

Supplementary Materials for

In vivo mRNA delivery to virus-specific T cells by light-induced ligand exchange of MHC class I antigen-presenting nanoparticles

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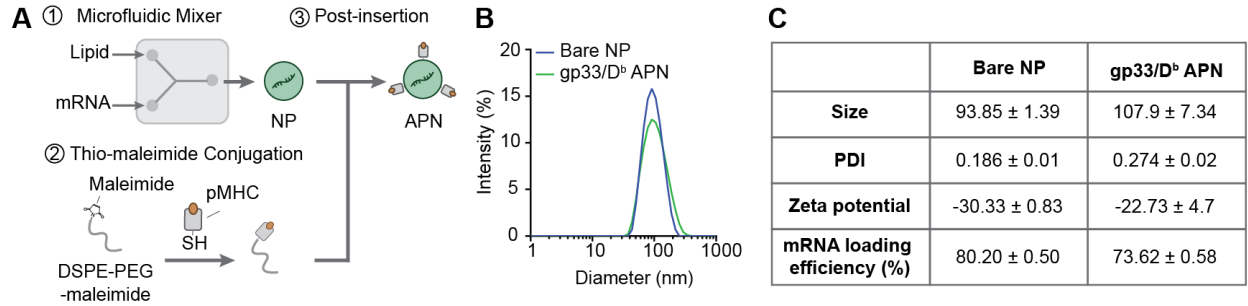


Fig. S1. Synthesis and characterization of antigen-presenting nanoparticles (APNs). (A) Schematic of the generation of APNs using microfluidic mixers and post-insertion technique. (B) Uniform distribution of the synthesized bare nanoparticles (NPs) and APNs functionalized with GP33/D^b APN. (C) Hydrodynamic size, polydispersity index (PDI), zeta potential, and mRNA loading of the produced NPs. Data are presented as mean ± S.D. n = 3 technical replicates.

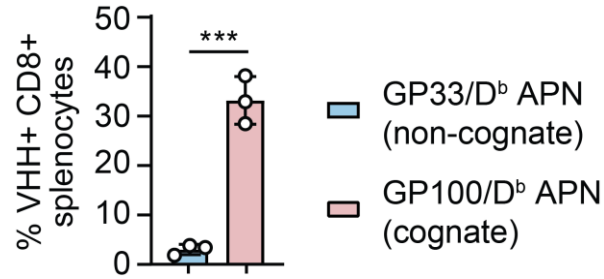


Fig. S2. *In vivo* APN-mediated transfection in CD8⁺ splenocytes isolated from Pmel TCR transgenic mice. *** $P < 0.001$ between GP33/D^b APNs (non-cognate) and GP100/D^b APNs (cognate); one-way ANOVA and Tukey post-test and correction. All data are means \pm SD; $n = 3$ biologically independent mice.

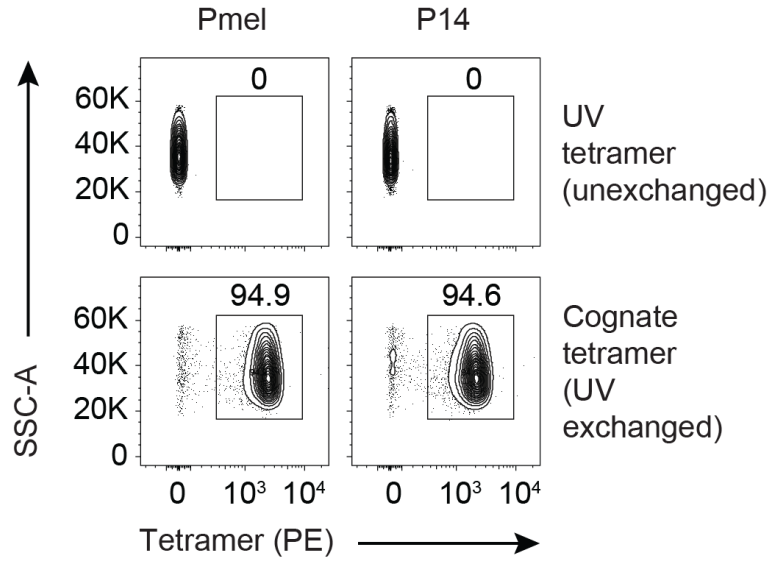


Fig. S3. UV tetramers (unexchanged) did not cause non-specific binding to CD8⁺ splenocytes from P14 and Pmel TCR transgenic mice. Representative flow plots of CD8⁺ splenocytes staining with UV tetramers or UV exchanged cognate tetramers. Frequencies depicted are based on gating on CD8⁺ cells.

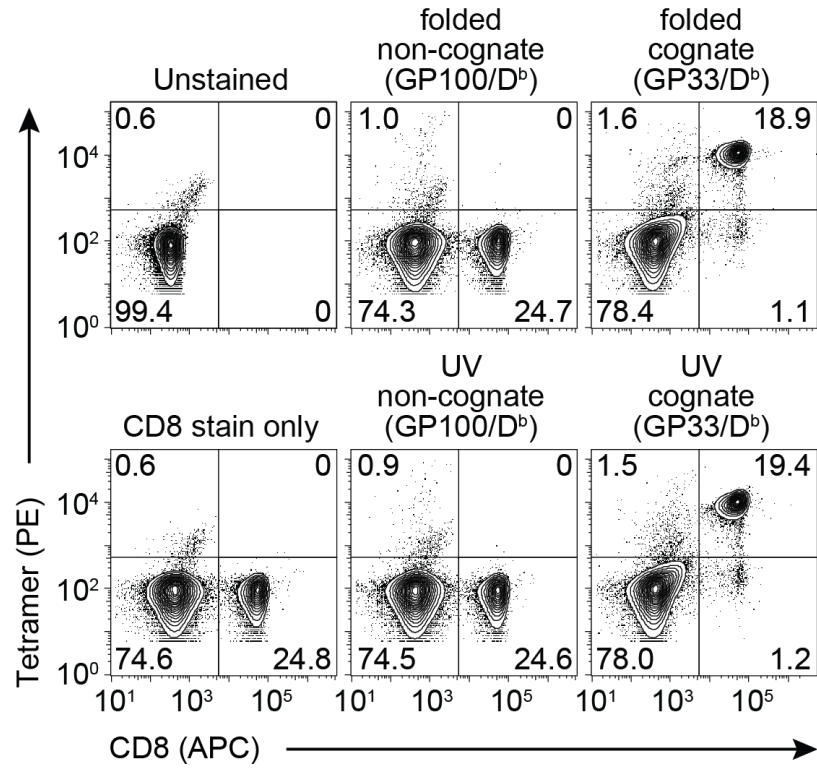


Fig. S4. UV-exchanged tetramers bound to P14 CD8 splenocytes comparably to the folded counterpart. Dot plots of flow cytometry analysis for P14 splenocytes stained with cognate (GP33/D^b) tetramer and non-cognate (GP100/D^b) tetramer prepared by conventional folding protocol (folded) or UV-mediated ligand exchange protocol (UV).

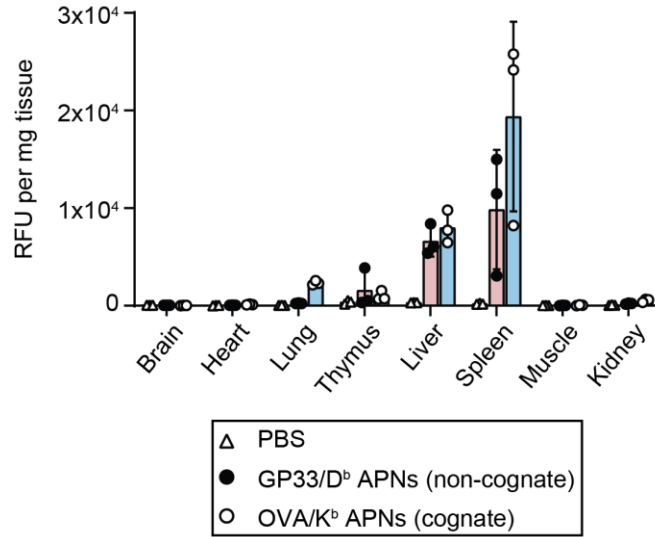


Fig. S5. Biodistribution of DiR-labeled APNs. Quantification of DiR fluorescent signal in each organ. Each symbol indicates one measured organ. All data are means \pm SD; n = 3 biologically independent mice.

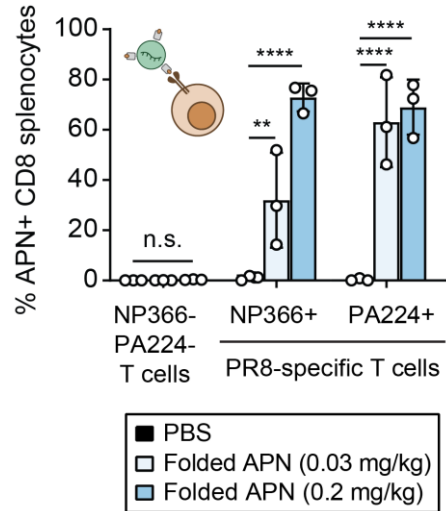


Fig. S6. Dose-dependent APN targeting to two immunodominant flu-specific T cells in PR8 model. Infected mice were intravenously injected with a mixture of folded NP366/D^b APNs and PA224/D^b APNs. n.s. = not significant where $P > 0.9999$ between PBS and folded APNs (0.03 mg/kg total mRNA dose) as well as between PBS and folded APNs (0.2 mg/kg) in NP366-PA224-T cells; $**P = 0.0033$ between PBS and folded APNs (0.03 mg/kg) in NP366+ flu-specific T cell population (NP366+); $****P < 0.0001$; two-way ANOVA and Sidak post-test and correction. All data are means \pm SD; $n = 3$ biologically independent mice.

Table S1. Quantification of pMHC on APNs using BCA assay kit.

| APN formulation | Bare NP | UV PA224/D ^b APN | UV GP33/D ^b APN |
|----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| pMHC concentration (μg/mL) | 13.21 | 297.97 | 265.74 |
| pMHC (μg/μg lipids) | 0.033 | 0.745 | 0.664 |

Table S2. List of staining reagents for flow cytometry analysis.

| REAGENT | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Antibodies | | | | | |
| Target | Fluorochrome | Clone | Source | Identifier | Working concentration |
| Camelid VHH | iFluor488 | 96A3F5 | Genscript | A01862 | 5 µg/mL |
| CD8 | APC | 53-6.7 | Biologend | 100712 | 2 µg/mL |
| CD8 | PE | 53-6.7 | BD | 561095 | 2 µg/mL |
| CD4 | PerCP/Cy5.5 | RM4-2 | TONBO | 65-0042-U100 | 2 µg/mL |
| NK1.1 | PerCP/Cy5.5 | PK136 | TONBO | 65-5941-U100 | 2 µg/mL |
| B220 | PerCP/Cy5.5 | RA3-6B2 | TONBO | 65-0452-U100 | 2 µg/mL |
| CD31 | PerCP/Cy5.5 | MEC13.3 | Biologend | 102522 | 2 µg/mL |
| CD45 | PE/Cy7 | 30-F11 | Biologend | 103114 | 2 µg/mL |
| CD11b | BV421 | M1/70 | Biologend | 101235 | 2 µg/mL |
| CD11c | BV605 | N418 | Biologend | 117333 | 2 µg/mL |
| Ly6c | BV785 | HK1.4 | Biologend | 128041 | 2 µg/mL |
| F4/80 | BV421 | BM8 | Biologend | 123131 | 2 µg/mL |
| Other reagents | | | | | |
| Streptavidin | PE | | Invitrogen | S866 | 10 µg/mL |
| Streptavidin | APC | | Invitrogen | S868 | 6.66 µg/mL |
| Streptavidin | BV421 | | Biologend | 405225 | 2 µg/mL |
| LIVE/DEAD™ Fixable Aqua Dead Cell Stain Kit | | | Invitrogen | L34957 | |