

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL

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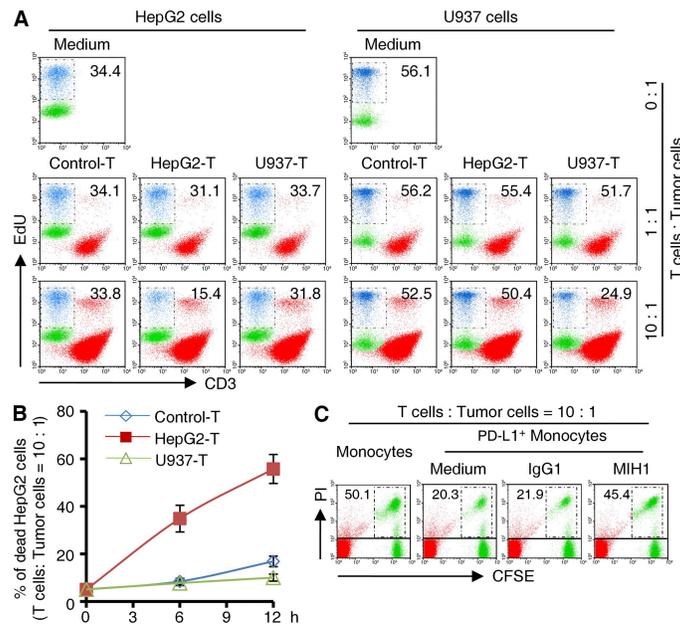


Figure S1. TSN-exposed PD-L1⁺ monocytes regulated T cell cytotoxicity. (A) HepG2 or U937 cells were cultured with control, HepG2-, or U937-associated T cell lines at the indicated ratios for 4 h, with EdU (Invitrogen) present during the final 1 h. Thereafter, cells were collected for EdU staining according to the manufacturer's instructions. The numbers within the dot plots show the percentage of proliferated tumor cells (blue population within CD3⁻ cells). (B) CFSE-labeled HepG2 cells were cultured with control, HepG2-, or U937-associated T cell lines at a ratio of 1:10 for the indicated times. Thereafter, cells were collected for propidium iodide (PI) staining, and the death of CFSE⁺ HepG2 cells was determined by FACS. Results are expressed as means ± SEM. (C) HepG2-associated T cells were co-cultured with normal or TSN-exposed PD-L1⁺ monocytes (10:1) in the presence or absence of anti-PD-L1 antibody (MIH1) or control antibody for 24 h. Thereafter, CFSE-labeled HepG2 cells were incubated with these T cells for 6 h, and the death of HepG2 cells was analyzed by FACS. The numbers within the dot plots show the percentage of dead tumor cells (PI⁺ in CFSE⁺ cells). The results shown in A and B suggest that HepG2- or U937-associated T cells can specifically inhibit the proliferation and exert their cytotoxicity against corresponding tumor cells. All FACS data shown are representative of three separate experiments.

Table S1. Blocking effects of IL-10, TNF- α and IL-6 in the co-culture system by specific mAbs

Treatment	IL-10	TNF- α	IL-6
	<i>pg/ml</i>	<i>pg/ml</i>	<i>pg/ml</i>
Untreated	1,307 \pm 138	1,903 \pm 242	5,676 \pm 691
IL-10 antibody	241 \pm 58**	2,056 \pm 473	5,184 \pm 712
TNF- α antibody	1,136 \pm 287	31 \pm 7**	4,235 \pm 431
IL-6 antibody	1,227 \pm 385	2,214 \pm 402	508 \pm 41**

Monocytes were left untreated or were pretreated with an antibody specific for IL-10, TNF- α , or IL-6 for 1 h, and were then cultured with TSN from SK-Hep-1 cells for 24 h. The concentrations of cytokines in culture supernatants were determined by ELISA. Each value represents the mean \pm SD of results from at least four separate experiments. Significant differences from untreated monocytes are indicated (*, $P < 0.05$; and **, $P < 0.01$).

Table S2. Association of peritumoral CD68 cells with clinicopathological characteristics

Variable		Peritumoral stroma CD68 cells		p-value
		Low (cases)	High (cases)	
Age (yr)	≤ 48	70	61	0.622
	> 48	66	65	
Gender	Male	127	108	0.71
	Female	13	14	
HbsAg	Negative	76	85	0.054
	Positive	60	41	
Cirrhosis	Absent	29	20	0.441
	Present	107	106	
ALT (U/liter)	≤ 42	68	64	0.898
	> 42	68	62	
α -Fetoprotein (ng/ml)	≤ 25	45	32	0.142
	> 25	91	94	
Tumor size (cm)	≤ 5	61	41	<u>0.032</u>
	> 5	75	85	
Tumor multiplicity	Solitary	118	90	<u>0.003</u>
	Multiple	18	36	
Vascular invasion	Absent	128	111	0.058
	Present	8	15	
Intrahepatic metastasis	No	124	108	0.151
	Yes	12	18	
TNM stage	I+II	111	82	<u>0.002</u>
	III+IV	25	44	
Tumor differentiation	I+II	112	96	0.265
	III+IV	24	30	
Fibrous capsule	Absent	22	31	0.081
	Present	114	95	

The underlined terms represent statistical significance. ALT, alanine aminotransferase; HbsAg, hepatitis B surface antigen; TNM, tumor node metastasis.

Table S3. Clinical characteristics of the 312 HCC patients

Patient characteristics	Group 1	Group 2
	Paraffin samples	(Blood + tissues)
Number of patients	262	50
Age (yr; median, range)	48, 17–78	49, 16–78
Gender (male/female)	235/27	44/6
HbsAg (negative/positive)	161/101	31/19
Cirrhosis (absent/present)	49/213	20/30
ALT (U/liter; ≤ 42 / >42)	132/130	21/29
AFP (ng/ml; ≤ 25 / >25)	77/185	22/28
Tumor size (cm; ≤ 5 / >5)	102/160	27/23
Tumor multiplicity (solitary/multiple)	208/54	35/15
Vascular invasion (absent/present)	239/23	45/5
Fibrous capsule (absent/present/ND)	53/209	14/27/9
Intrahepatic metastasis (No/Yes)	232/30	38/12
Tumor differentiation (I+II/III+IV)	208/54	34/16
TNM stage (I+II/III+IV)	193/69	32/18
Peritumoral stroma M ϕ (median, range)	118, 22–291	ND

AFP, α -fetoprotein; ALT, alanine aminotransferase; HbsAg, hepatitis B surface antigen; ND, not determined; TNM, tumor node metastasis.