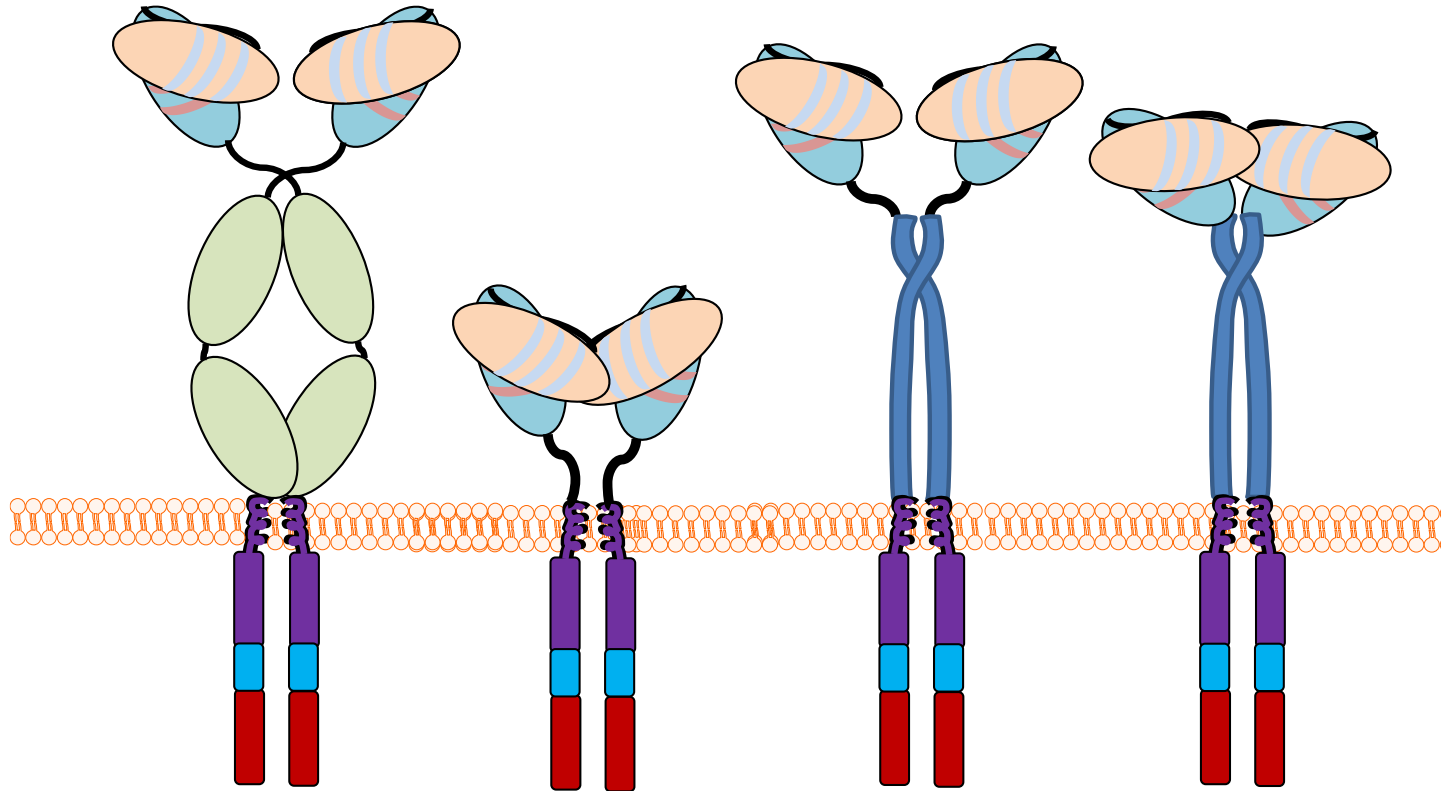


# CAR T approach for T cell Lymphomas



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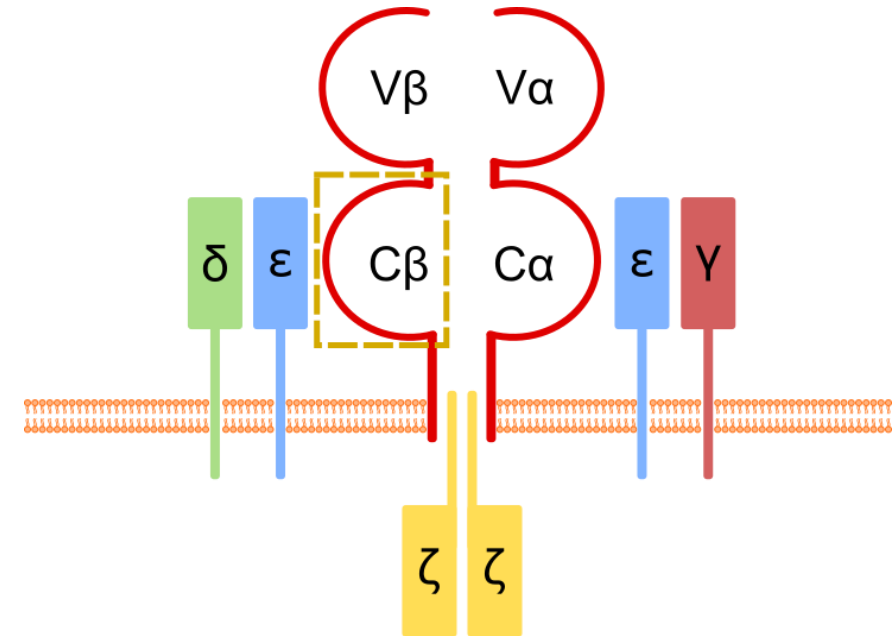
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# Peripheral T-Cell Lymphoma: No Standard of Care After First Relapse

- › T cell lymphoma is an aggressive disease with a very poor prognosis
- › Many T cell lymphoma patients are refractory/relapse following first-line treatment (68%)<sup>3</sup>
- › Standard of care variable, often based on high-dose chemotherapy and stem cell transplants
  - › Median 5 yrs OS: 32% <sup>1</sup>
- › Relapsed/refractory patients have a worse prognosis
  - › Median PFS approximately 3 months/ Median OS < 6 months <sup>2,3</sup>
- › T cell lymphoma has not benefited from advances in immunotherapy to date
  - › Pan T-cell depletion highly toxic; Few/no tumour-specific antigen targets

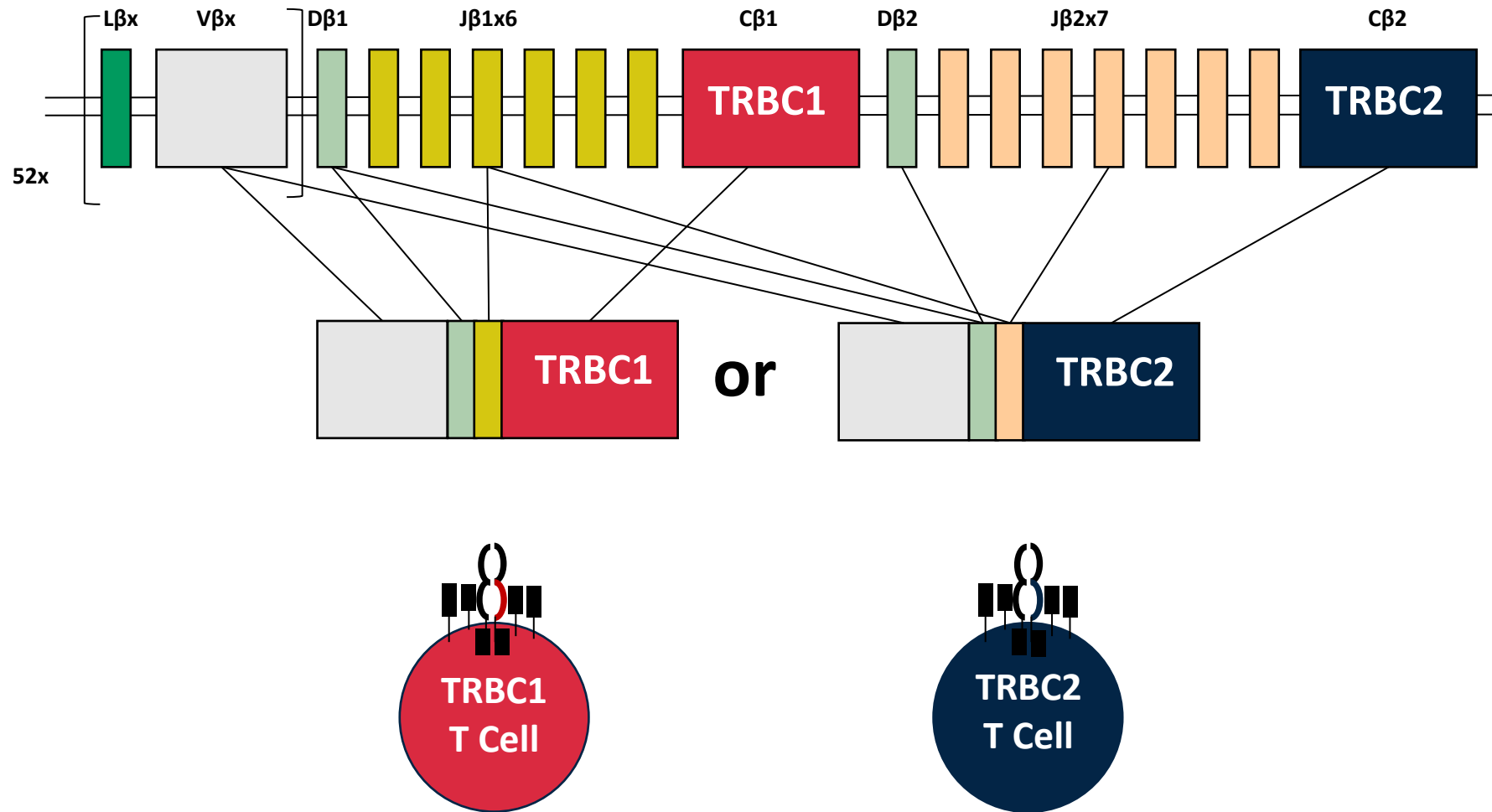
# What is a Good CAR Target in PTCL?

Antigen	PTCL		AILD	
	No.	Positive (%)	No.	Positive (%)
Human TCR $\beta$ F1	133	97	30	94
CD2	136	70	41	100
CD3	144	86	40	95
CD4	135	46	38	42
CD8	129	15	34	32
CD5	137	20	36	19
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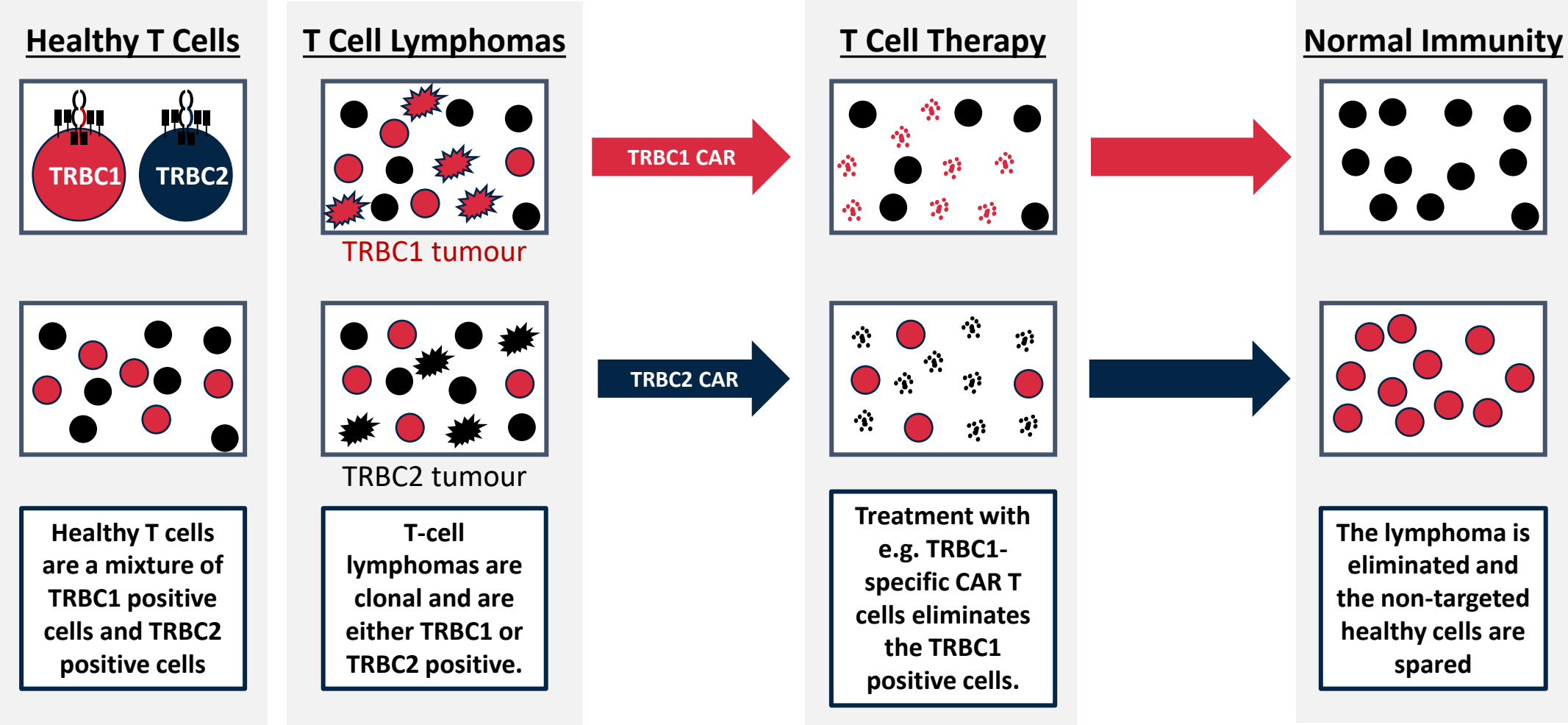


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# The T cell Receptor Beta Constant Region is Duplicated



# Targeting Strategy for T cell Lymphomas



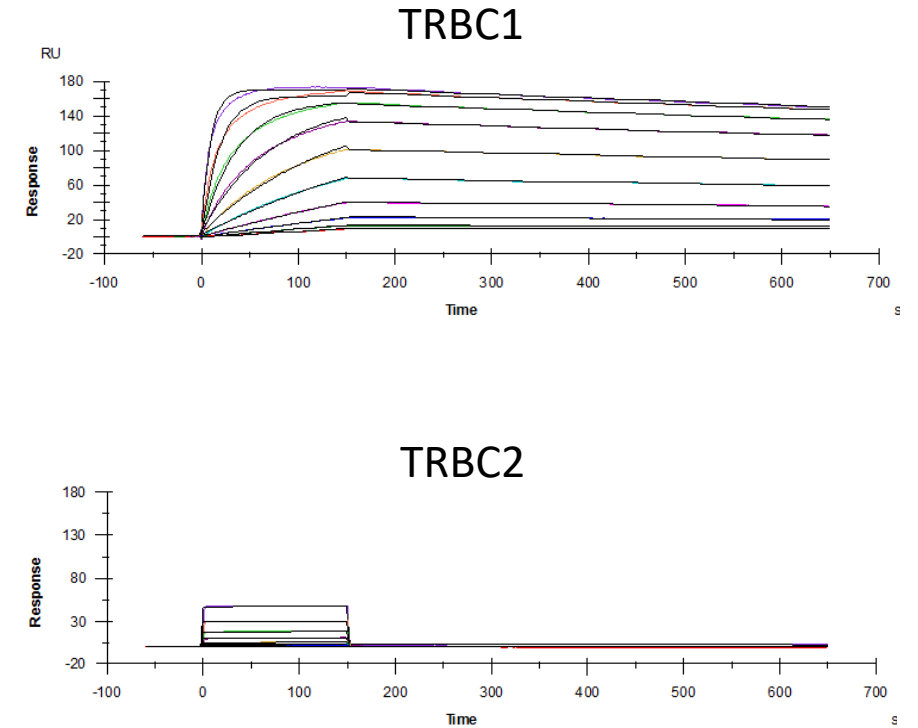
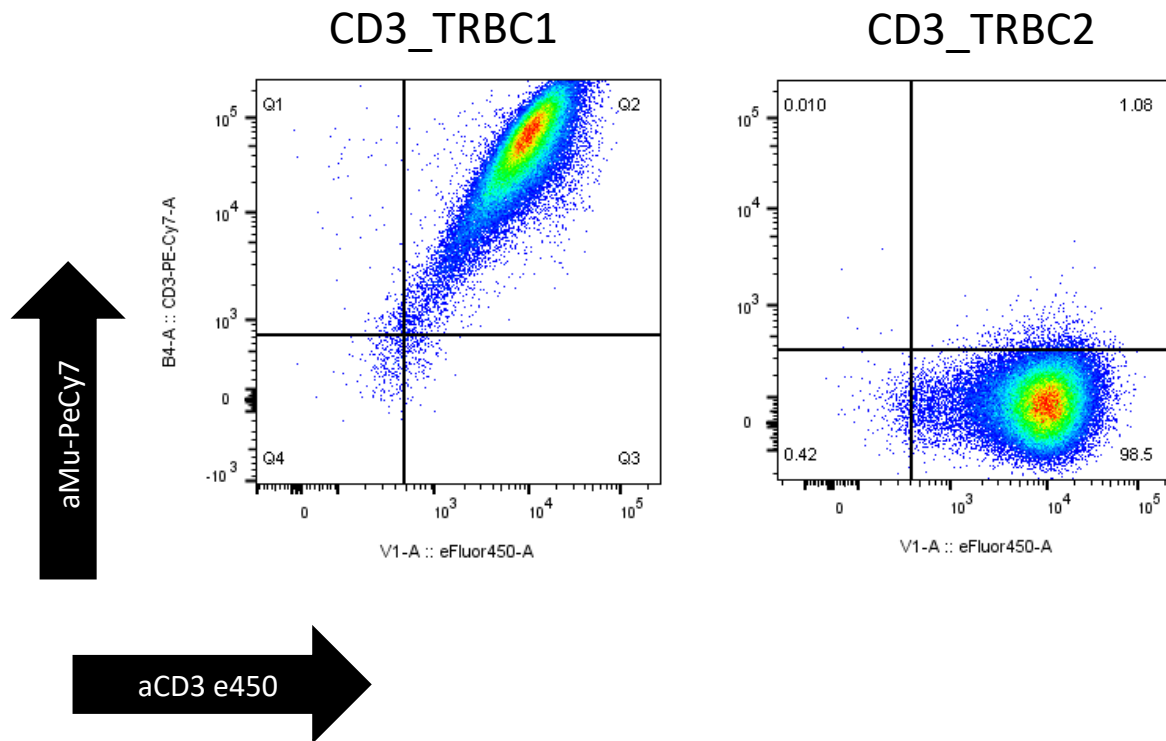
# Challenges Targeting TCRβ

Differences between TRBC1 and TRBC2 are small

		NK-KN 4/5	F-Y 36
TRBC1	1	EDLNKVFPPPEVAVFEPSEAEISHTQKATLVCLATGFF	PDHVELSWWVNGK
TRBC2	1	EDLKNVFPPEVAVFEPSEAEISHTQKATLVCLATGFY	PDHVELSWWVNGK
TRBC1	51	EVHSGVSTDPOPLKEQPALNDSRYCLSSRLRVSATFWQNPRNHFRCQVQF	
TRBC2	51	EVHSGVSTDPOPLKEQPALNDSRYCLSSRLRVSATFWQNPRNHFRCQVQF	
TRBC1	101	YGLSENDEWTQDRAKPVTQIVSAEAWGRADCGFTSV	SYQQGVLSAT
TRBC2	101	YGLSENDEWTQDRAKPVTQIVSAEAWGRADCGFTSE	SYQQGVLSAT
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# TRBC1 Specific Antibody

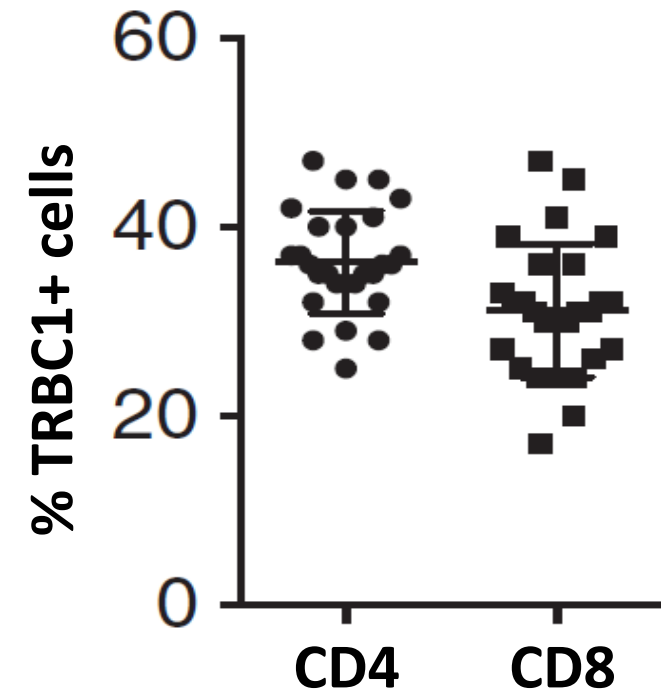
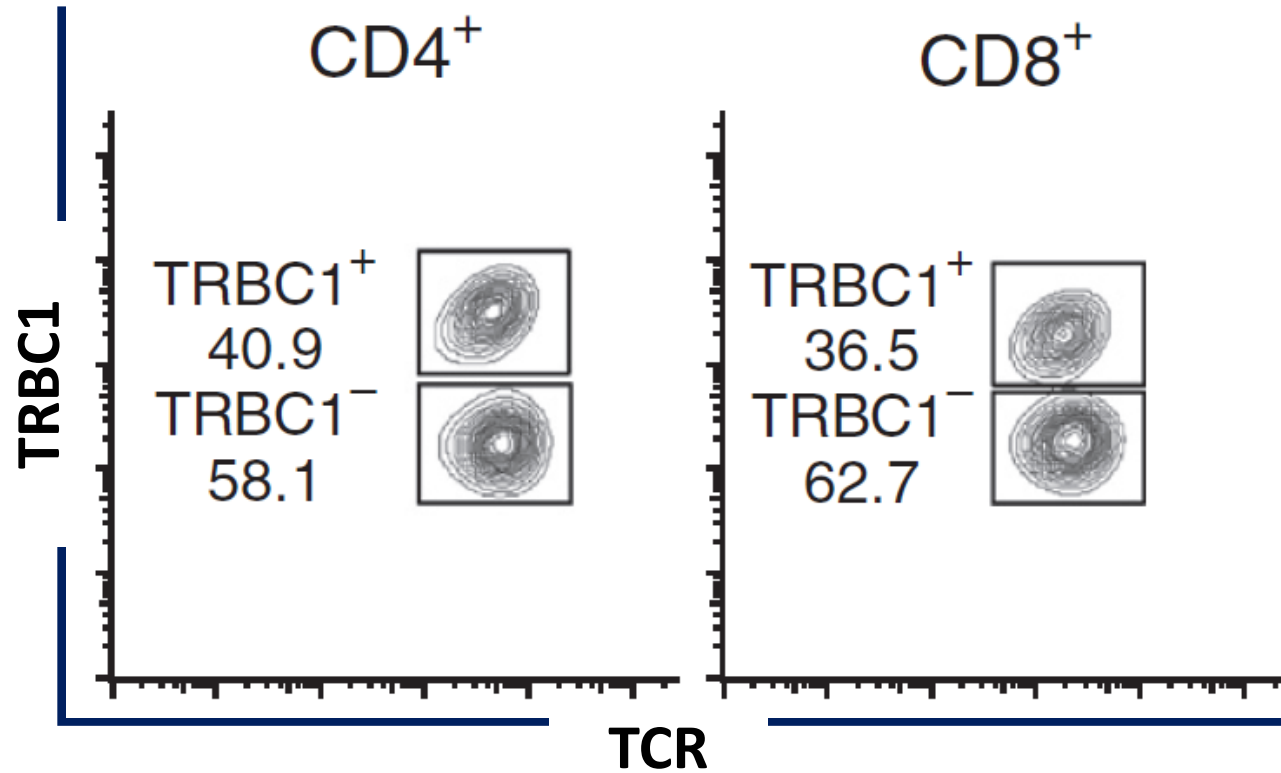
## Identification of a TRBC1 specific antibody





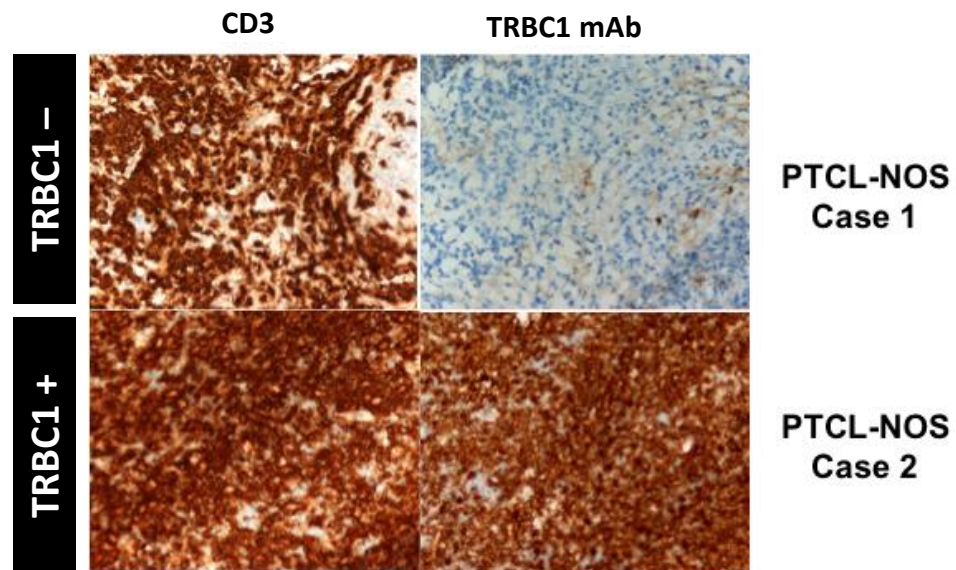
# TRBC1 Expression in Normal T Cells

Peripheral blood T-cells contain a mix of TRBC1 and TRBC2 cells



# TRBC1 Expression in Primary T cell Cancers

## Screening of patient samples with aTRBC1 antibody

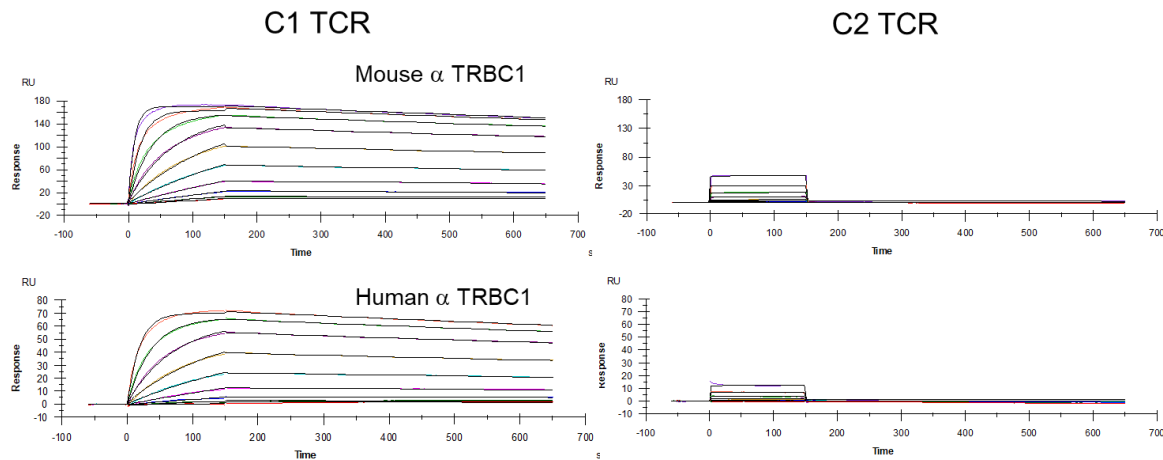


Diagnosis	TRBC1+ (%)	TRBC1-	Total
Anaplastic large cell lymphoma	5 (42)	7	12
Angio-immunoblastic T-cell lymphoma	2 (40)	3	5
Peripheral T-cell lymphoma, NOS	8 (44)	10	18
NK/T-cell Lymphoma	0 (0)	1	1
Sézary syndrome	1 (33)	2	3
T-acute lymphoblastic leukaemia/ lymphoma	2 (25)	6	8
Adult T-cell leukaemia/ lymphoma	2 (100)	0	2
T-prolymphocytic leukaemia	1 (33)	2	2
T-large granular leukaemia	1 (25)	3	4
OVERALL	22 (38)	34	56

# Generation of an Anti TRBC1 Chimeric Antigen Receptor

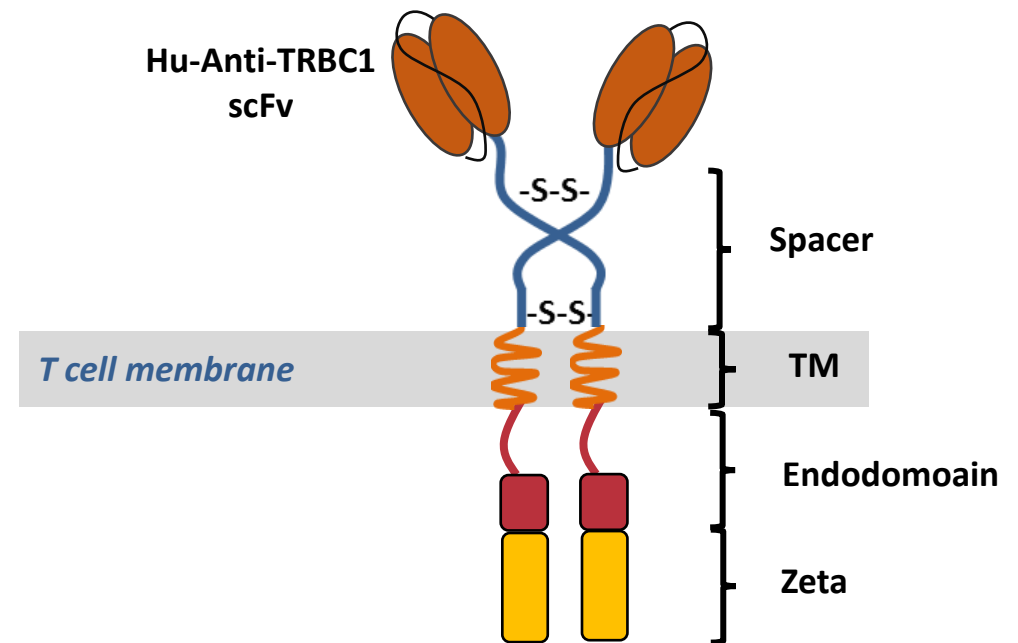
## Humanization of aTRBC1 binder and CAR construction

### Humanization of aTRBC1 mAb



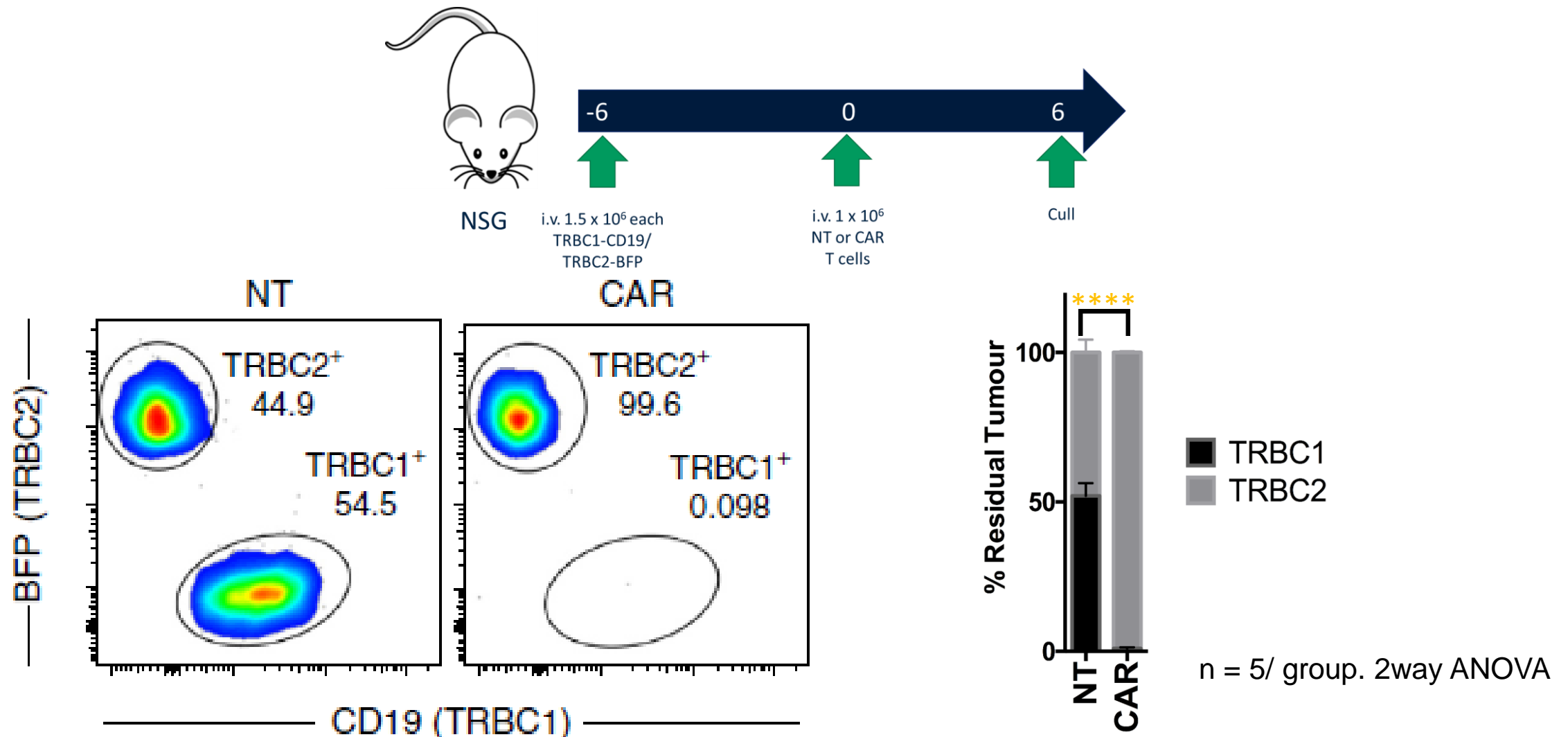
Binder	$K_D$
Mouse $\alpha$ TRBC1	$2.41 \pm 0.5$
Human $\alpha$ TRBC1	$2.96 \pm 0.8$

### Construction of aTRBC1 Chimeric Antigen Receptor



# TRBC1 in-vivo CAR Activity

aTRBC1 CARs selectively target TRBC1 cells in the presence of TRBC2 cells



# SAFETY AND PRELIMINARY EFFICACY FINDINGS OF AUTO4, A TRBC1-TARGETTING CAR, IN RELAPSED/REFRACTORY TRBC1 POSITIVE SELECTED T- CELL NON-HODGKIN LYMPHOMA

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LibraT1

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# Phase I/II Study Evaluating AUTO4 in Patients With TRBC1 Positive PTCL: LibraT1



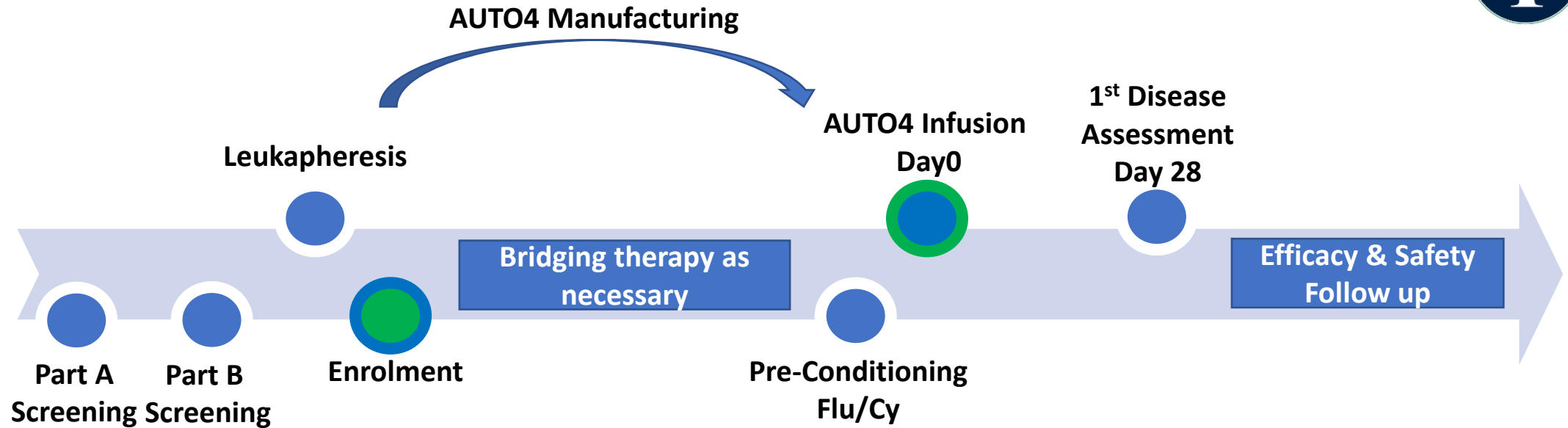
## Key Inclusion

- ≥18 years of age
- ECOG 0-1
- Confirmed diagnosis of PTCL-NOS, AITL, or ALCL
- Confirmed TRBC1+ tumour – confirmed using a NGS assay
- Relapsed/refractory disease following at least 1 line of therapy

## Key Exclusion

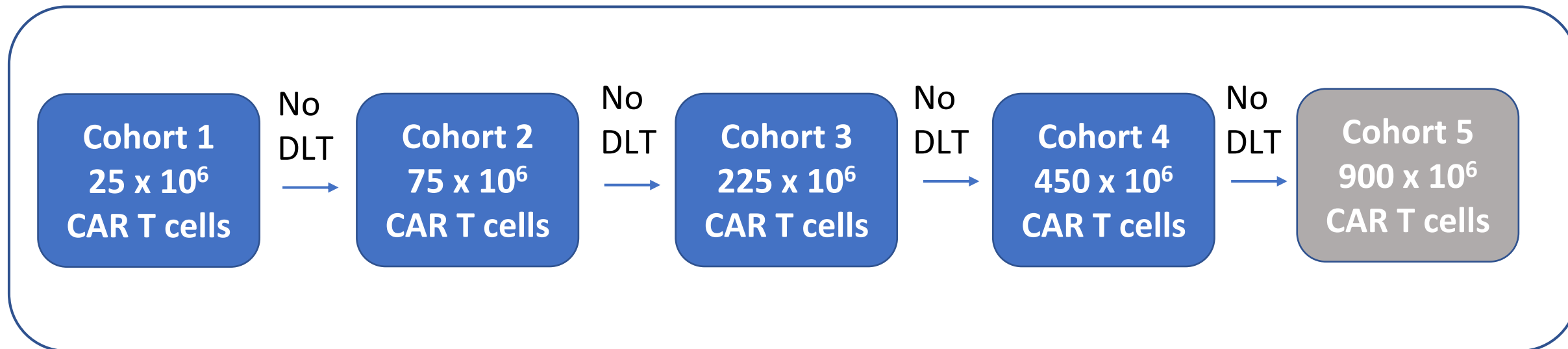
- Patients with T-cell leukaemia
- Active or past history of CNS involvement by malignancy

# Study Design



- Part A: Lymphoma tissue screening for TRBC1 or TRBC2 expression using NGS
- Part B: Study screening for patients determined to have TRBC1+ lymphoma

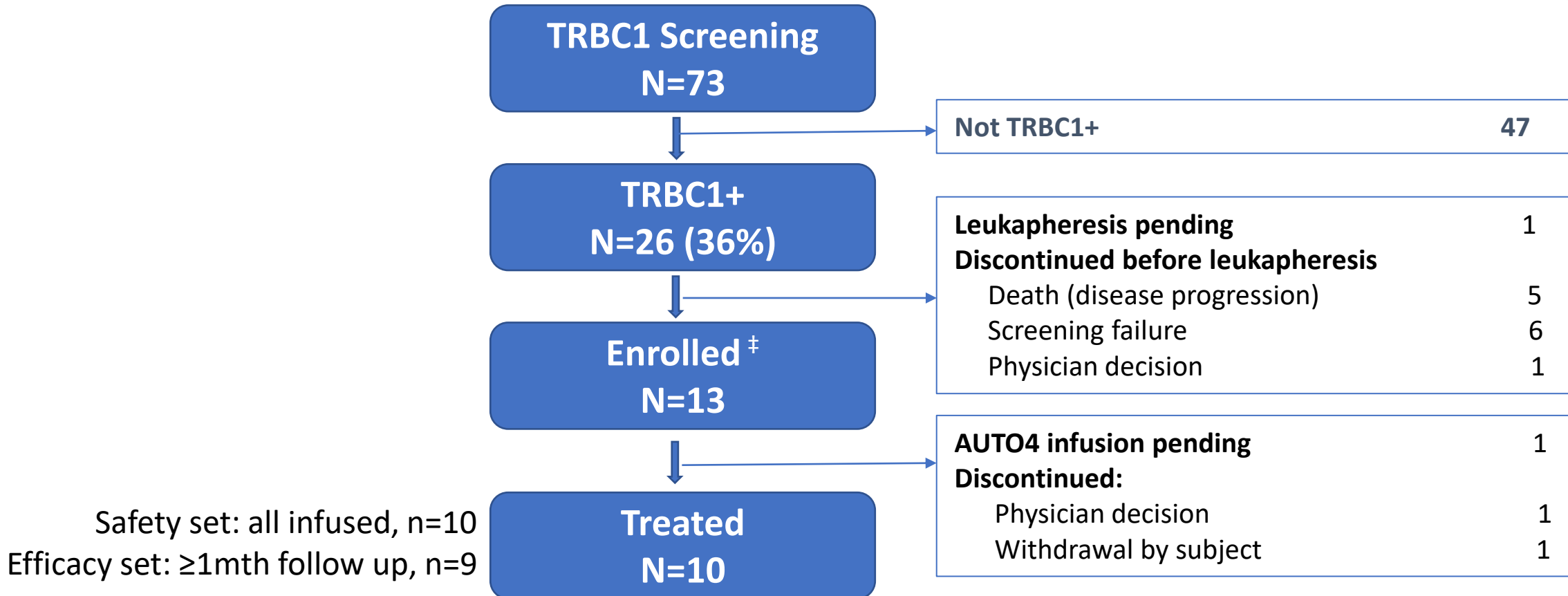
# Phase I Dose Escalation of AUTO4



- Pre-conditioning: FLU 30 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV (Days -6, -5, -4, -3) & CY 500 mg/m<sup>2</sup> IV (Days -6, -5)
- Accelerated escalation: Cohort 2 and 3 may dose <3 patients if there are no DLTs and no CAR T expansion.



# Patient Disposition



# Baseline Characteristics



	Total (N=10)
Age, median (range)	55 (34 – 63)
Median prior lines of treatment (range)	3 (1 – 5)
Stage of Lymphoma at screening <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I/II</li><li>• III/IV</li></ul>	2 (20%) 8 (80%)
Lymphoma Subtype, n (%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Peripheral T-cell lymphoma NOS</li><li>• Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-negative</li><li>• Angioimmunoblastic T cell lymphoma (AITL)</li></ul>	5 (50%) 1 (10%) 4 (40%)
Prior Autologous Stem Cell Transplant, n (%)	3 (30%)
ECOG 0/1, n (%)	3 (30%), 7 (70%)
Bridging therapy YES, n (%)	7 (70%)

# Key Safety Data

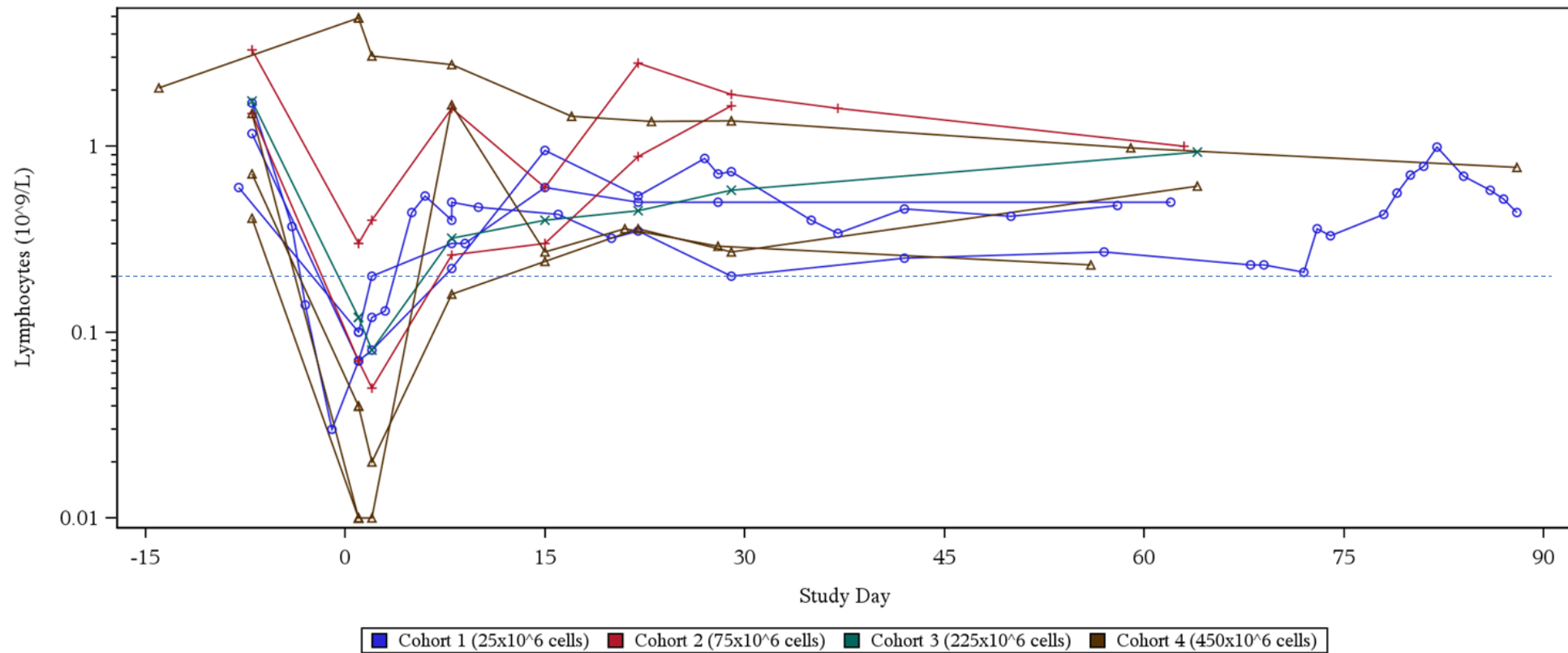


	Cohort 1 25x10 <sup>6</sup> cells (N = 3)	Cohort 2 75x10 <sup>6</sup> cells (N = 2)	Cohort 3 225x10 <sup>6</sup> cells (N = 1)	Cohort 4 450x10 <sup>6</sup> cells (N = 4)	Total (N = 10)
Dose Limiting Toxicity (DLT)	0	0	0	0	0
Grade 3 or 4 TEAE within 60 days	3 (100%)	2 (100%)	1 (100%)	4 (100%)	10 (100%)
Neutropenia	3 (100%)	2 (100%)	0	3 (75%)	8 (80%)
Infections and Infestations	0	0	0	0	0
Serious TEAE	2 (67%)	0	0	2 (50%)	4 (40%)
Any grade CRS	0	0	0	4 (100%)	4 (40%)
Grade 3 CRS	0	0	0	1 (25%)	1 (10%)
Any grade ICANS	0	0	0	0	0

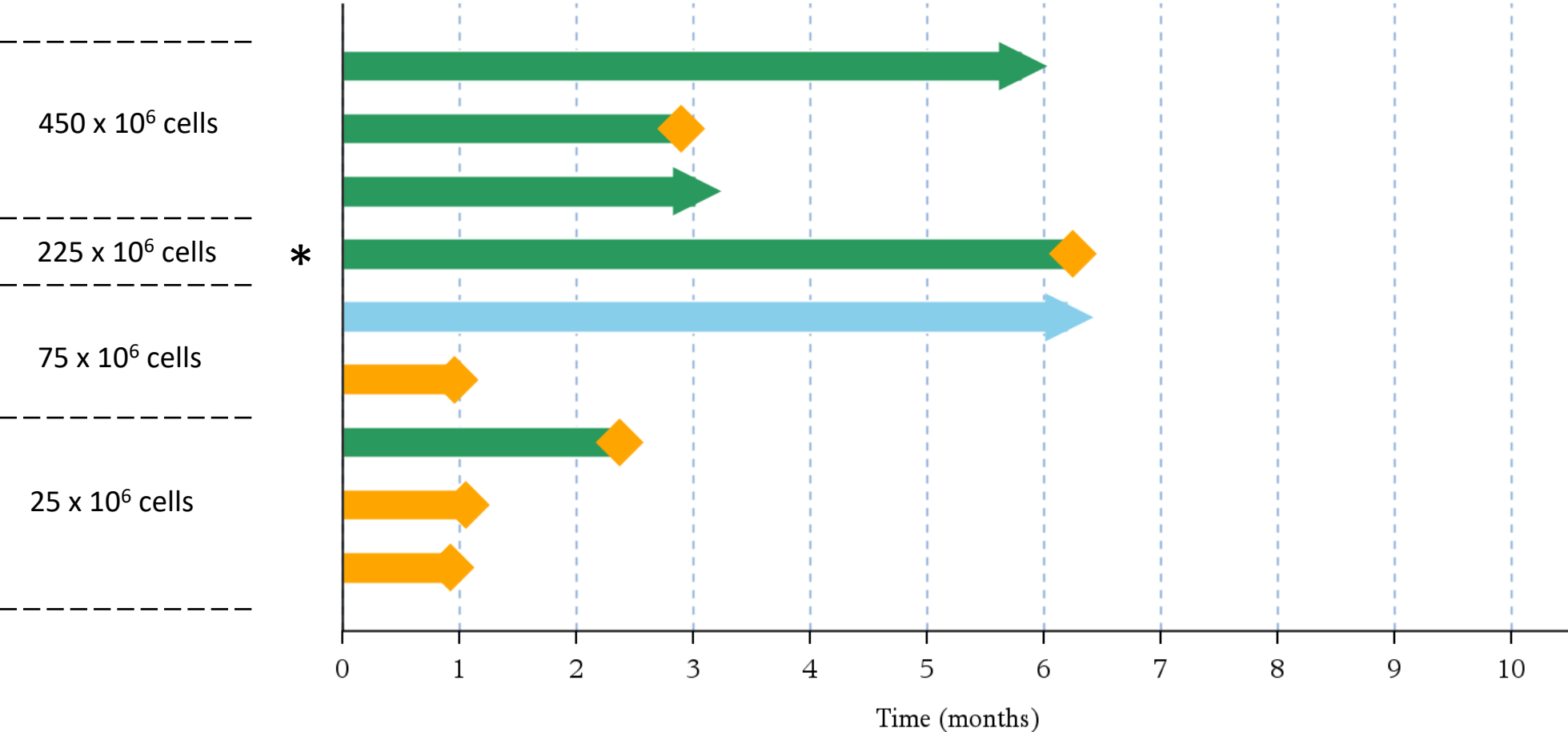
TEAE, Treatment-emergent adverse events; CRS, cytokine release syndrome; ICANS, Immune Effect Cell-Associated Neurotoxicity Syndrome

Cwynarski et al, EHA'22  
Data Cutoff: 26APR2022

# Recovery following transient lymphopaenia after Flu/Cy and AUTO4



# Efficacy

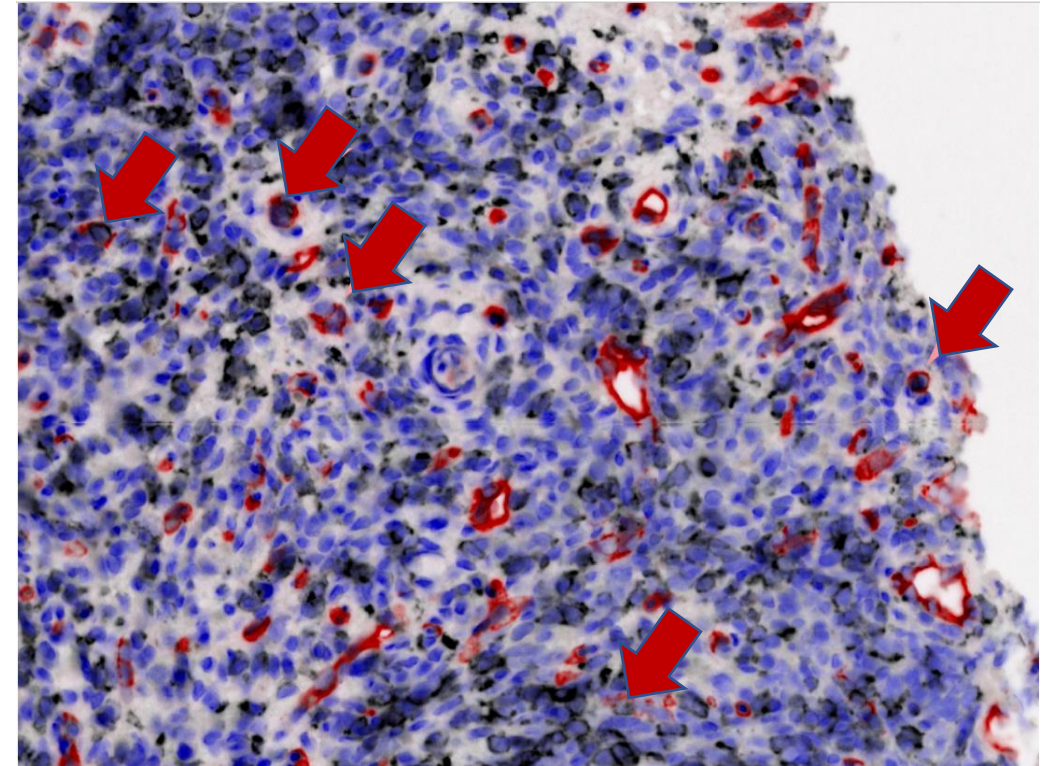


Efficacy assessments were performed by the Investigators according to the Lugano Classification. Evaluable Set consists of patients who have received an infusion of AUTO4 treatment and completed the Day 28 evaluation.

All patients had relapsed/refractory disease at time of Part B screening and enrolment  
\* Patient was in PET-negative CMR at the start of pre-conditioning after bridging therapy.

# CAR T cells detected in lymph node but not in peripheral blood

- CAR T cells detected in a lymph node biopsy of a patient who achieved complete remission.
  - Approx. 2% nucleated cells in lymph node are CAR T cells (n=1)<sup>1</sup>
- No CAR T expansion detected by PCR or flow in peripheral blood



Double staining for CAR T cell (red) and CD3 (black).  
x40 IHC view (deconvoluted)<sup>1</sup>

 CAR T cell – double stained for CAR and CD3

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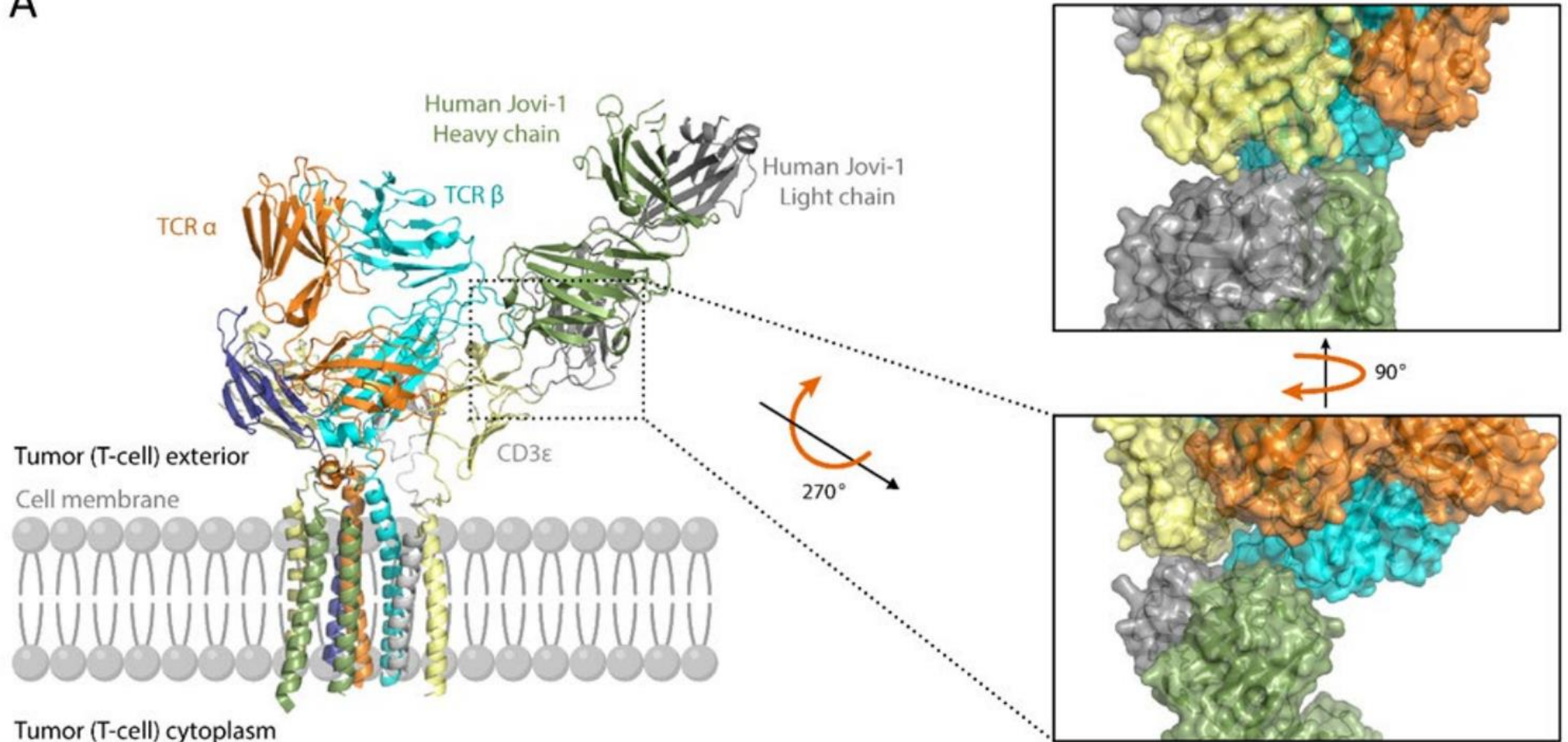
# Summary

- AUTO4 treatment generally well tolerated
- Early efficacy is encouraging
- Longer follow-up ongoing
- CAR T-cells detected in lymph node but no expansion observed in peripheral blood
- Study ongoing, with additional patients due to be treated to define recommended phase II dose



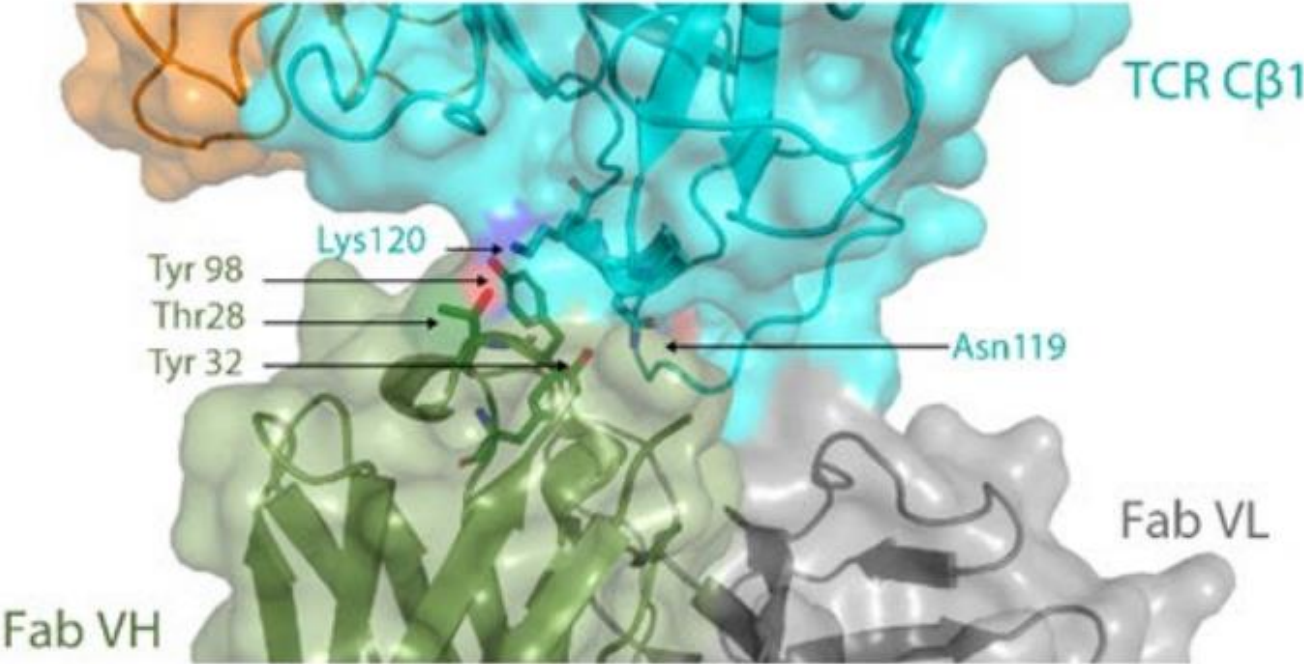
# Structure of TRBC1 antibody binding to the

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# Crystal Structure of a TRBC1 Antibody in Complex with TCR

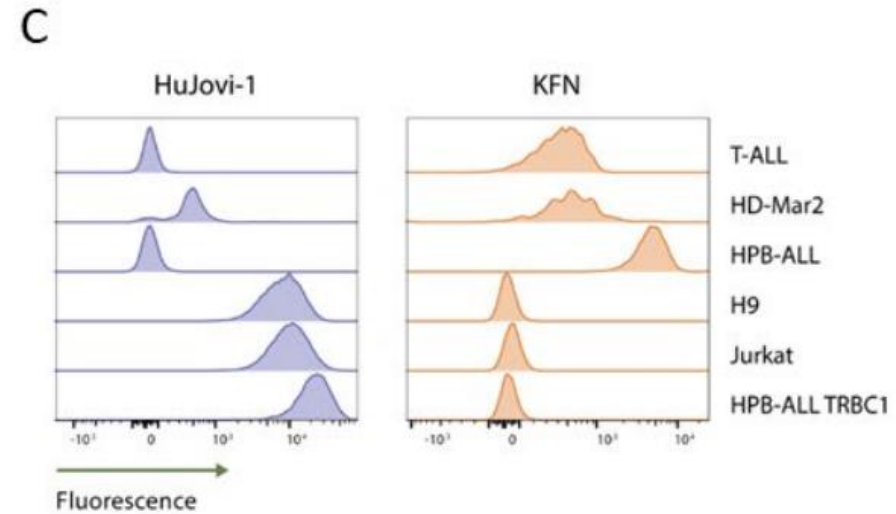
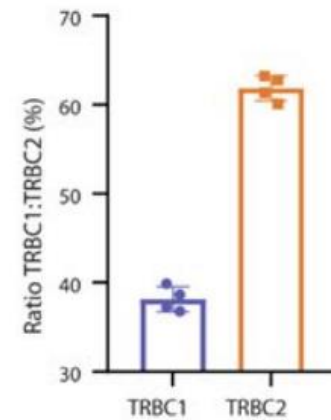
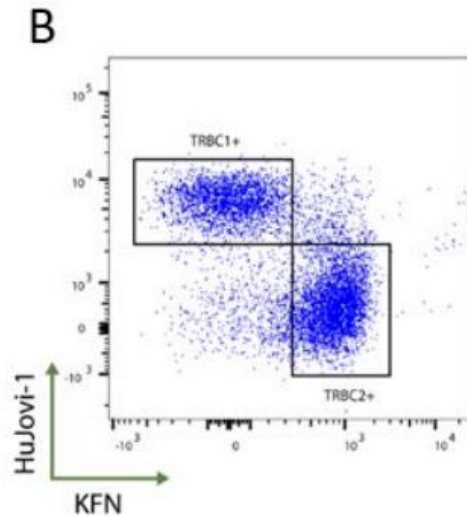
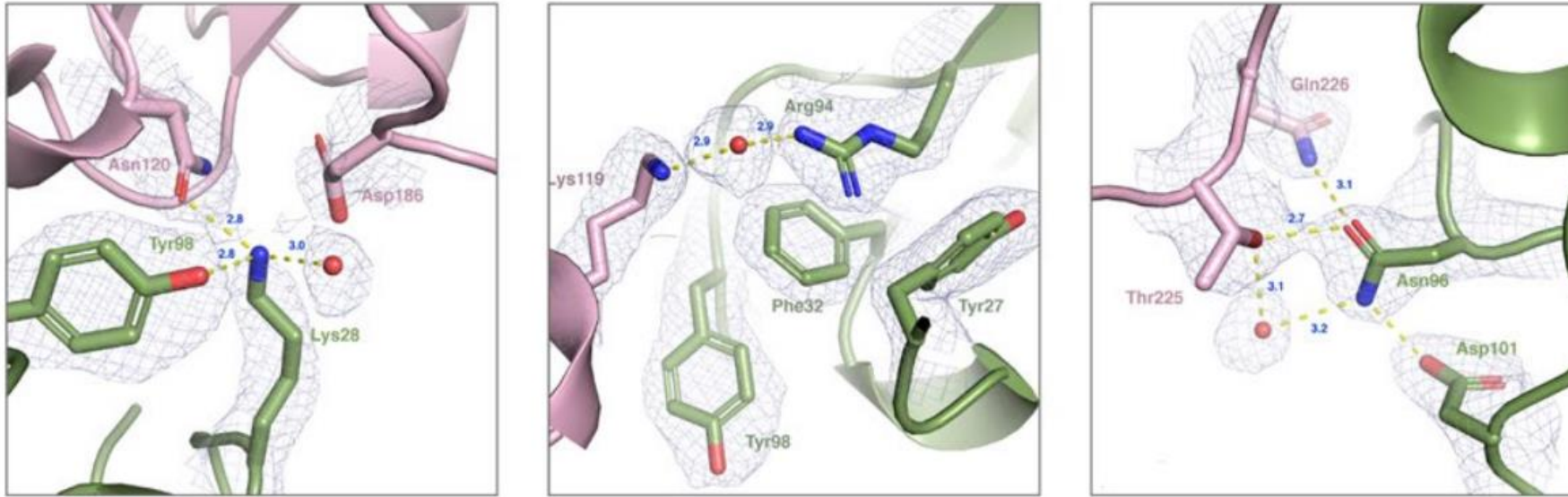


**TRBC1**  
**TRBC2**

**NK-KN 4/5**

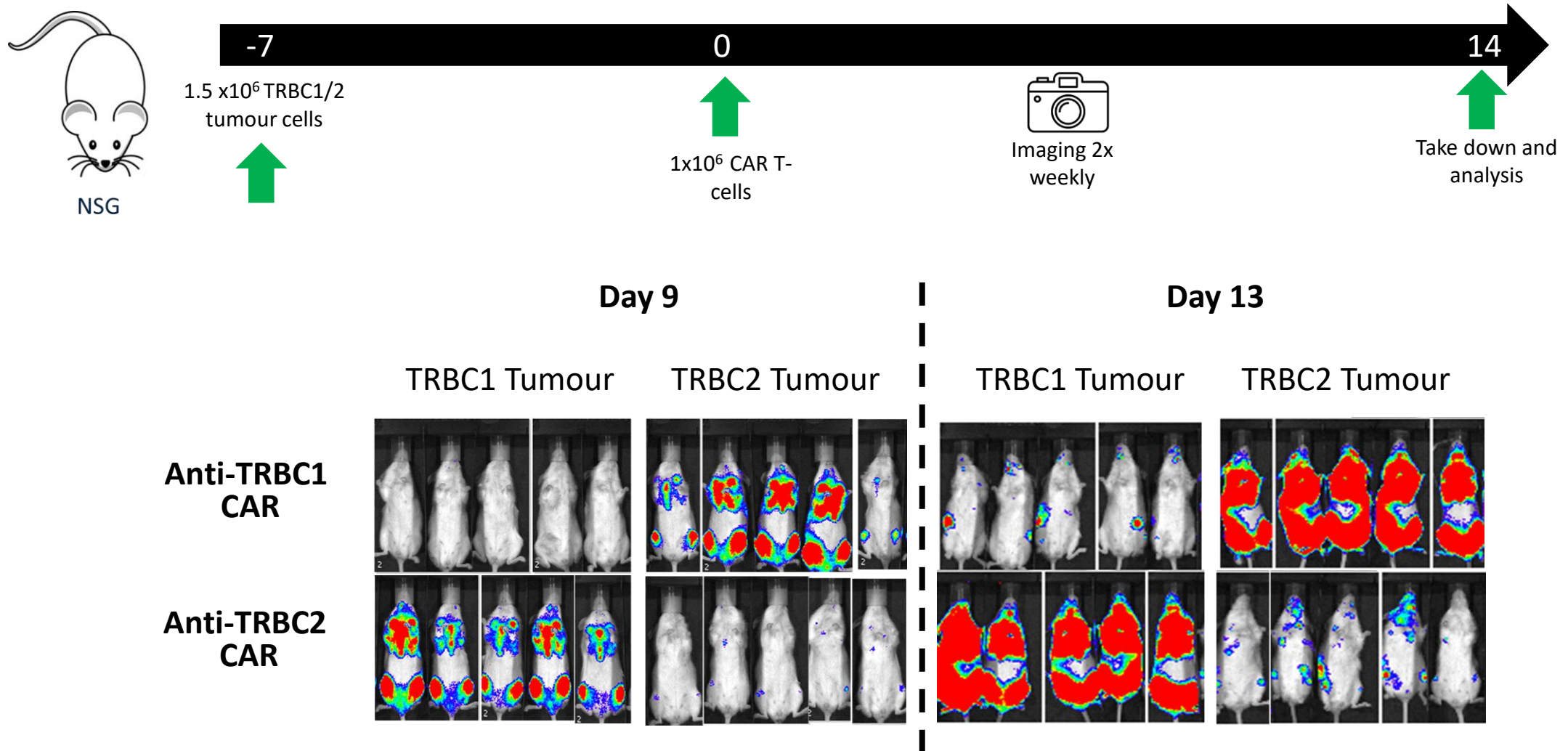
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# converting Jovi-1 to a TRBC2 antibody... in silico design + phage display



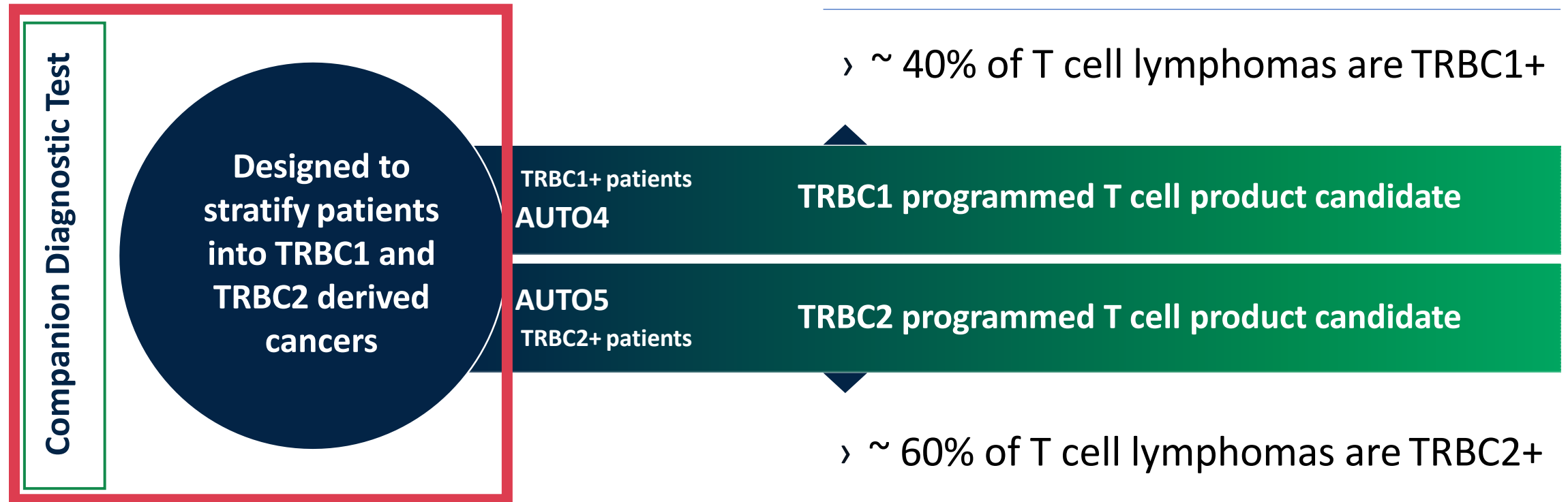
# TRBC2 in-vivo CAR Activity

## aTRBC2 CARs clear tumour in NSG model



# Addressing T cell lymphomas

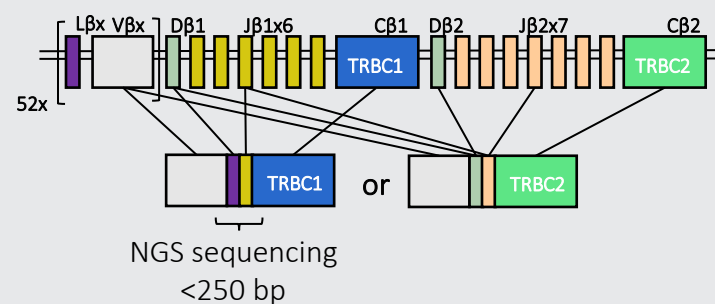
Three key elements - AUTO4, AUTO5 and a companion diagnostic test



# Companion Diagnostic

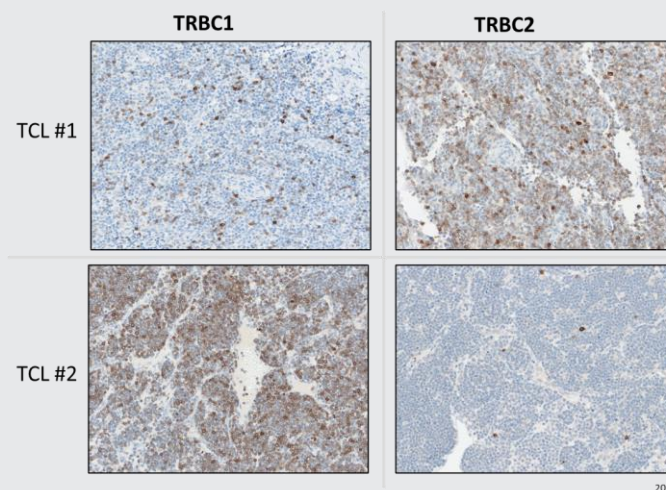
- Multiple approaches de-risked for development

## Next Generation Sequencing



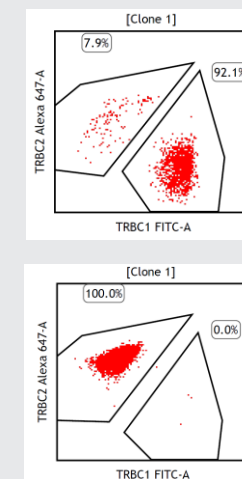
- T cell clonality NGS assay currently used in AUTO4 Phase 1

## Immunohistochemistry



- FFPE specific antibodies can discriminate between TRBC1 and TRBC2 patient tumors

## Flow Cytometry



TRBC1 positive T-cell  
Prolymphocytic Leukemia

TRBC2 positive small  
Sezary cell cutaneous T-  
Cell Lymphoma

- Flow specific antibodies can discriminate between TRBC1 and TRBC2 in patient tumors



# Other CAR T cell targets for T cell lymphomas

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- CD4 – Ablation of CD4 compartment
- CD5 } Fratricide
- CD7 } Pan T cell aplasia
- CD30 } Limited expression
- CD70 } Expressed on activated T cells

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