# TCR-T Cell Therapy

# PRECISION IMMUNE MONITORING

# **Antigen-Specific Solutions for TCR-T Cell Therapy**

Antigen specific interaction is at the heart of TCR-T cell therapy. In order to develop an effective T cell-based therapeutic, it is necessary to discover not only the ideal TCR, but also the most suitable target epitope.

To understand the mechanism of action of the therapeutic, the antigenspecific interaction needs to be well characterized. A thorough analysis of antigen-specific responses in T cells is critical to demonstrate efficacy and investigate possible side effects.



# **Quality Control of TCR-T Cell Therapies**

- Demonstrate that the infusion product meets defined lot release criteria:
- I T Cell Number, Identity and Purity



MHC Dextramer<sup>®</sup> reagent(s)



MHC Dextramer<sup>®</sup> binds to TCR on antigen-specific T cells

- Clinical-Grade (GMP) Dextramer® reagents
- Analyze both the identity and purity of T cells in a single step



Assess % of target-specific Dextramer®-positive T cells by flow cytometry

# TCR-T Cell Therapy: from Development to Manufacturing



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### **TCR Discovery**

Perform single-cell V(D)J sequencing and TCR discovery at scale using dCODE Dextramer®libraries

- Multiplex up to 1000 different specificities
- Simultaneously identify the TCR sequences as well as the epitopes with which the TCRs interact
- Detect even low affinity TCRs reliably so you don't miss out on important TCR candidates

E-V-D-P-I-G-H-L-Y

A-V-D-P-I-G-H-L-Y E-A-D-P-I-G-H-L-Y



## **Specificity Profiling**

- Perform large scale epitope recognition profiling using dCODE Dextramer<sup>®</sup>libraries
- Discover epitopes for which epitope-reactive TCR clonotypes with the desired phenotypic characteristics can be identified
- Investigate TCR cross-reactivity with potential off-target antigens



Antigen Specificity Screening

Comprehensive Single-Cell Multi-Omics T cell Analysis with Paired TCR Sequencing

### **Assess pMHC Binding Affinity**



Create plates coated withPeptide-Receptive MHC Monomers

- PMHC binding affinity influences the accumulation of epitope on the cell surface
- Assess the binding affinity between MHC and different target peptides

# Biochemical Characterization of the TCR:pMHC Interaction



- Develop ex vivo assays using immobilized Soluble TCR Monomers and libraries of pMHC Monomers
- Screen for TCR Cross-Reactivity against potential off-target antigens to mitigate the risk of toxicity
- Assess TCR:pMHC binding strength using cell-free plate or bead-based binding strength and duration assays



# **TCR Validation**

- Demonstrate TCR interaction with the target pMHC
- Assess TCR surface expression level
- Investigate TCR:pMHC complex affinity
- Characterize pMHC-reactive T cell clonotypes

## **T Cell Isolation, Enrichment and Expansion**

### Use MHC Dextramer® to

- Isolate and enrich antigen-specific T cells for further *in vitro* characterization
- Stimulate T cells so that they expand more rapidly

#### MHC Dextramer<sup>®</sup> or dCODE Dextramer<sup>®</sup>

bind to TCR on antigen-specific T cells enabling analysis by flow cytometry or single-cell multi-omics



# **Precision Immune Monitoring of the Patient Response**

# Use MHC Dextramer<sup>®</sup> or dCODE Dextramer<sup>®</sup> in flow cytometry or single-cell multi-omics:

- Monitor kinetics and persistence of the infused T cells in patient blood samples
- I Thoroughly investigate antigen-specific T-cell response to therapy
- Analyze T cell clones and their functional phenotypes
- Discover biomarkers predictive of response
- Investigate epitope spreading

## **APC Detection**

# The detection and quantification of Antigen-Presenting Cells (APCs) is important to:

- Stratify and select patients with demonstrated expression of the target antigen
- Confirm if the target antigen is present predominantly in the target tissue, and thus avoid potential toxicity
- Monitor the presence of the target antigen and possible tumor escape

TCR Dextramer<sup>®</sup> binds to pMHC on antigen-presenting cells



∧ Dextran • Fluorophore ¥ TCR

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# **Further Reading**

Read more about how Dextramer® technology is being applied in the development of T cell-based therapeutics.

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### Resources

### **Cell Therapy**

Explore how Dextramer<sup>®</sup> reagents support the development and manufacturing of effective cell therapies.

Learn more: immudex.com/cell-therapy

### **TCR Discovery**

Explore how TCR discovery can advance the development of novel T-cell therapies.

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### **Case Studies and Application Notes**

Immerse yourself in educational content exploring the applications of Dextramer® technology.

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### **TCR Solutions**

- Soluble TCR Monomers
- TCR Dextramer<sup>®</sup>

Learn more: immudex.com/tcr-solutions

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### MHC Dextramer®

Sensitive and reliable detection of antigen-specific T cells

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