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Supplemental Information

Engineering HIV-Resistant, Anti-HIV Chimeric

Antigen Receptor T Cells

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Figure S1. HIVCAR T cells derived from multiple donors activate in the presence of HIV-infected cells and produce cytokines in the presence of HIV envelope-expressing cells. (a) Fold change in the % of CAR T cells expressing CD137 24 hours post-stimulation with HIV^{pos} or HIV^{neg} cells. The three donors used to generate HIVCAR T cells are designated by data point shape. (b) Percent of BFP⁺ CAR T cells expressing IFNy and IL-2 by intracellular staining in the presence of a K562 cell line transiently transfected with HIV envelope cis-linked to a GFP ("HIV env⁺ target"), or K562 expressing CD19 cis-linked to GFP as a control ("CD19⁺ target"; previously described¹). A plasmid encoding the TRO11 HIV envelope was obtained through the NIH AIDS Reagent Program, Division of AIDS, NIAID, NIH from Drs. Feng Gao and David Montefiori (cat #11023).^{2,3} The envelope sequence was amplified by PCR and cloned downstream of the T7 promoter and upstream of a T2A GFP in a pWNY vector⁴ by InFusion (Clontech) cloning. mRNA was produced using the mScript T7 standard RNA production kit (Cellscript) as described.1 To generate HIV env⁺ target cells, 2.5 × 10⁶ K562 cells were transfected with 12 µg pWNY.TRO11.T2A.GFP mRNA using a Neon Transfection System at 1400 volts, 10 ms pulse width for 3 pulses. 24 hours post-transfection, 1.5×10^5 HIV env⁺ target K562 or CD19⁺ target K562 were mixed with 7.5×10^4 CAR T cells and resuspended in 200 µL T cell media with 1 µL/mL GolgiPlug (BD Biosciences) in a 96 well-plate. Cells were incubated in a humidified environment at 37°C with 5% CO, for 6 hours, and then washed twice in PBS and stained for human CD4 (PerCP/Cy5.5; BioLegend), followed by fixation and permeabilization using BD Cytofix/Cytoperm and stained with anti-human IFNy (Alexa647; BioLegend) and IL-2 (PE-Cy7; Affymetrix) antibodies for flow cytometry analysis. Error bars reflect standard error in replicate experiments using CAR T cells generated from three donors.*: p<.05 in unpaired t-test with Holm-Sidak correction for multiple comparisons. Representative flow plots show CD4 expression and intracellular IL-2 (c) and IFN γ (d) in BFP⁺ CAR T cells after stimulation with HIV env⁺ or CD19⁺ target K562 cells. The CD4⁻ fraction shown consists of CD8⁺ T cells. Across three donors (donors 1 and 2 are displayed in c and d respectively) 60-70% of CAR T cells are CD4+ in these assays.



Figure S2. 3 of 4 candidate HIVCARs control active infection of PBMC

(a) Live virus challenge comparing HIVCAR T cells derived from alternative bNAbs in a 3 day-co-culture with infected and feeder PBMC. Assay was performed as described in Figure 4, except that infected PBMC were grown for 7 days prior to addition of CAR T cells, and co-cultures were established using the addition of freshly PHA-stimulated uninfected PBMC in association with CAR T cells (at a 1:1:1 ratio). A 75 μ L sample of supernatant was frozen 1 hour after the start of co-culture and every 24 hours for the duration of the assay. (b) p24 concentration in supernatant by ELISA plotted over time.

Figure S3. Synthesized sequences for bNAb-derived scFv

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