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Constructing TC-1-GLUC-LMP2 Model Tumor Cells to Evaluate the Anti-Tumor Effects of LMP2-Related Vaccines

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Genomic DNA from TC-1-GLUC-LMP2 cells was extracted with a Genomic DNA Mini Kit (QIAGEN, Hilden, Germany, #51306). Primers of the sequences inserted in TC-1-GLUC-LMP2 cells were designed to validate the *LMP2* and *GLuc* genes in TC-1-GLUC-LMP2 cells: F: 5'-AGCGGTTTGACTCACGG-3'; R: 5'-AGTGAGACGTGCTACTTCCA-3' (Tsingke, Beijing, China). The sequencing result is consistent with the aim gene sequences of 3192 bp, as follows:

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Methods

IFN- γ Detection

The splenic lymphocytes isolated from vaccine-LMP2 and vaccine-NUL immunized mice, respectively, were stimulated with anti-mouse CD28 (eBioscience, San Diego, CA, USA), EBV LMP2-specific peptide, and IL-2 at a final concentration of 10 μ g/mL (Peprotech, Rocky Hill, NJ, USA). The protease transport inhibitor brefeldin A (Sigma, Japan) and monensin sodium (Amresco, Solon, OH, USA) were added, and samples were incubated for 24 h. In the meantime, lymphocyte negative controls without LMP2-peptide stimulation were set. The splenic lymphocytes were washed with 2% fetal bovine serum (FBS) in PBS and stained for surface markers with various fluorescently tagged monoclonal antibodies: 20 μ L each of V450-labeled anti-mouse CD3, PerCP-CyTM5.5-labeled anti-mouse CD4, PE-labeled anti-mouse CD8a, and APC-labeled CD49b. The cells were permeabilized using a Cytofix/Cytoperm Solution kit (eBioscience) and stained with fluorescein isothiocyanate-conjugated anti-mouse IFN- γ (All antibodies were purchased from eBioscience). Samples were analyzed with all six color channels of the BD Biosciences FACSCalibur flow cytometer instrument (BD FACS Calibur, USA).

Result

EBV-LMP2 Specific IFN- γ Analysis

In this study, we wanted to detect the quantities of IFN- γ in CD4⁺ T, CD8⁺ T induced by vaccine-LMP2. C57BL/6 mice were immunized with vaccine-LMP2 and vaccine-NULL, respectively, followed by one booster injection 2 weeks later. Ten days after the last immunization, mice splenocytes were harvested for flow cytometry detection. CD3⁺ T cells were screened by flow cytometry (Figure S1A). The percentages of IFN- γ in the CD3⁺CD4⁺ T cells and CD3⁺CD8⁺ T cells were detected by flow cytometry, and the results showed that the quantities of IFN- γ in CD3⁺CD8⁺ T cells isolated from vaccine-LMP2 immunized mice were significantly higher than those in CD3⁺CD4⁺ T cells (Figures S1B and S1C). Moreover, the quantities of IFN- γ in the CD3⁺CD4⁺ T cells isolated from vaccine-NULL immunized mice had no significant difference when compared with those separated from vaccine-LMP2 immunized mice (Figures S1C). These data suggested that the vaccine-LMP2 induction of specific immune responses was mainly CD8⁺ T cell dependent (Figure S1D).

In the meanwhile, we investigated the percentage of IFN- γ in NK cells induced by vaccine-LMP2 or vaccine-NULL. Mice splenocytes were harvested from vaccine-LMP2 and vaccine-NULL immunized mice, respectively, for flow cytometry detection as there was a negative control without LMP2-peptide stimulation. The quantities of IFN- γ in NK cells were detected by the surface marker CD49b of NK cells. The results showed that the release of IFN- γ in NK cells isolated from mice immunized with vaccine-LMP2 mice was scarce as there was no difference with those stimulated without LMP2-peptides and those separated from vaccine-NULL (Figures S1E and S1F). In addition, the percentages of IFN- γ in CD8⁺ T cells were significantly higher than those in NK cells (Figure S1G). The above data further confirmed that the LMP2-specific immune responses was mainly induced by the CD8⁺ T cell.

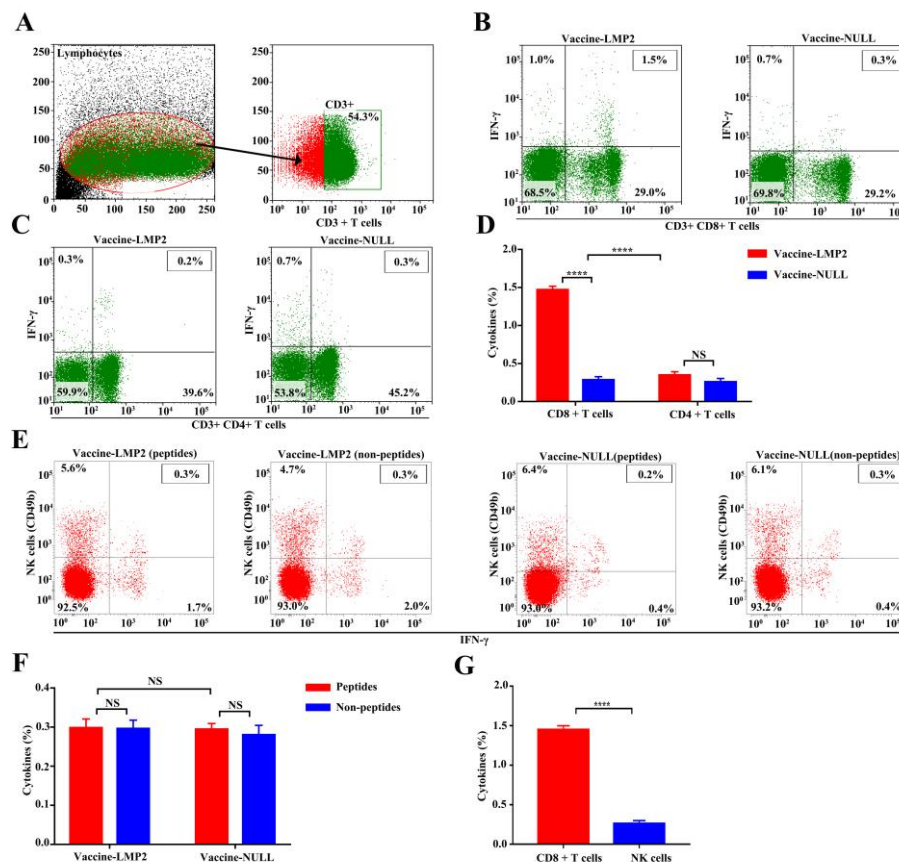


Figure S1. Flow cytometry detection IFN- γ results. (A) Flow cytometry gating of CD3⁺ T cells. (B,C) The proportions of IFN- γ in CD3⁺CD8⁺ T (B) and CD3⁺CD4⁺ (C) cells. (D) The cytokine percentages of IFN- γ in CD8⁺ and CD4⁺ T cells. (E) The quantities of IFN- γ in NK cells stimulated with LMP2-peptides isolated from vaccine-LMP2 and vaccine-NUL mice, and those stimulated without LMP2-peptides. (F) The cytokine percentages of IFN- γ in NK cells. (G) The cytokine percentages of IFN- γ in CD8⁺ T and NK cells. Each column represents mean $\pm$ SD ($n = 5$) in (D,F,G), (*** $p < 0.001$; NS, no significant difference).