

1 **CAPTIONS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES AND TABLES**

2 **Supplementary Figure 1. Representative example of a purity check by flow cytometry of CD4⁺**
3 **and CD8⁺ T cells sorted from the spleen of mice treated with the TGFβ vaccine.** Four mice
4 were vaccinated with all five TGFβ-derived peptides on days 0 and 7. On day 14, mice were
5 sacrificed, spleens harvested and pulled. CD4⁺ and CD8⁺ T cells were sorted. The purity of the
6 sorting was assessed by flow cytometry.

7 **Supplementary Figure 2. Pan02 cell line generates tumors with high *Tgfb1* expression.**

8 Assessment of *Tgfb1* expression in Pan02, MC38, LL2, and B16 tumors that were subcutaneously
9 inoculated in the right flank (0.5 million cancer cells). Tumors were harvested at endpoint and
10 *Tgfb1* expression in whole tumor RNA was assessed by RT-qPCR relative to the housekeeping
11 gene *Hprt1*. Dots represent individual mice (n=3 per group); a.u., arbitrary units. Data are presented
12 as mean ± SD.

13 **Supplementary Figure 3. Individual tumor growth curves for Pan02-tumor bearing mice**
14 **treated with different combinations of TGFβ-derived peptides (data shown in Figure 2A).**

15 Individual tumor growth curves for Pan02-tumor bearing mice that were either (A) untreated or
16 vaccinated with (B) a TGFβ-derived MHC-II predicted peptide (mTGFβ-18-32), (C) a pool of four
17 MHC-I-restricted peptides (mTGFβ-4-11, 215-223, 282-289, and 334-342), or (D) vaccinated with
18 a combination of all five peptides (referred to as “TGFβ vaccine”) in a 4-dose regimen. Mice (n=5-8
19 mice per group) were vaccinated on days 10, 17, 24, and 35, as indicated by the arrows. Curves
20 represent individual mice.

21 **Supplementary Figure 4. TGFβ-derived peptides need to be combined with Montanide ISA 51**
22 **VG as an adjuvant to exert an anti-tumor immune response.** (A) Average tumor growth in
23 Pan02-tumor bearing mice that were either untreated, vaccinated with only Montanide, vaccinated

24 with unadjuvanted TGF β -derived peptides or vaccinated with TGF β -derived peptides emulsified
25 with Montanide, as previously described in the paper (referred to as “TGF β vaccine” in the graph).
26 For Montanide-only treatments, each mouse received 100 μ L of an emulsion containing 50 μ L of
27 H₂O and 50 μ L of Montanide. For treatments with unadjuvanted TGF β -derived peptides, each
28 mouse was injected with two peptide solutions, one containing 100 μ g of the murine TGF β -derived
29 MHC-II-restricted peptide (mTGF β -18-32) and another containing 50 μ g of each MHC-I-restricted
30 peptide (mTGF β -4-11, mTGF β -215-223, mTGF β -282-289 and mTGF β -334-342). Peptide solutions
31 were not emulsified with Montanide before vaccination. For treatments with the TGF β vaccine,
32 mice were treated as previously described in the paper (see method section). All vaccinations were
33 performed subcutaneously at the base of the tail on day 10 and 17 post-inoculation, as indicated by
34 the arrows. N=7 mice per group. Data are presented as mean \pm SEM. (B) TGF β vaccine-specific
35 responses at endpoint (day 29) across the different treatment groups for the tumor study described
36 in (A) assayed by IFN γ ELISPOT. n=5-9 mice per group. Data are presented as mean \pm SEM. Dots
37 represent individual mice. (C) Percentage change in body weight compared to day 0 in Pan02
38 tumor-bearing mice that were treated as described in (A). Mice (n=7 mice per group) were
39 vaccinated on days 10 and 17, as indicated by the arrows. Data are presented as mean \pm SEM. Ns,
40 not significant; *p<0.05 according to TumGrowth software for (E) and unpaired two-tailed t test for
41 (B) at each time point.

42 **Supplementary Figure 5. Representative dot plots showing the percentage of various cell**
43 **subsets included in the flow cytometric analysis of the tumor-microenvironment of untreated**
44 **or TGF β -vaccinated Pan02-tumor bearing mice.** Representative dot plots showing (A) the
45 percentage of cancer cells gated on CD45⁻ CD31⁻ cells, (B) the percentage of endothelial cells and
46 leukocytes gated on live cells, (C) the percentage of T cells gated on CD45⁺ cells, (D) the
47 percentage of Tregs gated on CD4⁺ T cells in the tumor of untreated or mice treated with the TGF β

48 vaccine. Percentage of (E) polymorphonuclear MDSCs (PMN-MDSCs) gated as CD11b⁺ F4/80⁻
49 Ly6G⁺ Ly6C^{low} and (F) monocytic MDSCs (M-MDSCs) gated as CD11b⁺ F4/80⁻ Ly6G⁻ Ly6C^{high} in
50 the tumor of untreated or mice treated with the TGFβ vaccine. Representative dot plots showing (G)
51 the percentage of PMN-MDSC and M-MDSC gated on CD11b⁺ F4/80⁻ cells, (H) the percentage of
52 macrophages gated on live cells and (I) the percentage of CD26^{hi} Ly6C^{hi} and CD26^{lo} Ly6C^{lo} gated
53 on CAFs cells in the tumor of untreated or mice treated with the TGFβ vaccine.

54 **Supplementary Figure 6. Additional changes in the gene expression profiles of Pan02 tumors**
55 **induced by the TGFβ vaccine.** Pan02 tumor-bearing mice were either left untreated or vaccinated
56 with the TGFβ vaccine on days 10 and 17. Tumors were harvested (n=3-4 per group) on day 30,
57 RNA extracted, and bulk RNAseq performed. (A) Principal component analysis (PCA) plot of RNA
58 samples from Pan02 tumors from untreated (U1-U4) or TGFβ-vaccinated mice (T1-T3). (B) Box
59 plots showing the expression level assessed by RNAseq and presented as VST-normalized counts of
60 CD8 T cell-related genes (*Cd8a*, *Tnf*, *Gzmb* and *Cd69*) in Pan02 tumors from untreated or TGFβ-
61 vaccinated mice. (C) Box plots showing the absolute immune score (AIS, arbitrary units) for
62 different immune populations and immune score ratio for CD8/CD4, CD8/Treg, or M1/M2 immune
63 populations calculated from bulk RNAseq using the ImmuCC model in Pan02 tumors from
64 untreated or TGFβ-vaccinated mice. (D) Box plots showing the expression level assessed by
65 RNAseq and presented as VST-normalized counts of angiogenesis-related genes (*Vegfa* and *Flt1*) in
66 Pan02 tumors from untreated or TGFβ-vaccinated mice. Dots represent individual mice. ns = not
67 significant, *= p<0.05 according to an unpaired two-tailed t test.

68 **Supplementary Figure 7. Classification of the biological processes associated with significantly**
69 **upregulated in genes in Pan02 tumors from TGFβ-vaccinated mice compared to untreated**
70 **tumors assessed by Gene Ontology (GO) analysis.** Pan02 tumor-bearing mice were either left
71 untreated or vaccinated with the TGFβ vaccine on days 10 and 17. Tumors were harvested (n=3-4

72 per group) on day 30, RNA extracted, and bulk RNAseq performed. GO analysis for biological
73 processes was performed using The Gene Ontology Resource software (<http://geneontology.org/>)
74 with differentially upregulated genes as an input. The most specific subclasses according to
75 hierarchy were selected. (A) Percentage of immune and non-immune-related biological processes
76 enriched in the tumors of TGF β -vaccinated mice compared to untreated mice. (B) Percentage of T
77 cell, antigen presentation, cytotoxicity, cytokine, leukocyte, B cell, chemotaxis, innate, neuro-
78 immunity, or pathogen immunity-related processes among the immune-related biological processes
79 enriched in the tumors of TGF β -vaccinated mice compared to untreated mice.

80 **Supplementary Figure 8. Gating strategy for the flow cytometry panel for general cell subsets**
81 **in the tumor.** Cancer cells were gated as CD45⁻CD31⁻FAP⁻. Leukocytes were gated as
82 CD45⁺CD31. Endothelial cells were gated as CD45⁻ CD31⁺. All populations were gated from
83 singlet live cells.

84 **Supplementary Figure 9. Gating strategy for the T cell flow cytometry panel.** CD3⁺ T cells
85 were gated as CD45⁺CD3⁺. CD8⁺ T cells were gated CD45⁺CD3⁺ CD8⁺ CD4⁻. CD4⁺ T cells were
86 gated as CD45⁺CD3⁺CD8⁻CD4⁺. Tregs were gated as CD45⁺CD3⁺CD8⁻ CD4⁺ CD25⁺ FoxP3⁺. All
87 populations were gated from singlet live cells.

88 **Supplementary Figure 10. Gating strategy for the myeloid flow cytometry panel.**
89 Polymorphonuclear MDSCs (PMN-MDSCs) were gated as CD11b⁺ F4/80⁻ Ly6G⁺ Ly6C^{low}.
90 Monocytic MDSCs (M-MDSCs) were gated as CD11b⁺ F4/80⁻ Ly6G⁻ Ly6C^{high}. Macrophages were
91 gated as CD11b⁺ F4/80⁺. M1 macrophages were gated as CD11b⁺ F4/80⁺ mannose receptor (MR)⁻
92 and M2 macrophages as CD11b⁺ F4/80⁺ MR⁺. All populations were gated from singlet live cells.

93 **Supplementary Figure 11. Gating strategy for the cancer-associated fibroblast (CAF) flow**
94 **cytometry panel.** CAFs were gated as CD45⁻CD31⁻CD90⁺ PDPN⁺ cells. Two CAF subsets were

95 identified as Ly6C^{hi} CD26^{hi} and as Ly6C^{lo} CD26^{lo}, as previously described³⁸. Mean fluorescence
96 intensity (MFI) of α SMA was assessed in CAFs and in the two CAF subsets. All populations were
97 gated from singlet live cells.

98 **Supplementary Figure 12. Gating strategy for the T cell proliferation flow cytometry panel.**

99 CD3⁺ T cells were gated as singlet live CD3⁺ cells. Proliferation was evaluated by examining CFSE
100 intensity in the CD3⁺ population.

101 **Supplementary Figure 13. Gating strategy for the macrophage flow cytometry panel.**

102 Macrophages were gated as CD11b⁺ F4/80⁺. M1 macrophages were gated as CD11b⁺ F4/80⁺
103 mannose receptor (MR)⁻ and M2 macrophages as CD11b⁺ F4/80⁺ MR⁺. Mean fluorescence intensity
104 (MFI) of PD-L1 and Arg1 was assessed in macrophages. All populations were gated from singlet
105 live cells.

106 **SUPPLEMENTARY TABLES**

107 **Supplementary Table 1. Differentially expressed genes in Pan02 tumors from TGF β vaccine-**
108 **treated mice compared to Pan02 tumors from untreated mice (cut off p-adjusted value <0.05**
109 **and absolute log2 fold change >0.585).**

110 **Supplementary Table 2. Gene Ontology biological processes associated with the differentially**
111 **upregulated genes in Pan02 tumors from TGF β vaccine-treated mice compared to Pan02**
112 **tumors from untreated mice**

113 **Supplementary Table 3. Gene lists used for the generation of heatmaps.** Gene lists related to
114 antigen presentation, lymphocyte activation, cytokines and chemokines, inflammation, interferon
115 signaling, TLR pathway, phagocytosis, immune response to tumors, apoptosis, pro-fibrotic
116 fibroblast, inflammatory fibroblast and fibroblast-derived collagens. All gene lists were obtained
117 from nanoString panel gene lists, except for i) the cytokine and chemokine gene list, which was

118 self-generated, ii) the pro-fibrotic fibroblast and inflammatory fibroblast gene lists, which were
119 retrieved from²⁷ (gene list named "TGFβ1_up^g" and "TNFα_up^g") and iii) the fibroblast-derived
120 collagen gene list, which was retrieved from²⁸.

121 **Supplementary Table 4. Population schemes used for the ImmuCC algorithm.**

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