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Our web collection on statistics for biologists contains articles on many of the points above.

### Software and code

Policy information about availability of computer code

Data collection

The morphology, composition, and disassembling of the flex-patch were characterized by scanning electron microscopy (Hitachi S-3400N, Type I) and energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (Horiba EX-250), transmission electron microscopy (Jeol JEM-ARM300F), Zetasizer 8.01 (Malvern Panalytical), X-ray powder diffraction, Fourier transform infrared (IRAffinity-1S, SHIMADZU) spectroscopy, Leica DFC450 C, and Thermo iCAP Qs inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry. The implanting process of the flex-patch was imaged by Leica DFC450 C microscopy. The in vivo biodistribution of the flex-patch was imaged and quantified using an IVIS Spectrum Imaging system (Perkin Elmer). Data on immunohistochemistry (IHC) and hematoxylin and eosin (H&E) staining of mouse tumors and lymph nodes were obtained using NanoZoomer S60 Digital slide scanner (C13210-01).Tumor luminescence from mouse or mouse organs was imaged by an in vivo Xtreme 4MP system (Bruker MI) with the "Luminescence" modality and "Reflectance" background image. Flow cytometry data were collected using the CytoFLEX S flow cytometer (Beckman). To collect data on glycolytic activity, Seahorse XF96 extracellular flux analyzer (Agilent Technologies) was applied. The scRNA seq data were acquired using CellRanger tookit (v4.0.0, 10x Genomics). Western blot images were collected using Bio-Rad Image lab 6.1.

Data analysis

All statistical analyses were performed on Graphpad Prism (v8.0). IHC and H&E slices were analyzed by SlideViewer 2.5. All flow cytometry data were analyzed on FlowJo software (v10.0.7). The scRNA seq data were processed using SingleR (v1.4.0). Also, FindMarkers and database searching confirmed the marker genes per cluster. R package DESeq2(v.1.30.0) was applied to analyze different expression genes (DEGs). Gene set enrichment analysis (GSEA) was applied to identify metabolic pathways enriched in genes with highest variability. GSEA analysis was done by the software javaGSEA available at https://www.gsea-msigdb.org/gsea/index.jsp.

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The single-cell RNA sequencing data generated in this study have been deposited in the Sequence Read Archive database with the accession code of PRJNA853539. Source data are provided with this paper.

### Human research participants

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Population characteristics	This study was not sex/gender-specific.	
Recruitment	This study was not sex/gender-specific.	
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# Life sciences study design

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Sample size

Sample size was approximately based on previous studies (PMID: 33903744, 33526838) in the field, pilot experiments, and reviewer's suggestion. A reasonable sample size was estimated to perform valid statistical analysis and to ensure the reproducibility of the results. Exact sample size (n number) information was provided in the figure legends.

Data exclusions

Cells of poor quality in scRNA seq samples were excluded if cells with < 200 or > 6,000 detected genes. Cells with high-level mitochondrial gene expression were also filtered out through estimating a median-absolute deviation (MAD) variance with median centered. The potential doublets were identified and removed.

Replication

 $n \ge 3$  was used for all experiments to ensure that the experimental results were reliable. Biological and technical replicates were considered. Multiple assays including scRNA seq analysis, glycolytic assay, and flow cytometry analysis were performed to cross-validate key findings. Two independent breast tumor models were applied to validate key data.

Randomization

For in vivo tests, same-age mice after tumor inoculation were randomly allocated to experimental groups before the surgical removal of the tumor. All samples collected from each individual mouse per group were analyzed together for each experiment using the same processing and analysis method.

Blinding

Investigators were blinded to group collection during data acquisition and analysis for in vivo experiments. Blinding for in vitro experiments was not required as same parameter and analysis method was adopted to all the experimental conditions during data acquisition and analysis.

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#### Materials & experimental systems Methods Involved in the study Involved in the study n/a n/a ChIP-seq **x** Antibodies x **x** Eukaryotic cell lines **✗** Flow cytometry Palaeontology and archaeology × MRI-based neuroimaging × Animals and other organisms × Clinical data Dual use research of concern **Antibodies** Antibodies used 1) Anti-PD-1, P372, clone RMP1-14, Leinco, no dilution (used for the flex-patch design); 2) Anti-PD-1, 11-9985-82, clone J43, eBioscience, dilution ratio 1:50; 3) Anti-PD-1, 17-9981-82, clone RMP1-30, eBioscience, dilution ratio 1:20; 4) Anti-PD-1, 12-9985-82, clone J43, eBioscience, dilution ratio 1:40; 5) Anti-PD-1, ab214421, clone EPR20665, abcam, dilution ratio 1:200; 6) Anti-CD16/32, 156604, clone S17011E, BioLegend, dilution ratio 1:200; 7) Anti-CD8, F398-84A-G, clone KT15, Proimmune, dilution ratio 1:60; 8) Anti-CD8, 45-0081-82, clone 53-6.7, eBioscience, dilution ratio 1:80; 9) Anti-CD8, 12-0081-83, clone 53-6.7, eBioscience, dilution ratio 1:80; 10) Anti-CD8, 85336, clone D8A8Y, Cell signaling technology, dilution ratio 1:400; 11) Anti-CD3, 45-0031-82, clone 145-2C11, eBioscience, dilution ratio 1:20: 12) Anti-CD3, 11-0031-85, clone 145-2C11, eBioscience, dilution ratio 1:100; 13) Anti-CD3, 100340, clone 145-2C11, Biolegend, dilution ratio 1:492; 14) Anti-CD3, 78588, clone E4T1B, Cell signaling technology, dilution ratio 1:400; 15) Anti-Ki67, 652404, clone 16A8, BioLegend, dilution ratio 1:50; 16) Anti-Ki67, ab16667, clone SP6, abcam, dilution ratio 1:300; 17) Anti-Granzyme B, 372204, clone QA16A02, BioLegend, dilution ratio 1:20; 18) Anti-CD44, 12-0441-82, clone IM7, eBioscience, dilution ratio 1:150; 19) Anti-CD62L, 17-0621-82, clone MEL-14, eBioscience, dilution ratio 1:300; 20) Anti-CD62L, 25-0621-82, clone MEL-14, eBioscience, dilution ratio 1:80; 21) Anti-CD4, 17-0041-83, clone GK1.5, eBioscience, dilution ratio 1:150; 22) Anti-CD4, 15-0041-83, clone GK1.5, eBioscience, dilution ratio 1:300; 23) Anti-Foxp3, 12-5773-82, clone FJK-16s, eBioscience, dilution ratio 1:20; 24) Anti-CD45, 17-0451-82, clone 30-F11, eBioscience, dilution ratio 1:150; 25) Anti-CD45, 45-0451-82, clone 30-F11, eBioscience, dilution ratio 1:150; 26) Anti-NFAT1, MA1-025, clone 25A10.D6.D2, Invitrogen, dilution ratio 1:1000; 27) Anti-PCNA, ARG62605, clone PC10, Arigo biolaboratories, dilution ratio 1:1000; 28) Anti-Cleaved caspase-3 (CC3), 9661, clone Asp175, Cell signaling technology, dilution ratio 1:500; 29) Anti-GFP, sc-9996, clone B-2, Santa cruz biotechnology, dilution ratio 1:200; 30) Anti-β-actin, 3700, clone 8H10D10, Cell signaling technology, dilution ratio 1:2000; 31) Anti-CD28, 553295, clone 37.51, BD Pharmingen, dilution ratio 1:200; 32) Anti-CD25, 20-0251-U100, clone PC61.5, Tonbo Bioscience, dilution ratio 1:600;

Validation

1) Anti-PD-1, P372, clone RMP1-14, Leinco,

validated for in vivo application and tested to detect in mouse by the manufacturer (https://www.leinco.com/p/anti-mouse-pd-1-cd279-purified-functional-grade-platinum/);

2) Anti-PD-1, 11-9985-82, clone J43, eBioscience,

33) Anti-CD69, 12-0691-82, clone H1.2F3, eBioscience, dilution ratio 1:350; 34) Anti-CD107a, 121614, clone 1D4B, BioLegend, dilution ratio 1:20;

35) Anti-Phospho-FAK (Tyr397), 700255, clone 31H5L17, Invitrogen, dilution ratio 1:200; 36) Anti-Phospho-ERK1/2 (Thr202/Tyr204), 369504, clone 6B8B69, BioLegend, dilution ratio 1:20.

validated for flow cytometry and tested to detect in mouse by the manufacturer (https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/CD279-PD-1-Antibody-clone-J43-Monoclonal/11-9985-82);

3) Anti-PD-1, 17-9981-82, clone RMP1-30, eBioscience,

validated for flow cytometry and tested to detect in mouse by the manufacturer (https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/CD279-PD-1-Antibody-clone-RMP1-30-Monoclonal/17-9981-82);

4) Anti-PD-1, 12-9985-82, clone J43, eBioscience,

validated for flow cytometry and tested to detect in mouse by the manufacturer (https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/CD279-PD-1-Antibody-clone-J43-Monoclonal/12-9985-82);

#### 5) Anti-PD-1, ab214421, clone EPR20665, abcam,

validated for immunohistochemistry (IHC) analysis and tested to detect in mouse by the manufacturer (https://www.abcam.com/products/primary-antibodies/pd1-antibody-epr20665-ab214421.html);

#### 6) Anti-CD16/32, 156604, clone S17011E, BioLegend,

validated for flow cytometry and tested to detect in mouse by the manufacturer (https://www.biolegend.com/en-ie/products/trustain-fcx-plus-anti-mouse-cd16-32-antibody-17085);

#### 7) Anti-CD8, F398-84A-G, clone KT15, Proimmune,

validated for flow cytometry and tested to detect in mouse by the manufacturer (https://www.proimmune.com/introduction-to-pentamers/);

#### 8) Anti-CD8, 45-0081-82, clone 53-6.7, eBioscience,

validated for flow cytometry and tested to detect in mouse by the manufacturer (https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/CD8a-Antibody-clone-53-6-7-Monoclonal/45-0081-82);

#### 9) Anti-CD8, 12-0081-83, clone 53-6.7, eBioscience,

validated for flow cytometry and tested to detect in mouse by the manufacturer (https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/CD8a-Antibody-clone-53-6-7-Monoclonal/12-0081-83);

#### 10) Anti-CD8, 85336, clone D8A8Y, Cell signaling technology,

validated for immunohistochemistry (IHC) analysis and tested to detect in mouse by the manufacturer (https://www.cellsignal.com/products/primary-antibodies/cd8a-d8a8y-rabbit-mab/85336);

#### 11) Anti-CD3, 45-0031-82, clone 145-2C11, eBioscience,

validated for flow cytometry and tested to detect in mouse by the manufacturer (https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/CD3e-Antibody-clone-145-2C11-Monoclonal/45-0031-82);

#### 12) Anti-CD3, 11-0031-85, clone 145-2C11, eBioscience,

validated for flow cytometry and tested to detect in mouse by the manufacturer (https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/CD3e-Antibody-clone-145-2C11-Monoclonal/11-0031-82);

#### 13) Anti-CD3, 100340, clone 145-2C11, Biolegend,

validated for T cell activation assays and tested to detect in mouse (PMID: 17404269);

#### 14) Anti-CD3, 78588, clone E4T1B, Cell signaling technology,

validated for immunohistochemistry (IHC) analysis and tested to detect in mouse by the manufacturer (https://www.cellsignal.com/products/primary-antibodies/cd3e-e4t1b-xp-rabbit-mab/78588);

#### 15) Anti-Ki67, 652404, clone 16A8, BioLegend,

validated for flow cytometry and tested to detect in mouse by the manufacturer (https://www.biolegend.com/nl-be/products/pe-anti-mouse-ki-67-antibody-8134);

#### 16) Anti-Ki67, ab16667, clone SP6, abcam,

validated for immunohistochemistry (IHC) analysis and tested to detect in mouse by the manufacturer (https://www.abcam.com/products/primary-antibodies/ki67-antibody-sp6-ab16667.html);

#### 17) Anti-Granzyme B, 372204, clone QA16A02, BioLegend,

validated for flow cytometry and tested to detect in mouse by the manufacturer (https://www.biolegend.com/en-us/products/apcanti-human-mouse-granzyme-b-recombinant-antibody-14429?GroupID=GROUP28);

#### 18) Anti-CD44, 12-0441-82, clone IM7, eBioscience,

validated for flow cytometry and tested to detect in mouse by the manufacturer (https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/CD44-Antibody-clone-IM7-Monoclonal/12-0441-82);

#### 19) Anti-CD62L, 17-0621-82, clone MEL-14, eBioscience,

validated for flow cytometry and tested to detect in mouse by the manufacturer (https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/CD62L-L-Selectin-Antibody-clone-MEL-14-Monoclonal/17-0621-82);

#### 20) Anti-CD62L, 25-0621-82, clone MEL-14, eBioscience,

validated for flow cytometry and tested to detect in mouse by the manufacturer (https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/CD62L-L-Selectin-Antibody-clone-MEL-14-Monoclonal/25-0621-82);

#### 21) Anti-CD4, 17-0041-83, clone GK1.5, eBioscience,

validated for flow cytometry and tested to detect in mouse by the manufacturer (https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/CD4-Antibody-clone-GK1-5-Monoclonal/17-0041-83);

### 22) Anti-CD4, 15-0041-83, clone GK1.5, eBioscience,

validated for flow cytometry and tested to detect in mouse by the manufacturer (https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/CD4-Antibody-clone-GK1-5-Monoclonal/15-0041-83);

23) Anti-Foxp3, 12-5773-82, clone FJK-16s, eBioscience,

validated for flow cytometry and tested to detect in mouse by the manufacturer (https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/FOXP3-Antibody-clone-FJK-16s-Monoclonal/12-5773-82);

24) Anti-CD45 17-0451-82 clone 30-F11 eBioscience

validated for flow cytometry and tested to detect in mouse by the manufacturer (https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/CD45-Antibody-clone-30-F11-Monoclonal/17-0451-82);

25) Anti-CD45, 45-0451-82, clone 30-F11, eBioscience,

validated for flow cytometry and tested to detect in mouse by the manufacturer (https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/CD45-Antibody-clone-30-F11-Monoclonal/45-0451-82);

26) Anti-NFAT1, MA1-025, clone 25A10.D6.D2, Invitrogen,

validated for western blot (WB) and tested to detect in mouse by the manufacturer (https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/NFATC2-Antibody-clone-25A10-D6-D2-Monoclonal/MA1-025);

27) Anti-PCNA, ARG62605, clone PC10, Arigo biolaboratories,

validated for western blot (WB) and tested to detect in mouse by the manufacturer (https://www.arigobio.com/anti-PCNA-antibody-PC10-ARG62605.html);

28) Anti-Cleaved caspase-3 (CC3), 9661, clone Asp175, Cell signaling technology,

validated for immunohistochemistry (IHC) analysis and tested to detect in mouse by the manufacturer (https://www.cellsignal.com/products/primary-antibodies/cleaved-caspase-3-asp175-antibody/9661);

29) Anti-GFP, sc-9996, clone B-2, Santa cruz biotechnology,

validated for immunohistochemistry (IHC) analysis and tested to detect in mouse by the manufacturer (https://www.scbt.com/p/gfp-antibody-b-2):

30) Anti-β-actin, 3700, clone 8H10D10, Cell signaling technology,

validated for western blot (WB) and tested to detect in mouse by the manufacturer (https://www.cellsignal.com/products/primary-antibodies/b-actin-8h10d10-mouse-mab/3700);

31) Anti-CD28, 553295, clone 37.51, BD Pharmingen,

validated for T-cell costimulation and tested to detect in mouse by the manufacturer (https://www.bdbiosciences.com/en-us/products/reagents/flow-cytometry-reagents/research-reagents/single-color-antibodies-ruo/purified-hamster-anti-mouse-cd28.553295);

32) Anti-CD25, 20-0251-U100, clone PC61.5, Tonbo Bioscience,

validated for flow cytometry and tested to detect in mouse by the manufacturer (https://cytekbio.com/products/apc-anti-mouse-cd25-pc61-5?variant=40581238128676);

33) Anti-CD69. 12-0691-82. clone H1.2F3. eBioscience.

validated for flow cytometry and tested to detect in mouse by the manufacturer (https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/CD69-Antibody-clone-H1-2F3-Monoclonal/12-0691-82);

34) Anti-CD107a, 121614, clone 1D4B, BioLegend,

validated for flow cytometry and tested to detect in mouse by the manufacturer (https://www.biolegend.com/de-at/products/apc-anti-mouse-cd107a-lamp-1-antibody-6081);

35) Anti-Phospho-FAK (Tyr397), 700255, clone 31H5L17, Invitrogen,

validated for flow cytometry and tested to detect in mouse by the manufacturer (https://www.thermofisher.com/antibody/product/Phospho-FAK-Tyr397-Antibody-clone-31H5L17-Recombinant-Monoclonal/700255);

36) Anti-Phospho-ERK1/2 (Thr202/Tyr204), 369504, clone 6B8B69, BioLegend,

validated for flow cytometry and tested to detect in mouse by the manufacturer (https://www.biolegend.com/nl-nl/products/alexa-fluor-647-anti-erk1-2-phospho-thr202-tyr204-antibody-12924).

### Eukaryotic cell lines

Policy information about cell lines and Sex and Gender in Research

Cell line source(s)

RAW264.7, 4T1, EMT6, and B16F10 cell lines were purchased from ATCC. 4T1-GFP-luc and EMT6-GFP-luc cell lines were then generated by Dr. Kai Miao at University of Macau. CD8+ T cells were isolated from the spleen of BALB/c female mouse.

Authentication

The parental RAW264.7, 4T1, EMT6, and B16F10 cell lines were authenticated by the supplier (ATCC). CD8+ T cells were isolated by commercial EasySep™ Mouse CD8+ T cell isolation kit (catalog No. 19853; Stemcell).

Mycoplasma contamination

All cell lines in this study get tested without mycoplasma contamination.

Commonly misidentified lines (See <u>ICLAC</u> register)

No commonly misidentified cell lines were used.

# Animals and other research organisms

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Laboratory animals Female BALB/c mice with the age of 8 weeks were supplied by the Animal Center in the Faculty of Health Sciences, University of

Macau. Animals were bred and housed with the light cycle of 12:12, ambient temperature at 22 degree Celsius, and relative humidity

range between 40-70%.

No wild animal was involved in this study. Wild animals

Female BALB/c mice were used in the study. Reporting on sex

Field-collected samples No field-collected sample was included in this study.

All mouse studies were carried out following the protocols (protocol ID: UMARE-030-2021 and UMAEC-015-2019) approved by the Ethics oversight

Animal Ethics Committee in University of Macau.

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## Flow Cytometry

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#### Methodology

Sample preparation

Tissues including primary solid tumor, postsurgical wound debris, SLN, and spleen were harvested for single-cell dissociation. Briefly, except for the spleen that avoided the digestion step, other collected tissues were mechanically minced with a  $sterilized \, scalpel \, and \, then \, digested \, in \, DMEM/F-12 \, medium, \, containing \, 300 \, U/ml \, of \, collagen as e \, type \, III, \, 100 \, U/ml \, of \, collagen as e \, typ$ hyaluronidase, 5% (v/v) FBS, 5 μg/ml of insulin, 10 ng/ml of epidermal growth factor protein, and 500 ng/ml of hydrocortisone for one hour, at 37 °C and 5% (v/v) carbon dioxide. The resultant suspension was then dispersed in DMEM/ F-12 medium with 5 mg/ml of dispase II and 0.1 mg/ml of DNase I for 5 min at 37 °C. Red blood cell lysis buffer was followed to remove red blood cells within 3 min. The 70-µm cell strainer was used in the final step to collect single-cell suspension. LIVE/DEAD™ fixable near-IR dead cell stain kit was applied first to differentiate live and dead cells. Cells were then blocked with 0.25 µg anti-mouse CD16/32 antibodies (aCD16/32) per million cells for 10 min on ice prior to immunostaining.

Instrument CytoFLEX S flow cytometer (Beckman)

Software FlowJo software (v10.0.7)

At least 10,000 cells were analyzed per condition. Cell population abundance

Cells was first gated on FSC-A and SSC-A. Single cells were usually gated using SSC-H and SSC-A. Surface antigen gating was Gating strategy performed on the live cell population.

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