Supplementary Material

Supplementary table 1. Characteristics of study participants.

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Variable	Responders	Primary resistance	Acquired resistance	
Number of patients	13	19	10	
Number of samples collected at baseline	10	17	9	
Number of samples collected at week6	11	19	9	
Number of samples collected at 1 year	2	10	6	
Treatment	Pembrolizumab=100% Nivolumab=0%	Pembrolizumab=69% Nivolumab=31%	Pembrolizumab=80% Nivolumab=20%	
Median age	77(44-91)	69(41-88)	77(63-86)	
Sex				
Male	7(54%)	16(84%)	8(80%)	
Female	6(46%)	3(16%)	2(20%)	
Mutation				
WT	7(54%)	7(37%)	4(40%)	
NRAS	5(38%)	6(32%)	4(40%)	
BRAF	0(0%)	4(21%)	2(20%)	
KRAS	0(0%)	1(5%)	0(0%)	
KIT	1(8%)	1(5%)	0(0%)	
M Staging at inclusion				
M1a	0(0%)	1(5%)	2(20%)	
M1b	5(38%)	2(11%)	5(50%)	
M1c	5(38%)	9(47%)	0(0%)	
M1d	1(8%)	5(26%)	0(0%)	
IIIc	2(15%)	2(11%)	3(30%)	
LDH at inclusion				
Normal	11(85%)	14(74%)	10(100%)	
Elevated	2(15%)	5(26%)	0(0%)	

Supplementary table 2. The antibody panel used for mass cytometry phenotypic and functional analysis of immune cells in melanoma patients.

Metal label	Specificity	Antibody clone	Manufacturer		
Barcoding and live/dead					
194Pt	Dead cells	Cisplatin			
104Pd or 108Pd	CD45	HI30	BD		
	Surface stain				
140Ce	Beads	n/a			
89Y	CD8A	RPA-T8	Biolegend		
113In	CD56	REA196	Miltenyi Biotec		
142Nd	CD19	HIB19	BD		
143Nd	CD45RA	HI100	BD		
144Nd	TCRgd	B1	BD		
145Nd	CD4	RPA-T4	BD		
148Di	CD5	HI10a	Biolegend		
149Sm	TIM-3	7D3	BD		
150Nd	KLRG1	SA231A2	Biolegend		
151Eu	CD39	A1	Biolegend		
152Gd	CD45RO	UCHL1	BD		
154Gd	CD3	UCHT1	BD		
155Gd	CXCR5	RF8B2	BD		
156Gd	PD-1	EH12.2H7	Biolegend		
159Tb	CCR7	150503	R&D Systems		
161Di	CD274	MIH1	BD		
163Dy	CXCR3	REA232	Miltenyi Biotec		
164Er	CTLA-4	14D3	eBioscience		
165Di	CD16	3G8	BD		
166Er	TIGIT	MBSA43	eBioscience		
167Di	CD27	M-T271	Biolegend		
169Tm	CD25	M-A251	Biolegend		
172Yb	CD38	HIT2	BD		
173Yb	CD14	M5E2	BD		
174Yb	HLA-DR	L243	BD		
176Lu	CD127	A019D5	Biolegend		
Intracellular stain					
141Pr	TNFα	Mab11	Biolegend		
146Nd	Eomes	WD1928	Life Technologies		
153Eu	TOX	TXRX10	eBioscience		
158Gd	IL-2	MQ1-17H12	BD		
160Gd	BCL-2	BCL-2-100	Life Technologies		
162Er	FoxP3	PCH101	eBioscience		
168Er	IFNγ	B27	BD		
170Er	TCF1/TCF7	C63D9	Cell Signalling Technology		
171Yb	Granzyme B	GB11	Acris		
175Lu	Perforin	dG9	Biolegend		
209Bi	T-bet	4B10	BD		
115Di	Ki67	B56	BD		



Supplementary Figure 1. Overall survival of melanoma patients categorized as responder vs primary and acquired resistance group. A Kaplan-Meier (KM) plot was generated comparing individual groups. Survival duration was calculated from the first treatment date to the last follow-up date. The median survival of primary resistance and acquired resistance group was 80 and 177 weeks respectively, and the median survival of the responder group was not reached as >50% of patients survived throughout the study period. Statistical analysis performed by the Mantel-Cox test gave a logrank p value of 0.0002.



Supplementary Figure 2. Gating strategy for mass cytometry data. Prior to population analysis, cells were pre-gated as positive for DNA-intercalated events (detected on channel 191) and negative for EQ-beads (detected in channel 140), and with subsequent discrimination for exclusion of dead (cisplatin positive) cells and differential CD45 antibody staining to distinguish barcoded, concurrently analysed samples. Dotplots show a representative example of the gating strategy used to identify multiple lymphocyte lineages and subpopulations. For MDSC analysis, expression of HLA-DR by CD14⁺ cells was compared with expression of HLA-DR by B cells. No HLA-DR-negative population was apparent and the magnitude of the left shift of CD14 vs B cells was not significantly different between any of the patient groups.



Supplementary Figure 3. Representative marker expression by CD8 T cells in the absence of stimulation. CD39, CD56 CXCR5, Eomes, GranzymeB, KLRG1, PD-1, Perforin, T-bet and Tigit were predominantly expressed by CCR7- cells and were readily gated, as were Ki67 and the CCR7/CD45RO populations shown in Supplementary Figure 2. Mean expression of Bcl-2, CD5, CD27, CD38, CXCR3, and TCF1 correlated with CCR7 but was not amenable to conventional gating. HLA-DR and TOX were negatively correlated with CCR7.



Supplementary Figure 4. TILs from metastatic melanoma tumor dissociates predominantly express checkpoint molecules CD39, TIGIT and PD-1 compared to PBMCs. (A) CD8 T cells and (B) CD4 T cells from a paired PBMC and TILs (13-month post treatment) were assessed for expression of various checkpoint molecules by CyTOF.



Supplementary Figure 5. Expression patterns of T-bet and Eomes within CD8 T cells. (A) Gating strategy to distinguish the T-bet and Eomes populations. (B) The percentage expression of T-bet and Eomes and co-expression of T-bet^{dim}Eomes^{hi} and T-bet^{hi}Eomes^{dim} on total CD8 T cells in melanoma patients prior to anti-PD-1 treatment. (C) Data showing the T-bet⁺: Eomes⁺ CD+ T cells ratio in responders (green) versus primary resistance (blue) and acquired resistance (brown).



Supplementary Figure 6. Expression of cytotoxic effector proteins and cytokines in PMA and Ionomycin stimulated CD4 and CD8 T cells from patients with metastatic melanoma. (A) Representative CytoF plots displaying intracellular protein staining for GranzymeB, IFN γ , IL-2, Ki-67, perforin and TNF α within CD4 and CD8 T cells. (B) Comparison of intracellular expression of GranzymeB, IFN γ , IL-2, Ki-67, perforin and CD8+T cells from responder, primary resistance and acquired resistance groups. Box plots indicate median and upper and lower quartiles; the whiskers indicate the 5th and 95th percentiles respectively.



Supplementary Figure 7. t-SNE analysis of mass cytometry data from unstimulated samples. (A) A fixed number of events (1000) from each patient sample plus the batch controls were concatenated into a single file for t-SNE analysis. (B) Individual patient files were then identified within the t-SNE file and pooled into response groups that were downsampled to the minimum present in any group (22,000) so that each visualisation comprised the same number of events.



Supplementary Figure 8. Marker expression after t-SNE analysis of mass cytometry data from unstimulated samples. Expression of 36 markers in the pooled response group files shown in Supplementary Figure 7B.



Supplementary Figure 9. t-SNE analysis of mass cytometry data from stimulated samples. (A) A fixed number of events (1000) from each patient sample plus the batch controls were concatenated into a single file for t-SNE analysis. (B) Individual patient files were then identified within the t-SNE file and pooled into response groups that were downsampled to the minimum present in any group (23,000) so that each visualisation comprised the same number of events.



Supplementary Figure 10. Marker expression after t-SNE analysis of mass cytometry data from unstimulated samples. Expression of cytokines in the pooled response group files shown in Supplementary Figure 9.