# SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS FOR PUBLICATION 2

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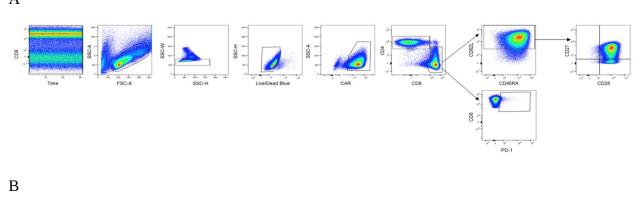
Inducible secretion of IL-21 augments anti-tumor activity of piggyBac-manufactured chimeric antigen receptor T cells.

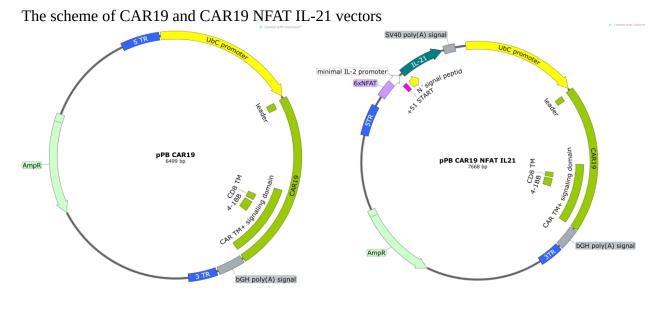
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#### Supplemental Data

Fig. S1

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#### The NFAT promoter DNA sequence:

(XhoI)CTCGAGACGCCTTCTGTATGAAACAGTTTTTCCTCCACGCCTTCTGTATGAAACAG TTTTTCCTCCACGCCTTCTGTATGAAACAGTTTTTCCTCCACGCCTTCTGTATGAAACAGT TTTTCCTCCACGCCTTCTGTATGAAACAGTTTTTCCTCCACGCCTTCTGTATGAAACAGTT TTTCCTCCCATTTTGACACCCCCATAATATTTTTCCAGAATTAACAGTATAAATTGCATCTC TTGTTCAAGAGTTCCCTATCACTCTCTTTAATCACTACTCACAGTAAACCTCAACTCCTGCC CAAGCTTGGCATTCCGGTACTGTTGGTAAAGCCACC(ATG)-->IL21

Fig. S1 The FACS gating strategy and scheme of the CAR vectors.

(A)The dotplots shows the scheme of FACS data analysis. First, cells were gated with a time parameter to remove measurement artifacts, followed with a FSC/SCC gate to remove debris and doublets. Next, live cells CAR+ T cells were identified via Live/Dead Blue dye and with goat antimouse Ab. In the case of PSMA CAR T cells we used anti-myc Ab instead of goat anti-mouse Ab. The phenotype was then determined on CD8+ and CD4+ cells by staining for antigens CD62L, CD45RA, CD27, CD28, PD-1. The FMO controls were used to adjust compensations. The image shows a representative sample of CAR19 T cells. (B) The map of CAR19 and CAR19 NFAT IL21 is depicted, the PSMA CAR vectors is identical as CAR19 except for a different scFv. The aminoacid sequence of PSMA CAR is shown in (C) and the DNA sequence of NFAT promoter is shown in (D).

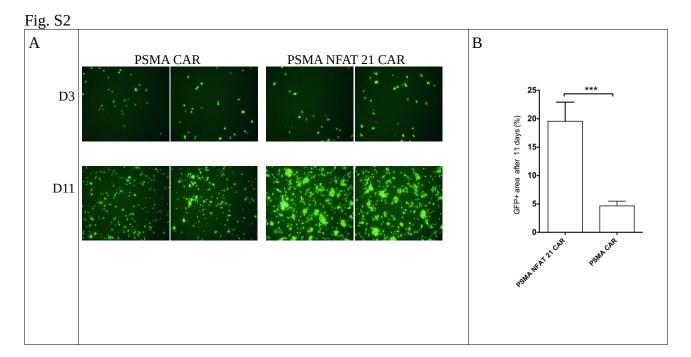


Fig. S2 Inducible secretion of IL-21 increases expansion of PSMA CAR T cells in vitro. (A) PSMA CAR GFP+ T cells, or PSMA NFAT IL-21 GFP+ CAR T were activated with anti-myc Ab and then were expanded in the presence of IL-4, IL-7, IL-21. Manufactured PSMA CAR T cells were then co-cultivated with LNCap cell line under soft agarose. The images show representative two fields of view after 4 days, or 11 days of culture. (B) To quantify the expansion of GFP+ CAR T cells, we used ImageJ software (https://fiji.sc/). First, the image files were converted to 8-bit grayscale. Next a threshold was set as an area outside the cells and all pixels with intensities higher than threshold value were converted to black. The plugin "Analyze Particles" was used to quantify the area containing GFP+ cells. Minimally, four images of randomly chosen fields of view were analyzed.  $\pm$ SEM, significance was determined with unpaired t test, magnification is 20x. \*\*\* p<0.001

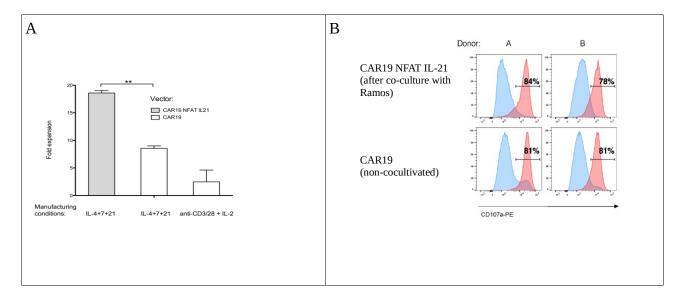


Fig. S3

Fig. S3 Inducible secretion of IL-21 increases expansion of functional CAR 19 T cell. (A) CAR19 T cells were manufactured in the presence of IL-4, IL-7, IL-21, or activated by anti-CD3/CD28 Ab's and cultured in the presence of IL-2, or CAR19 NFAT IL-21 T cells manufactured in the presence of IL-4, IL-7, IL-21 were twice restimulated with Ramos B cells at days 0 and 4. At day 7, the number of CART19 was calculated and is shown as a fold expansion for each sample, the experiment was repeated with almost the same results, n=2, ±SEM, significance was determined with unpaired *t* test. \*\* p<0.01 (B) The histograms show the results of the degranulation assay at the end of experiments. CAR19 NFAT IL-21 are compared to control non-restimulated CAR T cells cultivated in cytokines. Red histograms show the expression of CD107a protein after 4-hour challenge with Ramos cells, blue histograms show the expression of CD107a by non-challenged CAR-T cells.

Fig. S4

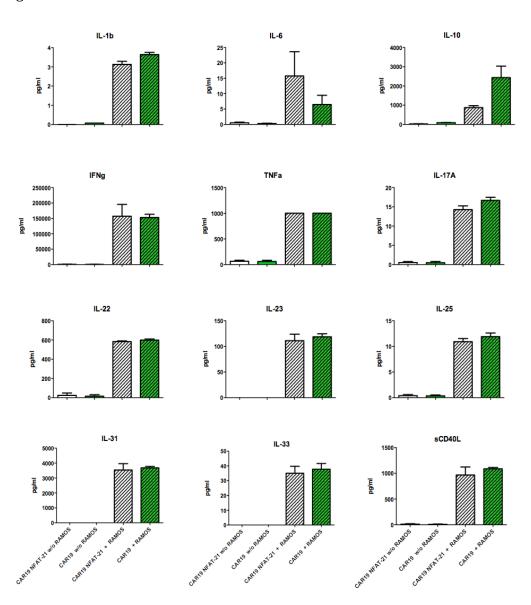


Fig. S4 Production of pro-inflammatory cytokines by CAR19 NFAT-IL21 T cells after antigenic restimulation.

CAR19 NFAT-IL21 or, CAR19 T cells (both were manufactured in IL-4, IL-7, IL-21) were challenged with Ramos B cells (1x10e6 CAR-T + 1x10e6 Ramos in 1 ml media). The amounts of cytokines was then measured in the supernatant after 24 hours via Bio-Plex Human Th17 assay.

Control CAR T cells (designated w/o Ramos) were not challenged with Ramos B cells. The graphs show data from two donors +/- SEM, no significant differences were found between CAR19 NFAT IL-21 and CAR19 T cells.

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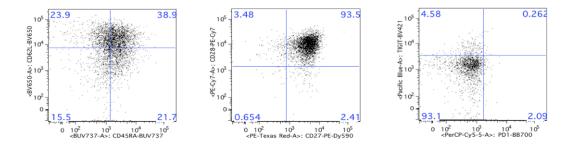


Fig. S5 The immunophenotype of tumor-infiltrating CD19 NFAT IL-21 CAR T cells. NSG mice were transplanted with 5 million of Ramos cells s.c.. After 12 days, when after macroscopic tumors grew out, mice received intravenously 5 million of CAR T cells. 18 days later, mice were sacrificed and the immunophenotype of CD8+ CAR T cells recovered form tumors was determined by FACS by staining for antigens CD8, CD62L, CD45RA, CD28, CD27, PD-1, TIGIT. One representative sample out of six animals is shown. Infiltration of tumors by CAR 19 T cells (non-armed with IL-21) was below the limit of detection and therefore is not shown.

## SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS FOR PUBLICATION 4

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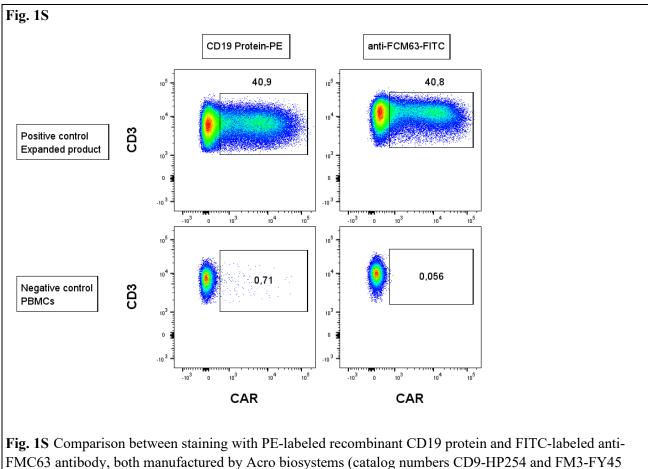
### Supplementary table 1

Antibody panel 1

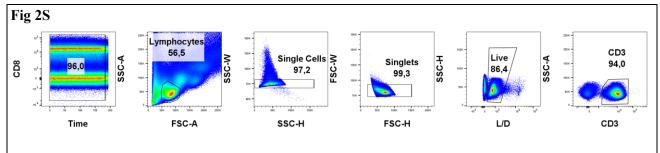
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| Acro<br>Biosystems | FM3-FY45    | CAR                                       | FITC         | Y45     | 50       |
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| eBiosciences       | 61-2239-42  | LAG3                                      | PE-eFluor610 | 3DS223H | 40       |
| Exbio              | 1P-158-T100 | CD57                                      | PE           | TB01    | 160      |
| Exbio              | T4-308-T100 | CD27                                      | APC-Cy7      | LT27    | 25       |
| Exbio              | A7-207-T100 | CD8                                       | AF700        | MEM-31  | 50       |
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# Supplementary table 2 Antibody panel 2

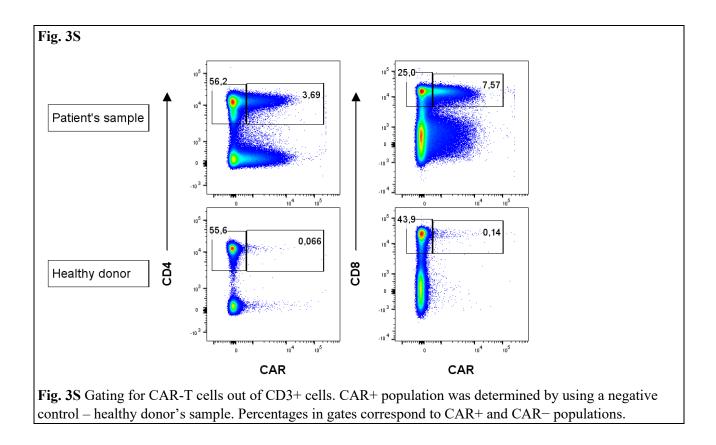
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|                         | ED7625-1 | TCRgd                                     | РЕ-Сутм7           |
|                         | ED7133-1 | CD19                                      | РЕ-Сутм7           |
|                         | ED7162-1 | CD3                                       | APC                |
|                         | ED7140-1 | CD4                                       | Pacific Blue       |
|                         | ED7094-1 | CD45                                      | Pacific<br>Orange™ |
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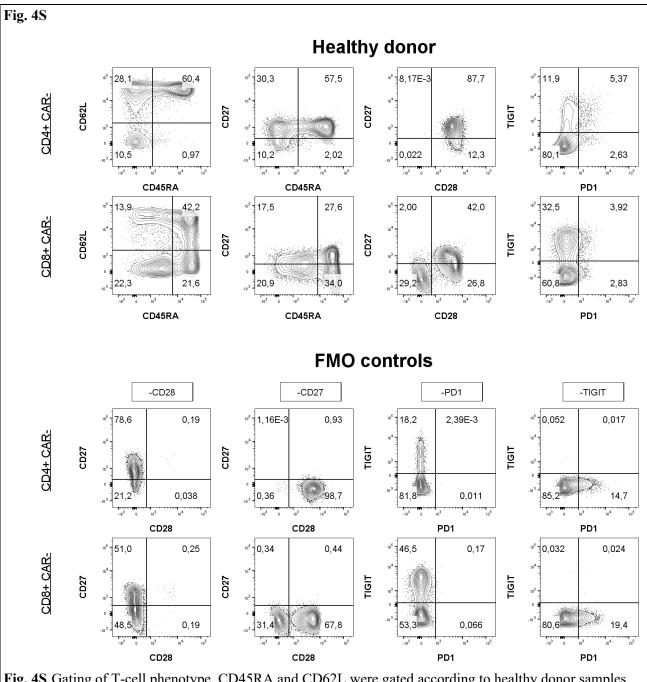


FMC63 antibody, both manufactured by Acro biosystems (catalog numbers CD9-HP254 and FM3-FY45 respectively). As a CAR+ sample, cells from CAR-T product expanded in a cell culture media were used.

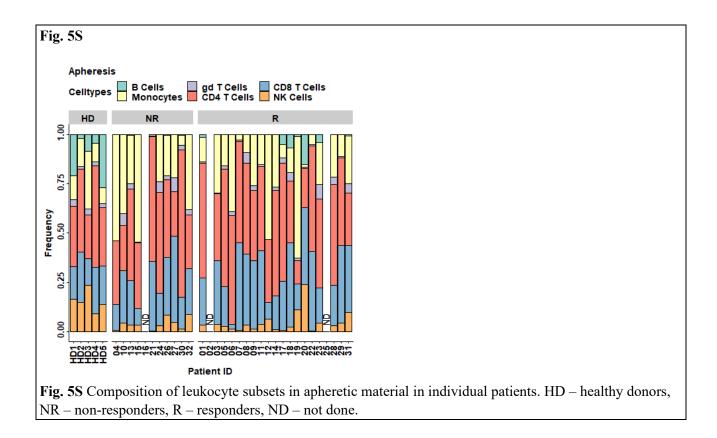


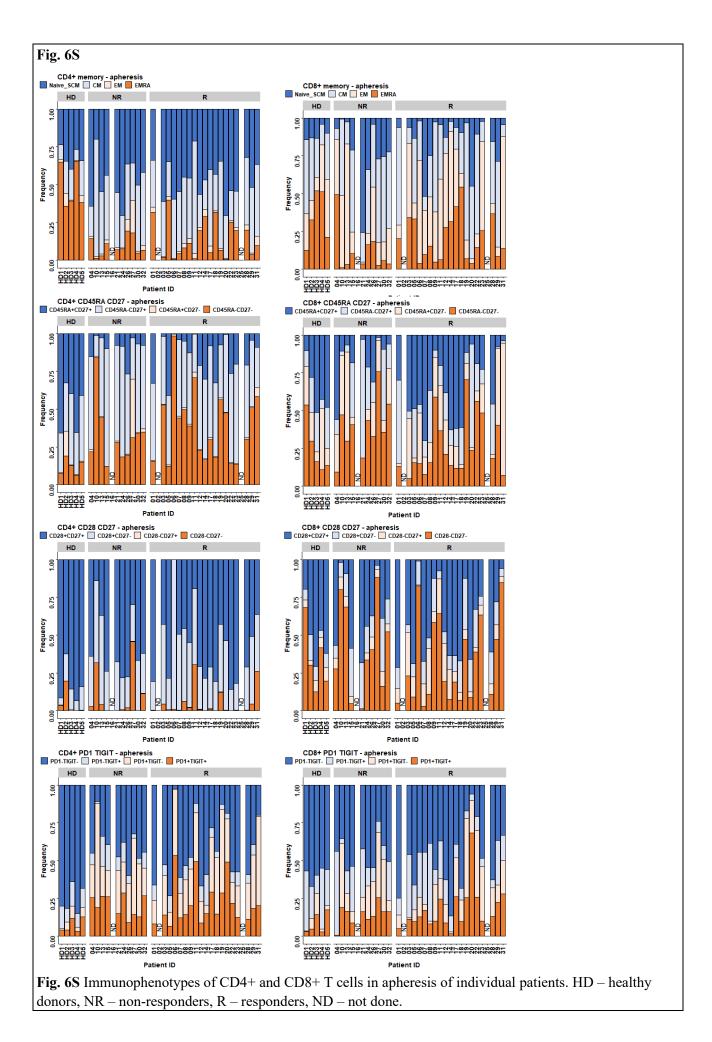
**Fig. 2S** Pre-gating on CD3+ cells for the phenotype analysis. First, sample integrity was checked on time scale, then lymphocytes were selected, following with single cell gates, live gate and CD3 gate.

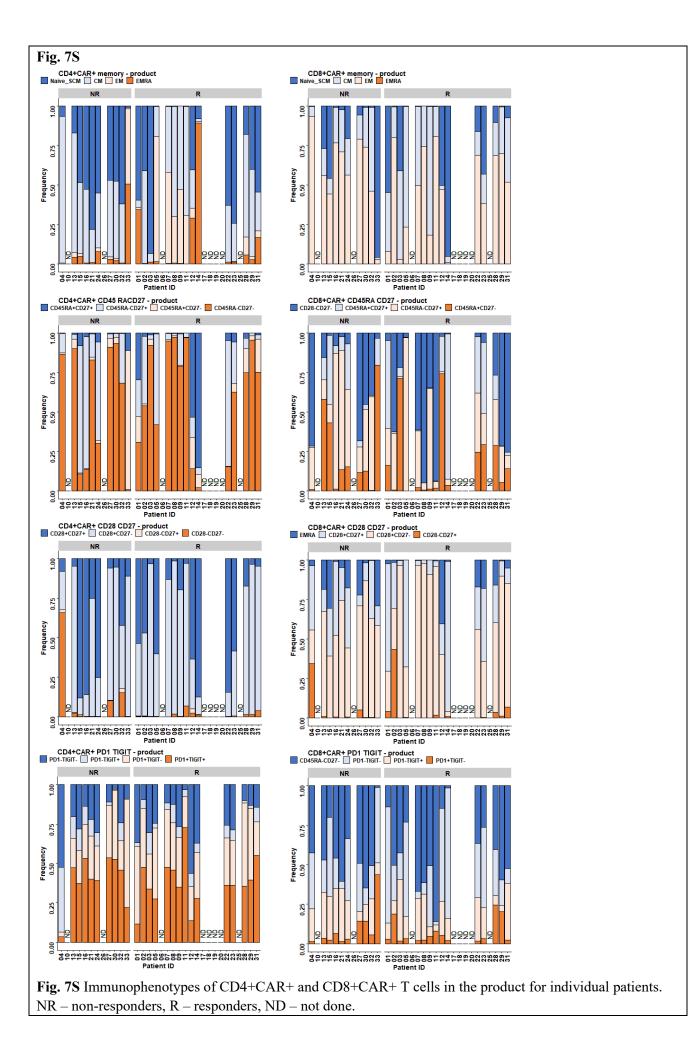


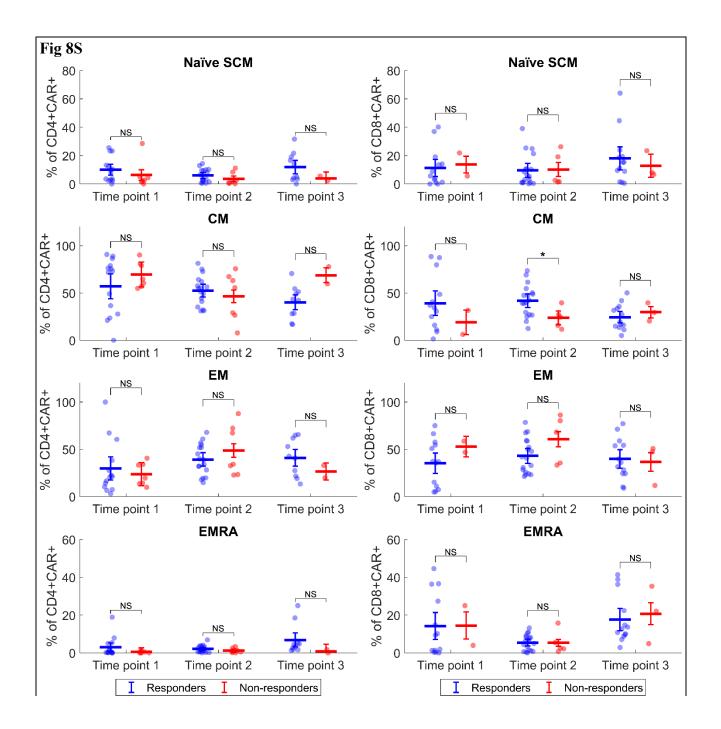


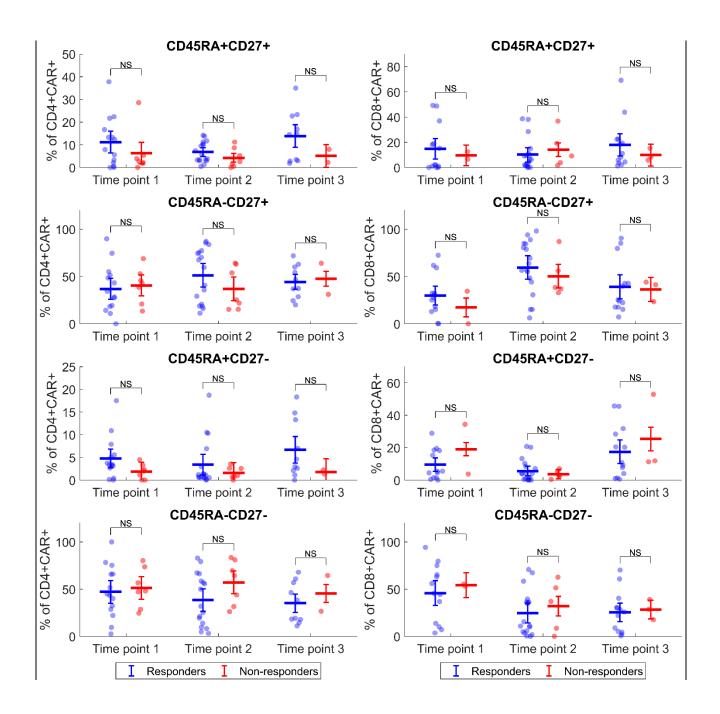
**Fig. 4S** Gating of T-cell phenotype. CD45RA and CD62L were gated according to healthy donor samples, FMO controls were not reliable for CD8+ cells due to their heterogenic population distribution. CD27, CD28, PD1, and TIGIT were gated according to FMO controls. Percentages are of CD4+ or CD8+ CAR- cells.

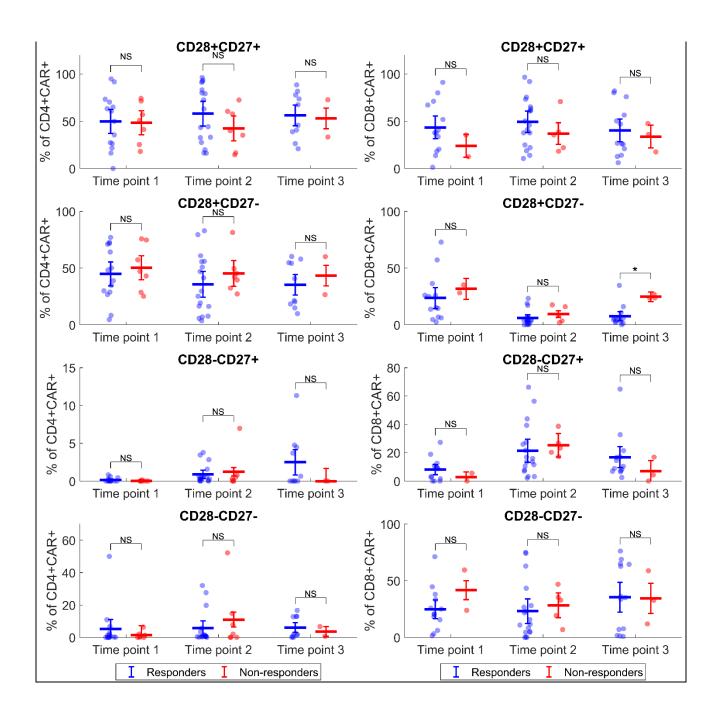


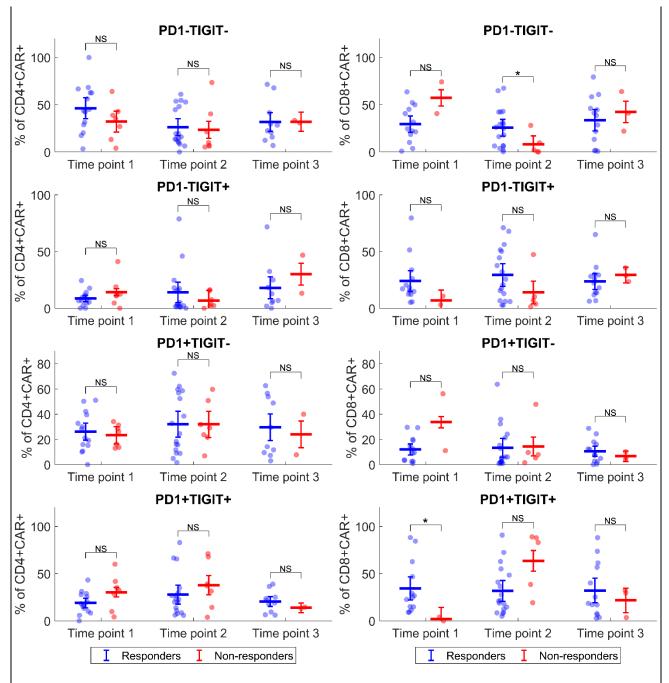












**Fig. 8S** Immunophenotype of CAR-T cells detected in blood at three time points in responders and non-responders. PD1+TIGIT+ percentage of CD8+CAR+ at time point 1 was higher in responders (p = 0.048), however, there were only two samples with detectable CAR-T cells in the non-responders group. Mann-Whitney test, ns - not significant, \* p<0.05.

