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# Toward cell transfer immunotherapy against patient-specific mutations in gastrointestinal cancers

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### Adoptive cell therapy (ACT) using tumor-infiltrating lymphocytes (TIL)



#### Adoptive transfer of TIL can cure some patients with metastatic melanoma



Can TIL therapy be effective in other common solid cancers such as gastrointestinal (GI) cancers?

#### Conventional TIL therapy is largely ineffective against metastatic GI cancers

_	Patient	Primary	Cells (x10 <sup>9</sup> )	IL-2 doses	Response	
	3454	Colorectal	18.5	8	PD	
	3596	Colon	32.1	10	PD	
	3610	Rectal	20.0	3	PD	
	3671	Colon	30.3	3	PD	
	3674	Colorectal	69.5	1	PD	
	3690	Colon	50.0	7	PD	
	3717	Gastric	68.8	0	PD	
	3737	Cholangio	42.4	4	PD (13 mo SD)	
	3788	GE junction	98.1	3	PD	
	3812	Cholangio	45.2	3	PD	
	3894	Colon	67.8	3	PD	
	3942	Rectal	68.3	2	PD	
	3948	Esophageal	97.3	2	PR (unconfirmed)	
	3970	Colon (Lynch)	90	2	not evaluable	
	3971	Colon	40.8	4	PD	
	3978	Cholangio	78.5	4	PD	

PD: progressive disease SD: stable disease PR: partial response

## Mutation-reactive T cells can be found in a patient with cholangiocarcinoma and appear capable of mediating tumor regression



### Tumor regression after ACT of ERBB2IP-mutation-reactive Th1 cells



- 1. Are mutation-reactive T cells frequently found in patients with metastatic GI cancers?
- 2. Can we effectively harness the mutation-specific T-cell response to treat patients with GI cancers?

#### Assessing T-cell reactivity against mutated antigens



#### **Representative example: metastatic colorectal cancer**

- 52-year old male with primary colon cancer metastatic to the liver and lung
- Hepatic wedge resection for GI-TIL and whole exome sequencing
- 134 mutations (PGDx, stringent), 300 mutations (in-house, relaxed)
  - 17 TMGs constructed



### Several TIL cultures display reactivity against TMG-7 and TMG-14

Co-culture: TIL fragments with TMG RNA transfected DCs (2/4 plates shown)

IFN- $\gamma$  ELISPOT (top); 4-1BB upregulation by flow cytometry (bottom)



**TIL culture** 



Co-culture: P2W2 sorted T cells + DCs pulsed with long peptides or transfected with TMG RNA

#### TMG-14

Mutated gene	Long peptide AA sequence				
GRK6	CRGGSAREVKEHRLFKKLNFKRLGA				
MGAT1	PGRPPSVSALDGAPASLTREVIRLA				
CDH10	TTVNITLTDVNDKPPRFPQNTIHLR				
LIFR	VIVGVVTSILCYQKREWIKETFYPD				
MROH2B	LWDPNPKIGVACHDVLMVCIPFLGL				
SNX18	YSTGEEASRDVDTWVFSLECKLDCS				
SV2C	MEYDNGRFIGVKLKSVTFKDSVFKS				
TCP10(1)	AFGKISHLSADEETTPKYAGRKSQS				
TCP10(2)	TLALEPAFGKISPLSADEETTPKYAGRKSQS				
TCP10(3)	LLALEPAFGKISPLSADEDTTPKYA				
HGC6.3	VFSSPHTAGGMTSTVFSSPHTAGGM				
FAM65B	MSDLAPSNLLAQHEVLRTLALLLTR				
ABHD16A	NEIDTMFVDRRGAAEPQGQKLVICC				
SKIV2L	PILKEIVEMLFSHGLVKVLFATETF				
TNXB(1)	RETSAKVNWMPPRSRADSFKVSYQL				
TNXB(2)	QFIPTASPLLCSSSPHSPAKAEAEI				



SKIV2L: putative RNA helicase involved with altering RNA secondary structure

Co-culture: P4W6 sorted T cells + DCs pulsed with long peptides or transfected with TMG RNA

#### TMG-7

Mutated gene	Long peptide AA sequence				
KRTAP5-3	CGSCGGCKGGCGACGGSKGGCGSSC				
VAT1L	IDNPPKTPLVPGYECSGIVEALGDS				
INPP5K	PAWTDRILWRLKQQPCAGPDTPIPP				
PLD6	DCDYMALNGSQIRLLRKAGIQVRHD				
C17orf97(1)	RLDRRGGAGTMGDKDNDGEEEEREG				
C17orf97(2)	FHIDPEALKGFHTDPKALKGFHPDP				
EVI2B	TSTVKNSPRSTPPRSTPGFILDTTSNKQTP				
HSD17B1-005	RRGSGRVLVTGSLGGLMA				
HSD17B1	RRGSGRVLVTGSLGGLMGLPFNDVY				
CDC27	LNTDSSVSYIDSA				
HOXB8	PSSGGSFQHPSQTQEFYHGPSSLST				
WFIKKN2	DRENVVMRPNHVCGNVVVTNIAQLV				
COIL	NKATCGTVGDDNKEAKRKSPKKKEK				
WSCD1	TICVKTHESGRRGIEMFDSAILLIR				
KCNH6	VAAIPFDLLIFRNGSDETTTLIGLL				
H3F3B	VKKPHRYRPGTVTLREIRRYQKSTE				



#### H3F3B: histone protein of the H3 family

## Mutation-reactive TIL identified in 7 out of 8 patients with metastatic gastrointestinal cancers

Patient	Cancer	# of mutations assessed	Mutation Reactive T cells?	Mutated gene recognized	T cell	Notes
3737	Cholangio	25	Y	ERBB2IP	CD4	Multiple clonotypes; TCRs isolated
3812	Cholangio	179	Ν			High background in TIL
3942	Rectal	140	Y	NUP98 KARS GPD2	CD8 CD8 CD4	TCRs isolated
3948	Esophageal	210	Y	PLEC ASTN2	CD4 CD4	
3971	Colon	119	Y	CASP8	CD8	TCR isolated
3978	Cholangio	37	Y	ITGB4	CD4	
3995	Colon	154	Y	in progress	CD8	Potentially 4 reactivities
4007	Colon	265	Y	SKIV2L H3F3B	CD8 CD8	Two clonotypes for SKIV2L; testing TCRs; potential low freq. CD4

Mutation-reactivity is highly heterogeneous between TIL cultures from the same patient

- Conventional TIL therapy is largely ineffective against metastatic gastrointestinal cancers
- Transfer of a highly pure population of mutation-reactive T cells appeared capable of mediating tumor regression in a patient with cholangiocarcinoma (ongoing PR)
- Most patients (7/8) with metastatic gastrointestinal cancers appear to mount a T-cell response against at least one somatic mutation expressed by their tumors
- Mutation-reactive T cells and their T-cell receptors can be enriched and isolated for potential use in cell-based therapies

#### The future of T-cell therapy for common solid cancers?



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