

# **Advanced Pathology Services**

# Cryo-Fluorescence Tomography (CFT)

## Uncovering Meaningful Biological Insights to Advance Preclinical Discoveries

Invicro's three dimensional tissue imaging service is an advanced ex vivo technique that provides anatomical and molecular fluorescence 3D images. CFT bridges the gap between in vivo imaging and tissue microscopy to evaluate PK-PD efficacy relationships. CFT can be part of a multi-modality imaging approach to provide macro to micro scale information from the same sample. Our experienced team of research scientists can support studies across therapeutic areas including: oncology, neurology, immunology and rare diseases.

## CORE APPLICATIONS

- Evaluate the biodistribution of biological therapies including: oncolytic viruses, monoclonal antibodies (mAb), antibody drug conjugates (ADC) and bispecific fusion proteins
- Track the biodistribution and transduction of gene therapies using different routes of administration
- Track and visualize CAR-T cells, NK cells, dendritic cells, macrophages and stem cells
- Visualize and characterize transgenic and reporter models

### **Tracking Delivered Gene Therapies**



Figure 1: Visualization of AAV9-mediated GFP expression in a whole mouse. In this study, the distribution and transduction of AAV9-GFP across all organs was evaluated including: heart, liver and DRG 4 weeks post-IV administration, while maintaining anatomical context. 3D reconstructed images show anatomical (left) and signal localization in whole animal (right).

## **ADVANTAGES**

- High Sensitivity: Compared to BLI/FLI, CFT offers higher sensitivity to detect signal deep in tissue
- Superior Resolution: Provides highest resolution compared to traditional whole animal imaging modalities
- Increased Throughput: Process several mice or multiple dissected organs on the same block
- Robust: Reduce data variability by combining CFT with in vivo imaging and tissue microscopy from the same animal
- Simple: No fixation, perfusion, tissue clearing, or radiolabeling required to maintain complete anatomical context

### **Tracking Recruitment of Immune Cells**



Figure 2: Macrophage tracking in a tumor-bearing mouse model. A) V-Sense-NIR, used to track macrophages, is visualized in liver, tumor, lymph nodes and bone marrow in a whole tumor-bearing animal. B) The relation between macrophages and tumor cells is demonstrated by overlaying tumor cell and macrophage images. Dimant et al. (2018) WMIC.