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Our web collection on statistics for biologists contains articles on many of the points above.

Software and code

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Data collection
Microscope images were acquired with Zeiss AxioVision Rel.4.8. Software. Quantitative PCR data were collected with Eppendorf Quantstudio design & Statistical analysis V1.2 Software. For quantification of tumour burden, H&E sections were scanned with an Aperio AT2 microscope (Leica Biosystems) at 20X magnification (resolution 0.5 microns per pixel) and analyzed with Aperio Software v12.1.0.502. The RNA sequencing data were quality checked using FastQC v0.11.4; reads were trimmed using Trimmomatic v0.39, reads were mapped using STAR v2.7.1; the Ensembl Mus Musculus GRCm39 release 103 reference genome was used with annotated transcripts from the Ensembl Mus Musculus GRCm39.103.gtf file; and the number of reads mapping to genomic features was calculated using HTseq v0.6.1.

Data analysis
Graphs and statistic were performed with GraphPad-Prism version 8 software. For the RNA sequencing data, differential Gene Expression Analysis using the counted reads employed the R package edgeR v3.26.5 and the data were then corrected using the CQN package (version 1.24.0).

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- A description of any restrictions on data availability

All data generated or analysed during this study are included in this published article (and its supplementary information files). In addition, the raw data are available
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Life sciences study design

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Sample size  
Sample size was determined on calculations based on our previous published data (https://doi.org/10.1158/2159-8290.CD-19-0435, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cell.2017.11.013), showing that a sample size of n = 5 to 6 mice per group allows detection of the (large) effect sizes of interest with a probability greater than 0.9. Advice for all studies was sought from our biostatistician.

Data exclusions  
No data were excluded from the analysis.

Replication  
Biological (the number of mice was equal to or above 3 mice) and technical replicates (RT-PCR data were run in triplicates) were used. All attempts at replication were successful.

Randomization  
Mice were age-matched and their allocation was random; however we made sure that each group includes both sexes (females and males).

Blinding  
Investigators were blinded to group allocation during data collection and analysis.

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**Materials & experimental systems**

| n/a | Involved in the study |
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| [x] | Antibodies            |
| [x] | Eukaryotic cell lines |
| [x] | Palaeontology and archaeology |
| [x] | Animals and other organisms |
| [x] | Human research participants |
| [x] | Clinical data        |
| [x] | Dual use research of concern |

**Methods**

| n/a | Involved in the study |
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| [x] | ChIP-seq              |
| [x] | Flow cytometry        |
| [x] | MRI-based neuroimaging |

**Antibodies**

Antibodies used

- Rabbit monoclonal anti-Ki67 (clone SP6, 1:100 dilution) (Lab Vision, Fisher Scientific, RM910651) lot# 910651901K, goat polyclonal anti-CD206 antibody (1:200 dilution, R&D Systems, AF2535) lot# WFT0320011, rabbit monoclonal IL-23 (EPR5585(N), 1:100 dilution) (Abcam, ab190356) lot# GR3241587-5, rabbit monoclonal anti-CD3 (Clone SP7, undiluted) (Fisher Scientific, RM9107RQ), mouse monoclonal anti-NKp46 (clone 29A1.4, 1:100 dilution) (Biolegend, 137601) lot# B267691, rabbit monoclonal anti-CD3 (clone SP7, undiluted) (Fisher Scientific, RM9107RQ), mouse monoclonal anti-NKp46 (clone 29A1.4, 1:100 dilution) (Biolegend, 137601) lot# B267691, rabbit monoclonal anti-CD3 (clone SP7, undiluted) (Fisher Scientific, RM9107RQ), mouse monoclonal anti-NKp46 (clone 29A1.4, 1:100 dilution) (Biolegend, 137601) lot# B267691, rabbit monoclonal anti-CD3 (clone SP7, undiluted) (Fisher Scientific, RM9107RQ).

Validation

Antibodies used in our study are all commercially available; they were validated by the manufacturer (advanced validation) and on our positive control samples.

- Anti-Ki67 ab validated on spleen, tonsil and breast cancer (https://www.fishersci.com/shop/products/ki-67-rabbit-monoclonal-antibody/8001061); anti-CD206 validated on mouse testis and lungs (https://www.rdsystems.com/products/products/mouse-mmr-cd206-antibody_a02535); anti-IL-23 validated on THP-1 treated with GM-CSF+IL-4, THP-1 and Raji cell lysates; IL23 recombinant protein (Human IL23 p40 (aa23-aa328) & Human IL23 P19 (aa21-aa189) (65KDa) (https://www.abcam.com/Il-23-antibody-epr5585n-c-terminal-ab190356.html); anti-CD3 validated on Jurkat cells, Tonsil (https://www.fishersci.com/shop/products/3-cell-marker-rabbit-monoclonal-antibody/RM9107RQ); anti-NKp46 validated on C57BL/6 mouse splenocytes (https://www.biolegend.com/Il-7500-dilution) and goat anti-mouse (A4416, Sigma-Aldrich, 1:7,500 dilution).
goat anti-rabbit validated by westernblot of MEK-2 expression in HeLa whole cell lysate (https://datasheets.scbt.com/sc-2301.pdf); and goat anti-mouse validated on https://www.sigmaaldrich.com/US/en/product/sigma/a4416.

Animals and other organisms

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| Laboratory animals | p53flox, LSL-KrasG12D, Pdx-1-Cre, LSL-p53R172H, Rosa26-LSL-MERT2 and MycTRE and actin-tTS mice were used in this study. They are mixed strain but backcrossed to C57BL/6 background. Mice enrolled in a specific experiment were age-matched and include both sexes (females and males). Depending on the experimental approach, mice were enrolled between 4 to 8 weeks of age. Mice were maintained on a 12-hour light/dark cycle with continuous access to food and water. The environmental conditions were as follows: temperature 20-24°C (68-75°F) and humidity 55% +/- 10%. |
| Wild animals | The study did not involve wild animals |
| Field-collected samples | All mice were inbred laboratory strains. No field-collected samples were used in this study. |
| Ethics oversight | All animal studies were reviewed and approved by the Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body (AWERB) of the Cancer Research UK Cambridge Institute and the Francis Crick Institute and licensed by the Home Office (license number PP2645677 and protocols numbers 2 and 3). The ARRIVE guidelines were adhered to throughout. |

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