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1 Supplementary Information

Supplemental Figure 1. (a) The effect of various cytokines on PD-1 expression is shown as fold 2 changes in MFI relative to the α CD3/ α CD28 condition with no cytokines in both CD4+ (black bars) 3 and CD8+ (white bars) T cells. CD3+ T cells were enriched using magnetic isolation kits from the 4 peripheral blood of healthy donors. The cells were activated with α CD3/ α CD28-conjugated beads in 5 the presence of an individual cytokine (data from 500ng/ml is shown) with a cell to bead ratio of 1:1. 6 In some experiments, a 1:3 cell to bead ratio was used with no changes in the relative effect of 7 cytokines observed. After 72 hr, the cells were harvested and CD3+ CD4+ or CD3+ CD8+ were gated 8 in order to assess respective PD-1 surface expression via flow-cytometry. (b) TGF- β induced 9 10 proportionate increases in intracellular and surface PD-1 in the presence of α CD3/ α CD28 stimulation as described in (a). (c) Human peripheral CD3+ T cells were isolated and activated with 11 α CD3/ α CD28-conjugated beads in the absence or presence of TGF-B1 for 72 hr. Cvclosporine A 12 (CsA) was added after 24 hr of activation at varying concentrations and PD-1 expression was 13 assessed by flow-cytometry: medium alone (filled circles); α CD3/ α CD28 (open circles); 14 α CD3/ α CD28+TGF- β 1 (filled triangles). The result is representative of two independent trials. (d) A 15 putative NFATc1 binding site relative to Smad-binding elements (SBE) on a human Pdcd-1 promoter 16 region. (e) Jurkat T cells were transfected with a luciferase vector containing wild-type (WT) or mutant 17 (Mut) NFATc1 site of the human Pdcd-1 promoter as described in the Method section, and luciferase 18 activity was measured after activation with α CD3/ α CD28. The result is shown as the mean +/- SEM 19 of technical replicates and is representative of at least two independent trials. (f) Jurkat T cells were 20 transfected with a 1.9 kb long human *Pdcd-1* promoter-driven luciferase vector together with different 21 amounts of TGF- β RI and RII expression plasmids. Subsequently, the cells were activated with 22 α CD3/ α CD28 with (white bars) or without TGF- β 1 (grey bars) and luciferase activity was measured. 23 The result is shown as mean +/- SEM of technical replicates and representative of at least two 24 independent trials. (g) Transfection efficiency of TGF-BRI and RII expression plasmids on Jurkat T 25

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cells by flow-cytometry, as shown in SSC (Y-axis) and TGF-βRII (X-axis) (right). EV: empty vector. 26 The result is representative of two independent trials. (g) Chromatin immunoprecipitation analysis of 27 NFATc1 on the human Pdcd-1 promoter. Human peripheral CD3+ T cells were isolated and activated 28 with α CD3/ α CD28-conjugated beads in the absence (black bars) or presence (hatched bars) of TGF-29 β1 for 24 hr and the ChIP assay was performed as described in the Method section. The degree of 30 enrichment is shown as fold-change (Y-axis) relative to non-specific binding by an isotype control in a 31 32 human Gapdh or Pdcd-1 promoter region. The result is shown as the mean +/- SEM of technical replicates and representative of at least two independent trials. 33

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Supplemental Figure 2. (a) qPCR analysis of *Smad2* and *Smad3* mRNA levels in Jurkat T cells.
Jurkat T cells were transfected with scramble, *Smad2* and *Smad3* siRNA as described in the Method
section. After resting overnight, the cells were harvested and cellular RNA was isolated in order to
assess *Smad2* and *Smad3* transcript levels. The result is shown as mean +/- SEM of technical
replicates and representative of at least two independent trials. (b) siRNA transfected Jurkat T cells
were harvested and lysed for western blot analysis of Smad2 and Smad3.

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Supplemental Figure 3. (a) Western blot analysis of Cre-mediated gene knock-out in Smad2 and 42 Smad3 cKO CD4+ T cells. Naïve CD4+ T cells (CD4+ CD25- CD62L+) were flow-sorted from WT, 43 Smad2 and Smad3 cKO mice and were activated with α CD3/ α CD28 for 72 hr. The cells were 44 harvested and lysed for western blot analysis of Smad2 and Smad3 expression as described in the 45 method section. Numbers represent biological replicates of each group. (b) Ovalbumin-specific CD8+ 46 (OT-I) (top) and CD4+ (OT-II) (bottom) T cells were enriched by magnetic isolation from the spleen 47 and activated for 72 hr with Type1 Ovalbumin (Ova) and Type II Ova (10 µg/ml) in the presence of 48 irradiated splenocytes under different conditions. PD-1 (left) and LAG3 (right) expressions are shown 49 in representative histograms: isotype (shaded histogram), peptide alone (thin histogram), peptide with 50

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TGF-B1 (50 ng/ml) (bold histogram). (c) Foxp3 expression in CD4+ PD-1+ T cells infiltrating the tumor 51 microenvironment in WT. Smad2 cKO and Smad3 cKO mice. A representative Foxp3 expression 52 histogram is shown (left) and percentage of Foxp3 among PD-1+ CD4+ T cells in each group is 53 shown as mean +/- SEM. (d) CD4+ T cells were magnetically isolated from Foxp3-GFP transgenic 54 mice, and were activated with α CD3/ α CD28 for 72 hr with or without TGF- β 1. PD-1 expression was 55 separately assessed on GFP+ and GFP- subsets as shown in representative histograms: isotype 56 (light shade); α CD3/ α CD28 (dashed line); GFP+ subset from α CD3/ α CD28+TGF- β 1 (dark shade); 57 GFP- subset from α CD3/ α CD28+TGF- β 1 (black line). 58

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Supplemental Figure 4. The effects of TGF- β 1 signaling on PD-1 expression

(a) Representative histograms of CFSE (left), PD-1(middle) and LAG3 (right) expression on WT (thin 61 grey histogram) and Smad3 (thin black histogram) cKO OT-I cells originating from the draining lymph 62 nodes (DLN) (top) and non-draining lymph nodes (NDLN) (bottom). (b) CFSE-, PD-1+ and LAG3+ 63 OT-I subsets in DLNs were gated based on OT-I cells from NDLNs. The percentage of CFSE- (left) 64 and MFI of PD-1 (middle) and LAG3 (right) of each subset are shown as mean +/- SEM, and the data 65 represent two independent trials. (c,d) The same analysis was performed on WT and Smad2 cKO 66 OT-I cells and the data represent two independent trials. (e) WT and DNTGFBRII Tg+ mice were 67 injected with 10⁵ B16 melanoma cells in foot-pads, and tumor volume (mm³) is shown as mean +/-68 SEM on different days. (f) PD-1 MFI of PD-1+ CD8+ subset originating from the tumor 69 microenvironment (left) and DLN (right) is assessed from each mouse on Day 27. (g) The percentage 70 of the LAG3+ CD8+ subset originating from the tumor microenvironment (left) and DLN (right) is 71 assessed from each mouse on Day 27. The data were analyzed using Student's t-test and 72 considered significant if *P<0.05. 73

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