

Supplementary Information

Spatiotemporal depletion of tumor-associated immune checkpoint PD-L1 with near infrared photoimmunotherapy promote antitumor immunity

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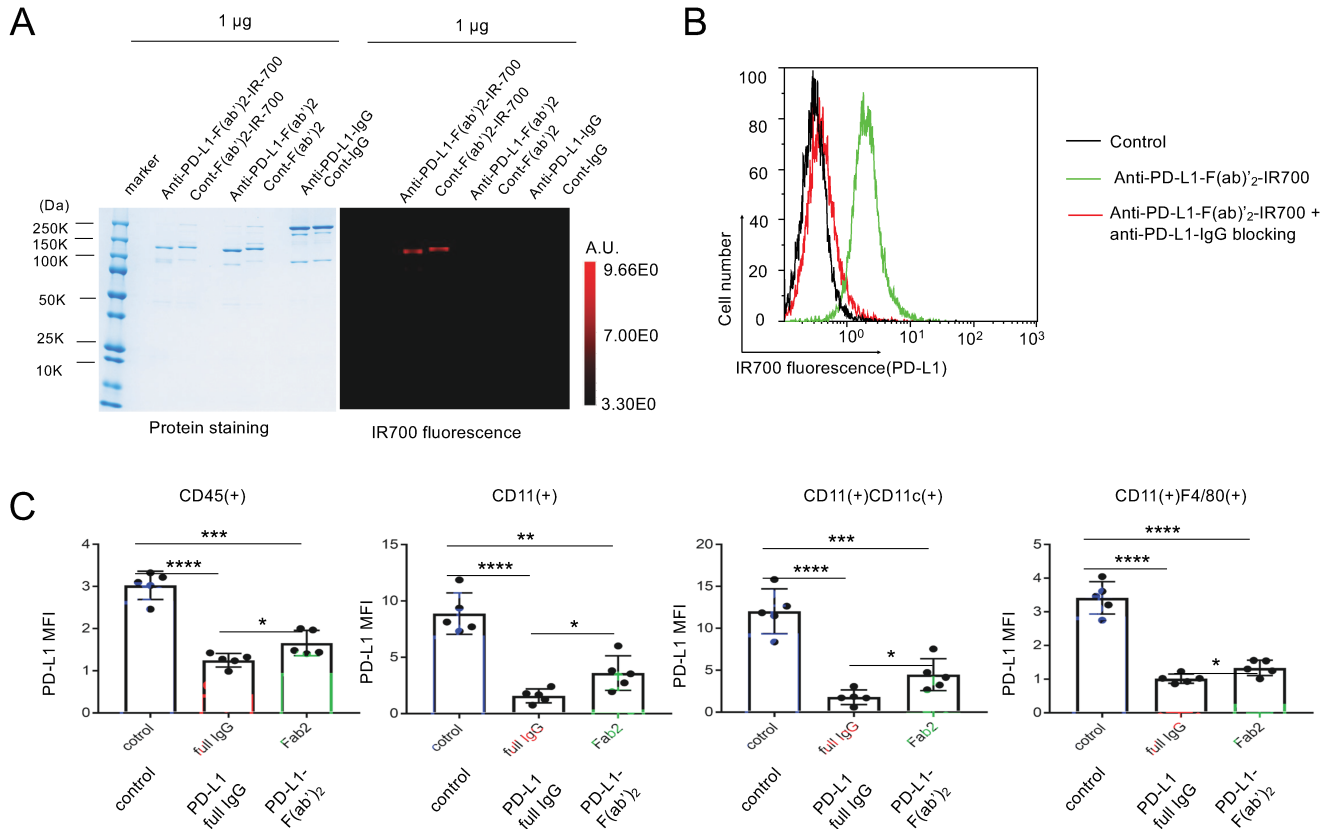
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Supplementary Figure 1



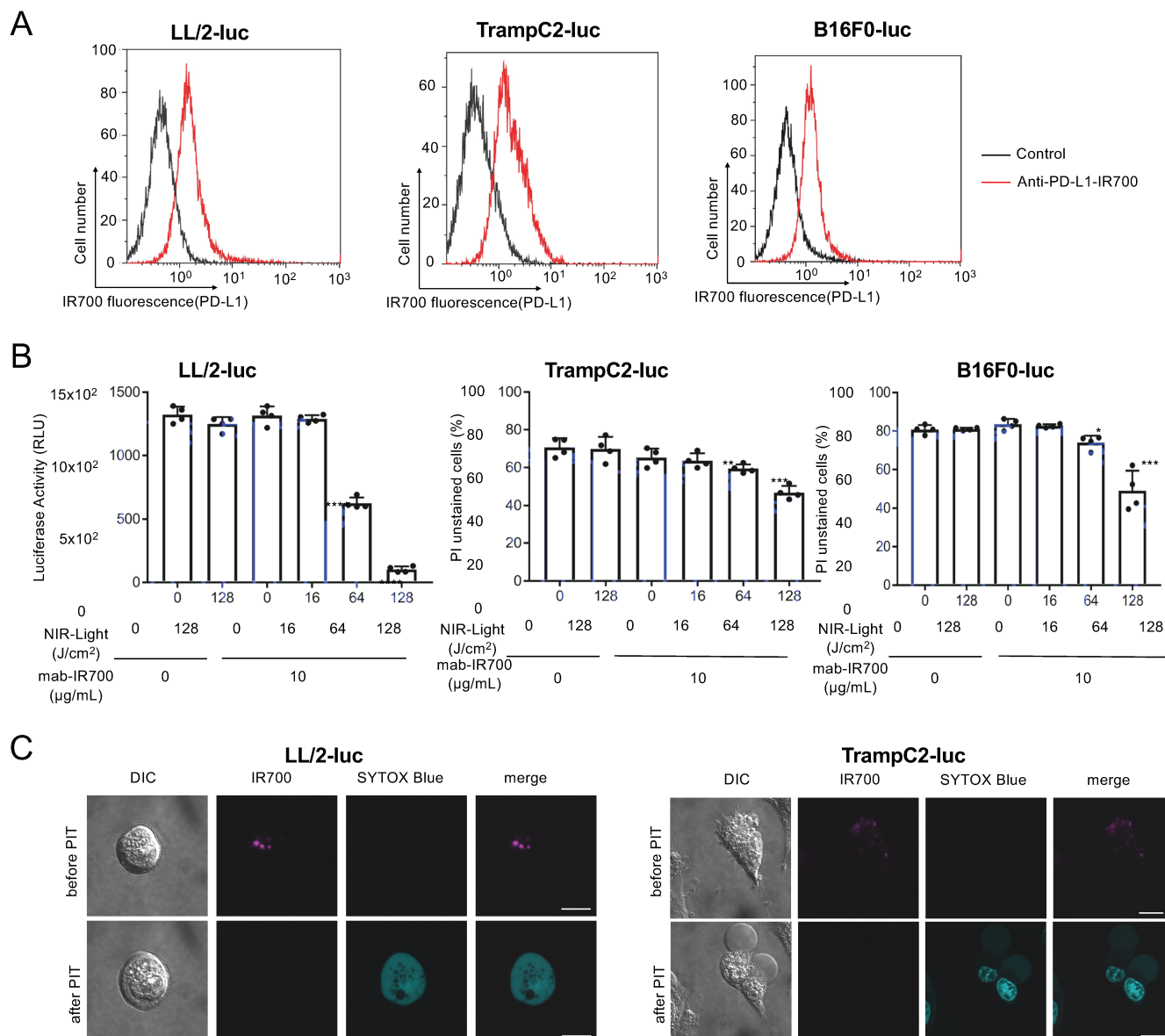
Supplementary Figure 1
Production of Fc-deficient anti-PD-L1- F(ab')₂-IR700 and evaluation *in vivo*.

(A) Validation of conjugated PD-L1-F(ab')₂-IR700 with SDS-PAGE (left: colloidal blue staining, right: 700 nm-fluorescence image).

(B) PD-L1-F(ab')₂-IR700 specifically bind on PD-L1. To block the PD-L1 on the PD-L1-overexpressed LL/2, excess anti-PD-L1-IgG was added on the medium. After incubation with anti-PD-L1-IgG, PD-L1-F(ab')₂-IR700 was then added.

(C) Evaluation of the effect in the spleen of intravenous administration of either anti-PD-L1-IgG or anti-PD-L1-F(ab')₂. Anti PD-L1 full IgG suppressed PD-L1-expression on antigen-presenting cells (APCs) in the spleen more strongly than anti PD-L1 F(ab')₂. Data are means \pm SEMs (n = 5, *p < 0.05, **p < 0.01, ***p < 0.001, ****p < 0.0001, Student's t-test)

Supplementary Figure 2



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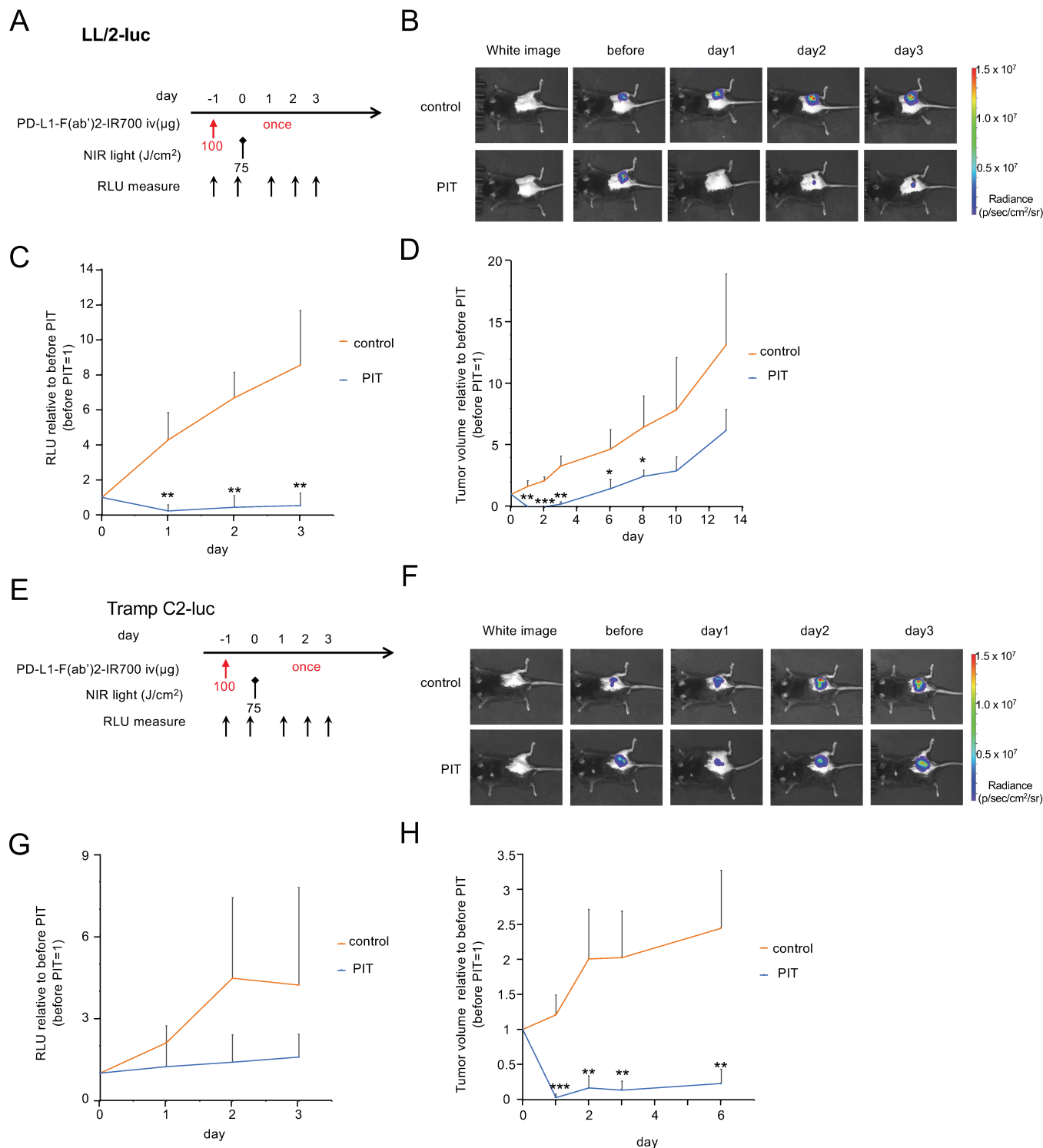
In vitro assessment of PD-L1-expression, and evaluation of *in vitro* NIR-PIT with anti-PD-L1- F(ab')₂-IR700 on various murine tumor cells.

(A) PD-L1-expression in various murine cancer cell lines (LL/2 (lung cancer), Tramp-C2 (prostate cancer), B16F₀ (melanoma)) by flow cytometry. Low expression of PD-L1 was universally detected on the cell lines.

(B) *In vitro* cytotoxicity after PD-L1-targeted NIR-PIT was measured by counting dead cells stained with propidium iodide or luciferase activities, which increased in a NIR-light-dose dependent manner. Data are means \pm SEMs (n = 4, * p < 0.05, ** p < 0.01, *** p < 0.001, **** p < 0.0001, Student's t-test)

(C) Microscopic observations before and after *in vitro* PD-L1-targeted NIR-PIT. LL/2-luc or MC38-luc cells were incubated with PD-L1-F(ab')₂-IR700 for 6 hours and observed with a microscope before and after irradiation with NIR-light (4 J/cm²). Necrotic cell death which was stained with SYTOX Blue Dead Cell Stain, was observed after exposure on NIR-light at 20 minutes after NIR-PIT (scale bar, 10 μ m).

Supplementary Figure 3



Supplementary Figure 3

In vivo NIR-PIT targeting intratumoral PD-L1 induces unexpected remarkable regression of treated various murine tumors.

(A) PD-L1-targeted NIR-PIT regimen involving PD-L1-F(ab')₂-IR700 injection, BLI acquisition and NIR-light exposure is indicated.

(B) *In vivo* BLI of LL/2-luc tumor-bearing mice. In the NIR-PIT group, luciferase activity was decreased after irradiation with NIR-light.

(C) Quantitative RLU showed a significant decrease in PD-L1-targeted NIR-PIT-treated LL/2-luc tumors. Data are means \pm SD (n = 3-4, ** p < 0.01, Student's t-test)

(D) Tumor volume ratio (defined as before NIR-PIT = 1) demonstrated that NIR-PIT introduced on day 0 led to significant reductions in the LL/2-luc tumor volume. Data are means \pm SD (n = 4, *p < 0.05, **p < 0.001, ***p < 0.0001, Student's t-test)

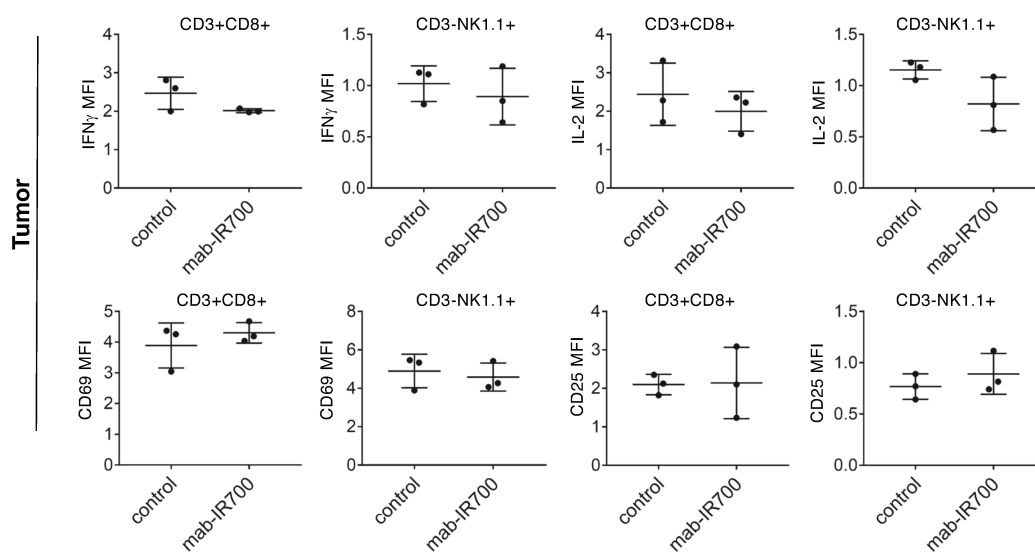
(E) *In vivo* BLI of Tramp C2-luc tumor-bearing mice. In the NIR-PIT group, luminescence was decreased after irradiation with NIR-light.

(F) Quantitative RLU showed a decrease in PD-L1-targeted NIR-PIT-treated Tramp C2-luc tumors. Data are means \pm SD (n = 3-4)

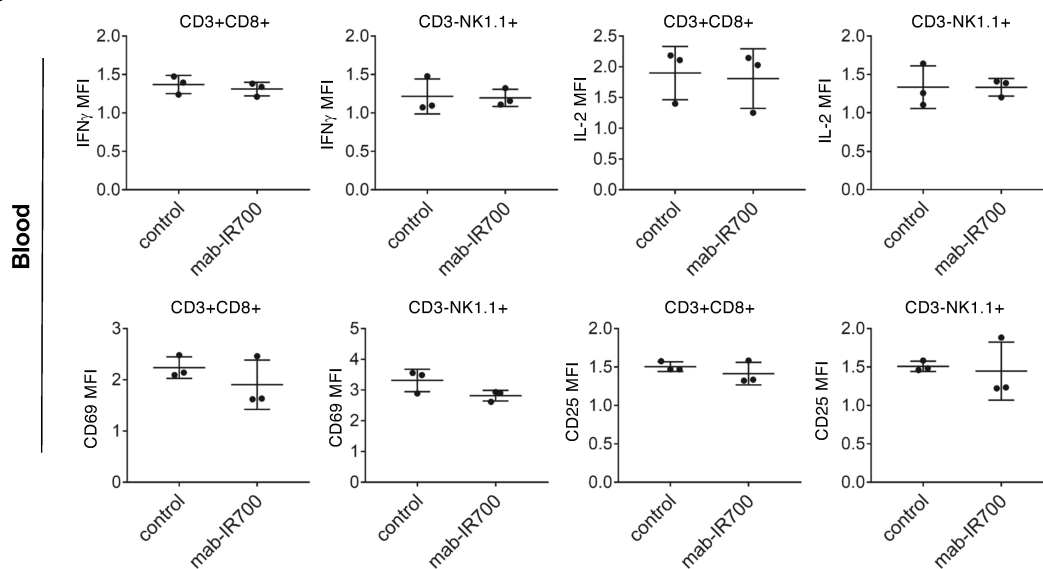
(G) Tumor volume ratio (defined as before NIR-PIT = 1) demonstrated that NIR-PIT introduced on day 0 led to significant reductions in the Tramp C2-luc tumor volume. Data are means \pm SD (n = 3-4, **p < 0.001, ***p < 0.0001, Student's t-test).

Supplementary Figure 4

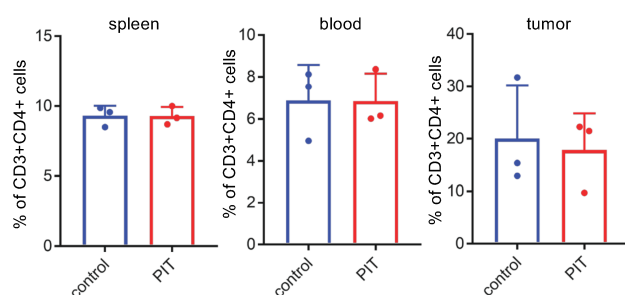
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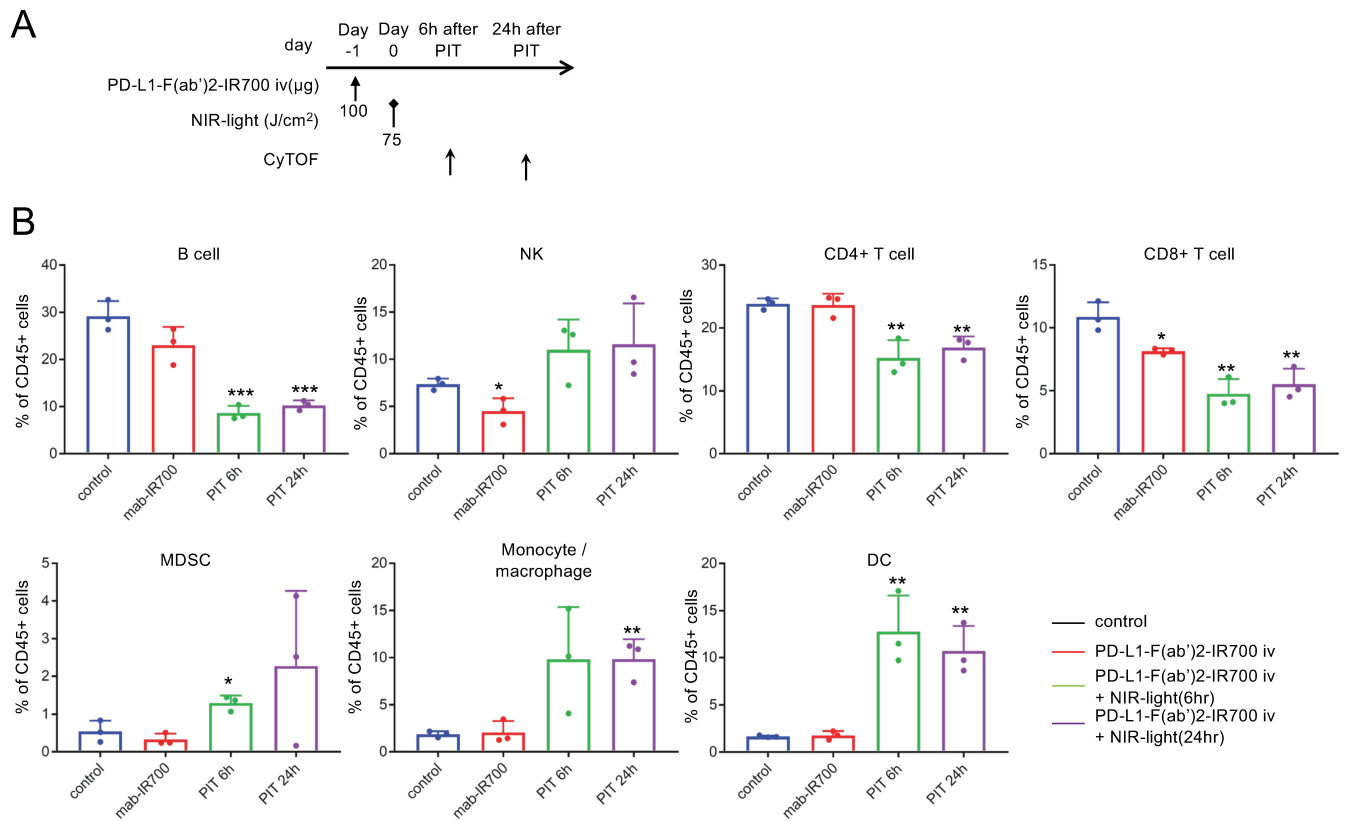
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In vivo injection of PD-L1-F(ab')₂-IR700 induce no activation of tumor-infiltrating CD8 T and NK cells, and PD-L1-targeted NIR-PIT did not affect on CD4⁺CD25⁺Foxp3⁺ regulatory T cells (Tregs).

(A)(B) Cytotoxic action of intra-tumoral (A) and peripheral blood (B) CD8 T and NK cells was examined by flow cytometry with or without PD-L1-F(ab')₂-IR700 injection. (n = 3; no significant difference in each activation marker, Student's t-test)

(C) Quantitative data of the percentage of CD25⁺FOXP3⁺Treg in CD4⁺ cells in spleen, blood, or tumor, at immediately after PD-L1-targeted NIR-PIT was showed (n = 3; no significant difference, Student's t-test).

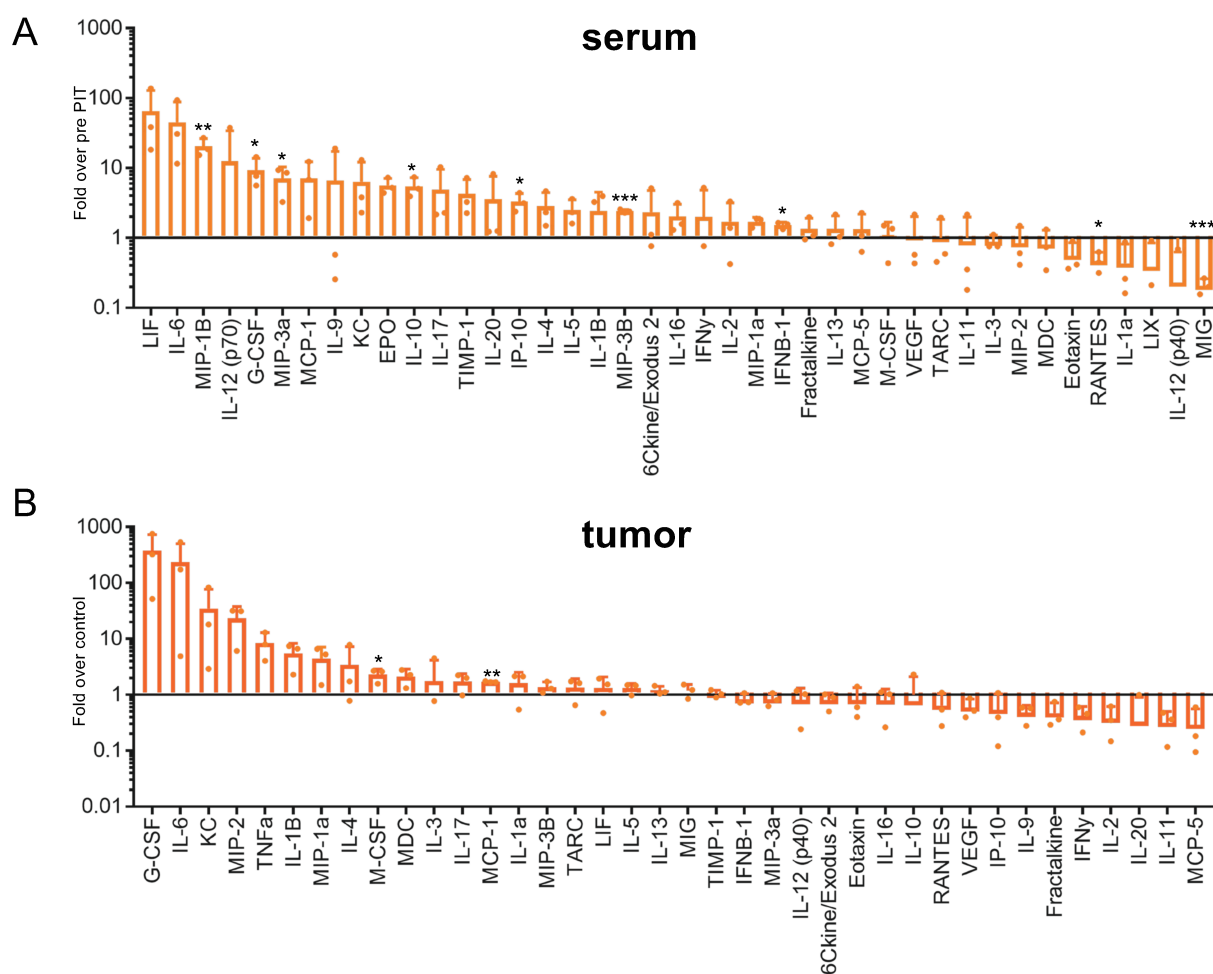
Supplementary Figure 5

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(A) PD-L1-targeted NIR-PIT regimen for CyTOF analysis in blood is indicated. To acquire the immune biomarker, peripheral blood in mice at 6 or 24 hours after the PD-L1-targeted NIR-PIT was analyzed.

(B) Quantitative data of the percentage of CD45+ cells in blood by CyTOF analysis. (n = 3; *p<0.05, **p<0.01, Student's t-test).

Supplementary Figure 6



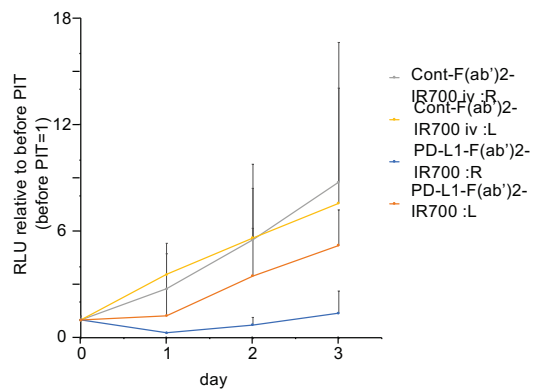
Supplementary Figure 6

PD-L1-targeted NIR-PIT induces acute production of cytokines and chemokines in serum and treated tumor.

(A) Cytokine and chemokine in the serum before and at 6 hours after NIR-light irradiation in the PD-L1-targeted NIR-PIT treated tumor were sequentially measured in each mouse. The results are indicated as fold increase ($n = 3$, means \pm SEMs * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$, Student's t-test).

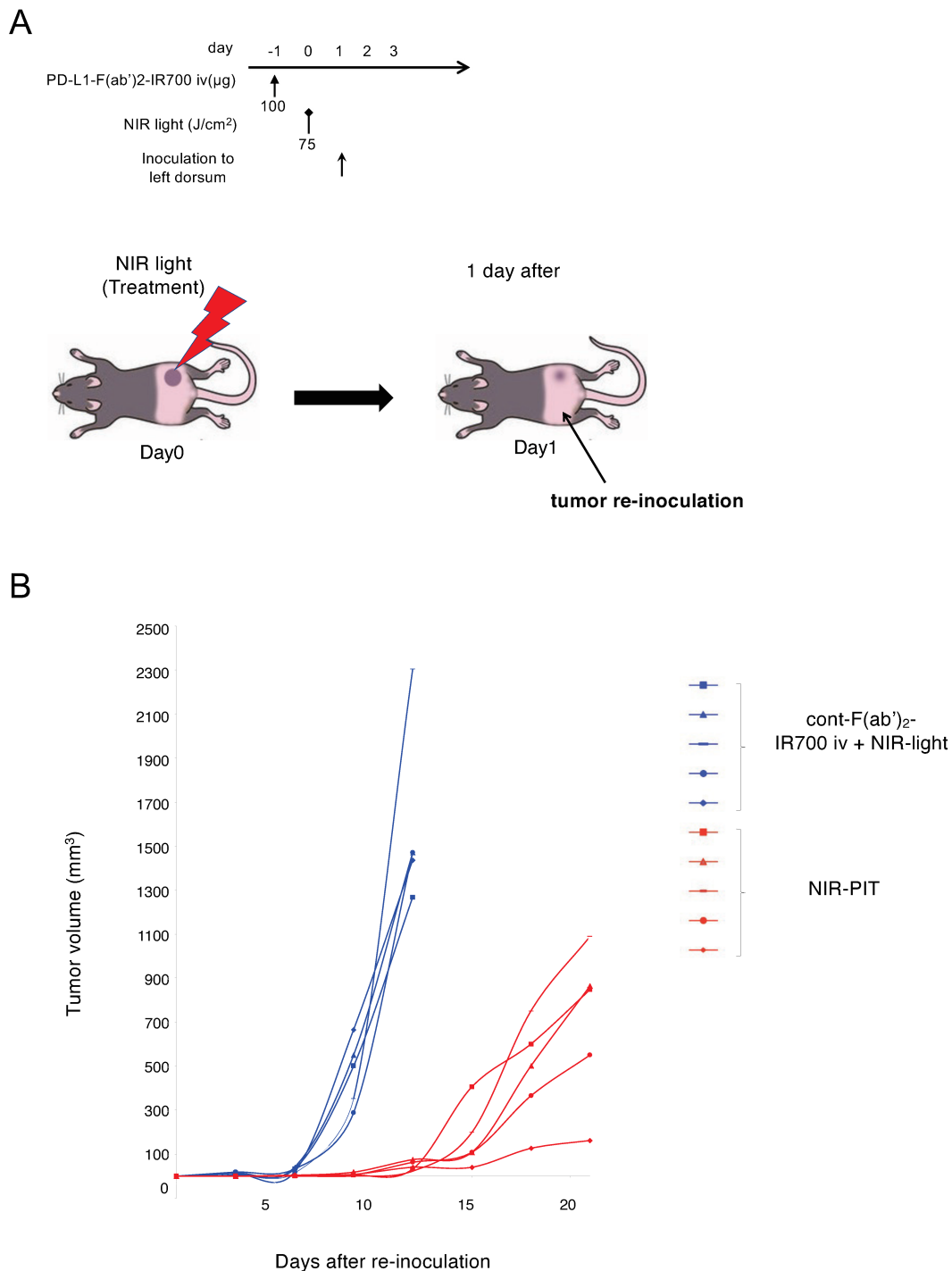
(B) Cytokine and chemokine in the tumor were accessed at 24 hours after NIR-light irradiation and then, compared to that in untreated tumors. The results are indicated as fold increase ($n = 3$, means \pm SEMs * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, Student's t-test).

Supplementary Figure7

**Supplementary Figure 7****The therapeutic effects of PD-L1-targeted NIR-PIT could extend to distant non-NIR-light irradiated tumor; inducing “abscopal-effects”.**

Quantitative RLU showed decrease in both non-irradiated left tumors and NIR-light irradiated tumors with PD-L1-F(ab')₂-IR700 administration, however, the decrease was not significant. (n = 3 in each group, means ± SD, no significant difference, Tukey's test with ANOVA)

Supplementary Figure 8



Supplementary Figure 8

Local PD-L1-targeted NIR-PIT inhibited the growth of the tumor challenged on the contralateral side.

(A) The procedure regimen is shown. A schematic representation is also demonstrated.

(B) The growth of MC38-luc tumor inoculated on the contralateral side 1 day after local PD-L1-targeted NIR-PIT of the same tumor type was inhibited compared to that inoculated into control mice received with control-F(ab')₂-IR700 administration with NIR light irradiation (n = 5 per in each group).