

Supplemental information

**Enhancing immune response and survival
in hepatocellular carcinoma with novel oncolytic
Jurona virus and immune checkpoint blockade**

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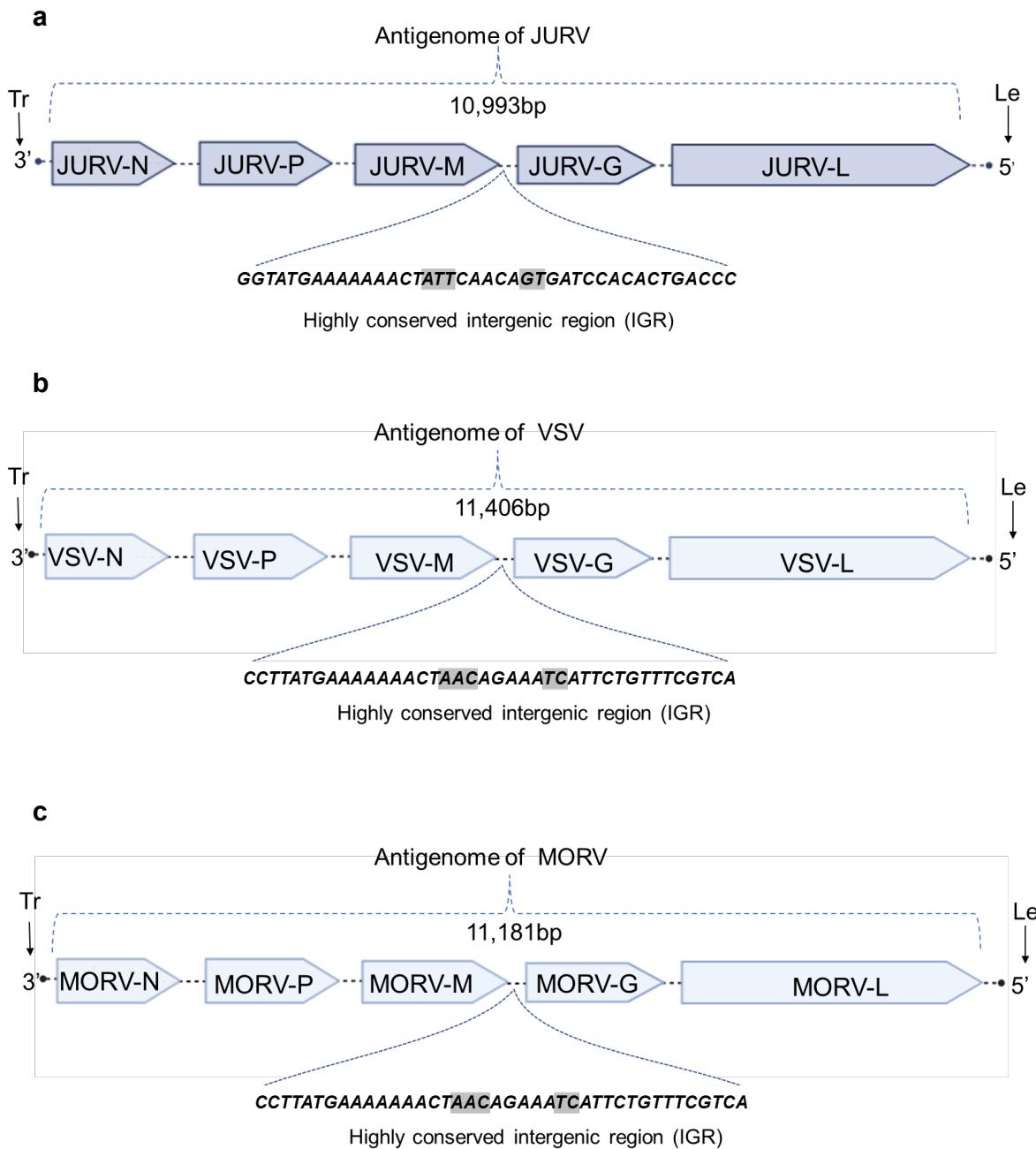


Figure S1. Schematic representation of the antigenomic structure of JURV, VSV, and MORV
The antigenome of JURV is typical of that of Rhabdovirus and consists of 5 major genes from the 3' to 5' antigenomic direction: nucleoprotein (JURV-N), phosphoprotein (JURV-P), matrix (JURV-M), glycoprotein (JURV-G), polymerase (JURV-L). Schematic representation of the 3' to 5' antigenomic organization of lab adapted a) Jurona virus (JURV), b) Vesicular stomatitis virus (VSV), and c) Morreton virus (MORV). The gene junctions' intergenic region (IGR) differed between the 3 viruses.

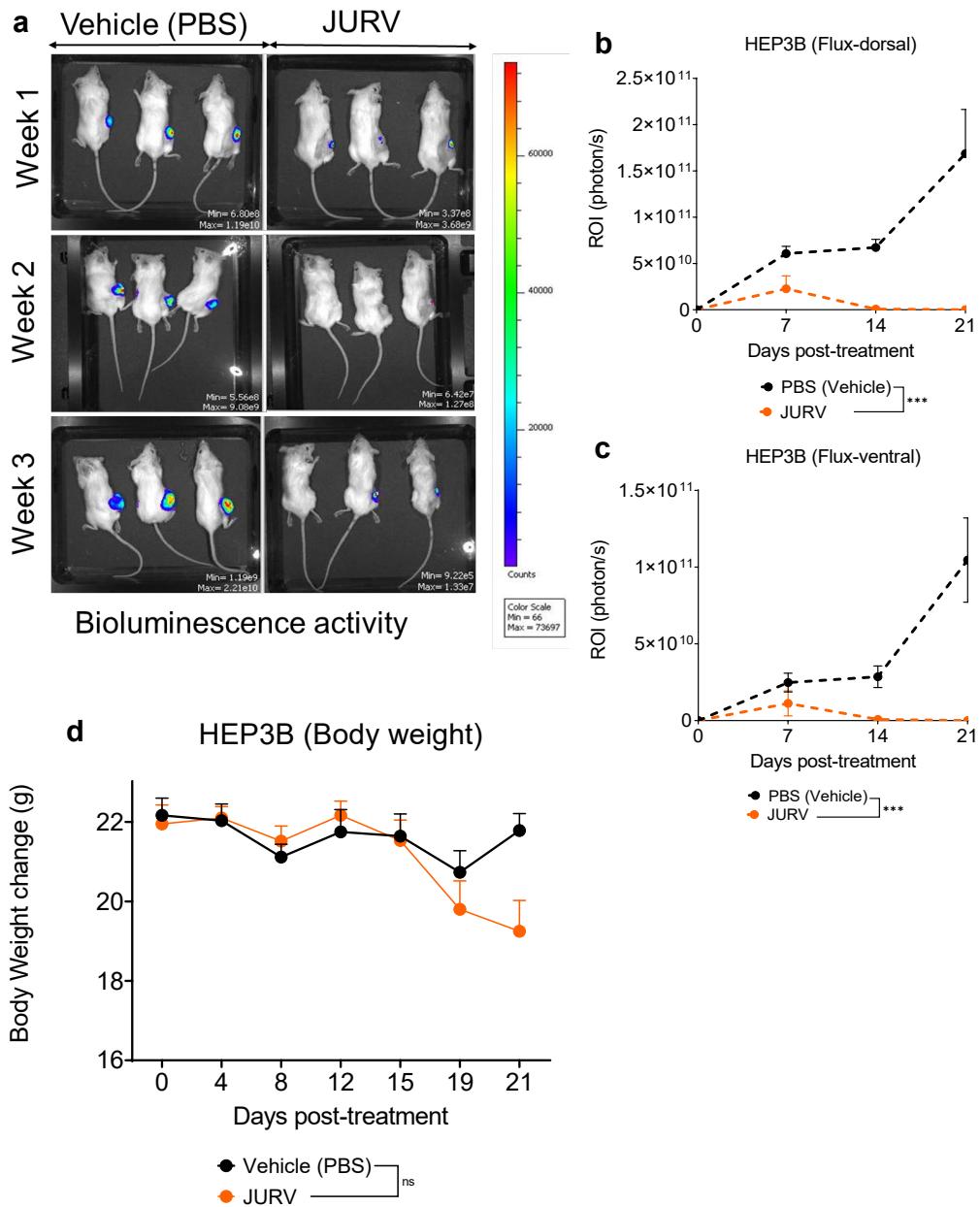


Figure S2. Oncolytic JURV induces a robust virus-mediated oncolysis dependent tumor growth delay in JURV in Hep3B Xenografts. Female NOD.Cg-Prkdcscid/J (Strain #:001303) mice (n=6-7/group) were inoculated subcutaneously with human luciferase-expressing HEP3B cells. (a) Photon emission from mice with subcutaneous HEP3B tumors. When the average tumor volume reached 80-120 mm³, mice were divided into two groups and received IT injections with either PBS or JURV (1.0 x 10⁷ TCID₅₀) on days 0, 7, and 14. Photon counts were obtained on weeks 1, 2, and 3. Photon emission at the right dorsal flanks (b) and ventral (c) were significantly (P<0.005) reduced among JURV-treated mice compared to PBS controls.

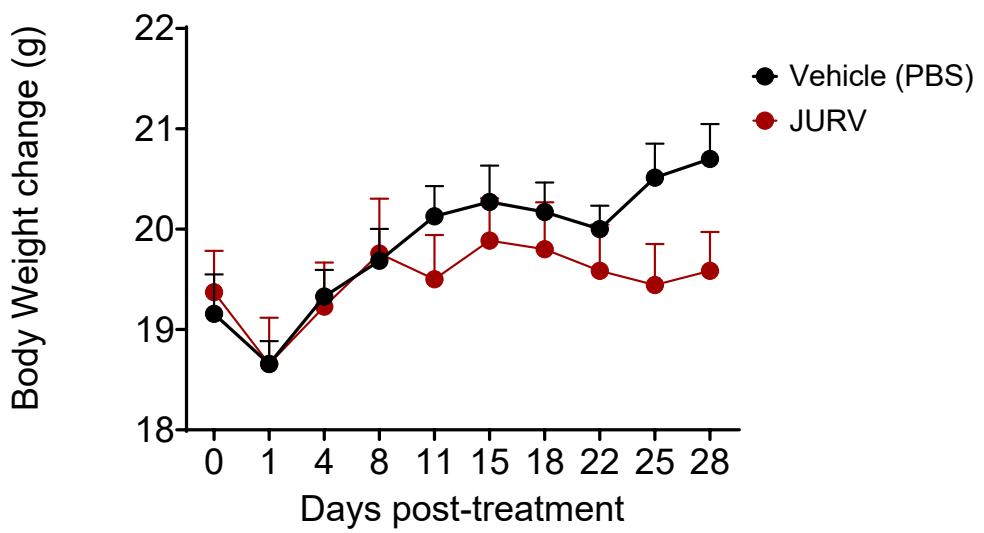


Figure S3. Changes in body weight of Hepa 1-6 tumor-bearing mice Treated with oncolytic JURV

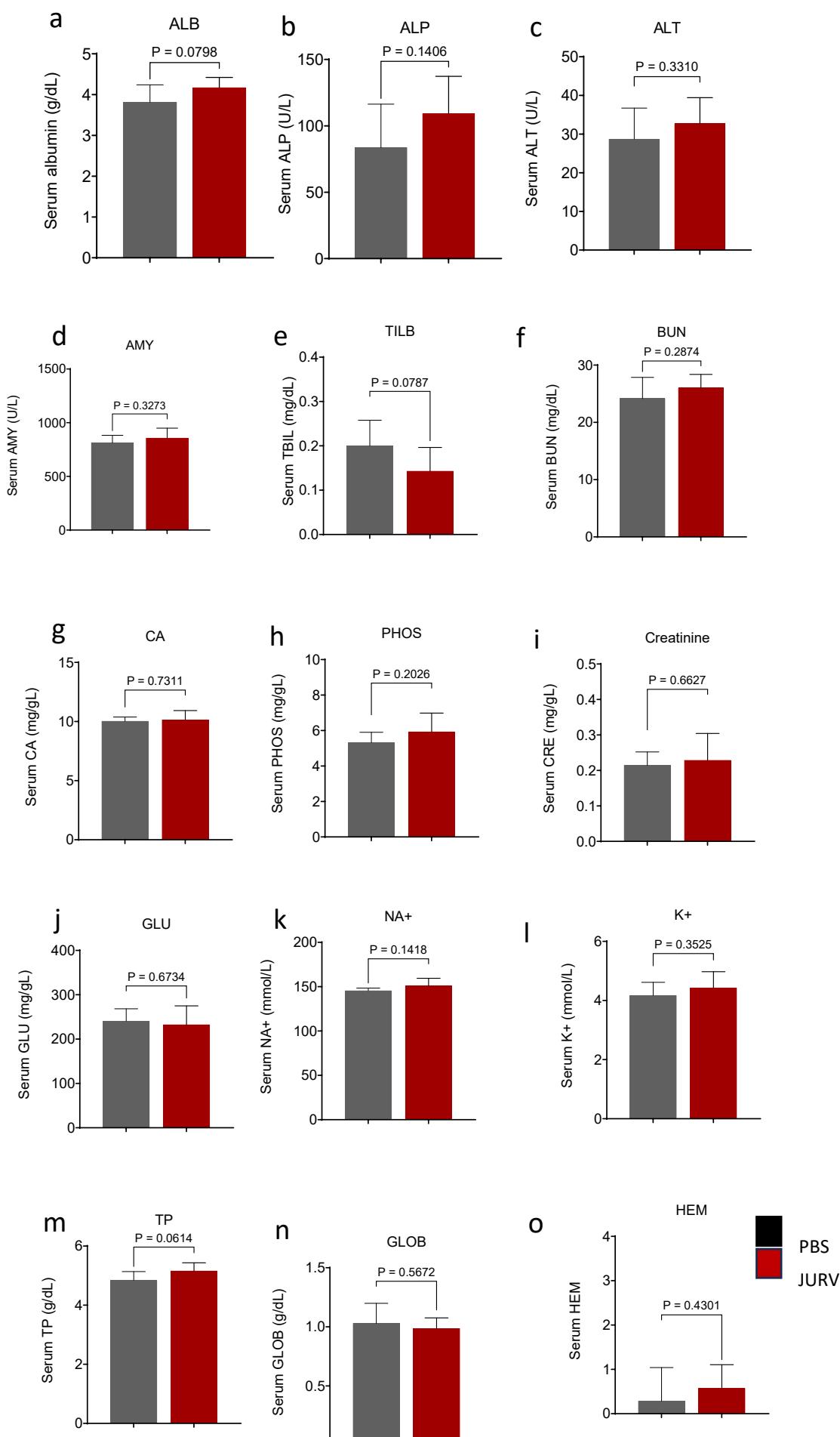


Figure S4. Analysis of biomarkers of drug-induced hepatotoxicity and nephrotoxicity in mice treated with oncolytic JURV. Changes in the serum biomarkers of drug-induced toxicity, including albumin (a, ALB), alkaline phosphatase (b, ALP), alanine aminotransferase (c, ALT), amylase (d, AMY), total bilirubin (e, TILB), blood urea nitrogen (f, BUN), calcium (g, CA), phosphate (h, PHOS), creatinine (i), glutamine (j, GLU), sodium (k, NA⁺), potassium (l, K⁺), total protein (m, TP), serum globulin (n, GLOB), and serum hemoglobin (o, HEM).

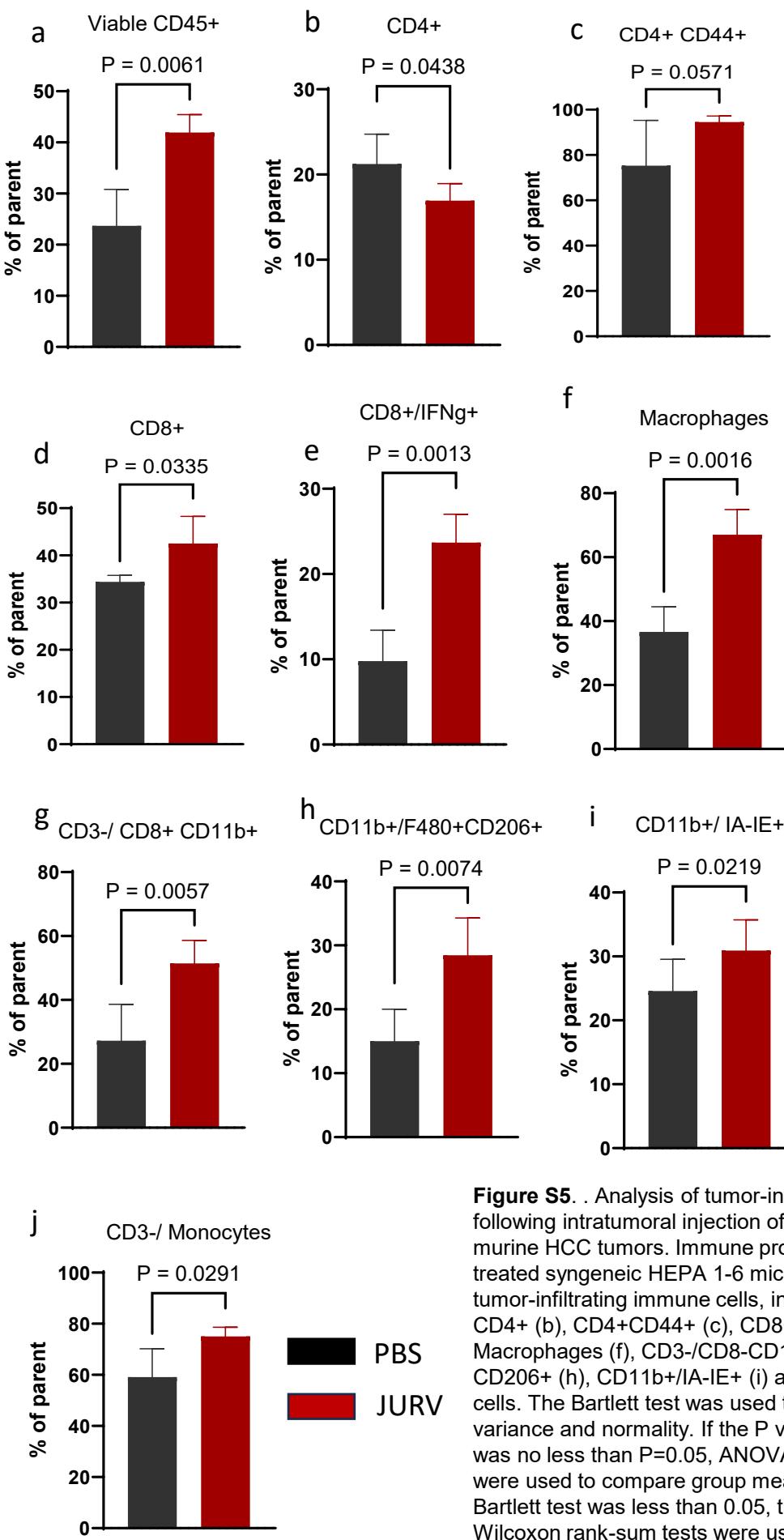


Figure S5. . Analysis of tumor-infiltrating immune cells following intratumoral injection of oncolytic JURV in murine HCC tumors. Immune profiling of PBS or JURV treated syngeneic HEPA 1-6 mice showing percentage of tumor-infiltrating immune cells, including CD45+ (a), CD4+ (b), CD4+CD44+ (c), CD8+ (d), CD8+IFNg+ (e), Macrophages (f), CD3-/CD8-CD11b+ (g), CD11b+/F4/80+CD206+ (h), CD11b+/IA-IE+ (i) and CD3-/Monocytes (j) cells. The Bartlett test was used to test homogeneity of variance and normality. If the P value of the Bartlett test was no less than $P=0.05$, ANOVA and a two-sample t test were used to compare group means. If the P value of the Bartlett test was less than 0.05, the Kruskal-Wallis and Wilcoxon rank-sum tests were used to compare group means. The figures demonstrate the potential significant difference of the gated subsets in the CD45+ population, determined by the P value.

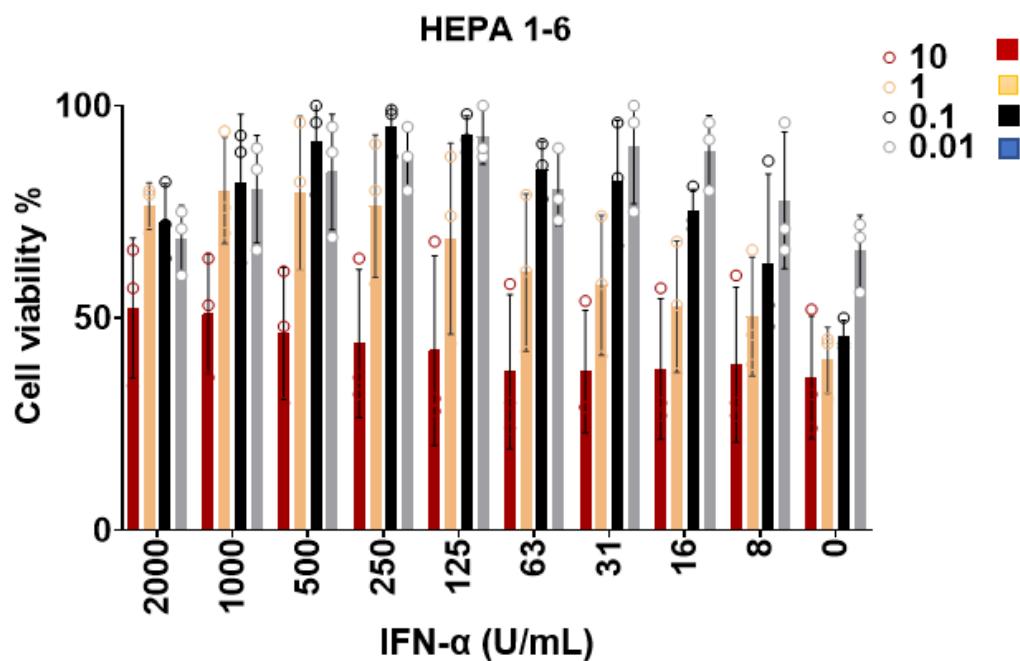


Figure S6. Dose-dependent response to treatment with type I interferon on the oncolytic activity of JURV. Murine (HEPA 1-6) HCC cells (2.0×10^4) were pretreated with various concentrations of universal type I interferon-alpha (IFN- α), infected with viruses at MOI of 10, 1, 0.1 and 0.01. Cell viability was measured using an MTS assay after 48 hours post-infection. Results are from 3 independent experiments and are plotted as mean \pm SEM.

Table S1 . List of antibodies for flow cytometry

Markers	Fluorochrome	Clone	Catalog	Isotypes	Vender
CD45	FITC	30-F11	553079	Rat IgG2b, κ	BD
CD3	BUV395	145-2C11	563565	Armenian Hamster IgG1, κ	BD
CD4	BUV737	GK1.5	612761	Rat IgG2b, κ	BD
CD8	Percp-Cy5.5	53-6.7	45-0081-82	Rat IgG2a, κ	eBioscience
CD44	BV711	IM7	103057	Rat IgG2b, κ	Biolegend
CD335	PE/DAzzle594	29A1.4	137630	Rat IgG2a, κ	Biolegend
PD-1	PE	J43	551892	Armenian Hamster IgG2, κ	BD
Ki67*	BV605	16A8	652413	Rat IgG2a, κ	Biolegend
Grzyme B*	APC	APC	QA18A28	396408	Biolegend
IFN-γ*	BV421	XMG1.2	563376	Rat IgG1, κ	BD
CD11b	PE-Cy7	M1/70	101216	Rat IgG2b, κ	Biolegend
F4/80	BV510	BM8	123135	Rat IgG2a, κ	Biolegend
CD206	AF700	C068C2	141734	Rat IgG2a, κ	Biolegend
I-A/I-E	BV786	2G9	743875	Rat IgG2a, κ	BD
L/D	eFluo780	NA	65-0865-18	NA	eBioscience

* Ki67, Grzyme B and IFN-γ* are the intracellular targets.