Supporting Information: Improvement of Peptide-Based Tumor Immunotherapy Using pH-Sensitive Fusogenic Polymer-Modified Liposomes



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Figure S1. (a) Diameters of peptide-loaded liposomes with or without MGlu-HPG determined by Dynamic light scattering (DLS); (b) TEM image for OVA-I-loaded liposomes with or without MGlu-HPG; (c) Peptide or protein amounts per lipid in various liposomes. ** p < 0.01; (d) Peptide release from liposomes. Liposomes were incubated at pH 7.4 or 5.0 for 30 min and then liposome suspension were centrifuged and peptide amounts in supernatant were determined by Micro BCA assay.



Figure S2. Colocalization for FITC fluorescence derived from FITC-OVA or FITC-peptide with rhodamine fluorescence. Mander's Overlap Coefficient of FITC fluorescence with rhodamine fluorescence was calculated from CLSM images. No significant difference was found between any groups.



Figure S3. CTL response in spleen 7 days after subcutaneous immunization with (**a**) 50 µg of OVA-, OVA-I-, OVA-II-loaded MGlu-HPG-modified liposomes and (**b**) 50 µg of free OVA, OVA-I or OVA-II. Cytotoxicity against EL4 cells was measured by a LDH assay at effecter cells/target cell (E/T) ratio of (**a**) 5 or (**b**) 1. Each bar represents means \pm SD (n = 3). No significant difference was found between any groups according to Tukey-Kramer method.



Figure S4. Antitumor effect induced by immunization with MGlu-HPG-modified liposomes containing OVA proteins or OVA-I peptides on tumor-bearing mice. The E.G7-OVA cells (5×10^5 cells) were subcutaneously inoculated into the left backs of C57BL/6 mice and MGlu-HPG-modified liposomes containing 50 µg of OVA proteins (squares), MGlu-HPG-modified liposomes containing 50 µg of OVA proteins (squares), MGlu-HPG-modified liposomes containing 50 µg of OVA proteins (squares), MGlu-HPG-modified liposomes containing 50 µg of OVA proteins (squares), MGlu-HPG-modified liposomes containing 50 µg of OVA proteins (squares), MGlu-HPG-modified liposomes containing 50 µg of OVA-I peptides (circles), were subcutaneously administered into the right backs of the mice twice on days 6 and 13. Mice immunized with PBS (dotted line) were shown as controls. Change in tumor volume (**a**) and survival of mice (**b**) were shown. Mice were sacrificed when tumor volumes became over 2500 mm³. * *p* < 0.05 compared with PBS-treated group. Results of Log-rank test was shown in Table S2.

Comparison	<i>p</i> Value
OVA-I solution vs. OVA-I/MGlu-HPG liposome	0.00673 **
OVA-I solution vs. OVA-II solution	0.0169 *
OVA-I solution vs. OVA-II/MGlu-HPG liposome	0.00673 **
OVA-I solution vs. OVA/MGlu-HPG liposome	0.00673 **
OVA-I/MGlu-HPG liposome vs. OVA-II solution	0.00912 **
OVA-I/MGlu-HPG liposome vs. OVA-II/MGlu-HPG liposome	0.693
OVA-I/MGlu-HPG liposome vs. OVA/MGlu-HPG liposome	0.0401 *
OVA-II solution vs. OVA-II/MGlu-HPG liposome	0.00912 **
OVA-II solution vs. OVA/MGlu-HPG liposome	0.00912 **
OVA-II/MGlu-HPG liposome vs. OVA/MGlu-HPG liposome	0.127

Table S1. Survival analysis by log-rank test for Figure 5c.

* *p* <0.05, ** *p* <0.01.

Table S2. Survival analysis by log-rank test for Figures 6c and S4b.

Comparison	p Value
PBS vs. OVA-I/MGlu-HPG liposome (once)	0.00912 **
PBS vs. OVA-I/MGlu-HPG liposome (twice)	0.00912 **
PBS vs. OVA-I/unmodified liposome (twice)	0.0971
PBS vs. OVA/MGlu-HPG liposome (once)	0.00912 **
PBS vs. OVA/MGlu-HPG liposome (twice)	0.0285 *
PBS vs. OVA-I solution (twice)	0.645
OVA-I/MGlu-HPG liposome (once) vs. OVA-I/MGlu-HPG liposome (twice)	0.0285 *
OVA-I/MGlu-HPG liposome (once) vs. OVA-I/unmodified liposome (twice)	0.645
OVA-I/MGlu-HPG liposome (once) vs. OVA/MGlu-HPG liposome (once)	0.544
OVA-I/MGlu-HPG liposome (once) vs. OVA/MGlu-HPG liposome (twice)	0.0415 *
OVA-I/MGlu-HPG liposome (once) vs. OVA-I solution (twice)	0.645
OVA-I/MGlu-HPG liposome (twice) vs. OVA-I/unmodified liposome (twice)	0.0415 *
OVA-I/MGlu-HPG liposome (twice) vs. OVA/MGlu-HPG liposome (once)	0.315
OVA-I/MGlu-HPG liposome (twice) vs. OVA/MGlu-HPG liposome (twice)	0.553
OVA-I/MGlu-HPG liposome (twice) vs. OVA-I solution (twice)	0.0415 *
OVA-I/unmodified liposome (twice) vs. OVA/MGlu-HPG liposome (once)	0.0404 *
OVA-I/unmodified liposome (twice) vs. OVA/MGlu-HPG liposome (twice)	0.0446 *
OVA-I/unmodified liposome (twice) vs. OVA-I solution (twice)	0.307
OVA/MGlu-HPG liposome (once) vs. OVA/MGlu-HPG liposome (twice)	0.158
OVA/MGlu-HPG liposome (once) vs. OVA-I solution (twice)	0.0404 *
OVA/MGlu-HPG liposome (twice) vs. OVA-I solution (twice)	0.0292 *

* *p* <0.05, ** *p* <0.01.

Table S3. Survival analysis by log-rank test for Figure 6e.

Comparison	<i>p</i> Value
PBS vs. OVA/MGlu-HPG liposome	0.01 *
PBS vs. OVA-II/MGlu-HPG liposome	0.774
PBS vs. OVA-II solution	0.0404 *
OVA/MGlu-HPG liposome vs. OVA-II/MGlu-HPG liposome	0.0171 *
OVA/MGlu-HPG liposome vs. OVA-II solution	0.00815 **
OVA-II/MGlu-HPG liposome vs. OVA-II	0.317

* *p* <0.05, ** *p* <0.01.