Overlapping and Distinct Mechanisms of Effective Neoantigen Cancer Vaccines and Immune Checkpoint Therapy

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Highlights

- Neoantigen vaccines utilize distinct cellular mechanisms from anti-CTLA-4 or anti-PD-1 immune checkpoint therapy.

- Neoantigen vaccines preferentially induce PD-1+ TCF1+ stem-like and proliferating neoantigen-specific CD8 T cells

- Anti-PD-1 expands PD-1+ TCF-7- NeoAg-specific Teff/Tex, with combination anti-PD-1 + anti-CTLA-4 ICT inducing robust expansion of Bhlhe40hi PD-1+ TCF-7- NeoAg-specific Teff/Tex.

- Anti-CTLA-4 promotes Th1-like ICOS+ Bhlhe40+ CD4 T cells, while combination anti-CTLA-4 and anti-PD-1 ICT induces a small subset of Th2-like CD4 T cells

- Neoantigen vaccines induce partially distinct intratumoral macrophage remodeling from immune checkpoint therapy

- Neoantigen vaccines in combination with anti-CTLA-4 or anti-PD-1 provides enhanced tumor protection equivalent to or even exceeding protection seen with combination anti-CTLA-4 and anti-PD-1

SUMMARY

The goal of therapeutic cancer vaccines and immune checkpoint therapy (ICT) is to eliminate cancer by expanding and/or sustaining intratumoral T cells with enhanced anti-tumor capabilities. However, whether therapeutic cancer vaccination and ICT achieve enhanced anti-tumor immunity by distinct or somewhat overlapping immunological mechanisms remains unclear. Considering increasing interest in combining these two types of treatment to improve efficacy rates, a better understanding of how these treatments are similar and different is needed. Here, we compared effective therapeutic tumor-specific mutant neoantigen (NeoAg) cancer vaccines with anti-PD-1, anti-CTLA-4, or anti-CTLA-4 plus anti-PD-1 combination ICT in preclinical models. We found that both NeoAg vaccines and anti-CTLA-4 and/or anti-PD-1 ICT induced robust expansion of intratumoral NeoAg-specific CD8 T cells, though the degree of

expansion and acquisition of effector activity was more substantial following NeoAg vaccine compared to ICT. Further, we found that NeoAg vaccines are particularly adept at inducing proliferating and stem-like NeoAg-specific CD8 T cells. Additionally, anti-CTLA-4 notably induced ICOS[+] Th1-like CD4 T cells expressing the transcription factor Bhlhe40 and, interestingly, when combined with anti-PD-1 a small subset of Th2-like CD4 T cells was observed. Conversely, we observed a more divergent effect on certain subsets of intratumoral macrophages induced by NeoAg vaccines as compared to ICT. Although effective NeoAg vaccines or ICT expanded M1-like iNOS[+] macrophages, NeoAg vaccines expanded rather than suppressed (as observed with ICT) distinct subpopulations of M2-like CX3CR1[+] CD206[+] macrophages, associated with the poly I:C adjuvant used in the vaccine. Considering the similarities and difference we identified in how NeoAg vaccines versus ICT reshaped the TME, we hypothesized that combining ICT with NeoAg vaccines would expand the therapeutic window for efficacy in these preclinical models. Indeed, we found the combination NeoAg vaccine plus ICT induced superior anti-tumor control compared to either therapy in isolation, highlighting the utility of combining these modalities to eliminate cancer.

INTRODUCTION:

For cancer immunotherapies such as ICT, T cell recognition of tumor antigens is critical for efficacy[1]. In contrast to aberrantly expressed non-mutant antigens, tumor-specific neoantigens (NeoAgs) formed from somatic alterations in cancer cells are not subject to immune tolerance and are exclusively expressed in cancer cells, making them favorable cancer vaccine targets[2-4]. Significant progress has been made in the field of NeoAg cancer vaccine development, showing promise in early-phase clinical trials[5-11]. Despite this progress, many fundamental questions regarding NeoAg vaccines remain unclear[5,6,10,12], including how to best combine therapeutic vaccines with other T cell-directed therapeutic modalities including ICT to promote optimal outcomes in cancer patients. A more refined understanding of how NeoAg vaccines impact the immune tumor microenvironment (TME) in comparison to other immunotherapies like anti-PD-1 and anti-CTLA-4 ICT can inform rational use of NeoAg vaccines and combinatorial immunotherapies.

To address this, we developed preclinical models to interrogate potential synergies between the mechanisms of action of NeoAg cancer vaccines and ICT. We previously used immunogenomic/mass spectrometry approaches to identify NeoAgs and subsequently demonstrated that therapeutic NeoAg cancer vaccines could provoke tumor rejection in methylcholanthrene (MCA)-induced sarcoma models[4,13]. Others have used similar approaches to identify immunogenic NeoAgs[4,6,7,14-16]. We further showed that NeoAgs are major targets of T cells reactivated by ICT and that anti-PD-1 and anti-CTLA-4 administered either alone or in combination induces changes in both CD4 and CD8 T cells within the TME[13,17-20], consistent with findings from others[21,22]. While both conventional CD4 and CD8 T cells drive immunotherapeutic responses to cancer, cytotoxic CD8 T cells are typically the most potent direct inducers of tumor cell death. In both cancer patients and preclinical models, intratumoral

CD8 T cells that express activation markers including inhibitory receptors such as PD-1, LAG-3, and

TIM-3 often exist in a terminally differentiated state and may display a range of functional

capabilities from short-lived CD8 T effector cells with potent cytotoxicity and cytokine production

to dysfunctional or exhausted CD8 T cells that exist in a state of limited or restrained functional

capabilities[23]. These dysfunctional or exhausted CD8 T cells also exist on a spectrum of

intermediate to terminally dysfunctional/exhausted with progression to terminally

dysfunctional/exhausted characterized by high, sustained expression of inhibitory receptors,

reduced function, and unique transcriptional and epigenetic profiles, differentiating them from

memory T cells and T cells displaying stem-like properties (often referred to as

progenitor/precursor exhausted CD8 T cells). These distinct states are driven by key transcription

factors, including TCF-1, which promotes stemness or memory-like attributes[24], and TOX, which

plays a crucial role in establishing terminal dysfunction/exhaustion[25-27]. Although TOX is induced in

an NFAT-dependent manner upon T cell activation, chronic antigen exposure and/or signals within

the TME promote maintenance of NFAT-independent TOX expression and establishment of a fixed

epigenetic landscape in terminal dysfunctional/exhausted CD8 T cells[28]. The increased presence of

PD-1^{hi} TOX$^+$ TCF-1$^-$ CD8 T cells in tumor biopsies correlates with a poorer prognosis in patients

treated with ICT and these cells likely do not drastically gain effector function following PD-1/PD-L1

blockade. Instead, stem-like PD-1$^+$ Tim-3$^-$ TCF-1$^+$ CD8 T cells within tumors and lymph nodes

expand and differentiate into PD-1$^+$ Tim-3$^+$ CD8 T effector-like cells in response to anti-PD-1/PD-L1

ICT[29,30].

While T cells are the major target of NeoAg vaccines and ICT, myeloid cells are a critical

component of the TME[31]. Macrophages are amongst the most abundant myeloid cell

population within tumors and may comprise both embryonically-derived tissue-resident

macrophages and monocyte-derived macrophages[32-35]. Although macrophages can exhibit anti-

tumor effects, macrophages often promote tumor growth. We previously observed major

complexity in the ICT-induced changes occurring in the intratumoral macrophage

compartment[18-20]. These included remodeling from M2-like CX3CR1[+]CD206[+] macrophages in

progressively growing tumors to M1-like iNOS[+] macrophages in tumors that go on to reject in

response to ICT. Further, blockade of TREM2 expressed on macrophages using Fc-mutated anti-

TREM2 monoclonal antibody (mAb) induced a decline in CX3CR1[+]CD206[+] macrophages and

induced iNOS[+] macrophages and subsets of macrophages expressing immunostimulatory

molecules, with anti-TREM2 dampening tumor growth and augmenting anti-PD-1 efficacy[36].

While tumor immune cell compositions clearly play a major role in response to

immunotherapy[33,37], the heterogeneity and dynamics of immune infiltrates in response to

immunotherapies such as NeoAg cancer vaccines is not thoroughly characterized. Further,

although much progress has been made towards defining the mechanisms behind ICT efficacy,

our understanding is still incomplete and direct comparisons between cancer vaccines and

different ICTs used alone or in combination are largely lacking.

Here, we systematically compared different immunotherapies that lead to tumor

rejection, including NeoAg cancer vaccines, anti-PD-1, anti-CTLA-4, and anti-PD-1 + anti-CTLA-4

ICT using mouse melanoma models expressing defined NeoAgs. NeoAg vaccines induced robust

expansion of polyfunctional NeoAg-specific CD8 T cells, including proliferating and stem-like

CD8 T cells. Anti-CTLA-4 and/or anti-PD-1 ICT increased the frequency and effector function of

intratumoral NeoAg-specific CD8 T cells, with anti-CTLA-4 containing treatments also

dramatically altering the CD4 T cell compartment. Both NeoAg vaccines and ICT resulted in an

expansion of M1-like iNOS[+] macrophages. Whereas ICT reduced the frequency of intratumoral

CX3CR1[+]CD206[+] M2-like macrophages, NeoAg vaccine treated mice instead displayed a higher

frequency of CX3CR1[+]CD206[+] macrophages. Thus, effective NeoAg cancer vaccines reshape the

TME, leading to overlapping as well as distinct alterations when compared to different ICT

treatments. To investigate whether the unique impacts of NeoAg vaccines and ICT combine for

enhanced tumor control, we tested the efficacy of NeoAg vaccination in combination with

either anti-CTLA-4 or anti-PD-1 and found that the window of therapeutic efficacy was

extended by combination treatments, further supporting the rationale of combining NeoAg

vaccines with ICT.

RESULTS:

NeoAg vaccines and ICT induce T cell-dependent long-term tumor protection

For this study, we modified the $Braf^{V600E} Pten^{-/-} Cdkn2a^{-/-}$ YUMM1.7 mouse melanoma line

to express different combinations of MHC-I and MHC-II NeoAgs[38]. While GEMMs recapitulate

many features of human cancers, GEMM-derived tumors generally nonimmunogenic and lack

NeoAgs; however, they can be engineered to express NeoAgs to study tumor-immune

interactions[19,39-43]. To generate a YUMM1.7 cell line expressing known tumor antigens, we

engineered it to express minigenes encoding the G1254V mutation in Laminin subunit alpha 4

(mLama4^{MHC-I}), the A506T mutation in Alpha-1,3-glucosyltransferase (mAlg8^{MHC-I}), and the N710Y

mutation in Integrin beta 1 (mItgb1^{MHC-II}) NeoAgs in various combinations **(Figure S1A)**. We

generated YUMM1.7 lines expressing minigenes for mLama4^{MHC-I} + mItgb1^{MHC-II} (Y1.7LI) or

mAlg8^{MHC-I} + mItgb1^{MHC-II} (Y1.7AI). Consistent with prior observations[38,44], the parental YUMM1.7

melanoma line was insensitive to ICT, even anti-PD-1 and anti-CTLA-4 combination ICT **(Figure**

S1B). In contrast, enforced expression of mLama4^{MHC-I} or mAlg8^{MHC-I} NeoAg along with mItgb1^{MHC-II}

NeoAg rendered YUMM1.7 melanoma lines (Y1.7LI and Y1.7AI) sensitive to anti-CTLA-4 ICT **(Figure**

1A).

We next asked whether therapeutic cancer vaccines composed of 10 µg of the SLP

containing the minimal MHC-I NeoAg epitope and 50 µg of the adjuvant poly:IC (pI:C) could induce

regression of the Y1.7LI and Y1.7AI NeoAg-expressing lines. Tumor bearing mice treated with pI:C

alone displayed outgrowth of Y1.7LI or Y1.7AI melanoma, whereas vaccines composed of relevant

NeoAg SLP + pI:C (neo VAX) induced complete rejection or delayed outgrowth of both Y1.7 NeoAg

expressing variants **(Figure 1B)**. Here the NeoAg vaccine-induced tumor rejection was dependent

upon specific NeoAg expression, as vaccinating the Y1.7LI (mLama4-expressing) tumor bearing

mice with the mAlg8 SLP + pI:C was not able to lead to tumor rejection and vice versa with the

Y1.7AI (mAlg8-expressing) tumors **(Figure 1B)**. Mice that rejected Y1.7AI or Y1.7LI tumors upon

anti-CTLA-4 or neo VAX were rechallenged with the same tumors at least 60 days after rejection

of primary tumors in the absence of any additional treatment. Upon secondary challenge, no

detectable tumor was observed indicating long-term protection against rechallenge with the

same tumor line **(Figure S1C)**. In contrast, both Y1.7-NeoAg expressing lines grew out when

injected in control naïve WT mice in the absence of treatment, indicating cell line preparations

used in rechallenge experiments were capable of tumor formation. Additionally, when mice

that previously rejected Y1.7LI tumors in response to anti-CTLA-4 or neo VAX therapy were

rechallenged with the YUMM1.7 parental line, progressive tumor growth was observed **(Figure**

S1D), indicating that long-term immunity was likely tumor NeoAg-specific.

We next used peptide-MHC (pMHC) tetramers to detect intratumoral CD8 T cells

recognizing the mLama4 or mAlg8 NeoAg presented on H-2K^b. Tumors from anti-CTLA-4 treated

mice contained greater frequencies of mAlg8- or mLama4-specific CD8 T cells compared to the

frequency of these cells in tumors from mice receiving control mAb **(Figures 1C and S1E)**. Whereas

pI:C alone had little effect on the NeoAg-specific CD8 T cell frequency, neo VAX induced an over 5-

fold increase in the frequency of NeoAg-specific CD8 T cells **(Figures 1C and S1E)**. This was

particularly notable with the Y1.7LI tumor treated with NeoVAX, where over 14% of CD8 T cells

were specific for mLama4. Neo VAX significantly increased the frequency of NeoAg-specific CD8 T

cells co-expressing the inhibitory receptors PD-1 and TIM-3 **(Figure S1F)**. Although PD-1 and TIM-3

are associated with dysfunction/exhaustion, their co-expression alone does not indicate reduced

function and may be indicative of antigen stimulation and T cell activation state[45,46].

To expand on these observations, we focused on the Y1.7LI line, delayed treatment

initiation until day 7, and evaluated anti-CTLA-4 and/or anti-PD-1. As expected, Y1.7LI tumor

bearing mice treated with control mAb or control VAX (irrelevant mAlg8 SLP + pI:C) starting on day

7 post-transplant displayed progressive tumor outgrowth **(Figure 1D)**. In contrast, anti-CTLA-4,

anti-PD-1, combination anti-PD-1 plus anti-CTLA-4, or neo VAX induced tumor rejection in a

majority of mice. ICT- and neo VAX-induced tumor rejection was dependent on both CD4 and CD8

T cells, as mAb depletion of either T cell subset completely abolished ICT efficacy **(Figure S2A)**.

Mice that rejected Y1.7LI tumors upon anti-PD-1 and/or anti-CTLA-4 or neo VAX initiated on day

7 were rechallenged with Y1.7LI at least 60 days after rejection of primary tumors in the

absence of any additional treatment. Upon secondary challenge, no detectable tumor was

observed under any of the conditions **(Figure S2B)**. In contrast, Y1.7LI grew out when injected in

control naïve WT mice in the absence of treatment.

scRNAseq analysis of tumor microenvironment remodeling induced by NeoAg vaccines and

ICT

We next used an unbiased approach to assess whether effective tumor-specific NeoAg

vaccines induced TME alterations that are distinct or overlapping with different forms of ICT.

Groups of Y1.7LI tumor bearing WT mice were treated with (1) control mAb, (2) anti-CTLA-4, (3)

anti-PD-1, (4) anti-CTLA-4 + anti-PD-1, (5) control VAX (irrelevant SLP + pI:C), or (6) neo VAX

(mLama4 SLP + pI:C) beginning on day 7 **(Figure 2A)**. Tumors were harvested on day 15 (a critical

timepoint prior to tumor rejection during ICT or neo VAX in this model) and live CD45$^+$ cells were

sorted and processed for 10X single cell 5' library generation and sequencing for scRNAseq. We

performed unsupervised graph-based clustering and noted clusters of myeloid cells and

lymphocytes **(Figures 2B and 2C)**. scRNAseq and flow cytometry both indicated that

immunotherapy altered the proportions of different myeloid and lymphoid subsets and in some

cases these alterations were dependent upon the specific treatment employed **(Figure S3A)**.

To gain more insights into how the different immunotherapies altered T cells in the TME,

we chose clusters containing activated T cells for subclustering and identified multiple clusters of

conventional CD4 and CD8 T cells, Foxp3$^+$ CD4$^+$ T regulatory cells (Tregs), gamma delta T cells ($\gamma\delta$T),

and innate lymphoid cells (ILCs) **(Figures 2D, S3B-S3D, S4, and S5)**. Specific clusters of CD4 and CD8

T cells were annotated based on expression of select transcripts **(Figures 2E, S4, and S5)**. We

identified 5 exclusively CD8 T cell clusters, although this analysis did not distinguish their antigen

specificity **(Figures 2D, 2E, S4, S5, and S6A-S6F)**. Overall, these clusters of CD8 T cells spanned a

range of activation states including proliferating (Cd8$_{Cycling}$), CD69^{hi} IFN stimulated [Cd8$_{iSTIM}$

(<u>i</u>nterferon <u>STIM</u>ulated)], PD-1$^+$ TCF7$^+$ plastic/stem-like or progenitor exhausted (Cd8$_{PE}$), and PD-1$^+$

TCF7$^-$ terminal effectors or dysfunctional/exhausted CD8 T cells (Cd8$_{Eff/Ex}$) **(Figures 2E, S4, S5, and**

S6A-S6F).

NeoAg vaccines and ICT induce CD8 T cells with proliferative transcriptional signature

While most clusters contained either CD4 or CD8 T cells, cluster Cd4/8$_{cycling}$ contained a mix

of Tregs, CD4 T cells, and CD8 T cells and displayed a cell proliferation transcript signature **(Figures**

2D-2F S4 and S5). Not only did tumors from neo VAX, anti-PD-1, or anti-CTLA-4 treated mice have

a greater frequency of cells within Cd4/8$_{Cycling}$, but the ratio of cycling conventional CD4 and CD8 T

168 cells to Tregs was higher as compared to control mAb or control VAX **(Figures 2G-2K)**. Anti-CTLA-4

169 with or without anti-PD-1 reduced proliferating Tregs and expanded CD4 T cells within Cd4/8$_{Cycling}$,

170 while the ratio of proliferating CD8 T cells to Tregs or CD4 T cells was higher with anti-PD-1.

171 Interestingly, neo VAX contained the greatest ratio of cycling CD8 T cells to other T cells in this

172 cluster.

173   Cd8$_{Cycling}$ also exhibited features of proliferation/cycling but was exclusively composed

174 of CD8 T cells which displayed a more activated phenotype compared to Cd4/8$_{Cycling}$, along with

175 enrichment in gene sets associated with glycolysis, oxidative phosphorylation (OXPHOS), and fatty

176 acid metabolism were enriched as manifested by Gene Set Enrichment Analysis (GSEA) **(Figures S4,**

177 **S5, S6A, and S6B)**. Whereas the percentage of Cd8$_{Cycling}$ cells increased modestly with anti-CTLA-4

178 or anti-PD-1 ICT, neo VAX drove ~2-fold increase in the frequency of cells within this cluster **(Figure**

179 **S6B)**. These results suggest that while either neo VAX or ICT induce proliferating CD8 T cells, neo

180 VAX more robustly expands subsets of proliferating CD8 T cells.

181   Cluster Cd8$_{Eff/Ex}$ displayed little detectable *Tcf7* (encoding TCF-1) expression and elevated

182 transcript expression of multiple inhibitory receptors and other genes associated with T cell

183 activation, effector function, and also exhaustion/dysfunction including *Tox* **(Figures S5, S6A, and**

184 **S6C)**. Cd8$_{PE}$ expressed *Pdcd1* (PD-1), but to less of an extent than Cd8$_{Eff/Ex}$, and additionally

185 expressed *Slamf6* and *Tcf7,* indicating a phenotype consistent with progenitor/precursor

186 exhausted T cells that display plastic/stem-like properties **(Figures S5, S6A, and S6D)**. neo VAX or

187 monotherapy with anti-CTLA-4 or anti-PD-1 reduced the frequency of cells within Cd8$_{Eff/Ex}$ and

188 Cd8$_{PE}$, whereas combination anti-CTLA-4 plus anti-PD-1 stood out as the only treatment to not

189 decrease the frequency of Cd8$_{Eff/Ex}$ **(Figures S6C and S6D)**.

190   Within Cd8$_{Cycling}$, Cd8$_{PE}$, Cd8$_{iSTIM}$, and Cd8$_{Ccr7}$, the highest expression of *Lag3*, *Cd39*, and

191 *Gzmb* within each respective cluster was observed with combination anti-CTLA-4 + anti-PD-1 ICT

(Figures S5, S6A, S6B, and S6D-S6F). Additionally, *Prf1* was most robustly induced by combination

ICT in all CD8 clusters, except for Cd8$_{Ccr7}$, where neo VAX induced the highest expression **(Figures**

S5 and S6A-S6F). Further, a pattern emerged within CD8 T cells whereby in each cluster, anti-CTLA-

4 (alone or in combination with anti-PD-1), as well as neo VAX to some extent, drove higher

expression of *Cd226* encoding the co-activating receptor CD226/DNAM-1. CD226 counteracting

the actions of the inhibitory receptor TIGIT by competing for binding to ligands such as CD155[47].

Expression of *Tigit* followed an inverse pattern as *Cd226* with anti-CTLA-4 containing treatments

and neo VAX reducing *Tigit* expression within clusters expressing the highest levels of *Tigit*

(Cd8$_{Eff/Ex}$, Cd8$_{Cycling}$, Cd8$_{Ccr7}$) **(Figures S5, S6A, S6B, S6C, and S6F)**.

Anti-PD-1 expands PD-1$^+$ TCF7$^-$ NeoAg-specific Teff/Tex, with combination anti-PD-1 + anti-CTLA-

4 ICT inducing robust expansion of Bhlhe40^{hi} PD-1$^+$ TCF7$^-$ NeoAg-specific Teff/Tex

We and others have demonstrated that tumor antigen-specific CD8 T cells have unique

features as compared to bystander CD8 T cells and that immunotherapy primarily affects tumor

antigen-specific versus bulk CD8 T cells[13,17,48-50]. Therefore, we monitored CD8 T cells specific

for the mLama4 NeoAg in the setting of neo VAX or ICT **(Figure 3A)**. neo VAX, anti-CTLA-4, anti-

PD-1, or combination ICT all increased the overall frequency of intratumoral CD8 T cells **(Figure**

3B). Anti-CTLA-4 alone or in combination with anti-PD-1 drove a significant increase in the

frequency of mLama4-specific CD8 T cells **(Figures 3C, 3D, and S7A)**. Although anti-PD-1 did not

alter mLama4-specific CD8 T cells as a percentage of CD8 T cells **(Figures 3C and S7A)**, mLama4-

specific CD8 T cells were significantly increased with anti-PD-1 when analyzed as a percentage

of CD45$^+$ cells **(Figure 3D)**. Notably, neo VAX drove the greatest increase in mLama4-specific

CD8 T cells from less than 2% of CD8 T cells in control mAb or control VAX to over 20% in mice

treated with neo VAX, which corresponds to over 4% of all intratumoral CD45$^+$ cells in mice

treated with neo VAX **(Figures 3C, 3D, and S7A)**. Since the scRNAseq profiling of intratumoral

CD45[+] cells did not distinguish NeoAg-specific CD8 T cells from other CD8 T cells, we profiled

NeoAg-specific CD8 T cells by sorting intratumoral mLama4 tetramer positive CD8 T cells from

mice treated with control mAb, anti-CTLA-4, anti-PD-1, anti-CTLA-4 plus anti-PD-1, control VAX, or

neo VAX **(Figure 3E)**. We profiled between 937 to 1762 mLama4-specific CD8 T cells for each of the

different ICT treatment conditions and 4459, 6723, and 7646 mLama4-specific CD8 T cells for

control mAb, control VAX, and neo VAX, respectively. The two smallest clusters contained

contaminating stromal cells, with the remaining clusters expressing transcripts consistent with CD8

T cells **(Figure 3F, 3G, S7B, S7C, and S8)**. Apart from these two small clusters, this analysis

uncovered multiple clusters of NeoAg-specific CD8 T cells that enabled us to distinguish features

that were not evident when profiling bulk CD8 T cells.

Clusters nAg.Cd8$_{Eff/Ex}$ and nAg.Bhlhe40^{Hi}Cd8 both highly expressed *Pdcd1, Havcr2, Lag3,*

Tigit, and *Ccl5* as well as effector transcripts (*Nkg7, Gzmb, Gzmk, Prf1, Cxcr6*) and *Tox* and

exhibited little to no detectable expression of *Tcf7* **(Figures 3G-3I, 4A, S7B and S7C)**. neo VAX most

notably reduced the proportion of nAg.Cd8$_{Eff/Ex}$ cells, whereas the proportion of cells in this cluster

increased with anti-PD-1 alone or in combination with anti-CTLA-4 **(Figure 4B)**. The top defining

marker of cluster nAg.Bhlhe40^{Hi}Cd8 was *Bhlhe40* **(Figures 3G, 3H, and S8)**, which we previously

demonstrated was upregulated in tumor-specific T cells and required for CD4 and/or CD8 T cell

effector function and response to ICT[20]. In addition to *Bhlhe40* (as well as *Pdcd1, Havcr2,* and *Lag3*)

this cluster also expressed other transcripts induced by TCR activation, including *Ctla4, Cd69,* as

well as *Nr4a1* (Nur77) and *Nr4a3* suggesting recent activation and/or TCR stimulation **(Figures 3H,**

4A, and S7B). nAg.Bhlhe40^{Hi}Cd8 displayed the highest expression of *Tbx21* and *Ifng* amongst all

the mLama4-specific CD8 T cell**s (Figure S7B)**. As compared to control mAb treatment, all other

conditions (including control VAX) displayed a higher frequency of cells within this cluster, with the

frequency of nAg.Bhlhe40^{Hi}Cd8 increased from 2.4% of mLama4-specific CD8 T cells under control

mAb conditions to 6.2% under anti-PD-1 treatment conditions **(Figure 4B)**. Strikingly, anti-CTLA-4

and anti-PD-1 combination ICT increased this cluster to over 28% of mLama4-specific CD8 T cells.

Anti-CTLA-4 alone or in combination with anti-PD-1 reduces expression of *Tox* and inhibitory

receptors and promotes *Il7r* expression in PD-1$^+$ TCF7$^-$ Teff/Tex NeoAg-specific CD8 T cells

In addition to increasing the frequency of cells within PD-1$^+$ TCF7$^-$ Teff/Tex clusters

(nAg.Cd8$_{Eff/Ex}$ and nAg.Bhlhe40^{Hi}Cd8), combination ICT increased expression of *Bhlhe40, Fasl, Il7r,*

Icos, and *Cd28,* while decreasing *Tox, Pdcd1, Lag3, Entpd1,* and *Tigit* expression within both of

these clusters **(Figures 4A, S7B, and S7C)**. Further, combination ICT decreased expression on

Havcr2 and increased expression of *Cd69* within nAg.Bhlhe40^{Hi}Cd8. While some of the features

observed in combination ICT were distinct from either anti-CTLA-4 or anti-PD-1, within both these

clusters the decrease in *Tox, Pdcd1, Lag3, Entpd1,* and *Tigit* (and *Havcr2* in nAg.Bhlhe40^{Hi}Cd8) with

combination ICT was also observed with anti-CTLA-4 ICT (but not with anti-PD-1) **(Figures 4A, S7B,**

and S7C), suggesting that these specific changes included by combination therapy were primarily

driven by anti-CTLA-4. In contrast, increased expression of *Bhlhe40* was most prominently

observed in the presence of anti-PD-1. Other features (e.g., increased *Icos, Cd28,* and *Fasl*

expression) were unique to the anti-CTLA-4 and anti-PD-1 combination ICT treatment conditions.

NeoAg vaccination preferentially increases NeoAg-specific stem-like PD-1$^+$ TCF7$^+$ CD8 T cells and

proliferating NeoAg-specific CD8 T cells

Amongst the most prominent NeoAg vaccine-driven features observed, NeoAg vaccines

drove an over 3-fold increase in the frequency of mLama4-specific CD8 T cells within cluster

nAg.PD-1$^+$ TCF7$^+$ Cd8 as compared to control mAb and over 8-fold increase as compared to control

VAX **(Figure 4B)**. Cluster nAg.PD-1$^+$ TCF7$^+$ Cd8 displayed high expression of *Slamf6* and *Pdcd1*

amongst others; low to moderate expression of *Ifng*, *Gzmk*, *Prf1*, and *Cd226*; and no detectable

expression of *Havcr2* (TIM-3) or *Entpd1* (CD39) **(Figures 3G, 3H, 4A, and S7B)**. nAg.PD-1$^+$ TCF7$^+$ Cd8

also expressed transcripts encoding molecules related to T cell homing such as *Ccr7*, as well as

Bach2[51] and *Tcf7*. These features are consistent with CD8 T cells with plastic or stem-like

properties or progenitor exhausted CD8 T cells. While NeoAg vaccines promoted this population,

the proportion of NeoAg-specific CD8 T cells within this cluster was largely unchanged with anti-

CTLA-4, reduced slightly with anti-PD-1, and even further reduced with combination anti-CTLA-4

and anti-PD-1 **(Figure 4B)**. Anti-CTLA-4 containing treatments displayed decreased expression of

Pdcd1, *Lag3*, *Tigit* and increased expression of transcripts encoding molecules related to T cell

quiescence and homing such as *S1pr1, Sell* (Cd62l), and *Klf2*, as well as the IL-7 receptor transcript

Il7r **(Figures 4A, S7B, and S7C)**.

We annotated 5 clusters of NeoAg-specific CD8 T cells as "cycling". NeoAg vaccination

increased the frequency of cells in all 5 cycling NeoAg-specific CD8 T cell clusters displaying a

range of activation states and proliferation signatures **(Figures 4A, S7B, S7C, and S8)**. Each of the 5

cycling clusters also displayed a greater frequency of cells under control VAX conditions as

compared to control mAb **(Figure 4B)**. This suggests that although far more NeoAg-specific CD8 T

cells are observed within tumors treated with neo VAX as compared to control VAX **(Figures 3C**

and 3D), within NeoAg-specific CD8 T cells, pI:C contained in both control VAX and neo VAX likely

promotes cycling of tumor-specific CD8 T cells. These 5 cycling clusters together represented

20.9% of all mLama4-specific CD8 T cells under control mAb treatment, 54.1% under control

VAX treatment, and 61.3% under neo VAX treatment **(Figure 4C)**. Within nAg.Cd8$_{Cycling}$_1,

nAg.Cd8$_{Cycling}$_2, and nAg.Cd8$_{Cycling}$_6, either control VAX or neo VAX increased the frequency of

NeoAg-specific CD8 T cells to about the same level **(Figure 4B)**. In contrast, nAg.Cd8$_{Cycling}$_3

represented 10.6% of NeoAg-specific CD8 T cells under control VAX conditions, whereas under

neo VAX conditions, the frequency of cells within this cluster increased to 19.2% of NeoAg-

specific CD8 T cells **(Figure 4B)**. As compared to the other cycling clusters, nAg.Cd8$_{Cycling\_3}$

expressed higher *Xcl1*, *Tnfrsf4* (OX40), *Tnfrsf9* (4-1BB), *Prf1*, and *Ifng* **(Figures 4A, S7B and S8)**.

The frequency of total cells within cycling clusters was modestly increased by anti-CTLA-4 or

anti-PD-1 ICT, whereas anti-CTLA-4 plus anti-PD-1 combination ICT decreased the frequency by

almost half.

NeoAg vaccines induce robust expansion of NeoAg-specific IFN-γ^{+} CD8 T cells expressing PD-1

and LAG-3 and/or TIM-3

Since we noted that mice treated with neo VAX displayed a greater frequency of PD-1^{+}

TIM-3^{+} NeoAg-specific CD8 T cells as compared to other treatments when treatment was initiated

on d. 3 post-tumor transplant **(Figure S1F)**, we assessed surface expression of PD-1, TIM-3, and

additionally LAG-3 on intratumoral mLama4 NeoAg-specific CD8 T cells from mice when treatment

initiation occurred on d. 7 post-transplant (as in our scRNAseq experiments). As expected, a

majority of NeoAg-specific CD8 T cells expressed PD-1, with similar frequencies of PD-1^{+} TIM-3^{+} or

PD-1^{+} LAG-3^{+} NeoAg-specific CD8 T cells observed between control mAb, control VAX, and the

different ICT treatment conditions **(Figure 4D)**. However, the expression level of PD-1, TIM-3, and

LAG-3 on a per cell basis was lower in ICT treated groups. In contrast, a dramatic increase in the

percentage of PD-1^{+} TIM-3^{+} or PD-1^{+} LAG-3^{+} mLama4-specific CD8 T cells was observed in mice

treated with neo VAX and amongst PD-1^{+}, TIM-3^{+}, or LAG-3^{+} NeoAg-specific CD8 T cells, PD-1, TIM-

3, and LAG-3, respectively, was expressed higher in the neo VAX treated group **(Figure 4D)**. These

results were consistent with the discordance between effective NeoAg vaccines and ICT in PD-1

and TIM-3 surface expression on NeoAg-specific CD8 T cells observed when treatment was

initiated on day 3 **(Figure S1F)**. Intracellular cytokine staining (ICS) on isolated intratumoral CD8 T

cells restimulated with the mLama4 NeoAg peptide revealed anti-CTLA-4 increased the frequency

of IFN-γ^+ or TNFα^+ CD8 T cells, while neo VAX induced the greatest expansion of more than 5-fold

of IFN-γ^+ or TNFα^+ CD8 T cells **(Figures 4E and 4F)**. Amongst IFN-γ^+ CD8 T cells, expression of IFN-γ

on a per cell basis increased significantly with anti-CTLA-4 and/or anti-PD-1, with the most robust

increase occurring in mLama4 NeoAg-stimulated IFN-γ^+ CD8 T cells isolated from neo VAX treated

mice **(Figure 4E)**.

Anti-CTLA-4 promotes IFNγ^+ Th1-like CD4 T cells expressing ICOS and Bhlhe40, while

combination anti-CTLA-4 and anti-PD-1 ICT induces a small subset of Th2-like CD4 T cells

Since we observed that neo VAX or anti-CTLA-4/anti-PD-1 ICT required not only CD8 T cells,

but also CD4 T cells for efficacy **(Figure S2A)**, we examined CD4 T cells from our scRNAseq

performed on sorted CD45$^+$ cells **(Figure 2A)**. Conventional CD4 T cells and Tregs were significantly

altered by anti-CTLA-4, with anti-CTLA-4 inducing a higher frequency of CD4 T cells and reducing

the percentage of Tregs as assessed by both scRNAseq and flow cytometry **(Figures 2G-2I, 2K, S3A,**

and S3B). Anti-CTLA-4 (+/- anti-PD-1) induced notable increases in proliferating CD4 T cells and a

decrease in proliferating Tregs within cluster Cd8/4$_{Cycling}$ **(Figures 2H, 2I, and 2K)**, further indicating

that anti-CTLA-4 containing treatments dramatically affect the intratumoral CD4 T cell

compartment. Most notably, anti-CTLA-4 (+/- anti-PD-1) induced subpopulations of Th1-like cells

expressing *Ifng* and *Bhlhe40*, including cluster ICOS^{hi} Bhlhe40^{hi} CD4$_{Th1}$ that also highly expressed

Icos **(Figures 2E, 5A, 5B, S5 and S9A)**. ICOS^{hi} Bhlhe40^{hi} CD4$_{Th1}$ expressed transcripts indicative of

highly activated T cells including high expression of *Pdcd1*, *Ctla4*, and the *Furin* transcript encoding

a proprotein convertase, whose expression is regulated by TCR signaling and IL-12 signaling

through STAT4[52] **(Figures 5A, S4, and S5)**. This cluster also expressed *Cxcr6*, *Csf2*, *Fasl*, and *Tnfaip3*,

which encodes the A20 protein that regulates TCR/CD28-mediated NF-κB activation and TCR-

mediated survival[53] **(Figure S5)**. ICOS^{hi} Bhlhe40^{hi} CD4$_{Th1}$ displayed enrichment in IL-2 STAT5 and IL-6

JAK STAT3 signaling, TNFa signaling via NF-κB, and IFN-γ response gene sets amongst others

(Figure S9A). neo VAX also exhibited a greater frequency of cells within this cluster as compared to

control VAX **(Figure 5B)**. Bhlhe40⁺ Cd4$_{Th1}$_a also expressed *Icos* and *Bhlhe40*, but to less of an

extent than ICOS^{hi} Bhlhe40^{hi} CD4$_{Th1}$ **(Figures 5A and S5)**. Bhlhe40⁺ Cd4$_{Th1}$_a was further

distinguished from ICOS^{hi} Bhlhe40^{hi} CD4$_{Th1}$ by lower *Csf2, Runx3, Tnfaip3, Cxcr6, Furin, Pdcd1,*

Havcr2, and *Lag3* expression and higher *Tbx21* (Tbet) expression. Anti-CTLA-4 dramatically

increased the frequency of Bhlhe40⁺ CD4$_{Th1}$_a, with anti-PD-1 also increasing cells within this

cluster **(Figure 5B)**. Likewise, neo VAX increased the frequency of Bhlhe40⁺ Cd4$_{Th1}$_a cells but to

much less of an extent **(Figure 5B)**. Although both clusters expressed glycolytic enzyme transcripts,

greater expression of several of these transcripts was seen in ICOS^{hi} Bhlhe40^{hi} CD4$_{Th1}$, while

Bhlhe40⁺ Cd4$_{Th1}$_a displayed gene set enrichment in Fatty Acid Metabolism **(Figures S5, S9A, and**

S9B). Additionally, both clusters displayed significant enrichment in TGF beta signaling gene sets

(Figures S9A and S9B). Cluster Bhlhe40⁺ CD4$_{Th1}$_b was the smallest cluster of Th1-like cells and

exhibited high *Ifng, Pdcd1, Tigit, Havcr2,* and *Lag3* expression **(Figures 5A, S5, and S9C)**. This

cluster also expressed the lowest level of *Icos* and the highest level of *Tox* amongst all CD4 clusters

(Figures 5A and S5). While only subtle changes to the frequency of cells within this cluster were

seen with treatments apart from control VAX and combination anti-CTLA-4 and anti-PD-1, with the

latter displaying the highest frequency of cells within this cluster amongst all groups **(Figure 5B)**.

Amongst all treatment conditions, mice treated with anti-CTLA-4 alone or in combination

with anti-PD-1 displayed the highest expression of *Bhlhe40* and least expression of *Tnfrsf18* (*GITR*)

(Figures 5A, S5, S9A-S9E, and S9G). As observed within CD8 T cell clusters, within multiple CD4

clusters, anti-CTLA-4 alone or in combination drove an increase in *Cd226* expression and a

decrease in *Tigit* expression, with neo VAX also following this same pattern but to less of an extent.

The increase in IFN-γ expressing Th1-like cells most prominently induced by anti-CTLA-4

was reflected by ICS on isolated intratumoral CD4 T cells restimulated *ex vivo* with the mItgb1

MHC-II NeoAg peptide. Anti-CTLA-4 +/- anti-PD-1 induced the most dramatic increase in both the

overall frequency of conventional CD4 T cells, with anti-CTLA-4 and/or anti-PD-1 increasing the

frequency of IFN-γ$^+$ CD4 T cells upon restimulation with mItgb1 peptide **(Figures 5C and 5D)**. This is

in contrast to neo VAX, where only subtle changes were observed. Altogether, these findings

indicate that while mice treated with anti-CTLA-4, alone or in combination with anti-PD-1, display

the most dramatic increase in IFN-γ-producing Th1-like CD4 T cells within the tumor, anti-PD-1 also

provokes IFN-γ$^+$ CD4 T cells **(Figure 5D)**. This is supported by comparing the expression of *Ifng*

transcript within *Ifng*$^+$ CD4 T cells clusters, where anti-PD-1 induced increased *Ifng* expression in

these clusters, even those whose frequency was unaltered by anti-PD-1 (i.e., ICOS^{hi} Bhlhe40^{hi}

Cd4$_{Th1}$, Bhlhe40$^+$ Cd4$_{Th1}$_b, Cd4$_{Tfh}$) **(Figures 5A, S5, and S9A-S9D)**.

Interestingly, combination ICT induced a small population of cells found in Cd4$_{Th2}$, which

also expressed *Icos* and *Bhlhe40*, but unlike the other ICOS$^+$ Bhlhe40$^+$ clusters the transcripts for

Ifng, Tim3, and *Lag3* transcript were barely detectable **(Figures 5A, S5, and S9E)**. Amongst CD4

clusters, Cd4$_{Th2}$ expressed the highest level of *Cxcr6*, as well as *Tnfaip3* **(Figure S5)**. In addition to

low *Ifng* expression, many cells within Cd4$_{Th2}$ expressed *Gata3*, *Il4*, *Il5*, and *Il13,* indicative of a Th2-

like cluster **(Figures 5A, S5, and S9F)**. Although cluster Cd4$_{Th2}$ expressed Th2 cytokine transcripts

and *Gata3*, both Cd4$_{Th2}$ and ICOS^{hi} Bhlhe40^{hi} CD4$_{Th1}$ highly expressed *Furin* and *Bhlhe40* **(Figures 5A**

and S5). ICOS^{hi} Bhlhe40^{hi} CD4$_{Th1}$ also displayed enrichment in TNFa signaling via NFkB and IFN-γ

response gene sets, along with Kras signaling up, whereas Cd4$_{Th2}$ displayed enrichment in Kras

signaling down **(Figures S9A and S9E)**.

To gain insight into the temporal dynamics of the observed changes in CD4 T cells, we used

Monocle to analyze scRNAseq data[54]. Monocle suggested that the starting point for conventional

CD4 T cells corresponds to cells within either the $Cd4_{Naive/Mem}$ cluster (expressing *Tcf7, Il7r,* and

S1pr1, indicative of naïve or memory phenotype) or CD4 T cells within the $Cd4/8_{Cycling}$ cluster

(Figure 5E) with $Cd4_{Tfh}$ connecting $Cd4/8_{Cycling}$ CD4 T cells to the main trajectory towards

$Cd4_{Naive/Mem}$ and the branch to more activated, polarized CD4 T cells. Notably, a pseudotime

trajectory branch point occurs whereby activated CD4 T cells occupy Th1-like

$ICOS^{hi}Bhlhe40^{hi}Cd4_{Th1}$ driven by anti-CTLA-4 (+/- anti-PD-1) (and to a lesser extent by neo VAX) or

encounter another branch whereby they assume one of two fates: they either become Th1-like

CD4 T cells within $Bhlhe40^{+}Cd4_{Th1}$_a or become Th2-like $Cd4_{Th2}$, with $Bhlhe40^{+}$ $Cd4_{Th1}$_a being

induced by anti-CTLA-4 and/or anti-PD-1 or neo VAX and $Cd4_{Th2}$ primarily being driven by

combination anti-CTLA-4 + anti-PD-1.

Features of intratumoral Treg subpopulations during NeoAg vaccine or ICT treatment

We also identified three CD4 $Foxp3^{+}$ Treg clusters **(Figures S3B)**. Treg_1 and Treg_3

appeared to be the most activated with Treg_3 expressing the highest level of *Ctla4, Havcr2,* and

Klrg1 **(Figure S5)**. Mice treated with anti-CTLA-4 alone or in combination with anti-PD-1

experienced a decrease in frequency of Treg_1 and Treg_3 **(Figures S3B)**, which is consistent with

previous results that the anti-CTLA-4 mAb we used (mouse IgG2b; clone 9D9) partially depletes

Tregs, especially those highly expressing CTLA-4[55]. Treg_2 expressed lower amounts of *Ctla4,*

Havcr2, Tigit, and *Klrg1* with the frequency of these Tregs not being affected by anti-CTLA-4,

whereas anti-PD-1 with or without anti-CTLA-4, control VAX, or neo VAX displaying a greater

frequency of cells in this cluster **(Figure S3B)**. As compared to control VAX, the cellular density of

Treg_1 and Treg_2 decreased in tumors from mice treated with neo VAX **(Figures S3B)**. Further,

transcript expression of *Foxp3* in Treg_2 was lower in the neo VAX group **(Figure S3B)**. These

alterations to the overall frequency of Tregs most prominently observed in the presence of anti-

CTLA-4 are also corroborated by flow cytometry analysis **(Figure S3A)**.

Intratumoral myeloid cell compartment during NeoAg vaccines or ICT treatment

We first noted that neutrophils represented a small proportion of the overall immune

infiltrate as more reliably shown by flow cytometry **(Figures 2B and S3A)**. Consistent with previous

observations in sarcoma models[18], anti-CTLA-4 (+/- anti-PD-1) increased the proportion of

neutrophils to just under 1.5% of CD45$^+$ intratumoral cells **(Figure S3A)**. To comprehensively

characterize the signatures of intratumoral macrophages and DCs, we subclustered the myeloid

component excluding the single neutrophil cluster **(Figure S10A)**. In addition to a cluster of

plasmacytoid DCs (pDCs), four other DC clusters were identified (CD103$^+$ cDC1, CD63$^+$ Ccr7$^+$ cDC,

Ccr7$^+$ cDC, and Mgl2$^+$ DC) **(Figures S10A-S10G)**. Cluster CD103$^+$ cDC1 expressed multiple classical

DC (cDC) 1 transcripts including *Itgae* (*Cd103*), *Xcr1*, and *Clec9a* **(Figures S10A and S10B)**. CD63$^+$

Ccr7$^+$ cDC and Ccr7$^+$ cDC expressed *Ccr7, Cd1d1, Cd200, Fscn1, Cd274* (PD-L1), and *Pdcd1lg2* (PD-

L2). These two migratory cDC clusters are likely composed of mregDCs, which describes a

maturation state of cDC1s and cDC2s upon uptake of tumor antigen and although they express

immunoregulatory molecules, they are not necessarily immunosuppressive[56,57] **(Figures S10B,**

S10D and S10E). CD63$^+$ Ccr7$^+$ cDC expressed higher *Cd63, Cd40, Cd70,* and *Btla* as compared to

Ccr7$^+$ cDC **(Figures S10B and S10D)**.

Distinct Macrophage Remodeling Induced by NeoAg Vaccines and ICT

We observed multiple intratumoral monocyte/macrophage clusters in Y1.7LI displaying a

range of phenotypic states[58,59] **(Figures 6A, 6B, and S11)**. Ccr2$^+$ M_c1 displayed transcripts

consistent with monocytes, including *Ccr2* and *Chil3*, and the frequency of cells within this cluster

only increased slightly with anti-PD-1 or neo VAX **(Figures 6B, 6C, and S11)**. *Chil3*[+] monocytes were

previously shown to be reduced by a NeoAg vaccine in preclinical models[60]; however, the NeoAg

vaccine and adjuvant used in that setting differed from ours.

We previously demonstrated that anti-CTLA-4 and/or anti-PD-1 induces macrophage TME

remodeling characterized by a reduction in M2-like macrophages co-expressing the fractalkine

receptor (CX3CR1) and the CD206 pattern recognition receptor and an increase in M1-like iNOS[+]

macrophages in mouse MCA sarcoma models[18,20]. We noted a similar ICT-induced remodeling

trend in the Y1.7LI melanoma model. Whereas a slight decrease in the frequency of CX3CR1[+]

CD206[hi] M_c2 cells expressing high levels of *Cx3cr1*, *Mrc1 (Cd206)*, *Trem2*, *Vcam1*, *Cd63,* and

Cd72 was observed with anti-CTLA-4 and/or anti-PD-1 ICT, expression of *Cx3cr1* and frequency of

Cx3cr1[+] macrophages within this cluster was notably decreased under all ICT treatment conditions

(Figures 6B-6D). The frequency of cells expressing *Cx3cr1* within this cluster under control VAX

treatment was equal to or higher than with control mAb **(Figure 6D)**. neo VAX reduced the

proportion of cells within this cluster expressing *Cx3cr1* **(Figure 6D)**. CX3CR1[+] CD206[+] M_c3 also

expressed *Cx3cr1*, as well as *Mrc1* (*Cd206*), *Trem2*, *Vcam1*, and *Cd72* with the latter transcripts

being expressed less than in CX3CR1[+] CD206[hi] M_c2. CX3CR1[+] CD206[+] M_c3 also displayed a cell

proliferation transcript signature that included high expression of *Mki67* and exhibited lower

Mertk expression as compared to CX3CR1[+] CD206[hi] M_c2 **(Figure 6B)**. Anti-CTLA-4 alone reduced

the frequency of CX3CR1[+] CD206[+] M_c3 **(Figures 6C and 6D)**. Although the aforementioned two

clusters expressed the highest levels of *Cx3cr1* and *Mrc1*, M_c8 and M_c9 macrophages also

expressed *Cx3cr1* and *Mrc1* under control mAb conditions with ICT reducing expression of *Cx3cr1*

within these clusters **(Figures 6B and 6D)**. Comparable expression levels of *Cx3cr1* was observed in

M_c8 under control VAX and neo VAX conditions, with neo VAX increasing the frequency of cells

within this cluster **(Figures 6B, 6C, and 6D)**. Under either control VAX or neo VAX conditions,

M_c11 expressed both *Cx3cr1* and *Mrc1* and the frequency of cells within this cluster dramatically

increased in mice treated with either control VAX or neo VAX, with ICT reducing this population

(Figures 6B-6D). Overall, cells within all monocyte/macrophage clusters from mice treated with

control VAX and neo VAX displayed higher expression of *Cx3cr1* as compared to ICT groups, with

neo VAX also displaying similar expression of *Mrc1* as control mAb **(Figure 6E)**.

Several monocyte/macrophage clusters expressed high levels of *Nos2* (iNOS); other

clusters expressed varying levels of *Nos2*, with expression of *Nos2* being highly correlated with ICT

treatment as well as neo VAX, but to less of an extent **(Figures 6B and 6F)**. Further, expression of

Cd274 (PD-L1) also correlated with expression of *Nos2* within macrophage clusters, in particular

under ICT treatment conditions **(Figure 6B)**. While the overall frequency of these iNOS[+] M1-like

clusters often only modestly increased with ICT, the frequency of cells within these clusters

expressing *Nos2* and/or *Nos2* expression on a per cell basis dramatically increased under all ICT

conditions **(Figures 6B, 6C, and 6F)**. Nos2[hi]M_c4 and Nos2[hi] M_c6 both manifested high expression

of *Nos2, Il1a, Il1b, Cxcl2, Inhba,* and *Nfkb1,* signatures of inflammatory macrophages[61] **(Figure 6B)**.

While Nos2[hi]M_c4 displayed classic features of M1-like macrophages including low *Mrc1*

expression, Nos2[hi] M_c6 moderately expressed *Mrc1* as well as higher *F13a1, Trem2,* and *Il1a*[58,62],

along with lower *Il1r2* compared to Nos2[hi]M_c4 **(Figure 6B)**. Nos2[hi]M_c4 displayed high expression

of *Cxcl9* and *Spp1*, with expression of the latter diminished with ICT or neo VAX. Higher expression

of *CXCL9* and lower *SPP1* expression was found to be correlated with macrophage prognostic

score in cancer patients[63]. Nos2[hi]M_c5 highly expressed *Nos2* in the presence of ICT, with ICT also

increasing the frequency of macrophages within this cluster **(Figures 6B, 6C, and 6F)**. This cluster

also expressed moderate levels of *Mki67* and other cell cycle related transcripts, indicative of

iNOS[+] macrophages with proliferative capabilities **(Figure 6B)**. Nos2[hi] M_c7 was the smallest iNOS[+]

macrophage cluster and in addition to *Nos2* expression, displayed highest expression of interferon-

stimulated genes (ISGs) and also expressed high levels of *Cxcl9, Cxcl10, Cd274, Cd72, Cd81,* and

Ms4a4c **(Figures 6B and 6F)**. Although M_c8 and M_c9 expressed modest levels of *Cx3cr1* under

control mAb conditions, its expression was reduced by ICT along with induction of *Nos2* expression

within these clusters **(Figures 6B, 6D, and 6F)**. These same overall patterns were manifested at the

protein level where in anti-CTLA-4 and/or anti-PD-1 treated mice, the frequency of intratumoral

CX3CR1$^+$ CD206$^+$ macrophages decreased with a concomitant increase in iNOS$^+$ macrophages

induced by ICT **(Figures 6G and 6H)**. In contrast, while neo VAX treated mice also displayed a

greater frequency of iNOS$^+$ macrophages, CX3CR1$^+$ CD206$^+$ macrophages were only slightly

reduced by neo VAX as compared to control VAX, but nonetheless were maintained at a similar

frequency as seen in control mAb treated mice **(Figures 6F and 6G)**. Since the frequency of

CX3CR1$^+$ CD206$^+$ macrophages in both control VAX and neo VAX treated mice were similar or even

greater than in control mAb treated mice, induction or maintenance of this macrophage

subpopulation was likely linked to the pI:C adjuvant used in both control Vax and neo VAX. These

results reveal that despite a relatively a similar abundance of M2-like CX3CR1$^+$ CD206$^+$

macrophages that were previously associated with progressively growing tumors in untreated or

control mAb treated mice[18,20], tumors in mice treated with neo VAX regress equivalently to ICT

treated mice.

ICT Broadens Therapeutic Window for Neoantigen Vaccines

We noted changes that were not only shared between treatment conditions, but also

distinct depending upon which treatment strategy was employed. Principle Component

Analysis (PCA) further illustrated that neo VAX induces distinct changes to the immune TME as

compared to anti-CTLA-4 and/or anti-PD-1 **(Figure S12)**. This, together with our findings that

neo VAX induces robust expansion of NeoAg-specific CD8 T cells that produce IFN-γ and appear

functional, yet highly express PD-1/TIM-3/LAG-3 **(Figures 3C, 3D, 4D, 4E, and S7A)**, prompted us

to asked whether neo VAX could synergize with ICT. While neo VAX or ICT led to robust

rejection of Y1.7LI when initiated on d. 7 post-transplant, a majority of tumor bearing mice

displayed tumor outgrowth when treatment with anti-CTLA-4, anti-PD-1, or neo VAX was

initiated on d. 12 post-transplant. We therefore used a d. 12 treatment start timepoint to

assess whether combining neo VAX with anti-CTLA-4 or anti-PD-1 improved efficacy **(Figure 7A)**.

Mice treated with neo VAX in combination with anti-CTLA-4 or anti-PD-1 displayed enhanced

tumor control as compared to control VAX (irrelevant SLP + pI:C) + anti-PD-1 or control VAX +

anti-CTLA-4 **(Figure 7A)**. Further, neo VAX used in combination with anti-CTLA-4 or anti-PD-1

provided superior tumor growth inhibition compared to combination anti-CTLA-4 and anti-PD-1

ICT. To extend our findings to a distinct tumor model, we assessed our vaccine protocol and

combination treatment using the MC38 tumor model, which has several known endogenous

MHC-I tumor NeoAgs[16,64,65]. Since it has been reported that expression of these NeoAgs varies

depending on the source of the MC38 cell line, we previously confirmed in our MC38 line the

presence of point mutations that form NeoAgs (mAdpgk, mRpl18, and mDpagt1)[16,64]. We

assessed combinatorial treatments in MC38 tumor bearing mice by choosing an injection dose

of cells (see Methods) and treatment schedule where monotherapy with anti-CTLA-4, anti-PD-1,

or neo VAX alone is largely ineffective **(Figure 7B)**. PBS, control VAX, or neo VAX was

administered to MC38 tumor bearing mice on d. 12 and 19 post-transplant with or without anti-

CTLA-4 or anti-PD-1 given on d. 12, 15, 18, and 22. Similar to results in the Y1.7LI model, neo

VAX in combination with anti-CTLA-4 or anti-PD-1 provided superior protection versus

monotherapy **(Figure 7B)**. These findings in two distinct models complement ongoing NeoAg

vaccine clinical trials and further support the rationale for combination NeoAg-based therapies.

Discussion

In this study, we compared different immunotherapies that lead to tumor rejection (NeoAg SLP vaccines, anti-CTLA-4, anti-PD-1, anti-CTLA-4 + anti-PD-1, or NeoAg SLP cancer vaccines) and pertinent control treatments where tumor progression occurs using mouse melanoma models expressing defined NeoAgs and melanoma-relevant gain-of-function and loss-of-function genetic perturbations[38]. Although prior studies have examined NeoAg vaccines[60], few (if any) studies have performed extensive comparisons between anti-PD-1, anti-CTLA-4, combination ICT, and NeoAg vaccines in the same robust experimental system. Further, while the focus of most prior studies involving ICT or NeoAg vaccines was on either lymphoid or myeloid cells[21,66], our work has provided insights into both categories of cells and how different immunotherapies differentially affect these cells within the TME. Our treatment schedule and analyses were initially performed so that the NeoAg cancer vaccines or ICT we used lead to complete tumor rejection in a majority of mice; thus, we could compare and contrast the molecular and cellular changes that occur as a consequence of NeoAg vaccines or different forms of ICT and link them to outcomes. We specifically chose to study an SLP NeoAg vaccine as SLP vaccines are highly relevant with many clinical trials employing SLPs usually in combination with the adjuvant polyIC:LC vaccines are being conducted[7,9,67].

The current study makes several key observations. First, NeoAg vaccines and ICT work by several overlapping mechanisms related to the CD8 T cell response, with key differences in the overall magnitude of the response and phenotype of NeoAg-specific CD8 T cells observed. NeoAg vaccines induce the greatest expansion of functional intratumoral NeoAg-specific CD8 T cells including proliferating T cells and PD-1$^+$ TCF-1$^+$ stem-like CD8 T cells and require not only CD8 T cells, but also CD4 T cells for efficacy. However, anti-CTLA-4 and/or anti-PD-1 also increased the

frequency of intratumoral CD8 T cells, including NeoAg-specific CD8 T cells with enhanced

production of IFN-γ. Anti-PD-1 alone, or most dramatically when administered in combination with

anti-CTLA-4 ICT, induced a subset of Bhlhe40[hi] NeoAg-specific CD8 T cells also display high

expression of *Tbx21* and *Ifng*. Additionally, this subset expressed *Ctla4, Cd69,* as well as *Nr4a1*

(Nur77) and *Nr4a3,* which suggest recent activation and/or TCR stimulation due to their known

pattern of rapid and transient expression following T cell stimulation. Interestingly, a recent study

identified Bhlhe40 as modulating a key differentiation point between progenitor and intermediate

subsets of exhausted T cells in an in vitro exhaustion model and chronic LCMV infection[68]. While

some of the features observed with combination ICT were distinct from either anti-CTLA-4 or anti-

PD-1, the decrease in *Tox, Pdcd1, Lag3, Havcr2, Entpd1,* and *Tigit* with combination ICT was also

observed with anti-CTLA-4 ICT, whereas the increased expression of Bhlhe40 within several

NeoAg-specific CD8 T cell subsets was often more akin to the level of increase observed with anti-

PD-1. These findings add to the accumulating evidence that the enhanced anti-tumor activity of

combination anti-CTLA-4 and anti-PD-1 ICT is likely mediated by not only additive effects, but also

through mechanisms distinct from the monotherapies[18,22]. In addition to modulating the CD8 T cell

compartment, ICT notably impacted the CD4 T cell compartment as well. Anti-CTLA-4 reduced the

frequency of Tregs and induced ICOS[+] Th1-like conventional CD4 T cells displaying high expression

of Bhlhe40, a transcription factor that we previously documented regulates T cell effector function

during ICT[20]. Interestingly, subsets of Th1-like CD4 T cells with high expression of Bhlhe40 were

previously found to be enriched in patients with microsatellite instability (MSI) colorectal cancer,

who display favorable outcomes in response to anti-CTLA-4[69-71]. Further, studies in both preclinical

models and human melanoma patients have revealed that anti-CTLA-4 induces ICOS[+] CD4 T cells

expressing IFN-γ[70,72]. Anti-PD-1 also increased the frequency of overall IFN-γ[+] Th1-like CD4 T cells,

but to less of an extent as compared to anti-CTLA-4. Combination anti-CTLA-4 and anti-PD-1 ICT

induced a small, but significant subpopulation of Th2-like CD4 T cells (Cd4$_{Th2}$) expressing *Il4*, *Il13*,

Gata3.

While vaccines targeting MHC-I NeoAgs predominately affected CD8 T cells, we found that

these MHC-I NeoAg vaccines require CD4 T cells for efficacy. In MHC-II positive tumors, cytotoxic

CD4 T cells have been show to directly kill tumor cells[73]; however, even with tumors lacking MHC-II

expression, CD4 T cells are often required for anti-tumor immunity[19,42,74]. The importance of CD4 T

cells may be due to their ability to produce cytokines such as IFN-γ and IL-2 and also likely stems

from their ability to and their ability to be primed by cDC1s presenting tumor antigens and their

CD40-dependent licensing of cDC1s that is critical for priming and activation of CD8 T cells[75,76].

Further, CD4 T cell reprogramming of the myeloid compartment towards IFN-activated, iNOS-

expressing tumoricidal and antigen-presenting phenotypes has also been implicated in tumor

destruction[77,78]. The detailed mechanisms regarding the contribution of CD4 T cells in NeoAg

vaccines targeting MHC-I NeoAgs remains to be fully elucidated by future studies and may entail

multiple functions of CD4 T cells within both the lymph nodes and tumor. Although MHC-II NeoAgs

are critical components of anti-tumor immunity, we specifically chose to utilize an SLP vaccine

against a single MHC-I NeoAg in order to definitively link the MHC-I NeoAg vaccine to specific

defined NeoAgs. Further, since MHC-II NeoAgs are more difficult to predict than MHC-I NeoAgs,

we wanted to study the effects of an MHC-I NeoAg vaccine and whether this NeoAg vaccine

approach in combination with anti-CTLA-4 or anti-PD-1 ICT could provoke rejection of larger,

established tumors. SLPs offer several advantages over short peptides including the ability to

specifically target professional APCs, stability, and the capacity to provoke both CD4 and CD8 T

cells responses[79-81]; however, most immunogenic NeoAgs are either MHC-I or MHC-II NeoAgs,

even when using SLPs. In our study, the SLP NeoAgs (mAlg8 or mLama4) provoked only NeoAg-

specific CD8 T cell responses. Recent work revealed that physically linked MHC-I and MHC-II SLP

vaccines provoked tumor growth inhibition in a preclinical squamous cell tumor model[82].

Determining whether incorporating an MHC-II NeoAg such as mItgb1 or even a shared, non-

mutant antigen will enhance the efficacy of MHC-I NeoAg vaccines in our models is of future

interest.

Beyond the T cell compartment, we noted a more divergent impact of NeoAg vaccines on

the myeloid compartment than ICT. Both ICT and neo VAX increased M1-like iNOS$^+$ macrophages,

while ICT exclusively reduced the frequency of intratumoral CX3CR1$^+$ CD206$^+$ M2-like

macrophages. Although less than in control VAX (irrelevant SLP + pI:C) treated mice, neo VAX

(NeoAg SLP + pI:C) treated mice displayed a greater frequency of CX3CR1$^+$ CD206$^+$ macrophages as

compared to control mAb or ICT treated mice. The detailed mechanisms by which control VAX

and NeoAg vaccines induce CX3CR1$^+$ CD206$^+$ macrophages and the ability of NeoAg vaccines to

provoke tumor regression in an environment that is partially distinct from that exhibited with

ICT is yet to be fully delineated. In MCA sarcoma models, we previously found that intratumoral

macrophage subpopulations displayed the spectrum of activation states ranging from an M2-

like CX3CR1$^+$ CD206$^+$ phenotype in progressively growing tumors to a proinflammatory iNOS$^+$

phenotype in tumors that will reject in response to ICT[18], consistent with findings herein.

Whereas induction of iNOS$^+$ macrophages was dependent upon IFN-γ, ICT-driven depletion of

CX3CR1$^+$ CD206$^+$ macrophages was partially independent of IFN-γ[18]. In our vaccine setting, we

hypothesize that neo VAX comprising MHC-I NeoAg SLP and p:IC favors the induction of T cell-

derived IFN-γ and other signals that drives monocyte polarization to iNOS$^+$ macrophages upon

entering the tumor, but other signals promote expansion or induction of CX3CR1$^+$ CD206$^+$

macrophages as well. These details of these signals are yet unknown but are likely induced by

the pI:C (contained in both the control VAX and neo VAX), which acts as a TLR3 agonist in the

endosome to potently induce a type I IFN response and can also activate RIG-I/MDA-5 in the

cytosol to promote IL-12 production[83,84]. Although we and others use the term "M1-like" and

"M2-like" to describe features that at least partially overlap with M1 or 'classically' activated

and M2 or 'alternatively' activated macrophages, this is an oversimplification due to the

complexity of activation and functional states of intratumoral macrophages[58]. Further, it is also

important to note that although $CX3CR1^+$ $CD206^+$ macrophages display expression patterns

consistent with immunosuppressive macrophages, CD206 alone is not sufficient to distinguish

macrophages as immunosuppressive[59], as we observed CD206 expression on some

macrophages expressing iNOS. Nevertheless, it is tempting to speculate that combining NeoAg

vaccines that maintain or promote $CX3CR1^+$ $CD206^+$ macrophages expressing high levels of

Trem2 with treatments targeting this macrophage population might enhance the efficacy of

NeoAg vaccines.

Lastly, in both the Y1.7LI melanoma model and MC38 model, neo VAX combined with

either anti-CTLA-4 or anti-PD-1 enhanced anti-tumor efficacy. Our rationale for assessing these

combinations resulted from our observation that while some of the changes induced by neo VAX,

as well as by ICT overlapped, distinct alterations were also noted. The unique features of each

immunotherapy therefore prompted us to assess combining anti-CTLA-4 or anti-PD-1 with neo

VAX and comparing efficacy to monotherapy or combination anti-CTLA-4 and anti-PD-1 ICT. We

now find that combining anti-CTLA-4 or anti-PD-1 with neo VAX leads to better anti-tumor immune

responses than even combination anti-CTLA-4 and anti-PD-1. While up to 20-30% of patients

treated with anti-CTLA-4 or anti-PD-1 may experience durable cancer control, ~50% of

metastatic melanoma patients treated with the combination of anti-CTLA-4 plus anti-PD-1

experience durable cancer control; however, immune related adverse events remain a

problem[85,86]. As NeoAg vaccines have demonstrated favorable safety profiles thus far,

combining NeoAg vaccines with single agent ICT may yield robust anti-tumor immunity with less

toxicity than anti-CTLA-4 and anti-PD-1 combination ICT. While we find that anti-CTLA-4 or anti-

PD-1 can synergize with neo VAX in different tumor models when we give the first NeoAg

vaccine and ICT mAb at the same time, the timing of treatment may impact the response in

different settings, as it has been shown that blockade of PD-1 in sub-primed CD8 T cells

provokes PD-1$^+$ CD38$^+$ T cells that contribute to resistance to anti-PD-1 in other models and

vaccine settings[87]. Although our approach of targeting a single NeoAg has revealed important

insights, it is likely that targeting multiple NeoAgs and possibly even shared, non-mutant antigens

will be required in patients due to tumor heterogeneity and therapy induced-immunoediting, with

at least some of the antigens targeted by the vaccine needing to be clonal NeoAgs[88,89].

This study provides key insights into the transcriptional, molecular, and functional

changes that occur within major immune cell populations within the TME following different

forms of cancer immunotherapy and compliments ongoing human clinical studies of NeoAg

vaccines. Although we did not fully elaborate on every specific immune cell population we

profiled, our analyses were designed to interrogate the entire immune TME, and thus our study

should additionally provide an important resource. Therefore, the myeloid and lymphoid cell

subsets and potential biomarkers we have described herein should inform the development of

improved personalized NeoAg vaccines and combinatorial therapies in human patients.

    STAR⬚Methods

    Key resources Table S1

Mice

All mice used were on a C57BL/6 background. WT C57BL/6J mice were purchased from Jackson

Labs. All *in vivo* experiments used 8- to 12-week-old male or female mice (to match the sex and

strain of the tumors). All mice were housed in a specific pathogen-free animal facility. All animal

studies were performed in accordance with, and with the approval of the Institutional Animal

Care and Use Committee (IACUC) of The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

(Houston, TX).

Plasmids

Gene blocks for mAlg8, mItgb1, or mLama4 were purchased from Integrated DNA Technologies.

Minigene constructs were cloned into the BglII site of pMSCV-IRES GFP (mAlg8 and mItgb1) or

pMSCV (mLama4 and mItgb1) using the Gibson Assembly method (New England Biolabs). To

generate neoantigen-expressing Y1.7 melanoma cell lines, constructs were transiently

transfected into Phoenix Eco cells using Fugene (Promega). After 48 hours, viral

supernatants were filtered and subsequently used for transfection of Y1.7 melanoma cell line.

Y1.7 mLama4 $^{MHC-I}$.mItgb1 $^{MHC-II}$ (Y1.7LI) and Y1.7 mAlg8 $^{MHC-I}$.mItgb1 $^{MHC-II}$ (Y1.7AI) were sorted

based on GFP positivity and clones were verified for neoantigen expression.

Tumor cell lines

The *Braf^{V600E} Cdkn2a$^{-/-}$ Pten$^{-/-}$* YUMM1.7 parental line was originally generated in a male GEMM

on the C57BL/6 background as described[38]. Parental YUMM1.7 was purchased from ATCC (CRL-

3362) and was modified to generate NeoAg-expressing Y1.7 lines. The MC38 line was obtained

from B. Schreiber (Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine). All tumor cell lines

were found to be free of common mouse pathogens and Mycoplasma as assessed by IDEXX

IMPACT I mouse pathogen testing [PCR evaluation for: Corynebacterium bovis,

Corynebacterium sp. (HAC2), Ectromelia, EDIM, Hantaan, K virus, LCMV, LDEV, MAV1, MAV2,

mCMV, MHV, MNV, MPV, MTV, MVM, Mycoplasma pulmonis, Mycoplasma sp., Polyoma, PVM,

REO3, Sendai, TMEV]. Tumor cell lines from the same cryopreserved stocks that were used in

this study tested negative for Mycoplasma and were authenticated and found to be free of

non-mouse cells as assessed by mouse cell STR profiling (IDEXX CellCheck mouse 19 plus

Mycoplasma spp. testing).

Tumor transplantation

The $Braf^{V600E}$ $Cdkn2a^{-/-}$ $Pten^{-/-}$ YUMM1.7 parental melanoma line, Y1.7LI or Y1.7AI melanoma line,

and the MC38 colorectal cancer line cells were propagated in R-10 plus BME media [RPMI media

(HyClone) supplemented with 1% l-glutamine, 1% penicillin–streptomycin, 1% sodium pyruvate,

0.5% sodium bicarbonate, 0.1% 2-mercaptoethanol, and 10% heat-inactivated fetal calf serum

(FCS) (HyClone) upon thawing, tumor lines were passaged 3 to 6 times before experimental use.

Prior to injection, cells were washed extensively, resuspended at a concentration of 0.5×10^6 cells

(for YUMM1.7, Y1.7LI, and Y1.7AI) or 1.5×10^6 cells (for MC38) in 150 μL of endotoxin-free PBS

and 150 μL was injected subcutaneously into the flanks of recipient mice. Tumor cells were >90%

viable at the time of injection as assessed by Trypan blue exclusion. Tumor growth was quantified

by caliper measurements and expressed as the average of two perpendicular diameters. Lack of

survival was defined as mouse death or mean tumor diameter size of 15 mm.

Tumor rechallenge

For tumor rechallenge, mice that rejected primary tumors after treatment with anti-CTLA-4, anti-

PD-1, anti-CTLA-4 + anti-PD-1, or NeoAg vaccines were then rechallenged with same number of

cells used in primary challenge with either the same tumor line used in the primary tumor

challenge or a different tumor line as indicated at least 60 days after complete rejection of the

primary tumor.

In vivo **antibody treatments**

For ICT treatment, YUMM1.7 parental, Y1.7LI, or Y1.7AI tumor-bearing mice were treated

intraperitoneally with 200 μg of anti-CTLA-4 and/or anti-PD-1 on d. 3, 6, 9, 12, 18, and 22 or d. 7,

10, 13, 16, 22, and 28; or d. 12, 15, 18, 21, 27 and 33 post-tumor transplant. For controls, mice

were injected with 200 μg of IgG2a isotype control antibodies. MC38 tumor-bearing mice were

treated intraperitoneally with 200 μg of anti-CTLA-4 and/or anti-PD-1 on d. 12, 15, 18, and 22 post-

transplant. For antibody depletion studies, 250 μg of control mAb, anti-CD4, or anti-CD8a was

injected intraperitoneally into mice at d. −1 and every 7 days thereafter until day 20. CD4 and CD8

depletion was verified by flow cytometry analysis of surface-stained peripheral blood monocytes

(PBMC) and intratumoral immune cells. For *in vivo* experiments, "*In vivo* Platinum"-grade

antibodies that were verified to be free of mouse pathogens (IDEXX IMPACT I mouse pathogen

testing) were purchased from Leinco Technologies: anti-PD-1 (rat IgG2a clone RMP1–14), anti-

CTLA-4 (murine IgG2b clone 9D9), anti-CD4 (rat IgG2b clone GK1.5), anti-CD8a (rat IgG2b clone

YTS169.4), and isotype controls (rat IgG2a clone 1–1, mouse IgG2a clone OKT3, or rat IgG2b clone

1–2).

Peptides

Mutant Lama4 8-mer (<u>V</u>GFNFRTL), mutant Lama4 SLP (QKISFFDGFE<u>V</u>GFNFRTLQPNGLLFYYT),

mutant Adpgk SLP (HLELASMTN<u>M</u>ELMSSIVHQ), mutant Rpl18 SLP (KAGGKILTFD<u>R</u>LALESPK), mutant

Dpagt1 SLP (EAGQSLVISASIIVFNL<u>L</u>ELEGDYR), mutant Alg8 8-mer (ITY<u>T</u>WTRL), OVA-I$_{257-264}$

(SIINFEKL), mutant Itgb1 SLP (DDCWFYFTYSVNGY<u>NE</u>AIVHVVETPDCP), and OVA-II$_{323-339}$

(ISQAVHAAHAEINEAGR) peptides were custom ordered from Peptide 2.0. All peptides were HPLC

purified to >95% purity.

Vaccination

Y1.7LI or Y1.7AI tumor bearing male mice were vaccinated subcutaneously with 10 µg mLama4 or

mAlg8 synthetic long peptide (SLP) in combination with 50 µg of VacciGrade™ high molecular

weight Polyinosinic-polycytidylic acid (pI:C) (InvivoGen) in a total volume of 150 µL diluted in

endotoxin-free PBS on d. 3, 9, and 15 or d. 7, 13, and 19 or on d. 12, 18, and 24 post tumor

transplant. MC38 tumor bearing female mice were vaccinated subcutaneously with 20 µg of

mAdpgk SLP plus 20 µg of mRpl18 SLP plus 20 µg of mDpagt1 plus 50 µg pI:C adjuvant or control

vaccine composed of 40 µg of irrelevant HPV SLP + 50 µg of pI:C on d. 12 and 19 post-tumor

transplant. For SLP, peptide sequence used for mLama4; QKISFFDGFE<u>VGFNFRTL</u>QPNGLLFYYT

(epitope underlined), for mAlg8; AVG<u>ITYTWTRL</u>YASVLTGSLV (epitope underlined), for mAdpgk;

HLELASMTNMELMSSIVHQ, for mRpl18; KAGGKILTFD*R*LALESPK and for mDpagt1;

EAGQSLVISASIIVFNLLELEGDYR. mLama4 SLP served as a relevant SLP for the Y1.7LI line and an

irrelevant SLP for the Y1.7AI line. mAlg8 served as a relevant SLP for the Y1.7AI line and an

irrelevant SLP for the Y1.7LI tumor.

Tetramers

OVA-I (SIINFEKL)-H-2K^b (irrelevant control tetramer), mutant Alg8-H-2K^b, and mutant Lama4-H-2K^b

tetramers conjugated to PE or APC fluorophores, were obtained from the Baylor College of

Medicine MHC Tetramer Production Facility.

Tumor and spleen harvest

Established tumors were excised from mice, minced, and treated with 1 mg/mL type IA

collagenase (Sigma-Aldrich) in HBSS (Hyclone) for 45 minutes at 37°C. Cells were washed thrice.

Red blood cells were lysed using ACK lysis buffer (Gibco). To remove aggregates and clumps, cells

were passed through a 40-μm strainer. Spleens were harvested, crushed, and vigorously

resuspended to make single-cell suspensions. To remove aggregates and clumps, cells were passed

through a 70-μm strainer and subsequently through a 40-μm strainer.

TIL peptide restimulation

For peptide and PMA/ionomycin T-cell stimulation, cells from tumors, isolated as described above

(see tumor and spleen harvest section), stained, and CD4 and CD8 T cells were sorted. For sorting

CD4 and CD8 T cells, tumor cells were stained for 5 min at room temperature with 500 ng of Fc

block (anti-CD16/32) and then stained with antibodies to CD45, CD3ε, CD4 or CD8α and Zombie

NIR Viability dye in 100 μl of staining buffer. Cells were incubated for 30 minutes at 4°C. Live

CD45$^+$Cd3ε$^+$CD4$^+$ and live CD45$^+$Cd3ε$^+$CD8α$^+$ were then sorted on a BD FACSAria II (BD

Biosciences). Splenocytes harvested from naive mice and 100,000 splenocytes were then pulsed

with 1 μM of various 8- or 9- or 17- or 28-mer peptides or simulated with 10 ng/mL of PMA

(MilliporeSigma) and 1 μg/mL of ionomycin (Fisher) and 100,000 CD4 or CD8 TIL were

subsequently added and incubated at 37 °C. Naive splenocytes added with or without CD4 or CD8

TIL, was included as control. After 1 h, BD GolgiPlug (BD Bioscience) was added in, and cells were

incubated for an additional 5 h at 37 °C.

Tetramer staining

For tetramer staining, cells were stained for 5 min at room temperature with 500 ng of Fc block

(anti-CD16/32). H-2K^b tetramers conjugated to PE (1:50) or APC (1:100) for mutated Alg8, mutated

Lama4, or SIINFEKL were added to cells and incubated for 20 min at 37°C. Tetramer-stained cells

were further stained with surface antibody for anti-CD45, anti-Thy1.2, anti-CD8α, anti-CD4, anti-

PD-1, anti-TIM-3, and anti-LAG-3 antibody for 20 min at 4 °C.

Flow cytometry

For flow cytometry, cells were stained for 5 minutes at room temperature with rat anti-mouse

CD16/32 (mouse BD Fc Block; clone 2.4G2, BD Biosciences) at 1 μg/million cells and then surface

stained with flow antibodies for 20 minutes at 4°C. Surface antibodies were diluted in FACS

staining buffer (PBS with 2% FCS, 2 mmol/L EDTA, and 0.05% NaN3; Sigma). Anti-mouse CD45-

BV605, CD90.2/Thy1.2-PE-Cy7, anti-mouse CD8α-BV786, anti-mouse CD4-BV711, anti-mouse

CD19-BV650, anti-mouse CD20-BV421, anti-mouse CD45R/B220-BBUV395, anti-mouse

Nkp46/CD335-FITC, anti-mouse γδ TCR-PE-Cy7, anti-mouse PD-1-BV421, anti-mouse TIM-3, anti-

mouse LAG-3-PerCP-Cy5.5, anti-mouse CD3ε-APC , anti-mouse CD64-BV421, anti-mouse Ly6G-

Alexa Fluor 700, anti-mouse CX3CR1-FITC, anti-mouse I-A/I-E-BV650, anti-mouse CD103-BV421,

anti-mouse CD24-BV711, anti-mouse CD11c-BV786, anti-mouse CD11b-APC, anti-mouse F4/80-

BUV395, anti-mouse CD64-APC, CD117-FITC, anti-mouse CD11b- PerCP-Cy5.5 , anti-mouse PDCA-

1/BST-2 BV650, anti-mouse CD172a APC, anti-mouse PDL1-PE, anti-mouse FcεRI-PE-Cy7 were

used for surface staining at the indicated dilutions. Zombie NIR Viability dye was added at 1:500

during surface staining.

For intracellular staining, surface-stained cells were fixed and permeabilized with

Fixation/Permeabilization Solution Kit (BD Bioscience). Fixed and permeabilized cells were then

stained with anti-mouse Mrc1 (CD206)-PE-Cy7 and anti-mouse iNOS/NOS2-PE for 30 minutes at

4°C.

For FOXP3 staining, surface-stained cells were fixed and permeabilized using the

eBioscience FOXP3/Transcription Factor Staining Buffer Set. Fixed and permeabilized cells were

then stained with anti-mouse FOXP3-FITC for 30 minutes at 4°C.

For intracellular cytokine staining of lymphocytes, tumor cells were isolated and CD4 and

CD8 T cells were sorted and added to peptide pulsed or PMA+Ionomycin stimulated splenocytes

and incubated at 37°C for 6 hours with GolgiStop (BD Bioscience). Cells were then washed and

stained for 5 minutes at room temperature with Fc block at 1 µg/million cells and then surface

stained for 30 minutes at 4°C, and then fixed and permeabilized with BD Fixation and

Permeabilization Kit. Fixed and permeabilized cells were then stained with anti-mouse IFNγ-APC,

anti-mouse TNF-PE-Cy7 and anti-mouse Granzyme B-PE for 30 minutes at 4°C. All flow cytometry

was performed on an BD Fortessa X-20, BD LSR, BD Fortessa, and analyzed using FlowJo software.

Gating strategy used is depicted in **Figure S13**.

scRNAseq

Antibody hashing

For analysis of NeoAg-specific CD8 T cells, cell and nuclei labeling were performed according to

an adapted BioLegend cell hashing protocol (TotalSeq™-C Antibodies and Cell Hashing with 10x

Single Cell 5' Reagent Kit v1.1 Protocol, BioLegend). Briefly, single cell suspensions of harvested

tumors from treated mice were resuspended in BioLegend Cell Staining Buffer containing Fc

receptor block and stained with mLama4 PE and APC labelled tetramers for 20 min at 37°C.

Tetramer-stained cells from control mAb, control VAX, and neo VAX treatment conditions were

immediately surface stained by adding anti-CD90.2/Thy1.2-PE-Cy7 and anti-CD8a-BV786

antibodies and incubating for 20 min at 4°C. Tetramer-stained samples from anti-CTLA-4, anti-PD-

1, and anti-CTLA-4 plus anti-PD-1 treated groups were incubated with mixture of surface stain

(anti-CD90.2/Thy1.2-PE-Cy7 and anti-CD8a-BV786 antibodies) and barcoded antibodies with

unique hashtags for each treatment condition [anti-CTLA-4: Hashtag 1 Total Seq™-C0301 anti-

mouse Hashtag 1 Antibody; anti-PD-1: Hashtag 2 (Total Seq™-C0302 anti-mouse Hashtag 2

Antibody); anti-CTLA-4 + anti-PD-1 combination: Hashtag 3 (Total Seq™-C0303 anti-mouse Hashtag

3 Antibody)]. Hashtag antibodies were used at a concentration of 1 µg per 2 million cells. Staining

with surface antibodies and hashtag antibodies was done for 30 min at 4°C. Cells were then

washed 3X with BioLegend Cell Staining Buffer. Sorted mLama4 tetramer-specific CD8 T cells

with unique hashtags (anti-CTLA-4, anti-PD-1, and anti-CTLA-4 + anti-PD-1 samples) were pooled

for single-cell library generation and CITE-seq (cellular indexing of transcriptomes and epitopes

by sequencing) through multiplexing. Separate libraries were generated for control mAb, control

VAX, and neo VAX samples and, thus, these were not multiplexed.

scRNAseq library generation

Droplet-based 5▯ end massively parallel scRNAseq was performed by encapsulating sorted live

CD45$^+$ tumor-infiltrating cells into droplets and libraries were prepared using Chromium Next GEM

Single-cell 5▯ Reagent Kit v2 (10x Genomics) according to manufacturer's protocol. The generated

scRNAseq libraries were sequenced using an Illumina NovaSeq 6000 S2 flow cell.

scRNAseq alignment, barcode assignment, and unique molecular identifier counting

The Cell Ranger Single-Cell Software Suite available at https://support.10xgenomics.com/single-

cell-gene-expression/software/overview/welcome was used to perform sample demultiplexing,

barcode processing, and single-cell 5▯ counting. Cellranger mkfastq was used to demultiplex raw

base call files from the NovaSeq6000 sequencer, into sample-specific fastq files. Files were

demultiplexed with 81.9% to 97.1% perfect barcode match, and 90%+ q30 reads. Afterward, fastq

files for each sample were processed with Cellranger count, which was used to align samples to

mm10 genome, filtered, and quantified. For each sample, the recovered cells' parameter was

specified as 10,000 cells that we expected to recover for each individual library.

Preprocessing analysis with Seurat package

The Seurat pipeline was applied to each dataset following tutorial specifications from

https://satijalab.org/seurat/articles/archive; version 3.2 and https://hbctraining.github.io/scRNA-

seq_online/. Data from all groups were merged into a single Seurat object, and integration was

performed using the reciprocal principal component analysis (PCA) workflow to identify

integration anchors. After integration, genes that were expressed in fewer than 3 cells and cells

that contained fewer than 500 transcripts (unique molecular identifiers; UMI) were excluded. Cells

with more than 10%) of mitochondrial transcripts were also excluded from analysis. The cutoffs

used were set based on the characteristics of the cell population in each dataset. Data were

normalized using LogNormalize method (counts for each cell divided by the total counts for that

cell, multiplied by the scale factor of 10^4 and natural-log transformed using log1p). PCA was

performed on about 4,000 genes with PCA function. A uniform manifold approximation and

projection (UMAP) dimensional reduction was performed on the scaled matrix (with most variable

genes only) using the first 30 PCA components to obtain a two-dimensional representation of the

cell states. For clustering, we used the function FindClusters that implements SNN (shared nearest

neighbor) modularity optimization–based clustering algorithm on 30 PCA components, leading to

33 clusters.

Identification of cluster-specific genes and marker-based classification

To identify marker genes, the FindAllMarkers function was used with likelihood-ratio test for

single-cell gene expression. To characterize clusters, we used ImmGen database. For heatmap

representation, mean expression of markers inside each cluster was used. To compare gene

expression for the clusters inside cohorts (e.g., T cells, macrophages) we used FindMarkers

function to calculate average log2 fold change and identify differentially expressed genes between

each pair of experimental conditions using a Wilcoxon rank-sum test for calculating P values and

Bonferroni correction for Padj values.

T cell population analysis

To gain more insights into different immunotherapies-induced T cells remodeling in the TME, we

subclustered activated T cells (excluding quiescent T cell clusters 10 and 12). Identification of most

variable genes, PCA, UMAP, clustering, and marker selection analysis were performed as described

above.

Gene set enrichment analysis (GSEA)

To identify if MSigDB hallmark gene sets are up-regulated or down-regulated between clusters

and treatments, we performed gene set enrichment analysis. Fold-changes of gene expression

between comparisons were calculated using Seurat R package v.4.3.0.1, and normalized

enrichment scores as well as p-values of given gene sets were then estimated using the gage R

package v.2.46.1.

Pseudo time trajectory analysis

To determine the potential lineage differentiation within CD4 T cell subpopulations, we used the

Monocle3 R package to construct CD4 differentiation trajectories after specifying the

corresponding cells as root nodes. Subsequently, graph test was used to find the pseudo time

trajectory difference genes, and the obtained genes were used to plot the heat map.

Statistical analysis

Samples were compared using an unpaired, two-tailed Student t test, two-way ANOVA, or log-rank

(Mantel–Cox) test unless specified otherwise.

Data and software availability

Data files for the sequencing data reported in this article will be deposited in the Gene Expression

Omnibus (GEO) database and made publicly available at the time of publication. Software used in

this study is available online: current version of Cell Ranger: https://support.10xgenomics.com/

single-cell-gene-expression/software/downloads/latest; Seurat 4.0: https://satijalab.org/seurat/;

ggplot2 3.3.3: https://ggplot2.tidy verse.org/index.html; and ImmGen: https://www.immgen.org.

All other data generated in this study are available within the article and its Supplementary Data

files, will be provided upon request at the time of publication, and/or will made publicly available

at the time of publication via deposition in appropriate databases.

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Figure Legends:

Figure 1. Therapeutic NeoAg Vaccines or ICT Inhibit Tumor Growth in Mice Bearing NeoAg-Expressing *Braf*[V600E] *Pten*[-/-] *Cdkn2a*[-/-] **Melanoma.** (**A**) Tumor growth and percent tumor rejection in WT C57BL/6J mice transplanted with Y1.7 mA[MHC-I].mI[MHC-II] (Y1.7AI) and Y1.7 mL[MHC-I].mI[MHC-II] (Y1.7LI) melanoma cells and treated with control mAb or anti-CTLA-4 immune checkpoint therapy (ICT) starting on d. 3 post tumor-transplant, and subsequently on d. 6, 9, 12, 18, 24. (**B**) Tumor growth, cumulative mouse survival, and percent tumor rejection in WT C57BL/6J mice transplanted with Y1.7AI and Y1.7LI melanoma cells and treated with mAlg8 or mLama4 NeoAg synthetic long peptide (SLP) plus poly I:C (pI:C) vaccines or pI:C alone starting on d. 3 post tumor-transplant and given every 6 days for total 3 doses. (**C**) Representative graphs displaying mAlg8 or mLama4 tetramer-specific CD8 T cells in Y1.7AI and Y1.7LI tumors treated with control mAb, anti-CTLA-4, pI:C, mAlg8 SLP + pI:C NeoAg vaccine (for Y1.7AI) or mLama4 SLP + pI:C NeoAg vaccine (for Y1.7LI) as in **A** and **B** and harvested on d. 16 post-tumor transplant. mAlg8-H2-K[b], mLama4-H2-K[b], or SIINFEKL-H2-K[b] (irrelevant control) tetramers were labeled with PE and APC. Dot plots are gated on live CD45[+] Thy1.2[+] CD8 T cells. (**D**) Tumor growth, cumulative mouse survival, and percent tumor rejection in WT C57BL/6J mice transplanted with Y1.7LI melanoma cells and treated with control mAb, anti-CTLA-4, anti-PD-1, anti-CTLA-4 + anti-PD-1, irrelevant (for Y1.7LI) mAlg8 SLP + pI:C (Control VAX), or relevant mLama4 SLP + pI:C (neo VAX) starting on d. 7 post tumor-transplant, and subsequently on d. 10, 13, 16, 22, 28 for ICT and d. 13, 19 for NeoAg vaccines. Tumor growth data in (**A**), (**B**), and (**D**) are presented as individual mouse tumor growth as mean tumor diameter and are representative of (**A**) five, (**B**) three, or (**D**) four independent experiments. Tumor rejection graphs display cumulative percentage of mice with complete tumor rejection from independent experiments. Cumulative survival curves and tumor rejection graphs include mice from three independent experiments (**P < 0.01*, ***P < 0.001*, log-rank (Mantel–Cox) test). Bar graphs in (**C**), display mean ± SEM and are representative of at least three independent experiments (*P < 0.05, **P < 0.01, ***P < 0.005*, NS, not significant; unpaired, two-tailed Student's *t* test).

Figure 2. scRNAseq of Intratumoral Immune Cells from Y1.7LI Tumor Bearing Mice Treated with NeoAg Vaccines or ICT. (**A**) WT C57BL/6J mice were injected with Y1.7LI melanoma cells and subsequently treated beginning on d. 7 with control mAb, anti-CTLA-4, anti-PD-1, anti-CTLA-4 + anti-PD-1, irrelevant (for Y1.7LI) mAlg8 SLP + pI:C (Control VAX), or relevant mLama4 SLP + pI:C (neo VAX) and harvested on d. 15 post-tumor transplant. Intratumoral live CD45[+] cells were sorted and analyzed by scRNAseq. (**B**) UMAP plot from scRNAseq of intratumoral CD45[+] cells. Cell types were annotated based on lineage marker expression. (**C**) Feature plot showing lineage-specific transcripts defining lymphoid and myeloid cell types. (**D**) Feature plots displaying subclustering of activated T cell containing clusters and subclustered T cell/ILC cluster annotations (middle plot) and *Cd4* and *Cd8* expression (bottom plot). (**E**) Table showing select genes describing each CD8 and CD4 T cell cluster. (**F**) Gene set enrichment analysis (GSEA) displaying significantly enriched gene sets in cluster Cd4/8$_{Cycling}$. (**G**) Proliferating T cells in cluster Cd4/8$_{Cycling}$ by treatment condition represented as percentage of subclustered T cells. (**H**) Dot plot depicting expression level and percent of cells expressing *Foxp3*, *Cd4*, *Cd8*, *Ifng* in Cd4/8$_{Cycling}$ by treatment condition. (**I**) Percentage of Foxp3[+] CD4 Tregs, conventional CD4 T cells, or CD8 T cells in Cd4/8$_{Cycling}$ by treatment condition. (**J**) Graph displaying CD8 T cells from cluster Cd4/8$_{Cycling}$ represented as percentage of total subclustered T cells. (**K**) Graph displaying CD4 T cells from cluster Cd4/8$_{Cycling}$ represented as percentage of total subclustered T cells.

Figure 3. scRNAseq Profiling of mLama4 NeoAg-Specific CD8 T cells from Y1.7LI Tumor Bearing Mice Treated with NeoAg Vaccines or ICT. (**A**) WT C57BL/6J mice were injected with Y1.7LI melanoma cells and subsequently treated beginning on d. 7 with control mAb, anti-CTLA-4, anti-PD-1, anti-CTLA-4 + anti-PD-1, irrelevant (for Y1.7LI) mAlg8 SLP + pI:C (Control VAX), or relevant mLama4 SLP + pI:C (neo VAX) and harvested on d. 15 post-tumor transplant. single cell suspensions of harvested tumors from treated mice were stained with SIINFEKL or mLama4 PE and APC labelled tetramers and surface stained with flow antibodies. (**B**) Graph displaying CD8 T cells as a percentage of intratumoral live CD45$^+$ cells in Y1.7LI tumors treated with control mAb, anti-CTLA-4, anti-PD-1, anti-CTLA-4 + anti-PD-1, irrelevant (for Y1.7LI) mAlg8 SLP + pI:C (Control VAX), or relevant mLama4 SLP + pI:C (neo VAX) and harvested on d. 15 post-tumor transplant. Graph displaying, (**C**) mLama4 tetramer-specific CD8 T cells and (**D**) mLama4 tetramer-specific CD45+ cells in Y1.7LI tumors treated with control mAb, anti-CTLA-4, anti-PD-1, anti-CTLA-4 + anti-PD-1, irrelevant (for Y1.7LI) mAlg8 SLP + pI:C (Control VAX), or relevant mLama4 SLP + pI:C (neo VAX) and harvested on d. 15 post-tumor transplant. mLama4-H2-K^b or SIINFEKL-H2-K^b (irrelevant control) tetramers were labeled with PE and APC. (**E**) WT C57BL/6J mice were injected with Y1.7LI melanoma cells and subsequently treated beginning on d. 7 with control mAb, anti-CTLA-4, anti-PD-1, anti-CTLA-4 + anti-PD-1, irrelevant (for Y1.7LI) mAlg8 SLP + pI:C (Control VAX), or relevant mLama4 SLP + pI:C (neo VAX) and harvested on d. 15 post-tumor transplant. Sorted mLama4 tetramer positive CD8 T cells were analyzed by scRNAseq. (**F**) UMAP plot from scRNAseq of mLama4 NeoAg-specific CD8 T cells. Cell types were annotated based on transcriptional activation states of NeoAg-specific CD8 T cells. (**G**) Feature plots displaying expression of select subtype or functional state defining genes. (**H**) Violin plots denoting expression level of select genes per neoAg-specific CD8 T cell. (**I**) Table showing select genes describing each NeoAg-specific CD8 T cells cluster.

Figure 4. NeoAg Vaccines Promote Cycling and PD-1$^+$ TCF-7$^+$ Stem-Like NeoAg-Specific CD8 T Cells and Anti-CTLA-4 and/or Anti-PD-1 ICT Induce Distinct Effects on NeoAg-Specific CD8 T Cells. (**A**) Heat map displaying normalized expression of select genes in each NeoAg-specific CD8 T cell cluster by treatment condition. (**B**) Bar graphs displaying mLama4 NeoAg-specific CD8 T cells within each cluster by treatment condition. (**C**) The frequency of total mLama4 NeoAg-specific CD8 T cells within the combined 5 cycling clusters by treatment condition. (**D**) Representative flow cytometry plots displaying PD-1$^+$ and/or TIM-3$^+$/LAG-3$^+$ after gating on mLama4 tetramer positive CD8 T cells and graphs displaying percent of PD-1$^+$ TIM-3$^+$/LAG-3$^+$ or expression level of PD-1, TIM-3, or LAG-3 on PD-1$^+$, TIM-3$^+$, or LAG-3$^+$ mLama4-specific CD8 T cells in Y1.7LI tumors treated with control mAb, anti-CTLA-4, anti-PD-1, anti-CTLA-4 + anti-PD-1, Control VAX, or neo VAX and harvested on d. 15 post-tumor transplant. Graph displaying (**E**) IFNγ^+ mLama4-specific CD8 T cells and (**F**) TNFα^+ mLama4-specific CD8 T cells assessed by intracellular cytokine staining of CD8 T cells isolated from Y1.7LI tumors under different treatment conditions and harvested on d. 15 post-tumor transplant. Bar graphs in (**D**), (**E**), and (**F**) display mean ± SEM and are representative of at least three independent experiments (*$P < 0.05$, **$P < 0.01$, ***$P < 0.005$, **** $P < 0.0001$; NS, not significant, unpaired t test).

Figure 5. Anti-CTLA-4 Induces an ICOS[+] Bhlhe40[+] Th1-Like Subpopulation of CD4 T Cells and when Combined with Anti-PD-1, a Small Th2-Like Subpopulation. (**A**) Heat map displaying normalized expression of select genes in each CD4 T cell cluster. (**B**) Bar graphs depicting frequency of CD4 T cells within each cluster by treatment condition. (**C**) Graph displaying CD4 T cells as a percentage of intratumoral live CD45[+] cells as determined by flow cytometry in Y1.7LI tumors under different treatment conditions and harvested on d. 15 post-tumor transplant. (**D**) Graph displaying IFNγ[+] CD4 T cells as assessed by intracellular cytokine staining on CD4 T cells isolated from Y1.7LI tumors under different treatment conditions and harvested on d. 15 post-tumor transplant. (**E**) Monocle 3-Guided Cell Trajectory of CD4 T Cell Clusters. UMAP plot displaying exclusively CD4 T cell-containing clusters (left) of all experimental conditions, CD4 T cell trajectory graph overlaid on UMAP (middle) where the origin of the inferred pseudotime is indicated by the red arrow and assigned with pseudotime score 0, and geodesic distances and pseudotime score among other CD4 T cells are calculated from there based on transcripts associated cell states. CD4 T cell clusters overlaid on Monocle3 pseudotime plot (right). Bar graphs in (**C**) and (**D**) display mean ± SEM and are representative of at least three independent experiments (*$P < 0.05$, **$P < 0.01$, ***$P < 0.005$, ****$P < 0.0001$, NS, not significant, unpaired t test).

Figure 6. NeoAg Vaccines Promote Partially Distinct Macrophage Remodeling from ICT. (**A**) UMAP displaying sub-clustering of select myeloid clusters from CD45[+] scRNAseq analysis (See Figure 2A). (**B**) Heatmap displaying normalized expression of select genes in each monocyte/macrophage cluster by treatment condition. (**C**) Percent monocytes/macrophages in each cluster by condition and treatment represented as percent of live CD45[+] cells. (**D**) Violin plots denoting expression level of *Cx3cr1* transcript per cell in each monocyte/macrophage cluster by treatment condition. (**E**) scRNAseq dot plot depicting expression level/percent of cells expressing *Mrc1* and *Cx3cr1* within all monocytes/macrophages clusters by treatment condition. (**F**) Representative flow cytometry plots and graph displaying CX3CR1[+]CD206[+] macrophages in Y1.7LI tumors under different treatment conditions and harvested on d. 15 post-tumor transplant. (**G**) Violin plots denoting expression level of *Nos2* (iNOS) transcript per cell in each monocyte/macrophage cluster by treatment condition. (**H**) Representative flow cytometry plots and graph displaying iNOS[+] macrophages in Y1.7LI tumors under different treatment conditions and harvested on d. 15 post-tumor transplant. For flow cytometry analysis in (**F**) and (**H**), dot plot displaying CX3CR1[+]CD206[+] and iNOS[+] macrophages are gated on macrophages using a gating strategy previously described (39). Bar graphs in (**F**) and (**H**) display mean ± SEM and are representative of at least three independent experiments (**$P < 0.01$, ****$P < 0.0001$, NS, not significant, unpaired *t* test).

Figure 7. NeoAg Vaccines Broaden the Therapeutic Window for Anti-CTLA-4 or Anti-PD-1 ICT when Used in Combination Against Y1.7LI and MC38 Tumors. (A) Tumor growth and cumulative survival of WT C57BL/6J mice transplanted with Y1.7LI melanoma cells on d. 0 and treated beginning on d. 12 with different monotherapies: control mAb, anti-CTLA-4, anti-PD-1, irrelevant SLP + pI:C (Control VAX), or relevant mLama4 SLP + pI:C (neo VAX); or combination therapies: anti-CTLA-4 + anti-PD-1 combination ICT, anti-CTLA-4 + control VAX, anti-CTLA-4 + neo VAX, anti-PD-1 + control VAX, or anti-PD-1 + neo VAX. **(B)** Tumor growth and cumulative survival of WT C57BL/6J mice transplanted with MC38 cells on d. 0 and treated beginning on d. 12 with different monotherapies: control mAb, anti-CTLA-4, anti-PD-1, irrelevant HPV SLP + pI:C (Control VAX), or relevant mAdpgk SLP + mRpl18 SLP + mDpagt1 SLP + pI:C (neo VAX); or combination therapies: anti-CTLA-4 + anti-PD-1 combination ICT, anti-CTLA-4 + control VAX, anti-CTLA-4 + neo VAX, anti-PD-1 + control VAX, or anti-PD-1 + neo VAX. Tumor growth data in **(A)** and **(B)** are presented as individual mouse tumor growth as mean tumor diameter with fraction indicating # of mice rejecting tumor/# of mice used in experiment and are representative of three independent experiments. Cumulative survival curves in **(A)** and **(B)** include mice from three independent experiments (*P < 0.01, **P < 0.05, ***P < 0.001*, log-rank (Mantel–Cox) test).

Figure Legends for Supplementary Figures:

Supplementary Figure 1. NeoAg Vaccines and ICT Induces Long-Term Tumor Protection in Y1.7AI and Y1.7LI Melanoma Models. (A) Depiction of minigene NeoAgs used to express NeoAgs in the parental $Braf^{V600E}$ $Pten^{-/-}$ $Cdkn2a^{-/-}$ YUMM1.7 melanoma line. mLama4 or mAlg8 and mItgb1 NeoAgs were separated by 2A peptides that induce ribosomal skipping during translation. **(B)** Tumor growth in WT C57BL/6J mice transplanted with parental $Braf^{V600E}$ $Pten^{-/-}$ $Cdkn2a^{-/-}$ YUMM1.7 melanoma cells and treated with control mAb, anti-CTLA-4, anti-PD-1 or anti-CTLA4 + anti-PD-1 combination immune checkpoint therapy (ICT) on d. 3, 6, 9, 12, 18, 24 post tumor-transplant. **(C)** WT C57BL/6J mice were transplanted with Y1.7 mA^{MHC-I}.mI^{MHC-II} (Y1.7AI) and Y1.7 mL^{MHC-I}.mI^{MHC-II} (Y1.7LI) melanoma cells and treated with control mAb or anti-CTLA-4 on d. 3, 6, 9, 12, 18, 24 or mAlg8 NeoAg (relevant for Y1.7AI) synthetic long peptide (SLP) + poly I:C (pI:C) or mLama4 NeoAg (relevant for Y1.7LI) synthetic long peptide (SLP) + pI:C on d. 3, 9, 15. mice were rechallenged with same tumor used for initial tumor challenge at least 60 days post-rejection of primary tumor. Naïve WT C57BL/6J mice transplanted with Y1.7AI or Y1.7LI tumor without any treatment was included as control indicating cell line preps used in rechallenge experiments were capable of tumor formation. **(D)** WT C57BL/6J mice were transplanted with Y1.7LI melanoma cells and treated with anti-CTLA-4 ICT on d. 3, 6, 9, 12, 18, 24 or with mLama4 NeoAg SLP + pI:C on d. 3, 9, 15. Mice were rechallenged with either with same tumor used for initial tumor challenge (Y1.7LI) or parental $Braf^{V600E}$ $Pten^{-/-}$ $Cdkn2a^{-/-}$ YUMM1.7 at least 60 days post-rejection of primary tumor. Naïve WT C57Bl6J mice transplanted with either Y1.7 LI or parental $Braf^{V600E}$ $Pten^{-/-}$ $Cdkn2a^{-/-}$ YUMM1.7 without any treatment was included as control indicating cell line preps used in rechallenge experiments were capable of tumor formation. **(E)** Representative flow cytometry plots displaying mAlg8 or mLama4 tetramer-specific CD8 T cells in Y1.7AI and Y1.7LI tumors treated with control mAb, anti-CTLA-4, pI:C, mAlg8 SLP + pI:C NeoAg vaccine (for Y1.7AI) or mLama4 SLP + pI:C NeoAg vaccine (for Y1.7LI) and harvested on d. 16 post-tumor transplant. mAlg8-H2-K^b, mLama4-H2-K^b, or SIINFEKL-H2-K^b (irrelevant control) tetramers were labeled with PE and APC. Dot plots are gated on live CD45$^+$ Thy1.2$^+$ CD8 T cells. **(F)** Co-expression of PD-1 and TIM-3 on mAlg8- or mLama4-specific CD8 T cells in Y1.7AI and Y1.7LI tumors treated with control mAb, anti-CTLA-4, pI:C, mAlg8 SLP + pI:C NeoAg vaccine (for Y1.7AI), or mLama4 SLP + pI:C NeoAg vaccine (for Y1.7LI). Tumor growth data in **(B)**, **(C)** and **(D)** are presented as individual mouse tumor growth as mean tumor diameter and are representative of three independent experiments.

Supplementary Figure 2. NeoAg Vaccines and ICT Induce Long-Term Tumor Protection in Y1.7LI Melanoma Models in a T Cell-Dependent Manner. (A) Y1.7LI tumor growth in WT C57BL/6J mice treated with control mAb, anti-CD4 or anti-CD8α mAbs on d. -1, 6, 13, 20 and anti-CTLA-4 or anti-PD-1 on d. 7, 10, 13, 16, 22, 28 or Irrelevant mAlg8 SLP + pI:C (Control VAX) or relevant mLama4 SLP + pI:C (neo VAX) on d. 7, 13, 19. **(B)** WT C57BL/6J mice transplanted with Y1.7LI melanoma cells and treated with control mAb, anti-CTLA-4, anti-PD-1, anti-CTLA-4 + anti-PD-1, irrelevant (for Y1.7LI) mAlg8 SLP + pI:C (Control VAX), or relevant mLama4 SLP + pI:C (neo VAX) starting on d. 7 post tumor-transplant, and subsequently on d. 10, 13, 16, 22, 28 for ICT and d. 13, 19 for NeoAg vaccines. Following post 60 days of primary tumor injection, mice were rechallenged with tumor used for initial tumor challenge. Naïve WT C57BL/6J mice transplanted with Y1.7 LI tumor without any treatment was included as control indicating cell line preps used in rechallenge experiments were capable

of tumor formation. Tumor growth data in **(A)** and **(B)** are presented as individual mouse tumor growth as mean tumor diameter and are representative of three independent experiments.

Supplementary Figure 3. scRNAseq Analysis of NeoAg Vaccines or ICT Induced Intratumoral Lymphoid and Myeloid Remodeling. (A) Graph of flow cytometry data displaying intratumoral lymphoid and myeloid cells as a percentage of intratumoral live or live CD45$^+$ cells in Y1.7LI tumors treated with control mAb, anti-CTLA-4, anti-PD-1, anti-CTLA-4 + anti-PD-1, irrelevant (for Y1.7LI) mAlg8 SLP + pI:C (Control VAX), or relevant mLama4 SLP + pI:C (neo VAX) beginning on d. 7 post-tumor transplant and harvested on d. 15. **(B)** Dot plot depicting expression level and percent of cells expressing *Foxp3*, *Ctla4*, *Icos, Tigit, Havcr2, Klrg1, Gzmb* and graph displaying frequency of regulatory T cell (Treg) clusters by treatment condition. **(C)** Graph displaying mixed T cell clusters represented as percentage of total subclustered T cells; GSEA displaying significantly enriched gene sets; and percentage of Foxp3$^+$ CD4 Tregs, conventional CD4 T cells, or CD8 T cells in clusters T_1, T_2; and T_3 by treatment condition. **(D)** Graph displaying γδ T cell clusters represented as percentage of total subclustered T cells by treatment condition. **(E)** Graph displaying ILC clusters represented as percentage of total subclustered T cells by treatment condition. Bar graphs in **(A)** display mean ± SEM and are representative of at least three independent experiments (*$P < 0.05$, **$P < 0.01$, ***$P < 0.005$, ****$P < 0.0001$, NS, not significant, unpaired t test).

Supplemental Figure 4. Heatmap displaying normalized expression per cell of top 10 cluster-defining genes for each T cell/ILC Cluster (see Figure 2D).

Supplemental Figure 5. Heatmap displaying normalized expression of select genes in each T cell/ILC cluster by treatment condition.

Supplemental Figure 6. scRNAseq Analysis of Bulk CD8 T cells from Y1.7LI Tumor Bearing Mice Treated with NeoAg Vaccines or ICT. (A) Heat map displaying normalized expression of select genes in each bulk CD8 T cell clusters (see Figure 2A and 2D). **(B-F)** scRNAseq dot plot depicting expression level/percent of cells expressing select transcripts, GSEA displaying significantly enriched gene sets, and bar graphs depicting frequency of bulk CD8 T cells within each cluster by treatment condition.

Supplemental Figure 7. scRNAseq and Flow Cytometry Profiling of mLama4 NeoAg-Specific CD8 T cells from Y1.7LI Tumor Bearing Mice Treated with NeoAg Vaccines or ICT. (A) Representative flow cytometry plots displaying mLama4 tetramer-specific CD8 T cells in Y1.7LI tumors treated with control mAb, anti-CTLA-4, anti-PD-1, anti-CTLA-4 + anti-PD-1, irrelevant (for Y1.7LI) mAlg8 SLP + pI:C (Control VAX), or relevant mLama4 SLP + pI:C (neo VAX) and harvested on d. 15 post-tumor transplant. mLama4-H2-K^b or SIINFEKL-H2-K^b (irrelevant control) tetramers were labeled with PE and APC. Dot plots are gated on live CD45$^+$ Thy1.2$^+$ CD8 T cells. **(B)** Heatmap displaying normalized expression of select genes in each NeoAg-specific CD8 T cell clusters (see Figure 3E). **(C)** scRNAseq dot plot depicting expression level/percent of cells expressing select transcripts within each cluster by treatment condition.

Supplemental Figure 8. Heatmap displaying normalized expression per cell of top 10 cluster-defining genes for each NeoAg-specific CD8 T cells cluster (see Figure 3E).

Supplemental Figure 9. scRNAseq Profiling od CD4 T cells indicates Anti-CTLA-4 Induces an ICOS+ Bhlhe40+ Th1-Like Subpopulation of CD4 T Cells and when Combined with Anti-PD-1, a Small Th2-Like Subpopulation. (A-E and G) scRNAseq dot plots depicting expression level/percent of cells expressing select transcripts and GSEA displaying significantly enriched gene sets within each CD4 T cells cluster by treatment condition (see Figure 2D). **(F)** Violin plots denoting expression level of expression level of select genes per CD4 T cells.

Supplemental Figure 10. Dendritic Cell (DC) Changes Induced by ICT and NeoVAX in Y1.7LI Tumors. **(A)** UMAP displaying myeloid cell sub-clustering and DC annotations (See Fig. 2A and 6A). **(B)** Heatmap displaying normalized expression of select genes in each DC cluster. **(C-G)**
scRNAseq dot plot depicting expression level/percent of cells expressing select transcripts and bar graphs depicting frequency of DCs within each cluster by treatment condition.

Supplemental Figure 11. Heatmap displaying normalized expression of select genes in each monocyte/macrophage cluster by treatment condition.

Supplemental Figure 12. Principal Component Analysis of Subclustered T Cells/ILCs. Each dot represents individual sample from different treatment conditions (see Figure 2A and 2D).

Supplemental Figure 13. Gating Strategy for Identifying Intratumoral Immune Cells. Flow cytometry dot plots and gating of intratumoral myeloid and lymphoid populations.

Table S1:

REAGENT or RESOURCE	SOURCE	IDENTIFIER
In vivo Antibodies		
Anti-CTLA-4 (clone 9D9)	Leinco	Cat# C2856, RRID: AB_2829611
Anti-CD279 (PD-1) (clone RMP1-14)	Leinco	Cat# RMP1-14, RRID: AB_2749820
Anti-mouse CD8 (clone YTS 169)	Leinco	Cat# C2442, RRID: AB_2829540
Anti-mouse CD4 (Clone GK1.5)	Leinco	Cat# C2838 RRID: AB_2829596
Mouse IgG2a Isotype.	Leinco	Cat# P381, RRID: AB_2831654
Flow Antibodies and reagents		
Anti-CD16/32 (clone 2.4G2)	BD Biosciences	Cat#553141, RRID: AB_394656
Anti-mouse CD45 BV605 (clone 30-F11) (1:800 dilution)	BioLegend	Cat#103140, RRID: AB_2562342
Anti-mouse CD90.2/Thy1.2-PE-Cy7 (clone 30-H12) (1:200 dilution)	BioLegend	Cat#105326, RRID: AB_2201290
Anti-mouse CD8a-BV786 (clone 53–6.7) (1:200 dilution)	BD Bioscience	Cat#563332, RRID: AB_2721167
Anti-mouse CD4-BV711(clone RM4–5) (1:200 dilution)	BioLegend	Cat#100550, RRID: AB_2562099
Anti-mouse CD19-BV650 (clone 1D3) (1:200 dilution)	BD Bioscience	Cat#563235, RRID: AB_2738085
Anti-mouse CD20-BV421 (clone SA275A11) (1:200 dilution)	BioLegend	Cat#150405, RRID: AB_2566540
Anti-mouse CD45R/B220-BUV395 (clone RA3-6B2) (1:200 dilution)	BD Bioscience	Cat# 563793, RRID: AB_2738427
Anti-mouse Nkp46/CD335-FITC (clone 29A1.4) (1:300 dilution)	BioLegend	Cat# 560756, RRID: AB_1727465
Anti-mouse γδ TCR-PE-Cy7 (clone GL3) (1:300 dilution)	BioLegend	Cat# 118124, RRID: AB_11204423
Anti-mouse PD-1-BV421 (clone 29F.1A12) (1:200 dilution)	BioLegend	Cat# 135218, RRID: AB_2561447
Anti-mouse TIM-3 (clone RMT3-23) (1:200 dilution)	BioLegend	Cat# 119727, RRID: AB_2716208
Anti-mouse LAG-3-PerCP-Cy5.5 (clone C9B7W) (1:200 dilution)	BioLegend	Cat# 125212, RRID: AB_2561517
Anti-mouse CD3e-APC (clone 145–2C11) (1:200 dilution),	BioLegend	Cat# 100312, RRID: AB_312677
Anti-mouse CD64-BV421 (clone X54–5/7.1) (1:200 dilution)	BioLegend	Cat# 139309, RRID: AB_2562694
Anti-mouse Ly6G-Alexa Fluor 700 (clone 1A8) (1:400 dilution)	BD Biosciences	Cat# 127622, RRID: AB_10643269
Anti-mouse CX3CR1-FITC (clone SA011F11) (1:1,000 dilution)	BioLegend	Cat# 149020, RRID: AB_2565703
Anti-mouse I-A/I-E-BV650 (clone M5/114.15.2) (1:3,000 dilution)	BD Bioscience	Cat# 563415, RRID: AB_2738192

Anti-mouse CD103-BV421 (clone 2E7) (1:200 dilution)	BioLegend	Cat# 121422, RRID: AB_2562901
Anti-mouse CD24-BV711 (clone M1/69) (1:500 dilution)	BD Bioscience	Cat# 563450, RRID: AB_2738213
Anti-mouse CD11c-BV786 (clone HL3) (1:400 dilution)	BD Biosciences	Cat# 563735, RRID: AB_2738394
Anti-mouse CD11b-APC (clone M1/70) (1:400 dilution)	BioLegend	Cat# 101212, RRID: AB_312795
Anti-mouse F4/80-BUV395 (clone T45–2342) (1:400 dilution)	BD Biosciences	Cat# 565614, RRID: AB_2739304
Anti-mouse CD64-APC (clone X54–5/7.1) (1:400 dilution)	BioLegend	Cat# 139306, RRID: AB_11219391
Anti-mouse CD117-FITC (clone ACK2) (1:100 dilution)	BioLegend	Cat# 135115, RRID: AB_2561633
Anti-mouse CD11b- PerCP-Cy5.5 (clone M1/70) (1:200 dilution)	BioLegend	Cat# 561114, RRID: AB_394002
Anti-mouse PDCA- 1/BST-2 BV650 (clone 927) (1:200 dilution)	BD Biosciences	Cat# 747605, RRID: AB_2744173
Anti-mouse CD172a APC (clone P84) (1:200 dilution)	BioLegend	Cat# 144014, RRID: AB_2564061
Anti-mouse CD274/PDL1-PE (clone MIH5) (1:200 dilution)	BD Biosciences	Cat# 558091, RRID: AB_397018
Anti-mouse FcεRI-PE-Cy7 (clone MAR-1) (1:200 dilution)	BioLegend	Cat# 134326, RRID: AB_2572064
Anti-mouse Mrc1 (CD206)-PE-Cy7 (clone C068C2) (1:400 dilution)	BioLegend	Cat# 141720, RRID: AB_2562248
Anti-mouse FOXP3-FITC (clone FJK-16s)	eBioscience™	Cat# 11-5773-82, RRID: AB_465243
Anti-mouse IFNγ-APC (Clone XMG1.2) (1:200 dilution)	BD Biosciences	Cat# 554413, RRID: AB_398551
Anti-mouse TNF -PE-Cy7 (Clone MP6-XT22) (1:200 dilution)	BD Biosciences	Cat# 561062, RRID: AB_398553
Anti-mouse Granzyme B-PE (Clone NGZB) (1:200 dilution)	eBioscience™	Cat# 12-8898-82, RRID: AB_10870787
Anti-mouse iNOS/Nos2 PE (clone CXNFT) (1:200 dilution)	eBioscience™	Cat# 12-5920-82, RRID: AB_2572642
Zombie Fixable Viability™ Sampler Kit	BioLegend	Cat# 423105
Chemicals, Peptides, and Gene blocks		
RPMI-1640	HyClone	Cat# SH30096.02
Trypsin	Genclone	Cat# 25200056
Defined fetal bovine serum	HyClone	Cat# SH30070.03HI
HBSS	Hyclone	Cat# SH30588.02
PBS	Gibco	Cat# 20012027
Sodium Bicarbonate	Gibco	Cat# 25080094

Sodium Pyruvate	Gibco	Cat# 11360070
L-Glutamine	Gibco	Cat# A2916801
ACK lysis buffer	Gibco	Cat# A1049201
Phorbol-12-myristate-13-acetate (PMA)	MilliporeSigma	Cat# 500582
Ionomycin	Fisher	Cat# BP2527-1
Fugene	Promega	Cat# E2311
pMSCV-IRES GFP	addgene	Cat# 20672
Collagenase Type IA	Sigma-Aldrich	Cat# C9891
Poly(I:C) HMW VacciGrade™	InvivoGen	Cat# vac-pic
Gibson Assembly® Cloning Kit	NEB	Cat# E5510S
Mutant Lama4 peptide, sequence VGFNFRTL	Peptide 2.0	Custom order
Mutant Alg8 peptide, sequence ITYTWTRL	Peptide 2.0	Custom order
Mutant Lama4 SLP, sequence QKISFFDGFEVGFNFRTLQPNGLLFYYT	Peptide 2.0	Custom order
Mutant Adpgk SLP, sequence HLELASMTNMELMSSIVHQ	Peptide 2.0	Custom order
Mutant Rpl18 SLP, sequence KAGGKILTFD*R*LALESPK	Peptide 2.0	Custom order
Mutant Dpagt1 SLP, sequence EAGQSLVISASIIVFNL*L*ELEGDYR	Peptide 2.0	Custom order
OVA-I$_{257–264}$ peptide, sequence SIINFEKL	Peptide 2.0	Custom order
Mutant Itgb1 SLP, sequence DDCWFYFTYSVNGY*N*EAIVHVVETPDCP	Peptide 2.0	Custom order
OVA-II$_{323–339}$, sequence ISQAVHAAHAEINEAGR	Peptide 2.0	Custom order
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mLama4-P2A-mItgb1 CTTCTCTAGGCGCCGGAATTCAGCCACCATGCAGAAAATA TCTTTCTTTGATGGCTTTGAAGTAGGCTTCAATTTCCGAAC ATTACAGCCAAATGGGTTACTATTCTACTACACAGGCAGCG GCGCCACAAACTTCTCTCTGCTAAAGCAAGCAGGTGATGT TGAAGAAAACCCCGGGGCCTGATGACTGCTGGTTCTATTTCA CCTATTCAGTGAATGGCTACAATGAAGCTATCGTGCATGTTG	IDT	Custom order

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Critical Commercial Assays		
Fixation/Permeabilization Solution Kit	BD Biosciences	Cat# 555028
Foxp3 / Transcription Factor Staining Buffer Set	eBioscience	Cat# 00-5523-00
Chromium Next GEM Single-cell 5 Reagent Kit v2	10x Genomics	Cat# 100263
TotalSeq Antibodies		
CD45 and H-2 MHC class Totalseq™-C0301 anti-mouse Hashtag 1, sequence	BioLegend	Cat# 155861, RRID: AB_2800693
CD45 and H-2 MHC class Totalseq™-C0302 anti-mouse Hashtag 2 Antibody	BioLegend	Cat# 155863, RRID: AB_2800694
CD45 and H-2 MHC class Totalseq™-C0303 anti-mouse Hashtag 3 Antibody	BioLegend	Cat# 155865, RRID: AB_2800695
Software and algorithms		
Flow jo_v10.8.1		
GraphPad Prism version 10		
Other		
Fortessa X-20	BD Biosciences	
LSR Fortessa	BD Biosciences	
BD FACSAria II	BD Biosciences	

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