Killing efficiency affected by muturally modulated PD-1 and PD-L1 expression via NKT-hepatoma cell intereations

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Abstract

Tumour antigens and other lymphocyte-activating factors, such as IFN-γ, can induce PD-1 expression, The combination of PD-1 with PD-L1 has negative effects on activation, proliferation and cytotoxicity of T lymphocytes. The use of a PD-1/PD-L1 blocking strategy has produced some achievements in solid tumours. The immune checkpoints related to blocking therapy ultimately depend on T cells to express an effect. It is unclear Whether interaction between T cells and hepatoma cells on different backgrounds affects PD1 or PDL1 expression, It is also unclear whether there is a difference between the killing effect of knocking out PD-1 receptors and that of blocking the PD-1 pathway with monoclonal antibodies on hepatoma cells with different backgrounds . In this study, the interactions between expression of PD-1/PD-L1 were observed by coculturing umbilical cord blood derived NKT cells with hepatoma cell lines on different backgrounds (MHCC97H,HepG2, SMMC-7721 and Huh-7), Furthermore, the killing effect of NKT cells targeting tumor cells were investigated after knocking out PD-1 on NKT cells or applying monoclonal antibodies to block PD-1. Our results showed that Coculture of hepatoma cells with NKT cells mutually affected the expression of PD-L1 and PD-1; Hepatoma cells in different genetic lines respond to NKT-cell-induced PD-L1 stimulats differently, and those tumor cells with lower PDL1 expression fail to PD1 blocking intervention; The killing effect was more time-efficient with PD-1 knockout than with monoclonal antibody blockade, although it only advanced one or two weeks.

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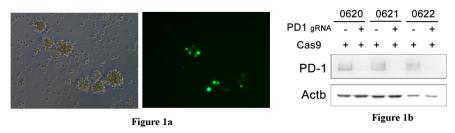
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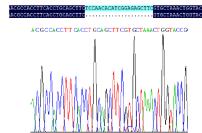
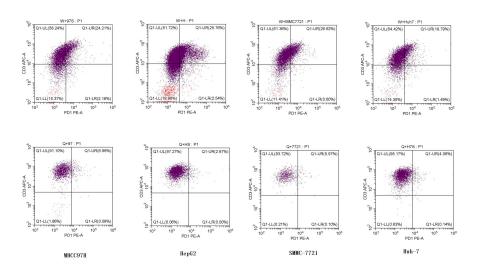
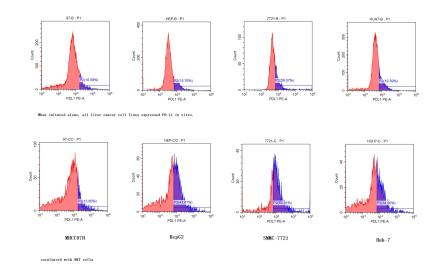
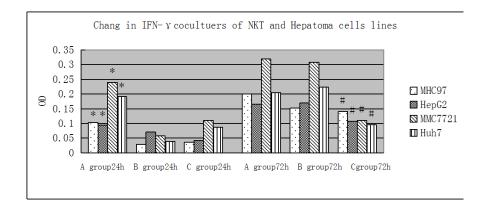
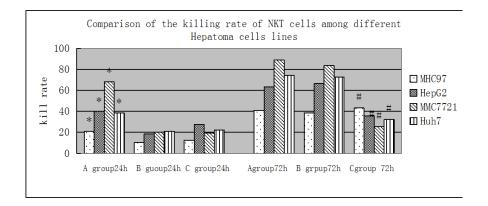


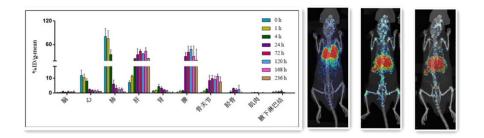
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