti-CCR4 MoAb) in:

- Peripheral TCL 
- Cutaneous TCL 

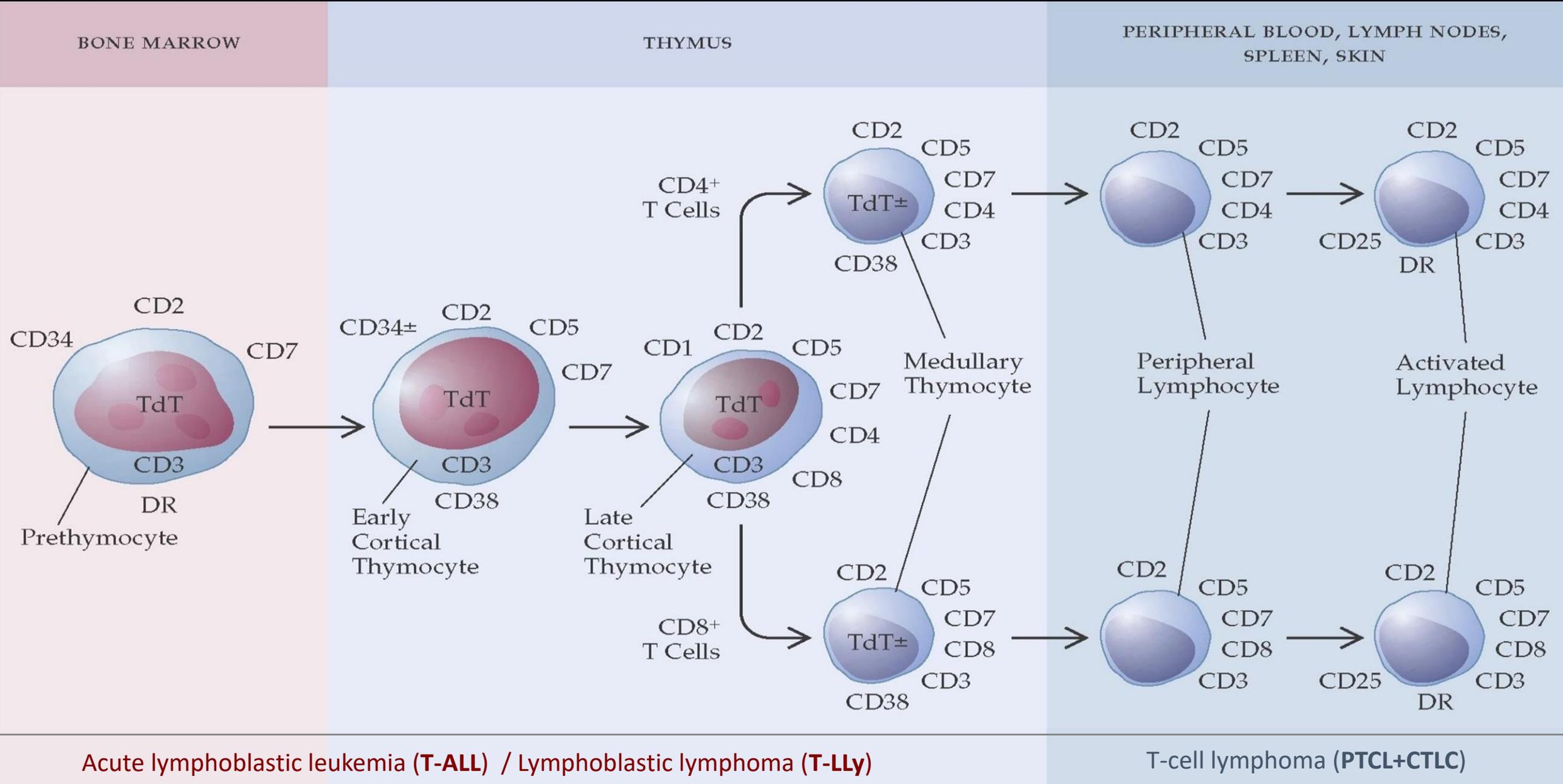
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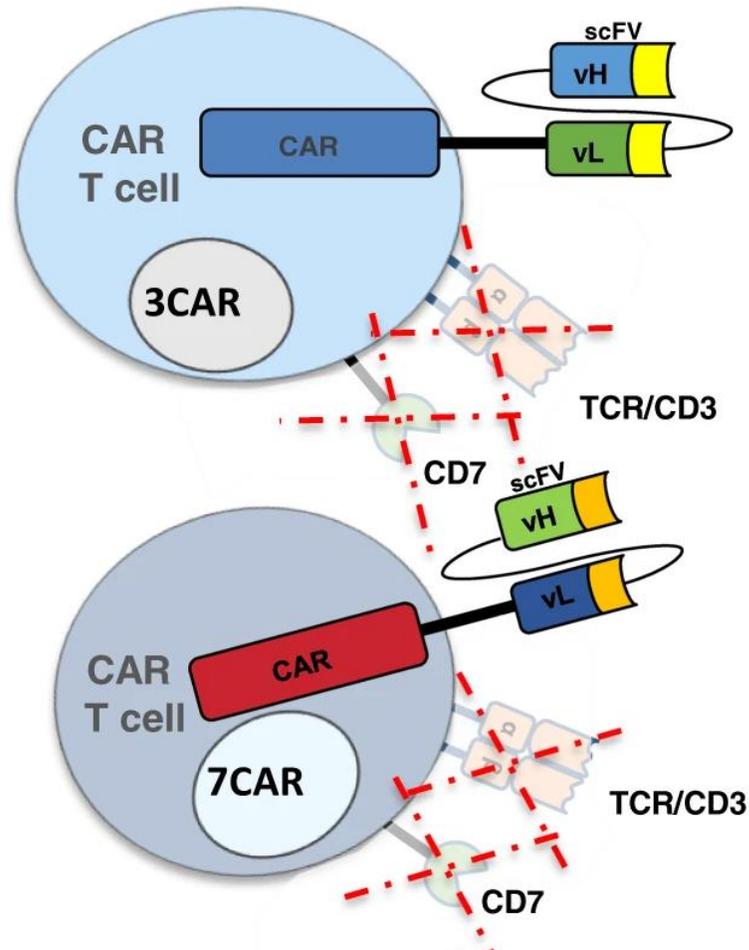
These agents could even increase disease progression and induce severe autoimmune symptoms in T-ALL due to tumor over-activation

Most targetable Ag are co-expressed in leukemic & normal T-cells

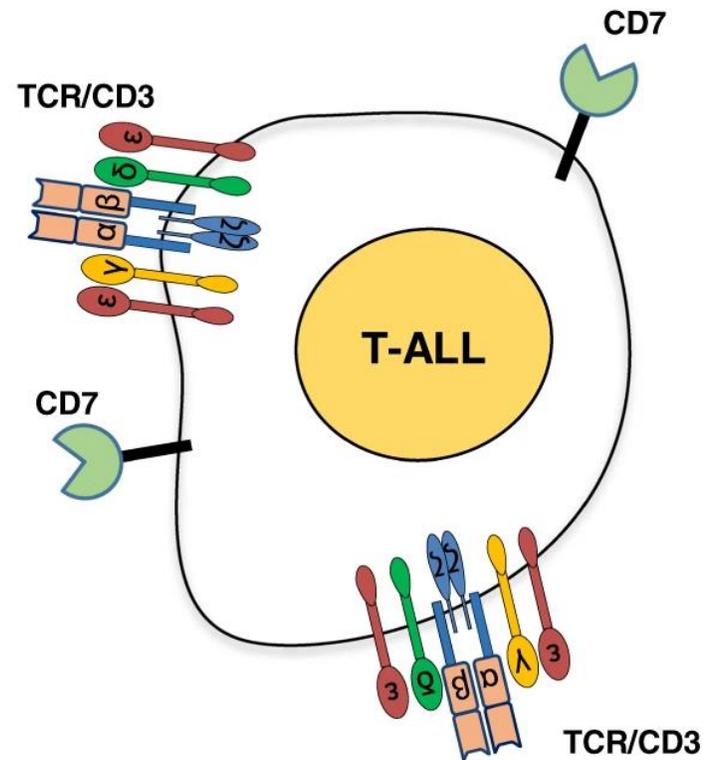


Not only T-cells Ags but also TCR/CD3 and HLA-II

Healthy T-cells



Tumoral T-cells



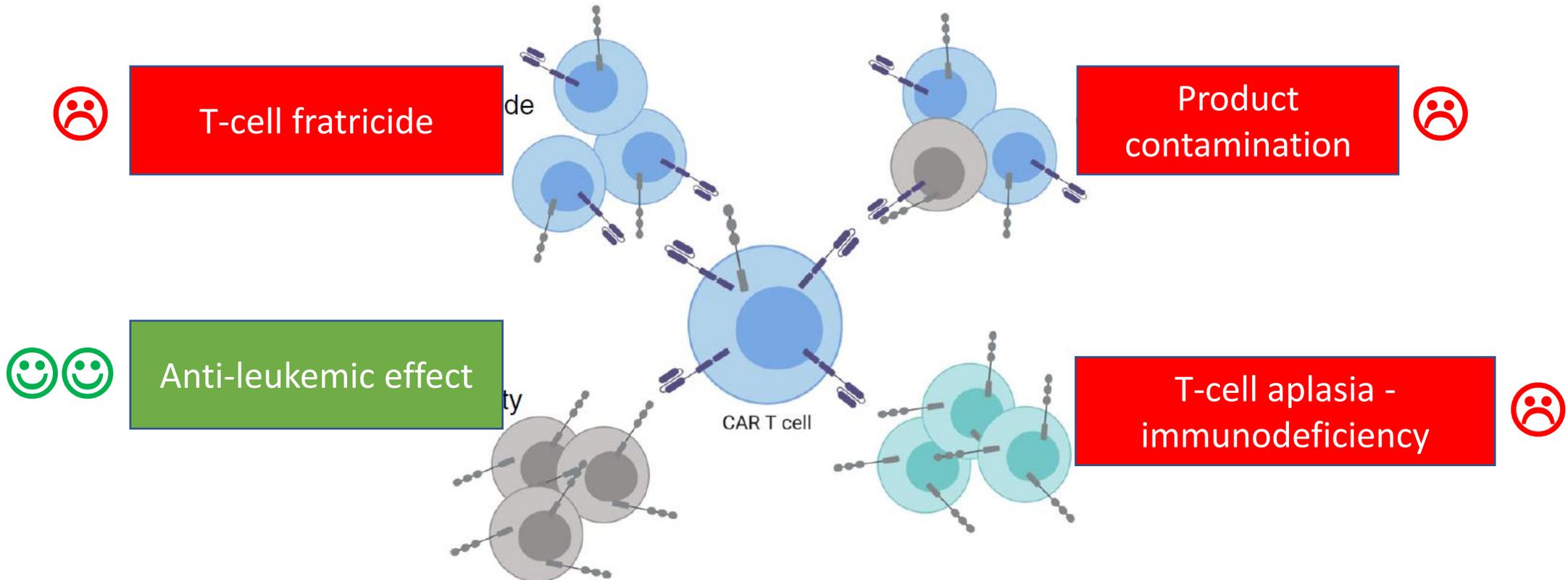
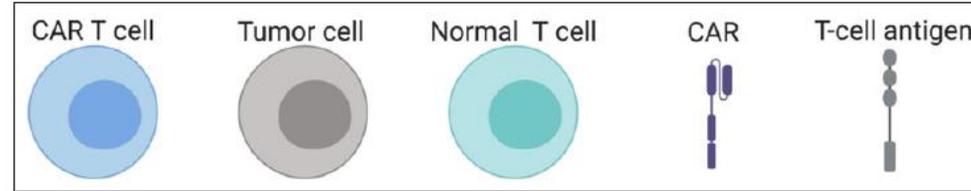
TCR/CD3/TRCA

HLA-II

CD3, CD2, CD5, CD7
CD4/CD8 etc

T-cell-based immunotherapies for T-cell tumors – major challenges

There is no a known T-cell tumor-specific Ag



Main limitations in developing IT for T-malignancies

1. Fratricide of CAR T cells



Impaired / Exhausted expansion
of therapeutic T-cells

2. Targeting normal T cells



Immune deficiency

3. Modification of malignant blasts



Tumor escape

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CD5 gets downregulated upon exposure to CD28-based CAR but not 41BB-based CAR

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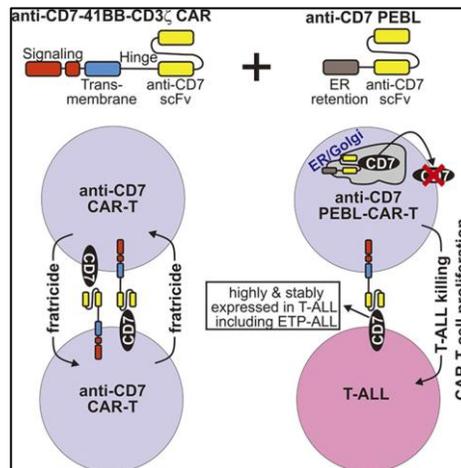
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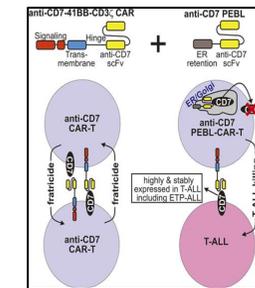
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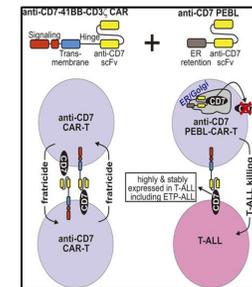
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Product contamination

- Inclusion criteria and clinical decisions (conditioning regimen, disease burden allowed to enter the treatment, apheresis purging, etc)
- Allogenic MHC-unrestricted NK- or $\gamma\delta$ T-cells as effector cells (no GvHD).
- Genome modification of TRCA, TCR/CD3 in allogenic $\alpha\beta$ T-cells.

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Spring
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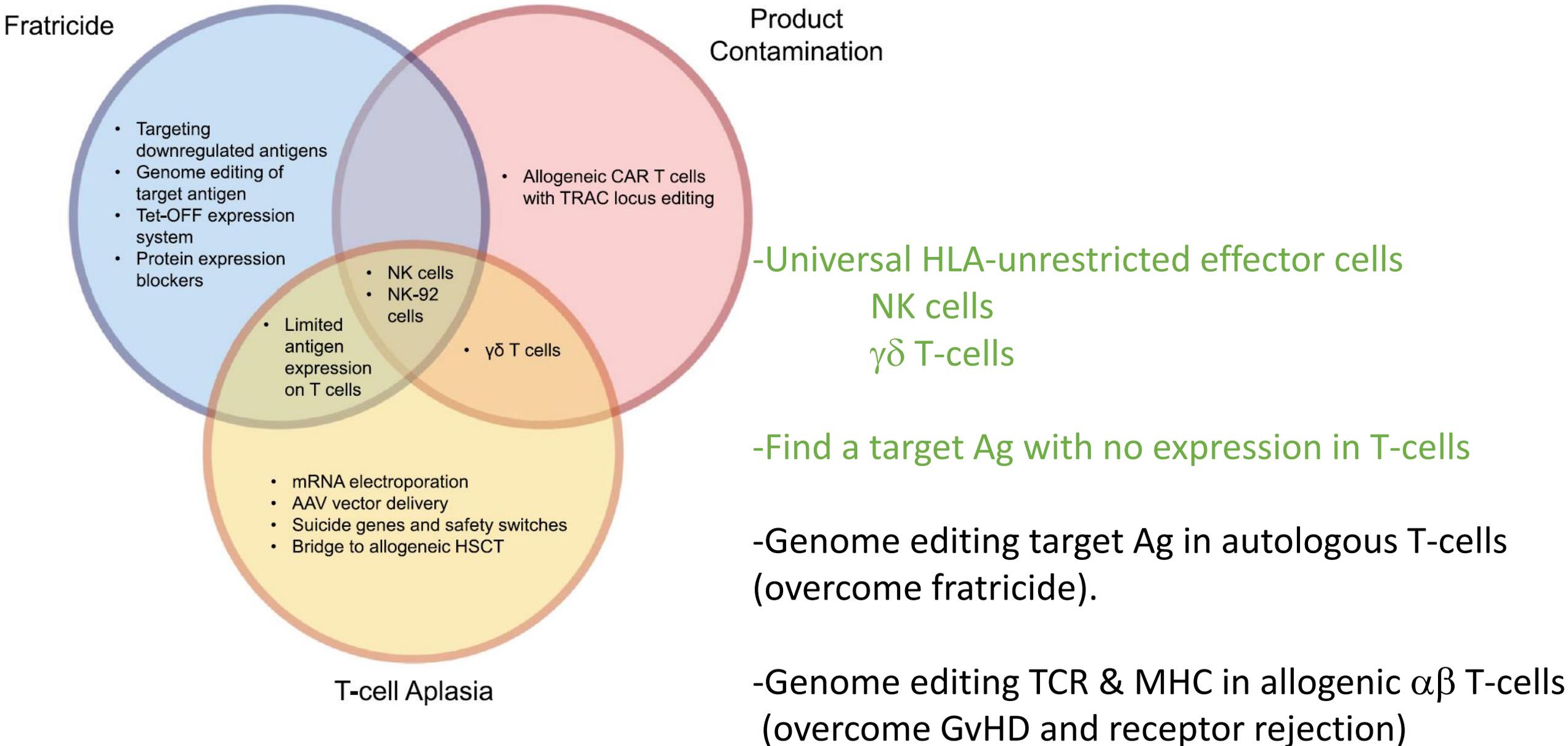
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SUMMARY on how overcome limitations of CAR T-cells in T-cell tumors



CLINICAL CURRENT SCENARIO

CAR T-cells targeting a Pan T-cell Ag

CAR T-cells targeting a non Pan Pan-cell Ag

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CAR T-cells targeting a Pan T-cell Ag

CD5-directed unmanipulated T-cells

Trial overview and inclusion criteria

- R/R T-ALL or TCL with >50% of blasts CD5+
- Inclusion: suitable for allo-HSCT (donor available) or availability of allo-HSCT donor T-cells for CARTs manufacture
- Autologous (GROUP A) or allo-HSCT donor-derived (GROUP B) $\alpha\beta$ T-cells.
- CD5-CAR-CD28-CD3z
- Fludarabine + cytoxan conditioning
- CART dose: $1 \times 10^7/m^2$ - $5 \times 10^7/m^2$ - $1 \times 10^8/m^2$
- Primary endpoint: Dose Limiting Toxicity (safety)
- Secondary endpoint: Overall Response Rate (efficacy)
- N=50 pts up to 75 yo (first 6 pts, >18yo)

Reported data in ASH 2020

- **No/limited immunodeficiency/toxicity**
- **60% ORR**
- CD5 CAR T-cell persistence unknown

MAGENTA TRIAL (NCT03081910)
BCM/MD ANDERSON

T-Cells Expressing a Second Generation CAR for Treatment of T-Cell Malignancies Expressing CD5 Antigen

CD7-directed unmanipulated T-cells

Trial overview and inclusion criteria

- R/R T-ALL or TCL with >20% of blasts CD7+
- Inclusion: suitable for allo-HSCT (donor available) or availability of allo-HSCT donor T-cells for CARTs manufacture
- Autologous
- CD7-CAR-CD28-CD3z
- Fludarabine + cytoxan conditioning
- CART dose: $1 \times 10^7/m^2$ - $3 \times 10^7/m^2$ - $1 \times 10^8/m^2$
- Primary endpoint: Dose Limiting Toxicity (safety)
- Secondary endpoint: Overall Response Rate (efficacy)
- N=50 pts up to 75 yo (first 6 pts, >18yo)

No data reported as of today

CRIMSON TRIAL (NCT03690011)
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**Cell Therapy for High Risk T-Cell Malignancies Using
CD7-Specific CAR Expressed On Autologous T Cells**

CD7-directed unmanipulated T-cells

Ad hoc treatment of one children with R/R T-ALL

- 11 yo refractory T-ALL with KTM2A-MLLT1
- Treatment proposal: CD7-CAR followed by allo-HSCT
- Autologous
- CD7-CAR-41BB-CD3z
- Fludarabine + cytoxan conditioning
- CART dose: 2×10^6 /Kg

Clinical data reported

- CR on day 17
- CARTs disappear by day 35
- CRS grade 1
- No ICANS
- T-cell immunodeficiency and high neutropenia was overcome with allo-HSCT



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Chimeric antigen receptor T cells targeting CD7 in a child with high-risk T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia

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**Cell Therapy for High Risk T-Cell Malignancies Using
CD7-Specific CAR Expressed On Autologous T Cells**

CD7-directed unmanipulated T-cells

Trial overview and inclusion criteria

- R/R T-ALL with >20% of blasts CD7+ ; N=20 pts
- CD7-CAR-CD28-CD3z
- Donor derived T-cells (previous allo-HSCT) or new donors
- Fludarabine + cytoxan conditioning
- CART dose: 0.5-1x10⁶/Kg
- Primary endpoint: Dose Limiting Toxicity (safety)
- Secondary endpoint: Overall Response Rate (efficacy)

Clinical data reported in JCO 2021

- 18/20 (90%) CR.
- 15/18 (88%) in CR after 6,5 months
- 7/18 (40%) went to allo-HSCT
- CRS 3-4 (10%) and ICANS 1-2 (10%).
- CD7+ T-cells were depleted BUT CD7- T-cells expanded & alleviated treatment-related T-cell immunodeficiency.
- Rest adverse effects were all reversible.

Donor-Derived CD7 Chimeric Antigen Receptor T Cells for T-Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia: First-in-Human, Phase I Trial

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T-Cells Expressing a Second Generation CAR for Treatment of T-Cell Malignancies Expressing CD7 Antigen

CD7-directed CD7/TCR/HLA/E-Cad/ γ c T-cells

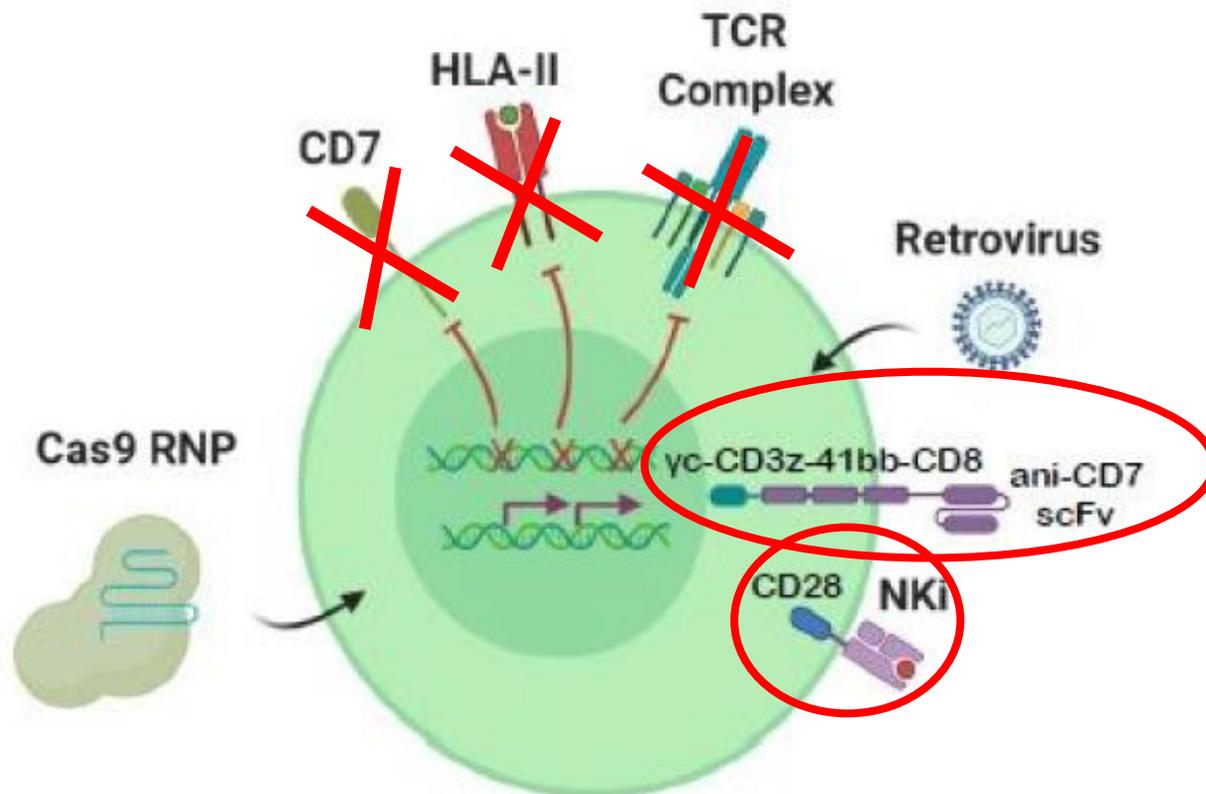
KO CD7 \rightarrow overcomes T-cell fratricide

HLA-II KO \rightarrow overcomes alloreactivity host to donor

KO TCR \rightarrow overcomes GvHD (donor \rightarrow host rejection)

E-cad-CD28 (NKi) \rightarrow enhances NK cell immunosurveillance

γ c \rightarrow bypasses IL2 requirement



BIOHENG TRIAL (NCT04538599)
Zhejiang First Affiliated Hospital

Cell Therapy for High Risk CD7+ Malignancies Using
CD7-Specific CAR Expressed on allogeneic T Cells KO
for CD7/TCR/HLA-II and expressing NKi and γ c

CD7-directed CD7/TCR/HLA/E-Cad/ γ c T-cells

Trial overview and inclusion criteria

- R/R CD7+ tumors, mainly T-ALL and TCL with >20% of blasts CD7+
- Inclusion: not clearly stated
- Allogeneic, third-party
- γ c-Nki-CD7.CAR-41BB-CD3z - triple KO for TCR/MHC-II, CD7
- Fludarabine + cyclophosphamide conditioning
- CART dose: $1 \times 10^7/m^2$ - $2 \times 10^7/m^2$ – $3 \times 10^7/m^2$
- Primary endpoint: Dose Limiting Toxicity (safety)
- Secondary endpoint: Overall Response Rate (efficacy)
- N=12 pts up to 75 yo

Clinical data reported (ResearchSquare)

- No dose-limiting toxicity
- No GvHD
- No ICANS ; No CRS > grade
- 82% objective response; CCR: 75% T-ALL and 33% TCL

CLINICAL CURRENT SCENARIO

CAR T-cells targeting a non Pan T-cell Ag

Non pan-T cell CAR T-cells: CD30, TRBC1, CD1a...

ANTIGENS WITH RESTRICTED EXPRESSION

CD30	17%*	16% (PTCL-NOS) 32–50%* (AITL) 93% (ALCL) 64%* (NK-T) 39% (ATLL) 18% (CTCL)	Activated T and B cells	Clinical Trial NCT02917083° NCT02690545° NCT03602157° NCT03383965° NCT03049449° NCT02958410° NCT03590574°	(22–24)
TRBC1 (TCR)	7–11%	27% (PTCL-NOS) 34% (AITL) 25% (ALCL)	~35% of T cells		(20, 25–28)
CCR4	~0%	34% (PTCL) 88% (ATLL) 31–100% (CTCL)	Tregs, Th2 and Th17 cells Platelets Kidney		(29–32)
CD4	12%	60% (PTCL-NOS) 86% (AITL) 63% (ALCL) 29%* (NK-T) 94% (ATLL) 92% (CTCL)	CD4 ⁺ T cells Some monocytes and Dendritic cells		(33, 34)
CD37	~0%	82%	Mature B cells At a low level in plasma cells Low levels in dendritic cells		(35, 36)

TRBC1 (T-cell R Beta Chain)-directed CAR T cells

- ✓ In contrast to T-ALL, many TCLs are TCR+ and depend on TCR for leukomogenesis.
- ✓ Malignant TCL cells are clonal while normal T-cells are bi-clonal for TRBC1 and TRBC2.
- ✓ Maciocia et al used TCRB1-directed CARTs....sparing normal T-cells.
- ✓ Fear of crosslinking of normal TCR decreasing persistence, anti-tumor activity and even inducing autoimmune symptoms.

Autolous (NCT03590574)
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Targeting the T cell receptor β -chain constant region for immunotherapy of T cell malignancies

Cell Therapy for T-cell Malignancies Using TRBC1-Specific CAR Expressed on autologous T Cells

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CD1a-directed CAR T-cells



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Fratricide-resistant CD1a-specific CAR T cells for the treatment of cortical T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia

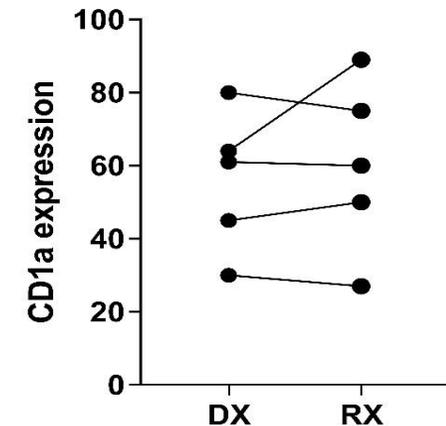
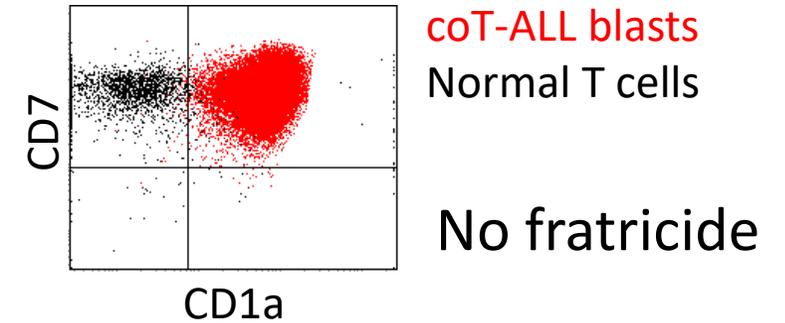
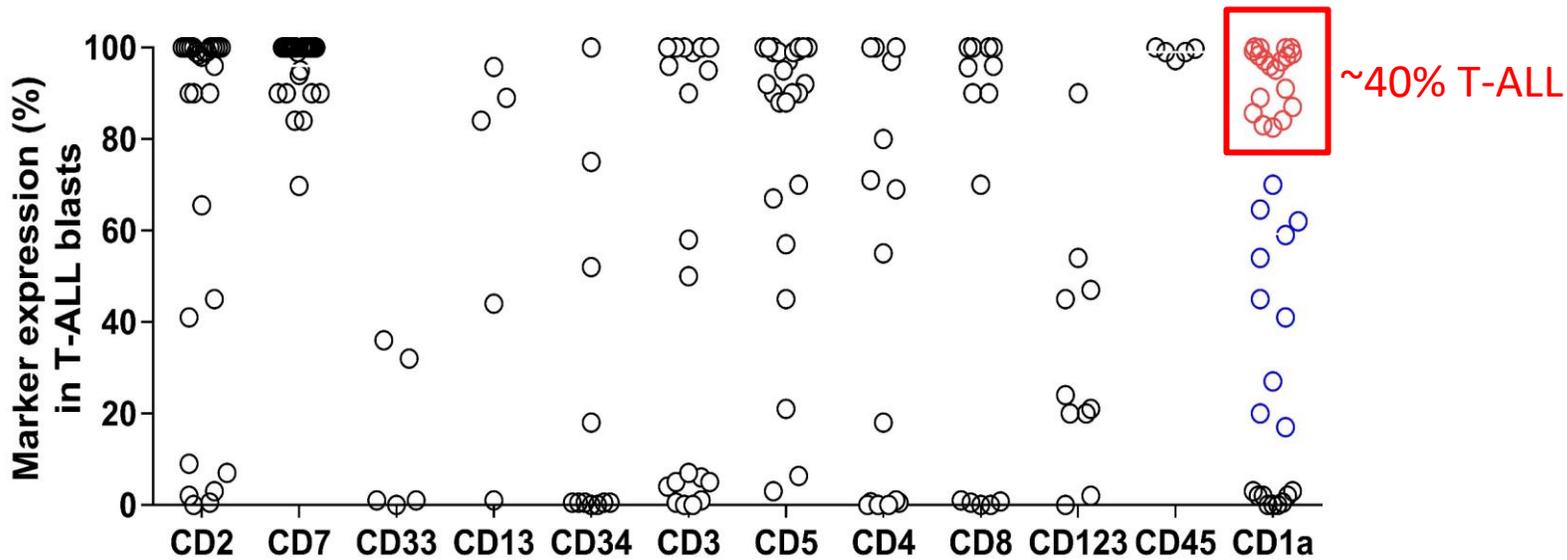
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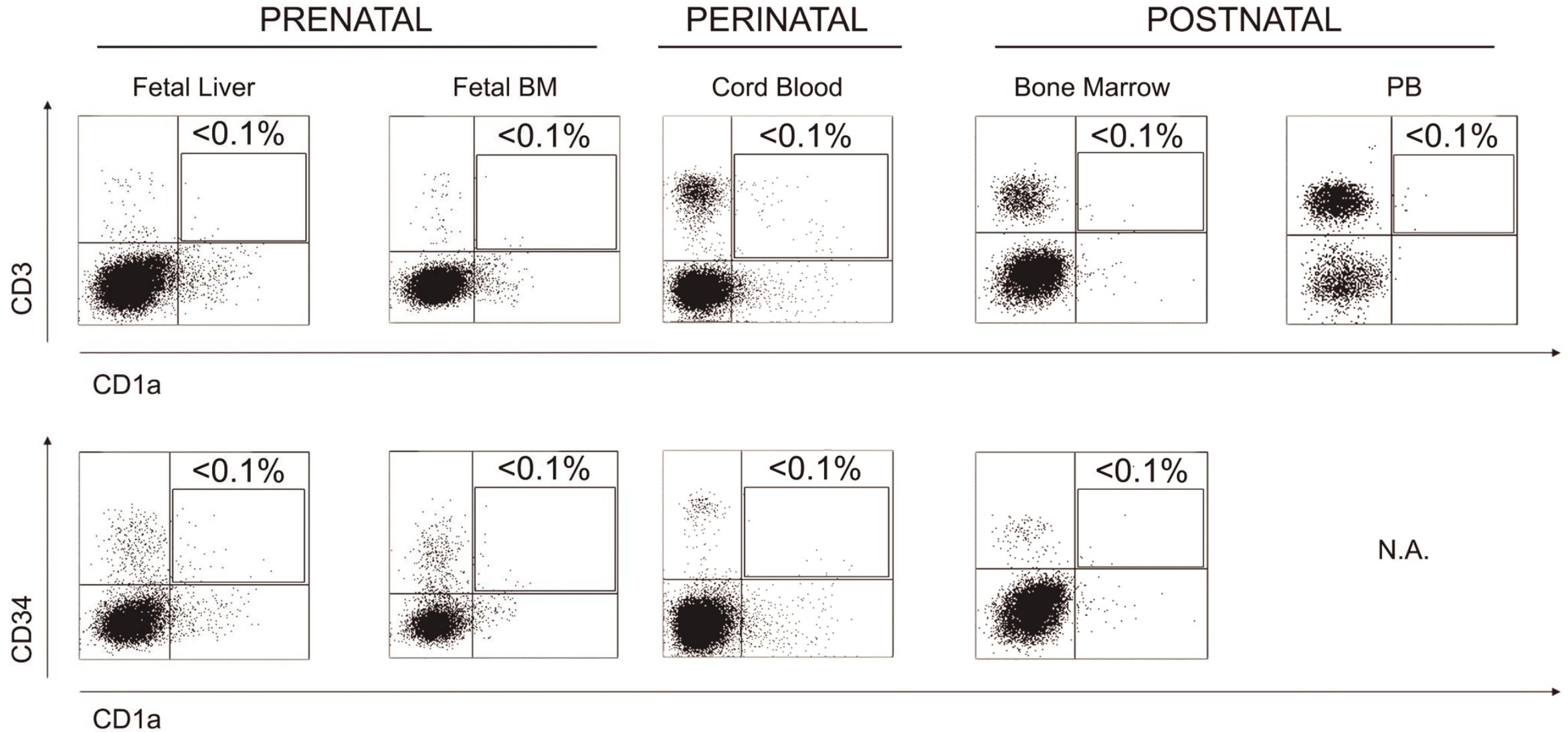
Adoptive **CD1a-directed CAR T cells for R/R
CD1a+ tumors (cortical T-ALL and CD1a+ Ly-TCL)**

Considerations on CD1a CAR T-cells

- ✓ CD1a is specifically expressed in cortical T-ALL and some TCLs and highly retained at relapse.

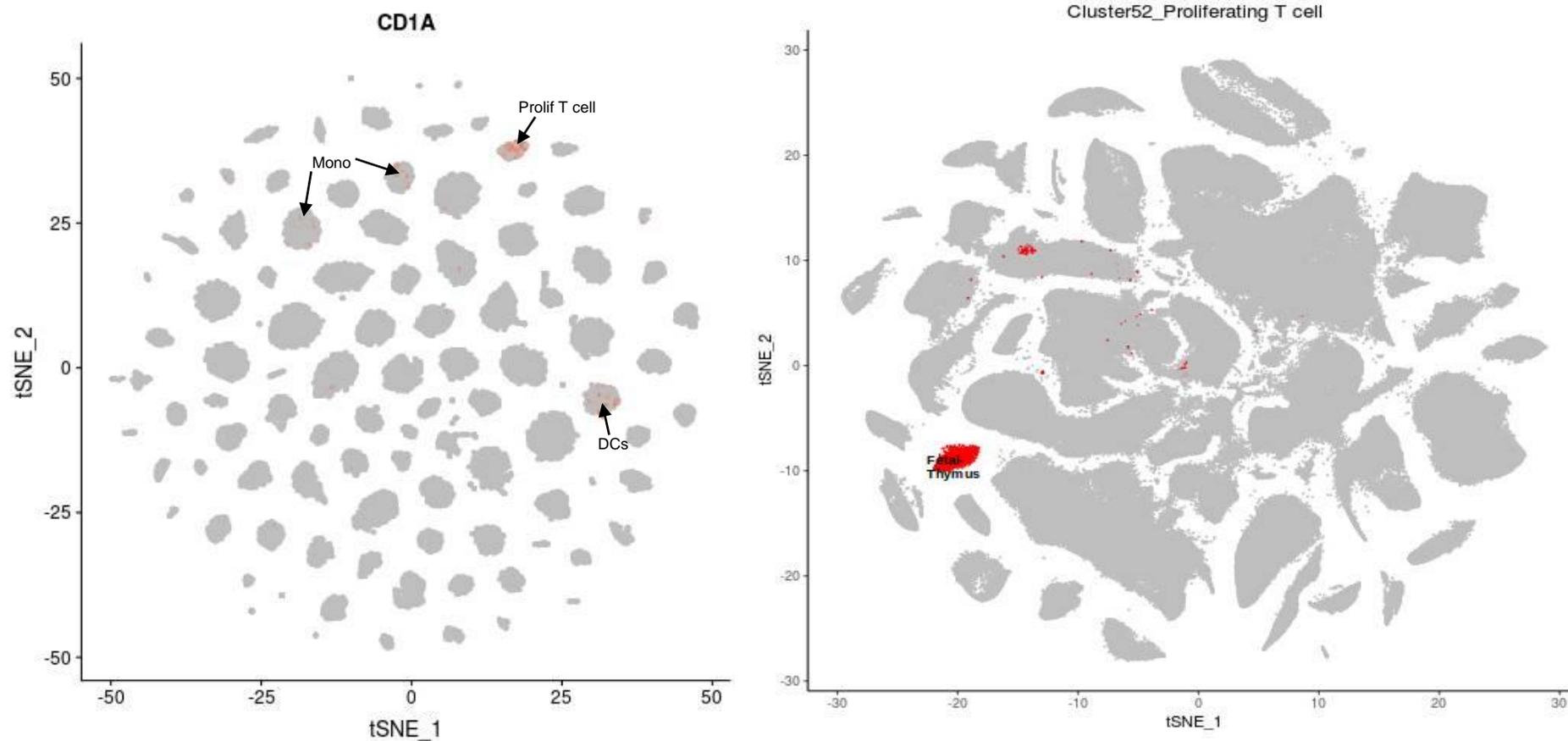


Considerations on CD1a CAR T-cells



Human single cell atlas reveals very restricted expression for CD1a

[Nature vol 581, 303–309 \(2020\)](#)



- Normalized expression across **700k** cells on **50** human tissues
- Mostly expressed in proliferating thymocytes
- Some expression in skin DCs.

TCR stimulation eliminates T-cell blasts: safe manufacturing

RESEARCH ARTICLE

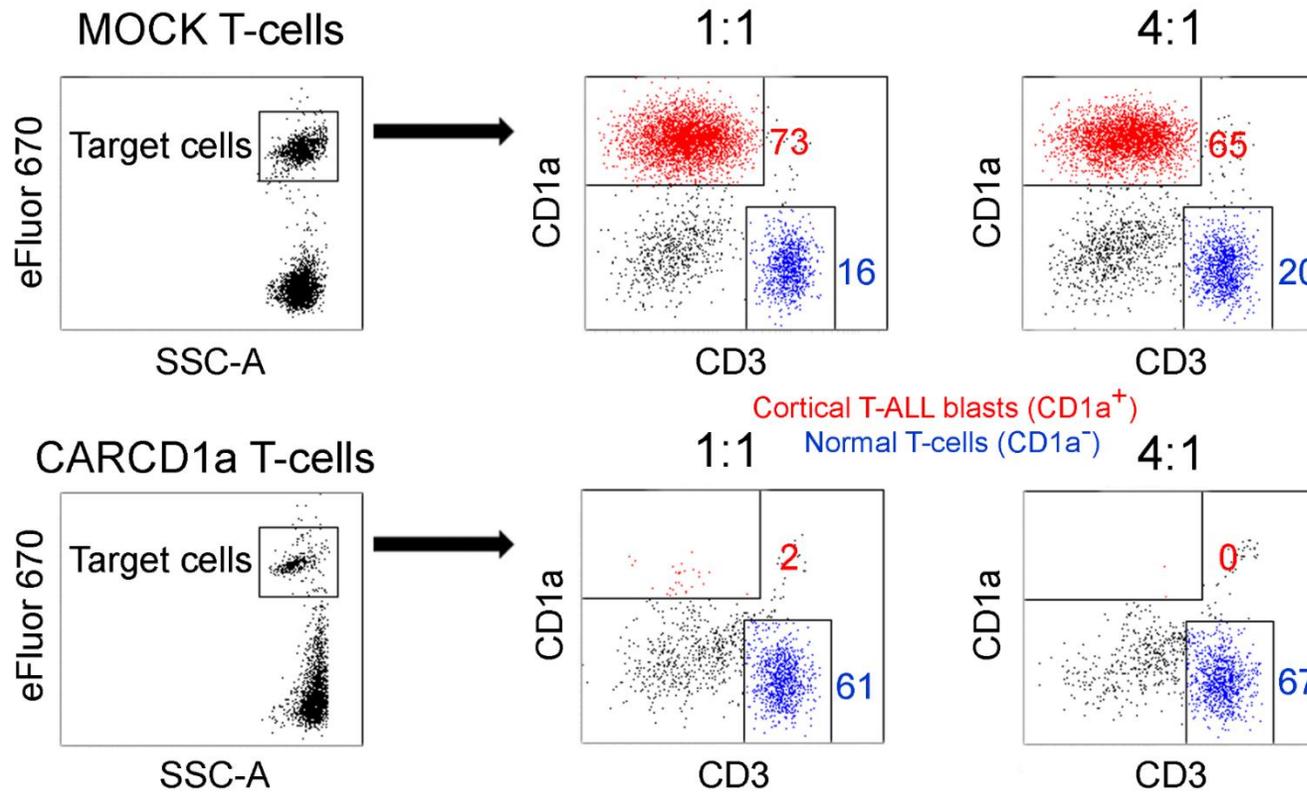
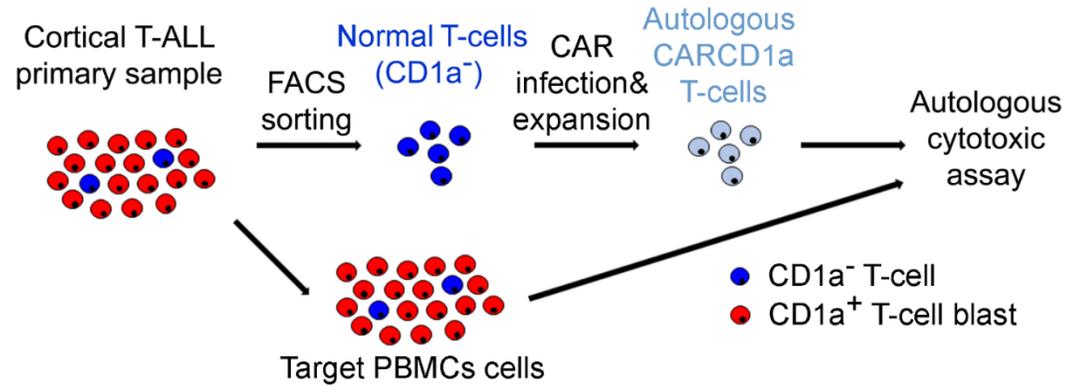
Triggering the TCR Developmental Checkpoint Activates a Therapeutically Targetable Tumor Suppressive Pathway in T-cell Leukemia

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A TCR-switchable cell death pathway in T-ALL

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Autologous CARCD1a T-cells eliminates coT-ALL blasts



European recruitment network needed

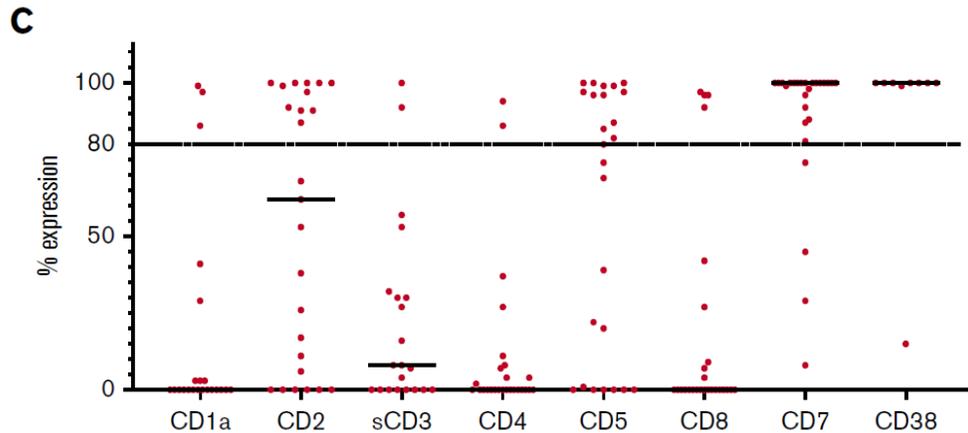
COMMENTARY

 blood advances

TO THE EDITOR:

CD1a is rarely expressed in pediatric or adult relapsed/refractory T-ALL: implications for immunotherapy

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Clinical design CD1a Phase I – EU open

- ✓ Humanized CD1ascFv – 41BB (Kanamycin rather than Amp)
- ✓ Autologous T-cells
- ✓ Exploratory, open-label, single-arm, multicentre, non-competitive, dose escalation study to assess the safety and efficacy.
- ✓ Indication: Children and adults with R/R CD1a+ T-ALL/LL after a minimum of two standard therapy lines
- ✓ Blast expression $\geq 20\%$ at inclusion
- ✓ Conditioning treatment: Fludarabine+cyclophosphamide
- ✓ Dose: 5×10^5 to 5×10^6 cells/kg body weight (4 cohorts; 3 +3 design)
- ✓ Split dose (10%-30%-60%) in three days in a row – will avoid CRS/ICANS

Clinical design CD1a Phase I – EU open

Main Safety Endpoints

- Incidence and severity of severe CRS and ICANS
- Assessment of overall toxicity
- Non-relapse, treatment-related mortality (NRM)
- Number of Adverse events of especial interest (AESI)
- Assessment of the Immunological homeostasis
- Assessment of the treatment-related dermatological effects

Main Efficacy endpoints

- Remission rate
- Duration of Response (DOR) after CAR infusion
- Progression-free Survival (PFS) after administration
- Overall survival
- MRD response in CR patients
- Genomic copy number of CAR in PB T-cells and % of CAR-expressing T cells

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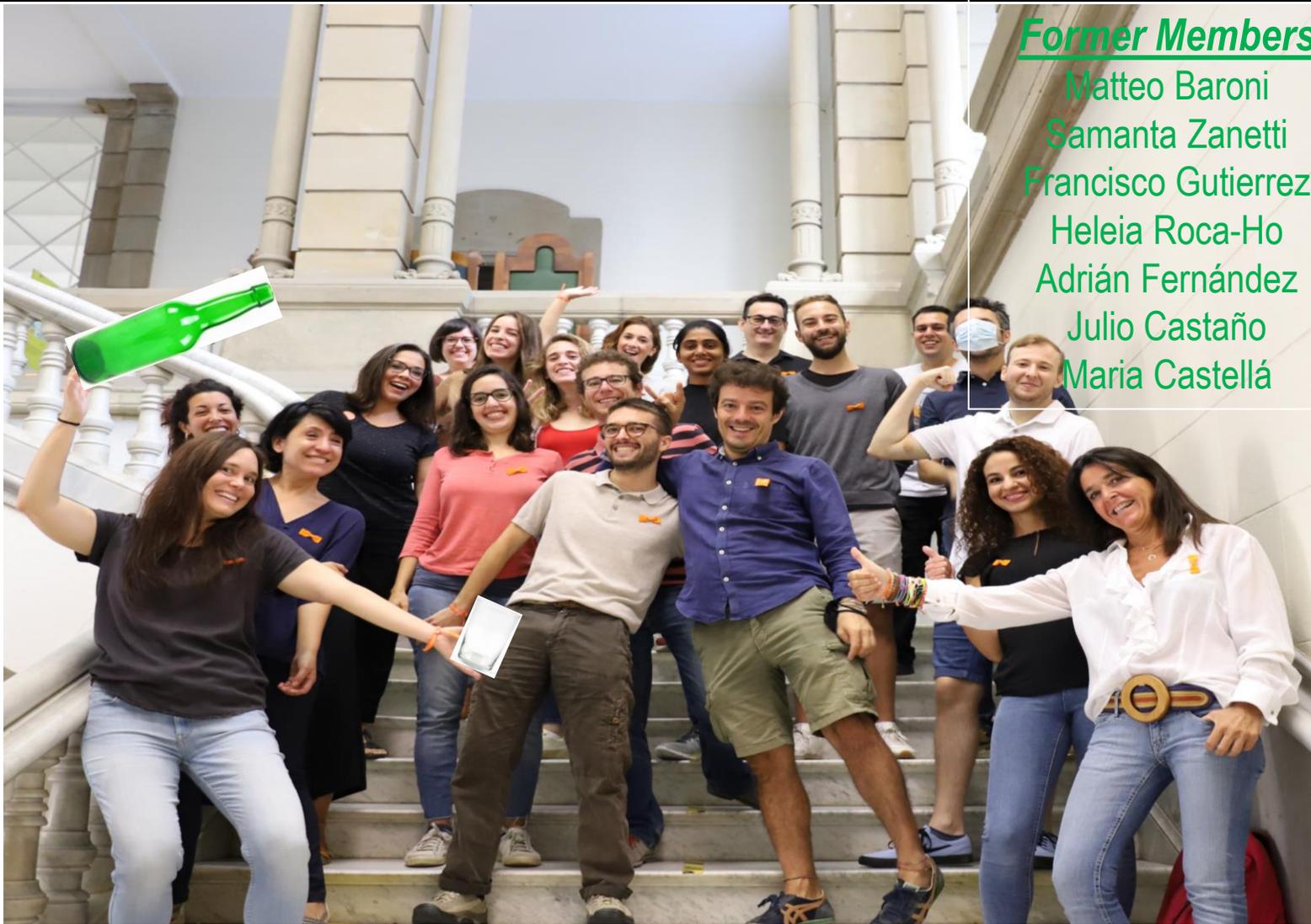
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