



## **Eliminate serum to gain control of your T cell research – New xenofree serum replacement**

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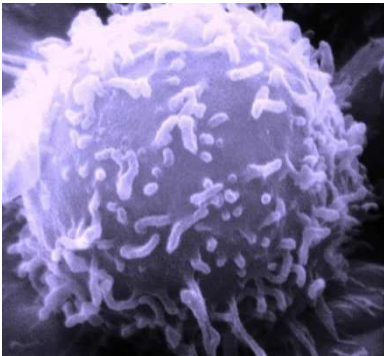
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# T-Cells Participate in a Variety of Cell Mediated Immune Reactions

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## What are T-Cells?



- T cells are one type of white blood cells
- T cells can help kill or directly kill “invaders”
- There are multiple types of T-cells  
“Helper” T-cells, “Killer” T-cells, Regulatory T-cells,

## What are the functions of T-Cells?

- T cells can destroy cells infected by viruses, graft cells, and other altered cells, such as cancerous (e.g. Lymphoma)
  - “Helper” T-cells - stimulate the B cells and help killer cells develop.
  - “Killer” T-cells - kill cells that are altered
  - Regulatory T-cells can suppress immune responses such as autoimmune responses and graft rejection
- T cells also secrete cytokines
- Interact with antigen presenting cells and induce maturation

# T Cells Used in Therapy

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- **Gene modified T cells**

Cells that have a novel receptor placed on the surface of the cell in addition to the native TCR (CAR) or an engineered receptor to give it an enhanced affinity to the antigen (eTCR)

CAR (chimeric antigen receptor) - T cells isolated from a patient's blood are genetically engineered to produce special receptors on their surface called chimeric antigen receptors (CARs). CARs are proteins that allow the T cells to recognize a specific protein (antigen) on tumor cells. These engineered CAR T cells are then grown in the laboratory until they number in the billions and infused back into the patient to target specific antigens such as those on the surface of cancer cells.

<http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/research-updates/2013/CAR-T-Cells>

- **Tumor Infiltrating Lymphocytes (TILs)**

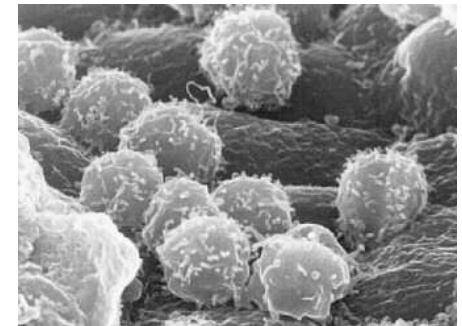
Cells pulled from a tumor with specific reactivity to a cancer antigen and expanded ex-vivo

- **Antigen specific T cells**

Cells exposed to antigen exogenously to be expanded and reinfused

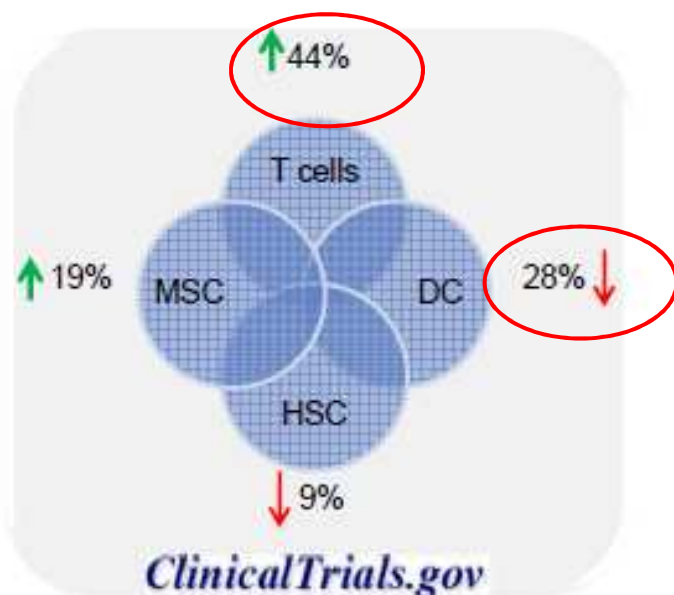
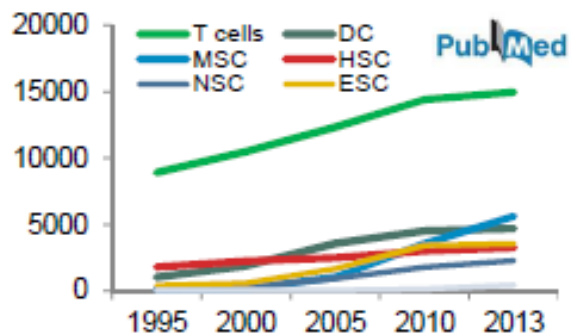
- **Regulatory T cells**

Cells that suppress the classic immune response and are used for autoimmune disease

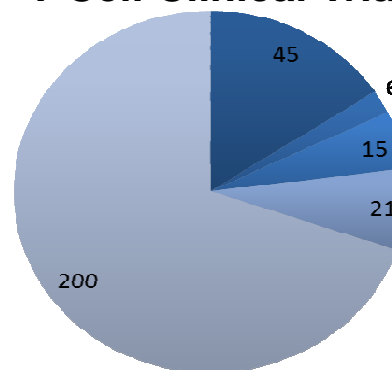


# Immunotherapy Market Trends

## Publication Trends



## T Cell Clinical Trials



- CAR Trials
- eTCR Trials
- T-reg Trials
- TIL Trials
- Other T cell trials

## Area of Academic and Industrial Research Focus

NIH  
University of Pennsylvania  
City of Hope  
NCSF  
Fred Hutch Cancer Inst

NeoStem  
Novartis  
GSK  
Juno  
Cellestis  
Bluebird  
AdaptImmune  
Kite Pharma

# Motivating Factors in Cell Therapy

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- Moving towards animal origin free
- Scale up/scale out
- Pharma partnering with academia and biotech



# Supply Concerns Associated with Serum

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“Serum Free is essential” for Cell manufacturing

Levine B.L. and C.H. June. 2013. Perspective: assembly line immunotherapy.  
Nature 498:S17.

“Current stocks and production rates of serum suitable for GMP manufacture  
may only be sufficient to support the production of one blockbuster cell therapy”

Brindley, Davie, Culme-Seymour, Mason, Smith & Rowley.  
Regen.Med (2012)7(1)

“would be interested in a defined serum free supplement that could replace  
serum in T Cell culture.”

T Cell Survey May 2013: 100% (15/15) of respondents surveyed.

# CTS™ Immune Cell SR Minimizes the Supply Risks Associated with Human Serum used in Your T Cell Culture

CTS™ Immune Cell SR is the first **defined, T-cell qualified xeno-free** replacement for human serum (for use in GMP T cell culture) that provides serum-based "results" without the supply risk.

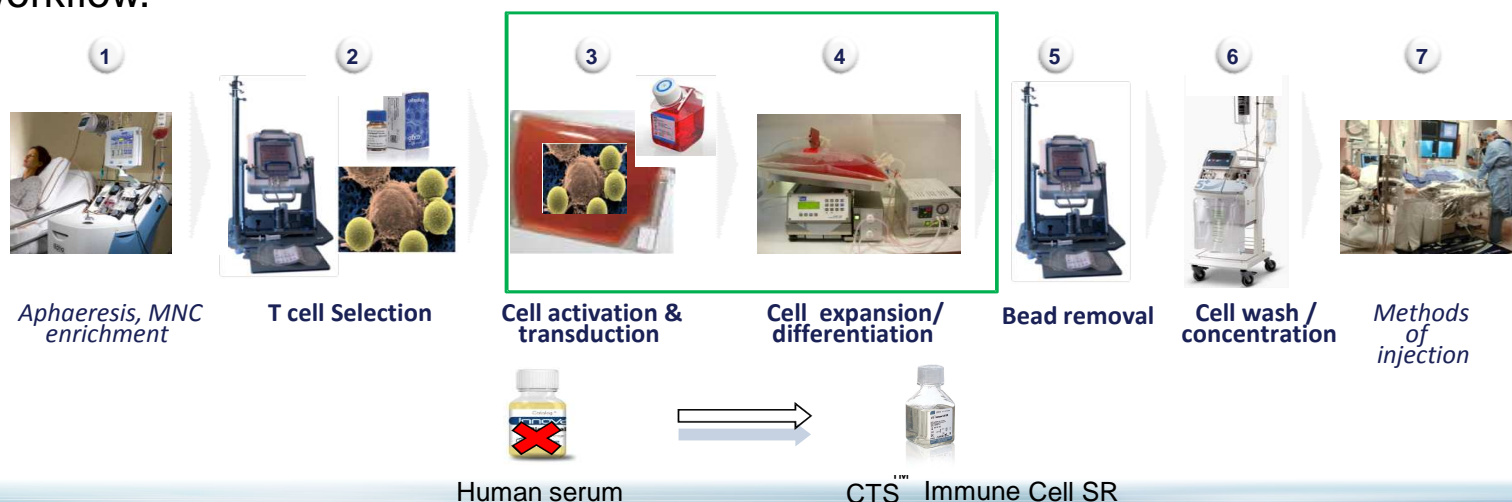
## Specifications



Parameter	SPEC
Functional 4-day T Cell Assay	Acceptable vs. internal assay control
pH	$\geq 7.0$ to $\leq 7.7$
Osmolality	$\geq 430$ to $\leq 500$
Mycoplasma testing (qPCR)	Negative
USP Sterility testing	Negative
Endotoxin testing (LAL)	$\geq 0.0$ to $\leq 10.0$
HBsAg, HIV1&2, HCV virus testing*	Non reactive (Ab)

# CTS™ Immune Cell SR is Ready for Your Commercial Success

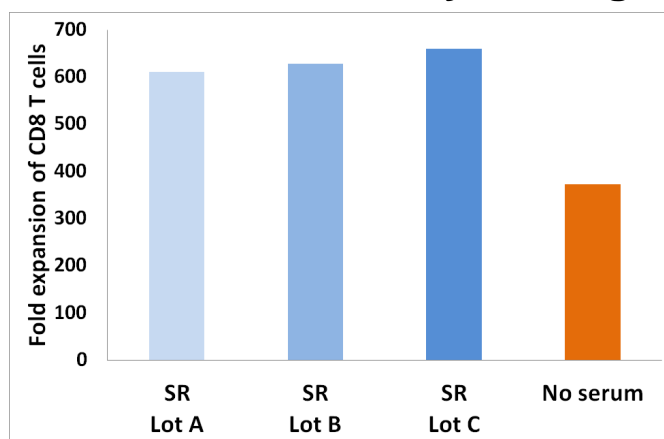
- Formulation contains only human and chemically defined components with harmonized documentation (COO, COA, DMF)
- Each lot is pre-qualified in a functional primary T cell- assay to help ensure consistent performance
- Product is labeled as a Class I Invitro Diagnostic Medical Device with CE-IVD mark and is cGMP manufactured with a scalable process to ISO13485 standards. This product also meets USP 1043 Requirements for Ancillary Materials for Cell Gene and Tissue Engineered Products.
- Product can replace human serum across different media systems as a simple substitution into current workflow.



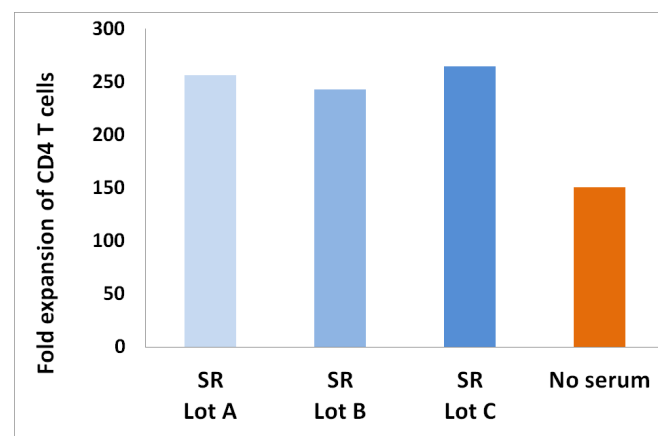


# CTS™ Immune Cell SR Lots Perform Consistently and Support High Cell Viability

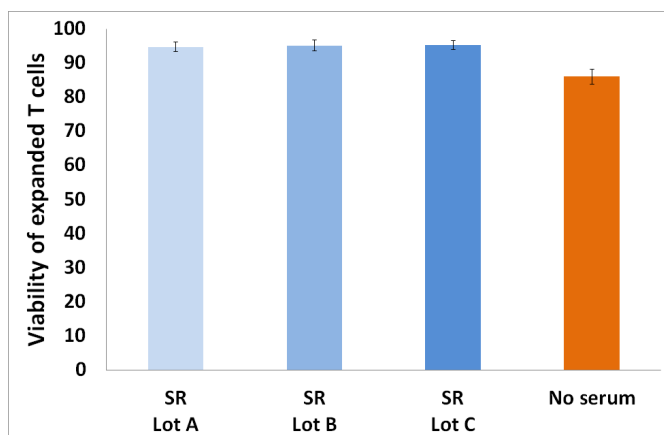
## Consistency and high viability across 3 lots of CTS™



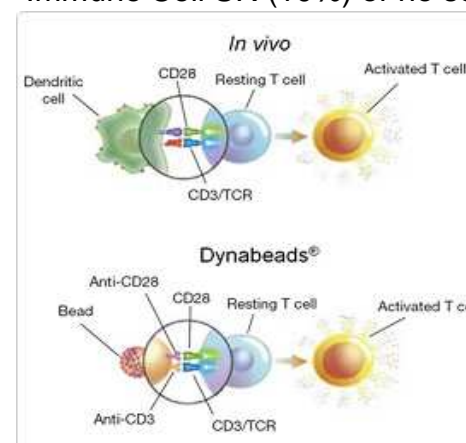
N=1 donor



T cells from PBMC were isolated and activated using CTS™ Dynabeads® CD3/CD28 and cultured in CTS™ OpTmizer™ T Cell SFM supplemented with 3 different lots of CTS™ Immune Cell SR (10%) or no serum.



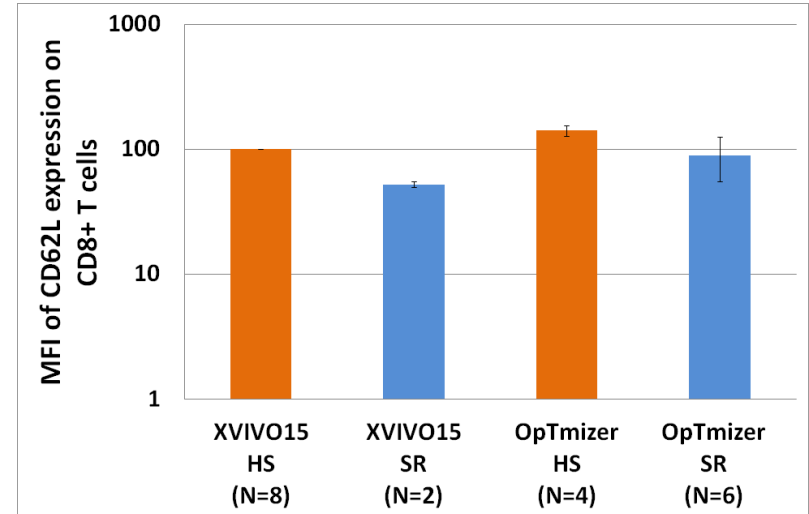
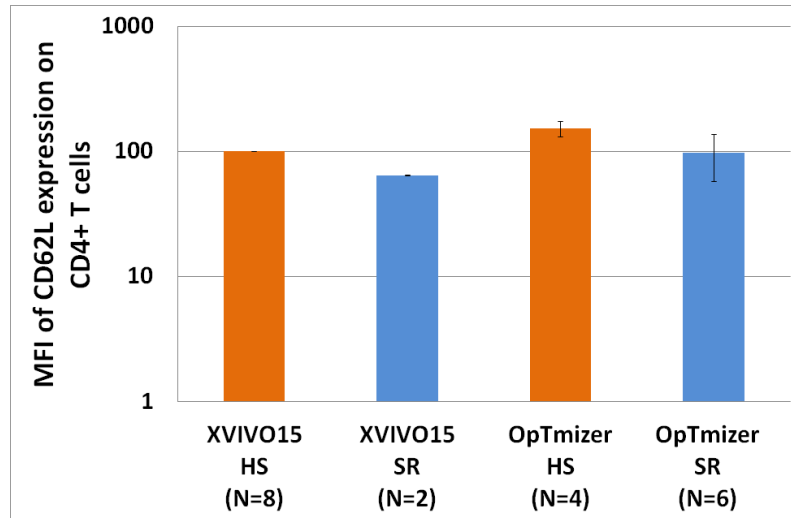
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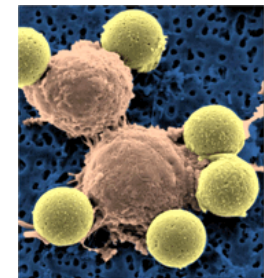
Activated T cells cultured in CTS™ OpTmizer™ T Cell SFM supplemented with 3 different lots of CTS™ Immune Cell SR maintain high cell viability

# CTS™ Immune Cell SR Maintains CD62L Expression on CD4 and CD8 T Cells Similar to Human Serum

**CTS™ Dynabeads® CD3/CD28 activated T cells cultured in CTS™ Immune Cell SR supplemented media or human AB serum expands T cells with T central memory phenotype**

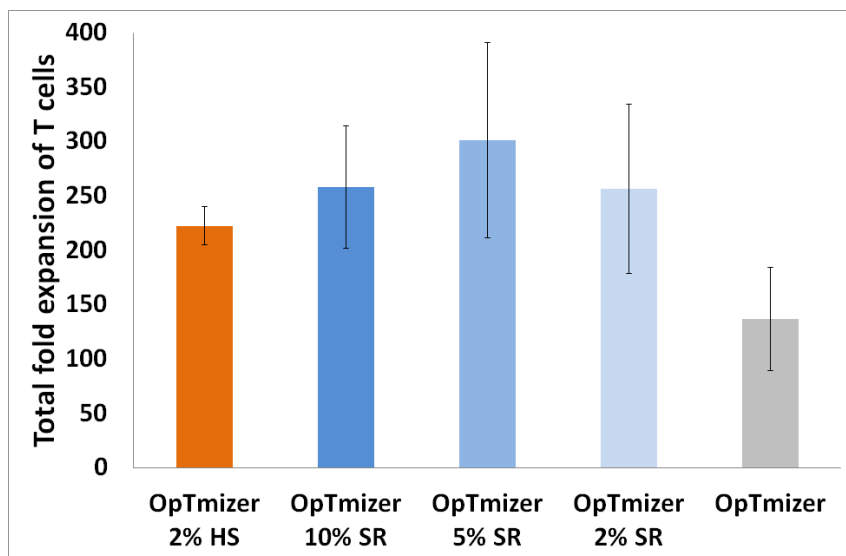
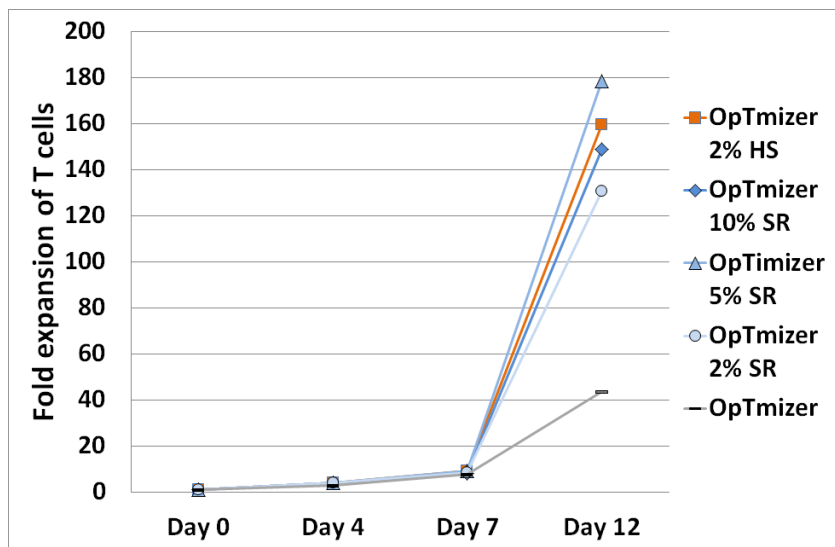


T cells from PBMC were isolated and activated using CTS™ Dynabeads CD3/CD28 and cultured in X- VIVO™ 15 or CTS™ OpTmizer™ T Cell SFM supplemented with 5% and 2% pooled human AB serum respectively or CTS™ Immune Cell SR (10%).



CTS™ Dynabeads CD3/CD28

# CTS™ Immune Cell SR Supports Activated Polyclonal T Cell Expansion Similar to Human Serum



Growth Kinetics from one representative donor of T cells activated with Dynabeads®

CD3/CD28 CTS™ in CTS™

OpTmizer™ T Cell Expansion SFM supplemented with CTS™ Immune Cell SR at 2%, 5% or 10% vs 2% Human AB serum.

N=1 blood donor.

Fold expansion of Dynabeads®

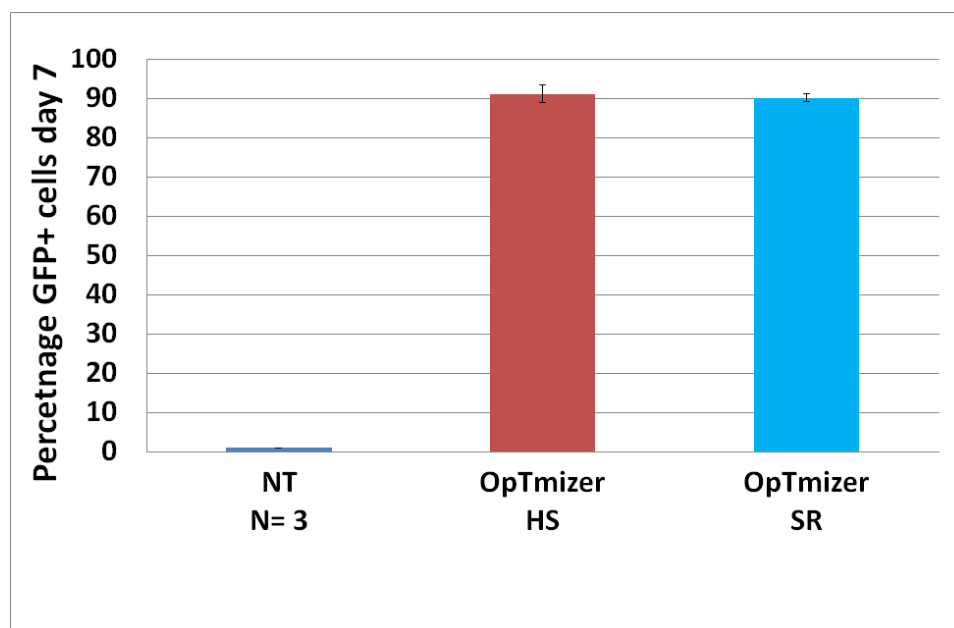
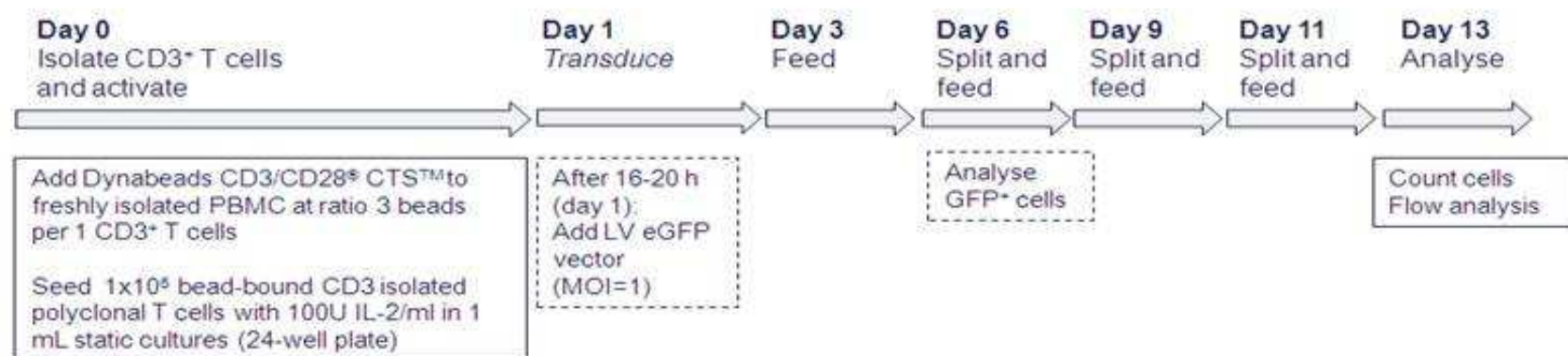
CD3/CD28 CTS™-activated T cells

cultured in CTS™ OpTmizer™ T Cell SFM supplemented with CTS™

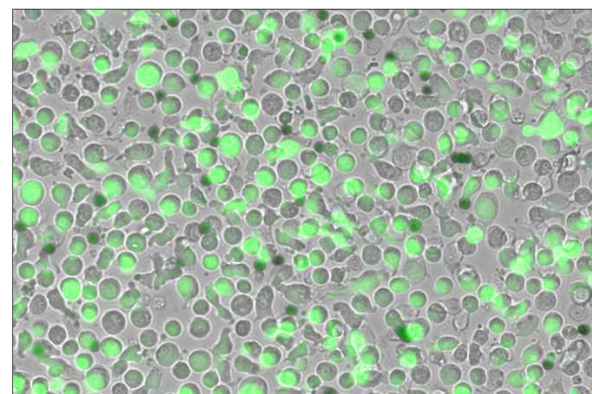
Immune Cell SR at 2%, 5%, 10%, or 2% Human AB serum (day 12).

N= 4 blood donors

# CTS™ Immune Cell SR Supports Lentiviral Transduction of T cells Similar to Human Serum

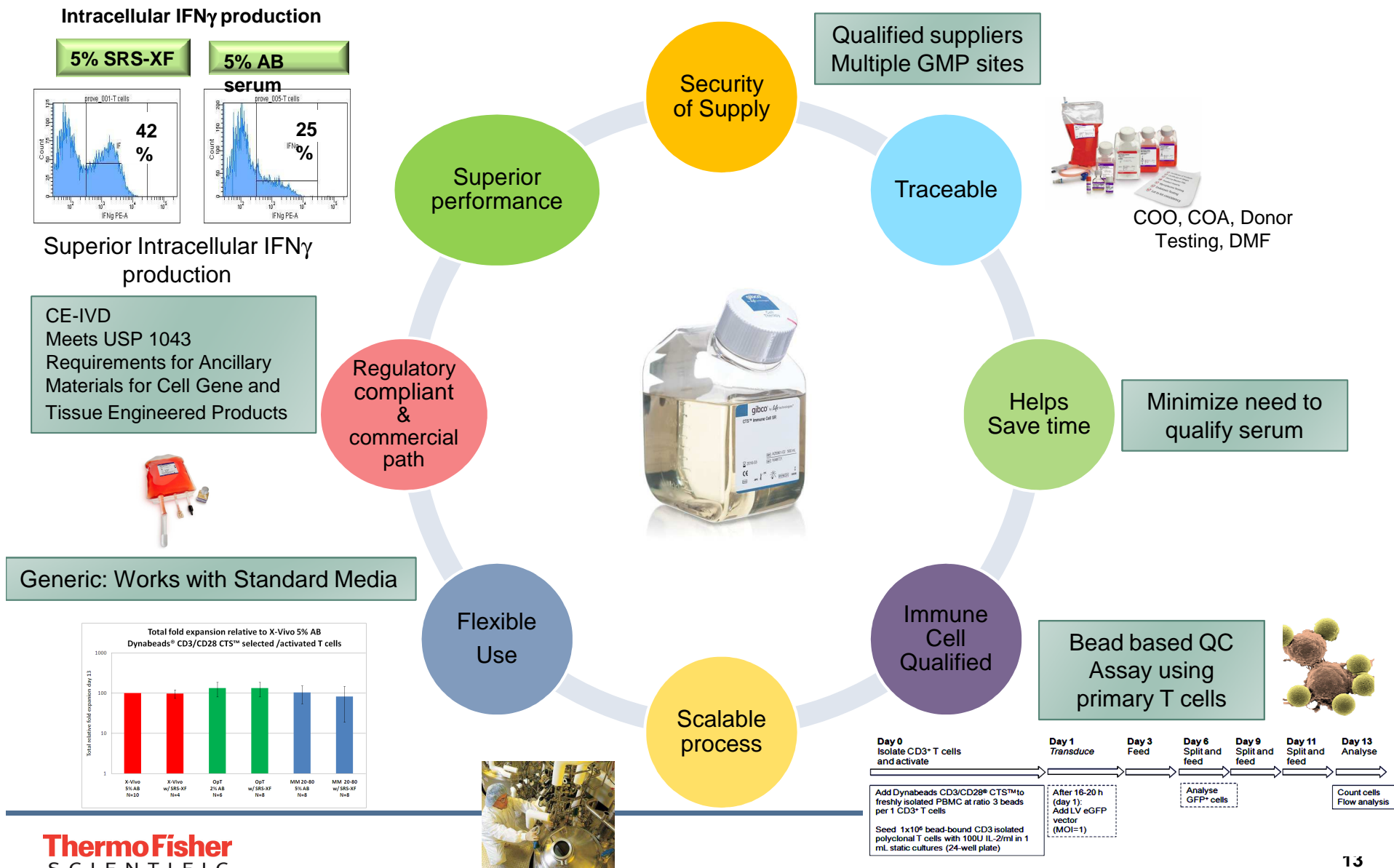


T cells were transduced with a GFP-CAR lentiviral construct typically used in generating gene-modified T Cells (eg.g CAR19 and TCR

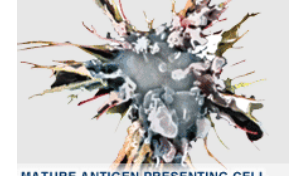
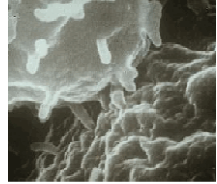


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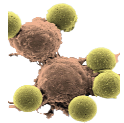
# CTS™ Immune Cell SR Benefits



# CTS™ Products Available for Your Immune Cell Workflow



CTS™  
Dynabeads®  
CD3/CD28



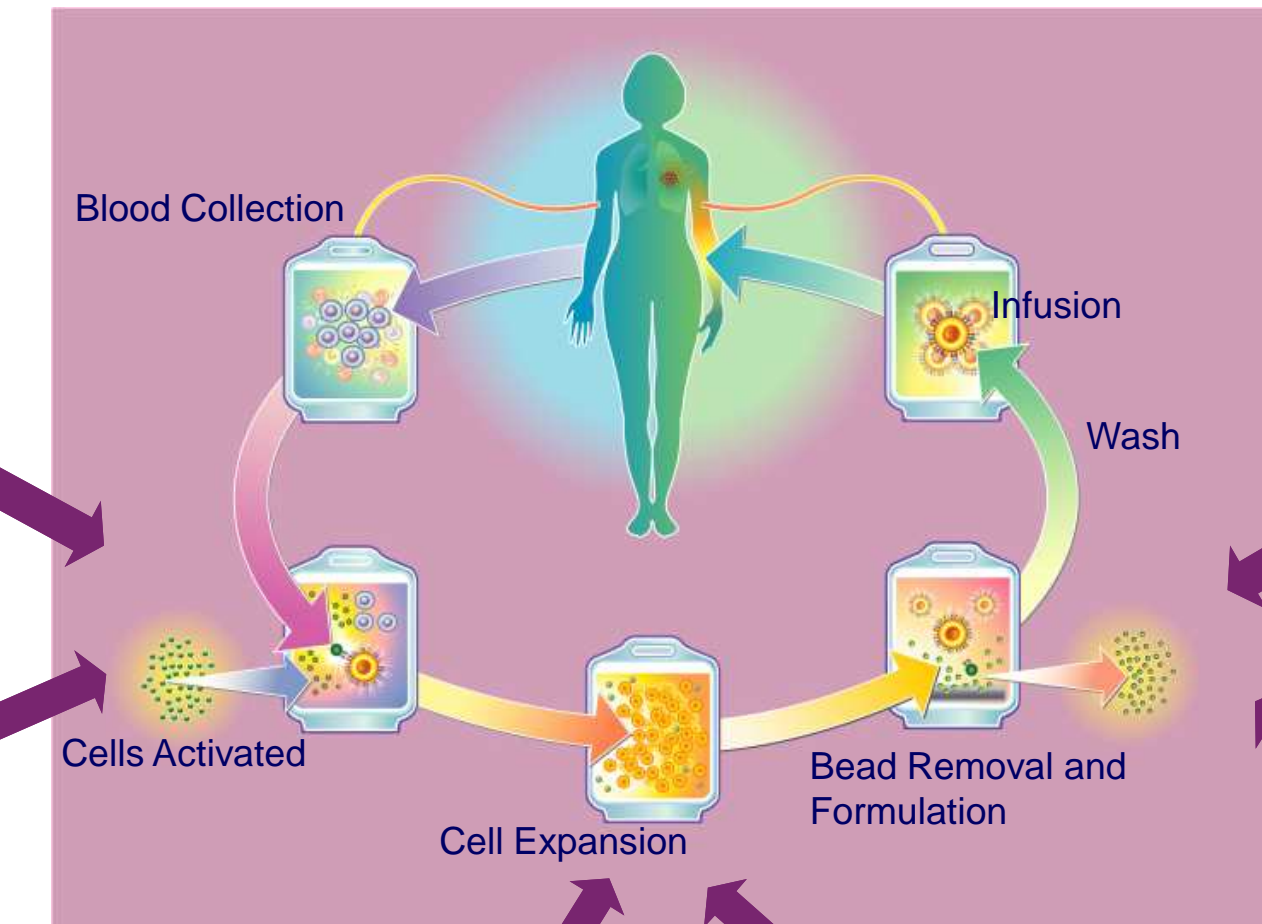
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CTS™ AIM V  
CTS™ OpTmizer™  
CTS™ Immune Cell SR

CTS™ IL-2, IL-7  
CTS™ GM-CSF, TNFα, IL-4





# Coming Soon!

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## CTS™ Immune Cell SR

Ordering Information:

A2596102 (500mL)

A2596101 (50mL)



# Questions?

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Please direct any questions to:  
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