



TECHNICAL OVERVIEW 2024

# Keyway™ TCR-based Therapeutic Discovery

Increasing target specificity and tackling  
intracellular targets with Keyway's TCRm  
Discovery offering





## THE TEAM

# Keyway Combines TCR Therapeutic Pioneers with Experts in Antibody Discovery

Leadership team experienced in discovery and advancing biologics including first TCRm to clinic for hematological cancers



**Dongxing Zha**  
CEO of Keyway TCR Discovery

Led the ORBIT platform at MD Anderson Cancer Center, a Moon Shots platform focused on biologic and cell-based therapies, where he oversaw the team that advanced the first TCRm to the clinic for the treatment of various hematological malignancies.



**Jaafar Haidar**  
Senior Director, TCR Discovery

Protein engineer with broad experience creating innovative biotherapeutics including cytokine fusions, mAbs, TCRs and bispecifics (mAb and/or TCR based). Extended expertise in immunology and effector cell redirection.



**Errik Anderson**  
Founder, CEO, Chairman of Alloy

Bioengineer, entrepreneur, and investor who has founded or co-founded several venture-backed biotech companies, including Adimab, Alloy Therapeutics, Compass Therapeutics, Alector, Arsanis, and Avitide.



**Piotr Bobrowicz**  
President, CSO of Alloy

Led scientific efforts across Compass Therapeutics (CSO, VP Translational Research); Adimab (Director of Platform Development, Director of Open Innovation); Merck (Group Leader); GlycoFi; University of Wrocław.



We help our partners unlock  
the future of TCRm medicines.

Keyway unites the world's most creative antibody discovery  
team with the pioneering minds behind TCR therapeutics.



## KEYWAY FEATURES

# Keyway is a Fully Integrated Platform to Drug pMHCs in a High Specific Manner

Platform seeks to create TCR-based therapies with ideal drug properties. Full-service, one-stop-shop for TCRm discovery technology and capabilities.



### Proprietary technology and workflows

pHLA complex and control TCRm generation, immunization of proprietary humanized ATX-Gx mice, multiple binder recovery methods, biophysical characterization, bispecific or CAR engineering, *in vitro* and *in vivo* preclinical testing



### TCRm-specific specificity studies

T2 cell pulse assay, EC50 binding assay, display-based alanine scan and X-scan, tumor cell lines binding assay, bioinformatics analysis

### KEYWAY FEATURES



Safety



Specificity



Stability



Efficacy



Manufacturability



IV or SC delivery

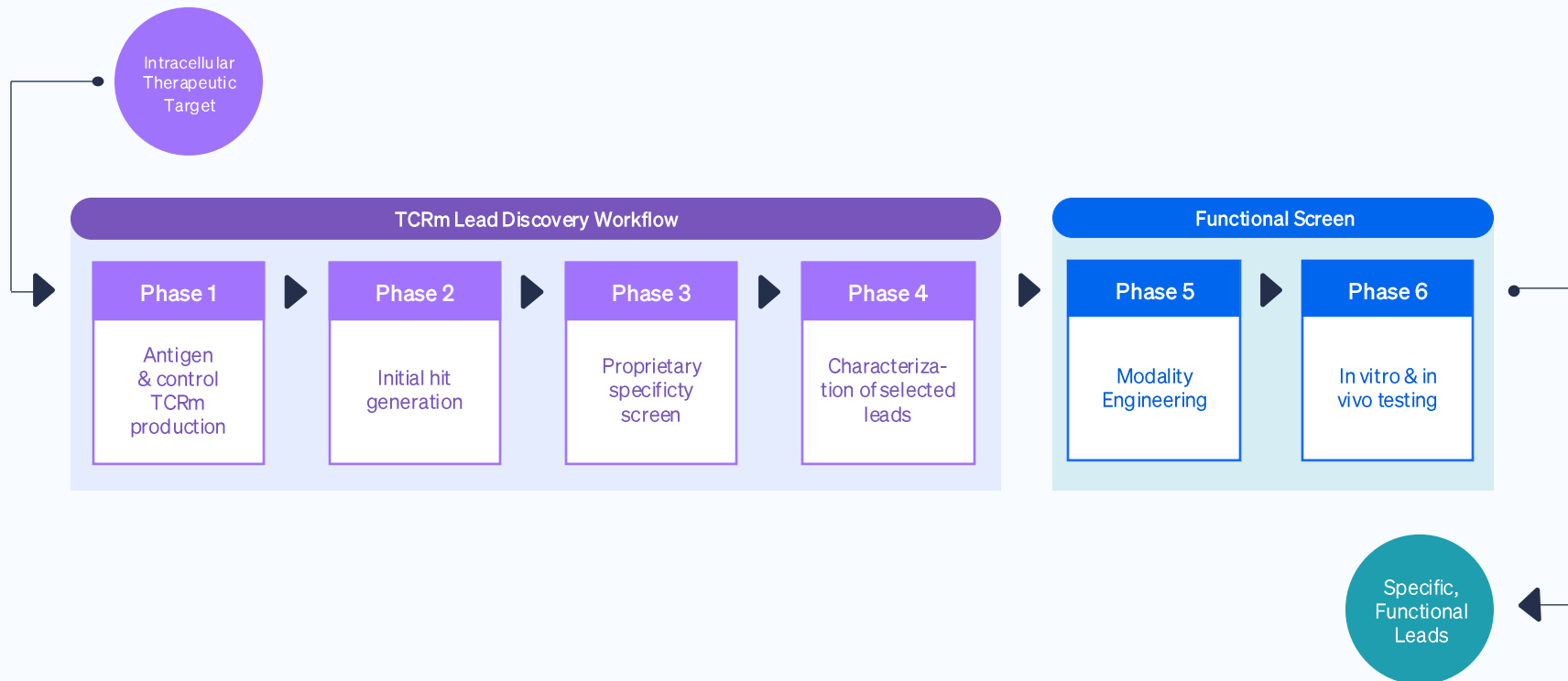


Multiple modality options



# Keyway Features an End-to-end TCR-based Therapeutics Discovery Workflow

Tailored Keyway TCRm discovery workflow for the search of functionally-relevant leads via stringent specificity screens





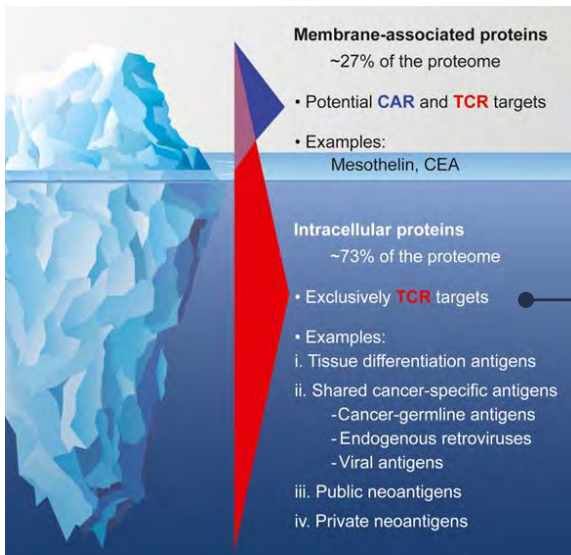
## TARGETING INTRACELLULAR TARGETS

# Peptide MHC Complexes Provide Vast Opportunity to Target Beyond Cell Surface

Majority of proteome comprised of intracellular proteins that are inaccessible via conventional biotherapeutic approaches

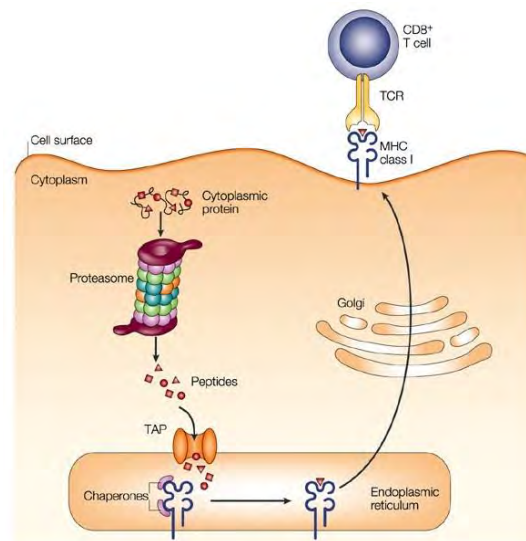
### Membrane-associated proteins

~27% of the proteome



Source: Immunological Reviews, Volume: 290, Issue: 1,  
Pages: 127-147, First published 29 July 2019, DOI: (10.1111/imr.12772)

### Intracellular proteins are loaded into MHC complex and presented on cell surface



Source: Nat Rev Immunol 3, 952-961 (2003). <https://doi.org/10.1038/nri1250>



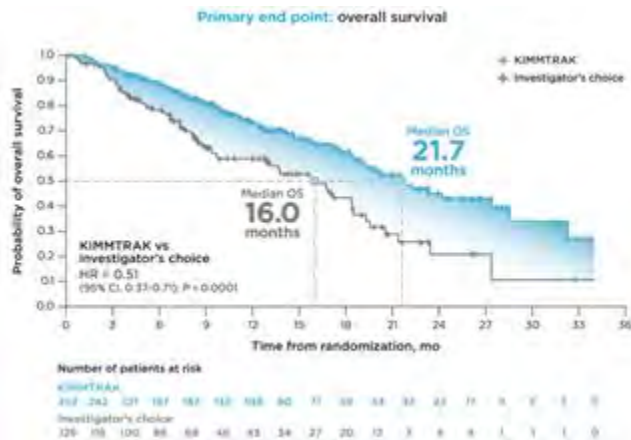
TCR-BASED MODALITIES ARE EMERGING THERAPEUTICS

# TCR-based Therapies Unlock Broad New Therapeutic Potential

We envision a future where TCR modalities become as important a treatment paradigm as antibodies in the next 20 years

Opens variety of intracellular targets for precision medicine in liquid & solid tumor

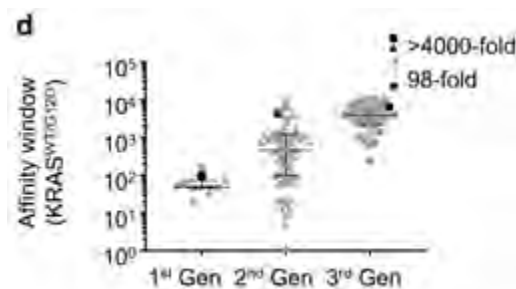
**First and only TCRm** solid tumor approval: KIMMTRAK bispecific T cell engager redirects immune system to target and kill gp100-expressing uveal melanoma tumor cells expressed via HLA-A2.



Source: Nathan P, Hassel JC, Rutkowski P, et al; IMCgp100-202 Investigators.  
Overall survival benefit with tebentafusp in metastatic uveal melanoma.

Offers highly specific approach to “undruggable” targets

TCRs are under preclinical and clinical investigation for conventionally “undruggable” targets such as KRAS, p53, viral proteins, and more.



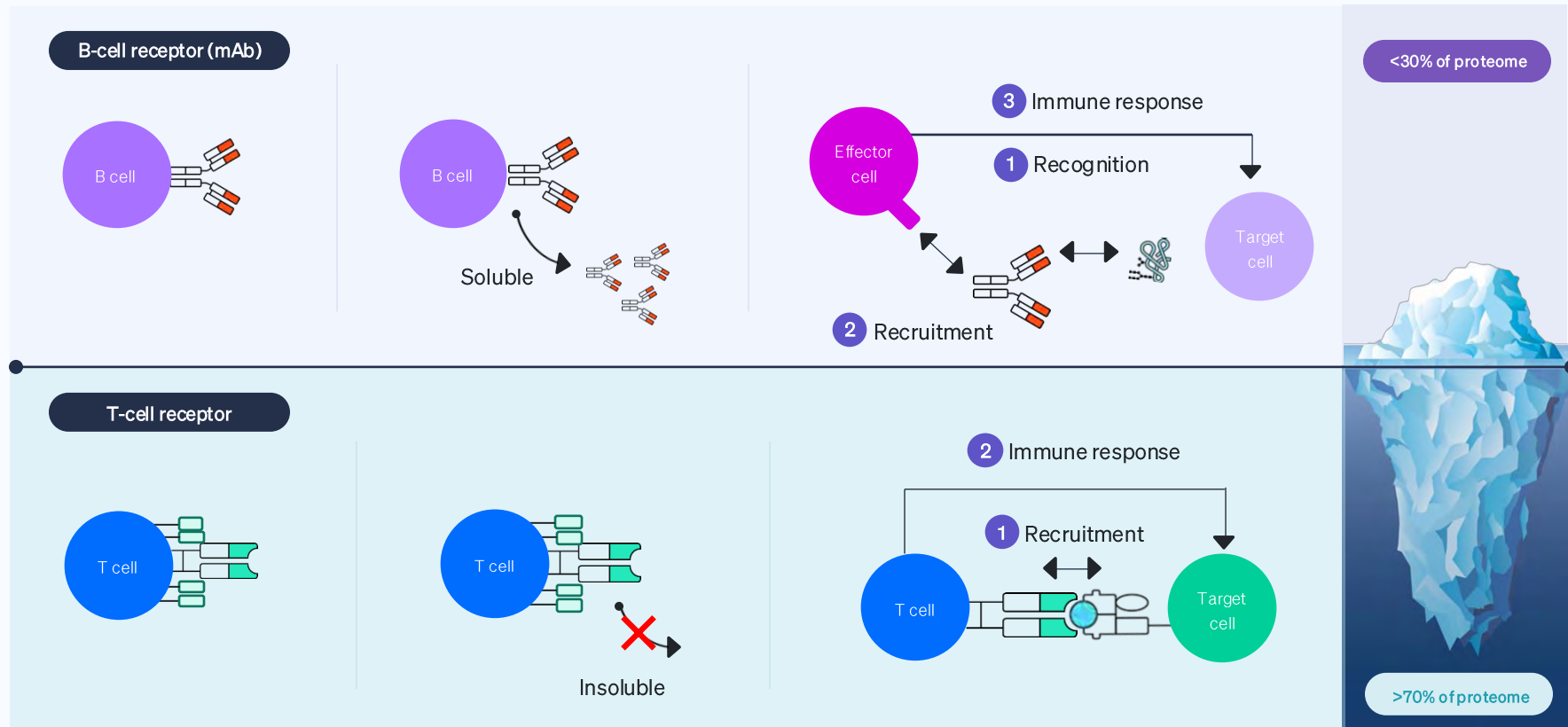
Difference in binding affinity of TCR mutants towards KRAS<sup>WT</sup> and KRAS<sup>G12D</sup> plotted as affinity window ( $K_D$  KRAS<sup>WT</sup>/ $K_D$  KRAS<sup>G12D</sup> pHLA) in preclinical model.

Source: Poole, A., Karupiah, V., Hartt, A. et al. Therapeutic high affinity T cell receptor targeting a KRAS<sup>G12D</sup> cancer neoantigen. Nat Commun 13, 5333 (2022). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-022-32811-1>



# T Cells Evolved to Use TCR to Trigger Response to Intracellular Antigen

Natural mechanisms are the blueprint for therapeutic platforms

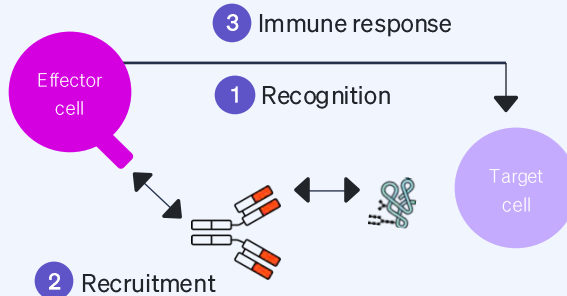
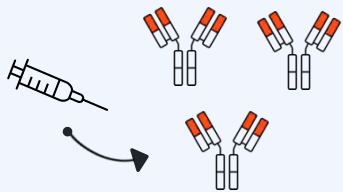




# TCR Mimics Target pMHCs With the Favorable Drug-like Properties of an Antibody

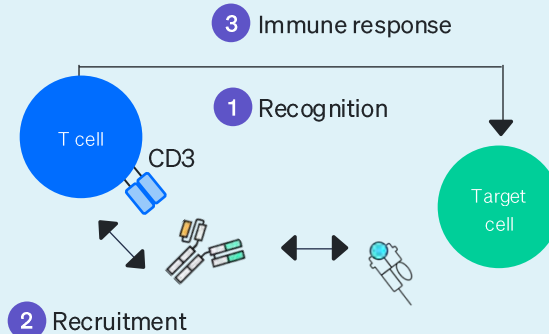
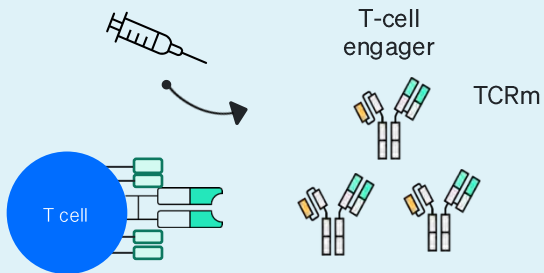
Natural mechanisms are the blueprint for therapeutic platforms

## Therapeutic Antibody



<30% of proteome

## Therapeutic TCRm



>70%  
of Proteome

>70% of proteome





# Platform is Designed to Drug pMHC Complexes in a High Specific Manner

Solving the most challenging problems in TCRm discovery with an end-to-end integrated platform and service offering

## Solution one



### ● Generating high-quality pMHC complexes

The keyway TCRm Discovery Platform includes the proprietary protocols, workflows, know-how, technology, and materials for the consistent generation of high-quality pHLA complexes. High-quality antigens are crucial for the generation of high-quality therapeutic leads so performing this step correctly and consistently is particularly important.

## Solution two



### ● Discovering a diverse array of highly specific, fully-human antibodies

The Keyway TCRm Discovery Platform integrates Alloy's full suite of *in vivo*, *in vitro*, and *in silico* antibody discovery capabilities in a proprietary workflow tailored to identifying and optimizing a diverse set of antibodies that bind to a specific pMHC complex. The Keyway discovery process counter selects for non-specific binders to related pMHC complexes while also using Alloy's AI/ML workflows to reduce genome-wide polyreactivity.

## Solution three



### ● Performing appropriate specificity testing to select for the best therapeutic leads

The keyway TCRm Discovery Platform includes pMHC display libraries for specificity testing to address off-target non-specificity effects, a major challenge of therapeutic TCRm discovery. Ensuring that therapeutic leads do not bind to off-target epitopes is crucial to the success of such leads in clinical trials.



# Keyway Generates and Characterizes High-Quality pMHCs

Internal capabilities to produce and characterize pMHC complexes to ensure quality for high specificity TCRm discovery

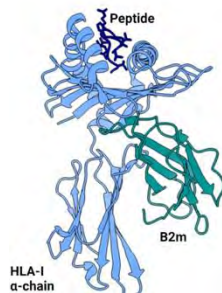
## Solution one



## Solution two



## Solution three



## 1 B2m and $\alpha$ -chain Production

HLA-I  $\alpha$ -chain and B2m cloning and inclusion body isolation and denaturation



## 2 In Vitro Refolding

$\alpha$ -chain, B2m, and synthetic peptide refolding



## 3 pHIA-I Purification

Purification of refolded pMHC(s) complex from the refolding mix



## 4 Characterization

Binding characterization, purity determination, and mass spec analysis





# Keyway Discovers Diversity of Specific, Fully-Human mAbs

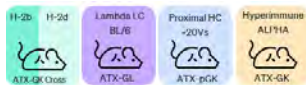
Keyway TCRm Discovery leverages the entire suite of Alloy antibody discovery tools

## Solution one



**In Vivo**

### Generate Diversity



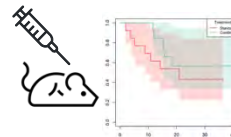
ATX Gx  
Transgenic Mice

### Retrieve Diversity



High-throughput B Cell Screening

### Assess Diversity

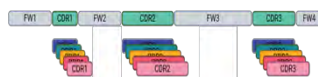


In Vivo Efficacy

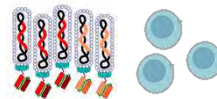
## Solution two



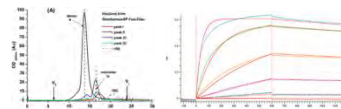
**In Vitro**



Naïve and Synthetic  
Display Libraries



Phage & Mammalian Display  
Library Screening



Biophysical  
Characterization

## Solution three



**In Silico**



AI-Driven  
Library Design



Immune Repertoire  
Data Mining



Modeling and Predicting  
Structure & Properties



# Keyway Performs Specificity Testing to Select Best Leads

pMHC (pHLA) phage display libraries for specificity testing address off-target non-specificity effects

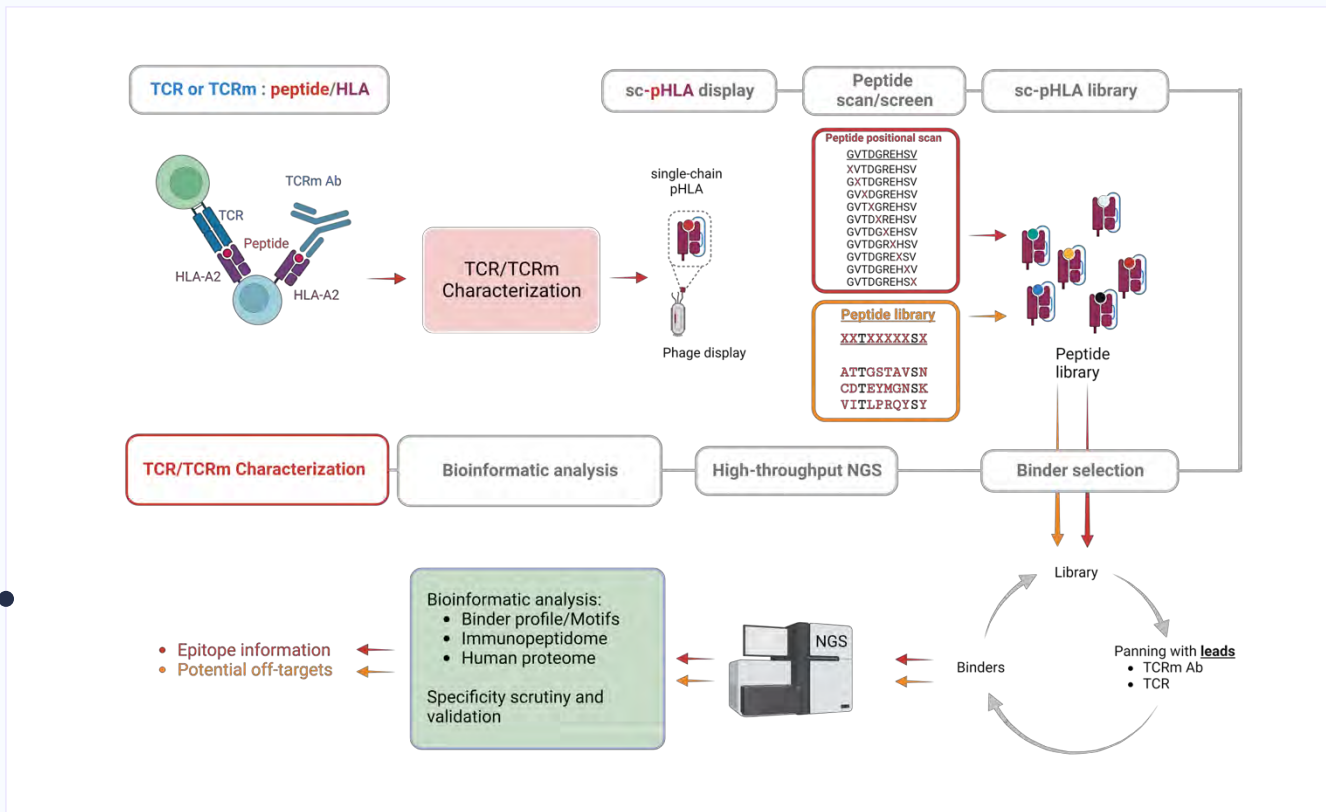
## Solution one



## Solution two



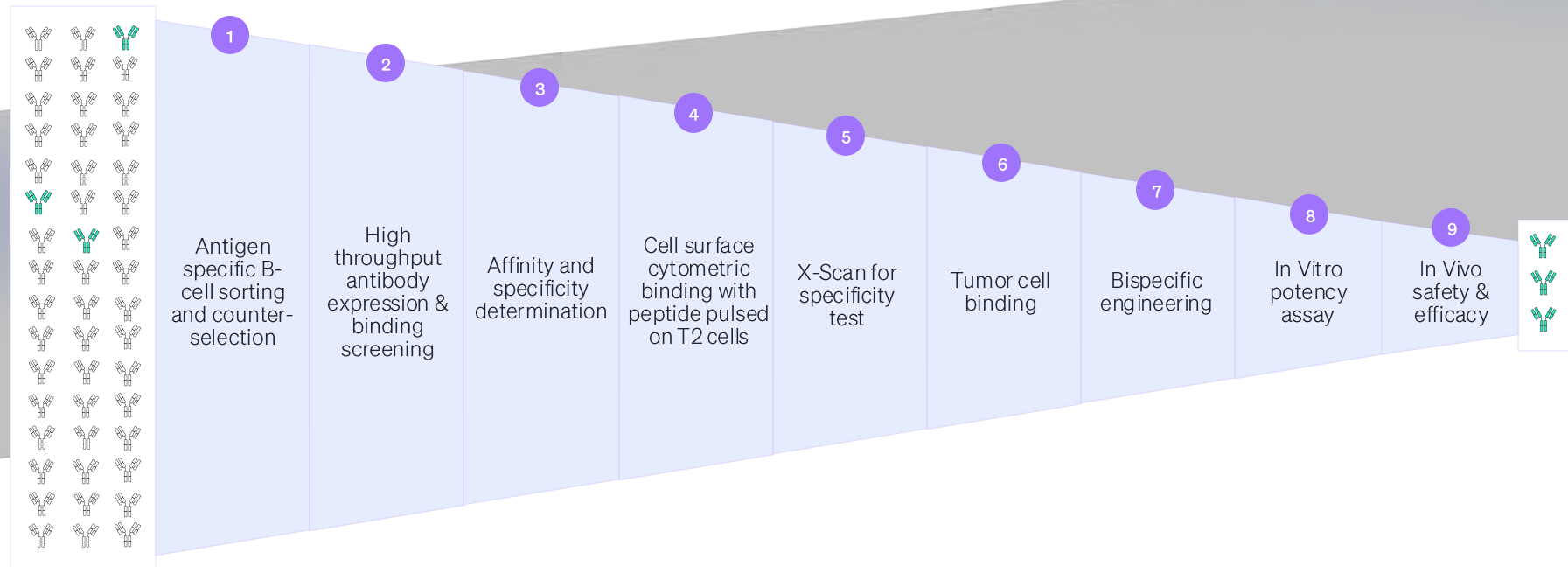
## Solution three





# Multiple Layers of Screening Process to Enhance Highly Potent and Specific TCRm

Keyway TCRm antibody characterization funnel



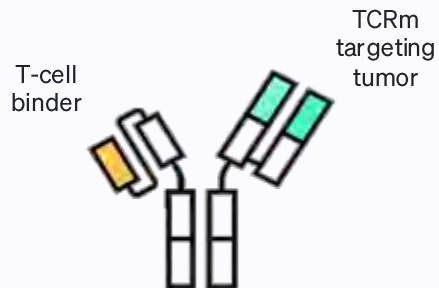


# Keyway Can Format TCRm Leads into Bispecific Cell Engager or CAR-T

TCRm modality engineering: Bispecific cell engager or CAR-T

## Bispecific Capabilities

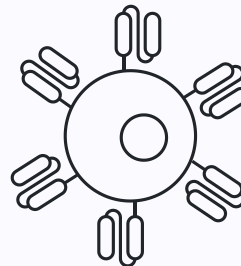
- Multiple readily-available high-quality T-cell engager arms (including CD3 for convenient bispecific construction)
- High-throughput bispecific generation and screening



## CAR-T Capabilities

- mRNA-and lentiviral-based vector system producing CAR-Ts and characterization

TCRm-scFv





## SUMMARY

# Keyway TCR discovery leverages proprietary technology platforms

Core & value-add services and platforms ready to go — with additional capabilities on the way.

### Core services



#### Keyway TCRm

Proprietary TCRm discovery platform covering pHLA complex generation and the discovery, characterization, engineering, optimization, and selection of the best TCRm leads.



#### Keyway TCR

TCR display platforms for the discovery of engineered TCRs.



#### Keyway pHLA

pHLA display platform for the discovery of engineered TCRs.



#### Keyway TCR Mice

Transgenic murine *in vivo* discovery platform optimized for human TCR-based therapeutics. **Coming soon**

### Value-add services



#### VALUE-ADD

#### Translational medicine

Accelerates partner programs by providing early insights into functional activity of candidates generated from Keyway TCR discovery projects.

CASE STUDY

## Keyway TCRm Discovery

Discovery of Highly Specific  
TCRm Ab against WT1/HLA-A2







## CASE STUDY

# Discovery of Highly Specific TCRm Ab Against WT1/HLA-A1

Addressing the challenges of off-target specificity of Keyway TCRm discovery workflow

## Case study background & challenge

- WT1 gene is over-expressed in hematological malignancies; National Cancer Institute ranks WT1 as number one target for cancer IO.
- Discovery of specific binders to WT1/HLA-A2 is challenging due to its high homology to other peptides presented in the context of HLA
- M13L and PIGQ have been identified as top off-target peptides for targeting WT1\*

Peptide Name	Sequences
WT1	RMFPNAPYL
M13L (Off-Target Peptide)	RMFP <b>TPPSL</b>
PIGQ (Off-Target Peptide)	RMFP <b>GEVAL</b>

\* Ataie et. al. J Mol Biol. 2016 Jan 16; 428(1):194–205.



## Scope & highlight of case study

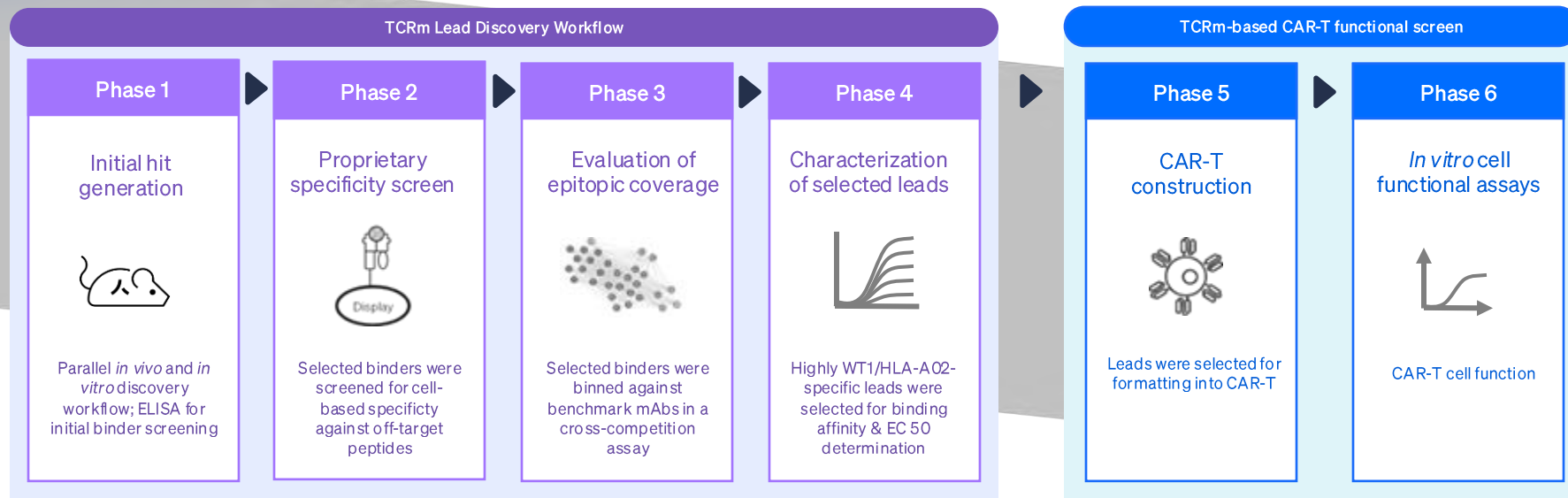
- Keyway workflow and specificity screens enable the discovery of **fully human** TCRm Abs with **superior specificity** versus 3 benchmark anti-WT1/HLA-A2 Abs
  - Roche mAb1 and mAb2 (developed by Roche)
  - ESK1 (developed by Eureka)
- Focus on eliminating off-target binding to M13L & PIGQ
- Selected Keyway Ab leads were reformatted into CAR-T where they demonstrated cell-based functions, setting the stage for the further evaluation of TCRm-based CART-T as a therapeutic modality



## CASE STUDY

# Discovery of Highly Specific TCRm Ab Against WT1/HLA-A2

Tailored Keyway TCRm discovery workflow for the search of specific, functionally-relevant leads





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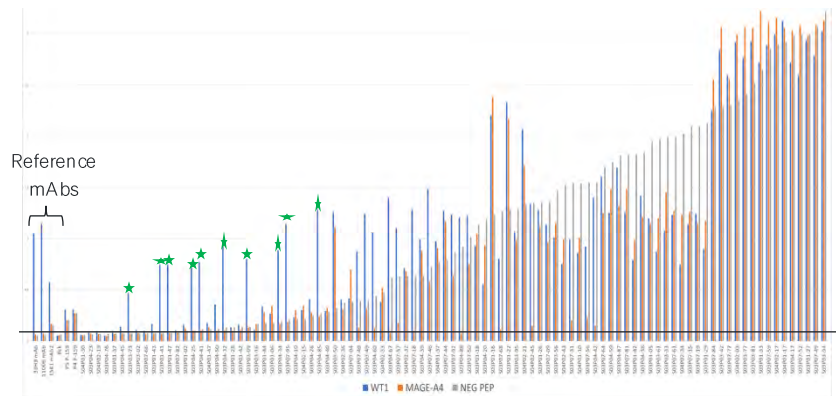
# Generation of Fully Humans Ab Hits for Binders Toward WT1/HLA-A2

ELISA screening of clones based on a combined *in vitro* and *in vivo* Alloy antibody discovery workflow

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## Initial ELISA screen for hit identification

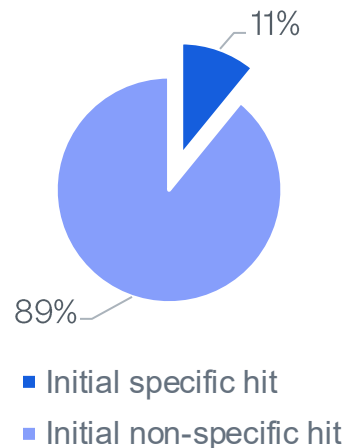
Example of ELISA screen to identify hits with initial binding to WT1/HLA-A2 from the vast number of clones generated in Alloy discovery workflow. In this example, 11 mAbs specific for WT1/HLA-A2 representing 3 clonotypes were identified.



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## Preliminary specific hits were selected for further screening

Only a small percentage (11%) of total clones screened by ELISA exhibit satisfactory initial specificity for WT1/HLA-A2 and were selected for more stringent specificity screens.

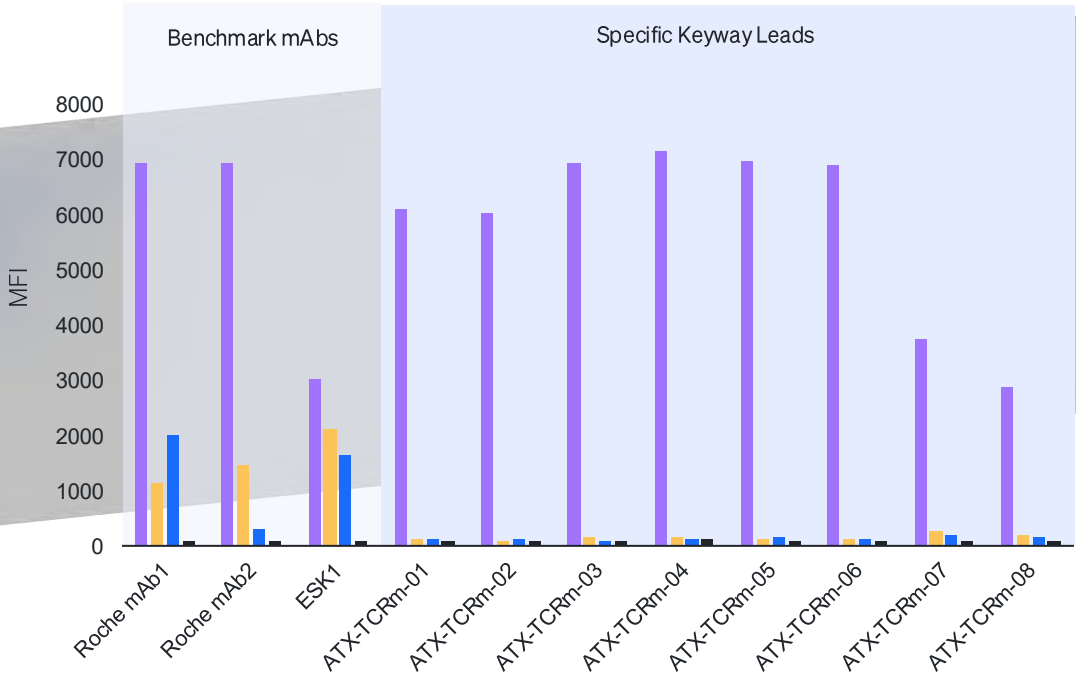




CASE STUDY

# TCRm Leads With Superior Specificity to Benchmark Antibodies Were Identified

T2 cell surface peptide pulse assay for specificity screen



- WT1 peptide 50uM
- M13L peptide 50uM
- PIGQ peptide 50uM
- No peptide

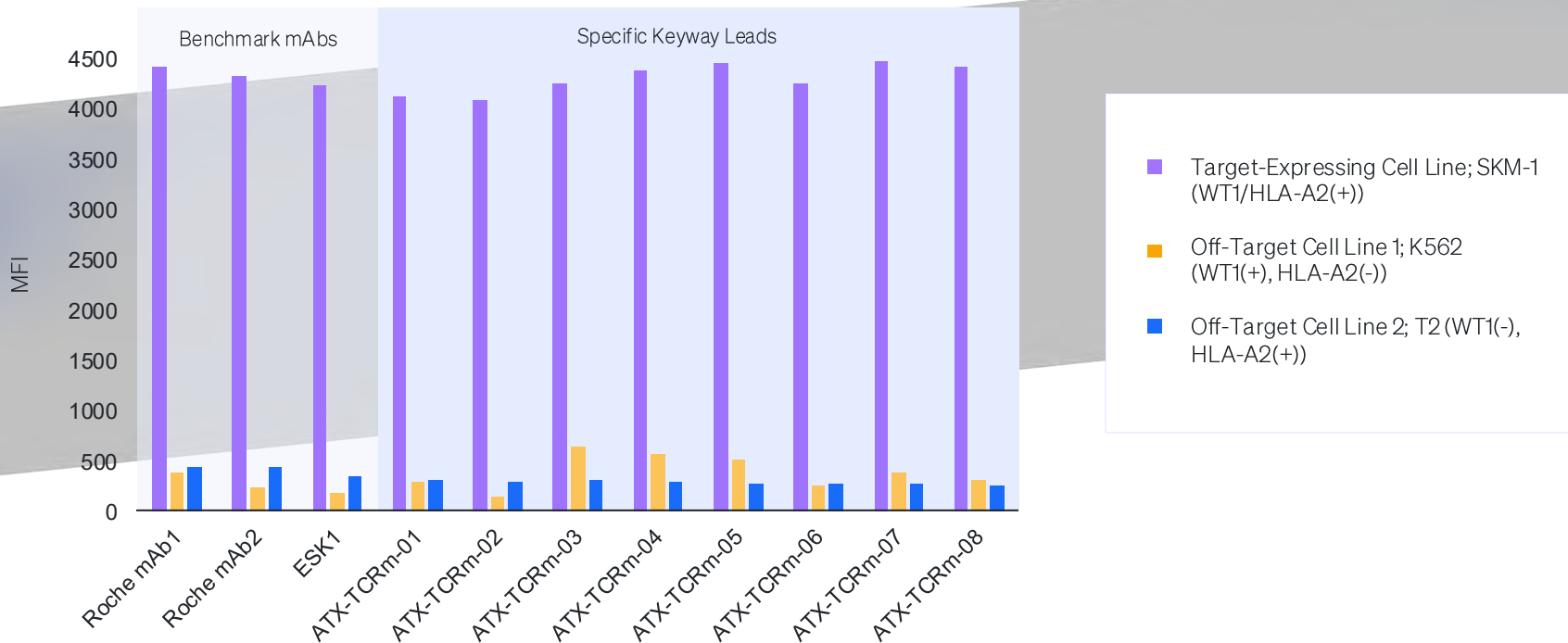
Peptide Name	Sequences
WT1	RMFPNAPYL
M13L	RMFPTPPSL
PIGQ	RMFPGGEVAL



## CASE STUDY

# Tumor Cell Binding Assay Results Corroborate the Superior Peptide Specificity of TCRm Leads

Keyway leads exhibit comparable specific binding to a WT/HLA-A2-expressing cell line compared to benchmark antibodies

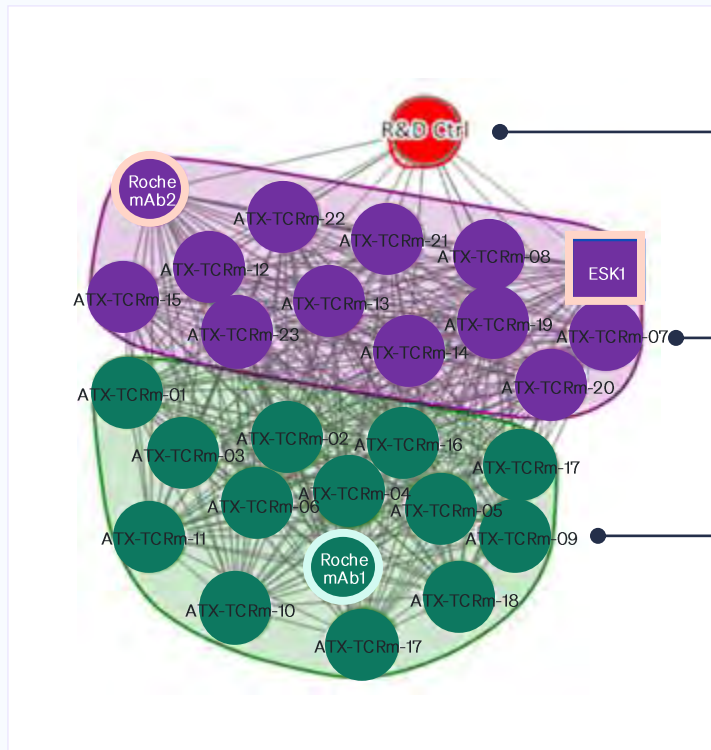




## CASE STUDY

# Specific TCRm Leads Were Demonstrated to Cover Epitopes of All Benchmark Abs

Binning experiment against benchmark Abs and R&D control was performed by Carterra LSA to identify preferred leads



R&D control antibody recognizes conformational HLA-A2

ESK1 & Roche mAb2

More specific leads are observed in the bin of Roche mAb1 Epitope bin chosen for Keyway preferred leads



## CASE STUDY

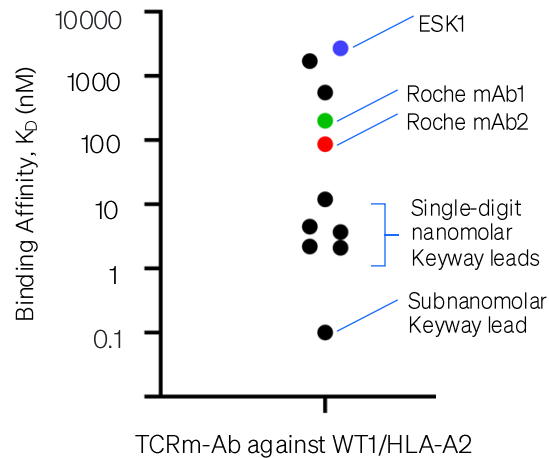
# Selected TCRm Leads Exhibit Superior Affinity to WT1/HLA-A2 vs Benchmark Abs

Keyway leads exhibit comparable specific binding to a WT/HLA-A2-expressing cell line compared to benchmark antibodies

Binding kinetics of Keyway TCRm leads and benchmark Abs  
HLA-WT1

Clone ID	$k_a$ (1/Ms)	$k_d$ (1/s)	$K_D$ (nM)
ATX-TCRm-01	1.5E+05	6.9E-04	4.5
ATX-TCRm-02	3.2E+05	6.8E-04	2.1
ATX-TCRm-03	1.8E+05	4.1E-04	2.2
ATX-TCRm-04	3.0E+05	3.7E-03	12
ATX-TCRm-05	2.6E+05	9.6E-04	3.7
ATX-TCRm-06	3.0E+05	3.0E-05	0.1
ATX-TCRm-07	5.2E+04	2.8E-02	550
ATX-TCRm-08	3.0E+04	5.1E-02	1700
Roche mAb1	2.4E+05	4.9E-02	200
Roche mAb2	1.9E+05	1.7E-02	87
ESK1	7.7E+04	2.1E-01	2700

Affinity rank of Keyway TCRm leads vs benchmark Abs





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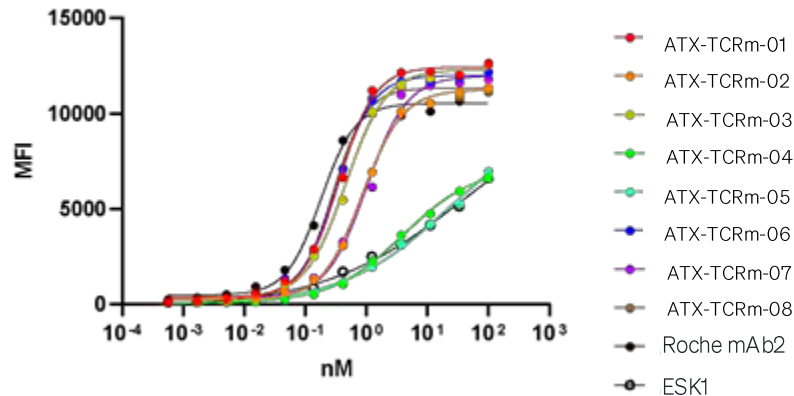
# Several Specific TCRm Leads Exhibit Superior Potency vs Benchmark Abs

EC50 determination with WT1 peptide pulsing on T2 cells

EC50 values of selected Keyway TCRm leads

Clone ID	EC50 (nM) @50uM WT1
ATX-TCRm-01	0.355
ATX-TCRm-02	0.867
ATX-TCRm-03	0.461
ATX-TCRm-04	0.327
ATX-TCRm-05	1.020
ATX-TCRm-06	0.288
ATX-TCRm-07	Not Reaching Plateau
ATX-TCRm-08	Not Reaching Plateau
Roche mAb2	0.181
ESK1	Not Reaching Plateau

EC50 comparison of selected Keyway TCRm leads vs benchmark Abs







## CASE STUDY

# TCRm-based CAR-T Demonstrate Expression, T-Cell Activation Assays, & Cell Killing

Alloy end-to-end capabilities to provide a streamlined workflow for CAR-T cell function evaluation

### CAR-T Generation

Lead selection



CAR-T modular design



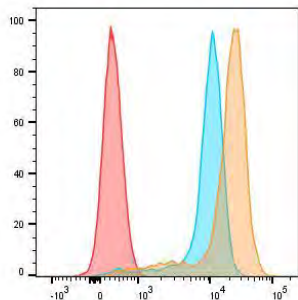
mRNA generation



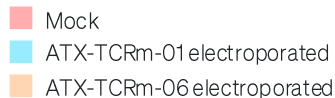
TCRm-based CAR-T



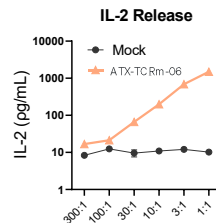
### Flow cytometry – CAR expression



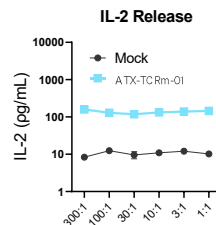
PE-labeled HLA-A2-RMFPNAPYL



### ELISA – IL-2 Release

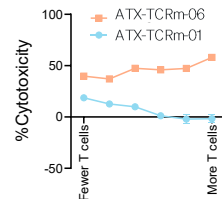


E:T (CAR-J:SKM-1)



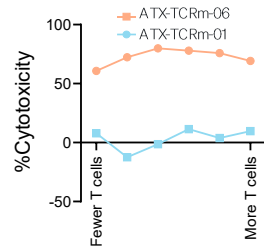
E:T (CAR-J:SKM-1)

### Flow cytometry- cytotoxicity



E:T (CAR-J:SKM-1)

BV-173



E:T (CAR-J:BV-173)



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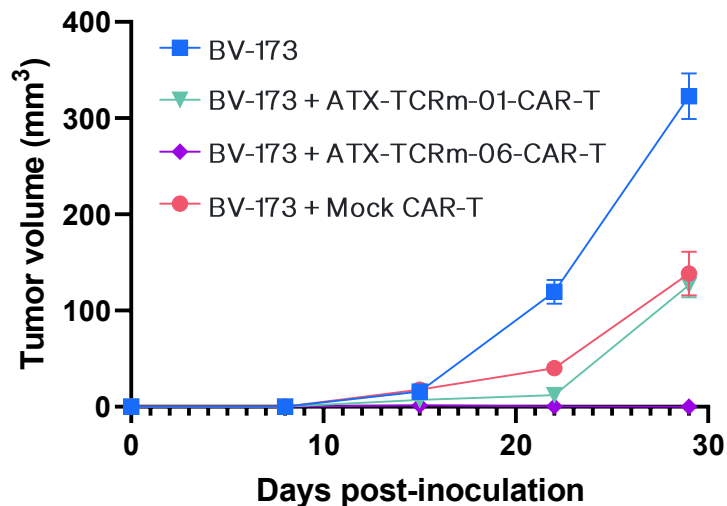
# TCRm-Based CAR-T Demonstrate Anti-Tumor Activity in Animal Model

ATX-TCRm06-CAR-T showed significant efficacy against the BV-173 cell line in NSG mice

## In vivo functional testing of Keyway CAR-Ts

- BV-173 human B cell leukemia cells were injected into the flanks of NOD *scid*/gamma (NSG) immunocompromised mice
- Treatment groups received a 1:1 co-injection of BV-173 cells and indicated CAR-T cells
- Tumor size was monitored using caliper measurements
- **ATX-TCRm-06-CAR-T cells completely ablated tumor growth in NSG mice**
- While both mock- and ATX-TCRm-01-CAR-T cells initially restricted tumor growth compared to non-treated control, the tumors were ultimately capable of significant growth as compared to ATX-TCRm-04-CAR-T treated mice

## Keyway CAR-T exhibited tumor suppression efficacies



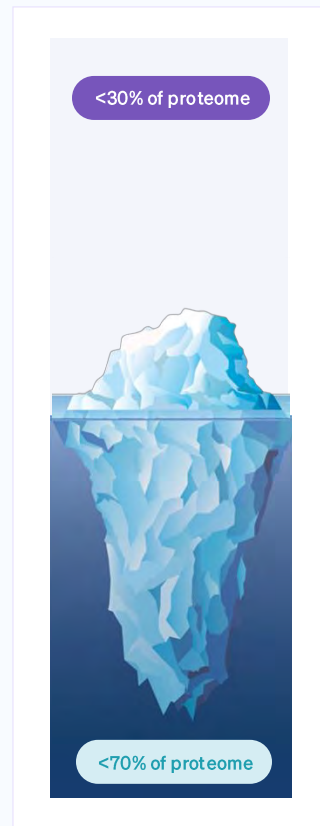


## SUMMARY

# Keyway is a One-Stop-Shop to Discover Highly Specific TCRm Therapies

TCRm modality engineering: Bispecific cell engager or CAR-T

- 1 **TCR therapies unlock broad new therapeutic potential** beyond the cell surface by targeting pMHC complexes
- 2 **TCR mimics target pMHCs** with the favorable drug-like properties of an antibody
- 3 **Keyway unites the world's most creative antibody discovery team** with the pioneering minds behind TCR therapeutics to deliver high quality TCRm medicines to our partners
- 4 **The Keyway TCRm platform comprises:**
  1. Generation of high-quality pMHC complexes
  2. Discovering a diverse array of highly specific, fully-human antibodies
  3. Performing appropriate specificity testing to select for the best therapeutic leads
  4. Modality engineering capabilities to generate TCRm-based bispecific antibodies using proprietary CD3 engagers, as well as TCR-based CAR-Ts
  5. Cell functional assay capabilities for therapeutic lead screening





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