

Designing Technologies to Meet the Manufacturing Needs of New Regenerative Therapies

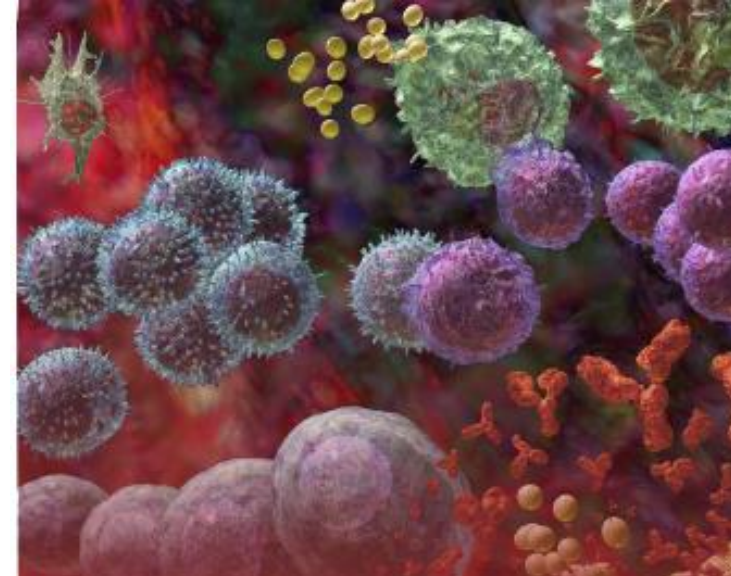
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Cell Engineering is part of the future to finding effective therapies to cure cancer and allied diseases

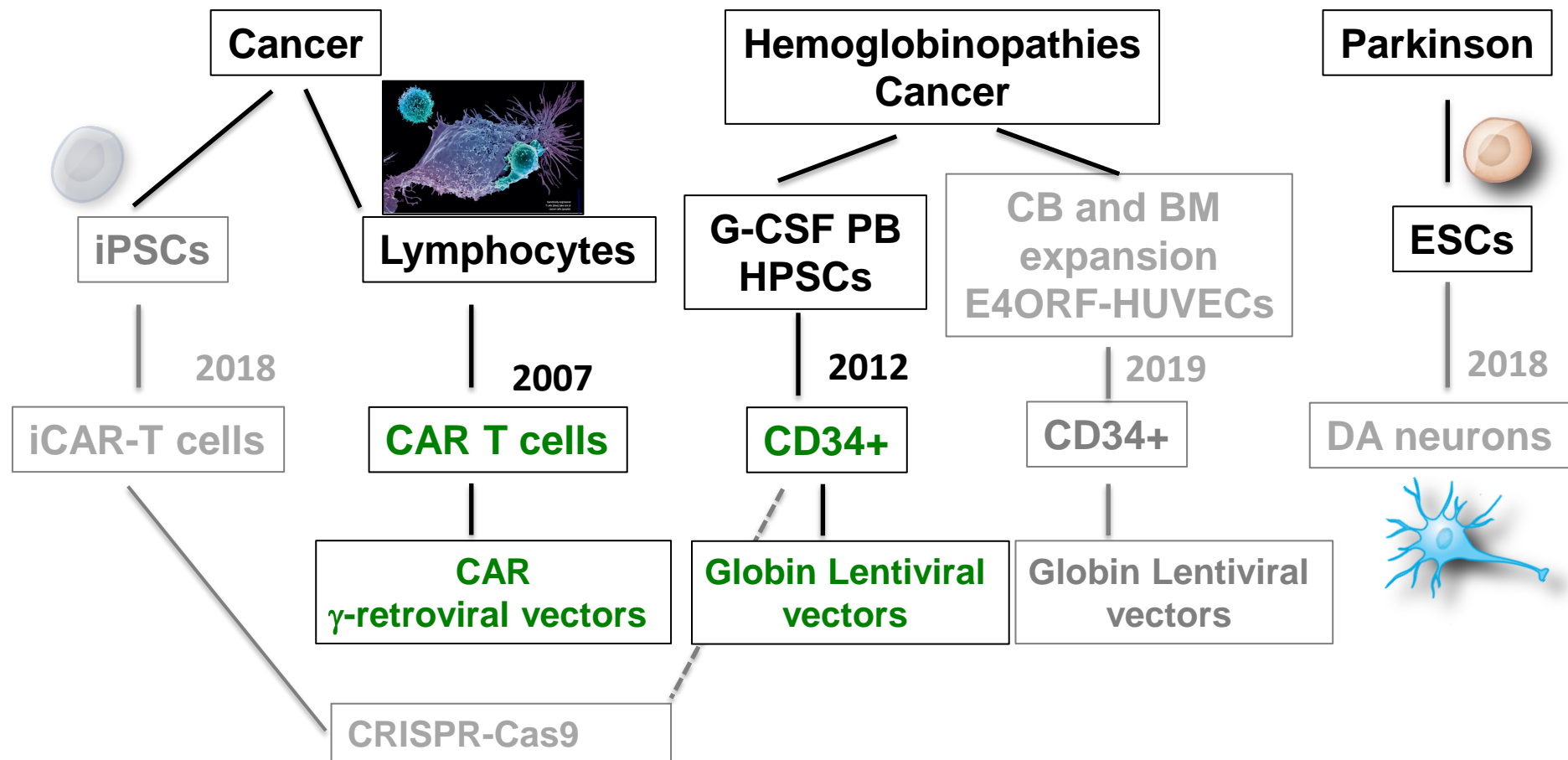


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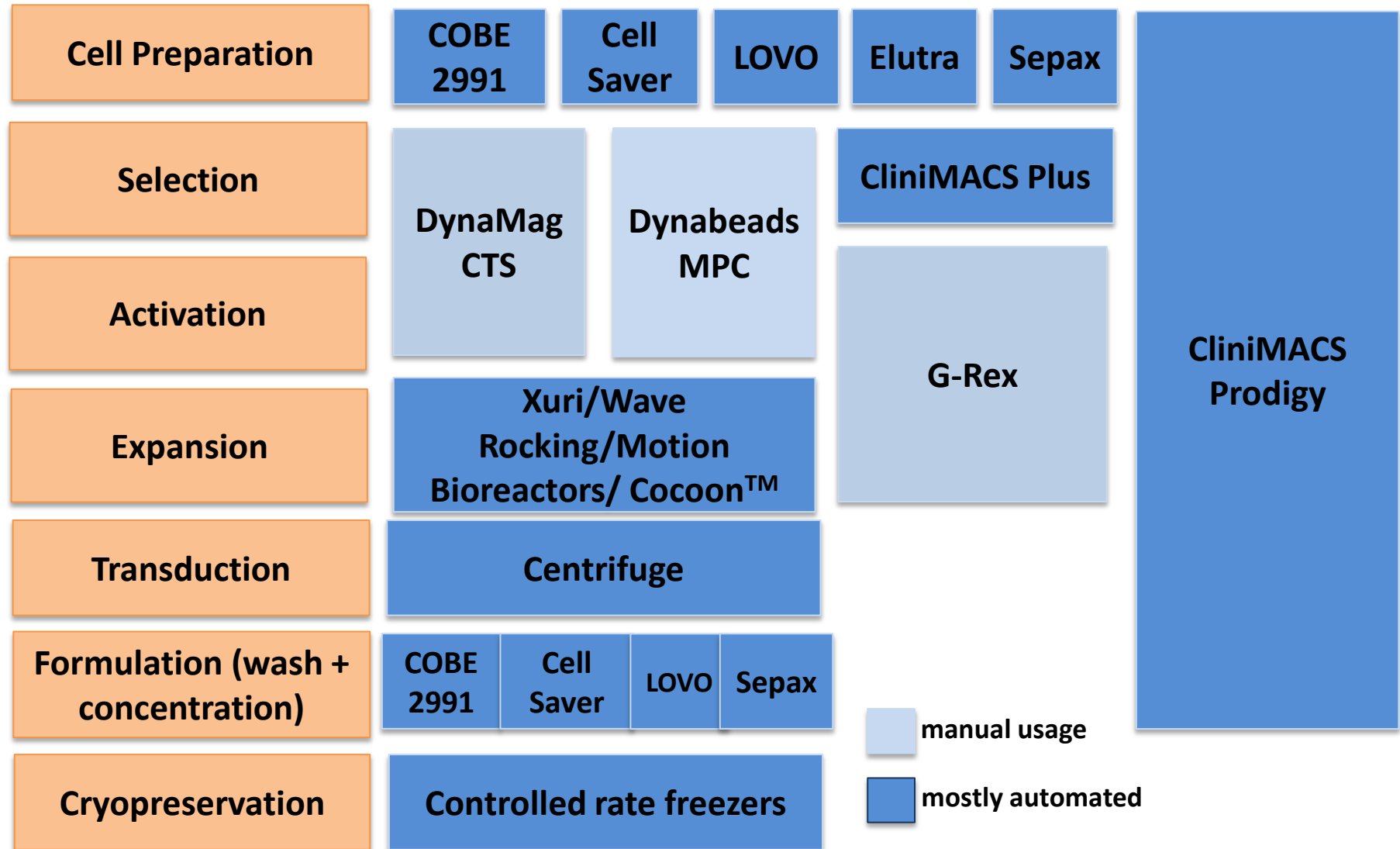
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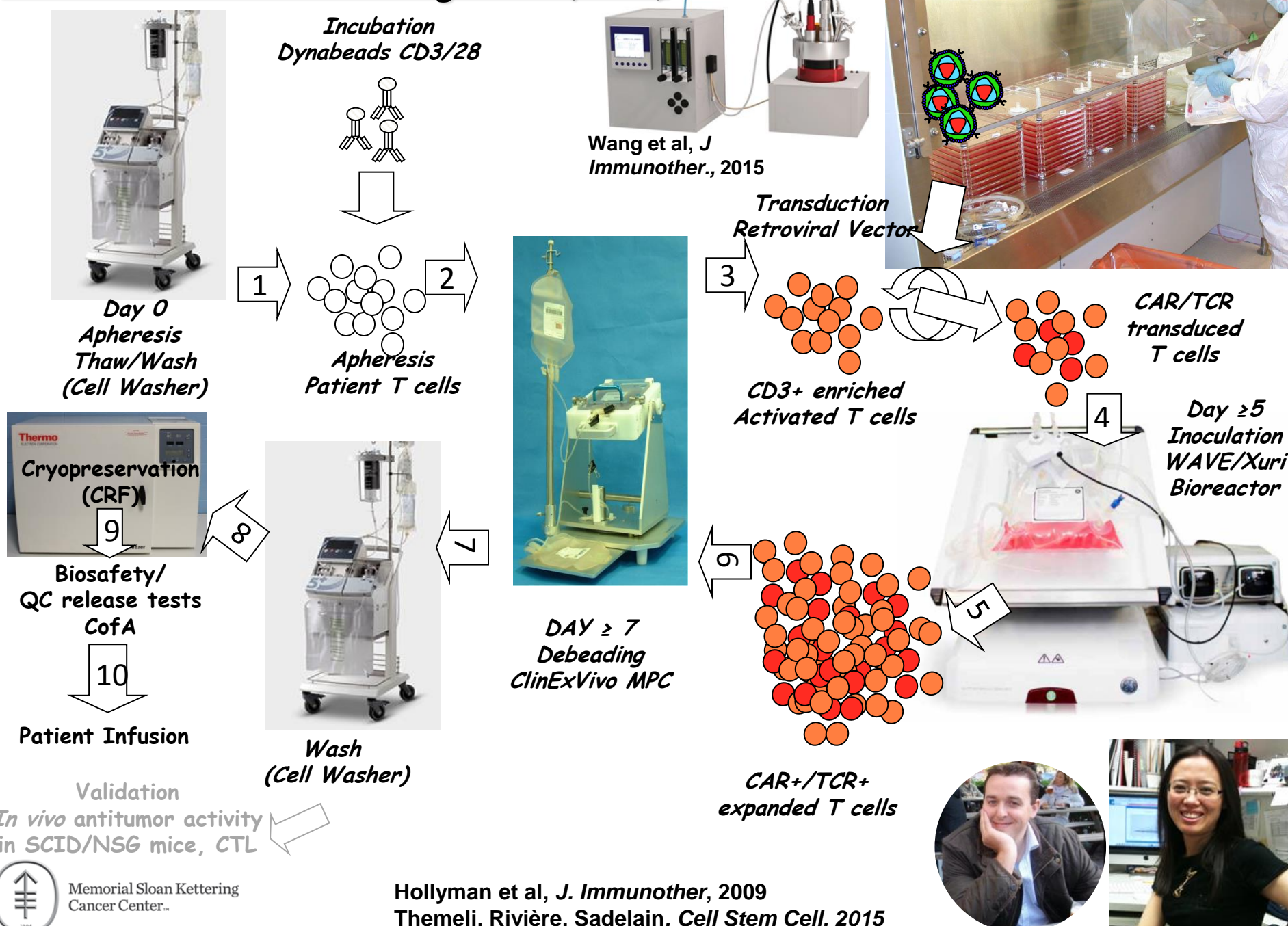
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Examples of Unit Operations for Cell Manufacturing



CAR T cell Manufacturing Flow (v1.0)



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Adult ALL NCT 01044069 (PI: J. Park, MD)

Study Outcome Complete Remission (CR) Rates (ASCO 2016)

	Morphologic Disease N=30 (%)	Minimal Disease N=20 (%)
CR Rate	23 (77%) [58 – 90]	18 (90%) [68 – 99]
MRD negative CR Rate*	19/21 (90%) [70 – 99]	14/18 (78%) [52 – 94]
Time to CR, Mean (SD)	20 days (9)	25 days (9)

*MRD assessment was not available in 2 patients.

Disease Status	CAR T Cell Dose
Morphologic disease ($\geq 5\%$ blasts in BM or EM disease)	1×10^6 CAR T cells/kg
Minimal disease ($< 5\%$ blasts in BM)	3×10^6 CAR T cells/kg



Hurdles for the establishment of robust manufacturing platforms

Lesson 1

Starting material heterogeneity

Apheresis collection device, disease indication/stage, previous chemo.

Process initiation, cell selection, expansion

PBMCs to selected cell types CD3, CD4, CD8 (CDX: active ingredients)

Removal undesirable cell types (e.g CD14)

How to maintain the desired cell types in these “living drugs”

Limited number and high cost of GMP grade antibodies

IP encumbered reagents

EQT/tool providers commitment and timelines (e.g. Cytomate)

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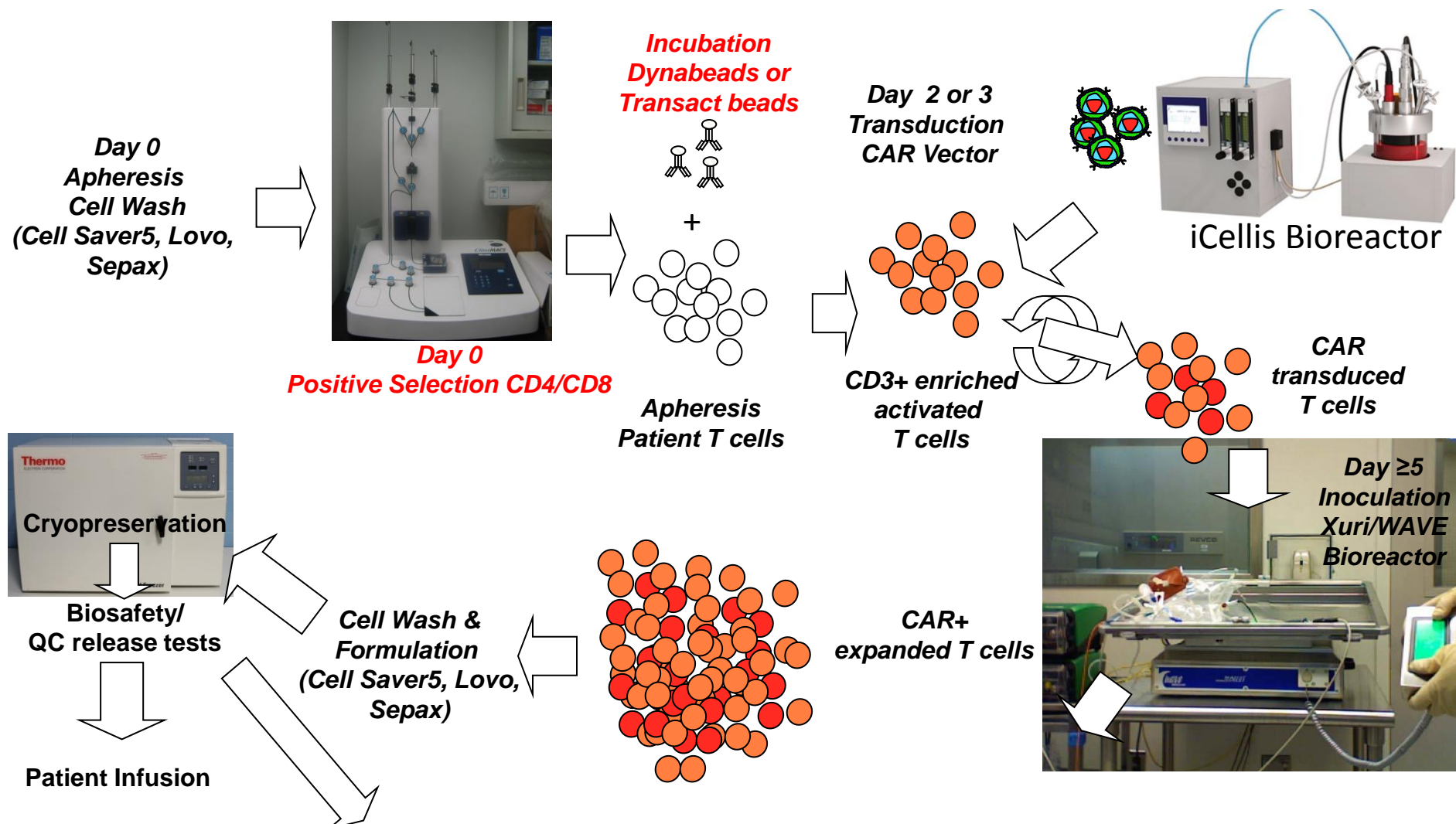
Compatibility between unit operations

Alternative cell separation techniques e.g. label free cell sorting fluidics



Alternative CAR T cell Manufacturing Platform (v2.0)

Wang et al, *J Immunother.*, 2015



**Comparability
Validation/Process**
CAR T cell characterization,
In vivo antitumor activity
in NSG mice, CTL

- Changes under investigation:**
- Positive selection on Clinimacs
 - Activation with TransAct beads
 - No debanding EQT post activation



Alternative CAR T Cell Manufacturing Platform: CliniMACS Prodigy (v3.0)

- Cell washing and density gradient separation
- Cell Separation
- Cell cultivation
- Complex protocols
- Final product formulation
- Closed system

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Prodigy evaluation for
CAR T cell manuf.: NCI funding

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Early Academy-Industry partnership limitations

Lesson 2

Difficulty of providing patient samples to industry partners (Aph, CAR T cells, blood samples post-infusion) for PD, analytical assay improvement/establishment:
timing of partnership agreements vs timing of patient consent

Data collection and analysis collection of manufacturing data at academic centers (electronic BPCRs difficult to achieve due to process evolution), know-how/cost/time

Identify early on data/parameters that are valuable for manufacturing process transfer to industry

Difficulty to reverse transfer manufacturing to improve early Phase trials at academic centers (e.g. IP, know-how)

Manufacturing at the POCs

Limited \$\$ for PD

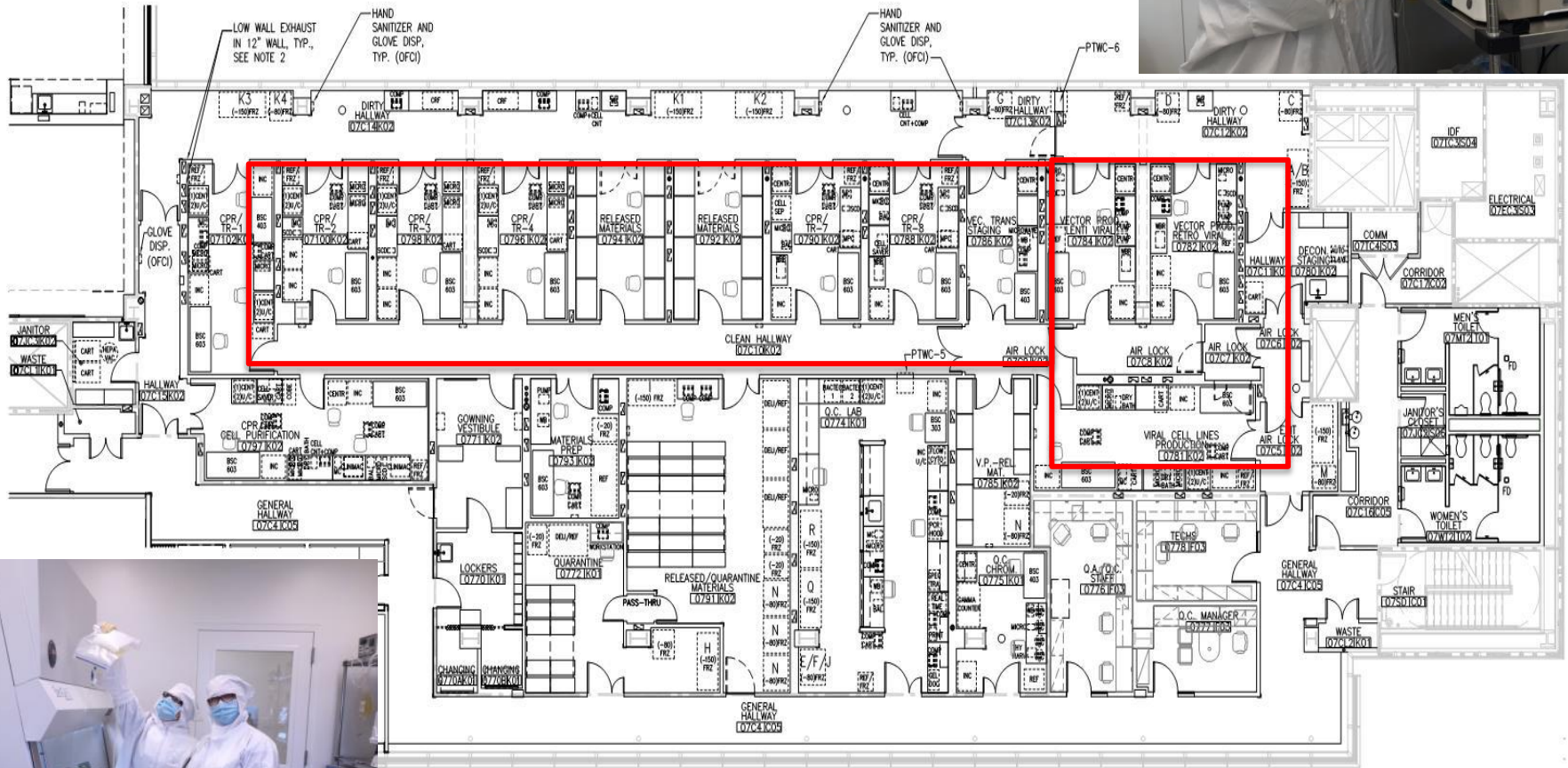
Manufacturing automation & analytics development
Infrastructure (e.g. GMP facilities, testing labs)
Multicenter trials

Manufacturing at the POC vs centralized

- Viable for orphan diseases (BMT model?)
- Phase II and beyond: not likely within mission of hospitals: limited resources, infrastructure
- Multicenter trials logistics: Multiple POCs ?
- Standardization: minimal IP testing
- Requirement for centralized analytical lab unless analytics are integrated and fully automated
- What level of automation can we afford at POC for multiple processes?

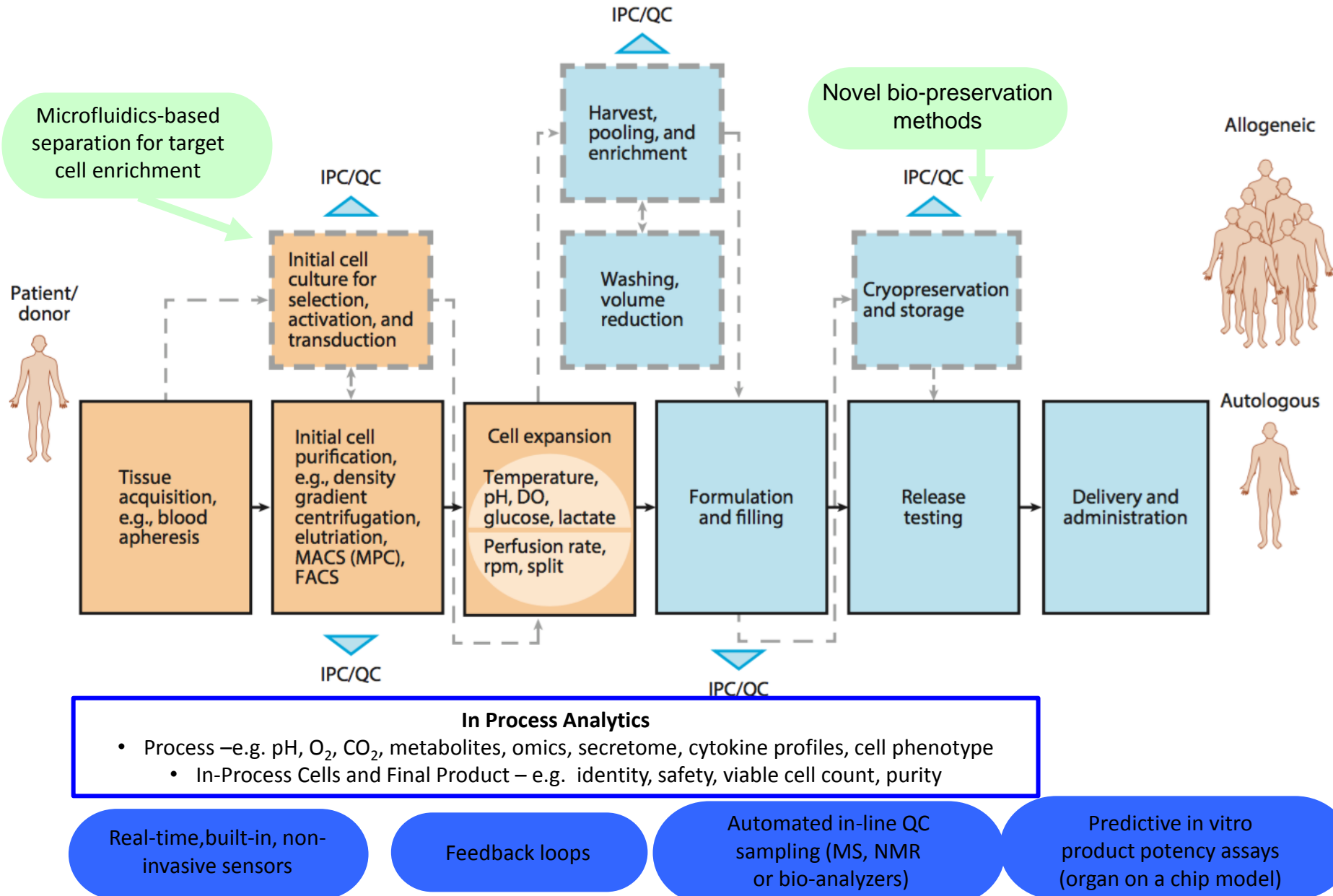
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- Cellular products (e.g. T cells, HSCs, Cord Blood, ESC, iPSC)
- RNA vectors, plasmid DNA
- Phase I/II clinical trials
- Multicenter trials with other academic centers



Towards Automated Platforms for Cell Manufacturing

Increase process control, product consistency, throughput...



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Available Resources

US national roadmap on cell therapy manufacturing: collaboration between companies, academic institutions, and government agencies to accelerate the path to commercialization (<http://cellmanufacturingusa.org/road-map>)

NIST, FDA workshops

(<https://www.nist.gov/news-events/events/2017/04/nist-fda-cell-counting-workshop-sharing-practices-cell-counting>)

ARM, Standards Coordinating Body: public-private partnerships to facilitate standards development (<http://www.regenmedscb.org/>)

ARMI (<https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Releases/News-Release-View/Article/1035759/dod-announces-award-of-new-advanced-tissue-biofabrication-manufacturing-innovat>)

MC3M (<http://www.cellmanufacturing.gatech.edu>)

NIIMBL (<http://www.niimbl.us>)

US National Academies: forum on Regenerative Medicine (<http://nationalacademies.org/hmd/Activities/Research/RegenerativeMedicine.aspx>)

Catapult (<https://ct.catapult.org.uk>)

CCRM (<http://ccrm.ca>)

C3i, Center for Commercialization of Cancer Immunotherapy (<http://centrec3i.com>)