

"Modeling Control of Viral Infections by CD8 T Cell Responses"

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Mathematical modeling is an emerging field of current immunology. In my talk, I will discuss recent advances in understanding the dynamics of CD8 T cell response to viral infections and role that CD8 T cells play in the control of virus replication. Using a novel technique of in vivo cytotoxicity, I will illustrate how the use of mathematical models can allow to estimate the killing efficacy of activated effector and resting memory CD8 T cells in vivo and can help predict the level of memory CD8 T cells required to provide sterilizing immunity against a viral infection. I will also outline other areas of research that will take place in my laboratory including the program of CD8 T cell responses to viruses and the dynamics of acute HIV infection.