A wide-angle photograph of a modern laboratory. In the foreground, a woman in a white lab coat is working at a workstation with a large biosafety cabinet. To her right, a robotic arm is visible. In the background, another person is blurred, suggesting a busy environment. A large blue circle is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing white text.

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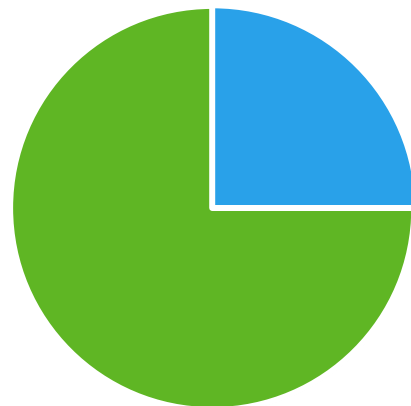
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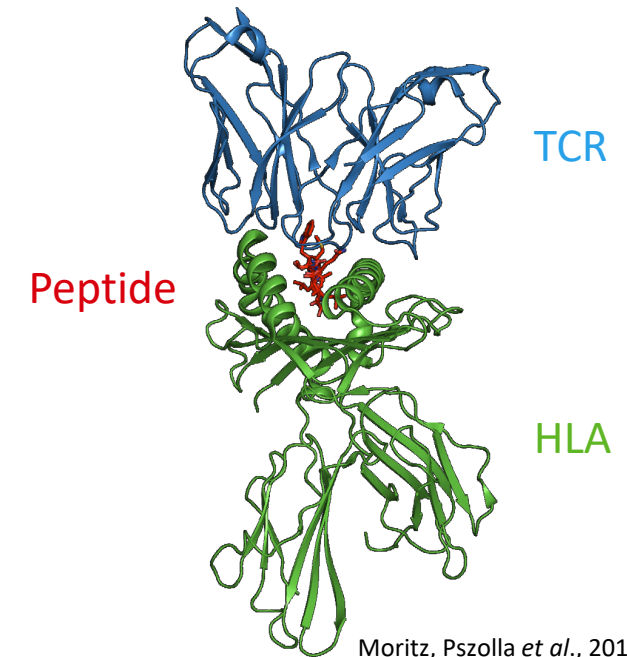
Cancer Therapy Against Peptide-HLA (pHLA) Targets

Discovering Targets beyond the Cancer Cell Surface to Unlock Immunotherapies for Solid Cancers

- mAb and CAR-T approaches target membrane-associated proteins (e.g. HER-2, EGFR, CD19/20/30, BCMA)
 - Number of surface targets is limited
- Intracellular targets are accessible via peptide-HLA
 - pHLA targets represent the entire proteome
- TCR-based approaches (TCR-T, TCR Bispecifics) address both intra- and extracellular pHLA targets
 - **TCR-based therapies exhibit an approx. 300% increased cancer target space**

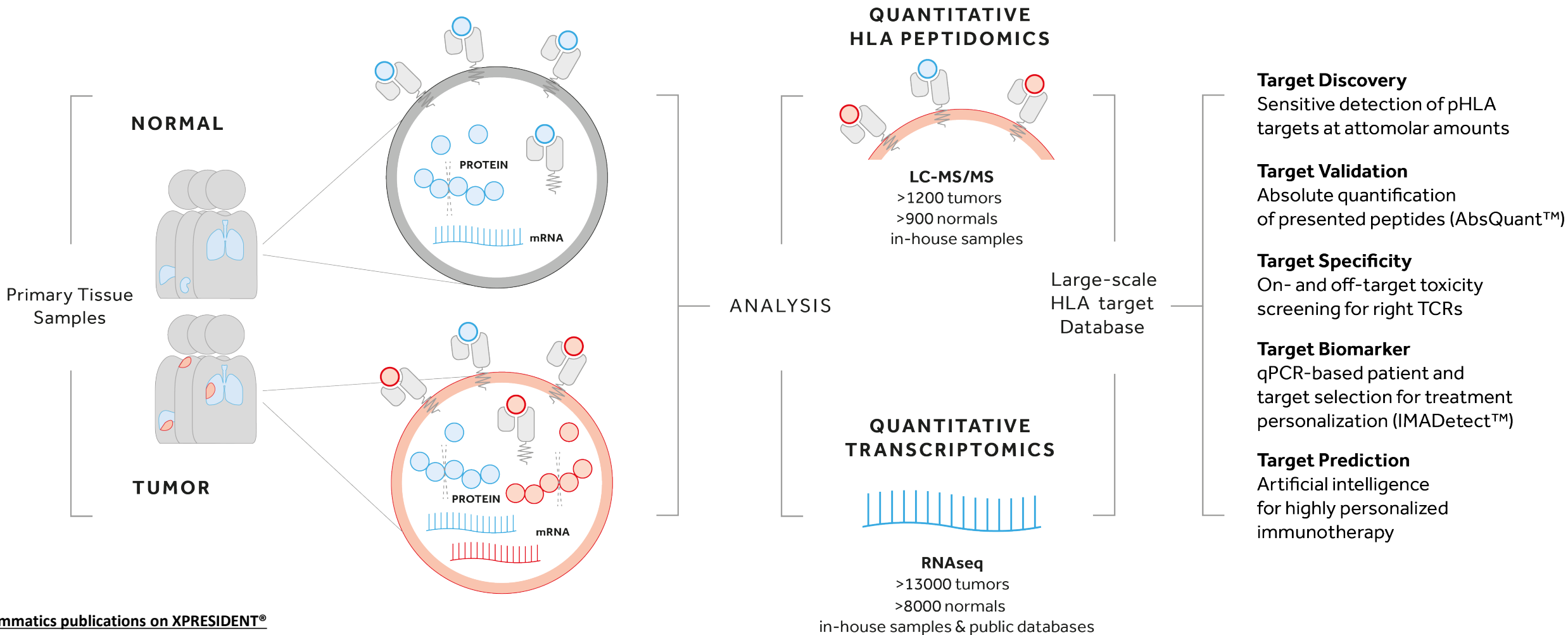


- Membrane-associated proteins**
 - Potential targets for mAb, CAR-T, TCR-T and TCR Bispecifics
- Intracellular proteins**
 - Targets for TCR-T and TCR Bispecifics



Discovery of True Cancer Targets – XPRESIDENT® Technology Platform

Highly Sensitive and Accurate High-throughput Technology



Immatics publications on XPRESIDENT®

Weinschenk *et al.*, Cancer Research 2002; Walter *et al.*, Nature Medicine 2012; Yadav *et al.*, Nature 2014; Fritsche *et al.*, Proteomics 2018; Zhang *et al.*, Nature Communications, 2018; Hilf *et al.*, Nature, 2018

Discovery of True Cancer Targets – XPRESIDENT® Technology Platform

Prioritization of >200 pHLA Targets Covering All Target Classes

TARGET CLASSES

Well known and characterized parent protein e.g. MAGE family of cancer testis antigens

- Immatics' expertise: Identification of relevant target peptides → Patents and unique know-how

Unknown or poorly characterized parent protein e.g. COL6A3

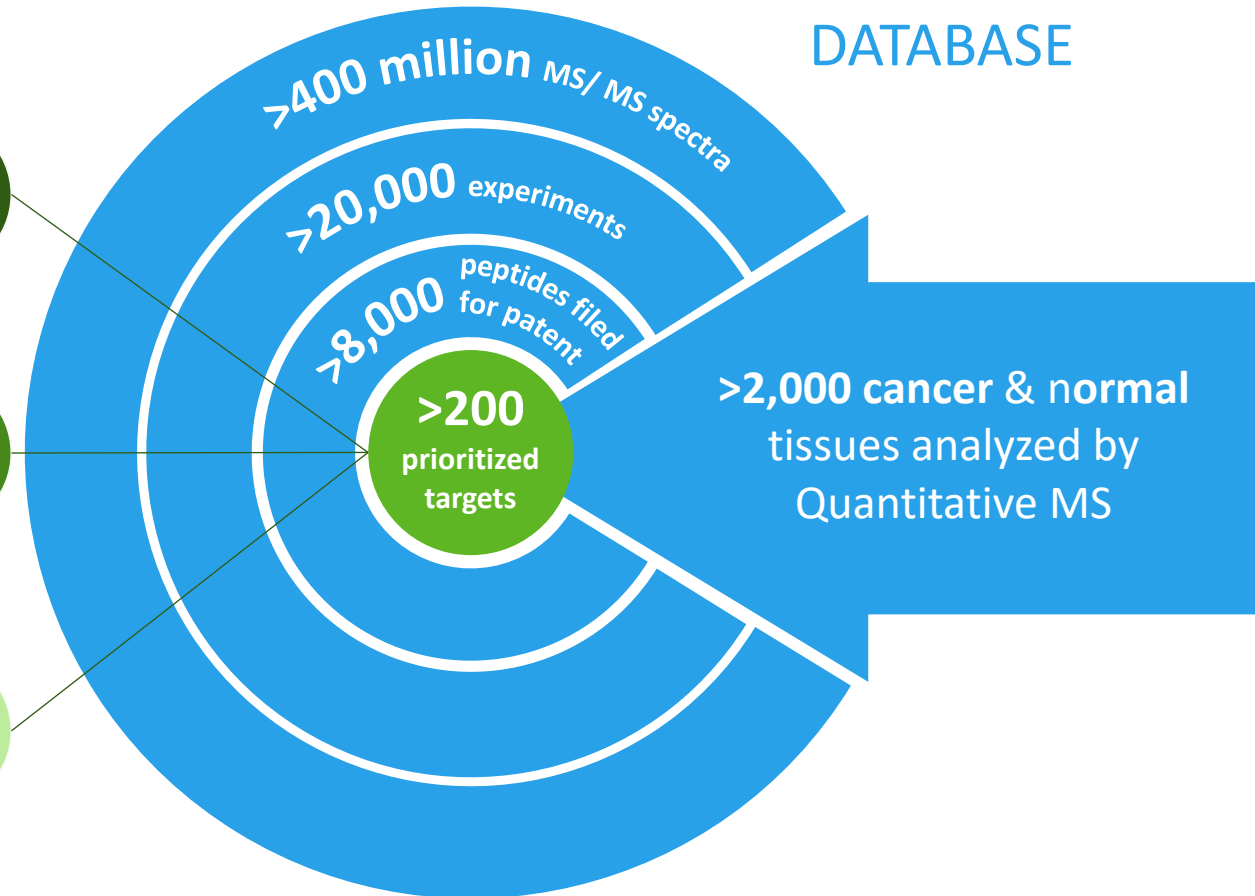
- Immatics' expertise: Identification of a new target family
- Patent protection of the actually presented peptide

Crypto-targets/ Neoantigens: Novel target class which includes RNA-edited peptides and non-classical neoantigens

- Immatics' expertise: Identification of a new target space → only accessible by Mass Spec

See: Zhang, Fritsche et al., *Nature Communications*, 2018

PRIMARY TISSUE DATABASE





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pHLA Target Characteristics of Immatics' ACTengine® Lead Programs

Comparison of our Frontrunner Targets to Clinically Validated NY-ESO-1

Ongoing clinical ACTengine® trials

IND expected 2021

	NY-ESO-1 ⁵	MAGEA4/A8 IMA201	MAGEA1 IMA202	PRAME IMA203	COL6A3 exon 6 IMA204
Naturally presented	Yes ¹	Yes ²	Yes ²	Yes ²	Yes ²
Specificity class ³	1	1	1	1	2
Copy number	10-50 ⁴	100-1,000 ²	50-900 ²	100-1,000 ²	100-700 ²
Tumor types with significant prevalence	Synovial sarcoma (80%) Melanoma (40%) HCC (40%) ...	Sq NSCLC (50%) HNSCC (35%) Bladder carcinoma (30%) Uterine carcinosarcoma (25%) Esophageal carcinoma (25%) Ovarian carcinoma (20%) Melanoma (20%) Sarcoma Subtypes (up to 80%) ...	HCC (40%) Sq NSCLC (35%) Melanoma (30%) Bladder carcinoma (20%) Esophageal carcinoma (20%) HNSCC (15%) Sarcoma Subtypes (up to 30%) ...	Uterine carcinoma (100%) Melanoma (95%) Ovarian carcinoma (80%) Sq NSCLC (65%) Uveal melanoma (50%) Cholangiocarcinoma (35%) Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (30%) Breast carcinoma (25%) HNSCC (25%) Sarcoma Subtypes (up to 100%) ...	Pancreatic carcinoma (80%) Breast carcinoma (75%) Stomach carcinoma (65%) Sarcoma (65%) Esophageal carcinoma (60%) NSCLC (55%) HNSCC (55%) Uterine carcinosarcoma (55%) Colorectal carcinoma (45%) Mesothelioma (45%) Ovarian carcinoma (40%) Cholangiocarcinoma (40%) Melanoma (35%) Bladder carcinoma (35%) ...

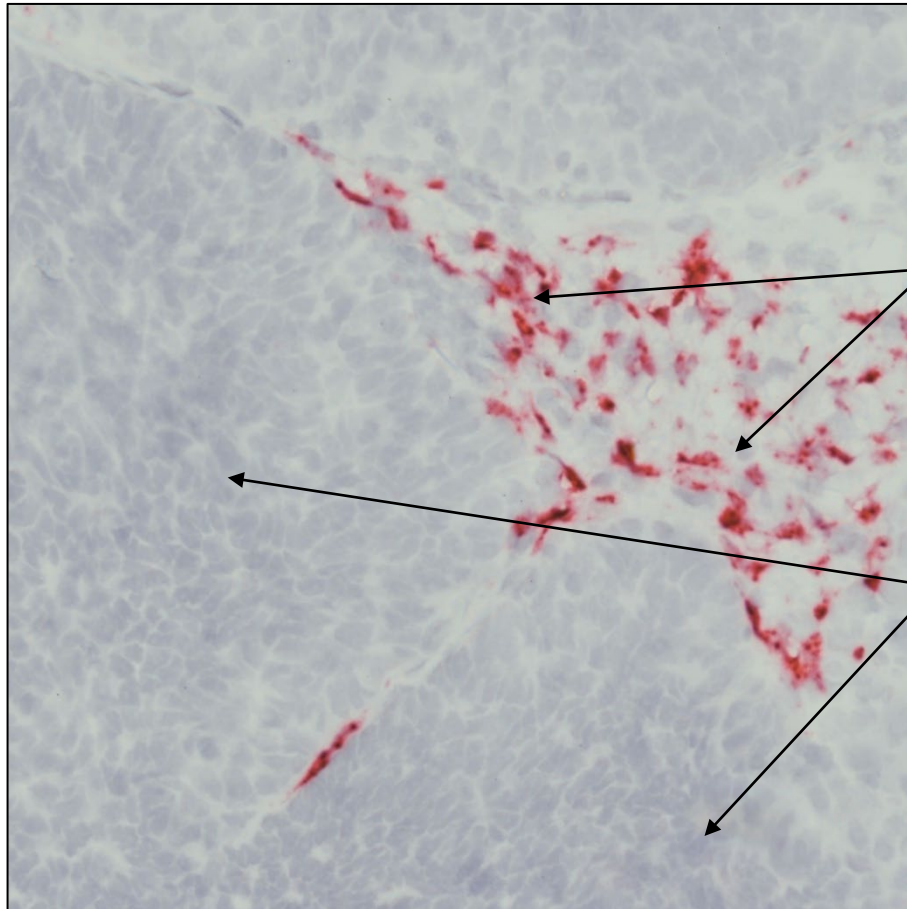
Immatics' clinical frontrunner targets show specificity profiles similar to NY-ESO-1 while having significantly higher peptide copy numbers

IMA204 target COL6A3 shows broader target prevalence and higher copy numbers than NY-ESO-1

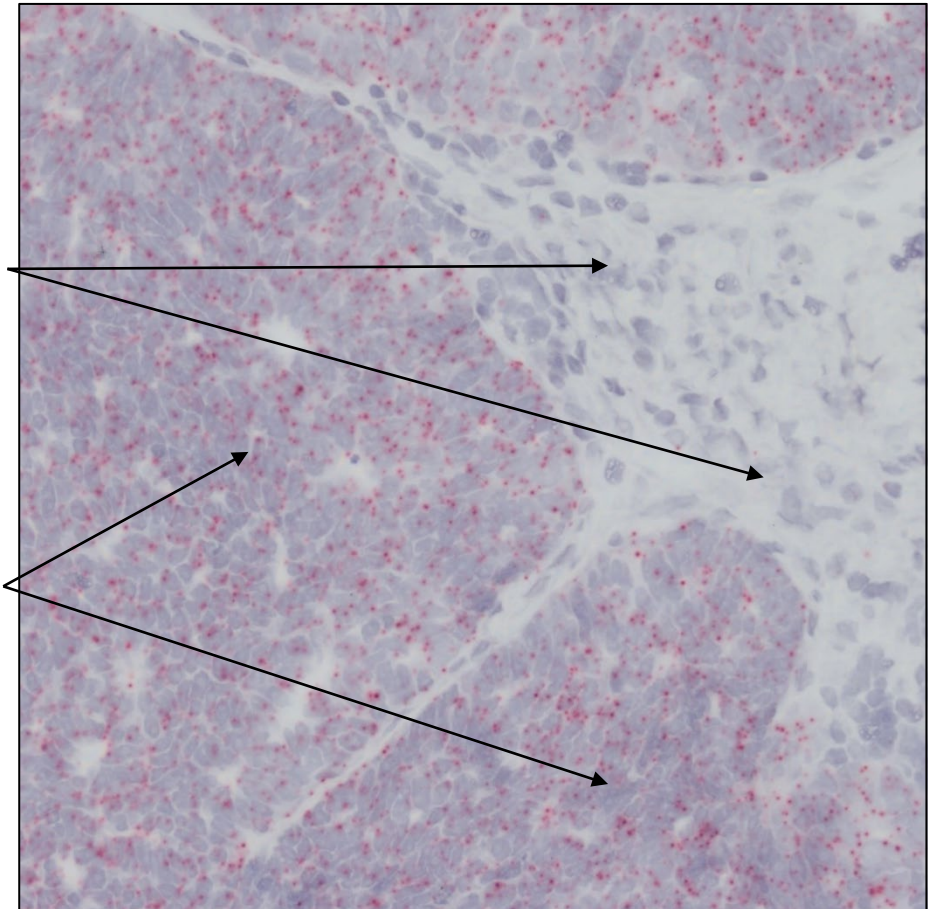
Pioneering Novel Targets

IMA204 Tumor Stroma Target COL6A3 Exon 6

Example of a Stroma Target (COL6A3 exon 6)
in an Ovarian Cancer sample



Example of a Tumor Target
in the same Ovarian Cancer sample

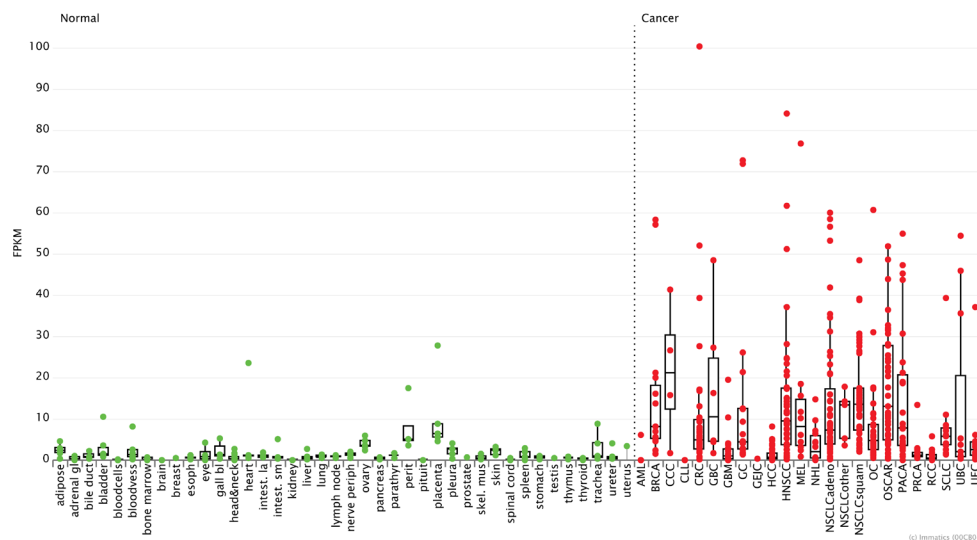


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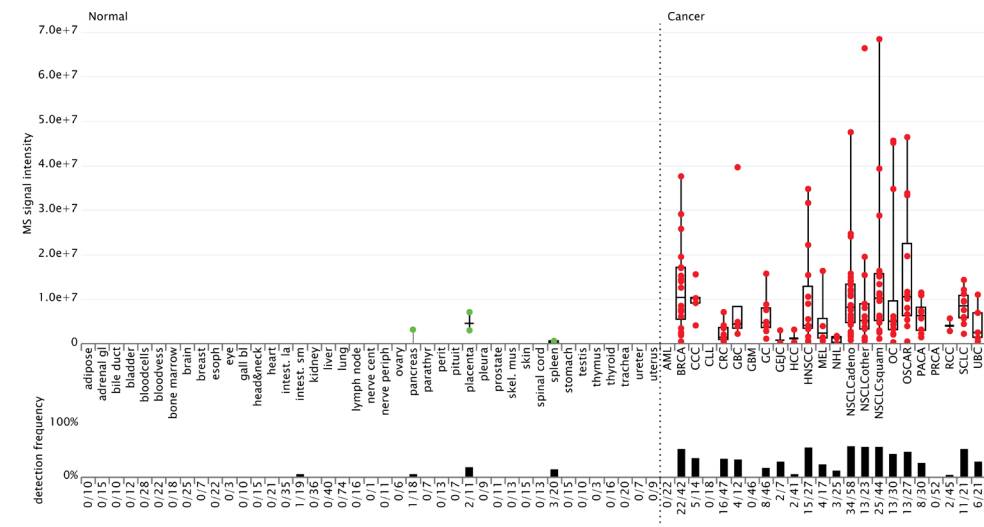
- **Novel HLA-A*02-restricted cancer stroma target identified by XPRESIDENT®**
- Extracellular matrix component found in most connective tissues
- **Collagen, type VI, alpha 3 exon 6:**
Cancer-specific splicing of exon 6 encoding COL6A3
- Expressed predominantly by tumor stromal cells
- Relevant in a broad range of tumors including lung, pancreas, esophagus, breast, ovary, colon, stomach cancer and others

Target Profile – RNAseq



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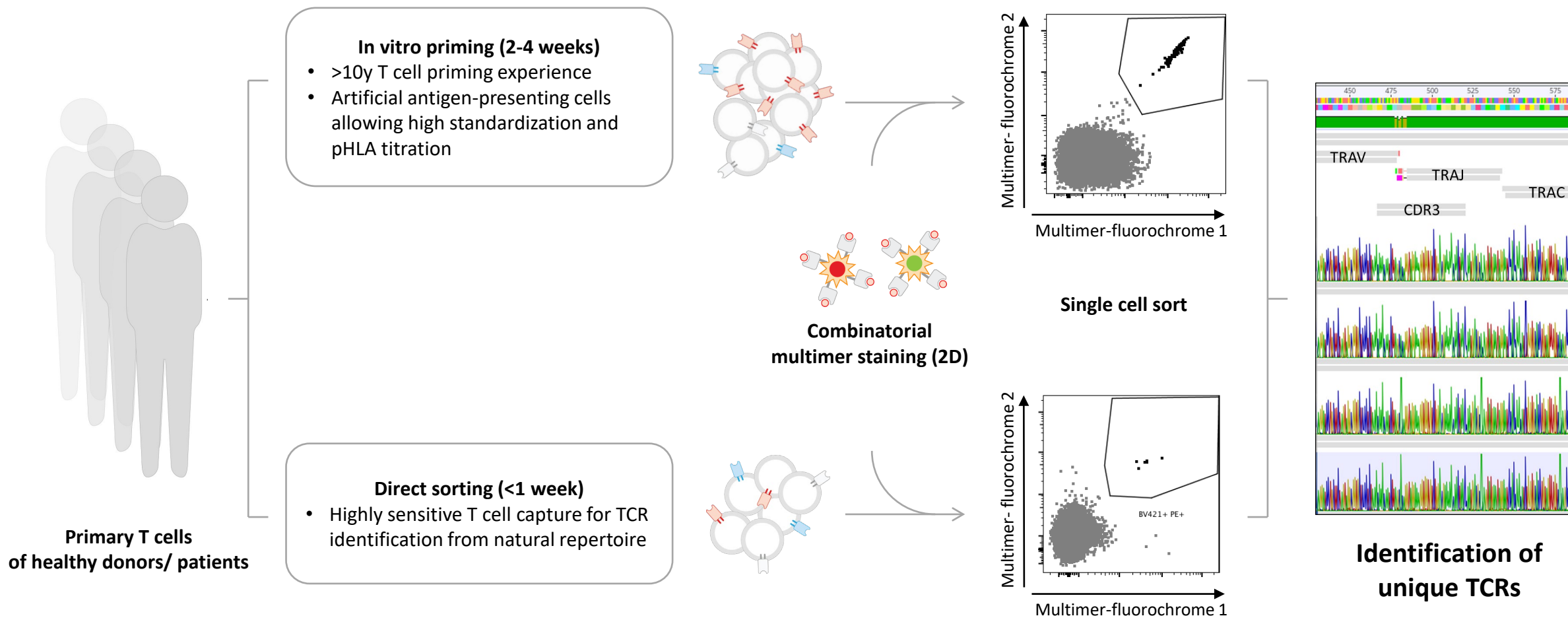
Target Profile – Quantitative Mass Spectrometry



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XCEPTOR™ – TCR Discovery, Engineering and Validation Platform

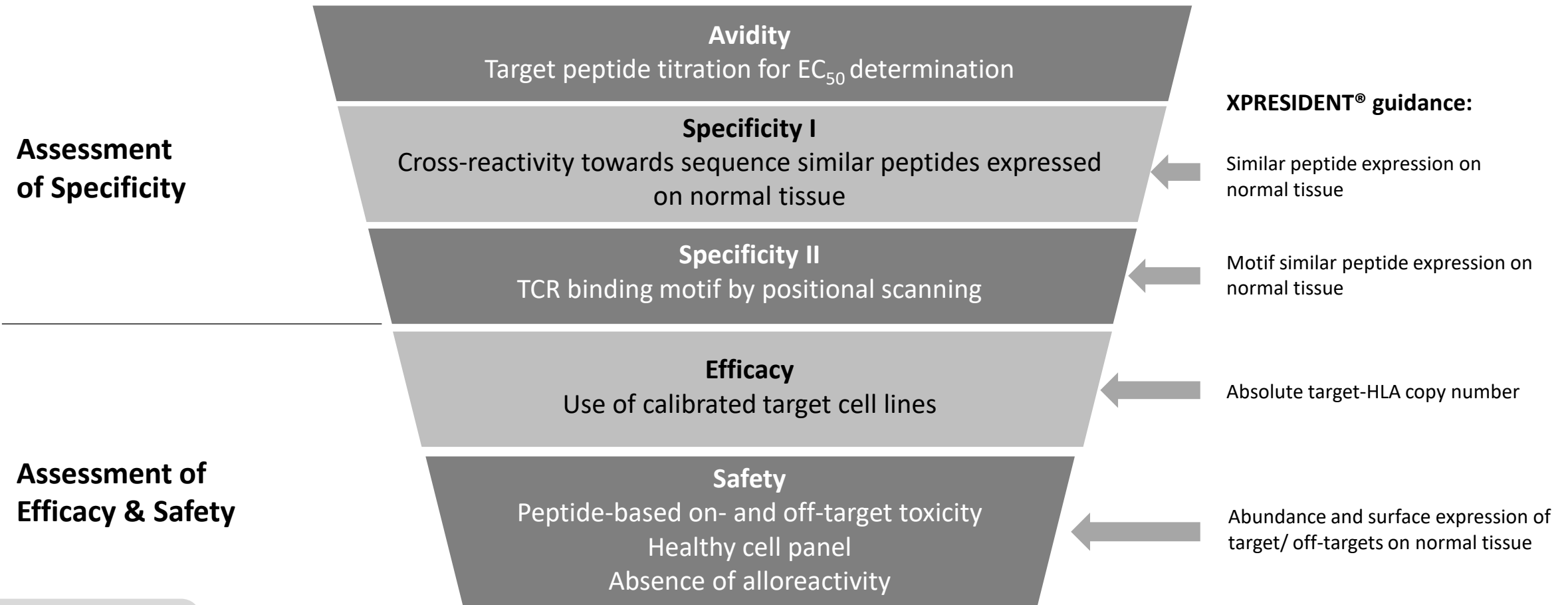
Mode of Action – Isolation of Target-specific T cells and TCR Gene Retrieval



Discovery of the Right TCR

XCEPTOR™

Multiple TCRs candidates per target

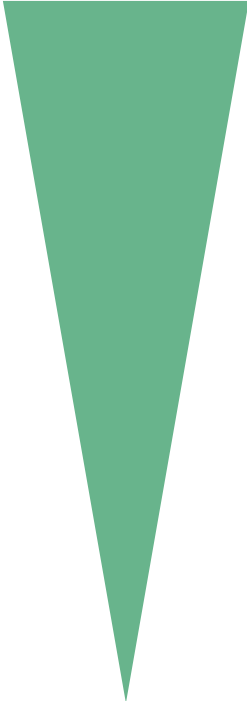


Optional:
TCR optimization by
engineering at various steps

<5 frontrunner TCRs

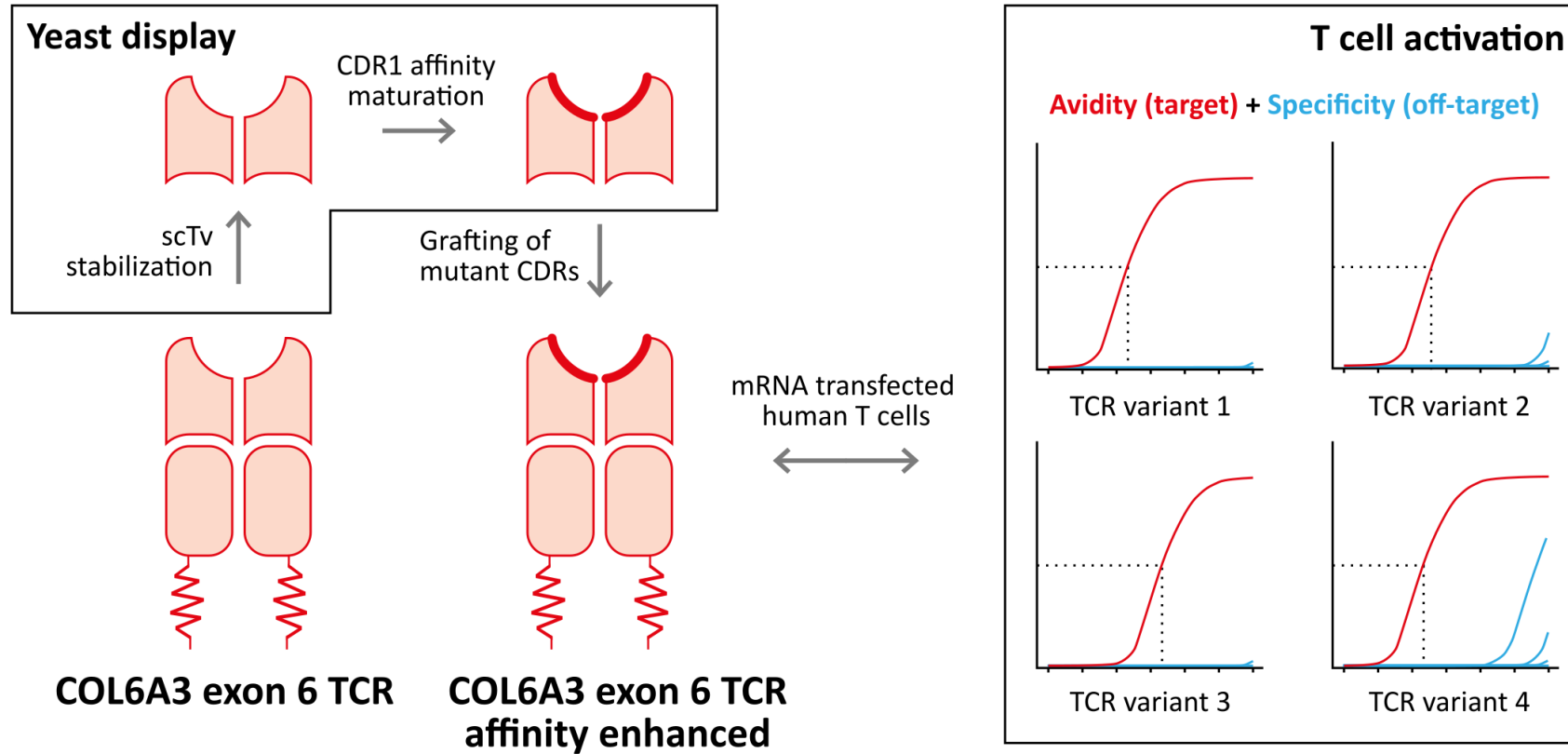
Developing the Right TCR

Overview of COL6A3 Exon 6 TCR Discovery and Characterization

- 
- **91 TCRs identified from >20 healthy donors**
 - **91 TCRs entered characterization**
 - **10 TCRs completed characterization stage I**
(specificity against similar peptides, TET binding, functional avidity/ EC_{50} and TCR motif determination)
 - **10 TCRs selected for refolding and affinity determination**
 - **1 TCR (high specificity, but low affinity) underwent affinity maturation**
 - **2 affinity matured TCRs showed increased functional avidity and are available for further development**

TCR Affinity Maturation and Validation for ACT

Schematic Overview

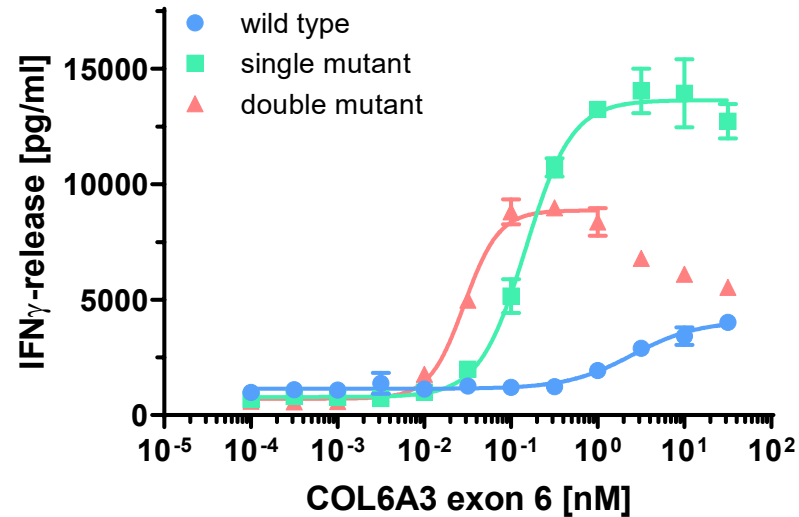


Naturally occurring TCRs are converted into single-chain TCR fragments (scTv) and affinity matured via yeast display. Resulting CDR mutations are then grafted onto the parental TCR. Mutant TCR variants were assessed for improved target recognition and absence of off-target recognition.

Affinity Maturated COL6A3 Exon 6 TCRs

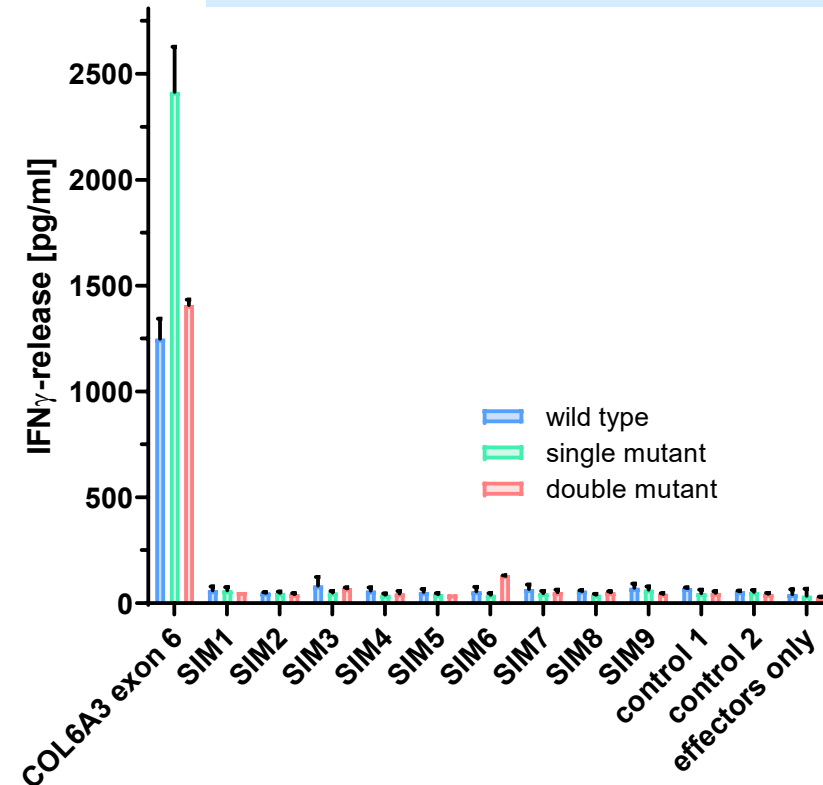
Functional Avidity and Specificity of mRNA Transfected CD8 T cells

Functional avidity



TCR variant	wild type	single mutant	double mutant
EC50 [nM]	2.5	0.15	0.03

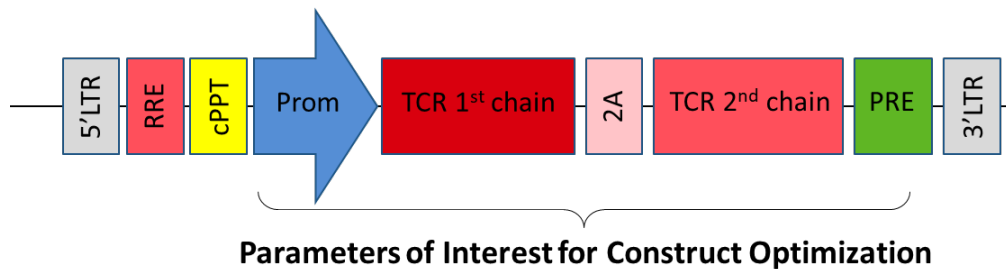
Target sequence-based similar peptide screen (specificity)



Maturated COL6A3 exon 6 TCR variants show pronounced increase in functional avidity and a retained specificity profile.

Affinity Enhanced Double Mutant Yields Higher TCR Expression

Wild Type < Single Mutant < Double Mutant

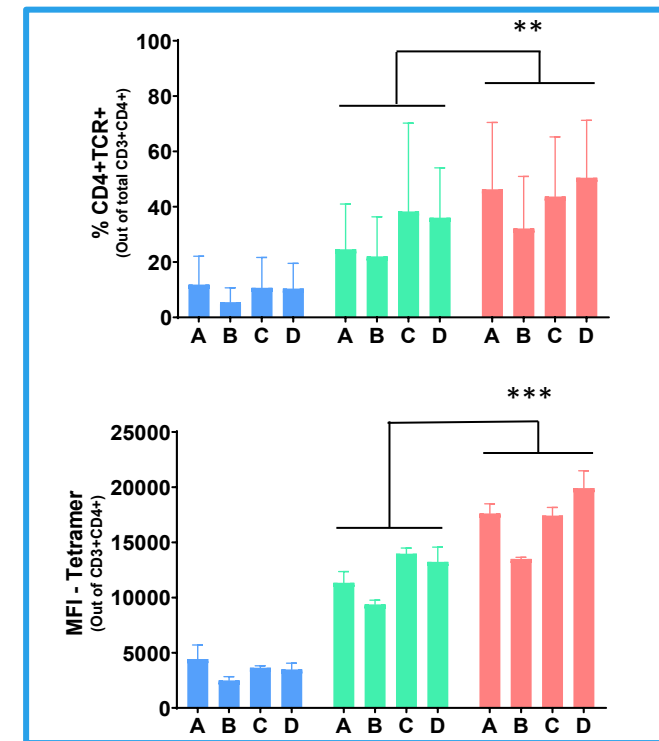
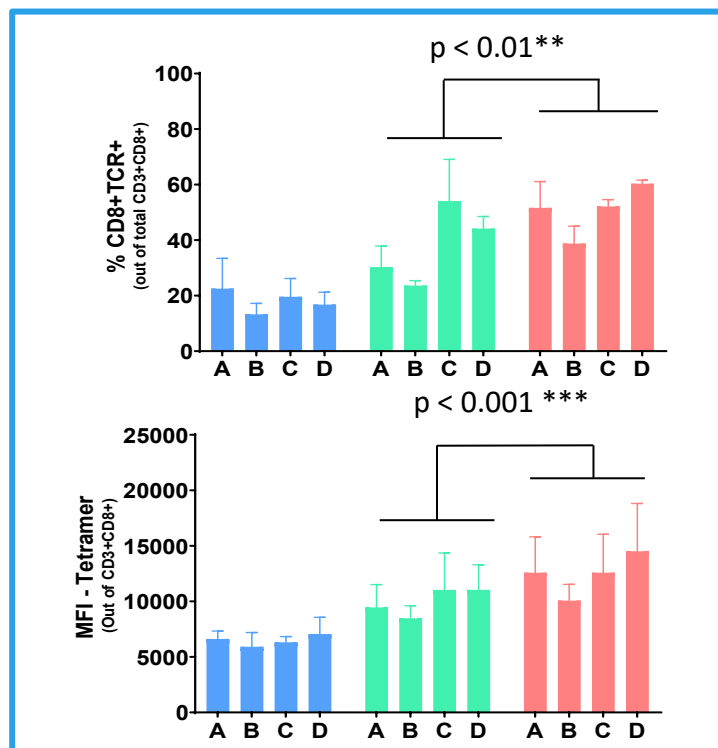
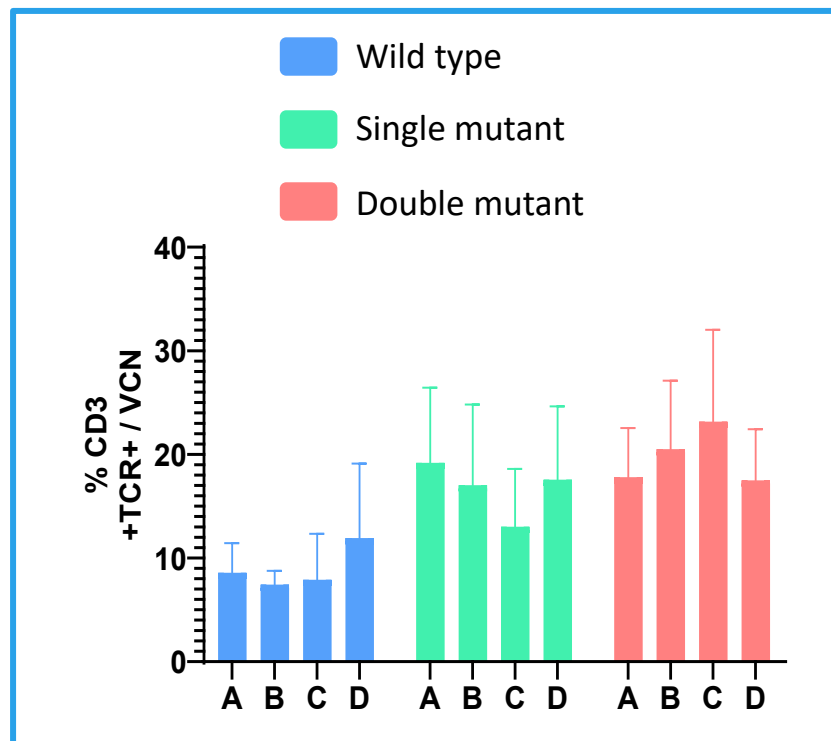


IMA204 construct selection

(2) selected affinity enhanced candidates from natural TCR

(4) LV construct variants of each mutant to enhance expression and safety

(12) total LV construct candidates

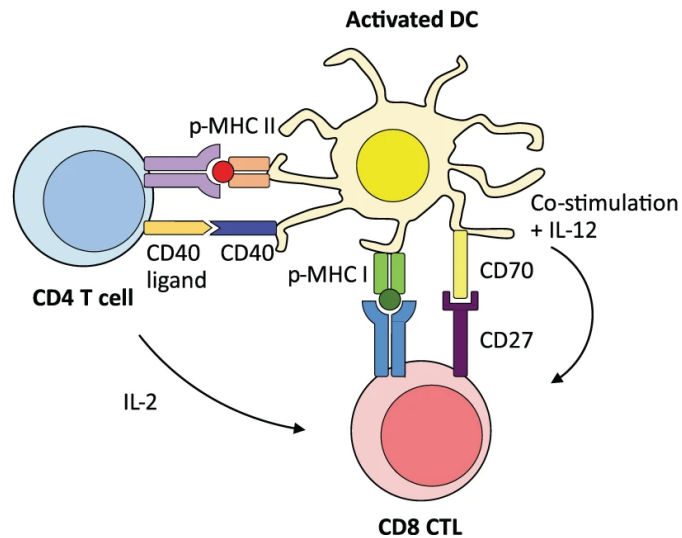


Engaging CD4 T cells for Enhancing the Potential of TCR-T Therapies

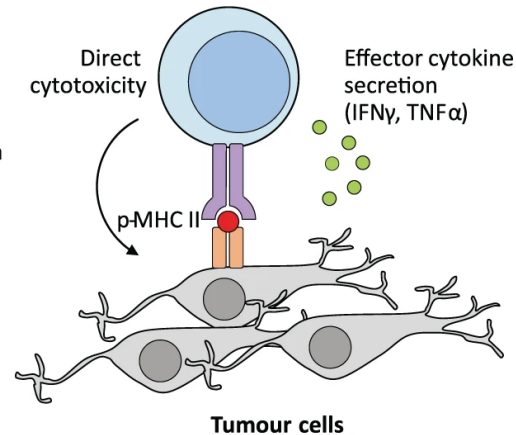
CD4 T cells Play Multifaceted Roles in Anti-Tumor Immunity

- A vast body of pre-clinical and emerging clinical data from ACT field highlights the significance of CD4 T cells in achieving sustained and durable anti-tumor responses

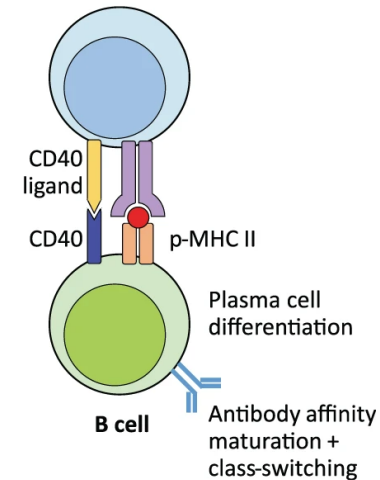
a. Help for CD8 CTLs



b. Direct anti-tumour activity



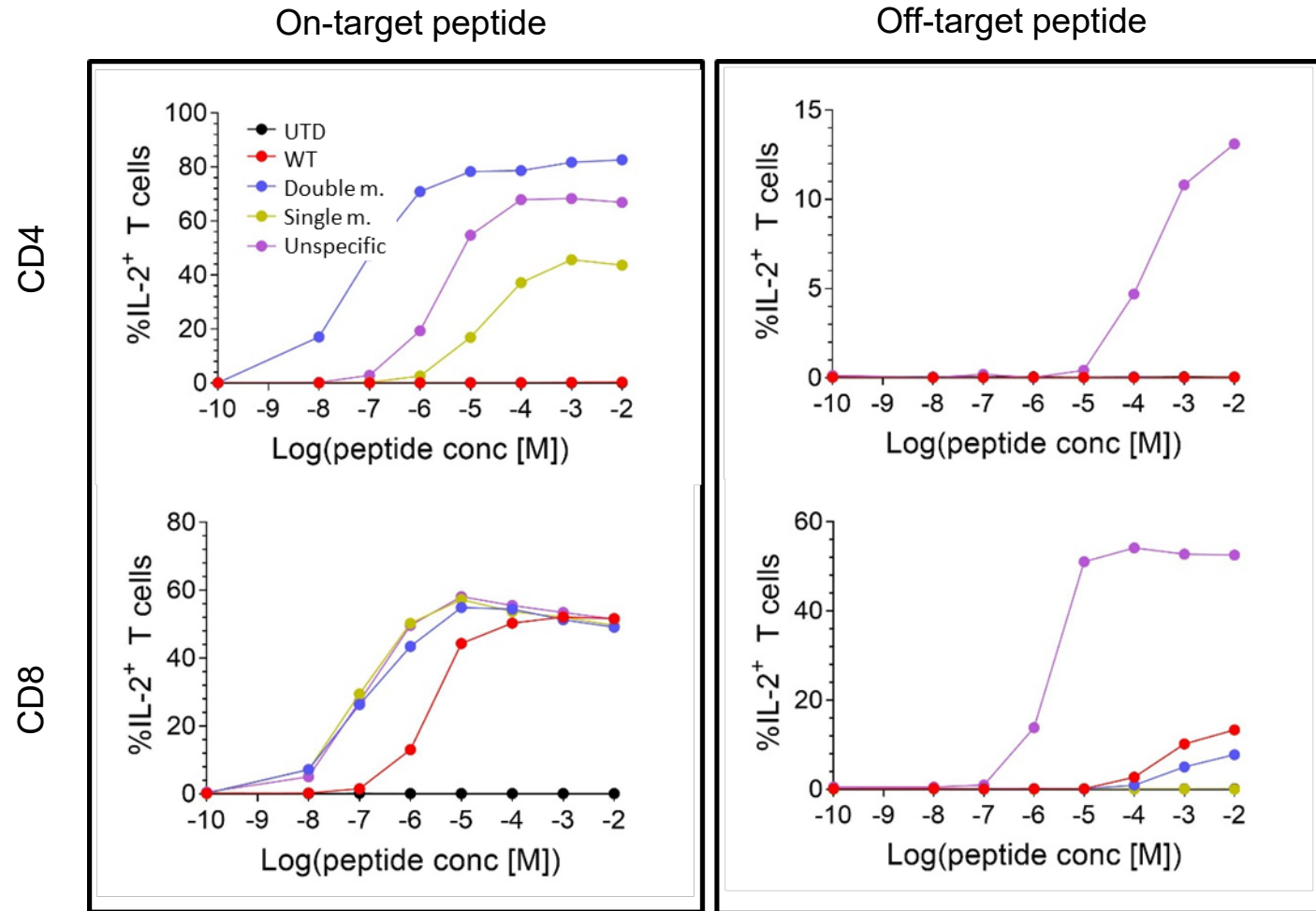
c. Help for B cells producing antibodies



- Potential strategies for implementation in current genetically modified TCR-T therapies

- Targeting Class II antigens
- Engineering with CD8 independent TCRs
- Introduction of CD8 co-receptor into CD4 T cells along with transgenic TCRs

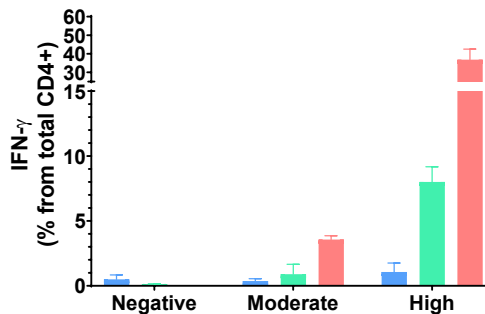
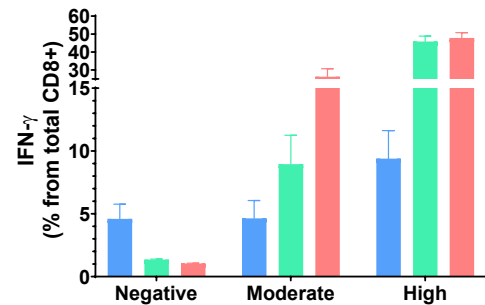
Double Mutant TCR Shows Fully CD8 Independent Recognition



Anti-Tumor Cytokine Response Demonstrates CD8 Independence of Affinity Enhanced Double Mutant

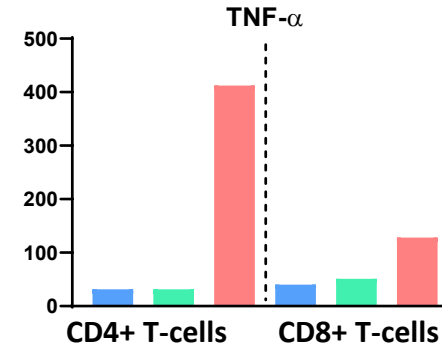
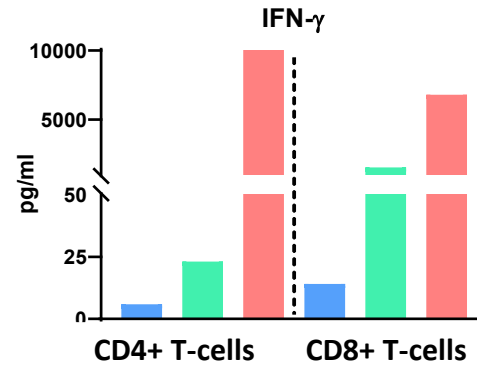
O/N Co-Culture with Target Positive Cell Lines at a 1:1 E:T Ratio.

Intracellular Cytokine Staining

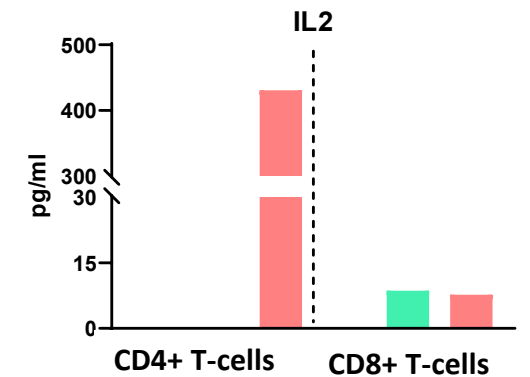
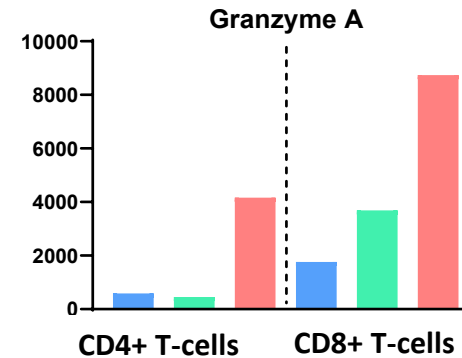
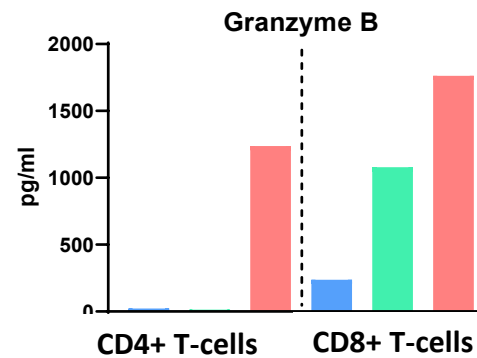


Target cell antigen intensity

Multiplex Cytokine Assay



■ Wild type
■ Single mutant
■ Double mutant

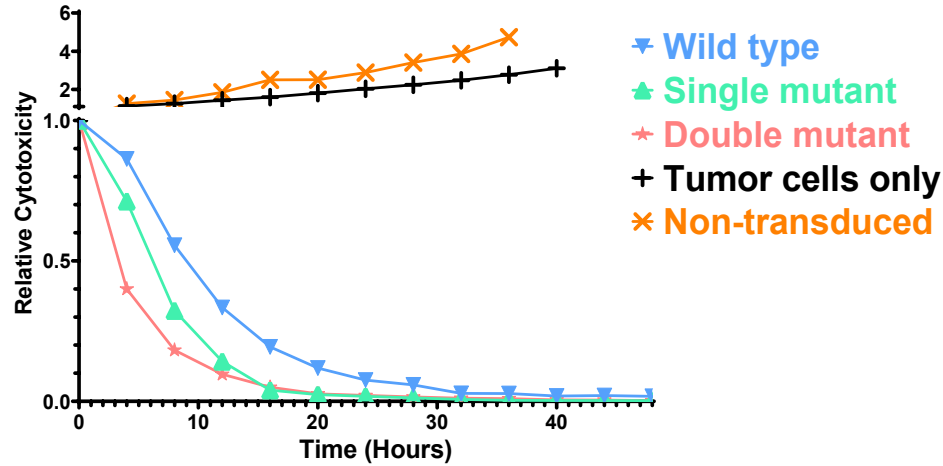


Unselected or CD4/CD8 selected PBMC-derived products were stimulated by co-culturing with a target positive cell line and cytokines assessed in culture supernatants

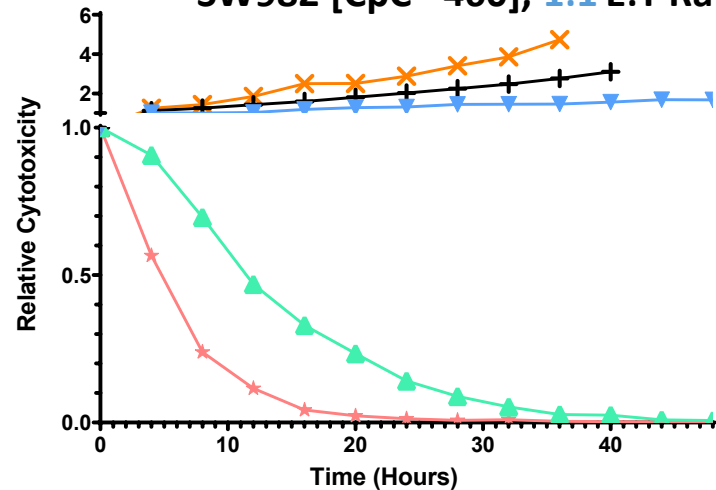
Affinity-enhanced TCR Leads to Rapid Tumor Elimination *in vitro*

Immune Cell-mediated Killing Assay

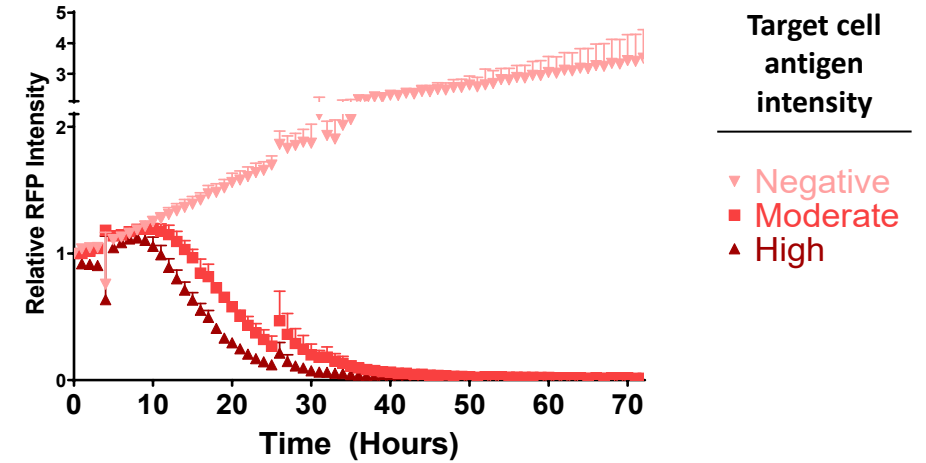
SW982 [CpC ~460], 5:1 E:T Ratio



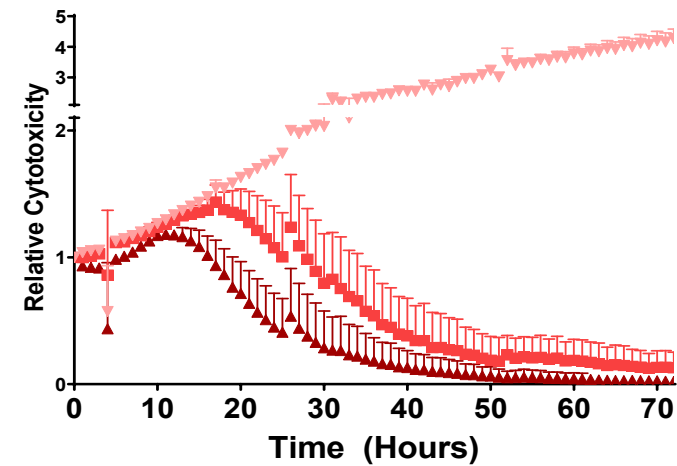
SW982 [CpC ~460], 1:1 E:T Ratio



Double mutant TCR transduced
CD8+ T-cells



Double mutant TCR transduced
CD4+ T-cells



TCR Motif Based Similar Peptide Screen Shows No Significant Safety Signal

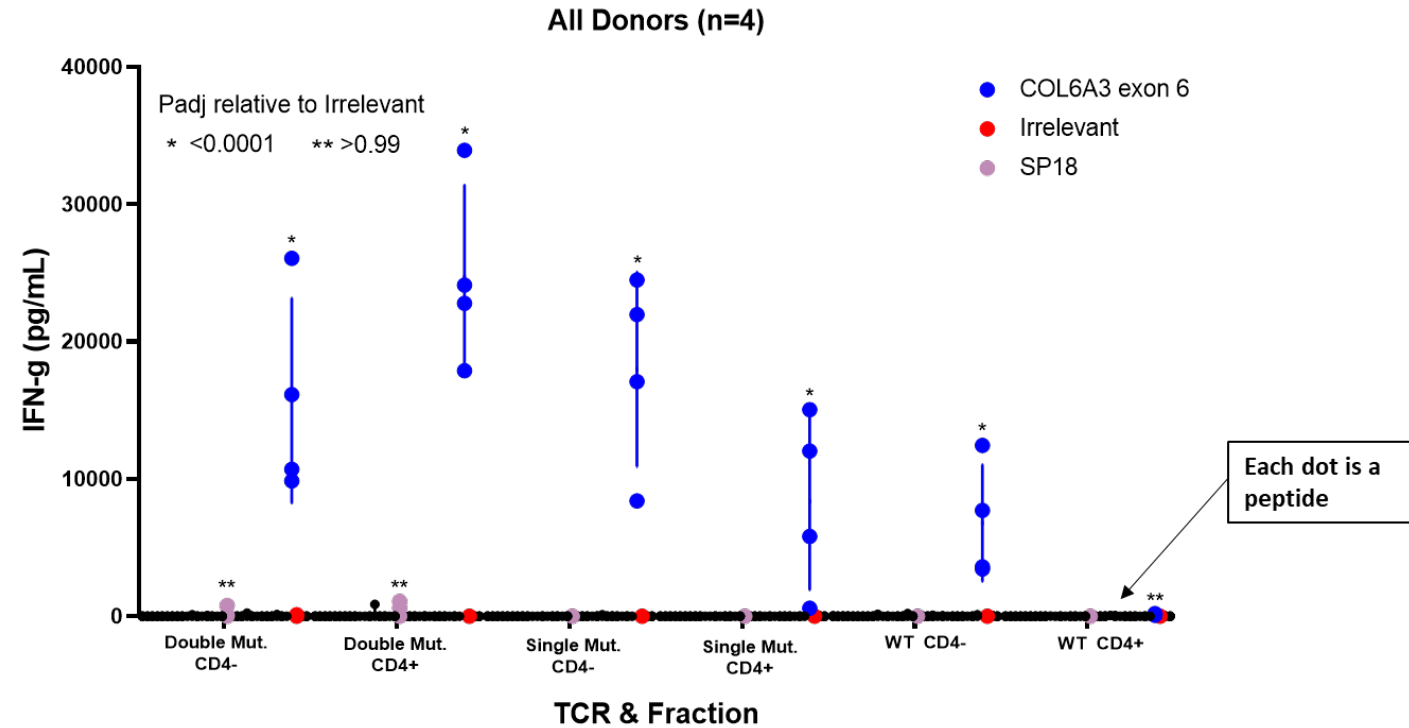
30 TCR-Motif Based Similar Peptides Were Tested Using CD4+ and CD4- T cells

	CD4+									CD4-								
Position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
WT Motif	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	O
Single Mutant Motif	X	X	X	O	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	O	X	X	X	X	O
Double Mutant Motif	X	X	X	O	X	X	X	X	O	O	O	X	O	X	X	O	X	O

Motif Position Calling

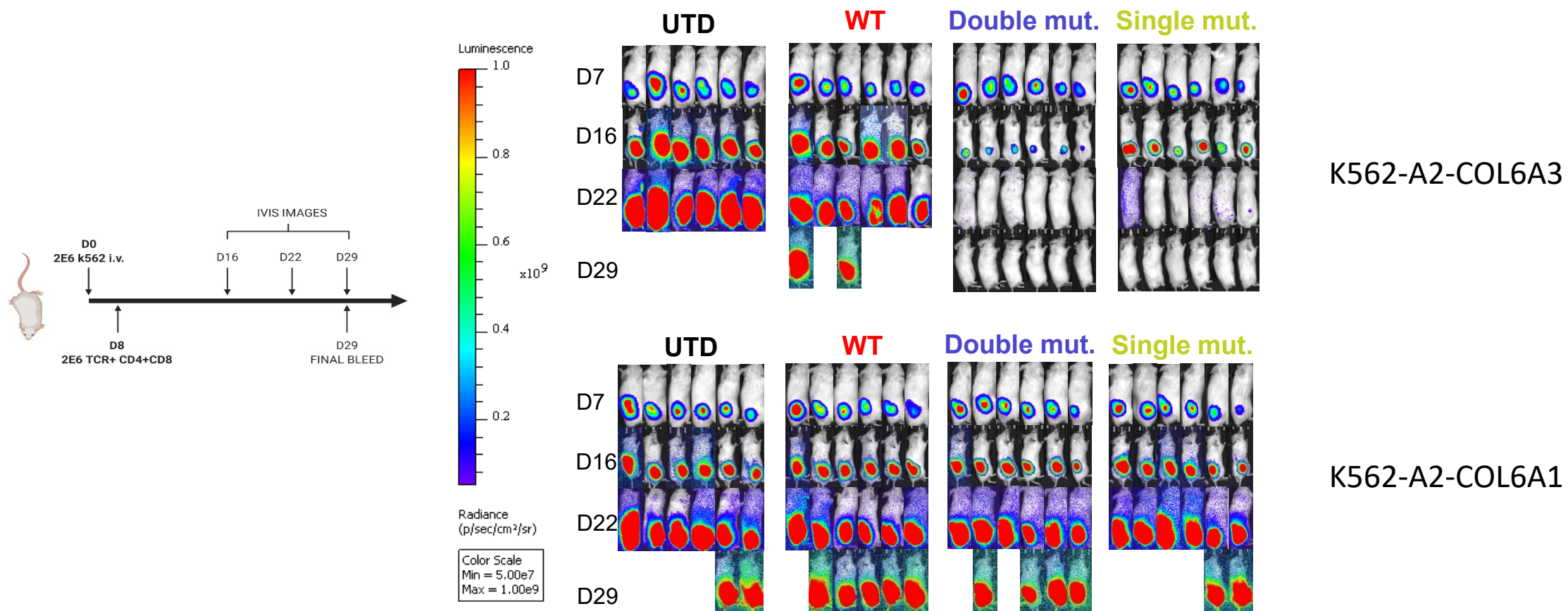
X = stringent position | 3/4 donors < 30% WT signal w/ substitution

O = mutable position | 3/4 donors > 30% WT signal w/ substitution



Affinity-enhanced COL6A3 Exon 6 Specific TCR Is Able to Eradicate Tumors from All Mice with High Disease Burden

NSG Model with Implanted K562-A2-COL6A3 or K562-A2-COL6A1 Tumors






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- **ACTengine® IMA204 target COL6A3 exon 6 is broadly expressed in the stroma of many solid tumors**
- **This target shows low levels of expression and presentation in healthy tissues**
- **A high-copy number peptide binding to HLA-A*02:01 was identified by XPRESIDENT®**
- **Two affinity-enhanced TCRs were designed against COL6A3 exon 6 using the XCEPTOR™ technology platform**
- **Both affinity-enhanced TCRs demonstrate excellent properties**
 - High avidity (sub-nM EC50)
 - Ability to recognize cell lines with physiological levels of target presentation
 - High specificity (no recognition of sequence-based or motif-based similar peptides)
- **One affinity-enhanced TCR shows fully CD8 independent target recognition**
 - This TCR engages both CD4+ and CD8+ T cells without the need of CD8 co-transduction
- **Final preclinical safety evaluation of the target and the two candidate TCRs is currently ongoing**
- **Immatics is planning to submit an IND for ACTengine® IMA204 in 2021 followed by careful introduction into the clinic**

A close-up photograph of a woman in a laboratory setting, wearing safety glasses and a lab coat, looking intently at a computer monitor. The background is blurred, showing laboratory equipment.

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