

SOLUPORE® – ENABLING THE NEXT WAVE OF CELL THERAPIES

Cellicon Valley '21 - The Future of Cell and Gene Therapies

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NEW CELL ENGINEERING PLATFORM

Current cell therapies:



Current approved cell therapies have single modification



Next-generation therapeutics require:

Complex cell engineering capabilities, non-viral

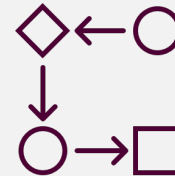
Compatibility with viral engineering

Maintenance of cell viability and functionality

SOLUPORE technology enables:



1. Complex, multi step, sequential editing for next-gen autologous and allogeneic products



2. Transfection pre- and post-viral plus rationalization of various up/down stream unit process reducing time and steps

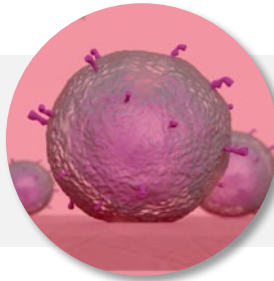
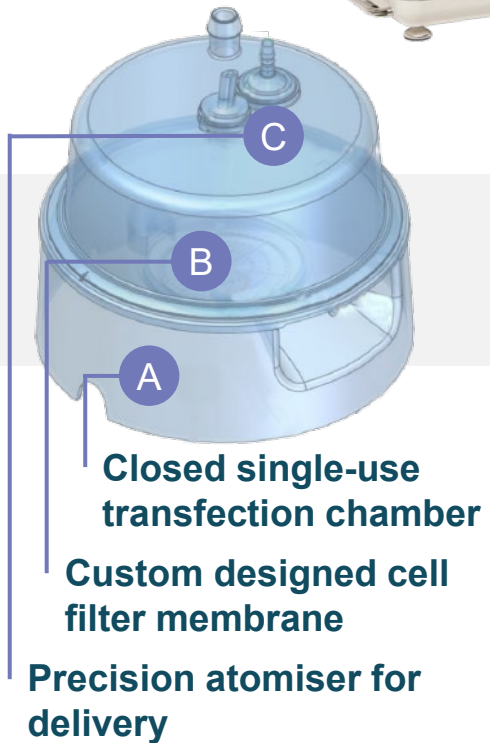


3. Clinical engineering of finite and fragile cell populations for autologous and allogeneic therapies while maintaining cell functionality

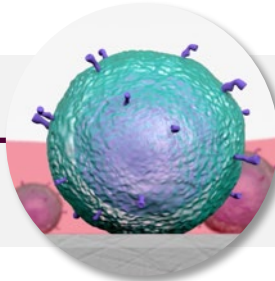
SOLUPORE WORKS IN FIVE SIMPLE STEPS



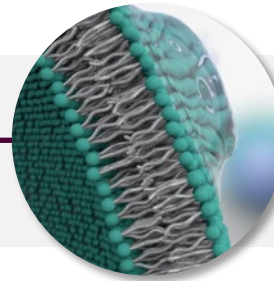
A gentler process to transfection brings multiple benefits including **high transfection efficiency** and **high viability**



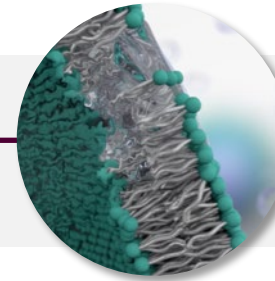
Cells transferred to single use chamber



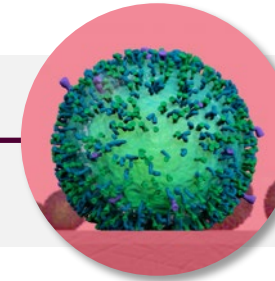
Culture medium briefly removed



Cells precision sprayed with cargo-delivery solution



Cell membrane transiently permeabilised enabling cargo to pass through



Engineered cells resuspended in culture medium (*no washing step required*)

7 mins

SOLUPORE SUS

Powerful, non-viral clinical-grade cell engineering system



Closed, GMP aligned Platform

- Gentle, clinical grade cell engineering
- V. low genomic perturbation of cells
- Potential to condense manufacturing process



Excels in complex editing for difficult to engineer cells

- Overcomes the limitations of electroporation and viral vectors
- Addresses Autologous and Allogeneic therapies



High Value Applications

- Gentle Modification of IPS cells
- Modification of Fragile and scarce cells e.g. TILs
- Post transduction editing of T and NK



Spans Research to Clinical Use

- Easy, automated, rapid
- high viability and optimal efficacy of cells, post-process
 - Technology spans research use to high-throughput applications



SOLUPORE RESEARCH TOOL

Reproducible cell engineering system for discovery and feasibility studies



Tech transferrable

Ready for technology transfer.
Easy transfer into standard
R&D laboratory setting



Ease of Use

Rapid, simple process with
minimal steps.



Technical support and data

In place protocols and
comprehensive data set support
adoption through to of SOLUPORE

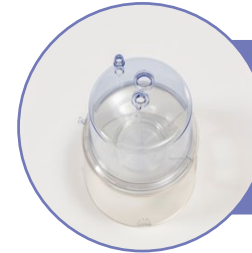


- Continuous system to increase process throughput and accelerate manufacture
- Allogeneic cell scale manufacture
- $1 \times 10^9 - 1 \times 10^{10}+$ cells

REGULATORY PATHWAY FOR CORE ELEMENTS



Delivery Solution



Single Use Assembly



Multi Use Controller

SUS Regulatory: Avectas will file a Type II and Type V DMF and will provide supporting documentation

PATHWAY FROM CONCEPT TO COMMERCIALISATION



Feasibility studies



SOLUPORE RT (Research Grade Tool)

- Scale: 10^6
- Evaluate technology under a co-developed program
- Research and collaboration agreement
- Tech transfer of SOLUPORE RT, consumables, protocols, supported by training and technical support.

Clinical grade system



SOLUPORE SUS cGMP ready

- Scale: 10^8
- Tech transfer of non-GMP and GMP system with technical and regulatory support from Avectas

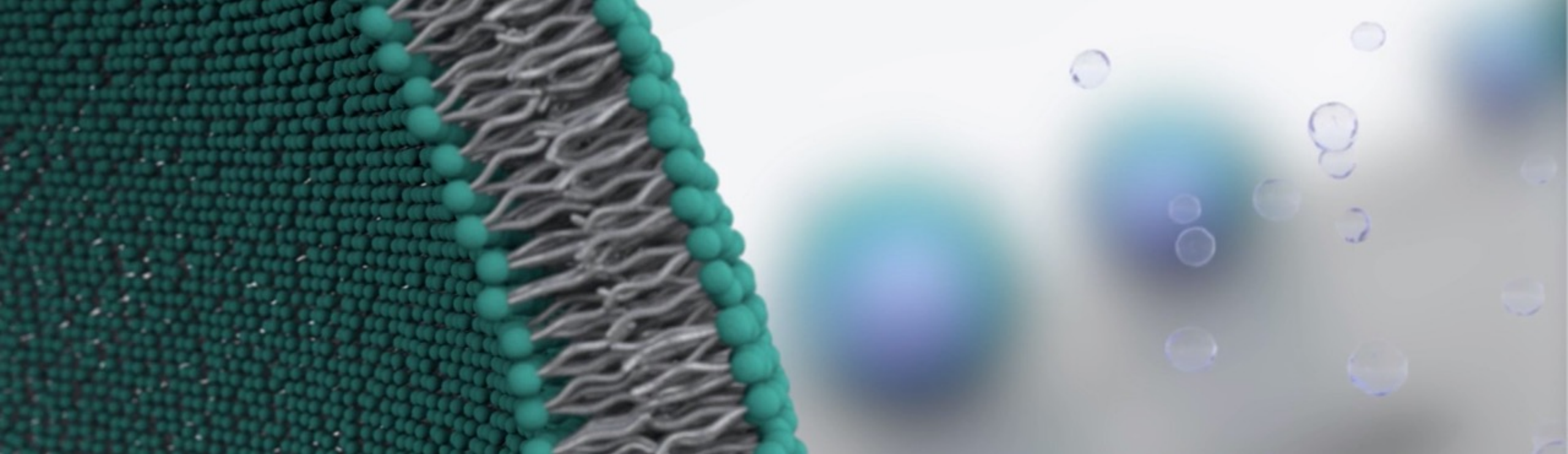
Flow-through System

SOLUPORE FTS

- Flow through system
 - In development
 - Allogeneic cell scale manufacture
- $1 \times 10^9 +$ cells

Commercialisation with partners

Commercialisation Agreements

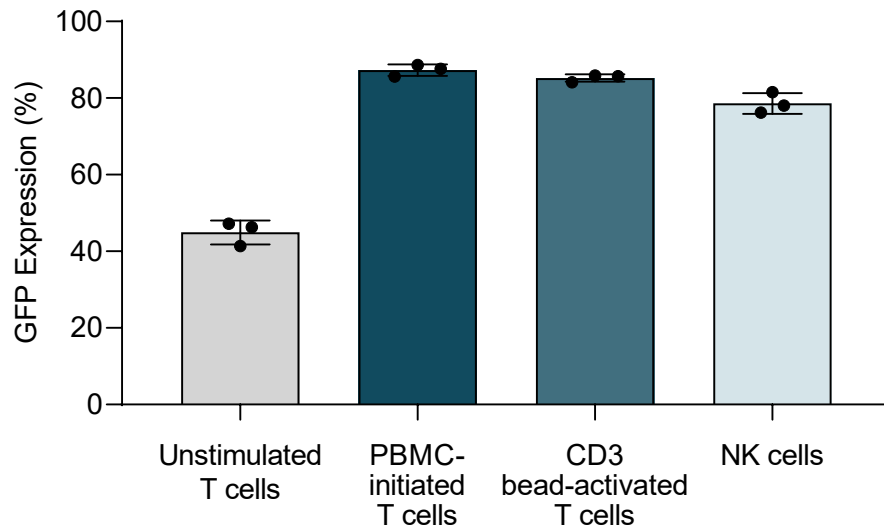


SOLUPORE PERFORMANCE DATA

SOLUPORE DELIVERY ACROSS A RANGE OF IMMUNE CELL TYPES AND GENE EDITING PLATFORMS

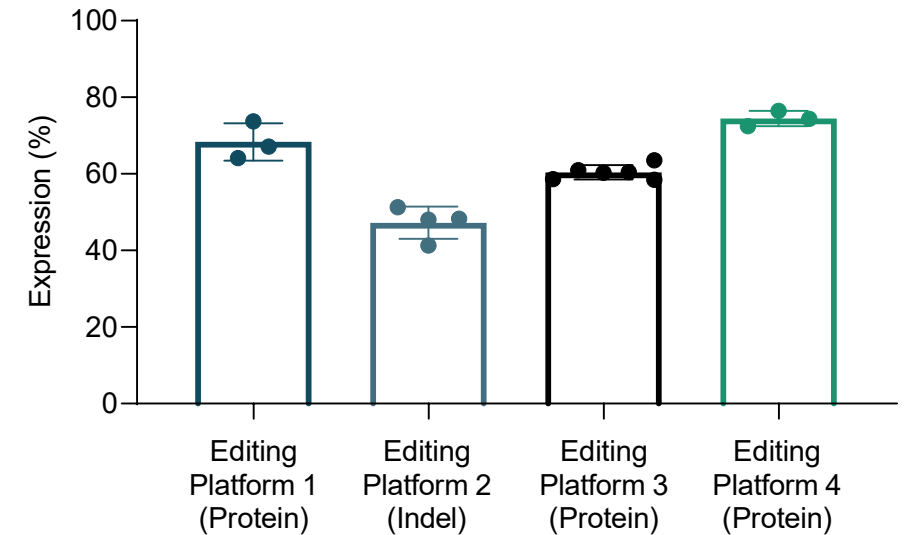


Multiple Immune Cell Types GFP mRNA



> 80 %
cell viability
retained in all
experiments

Multiple Gene Editing Platforms

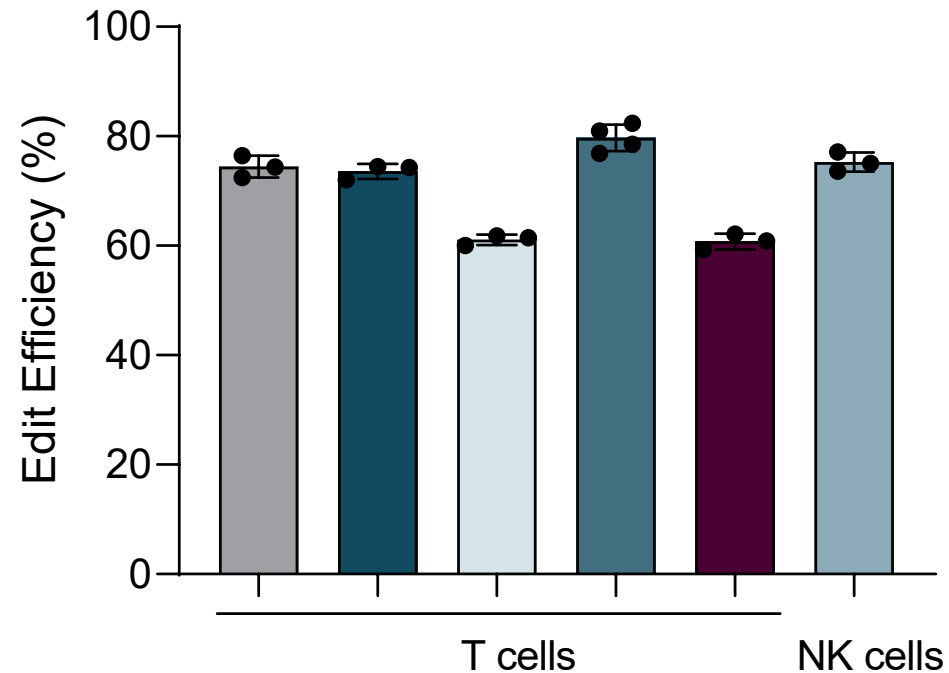


Versatile platform, compatible with broad range of immune cell culture methods and gene editing platforms

SOLUPORE TECHNOLOGY SHOWS HIGH CRISPR RNP EDIT EFFICIENCY ACROSS A RANGE OF TARGETS IN IMMUNE CELLS



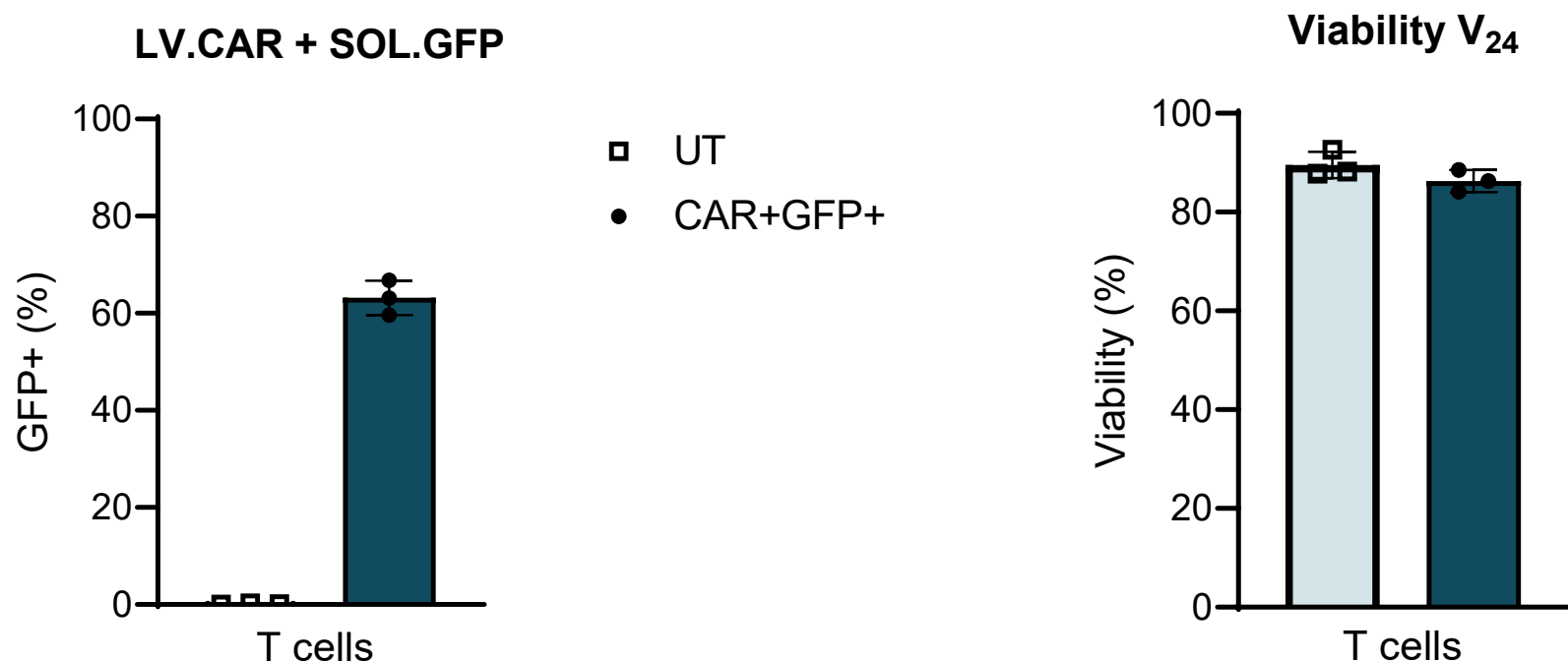
CRISPR Edited T and NK Cells



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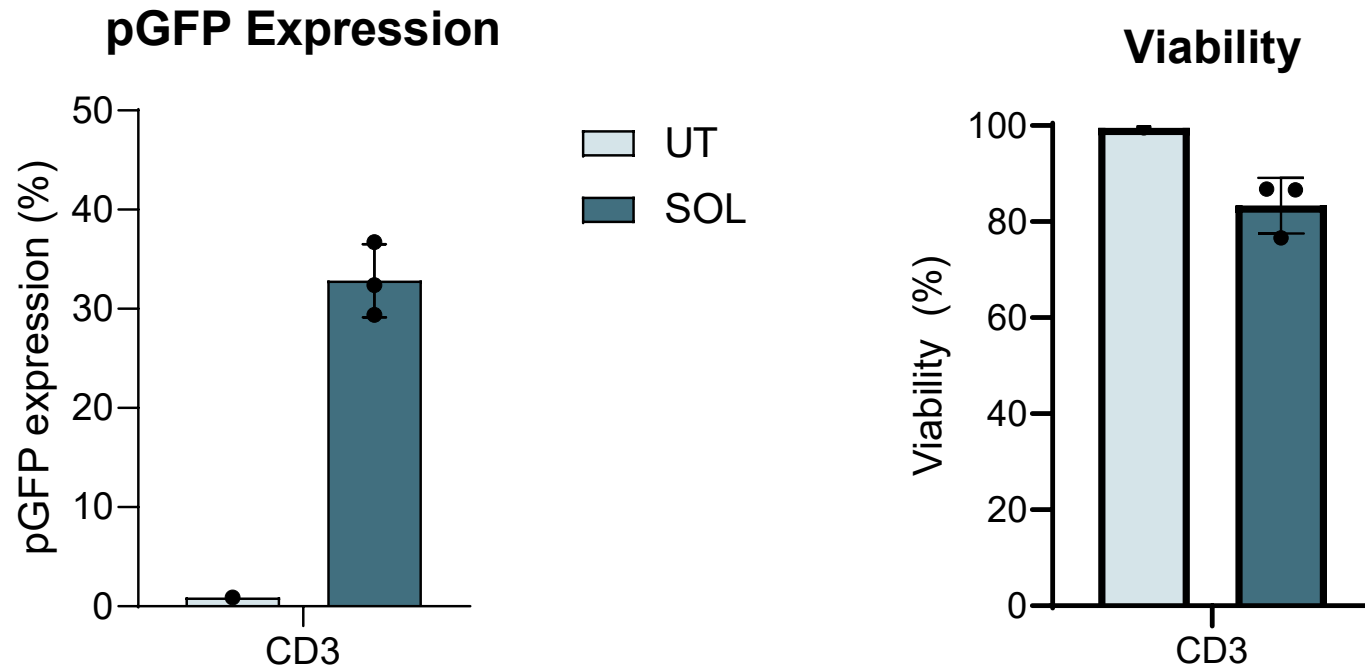
SOLUPORE technology is compatible with CRISPR gene editing tools in both T and NK Cells

SOLUPORE transfection of LV transduced T cells



SOLUPORE technology supports next-generation engineering of virally transduced effector cells

SOLUPORE delivery of plasmid GFP to T cells

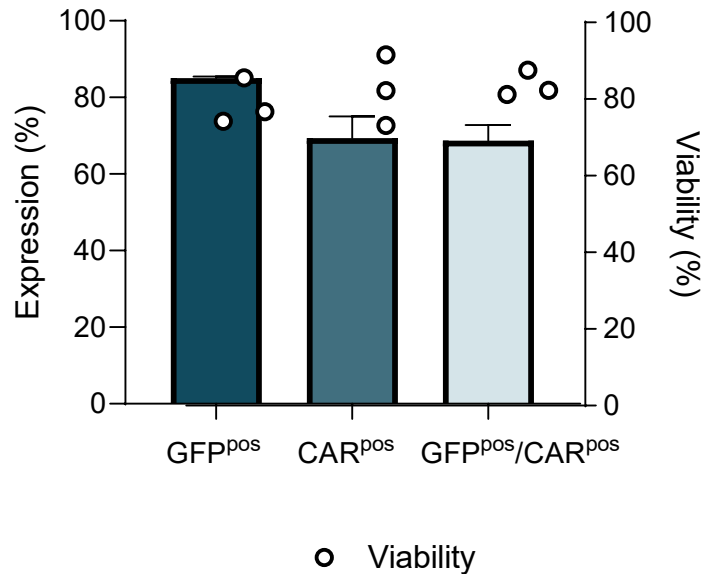


Demonstrated reproducible delivery of plasmid GFP (5.7kb) to isolated CD3+ T cells

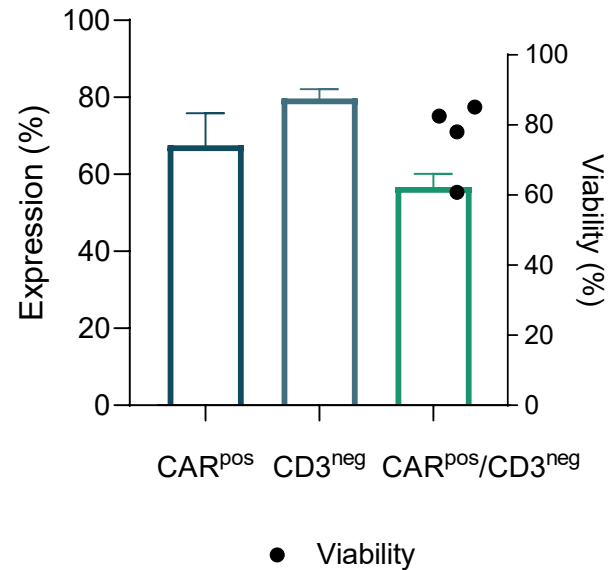
SOLUPORE TECHNOLOGY ENABLES COMPLEX CELL ENGINEERING WHILE MAINTAINING HIGH CELL VIABILITY



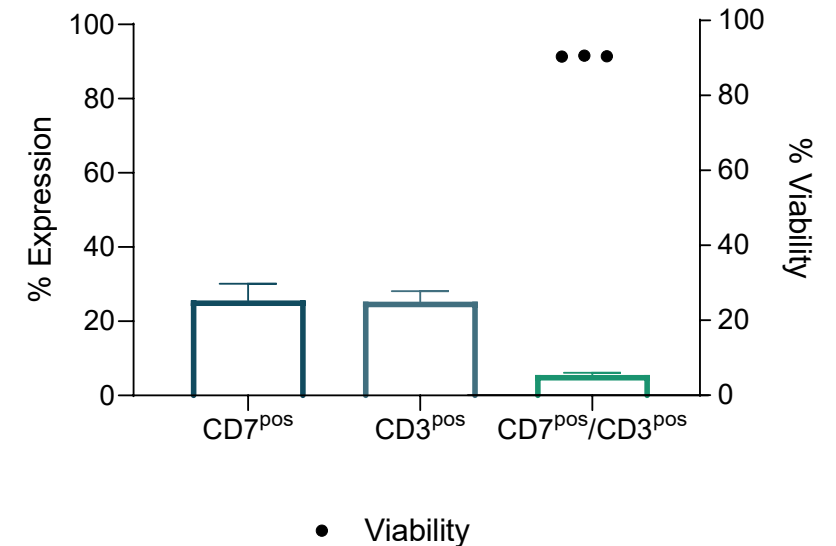
Multiplex Delivery
CD19 CAR & GFP mRNA



Sequential Delivery
Day 0: TRAC RNP
Day 2: CD19 CAR mRNA



Sequential Delivery
Day 0: TRAC RNP
Day 2: CD7 RNP



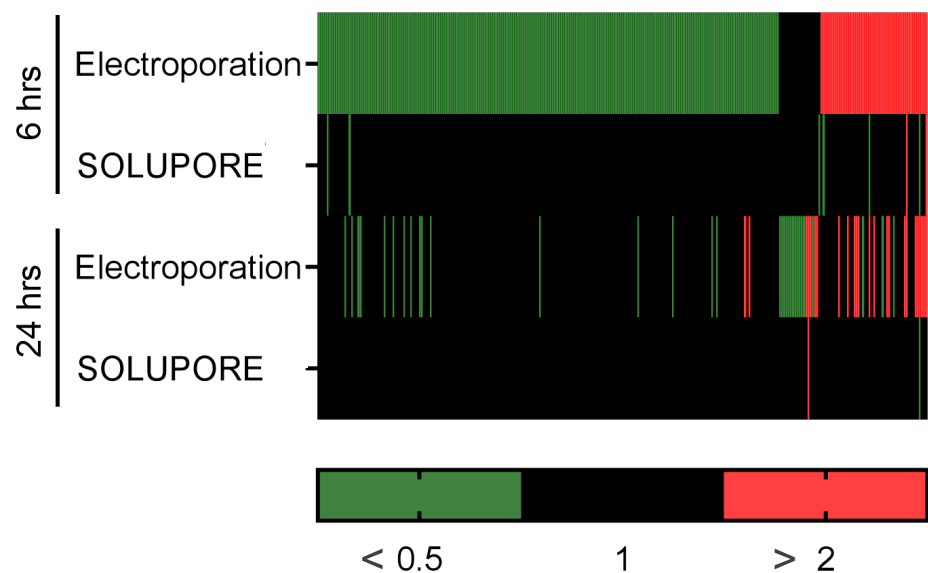
SOLUPORE technology supports complex engineering of next-generation effector cells

SOLUPORE DELIVERY PROCESS MINIMALLY PERTURBS IMMUNE GENE EXPRESSION IN T CELLS



Minimal disruption of immune gene expression post-SOLUPORE

Mis-regulated immune genes post-treatment



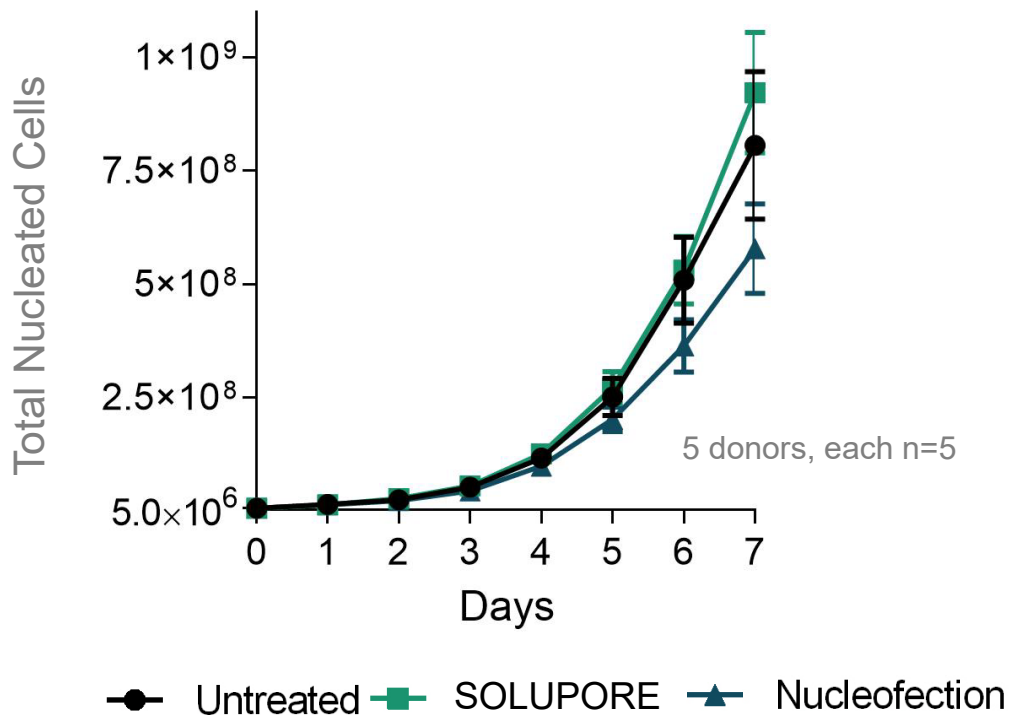
Pathway (600 genes in panel)	SOLUPORE	Nucleofection
Activation (200)	4	77
Metabolism (193)	2	56
Exhaustion (103)	2	49
TCR signaling (48)	3	25
Apoptosis (48)	1	22
Chemokine signaling (22)	1	15
T cell migration and persistence (24)	0	11
Glycolysis (19)	0	8
Antigen processing and presentation (27)	0	6

Low-stress delivery method is desirable for preservation of effector cell functionality *in vivo*

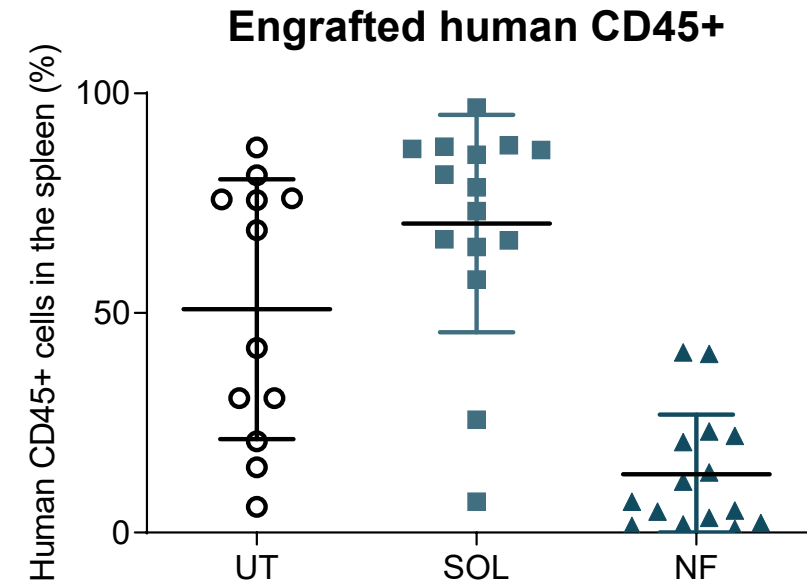
SOLUPORE DELIVERY PROCESS MAINTAINS T CELL FUNCTIONALITY



Maintained proliferative capacity in T cells post-SOLUPORE



T cells post-SOLUPORE successfully engraft in murine model



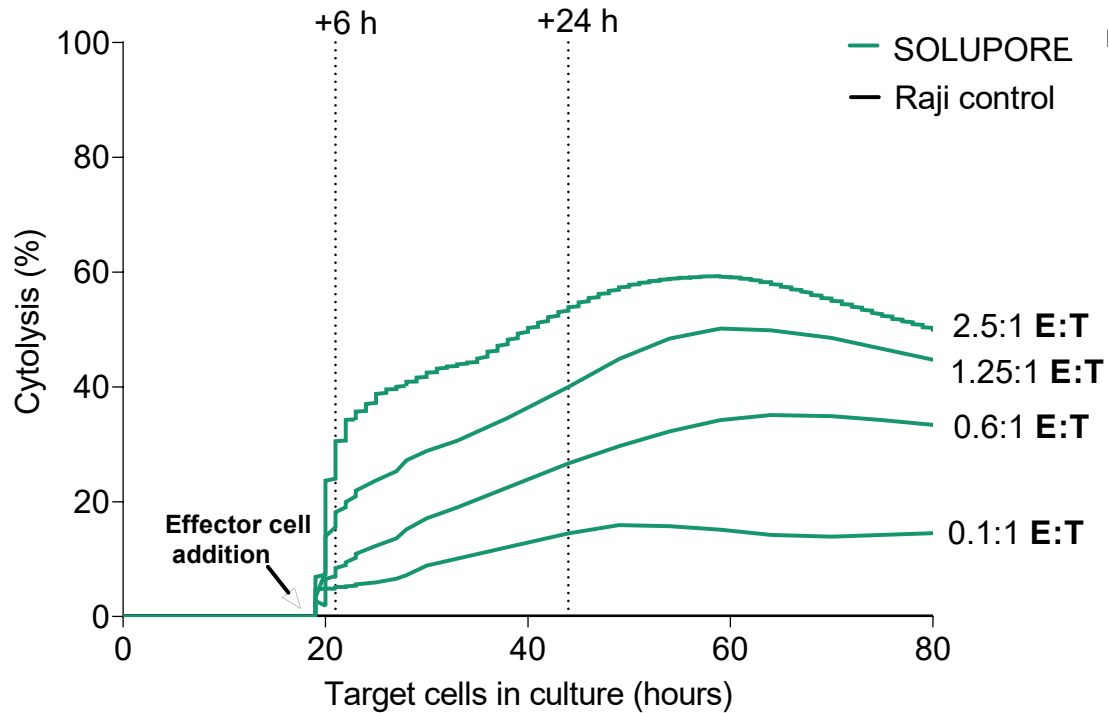
T cells maintain proliferative and engraftment functionality post-SOLUPORE process

SOLUPORE CAR-T CELLS ARE HIGHLY FUNCTIONAL *IN VITRO* AND *IN VIVO*

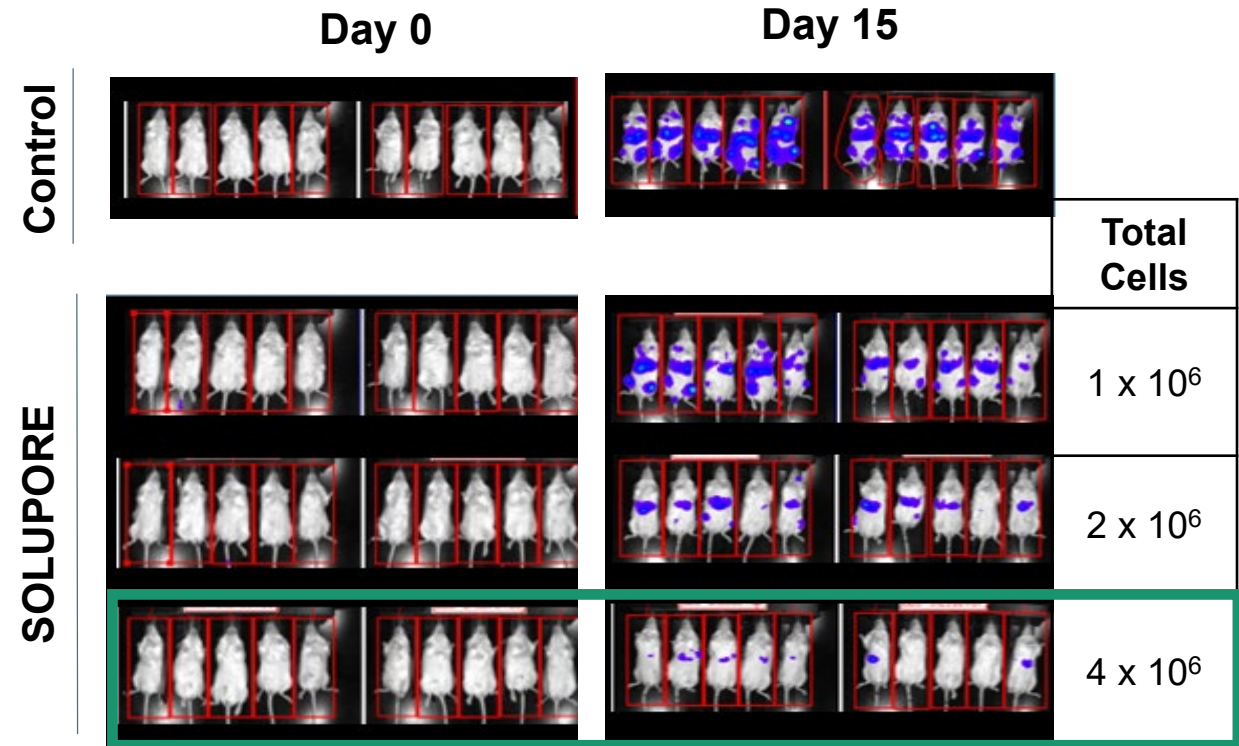


In vitro

Cell Killing Assay on xCELLigence System



In vivo



Evidence of disease-free mice at highest CAR-T cell dose demonstrates effector cell functionality *in vivo*

NEW AUTOMATED CELL ENGINEERING PLATFORM TO CLINICALLY MANUFACTURE NEXT-GENERATION CELL THERAPEUTICS



- SOLUPORE technology is **well tolerated** by cells; **increased efficacy** and **higher proliferation** post processing
- For autologous therapies, enables **delivery to fragile cell** populations (T-cells, NK cells) and involving pre/post transduction edits
- Enables **multiplexing** and/or **sequential editing** for allogeneic and solid-mass tumour cell therapy
- Delivery of **variety of cargos**
- Research device available now, Clinically aligned device available Q2 2021
- Anticipated **DMF filings** by end of 2021



THANK YOU

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