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Preface

Six years ago T cell clones were obtained by several investigators. Studies concerned with T cell clones have since progressed in many directions: analysis of antigen-specific receptors and of receptors for lymphokines, lymphokine secretion, utilization of T cell clones to study cell cooperation *in vitro* and *in vivo* and use of T cell clones for tissue typing. This book contains a collection of brief articles which represent the various aspects of work on T cell clones. Our aim has been to obtain diversity rather than reports confirming each other. It is evident from the contributions that T cell cloning has helped to overcome the stagnation in our understanding of the specificity and function of T cells. Many questions remain to be answered, but it appears that the necessary tools are available.

We thank the contributors and hope that the readers will benefit from this progress report.

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A1. Human T cell clones as probes to define the T cell antigen receptor

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1. Introduction

The recent development of technologies to generate and propagate clonal populations of human T lymphocytes in vitro (Morgan et al., 1976; Kurnick et al., 1979; Bonnard et al., 1980; Sredni et al., 1980; Meuer et al., 1982a) has provided a new basis to identify antigen receptors of T cells. We used antigen-specific cloned human T cell populations as immunogens and produced a series of clone-specific murine monoclonal antibodies directed at them. These anti-clonotypic antibodies identify a novel class of 90 kD heterodimers, termed Ti, which are associated at the cell surface with a 20 kD T3 glycoprotein present on all mature human T lymphocytes (Meuer et al., 1983b, 1983c). Since anti-Ti monoclonal antibodies were generated against individual clones of functional T lymphocytes, it was possible to characterize both structural and functional features of the Ti molecule. Each T lymphocyte studied, regardless of subset derivation, specificity or function uses a T3-associated Ti heterodimer for antigen recognition.

2. The T cell subset derivation and MHC restriction of T cell clones

A number of human T cell lineage restricted surface glycoproteins have been defined by monoclonal antibodies. Each mature T lymphocyte expresses a 20 kD glycopro-

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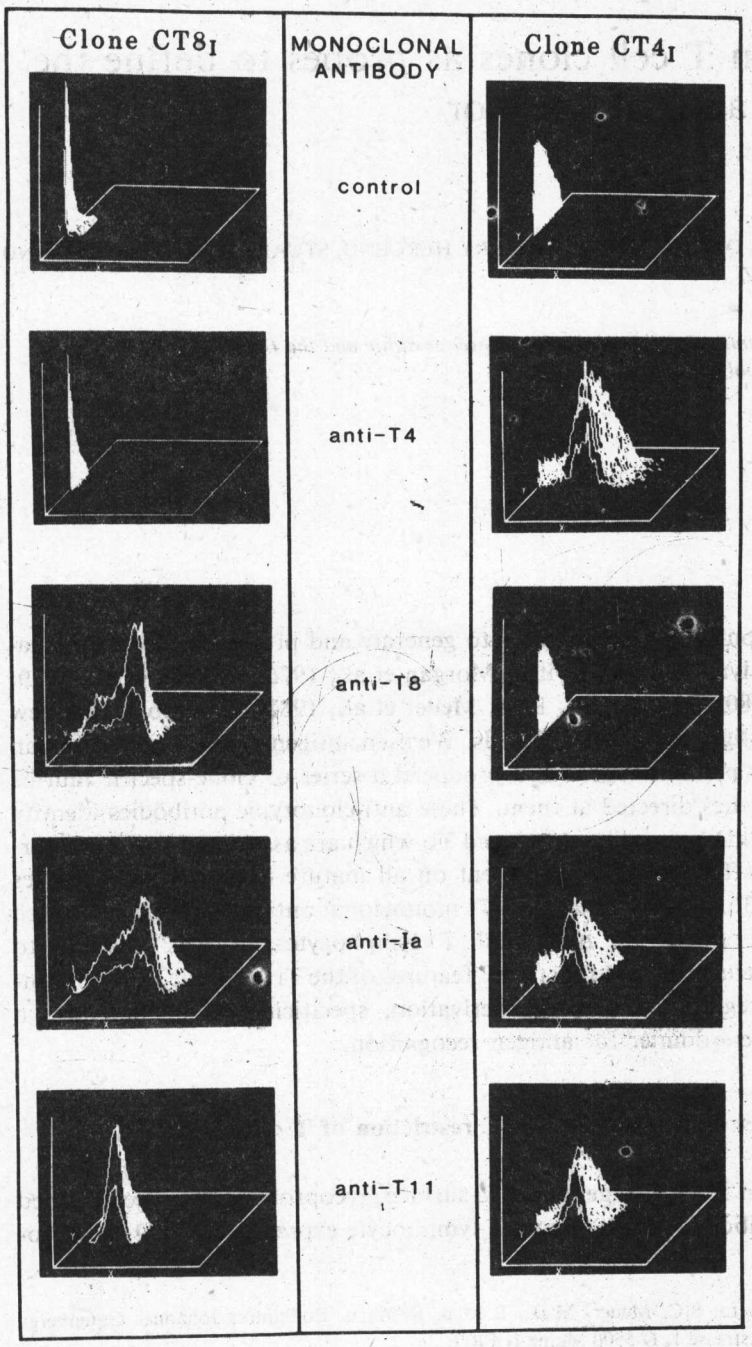

Fig. 1. Cytofluorographic analysis. Cytofluorographic analysis of two representative human T cell clones, $CT8_I$ and $CT4_I$, using various monoclonal antibodies and indirect immunofluorescence on an Epics V cell sorter.