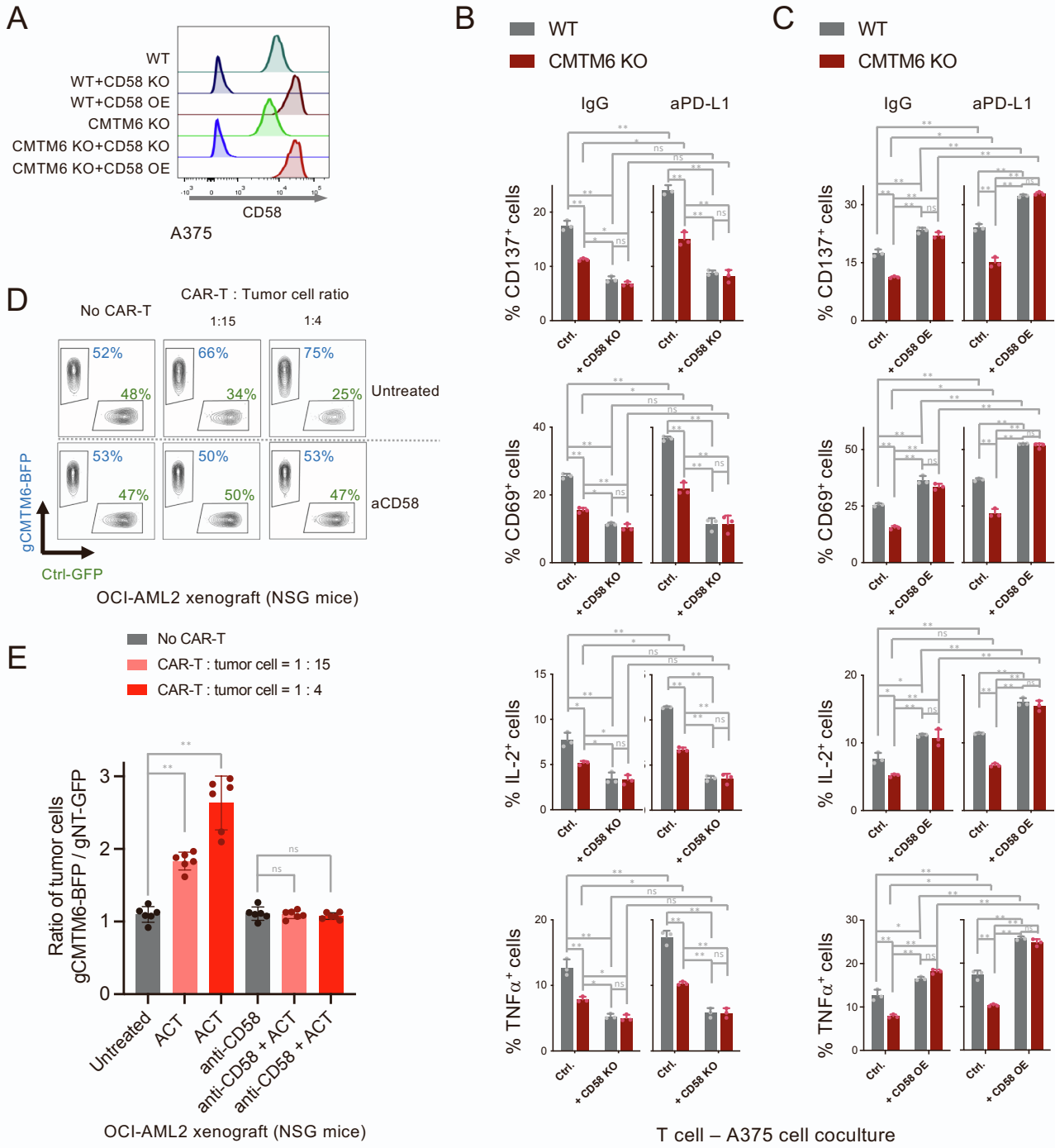


Figure S4



**Figure S4. CMTM6 and CD58 expression in tumor cells is critically involved in antitumor T cell response, Related to Figure 3**

**(A)** Flow cytometry analysis of CD58 expression in wildtype (WT), CD58-knockout (CD58 KO), CD58-overexpression (CD58 OE), CMTM6-knockout (CMTM6 KO), CMTM6 and CD58 double-knockout (CMTM6 KO+CD58 KO), and CMTM6-knockout plus CD58-overexpression (CMTM6 KO+CD58 OE) A375 cells.

**(B-C)** Effects of CD58 deletion (B) or CD58 overexpression (C), in CMTM6-proficient and -deficient tumor cells on T cell activation. MART-1 TCR transduced T cells were cocultured with A375 cells loaded with MART-1 peptide and carrying genetic modifications as indicated. The cocultures were conducted in the presence or absence of a PD-L1 blocking antibody, with normal human IgG serving as a control. Expression of CD137<sup>+</sup>, CD69<sup>+</sup>, IL-2<sup>+</sup>, and TNF $\alpha$ <sup>+</sup> cells within the CD3<sup>+</sup>CD8<sup>+</sup> cell population was determined by flow cytometry.

**(D-E)** Effects of CMTM6 and CD58 on response to CAR-T treatment in an *in vivo* xenograft model of acute myeloid leukemia (AML). CMTM6-proficient and -deficient OCI-AML2 cells were individually labeled with GFP (gNT-GFP) and BFP (gCMTM6-BFP), respectively, and transplanted into NSG mice at a 1:1 ratio. The coding sequences of GFP and BFP fluorescent proteins were separately integrated into constructs containing different gRNAs: a non-targeting control gRNA for GFP and a CMTM6-targeting gRNA for BFP. Following treatment with anti-CD33 CAR-T cells at the specified CAR-T cell:tumor cell ratio for seven hours, peripheral blood was collected, and the ratio of GFP and BFP-positive AML cells was analyzed using flow cytometry. In the CD58 blockade group, an anti-CD58 antibody was administered 12 hours before the injection of AML cells.

(D) Flow cytometry analysis was performed to examine the presence of GFP (gNT) and BFP (gCMTM6)-positive AML cells remaining in the peripheral blood of the mice after CD33 CAR-T treatment, both in the presence and absence of CD58 blockade. The untreated group served as the control. Representative contour plots were generated.

(E) The ratios of BFP (gCMTM6)-positive/GFP (gNT)-positive AML cells, as described in (D), were quantified.

Data represent mean  $\pm$  standard deviation of replicates (B-C n=3; E n=6) and were analyzed using two-way (B-C) or one-way (E) ANOVA (Tukey's multiple comparisons test). The statistical significance levels are indicated as follows: ns (not significant;  $p \geq 0.05$ ), \* ( $p < 0.05$ ), and \*\* ( $p < 0.0001$ ).