

OncoResponse

Interrogating for Cures™

**Discovery and Development of Antibodies to Relieve
Immunosuppression in the Tumor Microenvironment**

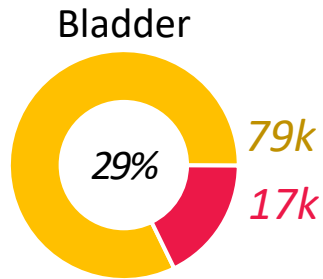
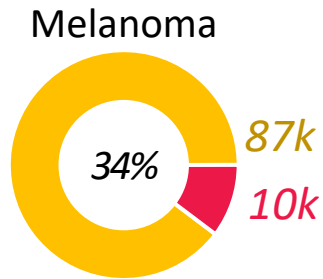
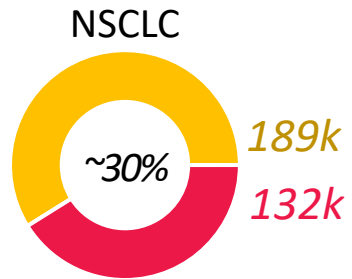
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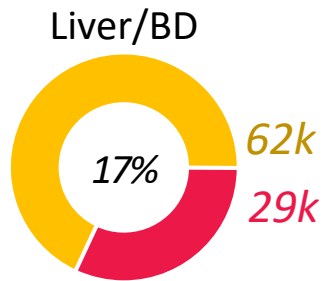
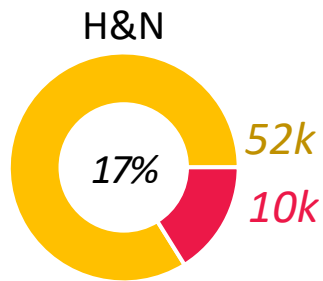
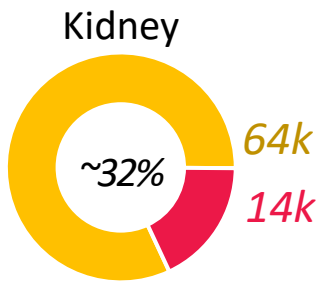
The Immuno-Oncology (IO) opportunity

CPI-Responsive Cancer Types



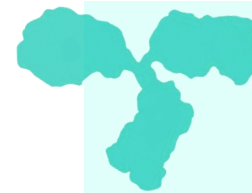
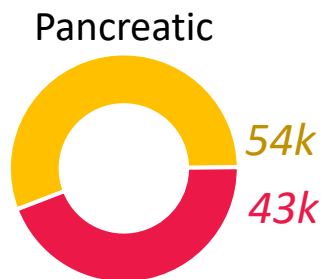
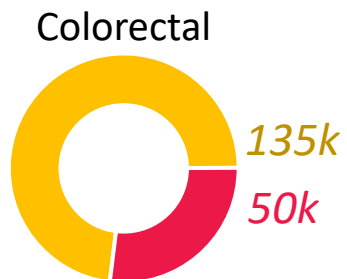
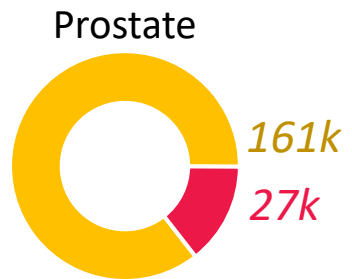
■ Annual New US Cases
■ Annual US Deaths

Response to CPI



- Response rates from checkpoint inhibitors (CPI) continue to be low due in part to the suppressive Tumor Microenvironment (TME)
- There is a large unmet need to overcome immunosuppression of the TME to dramatically increase response rates and survival

CPI-Non-Responsive Cancer Types



OncoResponse leverages the power of the Elite Responder's immune system to discover antibodies that modulate immunosuppression in the TME

Abbreviations: CPI, checkpoint inhibitor; IO, immuno-oncology; TME, tumor microenvironment

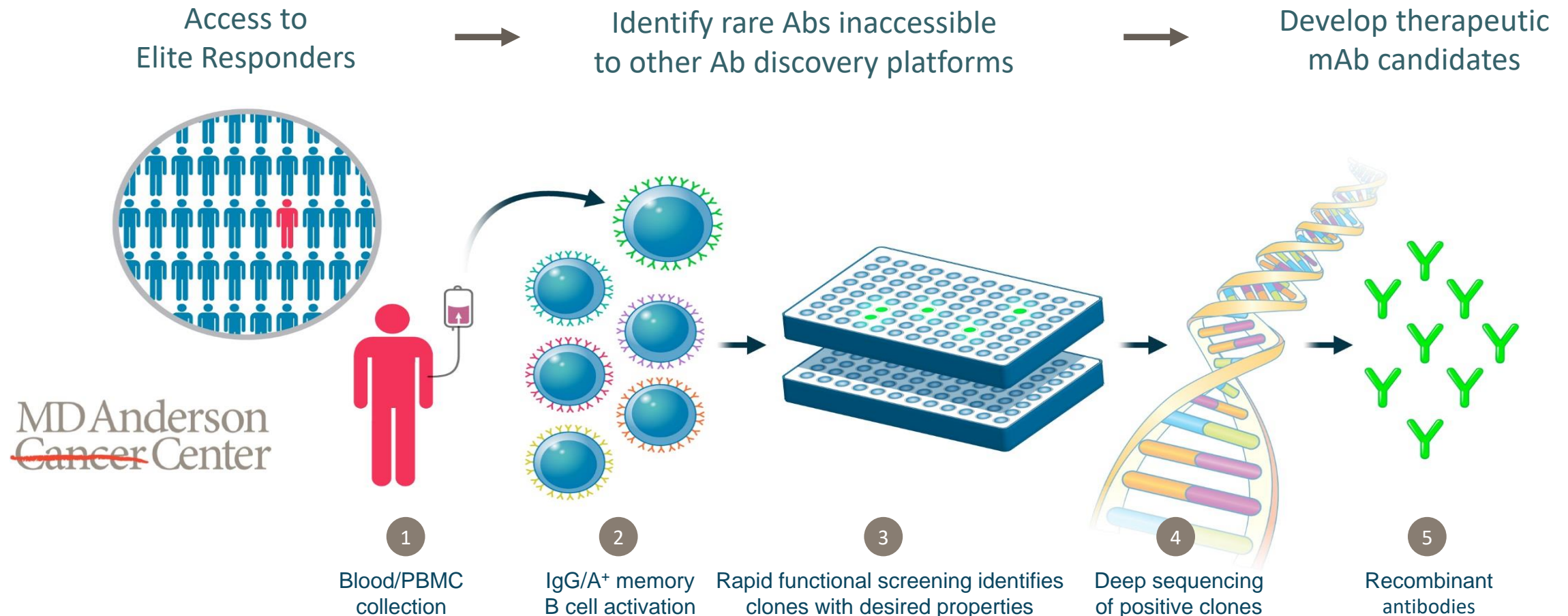
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Our Mission

Attack cancer based on clues offered by the immune systems of Elite Cancer Responders

Immuno-Oncology experts focused on the Tumor Microenvironment

OncoResponse platform interrogates the entire B-cell repertoire



Validated antibody platform delivered preclinical and clinical stage antibodies

OncoResponse is product focused with a proven discovery platform

Antibody	Mechanism	Discovery	<i>In vitro</i>	<i>In vivo</i>	DDC	Phase 1
OR2805	Targets & reprograms TAMs/MDSCs	[Progress bar spanning Discovery, In vitro, In vivo, DDC, and Phase 1]				
Anti-Siglec-15	Reverse immunosuppression by TAMs	[Progress bar spanning Discovery, In vitro, In vivo, and DDC]				
Anti-LILRB2/ILT4	Reverse immunosuppression & reprogram TAMs	[Progress bar spanning Discovery, In vitro, and In vivo]				

- Strategic alliance with MD Anderson provides unique access to B cells and tissue from cancer patients
- Platform identifies, from Elite Responders, human antibodies with exceptional reactivity to immune cells
- Focus on human antibodies that modulate immune cell activity and enhance immunotherapy responses
 - Targeting TAMs/MDSCs to **relieve immunosuppression** in the tumor microenvironment
 - **Reverse immunosuppression** and **promote NK and CD8 T-cell killing** of tumor cells

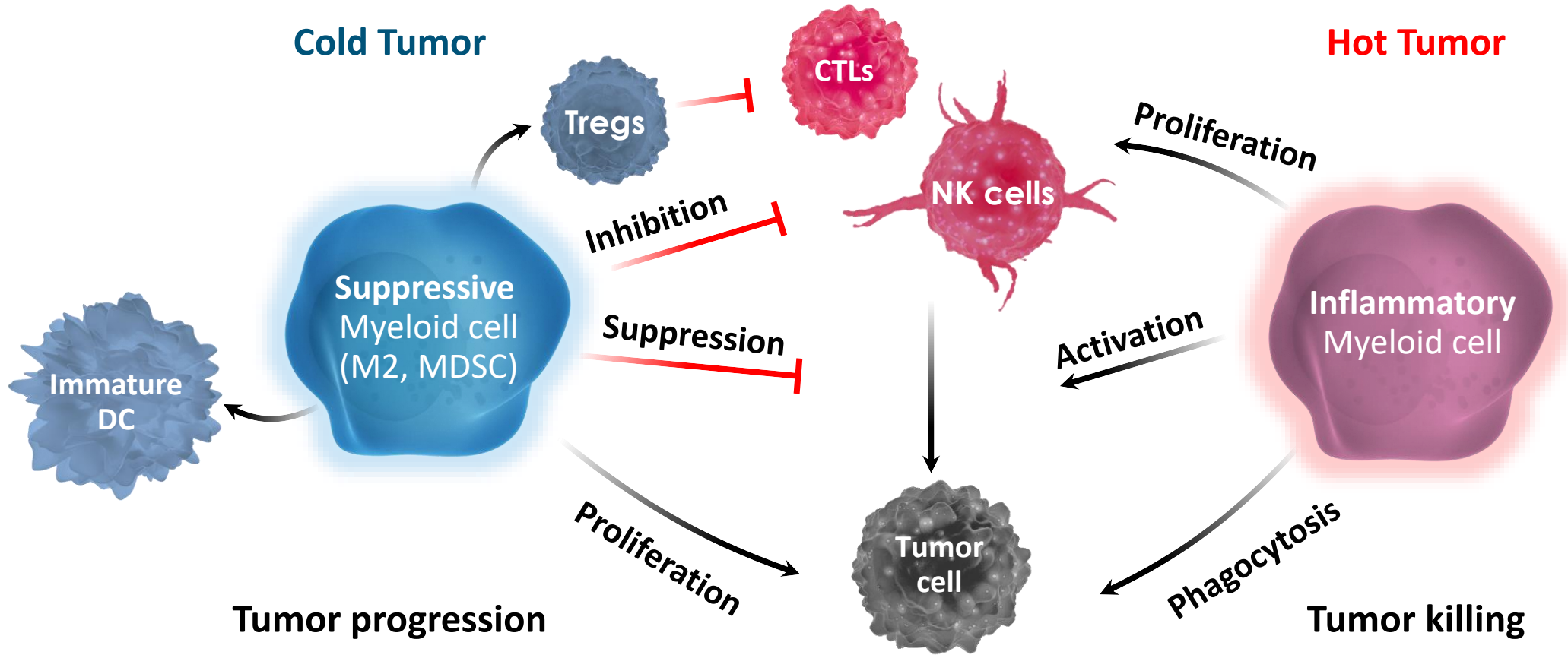
Abbreviations: Ab, antibody; CTL, cytotoxic T lymphocyte; MDSC, myeloid-derived suppressor cells; NK, natural killer; TAM, tumor-associated macrophages; DDC, drug development candidate

Rationale for targeting tumor associated macrophages (TAMs)

- **M2 TAMs** create a highly **immunosuppressive** environment promoting tumor growth
- Evidence shows that TAMs are central to treatment resistance
 - Presence of **M2 macrophages** correlates with **poor patient prognosis** in multiple tumor types
 - Presence of **M1 macrophages** correlates with **better patient outcomes** and response to immunotherapies
- **Repolarization** of M2 TAMs to M1 phenotype **relieves immunosuppression** and **enhances anti-tumor** activity
- Targeting TAMs has shown promising preclinical results
 - Siglec-15, LILRB2, CD47/SIRP-alpha, TREM1/2, Clever-1, MARCO, PI3K γ
- Emerging clinical data support targeting TAMs for anti-cancer therapy
 - NC318 (anti-Siglec-15 mAb), MK-4830 (anti-LILRB2 mAb)

Nature Medicine 2015;21:938, Nat Rev Drug Discov. 2018;17:887, Cancer Cell 2019;35:885, Cell 2017;171:934, J Clin Invest. 2017;127:2930, J Clin Invest. 2018;128:5647, Nat Med. 2019;25:656, Nature Medicine 2015;21:117, ESMO 2020,

TAMs are critical regulators of the TME



OR2805 targets CD163 and reprograms M2 macrophages resulting in the loss of M2 cell-mediated immune-suppression

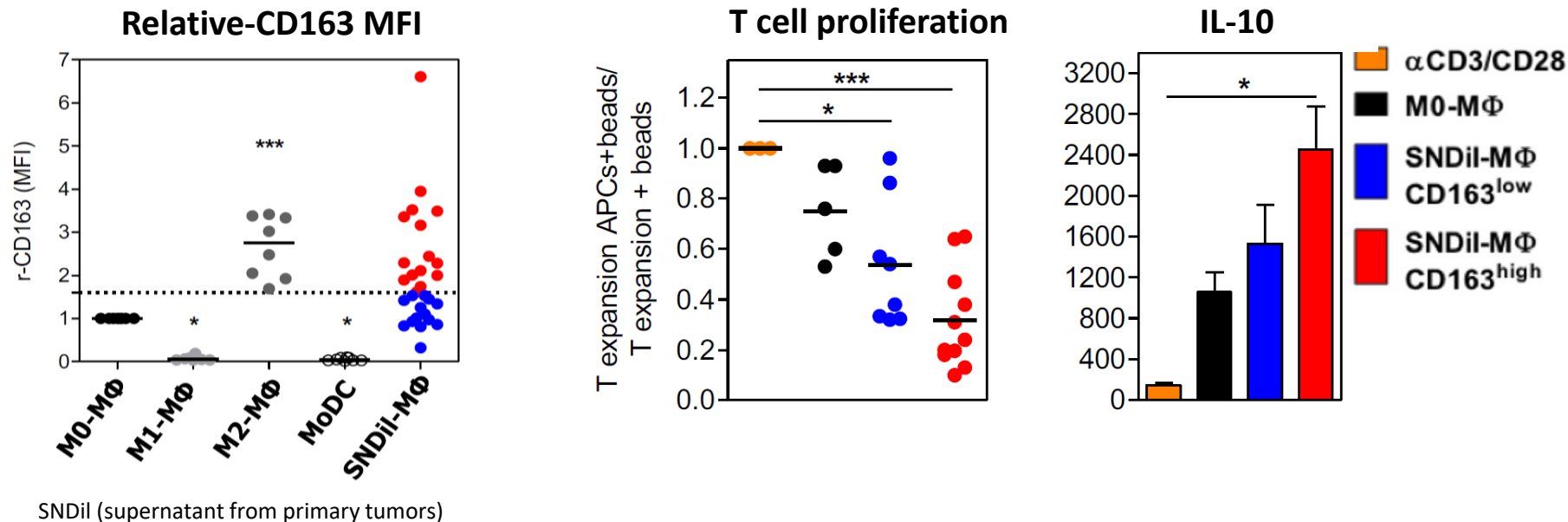
CD163 - Normal physiology and role in cancer

- Expression predominantly limited to and upregulated on immunosuppressive macrophages¹
- Binding by its ligands induces secretion of immunosuppressive cytokines^{2,3}
- Inhibits T-cell proliferation^{4,5}
- Overexpression in human macrophages results in an M2 phenotype⁶
- Knockout mice develop normally but have impaired tumor implantation⁷
- Expression in tumors correlates with poor survival⁸⁻¹¹
 - In HNSCC, BC and GC, expression of CD163 correlated with decreased response to chemo
 - Higher levels of expression in melanoma predicts poor response to CPI
 - CD163 expression correlates with IL-10 expression in melanoma

¹Genomics Institute of the Novartis Research Foundation, ²Molecular Immunology 2010;47:1650, ³JCI Insight. 2016;1:e85375, ⁴Biochem Biophys Res Commun. 2001;288:841, ⁵Scientific Reports 2017;7:12940, ⁶Immunobiology 2017;222:900, ⁷Cancer Res 2018;78:3255, ⁸Clin Transl Immunology 2020;9:e1108, ⁹Cancer Management and Research 2020;12:5831, ¹⁰Cell 2016;165:35, ¹¹J Exp Med. 2019;216:2394.

TME factors force monocytes to differentiate into CD163^{high}CD86^{low}IL-10^{high} immunosuppressive macrophages (TAMs) in breast cancer

- High frequency of CD163⁺ TAMs correlates with higher risk of relapse in BC patients
- Tumor secreted factors differentiate monocytes towards M2-like macrophages
- Blood monocytes from breast cancer patients are refractory to M1-macrophage differentiation conditions, and secrete immunosuppressive, metastasis-related and angiogenic cytokines

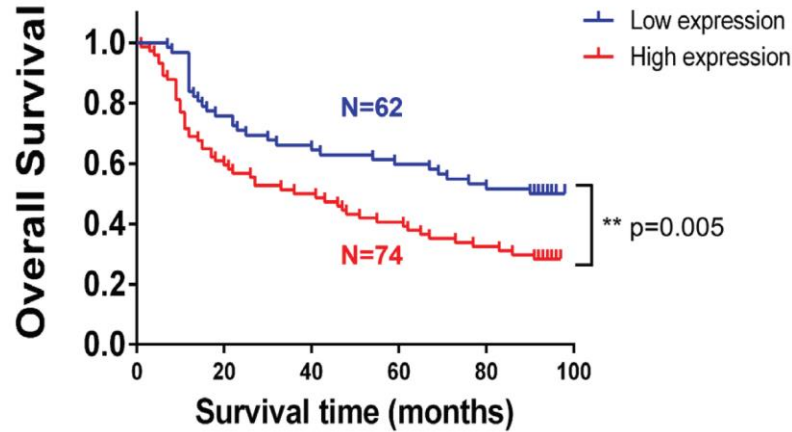


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CD163 is a negative prognostic marker in cancer

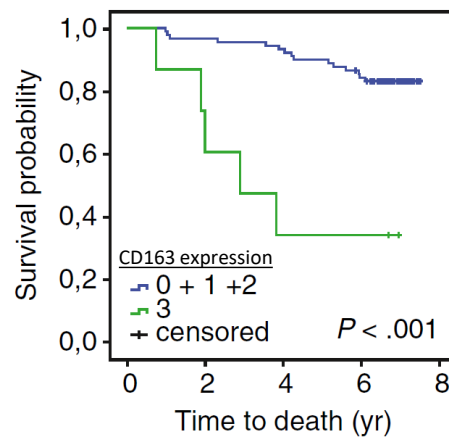
Gastric Cancer¹²

Overall survival



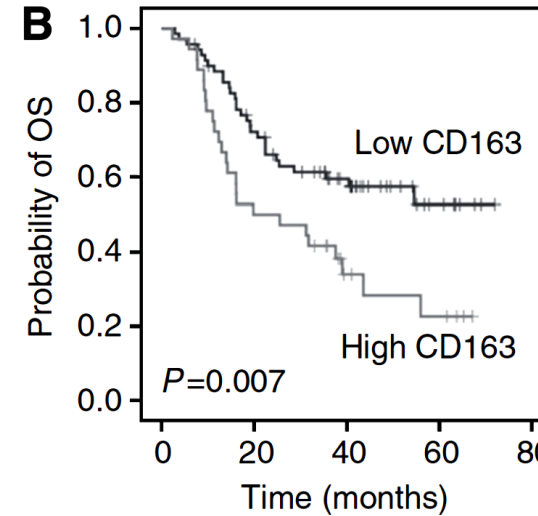
Breast Cancer¹³

Survival probability

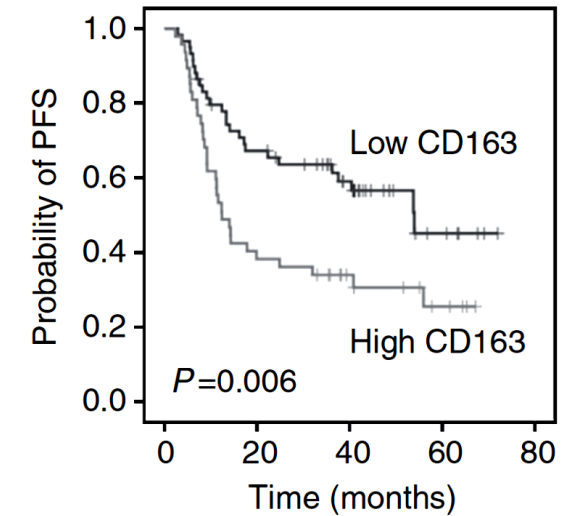


Head and Neck Cancer¹⁴

Overall survival



Progression-free survival

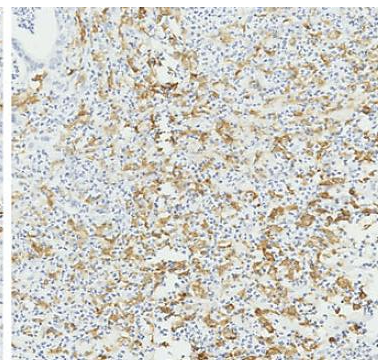
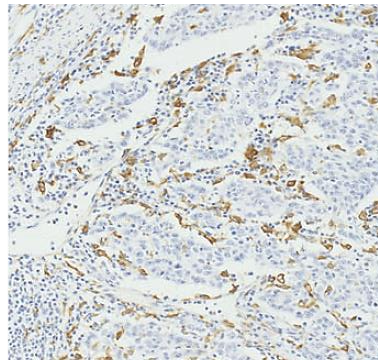
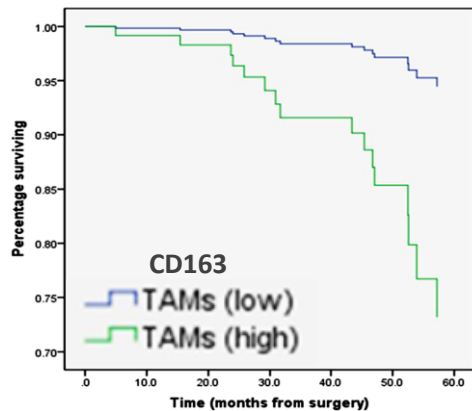


Colorectal Cancer¹⁶

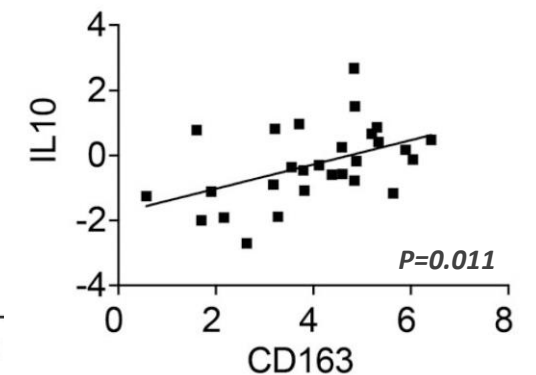
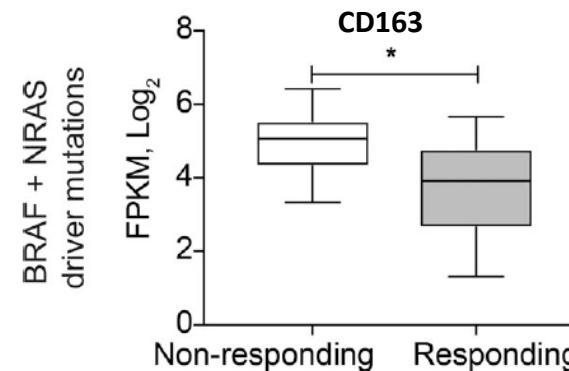
Overall Survival

Low TAM Infiltration

High TAM Infiltration

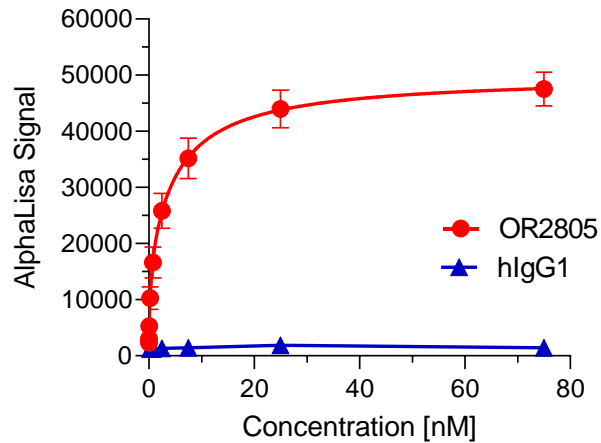


Melanoma patients on anti-PD-1 therapy^{15,38}

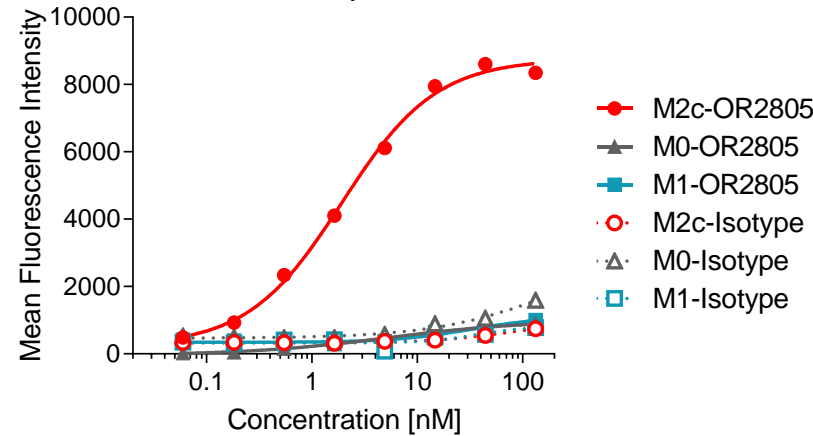


OR2805 demonstrates specific binding to immunosuppressive myeloid cells

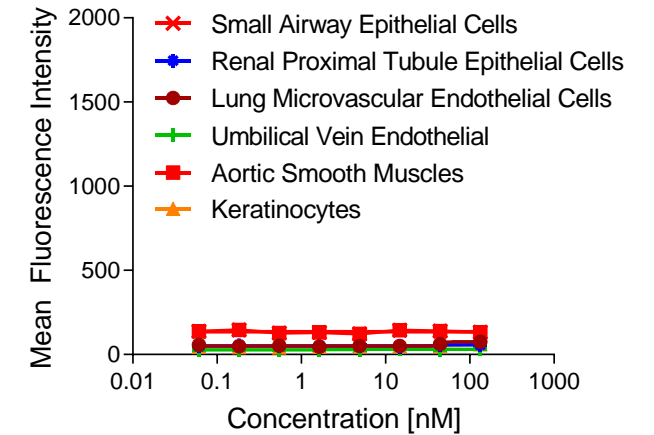
OR2805 binds to human CD163



Specific binding to human immunosuppressive myeloid cells



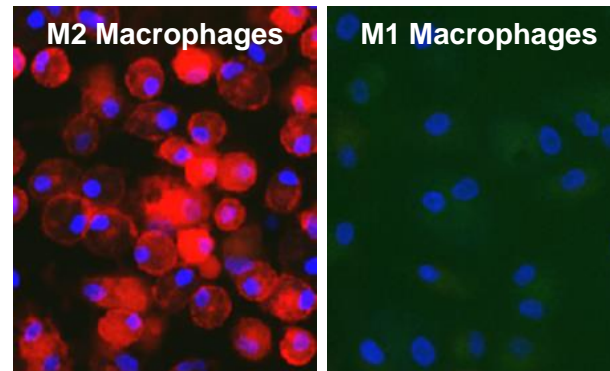
No binding to a panel of human primary immune and non-immune cells



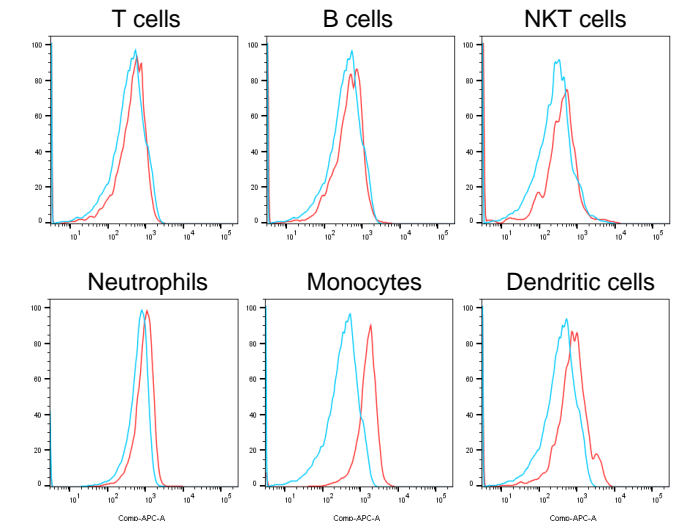
OR2805 binds to TAMs in dissociated NSCLC tumors

Cell surface markers	Patient 1 cells (%)	Patient 2 cells (%)
Total CD14 ⁺ (monocytes)	26	30
CD163 ⁺ of CD14 ⁺ (M2c)	69	88
OR2805 ⁺ of M2c	82	77
CD163 ⁻ CD80 ⁺ of CD14 ⁺	20	11
OR2805 ⁺ of CD163 ⁻ TAMs	11	9

OR2805 staining



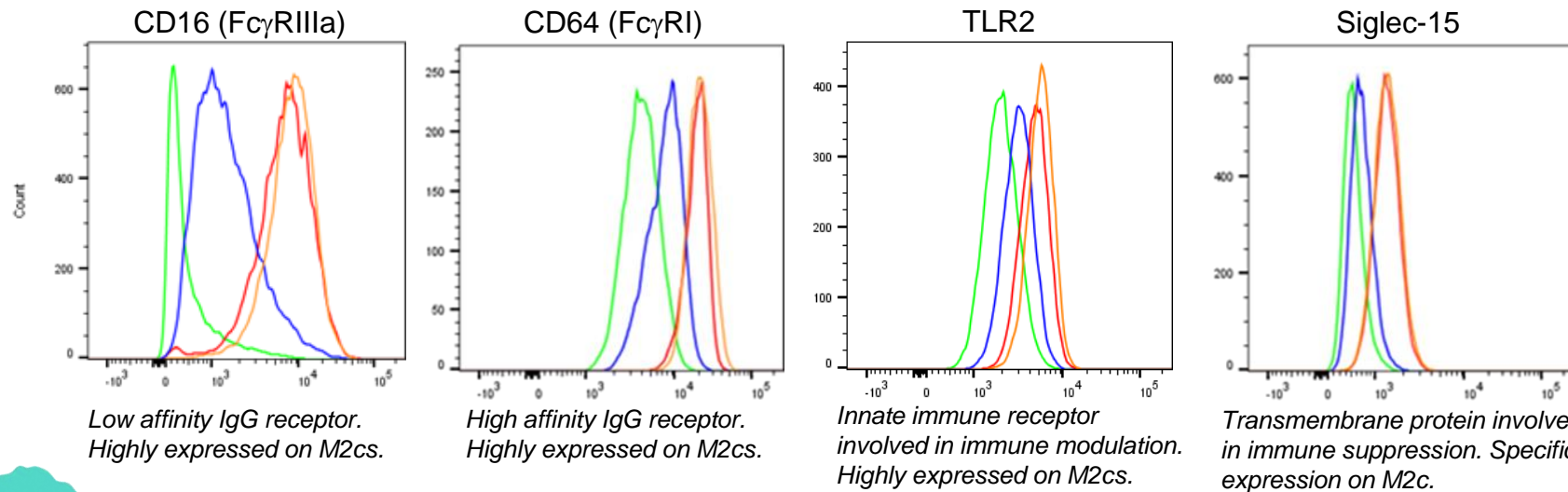
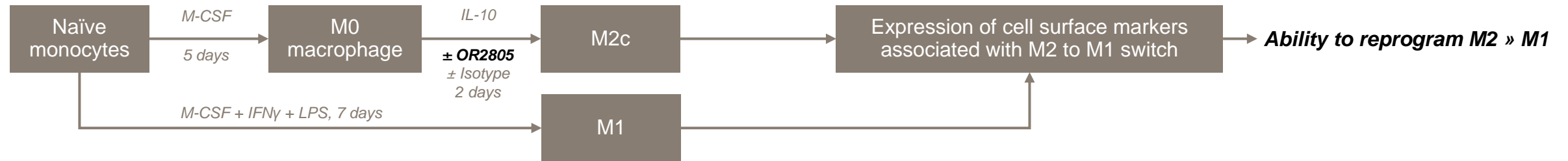
OR2805 has a potential to target immunosuppressive myeloid cells in the TME without impacting other cells



Representative data of 3+ donor

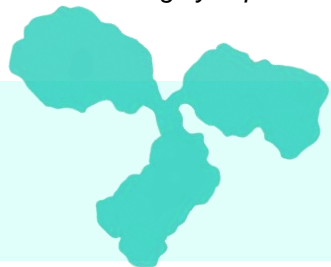


OR2805 reduces expression of M2c macrophage surface markers



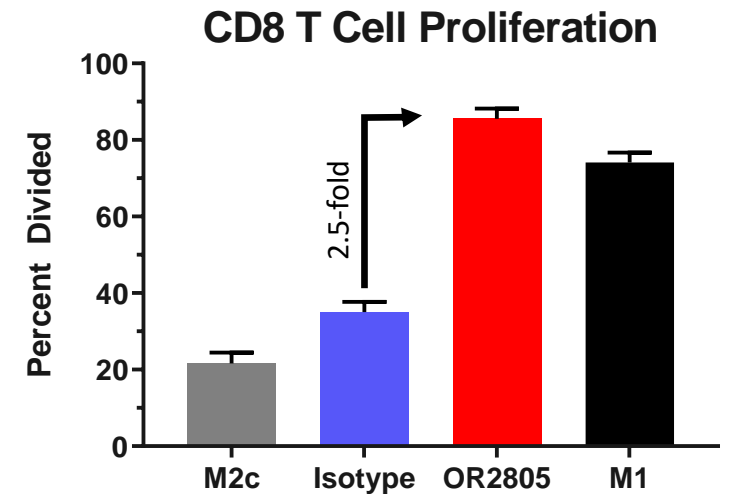
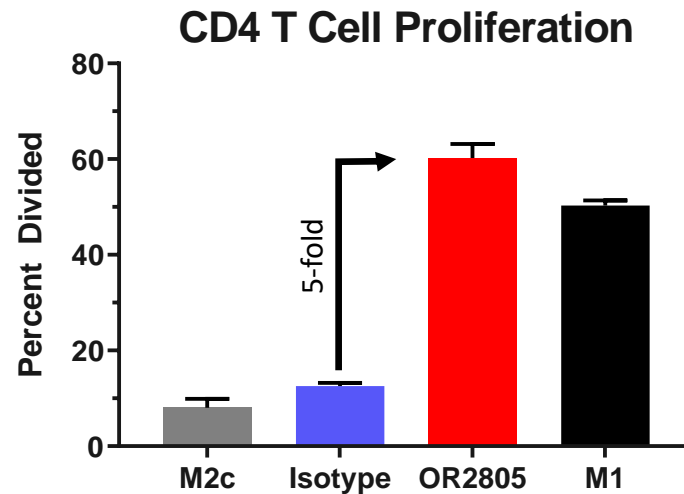
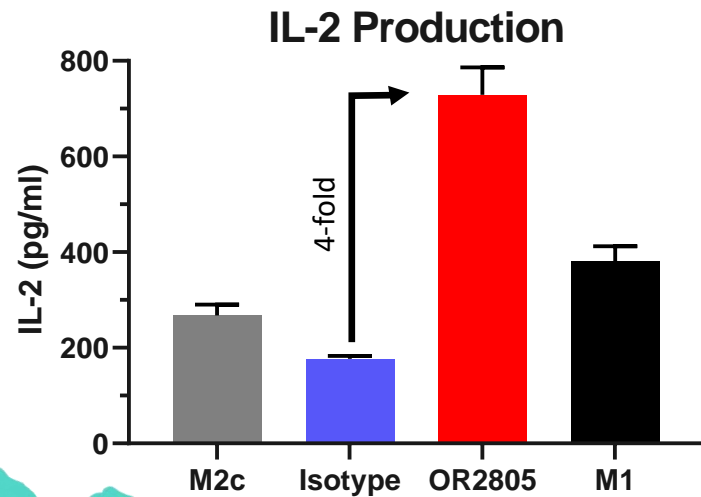
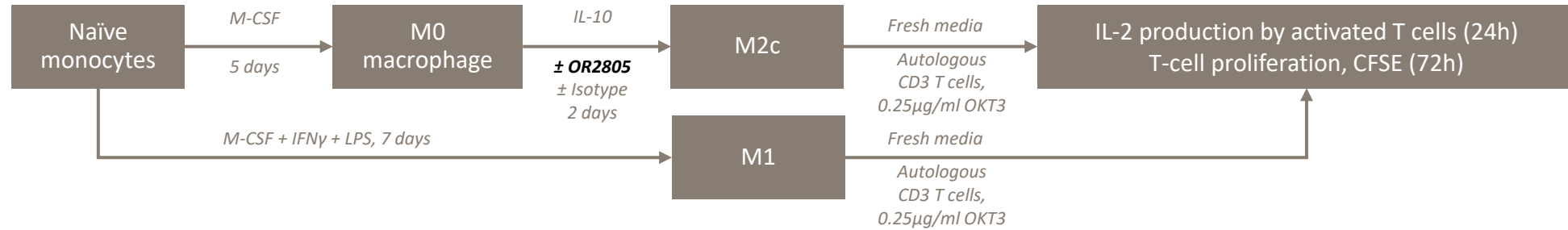
Legend:
M1 (Green)
M2c (Red)
M2c + OR2805 (Blue)
M2c + Isotype (Orange)

Representative data of 3+ donors



OR2805 treatment reduces expression of cell-surface markers associated with tumor-promoting M2c macrophages

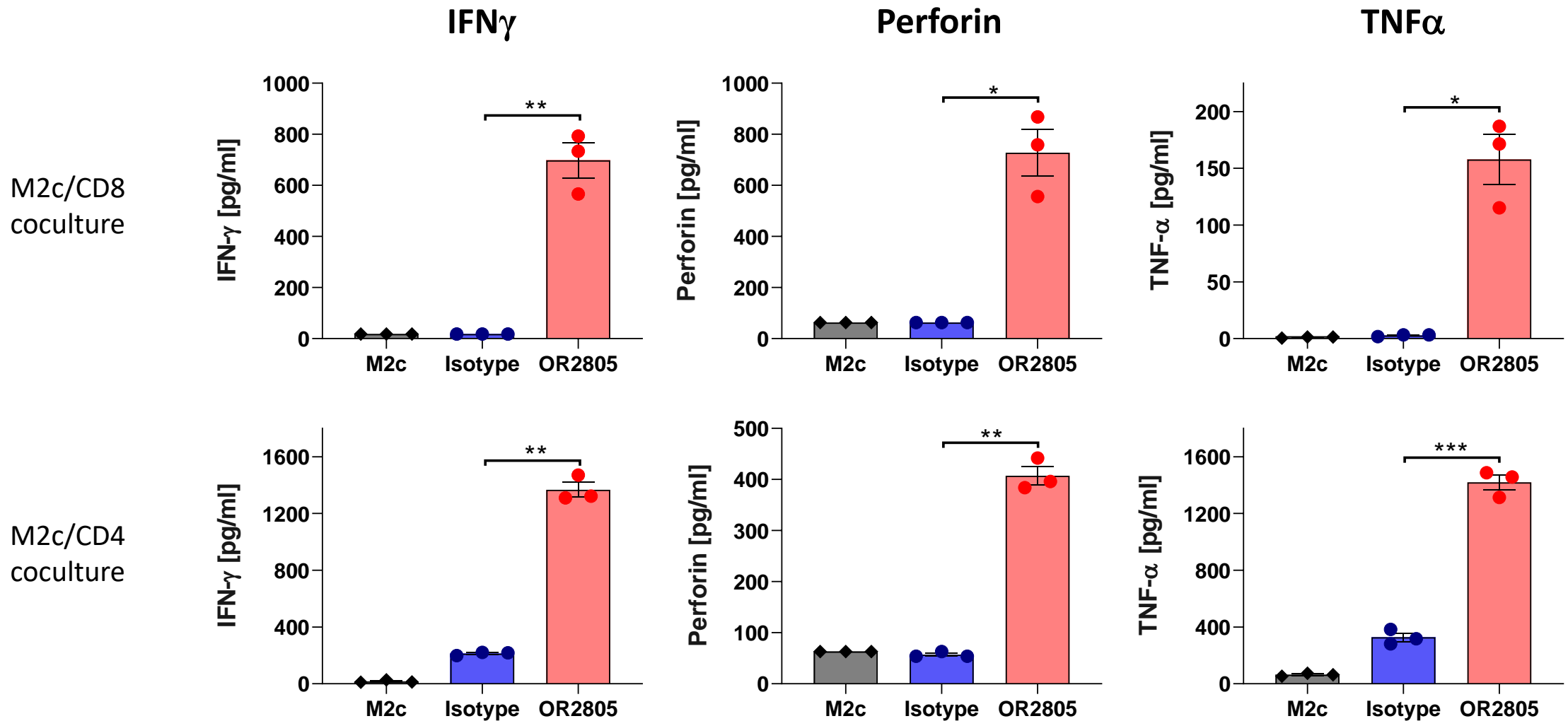
OR2805 treated M2c macrophages promote T-cell activation and proliferation



Representative data of 12+ donors

OR2805-treatment reduces the ability of M2c to suppress T-cell activation leading to greater T-cell stimulation (IL-2, IL-1 β , IFN γ , TNF α , CCL4 & perforin production), and both CD4⁺ and CD8⁺ T-cell proliferation

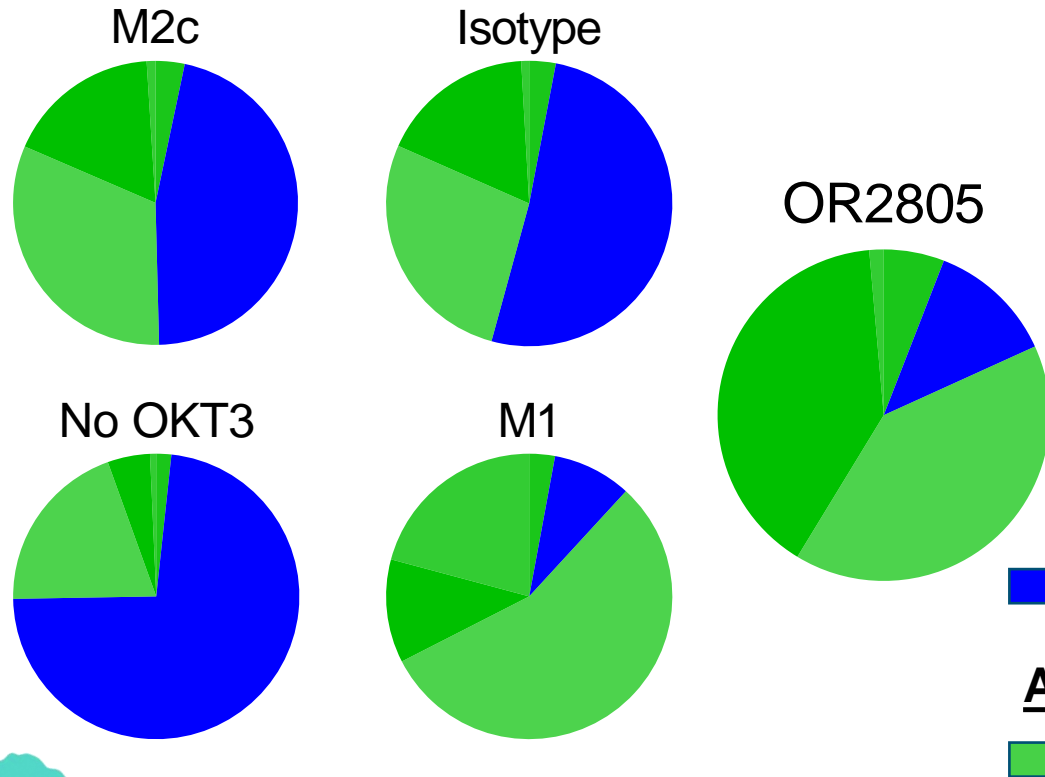
OR2805-treated M2c macrophages promote T-cell activation



Representative data from n=3 donors

OR2805-treated M2c macrophages skew T cells towards activated Th1-like phenotype

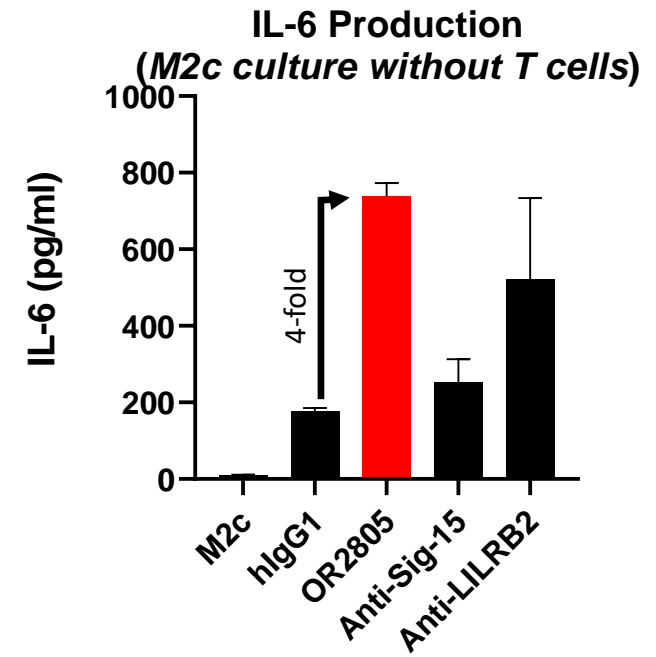
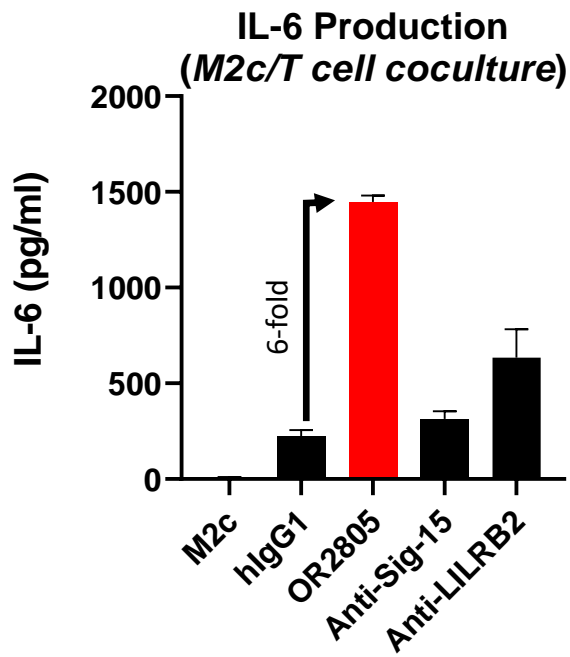
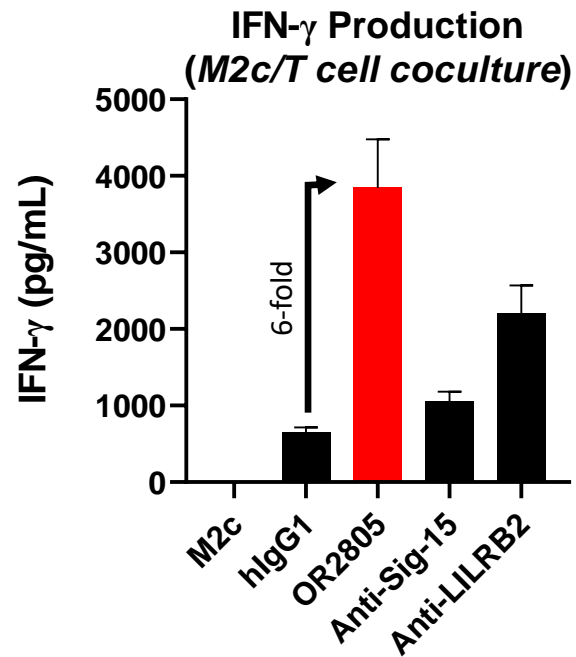
Distribution of CD4⁺ T cells phenotypes



- CXCR3 is preferentially expressed on Th1 cells
- IFN γ production within the TME enhances CXCR3-mediated T-cell recruitment to the tumor site
- CXCR3 signaling promotes CD8⁺ T-cell infiltration
- CXCR3 expressing CD8⁺ T-cell populations display enhanced cytotoxicity against tumor cells

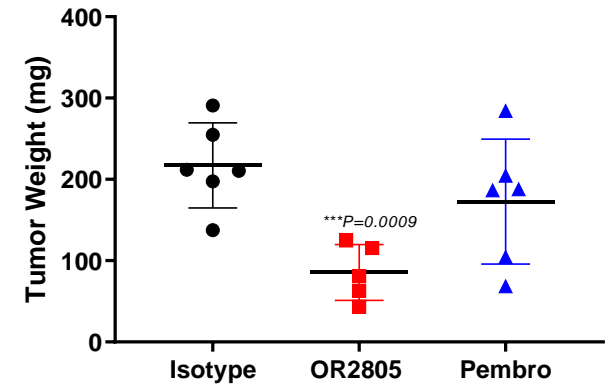
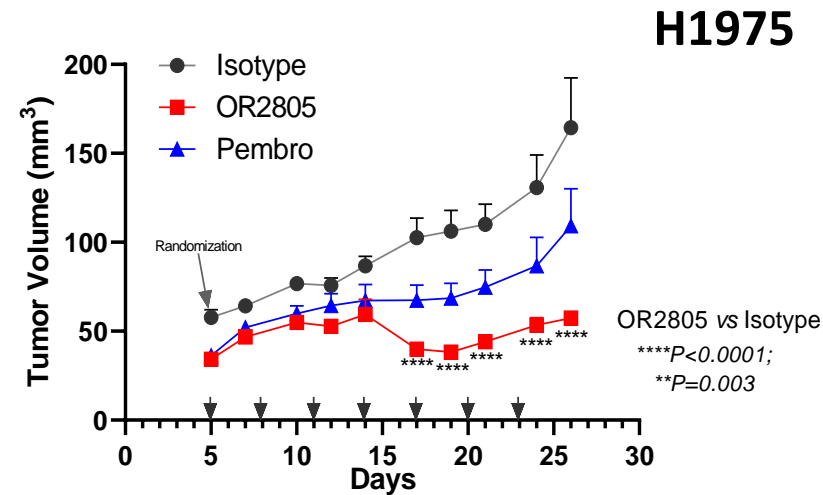
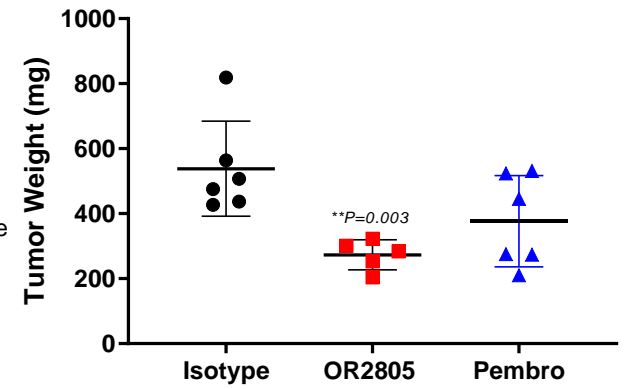
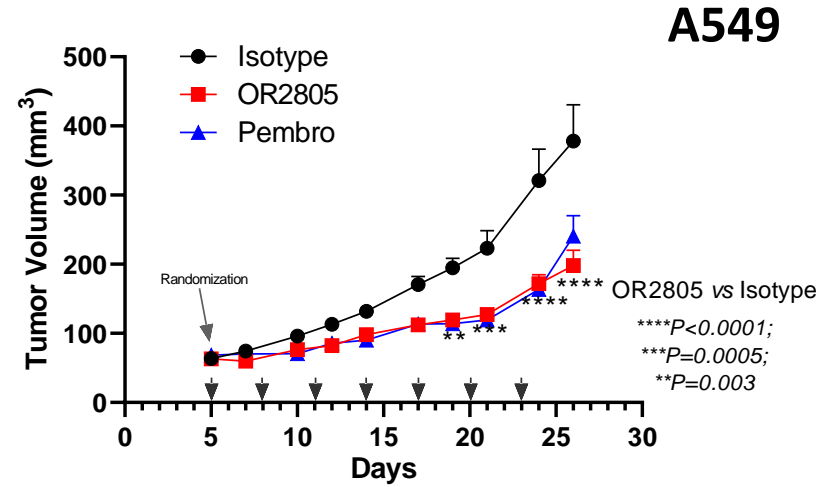
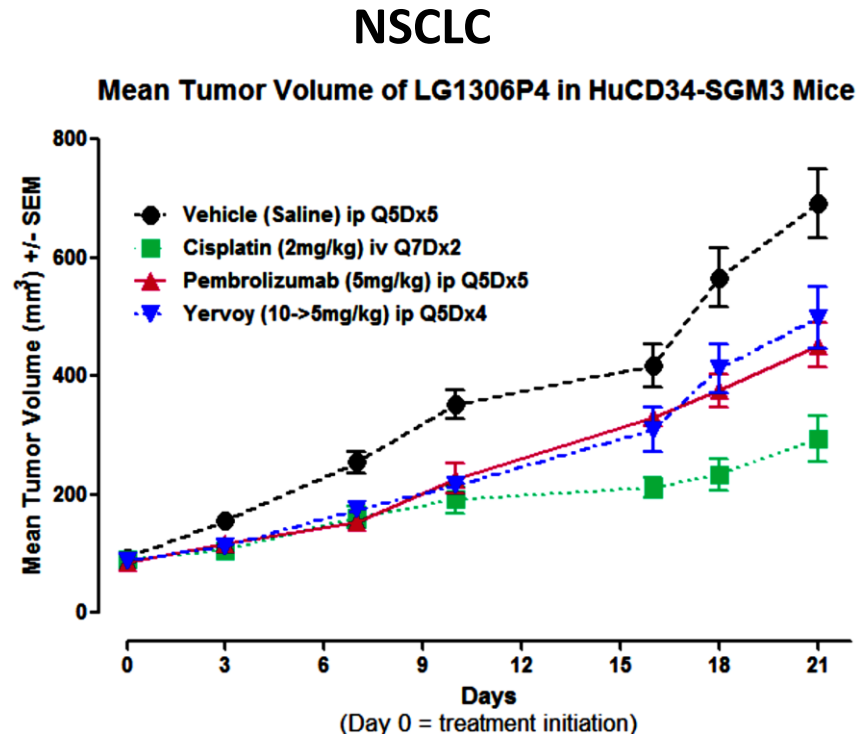
OR2805-treated macrophages promote T-cell activation leading to greater expression of T-cell activation markers (CD69, ICOS, OX40)

OR2805 is superior to other myeloid targeting agents in clinic



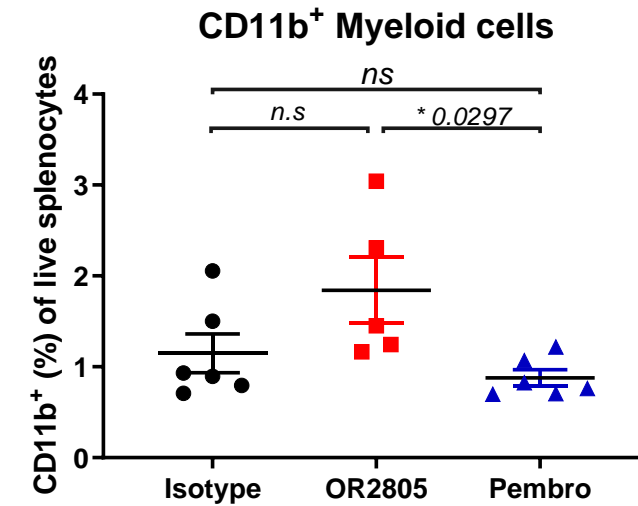
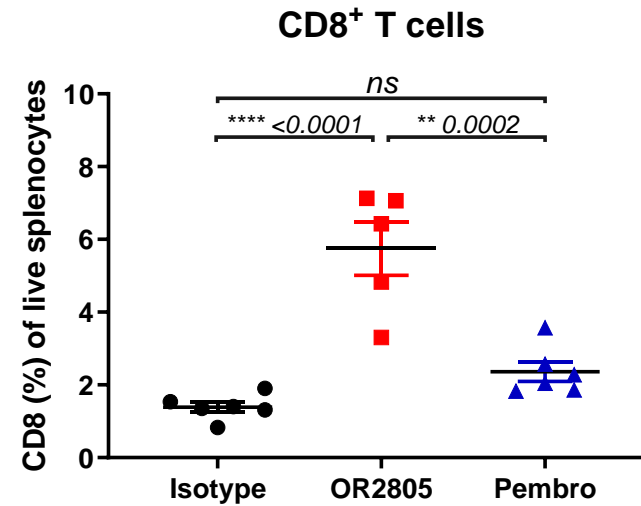
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OR2805 induces anti-tumor activity in humanized NSG-SGM3 mice

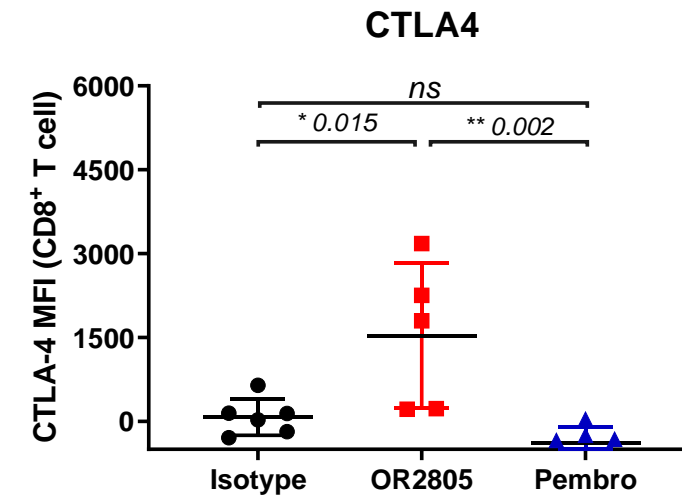
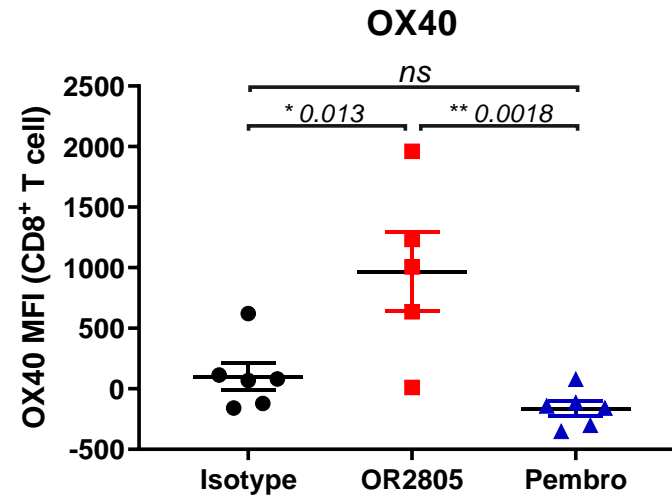


OR2805 treatment increases proportions of activated CD8⁺ T cells and myeloid cells in humanized NSG-SGM3 model

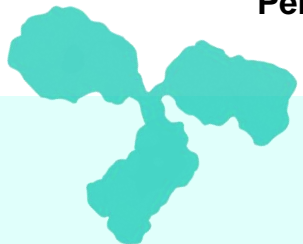
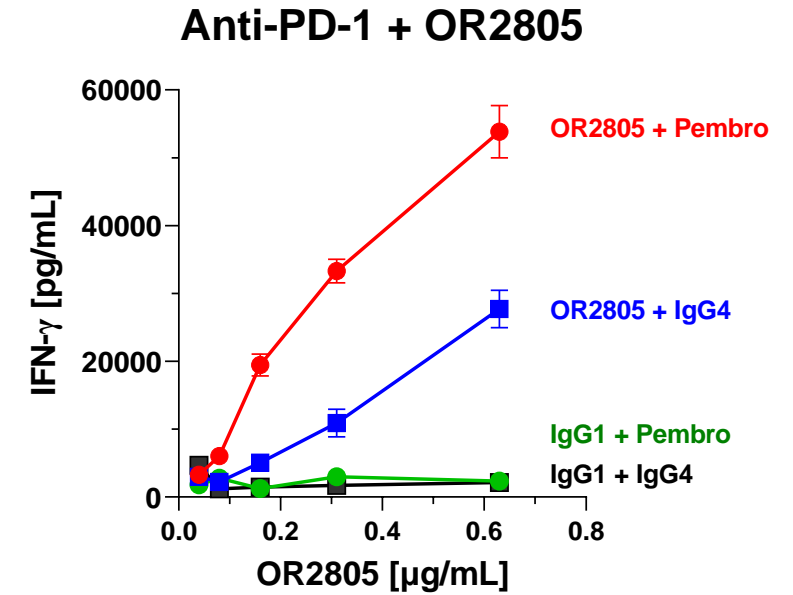
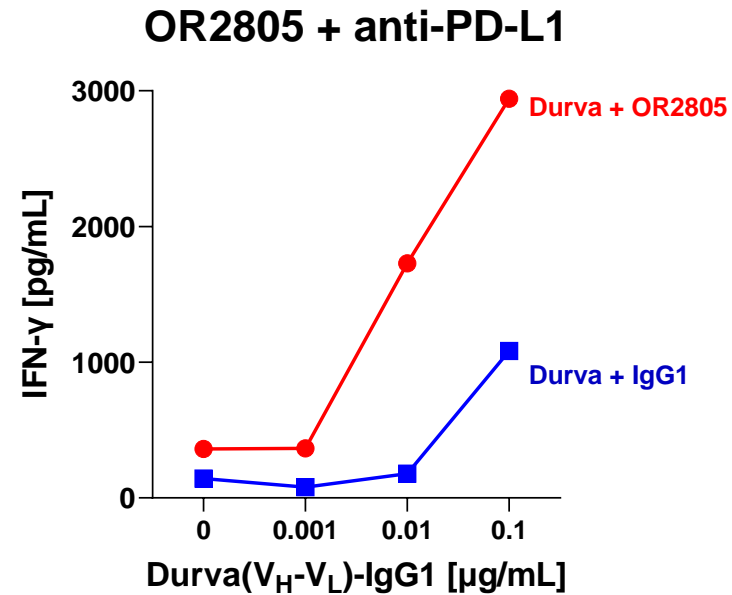
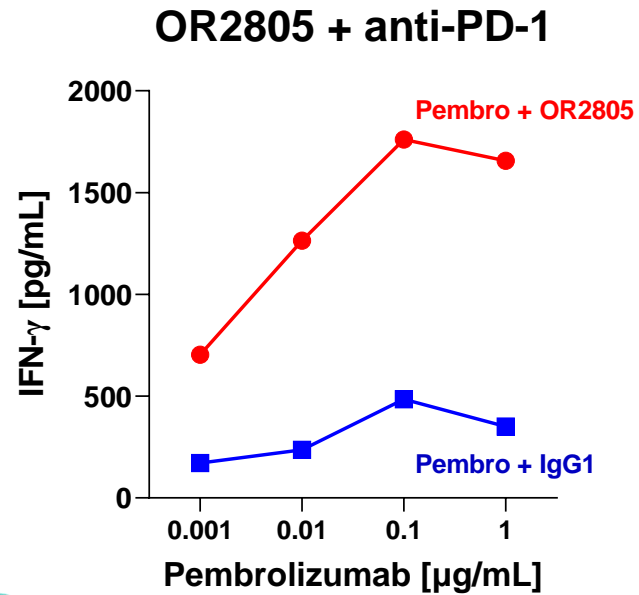
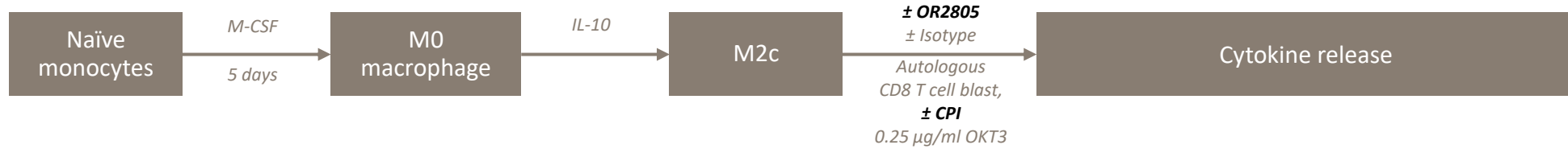
Proportions of human T and myeloid cells in spleen



Expression of activation and proliferation markers on human CD8⁺ T cells in spleen

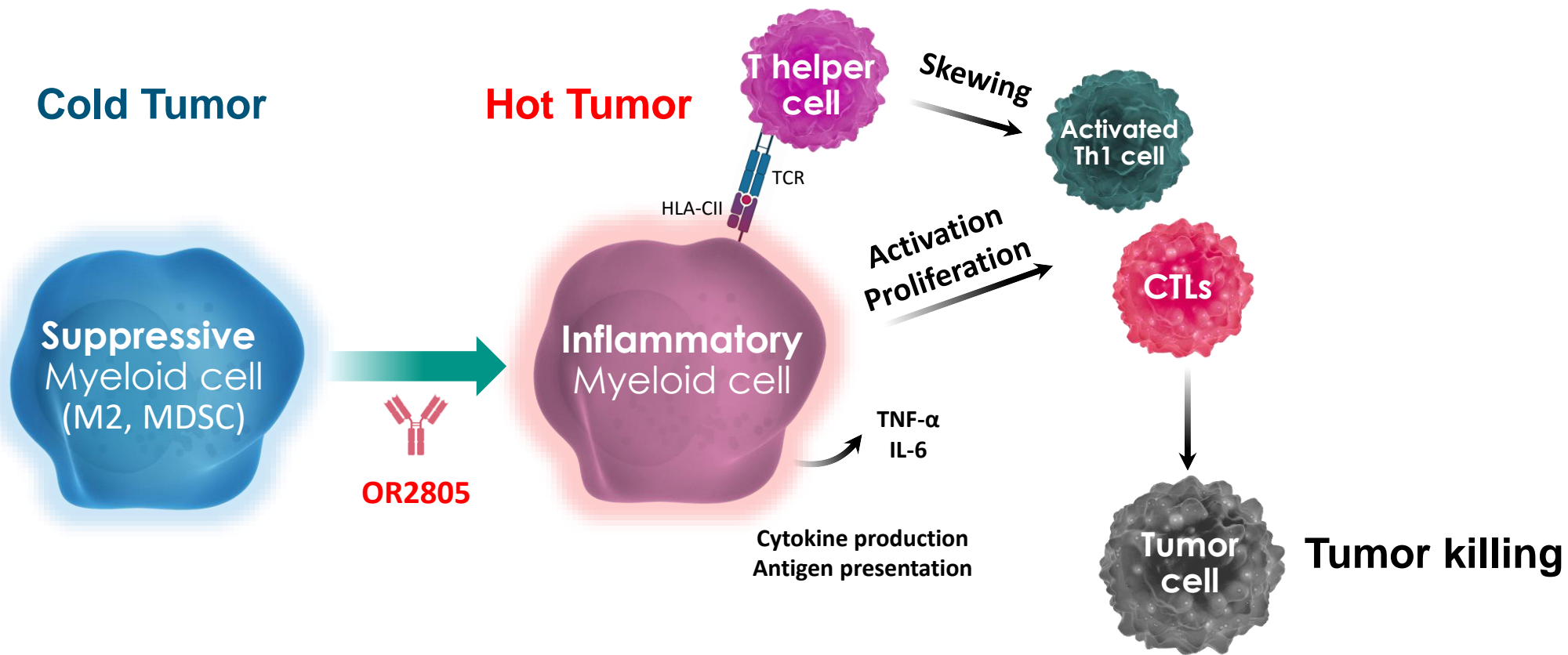


Combination with OR2805 enhances activity of anti-PD-1 and anti-PD-L1 in M2c/T cell blast coculture assays



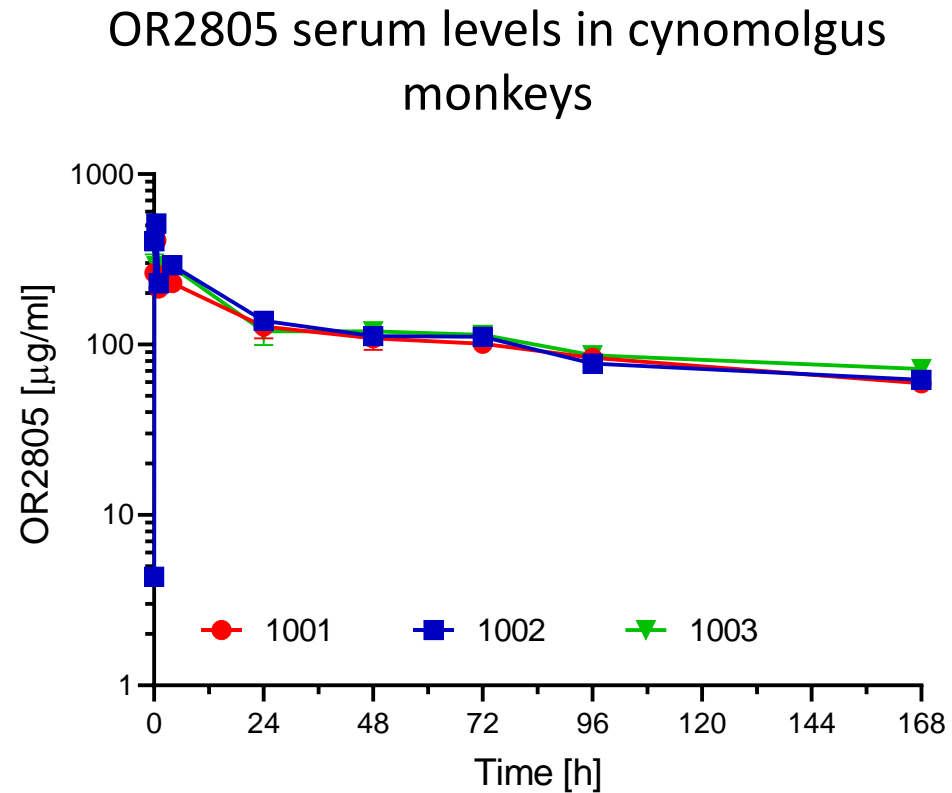
IFN-γ production is enhanced by combination of OR2805 with anti-PD-1 or anti-PD-L1 antibody in M2c/T cell blast coculture assays

OR2805 relieves immunosuppression caused by myeloid cells in the TME



OR2805 has therapeutic potential as a single agent or in combination with checkpoint inhibitors

OR2805 toxicology predicts tolerable safety profile

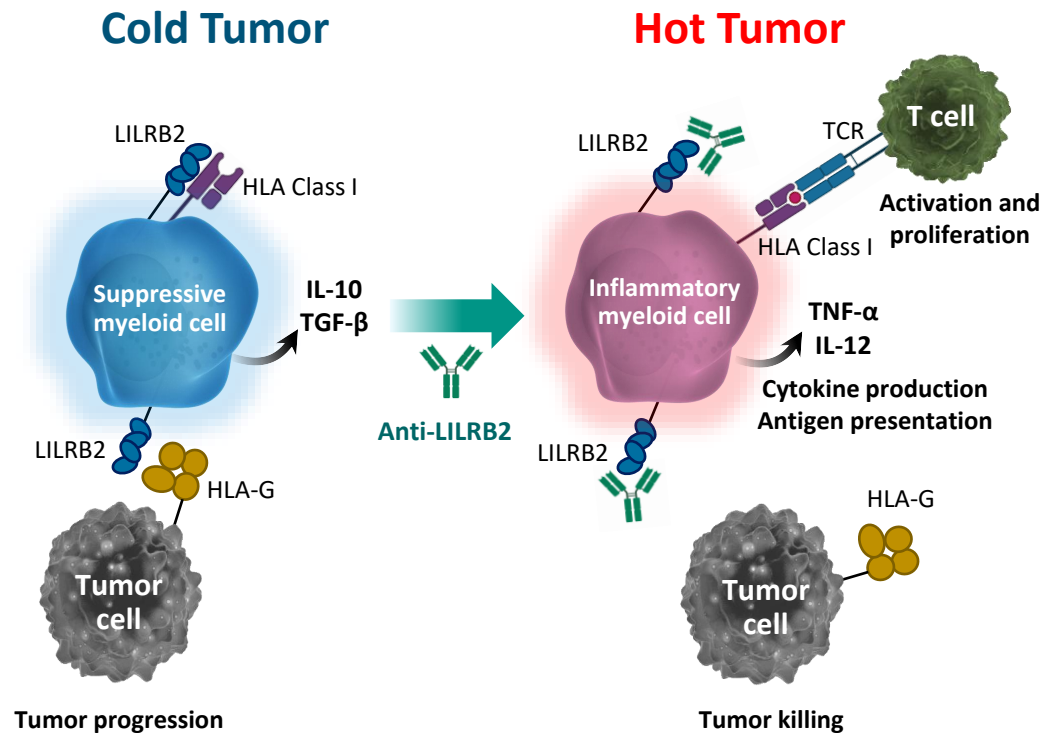


- Completed pilot, dose-range finding and GLP tox studies up to 100 mg/kg
- Observed OR2805 half-life in cynomolgus monkeys is about 5.8 days
- No in-life toxicity observed
- No abnormalities on pathological exam
- Normal serum chemistries and hematology
- No changes in immune cell subsets
- Slight elevation in serum IL-6 suggesting biological activity
- Ph1 study ongoing

Leukocyte Immunoglobulin-Like Receptor B2 (LILRB2/ILT4)

Targeting LILRB2–HLA-G binding to reverse immunosuppression in cancer

LILRB2 antagonism reprograms TAMs and promotes anti-tumor immunity in the TME



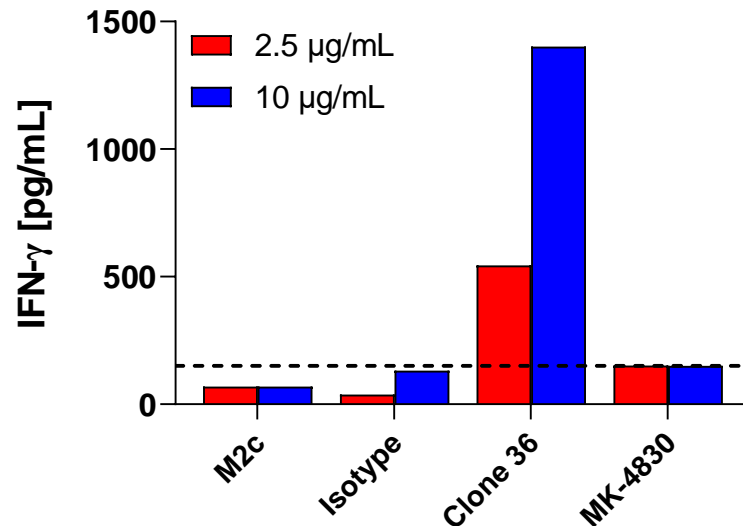
- LILRB2 is highly expressed on dendritic cells (DCs) and MDSCs of the TME and some tumor cells
- Upregulates HLA-G expression and secretion by tumor cells and promotes suppressive macrophage phenotype
- LILRB2 on DCs diminishes the killing ability of CTLs by competitive binding to MHC-class I with CD8 and/or upregulation of HLA-G in CTLs
- Impairs DC maturation to induce Th1 cell anergy and promotes Treg and Th2 differentiation

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OncoResponse antibody enhances CD8⁺ T cell proliferation and IFN γ production in M2c/T cell coculture assay

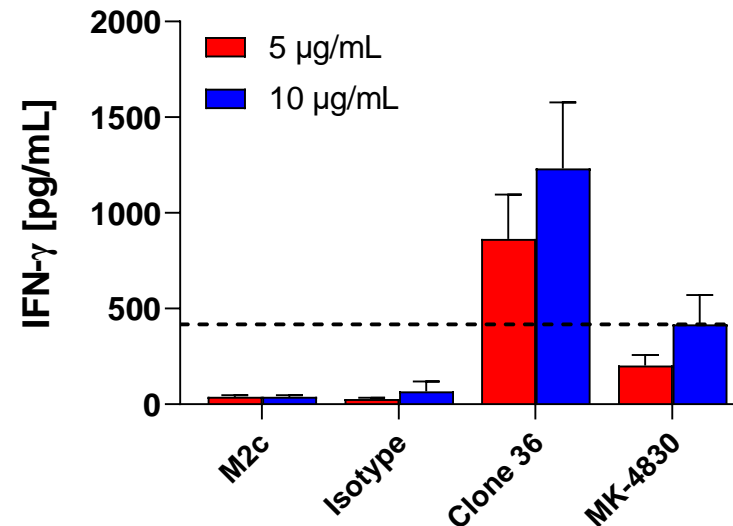
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IFN γ production

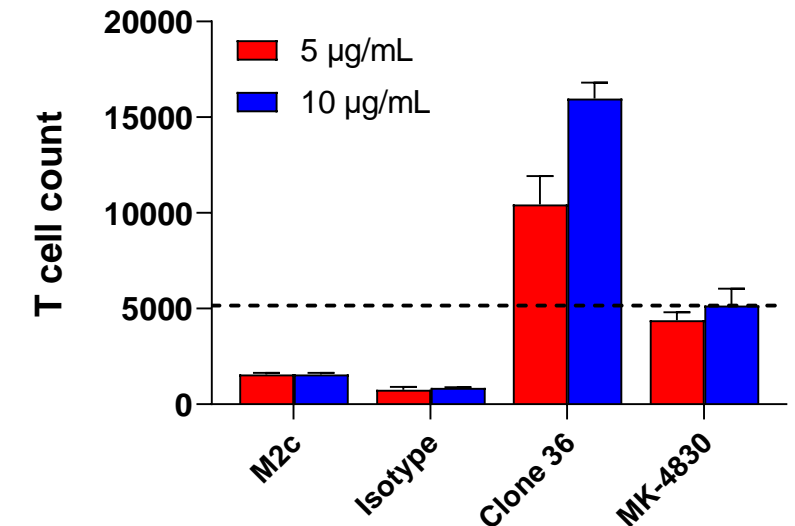


M2c/CD8⁺ T cell coculture

IFN γ production



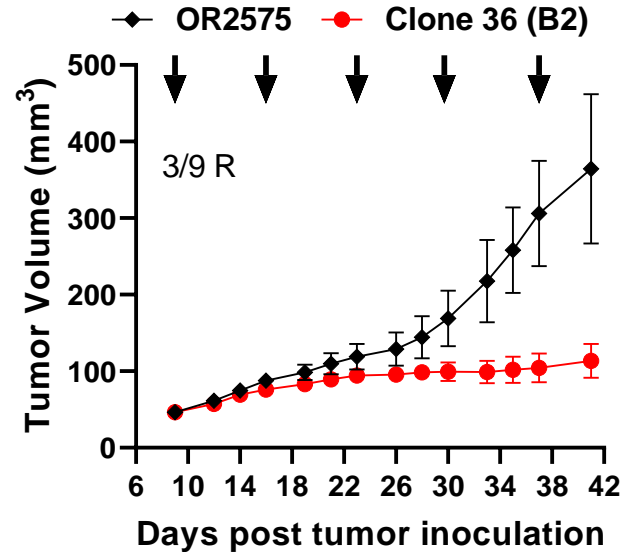
CD8⁺ T cell proliferation



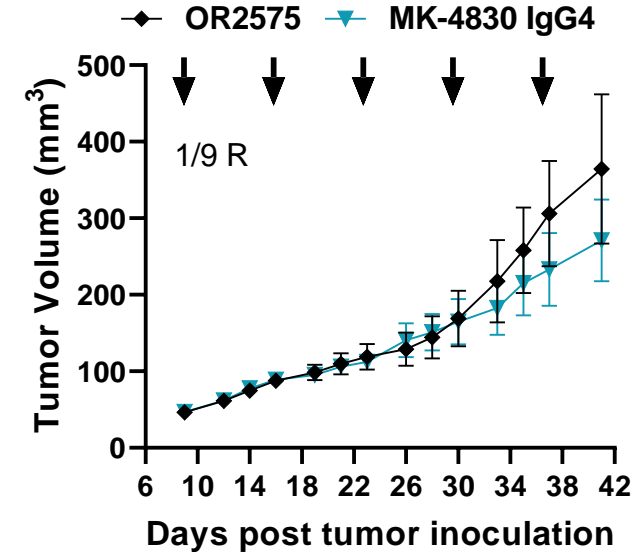
OncoResponse antibody outperforms MK-4830 in M2/T cell coculture assay

OncoResponse antibody induces anti-tumor response in SK-MEL-5 tumor model in humanized NSG-SGM3 mice

Clone 36 (OncoResponse)



MK-4830 (Merck)



- Dosing: 20 mg/kg i.p.
- Dosing Days: 9, 16, 23, 30, 37
- All groups N=9

Group	Tumor Growth Inhibition (%)						Regression (%)
	d28	d30	d33	d35	d37	d41	d41
Clone 36 (OncoResponse)	47	57	69	74	78	79	33
MK-4830 (Merck)	-5	3	16	17	24	26	11

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