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А	Leader Peptide	Anti-CD33 binder	CD8 hinge	CD8 TM	4-188	CD3z	
В	Leader Peptide	Anti-CD33 binder	CD8 hinge	CD8 TM		CD3z	
С	Leader Peptide	Anti-CD33 binder	TNFRSF19 hinge	TNFRSF19 TM	4-188	CD3z	
D	Leader Peptide	Anti-CD33 binder	TNFRSF19 hinge	TNFRSF19 TM		CD3z	
E	Leader Peptide	Anti-CD33 binder		CD8 TM		CD3z	
F	Leader Peptide	Anti-CD33 binder	CD8 hinge	CD8 TM	4-188	CD3z	tEGFR
G	Leader Peptide	Anti-CD33 binder	CD8 hinge	CD8 TM		CD3z	tEGFR

FIGURE 1

(57) Abstract: The present disclosure relates to chimeric antigen receptors (CAR) containing CD33 antigen binding domains, including nucleic acids, recombinant expression vectors, host cells, antigen binding fragments, and pharmaceutical compositions. Methods of treating or preventing cancer in a subject, and methods of making chimeric antigen receptor T cells are also disclosed. Experimental results are provided for 7 different CD33 external domains coupled a transmembrane domain derived from the human CD8 protein, a 4-IBB costimulatory domain and a CD3 zeta signalling domain

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COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR TREATING CANCER WITH ANTI-CD33 IMMUNOTHERAPY

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. Section 119(e) to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 62/620,139, filed January 22, 2018, and U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 62/476,438 filed on March 24, 2017, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

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FIELD OF THE DISCLOSURE

This application relates to the field of cancer, particularly to CD33 antigen binding domains and chimeric antigen receptors (CARs) containing such CD33 antigen binding domains and methods of use thereof.

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BACKGROUND

Cancer is one of the most deadly threats to human health. In the U.S. alone, cancer affects nearly 1.3 million new patients each year, and is the second leading cause of death after cardiovascular disease, accounting for approximately 1 in 4 deaths. Solid tumors are responsible for most of those deaths. Although there have been significant advances in the medical treatment of certain cancers, the overall 5-year survival rate for all cancers has improved only by about 10% in the past 20 years. Cancers, or malignant tumors, metastasize and grow rapidly in an uncontrolled manner, making treatment extremely difficult.

CD33 is a 67 kDa transmembrane cell surface glycoprotein receptor. CD33 is a member of sialic acid-binding immunoglobulin-like lectins (SIGLEC) family. Proteins in this family mediate adhesion of leukocytes to endothelial cells by binding sialylated glycans. (Kelm S, Schauer R, Crocker PR. Glycoconj J. 1996;13:913-926). In addition, CD33 functions as an inhibitory receptor through immunoreceptor tyrosine-based inhibitory motifs (ITIMs). CD33 receptor activation leads to phosphorylation of two tyrosines (Y340 and Y358) in CD33 cytoplasmic tail, which serves as a docking site for SHP phosphatases, and is involved in inhibitory signal transduction cascades, such as downregulation of calcium mobilization (Paul SP1, Taylor LS, Stansbury EK, McVicar DW Blood. 2000 Jul 15;96(2):483-90).

CD33 is a myeloid lineage differentiation antigen, and it is highly expressed on myeloid progenitor cells (Andrews RG, Torok-Storb B, Bernstein ID. Blood. 1983;62:124-132), but is only expressed at low levels in differentiated myeloid cells, namely macrophages and granulocytes (Simmons D, Seed B. J Immunol. 1988;141:2797-2800). By contrast, CD33 has been reported to be expressed on 87.8% - 99% of acute myeloblastic leukemias (AML) (A Ehninger1 et al. Blood Cancer Journal (2014) 4, e218; Christina Krupka *et al.* Blood 2014 123:356-365). AML is a devastating disease, with 5-year survival rate of approximately 26% (available on the world wide web at cancer.net/cancer-types/leukemia-acute-myeloid-aml/statistics). The present standard of care for AML consists of remission induction treatment by high dose of chemotherapy or radiation, followed by consolidation, comprised of allogeneic stem cell transplantation and additional courses of chemotherapy as needed (available on the world wide web at cancer.org/cancer/acute-myeloid-leukemia/treating/typical-treatment-of-aml.html). High toxicity associated with this treatment, as well as the risk of complications, such as myelosuppression or GVHD, motivate the search for better therapeutic alternatives.

A number of novel approaches to treat AML, including antibody – drug conjugates (SGN-CD33A, Vadastuximab Talirine, Stein A.S. et al. (2015). Blood, 126(23), 324; Phase I-II clinical trial NCT02706899), a bispecific T-cell-engaging antibody (AMG330, Laszlo GS et al. Blood 2013:123(4):554-561, NCT02520427), and CART-33 cells (Wang QS et al. Mol Ther. 2015 Jan;23(1):184-91, NCT01864902) are currently being investigated. However, several of the novel approaches have been held back due to clinical toxicity. Seattle Genetics Phase I clinical trials testing SGN-CD33 drug were recently put on hold due to risk of hepatotoxicity (available on the wide web at businesswire.com/news/home/20161227005087/en/Seattle-Geneticsworld Announces-Clinical-Hold-Phase-1). Gemtuzumab ozogamicin (Mylotarg, Pfizer/Wyeth) was voluntarily withdrawn from the market by the manufacturer in 2010, following incidence of potentially fatal veno-occlusive liver disease observed in a post-marketing clinical trial (Jacob M. Rowe and Bob Löwenberg Blood 2013 121:4838-4841). Despite recent reintroduction of Mylotarg by FDA for CD33⁺ adult AML, and for relapsed/refractory pediatric AML, new, more conservative lower dosage and new regiments have been prescribed for this drug (FDA press release September 2017, available on the world wide web at fda.gov). The efficacy of this treatment, the durability of patients' responses to Mylotarg, instances of tumor antigen escape and its safety profile under the new regiments remain to be determined. Therefore, the need for safe efficacious and durable treatments for AML remains imminent.

Chimeric Antigen Receptors (CARs) are hybrid molecules comprising three essential units: (1) an extracellular antigen-binding motif, (2) linking/transmembrane motifs, and (3) intracellular T-cell signaling motifs (Long AH, Haso WM, Orentas RJ. Lessons learned from a highly-active CD22-specific chimeric antigen receptor. Oncoimmunology. 2013; 2 (4):e23621). The antigen-binding motif of a CAR is commonly fashioned after an single chain Fragment variable (ScFv), the minimal binding domain of an immunoglobulin (Ig) molecule. Alternate antigen-binding motifs, such as receptor ligands (i.e., IL-13 has been engineered to bind tumor expressed IL-13 receptor), intact immune receptors, library-derived peptides, and innate immune system effector molecules (such as NKG2D) also have been engineered. Alternate cell targets for CAR expression (such as NK or gamma-delta T cells) are also under development (Brown CE et al Clin Cancer Res. 2012;18(8):2199–209; Lehner M et al. PLoS One. 2012; 7 (2):e31210). There remains significant work with regard to defining the most active T-cell population to transduce with CAR vectors, determining the optimal culture and expansion techniques, and defining the molecular details of the CAR protein structure itself.

The linking motifs of a CAR can be a relatively stable structural domain, such as the constant domain of IgG, or designed to be an extended flexible linker. Structural motifs, such as

those derived from IgG constant domains, can be used to extend the ScFv binding domain away from the T-cell plasma membrane surface. This may be important for some tumor targets where the binding domain is particularly close to the tumor cell surface membrane (such as for the disialoganglioside GD2; Orentas et al., unpublished observations). To date, the signaling motifs used in CARs always include the CD3-ζ chain because this core motif is the key signal for T cell activation. The first reported second-generation CARs featured CD28 signaling domains and the CD28 transmembrane sequence. This motif was used in third-generation CARs containing CD137 (4-1BB) signaling motifs as well (Zhao Y et al J Immunol. 2009; 183 (9): 5563-74). With the advent of new technology, the activation of T cells with beads linked to anti-CD3 and anti-CD28 antibody, and the presence of the canonical "signal 2" from CD28 was no longer required to be encoded by the CAR itself. Using bead activation, third-generation vectors were found to be not superior to second-generation vectors in in vitro assays, and they provided no clear benefit over second-generation vectors in mouse models of leukemia (Haso W, Lee DW, Shah NN, Stetler-Stevenson M, Yuan CM, Pastan IH, Dimitrov DS, Morgan RA, FitzGerald DJ, Barrett DM, Wayne AS, Mackall CL, Orentas RJ. Anti-CD22-chimeric antigen receptors targeting B cell precursor acute lymphoblastic leukemia, Blood. 2013; 121 (7):1165-74; Kochenderfer JN et al. Blood. 2012; 119 (12):2709-20). This is borne out by the clinical success of CD19-specific CARs that are in a second generation CD28/CD3-ζ (Lee DW et al. American Society of Hematology Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA; December 7-10, 2013) and a CD137/CD3-C signaling format (Porter DL et al. N Engl J Med. 2011; 365 (8): 725-33). In addition to CD137, other tumor necrosis factor receptor superfamily members such as OX40 also are able to provide important persistence signals in CAR-transduced T cells (Yvon E et al. Clin Cancer Res. 2009;15(18):5852-60). Equally important are the culture conditions under which the CAR T-cell populations were cultured.

Current challenges in the more widespread and effective adaptation of CAR therapy for cancer relate to a paucity of compelling targets. Creating binders to cell surface antigens is now readily achievable, but discovering a cell surface antigen that is specific for tumor while sparing normal tissues remains a formidable challenge. One potential way to imbue greater target cell specificity to CAR-expressing T cells is to use combinatorial CAR approaches. In one system, the CD3-ζ and CD28 signal units are split between two different CAR constructs expressed in the same cell; in another, two CARs are expressed in the same T cell, but one has a lower affinity and thus requires the alternate CAR to be engaged first for full activity of the second (Lanitis E et al. Cancer Immunol Res. 2013;1(1):43–53; Kloss CC et al. Nat Biotechnol. 2013;31(1):71–5). A second challenge for the generation of a single ScFv-based CAR as an immunotherapeutic agent

is tumor cell heterogeneity. At least one group has developed a CAR strategy for glioblastoma whereby the effector cell population targets multiple antigens (HER2, IL-13Ra, EphA2) at the same time in the hope of avoiding the outgrowth of target antigen-negative populations. (Hegde M et al. Mol Ther. 2013;21(11):2087–101).

T-cell-based immunotherapy has become a new frontier in synthetic biology; multiple promoters and gene products are envisioned to steer these highly potent cells to the tumor microenvironment, where T cells can both evade negative regulatory signals and mediate effective tumor killing. The elimination of unwanted T cells through the drug-induced dimerization of inducible caspase 9 constructs with AP1903 demonstrates one way in which a powerful switch that can control T-cell populations can be initiated pharmacologically (Di Stasi A et al. N Engl J Med. 2011;365(18):1673–83). The creation of effector T-cell populations that are immune to the negative regulatory effects of transforming growth factor-β by the expression of a decoy receptor further demonstrates that degree to which effector T cells can be engineered for optimal antitumor activity (Foster AE et al. J Immunother, 2008;31(5):500-5). Thus, while it appears that CARs can trigger T-cell activation in a manner similar to an endogenous T-cell receptor, a major impediment to the clinical application of this technology to date has been limited in vivo expansion of CAR+ T cells, rapid disappearance of the cells after infusion, and disappointing clinical activity. A number of antibody-based modalities targeting CD33-positive tumors are currently in development, including an anti-CD33 antibody-drug conjugate (Stein A.S. et al. Blood, 2015, 126(23), 324), a bispecific T cell engager (BiTE), (Laszlo GS et al. Blood 2013:123(4):554-561), and CAR T cells (Wang QS et al. Mol Ther. 2015 Jan;23(1):184-91). Recent work in pre-clinical models of AML has shown that lysis of CD33 positive AML blasts and tumor cell lines by CD33-targeting modalities can be achieved in vitro and in vivo, however a number of challenges to this approach became apparent in the clinical context, including treatment-associated toxicity (available on the world wide web businesswire.com/news/home/20161227005087/en/Seattle-Genetics-Announces-Clinical-Hold-Phase-1; Rowe JM and Löwenberg B, Blood 2013 121:4838-4841, Wang QS et al. Mol Ther. 2015 Jan;23(1):184-91, NCT01864902) and suboptimal efficacy, (Walter RB, et al. Blood. 2012;119(26): 6198-6208; Cowan AJ, et al. Biosci 2013;18(4):1311-1334). Moreover, in BiTEs-based approach, the reliance upon high-density CD33 antigen expression and the need for additional T cell co-stimulation/checkpoint blockage for optimal BiTE function remain a challenge (Laszlo GS et al. Blood. 2014;123(4):554-56, Laszlo GS et al. Blood Cancer Journal (2015) 5, e340). Accordingly, there is an urgent and long felt need in the art for discovering novel compositions and methods for treatment of AML using an approach that can exhibit specific and efficacious anti-tumor effect without the aforementioned short comings.

The present invention addresses these needs by providing CAR compositions and therapeutic methods that can be used to treat cancers and other diseases and/or conditions. In particular, the present invention as disclosed and described herein provides CARs that may be used the treatment of diseases, disorders or conditions associated with dysregulated expression of CD33 and which CARs contain CD33 antigen binding domains that exhibit a high surface expression on transduced T cells, exhibit a high degree of cytolysis and transduced T cell *in vivo* expansion and persistence.

SUMMARY

Novel anti-CD33 antibodies or antigen binding domains thereof and chimeric antigen receptors (CARs) that contain such CD33 antigen binding domains are provided herein, as well as host cells (e.g., T cells) expressing the receptors, and nucleic acid molecules encoding the receptors. CAR may consist either of a single molecule expressed on the effector cell surface, or a CAR comprised of an effector cell-expressed signaling module and a soluble targeting module, such as when the soluble targeting module binds to the cell-expressed signaling module, a complete functional CAR is formed. The CARs exhibit a high surface expression on transduced T cells, with a high degree of cytolysis and transduced T cell expansion and persistence *in vivo*. Methods of using the disclosed CARs, host cells, and nucleic acid molecules are also provided, for example, to treat a cancer in a subject.

Thus, in one aspect, an isolated polynucleotide encoding a human anti-CD33 antibody or a fragment thereof is provided comprising a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11.

In one embodiment, an isolated polynucleotide encoding a fully human anti-CD33 antibody or a fragment thereof is provided, wherein the antibody or a fragment thereof comprises a fragment selected from the group consisting of an Fab fragment, an F(ab')₂ fragment, an Fv fragment, and a single chain Fv (ScFv).

In one embodiment, an isolated polynucleotide encoding a fully human anti-CD33 antibody or a fragment thereof is provided, wherein the antibody or a fragment thereof comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12.

In one aspect, an isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) is provided comprising, from N-terminus to C-terminus, at least one CD33 antigen binding

domain encoded by a nucleotide sequence comprising a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11, at least one transmembrane domain, and at least one intracellular signaling domain.

In one embodiment, an isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding the CAR is provided wherein the encoded extracellular CD33 antigen binding domain comprises at least one single chain variable fragment of an antibody that binds to CD33.

In another embodiment, an isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding the CAR is provided wherein the encoded extracellular CD33 antigen binding domain comprises at least one heavy chain variable region of an antibody that binds to CD33.

In one embodiment, the targeting domain of the CAR is expressed separately in the form of monoclonal antibody, ScFv Fab, Fab'2 and is containing an antigen-targeting domain comprising a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11, coupled to an additional binding tag or epitope, whereas the effector-cell expressed component of the CAR contains a binding domain specifically directed to bind the tag or epitope expressed on the soluble CAR module, such as specific binding on the soluble component of the CAR to the cell bound component of the CAR forms the full functional CAR structure.

In another embodiment, the targeting domain of the CAR is expressed separately in the form of a monoclonal antibody, ScFv Fab, Fab'2 and contains an antigen-targeting domain comprising a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11, and an additional scFv, whereas the effector-cell expressed component of the CAR contains a tag or epitope specifically reactive with the additional scFv expressed on the soluble CAR module, such as specific binding on the soluble component of the CAR to the cell bound component of the CAR forms the full functional CAR structure.

In yet another embodiment, an isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding the CAR is provided wherein the encoded CAR extracellular CD33 antigen binding domain further comprises at least one lipocalin-based antigen binding antigen (anticalins) that binds to CD33.

In one embodiment, an isolated nucleic acid molecule is provided wherein the encoded extracellular CD33 antigen binding domain is connected to the transmembrane domain by a linker domain.

In another embodiment, an isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding the CAR is provided wherein the encoded CD33 extracellular antigen binding domain is preceded by a sequence encoding a leader or signal peptide.

In yet another embodiment, an isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding the CAR is provided comprising at least one CD33 antigen binding domain encoded by a nucleotide sequence

comprising a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11, and wherein the CAR additionally encodes an extracellular antigen binding domain targets an antigen that includes, but is not limited to, CD19, CD20, CD22, ROR1, mesothelin, CD33, CD38, CD123 (IL3RA), CD138, BCMA (CD269), GPC2, GPC3, FGFR4, c-Met, PSMA, Glycolipid F77, EGFRvIII, GD-2, NY-ESO-1 TCR, MAGE A3 TCR, or any combination thereof.

In certain embodiments, an isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding the CAR is provided wherein the additionally encoded extracellular antigen binding domain comprises an anti-CD19 ScFv antigen binding domain, an anti-CD20 ScFv antigen binding domain, an anti-CD22 ScFv antigen binding domain, an anti-ROR1 ScFv antigen binding domain, an anti-mesothelin ScFv antigen binding domain, an anti-CD33 ScFv antigen binding domain, an anti-CD38 ScFv antigen binding domain, an anti-CD123 (IL3RA) ScFv antigen binding domain, an anti-CD138 ScFv antigen binding domain, an anti-GPC2 ScFv antigen binding domain, an anti-GPC3 ScFv antigen binding domain, an anti-FGFR4 ScFv antigen binding domain, an anti-c-Met ScFv antigen binding domain, an anti-PMSA ScFv antigen binding domain, an anti-glycolipid F77 ScFv antigen binding domain, an anti-EGFRvIII ScFv antigen binding domain, an anti-GD-2 ScFv antigen binding domain, an anti-NY-ESo-1 TCR ScFv antigen binding domain, an anti-MAGE A3 TCR ScFv antigen binding domain, or an amino acid sequence with 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identity thereof, or any combination thereof.

In one aspect, the CARs provided herein further comprise a linker or spacer domain.

In one embodiment, an isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding the CAR is provided wherein the extracellular CD33 antigen binding domain, the intracellular signaling domain, or both are connected to the transmembrane domain by a linker or spacer domain.

In one embodiment, an isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding the CAR is provided wherein the encoded linker domain is derived from the extracellular domain of CD8 or CD28, and is linked to a transmembrane domain.

In another embodiment, an isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding the CAR is provided wherein the encoded CAR further comprises a transmembrane domain that comprises a transmembrane domain of a protein selected from the group consisting of the alpha, beta or zeta chain of the T-cell receptor, CD28, CD3 epsilon, CD45, CD4, CD5, CD8, CD9, CD16, CD22, CD33, CD37, CD64, CD80, CD86, CD134, CD137 and CD154, or a combination thereof.

In yet another embodiment, an isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding the CAR is provided wherein the encoded intracellular signaling domain further comprises a CD3 zeta intracellular domain.

In one embodiment, an isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding the CAR is provided wherein the encoded intracellular signaling domain is arranged on a C-terminal side relative to the CD3 zeta intracellular domain.

In another embodiment, an isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding the CAR is provided wherein the encoded at least one intracellular signaling domain comprises a costimulatory domain, a primary signaling domain, or a combination thereof.

In further embodiments, an isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding the CAR is provided wherein the encoded at least one costimulatory domain comprises a functional signaling domain of OX40, CD70, CD27, CD28, CD5, ICAM-1, LFA-1 (CD11a/CD18), ICOS (CD278), DAP10, DAP12, and 4-1BB (CD137), or a combination thereof.

In one embodiment, an isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding the CAR is provided that further contains a leader sequence or signal peptide wherein the leader or signal peptide nucleotide sequence comprises the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 13, SEQ ID NO: 39, SEQ ID NO: 41, or SEO ID NO: 43.

In yet another embodiment, an isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding the CAR is provided wherein the encoded leader sequence comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 14 SEQ ID NO: 40, SEQ ID NO: 42, or SEQ ID NO: 44.

In one aspect, a chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) is provided herein comprising, from N-terminus to C-terminus, at least one CD33 antigen binding domain, at least one transmembrane domain, and at least one intracellular signaling domain.

In one embodiment, a CAR is provided wherein the extracellular CD33 antigen binding domain comprises at least one single chain variable fragment of an antibody that binds to the antigen, or at least one heavy chain variable region of an antibody that binds to the antigen, or a combination thereof.

In another embodiment, a CAR is provided wherein the at least one transmembrane domain comprises a transmembrane domain of a protein selected from the group consisting of the alpha, beta or zeta chain of the T-cell receptor, CD28, CD3 epsilon, CD45, CD4, CD5, CD8, CD9, CD16, CD22, CD33, CD37, CD64, CD80, CD86, CD134, CD137 and CD154, or a combination thereof.

In some embodiments, the CAR is provided wherein CAR additionally encodes an extracellular antigen binding domain comprising CD19, CD20, CD22, ROR1, mesothelin, CD33, CD38, CD123 (IL3RA), CD138, BCMA (CD269), GPC2, GPC3, FGFR4, c-Met, PSMA, Glycolipid F77, EGFRvIII, GD-2, NY-ESO-1 TCR, MAGE A3 TCR, or an amino acid sequence with 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identity thereof, or any combination thereof.

In one embodiment, the CAR is provided wherein the extracellular antigen binding domain comprises an anti-CD19 ScFv antigen binding domain, an anti-CD20 ScFv antigen binding domain, an anti-CD22 ScFv antigen binding domain, an anti-ROR1 ScFv antigen binding domain, an anti-mesothelin ScFv antigen binding domain, an anti-CD33 ScFv antigen binding domain, an anti-CD38 ScFv antigen binding domain, an anti-CD123 (IL3RA) ScFv antigen binding domain, an anti-CD138 ScFv antigen binding domain, an anti-BCMA (CD269) ScFv antigen binding domain, an anti-GPC2 ScFv antigen binding domain, an anti-GPC3 ScFv antigen binding domain, an anti-FGFR4 ScFv antigen binding domain, an anti-C-Met ScFv antigen binding domain, an anti-PMSA ScFv antigen binding domain, an anti-GD-2 ScFv antigen binding domain, an anti-EGFRvIII ScFv antigen binding domain, an anti-MAGE A3 TCR ScFv antigen binding domain, or an amino acid sequence with 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identity thereof, or any combination thereof.

In another embodiment, the CAR is provided wherein the extracellular antigen binding domain comprises an immunoglobulin variable heavy chain only (VH) anti-CD19 antigen binding domain, an anti-CD20 VH antigen binding domain, an anti-CD22 VH antigen binding domain, an anti-ROR1 VH antigen binding domain, an anti-mesothelin VH antigen binding domain, an anti-CD33 VH antigen binding domain, an anti-CD38 VH antigen binding domain, an anti-CD123 (IL3RA) VH antigen binding domain, an anti-CD138 VH antigen binding domain, an anti-BCMA (CD269) VH antigen binding domain, an anti-GPC2 VH antigen binding domain, an anti-GPC3 VH antigen binding domain, an anti-FGFR4 VH antigen binding domain, an anti-c-Met VH antigen binding domain, an anti-EGFRvIII VH antigen binding domain, an anti-GD-2 VH antigen binding domain, an anti-MAGE A3 TCR VH antigen binding domain, or an amino acid sequence with 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identity thereof, or any combination thereof.

In another embodiment, the CAR is provided wherein the extracellular antigen binding domain comprises a protein or a peptide (P) sequence capable of specifically binding target antigen, which may be derived from a natural or a synthetic sequence comprising anti-CD19 P antigen binding domain, an anti-CD20 P antigen binding domain, an anti-CD22 P antigen binding domain, an anti-ROR1 P antigen binding domain, an anti-mesothelin P antigen binding domain, an anti-CD123 P antigen binding domain, an anti-CD123 (IL3RA) P antigen binding domain, an anti-CD138 P antigen binding domain, an anti-BCMA (CD269) P antigen binding domain, an anti-GPC2 P antigen binding domain, an anti-GPC3 P

antigen binding domain, an anti-FGFR4 P antigen binding domain, an anti-c-Met P antigen binding domain, an anti-PMSA P antigen binding domain, an anti-glycolipid F77 P antigen binding domain, an anti-EGFRvIII P antigen binding domain, an anti-MAGE A3 TCR P antigen binding domain, an anti-NY-ESO-1 TCR P antigen binding domain, an anti-MAGE A3 TCR P antigen binding domain, or an amino acid sequence with 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identity thereof, or any combination thereof. In another embodiment, a CAR is provided wherein the at least one intracellular signaling domain comprises a costimulatory domain and a primary signaling domain.

In yet another embodiment, a CAR is provided wherein the at least one intracellular signaling domain comprises a costimulatory domain comprising a functional signaling domain of a protein selected from the group consisting of OX40, CD70, CD27, CD28, CD5, ICAM-1, LFA-1 (CD11a/CD18), ICOS (CD278), DAP10, DAP12, and 4-1BB (CD137), or a combination thereof.

In one embodiment, the nucleic acid sequence encoding a CAR comprises the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 15 (LTG 1905 EF1a VH-2 CD33 -CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta nucleic acid sequence (FIGURE 2A)). In one embodiment, the nucleic acid sequence encodes a CAR comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 16 (LTG 1905 EF1a VH-2 CD33 -CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta amino acid sequence (FIGURE 2A)).

In another embodiment, the nucleic acid sequence encoding a CAR comprises the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 17 (LTG 1906 EF1a- VH-4 CD33 -CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta nucleic acid sequence (FIGURE 2B)). In one embodiment, the nucleic acid sequence encodes a CAR comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 18 (LTG 1906 EF1a- VH-4 CD33 - CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta amino acid sequence (FIGURE 2B)).

In another embodiment, the nucleic acid sequence encoding a CAR comprises the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 19 (LTG1936 EF1a ScFv9 CD33 CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta CAR nucleotide sequence (FIGURE 2C)). In one embodiment, the nucleic acid sequence encodes a CAR comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 20 (LTG1936 EF1a ScFv9 CD33 CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta CAR amino acid sequence (FIGURE 2C)).

In another embodiment, the nucleic acid sequence encoding a CAR comprises the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 21 (LTG1937 EF1a ScFv10 CD33 CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta nucleic acid sequence (FIGURE 2D)). In one embodiment, the nucleic acid sequence encodes a CAR comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 22 (LTG1937 EF1a ScFv10 CD33 CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 amino acid sequence (FIGURE 2D)).

In another embodiment, the nucleic acid sequence encoding a CAR comprises the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 23 (LTG1938 EF1a ScFv12 CD33 CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta nucleic acid sequence (FIGURE 2E)). In one embodiment, the nucleic acid sequence encodes a CAR comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 24 LTG1938 EF1a ScFv12 CD33 CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta amino acid sequence (FIGURE 2E)).

In another embodiment, the nucleic acid sequence encoding a CAR comprises the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 25 (LTG1939 EF1a_ScFv15 CD33 CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta nucleic acid sequence (FIGURE 2F)). In one embodiment, the nucleic acid sequence encodes a CAR comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 26 (LTG1939 EF1a ScFv15 CD33 CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta amino acid sequence (FIGURE 2F)).

In another embodiment, the nucleic acid sequence encoding a CAR comprises the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 69 (LTG1927 EF1a-CD33_4 CD8 TM-CD28-CD3 zeta nucleic acid sequence (FIGURE 12A)). In one embodiment, the nucleic acid sequence encodes a CAR comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 70 (LTG1927 EF1a-CD33_4 CD8 TM-CD28-CD3 zeta amino acid sequence (FIGURE 12A)).

In another embodiment, the nucleic acid sequence encoding a CAR comprises the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 71 (LTG_D0033 Ef1a-CD33_4 VH TNFRSF19 H_TM_CD28z nucleic acid sequence (FIGURE 12B)). In one embodiment, the nucleic acid sequence encodes a CAR comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 72 (LTG_D0033 (Ef1a-CD33_4 VH TNFRSF19 H TM CD28z) amino acid sequence (FIGURE 12B)).

In another embodiment, the nucleic acid sequence encoding a CAR comprises the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 73 (LTG_D0034 Ef1a-CD33_4 VH TNFRSF19 H_TM_4-1BBz nucleic acid sequence (FIGURE 12C)). In one embodiment, the nucleic acid sequence encodes a CAR comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 74 (LTG_D0034 Ef1a-CD33_4 VH TNFRSF19 H_TM_4-1BBz amino acid sequence (FIGURE 12C)).

In another embodiment, the nucleic acid sequence encoding a CAR comprises the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 87 (LTG_D0035 Ef1a_CD33_4 VH H CH2 CH3 IgG4_CD8TM_CD28z nucleic acid sequence (FIGURE 12F)). In one embodiment, the nucleic acid sequence encodes a CAR comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 88 (LTG_D0035 Ef1a_CD33_4 VH H CH2 CH3 IgG4_CD8TM_CD28z amino acid sequence (FIGURE 12F)).

In one aspect, the CARs disclosed herein are modified to express or contain a detectable marker for use in diagnosis, monitoring, and/or predicting the treatment outcome such as progression free survival of cancer patients or for monitoring the progress of such treatment.

In one embodiment, the nucleic acid sequence encoding a CAR comprises the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 75 (LTG_D0015 Ef1a-CD33_4 VH CD8 BBz T2A tEGFR nucleic acid sequence (FIGURE 12D)). In one embodiment, the nucleic acid sequence encodes a CAR comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 76 (LTG_D0015 Ef1a-CD33_4 VH CD8 BBz T2A tEGFR amino acid sequence (FIGURE 12D)).

In another embodiment, the nucleic acid sequence encoding a CAR comprises the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 77 (LTG_D0016 Ef1a-CD33_4 VH CD8 28z T2A tEGFR nucleic acid sequence (FIGURE 12E)). In one embodiment, the nucleic acid sequence encodes a CAR comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 78 (LTG_D0015 Ef1a-CD33_4 VH CD8 28z T2A tEGFR amino acid sequence (FIGURE 12E)).

In one embodiment, the nucleic acid molecule encoding the disclosed CARs can be contained in a vector, such as a viral vector. The vector is a DNA vector, an RNA vector, a plasmid vector, a cosmid vector, a herpes virus vector, a measles virus vector, a lentivirus vector, adenoviral vector, or a retrovirus vector, or a combination thereof.

In certain embodiments, the vector further comprises a promoter wherein the promoter is an inducible promoter, a tissue specific promoter, a constitutive promoter, a suicide promoter or any combination thereof.

In yet another embodiment, the vector expressing the CAR can be further modified to include one or more operative elements to control the expression of CAR T cells, or to eliminate CAR-T cells by virtue of a suicide switch. The suicide switch can include, for example, an apoptosis inducing signaling cascade or a drug that induces cell death. In a preferred embodiment, the vector expressing the CAR can be further modified to express an enzyme such thymidine kinase (TK) or cytosine deaminase (CD).

In another aspect, host cells including the nucleic acid molecule encoding the CAR are also provided. In some embodiments, the host cell is a T cell, such as a primary T cell obtained from a subject. In one embodiment, the host cell is a CD8⁺ T cell.

In yet another aspect, a pharmaceutical composition is provided comprising an anti-tumor effective amount of a population of human T cells, wherein the T cells comprise a nucleic acid sequence that encodes a chimeric antigen receptor (CAR), wherein the CAR comprises at least one extracellular antigen binding domain comprising a CD33 antigen binding domain comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12, at least one linker domain, at least one transmembrane domain, and at least one intracellular signaling domain, wherein the T cells are T cells of a human having a cancer. The cancer includes, *inter alia*, a hematological cancer such as leukemia (e.g., chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL), acute lymphocytic leukemia (ALL),

or chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML), lymphoma (e.g., mantle cell lymphoma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma or Hodgkin's lymphoma) or multiple myeloma, or a combination thereof.

In one embodiment, a pharmaceutical composition is provided wherein the at least one transmembrane domain of the CAR contains a transmembrane domain of a protein selected from the group consisting of the alpha, beta or zeta chain of the T-cell receptor, CD28, CD3 epsilon, CD45, CD4, CD5, CD8, CD9, CD16, CD22, Mesothelin, CD33, CD37, CD64, CD80, CD86, CD134, CD137 and CD154, or a combination thereof.

In another embodiment, a pharmaceutical composition is provided wherein the human cancer includes an adult carcinoma comprising oral and pharynx cancer (tongue, mouth, pharynx, head and neck), digestive system cancers (esophagus, stomach, small intestine, colon, rectum, anus, liver, interhepatic bile duct, gallbladder, pancreas), respiratory system cancers (larynx, lung and bronchus), bones and joint cancers, soft tissue cancers, skin cancers (melanoma, basal and squamous cell carcinoma), pediatric tumors (neuroblastoma, rhabdomyosarcoma, osteosarcoma, Ewing's sarcoma), tumors of the central nervous system (brain, astrocytoma, glioblastoma, glioma), and cancers of the breast, the genital system (uterine cervix, uterine corpus, ovary, vulva, vagina, prostate, testis, penis, endometrium), the urinary system (urinary bladder, kidney and renal pelvis, ureter), the eye and orbit, the endocrine system (thyroid), and the brain and other nervous system, or any combination thereof.

In yet another embodiment, a pharmaceutical composition is provided comprising an antitumor effective amount of a population of human T cells of a human having a cancer wherein the cancer is a refractory cancer non-responsive to one or more chemotherapeutic agents. The cancer includes hematopoietic cancer, myelodysplastic syndrome pancreatic cancer, head and neck cancer, cutaneous tumors, minimal residual disease (MRD) in acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL), acute myeloid leukemia (AML), adult B cell malignancies including, CLL (Chronic lymphocytic leukemia), CML (chronic myelogenous leukemia), non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (NHL), pediatric B cell malignancies (including B lineage ALL (acute lymphocytic leukemia)), multiple myeloma lung cancer, breast cancer, ovarian cancer, prostate cancer, colon cancer, melanoma or other hematological cancer and solid tumors, or any combination thereof.

In another aspect, methods of making CAR-containing T cells (hereinafter "CAR-T cells") are provided. The methods include transducing a T cell with a vector or nucleic acid molecule encoding a disclosed CAR that specifically binds CD33, thereby making the CAR-T cell.

In yet another aspect, a method of generating a population of RNA-engineered cells is provided that comprises introducing an *in vitro* transcribed RNA or synthetic RNA of a nucleic acid molecule encoding a disclosed CAR into a cell of a subject, thereby generating a CAR cell.

In yet another aspect, a method for diagnosing a disease, disorder or condition associated with the expression of CD33 on a cell, is provided comprising a) contacting the cell with a human anti-CD33 antibody or fragment thereof, wherein the antibody or a fragment thereof comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12; and b) detecting the presence of CD33 wherein the presence of CD33 diagnoses for the disease, disorder or condition associated with the expression of CD33.

In one embodiment, the disease, disorder or condition associated with the expression of CD33 is cancer including hematopoietic cancer, myelodysplastic syndrome pancreatic cancer, head and neck cancer, cutaneous tumors, minimal residual disease (MRD) in acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL), acute myeloid leukemia (AML), adult B cell malignancies including, CLL (chronic lymphocytic leukemia), CML (chronic myelogenous leukemia), non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (NHL), pediatric B cell malignancies (including B lineage ALL (acute lymphocytic leukemia)), multiple myeloma lung cancer, breast cancer, ovarian cancer, prostate cancer, colon cancer, melanoma or other hematological cancer and solid tumors, or any combination thereof.

In another embodiment, a method of diagnosing, prognosing, or determining risk of a CD33-related disease in a mammal, is provided comprising detecting the expression of CD33 in a sample derived from the mammal comprising: a) contacting the sample with a human anti-CD33 antibody or fragment thereof, wherein the antibody or a fragment thereof comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12; and b) detecting the presence of CD33 wherein the presence of CD33 diagnoses for a CD33-related disease in the mammal.

In another embodiment, a method of inhibiting CD33-dependent T cell inhibition, is provided comprising contacting a cell with a human anti-CD33 antibody or fragment thereof, wherein the antibody or a fragment thereof comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12. In one embodiment, the cell is selected from the group consisting of a CD33-expressing tumor cell, a tumor-associated macrophage, and any combination thereof.

In another embodiment, a method of blocking T-cell inhibition mediated by a CD33-expressing cell and altering the tumor microenvironment to inhibit tumor growth in a mammal, is provided comprising administering to the mammal an effective amount of a composition comprising an isolated anti-CD33 antibody or fragment thereof, wherein the antibody or a fragment thereof comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12. In one embodiment, the cell is selected from the group consisting of a CD33-expressing tumor cell, a tumor-associated macrophage, and any combination thereof.

In another embodiment, a method of inhibiting, suppressing or preventing immunosuppression of an anti-tumor or anti-cancer immune response in a mammal, is provided comprising administering to the mammal an effective amount of a composition comprising an isolated anti-CD33 antibody or fragment thereof, wherein the antibody or a fragment thereof comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12. In one embodiment, the antibody or fragment thereof inhibits the interaction between a first cell with a T cell, wherein the first cell is selected from the group consisting of a CD33-expressing tumor cell, a tumor-associated macrophage, and any combination thereof.

In another aspect, a method is provided for inducing an anti-tumor immunity in a mammal comprising administering to the mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a T cell transduced with vector or nucleic acid molecule encoding a disclosed CAR.

In another embodiment, a method of treating or preventing cancer in a mammal is provided comprising administering to the mammal one or more of the disclosed CARs, in an amount effective to treat or prevent cancer in the mammal. The method includes administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of host cells expressing a disclosed CAR that specifically binds CD33 and/or one or more of the aforementioned antigens, under conditions sufficient to form an immune complex of the antigen binding domain on the CAR and the extracellular domain of CD33 and/or one or more of the aforementioned antigens in the subject.

In yet another embodiment, a method is provided for treating a mammal having a disease, disorder or condition associated with an elevated expression of a tumor antigen, the method comprising administering to the subject a pharmaceutical composition comprising an anti-tumor effective amount of a population of T cells, wherein the T cells comprise a nucleic acid sequence that encodes a chimeric antigen receptor (CAR), wherein the CAR includes at least one extracellular CD33 antigen binding domain comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NOs. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, or 12, or any combination thereof, at least one linker or spacer domain, at least one transmembrane domain, at least one intracellular signaling domain, and wherein the T cells are T cells of the subject having cancer.

In yet another embodiment, a method is provided for treating cancer in a subject in need thereof comprising administering to the subject a pharmaceutical composition comprising an anti-tumor effective amount of a population of T cells, wherein the T cells comprise a nucleic acid sequence that encodes a chimeric antigen receptor (CAR), wherein the CAR comprises at least one CD33 antigen binding domain comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NOs. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, or 12, or any combination thereof, at least one linker or spacer domain, at least one transmembrane domain, at least one intracellular signaling domain, wherein the T cells are T cells

of the subject having cancer. In some embodiments of the aforementioned methods, the at least one transmembrane domain comprises a transmembrane the alpha, beta or zeta chain of the T-cell receptor, CD28, CD3 epsilon, CD45, CD4, CD5, CD8, CD9, CD16, CD22, Mesothelin, CD33, CD37, CD64, CD80, CD86, CD134, CD137 and CD154, or a combination thereof.

In yet another embodiment, a method is provided for generating a persisting population of genetically engineered T cells in a human diagnosed with cancer. In one embodiment, the method comprises administering to a human a T cell genetically engineered to express a CAR wherein the CAR comprises at least one CD33 antigen binding domain comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NOs. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, or 12, or any combination thereof, at least one transmembrane domain, and at least one intracellular signaling domain wherein the persisting population of genetically engineered T cells, or the population of progeny of the T cells, persists in the human for at least one month, two months, three months, four months, five months, six months, seven months, eight months, nine months, ten months, eleven months, twelve months, two years, or three years after administration.

In one embodiment, the progeny T cells in the human comprise a memory T cell. In another embodiment, the T cell is an autologous T cell.

In all of the aspects and embodiments of methods described herein, any of the aforementioned cancers, diseases, disorders or conditions associated with an elevated expression of a tumor antigen that may be treated or prevented or ameliorated using one or more of the CARs disclosed herein,

In yet another aspect, a kit is provided for making a chimeric antigen receptor T-cell as described *supra* or for preventing, treating, or ameliorating any of the cancers, diseases, disorders or conditions associated with an elevated expression of a tumor antigen in a subject as described *supra*, comprising a container comprising any one of the nucleic acid molecules, vectors, host cells, or compositions disclosed *supra* or any combination thereof, and instructions for using the kit.

It will be understood that the CARs, host cells, nucleic acids, and methods are useful beyond the specific aspects and embodiments that are described in detail herein. The foregoing features and advantages of the disclosure will become more apparent from the following detailed description, which proceeds with reference to the accompanying figures.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

FIGURE 1 depicts a schematic of the general domain structure of CARs with novel extracellular CD33 antigen binding domain sequences. A chimeric antigen receptor is composed of an extracellular CD33-binding immunoglobulin single chain fragment variable (ScFv) domain, or an immunoglobulin heavy chain fragment variable only (VH) domain, a hinge domain derived from CD8 (Figure 1A, 1B, 1F, 1G), TNFRSF19 (Figure 1C, 1D), of IgG4 (Figure 1E), a transmembrane domain derived from CD8 (Figure 1A, 1B, 1E, 1F, 1G), TNFRSF19 (Figure 1C, 1D), an intracellular signaling costimulatory domain derived from CD137/4-1BB (Figure 1A, 1C, 1F) or CD28 (Figure 1B, 1D, 1E, 1G), and CD3 zeta signaling domain. Some bicistronic constructs incorporate a tag derived from truncated EGFR (tEGFR) via ribosomal skipping 2A sequence (Figure 1F, 1G).

FIGURE 2 depicts several chimeric antigen receptors (CARs) containing novel extracellular CD33 antigen binding domain sequences. The general scheme for the CARs includes, from the N terminus to the C terminus, a Signal peptide, anti-CD33 binder variable heavy chain fragment or a linked single chain fragment variable (ScFv), extracellular linker, transmembrane, 4-1BB, CD3 zeta. FIGURE 2A depicts a lentiviral vector expressing the CAR the LTG 1905 EF1a VH-2 CD33-CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta nucleic acid sequence and the encoded amino acid sequence. FIGURE 2B depicts a lentiviral vector expressing the CAR containing the LTG 1906 (EF1a-VH-4 CD33-CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta) nucleic acid sequence and the encoded amino acid sequence. FIGURE 2C depicts a lentiviral vector expressing the CAR containing the LTG1936 EF1a ScFv9 CD33 CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta nucleotide sequence and the encoded amino acid sequence. FIGURE 2D depicts a lentiviral vector expressing the CAR containing the LTG1937 EF1a ScFv10 CD33 CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta nucleic acid sequence and the encoded amino acid sequence. FIGURE 2E depicts a lentiviral vector expressing the CAR containing the LTG1938 EF1a ScFv12 CD33 CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta nucleic acid sequence and the encoded amino acid sequence. FIGURE 2F depicts a lentiviral vector expressing the CAR containing the LTG1939 EF1a ScFv15 CD33 CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta nucleic acid sequence and the encoded amino acid sequence.

FIGURE 3 depicts Anti CD33 CART surface expression in primary human T cells. CAR T cells redirected to CD33 tumor antigen via the use of variable heavy chain only targeting domains were generated by lentiviral transduction. CART detection was performed by flow cytometry. T cells were washed twice in cold PBS-EDTA buffer and stained with CD33-Fc peptide followed by

anti Fc-AF647 reagent. Data were acquired on MACSQuant 10 flow cytometer in the APC channel. NT-non-transduced cells, GFP-negative controls.

FIGURE 4 depicts anti CD33 CAR T cells incorporating immunoglobulin heavy chain variable domain binders demonstrate cytolysis of CD33-positive tumors *in vitro*. CAR T cells expressing anti-CD33 constructs were incubated with CD33-high (HL-60), CD33-moderate (K562) and CD33-low (Reh) targets stably transduced with firefly luciferase, at effector to target ratio of 5, 10 and 20 overnight. Then, CART cytotoxic activity was assessed by luciferase activity measurement as described in the Materials and Methods. N=3+/-SEM.

FIGURE 5 depicts VH-based CD33-specifc CART cells elaborate high levels of cytokines when co-cultured with CD33-positive leukemia lines. Anti-CD33 CART cells were co-incubated with CD33-high (THP-1, HL-60) CD33-moderate (K562) or CD33-low (Reh) leukemia lines overnight at E:T ratio of 10:1, then supernatants were analyzed for cytokine concentrations by ELISA. N=3 +/- SD. Negative controls: NT-non-transduced T cells, 1398 – GFP-transduced T cells.

FIGURE 6 depicts Anti CD33 CART surface expression in primary human T cells. CAR T cells redirected to CD33 tumor antigen via the use of ScFv targeting domains were generated by lentiviral transduction. CAR T detection was performed by flow cytometry. T cells were washed twice in cold PBS-EDTA buffer and stained with CD33-Fc peptide followed by anti Fc-AF647 reagent. Data were acquired on MACSQuant 10 flow cytometer in the APC channel. UTD-non-transduced cells, 1398-GFP-negative controls.

FIGURE 7 depicts anti CD33 CAR T cells incorporating immunoglobulin heavy chain variable domain binders demonstrate cytolysis of CD33-positive tumors *in vitro*. CAR T cells expressing anti-CD33 constructs were incubated with CD33-high (HL-60, MOLM-14), CD33-moderate (K562) and CD33-low (Reh) targets stably transduced with firefly luciferase, at effector to target ratio of 5, 10 and 20 overnight. Then, CART cytotoxic activity was assessed by luciferase activity measurement as described in the Materials and Methods. N=3+/-SEM.

FIGURE 8 depicts CD33-specifc scFv-based and VH-based CAR T cells elaborate high levels of cytokines when co-cultured with CD33-positive leukemia lines. Anti-CD33 CART cells were co-incubated with CD33-high (HL-60, MOLM-14) or CD33-low (Reh) leukemia lines overnight at E:T ratio of 1:1, then supernatants were analyzed for cytokine concentrations by ELISA. N=3 +/- SD. Negative controls: UTD-non-transduced T cells, 1398 – GFP-transduced T cells.

FIGURE 9 depicts long-term co-incubation assay of CAR T cells expressing various anti CD33 constructs with HL-60 CD33⁺ tumor cells. The anti-CD33 CAR T cell lines were combined

with HL-60 CD33⁺ tumor cells in culture at effector to target (E:T) ratios indicated and maintained for 11 days. Then, co-cultured cells were harvested and acquired by flow cytometry. Cells were gated based on single and side scatter, singlets, and dead cells were excluded via 7-AAD staining, as described in *Materials and Methods*. Boxes indicate the percentages of the surviving HL-60⁺ tumor cells and the CD3⁺ CAR T cells for each condition, as per labels. UTD-untransduced T cell control, 1398- GFP transduced T cells control, E:T 1:0 denotes T cells alone control.

FIGURE 10 depicts the tumor rejection kinetics by CD33-targeting CAR T cells as assessed *in vivo* using bioluminescent imaging. NSG mice were inoculated with 1.0 x 10⁶ MOLM-14 CD33⁺ AML cells on day 0, and 5.0 x 10⁶ CAR T⁺ cells/mouse was administered on study day 5. Tumor burden was assessed weekly between days 14-35 via bioluminescent imaging. A. Average Radiance +/-SEM, N=6 mice/group. B. Kaplan-Meier curves depicting the percentage of mice surviving in each experimental group over the course of experiment, N=6 mice/group. TA- tumor alone, UTD-untransduced T cells control.

FIGURE 11 depicts the functionality of CD33-targeting CAR T cells as assessed *in vivo*. NSG mice were inoculated with 1.0 x 10⁶ MOLM-14 CD33⁺ AML cells on day 0, and 5.0 x 10⁶ CAR T⁺ cells/mouse was administered on study day 5. Blood was collected from mice on study day 19 and analyzed for circulating CAR T, tumor cells, and the levels of inflammatory cytokines. A. CART cells and MOLM-14 tumor cells were acquired by flow cytometry, with absolute cell numbers determined using CountBright beads. B. The level of inflammatory cytokines in mouse plasma were assessed by MACS Human Multiplex Bead Array. N=6 mice/group. TA- tumor alone, UTD-untransduced T cells control. Groups were compared by two way ANOVA and Dunnett's post-hoc test. ***p<0.001, *p<0.05, NS- non-significant.

FIGURE 12 depicts several chimeric antigen receptors (CARs) containing novel extracellular VH CD33_4 antigen binding domain sequence in the context of different CAR configurations. The general scheme for the CARs includes, from the N terminus to the C terminus, a Signal peptide, anti-CD33 binder variable heavy chain fragment extracellular linker, transmembrane domain, costimulatory domain, and CD3 zeta activation domain. Some sequences contain a tEGFR tag peptide separated by 2A ribosomal skip sequence, downstream from CAR sequence. FIGURE 12A depicts a lentiviral vector expressing the CAR containing the LTG1927 EF1a CD33_4 CD8 TM CD28 CD3 zeta nucleic acid sequence and the encoded amino acid sequence. Figure 12B depicts a lentiviral vector expressing the CAR containing the LTG_D0033 EF1a CD33_4 VH TNFRSF19 H_TM_CD28 zeta nucleic acid sequence and the encoded amino acid sequence. Figure 12C depicts a lentiviral vector expressing the CAR containing the LTG_

D0034 Ef1a_CD33_4 VH TNFRSF19 H_TM_4-1BB CD3 zeta nucleic acid sequence and the encoded amino acid sequence. **Figure 12D** depicts a lentiviral vector expressing the CAR containing LTG_ D0015 CD33_4VH CD8 BB CD3 zeta T2A tEGFR nucleic acid sequence and the encoded amino acid sequence. **Figure 12E** depicts a lentiviral vector expressing the CAR containing the LTG_D0016 CD33_4VH CD8 28 CD3 zeta T2A tEGFR nucleic acid sequence and the encoded amino acid sequence. **Figure 12F** depicts a lentiviral vector expressing the CAR containing the LTG_D0035 Ef1a_CD33_4 VH H CH2 CH3 IgG4_CD8TM_CD28 CD3 zeta nucleic acid sequence and the encoded amino acid sequence.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Definitions

As used herein, the singular forms "a," "an," and "the," refer to both the singular as well as plural, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise. For example, the term "an antigen" includes single or plural antigens and can be considered equivalent to the phrase "at least one antigen." As used herein, the term "comprises" means "includes." Thus, "comprising an antigen" means "including an antigen" without excluding other elements. The phrase "and/or" means "and" or "or." It is further to be understood that any and all base sizes or amino acid sizes, and all molecular weight or molecular mass values, given for nucleic acids or polypeptides are approximate, and are provided for descriptive purposes, unless otherwise indicated. Although many methods and materials similar or equivalent to those described herein can be used, particular suitable methods and materials are described below. In case of conflict, the present specification, including explanations of terms, will control. In addition, the materials, methods, and examples are illustrative only and not intended to be limiting. To facilitate review of the various embodiments, the following explanations of terms are provided:

The term "about" when referring to a measurable value such as an amount, a temporal duration, and the like, is meant to encompass variations of .+-.20% or in some instances .+-.10%, or in some instances .+-.5%, or in some instances .+-.0.1% from the specified value, as such variations are appropriate to perform the disclosed methods.

Unless otherwise noted, the technical terms herein are used according to conventional usage. Definitions of common terms in molecular biology can be found in Benjamin Lewin, *Genes VII*, published by Oxford University Press, 1999; Kendrew *et al.* (eds.), *The Encyclopedia of Molecular Biology*, published by Blackwell Science Ltd., 1994; and Robert A. Meyers (ed.),

Molecular Biology and Biotechnology: a Comprehensive Desk Reference, published by VCH Publishers, Inc., 1995; and other similar references.

The present disclosure provides for CD33 antibodies or fragments thereof as well as chimeric antigen receptors (CARs) having such CD33 antigen binding domains. The enhancement of the functional activity of the CAR directly relates to the enhancement of functional activity of the CAR-expressing T cell. As a result of one or more of these modifications, the CARs exhibit both a high degree of cytokine-induced cytolysis and cell surface expression on transduced T cells, along with an increased level of *in vivo* T cell expansion and persistence of the transduced CAR-expressing T cell.

The unique ability to combine functional moieties derived from different protein domains has been a key innovative feature of Chimeric Antigen Receptors (CARs). The choice of each of these protein domains is a key design feature, as is the way in which they are specifically combined. Each design domain is an essential component that can be used across different CAR platforms to engineer the function of lymphocytes. For example, the choice of the extracellular binding domain can make an otherwise ineffective CAR be effective.

The invariable framework components of the immunoglobulin-derived protein sequences used to create the extracellular antigen binding domain of a CAR can either be entirely neutral, or they can self-associate and drive the T cell to a state of metabolic exhaustion, thus making the therapeutic T cell expressing that CAR far less effective. This occurs independently of the antigen binding function of this CAR domain. Furthermore, the choice of the intracellular signaling domain(s) also can govern the activity and the durability of the therapeutic lymphocyte population used for immunotherapy. While the ability to bind target antigen and the ability to transmit an activation signal to the T cell through these extracellular and intracellular domains, respectively, are important CAR design aspects, what has also become apparent is that the choice of the source of the extracellular antigen binding fragments can have a significant effect on the efficacy of the CAR and thereby have a defining role for the function and clinical utility of the CAR.

Surprisingly and unexpectedly it has now been discovered that use of an entirely human antigen binding domain in a CAR, rather than using mouse-derived antigen binding fragments which are prone to induce anti-mouse immune response and CAR T elimination in a host (c.f., the UPenn-sponsored clinical trial using mouse derived SS1 ScFv sequence, NCT02159716), may also determine the functional activity of a CAR-expressing T cell.

The CARs disclosed herein are expressed at a high level in a cell. A cell expressing the CAR has a high *in vivo* proliferation rate, produces large amounts of cytokines, and has a high

cytotoxic activity against a cell having, on its surface, a CD33 antigen to which a CAR binds. The use of a human extracellular CD33 antigen binding domain results in generation of a CAR that functions better *in vivo*, while avoiding the induction of anti-CAR immunity in the host immune response and the killing of the CAR T cell population. The CARs expressing the entirely human extracellular CD33 ScFv antigen binding domain exhibit superior activities/properties including i) prevention of poor CAR T persistence and function as seen with mouse-derived binding sequences; ii) lack of regional (*i.e.* intrapleural) delivery of the CAR to be efficacious; and iii) ability to generate CAR T cell designs based both on binders with high and low affinity to CD33. This latter property allows investigators to better tune efficacy vs toxicity, and/or tissue specificity of the CAR T product, since lower-affinity binders may have higher specificity to tumors vs normal tissues due to higher expression of CD33 on tumors than normal tissue, which may prevent on-target off tumor toxicity and bystander cell killing.

What follows is a detailed description of the inventive CARs including a description of their extracellular CD33 antigen binding domain, the transmembrane domain and the intracellular domain, along with additional description of the CARs, antibodies and antigen binding fragments thereof, conjugates, nucleotides, expression, vectors, and host cells, methods of treatment, compositions, and kits employing the disclosed CARs.

A. Chimeric Antigen Receptors (CARs)

The CARs disclosed herein comprise at least one CD33 antigen binding domain capable of binding to CD33, at least one transmembrane domain, and at least one intracellular domain.

A chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) is an artificially constructed hybrid protein or polypeptide containing the antigen binding domains of an antibody (e.g., single chain variable fragment (ScFv)) linked to T-cell signaling domains via the transmembrane domain. Characteristics of CARs include their ability to redirect T-cell specificity and reactivity toward a selected target in a non-MHC-restricted manner, and exploiting the antigen-binding properties of monoclonal antibodies. The non-MHC-restricted antigen recognition gives T cells expressing CARs the ability to recognize antigen independent of antigen processing, thus bypassing a major mechanism of tumor escape. Moreover, when expressed in T-cells, CARs advantageously do not dimerize with endogenous T cell receptor (TCR) alpha and beta chains.

As disclosed herein, the intracellular T cell signaling domains of the CARs can include, for example, a T cell receptor signaling domain, a T cell costimulatory signaling domain, or both. The T cell receptor signaling domain refers to a portion of the CAR comprising the intracellular

domain of a T cell receptor, such as, for example, and not by way of limitation, the intracellular portion of the CD3 zeta protein. The costimulatory signaling domain refers to a portion of the CAR comprising the intracellular domain of a costimulatory molecule, which is a cell surface molecule other than an antigen receptor or their ligands that are required for an efficient response of lymphocytes to antigen.

1. Extracellular Domain

In one embodiment, the CAR comprises a target-specific binding element otherwise referred to as an antigen binding domain or moiety. The choice of domain depends upon the type and number of ligands that define the surface of a target cell. For example, the antigen binding domain may be chosen to recognize a ligand that acts as a cell surface marker on target cells associated with a particular disease state. Thus examples of cell surface markers that may act as ligands for the antigen binding domain in the CAR include those associated with viral, bacterial and parasitic infections, autoimmune disease and cancer cells.

In one embodiment, the CAR can be engineered to target a tumor antigen of interest by way of engineering a desired antigen binding domain that specifically binds to an antigen on a tumor cell. Tumor antigens are proteins that are produced by tumor cells that elicit an immune response, particularly T-cell mediated immune responses. The selection of the antigen binding domain will depend on the particular type of cancer to be treated. Tumor antigens include, for example, a glioma-associated antigen, carcinoembryonic antigen (CEA), .beta.-human chorionic gonadotropin, alphafetoprotein (AFP), lectin-reactive AFP, thyroglobulin, RAGE-1, MN-CA IX, human telomerase reverse transcriptase, RU1, RU2 (AS), intestinal carboxyl esterase, mut hsp70-2, M-CSF, prostase, prostate-specific antigen (PSA), PAP, NY-ESO-1, LAGE-1a, p53, prostein, PSMA, Her2/neu, survivin and telomerase, prostate-carcinoma tumor antigen-1 (PCTA-1), MAGE, ELF2M, neutrophil elastase, ephrinB2, CD22, insulin growth factor (IGF)-I, IGF-II, IGF-I receptor and CD33. The tumor antigens disclosed herein are merely included by way of example. The list is not intended to be exclusive and further examples will be readily apparent to those of skill in the art.

In one embodiment, the tumor antigen comprises one or more antigenic cancer epitopes associated with a malignant tumor. Malignant tumors express a number of proteins that can serve as target antigens for an immune attack. These molecules include, but are not limited to, tissue-specific antigens such as MART-1, tyrosinase and GP 100 in melanoma and prostatic acid phosphatase (PAP) and prostate-specific antigen (PSA) in prostate cancer. Other target molecules belong to the group of transformation-related molecules such as the oncogene HER-2/Neu/ErbB-

2. Yet another group of target antigens are onco-fetal antigens such as carcinoembryonic antigen (CEA). In B-cell lymphoma the tumor-specific idiotype immunoglobulin constitutes a truly tumor-specific immunoglobulin antigen that is unique to the individual tumor. B-cell differentiation antigens such as CD19, CD20 and CD37 are other candidates for target antigens in B-cell lymphoma. Some of these antigens (CEA, HER-2, CD19, CD20, idiotype) have been used as targets for passive immunotherapy with monoclonal antibodies with limited success.

In one preferred embodiment, the tumor antigen is CD33 and the tumors associated with expression of CD33 comprise lung mesothelioma, ovarian, and pancreatic cancers that express high levels of the extracellular protein CD33, or any combination thereof.

The type of tumor antigen may also be a tumor-specific antigen (TSA) or a tumor-associated antigen (TAA). A TSA is unique to tumor cells and does not occur on other cells in the body. A TAA is not unique to a tumor cell and instead is also expressed on a normal cell under conditions that fail to induce a state of immunologic tolerance to the antigen. The expression of the antigen on the tumor may occur under conditions that enable the immune system to respond to the antigen. TAAs may be antigens that are expressed on normal cells during fetal development when the immune system is immature and unable to respond or they may be antigens that are normally present at extremely low levels on normal cells but which are expressed at much higher levels on tumor cells.

Non-limiting examples of TSAs or TAAs include the following: Differentiation antigens such as MART-1/MelanA (MART-I), gp100 (Pmel 17), tyrosinase, TRP-1, TRP-2 and tumor-specific multi-lineage antigens such as MAGE-1, MAGE-3, BAGE, GAGE-1, GAGE-2, p15; overexpressed embryonic antigens such as CEA; overexpressed oncogenes and mutated tumor-suppressor genes such as p53, Ras, HER-2/neu; unique tumor antigens resulting from chromosomal translocations; such as BCR-ABL, E2A-PRL, H4-RET, IGH-IGK, MYL-RAR; and viral antigens, such as the Epstein Barr virus antigens EBVA and the human papillomavirus (HPV) antigens E6 and E7. Other large, protein-based antigens include TSP-180, MAGE-4, MAGE-5, MAGE-6, RAGE, NY-ESO, p185erbB2, p180erbB-3, c-met, nm-23H1, PSA, TAG-72, CA 19-9, CA 72-4, CAM 17.1, NuMa, K-ras, beta-Catenin, CDK4, Mum-1, p 15, p 16, 43-9F, 5T4, 791Tgp72, alpha-fetoprotein, beta-HCG, BCA225, BTAA, CA 125, CA 15-3\CA 27.29\BCAA, CA 195, CA 242, CA-50, CAM43, CD68\P1, CO-029, FGF-5, G250, Ga733\EpCAM, HTgp-175, M344, MA-50, MG7-Ag, MOV18, NB/70K, NY-CO-1, RCAS1, SDCCAG16, TA-90\Mac-2 binding protein\cyclophilin C-associated protein, TAAL6, TAG72, TLP, and TPS.

In one embodiment, the antigen binding domain portion of the CAR targets an antigen that includes but is not limited to CD19, CD20, CD22, ROR1, CD33, c-Met, PSMA, Glycolipid F77, EGFRvIII, GD-2, MY-ESO-1 TCR, MAGE A3 TCR, and the like.

In a preferred embodiment, the antigen binding domain portion of the CAR targets the extracellular CD33 antigen.

In one preferred embodiment, the isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding the extracellular CD33 VH-2 antigen binding domain comprises a nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, or a sequence with 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identity thereof. In one embodiment, an isolated nucleic acid molecule is provided wherein the encoded extracellular CD33 VH-2 antigen binding domain comprises an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, or an amino acid sequence with 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identity to an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

In one preferred embodiment, the isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding the extracellular CD33 VH-4 antigen binding domain comprises a nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3, or a sequence with 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identity thereof. In one embodiment, an isolated nucleic acid molecule is provided wherein the encoded extracellular CD33 VH-4 antigen binding domain comprises an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4, or an amino acid sequence with 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identity to an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4.

In one preferred embodiment, the isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding the extracellular CD33 ScFv 9 antigen binding domain comprises a nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 5, or a sequence with 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identity thereof. In one embodiment, an isolated nucleic acid molecule is provided wherein the encoded extracellular CD33 ScFv 9 antigen binding domain comprises an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 6, or an amino acid sequence with 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identity to an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 6.

In one preferred embodiment, the isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding the extracellular CD33 ScFv 10 antigen binding domain comprises a nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 7, or a sequence with 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identity thereof. In one embodiment, an isolated nucleic acid molecule is provided wherein the encoded extracellular CD33 ScFv 10 antigen binding domain comprises an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 8, or an amino acid sequence with 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identity to an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 8.

In one preferred embodiment, the isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding the extracellular CD33 ScFv 12 antigen binding domain comprises a nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 9, or a sequence with 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identity thereof. In one embodiment, an isolated nucleic acid molecule is provided wherein the encoded extracellular CD33 ScFv 12 antigen binding domain comprises an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 10, or an amino acid sequence with 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identity to an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 10.

In one preferred embodiment, the isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding the extracellular CD33 ScFv 15 antigen binding domain comprises a nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 11, or a sequence with 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identity thereof. In one embodiment, an isolated nucleic acid molecule is provided wherein the encoded extracellular CD33 ScFv 15 antigen binding domain comprises an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 12, or an amino acid sequence with 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identity to an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 12.

The generation and binding characteristics of the specific CD33 variable heavy chain only and ScFv antigen binding fragments or antigen binders described herein is shown in Example 1.

In the various embodiments of the CD33-specific CARs disclosed herein, the general scheme is set forth in FIGURE 1 and includes, from the N-terminus to the C-terminus, a signal or leader peptide, anti-CD33 ScFv, extracellular linker, CD8 transmembrane, 4-1BB, CD3 zeta, wherein the bolded text represents the cloning sites for linking domains.

In one embodiment, the nucleic acid sequence encoding a CAR comprises the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 15, and encodes the CAR comprising the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 16 [LTG 1905 EF1a VH-2 CD33-CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta amino acid sequence (as depicted in Figure 2A)].

In one embodiment, the nucleic acid sequence encoding a CAR comprises the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 15, or a sequence with 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identity thereof, and encodes the CAR comprising the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 16 or a sequence with 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identity thereof LTG 1905 EF1a VH-2 CD33 -CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta amino acid sequence (as depicted in Figure 2A)].

In another embodiment, the nucleic acid sequence encoding a CAR comprises the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 17, and encodes the CAR comprising the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 18 [LTG 1906 EF1a- VH-4 CD33 -CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta amino acid sequence (as depicted in Figure 2B)].

In another embodiment, the nucleic acid sequence encoding a CAR comprises the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 17 or a sequence with 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identity thereof, and encodes the CAR comprising the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 18 or a sequence with 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identity thereof [LTG 1906 EF1a- VH-4 CD33 -CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta amino acid sequence (as depicted in Figure 2B)].

In another embodiment, the nucleic acid sequence encoding a CAR comprises the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 19, and encodes the CAR comprising the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 20 [LTG1936 EF1a ScFv9 CD33 CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta CAR amino acid sequence (as depicted in Figure 2C)].

In another embodiment, the nucleic acid sequence encoding a CAR comprises the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 19 or a sequence with 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identity thereof, and encodes the CAR comprising the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 20 or a sequence with 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identity thereof [LTG1936 EF1a ScFv9 CD33 CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta CAR amino acid sequence (as depicted in Figure 2C)].

In yet another embodiment, the nucleic acid sequence encoding a CAR comprises the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 21, and encodes the CAR comprising the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 22 [LTG1937 EF1a ScFv10 CD33 CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 amino acid sequence (as depicted in Figure 2D)].

In yet another embodiment, the nucleic acid sequence encoding a CAR comprises the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 21 or a sequence with 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identity thereof, and encodes the CAR comprising the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 22 or a sequence with 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identity thereof [LTG1937 EF1a ScFv10 CD33 CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 amino acid sequence (as depicted in Figure 2D)].

In yet another embodiment, the nucleic acid sequence encoding a CAR comprises the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 23, and encodes the CAR comprising the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 24 [LTG1938 EF1a ScFv12 CD33 CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta amino acid sequence (as depicted in Figure 2E)].

In yet another embodiment, the nucleic acid sequence encoding a CAR comprises the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 23 or a sequence with 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identity thereof, and encodes the CAR comprising the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 24 or a sequence with 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identity thereof

[LTG1938 EF1a ScFv12 CD33 CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta amino acid sequence (as depicted in Figure 2E)].

In yet another embodiment, the nucleic acid sequence encoding a CAR comprises the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 25, and encodes the CAR comprising the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 26 [(LTG1939 EF1a ScFv15 CD33 CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta amino acid sequence (as depicted in Figure 2F)].

In yet another embodiment, the nucleic acid sequence encoding a CAR comprises the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 25 or a sequence with 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identity thereof, and encodes the CAR comprising the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 26 or a sequence with 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identity thereof [(LTG1939 EF1a ScFv15 CD33 CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta amino acid sequence (as depicted in Figure 2F)].

The surface expression of anti-CD33 CARs incorporating immunoglobulin heavy chain variable domain (VH) and single chain fragment variable (ScFv) sequences reactive with CD33 antigen, is shown in Example 2 *infra* and summarized in Table 2. The expression level for each ScFv- or VH- containing CAR was determined by flow cytometric analysis of LV-transduced T cells from healthy donors using a recombinant CD33-Fc peptide, followed by anti-human Fc F(ab')2 fragment conjugated to AF647, and detected in the APC channel, (c.f., Example 2, Figure 3 and 6). The VH-based anti-CD33 CAR constructs 1905 and 1906 (black traces) were readily detected on the surface of T cells from two donors, demonstrating the reproducibility of T cell transduction. By contrast, no CAR expression was detected in the negative control non-transduced T cells (gray traces), and GFP control (not shown), thus demonstrating the specificity of the detection method used (c.f., Example 2, Figure 3 and Table 2). Similarly, the ScFv-based anti-CD33 CAR constructs 1936, 1937, 1938 and 1939 were highly expressed in human primary T cells (black traces) as compared to non-transduced T cell controls (gray traces). Representative results from one donor are shown.

As shown in Example 2 Figure 4 and Figure 7, high cytolytic activity of the CD33 CARs was demonstrated when lentiviral vectors (LV) expressing the following CARs were created and tested for anti-leukemia activity. Each experimental CAR contains the 4-1BB/CD3-zeta chain signaling motif and the specific anti-CD33 binding motif/domain noted therein. Four leukemia target lines with varying CD33 surface expression were used: HL-60 and MOLM-14 (high), Reh and K562 (low). The VH-domain-based CAR-T constructs LTG1905 and LTG1906 lysed the CD33-low K562 cells, although LTG1906 showed superior cytolytic function at the effector to target (E:T) ratios listed on the x-axis (c.f., Figure 4, LTG1905 and LTG1906, black diamond and

circle, respectively. When combined with the CD33-high HL-60 tumor line, LTG1906, but not LTG1905, demonstrated potent killing function, underscoring the robustness of construct LTG1906. By contrast, no specific cytolytic activity was exerted by either one of the negative control groups: NT, (untransduced T cells), and 1398 (T cells transduced with GFP control). Therefore, the cytolytic activity of anti CD33 CARs LTG1906 and LTG1905 we observed against CD33-expressing tumor lines is both target-specific and CART-dependent.

By comparison, ScFv-based anti-CD33 CAR constructs LTG1936 and LTG1939 were able to efficiently lyse CD33-high tumor lines HL-60 and MOLM-14, whereas they only partially lysed the CD33-low Reh tumor line, and had no specific lytic activity against K562, (*c.f.*, Figure 7, LTG1398 and LTG1936 white square and white overturned triangle, respectively). This finding demonstrates the efficiency and specificity of the generated CAR constructs. Unexpectedly, the additional CAR constructs tested in this set, LTG1937 and LTG1938, were inefficient in lysing the CD33-high tumor lines, thus again demonstrating that CART design is not trivial and soluble antibody characteristics do not directly translate to CAR functionality.

The capacity of anti-CD33 CAR T cells for cytokine secretion was then evaluated. Tumor cells were co-incubated with CAR T cells or control T cells at effector to target ratio of 10:1 overnight, and culture supernatants were analyzed by ELISA for IFN gamma, TNF alpha and IL-2 (c.f., Figure 5 and Table 2). Of note, CAR T-expressing cells LTG1905 and LTG1906 elaborated high levels of IFN gamma, TNF alpha and IL-2, whereas the negative control NT and 1398 groups yielded no appreciable cytokine induction. Surprisingly, CD33 CAR LTG1905 tended to yield greater levels of induced cytokines against all tested tumor lines as compared to construct LTG1906. This result is in contrast with lower in vitro cytolytic function of LTG1905 as compared to LTG1906 (c.f., Figure 4), and suggests that multiple CAR T functional endpoints need to be tested on construct by construct basis.

Without being intended to limit to any particular mechanism of action, it is believed that possible reasons for the enhanced therapeutic function associated with the exemplary CARs of the invention include, for example, and not by way of limitation, a) improved lateral movement within the plasma membrane allowing for more efficient signal transduction, b) superior location within plasma membrane microdomains, such as lipid rafts, and greater ability to interact with transmembrane signaling cascades associated with T cell activation, c) superior location within the plasma membrane by preferential movement away from dampening or down-modulatory interactions, such as less proximity to or interaction with phosphatases such as CD45, and d) superior assembly into T cell receptor signaling complexes (i.e. the immune synapse), or any combination thereof.

While the disclosure has been illustrated with an exemplary extracellular CD33 variable heavy chain only and ScFv antigen binding domains, other nucleotide and/or amino acid variants within the CD33 variable heavy chain only and ScFv antigen binding domains may be used to derive the CD33 antigen binding domains for use in the CARs described herein.

Depending on the desired antigen to be targeted, the CAR can be additionally engineered to include the appropriate antigen binding domain that is specific to the desired antigen target. For example, if CD19 is the desired antigen that is to be targeted, an antibody for CD19 can be used as the antigen bind domain incorporation into the CAR.

In one exemplary embodiment, the antigen binding domain portion of the CAR additionally targets CD19. Preferably, the antigen binding domain in the CAR is anti-CD19 ScFv, wherein the nucleic acid sequence of the anti-CD19 ScFv comprises the sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 37 In one embodiment, the anti-CD19 ScFv comprises the nucleic acid sequence that encodes the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 30. In another embodiment, the anti-CD19 ScFv portion of the CAR comprises the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 38.

In one aspect of the present invention, there is provided a CAR capable of binding to a non-TSA or non-TAA including, for example and not by way of limitation, an antigen derived from Retroviridae (e.g. human immunodeficiency viruses such as HIV-1 and HIV-LP), Picornaviridae (e.g. poliovirus, hepatitis A virus, enterovirus, human coxsackievirus, rhinovirus, and echovirus), rubella virus, coronavirus, vesicular stomatitis virus, rabies virus, ebola virus, parainfluenza virus, mumps virus, measles virus, respiratory syncytial virus, influenza virus, hepatitis B virus, parvovirus, Adenoviridae, Herpesviridae [e.g. type 1 and type 2 herpes simplex virus (HSV), varicella-zoster virus, cytomegalovirus (CMV), and herpes virus], Poxviridae (e.g. smallpox virus, vaccinia virus, and pox virus), or hepatitis C virus, or any combination thereof.

In another aspect of the present invention, there is provided a CAR capable of binding to an antigen derived from a bacterial strain of Staphylococci, Streptococcus, Escherichia coli, Pseudomonas, or Salmonella. Particularly, there is provided a CAR capable of binding to an antigen derived from an infectious bacterium, for example, Helicobacter pyloris, Legionella pneumophilia, a bacterial strain of Mycobacteria sps. (e.g. M. tuberculosis, M. avium, M. intracellulare, M. kansaii, or M. gordonea), Staphylococcus aureus, Neisseria gonorrhoeae, Neisseria meningitides, Listeria monocytogenes, Streptococcus pyogenes, Group A Streptococcus, Group B Streptococcus (Streptococcus agalactiae), Streptococcus pneumoniae, or Clostridium tetani, or a combination thereof.

2. Transmembrane Domain

With respect to the transmembrane domain, the CAR comprises one or more transmembrane domains fused to the extracellular CD33 antigen binding domain of the CAR.

The transmembrane domain may be derived either from a natural or from a synthetic source. Where the source is natural, the domain may be derived from any membrane-bound or transmembrane protein.

Transmembrane regions of particular use in the CARs described herein may be derived from (*i.e.* comprise at least the transmembrane region(s) of) the alpha, beta or zeta chain of the T-cell receptor, CD28, CD3 epsilon, CD45, CD4, CD5, CD8, CD9, CD16, CD22, mesothelin, CD33, CD37, CD64, CD80, CD86, CD134, CD137, CD154. Alternatively the transmembrane domain may be synthetic, in which case it will comprise predominantly hydrophobic residues such as leucine and valine. Preferably a triplet of phenylalanine, tryptophan and valine will be found at each end of a synthetic transmembrane domain. Optionally, a short oligo- or polypeptide linker, preferably between 2 and 10 amino acids in length may form the linkage between the transmembrane domain and the cytoplasmic signaling domain of the CAR. A glycine-serine doublet provides a particularly suitable linker.

In one embodiment, the transmembrane domain that naturally is associated with one of the domains in the CAR is used in addition to the transmembrane domains described *supra*.

In some instances, the transmembrane domain can be selected by amino acid substitution to avoid binding of such domains to the transmembrane domains of the same or different surface membrane proteins to minimize interactions with other members of the receptor complex.

In one embodiment, the transmembrane domain in the CAR of the invention is the CD8 transmembrane domain. In one embodiment, the CD8 transmembrane domain comprises the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 27. In one embodiment, the CD8 transmembrane domain comprises the nucleic acid sequence that encodes the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 28. In another embodiment, the CD8 transmembrane domain comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 28.

In one embodiment, the encoded transmembrane domain comprises an amino acid sequence having at least one, two or three modifications (e.g., substitutions) but not more than 20, 10 or 5 modifications (e.g., substitutions) of an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:28, or a sequence with 95-99% identity to an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:28.

In some instances, the transmembrane domain of the CAR comprises the CD8.alpha.hinge domain. In one embodiment, the CD8 hinge domain comprises the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 29. In one embodiment, the CD8 hinge domain comprises the nucleic acid sequence that encodes the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 30. In another embodiment, the CD8 hinge domain comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 30, or a sequence with 95-99% identify thereof.

In one embodiment, an isolated nucleic acid molecule is provided wherein the encoded linker domain is derived from the extracellular domain of CD8, and is linked to the transmembrane CD8 domain, the transmembrane CD28 domain, or a combination thereof.

In one embodiment, the transmembrane domain in the CAR of the invention is the TNFRSF19 transmembrane domain. In one embodiment, the TNFRSF19 transmembrane domain comprises the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 51. In one embodiment, the TNFRSF19 transmembrane domain comprises the nucleic acid sequence that encodes the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 52. In another embodiment, the TNFRSF19 transmembrane domain comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 52.

In one embodiment, the encoded transmembrane domain comprises an amino acid sequence having at least one, two or three modifications (e.g., substitutions) but not more than 20, 10 or 5 modifications (e.g., substitutions) of an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:52, or a sequence with 95-99% identity to an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:52.

3. Spacer Domain

In the CAR, a spacer domain, also termed hinge domain, can be arranged between the extracellular domain and the transmembrane domain, or between the intracellular domain and the transmembrane domain. The spacer domain means any oligopeptide or polypeptide that serves to link the transmembrane domain with the extracellular domain and/or the transmembrane domain with the intracellular domain. The spacer domain comprises up to 300 amino acids, preferably 10 to 100 amino acids, and most preferably 25 to 50 amino acids.

In several embodiments, the linker can include a spacer element, which, when present, increases the size of the linker such that the distance between the effector molecule or the detectable marker and the antibody or antigen binding fragment is increased. Exemplary spacers are known to the person of ordinary skill, and include those listed in U.S. Pat. Nos. 7,964,5667, 498,298, 6,884,869, 6,323,315, 6,239,104, 6,034,065, 5,780,588, 5,665,860, 5,663,149,

5,635,483, 5,599,902, 5,554,725, 5,530,097, 5,521,284, 5,504,191, 5,410,024, 5,138,036, 5,076,973, 4,986,988, 4,978,744, 4,879,278, 4,816,444, and 4,486,414, as well as U.S. Pat. Pub. Nos. 20110212088 and 20110070248, each of which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

The spacer domain preferably has a sequence that promotes binding of a CAR with an antigen and enhances signaling into a cell. Examples of an amino acid that is expected to promote the binding include cysteine, a charged amino acid, and serine and threonine in a potential glycosylation site, and these amino acids can be used as an amino acid constituting the spacer domain.

As the spacer domain, the entire or a part of amino acid numbers 118 to 178 (SEQ ID NO: 31) which is a hinge region of CD8.alpha. (NCBI RefSeq: NP.sub.--001759.3), amino acid numbers 135 to 195 of CD8.beta. (GenBank: AAA35664.1), amino acid numbers 315 to 396 of CD4 (NCBI RefSeq: NP.sub.--000607.1), or amino acid numbers 137 to 152 of CD28 (NCBI RefSeq: NP.sub.--006130.1) can be used. Also, as the spacer domain, a part of a constant region of an antibody H chain or L chain (CH1 region or CL region, for example, a peptide having an amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO.: 32) can be used. Further, the spacer domain may be an artificially synthesized sequence.

In addition, an entire or a part of amino acids comprising the constant region of a human IgG4 (UniProt ID: P01861), including CH1, (amino acid numbers 1-98), hinge, SEQ ID NO: 80, and the corresponding nucleotide SEQ ID NO:79, (amino acid numbers 99-110), CH2, amino acid SEQ ID NO: 81 and corresponding nucleotide SEQ ID NO: 80, (amino acid numbers 111-220) and CH3, SEQ ID NO:84 and corresponding nucleotide SEQ ID NO: 83, (amino acid numbers 221-327) or a combination thereof, such as IgG4 Hinge CH2 CH3 domain, SEQ ID NO: 86, and the corresponding nucleotide SEQ ID NO: 85, can be used.

In one embodiment, the spacer domain of the CAR comprises the TNFRSF19 hinge domain which comprises the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 53. In one embodiment, the TNFRSF19 hinge domain comprises the nucleic acid sequence that encodes the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 54. In another embodiment, the TNFRSF19 hinge domain comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 54, or a sequence with 95-99% identify thereof.

In one embodiment, the spacer domain of the CAR comprises the TNFRSF19 truncated hinge domain comprises the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 55. In one embodiment, the TNFRSF19 truncated hinge domain comprises the nucleic acid sequence that encodes the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 56. In another embodiment, the TNFRSF19 truncated hinge

domain comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 56, or a sequence with 95-99% identify thereof.

In one embodiment, the TNFRSF19 hinge and transmembrane domains comprise the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 49. In one embodiment, the TNFRSF19 hinge and transmembrane domains comprise the nucleic acid sequence that encodes the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 50. In another embodiment, the TNFRSF19 hinge and transmembrane domains comprise the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 50, or a sequence with 95-99% identify thereof.

In one embodiment, a CD8a hinge domain is fused to a TNFRSF19 transmembrane domain comprising the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 57. In one embodiment, the CD8a hinge domain is fused to a TNFRSF19 transmembrane domain comprises the nucleic acid sequence that encodes the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 58. In another embodiment, the CD8a hinge domain is fused to a TNFRSF19 transmembrane domain comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 58, or a sequence with 95-99% identify thereof.

Further, in the CAR, a signal peptide sequence, also termed leader peptide, can be linked to the N-terminus. The signal peptide sequence exists at the N-terminus of many secretory proteins and membrane proteins, and has a length of 15 to 30 amino acids. Since many of the protein molecules mentioned above as the intracellular domain have signal peptide sequences, the signal peptides can be used as a signal peptide for the CAR. In one embodiment, the signal peptide comprises the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 14).

In one embodiment, the CD8 alpha leader peptide, is comprising the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 43. In one embodiment, CD8 alpha leader peptide comprises the nucleic acid sequence that encodes the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 44. In another embodiment, the CD8a hinge domain is fused to a TNFRSF19 transmembrane domain comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 44, or a sequence with 95-99% identify thereof.

In another embodiment, the GMCSF leader peptide, is comprising the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 39. In one embodiment, the GMCSF leader peptide, comprises the nucleic acid sequence that encodes the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 40. In another embodiment, the CD8a hinge domain is fused to a TNFRSF19 transmembrane domain comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 40, or a sequence with 95-99% identify thereof.

In another embodiment, the TNFRSF19 leader peptide is comprising the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 41. In one embodiment, TNFRSF19 leader peptide, and CD8 alpha leader peptide comprises the nucleic acid sequence that encodes the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 42. In another embodiment, the CD8a hinge domain is fused to a TNFRSF19

transmembrane domain comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 42, or a sequence with 95-99% identify thereof.

In one embodiment, a tag sequence encoding a truncated sequence of epidermal growth factor receptor (tEGFR) is comprising the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 67. In one embodiment, tEGFR comprises the nucleic acid sequence that encodes the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 68. In another embodiment, the tEGFR tag comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 68, or a sequence with 95-99% identify thereof.

In one embodiment, a furin recognition site and downstream T2A self-cleaving peptide sequence, designed for simultaneous bicistronic expression of the tag sequence and the CAR sequence, is comprising the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 65. In one embodiment, furin and T2A sequence comprises the nucleic acid sequence that encodes the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 66. In another embodiment, the tEGFR tag comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 66 or a sequence with 95-99% identify thereof.

In one embodiment, an upstream furin recognition site and T2A self-cleaving peptide sequence and a furin recognition downstream site, designed for simultaneous bicistronic expression of the tag sequence and the CAR sequence, is comprising the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 67. In one embodiment, furin and T2A sequence comprises the nucleic acid sequence that encodes the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 68. In another embodiment, the tEGFR tag comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 68 or a sequence with 95-99% identify thereof.

In one embodiment, the targeting domain of the CAR is expressed separately in the form of monoclonal antibody, ScFv Fab, Fab'2 and is containing at binding tag or epitope, whereas the effector-cell expressed component of the CAR contains a binding domain specifically directed to bind the tag or epitope expressed on the soluble CAR module, such as specific binding on the soluble component of the CAR to the cell bound component forms the full functional CAR structure.

4. Intracellular Domain

The cytoplasmic domain or otherwise the intracellular signaling domain of the CAR is responsible for activation of at least one of the normal effector functions of the immune cell in which the CAR has been placed in. The term "effector function" refers to a specialized function of a cell. Effector function of a T cell, for example, may be cytolytic activity or helper activity including the secretion of cytokines. Thus the term "intracellular signaling domain" refers to the portion of a protein which transduces the effector function signal and directs the cell to perform a specialized function. While usually the entire intracellular signaling domain can be employed, in

many cases it is not necessary to use the entire chain. To the extent that a truncated portion of the intracellular signaling domain is used, such truncated portion may be used in place of the intact chain as long as it transduces the effector function signal. The term intracellular signaling domain is thus meant to include any truncated portion of the intracellular signaling domain sufficient to transduce the effector function signal.

Preferred examples of intracellular signaling domains for use in the CAR include the cytoplasmic sequences of the T cell receptor (TCR) and co-receptors that act in concert to initiate signal transduction following antigen receptor engagement, as well as any derivative or variant of these sequences and any synthetic sequence that has the same functional capability.

It is known that signals generated through the TCR alone are insufficient for full activation of the T cell and that a secondary or co-stimulatory signal is also required. Thus, T cell activation can be said to be mediated by two distinct classes of cytoplasmic signaling sequence: those that initiate antigen-dependent primary activation through the TCR (primary cytoplasmic signaling sequences) and those that act in an antigen-independent manner to provide a secondary or co-stimulatory signal (secondary cytoplasmic signaling sequences).

Primary cytoplasmic signaling sequences regulate primary activation of the TCR complex either in a stimulatory way, or in an inhibitory way. Primary cytoplasmic signaling sequences that act in a stimulatory manner may contain signaling motifs which are known as immunoreceptor tyrosine-based activation motifs or ITAMs.

Examples of ITAM containing primary cytoplasmic signaling sequences that are of particular use in the CARs disclosed herein include those derived from TCR zeta (CD3 Zeta), FcR gamma, FcR beta, CD3 gamma, CD3 delta, CD3 epsilon, CD5, CD22, CD79a, CD79b, and CD66d. Specific, non-limiting examples, of the ITAM include peptides having sequences of amino acid numbers 51 to 164 of CD3.zeta. (NCBI RefSeq: NP.sub.--932170.1), amino acid numbers 45 to 86 of Fc.epsilon.RI.gamma. (NCBI RefSeq: NP.sub.--004097.1), amino acid numbers 201 to 244 of Fc.epsilon.RI.beta. (NCBI RefSeq: NP.sub.--000130.1), amino acid numbers 139 to 182 of CD3.gamma. (NCBI RefSeq: NP.sub.--000064.1), amino acid numbers 128 to 171 of CD3 .delta. (NCBI RefSeq: NP.sub.--000723.1), amino acid numbers 153 to 207 of CD3.epsilon. (NCBI RefSeq: NP.sub.--000724.1), amino acid numbers 402 to 495 of CD5 (NCBI RefSeq: NP.sub.--055022.2), amino acid numbers 707 to 847 of 0022 (NCBI RefSeq: NP.sub.--001762.2), amino acid numbers 166 to 226 of CD79a (NCBI RefSeq: NP.sub.--001774.1), amino acid numbers 182 to 229 of CD79b (NCBI RefSeq: NP.sub.--000617.1), and amino acid numbers 177 to 252 of CD66d (NCBI RefSeq: NP.sub.--001806.2), and their variants having the same function as these peptides have. The amino acid number based on amino acid sequence

information of NCBI RefSeq ID or GenBank described herein is numbered based on the full length of the precursor (comprising a signal peptide sequence etc.) of each protein. In one embodiment, the cytoplasmic signaling molecule in the CAR comprises a cytoplasmic signaling sequence derived from CD3 zeta.

In a preferred embodiment, the intracellular domain of the CAR can be designed to comprise the CD3-zeta signaling domain by itself or combined with any other desired cytoplasmic domain(s) useful in the context of the CAR. For example, the intracellular domain of the CAR can comprise a CD3 zeta chain portion and a costimulatory signaling region. The costimulatory signaling region refers to a portion of the CAR comprising the intracellular domain of a costimulatory molecule. A costimulatory molecule is a cell surface molecule other than an antigen receptor or their ligands that is required for an efficient response of lymphocytes to an antigen. Examples of such costimulatory molecules include CD27, CD28, 4-1BB (CD137), OX40, CD30, CD40, PD-1, ICOS, lymphocyte function-associated antigen-1 (LFA-1), CD2, CD7, LIGHT, NKG2C, B7-H3, and a ligand that specifically binds with CD83, and the like. Specific, nonlimiting examples, of such costimulatory molecules include peptides having sequences of amino acid numbers 236 to 351 of CD2 (NCBI RefSeq: NP.sub.--001758.2), amino acid numbers 421 to 458 of CD4 (NCBI RefSeq: NP.sub.--000607.1), amino acid numbers 402 to 495 of CD5 (NCBI RefSeq: NP.sub.--055022.2), amino acid numbers 207 to 235 of CD8.alpha. (NCBI RefSeq: NP.sub.--001759.3), amino acid numbers 196 to 210 of CD83 (GenBank: AAA35664.1), amino acid numbers 181 to 220 of CD28 (NCBI RefSeq: NP.sub.--006130.1), amino acid numbers 214 to 255 of CD137 (4-1BB, NCBI RefSeq: NP.sub.--001552.2), amino acid numbers 241 to 277 of CD134 (OX40, NCBI RefSeq: NP.sub.--003318.1), and amino acid numbers 166 to 199 of ICOS (NCBI RefSeq: NP.sub.--036224.1), and their variants having the same function as these peptides have. Thus, while the disclosure herein is exemplified primarily with 4-1BB as the co-stimulatory signaling element, other costimulatory elements are within the scope of the disclosure.

The cytoplasmic signaling sequences within the cytoplasmic signaling portion of the CAR may be linked to each other in a random or specified order. Optionally, a short oligo- or polypeptide linker, preferably between 2 and 10 amino acids in length may form the linkage. A glycine-serine doublet provides a particularly suitable linker.

In one embodiment, the intracellular domain is designed to comprise the signaling domain of CD3-zeta and the signaling domain of CD3-zeta and the signaling domain of CD3-zeta and the signaling domain of 4-1BB. In yet another embodiment, the intracellular domain is designed to comprise the signaling domain of CD3-zeta and the signaling domain

In one embodiment, the intracellular domain in the CAR is designed to comprise the signaling domain of 4-1BB and the signaling domain of CD3-zeta, wherein the signaling domain of 4-1BB comprises the nucleic acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 33, SEQ ID NO: 45, or SEQ ID NO: 59, respectively and the signaling domain of CD3-zeta comprises the nucleic acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 35, SEQ ID NO: 47, or SEQ ID NO: 61, respectively.

In one embodiment, the intracellular domain in the CAR is designed to comprise the signaling domain of 4-1BB and the signaling domain of CD3-zeta, wherein the signaling domain of 4-1BB comprises the nucleic acid sequence that encodes the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 34, SEQ ID NO: 46, or SEQ ID NO: 60, respectively and the signaling domain of CD3-zeta comprises the nucleic acid sequence that encodes the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 36, or SEQ ID NO: 48, or SEQ ID NO: 62.

In one embodiment, the intracellular domain in the CAR is designed to comprise the signaling domain of 4-1BB and the signaling domain of CD3-zeta, wherein the signaling domain of 4-1BB comprises the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 34, SEQ ID NO: 46, or SEQ ID NO: 60, respectively and the signaling domain of CD3-zeta comprises the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 36, SEQ ID NO: 48, or SEQ ID NO: 62, respectively.

In one embodiment, the intracellular domain in the CAR is designed to comprise the signaling domain of CD28 and the signaling domain of CD3-zeta, wherein the signaling domain of CD28 comprises the nucleic acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 45, or SEQ ID NO: 59, respectively, and the signaling domain of CD3-zeta comprises the nucleic acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 35, SEQ ID NO: 47, or SEQ ID NO: 61, respectively.

In one embodiment, the intracellular domain in the CAR is designed to comprise the signaling domain of CD28 and the signaling domain of CD3-zeta, wherein the signaling domain of CD28 comprises the nucleic acid sequence that encodes the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 46, or SEQ ID NO: 60, respectively and the signaling domain of CD3-zeta comprises the nucleic acid sequence that encodes the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 36, or SEQ ID NO: 48, or SEQ ID NO: 62.

In one embodiment, the intracellular domain in the CAR is designed to comprise the signaling domain of CD28 and the signaling domain of CD3-zeta, wherein the signaling domain of CD28 comprises the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 46, or SEQ ID NO: 60, respectively and the signaling domain of CD3-zeta comprises the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 36, SEQ ID NO: 48, or SEQ ID NO: 62, respectively.

5. Additional Description of CARs

Also expressly included within the scope of the invention are functional portions of the CARs disclosed herein. The term "functional portion" when used in reference to a CAR refers to any part or fragment of one or more of the CARs disclosed herein, which part or fragment retains the biological activity of the CAR of which it is a part (the parent CAR). Functional portions encompass, for example, those parts of a CAR that retain the ability to recognize target cells, or detect, treat, or prevent a disease, to a similar extent, the same extent, or to a higher extent, as the parent CAR. In reference to the parent CAR, the functional portion can comprise, for instance, about 10%, 25%, 30%, 50%, 68%, 80%, 90%, 95%, or more, of the parent CAR.

The functional portion can comprise additional amino acids at the amino or carboxy terminus of the portion, or at both termini, which additional amino acids are not found in the amino acid sequence of the parent CAR. Desirably, the additional amino acids do not interfere with the biological function of the functional portion, e.g., recognize target cells, detect cancer, treat or prevent cancer, etc. More desirably, the additional amino acids enhance the biological activity, as compared to the biological activity of the parent CAR.

Included in the scope of the disclosure are functional variants of the CARs disclosed herein. The term "functional variant" as used herein refers to a CAR, polypeptide, or protein having substantial or significant sequence identity or similarity to a parent CAR, which functional variant retains the biological activity of the CAR of which it is a variant. Functional variants encompass, for example, those variants of the CAR described herein (the parent CAR) that retain the ability to recognize target cells to a similar extent, the same extent, or to a higher extent, as the parent CAR. In reference to the parent CAR, the functional variant can, for instance, be at least about 30%, 50%, 75%, 80%, 90%, 98% or more identical in amino acid sequence to the parent CAR.

A functional variant can, for example, comprise the amino acid sequence of the parent CAR with at least one conservative amino acid substitution. Alternatively or additionally, the functional variants can comprise the amino acid sequence of the parent CAR with at least one non-conservative amino acid substitution. In this case, it is preferable for the non-conservative amino acid substitution to not interfere with or inhibit the biological activity of the functional variant. The non-conservative amino acid substitution may enhance the biological activity of the functional variant, such that the biological activity of the functional variant is increased as compared to the parent CAR.

Amino acid substitutions of the CARs are preferably conservative amino acid substitutions. Conservative amino acid substitutions are known in the art, and include amino acid substitutions in which one amino acid having certain physical and/or chemical properties is exchanged for another amino acid that has the same or similar chemical or physical properties. For instance, the conservative amino acid substitution can be an acidic/negatively charged polar amino acid substituted for another acidic/negatively charged polar amino acid with a nonpolar side chain substituted for another amino acid with a nonpolar side chain (e.g., Ala, Gly, Val, He, Leu, Met, Phe, Pro, Trp, Cys, Val, etc.), a basic/positively charged polar amino acid substituted for another basic/positively charged polar amino acid (e.g. Lys, His, Arg, etc.), an uncharged amino acid with a polar side chain substituted for another uncharged amino acid with a polar side chain substituted for another uncharged amino acid with a polar side chain substituted for another uncharged amino acid with a polar side chain (e.g., Asn, Gin, Ser, Thr, Tyr, etc.), an amino acid with a beta-branched side-chain substituted for another amino acid with a beta-branched side-chain substituted for another amino acid with an aromatic side-chain substituted for another amino acid with an aromatic side-chain substituted for another amino acid with an aromatic side-chain substituted for another amino acid with an aromatic side-chain substituted for another amino acid with an aromatic side-chain substituted for another amino acid with an aromatic side-chain substituted for another amino acid with an aromatic side chain (e.g., His, Phe, Trp, and Tyr), etc.

The CAR can consist essentially of the specified amino acid sequence or sequences described herein, such that other components, e.g., other amino acids, do not materially change the biological activity of the functional variant.

The CARs (including functional portions and functional variants) can be of any length, i.e., can comprise any number of amino acids, provided that the CARs (or functional portions or functional variants thereof) retain their biological activity, e.g., the ability to specifically bind to antigen, detect diseased cells in a mammal, or treat or prevent disease in a mammal, etc. For example, the CAR can be about 50 to about 5000 amino acids long, such as 50, 70, 75, 100, 125, 150, 175, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 800, 900, 1000 or more amino acids in length.

The CARs (including functional portions and functional variants of the invention) can comprise synthetic amino acids in place of one or more naturally-occurring amino acids. Such synthetic amino acids are known in the art, and include, for example, aminocyclohexane carboxylic acid, norleucine, -amino n-decanoic acid, homoserine, S-acetylaminomethyl-cysteine, trans-3- and trans-4-hydroxyproline, 4-aminophenylalanine, 4- nitrophenylalanine, 4-chlorophenylalanine, 4-carboxyphenylalanine, β-phenylserine β-hydroxyphenylalanine, phenylglycine, a-naphthylalanine, cyclohexylalanine, cyclohexylglycine, indoline-2-carboxylic acid, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid, aminomalonic acid, aminomalonic acid monoamide, N'-benzyl-N'-methyl-lysine, N',N'-dibenzyl-lysine, 6-hydroxylysine, ornithine, - aminocyclopentane carboxylic acid, a-aminocyclohexane carboxylic acid, a-aminocycloheptane

carboxylic acid, a-(2-amino-2-norbornane)-carboxylic acid, γ -diaminobutyric acid, β -diaminopropionic acid, homophenylalanine, and a-tert-butylglycine.

The CARs (including functional portions and functional variants) can be glycosylated, amidated, carboxylated, phosphorylated, esterified, N-acylated, cyclized via, e.g., a disulfide bridge, or converted into an acid addition salt and/or optionally dimerized or polymerized, or conjugated.

The CARs (including functional portions and functional variants thereof) can be obtained by methods known in the art. The CARs may be made by any suitable method of making polypeptides or proteins. Suitable methods of de novo synthesizing polypeptides and proteins are described in references, such as Chan et al., Fmoc Solid Phase Peptide Synthesis, Oxford University Press, Oxford, United Kingdom, 2000; Peptide and Protein Drug Analysis, ed. Reid, R., Marcel Dekker, Inc., 2000; Epitope Mapping, ed. Westwood et al., Oxford University Press, Oxford, United Kingdom, 2001; and U.S. Patent 5,449,752. Also, polypeptides and proteins can be recombinantly produced using the nucleic acids described herein using standard recombinant methods. See, for instance, Sambrook et al., Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual, 3rd ed., Cold Spring Harbor Press, Cold Spring Harbor, NY 2001; and Ausubel et al., Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, Greene Publishing Associates and John Wiley & Sons, NY, 1994. Further, some of the CARs (including functional portions and functional variants thereof) can be isolated and/or purified from a source, such as a plant, a bacterium, an insect, a mammal, e.g., a rat, a human, etc. Methods of isolation and purification are well-known in the art. Alternatively, the CARs described herein (including functional portions and functional variants thereof) can be commercially synthesized by companies. In this respect, the CARs can be synthetic, recombinant, isolated, and/or purified.

B. Antibodies and Antigen Binding Fragments

One embodiment further provides a CAR, a T cell expressing a CAR, an antibody, or antigen binding domain or portion thereof, which specifically binds to one or more of the antigens disclosed herein. As used herein, a "T cell expressing a CAR," or a "CAR T cell" means a T cell expressing a CAR, and has antigen specificity determined by, for example, the antibody-derived targeting domain of the CAR.

As used herein, and "antigen binding domain" can include an antibody and antigen binding fragments thereof. The term "antibody" is used herein in the broadest sense and encompasses various antibody structures, including but not limited to monoclonal antibodies,

polyclonal antibodies, multi-specific antibodies (e.g., bispecific antibodies), and antigen binding fragments thereof, so long as they exhibit the desired antigen-binding activity. Non-limiting examples of antibodies include, for example, intact immunoglobulins and variants and fragments thereof known in the art that retain binding affinity for the antigen.

A "monoclonal antibody" is an antibody obtained from a population of substantially homogeneous antibodies, i.e., the individual antibodies comprising the population are identical except for possible naturally occurring mutations that may be present in minor amounts. Monoclonal antibodies are highly specific, being directed against a single antigenic epitope. The modifier "monoclonal" indicates the character of the antibody as being obtained from a substantially homogeneous population of antibodies, and is not to be construed as requiring production of the antibody by any particular method. In some examples, a monoclonal antibody is an antibody produced by a single clone of B lymphocytes or by a cell into which nucleic acid encoding the light and heavy variable regions of the antibody of a single antibody (or an antigen binding fragment thereof) have been transfected, or a progeny thereof. In some examples monoclonal antibodies are isolated from a subject. Monoclonal antibodies can have conservative amino acid substitutions which have substantially no effect on antigen binding or other immunoglobulin functions. Exemplary methods of production of monoclonal antibodies are known, for example, see Harlow & Lane, Antibodies, A Laboratory Manual, 2nd ed. Cold Spring Harbor Publications, New York (2013).

Typically, an immunoglobulin has heavy (H) chains and light (L) chains interconnected by disulfide bonds. Immunoglobulin genes include the kappa, lambda, alpha, gamma, delta, epsilon and mu constant region genes, as well as the myriad immunoglobulin variable domain genes. There are two types of light chain, lambda (λ) and kappa (κ). There are five main heavy chain classes (or isotypes) which determine the functional activity of an antibody molecule: IgM, IgD, IgG, IgA and IgE.

Each heavy and light chain contains a constant region (or constant domain) and a variable region (or variable domain; see, e.g., Kindt et al. Kuby Immunology, 6th ed., W.H. Freeman and Co., page 91 (2007).) In several embodiments, the heavy and the light chain variable regions combine to specifically bind the antigen. In additional embodiments, only the heavy chain variable region is required. For example, naturally occurring camelid antibodies consisting of a heavy chain only are functional and stable in the absence of light chain (see, e.g., Hamers-Casterman et al., Nature, 363:446-448, 1993; Sheriff et al., Nat. Struct. Biol., 3:733-736, 1996). References to "VH" or "VH" refer to the variable region of an antibody heavy chain, including

that of an antigen binding fragment, such as Fv, ScFv, dsFv or Fab. References to "VL" or "VL" refer to the variable domain of an antibody light chain, including that of an Fv, ScFv, dsFv or Fab.

Light and heavy chain variable regions contain a "framework" region interrupted by three hypervariable regions, also called "complementarity-determining regions" or "CDRs" (see, e.g., Kabat et al., Sequences of Proteins of Immunological Interest, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 1991). The sequences of the framework regions of different light or heavy chains are relatively conserved within a species. The framework region of an antibody, that is the combined framework regions of the constituent light and heavy chains, serves to position and align the CDRs in three-dimensional space.

The CDRs are primarily responsible for binding to an epitope of an antigen. The amino acid sequence boundaries of a given CDR can be readily determined using any of a number of well-known schemes, including those described by Kabat *et al.* ("Sequences of Proteins of Immunological Interest," 5th Ed. Public Health Service, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD, 1991; "Kabat" numbering scheme), Al-Lazikani et al., (JMB 273,927-948, 1997; "Chothia" numbering scheme), and Lefranc et al. ("IMGT unique numbering for immunoglobulin and T cell receptor variable domains and Ig superfamily V-like domains," Dev. Comp. Immunol., 27:55-77, 2003; "IMGT" numbering scheme). The CDRs of each chain are typically referred to as CDR1, CDR2, and CDR3 (from the N-terminus to C-terminus), and are also typically identified by the chain in which the particular CDR is located. Thus, a VH CDR3 is the CDR3 from the variable domain of the heavy chain of the antibody in which it is found, whereas a VL CDR1 is the CDR1 from the variable domain of the light chain of the antibody in which it is found. Light chain CDRs are sometimes referred to as LCDR1, LCDR2, and LCDR3. Heavy chain CDRs are sometimes referred to as HCDR1, HCDR2, and HCDR3.

An "antigen binding fragment" is a portion of a full length antibody that retains the ability to specifically recognize the cognate antigen, as well as various combinations of such portions. Non-limiting examples of antigen binding fragments include Fv, Fab, Fab', Fab'-SH, F(ab')2; diabodies; linear antibodies; single-chain antibody molecules (e.g. ScFv); and multi-specific antibodies formed from antibody fragments. Antibody fragments include antigen binding fragments either produced by the modification of whole antibodies or those synthesized de novo using recombinant DNA methodologies (see, e.g., Kontermann and Dubel (Ed), Antibody Engineering, Vols. 1-2, 2nd Ed., Springer Press, 2010).

A single-chain antibody (ScFv) is a genetically engineered molecule containing the VH and VL domains of one or more antibody(ies) linked by a suitable polypeptide linker as a genetically fused single chain molecule (see, for example, Bird et al., Science, 242:423 426, 1988;

Huston et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci., 85:5879 5883, 1988; Ahmad et al., Clin. Dev. Immunol., 2012, doi:10.1155/2012/980250; Marbry, IDrugs, 13:543-549, 2010). The intramolecular orientation of the VH-domain and the VL-domain in a ScFv, is typically not decisive for ScFvs. Thus, ScFvs with both possible arrangements (VH-domain-linker domain-VL-domain; VL-domain-linker domain-VH-domain) may be used.

In a dsFv, the heavy and light chain variable chains have been mutated to introduce a disulfide bond to stabilize the association of the chains. Diabodies also are included, which are bivalent, bispecific antibodies in which VH and VL domains are expressed on a single polypeptide chain, but using a linker that is too short to allow for pairing between the two domains on the same chain, thereby forcing the domains to pair with complementary domains of another chain and creating two antigen binding sites (see, for example, Holliger et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci., 90:6444 6448, 1993; Poljak et al., Structure, 2:1121 1123, 1994).

Antibodies also include genetically engineered forms such as chimeric antibodies (such as humanized murine antibodies) and heteroconjugate antibodies (such as bispecific antibodies). See also, Pierce Catalog and Handbook, 1994-1995 (Pierce Chemical Co., Rockford, IL); Kuby, J., Immunology, 3rd Ed., W.H. Freeman & Co., New York, 1997.

Non-naturally occurring antibodies can be constructed using solid phase peptide synthesis, can be produced recombinantly, or can be obtained, for example, by screening combinatorial libraries consisting of variable heavy chains and variable light chains as described by Huse et al., Science 246:1275-1281 (1989), which is incorporated herein by reference. These and other methods of making, for example, chimeric, humanized, CDR-grafted, single chain, and bifunctional antibodies, are well known to those skilled in the art (Winter and Harris, Immunol. Today 14:243-246 (1993); Ward et al., Nature 341:544-546 (1989); Harlow and Lane, supra, 1988; Hilyard et al., Protein Engineering: A practical approach (IRL Press 1992); Borrabeck, Antibody Engineering, 2d ed. (Oxford University Press 1995); each of which is incorporated herein by reference).

An "antibody that binds to the same epitope" as a reference antibody refers to an antibody that blocks binding of the reference antibody to its antigen in a competition assay by 50% or more, and conversely, the reference antibody blocks binding of the antibody to its antigen in a competition assay by 50% or more. Antibody competition assays are known, and an exemplary competition assay is provided herein.

A "humanized" antibody or antigen binding fragment includes a human framework region and one or more CDRs from a non-human (such as a mouse, rat, or synthetic) antibody or antigen binding fragment. The non-human antibody or antigen binding fragment providing the CDRs is

termed a "donor," and the human antibody or antigen binding fragment providing the framework is termed an "acceptor." In one embodiment, all the CDRs are from the donor immunoglobulin in a humanized immunoglobulin. Constant regions need not be present, but if they are, they can be substantially identical to human immunoglobulin constant regions, such as at least about 85-90%, such as about 95% or more identical. Hence, all parts of a humanized antibody or antigen binding fragment, except possibly the CDRs, are substantially identical to corresponding parts of natural human antibody sequences.

A "chimeric antibody" is an antibody which includes sequences derived from two different antibodies, which typically are of different species. In some examples, a chimeric antibody includes one or more CDRs and/or framework regions from one human antibody and CDRs and/or framework regions from another human antibody.

A "fully human antibody" or "human antibody" is an antibody which includes sequences from (or derived from) the human genome, and does not include sequence from another species. In some embodiments, a human antibody includes CDRs, framework regions, and (if present) an Fc region from (or derived from) the human genome. Human antibodies can be identified and isolated using technologies for creating antibodies based on sequences derived from the human genome, for example by phage display or using transgenic animals (see, e.g., Barbas et al. Phage display: A Laboratory Manuel. 1st Ed. New York: Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, 2004. Print.; Lonberg, Nat. Biotech., 23: 1117-1125, 2005; Lonenberg, Curr. Opin. Immunol., 20:450-459, 2008).

An antibody may have one or more binding sites. If there is more than one binding site, the binding sites may be identical to one another or may be different. For instance, a naturally-occurring immunoglobulin has two identical binding sites, a single-chain antibody or Fab fragment has one binding site, while a bispecific or bifunctional antibody has two different binding sites.

Methods of testing antibodies for the ability to bind to any functional portion of the CAR are known in the art and include any antibody-antigen binding assay, such as, for example, radioimmunoassay (RIA), ELISA, Western blot, immunoprecipitation, and competitive inhibition assays (see, e.g., Janeway et al., *infra*, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0197266 Al, and U.S. Patent No. 7,338,929).

Also, a CAR, a T cell expressing a CAR, an antibody, or antigen binding portion thereof, can be modified to comprise a detectable label, such as, for instance, a radioisotope, a fluorophore (e.g., fluorescein isothiocyanate (FITC), phycoerythrin (PE)), an enzyme (e.g., alkaline phosphatase, horseradish peroxidase), and element particles (e.g., gold particles).

C. Conjugates

A CAR, a T cell expressing a CAR, or monoclonal antibodies, or antigen binding fragments thereof, specific for one or more of the antigens disclosed herein, can be conjugated to an agent, such as an effector molecule or detectable marker, using any number of means known to those of skill in the art. Both covalent and noncovalent attachment means may be used. Conjugates include, but are not limited to, molecules in which there is a covalent linkage of an effector molecule or a detectable marker to an antibody or antigen binding fragment that specifically binds one or more of the antigens disclosed herein. One of skill in the art will appreciate that various effector molecules and detectable markers can be used, including (but not limited to) chemotherapeutic agents, anti-angiogenic agents, toxins, radioactive agents such as ¹²⁵I, ³²P, ¹⁴C, ³H and ³⁵S and other labels, target moieties and ligands, etc.

The choice of a particular effector molecule or detectable marker depends on the particular target molecule or cell, and the desired biological effect. Thus, for example, the effector molecule can be a cytotoxin that is used to bring about the death of a particular target cell (such as a tumor cell).

The procedure for attaching an effector molecule or detectable marker to an antibody or antigen binding fragment varies according to the chemical structure of the effector. Polypeptides typically contain a variety of functional groups; such as carboxylic acid (COOH), free amine (-NH₂) or sulfhydryl (-SH) groups, which are available for reaction with a suitable functional group on an antibody to result in the binding of the effector molecule or detectable marker. Alternatively, the antibody or antigen binding fragment is derivatized to expose or attach additional reactive functional groups. The derivatization may involve attachment of any of a number of known linker molecules such as those available from Pierce Chemical Company, Rockford, IL. The linker can be any molecule used to join the antibody or antigen binding fragment to the effector molecule or detectable marker. The linker is capable of forming covalent bonds to both the antibody or antigen binding fragment and to the effector molecule or detectable marker. Suitable linkers are well known to those of skill in the art and include, but are not limited to, straight or branched-chain carbon linkers, heterocyclic carbon linkers, or peptide linkers. Where the antibody or antigen binding fragment and the effector molecule or detectable marker are polypeptides, the linkers may be joined to the constituent amino acids through their side groups (such as through a disulfide linkage to cysteine) or to the alpha carbon amino and carboxyl groups of the terminal amino acids.

In several embodiments, the linker can include a spacer element, which, when present, increases the size of the linker such that the distance between the effector molecule or the detectable marker and the antibody or antigen binding fragment is increased. Exemplary spacers are known to the person of ordinary skill, and include those listed in U.S. Pat. Nos. 7,964,5667, 498,298, 6,884,869, 6,323,315, 6,239,104, 6,034,065, 5,780,588, 5,665,860, 5,663,149, 5,635,483, 5,599,902, 5,554,725, 5,530,097, 5,521,284, 5,504,191, 5,410,024, 5,138,036, 5,076,973, 4,986,988, 4,978,744, 4,879,278, 4,816,444, and 4,486,414, as well as U.S. Pat. Pub. Nos. 20110212088 and 20110070248, each of which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

In some embodiments, the linker is cleavable under intracellular conditions, such that cleavage of the linker releases the effector molecule or detectable marker from the antibody or antigen binding fragment in the intracellular environment. In yet other embodiments, the linker is not cleavable and the effector molecule or detectable marker is released, for example, by antibody degradation. In some embodiments, the linker is cleavable by a cleaving agent that is present in the intracellular environment (for example, within a lysosome or endosome or caveolea). The linker can be, for example, a peptide linker that is cleaved by an intracellular peptidase or protease enzyme, including, but not limited to, a lysosomal or endosomal protease. In some embodiments, the peptide linker is at least two amino acids long or at least three amino acids long. However, the linker can be 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 or 15 amino acids long, such as 1-2, 1-3, 2-5, 3-10, 3-15, 1-5, 1-10, 1-15 amino acids long. Proteases can include cathepsins B and D and plasmin, all of which are known to hydrolyze dipeptide drug derivatives resulting in the release of active drug inside target cells (see, for example, Dubowchik and Walker, 1999, Pharm. Therapeutics 83:67-123). For example, a peptide linker that is cleavable by the thiol-dependent protease cathepsin-B, can be used (for example, a Phenylalanine -Leucine or a Glycine- Phenylalanine -Leucine-Glycine linker). Other examples of such linkers are described, for example, in U.S. Pat. No. 6,214,345, incorporated herein by reference. In a specific embodiment, the peptide linker cleavable by an intracellular protease is a Valine-Citruline linker or a Phenylalanine-Lysine linker (see, for example, U.S. Pat. No. 6,214,345, which describes the synthesis of doxorubicin with the Valine-Citruline linker).

In other embodiments, the cleavable linker is pH-sensitive, i.e., sensitive to hydrolysis at certain pH values. Typically, the pH-sensitive linker is hydrolyzable under acidic conditions. For example, an acid-labile linker that is hydrolyzable in the lysosome (for example, a hydrazone, semicarbazone, thiosemicarbazone, cis-aconitic amide, orthoester, acetal, ketal, or the like) can be used. (See, for example, U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,122,368; 5,824,805; 5,622,929; Dubowchik and Walker,

1999, Pharm. Therapeutics 83:67-123; Neville et al., 1989, Biol. Chem. 264:14653-14661.) Such linkers are relatively stable under neutral pH conditions, such as those in the blood, but are unstable at below pH 5.5 or 5.0, the approximate pH of the lysosome. In certain embodiments, the hydrolyzable linker is a thioether linker (such as, for example, a thioether attached to the therapeutic agent via an acylhydrazone bond (see, for example, U.S. Pat. No. 5,622,929).

In other embodiments, the linker is cleavable under reducing conditions (for example, a disulfide linker). A variety of disulfide linkers are known in the art, including, for example, those that can be formed using SATA (N-succinimidyl-S-acetylthioacetate), SPDP (N-succinimidyl-3-(2-pyridyldithio)propionate), SPDB (N-succinimidyl-3-(2-pyridyldithio)butyrate) and SMPT (N-succinimidyl-oxycarbonyl-alpha-methyl-alpha-(2-pyridyl-dithio)toluene)-, SPDB and SMPT. (See, for example, Thorpe et al., 1987, Cancer Res. 47:5924-5931; Wawrzynczak et al., In Immunoconjugates: Antibody Conjugates in Radioimagery and Therapy of Cancer (C. W. Vogel ed., Oxford U. Press, 1987); Phillips et al., Cancer Res. 68:92809290, 2008). See also U.S. Pat. No. 4,880,935.)

In yet other specific embodiments, the linker is a malonate linker (Johnson et al., 1995, Anticancer Res. 15:1387-93), a maleimidobenzoyl linker (Lau et al., 1995, Bioorg-Med-Chem. 3(10):1299-1304), or a 3'-N-amide analog (Lau et al., 1995, Bioorg-Med-Chem. 3(10):1305-12).

In yet other embodiments, the linker is not cleavable and the effector molecule or detectable marker is released by antibody degradation. (See U.S. Publication No. 2005/0238649 incorporated by reference herein in its entirety).

In several embodiments, the linker is resistant to cleavage in an extracellular environment. For example, no more than about 20%, no more than about 15%, no more than about 10%, no more than about 5%, no more than about 3%, or no more than about 1% of the linkers, in a sample of conjugate, are cleaved when the conjugate is present in an extracellular environment (for example, in plasma). Whether or not a linker is resistant to cleavage in an extracellular environment can be determined, for example, by incubating the conjugate containing the linker of interest with plasma for a predetermined time period (for example, 2, 4, 8, 16, or 24 hours) and then quantitating the amount of free effector molecule or detectable marker present in the plasma. A variety of exemplary linkers that can be used in conjugates are described in WO 2004-010957, U.S. Publication No. 2006/0074008, U.S. Publication No. 20050238649, and U.S. Publication No. 2006/0024317, each of which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

In several embodiments, conjugates of a CAR, a T cell expressing a CAR, an antibody, or antigen binding portion thereof, and one or more small molecule toxins, such as a calicheamicin,

may tansinoids, dolastatins, auristatins, a trichothecene, and CC1065, and the derivatives of these toxins that have toxin activity, are provided.

Maytansine compounds suitable for use as maytansinoid toxin moieties are well known in the art, and can be isolated from natural sources according to known methods, produced using genetic engineering techniques (see Yu et al (2002) PNAS 99:7968-7973), or maytansinol and maytansinol analogues prepared synthetically according to known methods. Maytansinoids are mitototic inhibitors which act by inhibiting tubulin polymerization. Maytansine was first isolated from the east African shrub Maytenus serrata (U.S. Pat. No. 3,896,111). Subsequently, it was discovered that certain microbes also produce maytansinoids, such as maytansinol and C-3 maytansinol esters (U.S. Pat. No. 4,151,042). Synthetic maytansinol and derivatives and analogues thereof are disclosed, for example, in U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,137,230; 4,248,870; 4,256,746; 4,260,608; 4,265,814; 4,294,757; 4,307,016; 4,308,268; 4,308,269; 4,309,428; 4,313,946; 4,315,929; 4,317,821; 4,322,348; 4,331,598; 4,361,650; 4,364,866; 4,424,219; 4,450,254; 4,362,663; and 4,371,533, each of which is incorporated herein by reference. Conjugates containing maytansinoids, methods of making same, and their therapeutic use are disclosed, for example, in U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,208,020; 5,416,064; 6,441,163 and European Patent EP 0 425 235 B1, the disclosures of which are hereby expressly incorporated by reference.

Additional toxins can be employed with a CAR, a T cell expressing a CAR, an antibody, or antigen binding portion thereof. Exemplary toxins include Pseudomonas exotoxin (PE), ricin, abrin, diphtheria toxin and subunits thereof, ribotoxin, ribonuclease, saporin, and calicheamicin, as well as botulinum toxins A through F. These toxins are well known in the art and many are readily available from commercial sources (for example, Sigma Chemical Company, St. Louis, MO). Contemplated toxins also include variants of the toxins (see, for example, see, U.S. Patent Nos. 5,079,163 and 4,689,401).

Saporin is a toxin derived from Saponaria officinalis that disrupts protein synthesis by inactivating the 60S portion of the ribosomal complex (Stirpe et al., Bio/Technology, 10:405-412, 1992). However, the toxin has no mechanism for specific entry into cells, and therefore requires conjugation to an antibody or antigen binding fragment that recognizes a cell-surface protein that is internalized in order to be efficiently taken up by cells.

Diphtheria toxin is isolated from Corynebacterium diphtheriae. Typically, diphtheria toxin for use in immunotoxins is mutated to reduce or to eliminate non-specific toxicity. A mutant known as CRM107, which has full enzymatic activity but markedly reduced non-specific toxicity, has been known since the 1970's (Laird and Groman, J. Virol. 19:220, 1976), and has been used in human clinical trials. See, U.S. Patent No. 5,792,458 and U.S. Patent No. 5,208,021.

Ricin is the lectin RCA60 from Ricinus communis (Castor bean). For examples of ricin, see, U.S. Patent No. 5,079,163 and U.S. Patent No. 4,689,401. Ricinus communis agglutinin (RCA) occurs in two forms designated RCA₆₀ and RCA₁₂₀ according to their molecular weights of approximately 65 and 120 kD, respectively (Nicholson & Blaustein, J. Biochim. Biophys. Acta 266:543, 1972). The A chain is responsible for inactivating protein synthesis and killing cells. The B chain binds ricin to cell-surface galactose residues and facilitates transport of the A chain into the cytosol (Olsnes et al., Nature 249:627-631, 1974 and U.S. Patent No. 3,060,165).

Ribonucleases have also been conjugated to targeting molecules for use as immunotoxins (see Suzuki et al., Nat. Biotech. 17:265-70, 1999). Exemplary ribotoxins such as α-sarcin and restrictocin are discussed in, for example Rathore et al., Gene 190:31-5, 1997; and Goyal and Batra, Biochem. 345 Pt 2:247-54, 2000. Calicheamicins were first isolated from Micromonospora echinospora and are members of the enediyne antitumor antibiotic family that cause double strand breaks in DNA that lead to apoptosis (see, for example Lee et al., J. Antibiot. 42:1070-87,1989). The drug is the toxic moiety of an immunotoxin in clinical trials (see, for example, Gillespie et al., Ann. Oncol. 11:735-41, 2000).

Abrin includes toxic lectins from Abrus precatorius. The toxic principles, abrin a, b, c, and d, have a molecular weight of from about 63 and 67 kD and are composed of two disulfide-linked polypeptide chains A and B. The A chain inhibits protein synthesis; the B chain (abrin-b) binds to D-galactose residues (see, Funatsu et al., Agr. Biol. Chem. 52:1095, 1988; and Olsnes, Methods Enzymol. 50:330-335, 1978).

A CAR, a T cell expressing a CAR, monoclonal antibodies, antigen binding fragments thereof, specific for one or more of the antigens disclosed herein, can also be conjugated with a detectable marker; for example, a detectable marker capable of detection by ELISA, spectrophotometry, flow cytometry, microscopy or diagnostic imaging techniques (such as computed tomography (CT), computed axial tomography (CAT) scans, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), nuclear magnetic resonance imaging NMRI), magnetic resonance tomography (MTR), ultrasound, fiberoptic examination, and laparoscopic examination). Specific, non-limiting examples of detectable markers include fluorophores, chemiluminescent agents, enzymatic linkages, radioactive isotopes and heavy metals or compounds (for example super paramagnetic iron oxide nanocrystals for detection by MRI). For example, useful detectable markers include fluorescent compounds, including fluorescein, fluorescein isothiocyanate, rhodamine, 5-dimethylamine-1-napthalenesulfonyl chloride, phycoerythrin, lanthanide phosphors and the like. Bioluminescent markers are also of use, such as luciferase, Green fluorescent protein (GFP), Yellow fluorescent protein (YFP). A CAR, a T cell expressing a CAR, an antibody, or antigen

binding portion thereof, can also be conjugated with enzymes that are useful for detection, such as horseradish peroxidase, β-galactosidase, luciferase, alkaline phosphatase, glucose oxidase and the like. When a CAR, a T cell expressing a CAR, an antibody, or antigen binding portion thereof, is conjugated with a detectable enzyme, it can be detected by adding additional reagents that the enzyme uses to produce a reaction product that can be discerned. For example, when the agent horseradish peroxidase is present the addition of hydrogen peroxide and diaminobenzidine leads to a colored reaction product, which is visually detectable. A CAR, a T cell expressing a CAR, an antibody, or antigen binding portion thereof, may also be conjugated with biotin, and detected through indirect measurement of avidin or streptavidin binding. It should be noted that the avidin itself can be conjugated with an enzyme or a fluorescent label.

A CAR, a T cell expressing a CAR, an antibody, or antigen binding portion thereof, may be conjugated with a paramagnetic agent, such as gadolinium. Paramagnetic agents such as superparamagnetic iron oxide are also of use as labels. Antibodies can also be conjugated with lanthanides (such as europium and dysprosium), and manganese. An antibody or antigen binding fragment may also be labeled with a predetermined polypeptide epitopes recognized by a secondary reporter (such as leucine zipper pair sequences, binding sites for secondary antibodies, metal binding domains, epitope tags).

A CAR, a T cell expressing a CAR, an antibody, or antigen binding portion thereof, can also be conjugated with a radiolabeled amino acid. The radiolabel may be used for both diagnostic and therapeutic purposes. For instance, the radiolabel may be used to detect one or more of the antigens disclosed herein and antigen expressing cells by x-ray, emission spectra, or other diagnostic techniques. Further, the radiolabel may be used therapeutically as a toxin for treatment of tumors in a subject, for example for treatment of a neuroblastoma. Examples of labels for polypeptides include, but are not limited to, the following radioisotopes or radionucleotides: ³H, ¹⁴C, ¹⁵N, ³⁵S, ⁹⁰Y, ⁹⁹Tc, ¹¹¹In, ¹²⁵I, ¹³¹I.

Means of detecting such detectable markers are well known to those of skill in the art. Thus, for example, radiolabels may be detected using photographic film or scintillation counters, fluorescent markers may be detected using a photodetector to detect emitted illumination. Enzymatic labels are typically detected by providing the enzyme with a substrate and detecting the reaction product produced by the action of the enzyme on the substrate, and colorimetric labels are detected by simply visualizing the colored label.

D. Nucleotides, Expression, Vectors, and Host Cells

Further provided by an embodiment of the invention is a nucleic acid comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding any of the CARs, an antibody, or antigen binding portion thereof, described herein (including functional portions and functional variants thereof). The nucleic acids of the invention may comprise a nucleotide sequence encoding any of the leader sequences, antigen binding domains, transmembrane domains, and/or intracellular T cell signaling domains described herein.

In some embodiments, the nucleotide sequence may be codon-modified. Without being bound to a particular theory, it is believed that codon optimization of the nucleotide sequence increases the translation efficiency of the mRNA transcripts. Codon optimization of the nucleotide sequence may involve substituting a native codon for another codon that encodes the same amino acid, but can be translated by tRNA that is more readily available within a cell, thus increasing translation efficiency. Optimization of the nucleotide sequence may also reduce secondary mRNA structures that would interfere with translation, thus increasing translation efficiency.

In an embodiment of the invention, the nucleic acid may comprise a codon-modified nucleotide sequence that encodes the antigen binding domain of the inventive CAR. In another embodiment of the invention, the nucleic acid may comprise a codon-modified nucleotide sequence that encodes any of the CARs described herein (including functional portions and functional variants thereof).

"Nucleic acid" as used herein includes "polynucleotide," "oligonucleotide," and "nucleic acid molecule," and generally means a polymer of DNA or RNA, which can be single-stranded or double-stranded, synthesized or obtained (e.g., isolated and/or purified) from natural sources, which can contain natural, non-natural or altered nucleotides, and which can contain a natural, non-natural or altered internucleotide linkage, such as a phosphoroamidate linkage or a phosphorothioate linkage, instead of the phosphodiester found between the nucleotides of an unmodified oligonucleotide. In some embodiments, the nucleic acid does not comprise any insertions, deletions, inversions, and/or substitutions. However, it may be suitable in some instances, as discussed herein, for the nucleic acid to comprise one or more insertions, deletions, inversions, and/or substitutions.

A recombinant nucleic acid may be one that has a sequence that is not naturally occurring or has a sequence that is made by an artificial combination of two otherwise separated segments of sequence. This artificial combination is often accomplished by chemical synthesis or, more commonly, by the artificial manipulation of isolated segments of nucleic acids, e.g., by genetic

engineering techniques, such as those described in Sambrook et al., supra. The nucleic acids can be constructed based on chemical synthesis and/or enzymatic ligation reactions using procedures known in the art. See, for example, Sambrook et al., supra, and Ausubel et al., supra. For example, a nucleic acid can be chemically synthesized using naturally occurring nucleotides or variously modified nucleotides designed to increase the biological stability of the molecules or to increase the physical stability of the duplex formed upon hybridization (e.g., phosphorothioate derivatives and acridine substituted nucleotides). Examples of modified nucleotides that can be used to generate the nucleic acids include, but are not limited to, 5-fluorouracil, 5-bromouracil, 5chlorouracil, 5-iodouracil, hypoxanthine, xanthine, 4-acetylcytosine, 5-(carboxyhydroxymethyl) 5-carboxy methylaminomethyl-2-thiouridine, 5-carboxymethylaminomethyluracil, uracil, dihydrouracil, beta-D-galactosylqueosine, inosine, N6-isopentenyladenine, 1-methylguanine, 1methylinosine, 2,2-dimethylguanine, 2-methyladenine, 2-methylguanine, 3-methylcytosine, 5methylcytosine, N6-substituted adenine, 7-methylguanine, 5-methylaminomethyluracil, 5methoxyaminomethyl-2-thiouracil, beta-D-mannosylqueosine, 5'-methoxycarboxymethyluracil, 5methoxyuracil, 2-methylthio-N6-isopentenyladenine, uracil-5-oxyacetic acid (v), wybutoxosine, pseudouracil, queosine, 2-thiocytosine, 5-methyl-2-thiouracil, 2-thiouracil, 4-thiouracil, 5methyluracil, uracil-5-oxyacetic acid methylester, 3- (3-amino-3-N-2-carboxypropyl) uracil, and 2,6-diaminopurine. Alternatively, one or more of the nucleic acids of the invention can be purchased from companies, such as Integrated DNA Technologies (Coralville, IA, USA).

The nucleic acid can comprise any isolated or purified nucleotide sequence which encodes any of the CARs or functional portions or functional variants thereof. Alternatively, the nucleotide sequence can comprise a nucleotide sequence which is degenerate to any of the sequences or a combination of degenerate sequences.

An embodiment also provides an isolated or purified nucleic acid comprising a nucleotide sequence which is complementary to the nucleotide sequence of any of the nucleic acids described herein or a nucleotide sequence which hybridizes under stringent conditions to the nucleotide sequence of any of the nucleic acids described herein.

The nucleotide sequence which hybridizes under stringent conditions may hybridize under high stringency conditions. By "high stringency conditions" is meant that the nucleotide sequence specifically hybridizes to a target sequence (the nucleotide sequence of any of the nucleic acids described herein) in an amount that is detectably stronger than non-specific hybridization. High stringency conditions include conditions which would distinguish a polynucleotide with an exact complementary sequence, or one containing only a few scattered mismatches from a random sequence that happened to have a few small regions (e.g., 3-10 bases) that matched the nucleotide

sequence. Such small regions of complementarity are more easily melted than a full-length complement of 14-17 or more bases, and high stringency hybridization makes them easily distinguishable. Relatively high stringency conditions would include, for example, low salt and/or high temperature conditions, such as provided by about 0.02-0.1 M NaCl or the equivalent, at temperatures of about 50-70 °C. Such high stringency conditions tolerate little, if any, mismatch between the nucleotide sequence and the template or target strand, and are particularly suitable for detecting expression of any of the inventive CARs. It is generally appreciated that conditions can be rendered more stringent by the addition of increasing amounts of formamide.

Also provided is a nucleic acid comprising a nucleotide sequence that is at least about 70% or more, e.g., about 80%, about 90%, about 91 %, about 92%, about 93%, about 94%, about 95%, about 96%, about 97%, about 98%, or about 99% identical to any of the nucleic acids described herein.

In an embodiment, the nucleic acids can be incorporated into a recombinant expression vector. In this regard, an embodiment provides recombinant expression vectors comprising any of the nucleic acids. For purposes herein, the term "recombinant expression vector" means a genetically-modified oligonucleotide or polynucleotide construct that permits the expression of an mRNA, protein, polypeptide, or peptide by a host cell, when the construct comprises a nucleotide sequence encoding the mRNA, protein, polypeptide, or peptide, and the vector is contacted with the cell under conditions sufficient to have the mRNA, protein, polypeptide, or peptide expressed within the cell. The vectors are not naturally-occurring as a whole.

However, parts of the vectors can be naturally-occurring. The recombinant expression vectors can comprise any type of nucleotides, including, but not limited to DNA and RNA, which can be single-stranded or double- stranded, synthesized or obtained in part from natural sources, and which can contain natural, non-natural or altered nucleotides. The recombinant expression vectors can comprise naturally-occurring or non-naturally-occurring internucleotide linkages, or both types of linkages. Preferably, the non-naturally occurring or altered nucleotides or internucleotide linkages do not hinder the transcription or replication of the vector.

In an embodiment, the recombinant expression vector can be any suitable recombinant expression vector, and can be used to transform or transfect any suitable host cell. Suitable vectors include those designed for propagation and expansion or for expression or both, such as plasmids and viruses. The vector can be selected from the group consisting of the pUC series (Fermentas Life Sciences, Glen Burnie, MD), the pBluescript series (Stratagene, LaJolla, CA), the pET series (Novagen, Madison, WI), the pGEX series (Pharmacia Biotech, Uppsala, Sweden), and the pEX series (Clontech, Palo Alto, CA).

Bacteriophage vectors, such as λΰΤΙΟ, λῦΤΙ 1, λΖαρΙΙ (Stratagene), EMBL4, and λNΜΙ 149, also can be used. Examples of plant expression vectors include pBIOl, pBI101.2, pBHOl .3, pBI121 and pBIN19 (Clontech). Examples of animal expression vectors include pEUK-Cl, pMAM, and pMAMneo (Clontech). The recombinant expression vector may be a viral vector, e.g., a retroviral vector or a lentiviral vector. A lentiviral vector is a vector derived from at least a portion of a lentivirus genome, including especially a self-inactivating lentiviral vector as provided in Milone et al., Mol. Ther. 17(8): 1453-1464 (2009). Other examples of lentivirus vectors that may be used in the clinic, include, for example, and not by way of limitation, the LENTIVECTOR.RTM. gene delivery technology from Oxford BioMedica plc, the LENTIMAX.TM. vector system from Lentigen and the like. Nonclinical types of lentiviral vectors are also available and would be known to one skilled in the art.

A number of transfection techniques are generally known in the art (see, e.g., Graham et al., Virology, 52: 456-467 (1973); Sambrook et al., supra; Davis et al., Basic Methods in Molecular Biology, Elsevier (1986); and Chu et al, Gene, 13: 97 (1981).

Transfection methods include calcium phosphate co-precipitation (see, e.g., Graham et al., supra), direct micro injection into cultured cells (see, e.g., Capecchi, Cell, 22: 479-488 (1980)), electroporation (see, e.g., Shigekawa et al., BioTechniques, 6: 742-751 (1988)), liposome mediated gene transfer (see, e.g., Mannino et al., BioTechniques, 6: 682-690 (1988)), lipid mediated transduction (see, e.g., Feigner et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 84: 7413-7417 (1987)), and nucleic acid delivery using high velocity microprojectiles (see, e.g., Klein et al, Nature, 327: 70-73 (1987)).

In an embodiment, the recombinant expression vectors can be prepared using standard recombinant DNA techniques described in, for example, Sambrook et al., supra, and Ausubel et al., supra. Constructs of expression vectors, which are circular or linear, can be prepared to contain a replication system functional in a prokaryotic or eukaryotic host cell. Replication systems can be derived, e.g., from ColEl, 2 μ plasmid, λ , SV40, bovine papilloma virus, and the like.

The recombinant expression vector may comprise regulatory sequences, such as transcription and translation initiation and termination codons, which are specific to the type of host cell (e.g., bacterium, fungus, plant, or animal) into which the vector is to be introduced, as appropriate, and taking into consideration whether the vector is DNA- or RNA-based. The recombinant expression vector may comprise restriction sites to facilitate cloning.

The recombinant expression vector can include one or more marker genes, which allow for selection of transformed or transfected host cells. Marker genes include biocide resistance, e.g.,

resistance to antibiotics, heavy metals, etc., complementation in an auxotrophic host to provide prototrophy, and the like. Suitable marker genes for the inventive expression vectors include, for instance, neomycin/G418 resistance genes, hygromycin resistance genes, histidinol resistance genes, tetracycline resistance genes, and ampicillin resistance genes.

The recombinant expression vector can comprise a native or nonnative promoter operably linked to the nucleotide sequence encoding the CAR (including functional portions and functional variants thereof), or to the nucleotide sequence which is complementary to or which hybridizes to the nucleotide sequence encoding the CAR. The selection of promoters, e.g., strong, weak, inducible, tissue-specific and developmental-specific, is within the ordinary skill of the artisan. Similarly, the combining of a nucleotide sequence with a promoter is also within the skill of the artisan. The promoter can be a non-viral promoter or a viral promoter, e.g., a cytomegalovirus (CMV) promoter, an SV40 promoter, an RSV promoter, or a promoter found in the long-terminal repeat of the murine stem cell virus.

The recombinant expression vectors can be designed for either transient expression, for stable expression, or for both. Also, the recombinant expression vectors can be made for constitutive expression or for inducible expression.

Further, the recombinant expression vectors can be made to include a suicide gene. As used herein, the term "suicide gene" refers to a gene that causes the cell expressing the suicide gene to die. The suicide gene can be a gene that confers sensitivity to an agent, e.g., a drug, upon the cell in which the gene is expressed, and causes the cell to die when the cell is contacted with or exposed to the agent. Suicide genes are known in the art (see, for example, Suicide Gene Therapy: Methods and Reviews, Springer, Caroline J. (Cancer Research UK Centre for Cancer Therapeutics at the Institute of Cancer Research, Sutton, Surrey, UK), Humana Press, 2004) and include, for example, the Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV) thymidine kinase (TK) gene, cytosine daminase, purine nucleoside phosphorylase, and nitroreductase.

An embodiment further provides a host cell comprising any of the recombinant expression vectors described herein. As used herein, the term "host cell" refers to any type of cell that can contain the inventive recombinant expression vector. The host cell can be a eukaryotic cell, e.g., plant, animal, fungi, or algae, or can be a prokaryotic cell, e.g., bacteria or protozoa. The host cell can be a cultured cell or a primary cell, i.e., isolated directly from an organism, e.g., a human. The host cell can be an adherent cell or a suspended cell, i.e., a cell that grows in suspension. Suitable host cells are known in the art and include, for instance, DH5a E. coli cells, Chinese hamster ovarian cells, monkey VERO cells, COS cells, HEK293 cells, and the like. For purposes of amplifying or replicating the recombinant expression vector, the host cell may be a prokaryotic

cell, e.g., a DH5a cell. For purposes of producing a recombinant CAR, the host cell may be a mammalian cell. The host cell may be a human cell. While the host cell can be of any cell type, can originate from any type of tissue, and can be of any developmental stage, the host cell may be a peripheral blood lymphocyte (PBL) or a peripheral blood mononuclear cell (PBMC). The host cell may be a T cell.

For purposes herein, the T cell can be any T cell, such as a cultured T cell, e.g., a primary T cell, or a T cell from a cultured T cell line, e.g., Jurkat, SupTl, etc., or a T cell obtained from a mammal. If obtained from a mammal, the T cell can be obtained from numerous sources, including but not limited to blood, bone marrow, lymph node, the thymus, or other tissues or fluids. T cells can also be enriched for or purified. The T cell may be a human T cell. The T cell may be a T cell isolated from a human. The T cell can be any type of T cell and can be of any developmental stage, including but not limited to, CD4⁺/CD8⁺ double positive T cells, CD4⁺ helper T cells, e.g., Th1 and Th2 cells, CD8⁺ T cells (e.g., cytotoxic T cells), tumor infiltrating cells, memory T cells, memory stem cells, i.e. Tscm, naive T cells, and the like. The T cell may be a CD8⁺ T cell or a CD4⁺ T cell.

In an embodiment, the CARs as described herein can be used in suitable non-T cells. Such cells are those with an immune-effector function, such as, for example, NK cells, and T-like cells generated from pluripotent stem cells.

Also provided by an embodiment is a population of cells comprising at least one host cell described herein. The population of cells can be a heterogeneous population comprising the host cell comprising any of the recombinant expression vectors described, in addition to at least one other cell, e.g., a host cell (e.g., a T cell), which does not comprise any of the recombinant expression vectors, or a cell other than a T cell, e.g., a B cell, a macrophage, a neutrophil, an erythrocyte, a hepatocyte, an endothelial cell, an epithelial cell, a muscle cell, a brain cell, etc. Alternatively, the population of cells can be a substantially homogeneous population, in which the population comprises mainly host cells (e.g., consisting essentially of) comprising the recombinant expression vector. The population also can be a clonal population of cells, in which all cells of the population are clones of a single host cell comprising a recombinant expression vector, such that all cells of the population comprise the recombinant expression vector. In one embodiment of the invention, the population of cells is a clonal population comprising host cells comprising a recombinant expression vector as described herein.

CARs (including functional portions and variants thereof), nucleic acids, recombinant expression vectors, host cells (including populations thereof), and antibodies (including antigen binding portions thereof), can be isolated and/or purified. For example, a purified (or isolated)

host cell preparation is one in which the host cell is more pure than cells in their natural environment within the body. Such host cells may be produced, for example, by standard purification techniques. In some embodiments, a preparation of a host cell is purified such that the host cell represents at least about 50%, for example at least about 70%, of the total cell content of the preparation. For example, the purity can be at least about 50%, can be greater than about 60%, about 70% or about 80%, or can be about 100%.

E. Methods of Treatment

It is contemplated that the CARs disclosed herein can be used in methods of treating or preventing a disease in a mammal. In this regard, an embodiment provides a method of treating or preventing cancer in a mammal, comprising administering to the mammal the CARs, the nucleic acids, the recombinant expression vectors, the host cells, the population of cells, the antibodies and/or the antigen binding portions thereof, and/or the pharmaceutical compositions in an amount effective to treat or prevent cancer in the mammal.

An embodiment further comprises lymphodepleting the mammal prior to administering the CARs disclosed herein. Examples of lymphodepletion include, but may not be limited to, nonmyeloablative lymphodepleting chemotherapy, myeloablative lymphodepleting chemotherapy, total body irradiation, etc.

For purposes of the methods, wherein host cells or populations of cells are administered, the cells can be cells that are allogeneic or autologous to the mammal. Preferably, the cells are autologous to the mammal. As used herein, allogeneic means any material derived from a different animal of the same species as the individual to whom the material is introduced. Two or more individuals are said to be allogeneic to one another when the genes at one or more loci are not identical. In some aspects, allogeneic material from individuals of the same species may be sufficiently unlike genetically to interact antigenically. As used herein, "autologous" means any material derived from the same individual to whom it is later to be re-introduced into the individual.

The mammal referred to herein can be any mammal. As used herein, the term "mammal" refers to any mammal, including, but not limited to, mammals of the order Rodentia, such as mice and hamsters, and mammals of the order Logomorpha, such as rabbits. The mammals may be from the order Carnivora, including Felines (cats) and Canines (dogs). The mammals may be from the order Artiodactyla, including Bovines (cows) and Swines (pigs) or of the order Perssodactyla,

including Equines (horses). The mammals may be of the order Primates, Ceboids, or Simoids (monkeys) or of the order Anthropoids (humans and apes). Preferably, the mammal is a human.

With respect to the methods, the cancer can be any cancer, including any of acute lymphocytic cancer, acute myeloid leukemia, alveolar rhabdomyosarcoma, bladder cancer (e.g., bladder carcinoma), bone cancer, brain cancer (e.g., meduloblastoma), breast cancer, cancer of the anus, anal canal, or anorectum, cancer of the eye, cancer of the intrahepatic bile duct, cancer of the joints, cancer of the neck, gallbladder, or pleura, cancer of the nose, nasal cavity, or middle ear, cancer of the oral cavity, cancer of the vulva, chronic lymphocytic leukemia, chronic myeloid cancer, colon cancer, esophageal cancer, cervical cancer, fibrosarcoma, gastrointestinal carcinoid tumor, head and neck cancer (e.g., head and neck squamous cell carcinoma), Hodgkin lymphoma, hypopharynx cancer, kidney cancer, larynx cancer, leukemia, liquid tumors, liver cancer, lung cancer (e.g., non-small cell lung carcinoma and lung adenocarcinoma), lymphoma, mesothelioma, mastocytoma, melanoma, multiple myeloma, nasopharynx cancer, non-Hodgkin lymphoma, Bchronic lymphocytic leukemia, hairy cell leukemia, acute lymphocytic leukemia (ALL), and Burkitt's lymphoma, ovarian cancer, pancreatic cancer, peritoneum, omentum, and mesentery cancer, pharynx cancer, prostate cancer, rectal cancer, renal cancer, skin cancer, small intestine cancer, soft tissue cancer, solid tumors, synovial sarcoma, gastric cancer, testicular cancer, thyroid cancer, and ureter cancer.

The terms "treat," and "prevent" as well as words stemming therefrom, as used herein, do not necessarily imply 100% or complete treatment or prevention. Rather, there are varying degrees of treatment or prevention of which one of ordinary skill in the art recognizes as having a potential benefit or therapeutic effect. In this respect, the methods can provide any amount or any level of treatment or prevention of cancer in a mammal.

Furthermore, the treatment or prevention provided by the method can include treatment or prevention of one or more conditions or symptoms of the disease, e.g., cancer, being treated or prevented. Also, for purposes herein, "prevention" can encompass delaying the onset of the disease, or a symptom or condition thereof.

Another embodiment provides a method of detecting the presence of cancer in a mammal, comprising: (a) contacting a sample comprising one or more cells from the mammal with the CARs, the nucleic acids, the recombinant expression vectors, the host cells, the population of cells, the antibodies, and/or the antigen binding portions thereof, or the pharmaceutical compositions, thereby forming a complex, (b) and detecting the complex, wherein detection of the complex is indicative of the presence of cancer in the mammal.

The sample may be obtained by any suitable method, e.g., biopsy or necropsy. A biopsy is the removal of tissue and/or cells from an individual. Such removal may be to collect tissue and/or cells from the individual in order to perform experimentation on the removed tissue and/or cells. This experimentation may include experiments to determine if the individual has and/or is suffering from a certain condition or disease-state. The condition or disease may be, e.g., cancer.

With respect to an embodiment of the method of detecting the presence of a proliferative disorder, e.g., cancer, in a mammal, the sample comprising cells of the mammal can be a sample comprising whole cells, lysates thereof, or a fraction of the whole cell lysates, e.g., a nuclear or cytoplasmic fraction, a whole protein fraction, or a nucleic acid fraction. If the sample comprises whole cells, the cells can be any cells of the mammal, e.g., the cells of any organ or tissue, including blood cells or endothelial cells.

The contacting can take place *in vitro* or *in vivo* with respect to the mammal. Preferably, the contacting is *in vitro*.

Also, detection of the complex can occur through any number of ways known in the art. For instance, the CARs disclosed herein, polypeptides, proteins, nucleic acids, recombinant expression vectors, host cells, populations of cells, or antibodies, or antigen binding portions thereof, described herein, can be labeled with a detectable label such as, for instance, a radioisotope, a fluorophore (e.g., fluorescein isothiocyanate (FITC), phycoerythrin (PE)), an enzyme (e.g., alkaline phosphatase, horseradish peroxidase), and element particles (e.g., gold particles) as disclosed *supra*.

Methods of testing a CAR for the ability to recognize target cells and for antigen specificity are known in the art. For instance, Clay et al., J. Immunol, 163: 507-513 (1999), teaches methods of measuring the release of cytokines (e.g., interferon-γ, granulocyte/monocyte colony stimulating factor (GM-CSF), tumor necrosis factor a (TNF-a) or interleukin 2 (IL-2)). In addition, CAR function can be evaluated by measurement of cellular cytotoxicity, as described in Zhao et al, J. Immunol, 174: 4415-4423 (2005).

Another embodiment provides for the use of the CARs, nucleic acids, recombinant expression vectors, host cells, populations of cells, antibodies, or antigen binding portions thereof, and/or pharmaceutical compositions of the invention, for the treatment or prevention of a proliferative disorder, e.g., cancer, in a mammal. The cancer may be any of the cancers described herein.

Any method of administration can be used for the disclosed therapeutic agents, including local and systemic administration. For example topical, oral, intravascular such as intravenous, intramuscular, intraperitoneal, intranasal, intradermal, intrathecal and subcutaneous administration

can be used. The particular mode of administration and the dosage regimen will be selected by the attending clinician, taking into account the particulars of the case (for example the subject, the disease, the disease state involved, and whether the treatment is prophylactic). In cases in which more than one agent or composition is being administered, one or more routes of administration may be used; for example, a chemotherapeutic agent may be administered orally and an antibody or antigen binding fragment or conjugate or composition may be administered intravenously. Methods of administration include injection for which the CAR, CAR T Cell, conjugates, antibodies, antigen binding fragments, or compositions are provided in a nontoxic pharmaceutically acceptable carrier such as water, saline. Ringer's solution, dextrose solution, 5% human serum albumin, fixed oils, ethyl oleate, or liposomes. In some embodiments, local administration of the disclosed compounds can be used, for instance by applying the antibody or antigen binding fragment to a region of tissue from which a tumor has been removed, or a region suspected of being prone to tumor development. In some embodiments, sustained intra-tumoral (or near-tumoral) release of the pharmaceutical preparation that includes a therapeutically effective amount of the antibody or antigen binding fragment may be beneficial. In other examples, the conjugate is applied as an eye drop topically to the cornea, or intravitreally into the eye.

The disclosed therapeutic agents can be formulated in unit dosage form suitable for individual administration of precise dosages. In addition, the disclosed therapeutic agents may be administered in a single dose or in a multiple dose schedule. A multiple dose schedule is one in which a primary course of treatment may be with more than one separate dose, for instance 1-10 doses, followed by other doses given at subsequent time intervals as needed to maintain or reinforce the action of the compositions. Treatment can involve daily or multi-daily doses of compound(s) over a period of a few days to months, or even years. Thus, the dosage regime will also, at least in part, be determined based on the particular needs of the subject to be treated and will be dependent upon the judgment of the administering practitioner.

Typical dosages of the antibodies or conjugates can range from about 0.01 to about 30 mg/kg, such as from about 0.1 to about 10 mg/kg.

In particular examples, the subject is administered a therapeutic composition that includes one or more of the conjugates, antibodies, compositions, CARs, CAR T cells or additional agents, on a multiple daily dosing schedule, such as at least two consecutive days, 10 consecutive days, and so forth, for example for a period of weeks, months, or years. In one example, the subject is administered the conjugates, antibodies, compositions or additional agents for a period of at least

30 days, such as at least 2 months, at least 4 months, at least 6 months, at least 12 months, at least 24 months, or at least 36 months.

In some embodiments, the disclosed methods include providing surgery, radiation therapy, and/or chemotherapeutics to the subject in combination with a disclosed antibody, antigen binding fragment, conjugate, CAR or T cell expressing a CAR (for example, sequentially, substantially simultaneously, or simultaneously). Methods and therapeutic dosages of such agents and treatments are known to those skilled in the art, and can be determined by a skilled clinician. Preparation and dosing schedules for the additional agent may be used according to manufacturer's instructions or as determined empirically by the skilled practitioner. Preparation and dosing schedules for such chemotherapy are also described in Chemotherapy Service, (1992) Ed., M. C. Perry, Williams & Wilkins, Baltimore, Md.

In some embodiments, the combination therapy can include administration of a therapeutically effective amount of an additional cancer inhibitor to a subject. Non-limiting examples of additional therapeutic agents that can be used with the combination therapy include microtubule binding agents, DNA intercalators or cross-linkers, DNA synthesis inhibitors, DNA and RNA transcription inhibitors, antibodies, enzymes, enzyme inhibitors, gene regulators, and angiogenesis inhibitors. These agents (which are administered at a therapeutically effective amount) and treatments can be used alone or in combination. For example, any suitable anticancer or anti-angiogenic agent can be administered in combination with the CARS, CAR- T cells, antibodies, antigen binding fragment, or conjugates disclosed herein. Methods and therapeutic dosages of such agents are known to those skilled in the art, and can be determined by a skilled clinician.

Additional chemotherapeutic agents include, but are not limited to alkylating agents, such as nitrogen mustards (for example, chlorambucil, chlormethine, cyclophosphamide, ifosfamide, and melphalan), nitrosoureas (for example, carmustine, fotemustine, lomustine, and streptozocin), platinum compounds (for example, carboplatin, cisplatin, oxaliplatin, and BBR3464), busulfan, dacarbazine, mechlorethamine, procarbazine, temozolomide, thiotepa, and uramustine; antimetabolites, such as folic acid (for example, methotrexate, pemetrexed, and raltitrexed), purine (for example, cladribine, clofarabine, fludarabine, mercaptopurine, and tioguanine), pyrimidine (for example, capecitabine), cytarabine, fluorouracil, and gemcitabine; plant alkaloids, such as podophyllum (for example, etoposide, and teniposide), taxane (for example, docetaxel and paclitaxel), vinca (for example, vinblastine, vincristine, vindesine, and vinorelbine); cytotoxic/antitumor antibiotics, such as anthracycline family members (for example, daunorubicin, doxorubicin, epirubicin, idarubicin, mitoxantrone, and valrubicin), bleomycin,

rifampicin, hydroxyurea, and mitomycin; topoisomerase inhibitors, such as topotecan and irinotecan; monoclonal antibodies, such as alemtuzumab, bevacizumab, cetuximab, gemtuzumab, rituximab, panitumumab, pertuzumab, and trastuzumab; photosensitizers, such as aminolevulinic acid, methyl aminolevulinate, porfimer sodium, and verteporfin; and other agents, such as alitretinoin, altretamine, amsacrine, anagrelide, arsenic trioxide, asparaginase, axitinib, bexarotene, bevacizumab, bortezomib, celecoxib, denileukin diftitox, erlotinib, estramustine, gefitinib, hydroxycarbamide, imatinib, lapatinib, pazopanib, pentostatin, masoprocol, mitotane, pegaspargase, tamoxifen, sorafenib, sunitinib, vemurafinib, vandetanib, and tretinoin. Selection and therapeutic dosages of such agents are known to those skilled in the art, and can be determined by a skilled clinician.

The combination therapy may provide synergy and prove synergistic, that is, the effect achieved when the active ingredients used together is greater than the sum of the effects that results from using the compounds separately. A synergistic effect may be attained when the active ingredients are: (1) co-formulated and administered or delivered simultaneously in a combined, unit dosage formulation; (2) delivered by alternation or in parallel as separate formulations; or (3) by some other regimen. When delivered in alternation, a synergistic effect may be attained when the compounds are administered or delivered sequentially, for example by different injections in separate syringes. In general, during alternation, an effective dosage of each active ingredient is administered sequentially, i.e. serially, whereas in combination therapy, effective dosages of two or more active ingredients are administered together.

In one embodiment, an effective amount of an antibody or antigen binding fragment that specifically binds to one or more of the antigens disclosed herein or a conjugate thereof is administered to a subject having a tumor following anti-cancer treatment. After a sufficient amount of time has elapsed to allow for the administered antibody or antigen binding fragment or conjugate to form an immune complex with the antigen expressed on the respective cancer cell, the immune complex is detected. The presence (or absence) of the immune complex indicates the effectiveness of the treatment. For example, an increase in the immune complex compared to a control taken prior to the treatment indicates that the treatment is not effective, whereas a decrease in the immune complex compared to a control taken prior to the treatment indicates that the treatment is effective.

F. Biopharmaceutical Compositions

Biopharmaceutical or biologics compositions (hereinafter, "compositions") are provided herein for use in gene therapy, immunotherapy and/or cell therapy that include one or more of the disclosed CARs, or T cells expressing a CAR, antibodies, antigen binding fragments, conjugates, CARs, or T cells expressing a CAR that specifically bind to one or more antigens disclosed herein, in a carrier (such as a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier). The compositions can be prepared in unit dosage forms for administration to a subject. The amount and timing of administration are at the discretion of the treating clinician to achieve the desired outcome. The compositions can be formulated for systemic (such as intravenus) or local (such as intra-tumor) administration. In one example, a disclosed CARs, or T cells expressing a CAR, antibody, antigen binding fragment, conjugate, is formulated for parenteral administration, such as intravenous administration. Compositions including a CAR, or T cell expressing a CAR, a conjugate, antibody or antigen binding fragment as disclosed herein are of use, for example, for the treatment and detection of a tumor, for example, and not by way of limitation, a neuroblastoma. In some examples, the compositions are useful for the treatment or detection of a carcinoma. The compositions including a CAR, or T cell expressing a CAR, a conjugate, antibody or antigen binding fragment as disclosed herein are also of use, for example, for the detection of pathological angiogenesis.

The compositions for administration can include a solution of the CAR, or T cell expressing a CAR, conjugate, antibody or antigen binding fragment dissolved in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, such as an aqueous carrier. A variety of aqueous carriers can be used, for example, buffered saline and the like. These solutions are sterile and generally free of undesirable matter. These compositions may be sterilized by conventional, well known sterilization techniques. The compositions may contain pharmaceutically acceptable auxiliary substances as required to approximate physiological conditions such as pH adjusting and buffering agents, toxicity adjusting agents, adjuvant agents, and the like, for example, sodium acetate, sodium chloride, potassium chloride, calcium chloride, sodium lactate and the like. The concentration of a CAR, or T cell expressing a CAR, antibody or antigen binding fragment or conjugate in these formulations can vary widely, and will be selected primarily based on fluid volumes, viscosities, body weight and the like in accordance with the particular mode of administration selected and the subject's needs. Actual methods of preparing such dosage forms for use in in gene therapy, immunotherapy and/or cell therapy are known, or will be apparent, to those skilled in the art.

A typical composition for intravenous administration includes about 0.01 to about 30 mg/kg of antibody or antigen binding fragment or conjugate per subject per day (or the corresponding dose of a CAR, or T cell expressing a CAR, conjugate including the antibody or antigen binding fragment). Actual methods for preparing administrable compositions will be known or apparent to those skilled in the art and are described in more detail in such publications as *Remington's Pharmaceutical Science*, 19th ed., Mack Publishing Company, Easton, PA (1995).

A CAR, or T cell expressing a CAR, antibodies, antigen binding fragments, or conjugates may be provided in lyophilized form and rehydrated with sterile water before administration, although they are also provided in sterile solutions of known concentration. The CARs, or T cells expressing a CAR, antibody or antigen binding fragment or conjugate solution is then added to an infusion bag containing 0.9% sodium chloride, USP, and in some cases administered at a dosage of from 0.5 to 15 mg/kg of body weight. Considerable experience is available in the art in the administration of antibody or antigen binding fragment and conjugate drugs; for example, antibody drugs have been marketed in the U.S. since the approval of RITUXAN® in 1997. A CAR, or T cell expressing a CAR, antibodies, antigen binding fragments and conjugates thereof can be administered by slow infusion, rather than in an intravenous push or bolus. In one example, a higher loading dose is administered, with subsequent, maintenance doses being administered at a lower level. For example, an initial loading dose of 4 mg/kg antibody or antigen binding fragment (or the corresponding dose of a conjugate including the antibody or antigen binding fragment) may be infused over a period of some 90 minutes, followed by weekly maintenance doses for 4-8 weeks of 2 mg/kg infused over a 30 minute period if the previous dose was well tolerated.

Controlled release parenteral formulations can be made as implants, oily injections, or as particulate systems. For a broad overview of protein delivery systems see, Banga, A.J., *Therapeutic Peptides and Proteins: Formulation, Processing, and Delivery Systems*, Technomic Publishing Company, Inc., Lancaster, PA, (1995). Particulate systems include microspheres, microparticles, microcapsules, nanocapsules, nanospheres, and nanoparticles. Microcapsules contain the therapeutic protein, such as a cytotoxin or a drug, as a central core. In microspheres, the therapeutic is dispersed throughout the particle. Particles, microspheres, and microcapsules smaller than about 1 µm are generally referred to as nanoparticles, nanospheres, and nanocapsules, respectively. Capillaries have a diameter of approximately 5 µm so that only nanoparticles are administered intravenously. Microparticles are typically around 100 µm in diameter and are administered subcutaneously or intramuscularly. See, for example, Kreuter, J., *Colloidal Drug Delivery Systems*, J. Kreuter, ed., Marcel Dekker, Inc., New York, NY, pp. 219-

342 (1994); and Tice & Tabibi, *Treatise on Controlled Drug Delivery*, A. Kydonieus, ed., Marcel Dekker, Inc. New York, NY, pp. 315-339, (1992).

Polymers can be used for ion-controlled release of the CARs, or T cells expressing a CAR, antibody or antigen binding fragment or conjugate compositions disclosed herein. Various degradable and nondegradable polymeric matrices for use in controlled drug delivery are known in the art (Langer, Accounts Chem. Res. 26:537-542, 1993). For example, the block copolymer, polaxamer 407, exists as a viscous yet mobile liquid at low temperatures but forms a semisolid gel at body temperature. It has been shown to be an effective vehicle for formulation and sustained delivery of recombinant interleukin-2 and urease (Johnston et al., Pharm. Res. 9:425-434, 1992; and Pec et al., J. Parent. Sci. Tech. 44(2):58-65, 1990). Alternatively, hydroxyapatite has been used as a microcarrier for controlled release of proteins (Ijntema et al., Int. J. Pharm. 112:215-224, 1994). In yet another aspect, liposomes are used for controlled release as well as drug targeting of the lipid-capsulated drug (Betageri et al., Liposome Drug Delivery Systems, Technomic Publishing Co., Inc., Lancaster, PA (1993)). Numerous additional systems for controlled delivery of therapeutic proteins are known (see U.S. Patent No. 5,055,303; U.S. Patent No. 5,188,837; U.S. Patent No. 4,235,871; U.S. Patent No. 4,501,728; U.S. Patent No. 4,837,028; U.S. Patent No. 4,957,735; U.S. Patent No. 5,019,369; U.S. Patent No. 5,055,303; U.S. Patent No. 5,514,670; U.S. Patent No. 5,413,797; U.S. Patent No. 5,268,164; U.S. Patent No. 5,004,697; U.S. Patent No. 4,902,505; U.S. Patent No. 5,506,206; U.S. Patent No. 5,271,961; U.S. Patent No. 5,254,342 and U.S. Patent No. 5,534,496).

G. Kits

In one aspect, kits employing the CARs disclosed herein are also provided. For example, kits for treating a tumor in a subject, or making a CAR T cell that expresses one or more of the CARs disclosed herein. The kits will typically include a disclosed antibody, antigen binding fragment, conjugate, nucleic acid molecule, CAR or T cell expressing a CAR as disclosed herein. More than one of the disclosed antibodies, antigen binding fragments, conjugates, nucleic acid molecules, CARs or T cells expressing a CAR can be included in the kit.

The kit can include a container and a label or package insert on or associated with the container. Suitable containers include, for example, bottles, vials, syringes, etc. The containers may be formed from a variety of materials such as glass or plastic. The container typically holds a composition including one or more of the disclosed antibodies, antigen binding fragments, conjugates, nucleic acid molecules, CARs or T cells expressing a CAR. In several embodiments

the container may have a sterile access port (for example the container may be an intravenous solution bag or a vial having a stopper pierceable by a hypodermic injection needle). A label or package insert indicates that the composition is used for treating the particular condition.

The label or package insert typically will further include instructions for use of a disclosed antibodies, antigen binding fragments, conjugates, nucleic acid molecules, CARs or T cells expressing a CAR, for example, in a method of treating or preventing a tumor or of making a CAR T cell. The package insert typically includes instructions customarily included in commercial packages of therapeutic products that contain information about the indications, usage, dosage, administration, contraindications and/or warnings concerning the use of such therapeutic products. The instructional materials may be written, in an electronic form (such as a computer diskette or compact disk) or may be visual (such as video files). The kits may also include additional components to facilitate the particular application for which the kit is designed. Thus, for example, the kit may additionally contain means of detecting a label (such as enzyme substrates for enzymatic labels, filter sets to detect fluorescent labels, appropriate secondary labels such as a secondary antibody, or the like). The kits may additionally include buffers and other reagents routinely used for the practice of a particular method. Such kits and appropriate contents are well known to those of skill in the art.

EXAMPLES

This invention is further illustrated by the following examples, which are not to be construed in any way as imposing limitations upon the scope thereof. On the contrary, it is to be clearly understood that resort may be had to various other embodiments, modifications, and equivalents thereof which, after reading the description herein, may suggest themselves to those skilled in the art without departing from the spirit of the present invention and/or the scope of the appended claims.

EXAMPLE 1

Isolation of CD33-Specific Antibodies from a Fully Human Phage-Displayed ScFv and VH Library

MATERIALS AND METHODS:

a) Production of Human Phage-Displayed ScFv and VH CD33-Specific Antibodies

A naïve human ScFv (recombinant single chain fragment variable of immunoglobulin) phage display library (approximate diversity, 10¹⁰ unique specificities), constructed from peripheral blood B cells of 50 healthy donors (Z. Y. Zhu and D. S. Dimitrov, unpublished data) and a human VH (immunoglobulin heavy chain variable domain) library, were used for selection of ScFvs or VH specific for recombinant human CD33. Amplified libraries of 10¹² phagedisplayed ScFv or VH were incubated with 5, 3, and 1, ug of coated CD33 in a 5x100-ul volume, distributed equally in 5 wells of a 96-well plate for 2 h at room temperature during the first, second and third rounds of biopanning, respectively. After each round of incubation the wells were washed 5 times for the first round and 10 times for the later rounds with phosphate-buffered saline containing 0.05% Tween 20 (PBST) to remove nonspecifically bound phage, the bound phage were mixed with TG1 competent cells for 1 hour at 37°C, and the phage was amplified from the infected cells and used in the next round of biopanning. After the third round of biopanning, 380 clones were randomly picked from the infected TG1 cells and each inoculated into 150 µl 2YT medium containing 100 µg/ml carbenicillin and 0.2% glucose in 96-well plates by using the automated BioRobotics BioPick colony picking system (Genomic Solutions, Ann Arbor, MI). After the bacterial cultures reached an optical density at 600 nm (OD600) of 0.5, helper phage M13K07 at a multiplicity of infection (MOI) of 10 and kanamycin at 50 µg/ml (final concentration) were added to the medium, and the plates were further incubated at 30°C overnight in a shaker at 250 rpm. The phage supernatants were mixed with 3% nonfat milk in PBS at a 4:1 volume ratio and used for enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) to identify clones of phage displaying ScFvs or VHs with high CD33 binding affinity. The supernatants were incubated for 2 h at room temperature with recombinant human CD33 coated at 50 ng per well in 96-well plates and washed five times with PBST, (after overnight incubation at 4°C it was blocked with 3% nonfat milk in PBS and washed three times with PBS containing 0.05% Tween 20.) CD33-bound phage were detected using horseradish peroxidase-conjugated goat anti-M13 antibody. After incubation with the antibody, the nonspecifically bound antibody was removed by washing wells, and the 3,3,'5,5'-tetramethylbenzidine (TMB) substrate was added, and solution absorbance at 450 nm (A450) measured. Clones that bound to CD33 with A450 of >1.0 were selected for further characterization.

b) Expression and purification of selected soluble ScFvs or VHs.

The VH and VL of the selected clones and VH of the domain binders were DNA sequenced, and the ScFvs or VHs encoded by clones with unique sequences were expressed and purified as described below. Plasmids extracted from these clones were used for transformation of HB2151 cells. A single colony was picked from the plate containing freshly transformed cells, inoculated into 200 ml 2YT medium containing 100 μ g/ml ampicillin and 0.2% glucose, and incubated at 37°C with shaking at 250 rpm. When the culture OD at 600 nm reached 0.90, isopropyl- β -d-thiogalactopyranoside at a 0.5 mM final concentration was added, and the culture was further incubated overnight at 30°C. The bacterial pellet was collected after centrifugation at 8,000 \times g for 20 min and resuspended in PBS buffer containing 0.5 mU polymixin B (Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO). After 30 min incubation with rotation at 50 rpm at room temperature, the resuspended pellet was centrifuged at 25,000 \times g for 25 min at 4°C, and the supernatant was used for ScFv purification using the Ni-NTA resin following vendor protocol (Qiagen).

c) ELISA binding assay

50 μl of the diluted recombinant human CD33 in PBS at 2ug/ml was coated in a 96-well plate at 4°C overnight. Purified ScFv or VHs (from above) with His and Flag tags were serially diluted and added into the target protein coated wells. After washing, a 1:3000 diluted HRP conjugated anti-Flag antibody was added for 1 hr at RT. After washing, 3, 3, 5, 5'-Tetramethylbenzidine (TMB) substrate was added, 1N H₂SO₄ was added to stop the reaction after incubation at room temperature for 10 minutes, and the O.D. was read at 450 nm to quantify the relative ability of ScFv to bind CD33.

RESULTS:

Based upon the results of the ELISA binding assay, four separate ScFs clones specific for recombinant human CD33 were identified and labeled as human anti-CD33 ScFv binders m1033-9 (ScFv9), m1033-10 (ScFv10), m1033-12 (ScFv12) and m1033-15 (ScFv15), respectively. Two unique VH domain binders m1033-2 (VH-2) and m1033-4 (VH-4) were also identified from the ELISA binding assay. The generation of chimeric antigen receptors expressing the VH-2, VH-4, ScFv9, ScFv10, ScFv12 and ScFv15 human anti-CD33 binders is outlined in Example 2, *infra*.

EXAMPLE 2

CARs Expressing Anti-CD33 Fully Human Heavy Chain Ig Only-based, or scFv-based Binding sequences

In this example, anti-CD33 CAR T cells derived from novel fully human immunoglobulin heavy chain only, of single chain fragment variable (scFv) binder sequences are described. The novel anti-CD33 CART constructs have demonstrated high level expression in primary human T cells and specific and potent cytotoxic and cytokine functions against CD33-positive tumor cells.

Homo sapiens CD33 (sialic acid binding Ig-like lectin 3, SIGLEC3, SIGLEC-3, gp67, p67) is a well-investigated target on Acute Myeloid leukemia (AML). CD33 humanized antibody (lintuzumab) and a CD33 antibody-drug conjugate (gemtuzumab ozogamincin, or GO, Pfizer) showed some efficacy but failed to demonstrate robust therapeutic benefit in clinical trials (1.

Feldman EJ et al. J Clin Oncol 2005;23(18):4110-4116, 2. Petersdorf SH, et al. Blood 2013;121(24):4854-4860). AMG330, a CD33- CD3 bispecific T cell engager (BiTE) is also being investigated (Krupka C et al. Blood 2014 123:356-365). As of this year, GO has been reintroduced to the clinic at an altered, much lower dose, and in a revised regiment, however sufficient clinical data for re-evaluation of this agent yet needs to be accrued. Another agent presently in development, a CD33-tagreting antibody-drug conjugate vadastuximab talirine (SGN-CD33A), recently lead to a clinical hold on several Phase I/II trials due to hepatic toxicity (available on the world wide web at investor seattlegenetics.com/phoenix.zhtml?c=124860&p=irolnewsArticle&ID=2232880), underscoring the imminent need for identifying safe and efficacious CD33-targeting modalities.

CD33 CARs were designed using CD33 binding sequences derived from either immunoglobulin VH domain, or full length ScFv under the control of EF1a promoter and tested *in vitro* for transduction efficiency, killing function and cytokine production.

MATERIALS AND METHODS:

(a) Cell lines

Human cell lines promyelocytic leukemia HL-60, acute lymphocytic leukemia Reh, monocytic leukemia THP-1, and myelogenous leukemia K562 cell lines were purchased from American Tissue Culture Collection (ATCC, Manassas, VA). The acute myeloid leukemia

MOLM-14 line was purchased from the German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Lines (DSMZ, Braunschweig Germany). The cell lines were cultured in RPMI-1640 Medium (ATCC) supplemented with 10% heat-inactivated fetal bovine serum. THP-1 culture medium also contained 0.05% beta mercaptoethanol. Luciferase-expressing subclones were generated by stably transducing wild-type leukemia lines with lentiviral vector encoding firefly luciferase with or without GFP (Lentigen Technology, Inc., Gaithersburg, MD), followed by limiting dilution and selection of luciferase-positive clones.

(b) Creation of Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) – Expression Vectors

CAR antigen-binding domain sequences were derived from human anti-CD33 ScFv or heavy chain variable fragments. CAR T constructs were generated by linking the binder sequence in frame to CD8a linking and transmembrane domains (UniProt sequence ID P01732, aa 138-206), and then to 4-1BB (CD137, aa 214-255, UniProt sequence ID Q07011) signaling domain and CD3 zeta signaling domain (CD247, aa 52-163, Ref sequence ID: NP_000725.1). For some constructs, CD28 costimulatory sequence, rather than 4-1BB costimulatory sequence was used. In some constructs the CD8 linking and /or transmembrane domain were replaced with domains derived from TNFRSF19 protein. For some sequences, truncated epidermal growth factor receptor (tEGFR) tag was incorporated in CAR construct via 2A peptide, to enable tagging of transduced cells *in vitro* and as a suicide switch for *in vivo* applications. CAR constructs sequences were cloned into a third generation lentiviral plasmid backbone (Lentigen Technology Inc., Gaithersburg, MD). Lentiviral vector (LV) containing supernatants were generated by transient transfection of HEK 293T cells and vector pelleted by centrifugation of lentiviral vector-containing supernatants, and stored at -80°C.

(c) Primary T cell purification and transduction

Human primary T cells from normal donors were purified from buffy coats following immunomagnetic bead selection of CD4⁺ and CD8⁺ cells according to manufacturer's protocol (Miltenyi Biotec, Bergisch Gladbach, Germany), cultivated in TexMACS medium supplemented with 40 IU/ml IL-2 at a density of 0.3 to 2 x 10⁶ cells/ml, activated with CD3/CD28 MACS® GMP TransAct reagent (Miltenyi Biotec) and transduced on day 2 with lentiviral vectors encoding CAR constructs in the presence of 10 ug/ml protamine sulfate (Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, MO) overnight, and media exchanged on day 4. On day 3, cultures were transferred to TexMACS medium supplemented with 200 IU/ml IL-2, and propagated until harvest on day 7-10.

(d) Immune effector assays (CTL and cytokine)

To determine cell-mediated cytotoxicity (CTL assay), 5,000 target cells stably transduced with firefly luciferase were combined with CAR T cells at various effector to target ratios and incubated overnight. SteadyGlo reagent (Promega, Madison WI) was added to each well and the resulting luminescence quantified as counts per second (sample CPS). Target only wells (max CPS) and target only wells plus 1% Tween-20 (min CPS) were used to determine assay range. Percent specific lysis was calculated as: (1-(sample CPS-min CPS)/(max CPS-min CPS)). Supernatants from co-cultures at E:T ratio of 10:1 were removed and analyzed by ELISA (eBioscience, San Diego, CA) for IFNγ, TNFα and IL-2 concentration.

(e) Flow Cytometric analysis of CAR surface expression

For cell staining, half a million CAR T transduced cells were harvested from culture, washed two times in cold AutoMACS buffer supplemented with 0.5% bovine serum albumin (Miltenyi Biotec), and CAR surface expression detected by staining with CD33-Fc peptide (R&D, Minneapolis, MN) followed by anti Fc-AF647 conjugate (Jackson ImmunoResearch, West Grove, PA). Non-transduced cells were used as negative controls. Dead cells in all studies were excluded by 7AAD staining (BD Biosciences, San Jose, CA). Cells were washed twice and resuspended in 200 ul Staining Buffer before quantitative analysis by flow cytometry. Flow cytometric analysis was performed on a MACSQuant®10 Analyzer (Miltenyi Biotec), and data plots were generated using FlowJo software (Ashland, OR).

(f) In vivo analysis of CAR T function

The functionality of CD33-targeting CAR T cells was assessed *in vivo*. Six to eight weeks old NSG mice , 6 per group, were inoculated with 1.0 x 10⁶ MOLM-14 CD33⁺ AML cells on day 0. Tumor burden was determined by IVIS bioluminescent imaging on day 4, mice were randomized to groups with equal mean tumor burden, and 5.0 x 10⁶ CAR T⁺ cells/mouse were administered on study day 5. Tumor regression was determined by bioluminescent imaging on days 14, 21, 28 and 35. Mice survival was recorded and analyzed at the end of the study. To determine the presence of CAR T and tumor cells, blood was collected from all animals on study day 19. The absolute numbers of blood CAR T cell and MOLM-14 tumor cells were determined by flow cytometry, and the levels of inflammatory cytokines were measured in plasma by MACSPlex cytokine 12 human kit (Miltenyi Biotec) as per manufacturer's protocol.

(g) Flow cytometric analysis of CAR T and tumor cells in mouse blood.

For flow cytometry 50 ul blood was collected and analyzed for CAR T and MOLM-14 tumor

cell number. First, red blood cells were lysed by Red Blood Cells Lysis Solution (Miltenyi Biotec)

as per manufacturer's instructions, and white blood cells were stained with human CD45⁺, CD3⁺

(Miltenyi Biotec), and 7-AAD (BD Biosciences, San Jose, CA) and acquired on MACSQiant 10

flow cytometer (Miltenyi Biotec). MOLM-14- cells, stably expressing the GFP reporter gene, were

detected in the B1 channel. Seven-AAD-positive dead cells were excluded from analysis. To

facilitate direct quantitation of human T cell and MOLM-14 numbers in blood, CountBright

Absolute Counting Beads (ThermoFischer Scientific, Waltham, MA) were added to each sample

prior to acquisition and the corresponding absolute cell numbers were calculated as per

manufacturer's protocol.

(h) Long-term CAR T and tumor co-incubation assay

CART cell lines expressing various anti-CD33 CAR constructs and controls were combined

with tumor target HL-60 cells at effector to target ratios ranging from 5:1 to 0.04:1 for 5 or 11

days. Negative controls UTD (untransduced cells), T cells alone (E:T 1:0) and GFP-expressing T

cells (1398) were included. At each time point, cells were stained with anti-human CD33 and CD3

antibodies and 7-AAD, and acquired on MACSQuant 10 flow cytometer. To determine the

percentages of surviving CAR T cells and tumor cells for each condition, cells were gated on

Forward and Side scatter, singlets, 7-AAD-, CD3+ or CD33+.

RESULTS:

In order to evaluate the novel anti-CD33 fully human ScFv binding sequences, CAR

constructs were designed incorporating each one of the heavy chain only binder sequences VH-2

or VH-4, or ScFv sequences ScFv9, ScFv10, ScFv12, or ScFv15 as a tumor antigen binding

domain. In each CAR design, the tumor targeting domain was followed by a linker and

transmembrane domains derived from the human CD8 protein, a 4-1BB costimulatory domain and

a CD3 zeta signaling domain (Table 1 infra). Construct LTG1940, incorporating the ScFv binding

domain derived from sequence My96, was used as a reference control or comparator.

Table 1: List of CD33 – Targeting CAR Constructs

LTG1905: EF1a VH-2 CD33 -CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta

LTG1906: EF1a VH-4 CD33 -CD8TM-4-1BB-CD3 zeta

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LTG1936: EF1a-ScFv9-CD8TM-4-1BB-CD3 zeta
LTG1937: EF1a-ScFv10-CD8TM-4-1BB-CD3 zeta
LTG1938: EF1a-ScFv12-CD33 CAR-CD8TM-4-1BB-CD3 zeta
LTG1939: EF1a-ScFv15-CD33 CAR-CD8TM-4-1BB-CD3 zeta
LTG1940: EF1a-My96_ScFv-CD33 CAR-CD8TM-4-1BB-CD3 zeta

T cells Transduced with Anti-CD33 Chimeric Antigen Receptors Demonstrate Surface Expression and Cytolytic Activity.

a) Surface expression of anti-CD33 CARs

To evaluate the novel anti-CD33 CARs, lentiviral vectors (LV) encoding CAR constructs under the control of human EF1a promoter were generated as described in *Materials and Methods*. Then, human primary T cells derived from two separate healthy donors were transduced with the four lentiviral vectors encoding CARs. Non-transduced cells from same donor (NT) or GFP-transduced cells from same donor served as negative controls.

T cells were activated on culture Day 0 with TransAct T cell reagent (active engagement of CD3 and CD28 antigens, Miltenyi Biotec, Inc.) in the presence of IL-2 as described in Materials and Methods. On culture Day 10, expression of anti-CD33 CARs on T cell surface was detected by CD33-Fc peptide followed by anti Fc-AF647 and analyzed by flow cytometry. Anti-CD33 CAR constructs demonstrated surface CAR expression.

b) Cytolytic assay of anti-CD33 CARs

To demonstrate the cytolytic function of the generated CAR T cells, a luciferase-based killing assay was performed using HL-60-luc, MOLM-14 (CD33-high), Reh-luc and K562-luc (CD33-low) leukemia lines stably expressing firefly luciferase. CART cells and target cells were combined at effector to target (E:T) ratios of 20, 10 and 5, and co-incubated overnight, then cell killing was assessed by luminescence as described in *Materials and Methods* (Figure 3 Figure 4; Figure 6 and Figure 7). When VH-based anti-CD33 CARs were tested, CAR T construct LTG1906 showed strong, E:T ratio-dependent cytotoxicity against CD33-high HL-60-luc line, modest cytolysis of CD33-lower expressing K562 line, and only weak cytolytic activity in CD33-low Rehluc line. Therefore, the cytolytic activity was directly related to the levels of CD33 expression by leukemia. Furthermore, negative control GFP construct LTG1398, and NT (non-transduced T cells from same donor), were not cytolytic, demonstrating that the cytotoxicity was CART-dependent.

Notably, the LTG1905 CAR construct was not cytolytic in HL-60 luc line, and only weakly cytolytic in K562-luc line.

Similarly, construct LTG1906 elaborated high levels of IFN γ , TNF α , and IL-2 in response to CD33-highly positive tumor lines THP-1 and HL-60, whereas CAR T-secreted cytokines remained at low levels when challenged with leukemia lines K562 or Reh, which express low levels of CD33 antigen (Figure 5). Interestingly, construct LTG1905, despite inefficient *in vitro* killing of CD33-positive HL-60 leukemia, elaborated very high levels of IFN γ , TNF α , and IL-2 as detected by ELISA. Therefore, CAR design and binder choice are not trivial, as some binders active in a soluble IgG or ScFv format and amenable to expression on T cell surface in a CAR T format, are nevertheless inefficient in killing CD33-positive tumors.

By comparison, when ScFv anti-CD33 CAR T cells were tested, constructs LTG1936 and LTG1939 demonstrated robust killing activity against the CD33-high tumor lines HL-60 and MOLM-14, whereas the activity was much lower against the CD33-low Reh tumor line, and virtually undetectable against the CD33-low K562 cells (Figure 7). Surprisingly and unexpectedly, CAR constructs LTG 1937 and LTG1938 were inefficient in lysing CD33-positive tumor targets. This again demonstrates that the design of CAR T construct based on antibody fragments is not trivial because soluble antibody binding properties and/or solubility and/or multimerization properties, etc. may not directly translate to CAR functionality. Similarly to VH-only construct 1906, the scFv-based constructs 1936, 1939 and the My96 scFv-based comparator construct 1940 all elaborated high levels of IFN gamma and TNF alpha when challenged with highly CD33⁺ tumor lines HL-60 and MOLM14, but showed virtually no cytokine induction in the presence of CD33^{low} line Reh, or when CART cells were incubated alone, in the absence of target lines. CAR constructs 1937, 1938, which had shown poor in vitro killing function, were also inefficient in cytokine elaboration in response to tumor cells (data not shown). As comparing cytokine induction by MOLM14 and HL60, MOLM14 exhibits greater CD33 antigen density (30,000 sites per cell in MOLM14 vs 25,000 sites per cell in HL-60, data not shown), which corresponds to greater induction of IFN gamma and TNF alpha elicited by MOLM14 for all anti-CD33 constructs tested. Again, this demonstrates the antigen-specific nature of anti CD33 CAR activation. Unexpectedly, the induction of IL-2 was strong for CAR constructs 1906 and 1940, but moderate for CAR constructs 1936 and 1939.

A long-term co-incubation assay was then performed, by combining the CARs T cells incorporating different constructs in culture with the HL-60 CD33⁺ tumor cells at E:T ratios ranging from 5:1 to 0.04:1. UTD, untransduced T cells, 1398, GFP-transduced T cells and E:t 0.1, T cells alone, were used as assay controls. Cells were co-cultured for either 5 days (data not

shown) or 11 days, both days demonstrating similar trends in HL-60 elimination for each CAR construct (Figure 9). In the negative control groups, UTD and 1398, tumor cells have outgrown and T cells disappeared, demonstrating that CAR-mediated stimulation of the T cells is required for cytolytic activity and for prolonged CAR T survival. CAR constructs 1398, 1398, which performed poorly in overnight in vitro assays, were not efficacious at HL-60 killing in this long term assay, and performed similarly to the negative control groups, with disappearance of CAR T cells from cultures and tumor persistence in all E:T ratios equal to or below 1:1. By contrast, the anti-CD33 CAR construct 1906, 1936 and 1939 were equally potent in CTL function to the comparator construct 1940, and successfully eliminated HL-60 tumor cells at E:T ratios as low as 0.2:1 (Figure 9). Therefore, constructs 1906, 1936, 1939 and 1940 were selected for further evaluation in an *in vivo* model of AML.

To facilitate the comparison of anti CD33-CAR construct *in vivo*, a xenograft mouse model was utilized, as described in Materials and Methods. Briefly, NSG mice were inoculated with MOLM-14 cells stably expressing firefly luciferase and GFP on day 0, and five million CAR T cells per mouse were administered on study day 5. Tumor growth kinetics were measured by IVIS bioluminescent imaging on study days 14, 21, 28, 35, and CAR T function in mouse blood was assessed on study day 19.

As shown in Figure 10A, mice engrafted with MOLM-14 tumors and left untreated (TA), or administered untransduced T cell control (UTD) succumbed to disease by study day 14. CAR constructs 1936 and 1939, demonstrated partial efficacy and delayed tumor growth and prolonged survival. Strikingly, CAR construct 1906 and the comparator construct 1940 mediated MOML-14 tumor rejection and all animals in these groups have survived to the end of the study at day 39 (Figure 10A and 10B).

Blood was taken from each animal on study day 19 in order to evaluate the CAR T cell levels in blood, MOLM-14 tumor cell levels in blood, and the levels of CAR T-secreted blood cytokines for each treatment group. The absolute CART and tumor cell numbers in blood samples were measured by flow cytometry (Figure 11A, left panel). While there were no significant differences in the numbers of CAR T cells in each group, CAR T cells expressing construct 1906 tended to be higher than in other groups, followed by CAR comparator construct 1940. Interestingly, T cell levels were also high in the UTD control group, comprised of untransduced T cells, possibly due to the initial high number of cells infused in this group (8.0 x 106 cells/mouse). Notably, we detected a statistically significant reduction in the numbers of circulating blood MOLM-14 tumor cells in all CAR T groups as compared to UTD control (Figure 11A, right panel). Furthermore, when comparing CAR T groups to each other, CAR 1906 and 1940 spurred

the strongest reduction in MOLM-14 cells, which was significantly greater than that for CARs 1936 and 1939. Therefore, CAR 1906 and 1940 were the most efficient in controlling MOLM-14 levels in the blood, followed by CAR 1936 and CAR1939.

Measurable levels of inflammatory cytokines GM-CSF, IFN gamma and IL-2 were detected in mice dosed with CAR T cells or UTD controls. Although the differences between the levels of these cytokines were not significant, plasma GM-CSF and IFN gamma levels for construct 1906 tended to be higher, whereas the levels of IL-2 tended to be increased for CAR 1906 as well as CAR constructs 1940 and 1936 (Figure 11B). These results underscore the elevated secretion of inflammatory cytokines by activated CAR T cells. No significant differences were detected between experimental groups, possibly because on study day 19 CAR T cells may have already been past maximal activation (of note differences in tumor burden are detected as early as study day 14, Figure 10A), however CAR 1906 and 1940 which were most effective in tumor rejection also tended to secrete greater levels of cytokines.

In summary, high functionality of novel fully human anti-CD33 CAR constructs LTG1906, and partial functionality of constructs LTG1936 and LTG1939 (Table 2 *infra*) was demonstrated *in vitro* and *in vivo*. It is conceivable that the functionality of constructs LTG1936 and LTG1939 may be further improved by re-design of CAR spacer, linker or co-stimulatory domains, in order to allow better access to the specific epitopes they target, or increase the levels of CAR response to tumor epitope binding. The VH-based anti- CD33 CAR construct LTG1905 had low cytolytic effect, despite detectable surface expression by flow cytometry and high cytokine secretion. The ScFv-based CAR T constructs LTG1937 and LTG1938 were also inefficient in lysing target cell lines *in vitro* despite being highly expressed.

EXAMPLE 3

Improved Functional Properties of CD33 CAR Moieties May be Achieved by Varying the Structure of Anti-CD33 CARs Expressing Fully Human Heavy Chain Only, Or ScFv-Based Binding Sequences

In this example, different structural configurations of anti-CD33 CAR T cells derived from novel fully human immunoglobulin heavy chain only or scFv binder sequences are described.

CART cells are postulated to secrete greater or lower levels of inflammatory cytokines, such as IL-2, IFN gamma, TNF alpha when challenged with antigen-expressing tumor cells, such as by incorporation in a CAR structure of a single CD28-derived vs CD137/4-1BB derived costimulatory domain (2nd generation CARs) in frame with activation domain, such as CD3 zeta,

lacking co-stimulatory domain (1st generation CAR), or incorporating multiple co-stimulatory domains in tandem (3rd generation CARs).

In some constructs, incorporation of novel hinge and transmembrane domains, such as domains derived from human TNFRSF19 sequences, may endow the CAR with enhanced potency in tumor cell killing and cytokine response.

In addition, by varying the length and composition of CAR hinge aka linker domain, such as by replacing the CD8 alpha derived linker domain with TNFRSSF19-derived domain of varying length, or a domain derived from immunoglobulin constant region and/or hinge, such as IgG1-derived linker domain, or IgG4-derived linker domain, incorporating CH2, and/or CH3, and/or Hinge domain of the immunoglobulin molecule or their modifications, may yield better accessibility of tumor antigen to CAR binding domain. This is due to the fact that appropriate length and flexibility of the CAR hinge/linker domain are necessary for optimal accessibility, binding to tumor antigen, and CAR T cell activation.

Furthermore, incorporation of a tag molecule in CAR construct sequence that is expressed on CAR T cell surface is useful for 1) CAR T cell identification by flow cytometry during manufacturing, and in clinical applications, 2) CAR T cell sorting/isolation during manufacturing, 3) as a suicide tag for elimination of CAR T cells from patient's body in case of CAR-associated toxicity, such as B cell aplasia in response to anti-CD19 CAR, cytokine release syndrome, or CAR-associated neurotoxicity. For this purpose, the CAR construct sequence may include a truncated ectodomain and transmembrane portion of a native transmembrane protein, such as HER1/EGFR, HER2/Neu/erbB-2, NGFR/LNGFR/CD271, CD19, CD20 or other proteins. Mimotopes of these or other sequences may be used as well. Removal of tagged CAR T cells from patient's circulation will be achieved by administration of a tag-reactive clinical-grade antibody, such as antibody targeting EGFR (Cetuximab), HER2 (Trastuzumab), CD20 (Rituximab) or other proteins.

Select examples of the above mentioned CAR configurations are depicted in Figures 12A-12F, respectively. The anti-CD33 CAR constructs depicted were designed using CD33 binding sequences derived from immunoglobulin VH domain CD33_4, however, binder sequences in ScFv format may be used as well.

MATERIALS AND METHODS:

(a) Creation of Chimeric Antigen Receptor (CAR) – Expression Vectors

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Table 2 – Summary of Expression and Function - Anti-CD33 CARs

Experimental Group	CAR Expression	Cytolysis	Cytokines level	<i>In vivo</i> Tumor Rejection
NT or UTD (non-transduced control)	Undetected	None	N/A/undetected	No
LTG1398 GFP	N/A/ undetected	None	N/A/undetected	N/A
LTG1905 CAR	Detected	Low	Very High	N/A
LTG1906 CAR	Detected	High	High	Yes
LTG1936 CAR	Detected	High	High TNFa, IFNg/lowIL-2	Partial
LTG1937 CAR	Detected	None	Low	N/A

LTG1938 CAR	Detected	None	Low	N/A
LTG1939 CAR	Detected	High	High TNFa, IFNg/lowIL-2	Partial
LTG1940 CAR	Detected	High	High	Yes

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The foregoing description of some specific embodiments provides sufficient information that others can, by applying current knowledge, readily modify or adapt for various applications such specific embodiments without departing from the generic concept, and, therefore, such adaptations and modifications should and are intended to be comprehended within the meaning and range of equivalents of the disclosed embodiments. It is to be understood that the phraseology or terminology employed herein is for the purpose of description and not of limitation. In the drawings and the description, there have been disclosed exemplary embodiments and, although specific terms may have been employed, they are unless otherwise stated used in a generic and descriptive sense only and not for purposes of limitation, the scope of the claims therefore not being so limited. Moreover, one skilled in the art will appreciate that certain steps of the methods discussed herein may be sequenced in alternative order or steps may be combined. Therefore, it is intended that the appended claims not be limited to the particular embodiment disclosed herein. Those skilled in the art will recognize, or be able to ascertain using no more than routine experimentation, many equivalents to the embodiments of the invention described herein. Such equivalents are encompassed by the following claims.

REFERENCE TO THE SEQUENCE LISTING

This application contains a Sequence Listing electronically submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office via a PDF file entitled "Sequence Listing". The Sequence Listing is incorporated by reference.

SEQUENCES OF THE DISCLOSURE

The nucleic and amino acid sequences listed below are shown using standard letter abbreviations for nucleotide bases, and three letter code for amino acids, as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.822. Only one strand of each nucleic acid sequence is shown, but the complementary strand is understood as included by any reference to the displayed strand. In the accompanying sequence listing:

SEQ ID NO: 1 nucleotide sequence of CD33-reactive immunoglobulin heavy chain variable domain (VH-2)

SEQ ID NO: 2 amino acid sequence of CD33-reactive immunoglobulin heavy chain variable domain (VH-2)

E V Q L V E S G G G L V Q P G G S L R L S C A A S G F T F S S Y G M S W V R Q A P R K G L E W I G E I N H S G S T N Y N P S L K S R V T I S R D N S K N T L Y L Q M N S L R A E D T A T Y Y C A R P L N Y Y Y Y M D V W G K G T T V T V S S

SEQ ID NO: 3 nucleotide sequence of CD33-reactive immunoglobulin heavy chain variable domain (VH-4)

SEQ ID NO: 4 amino acid sequence of CD33-reactive immunoglobulin heavy chain variable domain (VH-4)

E V Q L V E S G G G L V Q P G G S L R L S C A A S G F T F S S Y G M S W V R Q A P R Q G L E W V A N I K Q D G S E K Y Y A D S V K G R F T I S R D N S K N T L Y L Q M N S L R A E D T A T Y Y C A K E N V D W G Q G T L V T V S S

SEQ ID NO: 6 amino acid sequence of CD33-reactive ScFv 9 binding domain

Q V Q L V Q S G A E V K K P G E S L R IS C K G S G F S F P T Y W I G W V R Q MP G K G L E W M G I I Y P G D S D T R Y S P S F Q G Q V T I S A D K S I S T A Y L Q W S S L K A S D T A M Y Y C A R L V G D G Y N T G A F D I W G Q G T M V T V S S G G G G S G G G S G G G S G G G S D I V M T H T P L S L S V T P G Q P A S I S C K S S Q S L L H S N G K T Y L Y W Y L Q K P G Q P P Q L L I Y G A S N R F S G V P D R F S G S G S G T D F T L K I S R V E A E D V G V Y Y C M Q S I Q L P I T F G Q G T R L E I K

SEQ ID NO: 7 nucleotide sequence of CD33-reactive ScFv 10 binding domain

cagetacagetgeageagteaggtecaggaetggtgaageeetegeagaeeetteagtggaaggaeataetacaggtecaagtgtat
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ggaacaggeeecaaactetteatetataaaaaataateageggeeeteagaggteeetgaeegattetetggeteeaagtetggaacte
ggaacaaggteacegteeta

SEQ ID NO: 8 amino acid sequence of CD33-reactive ScFv 10 binding domain

SEQ ID NO: 9 nucleotide sequence of CD33-reactive ScFv 12 binding domain

SEQ ID NO: 10 amino acid sequence of CD33-reactive ScFv 12 binding domain

Q V Q L Q Q S G P G L V K P S Q T L S LT C A I S G D S V S S N S A A W N W I R Q S P S R G L E W L G G T Y Y R S K W YN D Y A V S V K S R I I I I N A D T S K N Q F S L Q L N S V T P E D T A V Y Y C A R G Y Y Y D S T D W F D P W G Q G T L V T V S S G G G G S G G G S G G G S G G G S S S E L T Q D P T V S V A L G Q T V R I T C Q G D S L R S Y Y A S W Y Q Q K P G Q A P V L V I Y G K N N R P S G I P D R F S G S S S G N T A S L T I T G A Q A E DE A D Y Y C S S R D G S G H P Y L F G P G T K V T V L

SEQ ID NO: 11 nucleotide sequence CD33-reactive ScFv 15 binding domain

SEQ ID NO: 12 amino acid sequence of CD33-reactive ScFv 15 binding domain

E V Q L V Q S G A E V K K P G E S L K I S C K G S G Y S F T S
Y W I G W V R Q M P G K G L E W M G I I Y P G D S D T R Y S P S F
Q G Q V T I S A D K S I S T A Y L Q W S S L K A S D T A M Y Y C A R
L T T A G G M D V W G Q G T T V T V S S G G G G S G G G S G G G
G S E I V L T Q S P L S L P V T L G Q P A S I S C R S S Q S L V H S D
G N T Y L S W L H Q R P G Q P P R L L M Y K I S N R F S G V T D R F
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SEQ ID NO: 13 nucleotide sequence of leader/signal peptide sequence atgetgetgetggtgaccageetgetgetgtgggaactgeeggattetggtgattetg

SEQ ID NO: 14 amino acid sequence of leader/signal peptide sequence MLLLVTSLLLCELPHPAFLLIP

SEQ ID NO: 15 nucleotide sequence of LTG 1905_(EF1a- VH-2 CD33-CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta)

ATGCTGCTGCTGGTGACCAGCCTGCTGCTGCGAACTGCCGCATCCGGCGTT TCTGCTGATTCCGGAGGTGCAGCTGGTGGAGTCTGGGGGGAGGCTTGGTACAGCCTGG AGGGTCCCTGAGACTCTCCTGTGCAGCCTCTGGATTCACCTTCAGTAGCTATGGCATG AGTGGAAGCACCAACTACAACCCGTCCCTCAAGAGTCGAGTCACCATCTCCAGAGAC AATTCCAAGAACACGCTGTATCTGCAAATGAACAGCCTGAGAGCCGAGGACACAGCC ACGTATTACTGTGCGAGACCCCTCAACTACTACTACTACATGGACGTCTGGGGCA AAGGGACCACGGTCACCGTCTCCTCAGCGGCCGCAACTACCACCCCTGCCCCTCGGC CGCCGACTCCGGCCCCAACCATCGCAAGCCAACCCCTCTCCTTGCGCCCCGAAGCTTG CCGCCGGCCGCGGTGGAGCCGTGCATACCCGGGGGCTGGACTTTGCCTGCGATAT CTACATTTGGGCCCGCTGGCCGGCACTTGCGGCGTGCTCCTGCTGTCGCTGGTCATC ACCCTTTACTGCAAGAGGGGCCGGAAGAAGCTGCTTTACATCTTCAAGCAGCCGTTC ATGCGGCCCGTGCAGACGACTCAGGAAGAGGACGGATGCTCGTGCAGATTCCCTGAG GAGGAAGAGGGGGATGCGAACTGCGCGTCAAGTTCTCACGGTCCGCCGACGCCCCC GCATATCAACAGGGCCAGAATCAGCTCTACAACGAGCTGAACCTGGGAAGGAGAGA GGAGTACGACGTGCTGGACAAGCGACGCGGACGCGACCCGGAGATGGGGGGAAAC CACGGCGGAAAAACCCTCAGGAAGGACTGTACAACGAACTCCAGAAAGACAAGATG GCGGAAGCCTACTCAGAAATCGGGATGAAGGGAGAGCGGAGGGGGAAAGGGTCA CGACGGGCTGTACCAGGGACTGAGCACCGCCACTAAGGATACCTACGATGCCTTGCA TATGCAAGCACTCCCACCCCGG

SEQ ID NO: 16 amino acid sequence of LTG 1905_(EF1a- VH-2 CD33 -CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta)

MLLLVTSLLLCELPHPAFLLIPEVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFTFSSYGMS WVRQAPRKGLEWIGEINHSGSTNYNPSLKSRVTISRDNSKNTLYLQMNSLRAEDTATYY CARPLNYYYYMDVWGKGTTVTVSSAAATTTPAPRPPTPAPTIASQPLSLRPEACRPAAG GAVHTRGLDFACDIYIWAPLAGTCGVLLLSLVITLYCKRGRKKLLYIFKQPFMRPVQTTQ EEDGCSCRFPEEEEGGCELRVKFSRSADAPAYQQGQNQLYNELNLGRREEYDVLDKRRG RDPEMGGKPRRKNPQEGLYNELQKDKMAEAYSEIGMKGERRRGKGHDGLYQGLSTAT KDTYDALHMQALPPR

SEQ ID NO: 17 nucleotide sequence of LTG 1906 (EF1a- VH-4 CD33 -CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta) nucleic acid sequence

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SEQ ID NO: 18 amino acid sequence of LTG 1906 (EF1a-VH-4 CD33 -CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta)

MLLLVTSLLLCELPHPAFLLIPEVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFTFSSYGMS WVRQAPRQGLEWVANIKQDGSEKYYADSVKGRFTISRDNSKNTLYLQMNSLRAEDTAT YYCAKENVDWGQGTLVTVSSAAATTTPAPRPPTPAPTIASQPLSLRPEACRPAAGGAVHT RGLDFACDIYIWAPLAGTCGVLLLSLVITLYCKRGRKKLLYIFKQPFMRPVQTTQEEDGCS CRFPEEEEGGCELRVKFSRSADAPAYQQGQNQLYNELNLGRREEYDVLDKRRGRDPEM GGKPRRKNPQEGLYNELQKDKMAEAYSEIGMKGERRRGKGHDGLYQGLSTATKDTYD ALHMQALPPR

SEQ ID NO. 19 nucleotide sequence of LTG1936_(EF1a_ScFv9 CD33 CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta CAR)

ATGCTGCTGGTGACCAGCCTGCTGCTGCGAACTGCCGCATCCGGCGTTTCTGCTGATTCCGCAGGTGCAGCTGGTGCAATCTGGGGCAGAGGTGAAAAAGCCCGGGGAGTCTCTGAGGATCTCCTGTAAGGGTTCTGGATTCAGTTTTCCCACCTACTGGATC GGCTGGGTGCGCCAGATGCCCGGGAAAGGCCTGGAGTGGATGGGGATCATCTATCCT GGTGACTCTGATACCAGATACAGCCCGTCCTTCCAAGGCCAGGTCACCATCTCAGCC GACAAGTCCATCAGCACCGCCTACCTGCAGTGGAGCAGCCTGAAGGCCTCGGACACC GCCATGTATTACTGTGCGAGACTAGTTGGAGATGGCTACAATACGGGGGCTTTTGAT ATCTGGGGCCAAGGGACAATGGTCACCGTCTCTTCAGGAGGTGGCGGGTCTGGTGGT CCGTCACCCTGGACAGCCGGCCTCCATCTCCTGCAAGTCTAGTCAGAGCCTCCTGCA TAGTAATGGAAAGACCTATTTGTATTGGTACCTGCAGAAGCCAGGCCAGCCTCCACA GCTCCTGATCTATGGAGCTTCCAACCGGTTCTCTGGAGTGCCAGACAGGTTCAGTGGC AGCGGGTCAGGGACAGATTTCACACTGAAAATCAGCCGGGTGGAGGCTGAGGATGTT GGGGTTTATTACTGCATGCAAAGTATACAGCTTCCTATCACCTTCGGCCAAGGGACAC GACTGGAGATTAAAGCGGCCGCAACTACCACCCCTGCCCCTCGGCCGCCGACTCCGG CCCCAACCATCGCAAGCCAACCCCTCTCCTTGCGCCCGAAGCTTGCCGCCCGGCCGC GGGTGGAGCCGTGCATACCCGGGGGCTGGACTTTGCCTGCGATATCTACATTTGGGC CCCGCTGGCCGCACTTGCGGCGTGCTCCTGCTGTCGCTGGTCATCACCCTTTACTGC AAGAGGGCCGGAAGAAGCTGCTTTACATCTTCAAGCAGCCGTTCATGCGGCCCGTG CAGACGACTCAGGAAGAGGACGGATGCTCGTGCAGATTCCCTGAGGAGGAAGAGGG

SEQ ID NO. 20 amino acid sequence of LTG1936_(EF1a_ScFv9 CD33 CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta)

MLLLVTSLLLCELPHPAFLLIPQVQLVQSGAEVKKPGESLRISCKGSGFSFPTYWIGWVRQ MPGKGLEWMGIIYPGDSDTRYSPSFQGQVTISADKSISTAYLQWSSLKASDTAMYYCARL VGDGYNTGAFDIWGQGTMVTVSSGGGGSGGGGGGGGGGGGSDIVMTHTPLSLSVTPGQPASI SCKSSQSLLHSNGKTYLYWYLQKPGQPPQLLIYGASNRFSGVPDRFSGSGSGTDFTLKISR VEAEDVGVYYCMQSIQLPITFGQGTRLEIKAAATTTPAPRPPTPAPTIASQPLSLRPEACRP AAGGAVHTRGLDFACDIYIWAPLAGTCGVLLLSLVITLYCKRGRKKLLYIFKQPFMRPVQ TTQEEDGCSCRFPEEEEGGCELRVKFSRSADAPAYQQGQNQLYNELNLGRREEYDVLDK RRGRDPEMGGKPRKNPQEGLYNELQKDKMAEAYSEIGMKGERRRGKGHDGLYQGLS TATKDTYDALHMQALPPR

SEQ ID NO. 21 nucleotide sequence of LTG1937_(EF1a_ScFv10 CD33 CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta CAR)

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SEQ ID NO: 22 amino acid sequence of LTG1937_(EF1a_ScFv10 CD33 CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta)

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QPLSLRPEACRPAAGGAVHTRGLDFACDIYIWAPLAGTCGVLLLSLVITLYCKRGRKKLL
YIFKQPFMRPVQTTQEEDGCSCRFPEEEEGGCELRVKFSRSADAPAYQQGQNQLYNELNL
GRREEYDVLDKRRGRDPEMGGKPRRKNPQEGLYNELQKDKMAEAYSEIGMKGERRRG
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SEQ ID NO. 23 nucleotide sequence of LTG1938_(EF1a_ScFv12 CD33 CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta)

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SEQ ID NO: 24 amino acid sequence of LTG1938_(EF1a_ScFv12 CD33 CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta)

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MRPVQTTQEEDGCSCRFPEEEEGGCELRVKFSRSADAPAYQQGQNQLYNELNLGRREEY
DVLDKRRGRDPEMGGKPRRKNPQEGLYNELQKDKMAEAYSEIGMKGERRRGKGHDGL
YQGLSTATKDTYDALHMQALPPR

SEQ ID NO. 25 nucleotide sequence of LTG1939_(EF1a_ScFv15 CD33 CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta)

ATGCTGCTGCTGGTGACCAGCCTGCTGCTGCGAACTGCCGCATCCGGCGTT TCTGCTGATTCCGGAGGTCCAGCTGGTGCAGTCTGGAGCAGAGGTGAAAAAGCCCGGGGAGTCTCTGAAGATCTCCTGTAAGGGTTCTGGATACAGCTTTACCAGCTACTGGATC GGCTGGGTGCGCCAGATGCCCGGGAAAGGCCTGGAGTGGATGGGGATCATCTATCCT GGTGACTCTGATACCAGATACAGCCCGTCCTTCCAAGGCCAGGTCACCATCTCAGCC GACAAGTCCATCAGCACCGCCTACCTGCAGTGGAGCAGCCTGAAGGCCTCGGACACC GCCATGTATTACTGTGCGAGACTGACTACGGCTGGGGGTATGGACGTCTGGGGCCAA GGGACCACGGTCACCGTCTCCTCAGGAGGTGGCGGGTCTGGTGGTGGCGGTAGCGGT GGTGGCGGATCCGAAATTGTGCTGACTCAGTCTCCACTCTCCCTGCCCGTCACCCTTG GACAGCCGGCCTCCATCTCCTGCAGGTCTAGTCAAAGCCTCGTACACAGTGATGGAA ACACCTACTTGAGTTGGCTTCACCAGAGGCCAGGCCAGCCTCCAAGACTCCTAATGT ATAAGATTTCTAACCGGTTCTCTGGGGTCACAGACAGATTCAGTGGCAGCGGGTCAG GGACAGATTTCACACTGAAAATCAGCCGGGTGGAGGCTGAGGATGTTGGGGTTTATT ACTGCATGCAAGGTATACACCTACCGCTCACTTTCGGCGGAGGGACCAAGCTGGAGA TCAAAGCGGCCGCAACTACCACCCCTGCCCCTCGGCCGACTCCGGCCCCAACCATCGCAAGCCAACCCCTCTCCTTGCGCCCCGAAGCTTGCCGCCCGGCCGCGGGTGGAGCCGTGCATACCCGGGGGCTGGACTTTGCCTGCGATATCTACATTTGGGCCCCGCTGGC CGGCACTTGCGGCGTGCTCCTGCTGTCGCTGGTCATCACCCTTTACTGCAAGAGGGGC

SEQ ID NO: 26 amino acid sequence of LTG1939_(EF1a_ScFv15 CD33 CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta)

MLLLVTSLLLCELPHPAFLLIPEVQLVQSGAEVKKPGESLKISCKGSGYSFTSYWIG WVRQMPGKGLEWMGIIYPGDSDTRYSPSFQGQVTISADKSISTAYLQWSSLKASDTAMY YCARLTTAGGMDVWGQGTTVTVSSGGGGSGGGGGGGGGGGGSEIVLTQSPLSLPVTLGQPAS ISCRSSQSLVHSDGNTYLSWLHQRPGQPPRLLMYKISNRFSGVTDRFSGSGSGTDFTLKIS RVEAEDVGVYYCMQGIHLPLTFGGGTKLEIKAAATTTPAPRPPTPAPTIASQPLSLRPEAC RPAAGGAVHTRGLDFACDIYIWAPLAGTCGVLLLSLVITLYCKRGRKKLLYIFKQPFMRP VQTTQEEDGCSCRFPEEEEGGCELRVKFSRSADAPAYQQGQNQLYNELNLGRREEYDVL DKRRGRDPEMGGKPRRKNPQEGLYNELQKDKMAEAYSEIGMKGERRRGKGHDGLYQG LSTATKDTYDALHMQALPPR

SEQ ID NO: 27 nucleotide sequence of DNA CD8 transmembrane domain

atetacatet gggcgccett ggccgggaet tgtggggtee tteteetgte aetggttate aecetttaet ge

SEQ ID NO: 28 amino acid sequence of CD8 transmembrane domain

Ile Trp Ala Pro Leu Ala Gly Thr Cys Gly Val Leu Leu Leu Ser Leu Val Ile Thr Leu Tyr Cys

SEQ ID NO: 29 nucleotide sequence of DNA CD8 hinge domain

accacgacge cagegeege accaccaaca eeggegeeca ecategegte geageecetg teeetgegee cagaggegtg eeggeeageg gegggggeg cagtgeacac gagggggetg gaettegeet gtgat

SEQ ID NO: 30 amino acid sequence of CD8 hinge domain

Thr Thr Pro Ala Pro Arg Pro Pro Thr Pro Ala Pro Thr Ile Ala Ser Gln Pro Leu Ser Leu Arg Pro Glu Ala Cys Arg Pro Ala Ala Gly Gly Ala Val His Thr Arg Gly Leu Asp Phe Ala Cys Asp Ile Tyr

SEQ ID NO: 31 amino acid sequence of amino acid numbers 118 to 178 hinge region of CD8.alpha. (NCBI RefSeq: NP.sub.--001759.3)

Lys Arg Gly Arg Lys Lys Leu Leu Tyr Ile Phe Lys Gln Pro Phe Met Arg Pro Val Gln Thr Thr Gln Glu Glu Asp Gly Cys Ser Cys Arg Phe Pro Glu Glu Glu Glu Gly Cys Glu Leu

SEQ ID NO: 32 amino acid sequence of Human IgG CL sequence

Gly Gln Pro Lys Ala Ala Pro Ser Val Thr Leu Phe Pro Pro Ser Ser Glu Glu Leu Gln Ala Asn Lys Ala Thr Leu Val Cys Leu Ile Ser Asp Phe Tyr Pro Gly Ala Val Thr Val Ala Trp Lys Ala Asp Ser Ser Pro Val Lys Ala Gly Val Glu Thr Thr Thr Pro Ser Lys Gln Ser Asn Asn Lys Tyr Ala Ala Ser Ser Tyr Leu Ser Leu Thr Pro Glu Gln Trp Lys Ser His Arg Ser Tyr Ser Cys Gln Val Thr His Glu Gly Ser Thr Val Glu Lys Thr Val Ala Pro Thr Glu Cys Ser

SEQ ID NO: 33 nucleotide sequence of DNA signaling domain of 4-1BB

aaacggggca gaaagaaact cctgtatata ttcaaacaac catttatgag accagtacaa actactcaag aggaagatgg ctgtagctgc cgatttccag aagaagaaga aggaggatgt gaactg

SEQ ID NO: 34 amino acid sequence of signaling domain of 4-1BB

Lys Arg Gly Arg Lys Lys Leu Leu Tyr Ile Phe Lys Gln Pro Phe Met Arg Pro Val Gln Thr Thr Gln Glu Glu Asp Gly Cys Ser Cys Arg Phe Pro Glu Glu Glu Glu Gly Cys Glu Leu

SEQ ID NO: 35 nucleotide sequence of DNA signaling domain of CD3-zeta

SEQ ID NO: 36 amino acid sequence of CD3zeta

Arg Val Lys Phe Ser Arg Ser Ala Asp Ala Pro Ala Tyr Lys Gln Gly Gln Asn Gln Leu Tyr Asn Glu Leu Asn Leu Gly Arg Arg Glu Glu Tyr Asp Val Leu Asp Lys Arg Arg Gly Arg Asp Pro Glu Met Gly Gly Lys Pro Arg Arg Lys Asn Pro Gln Glu Gly Leu Tyr Asn Glu Leu Gln Lys Asp Lys Met Ala Glu Ala Tyr Ser Glu Ile Gly Met Lys Gly Glu Arg Arg Arg Gly Lys Gly His Asp Gly Leu Tyr Gln Gly Leu Ser Thr Ala Thr Lys Asp Thr Tyr Asp Ala Leu His Met Gln Ala Leu Pro Pro Arg

SEQ ID NO: 37 nucleotide sequence of Scvf cd 19

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SEQ ID NO: 38 amino acid sequence of ScvF cd 19

Asp Ile Gln Met Thr Gln Thr Thr Ser Ser Leu Ser Ala Ser Leu Gly Asp Arg Val Thr Ile Ser Cys Arg Ala Ser Gln Asp Ile Ser Lys Tyr Leu Asn Trp Tyr Gln Gln Lys Pro Asp Gly Thr Val Lys Leu Leu Ile Tyr His Thr Ser Arg Leu His Ser Gly Val Pro Ser Arg Phe Ser Gly Ser Gly Ser Gly Thr Asp Tyr Ser Leu Thr Ile Ser Asn Leu Glu Gln Glu Asp Ile Ala Thr Tyr Phe Cys Gln Gln Gly Asn Thr Leu Pro Tyr Thr Phe Gly Gly Gly Gly Thr Lys Leu Glu Ile Thr Gly Gly Gly Gly Ser 100 105 110 Gly Gly Gly Ser Gly Gly Gly Gly Ser Glu Val Lys Leu Gln Glu Ser Gly Pro Gly Leu Val Ala Pro Ser Gln Ser Leu Ser Val Thr Cys Thr Val Ser Gly Val Ser Leu Pro Asp Tyr Gly Val Ser Trp Ile Arg Gln Pro Pro Arg Lys Gly Leu Glu Trp Leu Gly Val Ile Trp Gly Ser Glu Thr Thr Tyr Tyr Asn Ser Ala Leu Lys Ser Arg Leu Thr Ile Ile Lys Asp Asn Ser Lys Ser Gln Val Phe Leu Lys Met Asn Ser Leu Gln Thr Asp Asp Thr Ala Ile Tyr Tyr Cys Ala Lys His Tyr Tyr Gly Gly Ser Tyr Ala Met Asp Tyr Trp Gly Gln Gly Thr Ser Val Thr Val Ser Ser

SEQ ID NO: 39 nucleotide sequence of GMCSF leader peptide

ATGCTGCTGCTGGTGACCAGCCTGCTGCTGCGAACTGCCGCATCCGGCGTTTCTGCTG

ATTCCG

SEQ ID NO: 40 amino acid sequence of GMCSF leader peptide MLLLVTSLLLCELPHPAFLLIP

SEQ ID NO: 41 nucleotide sequence of TNFRSF19 leader peptide

GGCTCTGAAAGTGCTGTTGGAACAAGAAAAGACCTTCTTCACCTTGCTCGTGTTGCTGGG
GTACCTGTCCTGCAAAGTCACCTGT

SEQ ID NO: 42 amino acid sequence of TNFRSF19 leader peptide MALKVLLEQEKTFFTLLVLLGYLSCKVTC

SEQ ID NO: 44 amino acid sequence of CD8 alpha leader peptide MALPVTALLLPLALLLHAARP

SEQ ID NO: 45 nucleotide sequence of CD28 co-stimulatory domain

CGGTCGAAGAGGTCCAGACTCTTGCACTCCGACTACATGAACATGACTCC TAGAAGGCCCGGACCCACTAGAAAGCACTACCAGCCGTACGCCCCTCCTC GGGATTTCGCCGCATACCGG TCC

SEQ ID NO: 46 amino acid sequence of CD28 co-stimulatory domain

RSKRSRLLHSDYMNMTPRRPGPTRKHYQPYAPPRDFAAYRS

SEQ ID NO: 47 nucleotide sequence of CD3 zeta activation domain

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SEQ ID NO: 48 amino acid sequence of CD3 zeta activation domain

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SEQ ID NO: 49 nucleotide sequence of TNFRSF19 hinge and transmembrane domain (transmembrane domain underlined)

GCGGCCGCGGTCGATTCCAAGACATGGAATGCGTGCCCTGCGGCGACCCGCCACCTCCT TACGAGCCGCACTGCGCATCGAAGGTCAACCTCGTGAAGATCGCGAGCACCGCGTCCTCA CCCCGGGATACTGCTCTG GCCGCCGTGATTTGTTCCGCCTTGGCCACCGTGCTTCTGGCC CTGCTGATCCTCTGTGTGATC

SEQ ID NO: 50 amino acid sequence of TNFRSF19 hinge and transmembrane domain (transmembrane domain underlined)

A A A V G F Q D M E C V P C G D P P P P Y E P H C A S K V N L V K I A S T A S S P R D T A L A A V I C S A L A T V L L A L L I L C V I

SEQ ID NO: 51 nucleotide sequence of TNFRSF19 transmembrane domain GCCGCCGTGATTTGTTCCGCCTTGGCCACCGTGCTTCTGGCCCTGATCCTCTGTGTGATC

SEQ ID NO: 52 amino acid sequence of TNFRSF19 transmembrane domain A A V I C S A L A T V L L A L L I L C V I

SEQ ID NO: 53 nucleotide sequence of TNFRSF19 hinge domain

SEQ ID NO: 54 amino acid sequence of TNFRSF19 hinge domain

AAAVGFODMECVPCGDPPPPYEPHCASKVNLVKIASTASSPRDTAL

SEQ ID NO: 55 nucleotide sequence of truncated TNFRSF19 hinge domain

 ${\tt TACGAGCCTCACTGCGCCAGCAAAGTCAACTTGGTGAAGATCGCGAGCACTGCCTCGTCCCCTCGGGACACTGCTCTGGC}$

SEQ ID NO: 56 amino acid sequence of truncated TNFRSF19 hinge domain

YEPHCASKVNLVKIASTASSPRDTAL

SEQ ID NO: 57 nucleotide sequence of CD8a hinge domain fused to TNFRSF19 transmembrane domain(transmembrane sequence underlined)

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SEQ ID NO: 58 amino acid sequence of CD8a hinge domain fused to TNFRSF19 transmembrane domain (transmembrane sequence underlined)

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SEQ ID NO: 59 nucleotide sequence of CD28 co-stimulatory domain

 $\tt CGGTCGAAGAGGTCCAGACTCTTGCACTCCGACTACATGAACATGACTCCTAGAAGGCCC\\ GGACCCACTAGAAAGCACTACCAGCCGTACGCCCCTCCTCGGGATTTCGCCGCATACCGG\\ TCC\\ \\$

SEQ ID NO: 60 amino acid sequence of CD28 co-stimulatory domain

RSKRSRLLHSDYMNMTPRRPGPTRKHYQPYAPPRDFAAYRS

SEQ ID NO: 61 nucleotide sequence of CD3 zeta version 2

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SEQ ID NO: 62 amino acid sequence of CD3 zeta version 2
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Y NE L Q K D K M A E A Y S E I G M K G E R R R G K G H D
G L Y Q G L S T A T K D T Y D A L H M Q A L P P R

SEQ ID NO: 63 nucleotide sequence of Furin P2A Furin

SEQ ID NO: 64 amino acid sequence of Furin P2A Furin (furin sequence underlined)

RAKRSGSGATNFSLLKQAGDVEENPGPRAKR

SEQ ID NO: 65 nucleotide sequence of Furin T2A

AGAGCTAAACGCTCTGGGTCTGGTGAAGGACGAGGTAGCCTTCTTACGTG CGGAGACGTGGAGGAAAACCCAGGACCC

SEQ ID NO: 66 amino acid sequence of Furin T2A (furin sequence underlined)

RAKRSGSGEGRGSLLTCGDVEENPGP

SEQ ID NO: 67 nucleotide sequence of truncated EGFR (tEGFR) tag

AGGAAGGTTTGCAATGGAATCGGTATAGGGGAGTTTAAGGATTCACTTAGCATAAACGCT ACTAATATTAAACACTTCAAAAACTGTACGAGTATAAGTGGAGATCTTCACATTTTGCCG GTTGCATTCCGAGGCGATTCATTCACCCACACGCCACCGCTTGACCCACAAGAATTGGAT ATTCTTAAAACCGTTAAAGAAATAACGGGGTTTTTGCTCATTCAAGCGTGGCCAGAAAAT CGCACTGACCTCCATGCTTTCGAGAACCTGGAGATTATAAGAGGACGAACTAAGCAGCAT GGTCAATTCTCCCTTGCTGTGGTCAGCCTGAACATCACCAGTCTTGGTTTGCGGTCCCTC AAGGAAATTTCAGATGGAGATGTCATCATAAGCGGCAACAAGAATTTGTGCTATGCAAAT ACCATAAACTGGAAAAAACTGTTTGGCACTTCCGGCCAGAAAACCAAGATTATTTCAAAT CGGGGTGAGAACAGCTGCAAAGCCACCGGCCAGGTTTGTCATGCCTTGTGCTCTCCGGAA GGCTGTTGGGGGCCAGAACCCAGGGACTGCGTCAGTTGCAGAAACGTCTCAAGAGGCCGC GAATGCGTTGACAAGTGTAACCTCCTTGAGGGTGAGCCACGAGAGTTTGTTGAGAACAGC GAGTGTATACAATGTCACCCTGAATGTTTGCCCCAGGCTATGAATATAACCTGCACAGGC CGCGGGCCTGATAACTGCATCCAGTGTGCTCATTACATAGATGGACCTCACTGTGTGAAA ACCTGCCCGGCCGGAGTTATGGGAGAAAACAACACTCTGGTGTGGAAATACGCTGATGCA GGCCACGTGTGCCACCTTTGTCACCCGAATTGTACATATGGGTGTACCGGTCCTGGACTT GAAGGTTGCCCTACCAATGGCCCTAAAATACCCAGTATCGCAACTGGCATGGTAGGCGCT CTTCTCTTGCTCTTGGTAGTTGCTCTCGGCATAGGTCTTTTTATG

SEQ ID NO: 68 amino acid sequence of truncated EGFR (tEGFR) tag

RKVCNGIGIGEFKDSLSINATNIKHFKNCTSISGDLHILPVAFRGDSFTHTPPLDPQELD ILKTVKEITGFLLIQAWPENRTDLHAFENLEIIRGRTKQHGQFSLAVVSLNITSLGLRSL KEISDGDVIISGNKNLCYANTINWKKLFGTSGQKTKIISNRGENSCKATGQVCHALCSPE GCWGPEPRDCVSCRNVSRGRECVDKCNLLEGEPREFVENSECIQCHPECLPQAMNITCTG RGPDNCIQCAHYIDGPHCVKTCPAGVMGENNTLVWKYADAGHVCHLCHPNCTYGCTGPGL EGCPTNGPKIPSIATGMVGALLLLLVVALGIGLFM

SEQ ID NO: 69 nucleotide sequence of LTG1927 (EF1a-CD33_4-CD8 TM-CD28-CD3 zeta-cfrag)

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CAGGCTCCAAGACAAGGGCTTGAGTGGGTGGCCAACATAAAGCAAGATGGAAGTGAGAAA
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SEQ ID NO: 70 amino acid sequence of LTG1927 (EF1a-CD33_4-CD8 TM-CD28-CD3 zeta-cfrag)

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SEQ ID NO: 71 nucleotide sequence of LTG_D0033 (Ef1a_CD33_4 VH TNFRSF19 H TM CD28z) nucleotide sequence

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SEQ ID NO: 72 amino acid sequence of LTG_D0033 (Ef1a_CD33_4 VH TNFRSF19 H TM CD28z) nucleotide sequence

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SEQ ID NO: 73 nucleotide sequence of LTG_D0034 (Ef1a_CD33_4 VH TNFRSF19 H_TM_4-1BBz) nucleotides

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SEQ ID NO: 74 amino acid sequence of LTG_ D0034 (Ef1a_CD33_4 VH TNFRSF19 H_TM_4-1BBz)

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SEQ ID NO: 75 nucleotide sequence of LTG_ D0015 (Ef1a_CD33_4 VH CD8 BBz T2A tEGFR)

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SEQ ID NO: 76 amino acid sequence of LTG D0015 (Efla CD33 4 VH CD8 BBz T2A tEGFR)

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SEQ ID NO: 77 nucleotide sequence of LTG_D0016 (Ef1a CD33_4 VH CD8 28z T2A tEGFR)

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SEQ ID NO: 78 amino acid sequence of LTG D0016 (Ef1a CD33 4 VH CD8 28z T2A tEGFR)

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SEQ ID NO: 79 nucleotide sequence of human IgG4 hinge GAGAGCAAATACGGGCCGCCATGTCCCCGTGTCCG

SEQ ID NO: 80 amino acid sequence of human IgG4 hinge ESKYGPPCPPCP

SEQ ID NO: 82 amino acid sequence of human IgG4 CH2 domain APPVAGPSVFLFPPKPKDTLMISRTPEVTCVVVDVSQEDPEVQFNWYV DGVEVHNAKTKPREEQFQSTYRVVSVLTVLHQDWLNGKEYKCKVSNKGLPS SIEKTISKA K

SEQ ID NO: 83 nucleotide sequence of human IgG4 CH3 domain GGGCAGCCGCGCGCGCACCAAGTTTACACTTTGCCGCCATCTCAAGAGGAAATGACTAAA AACCAGGTATCCTTGACATGCCTCGTAAAAGGATTTTATCCATCTGATATTGCTGTGGAA TGGGAGTCTAACGGGCAGCCGGAAAATAATTACAAAACTACACCACCTGTGCTCGATTCA GATGGAAGTTTCTTCCTTTACAGTAGACTTACGGTGGACAAATCTAGGTGGCAGGAAGGG AATGTGTTTAGTTGTAGTGTAATGCACGAGGCACTTCATAACCACTATACACAGAAGTCA CTGAGTTTGAGTCTTGGCAAA

SEQ ID NO: 84 amino acid sequence of human IgG4 CH3 domain

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SEQ ID NO: 85 nucleotide sequence of human IgG4 hinge CH2 CH3 domain GAGAGCAAATACGGGCCGCCATGTCCCCCGTGTCCGGCACCACCAGTTGCTGGCCCTAGT GTCTTCTTGTTCCCTCCCAAGCCCAAAGACACCCTTGATGATTTCCAGAACTCCTGAGGTT ACCTGCGTTGTCGTAGATGTTTCTCAGGAGGACCCAGAGGTCCAATTTAACTGGTACGTT

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SEQ ID NO: 86 amino acid sequence of human IgG4 hinge CH2 CH3 domain ESKYGPPCPPCPAPPVAGPSVFLFPPKPKDTLMISRTPEVTCVVVDVSQEDPEVQFNWYV DGVEVHNAKTKPREEQFQSTYRVVSVLTVLHQDWLNGKEYKCKVSNKGLPSSIEKTISKA KGQPREPQVYTLPPSQEEMTKNQVSLTCLVKGFYPSDIAVEWESNGQPENNYKTTPPVLD SDGSFFLYSRLTVDKSRWQEGNVFSCSVMHEALHNHYTQKSLSLSLGK

SEQ ID NO: 87 nucleotide sequence of LTG_D0035 (Ef1a_CD33_4 VH H CH2 CH3 IgG4_CD8TM_CD28z)

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SEQ ID NO: 88 amino acid sequence of LTG_D0035 (Ef1a_CD33_4 VH H CH2 CH3 IgG4_CD8TM_CD28z)

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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) comprising at least one extracellular antigen binding domain comprising a CD33 antigen binding domain encoded by a nucleotide sequence comprising SEQ ID NO. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, or 11, at least one transmembrane domain, and at least one intracellular signaling domain.

- 2. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, wherein the encoded at least one CD33 antigen binding domain comprises at least one single chain variable fragment of an antibody that binds to CD33.
- 3. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, wherein the encoded at least one CD33 antigen binding domain comprises at least one heavy chain variable region of an antibody that binds to CD33.
- 4. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, wherein the encoded at least one CD33 antigen binding domain, the at least one intracellular signaling domain, or both are connected to the transmembrane domain by a linker or spacer domain.
- 5. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 4, wherein the encoded linker or spacer domain is derived from the extracellular domain of CD8, TNFRSF19, or CD28, and is linked to a transmembrane domain.
- 6. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, wherein the encoded extracellular CD33 antigen binding domain is preceded by a leader nucleotide sequence encoding a leader peptide.
- 7. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 6, wherein the leader nucleotide sequence comprises a nucleotide sequence comprising SEQ ID NO: 13 encoding the leader amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 14, or SEQ ID NO: 39 encoding the leader amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 40, or SEQ ID NO: 41 encoding the leader amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 42, or SEQ ID NO: 43 encoding the leader amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 44.

8. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, wherein the transmembrane domain comprises a transmembrane domain of a protein comprising the alpha, beta or zeta chain of the T-cell receptor, CD8, CD28, CD3 epsilon, CD45, CD4, CD5, CD8, CD9, CD16, CD22, CD33, CD37, CD64, CD80, CD83, CD86, CD134, CD137, CD154, and TNFRSF19, or any combination thereof.

- 9. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, wherein the nucleic acid sequence encoding the extracellular CD33 antigen binding domain comprises a nucleic sequence comprising SEQ ID NO: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, or 11, or a sequence with 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identity thereof.
- 10. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, wherein the encoded at least one intracellular signaling domain further comprises a CD3 zeta intracellular domain.
- 11. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 10, wherein the encoded at least one intracellular signaling domain is arranged on a C-terminal side relative to the CD3 zeta intracellular domain.
- 12. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, wherein the encoded at least one intracellular signaling domain comprises a costimulatory domain, a primary signaling domain, or any combination thereof.
- 13. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 12, wherein the encoded at least one costimulatory domain comprises a functional signaling domain of OX40, CD70, CD27, CD28, CD5, ICAM-1, LFA-1 (CD11a/CD18), ICOS (CD278), DAP10, DAP12, and 4-1BB (CD137), or any combination thereof.
- 14. A chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) encoded by the isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1.
- 15. The CAR of claim 14, comprising at least one extracellular antigen binding domain comprising a CD33 antigen binding domain comprising the amino acid sequence of

SEQ ID NO. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, or 12, at least one transmembrane domain, and at least one intracellular signaling domain.

- 16. The CAR of claim 15, wherein the CD33 antigen binding domain comprises at least one single chain variable fragment of an antibody that binds to CD33.
- 17. The CAR of claim 15, wherein the CD33 antigen binding domain comprises at least one heavy chain variable region of an antibody that binds to CD33.
- 18. The CAR of claim 15, wherein the transmembrane domain comprises a transmembrane domain of a protein comprising the alpha, beta or zeta chain of the T-cell receptor, CD8, CD28, CD3 epsilon, CD45, CD4, CD5, CD8, CD9, CD16, CD22, CD33, CD37, CD64, CD80, CD86, CD134, CD137, CD154, and TNFRSF19 or any combination thereof.
- 19. The CAR of claim 18, wherein the CD8 transmembrane domain comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 27, or an amino acid sequence with 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98% or 99% identity to an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 28.
- 20. The CAR of claim 15, wherein the at least one extracellular antigen binding domain comprising a CD33 antigen binding domain comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, or 12, and the at least one intracellular signaling domain, or both are connected to the transmembrane domain by a linker or spacer domain.
- 21. The CAR of claim 20, wherein the linker or spacer domain is derived from the extracellular domain of CD8, TNFRSF19, IgG4, or CD28, and is linked to a transmembrane domain.
- 22. The CAR of claim 17, wherein the at least one intracellular signaling domain comprises a costimulatory domain and a primary signaling domain.
- 23. The CAR of claim 22, wherein the at least one intracellular signaling domain comprises a costimulatory domain comprising a functional signaling domain of a protein selected from the group consisting of OX40, CD70, CD27, CD28, CD5,

ICAM-1, LFA-1 (CD11a/CD18), ICOS (CD278), DAP10, DAP12, and 4-1BB (CD137), or a combination thereof.

- 24. A vector comprising a nucleic acid molecule of claim 1.
- 25. The vector of claim 24, wherein the vector is selected from the group consisting of a DNA vector, an RNA vector, a plasmid vector, a cosmid vector, a herpes virus vector, a measles virus vector, a lentivirus vector, adenoviral vector, or a retrovirus vector, or a combination thereof.
- 26. The vector of claim 24, further comprising a promoter.
- 27. The vector of claim 26, wherein the promoter is an inducible promoter, a constitutive promoter, a tissue specific promoter, a suicide promoter or any combination thereof.
- 28. A cell comprising the vector of claim 24.
- 29. The cell of claim 28, wherein the cell is a T cell.
- 30. The cell of claim 28, wherein the T cell is a CD8⁺ T cell.
- 31. The cell of claim 28, wherein the cell is a human cell.
- 32. A method of making a cell comprising transducing a T cell with a vector of claim 24.
- 33. A method of generating a population of RNA-engineered cells comprising introducing an in vitro transcribed RNA or synthetic RNA into a cell, where the RNA comprises a nucleic acid molecule of claim 1.
- 34. A method of providing an anti-tumor immunity in a mammal comprising administering to the mammal an effective amount of a cell of claim 28.

35. A method of treating or preventing cancer in a mammal, comprising administering to the mammal the CAR of claim 15, in an amount effective to treat or prevent cancer in the mammal.

- 36. A pharmaceutical composition comprising an anti-tumor effective amount of a population of human T cells, wherein the T cells comprise a nucleic acid sequence that encodes a chimeric antigen receptor (CAR), wherein the CAR comprises at least one extracellular antigen binding domain comprising a CD33 antigen binding domain comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, or 12, at least one linker domain, at least one transmembrane domain, at least one intracellular signaling domain, and wherein the T cells are T cells of a human having a cancer.
- 37. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 36, wherein the at least one transmembrane domain comprises a transmembrane domain of a protein comprising the alpha, beta or zeta chain of the T-cell receptor, CD8, CD28, CD3 epsilon, CD45, CD4, CD5, CD8, CD9, CD16, CD22, CD33, CD37, CD64, CD80, CD86, CD134, CD137 and CD154, or any combination thereof.
- 38. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 36, wherein the T cells are T cells of a human having a hematological cancer.
- 39. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 38, wherein the hematological cancer is leukemia or lymphoma.
- 40. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 39, wherein the leukemia is acute myeloid leukemia (AML), blastic plasmacytoid dendritic cell neoplasm (BPDCN), chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML), chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL), acute lymphoblastic T cell leukemia (T-ALL), or acute lymphoblastic B cell leukemia (B-ALL).
- 41. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 39, wherein the lymphoma is mantle cell lymphoma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma or Hodgkin's lymphoma.

42. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 38, wherein the hematological cancer is multiple myeloma.

- 43. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 36, wherein the human cancer includes an adult carcinoma comprising oral and pharynx cancer (tongue, mouth, pharynx, head and neck), digestive system cancers (esophagus, stomach, small intestine, colon, rectum, anus, liver, interhepatic bile duct, gallbladder, pancreas), respiratory system cancers (larynx, lung and bronchus), bones and joint cancers, soft tissue cancers, skin cancers (melanoma, basal and squamous cell carcinoma), pediatric tumors (neuroblastoma, rhabdomyosarcoma, osteosarcoma, Ewing's sarcoma), tumors of the central nervous system (brain, astrocytoma, glioblastoma, glioma), and cancers of the breast, the genital system (uterine cervix, uterine corpus, ovary, vulva, vagina, prostate, testis, penis, endometrium), the urinary system (urinary bladder, kidney and renal pelvis, ureter), the eye and orbit, the endocrine system (thyroid), and the brain and other nervous system, or any combination thereof.
- 44. A method of treating a mammal having a disease, disorder or condition associated with an elevated expression of a tumor antigen, the method comprising administering to the subject a pharmaceutical composition comprising an anti-tumor effective amount of a population of T cells, wherein the T cells comprise a nucleic acid sequence that encodes a chimeric antigen receptor (CAR), wherein the CAR comprises at least one extracellular antigen binding domain comprising a CD33 antigen binding domain comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, or 12, at least one linker or spacer domain, at least one transmembrane domain, at least one intracellular signaling domain, wherein the T cells are T cells of the subject having cancer.
- 45. A method of treating cancer in a subject in need thereof, the method comprising administering to the subject a pharmaceutical composition comprising an anti-tumor effective amount of a population of T cells, wherein the T cells comprise a nucleic acid sequence that encodes a chimeric antigen receptor (CAR), wherein the CAR comprises at least one extracellular antigen binding domain comprising a CD33 antigen binding domain comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, or 12, at least one linker or spacer domain, at least one transmembrane domain,

at least one intracellular signaling domain, wherein the T cells are T cells of the subject having cancer.

- 46. The method of claim 44 or 45, wherein the at least one transmembrane domain comprises a transmembrane domain of a protein comprising the alpha, beta or zeta chain of the T-cell receptor, CD8, CD28, CD3 epsilon, CD45, CD4, CD5, CD8, CD9, CD16, CD22, CD33, CD37, CD64, CD80, CD86, CD134, CD137 and CD154, or any combination thereof.
- 47. A process for producing a chimeric antigen receptor-expressing cell, the process comprising introducing the isolated nucleic acid of claim 1 into a cell.
- 48. The process for producing a chimeric antigen receptor-expressing cell according to claim 47, wherein the cell is a T cell or a cell population containing a T cell.

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А	Leader Peptide	Anti-CD33 binder	CD8 hinge	CD8 TM	4-188	CD3z		
В	Leader Peptide	Anti-CD33 binder	CD8 hinge	CD8 TM		CD3z		
С	Leader Peptide	Anti-CD33 binder	TNFRSF19 hinge	TNFRSF19 TM	4-188	CD3z		
D	Leader Peptide	Anti-CD33 binder	TNFRSF19 hinge	TNFRSF19 TM		CD3z		
E	Leader Peptide	Anti-CD33 binder		CD8 TM		CD3z		
F	Leader Peptide	Anti-CD33 binder	CD8 hinge	CD8 TM	4-188	CD3z	tEGFR	
G	Leader Peptide	Anti-CD33 binder	CD8 hinge	CD8 TM		CD3z	tEGFR	

FIGURE 1

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LTG 1905 EF1a VH-2 CD33 -CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta nucleotide sequence

ATGCTGCTGGTGACCAGCCTGCTGCTGCGAACTGCCGCATCCGGCGTT AGGGTCCCTGAGACTCTCCTGTGCAGCCTCTGGATTCACCTTCAGTAGCTATGGCATG AGTGGAAGCACCAACTACAACCCGTCCCTCAAGAGTCGAGTCACCATCTCCAGAGAC AATTCCAAGAACACGCTGTATCTGCAAATGAACAGCCTGAGAGCCGAGGACACAGCC ACGTATTACTGTGCGAGACCCCTCAACTACTACTACTACATGGACGTCTGGGGCA AAGGGACCACGGTCACCGTCTCCTCAGCGGCCGCAACTACCACCCCTGCCCCTCGGC CGCCGACTCCGGCCCCAACCATCGCAAGCCAACCCCTCTCCTTGCGCCCCGAAGCTTG CCGCCGGCCGCGGTGGAGCCGTGCATACCCGGGGGCTGGACTTTGCCTGCGATAT $\tt CTACATTTGGGCCCGGCTGGCCGGCACTTGCGGCTGCTCCTGCTGTCGCTGGTCATC$ ACCCTTTACTGCAAGAGGGGCCGGAAGAAGCTGCTTTACATCTTCAAGCAGCCGTTC ATGCGGCCGTGCAGACGACTCAGGAAGAGGACGGATGCTCGTGCAGATTCCCTGAG GAGGAAGAGGGGGATGCGAACTGCGCGTCAAGTTCTCACGGTCCGCCGACGCCCCC GCATATCAACAGGGCCAGAATCAGCTCTACAACGAGCTGAACCTGGGAAGGAGAGA GGAGTACGACGTGCTGGACAAGCGACGCGGACGCGGAGATGGGGGGGAAAC CACGGCGGAAAAACCCTCAGGAAGGACTGTACAACGAACTCCAGAAAGACAAGATG GCGGAAGCCTACTCAGAAATCGGGATGAAGGGAGAGCGGAGGAGGGGAAAGGGTCA CGACGGGCTGTACCAGGGACTGAGCACCGCCACTAAGGATACCTACGATGCCTTGCA TATGCAAGCACTCCCACCCCGG

LTG 1905 EF1a VH-2 CD33 -CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta amino acid sequence

MLLLVTSLLLCELPHPAFLLIPEVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFTFSSYGMS WVRQAPRKGLEWIGEINHSGSTNYNPSLKSRVTISRDNSKNTLYLQMNSLRAEDTATYY CARPLNYYYYMDVWGKGTTVTVSSAAATTTPAPRPPTPAPTIASQPLSLRPEACRPAAG GAVHTRGLDFACDIYIWAPLAGTCGVLLLSLVITLYCKRGRKKLLYIFKQPFMRPVQTTQ EEDGCSCRFPEEEEGGCELRVKFSRSADAPAYQQGQNQLYNELNLGRREEYDVLDKRRG RDPEMGGKPRRKNPQEGLYNELQKDKMAEAYSEIGMKGERRRGKGHDGLYQGLSTAT KDTYDALHMQALPPR

FIGURE 2A

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LTG 1906 EF1a- VH-4 CD33 -CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta

ATGCTGCTGCTGGTGACCAGCCTGCTGCTGCGAACTGCCGCATCCGGCGTT TCTGCTGATTCCGGAGGTGCAGCTGGTGGAGTCTGGGGGGAGGCTTGGTACAGCCTGG AGGGTCCCTGAGACTCTCCTGTGCAGCCTCTGGATTCACCTTCAGTAGCTATGGCATG AGATGGAAGTGAGAAATACTATGCGGACTCAGTGAAGGGCCGATTCACCATCTCCAG AGACAATTCCAAGAACACGCTGTATCTGCAAATGAACAGCCTGAGAGCCGAGGACAC AGCCACGTATTACTGTGCGAAAGAAAATGTGGACTGGGGCCAGGGCACCCTGGTCAC CGTCTCCTCAGCGCCGCAACTACCACCCCTGCCCCTCGGCCGCCGACTCCGGCCCCA ACCATCGCAAGCCAACCCCTCTCCTTGCGCCCGGAAGCTTGCCGCCCGGCCGCGGGT GGAGCCGTGCATACCCGGGGGCTGGACTTTGCCTGCGATATCTACATTTGGGCCCCGC TGGCCGGCACTTGCGGCGTGCTCCTGCTGTCGCTGGTCACCCCTTTACTGCAAGAG GGGCCGGAAGAGCTGCTTTACATCTTCAAGCAGCCGTTCATGCGGCCCGTGCAGAC GACTCAGGAAGAGGACGGATGCTCGTGCAGATTCCCTGAGGAGGAAGAGGGGGGGAT GCGAACTGCGCGTCAAGTTCTCACGGTCCGCCGACGCCCCCGCATATCAACAGGGCC AGAATCAGCTCTACAACGAGCTGAACCTGGGAAGGAGAGAGGAGTACGACGTGCTG GACAAGCGACGCGACCCGGAGATGGGGGGAAAACCACGGCGGAAAAACCC TCAGGAAGGACTGTACAACGAACTCCAGAAAGACAAGATGGCGGAAGCCTACTCAG AAATCGGGATGAAGGGAGAGCGGAGGGGGGGAAAGGGTCACGACGGGCTGTACCAG GGACTGAGCACCGCCACTAAGGATACCTACGATGCCTTGCATATGCAAGCACTCCCA CCCCGG

LTG 1906 EF1a- VH-4 CD33 -CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta amino acid sequence

MLLLVTSLLLCELPHPAFLLIPEVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFTFSSYGMS WVRQAPRQGLEWVANIKQDGSEKYYADSVKGRFTISRDNSKNTLYLQMNSLRAEDTAT YYCAKENVDWGQGTLVTVSSAAATTTPAPRPPTPAPTIASQPLSLRPEACRPAAGGAVHT RGLDFACDIYIWAPLAGTCGVLLLSLVITLYCKRGRKKLLYIFKQPFMRPVQTTQEEDGCS CRFPEEEEGGCELRVKFSRSADAPAYQQGQNQLYNELNLGRREEYDVLDKRRGRDPEM GGKPRRKNPQEGLYNELQKDKMAEAYSEIGMKGERRRGKGHDGLYQGLSTATKDTYD ALHMQALPPR

FIGURE 2B

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LTG1936 EF1a ScFv9 CD33 CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta nucleotide sequence

ATGCTGCTGCTGGTGACCAGCCTGCTGCTGCGAACTGCCGCATCCGGCGTT TCTGCTGATTCCGCAGGTGCAGCTGGTGCAATCTGGGGCAGAGGTGAAAAGCCCGG GGAGTCTCTGAGGATCTCCTGTAAGGGTTCTGGATTCAGTTTTCCCACCTACTGGATC GGCTGGGTGCGCAGATGCCCGGGAAAGGCCTGGAGTGGATGGGGATCATCTATCCT GGTGACTCTGATACCAGATACAGCCCGTCCTTCCAAGGCCAGGTCACCATCTCAGCC GACAGTCCATCAGCACCGCCTACCTGCAGTGGAGCAGCCTGAAGGCCTCGGACACC GCCATGTATTACTGTGCGAGACTAGTTGGAGATGGCTACAATACGGGGGCTTTTGAT ATCTGGGGCCAAGGGACAATGGTCACCGTCTCTTCAGGAGGTGGCGGGTCTGGTGGT GGCGGTAGCGGTGGCGGATCCGATATTGTGATGACCCACACTCCACTCTCTGT CCGTCACCCCTGGACAGCCGGCCTCCATCTCCTGCAAGTCTAGTCAGAGCCTCCTGCATAGTAATGGAAAGACCTATTTGTATTGGTACCTGCAGAAGCCAGGCCAGCCTCCACA GCTCCTGATCTATGGAGCTTCCAACCGGTTCTCTGGAGTGCCAGACAGGTTCAGTGGC AGCGGGTCAGGGACAGATTTCACACTGAAAATCAGCCGGGTGGAGGCTGAGGATGTT GGGGTTTATTACTGCATGCAAAGTATACAGCTTCCTATCACCTTCGGCCAAGGGACAC GACTGGAGATTAAAGCGGCCGCAACTACCACCCCTGCCCCTCGGCCGCCGACTCCGG CCCCAACCATCGCAAGCCAACCCCTCTCCTTGCGCCCGAAGCTTGCCGCCCGGCCGC GGGTGGAGCCGTGCATACCCGGGGGCTGGACTTTGCCTGCGATATCTACATTTGGGC CCCGCTGGCCGGCACTTGCGGCGTGCTCCTGCTGTCGCTGGTCATCACCCTTTACTGCAAGAGGGCCGGAAGAAGCTGCTTTACATCTTCAAGCAGCCGTTCATGCGGCCCGTG CAGACGACTCAGGAAGAGGACGGATGCTCGTGCAGATTCCCTGAGGAGGAAGAGGG GGGATGCGAACTGCGCGTCAAGTTCTCACGGTCCGCCGACGCCCCCGCATATCAACA TGCTGGACAAGCGACGCGACGCGACCCGGAGATGGGGGGAAACCACGGCGGAAA AACCCTCAGGAAGGACTGTACAACGAACTCCAGAAAGACAAGATGGCGGAAGCCTA CTCAGAAATCGGGATGAAGGGAGAGCGGAGGGGGAAAGGGTCACGACGGCTGT ACCAGGGACTGAGCACCGCCACTAAGGATACCTACGATGCCTTGCATATGCAAGCAC TCCCACCCCGG

FIGURE 2C

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LTG1936 (EF1a ScFv9 CD33 CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta amino acid sequence

MLLLVTSLLLCELPHPAFLLIPQVQLVQSGAEVKKPGESLRISCKGSGFSFPTYWIG WVRQMPGKGLEWMGIIYPGDSDTRYSPSFQGQVTISADKSISTAYLQWSSLKASDTAMY YCARLVGDGYNTGAFDIWGQGTMVTVSSGGGGSGGGGGGGGGGGGDIVMTHTPLSLSVTP GQPASISCKSSQSLLHSNGKTYLYWYLQKPGQPPQLLIYGASNRFSGVPDRFSGSGSGTDF TLKISRVEAEDVGVYYCMQSIQLPITFGQGTRLEIKAAATTTPAPRPPTPAPTIASQPLSLRP EACRPAAGGAVHTRGLDFACDIYIWAPLAGTCGVLLLSLVITLYCKRGRKKLLYIFKQPF MRPVQTTQEEDGCSCRFPEEEEGGCELRVKFSRSADAPAYQQGQNQLYNELNLGRREEY DVLDKRRGRDPEMGGKPRKNPQEGLYNELQKDKMAEAYSEIGMKGERRRGKGHDGL YQGLSTATKDTYDALHMQALPPR

FIGURE 2C Contd.

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LTG1937 EF1a ScFv10 CD33 CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta nucleotide sequence

ATGCTGCTGCTGGTGACCAGCCTGCTGCTGCGAACTGCCGCATCCGGCGTT TCTGCTGATTCCGCAGGTACAGCTGCAGCAGTCAGGTCCAGGACTGGTGAAGCCCTC GCAGACCCTCTCACTCACCTGTGCCATCTCCGGGGACAGTGTCTCTAGCAACACTGCT GCTTGGAACTGGATCAGGCAGTCCCCATCGAGAGGCCTTGAGTGGCTGGGAAGGACA TACTACAGGTCCAAGTGGTATAATGATTATGCAGTCCCTGTGAAAAGTCGAATAACC ATCAACCCAGACACCCAAGAACCAGTTCTCCCTGCAGCTGAACTCTGTGACTCCCG AGGACACGCTGTGTATTACTGTGCAAGAGAAACGTATTACTATGGTTCGGGGAGTT ATTGGGATGCTTTTGATATCTGGGGCCAAGGGACCACGGTCACCGTCTCCTCAGGAG GTGGCGGTCTGGTAGTGGCGGTAGCGGTGGCGGATCCCAGTCTGTCGTGACGC AGCCGCCCTCAGTGTCTGCGGCCCCAGGACAGAAGGTCACCATCTCCTGCTCTGGAA GCAGCTCCAACATTGGGAATAATTATGTATCCTGGTACCAGCAGCTCCCAGGCACGG CCCCAAACTCTTCATCTATAAAAATAATCAGCGGCCCTCAGAGGTCCCTGACCGATT GATGAGGCTGACTACTGTGCAGCATGGGATGACAGGCTGAATGGATATGTCTTC GGAACTGGGACCAAGGTCACCGTCCTAGCGGCCGCAACTACCACCCCTGCCCCTCGG CCGCCGACTCCGGCCCCAACCATCGCAAGCCAACCCCTCTCCTTGCGCCCCGAAGCTTGCCGCCGGCCGCGGTGCACCCTGCATACCCGGGGGCTGGACTTTGCCTGCGATA TCTACATTTGGGCCCGCTGGCCGGCACTTGCGGCGTGCTCCTGCTGTCGCTGGTCAT CACCCTTTACTGCAAGAGGGGCCGGAAGAAGCTGCTTTACATCTTCAAGCAGCCGTT CATGCGGCCCGTGCAGACGACTCAGGAAGAGGACGGATGCTCGTGCAGATTCCCTGA GGAGGAAGAGGGGGATGCGAACTGCGCGTCAAGTTCTCACGGTCCGCCGACGCCC CGCATATCAACAGGGCCAGAATCAGCTCTACAACGAGCTGAACCTGGGAAGGAGAG AGGAGTACGACGTGCTGGACAAGCGACGCGGACGCGACCCGGAGATGGGGGGGAAA CCACGGCGGAAAAACCCTCAGGAAGGACTGTACAACGAACTCCAGAAAGACAAGAT GGCGGAAGCCTACTCAGAAATCGGGATGAAGGGAGAGCGGAGGAGGGGAAAGGGTC ACGACGGCTGTACCAGGGACTGAGCACCGCCACTAAGGATACCTACGATGCCTTGC ATATGCAAGCACTCCCACCCCGG

FIGURE 2D

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LTG1937 EF1a ScFv10 CD33 CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta amino acid sequence

MLLLVTSLLLCELPHPAFLLIPQVQLQQSGPGLVKPSQTLSLTCAISGDSVSSNTAA
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AVYYCARETYYYGSGSYWDAFDIWGQGTTVTVSSGGGGSGSGGGGGGSQSVVTQPPS
VSAAPGQKVTISCSGSSSNIGNNYVSWYQQLPGTAPKLFIYKNNQRPSEVPDRFSGSKSGT
SASLAISGLQSDDEADYYCAAWDDRLNGYVFGTGTKVTVLAAATTTPAPRPPTPAPTIAS
QPLSLRPEACRPAAGGAVHTRGLDFACDIYIWAPLAGTCGVLLLSLVITLYCKRGRKKLL
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GRREEYDVLDKRRGRDPEMGGKPRKNPQEGLYNELQKDKMAEAYSEIGMKGERRRG
KGHDGLYQGLSTATKDTYDALHMQALPPR

FIGURE 2D Contd.

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LTG1938 EF1a ScFv12 CD33 CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta nucleotide sequence

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FIGURE 2E

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LTG1938 EF1a ScFv12 CD33 CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta amino acid sequence

MLLLVTSLLLCELPHPAFLLIPQVQLQQSGPGLVKPSQTLSLTCAISGDSVSSNSAA WNWIRQSPSRGLEWLGGTYYRSKWYNDYAVSVKSRIIINADTSKNQFSLQLNSVTPEDT AVYYCARGYYYDSTDWFDPWGQGTLVTVSSGGGGSGGGGGGGGGGSSSELTQDPTVSVA LGQTVRITCQGDSLRSYYASWYQQKPGQAPVLVIYGKNNRPSGIPDRFSGSSSGNTASLTI TGAQAEDEADYYCSSRDGSGHPYLFGPGTKVTVLAAATTTPAPRPPTPAPTIASQPLSLRP EACRPAAGGAVHTRGLDFACDIYIWAPLAGTCGVLLLSLVITLYCKRGRKKLLYIFKQPF MRPVQTTQEEDGCSCRFPEEEEGGCELRVKFSRSADAPAYQQGQNQLYNELNLGRREEY DVLDKRRGRDPEMGGKPRKNPQEGLYNELQKDKMAEAYSEIGMKGERRRGKGHDGLYQGLSTATKDTYDALHMQALPPR

FIGURE 2E Contd.

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LTG1939 EF1a ScFv15 CD33 CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta nucleotide sequence

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FIGURE 2F

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LTG1939 EF1a ScFv15 CD33 CD8 TM-41BB-CD3 zeta amino acid sequence

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FIGURE 2F Contd.

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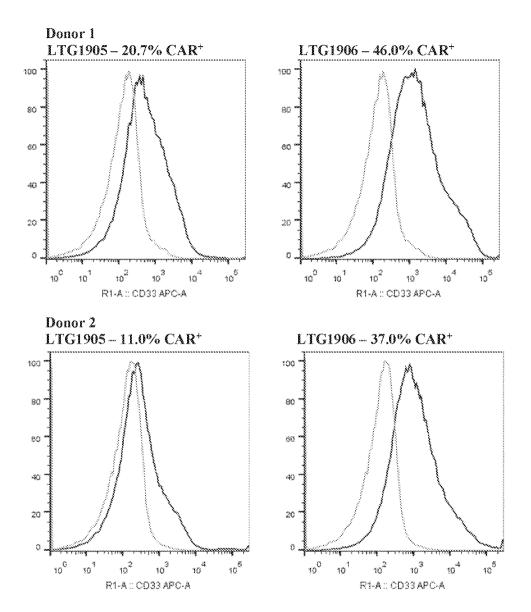
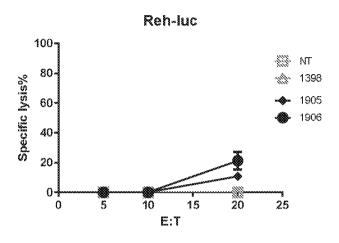
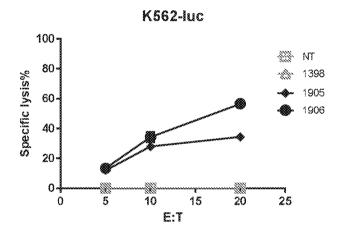


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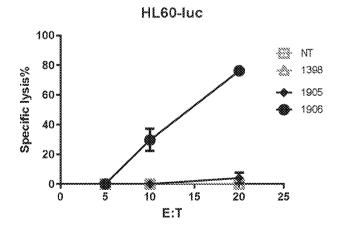


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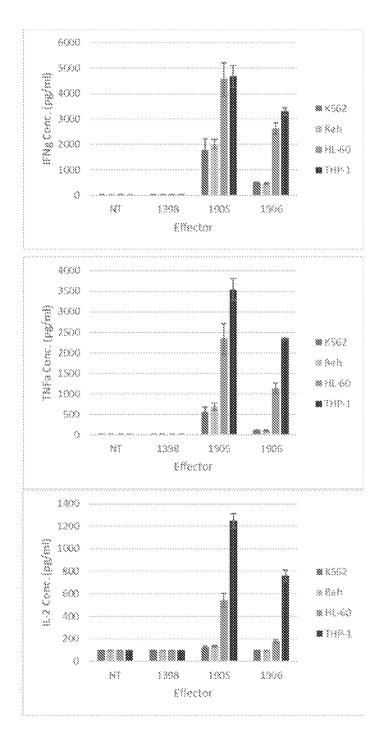
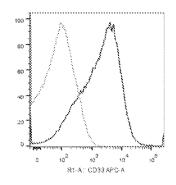


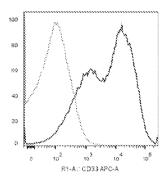
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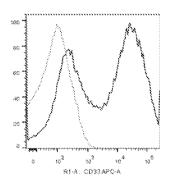
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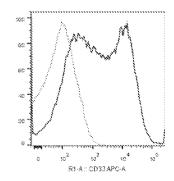
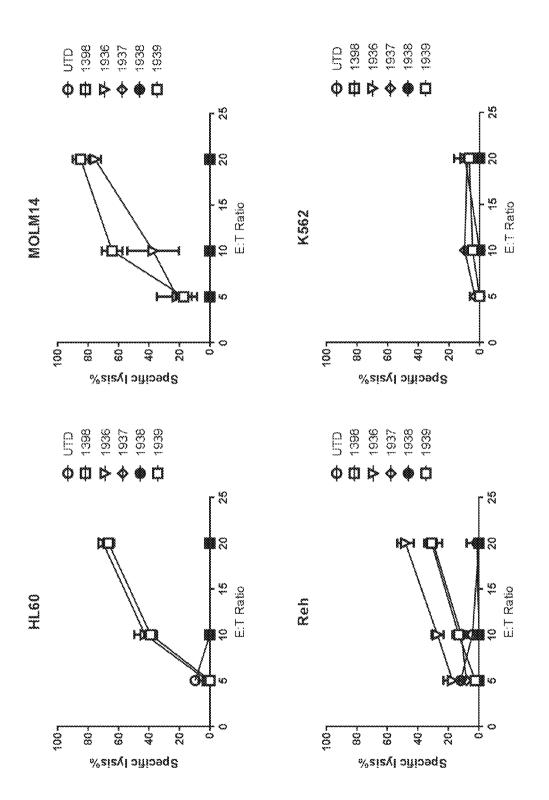


FIGURE 6





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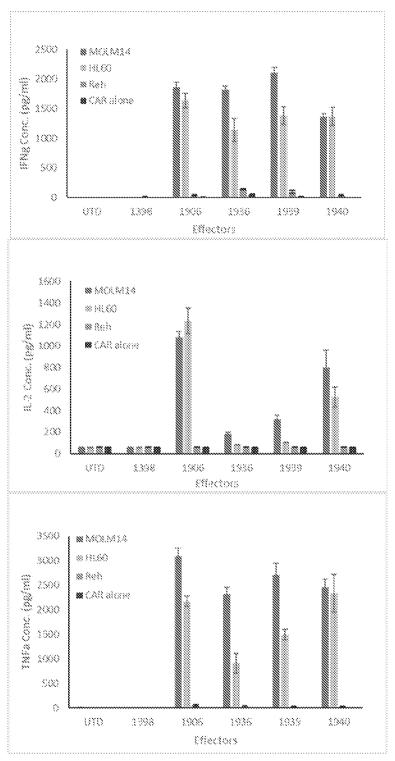
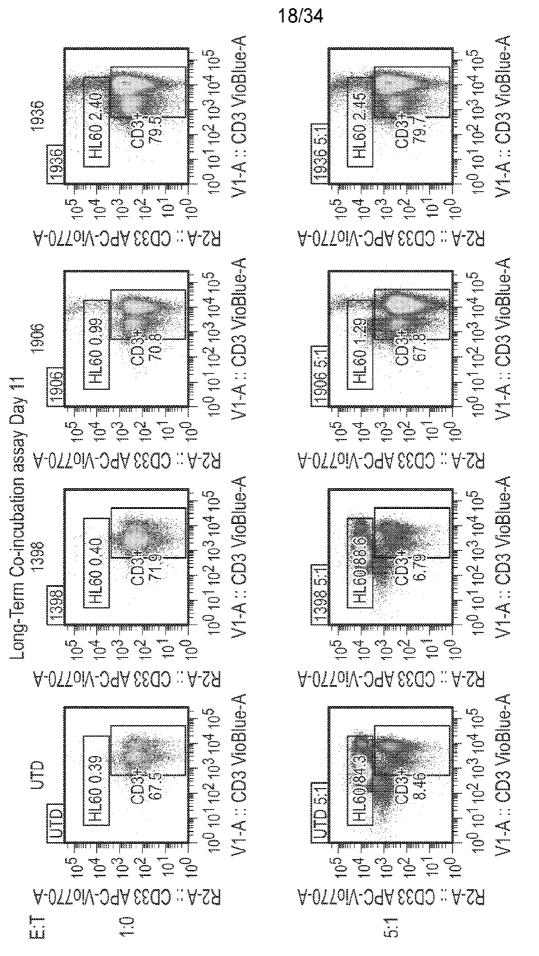


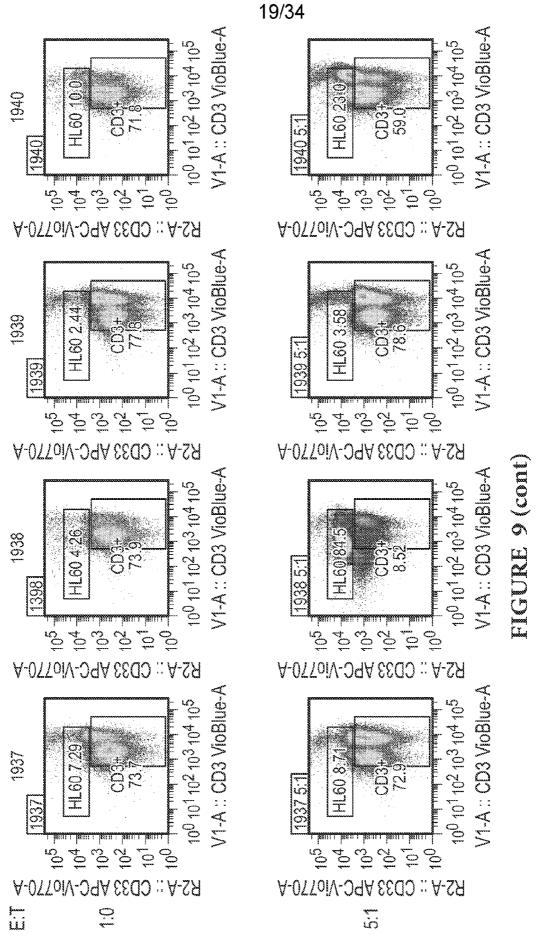
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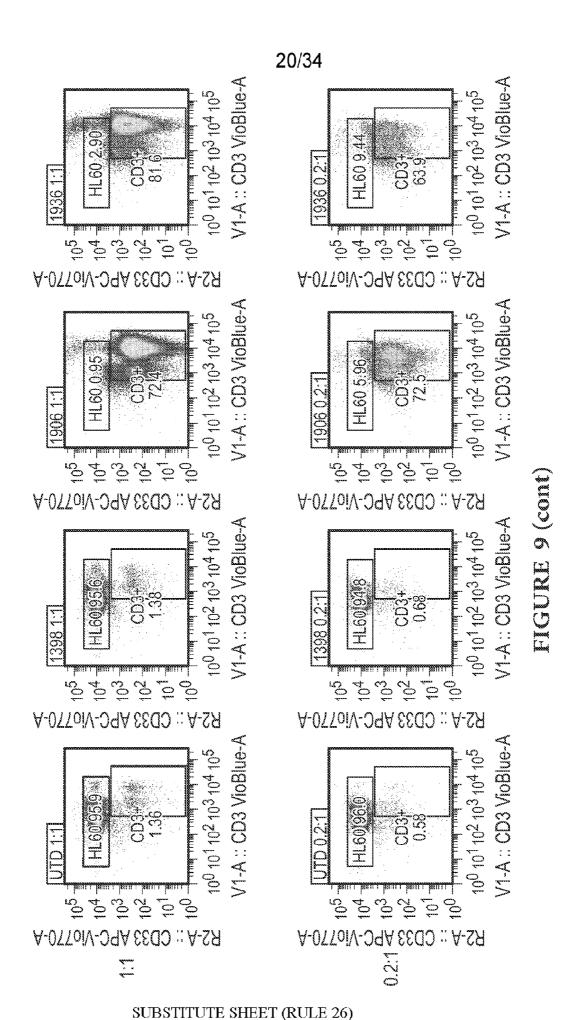


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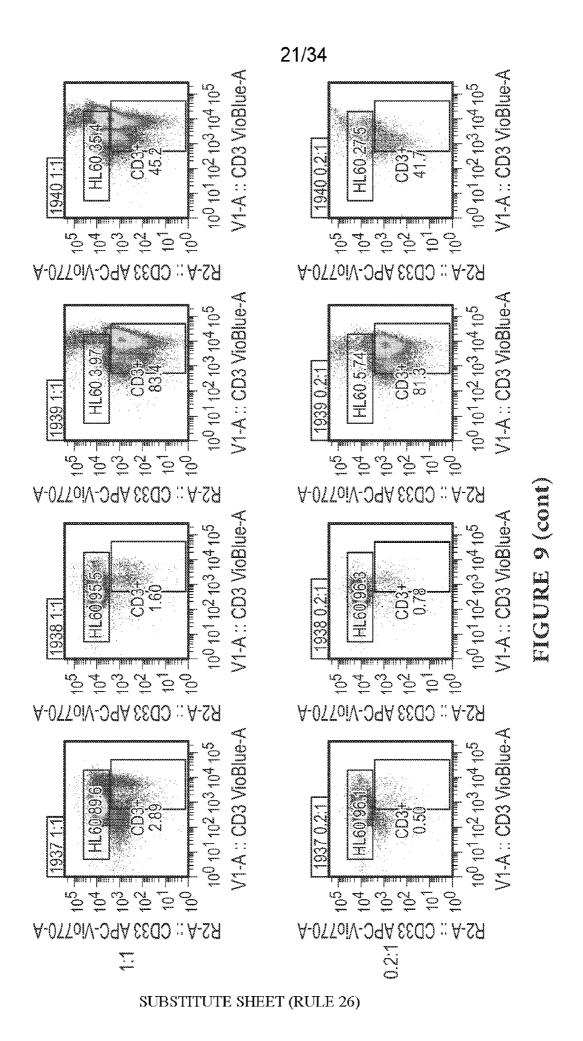
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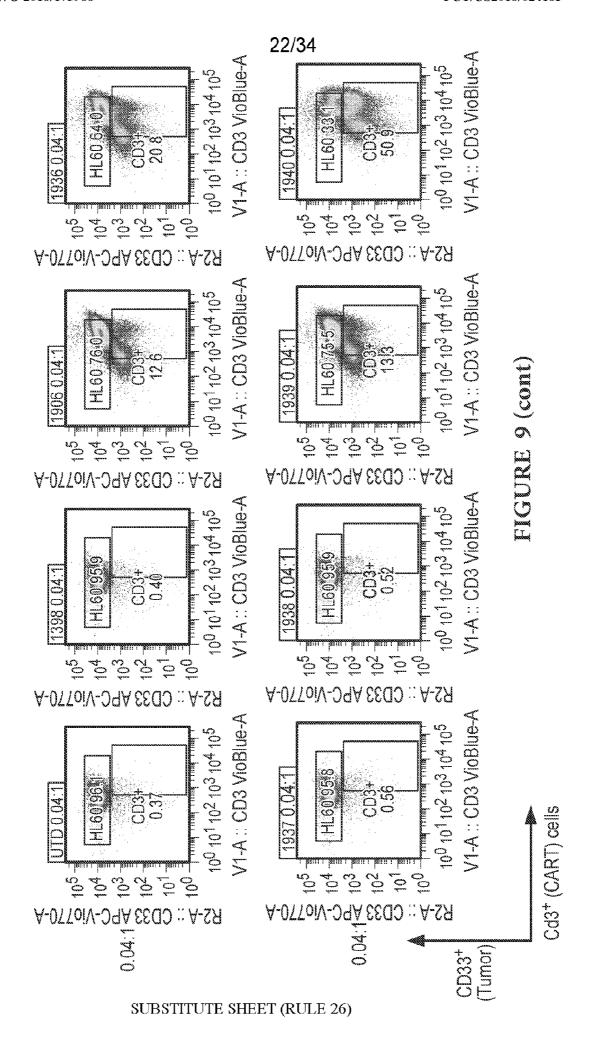
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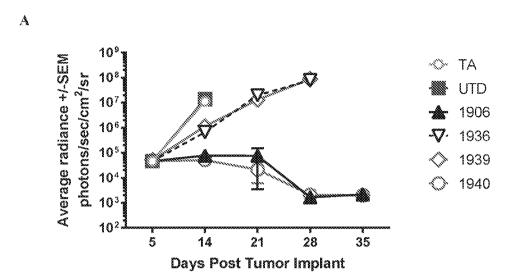


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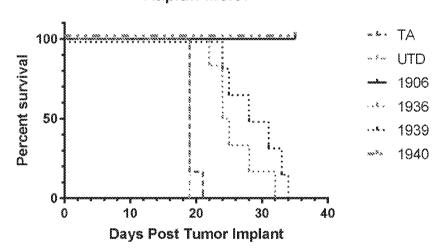
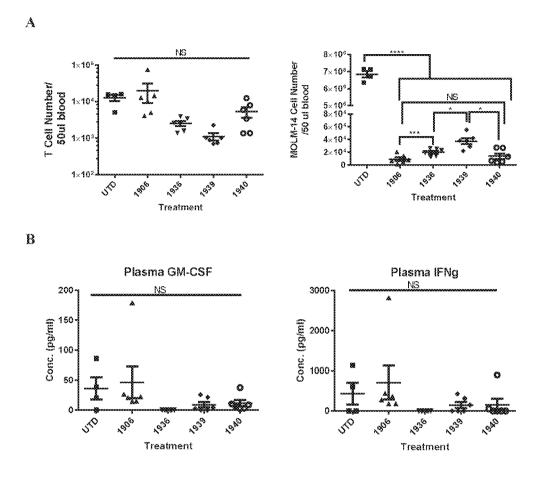


FIGURE 10

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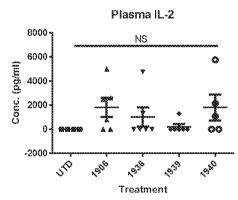


FIGURE 11

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LTG1927 EF1a CD33 4 CD8 TM CD28 CD3 zeta nucleotides sequence

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LTG1927 EF1a CD33 4 CD8 TM CD28 CD3 zeta amino acids sequence MLLLVTSLLLCELPHPAFLLIPEVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFTFSSY GMSWVRQAPRQGLEWVANIKQDGSEKYYADSVKGRFTISRDNSKNTLYLQ MNSLRAEDTATYYCAKENVDWGQGTLVTVSSAAATTTPAPRPPTPAPTIASQ PLSLRPEACRPAAGGAVHTRGLDFACDIYIWAPLAGTCGVLLLSLVITLYCRS KRSRLLHSDYMNMTPRRPGPTRKHYQPYAPPRDFAAYRSRVKFSRSADAPA YQQGQNQLYNELNLGRREEYDVLDKRRGRDPEMGGKPRRKNPQEGLYNEL QKDKMAEAYSEIGMKGERRGKGHDGLYQGLSTATKDTYDALHMQALPPR

FIGURE 12A

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LTG_D0033 EF1a CD33_4 VH TNFRSF19 H_TM_CD28z nucleotide sequence

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FIGURE 12B

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FIGURE 12C

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LTG_D0015 CD33_4VH CD8 BBz T2A tEGFR nucleotide sequence

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FIGURE 12D

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FIGURE 12D, continued

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LTG D0015 CD33 4VH CD8 BBz T2A tEGFR amino acid sequence

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FIGURE 12D, continued

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LTG_D0016 CD33_4VH CD8 28z T2A tEGFR nucleotide sequence

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FIGURE 12E

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FIGURE 12E, continued

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LTG_D0035 (Ef1a_CD33_4 VH H CH2 CH3 IgG4_CD8TM_CD28z) nucleotide sequence

ATGCTGCTGGTGACCAGCCTGCTGTGCGAACTGCCGCATCCGGCGTTTC TGCTGATTCCGGAGGTGCAGCTGGTGGAGTCTGGGGGGAGGCTTGGTACAGCCTG GAGGGTCCCTGAGACTCTCCTGTGCAGCCTCTGGATTCACCTTCAGTAGCTATGG AAAGCAAGATGGAAGTGAGAAATACTATGCGGACTCAGTGAAGGGCCGATTCACCATCTCCAGAGACAATTCCAAGAACACGCTGTATCTGCAAATGAACAGCCTGAG AGCCGAGGACACAGCCACGTATTACTGTGCGAAAGAAATGTGGACTGGGGCCA GGGCACCCTGGTCACCGTCTCCTCAGCGGCCGCAGAGAGCAAATACGGGCCGCC ATGTCCCCCGTGTCCGGCACCACCAGTTGCTGGCCCTAGTGTCTTCTTGTTCCCTC CCAAGCCCAAAGACACCTTGATGATTTCCAGAACTCCTGAGGTTACCTGCGTTGT CGTAGATGTTTCTCAGGAGGACCCAGAGGTCCAATTTAACTGGTACGTTGATGGG GTGGAAGTTCACAATGCGAAGACAAAGCCGCGGGAAGAACAATTTCAGTCCACT TACCGGGTTGTCAGCGTTCTGACGGTATTGCATCAAGACTGGCTTAATGGAAAGG AATATAAGTGTAAGGTGTCCAACAAAGGTTTGCCGAGCAGTATTGAGAAGACCA TATCAAAGGCGAAGGGCAGCCGCGCGCGAGCCACAAGTTTACACTTTGCCGCCAT CTCAAGAGGAAATGACTAAAAACCAGGTATCCTTGACATGCCTCGTAAAAGGAT TTTATCCATCTGATATTGCTGTGGAATGGGAGTCTAACGGGCAGCCGGAAAATAA TTACAAAACTACACCACCTGTGCTCGATTCAGATGGAAGTTTCTTCCTTTACAGT AGACTTACGGTGGACAAATCTAGGTGGCAGGAAGGGAATGTGTTTAGTTGTAGT GTAATGCACGAGGCACTTCATAACCACTATACACAGAAGTCACTGAGTTTGAGTC TTGGCAAAATCTACATCTGGCGGCCCTTGGCCGGGACTTGTGGGGTCCTTCTCCT GTCACTGGTTATCACCCTTTACTGCCGGTCGAAGAGGTCCAGACTCTTGCACTCC GACTACATGAACATGACTCCTAGAAGGCCCGGACCCACTAGAAAGCACTACCAG CCGTACGCCCTCCTCGGGATTTCGCCGCATACCGGTCCAGAGTGAAGTTCAGCC GCTCAGCCGATGCACCGGCCTACCAGCAGGGACAGAACCAGCTCTACAACGAGC TCAACCTGGGTCGGCGGGAAGAATATGACGTGCTGGACAAACGGCGCGGCAGAG ATCCGGAGATGGGGGAAAGCCGAGGAGGAAGAACCCTCAAGAGGGCCTGTAC AACGAACTGCAGAAGGACAAGATGGCGGAAGCCTACTCCGAGATCGGCATGAA GGGAGAACGCCGGAGAGGGAAGGGTCATGACGGACTGTACCAGGGCCTGTCAA CTGCCACTAAGGACACTTACGATGCGCTCCATATGCAAGCTTTGCCCCCGCGG

FIGURE 12F

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LTG_D0035 (Ef1a_CD33_4 VH H CH2 CH3 IgG4_CD8TM_CD28z) amino acid sequence

MLLLVTSLLLCELPHPAFLLIPEVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLRLSCAASGFTFSSY GMSWVRQAPRQGLEWVANIKQDGSEKYYADSVKGRFTISRDNSKNTLYLQ MNSLRAEDTATYYCAKENVDWGQGTLVTVSSAAAESKYGPPCPPCPAPPVA GPSVFLFPPKPKDTLMISRTPEVTCVVVDVSQEDPEVQFNWYVDGVEVHNAK TKPREEQFQSTYRVVSVLTVLHQDWLNGKEYKCKVSNKGLPSSIEKTISKAK GQPREPQVYTLPPSQEEMTKNQVSLTCLVKGFYPSDIAVEWESNGQPENNYK TTPPVLDSDGSFFLYSRLTVDKSRWQEGNVFSCSVMHEALHNHYTQKSLSLS LGKIYIWAPLAGTCGVLLLSLVITLYCRSKRSRLLHSDYMNMTPRRPGPTRKH YQPYAPPRDFAAYRSRVKFSRSADAPAYQQGQNQLYNELNLGRREEYDVLD KRRGRDPEMGGKPRRKNPQEGLYNELQKDKMAEAYSEIGMKGERRRGKGH DGLYQGLSTATKDTYDALHMQALPPR

FIGURE 12F, continued

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