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In this month's Keynote Review, John Desiarlais and co-authors give us an engineer's perspective on how to optimise antibodies in order for them to engage more efficiently with the immune system. This interaction with the body's immune system is a prerequisite for the therapeutic success of monoclonal antibodies in tumour treatment. The review informs about the latest strategies of improving the interaction of antibodies with the FC gamma receptor (FcvR) on target cells and discusses open questions such as how to identify the optimal Fc₇R selectivity and affinity profiles. Despite the lack of knowledge on some aspects of these issues, the success of monoclonal antibodies for cancer treatment will hopefully ensure that these gaps will be filled in the near future.

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