

NK cells can be distinguished from CD56 positive tumor cells

CD56 and slan were stained in human FFPE melanoma tissue. Inlet shows CD56 positive NK cells (black arrows) surrounded by CD56 weak positive melanoma cells. Original magnification x100 (left image), x200 (right image).



NK cell migration towards recombinant chemokines present in slanMo supernatants

A, Specific migration of 1 day cultured NK cells towards different stimuli including recombinant R848 (1 μ g/ml) and conditioned medium from unstimulated and R848-activated slanMo displayed as arbitrary units. Data from 3 donors (SEM). **B**, Specific migration of 1 day cultured NK cells towards different stimuli as indicated or control medium (med). Cumulative data from 4 donors. p values were calculated by 1 way Anova comparing each chemokine group with the medium control with *p<0.05, **p<0.01, ***p<0.001. **B**, Chemokine receptor expression (CXCR1 and CXCR2) on 1 day cultured NK cells. Pre-gating on CD56⁺CD3⁻ NK cells and CXCR1/CXCR2 gating according to isotype staining. Representative data out of 4 donors.





A, Prolonged culture of SK-Mel-28 melanoma cells after 4 day treatment with 1 μg/ml R848. After the treatment, the cells were washed, counted and cultured in normal medium. **B**, Freshly purified slanMo were cultured for 6 hours before co-culture with NK cells and activation with 1 μg/ml R848. After 6 hours of co-culture, the cells were fixed, permeabilized and stained for TNF-α (filled gray) or isotype (dotted line). Representative data out of 3 donors. **C**, Prolonged culture of melanoma cell lines SK-Mel 25 and SK-Mel 30. Melanoma cells were treated for 4 days with recombinant TNF-α and IFN-γ (10 ng/ml and 100 ng/ml, respectively). Afterwards, the cells were treated with slanMo and NK cell mono-culture CM. The cells were reseeded and pulsed for 12 h with ³H-Thymidine for measurement of ³H-Thymidine incorporation. **E**, ³H-Thymidine incorporation in melanoma cell lines after treatment with TNFα and IFN-γ (10 ng/ml and 100 ng/ml, ng/ml, respectively).





Supplementary table 1

Patient Characteristics

	stage 1 (n=10)	stage 2 (n=16)	stage 3 (n=10)	stage 3 LN (n=10)	stage 4 (n=8)
sex					
female	6 (60%)	9 (56%)	7 (88%)	2 (20%)	3 (37.5%)
male	4 (40%)	7 (44%)	1 (12%)	8 (80%)	5 (62.5%)
age	60±21	61.9±14	73.3±12	74.7±9.5	58.5±8.9
tumor thickness	0.6±0.3	4.5±2.5	-	-	-
(mm)					

Supplementary Table S2

Primers used for qPCR analysis

hIL6_fw	AGACAGCCACTCACCTCTTCAG		
hIL6_rev	TTCTGCCAGTGCCTCTTTGCTG		
hIL8_fw	TTGGCAGCCTTCCTGATTTC		
hIL8_rev	TCTTTAGCACTCCTTGGCAAAAC		
hIL1A_fw	TGTATGTGACTGCCCAAGATGAAG		
hIL1A_rev	AGAGGAGGTTGGTCTCACTACC		
hIL1B_fw	CCACAGACCTTCCAGGAGAATG		
hIL1B_rev	GTGCAGTTCAGTGATCGTACAGG		
hTGFβ1_fw	CGGAGTTGTGCGGCAGTGGT		
hTGFβ1_rev	GTTGGTGTCCAGGGCTCGGC		
hVEGF-A_fw	AGTTCATGGATGTCTATCAGCGC		
hVEGF-A_rev	TCCGCATAATCTGCATGGTG		
hMMP1_fw	ATGAAGCAGCCCAGATGTGGAG		
hMMP1_rev	TGGTCCACATCTGCTCTTGGCA		
hMMP2_fw	CCACTGCCTTCGATACAC		
hMMP2_rev	GAGCCACTCTCTGGAATCTTAAA		
hMMP9_fw	GCCACTACTGTGCCTTTGAGTC		
hMMP9_rev	CCCTCAGAGAATCGCCAGTACT		
hMMP3_fw	CACTCACAGACCTGACTCGGTT		
hMMP3_rev	AAGCAGGATCACAGTTGGCTGG		
hSerpine1_fw = PAI1	GGCCATTACTACGACATCCTG		
hSerpine1_rev = PAI1	GGTCATGTTGCCTTTCCAGT		
hSerpine2_fw = PAI2	GCTGTTTGGTGAGAAGTCTGCG		
hSerpine2_rev = PAI2	CTGCACATTCTAGGAAGTCTACTG		
hCXCL1_fw	AGCCAACGTCAAGCATCTCAA		
hCXCL1_rev	AATCCACTTTAGCTTCGGGTCAA		
hCXCL2_fw	GGCAGAAAGCTTGTCTCAACCC		
hCXCL2_rev	CTCCTTCAGGAACAGCCACCAA		
hICAM-1_fw	AGCGGCTGACGTGTGCAGTAAT		
hICAM-1_rev	TCTGAGACCTCTGGCTTCGTCA		
hCCL2_fw	CCGAGAGGCTGAGACTAAC		
hCCL2_rev	CTTGCTGCTGGTGATTCTTC		
hCCL7_fw	ACAGAAGGACCACCAGTAGCCA		
hCCL7_rev	GGTGCTTCATAAAGTCCTGGACC		
hGAPDH_tw	CGACCACTTTGTCAAGCTCA		
hGAPDH_rev	AGGGGTCTACATGGCAACTG		

Supplementary Methods

Intracellular TNF- α staining

Freshly purified slanMo were plated at a concentration of $5x10^5$ cells/ml and cultured for 6 hours. $1x10^6$ NK cells were added and cells were stimulated with $1 \mu g/ml$ R848 in the presence of $1 \mu g/ml$ brefeldin A (Sigma-Aldrich). After 6 hours of co-culture, the cells were harvested and stained for slan (clone MDC8) and CD56 (clone B159, BD). For intracellular cytokine staining, cells were fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde (PFA), permeabilized using 1% saponin and stained for TNF- α (clone Mab11, BD) or with the respective isotype control.