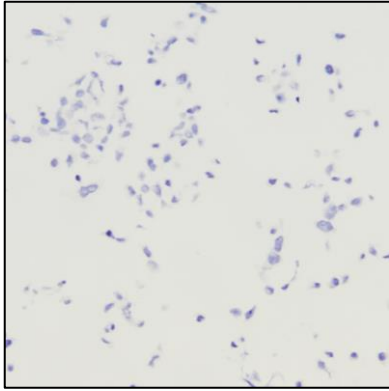


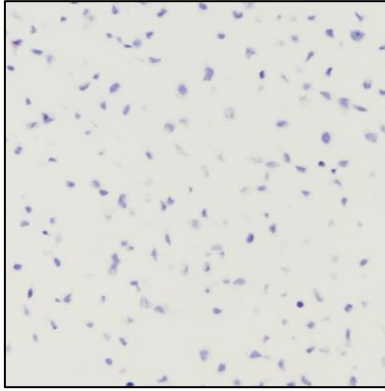
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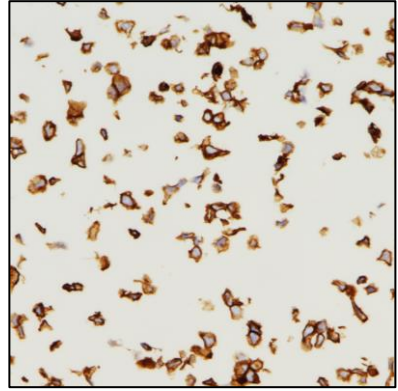
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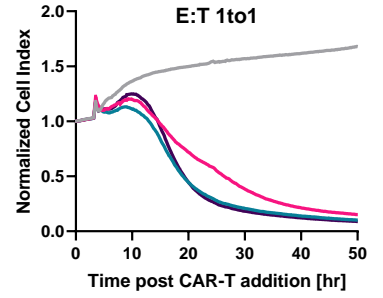
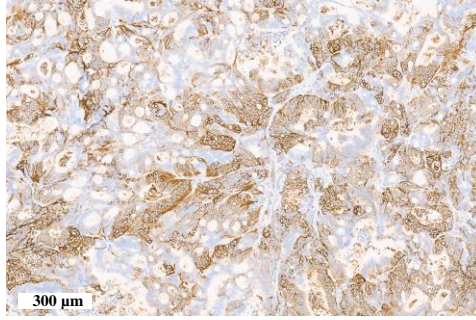
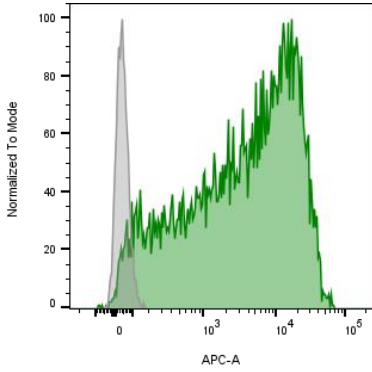
## Supplemental Fig. 1

S1A: Specificity of CLDN18.2 IHC assay. HEK293 cells were engineered to express CLDN18.1 and 18.2, then cell pellets were formalin-fixed and paraffin-embedded for IHC analysis. The primary antibody used for IHC (clone EPR19202, Abcam) yielded positive staining for CLDN18.2 but not for CLDN18.1, demonstrating specificity.

# Supplemental Fig. 2

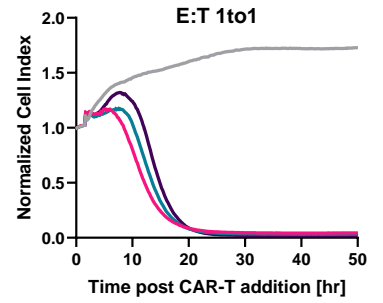
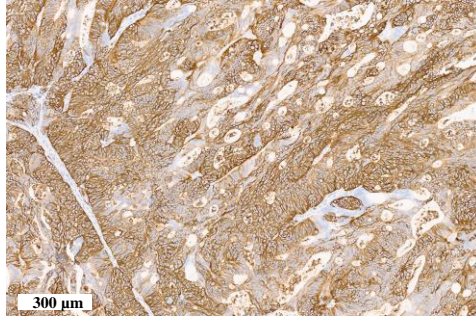
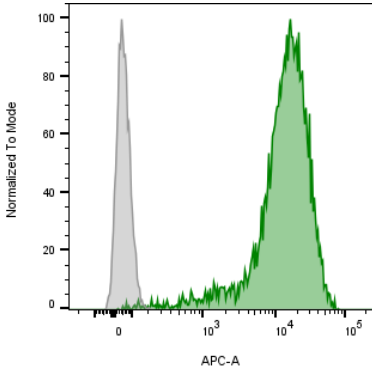
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PaTu8988s



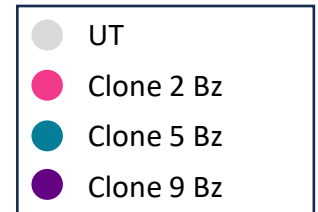
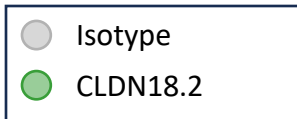
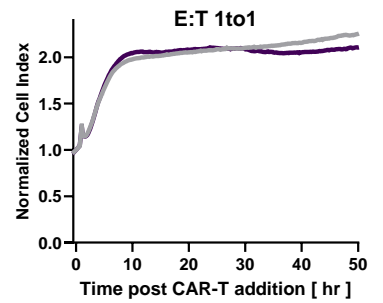
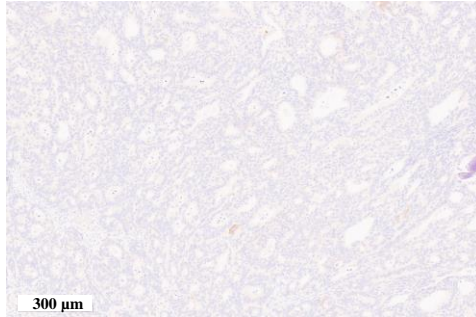
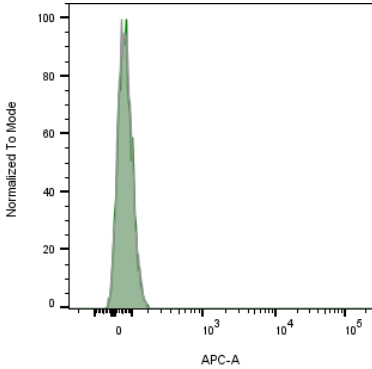
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PaTu8988s HS



S2C

PaTu8988s 18.2 KO



## Supplemental Fig. 2

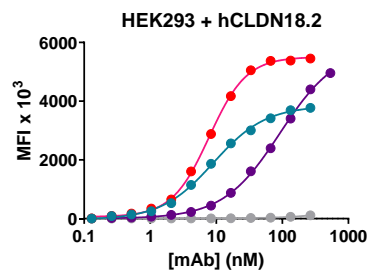
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S2B: CLDN18.2 cell surface expression of PaTu8988s HS by FC compared to nonspecific isotype antibody (R347), IHC of PaTu8988s HS xenograft, 10X scan. PaTu8988s HS were cocultured with CLDN18.2 reactive clones at 1:1 ratio and cell lysis was monitored real-time xCelligence RTCA assay (Agilent) for 50 hours.

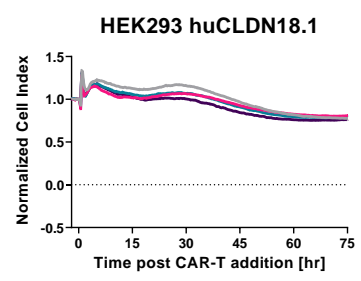
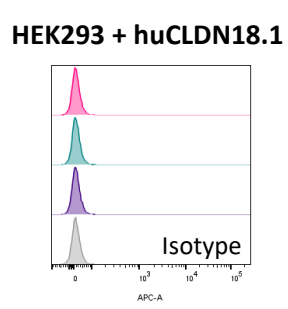
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# Supplemental Fig. 3

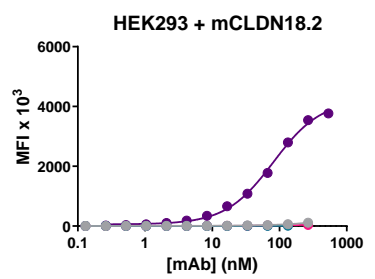
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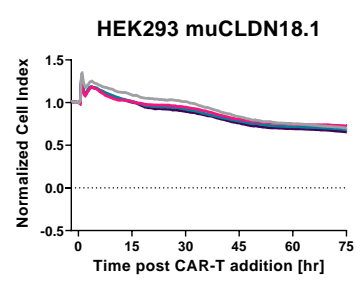
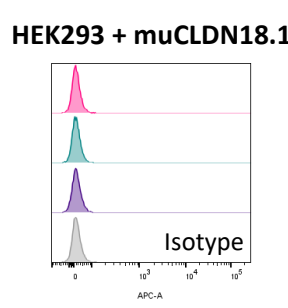
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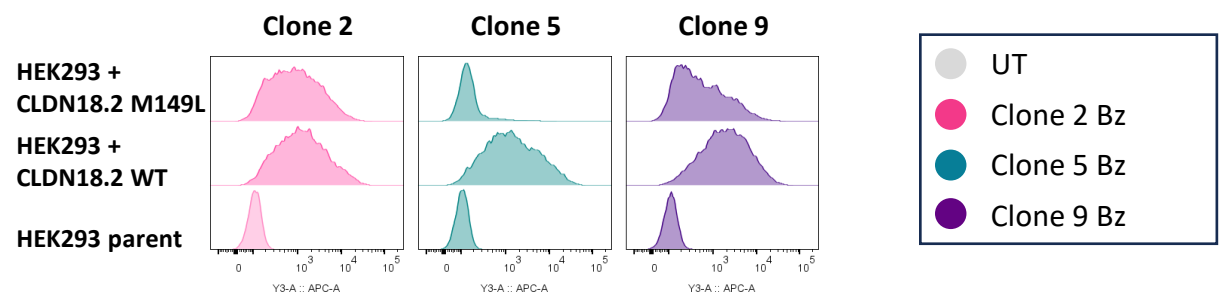
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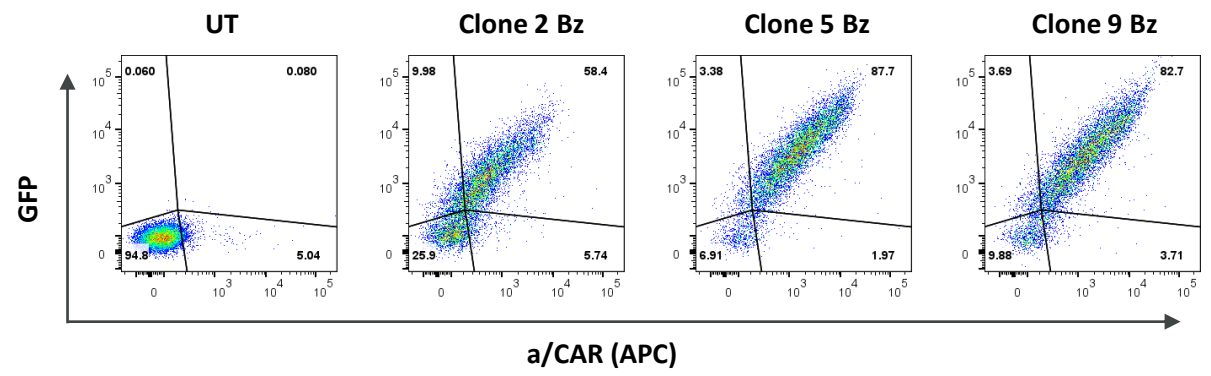
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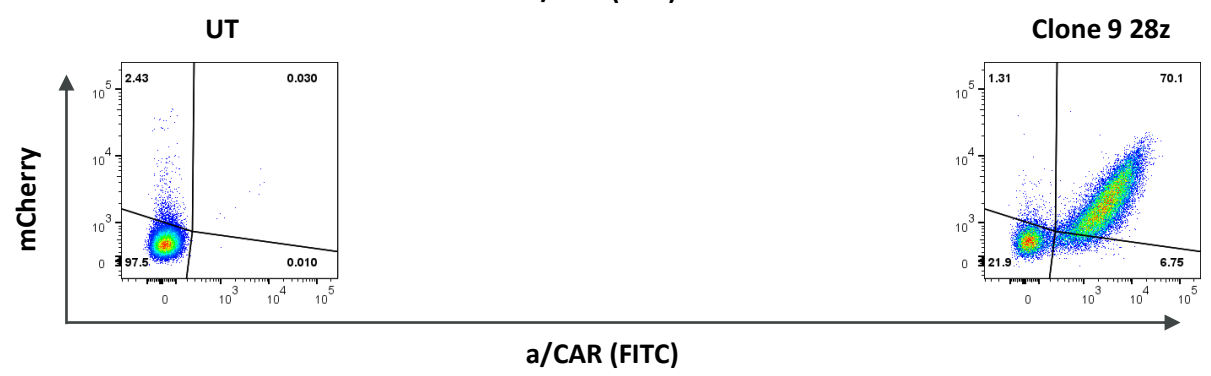
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S3E



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## Supplemental Fig. 3

S3A: Determination of relative binding affinity of each CLDN18.2 reactive clone using HEK293 cells expressing human CLDN18.2 and murine CLDN18.2. Also included is nonspecific isotype antibody (R347).

S3B: Lack of binding of CLDN18.2 reactive clones to HEK293+human CLDN18.1 as determined by FC, also included is nonspecific isotype antibody (R347). HEK293+human CLDN18.1 were cocultured with CLDN18.2 reactive clones at 1:1 ratio and cell lysis was monitored real-time xCelligence RTCA assay (Agilent) for 75 hours.

S3C: Lack of binding of CLDN18.2 reactive clones to HEK293+murine CLDN18.1 as determined by FC, also included is nonspecific isotype antibody (R347). HEK293+murine CLDN18.1 were cocultured with CLDN18.2 reactive clones at 1:1 ratio and cell lysis was monitored real-time xCelligence RTCA assay (Agilent) for 75 hours.

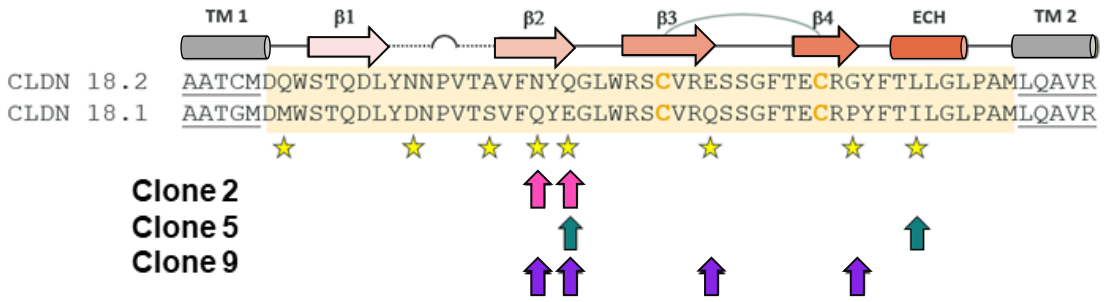
S3D: HEK293 parent, HEK293+CLDN18.2 (wild type, WT) and HEK293+CLDN18.2 engineered to have the M149L SNP cell lines were examined for surface binding of CLDN18.2 reactive clones by FC.

S3E: CLDN18.2 Bz CAR-T lentiviruses included a GFP tag, comparison of surface CAR+ detection with an anti-CAR antibody reagent versus GFP are shown. UT used as control

S3F: CLDN18.2 clone 9 28z CAR-T lentivirus included an mCherry tag, comparison of surface CAR+ detection with an anti-CAR antibody reagent versus mCherry is shown. UT used as control

# Supplemental Fig. 4

S4A



S4B

mAb	CLDN18.2 Q29M	CLDN18.2 N37D	CLDN18.2 A42S	CLDN18.2 N45Q	CLDN18.2 Q47E	CLDN18.2 E56Q	CLDN18.2 G65P	CLDN18.2 L69I
Clone 2	NE	NE	NE	Ab	Ab	NE	NE	NE
Clone 5	NE	NE	NE	NE	Ab	NE	NE	Ab
Clone 9	NE	NE	NE	INF	Ab	INF	INF	NE

## Supplemental Fig. 4

S4A: Epitope characterization of select CLDN18.2-reactive clones. Differential binding to HEK293 cells expressing CLDN18.2 wild-type and CLDN18.2 variants that differ by 1 amino acid each, present in CLDN18.1. Stars represent site of point mutation in relation to CLDN18.2 extracellular structure. Arrows represent sites that influence clone binding.

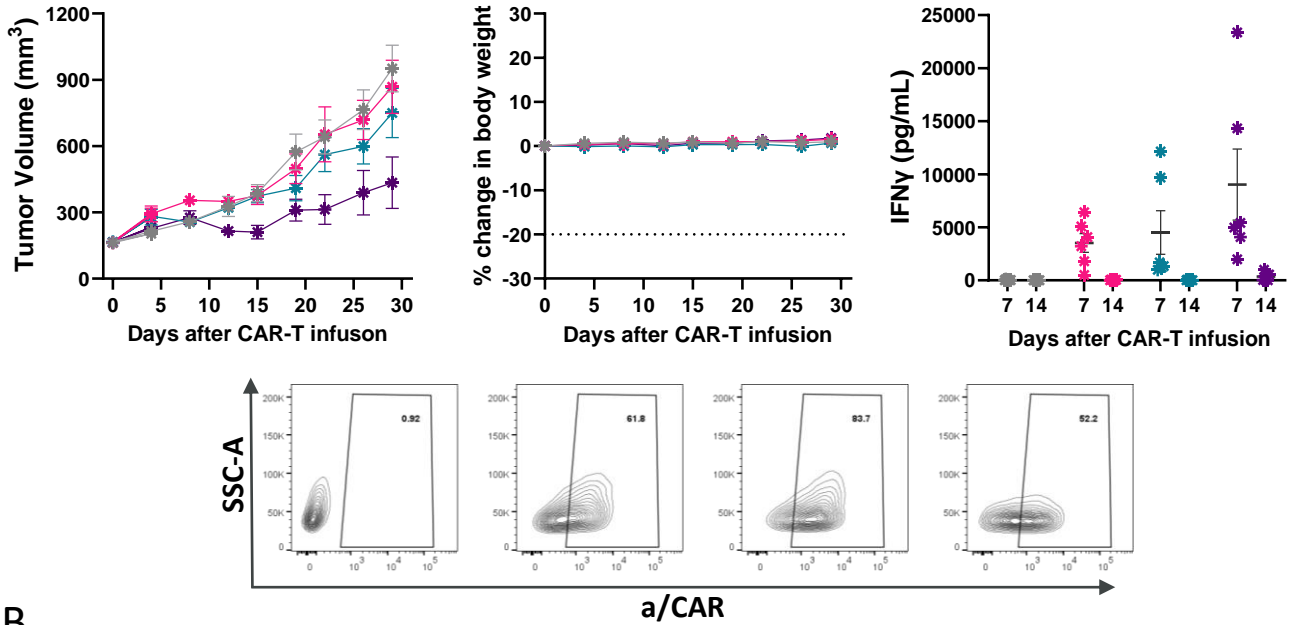
S4B: Results of S4A are reported as no effect on binding (NE), influenced binding (INF) and abolished binding (Ab) to a given variant, where residues responsible for influence or loss of binding indicate residues responsible for CLDN18.2 isoform specificity.



# Supplemental Fig. 5

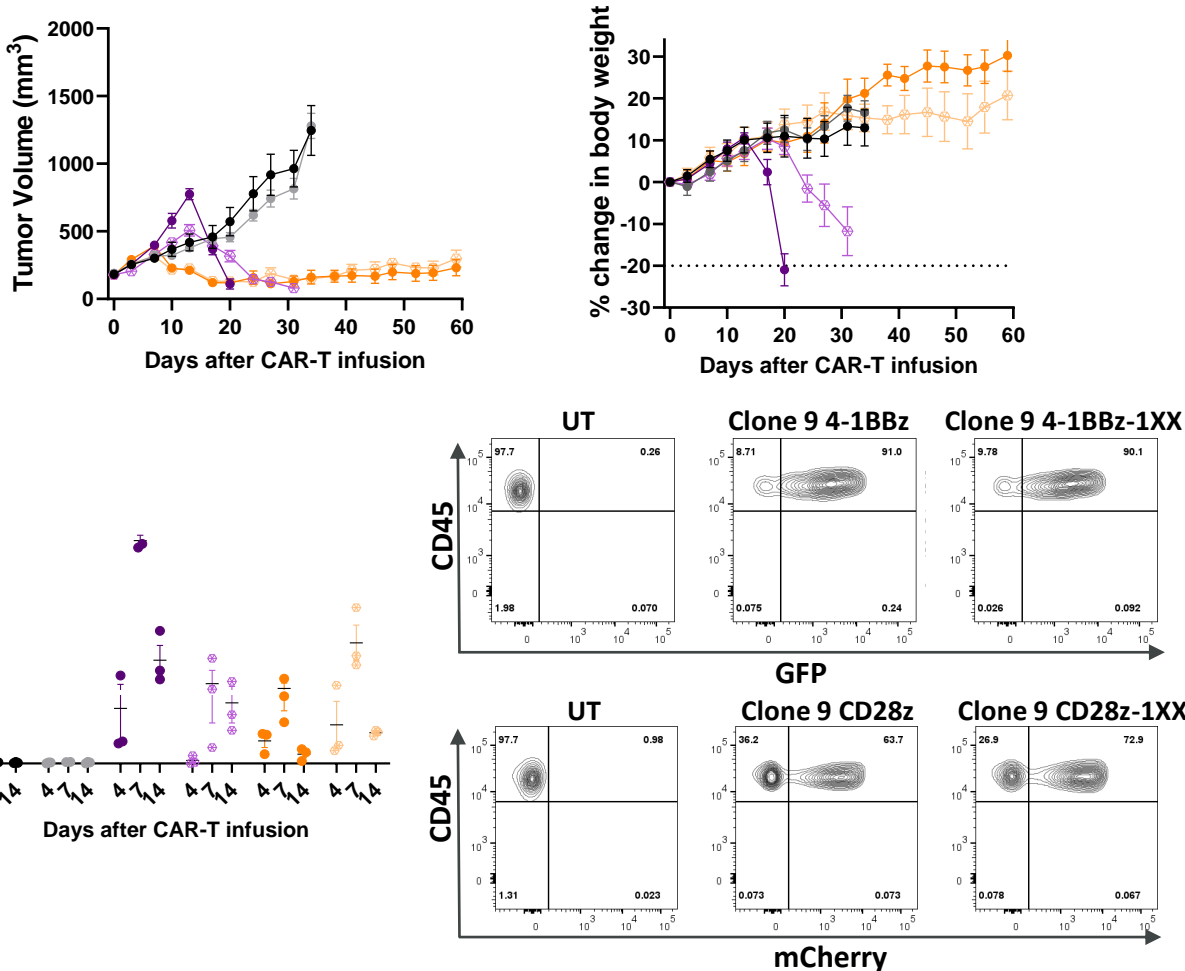
S5A

\* UT   \* Clone 2 1<sup>st</sup> Gen CAR-T   \* Clone 5 1<sup>st</sup> Gen CAR-T   \* Clone 9 1<sup>st</sup> Gen CAR-T



S5B

● Vehicle   ○ UT   ● Clone 9 4-1BBz   ⊗ Clone 9 4-1BBz-1XX   ● Clone 9 CD28z   ⊗ Clone 9 CD28z-1XX



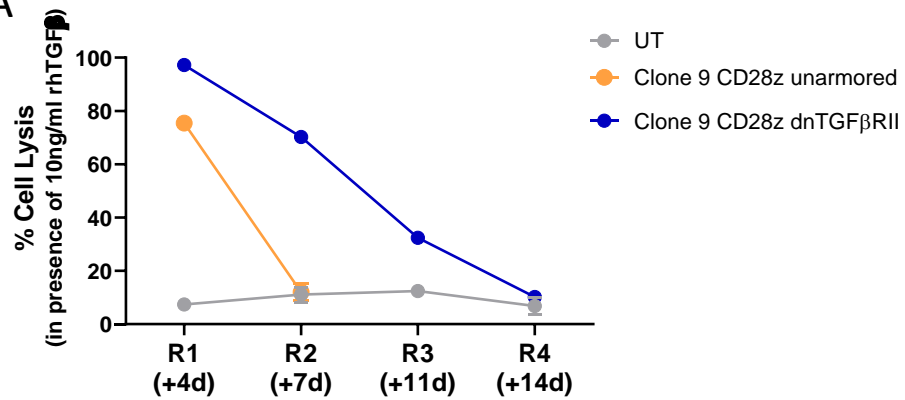
## Supplemental Fig. 5

S5A: NSG mice bearing pancreatic PaTu8988s HS xenografts (CLDN18.2 H score = 268) were dosed by tail vein 3e6 first-generation (CD3z only) clone 2, 5 and 9 CAR+ cells or donor matched UT, total T-cell infusion number was matched across groups. Tumor volume and body weight were measured biweekly (n = 6). Serum levels of IFN $\gamma$  at 7 and 14 days after infusion (n=6). Representative FC plots of CAR surface expression at day 12 post lentiviral transduction compared to UT control. All data represent mean  $\pm$  SEM of replicates.

S5B: NSG mice bearing PaTu8988s HS xenografts were dosed as described in S5A with 3e6 clone 9 CD28z CD3z WT, CD28z CD3z-1XX, Bz CD3z WT or Bz CD3z-1XX CAR-T, donor matched UT or vehicle (n=5-6). Tumor volume and body weight were measured biweekly (n = 6). Serum levels of IFN $\gamma$  at 4, 7 and 14 days after infusion (n=3). Representative FC plots of CAR surface expression at day 12 post lentiviral transduction compared to UT control. All data represent mean  $\pm$  SEM of replicates.

# Supplemental Fig. 6

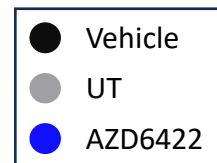
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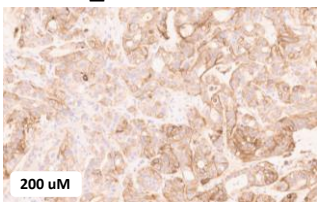
## Supplemental Fig. 6

S6A: Serial restimulation assay to examine cytotoxicity and persistence of dnTGF $\beta$ RII CAR-T and unarmored CAR-T, in presence of 10 ng/ml rhTGF $\beta$ . CAR-T were cocultured at 1:2 with BxPC3 + CLDN18.2, tumor lysis was measured every 3–4 days.

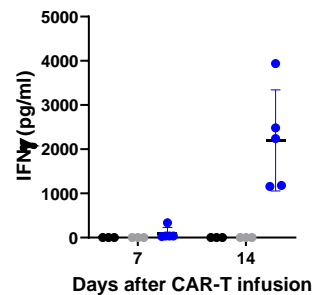
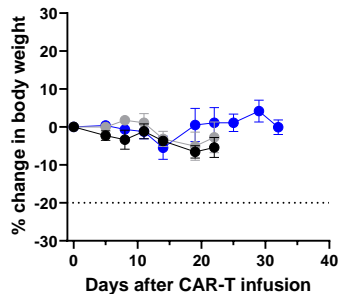
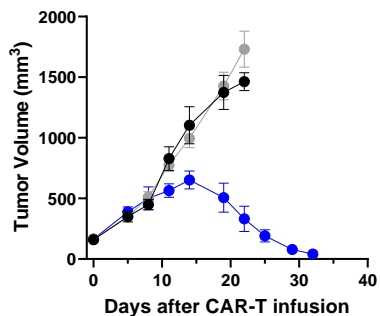
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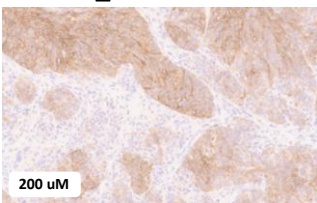
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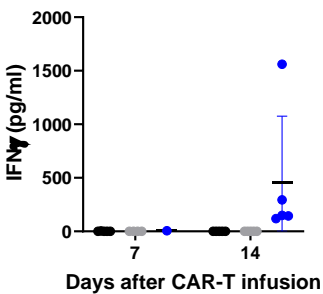
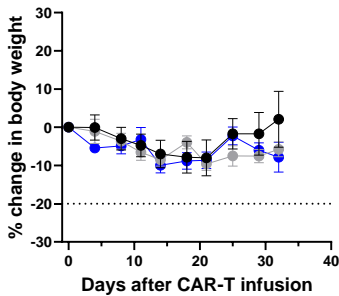
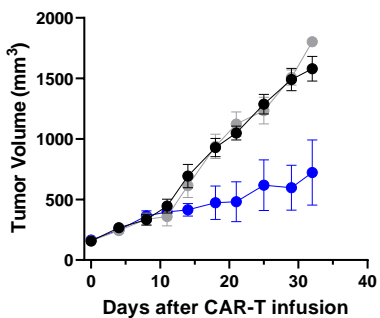
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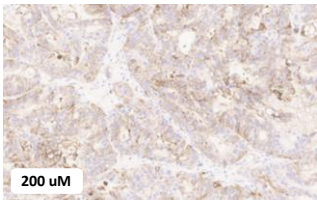
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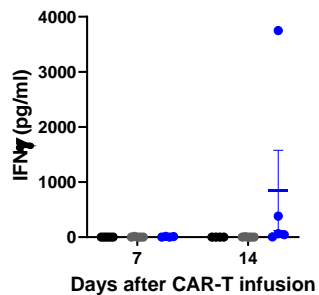
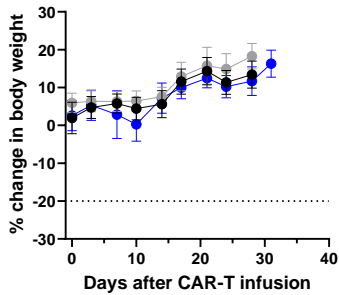
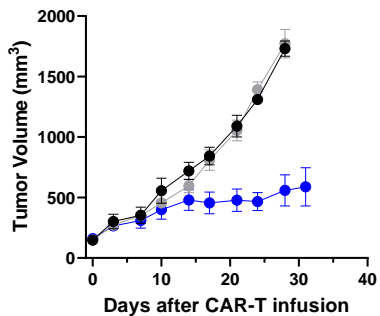
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**PANC\_06**



CLDN18.2 H score = 124  
TGFβ high



## Supplemental Fig. 7

Additional PDX models (PANC\_06, PANC\_20 and PANC\_23) and in vivo antitumor activity of AZD6422 across a range of CLDN18.2 (shown at 10X scan) and TGF $\beta$  expression. Mice received a single tail vein infusion of 1e6 AZD6422, donor-matched UT, or vehicle when the average tumor volume reached 150 mm<sup>3</sup>. Tumor volumes and body weights were measured biweekly until study completion on day 35, blood was collected for cytokine analysis on days 7 and 14. Data are shown as mean  $\pm$  SEM (n = 5).