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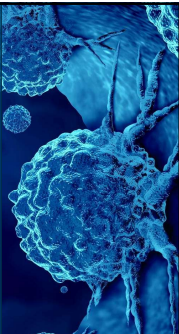
Broadening the Applicability of Virus Specific T cell Therapy from Post BMT to COVID19

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Limitations of Current Antiviral Therapy

Antiviral drugs not 100% effective

Antiviral drugs are not available for all viruses

Cost \$\$\$

**Side Effects ++
(Renal and Bone Marrow Toxicity)**



Rationale for antiviral T cell therapy after BMT

- T cell immunity is the guardian against reactivation
- Virus specific T cells frequency ↓ Viremia ↑
- Improved technology makes VST clinically feasibility

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Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation and Virus Infection

- High incidence of viral infections (not just single viruses EBV or CMV) post-transplant
- Highest incidence when donor seronegative (i.e. cord blood)

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A: Virus-exposed donors

PBMC

Viral peptides

G-Rex

IL-4
IL-7

VST in 10-12 days

B: Cord blood / Virus-naïve donors

CBMCs or Naïve T-cells

Dendritic Cells

Viral peptides

G-Rex

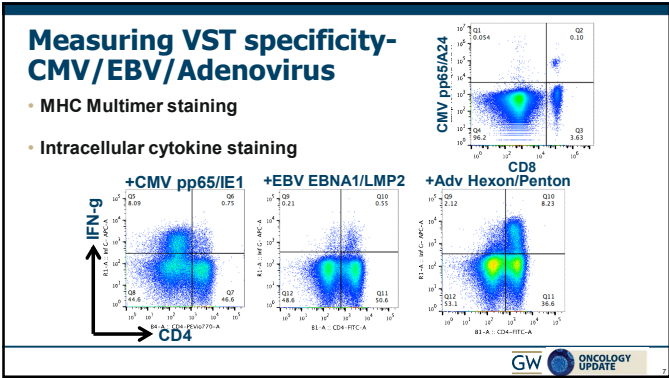
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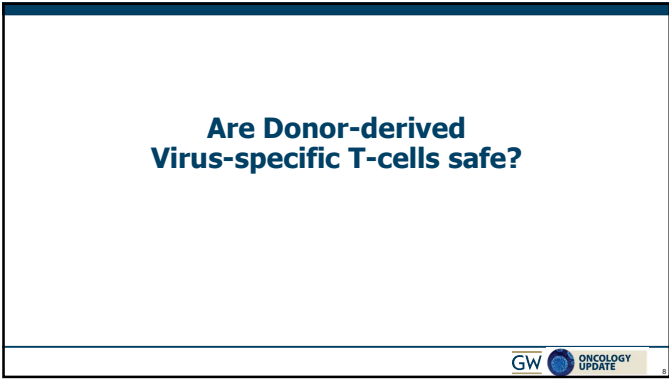
PHA blasts + K562 artificial APC

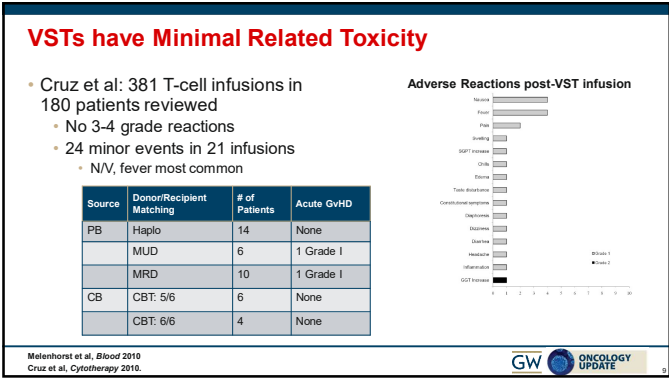
VST in approx 28 days

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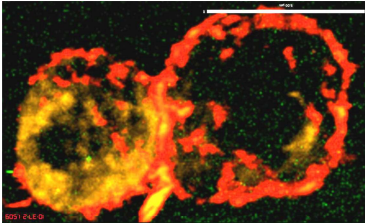
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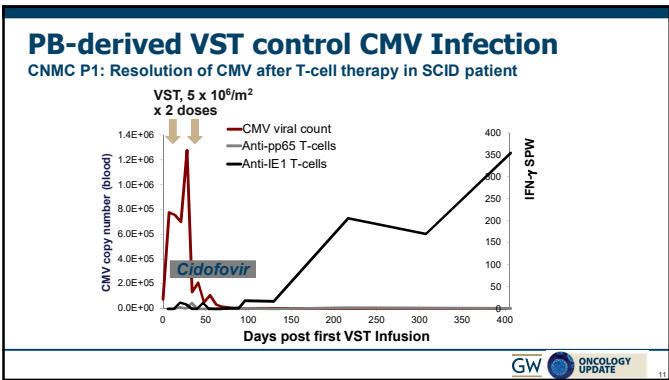
Are Virus-specific T cells efficacious?

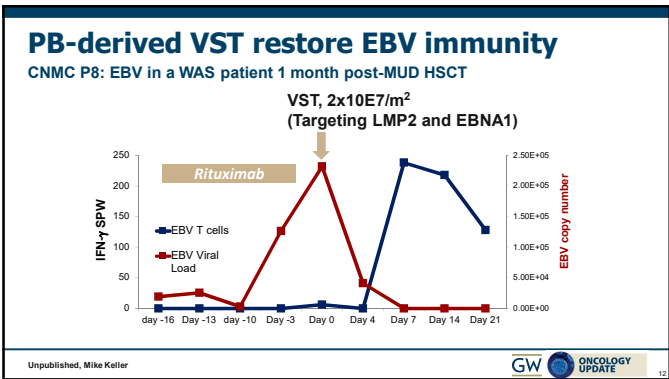


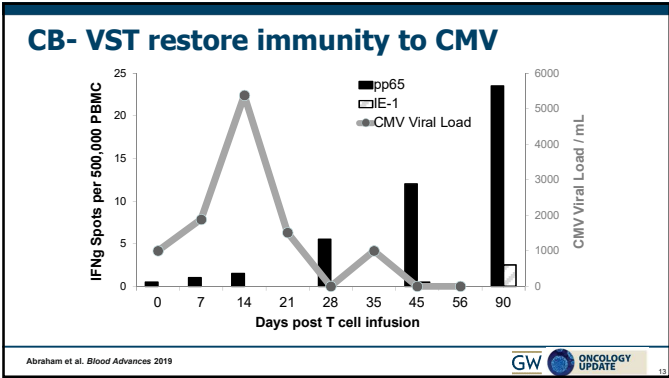
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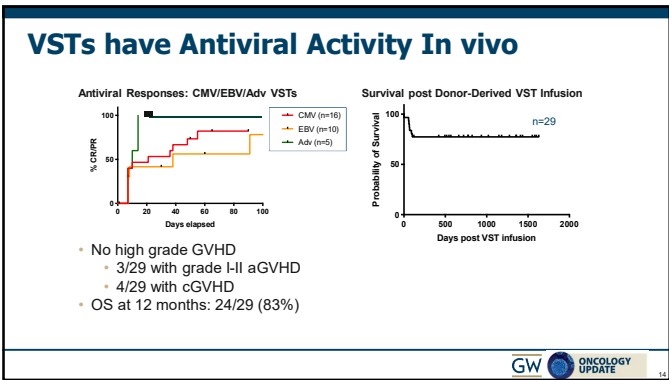
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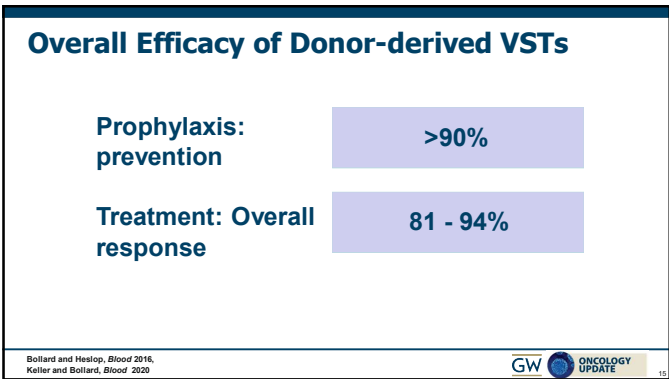
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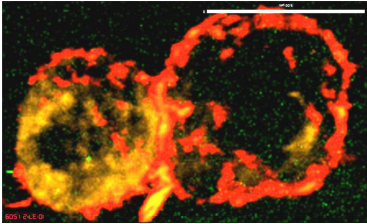








Do Virus-specific T cells persist?

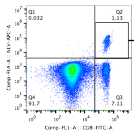


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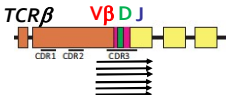
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TCR β sequencing allows VST tracking

NLV: CMV pp65/A02



TCR β sequencing of sorted cells

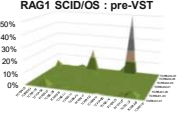


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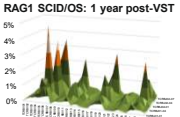
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TCR β repertoire correlates with CMV control

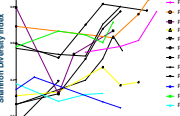
RAG1 SCID/OS : pre-VST



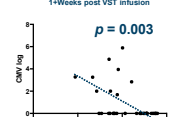
RAG1 SCID/OS: 1 year post-VST



Shannon Diversity Index



1+Weeks post VST infusion

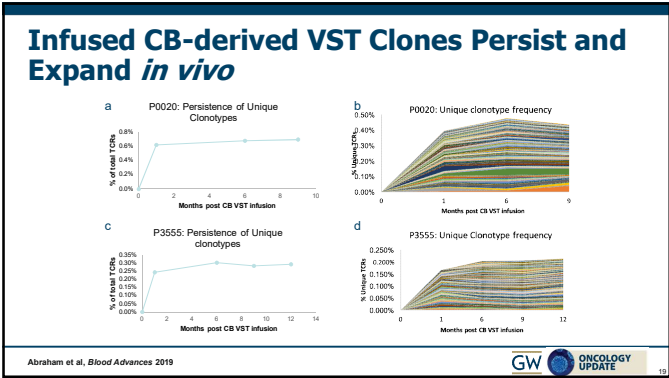


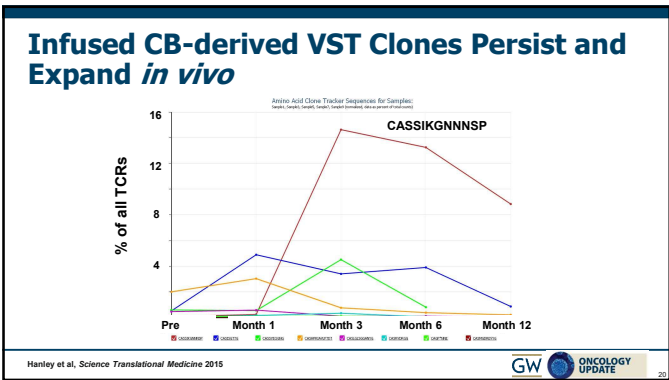
Keller et al. BJH 2019

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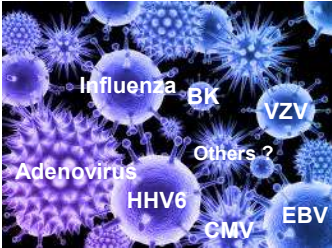


Summary: CB and PB Multivirus-specific T cells are Protective and Efficacious *in vivo*

- We can now expand multi virus -specific T cells from TWO donor sources: cord blood and peripheral blood
- Safe to infuse to patients (minimal toxicity)
- Persistence of virus-specific T cells in presence of antigen
- Regardless of source of virus-specific T cells (naïve/memory), both populations appear protective

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Targeting Multiple Viruses in a Single T cell Product – pepmix strategy



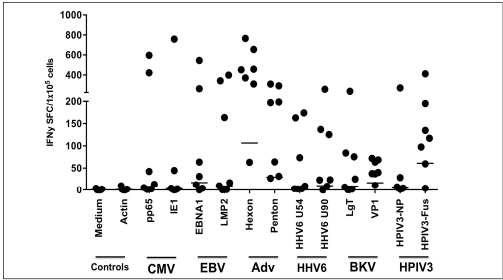
Influenza BK VZV
Adenovirus HHV6 CMV EBV
Others ?

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Expanding to 6 virus products- NATS



IFN- γ secretion (10⁶ cells)

Controls CMV EBV Adv HHV6 BKV HPIV3

McLaughlin et al, Cytotherapy 2017

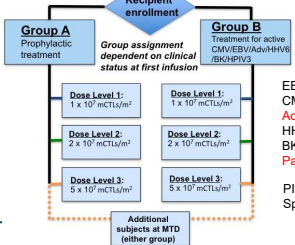
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Can Target up to Six Viruses in Single Product

Novel Antigens Targeted by ex vivo Expanded T-Lymphocytes following Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation (NATS)



Group A Prophylactic treatment
Group B Treatment for active CMV/EBV/Adenovirus/BK/HHV6

Group assignment dependent on clinical status at first infusion

Dose Level 1: 1 x 10⁷ mCTLs/m²
Dose Level 2: 2 x 10⁷ mCTLs/m²
Dose Level 3: 5 x 10⁷ mCTLs/m²

EBV
CMV
Adenovirus
HHV6
BKV
Parainfluenza 3

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Donor-derived Virus specific T cells are Safe and Effective and Persist in vivo

Prophylaxis: prevention

>90%

Treatment: Overall response

81 - 94%

Persistence of virus-specific T cells in presence of antigen for at least 12 months
(Keller et al, BJH 2019)

Incl. Cord Blood derived VSTs
(Hanley et al, STM 2013, Abraham et al, Blood Advances 2019)

Bollard and Heslop, Blood 2016, Keller and Bollard, Blood 2020

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What if the donor not available?

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Third-party VST treatment

Utilizing a third party VST bank could bypass the need for an available donor, and eliminates the wait for T cell production.



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Multivirus VSTs in Third Party Setting

Blood donor

Trivirus VST

EBV activity – B8, DR1

CMV activity – A24

Adv activity – A1, A24, DR15

A1, A24;

B8, 18;

DR1, 15

A1, 11; B8, 35; DR8

Searched EBV

Also ADV

A2, 24; B7, 27; DR1, 15

Searched CMV

Also ADV, EBV

Adv – A1, 11; B7, 8;

DR3, 11

Searched ADV

Also EBV

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Selection of Best EBV/LMP-specific T Cell Product for Infusion

Patient

A	B	C	DRB 1
24	40	03	11
01	39	07	04

Product 1

A	B	C	DRB 1
24	40	03	11
03	07	07	16

5/8 HLA Match

Product 2

A	B	C	DRB 1
24	40	03	04
26	39	07	14

6/8 HLA Match

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LMP Activity through 3/8 shared alleles

Product 2

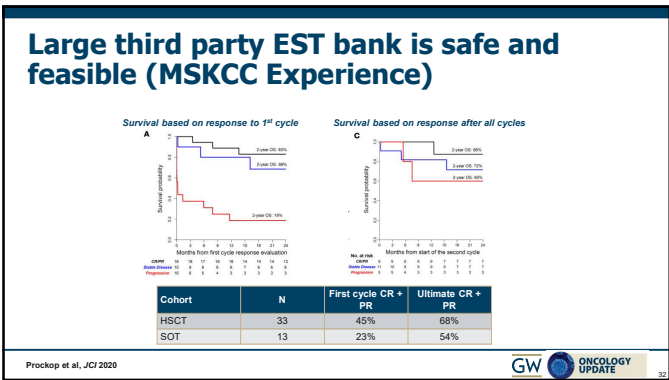
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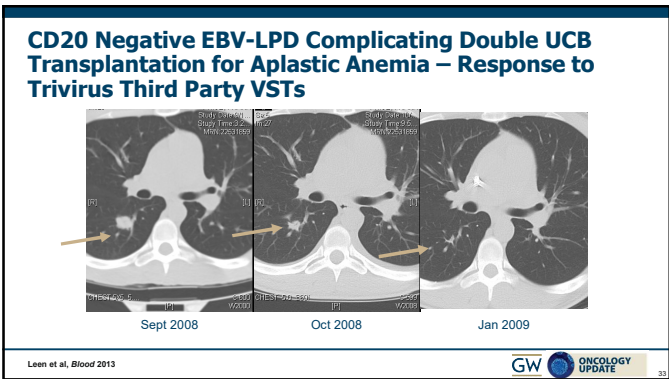
LMP Activity through 1/8 shared alleles

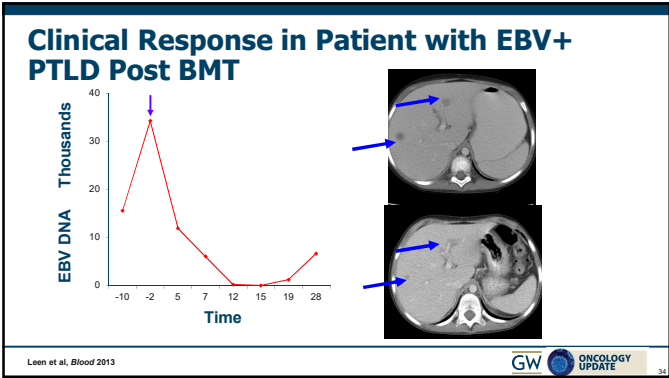
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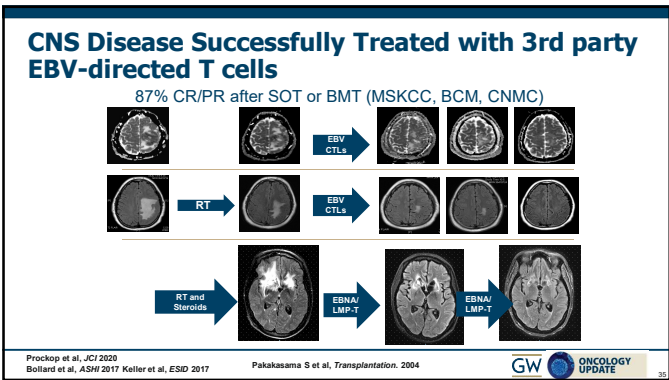
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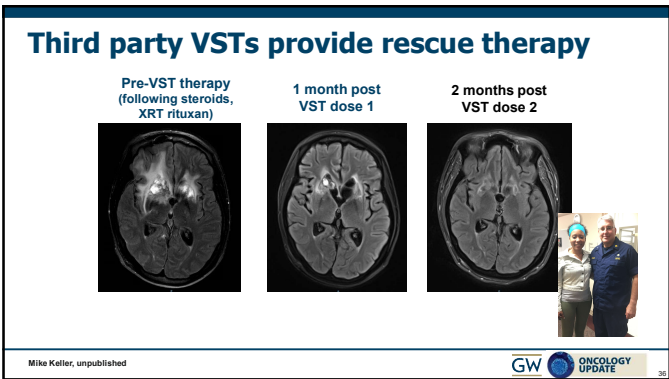
Prior Studies of Third-Party VST Support Safety				
Study	Target	n	Serious adverse events	Clinical Results
Haque, 2007	EBV	33	None	• 52% CR/ PR
Barker, 2010; Doubrovina, 2012	EBV	5	None	• 4 / 5 CR's
Leen, 2013	CMV, EBV, Adv	50	8 cases GvHD (2 de novo)	• 74% CR/PR
Tzannou, 2017	CMV, EBV, Adv, BK, HHV6	38	2 cases of de novo GVHD (gr I)	• 92% CR/PR
Withers, 2017	CMV, EBV, Adv	30	2 cases of de novo GVHD	• 93% CR/PR
Prockop, JCI, 2020	EBV post SOT/BMT	46	None	68% CR/PR (BMT) 54% CR/PR (SOT)











ANHL1522: A Pilot Study of Rituximab (RTX) and Third Party Latent Membrane Protein (LMP)-specific Cytotoxic T-Lymphocytes (LMP-TC, IND # 17068) in Pediatric Solid Organ Recipients (SOT) with EBV-Positive CD20-Positive Post-Transplant Lymphoproliferative Disease (PTLD)

Study Co-Chairs: Birte Wistinghausen, MD
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Version date: January 11, 2017

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Overall efficacy of Third Party VSTs at CNH

Donor-derived versus Third party VST

VST responses by virus

• aGVHD in 4 patients
• Predominantly grade I-II and transient

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Third party VSTs provide rescue therapy

• 4 year old IL-10R deficient patient, s/p MMRD HSCT

Third-party VST
(5/10 match, activity against Adv through HLA-DR7)

Adenoviral copy number (log)

IFN SFC / 1x10⁶ cells

Cidofovir

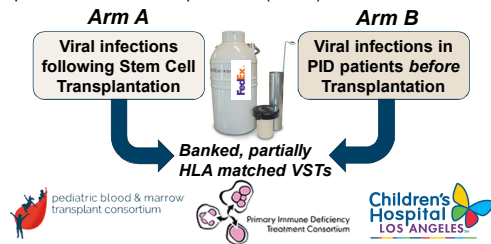
Days post HSCT

Anti-Hexon T-cells
Anti-Penton T-cells

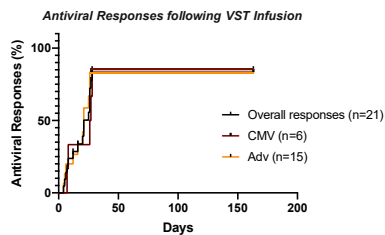
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Extending Third-party VST therapy



Antiviral Cellular Therapy for Enhancing T-cell Reconstitution Before or After HSCT (ACES), PBMTC SUP1701



Conclusions - Third Party VSTs

VSTs Can Target Multiple (? Any) Viruses/ Pathogens after BMT!

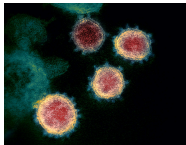
- **HIV** (Ren et al, JCI 2020, Patel et al, Mol Ther Meth 2019, Patel et al, Mol Ther 2018, Patel et al BMT 2016, Lam et al, Mol Ther 2015) - 4 clinical trials
- **EBV+ Lymphoma** (McLaughlin et al, Blood 2018, Bollard et al, JCO 2018)- 1 clinical trial
- **Pre-clinical targets**
 - **Norovirus** (Hanajiri et al, JID 2019)- 1 clinical trial
 - **Zika Virus** (Hanajiri et al, Cytotherapy, 2019)
 - **Mycobacteria** (Patel et al, Frontiers Immunology, 2019)
 - **Fungal** (Castillo et al, Molecular Therapy - Methods & Clinical Development, 2018)
 - **HPV** (McCormack et al Cytotherapy 2018)

McLaughlin et al, Cytotherapy 2017

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Developing T cell therapies for SARS CoV-2



Mike Keller et al
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Favorable outcomes of COVID-19 in recipients of hematopoietic cell transplantation


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Shah, DeWolf et al, JCI 2020

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Developing a SARS-CoV-2 T cell Therapeutic from Convalescent Donors

Subject Demographics

Description	Value
Median age in years (range)	34.5 (20-69)
Male gender	21 (46%)
Disease Severity	
Mild	38 (83%)
Moderate	3 (7%)
Severe	1 (2%)
Asymptomatic	4 (9%)
Symptoms	
Fever	24 (52%)
Respiratory symptoms	38 (83%)
GI symptoms	9 (20%)
Fatigue	15 (33%)
Anosmia	20 (44%)
Median length of symptoms, days (range)	12 (0-30)
Need for Hospitalization	2 (4%)

SARS-CoV-2 Antibody Responses (n=46)

Log10 antibody titer

Nucleocapsid Ab Spike Ab

● Controls
● COVID-19 subjects

Collaboration with Jeff Cohen (NIAID LID), Peter Burbelo (NIDCR)
Keller et al, Blood 2020

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Generation of Coronavirus-Specific T-cells Using GMP Compliant Methodologies

SARS-CoV-2 peptides IL-4, IL-7

PBMC

G-Rex10

10-12 days

Coronavirus-specific T-cells

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SARS-CoV-2 Wuhan Hu-1 strain

15mer Overlapping peptide libraries

Keller et al, Blood, 2020 Dec 17;136(25):2905-17

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Convalescent Donors Recognize Multiple SARS-CoV-2 Structural Proteins

T-cell Specificity by ELISpot (day 10 post expansion)

#Spots per 10⁵ cells

CTL Only Actin Spike Nucleocapsid Envelope Membrane

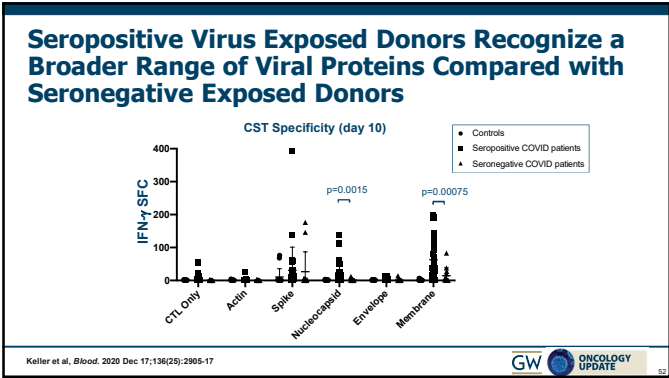
● Controls (n=15)
● Convalescent patients (n=46)

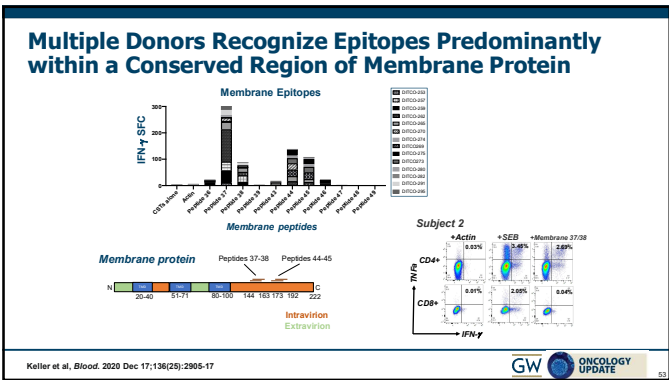
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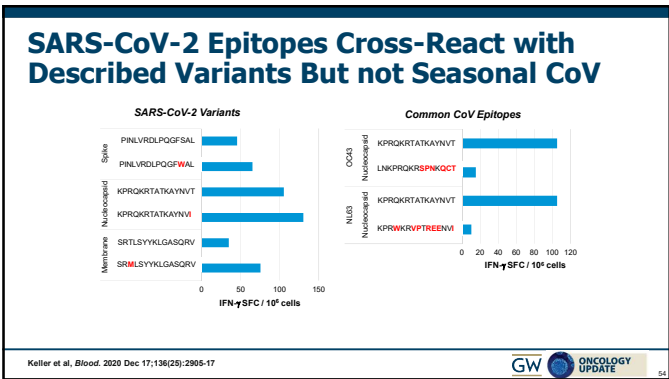
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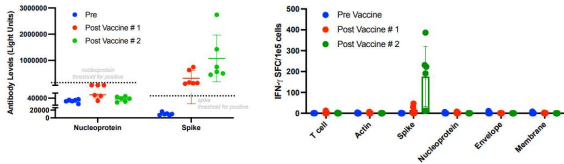






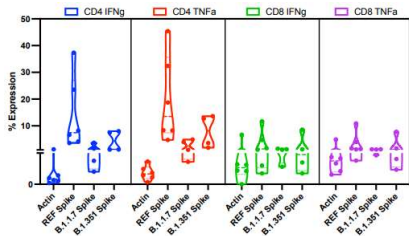
Can Vaccinated, SARS-Cov2 Unexposed Donors be used to Manufacture SARS-CoV2-specific T cells and are they Cross Reactive?

Vaccinated Donors Elicit Spike specific T cell responses in addition to Spike specific Ab Responses



Paper available as PrePrint in: <https://www.researchsquare.com/article/rs-403449/v1>
Cruz et al, Cytotherapy, in press

Vaccinated Donor-Derived T cells exhibit cross-reactivity against B.1.1.7 and B.1.351 variants



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Moving SARS-CoV2 T cell
Therapies to the Clinic

New Clinical Trial

- "T-cell Therapy Opposing Novel Coronavirus Infection in Immunocompromised Patients (TONI)" IND 27588
- Post BMT Patients only (prophylaxis)
- Potential concerns treating patients with active infection?

Conclusions - VSTs

- Low attributable toxicity
- Donor-derived and Third party virus specific T cells (VSTs) effective in clearing viral disease (approx 80% efficacy)
- Can broaden applicability to multiple (?any) viruses

So...Why are VSTs Not More Widely Used?

Misconceptions regarding:

- Boutique therapy restricted to specialized centers and no randomized trials?
- No licensed product?
- Cost?

So...Why are CMV T cells/VSTs Not More Widely Used?

Misconceptions regarding:

- Boutique therapy restricted to specialized centers and no randomized trials? - Cooperative Group Protocols (COG ANHL1522, PBMTC ACES, BMT-CTN)
- No licensed product?- Orphan Drug Status and Pharma involvement- Atara, Allovir both have phase III trials
- Cost....?

Manufacturing Costs Of 6 Virus VST Production Including CMV VSTs

Cost Item

GMP facility	\$2,280
Trained technician	\$1,000
VST manufacture	\$3,076
Release testing	\$1,651
TOTAL	\$8,007



Commercially viable
(Cellmedica, Atara, Allovir, Miltenyi)



Standard Treatment Charges

Rituximab for EBV-PTLD	\$9,000-\$11,000
Ganciclovir for CMV	\$15,000

Drugs versus VSTs

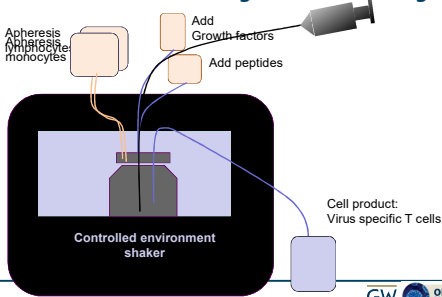
→ PRO VSTs!?



	Drugs	VSTs
Toxicity	Frequent	Low
Response Rates	Highly variable depending on virus	Response rates 90% in donor-specific setting
Prolonged Protection	No	Yes
1 agent for multiple viruses	Rarely	Yes
Economically Justifiable	Sometimes	Yes



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"GMP in a Box" Future for commercial VSTs? Using VSTs to prevent viral disease and not treating viruses with drugs?





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