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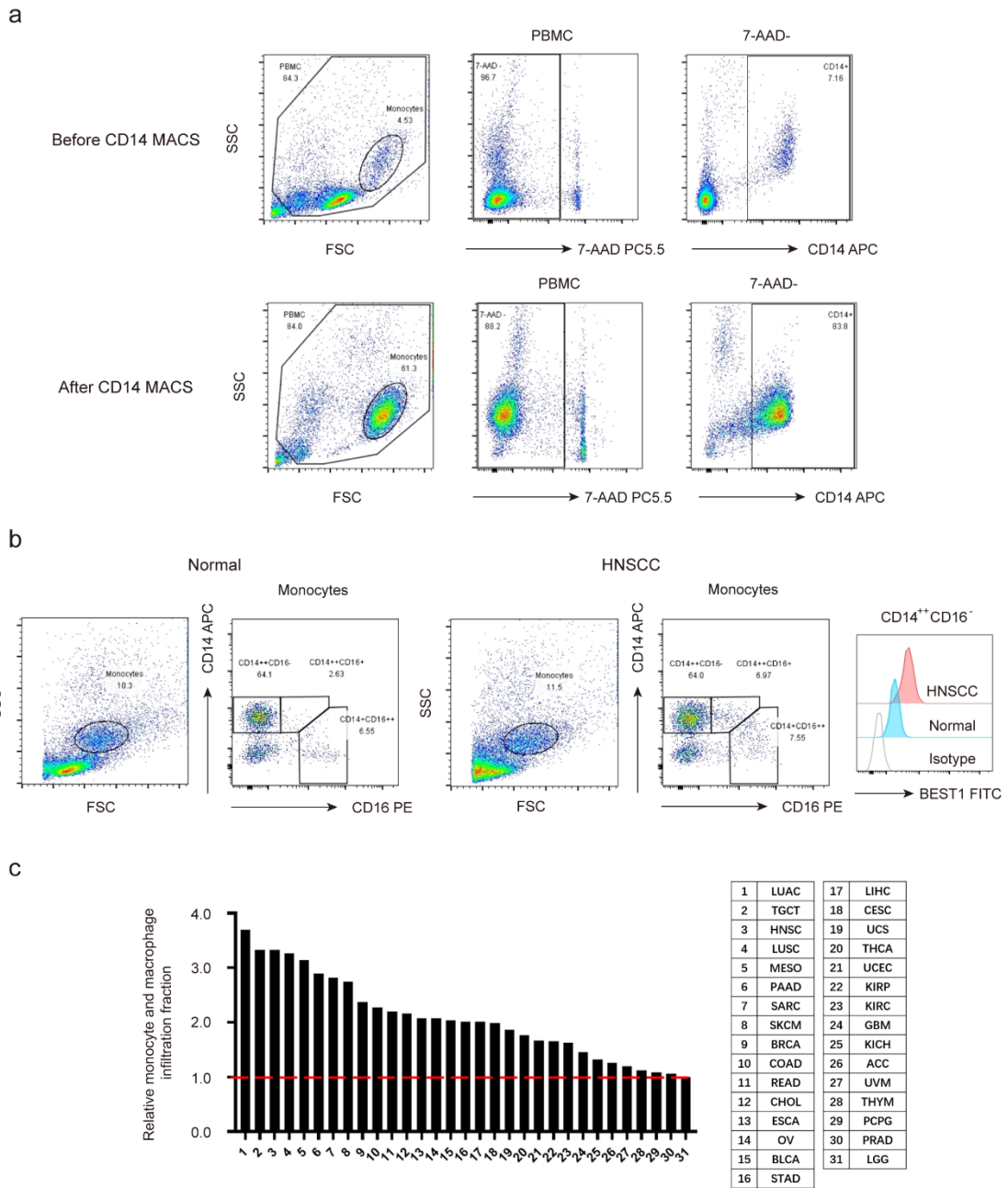
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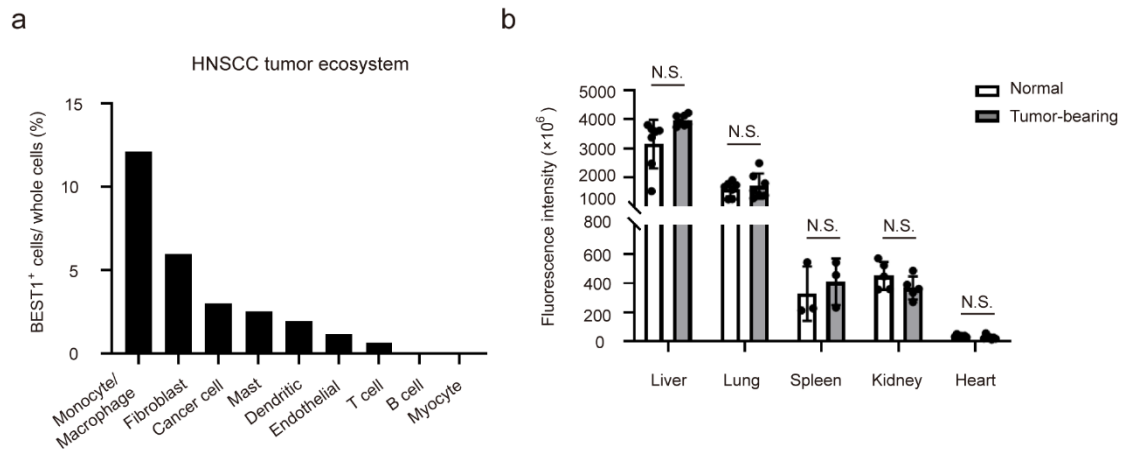
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28 **Figure S1. BEST1 is up-regulated in peripheral monocytes of patients with**
 29 **high monocyte/macrophage infiltration tumor types.**

a) Representative plots showing the CD14⁺ monocytes among PBMC before and after CD14⁺ MACS. b) Representative plots and histograms showing the monocytes subpopulations and BEST1 expression of CD14⁺⁺CD16⁻ monocytes in peripheral blood

from patients with HNSCC and healthy donors. c) Monocyte and macrophage infiltration in patient samples from The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA) assessed by CIBERSORT.

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32 **Figure S2. BEST1 is expressed on tumor-infiltrated**

33 **monocytes/macrophages.**

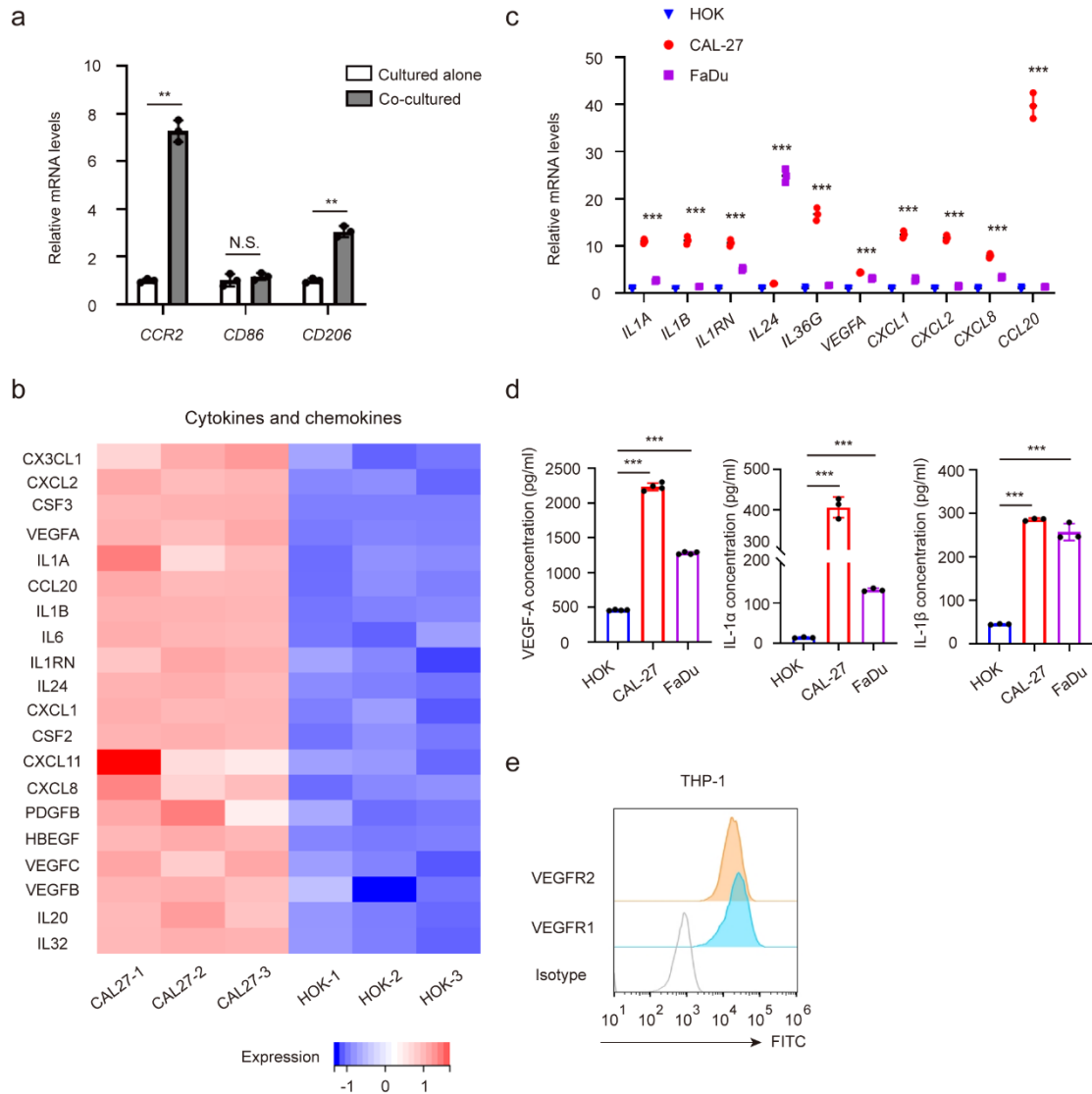
34 a) BEST1 positive ratio of immune cell subsets in HNSCC ecosystem using scRNAseq

35 analysis. b) Fluorescence value of each organ of normal and tumor-bearing mice 24 h

36 after DiR labeled THP-1 injection (n = 5 mice per group from one experiment

37 representative of two independent experiments). Data are represented as mean ± SD.

38 Statistical significance is indicated by N.S. = not significant; Student's t-test (b).



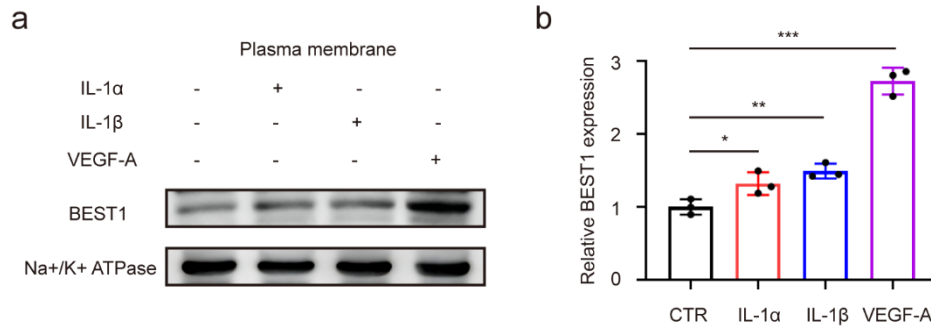
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40 **Figure S3. VEGF-A in tumor microenvironment increases BEST1**

41 **expression.**

a) Relative *CCR2*, *CD86*, and *CD206* mRNA levels in M ϕ cocultured with CAL27 for 3 days. The data are normalized to GAPDH (n=3 per group from one experiment representative of three independent experiments). b) Heatmap of “cytokines and chemokines” genes regulated in the same direction of CAL27 cells. c) Relative mRNA levels of cytokines in HOK, CAL27, and FaDu (n=3 per group from one experiment representative of three independent experiments). d) VEGF-A, IL-1 α , and IL-1 β levels in supernatant from HOK, CAL27, and FaDu detected by ELISA (n=4 per group from one experiment representative of two independent experiments). e) Flow cytometry of

VEGFR1 and VEGFR2 expression on THP-1 is shown. Data are represented as mean \pm SD. Statistical significance is indicated by $**P < 0.01$, $***P < 0.001$; Student's t-test (a); one-way ANOVA (c), (d).

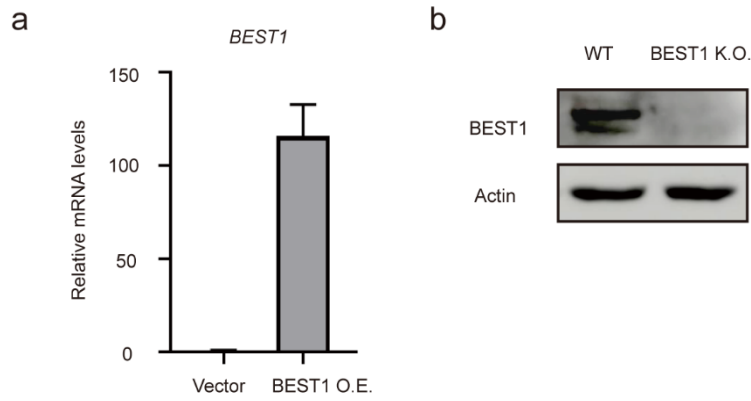


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44 **Figure S4. BEST1 localizes on the plasma membrane of THP-1.**

a, b) Representative western blot (a) and associated quantifications (b) of BEST1 expression on the plasma membrane of THP-1 treated with 10 ng/ml cytokines for 24 h, respectively (n=3 per group from one experiment representative of two independent experiments). Data are represented as mean \pm SD. Statistical significance is indicated by * $P < 0.05$, ** $P < 0.01$, *** $P < 0.001$; one-way ANOVA (b).

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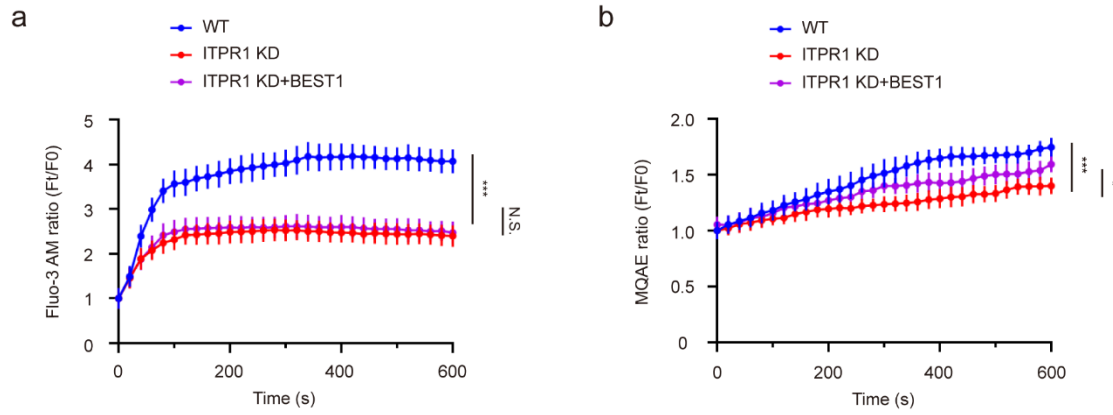
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47 **Figure S5. VEGF-A in tumor microenvironment increases BEST1**

48 **expression.**

a) Relative BEST1 mRNA levels in THP-1 with Vector and BEST1 O.E. The data are normalized to GAPDH (n=3 per group from one experiment representative of three independent experiments). b) Representative Western blots show BEST1 levels in THP-1 with WT and BEST1 K.O. (n=3 per group from one experiment representative of three independent experiments).

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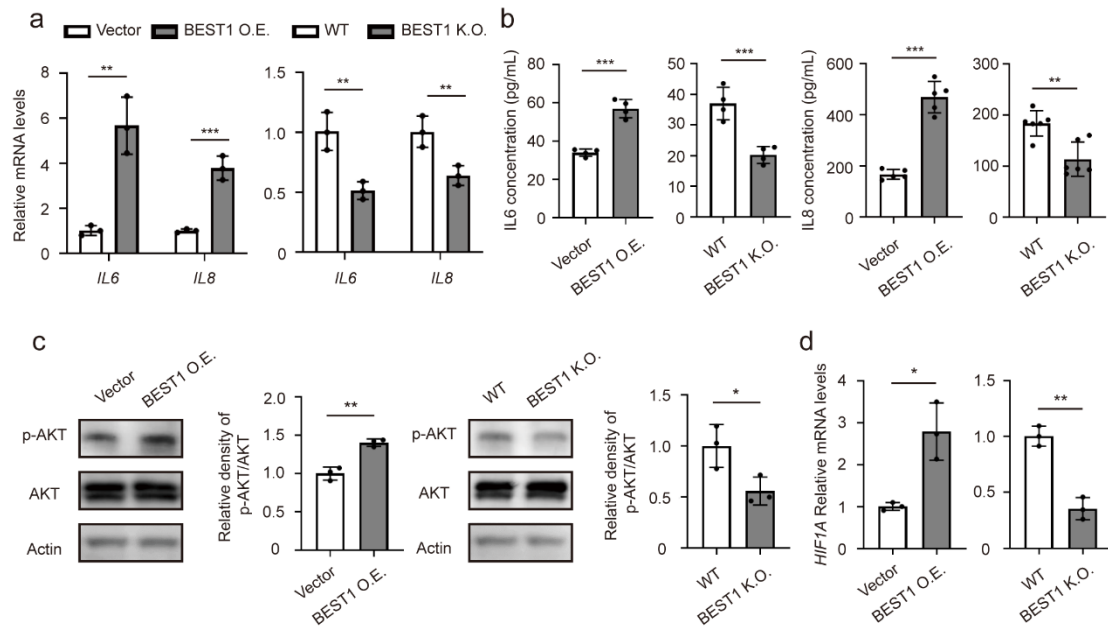


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51 **Figure S6. Activation of BEST1 by IP₃-mediated Ca²⁺ release from the ER.**

52 a, b) Quantification of Fluo-3AM (a) and MQAE (b) in VEGF-A-treated WT, ITPR1
 53 KD, and ITPR1 KD with BEST1 overexpression THP-1, respectively (n= 3 per group
 54 from one experiment representative of two independent experiments). Data are
 55 represented as mean ± SD. Statistical significance is indicated by *** $P < 0.001$; two-
 56 way ANOVA with Tukey's test (a, b).

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59 **Figure S7. BEST1 activates AKT-HIF-1 α to upregulate IL-6 and IL-8.**

a) Relative *IL6* and *IL8* mRNA levels in M ϕ with Vector and BEST1 O.E. (left), or WT and BEST1 K.O. (right). The data are normalized to GAPDH (n=3 per group from one experiment representative of three independent experiments). b) IL-6 and IL-8 levels in supernatant from M ϕ with Vector and BEST1 O.E. (left), or WT and BEST1 K.O. (right) detected by ELISA (n=5-6 per group from one experiment representative of two independent experiments). c) Representative Western blot and the associated quantifications show phosphorylated AKT levels in THP-1 with Vector and BEST1 O.E., or WT and BEST1 K.O. (Data are representative of three independent experiments). d) Relative *HIF1A* mRNA levels in THP-1 with Vector and BEST1 O.E., or WT and BEST1 K.O. The data are normalized to GAPDH (n=3 per group from one experiment representative of three independent experiments). Data are represented as mean \pm SD. Statistical significance is indicated by * $P < 0.05$, ** $P < 0.01$, *** $P < 0.001$; Student's t-test (a), (b), (c), (d).

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Table S1. Differentially Expressed Genes in monocytes

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(HNSCC patients/health donors)

Gene name	logFC	logCPM	PValue	FDR
BEST1	1.524922887	9.246232132	8.73E-35	3.39E-31
IGHA1	1.818083348	8.986664991	3.46E-28	1.01E-24
IGLC2	1.49642736	8.777067497	1.16E-25	2.71E-22
RP11-1143G9.4	1.768930369	9.403074615	1.13E-22	2.19E-19
IFI44L	1.257883948	8.860121536	3.67E-16	2.85E-13
HLA-DQA2	1.323902961	8.886765219	1.84E-15	1.13E-12
LGALS2	1.428710498	8.909850101	1.07E-14	4.80E-12
FOSB	1.129759752	8.793417708	6.70E-12	2.11E-09
MX1	1.028875497	8.822910919	2.68E-11	7.62E-09