

Supplementary Figure 1. Experimental workflow for Indium-111 NK cell cytotoxicity assay. **1.** NK cells were isolated from healthy donor PBMCs using a magnetic negative selection kit, further detailed in Materials and Methods. **2.** Freshly isolated NK cells (effector cells) are left untreated or incubated with IL-15 superagonist for 24 hours. **3.** SNUC tumor cells (target cells) labeled with Indium-111 are then incubated in various treatment conditions, depending on the experiment. Treatment conditions include IFNγ, anti-PD-L1 antibody, and/or anti-CD16 antibody. Target cells are then plated with NK cells at an E:T ratio of 10:1. **4.** Following 20 hours of assay incubation, experimental supernatants are harvested and gamma radiation release is measured as a surrogate for target cell lysis. Image made using BioRender.



Supplementary Figure 2. A representative image for each marker. The scale bars indicate 50 µm.

CD3⁺CD8⁺ in total area



Supplementary Figure 3. Patients with high CD3⁺CD8⁺ in total tissue area show a non-statistically significant improvement in 5-year overall survival rate (P = 0.065).



Supplementary Figure 4. An example of SNUC neighborhood analysis. The upper left panel demonstrates a SNUC tumor section with zoom magnification in the upper right. The lower panel demonstrates segmentation with red indicating tumor region of interest with green indicating stroma region of interest including the surrounding area. Blue circles indicate CK- tumor cells while yellow triangles indicate CD56+ cells. Black lines represent CD56+ neighbors <50µm and black circles indicate radius of 50µm.

Supplementary Table 1. Pritent demographics and clinical characteristics																
Sample ID	Age	Sex	Race	Primary tumor site	T stage	Lymph node metastasis	Distant metastasis	Clinical stage	Carcinogen exposure	Smoking histoy	Alcohol use	Vital status	Disease-related death	Recurrence	Response to IC	Regimens
SNUC1		63 Male	White	Maxillary sinus	T4b	N1	M1	IVc	No	Former	Unknown	Deseased	N/A	Unknown	N/A	N/A
SNUC10		80 Female	White	Nasal cavity	T4b	N2C	M0	IVb	No	Never	Never	Deseased	N/A	No	N/A	N/A
SNUC13		83 Male	White	Nasal cavity	T4a	NO	M0	IVa	No	Former	Never	Alive	No	No	No	Cisplatin, etoposide
SNUC15		25 Male	Latin American	Nasal cavity	T4b	NO	M0	IVb	Radiation	Never	Current	Alive	No	No	Yes	Cisplatin, etoposide
SNUC16		74 Male	White	Nasal Cavity	T4b	NO	M0	IVb	No	Former	Never	Deseased	N/A	Yes	Yes	Cisplatin, etoposide
SNUC18		74 Female	White	Maxillary sinus	T4a	NO	M0	IVa	No	Never	Former	Deseased	Yes	Yes	No	Carboplatin, etoposide
SNUC20		52 Male	White	Ethmoid sinus	T4a	NO	M0	IVa	Lead	Never	Former	Alive	No	No	Yes	Cisplatin, etoposide
SNUC22		62 Male	White	Ethmoid sinus	T4a	NO	M0	IVa	No	Never	Never	Alive	No	Yes	Yes	Cisplatin, etoposide
SNUC23		35 Male	Black	Ethmoid sinus	T4a	NO	M0	IVa	No	Former	Current	Deseased	Yes	Yes	Yes	Cisplatin, etoposide
SNUC27		61 Male	Asian	Maxillary sinus	T4b	NO	M0	IVb	chlorinated compounds, dust, vinyl chloride	Former	Former	Alive	No	No	Yes	5-FU, cisplatin, taxotere
SNUC29		65 Female	White	Frontal sinus	T4a	NO	M0	IVa	No	Never	Never	Deseased	N/A	Yes	No	Carboplatin, etoposide
SNUC32		74 Female	White	Nasal cavity	T4a	NO	M0	IVa	No	Former	Current	Deseased	Yes	Yes	No	Carboplatin, etoposide
SNUC33		51 Female	Asian	Ethmoid sinus	T4a	NO	M0	IVa	No	Never	Never	Deseased	No	Yes	Yes	Cisplatin, etoposide
SNUC34		43 Male	White	Ethmoid sinus	T4b	NO	M0	IVb	No	Never	Current	Alive	No	No	Yes	Cisplatin, etoposide
IC induction chemotherapy																

Supplementary Table 2. SNUC multi-spectral immunofluorescence panel

Antibody	Vendor/Clone	Catalog #	Dilution	Order of Staining	Opal		Opal Dilution
CD3e	Bethyl Laboratories/BL-298-5D12	A700-016	1:150		1	620	1:100
CD8a	Bethyl Laboratories/BLR044F	A700-044	1:250		2	520	1:100
PD-L1	Bethyl Laboratories/BLR020E	A700-020	1:250		3	690	1:100
CD68	Bethyl Laboratories/KP-1	A500-018A	1:250		4	570	1:100
СК	Invitrogen Thermo Fisher Scientific/80	01-672-060	1:50		5	480	1:100
NCAM/CK56	Bethyl Laboratories/BLR152J	A700-152	1:100		6	780	1:100, TSA-DIG 1:100

Supplementary Table 3. Interaction analysis in CKhigh tumor cells

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Marker 1	Marker 1 ROI 1		ROI 2	Group	Wilcox	Mean_NI	SD_NI
CK+	Stroma	CD56+	Stroma	Recurrence	0 071	12.43723	12.9055
				No Recurre	0.871	9.760302	10.04758
CK	Stroma	CD56+	Tumor	Recurrence	0 417	2.014741	2.47381
				No Recurre	0.417	3.570823	3.53775
CK	Tumor	CD56+	Stroma	Recurrence	0 745	5.982825	11.06346
				No Recurre	0.745	4.425049	4.621642
CK+	Tumor	CD56+	Tumor	Recurrence	0 271	1.697655	2.536259
CKT				No Recurre	0.571	4.958313	5.667206

ROI: Region of interest NI: Number of interactions Mean NI: mm²