

A. Representative profiles and quantitative analysis of flow cytometry analysis of membrane PD-L1 expression in A375 cells treated with low dose (LD) and high dose (HD) of 8 kinds of imidazoles for 24 h under IFN-y exposure. B. Quantitative analysis of PD-L1 protein level in A375, SK-MEL-28 and A549 treated with increasing concentrations of ABZ (0.625 to 1.25 µM) for 24 h under IFN-y exposure , each bar represents the mean±S.D of three independent experiments, \*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.01, \*\*\*p<0.001. C. Representative western blotting of PD-L1 protein level in H460 and B16F10 cells treated with increasing concentrations of ABZ for 24 h. D. Representative profiles and quantitative analysis of membrane PD-L1 expression by flow-cytometric analysis after increasing concentrations of ABZ treated H460 and B16F10 cells for 24 h. E. co-cultured with activated T cells for 24 h with or without ABZ (0.625 to 1.25 µM) were subjected to crystal violet staining. The tumor cell to T cell ratio, 1:0, 1:1, 1:2, 1:4. The quantitative analysis of H460 cell survive rate from three independent experiments and showed as means±SD, \*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.01, \*\*\*p<0.001. F. Representative profiles and quantification of flow cytometry-based detection of the PD-1<sup>+</sup> in CD8<sup>+</sup> TILs after increasing concentrations of ABZ treated T cells for 24 h. Data represent mean±SD, <sup>NS</sup>p>0.05.



A-B. Mice weight was measured on the indicated different time points after C57BL/6 mice were implanted with  $1 \times 10^6$  B16F10 (A) or  $1 \times 10^6$  LLC (B) and received 50 mg/kg of ABZ treatment. C. The blood routine examination was detected on the day

of LLC tumors were harvested. D-E. The morphology (D) and organizational structure (E) of kidney, liver, and spleen of LLC mice model treated with ABZ or DMSO were observed by H&E staining after euthanizing the mice. F-G. Representative profiles and quantification of flow cytometry-based detection of the CD8<sup>+</sup> in CD3<sup>+</sup> TILs in B16F10 (F) and LLC (G) tumor mass from the different treatment groups (n=5 mice per group). Data represent mean±SD, \*p<0.05. H-I. Representative profiles and quantification of flow cytometry-based detection of the PD-1<sup>+</sup> (H) and CTLA4 (I) in CD8<sup>+</sup> TILs in B16F10 tumor mass from the different treatment groups (n=5 mice per group). Data represent mean±SD, <sup>NS</sup>p>0.05.



A. Quantitative analysis of PD-L1 protein expression in A375 and SK-MEL-28 cells, which were pretreated with Baf A1 (100 nM) and MG132 (10  $\mu$ M) for 6 h then treated with increasing concentrations of ABZ (0.625 to 1.25  $\mu$ M) and the PD-L1 protein level were detected by western blotting, each bar represents the mean±S.D of three independent experiments, <sup>NS</sup>p>0.05, \*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.01, \*\*\*p<0.001. B. Significantly correlation between UBQLN4 expression level and infiltration of the activated immune cell across 33 cancer types from TCGA. Pie charts summarized the proportion of cancer types with positive (Rs > 0 and pvalue < 0.05, in red), negative (Rs < 0 and pvalue < 0.05, in blue), or non-significant (in gray) correlation in 33

cancer types. Spearman's correlation test were performed, black border, \*p < 0.05. C. Representative western blotting and quantitative analysis of UBQLN4 and PD-L1 protein levels in H460 cells treated with increasing concentrations of ABZ (0.625 to 1.25  $\mu$ M) for 24 h, each bar represents the mean ±S.D of three independent experiments, \*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.01, \*\*\*p<0.001.



A-B. Significantly correlation for inhibitory immune checkpoints (A) or suppressive immune cell types (B) and CD73 expression level across 33 cancer types from TCGA. Spearman's correlation test were performed, black border, \*p < 0.05. Pie charts

summarized the proportion of cancer types with positive (Rs > 0 and pvalue < 0.05, in red), negative (Rs < 0 and pvalue < 0.05, in blue), or non-significant (in gray) correlation in 33 cancer types. C-D. Mice weight was measured on the indicated different time points after CD73 WT and KO mice (n=6 mice per group) were implanted with  $1 \times 10^6$  B16F10 (C) or  $1 \times 10^6$  LLC (D) and received 50 mg/kg of ABZ treatment. E. The blood routine examination of CD73 WT and KO mice (n=6 mice per group) treated with ABZ or DMSO was detected on the day of LLC tumors were harvested. F-H. The morphology of lung (F), liver (G), and spleen (H) of CD73 WT and KO mice (n=6 mice per group) treated with ABZ or DMSO were observed after euthanizing the mice.



A-B. Representative profiles and quantification of flow cytometry-based detection of the CD8<sup>+</sup> in CD3<sup>+</sup> tumor infiltrates lymphocytes (TILs) in B16F10 (A) and LLC (B) tumor mass from the different treatment groups (n=5 mice per group). All data represent mean±SD, \*p<0.05, \*\*p<0.01. C-D. Representative profiles of flow cytometry-based detection of the GZMB<sup>+</sup> CD8<sup>+</sup> in CD3<sup>+</sup> TILs from B16F10 (C) and LLC (D) tumor mass. E. Representative profiles and quantification of flow cytometry-based detection of the Foxp3<sup>+</sup> in CD4<sup>+</sup> TILs in B16F10 tumor mass from the different treatment groups (n=5 mice per group). All data represent mean±SD, \*p<0.05, \*p<0.05, \*p<0.01, \*\*\*p<0.01.



A. Representative profiles of flow cytometry-based detection of the CD8<sup>+</sup> in CD3<sup>+</sup> TILs in B16F10 tumor mass from the different treatment groups. B. Representative profiles of flow cytometry-based detection of the GZMB<sup>+</sup>CD8<sup>+</sup> in CD3<sup>+</sup> TILs from the B16F10 tumor mass. C. Representative profiles of flow cytometry-based detection of the FOXP3+ in CD4+ TILs in B16F10 tumor mass from the different treatment groups.



Melanoma patients with low UBQLN4 and low PD-L1 expression showed the worst efficacy of PD-1 mAb therapy.

# Supplementary Table 1. Reagent or resource source identifier.

REAGENT or RESOURCE	SOURCE IDENTIFIER				
Antibodies					
Trustain fcX anti-mouse CD16/CD32	BioLegend	Cat# 101320			
Zombie Aqua <sup>™</sup> Fixable Viability Kit	BioLegend	Cat#423102			
APC/Cy7 anti-mouse CD45	BioLegend	Cat#103116			
Brilliant Violet 711 anti-mouse CD3	BioLegend	Cat#100241			
APC anti-mouse CD3	BioLegend	Cat#100236			
PerCP/Cyanine5.5 anti-mouse CD4	BioLegend	Cat#100434			
PE/Cy7 anti-mouse CD8a	BioLegend	Cat#100722			
APC anti-mouse GZMB	BioLegend	Cat#372204			
PE/Dazzle <sup>TM</sup> 594 anti-mouse GZMB	BioLegend	Cat#372216			
Brilliant Violet 605 anti-mouse CTLA4	BioLegend	Cat#369610			
Brilliant Violet 421 anti-mouse PD1	BioLegend	Cat#135218			
Brilliant Violet 421 anti-mouse CD274 (PD-L1)	BioLegend	Cat#124315			
APC anti-mouse PD-L1	BioLegend	Cat#124312			
APC anti-mouse CD25	Ebioscience	Cat#17-0251-82			
PE/Cyanine7 anti-mouse FOXP3	Ebioscience	Cat#25-5773-82			
PE anti-human CD274 (PD-L1)	BioLegend	Cat#329706			
PE anti-human CD8	BioLegend	Cat#980902			
Brilliant Violet 650 <sup>™</sup> anti-human CD279 (PD-1)	BioLegend	Cat#367429			
APC/Cyanine7 anti-human CD3	BioLegend	Cat#300317			
Human TruStain FcX	BioLegend	Cat#422302			
Human anti-PD-L1-Rb Abcam Cat#ab2					
		Cat#ab205921			
PD-L1 (E1L3N <sup>®</sup> ) XP <sup>®</sup> Rabbit mAb	Cell Signaling	Cat#13684			
	Technology				
PD-L1/CD274 Monoclonal Antibody	Proteintech	Cat#66248-1-Ig			

UBQLN4 Antibody (A333, A1UP)	Santa Cruz	Cat#sc-136145
	Biotechnology	
Ubiquitin Antibody (P4D1)	Santa Cruz	Cat#sc-8017
	Biotechnology	
GAPDH Antibody (A-3)	Santa Cruz	Cat#sc137179
	Biotechnology	
GAPDH Monoclonal Antibody	Proteintech	Cat#60004-1-Ig
HA-Tag antibody	Cell Signaling	Cat#3724
	Technology	
His-Tag antibody	Cell Signaling	Cat#12698
	Technology	
Peroxidase AffiniPure Goat Anti-Mouse IgG (H+L)	Jackson	Cat#115-035-146
	ImmunoResearch	
Peroxidase AffiniPure Goat Anti-Rabbit IgG (H+L)	Jackson	Cat#111-035-144
	ImmunoResearch	
BeyoECL Star	Beyotime	Cat#P0018AM
	Biotechnology	
Chemicals, peptides, and recombinant proteins		
Albendazole (SKF-62979)	Selleck	Cat#S1640
	Chemicals	
MG132	Selleck	Cat#S2619
	Chemicals	
Bafilomycin A1 (Baf-A1)	Selleck	Cat#S1413
	Chemicals	
Cycloheximide	MCE	Cat#HY-12320
Dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO)	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat# D8418
Adenosine 5'-( $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -methylene)diphosphate sodium	Tocris	Cat# 3633
salt(APCP)		
Recombinant Human IFN-gamma Protein	R&D Systems	Cat#285-IF

Isolation of peripheral blood lymphocytes	Tbdscience	Cat#LTS1077			
CTSTM AIIM VTM SFM	Gibco	Cat#A3021002			
Immuno Cult Human	STEMCELL	Cat#10970			
CD3/CD28/CD2 T cell activator	Technologies				
Recombinant Human IL-2	R&D Systems	Cat#202-1L-050			
TRIzol™ Reagent	Invitrogen <sup>TM</sup>	Cat#15596018			
SuperScript III First-Strand	Invitrogen™	Cat#18080051			
RIPA Lysis buffer	Beyotime	Cat#P0013B			
	Biotechnology				
Cell lysis buffer for Western and IP	Beyotime	Cat#P0013			
	Biotechnology				
Pierce <sup>™</sup> BCA Protein Assay Reagent kit	Thermo	Cat#23228; Cat#			
	Scientific™	23224			
Nitrocellulose (NC) membranes	Merck KGaA	Cat#Z358657			
PhosStop	Roche				
Cocktail	Roche	Cat#1183614500			
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Protein A/G magnetic beads	Bimake	Cat#B23201			
Anti-HA magnetic beads	Bimake	Cat#B26201			
RiboFECT CP Transfection Kit	RiboBio	Cat#C10511-05			
Purified human Protein His-PD-L1	Sino	Cat#10084-H08H			
	Biological				
Puromycin (CL13900) 2HCl	Selleck	Cat#S7417			
	Chemicals				
Polybrene	Solarbio life	Cat#H8761			
	sciences				
Turbofect Transfection ragent	Thermo	Cat#R0531			
	Scientific				
Experimental models: Cell lines					

A375	ATCC	Cat#CRL-1619
SK-MEL-28	ATCC	Cat#HTB-72
A549	In our lab	N/A
H460	In our lab	N/A
B16F10	ATCC	Cat#CRL-6475
LLC	ATCC	Cat#CRL-1642
HEK293T	In our lab	N/A
Oligonucleotides		
Control siRNA1	GenePharma	N/A
5'-GAAATGTACTGCGCGTGGAGAC-3'		
Ubqln4-siRNA1	GenePharma	N/A
5'-GGTCAGGGATGTTCAATAG-3'		
Ubqln4-siRNA2	GenePharma	N/A
5'-CAATAACCCTGAACTCATG-3'		
Human sgUBQLN4#1	Shanghai	N/A
Forward: 5'-caccgtggggtccgggatatcccaa-3'	sangon biotech	
Human sgUBQLN4#1	Shanghai	N/A
Reverse: 5'-aaacttgggatatcccggaccccac-3'	sangon biotech	
Human sgUBQLN4#2	Shanghai	N/A
Forward: 5'-caccgctgtactacctccttgaccg-3'	sangon biotech	
Human sgUBQLN4#2	Shanghai	N/A
Reverse: 5'-aaaccggtcaaggaggtagtacagc-3'	sangon biotech	
Human PD-L1 primer	Shanghai	N/A
Forward:5'-TATGGTGGTGCCGACTACAA-3'	sangon biotech	
Human PD-L1 primer	Shanghai	N/A
Reverse:5'-TGCTTGTCCAGATGACTTCG-3'	sangon biotech	
GAPDH primer	Shanghai	N/A
Forward:5'-CATGAGAAGTATGACAACAGCCT-3'	sangon biotech	
GAPDH primer	Shanghai	N/A

Reverse:5'-AGTCCTTCCACGATACCAAAGT-3'	sangon biotech			
Experimental models: Organisms/strains				
C57BL/6J	Shanghai	N/A		
	SLAC			
CD73 <sup>-/-</sup> C57BL/6J	Shanghai	N/A		
	SLAC			
Software and Algorithms				
GraphPad Prism 5.0	GraphPad	https://www.grap		
	Software, Inc	hpad.com/		
CRISPR design	N/A	http://crispr.mit.e		
		du/		
FlowJo 10.0	TreeStar	N/A		
Image Lab	Bio-Rad	https://www.bio-r		
		ad.com		
Prism 8	GraphPad	https://www.grap		
		hpad.com/		

# Supplementary Table 2. Clinicopathologic characteristics of anti-PD-1

monotherapy	cohorts.
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PID	Gender	Age	Subtype	Site	Tumor lesion	TNM stage	Stage	PS scor <u>e</u>	PFS months	Response	Metastatic Lesion
1	Female	46	Acral	metastatic	Left heel	T2bN2cM0	Stage III	1	4	NR	Popliteal lymph nodes
2	Male	71	Nodular	metastatic	Left leg	T3bN3M1a	Stage IV	1	6	NR	lymph nodes, left leg skin
3	Female	37	Acral	primary	Left heel	T1aN1aM0	Stage IIIA	1	7.5+	R	Popliteal lymph node
4	Female	58	Acral	primary	Left heel	T4bN1aM0	Stage IIIB	1	7.5+	R	Inguinal lymph node
5	Male	68	Acral	primary	Left heel	T3bN1aM0	Stage IIIA	1	7.5+	R	Inguinal lymph node
6	Female	11	Nodular	primary	Left leg	T4aN2bM0	Stage IIIB	1	7.5+	R	Inguinal lymph nodes
7	Female	68	Acral	primary	Right heel	T3bN2bM1c	Stage IV	1	6.5+	R	lymph nodes, Lung
8	Female	64	Acral	primary	Right heel	T4bN1aM0	Stage IIIB	1	7+	R	Inguinal lymph node
9	Male	50	Nodular, with ulceration	primary	Right heel	T4bN0M0	Stage IIC	1	7.5+	R	None
10	Female	71	Acral	metastatic	Right foot	T2N1M1C	Stage IV	1	3	NR	Lung, brain
11	Female	35	Nodular	primary	Left back	TxN2M1	Stage IV	1	12	R	Liver, bone, brain
12	Female	56	Acral	primary	Right heel	T1bN1aM0	Stage IIIA	1	7.5+	R	Inguinal lymph node Neck and
13	Female	70	Nodular	primary	Right foot	T4bN2bM1a	Stage IV	1	6	NR	inguinal lymph nodes
14	Male	46	Nodular	primary	Scalp	T4bN0M1	Stage IV	1	5	NR	Lung
15	Female	64	Superficial spreadin	metastatic	Left foot	T2bN0M1a	Stage IV	1	9	R	Scalp, gastric area
16	Female	64	Nodular	metastatic	Right leg	TxN2M0	Stage IIIA	1	2	NR	Inguinal lymph nodes Inguinal and
17	Female	56	Acral	primary	Left thumb	T4bN3cM1c	Stage IV	1	19+	R	retroperitoneal lymph nodes
18	Female	38	Nodular	primary	Right index f inger	T3aN2bM0	Stage IIIB	1	21+	R	and elbow fossa lymph nodes
19	Female	75	Nodular	metastatic	Right finger	T3bN3M0	Stage IIIC	1	3	NR	Axillary and chest wall lymph nodes

Patients were stratified into response groups based on RECIST 1.1 criteria. TNM stage based on the 8th Edition Melanoma Stage Classification. PFS, progression-free survival; R, response; NR, non-response.

# Supplementary Table 3. The list of 30 candidate proteins detected by MS.

Protein	Avg.	Description			
ID	Mass	Description			
35	53652	Vimentin sapiens GN=VIM			
48	33296	Prohibitin-2 sapiens GN=PHB2			
47	28994	Emerin sapiens GN=EMD			
118	36984	Serine/threonine-protein phosphatase PP1-gamma catalytic subunit sapiens GN=PPP1CC			
70	38659	Putative annexin A2-like protein sapiens GN=ANXA2P2			
69	38604	Annexin A2 sapiens GN=ANXA2			
142	39233	Pyruvate dehydrogenase E1 component subunit beta mitochondrial sapiens GN=PDHB			
194	226530	Myosin-9 sapiens GN=MYH9			
2741	58887	Solute carrier family 35 member F5 sapiens GN=SLC35F5			
3252	171197	Transient receptor potential cation channel subfamily M member 2 sapiens GN=TRPM2			
61	34930	Leucine-rich repeat-containing protein 59 sapiens GN=LRRC59			
234	55537	COP9 signalosome complex subunit 1 sapiens GN=GPS1			
236	53445	Serine/threonine-protein kinase ULK3 sapiens GN=ULK3			
202	63853	Ubiquilin-4 sapiens GN=UBQLN4			
4605	41443	Circadian-associated transcriptional repressor sapiens GN=CIART			
4612	52186	General transcription factor IIH subunit 4 sapiens GN=GTF2H4			
4629	64685	Myosin light chain kinase 2 skeletal/cardiac muscle sapiens GN=MYLK2			
1691	125830	Angiopoietin-1 receptor sapiens GN=TEK			
2992	138109	Filamin-A-interacting protein 1 sapiens GN=FILIP1			
4967	179402	Thrombospondin type-1 domain-containing protein 7B sapiens GN=THSD7B			
5417	316911	Protein PRRC2C sapiens GN=PRRC2C			
196	27077	Clathrin light chain A sapiens GN=CLTA			
148	307550	A-kinase anchor protein 13 sapiens GN=AKAP13			
4601	288984	Spectrin beta chain non-erythrocytic 4 sapiens GN=SPTBN4			
224	138386	Sperm-specific antigen 2 sapiens GN=SSFA2			
4634	51544	GDNF family receptor alpha-2 sapiens GN=GFRA2			
4654	66959	CREB-regulated transcription coactivator 3 sapiens GN=CRTC3			
4710	103702	Calcium homeostasis endoplasmic reticulum protein sapiens GN=CHERP			
4713	106834	Centromere protein C sapiens GN=CENPC			
4846	140467	Contactin-associated protein-like 3B sapiens GN=CNTNAP3B			