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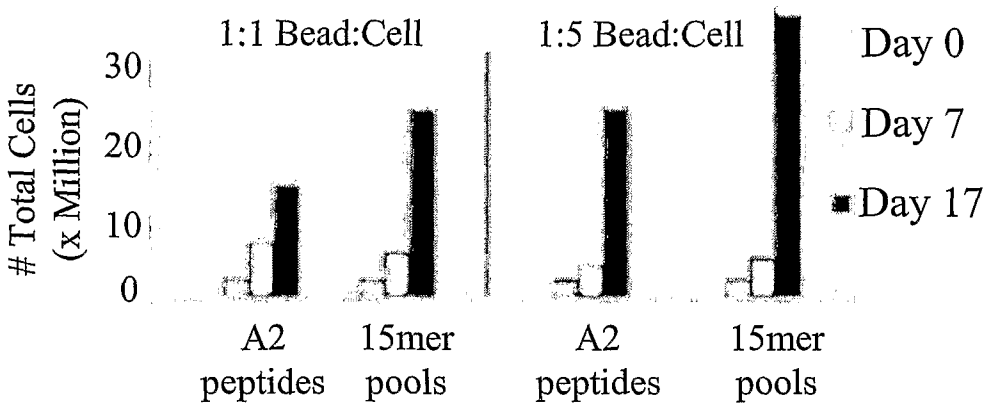
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(57) **Abstract:** The present invention encompasses a method for expanding an antigen specific T cell from a population of cells. The method of the present invention comprises contacting a population of cells with an MHC restricted antigenic peptide, a cytokine and a co-stimulatory signal. The invention also encompasses compositions and kits comprising an antigen specific T cell.

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