Supplementary material



Figure S1. Formulation and characterization of MC-TG. (A) Structure and (B)

characterization by DLS of 6-thioguanine micelles (MC-TG) at the different steps of purification.

Figure S2



T cell proliferation assay: co-culture of d 4 MDSCs and OT-I splenocytes with OVA incubation over 24 hr, $^3{\rm H}$ thymidine incorporation



Figure S2. *In vitro* **bone marrow culture and gating strategy. (A)** Generation of MDSCs *in vitro* from bone marrow and MDSC co-culture with OT-I splenocytes and OVA. **(B)** Gating strategy of cells analyzed by flow cytometry: cells are selected by SS vs FS gating, singlets, live cells, MHCII⁻ CD11c⁻ gating, then CD11b⁺, and finally Ly6c^{hi} and Ly6g⁺ cells are analyzed.



Figure S3. MC-TG depletes circulating monocytes in tumor-bearing mice. Proportion of circulating (**A**) Ly6c^{hi} Mφ, (**B**) Ly6g⁺ Mφ, and (**C**) Ly6c^{lo/-} Ly6g⁻ Mφ over time as percentage of CD45⁺ cells in E.G7-OVA tumor-bearing mice injected 7 d p.i. with 10 mg/kg TG i.d. in the 4 footpads. Experiments repeated, 4-5 mice per group. ***P<0.001, **P<0.01, *P<0.05. [MDSCs defined as CD11b⁺ MHCII⁻, Mφ as CD11b⁺ MHCII⁺, B cells as B220⁺, T cells as CD3⁺]



Figure S4. Depleting MDSCs does not increase the efficiency of a NP-based cancer vaccine in E.G7-OVA bearing mice. (A) Injection timeline of E.G7-OVA tumorbearing mice immunized on d 3 and 10 with 10 μ g NP-OVA + 1 μ g NP-CpG i.d. in the front footpad and injected 7 d p.i. with 10 mg/kg MC-TG i.d. (B) E.G7-OVA tumor volumes of each individual mouse. (C) Proportion of OVA-specific CD8⁺ T cells as determined by SIINFEKL-MHCI pentamer staining. (D) Proportion of Mo-MDSCs, G-MDSCs, and M ϕ as percentage of CD45⁺ cells. 4 mice per group, ***P<0.001, **P<0.01, *P<0.05, n.s. not significant, n.d. no data. [MDSCs defined as CD11b⁺ MHCII]



Figure S5. Free TG does not enhance the efficacy of adoptive T cell therapy. (A)

Tumor volumes and **(B)** survival of B16.OVA tumor-bearing mice injected with 10 mg/kg free TG i.d. in all 4 footpads 4 d p.i. and with 10⁶ activated OT-I T cells adoptively transferred i.v. 6 d p.i.. Proportion of **(C)** Mo-MDSCs and **(D)** G-MDSCs in the blood (as percentage of CD45⁺). 4-6 mice per group, ***P<0.001, n.s. not significant, n.d. no data. [MDSCs defined as CD11b⁺ MHCII⁻]