# Long-term Stability of iPSC-Derived CD34+ Cell Banks Supports the Sustainable Manufacture of Off-the-shelf Immunotherapies

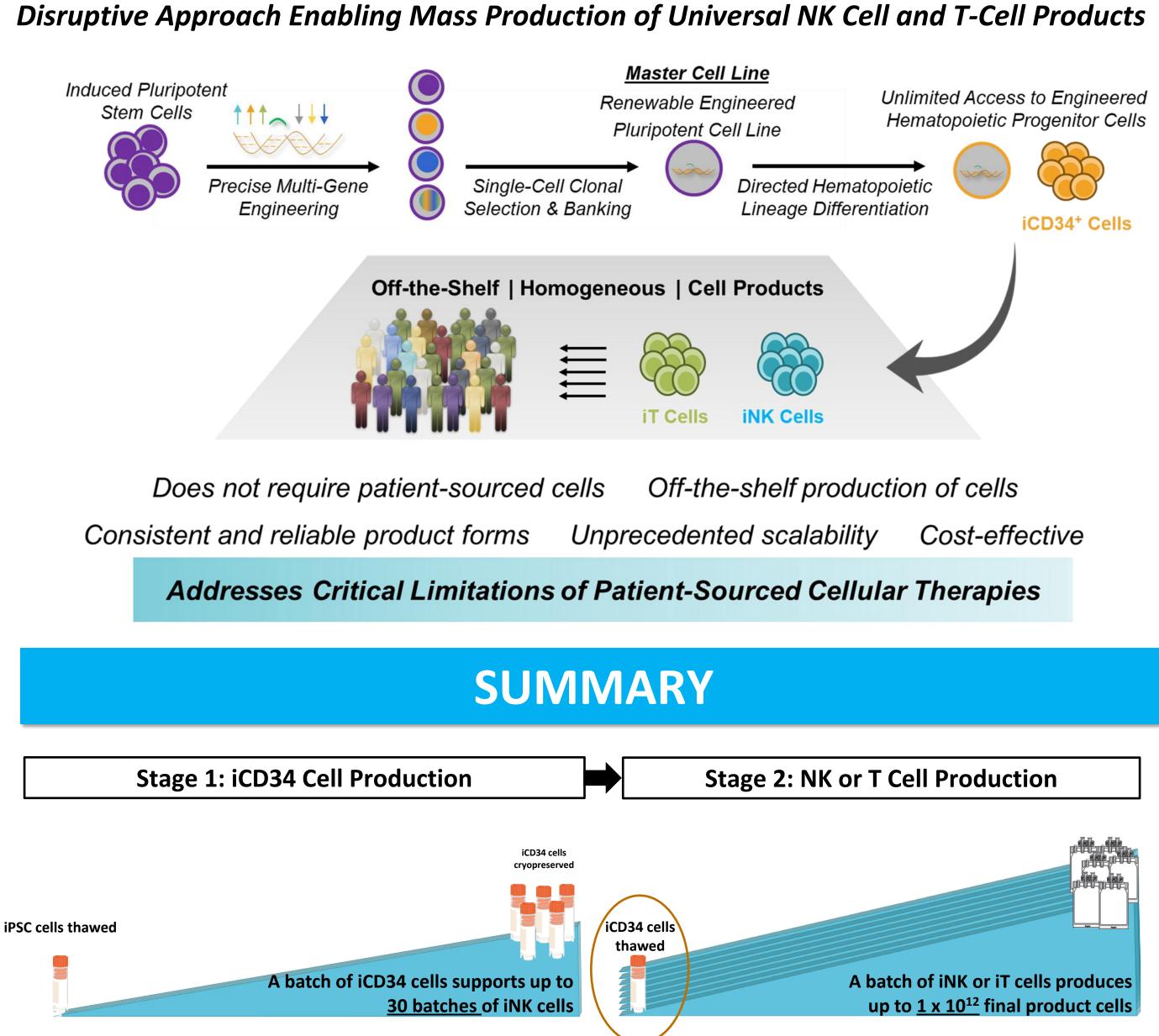
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## **ABSTRACT & INTRODUCTION**

Human induced pluripotent stem cells (hiPSC) have the unique dual properties of unlimited self-renewal and differentiation capacity into all three somatic cell lineages. To further leverage these attributes, we have established a versatile iPSC product platform that enables multiplexed engineering of hiPSCs at the single-cell level and have developed a proprietary differentiation protocol to support definitive hematopoiesis for the derivation of CD34+ hematopoietic progenitor (iCD34) cells. We have shown that these iCD34 cells exhibit multilineage differentiation to diverse subsets of immune cells, including Natural Killer (NK) and  $\alpha\beta$  T cells. The highly efficient and scalable differentiation platform is chemically-defined and cGMP-compatible, and iCD34 cells can be cryopreserved, banked and stored. Here we show the successful cryopreservation and long-term cryogenic storage of iCD34 cells, as well as the ability of these long-term stored iCD34 cells to serve as an intermediate feedstock for mass production of iPSC-derived NK and T (iNK and iT, respectively) cell therapies

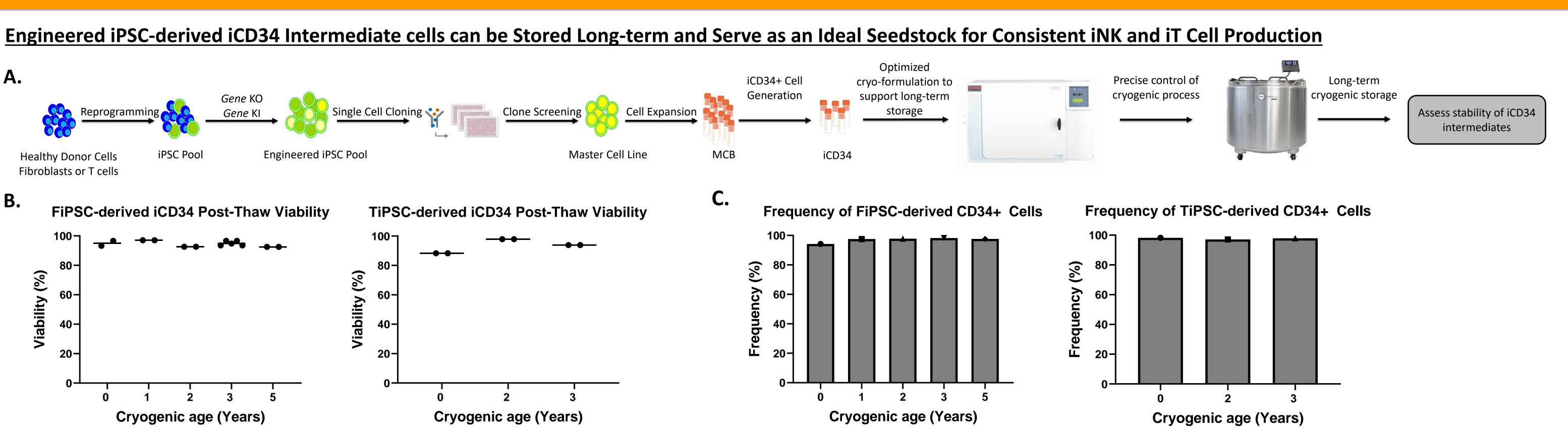
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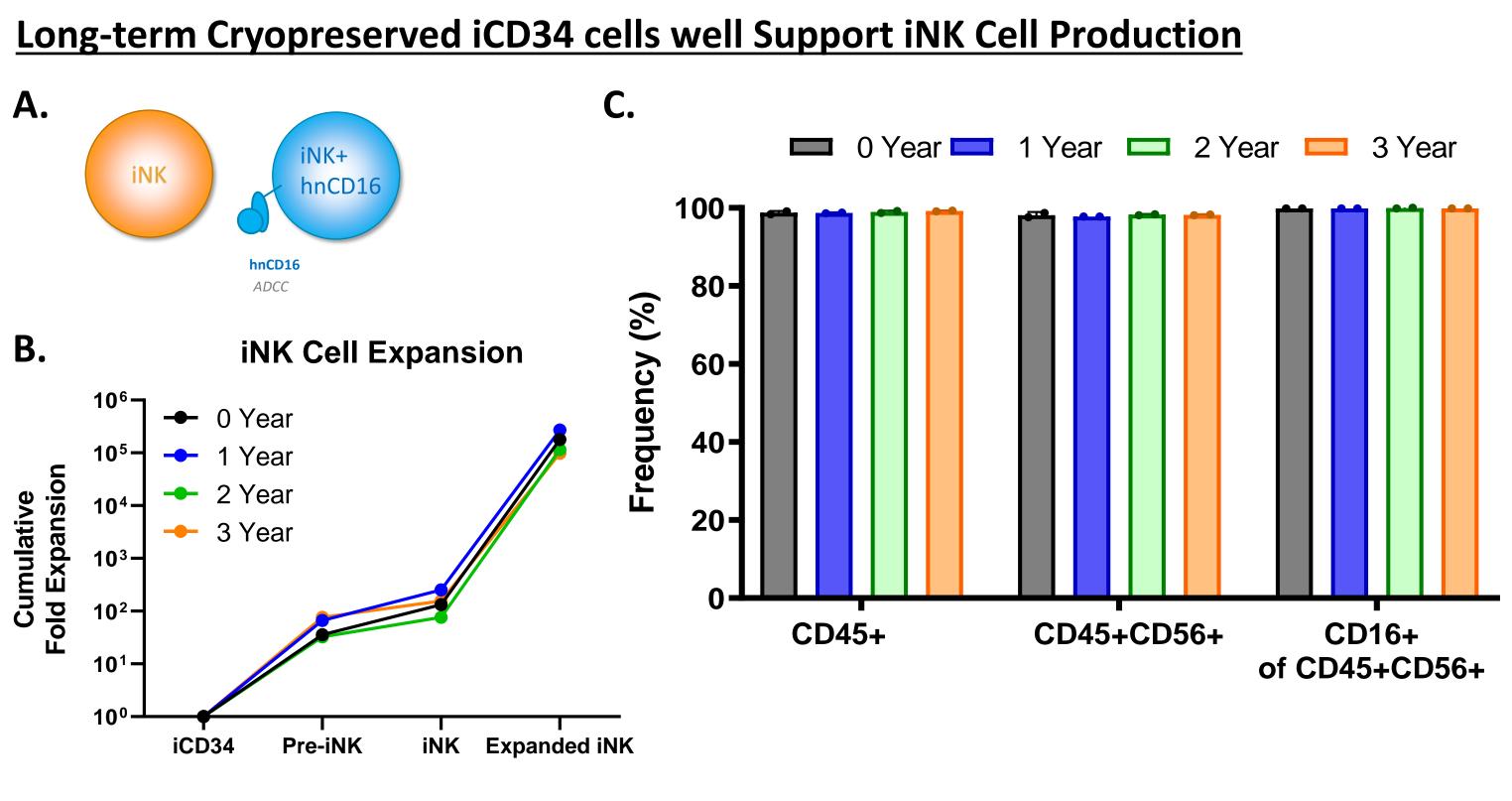
**Cryopreserved iCD34 intermediates are** stable long-term in cryogenic storage

This study demonstrates that manufactured, cryopreserved, and stored iCD34 cells are stable over long-term storage and serve as a robust starting material for mass production of iPSC-derived cell-based immunotherapies.

- Long-term stored iCD34 cells demonstrated minimal change of cell health per viability (<10%) upon thaw and showed consistent cell identity and purity
- Long-term stored iCD34 cells maintained full differentiation potential, supporting scaled expansion and uniformity of the final iNK and iT cell product.
- The manufactured iNK and iT cells exhibited high expression of engineered modalities and maintained robust potency as demonstrated by cytokine release and in vitro target cell killing assays. Additional tests are ongoing.

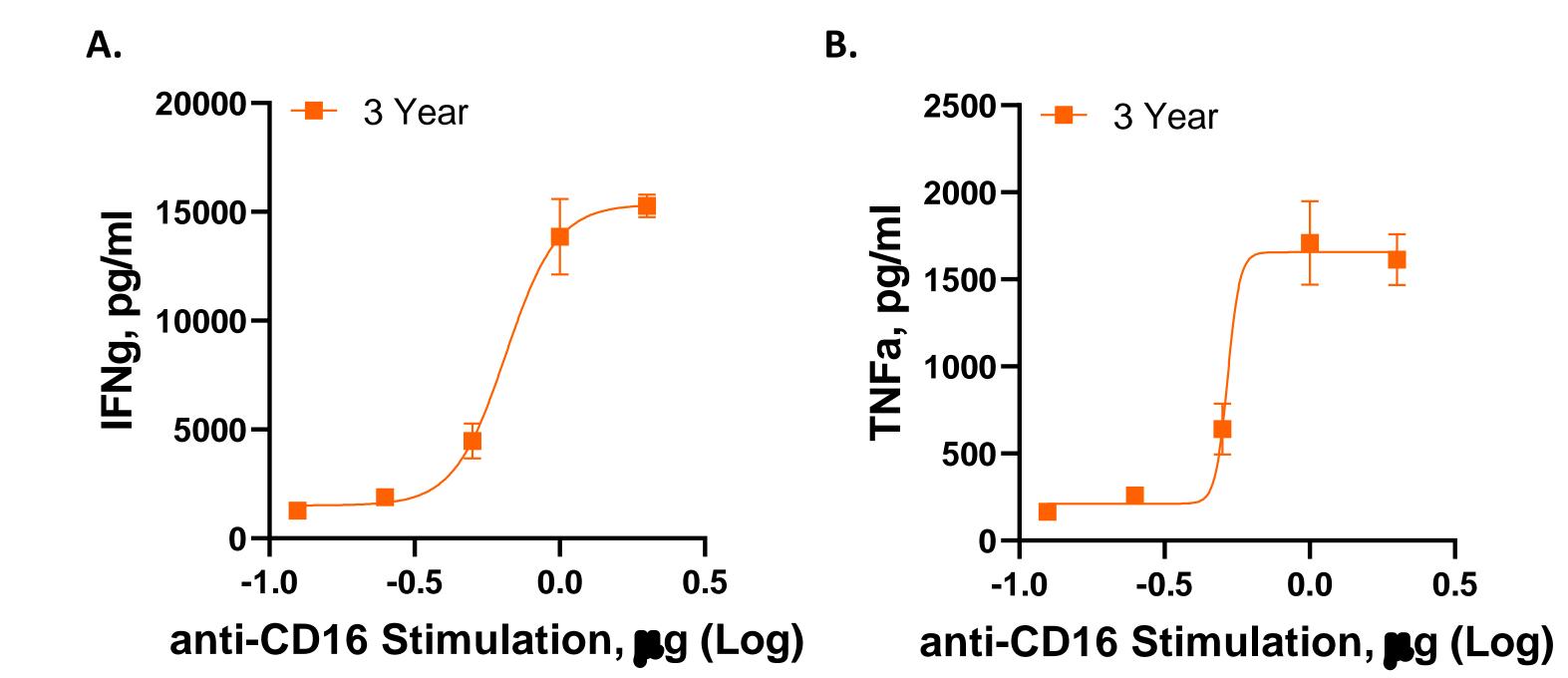


# cells retain high CD34 purity.



**Figure 2.** A. Non-engineered and engineered iNK products were evaluated. B. Fold yield over time from one vial of iCD34 cells to generate iNK cells. C. Cryopreserved iCD34 cells support the differentiation of homogeneous populations of NK cells that express engineered modalities. NA denotes that iPSC were not engineered with designated modalities.

## **iNK Cells Produced from Cryopreserved iCD34 Cells Support Effective ADCC**



**Figure 4.** iNK cells were assessed for the generation of the proinflammatory cytokines IFN $\gamma$  (A) and TNF $\alpha$  (B) in response to anti-CD16 stimulation for 24 hours . N=2 on 2 separate iNK batches.

## RESULTS

Figure 1. A. Workflow for the generation of engineered fibroblast and T cell-derived iPSC MCP for iNK and iT drug product production. The clonal master engineered iPSC lines and iCD34 intermediate cells serve as a renewable source for the routine cGMP mass production of drug product. B. Fibroblast-derived (FiPSC) and T cell-derived (FiPSC) and T cell-derived

### Long-term Cryopreserved iCD34 cells well Support CAR-iT Cell Production

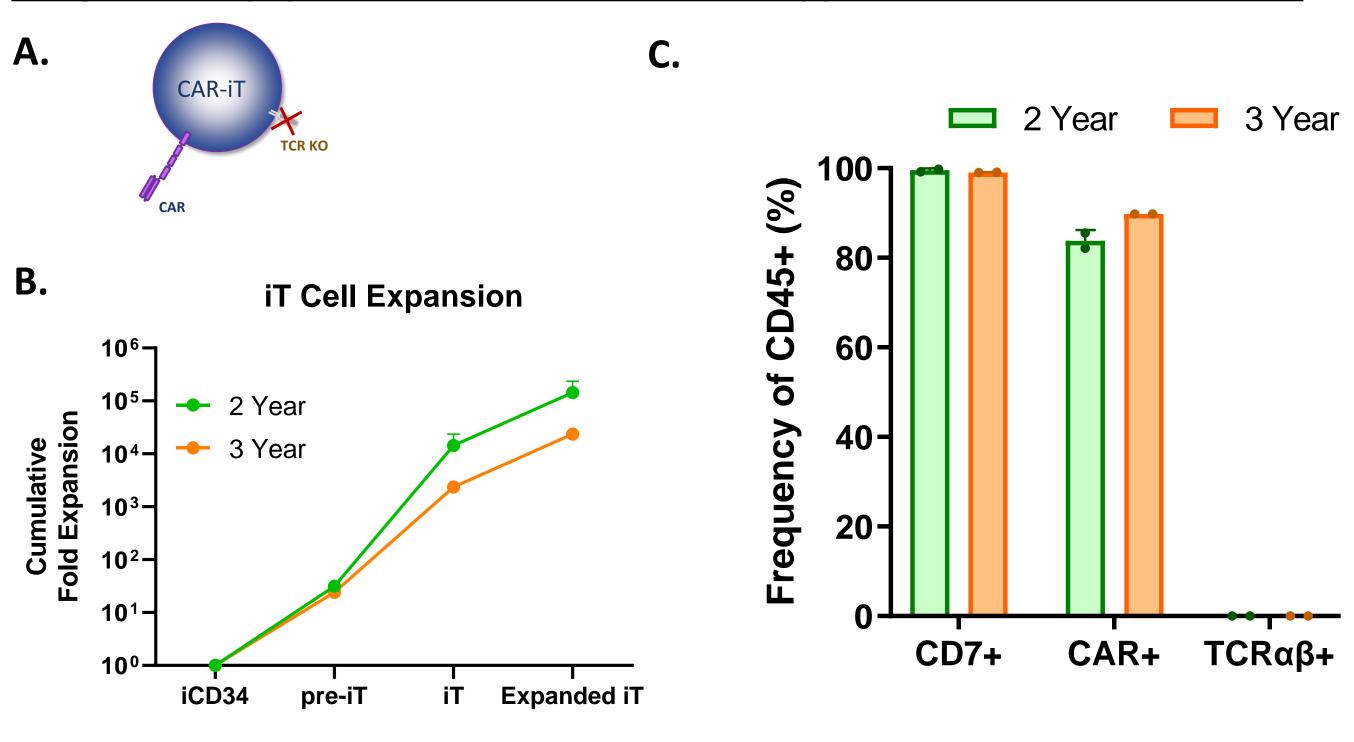


Figure 3. A. Engineered iT products were evaluated. B. Fold yield over time from one vial of iCD34 cells to generate iT cells. C. Cryopreserved iCD34 cells support the differentiation of homogeneous populations of T cells that express engineered modalities.

### **iNK Cells Produced from Cryopreserved iCD34 Cells Exhibit Potent Innate Cytotoxicity against Tumor Targets**

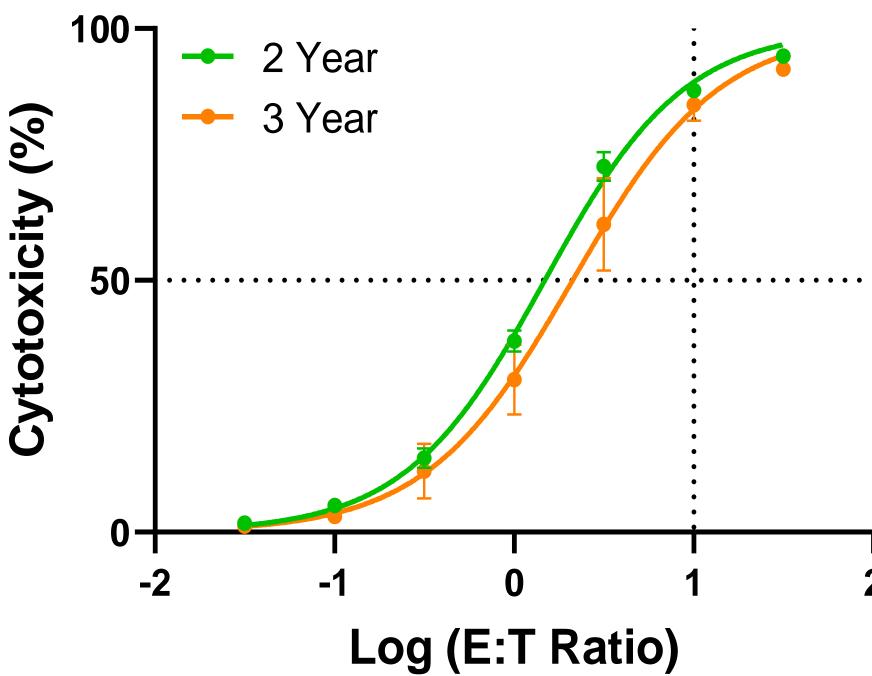




Figure 5. A. In vitro cytotoxicity using a 4hr flow cytometry assay using K562 as target cells. N=2 on 2 separate iNK batches. B