

# T CELL THERAPY RESEARCH

Isolate, Activate, and Expand Human T Cells

Production of human T cells for cell therapy is a complex, multi-step process. There are many opportunities for optimization to obtain maximum yield while retaining desired end phenotype and function. Explore reagents for optimized human T cell therapy research.

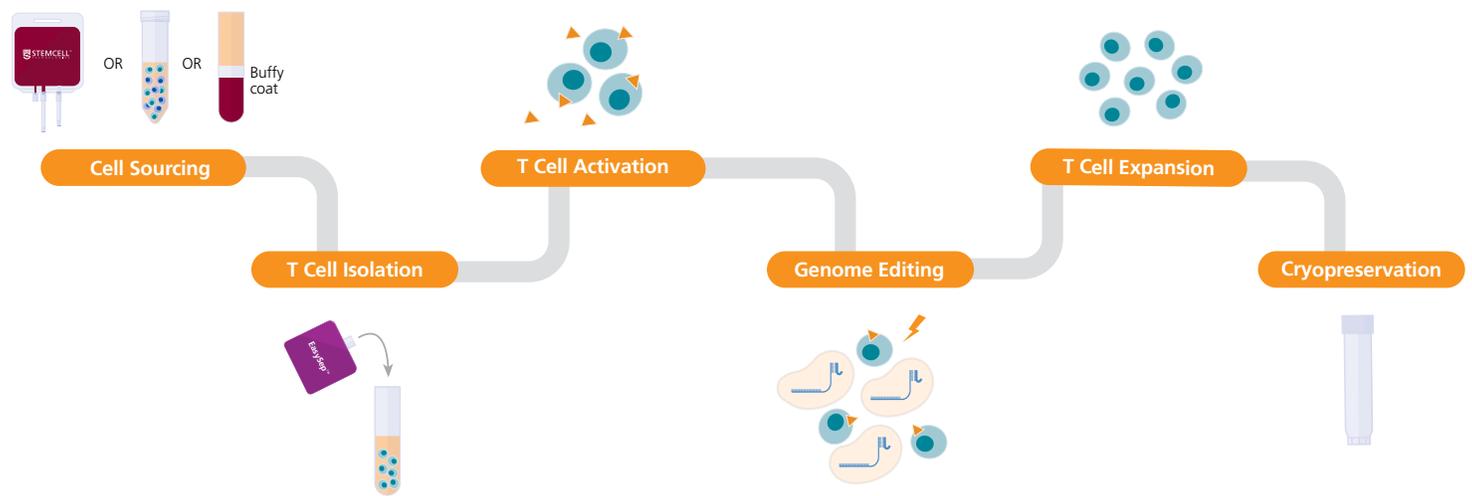


Figure 1. Human T Cell Therapy Research Workflow

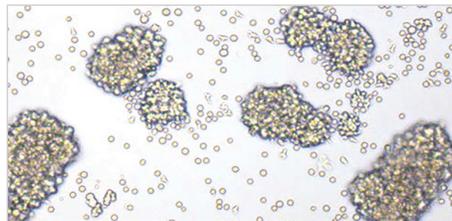
## Key Technologies for T Cell Therapy Research



### EasySep™ Immunomagnetic Cell Separation

Isolate highly purified human T cells in as little as 8 minutes.

[www.EasySep.com](http://www.EasySep.com)



### ImmunoCult™ Cell Activation and Expansion

Activate and expand T cells without the use of serum, beads, or plate-bound antibodies.

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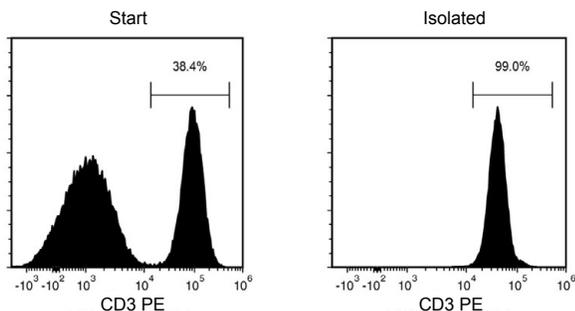


### ArciTect™ CRISPR-Cas9 Genome Editing

Perform high-efficiency editing of T cells using CRISPR-Cas9 ribonucleoprotein (RNP) complexes.

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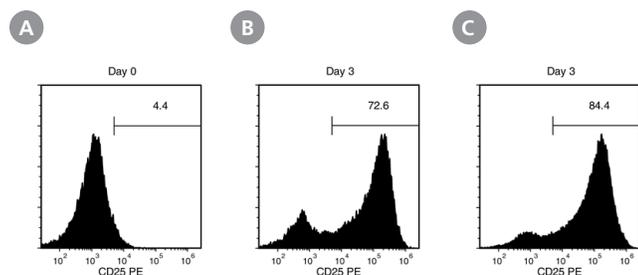
## Isolate highly purified T cells from Leukopaks or PBMCs using EasySep™



**Figure 2.** T Cells are Highly Purified When Isolated with EasySep™ Release Human CD3 Positive Selection Kit

Starting with human PBMCs, the CD3<sup>+</sup> cell content of the fraction isolated using the EasySep™ Release CD3 Positive Selection Kit (Catalog #17751) is typically 98.7 ± 0.9% (mean ± SD using the purple EasySep™ Magnet).

## Activate T cells with ImmunoCult™ Human T Cell Activators



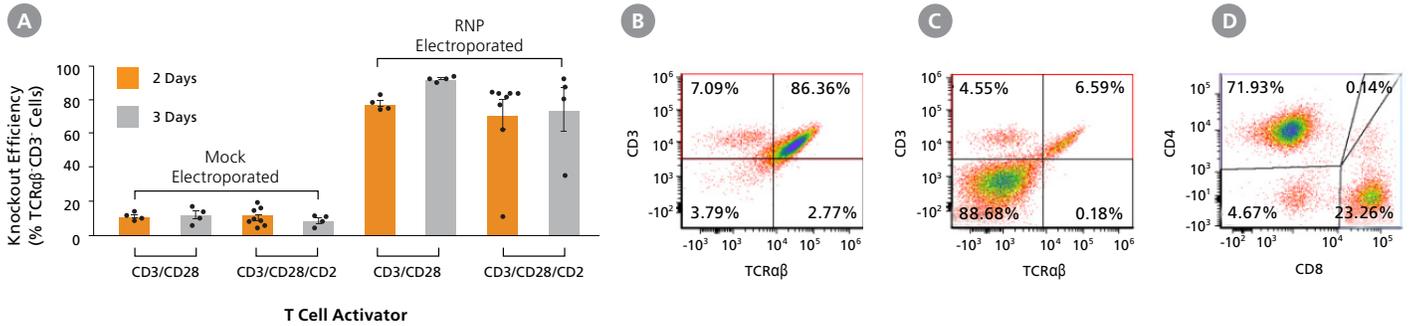
**Figure 3.** T Cells are Activated When Stimulated with ImmunoCult™ Human CD3/CD28 or CD3/CD28/CD2 T Cell Activator

EasySep™ isolated T cells were cultured on day 0 with either ImmunoCult™ Human CD3/CD28 T Cell Activator (Catalog #10971) or ImmunoCult™ Human CD3/CD28/CD2 T Cell Activator (Catalog #10970) in ImmunoCult™-XF T Cell Expansion Medium (Catalog #10981). Cells were gated on CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells and CD8<sup>+</sup> T cells and T cell activation was assessed by CD25<sup>+</sup> expression on day 0 and day 3. At the start of culture, the CD25<sup>+</sup> cell population was (A) 5.63 ± 2.4% (mean ± SD). After three days of activation, the CD25<sup>+</sup> cell population was (B) 75.4 ± 13.8% (mean ± SD) when activated with ImmunoCult™ Human CD3/CD28 T Cell Activator and (C) 88.8 ± 3.2% (mean ± SD) when activated with ImmunoCult™ Human CD3/CD28/CD2 T Cell Activator.

| Product   | Catalog #                |
|---|--------------------------|
| Human Peripheral Blood Leukopak, Fresh*               | 70500                    |
| Human Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cells, Frozen      | 70025                    |
| EasySep™ Human T Cell Isolation Kit                   | 17951                    |
| EasySep™ Human CD4 <sup>+</sup> T Cell Isolation Kit  | 17952                    |
| EasySep™ Human CD8 <sup>+</sup> T Cell Isolation Kit  | 17953                    |
| EasySep™ Release Human CD3 Positive Selection Kit     | 17751                    |
| EasySep™ Release Human CD4 Positive Selection Kit     | 17752                    |
| cGMP, ImmunoCult™ Human CD3/CD28 T Cell Activator     | 100-0784                 |
| cGMP, ImmunoCult™ Human CD3/CD28/CD2 T Cell Activator | 100-0785                 |
| ArciTect™ Cas9 Nuclease                               | 76002                    |
| ArciTect™ crRNA                                       | 76010 / 76011 / 76012    |
| ArciTect™ tracrRNA kit                                | 76016 / 76017 / 76018    |
| ArciTect™ Human HPRT Positive Control Kit             | 76013                    |
| ImmunoCult™-XF T Cell Expansion Medium                | 10981                    |
| cGMP, ImmunoCult™-XF                                  | 100-0956                 |
| StemSpan™ T Cell Generation Kit                       | 09940                    |
| CryoStor® CS10, CS5 and CS2                           | 07930 / 07933 / 07932    |
| Hypothermosol® FRS                                    | 07935                    |
| Cytokines: IL-2 ACF, IL-7 ACF and IL-15 ACF           | 78193 / 78196 / 78218    |
| Anti-CD25 Antibodies                                  | 60153 / 60158            |
| Anti-CD3 Antibodies                                   | 100-0285 / 60127 / 60011 |

\*Only available in select territories

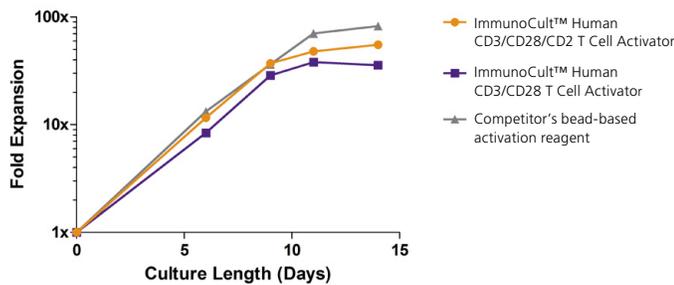
## Genetically modify human T cells using the ArciText™ CRISPR-Cas9 system



**Figure 4. High Efficiency TRAC Knockout of Human T Cells**

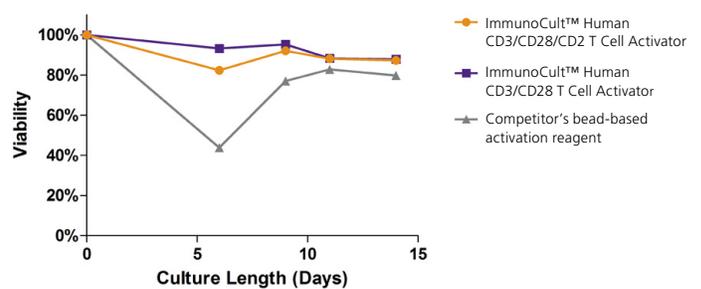
(A) TRAC knockout efficiency in human T cells activated with either ImmunoCult™ Human CD3/CD28 or CD3/CD28/CD2 T Cell Activator for 2 or 3 days was assessed by binding the TCRαβ and CD3 receptors with antibodies followed by flow cytometry analysis. Each data point per condition represents an individual donor; n = 4 - 8 donors. Error bars represent standard error of the mean. (B - C) Representative dot plots of TCRαβ and CD3 flow cytometry analysis from (B) mock electroporated and (C) RNP electroporated human T cells activated with ImmunoCult™ Human CD3/CD28 T Cell Activator for 3 days. (D) Representative dot plot of CD4 and CD8 flow cytometry analysis of human T cells activated with ImmunoCult™ Human CD3/CD28 T Cell Activator for 3 days.

## Expand human T cells by culturing in ImmunoCult™-XF T Cell Expansion Medium



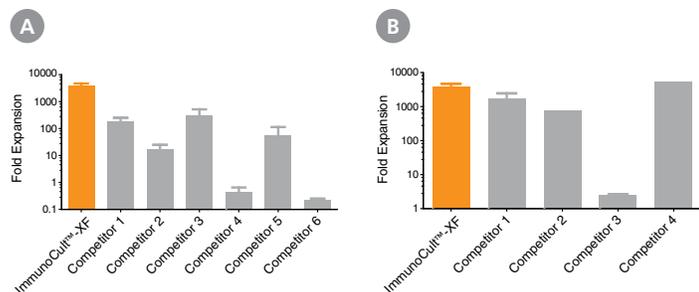
**Figure 5. T Cells Show Robust Expansion When Stimulated with ImmunoCult™ Human T Cell Activators in ImmunoCult™-XF T Cell Expansion Medium**

T cells were expanded over 14 days with ImmunoCult™ Human CD3/CD28 T Cell Activator, ImmunoCult™ Human CD3/CD28/CD2 T Cell Activator or competitor's bead-based activation reagent in ImmunoCult™-XF T Cell Expansion Medium supplemented with rhIL-2. Fold expansion was determined between 0 to 14 days. (Note that T cells were not reactivated during the course of expansion.)



**Figure 6. T Cells are Highly Viable When Stimulated with ImmunoCult™ Human T Cell Activators in ImmunoCult™-XF T Cell Expansion Medium**

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**Figure 7. ImmunoCult™-XF T Cell Expansion Medium Supports Greater T Cell Expansion than Other Serum-Free and Serum-Supplemented Media**

T cells were activated with ImmunoCult™ Human CD3/CD28/CD2 T Cell Activator, and cultured in (A) ImmunoCult™-XF T Cell Expansion Medium or serum-free competitor media with rhIL-2 in three replicate cultures per donor, or cultured in (B) ImmunoCult™-XF T Cell Expansion Medium or serum-supplemented competitor media with rhIL-2 in three replicate cultures per donor. T cells were stimulated with ImmunoCult™ Human CD3/CD28/CD2 T Cell Activator on day 0 and every 7 to 8 days for the duration of the culture. T cells were analyzed on day 21 for fold expansion relative to the initial cell seeding density. (A) Compared to all serum-free competitor media tested, ImmunoCult™-XF T Cell Expansion Medium showed significantly higher expansion of total T cells. Competitors 1 to 6 represent serum-free competitor media. Each column with error bars represents the mean  $\pm$  S.E.M. ( $p < 5 \times 10^{-13}$  for ImmunoCult™-XF T Cell Expansion Medium versus all other serum-free media, tested using the linear mixed-effect model with linear regression,  $n = 4$  to 19 donors). (B) Compared to all serum-supplemented competitor media tested, ImmunoCult™-XF T Cell Expansion Medium showed similar or significantly higher expansion of total T cells. Competitors 1 to 4 represent serum-supplemented competitor media. Each column with error bars represents the mean  $\pm$  S.E.M. ( $p < 0.0006$  for ImmunoCult™-XF T Cell Expansion Medium versus all other serum-supplemented media except for competitor 4, tested using the linear mixed-effect model with linear regression,  $n = 1$  to 19 donors).

### Why Use ImmunoCult™ T Cell Activation and Expansion Reagents?

**OPTIMIZED.** Robust activation and rapid expansion without the use of magnetic beads.

**DEFINED FORMULATION.** Consistent expansion without the need to add serum.

**FREEDOM TO USE.** Not exclusively licensed for use in T cell therapy manufacturing.

### Why Use STEMCELL's Reagents for Cell Therapy Research Applications?

**CONSISTENCY.** Defined formulations minimize lot-to-lot variability.

**QUALITY.** Extensive QC testing.

**DOCUMENTATION.** Traceability documentation including CoAs and CoOs help reduce time in preparing IND submissions or clinical trial applications.

**CONSULTATION.** Experienced global professionals to help navigate regulatory processes.

## From Bench to Bedside

These products are designed for cell therapy research applications following the recommendations of USP <1043> on Ancillary Materials.

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