IL-18-secreting CAR T cells targeting DLL3 are highly effective in small cell lung cancer models

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Corresponding to Figure 1C. Cytokine levels of IL-2, GM-CSF and TNF α in co-cultures of CAR T cells with DLL3⁺ 293 cells. 4H11 CAR T cells were co-cultured with 3T3 cells expressing the 4H11 target MUC16.





Corresponding to Figure 3. **A**) Schematic of CAR design with mCherry, SC16.8 scFv, murine CD28 and CD3z signaling domains, and the murine IL-18 transgene. **B**) Flow cytometric analysis of murine CAR T cells for mCherry and CAR-Flag expression. **C**) Survival of mSCLC tumor-bearing mice after treatment with mCherry-expressing CAR T cells that do or do not secrete mIL-18, compared to the original mCherry-negative CAR T cells. **D**) and **E**) IFNg ELISPOT results, quantified in Figure 3F, comparing mCherry-negative endogenous CD4 and CD8 tumor-infiltrating lymphocytes from mice treated with SC16.8 or SC16.8_mIL18 CAR T cells, harvested from mSCLC-bearing livers 3 (**D**) or 6 (**E**) days after CAR T cell treatment. mCherry+ CAR T cells were isolated and included as positive control. **F**) DLL3 surface expression on DLL3-negative Jurkat cells, DLL3-positive mSCLC cells and DLL3-knockout mSCLC cells.

Complete flow cytometric analysis of myeloid cells on days 3, 6 and 10 post CAR T cell treatment in mSCLC-bearing mice, corresponding to Figure 4. **A**) Levels of CD206⁺MHC-II^I^o M2-like macrophages in livers and spleens. **B**) Expression of CD86 on macrophages in livers and spleens. **C**) Expression of CD86 on dendritic cells in livers and spleens. **D**) Expression of PD-L1 on macrophages in livers and spleens. **E**) Expression of PD-L1 on dendritic cells in livers and spleens. **F**) Expression of PD-L1, MHC-II and CD86 on F4/80⁺ macrophages in livers.

Efficacy of low-dose SC16.8_IL18 CAR T cells in SCLC models, corresponding to Figure 5. **A**) Tumor growth and overall survival of mice with metastatic H82 tumors that received 0.1×10^6 CAR T cells. **B**) Tumor growth and overall survival of mice with metastatic H69 tumors that received 0.2×10^6 CAR T cells. **C**) Tumor growth and overall survival of mice with orthotopic SHP-77 tumors that received 0.2×10^6 CAR T cells.