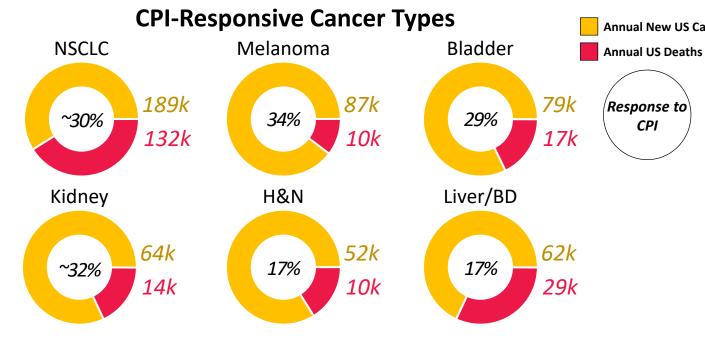
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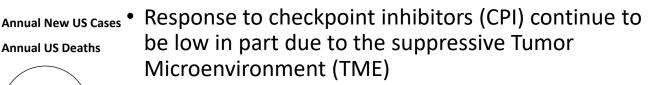
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Targeting myeloid cells to overcome suppression in the tumor microenvironment

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# The Immuno-Oncology opportunity





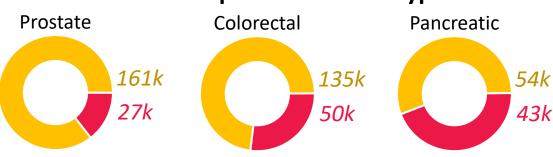
 Large unmet need to overcome immune suppression in the TME to increase response and survival

Response to

CPI

- B cell enrichment in the tumors correlates with response to CPI in melanoma, sarcoma, lung, head and neck, and kidney cancer<sup>1-6</sup>
- CPI can directly modulate B cell responses and induce antibodies, including to clinically relevant immunomodulatory targets<sup>7-10</sup>

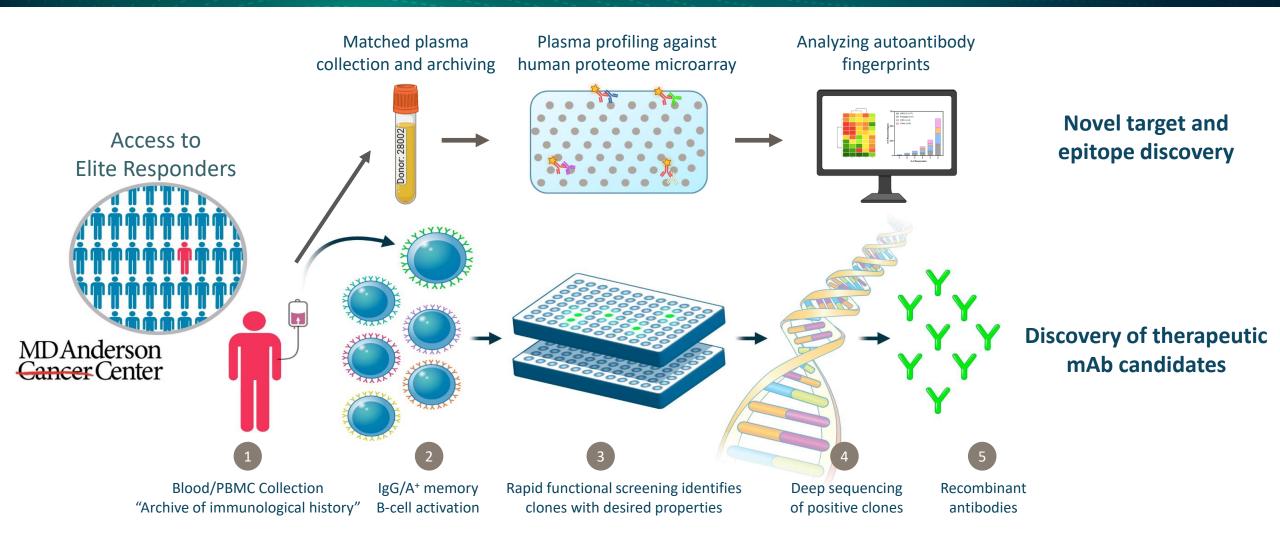
#### **CPI-Non-Responsive Cancer Types**



Cancer patients who have successfully responded to CPI, Elite Responders, may harbor antibodies that contribute to the clinical response

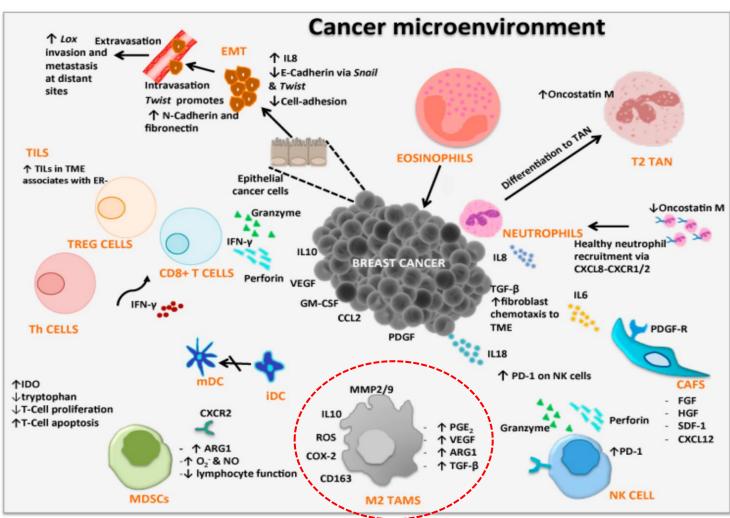
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# The OncoResponse platform interrogates the antibody and B-cell repertoire of Elite Responders for clues to attack cancer



## Antibody discovery with the OncoResponse platform

- Interrogate multiple cell types
- Screen for functional activity
- Identify rare regulatory antibodies
- Modulate immune responses within the tumor microenvironment (TME)



Adapted from Barriga V. et al., Cancers 2019;11:1205

# **OncoResponse pipeline summary**

ANTIBODY	Mechanism	Discovery	IND-Enabling	Phase 1	Phase 2
OR2805 (anti-CD163)	Reprograms TAMs/MDSCs				
OR502 (anti-LILRB2)	Reverses immunosuppression & reprograms TAMs				
TME 2.0	Interrogate B-cell repertoire for mAb candidates				

- Lead drug OR2805 advancing through clinical studies across multiple tumor types
- Several antibodies in development that modulate immune cell activity
- Platform for ongoing discovery of rare human antibodies from Elite Responders

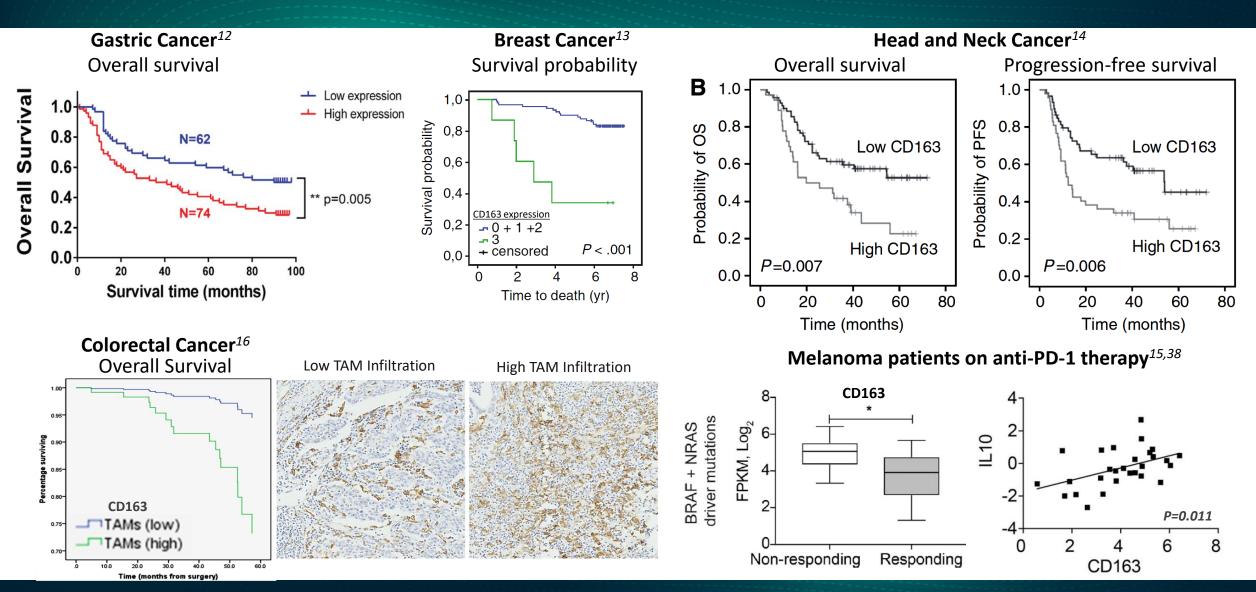
Abbreviations: TAM, tumor-associated macrophage; MDSC, myeloid-derived suppressor cell; mAb, monoclonal antibody

# **Onco**Response

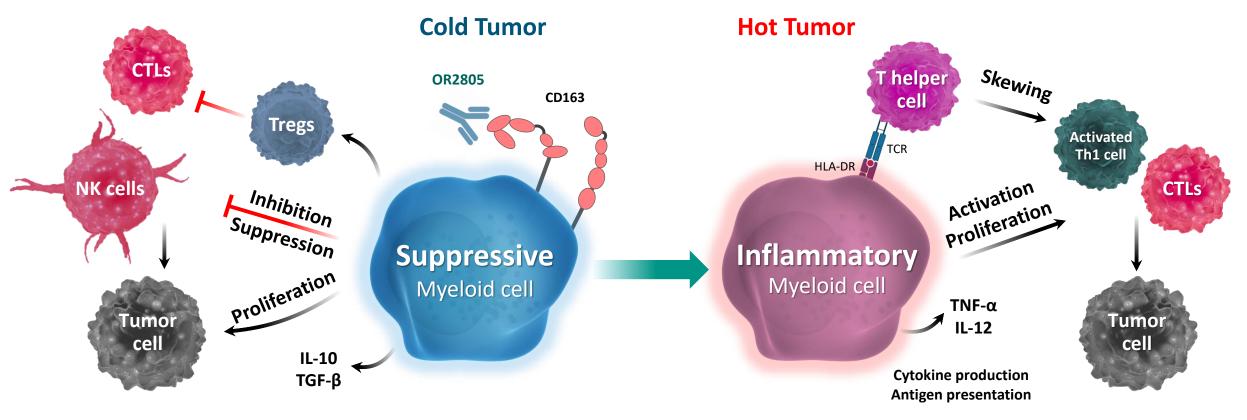
# OR2805 Anti-CD163 human-derived mAb

Targeting M2 macrophages to reverse immunosuppression of the tumor microenvironment

# CD163 is a negative prognostic marker in cancer



# OR2805 relieves myeloid cell mediated immune suppression in the TME



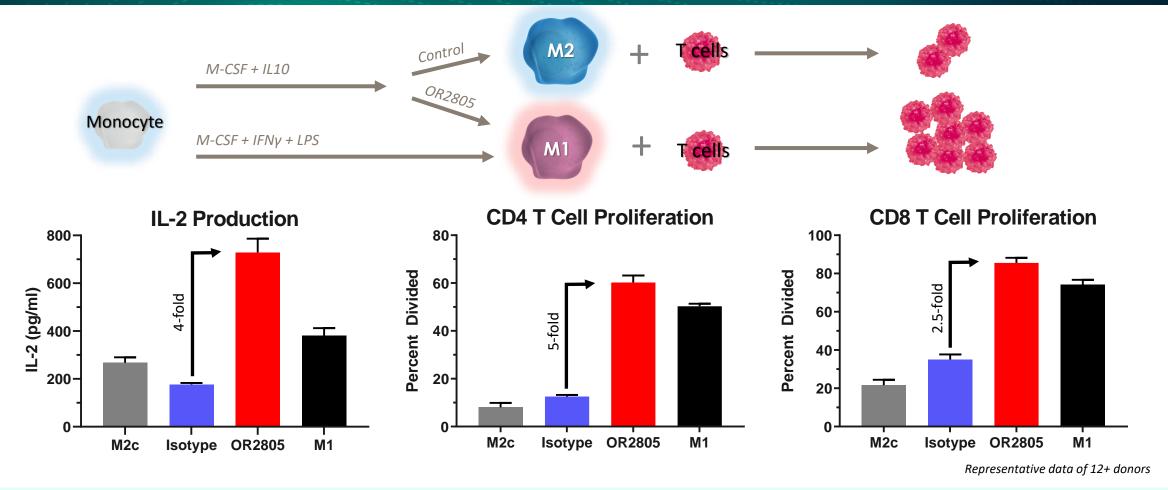
**Tumor progression** 

**Tumor killing** 



OR2805 targets CD163 and reprograms the immune suppressive functions of tumor-associated macrophages (TAMs)

### OR2805-treated M2c macrophages promote T-cell activation & proliferation

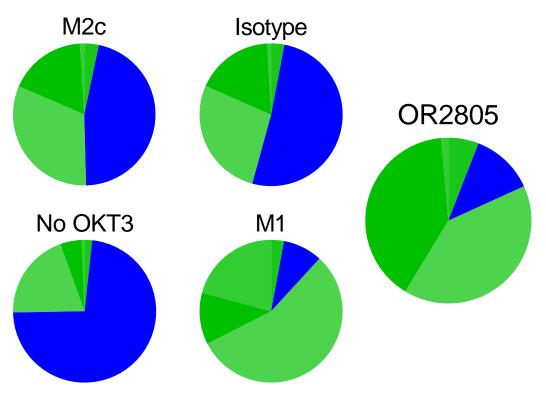




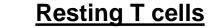
OR2805-treatment reduces the ability of M2c to suppress T-cell activation leading to greater T-cell stimulation (IL-2, IL-1 $\beta$ , IFN $\gamma$ , TNF $\alpha$ , CCL4 & perforin production) and both CD4<sup>+</sup> and CD8<sup>+</sup> T-cell proliferation

## OR2805-treated M2c macrophages skew T cells to activated Th1 phenotype

#### Distribution of CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells phenotypes



- CXCR3 expression promotes CD8+ infiltration
- IFNγ enhances CXCR3-mediated T-cell recruitment
- CXCR3-expressing CD8+ T cells show enhanced anti-tumor cytotoxicity



CXCR3-CD69-CD25-

#### **Activated CXCR3-T cells**

CXCR3-CD69+CD25+

#### **Activated CXCR3+ T cells**

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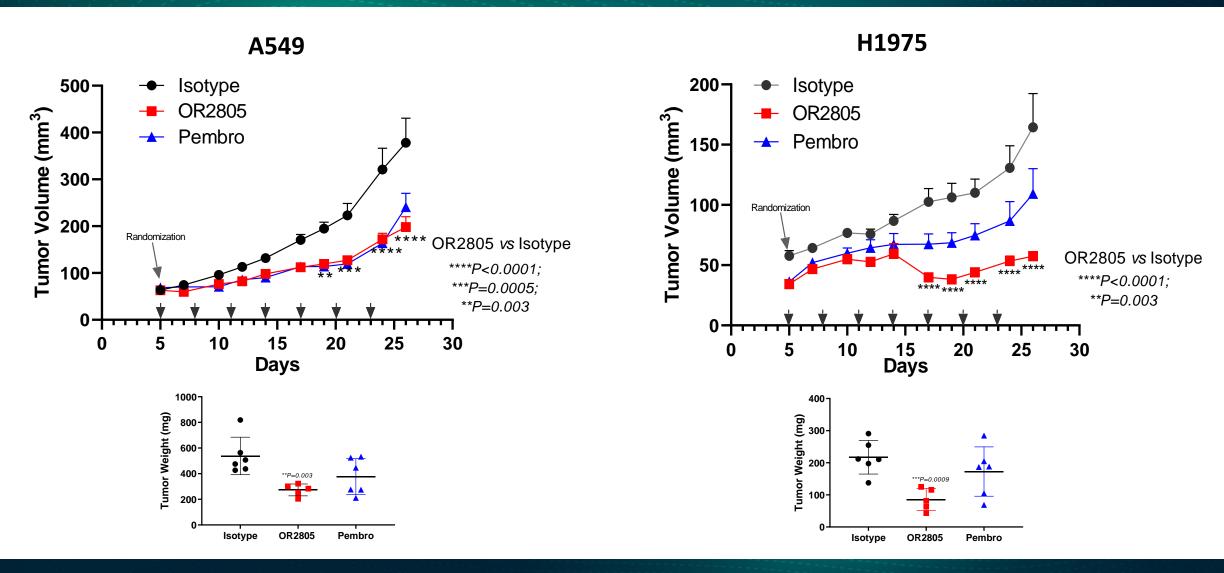
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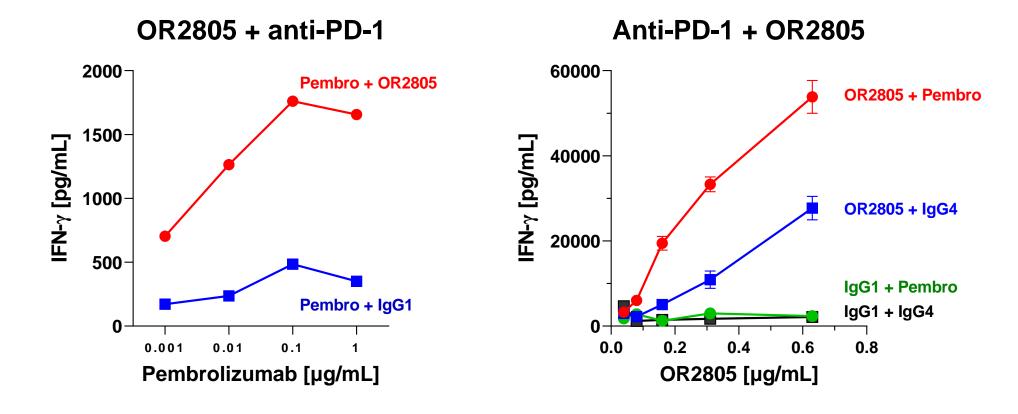


OR2805-treated macrophages promote T-cell activation leading to greater expression of T-cell activation markers (CD69, ICOS, OX40)

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



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





IFN- $\gamma$  production is enhanced by combination of OR2805 with anti-PD-1 or anti-PD-L1 antibody in M2c/Exhausted T cell coculture assays

# Summary: OR2805 relieves immunosuppression caused by myeloid cells in the tumor microenvironment

- Binds with high specificity to M2 TAMs
- Minimizes M2 suppressive effect on T-cell activation and proliferation and skews T cells towards anti-tumor Th1 phenotype
- Shows enhanced expression of activation markers and cancer-killing ability in cocultured T cells
- Demonstrates robust anti-tumor activity in lung cancer xenograft models
- Combination with OR2805 amplifies anti-PD-1 activity in coculture assays
- A phase 1-2 study of OR2805 alone or in combination in subjects with advanced solid tumors is ongoing (NCT05094804)



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

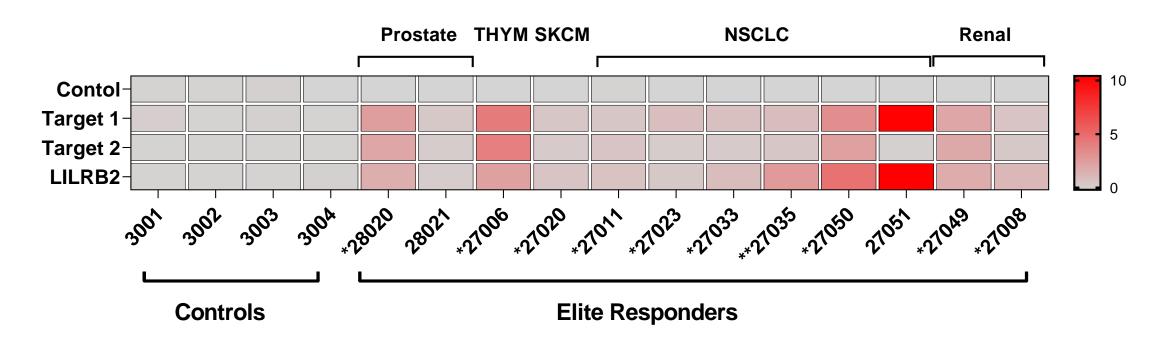
# **Onco**Response

# OR502 Anti-Leukocyte Immunoglobulin Like Receptor B2 (LILRB2)

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

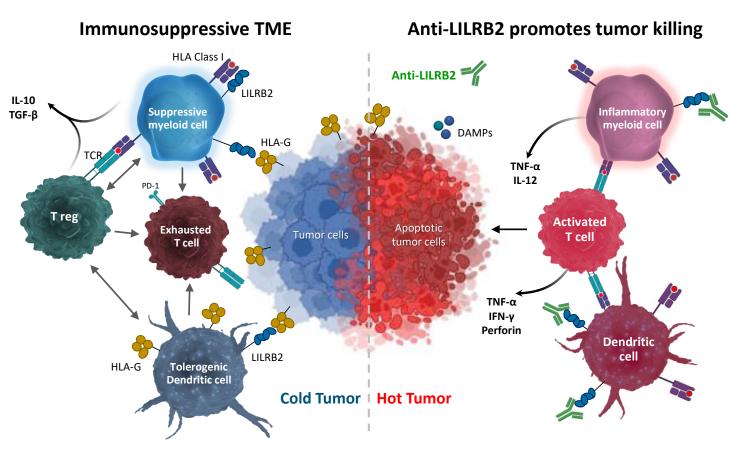
# Presence of anti-LILRB2 antibodies in Elite Responders sera

#### **Serum IgGs from Elite Responders recognize LILRB2**



- Serum IgGs from Elite Responders recognize targets involved in immunosuppression
- OncoResponse is building a "Seromics" database for discovery of novel targets, epitopes, and potential biomarkers

## LILRB2 promotes immunosuppression and blockade drives anti-tumor activity



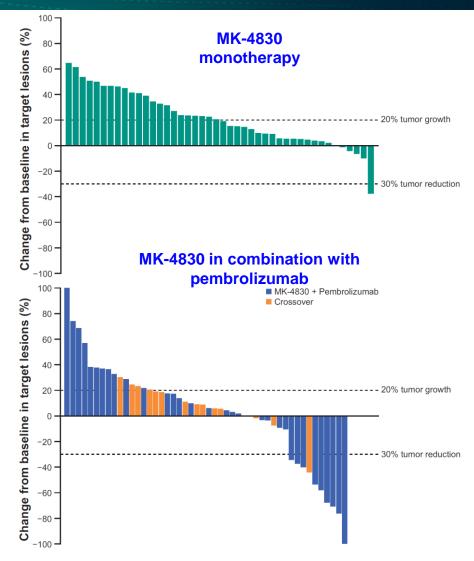
- ITIM-containing inhibitory receptor mostly expressed on myeloid cells
- Expression correlates with poor survival in multiple cancers
- Expression contributes to anti-PD-1 resistance
- Receptor with multiple immune inhibitory activities
  - Inhibits Ca<sup>++</sup> signaling through SHP-1 recruitment
  - Competes with cytotoxic T lymphocytes for MHC class I binding and diminishes their killing ability
  - Promotes suppressive macrophage phenotype
  - Inhibits FcR mediated activation of monocytes
  - Impairs DC maturation leading to induction of immunosuppressive Treg and Th2 cell phenotypes
  - Promotes immune evasion by upregulating HLA-G expression and secretion by tumor cells
- LILRB2 blockade reverses anti-PD-(L)1 resistance

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# LILRB2 is a clinically validated target

Anti-LILRB2 restores anti-PD-1 response in patients with advanced solid tumors

- Phase 1 study of anti-LILRB2 antibody MK-4830 validates LILRB2 as an immunotherapy target
- 50 monotherapy subjects
  - One confirmed PR (2% ORR)
  - One confirmed PR after crossover to MK-4830 + pembrolizumab
- 34 subjects MK-4830 + pembrolizumab
  - One CR, 7 PRs (ORR 24%)
  - 5 of 11 subjects with prior anti-PD-1 responded
  - Responses occurred in patients who lacked predictive biomarkers associated with response to pembrolizumab monotherapy
- MK-4830 monotherapy and in combination with pembrolizumab was well tolerated with no unexpected toxicities

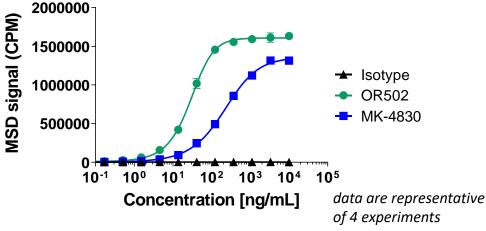


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## OR502 demonstrates specific, high-affinity binding to LILRB2

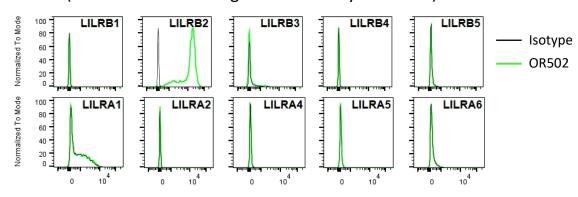
#### Binding to LILRB2 by MSD

(High-affinity binding to LILRB2 protein)



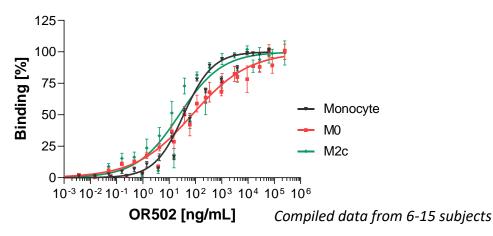
#### Counter-screen

(No detectable binding to other family members)



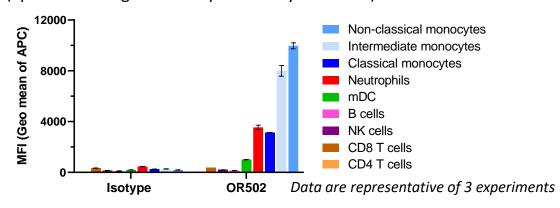
#### Binding to Monocytes, M0 and M2c

(High-affinity binding to LILRB2 on myeloid cells)

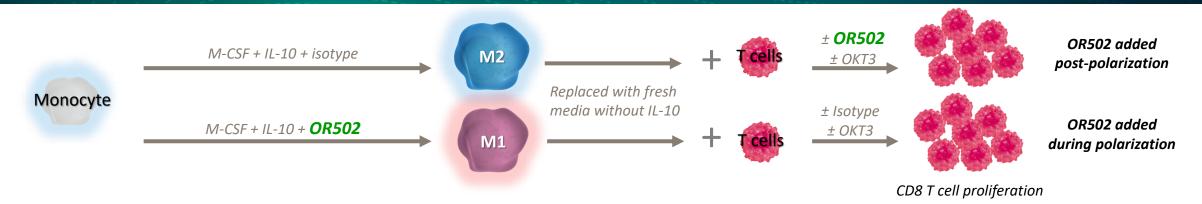


#### Whole blood immunophenotyping

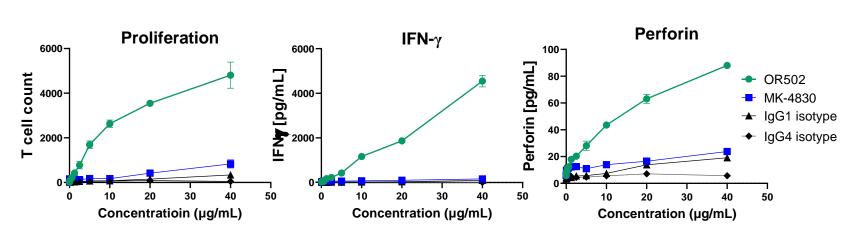
(Specific binding to LILRB2 positive myeloid cells)



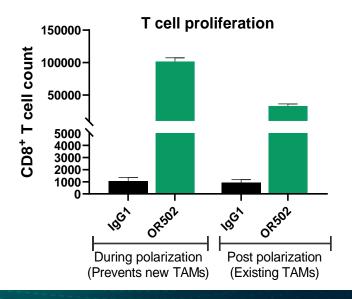
# OR502 reverses and prevents the immunosuppressive phenotype of existing and new macrophages and restores anti-cancer T cell responses



Rescues T cell proliferation and activation

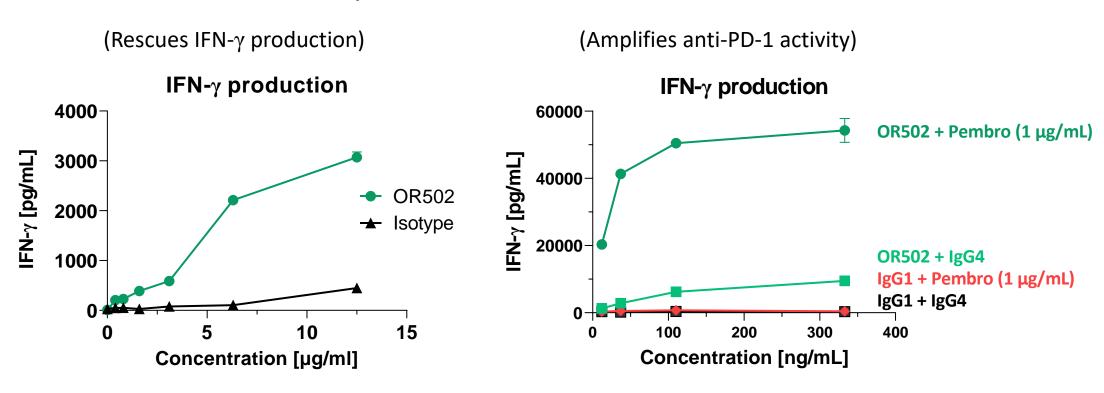


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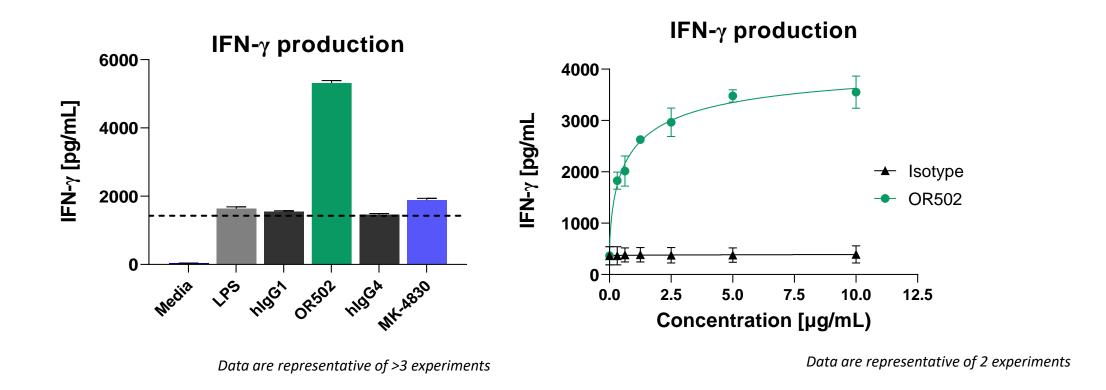
# OR502 amplifies anti-PD-1 activity in M2/Exhausted T cell coculture assays

#### M2c/Exhausted T cell coculture



- IFNy production is enhanced by combination of OR502 with pembrolizumab in M2c/Exhausted T-cell coculture assay
- MK-4830 demonstrates no significant activity in this assay

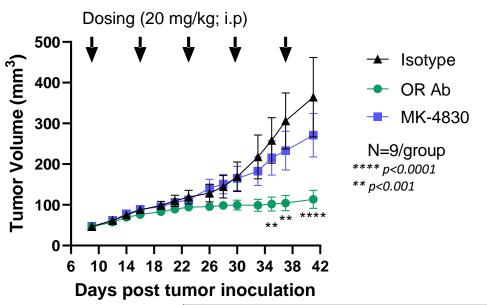
## OR502 boosts LPS-induced IFN-γ secretion by huPBMCs better than MK-4830

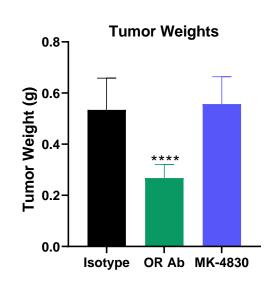


- OR502 outperforms MK-4830 by inducing a stronger LPS-mediated IFN-γ response by human PBMCs
- Activity is dependent on OR502's ability to block LILRB2 interactions with HLA-class I

# OR502 parent antibody demonstrates significant anti-tumor activity

#### OncoResponse anti-LILRB2 antibody significantly inhibits growth of SK-MEL-5 melanoma in NSG-SGM3 mice





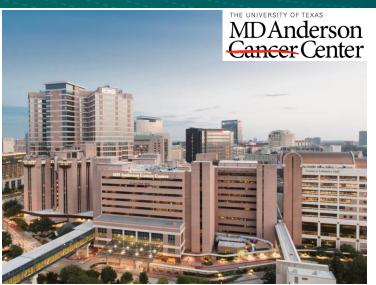
	Tumor Growth Inhibition (%)						Regression (%)
Group	d28	d30	d33	d35	d37	d41	d41
Anti-LILRB2 (OncoResponse)	47	57	69	74	78	79	33
MK-4830 (Merck)	-5	3	16	17	24	26	11

# OR502 restores innate and adaptive immune responses by modulating immunosuppressive myeloid cells and can reverse unresponsiveness to anti-PD-1

- Robust anti-tumor activity in SK-MEL-5 tumor model
- Modulates the immunosuppressive function of TAMs and enhances adaptive anti-tumor responses
- Boosts LPS-induced IFNγ production by human PBMCs
- Reduces and prevents immunosuppressive phenotype of existing and new TAMs
- Amplifies anti-PD-1 activity in M2/T cell coculture assays
- High-affinity binding to a distinct epitope compared to other clinical candidates
- Typical human IgG PK profile in humanized FcRn mice
- Superior preclinical profile compared to benchmark

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