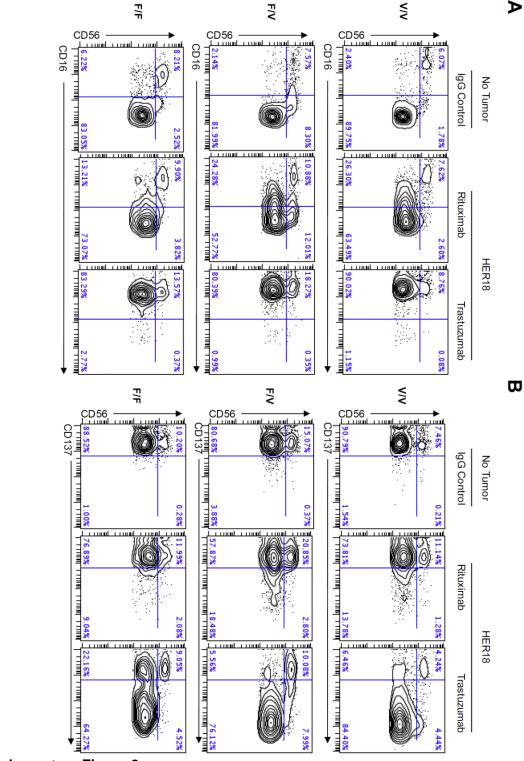
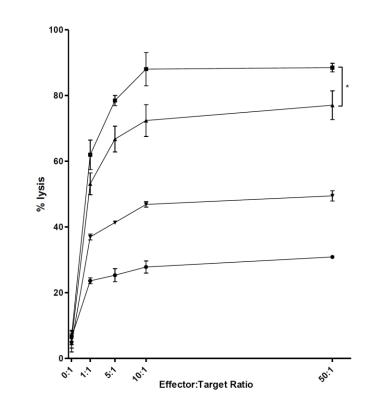


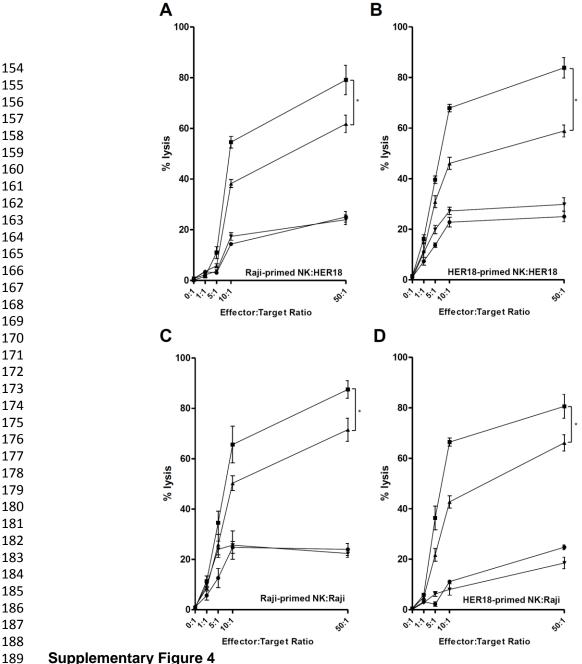
Trastuzumab induced CD137 upregulation requires Fc-FcγR binding on human NK cells following exposure to HER2-overexpressing tumor cells. Peripheral blood from a healthy donor was analyzed for CD137 expression on CD3 CD56⁺ NK cells after 24 hour culture with breast cancer cell line, HER18, or no tumor and IgG control, rituximab, trastuzumab, or trastuzumab D265A (D265A mutation prevents Fc-FcγR binding). CD137 and CD16 expression on NK cell subsets cells CD3 CD56^{bight} and CD3 CD56^{dim} from a healthy donor after 24 hour culture with IgG control alone, HER18 and IgG control, HER18 and rituximab, HER18 and trastuzumab, and HER18 and trastuzumab D265A is shown.



Genetic polymorphisms with variable FcγRIIIa affinity impact degree of NK cell CD137 expression. Peripheral blood from healthy donors with FcγRIIIa-158 genotypes V/V (high affinity FcγR), V/F, and F/F (low affinity FcγR) was analyzed for CD137 expression on CD3 CD56⁺ NK cells after 24 hour culture with breast cancer cell line, HER18, or no tumor and IgG control, rituximab, or trastuzumab. (A) shows CD137 expression on NK cell subsets cells CD3 CD56^{bight} and CD3 CD56^{dim} from healthy donors after 24 hour culture with IgG control alone, HER18 and rituximab, and HER18 and trastuzumab. (B) shows CD16 expression on NK cell subsets cells CD3 CD56^{bight} and CD3 CD56^{dim} from healthy donors after 24 hour culture with IgG control alone, HER18 and rituximab, and HER18 and trastuzumab.



Trastuzumab-mediated cytotoxicity of activated, unpurified NK cells is augmented by anti-CD137 agonistic mAb. NK cells were isolated from healthy PBMCs and cultured for 24 hours together with trastuzumab (10 μ g/mL) and irradiated (5,000 rads) breast cancer cells (HER18) at a ratio of 1:1. After 24 hours, the activated NK cells were washed and added to chromium-labeled breast cancer cells, HER18, for 4 additional hours in media alone, or with anti-CD137 mAb (BMS-663513, 10 μ g/mL) alone, trastuzumab (10 μ g/mL) alone, or trastuzumab plus anti-CD137 mAbs. Shown is percent lysis of target cells by chromium release at varying effector (activated NK cells):target cell ratios cultured with media alone(\bullet), anti-CD137(\blacktriangledown), trastuzumab(\blacktriangle), or trastuzumab and anti-CD137(\blacksquare) antibodies (*p=.050).



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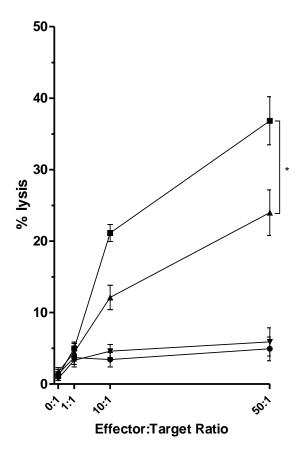
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Enhanced mAb-mediated cytotoxicity of activated NK cells following anti-CD137 agonistic mAb is not restricted to the antibody-coated tumor used to induce NK cell expression of CD137. Healthy PBMCs were cultured for 24 hours together with trastuzumab (10 µg/mL) and irradiated (5,000 rads) HER2-expressing breast cancer cells (HER18, B and D) or with rituximab (10 μg/mL) and irradiated (5,000 rads) CD20⁺ lymphoma cells (Raji, A and C) at a ratio of 1:1. After 24 hours, NK cells were isolated by negative selection and assessed for purity (>90% purity as defined by CD3 CD56+ flow cytometry) and activation (>50% expression of CD137). Chromiumlabeled breast cancer cell line, HER18 (A and B), or lymphoma cell line, Raji (C and D) were cultured for 4 hours with preactivated, purified NK cells in media alone, or with anti-CD137 mAb (BMS-663513, 10 μg/mL) alone, trastuzumab or rituximab (10 μg/mL) alone, or anti-CD137 plus either trastuzumab or rituximab mAbs (each 10 µg/mL). Shown is percent lysis of target cells by chromium release at varying effector (activated NK cells):target cell ratios cultured with media alone(●), anti-CD137(▼), trastuzumab(▲), or trastuzumab and anti-CD137(■) antibodies (A p=.046; B *p=.006) or with media alone(\bullet), anti-CD137(∇), rituximab(\triangle), or rituximab and anti-CD137(**■**) antibodies (C **p*=.048; D **p*=.049).



Anti-CD137 agonistic mAb increases trastuzumab-mediated NK cell cytotoxicity on trastuzumab-resistant tumor cells as assayed by chromium release. To evaluate NK cell cytolytic function, healthy PBMCs were cultured for 24 hours together with trastuzumab (10 µg/mL) and irradiated (5,000 rads) breast cancer cells (HCC1659) at a ratio of 1:1. After 24 hours, NK cells were isolated by negative selection and assessed for purity (>90% purity as defined by CD3 CD56+ flow cytometry) and activation (>50% expression of CD137). Chromium-labeled breast cancer cell line, HCC1569 were cultured for 4 hours with preactivated, purified NK cells in media alone, or with anti-CD137 mAb (BMS-663513, 10 µg/mL) alone, trastuzumab (10 µg/mL) alone, or trastuzumab plus anti-CD137 mAbs. Shown is percent lysis of target cells by chromium release at varying effector (activated NK cells):target cell ratios cultured with media alone(●), anti-CD137(▼), trastuzumab(▲), or trastuzumab and anti-CD137(■) antibodies (*p=.046).