# Introduction: Assessing immunogenicity of adaptive immune responses via in vitro assays 

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## Development of anti-drug antibodies



## Peptide recognition and processing



Classical antigen processing and presentation:

- Peptides are processed
- Typically 15-20 amino acids following processing
- Binding to MHCII for presentation to T-cells


## Non-classical peptide presentation

- Many 'non-classical' pathways exist
- Permits non-peptides, glyco-peptides and peptides that do not undergo classical processing to be presented
- May result in immunogenicity to peptides not predicted via in silico methods


## Questions...

- What assay methodology(ies) is/are useful?
- How many T cells should be assessed?
- Role of HLA?
- Assay readout(s)?
- Appropriate positive/negative controls?


## Introduction to Session 3

- Talk 1: Dr. Campbell Bunce, Abzena
"Ex vivo immunogenicity assays - landscape and limitations"
- Talk 2: Dr. Sofie Pattijn, ImmunXpert
" $T$ cell immunogenicty assays: time for harmonisation and standardisation"
- Talk 3: Dr. Noel Smith, Lonza
"Human PBMC-based assays for the immunogenicity risk assessment of therapeutic peptides"

