CD122-targeted interleukin-2 and αPD-L1 treat bladder cancer and melanoma via distinct mechanisms, including CD122-driven natural killer cell maturation

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Supplementary Figures



Supplementary Fig 1 IL-2c treats orthotopic MBT-2 and promotes NK cell maturation. Wild-type female mice were challenged orthotopically with (A,B,D-F) 1×10⁶ MBT-2 or (C) 8 x 10⁴ MB49 cells and treated with IL-2c on days 6, 8, 10 and 12, or isotype control. (A) Tumor bioluminescence corresponding with pre-treatment and post-treatment timepoints. N=11-22/group p value, two-way ANOVA of day 6 and 12 signal. (B) Mice from (A) sacrificed on day 13. N=6-8 pooled bladders/group. p value, unpaired t test. (IL-2c, interleukin-2 complex.



Supplementary Fig 2 Representative flow cytometry gating strategy of NK cells from the bladder of MB49 or MBT-2 tumor bearing mice (Fig. 1,2,S1,3,4). NK cells were defined as either CD45⁺ CD3⁻ NK1.1⁺ (MB49; C57BI6) or CD45⁺ CD3⁻ CD49b⁺ (MBT-2; C3H) cells with additional gating as shown. Eomes, Eomesodermin. NK, Natural Killer. KLRG1, Killer Cell Lectin Like Receptor G1. PD-1, Programmed Death Receptor 1.





Supplementary Fig 3 IL-2c promotes NK cell maturation. Wild-type female mice were challenged orthotopically with (A,B) 8 x 10⁴ MB49 or (C,D) 1×10⁶ MBT-2 cells and treated with IL-2c on days 6, 8, 10 and 12, or isotype control. (A,B) Flow cytometric analysis of intratumoral NK cell inhibitory (NKG2A) and activating (DNAM-1) receptor expression (A) and perforin production (B) in MB49 bladder tumors. N=6-8 pooled bladders/group. p value, unpaired t test. (C,D) Flow cytometric analysis of intratumoral NK cell (C) maturation (i.e., CD27⁻), and (D) KLRG1 expression by CD27⁻ NK cells in MBT-2 bladder tumors. Mice were sacrificed on day 13 post challenge. N=3-4 pooled bladders/sample. N=3-4 samples/group. p value, unpaired t test. ANOVA, analysis of variance. IL-2c, interleukin-2 complex. KLRG1, Killer Cell Lectin Like Receptor G1. NK, Natural Killer.



Supplementary Fig 4 TCR δ^{KO} female mice were challenged orthotopically with 8 x 10⁴ MB49 cells and treated with IL-2c on days 9, 11, 13, and 15 or isotype control. Mice were sacrificed on day 17 for flow cytometric analysis. (A) Representative flow plot of CD11b and CD27 expression on mature NK cells (CD45⁺ CD3⁻ CD49b⁺) isolated from bladders of MB49 tumor-bearing mice. CD11b⁺ CD27⁻ NK cell frequency (B) and their expression of KLRG1 (C), and Eomes and perforin (D). N=9-11 mice/group. Tumors were pooled to achieve 5 x 10⁶ live cells per sample. p, unpaired t test. Eomes, Eomesodermin. IL-2c, interleukin-2 complex. KLRG1, Killer Cell Lectin Like Receptor G1. NK, Natural Killer. PD-1, Programmed Death Receptor 1.



Supplementary Fig 5 Representative flow cytometry gating strategy of CD8⁺ T and NK cells from subcutaneous B16 tumors. CD8⁺ T cells were defined as CD45⁺ CD3⁺ CD3⁺ CD8⁺ cells and NK cells were defined as CD45⁺ CD3⁻ NK1.1⁺ with additional gating as shown. Eomes, Eomesodermin. NK, Natural Killer.



Supplementary Fig 6 CD8⁺T cell depletion efficiency in subcutaneous B16 melanoma. (A) Depletion efficiency of CD8⁺T cells using 250 ug αCD8, one day after intraperitoneal injection, as gated on live CD45⁺ cells in spleen. SSC-A, side scatter area.



Supplementary Fig 7 Single agent IL-2c or α PD-L1 treats peritoneal B16 melanoma. Wild type male mice were challenged peritoneally with 4 x 10⁵ B16 cells and treated with 100 µg α PD-L1 on days 7, 12, 17 or IL-2c on days 7, 9, 11, 13. (A) Omental tumor weight of mice sacrificed on day 15. N=11-13 mice/group, p value, one-way ANOVA. (B) Survival of mice bearing peritoneal B16 treated with α PD-L1 or IL-2c (as above). N=11-13 mice/group. p, log-rank. ANOVA, analysis of variance. IL-2c, interleukin-2 complex. PD-L1, Programmed Death Ligand 1.





Supplementary Fig 9 IL-2c promotes NK cell effector function in peritoneal B16. Wild type male mice were challenged peritoneally with 4 x 10^5 B16 and treated with 100 µg αPD-L1 on days 7, 12, 17 or IL-2c on days 7, 9, 11, 13, or an isotype control. Mice were sacrificed on day 15 for flow cytometric analysis of intratumoral NK cell number normalized to tumor weight (A), CD69 expression (B), and PD-1 expression. (D) CD122 expression of CD8⁺ T and NK cells in isotype and IL-2c treatment. N=11-12/group. p, one-way ANOVA. MFI, Mean Fluorescence Intensity. NK, Natural Killer. PD-L1, Programmed Death Ligand 1. PD-1, Programmed Death Receptor 1.



Supplementary Fig 10 NK cell depletion efficiency in B16 lung metastases. (A) Flow cytometric analysis showing NK cell frequency one day after intraperitoneal injection of 250 ug α NK1.1 in lung B16 tumor-bearing mice, as gated on live CD45⁺ cells in spleen.



Supplementary Fig 11 NK cell depletion efficiency in MB49 lung tumors. (A) Flow cytometric analysis showing NK cell frequency one day after intraperitoneal injection of 200 μ L α -asialo GM1 in lung MB49 tumor-bearing mice, as gated on live CD45⁺ CD3⁻ cells in lungs. PD-L1, Programmed Death Ligand 1.



Supplementary Fig 12 NK cells are a critical mediator of IL-2c + α PD-L1 efficacy in BC lung metastasis. Wild type male mice were challenged intravenously with (A) 7 x 10⁵ MB49, or (B) or 2.5 x 10⁵ MBT-2 cells. Mice treated with IL-2c on days 8, 10, 12, 14 + 100 µg α PD-L1 on days 9, 14, 19 ± 200 µL α -asialo GM1 on days 7, 10, 13, 16, 19. (A) Mouse survival. N=6-7 mice/group. p, log-rank. (B) Mouse survival. N=7-16 mice/group. p, log-rank. PD-L1, Programmed Death Ligand 1



Supplementary Fig 13 Representative flow cytometry gating strategy of CD8⁺ T and NK cells from the lungs of mice challenged with intravenous B16 tumors. CD8⁺ T cells were defined as CD45⁺ CD3⁺ B220⁻ CD8⁺ cells and NK cells were defined as CD45⁺ CD3⁻ B220⁻ NK1.1⁺ with additional gating as shown. Eomes, Eomesodermin. IFN, Interferon. KLRG1, Killer Cell Lectin Like Receptor G1. NK, Natural Killer.



Supplementary Fig 14 IL-2c and α PD-L1 have no effect on lung CD8⁺ T cell activation in B16 lung metastasis. Wild type male mice were challenged intravenously with 3 x 10⁵ B16 cells and treated with 100 µg α PD-L1 on days 14, 19, or IL-2c on days 14, 16, 18, or isotype control. (A) CD8⁺ T cell frequency. (B) CD8⁺ T cell number normalized to gp100⁺ CD45⁻ cell number. (C) CD69⁺ CD8⁺ T cell number normalized to gp100⁺CD45⁻ cell number. (D) IFN- γ ⁺CD8⁺ T cell number normalized to gp100⁺ CD45⁻ cell number. N=5-9 mice/group. p value, one-way ANOVA. ANOVA, analysis of variance. IFN- γ , interferongamma. IL-2c, interleukin-2 complex. PD-L1, Programmed Death Ligand 1.