

# CARs for HIV

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# HOW HIV AND CANCER COMPARE FROM A CAR T CELL PERSPECTIVE

## Same

Durability- the need for long term T cell persistence

Escape

Exhaustion-how to maintain highly functional T cells for the long haul

Ability to promote endogenous immune response

## Different

Self v Non-Self

Antigen levels when T cell enter the body

Treatment alternatives

Quality of T cells

Growth/Spread Rate

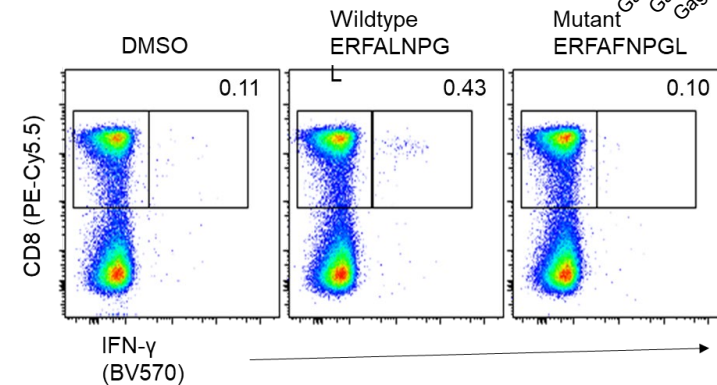
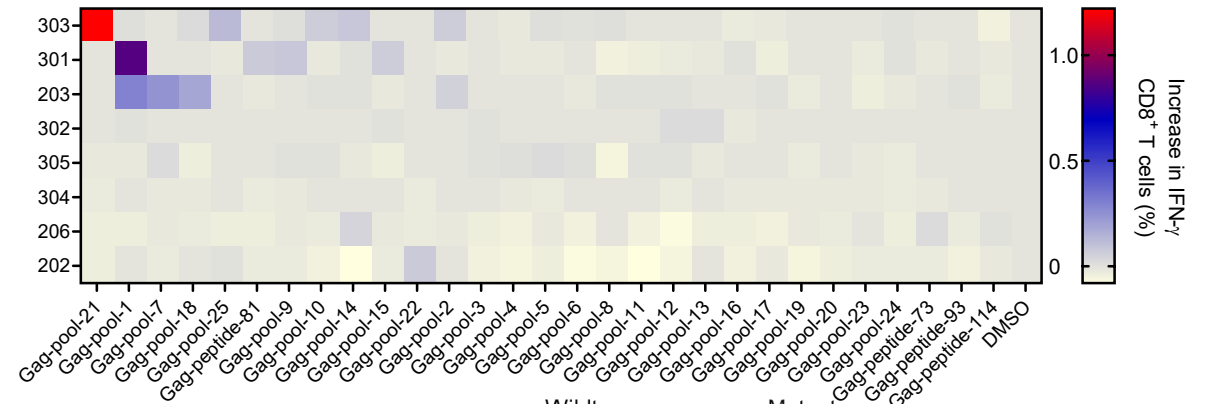
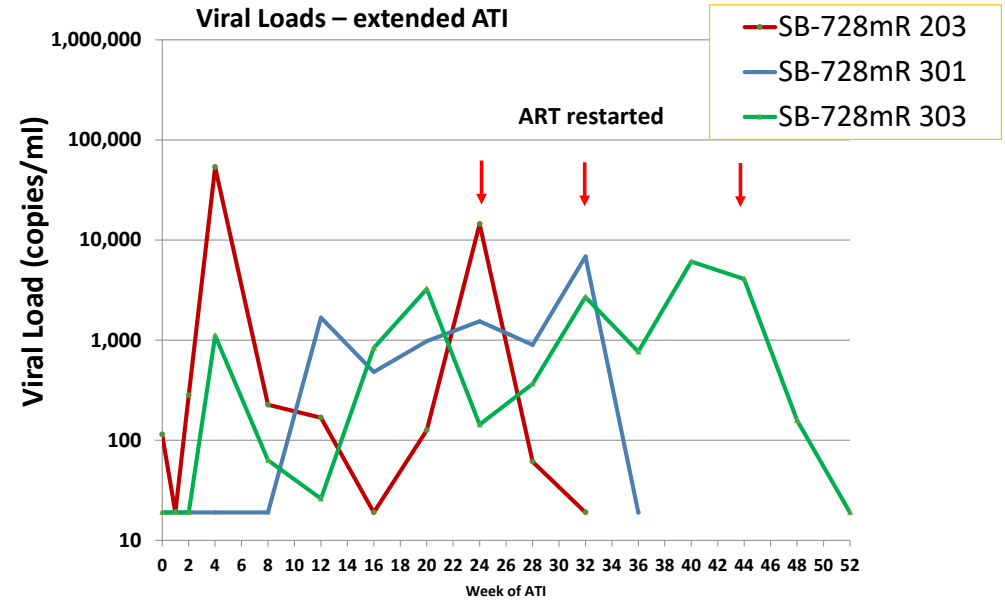
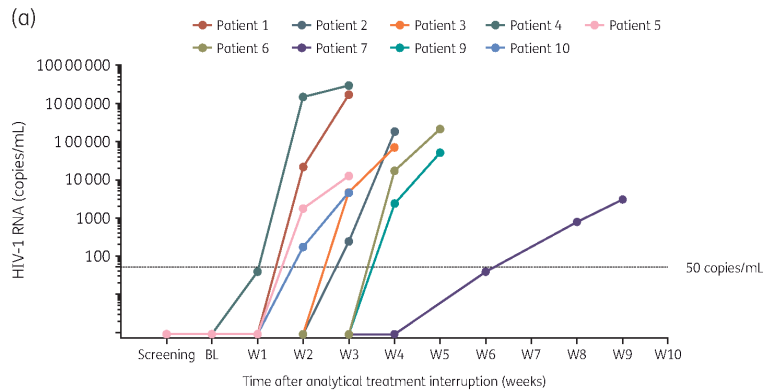
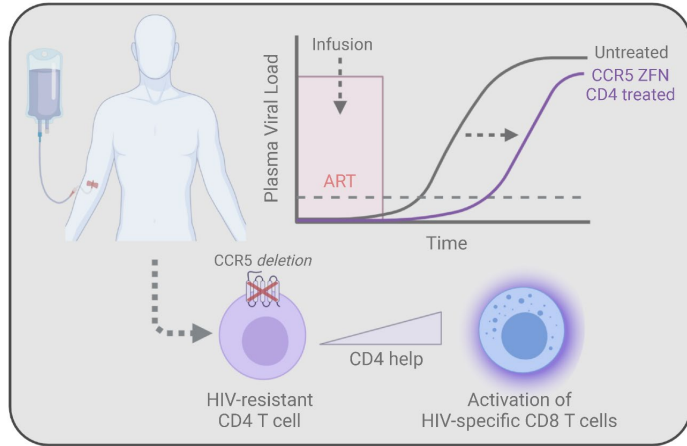
Disease Sites

HIV can infect T cells and engineered T cells

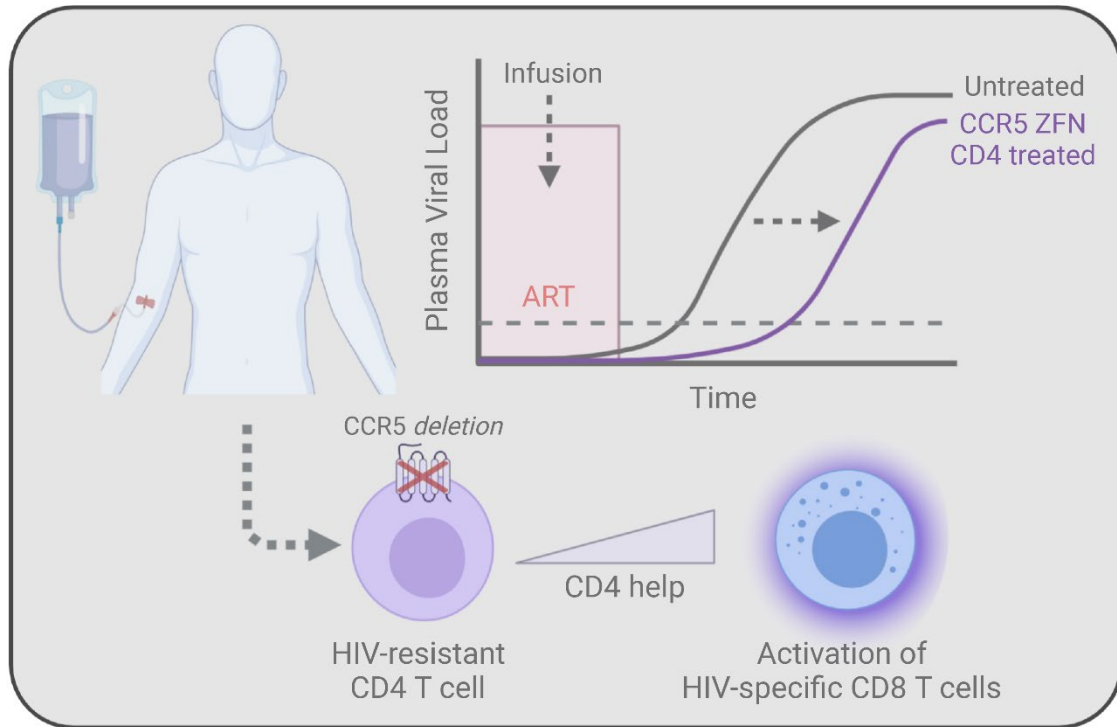
**Investment**

# CCR5-edited CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells augment HIV-specific immunity to enable post-rebound control of HIV replication

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# SUMMARY OF HOW ENGINEERED T CELLS CAN BOLSTER ENDOGENOUS IMMUNE RESPONSES



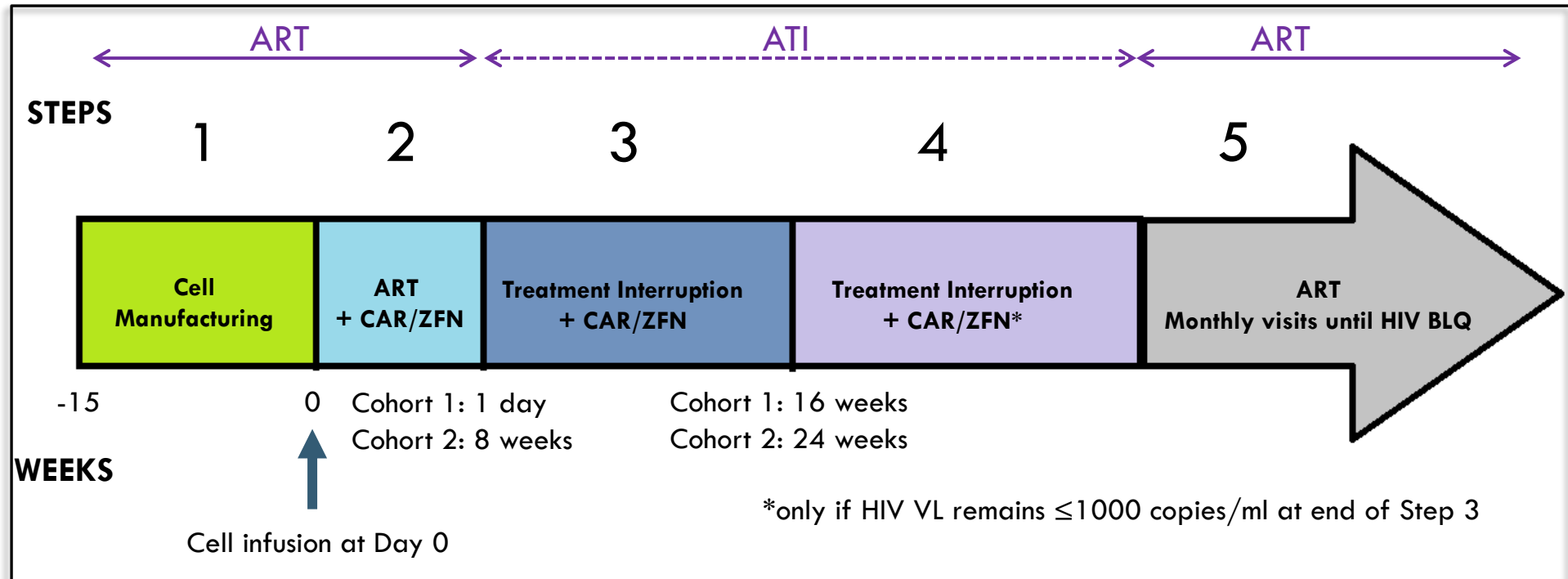
## Key Points

Engineered CD4 T cells can bolster endogenous CD8 T cell responses.

How? Maybe these HIV resistant CD4 T cells were able to restore CD4 T cell help to these HIV-specific CD8 T cells

If so, the co-infusion of CCR5 edited HIV-specific CAR CD4 and CD8 T cells should be able to provide potent post rebound control of HIV replication

# A PILOT STUDY OF T CELLS GENETICALLY MODIFIED BY ZINC FINGER NUCLEASES SB-728MR, AND CD4 CHIMERIC ANTIGEN RECEPTOR IN HIV-INFECTED SUBJECTS ( NCT03617198)



**1: To what extent does ongoing HIV replication contribute to the maintenance of the HIV reservoir?**

**2: Can engineered T cells restore functionality to endogenous HIV-specific T cell populations?**

**3. Can engineered T cells provide durable control of HIV replication?**

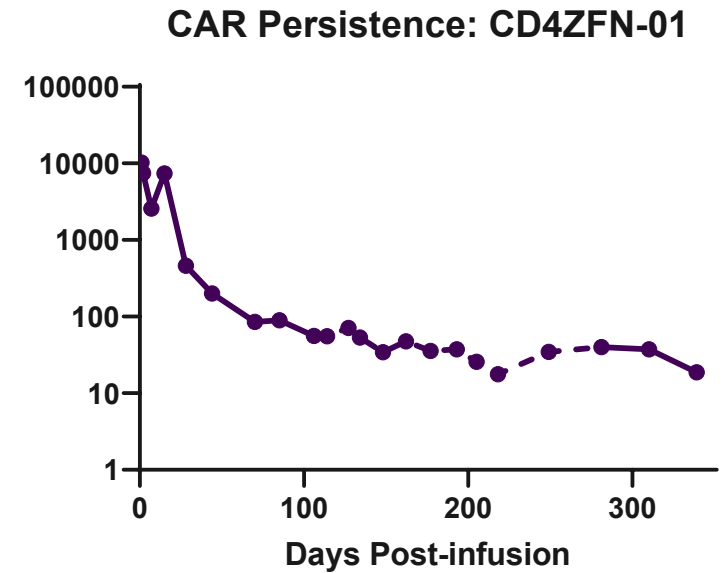
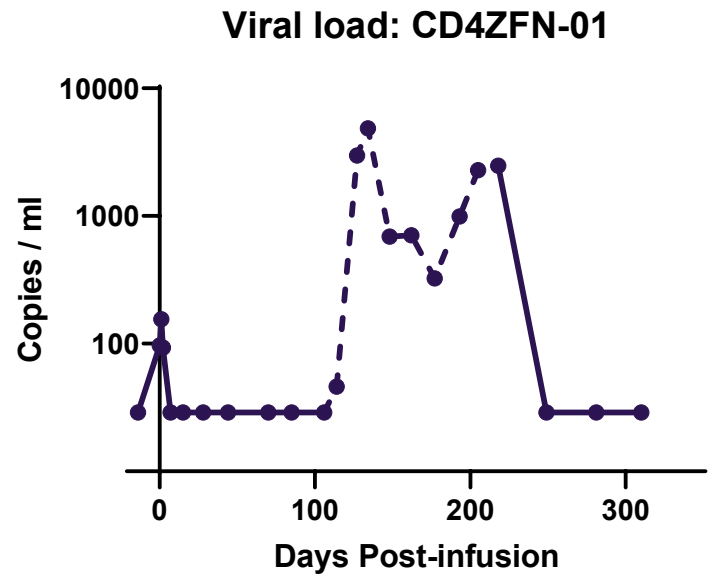
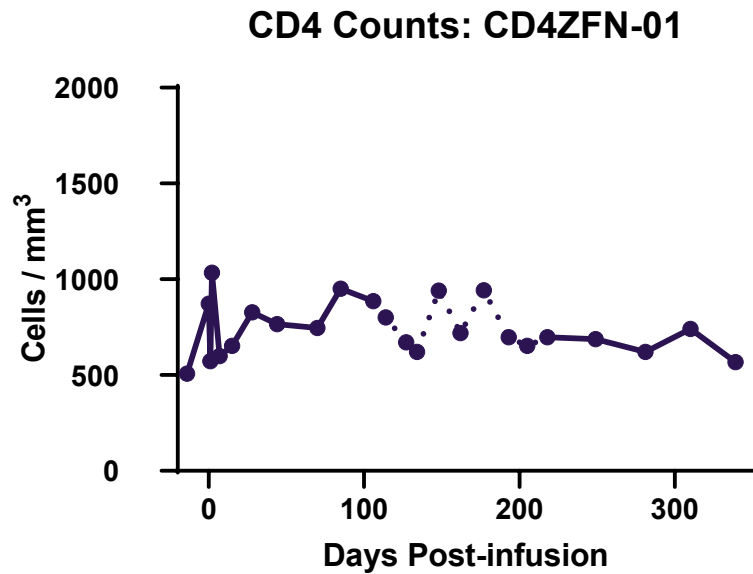
**4. When is the best time to do the ATI?**

Cohort 1- engraftment (step 2) of 1 day before ATI  
 Cohort 2- engraftment (step 2) 8 weeks before ATI

# PATIENT DEMOGRAPHICS

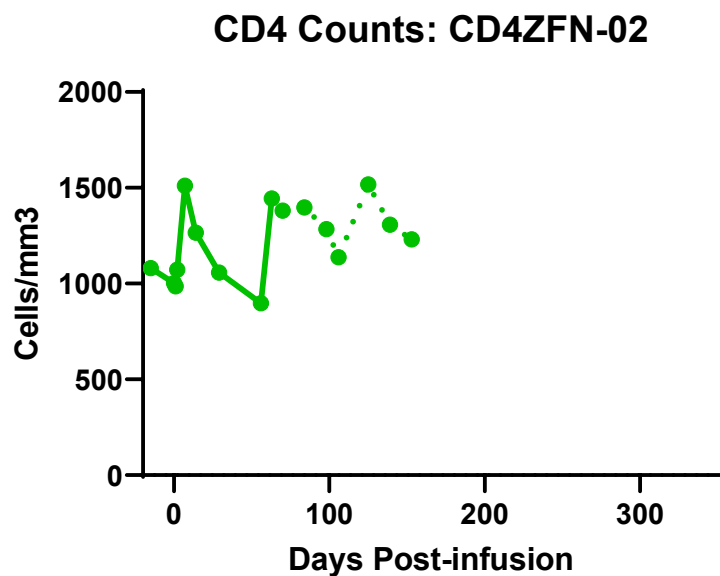
Study ID#	Sex	Race	Age at Screening	Consent Date	Years HIV infection (at the time of enrollment)	Screening CD4 abs (cells/uL)	Viral Load Set Point	% CD4 CAR
CD4CAR-ZFN-01	M	African American	21	08/23/2019	4	681	104,750	65.8%
CD4CAR-ZFN-02	M	Caucasian	58	09/05/2019	10	1785	165,810	46.9%
CD4CAR-ZFN-03	M	African American	47	02/17/2020	9	1430	126,500	70.6%
CD4CAR-ZFN-05	M	African American	56	07/17/2020	10	780	12,198	53.6%
CD4CAR-ZFN-06	M	African American	38	08/18/2020	8	559	57,799	63.4%
CD4CAR-ZFN-07	M	Caucasian	58	02/09/2021	3	677	177,178	
CD4CAR-ZFN-08	M	African American	41	2/26/2021			147,000	

# CD4 ZFN-01 (COHORT 2... COVID EXTENDED)

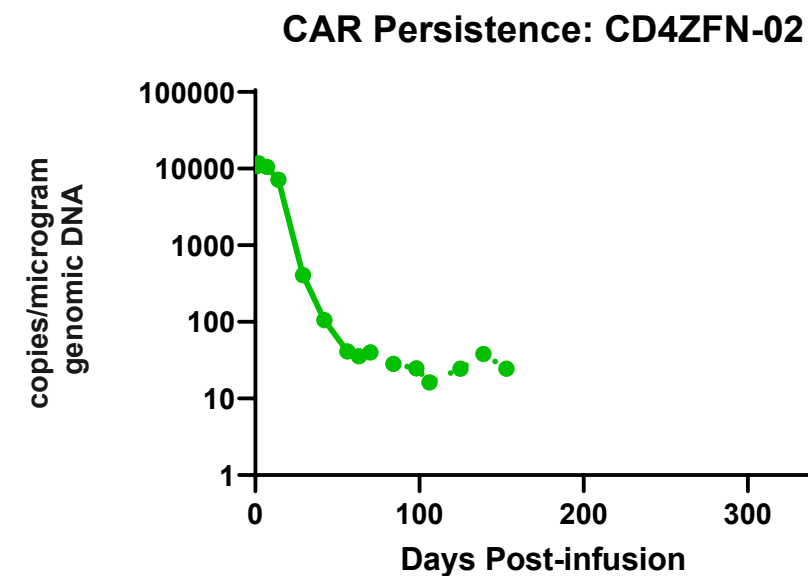


ATI lasted 112 days (16 weeks)

# CD4ZFN-02 COHORT 2



CD4CAR-ZFN-02	VL (copies/ml)	CD4
Safety 8/24/20	<30	1,081
2R 9/8/20	<30	1,002
3R+1W 11/10/20	<30	1,444
3R+2W 11/17/20	<30	1,380
3R+4W 12/1/20	<30	1,397
3R+6W 12/15/20	3,932	1,284
3R+8W 12/23/20	689	1,138
3R+10W 1/11/21	57	1,518
3R+12W 1/25/21	145	1,308
3R+14W 2/8/21	444	1,231
3R+16W 2/22/21	223	1,136
4R 3/8/21	111	1,277
4R+2W 3/22/21	108	1,166
4R+4W 4/05/21	65	1,163

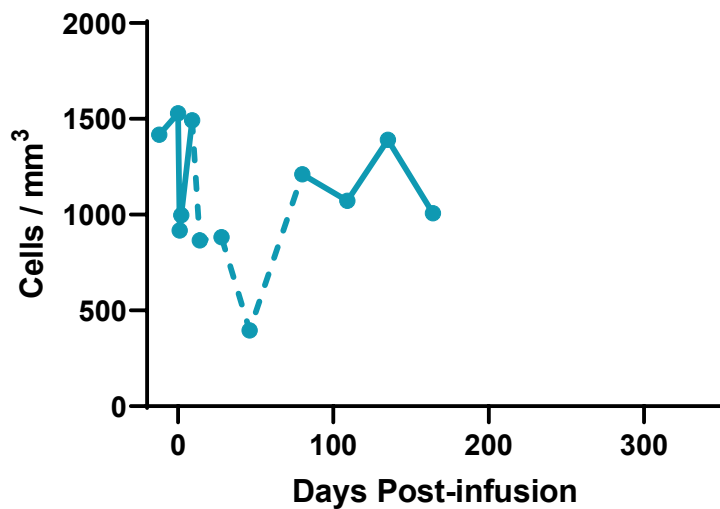


ATI is greater than 180 days

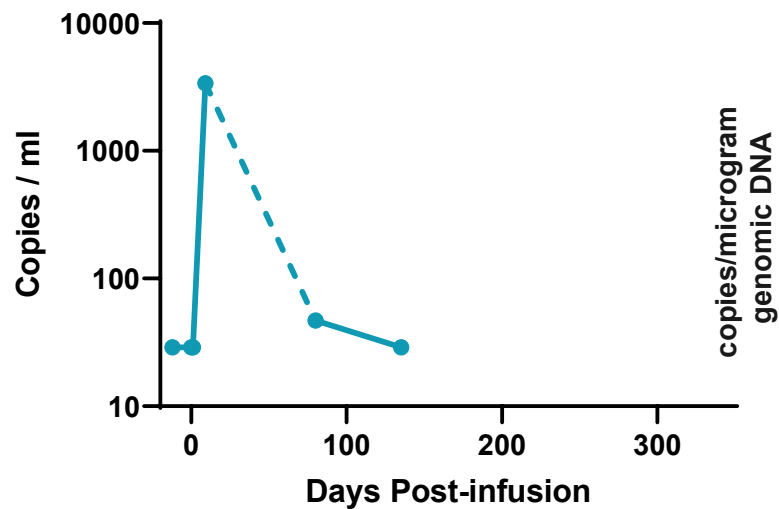


# CD4 ZFN-03 (COHORT 1)

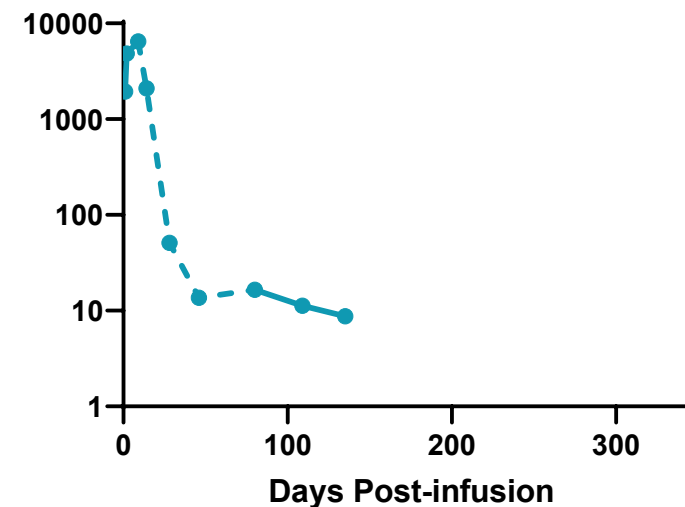
CD4 Count: CD4ZFN-03



Viral Load: CD4ZFN-03



CAR Persistence: CD4ZFN-03



ATI lasted 48 days

# THE FUTURE: DUAL CAR T CELLS

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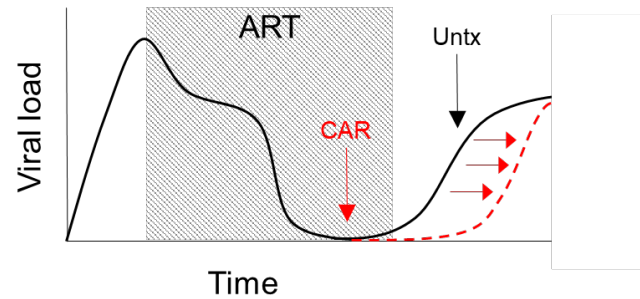
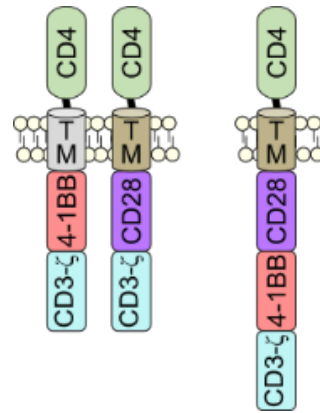
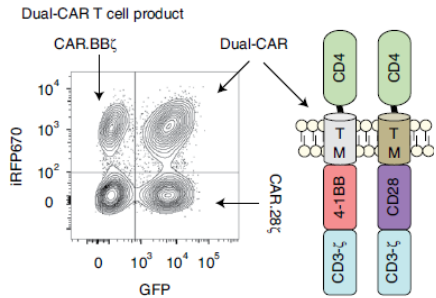
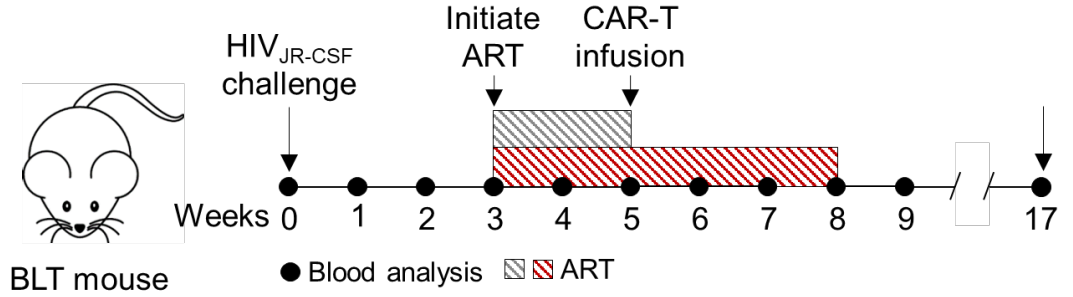
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## Dual CD4-based CAR T cells with distinct costimulatory domains mitigate HIV pathogenesis in vivo

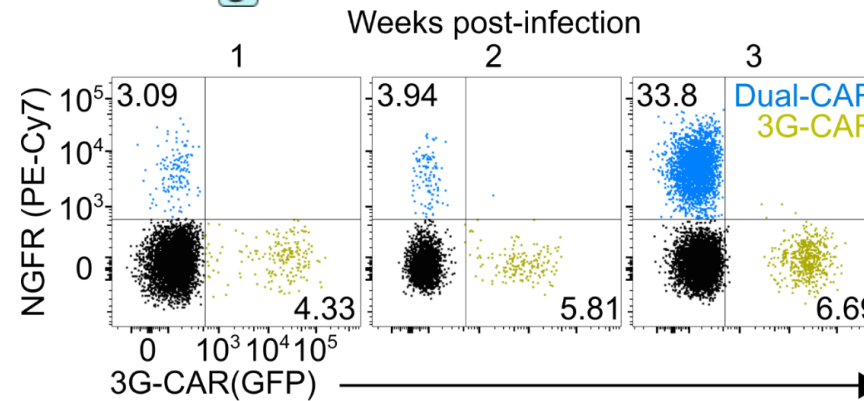
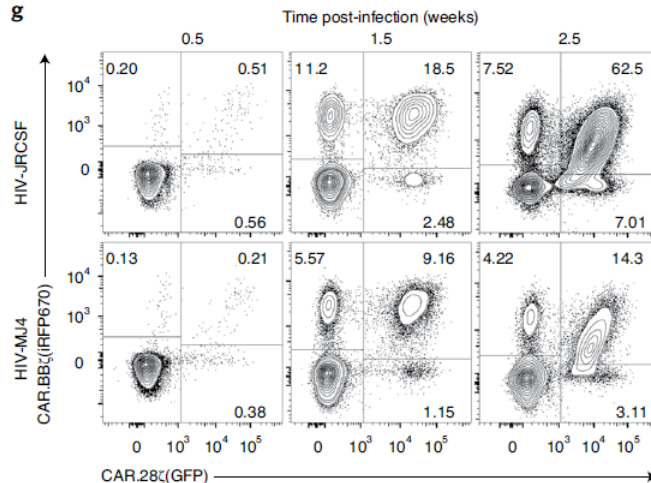
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Dual-CAR 3G-CAR



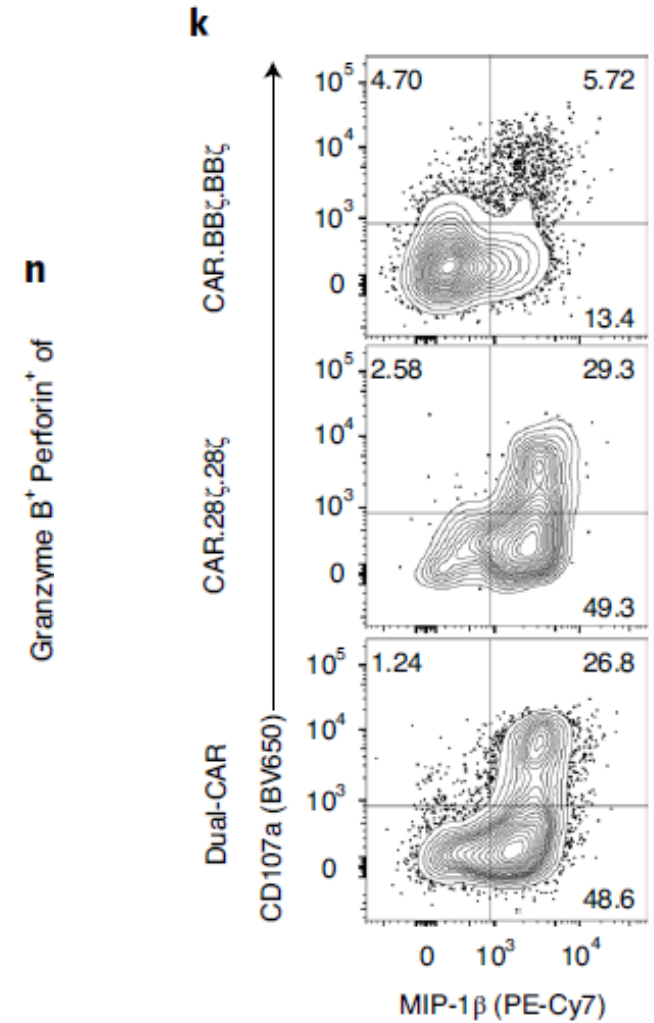
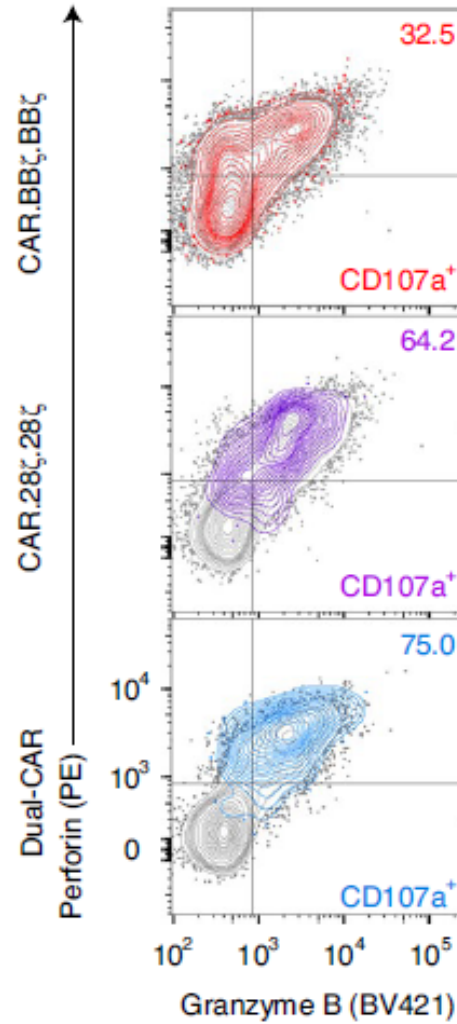
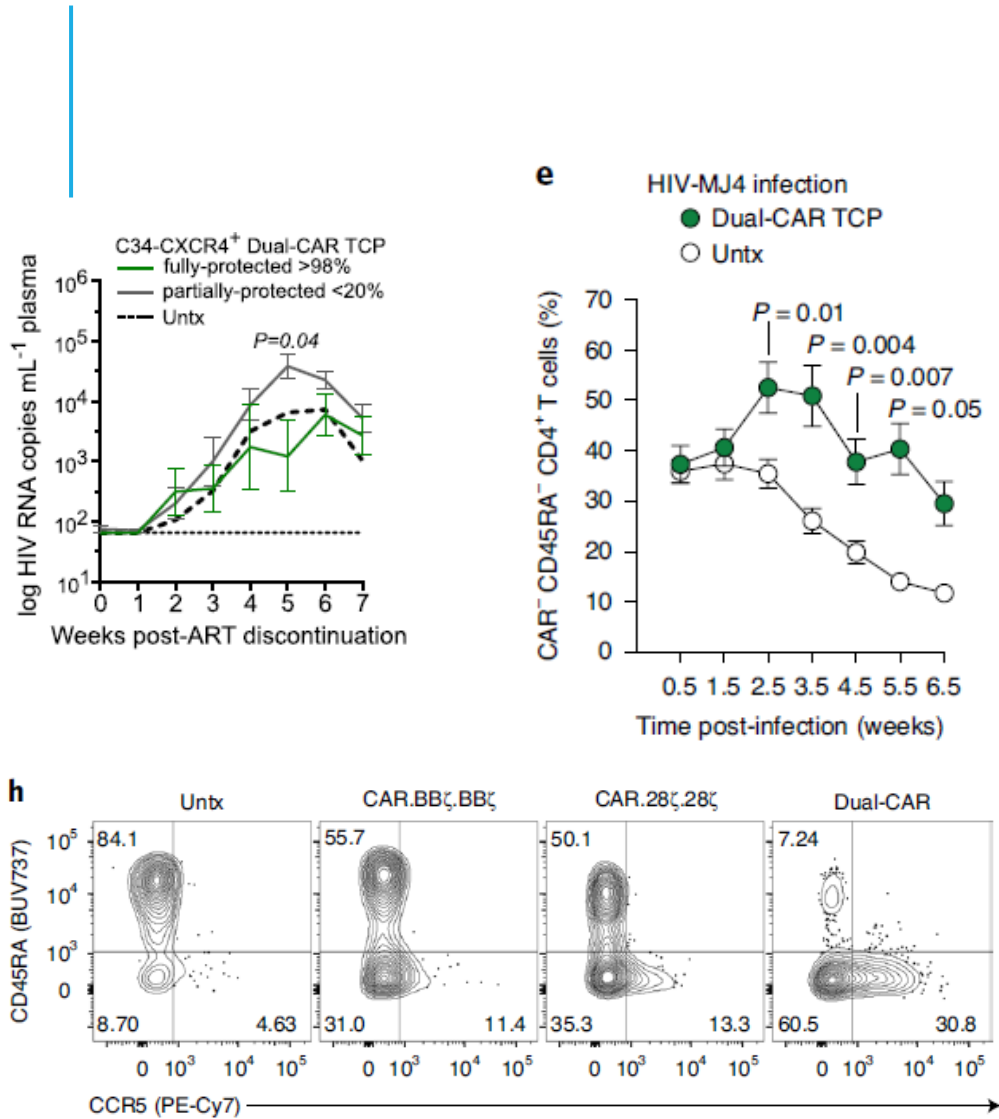
Mitigate HIV pathogenesis

- ① Delay HIV rebound
- ② Exert post-rebound control
- ③ Prevent CD4<sup>+</sup> T cell depletion



Improved In Vivo Expansion

# HIV MAY PROVE A BETTER APPROACH TO TESTING NEW CAR DESIGNS



8 weeks

Improved and Sustained In Vivo Function

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