

Global Engage 

3RD CELL & GENE THERAPY R&D CONGRESS: ASIA

10-11 APRIL 2025 - SINGAPORE

Cell and gene therapies are revolutionising the way we treat diseases, offering new hope for conditions that previously had limited treatment options. The Asia Pacific region is at the forefront of this innovative field, with many countries investing heavily in the research and development of these promising therapies. The rapidly-growing focus is driving a wave of creative solutions in the sector, and as cell and gene therapies continue to advance, the treatment of complex diseases will not only transform but also redefine the pharmaceutical industry as we know it.

The **3rd Cell & Gene Therapy Research & Development Congress Asia** gathers experts to discuss on the latest scientific developments, clinical stage studies and success stories ranging from emerging technology, regulatory landscapes and ethical consideration, stem cell and T-cell research, and gene editing, among others.

EVENT PARTNERS



MEDIA PARTNERS



2025 SPEAKERS

- **Ivan Horak**, Founder & CEO, Tikva Allocell, Singapore
- **Cheng- Yi (Jerry) Kuo**, Vice General Manager, UWELL Biopharma, Taiwan
- **Danny Soon**, Interim Executive Director, Advanced Cell Therapy and Research Institute Singapore (ACTRIS), Singapore (Reserved)
- **Deborah Rathjen**, CEO, Carina Biotech, Australia
- **James Li**, CEO and Chairman, JW Therapeutics, China
- **Jane Langford**, Senior Director, Cell Therapy, Gilead Sciences, Australia
- **Jiamin Loo**, Senior Director, Discovery, Nuevocor, Singapore
- **Joe Yeong**, Immunopathology Director, Singapore General Hospital, Singapore
- **John Luk**, CEO and Chairman, Arbele, Hong Kong
- **Jackwee Lim**, Senior Scientist, Singapore Immunology Network and Co-Founder, HLA-SG, Singapore
- **Lakshmikanth Gandikota**, Head of R&D, Immuneel Therapeutics, India
- **Priya Nagarajan**, Cell and Gene Therapy Intelligence Lead, Data Science and Customer Insights, Bayer, Singapore
- **Phil Huang**, R&D Director, StemCyte International, Taiwan
- **Su Xiao**, Co-founder and Chief Technology Operations Officer, Neurophth Biotechnology, China
- **Sunil Gadekar**, Director, Manufacturing Science and Technology and Advanced Therapies, Johnson & Johnson, Singapore
- **Anthony Colenburg**, Senior Director and Site Head of Quality, Sutro Biopharma, USA
- **Albeena Nasir**, Chief Scientific Officer & Lead, R&D & CMC and Facility Operations, CAR T Cell Therapy Centre, ACTREC, Tata Memorial Centre, India

Congress Schedule

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0850 Global Engage's Welcome Remarks

0855 Conference Chair's Opening Remarks

0900 Keynote Presentation

Invitation Out

0930 Topic TBC

Danny Soon, Interim Executive Director, Advanced Cell Therapy and Research Institute Singapore
(Reserved)

1000 **Solution Provider Presentation**

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1030 Morning Refreshments / Poster Presentations / One-to-One meetings

1140 Panel Discussion I

Navigating Commercialisation and Investment in Cell and Gene Therapies in Asia

This panel discussion will explore the rapidly growing landscape of cell and gene therapy commercialization and investment in Asian markets. It will examine the opportunities and challenges for businesses and investors in this evolving field. Industry experts will offer insights into growth potential, risks, and unique developments in the sector.

Moderator:

Sunil Gadekar, Director, MSAT and Advanced Therapies, Johnson & Johnson, Singapore

Panelists:

Jane Langford, Senior Director, Cell Therapy, Gilead Sciences, Australia

Priya Nagarajan, Cell and Gene Therapy Intelligence Lead, Data Science and Customer Insights, Bayer, Singapore



1210 **Gene Therapy Development for Leber Hereditary Optic Neuropathy (LHON)-15 years Journey in Reigniting HOPE**

Su Xiao, Chief Technology Operations Officer, Neurophth Biotechnology, China



1235 **Solution Provider Presentation**

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1305 Lunch / Poster Presentations / One-to-One Meetings

1405 **Gene Therapy Case Study**

Jiamin Loo, Senior Director, Discovery, Nuevocor, Singapore



1430 Invitation Out

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1455 Solution Provider Presentation

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1525 Afternoon Refreshments / Poster Presentations / One-to-One Meetings

1625 Meeting Quality and Regulatory Expectations from Startup through Commercialisation of Cell & Gene Therapy Products - POST COVID

Anthony Colenburg, Senior Director and Site Head of Quality, Sutro Biopharma, USA



1650 Panel Discussion II

Regulatory Landscape in Cell and Gene Therapies and Beyond

This panel will explore the regulatory challenges associated with each step of cell and gene therapy development. Experts attempt to capture the regulatory processes that occur prior to the initiation on clinical trials leading to approval stage in expanding the accessibilities to innovative cell and gene therapies.

Moderator:

Anthony Colenburg, Senior Director and Site Head of Quality, Sutro Biopharma, USA

Panellist:

Albeena Nasir, Chief Scientific Officer & Lead, R&D & CMC and Facility Operations, CAR T Cell Therapy Centre, ACTREC, Tata Memorial Centre, India



1730 AI-powered Single Cell 2.0: Next generation of Cell Therapy QC and Tracing

Joe Yeong, Immunopathology Director, Singapore General Hospital, Singapore



1755 End of Day 1

POSTER PRESENTATION

Poster presentation sessions will take place in breaks and alongside the other breakout sessions of the conference. Your presentation will be displayed in a dedicated area, with the other accepted posters from industry and academic presenters. Whether looking for funding, employment opportunities or simply wanting to share your work with a like-minded and focused group, these are an excellent way to join the heart of this congress. In order to present a poster at the forum you need to be registered as a delegate. Please note that there is limited space available and poster space is assigned on a first come first served basis (subject to checks and successful registration)

Submission instructions

We will require the form to be submitted by **14 March 2025**. This is the formal deadline however space is another limiting factor so early application is recommended. Therefore please contact us with any questions you have as soon as possible.

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0900 Keynote Presentation

Advances in Cell and Gene Therapies in Asia

Ivan Horak, Founder & CEO, Tikva Allocell, Singapore



0930 **Cell Therapy Case Study on SLE**

James Li, Chairman and CEO, JW Therapeutics, China

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1130 Panel Discussion III

Key to Success in Cell Therapy: Innovation, Collaboration, and Market Trends

Given Asia's growing reputation as a key player in global cell therapy advancements, this session will explore the region's evolving impact on the future of cell therapy, with a focus on innovation, collaboration, and emerging market trends.

1210 **CDH17-Targeted CAR-T/ NK Cell Therapy Treating Advanced Gastric Cancers**

John Luk, CEO, Arbele, Hong Kong



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1305 Lunch / Poster Presentations / One-to-One Meetings

1405 **Unlocking the Hidden Potential of Umbilical Cord Blood Cells**

Phil Huang, R&D Director, StemCyte International, Taiwan



1430 **Transforming Cancer Treatment with Novel Cell and Gene Therapies - Updates In India**

Lakshmikanth Gandikota, Head of R&D, Immuneel Therapeutics, India



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1455 **Cell Therapy and Tumour Research Case Study**

Deborah Rathjen, CEO, Carina Biotech, Australia



1520 **UWC19 (WELGENALEUCEL) for Treating B Cell Malignancies**

Cheng- Yi (Jerry) Kuo, Vice General Manager, UWELL Biopharma, Taiwan



1545 **Empowering the Discovery of Unmet Asian T Cell Epitopes and Receptors**

Jackwee Lim, Senior Scientist, Singapore Immunology Network and Co-Founder, HLA-SG, Singapore



1610 Closing Remarks and End of Conference

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