

Supplementary Information

Lipid-based Phagocytosis Nanoenhancer for Macrophage Immunotherapy

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Materials: All the reagents were of analytical grade and used as supplied without further purification unless specified. The reactions were maintained at inert conditions unless otherwise specified. Dichloromethane (DCM), Methanol and N, N-dimethylformamide (DMF) were purchased from Fisher Scientific. L- α -phosphatidylcholine (PC), and Sephadex G-25 were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. Cholesterol, 1,2-Distearoyl-sn-Glycero-3-Phosphoethanolamine-N- [Carboxy (Polyethylene Glycol)2000] (DSPE-PEG-Carboxylic Acid), mini hand-held extruder kit including the 0.4 μ m, 0.2 μ m, 0.05 μ m Nucleopore Track-Etch Membrane, 10mm Filter supports and 250 ml Syringes were bought from Avanti Polar Lipids. 1-Ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl) carbodiimide (EDC) and N-hydroxysulfosuccinamide (Sulfo-NHS) was purchased from Thermo Scientific. CD47, SIRP α , CD11b, CD45, CD8a, CD4, NK1.1, Ly6C antibodies were purchased from Biolegend Inc. Rabbit anti-mouse iNOS was purchased from Cell Signaling Technology. Alexa Fluor 594 Goat anti-rabbit IgG antibody was purchased from Thermo Fisher. 6 wells and 12 wells, 5 mL, and 10 mL plates were purchased from Corning. DMEM, FBS, and antibiotic-antimycotic were purchased from Gibco, Life Technologies. Fluorescence spectra were obtained using a BioTek plate reader. Flow cytometry was performed using ACEA Novoflow Flow Cytometer and data was analyzed using NovoExpress software. Mean particle size and zeta potential were measured by Dynamic Light Scattering method using Malvern Zetasizer Nano ZSP. Cryo- Transmission Electron microscopy was performed using a FEI Tecnai Cryo-Bio 200KV FEG TEM and confocal microscopic images were obtained with Nikon A1SP Spectra and analyzed using NIS elements software.

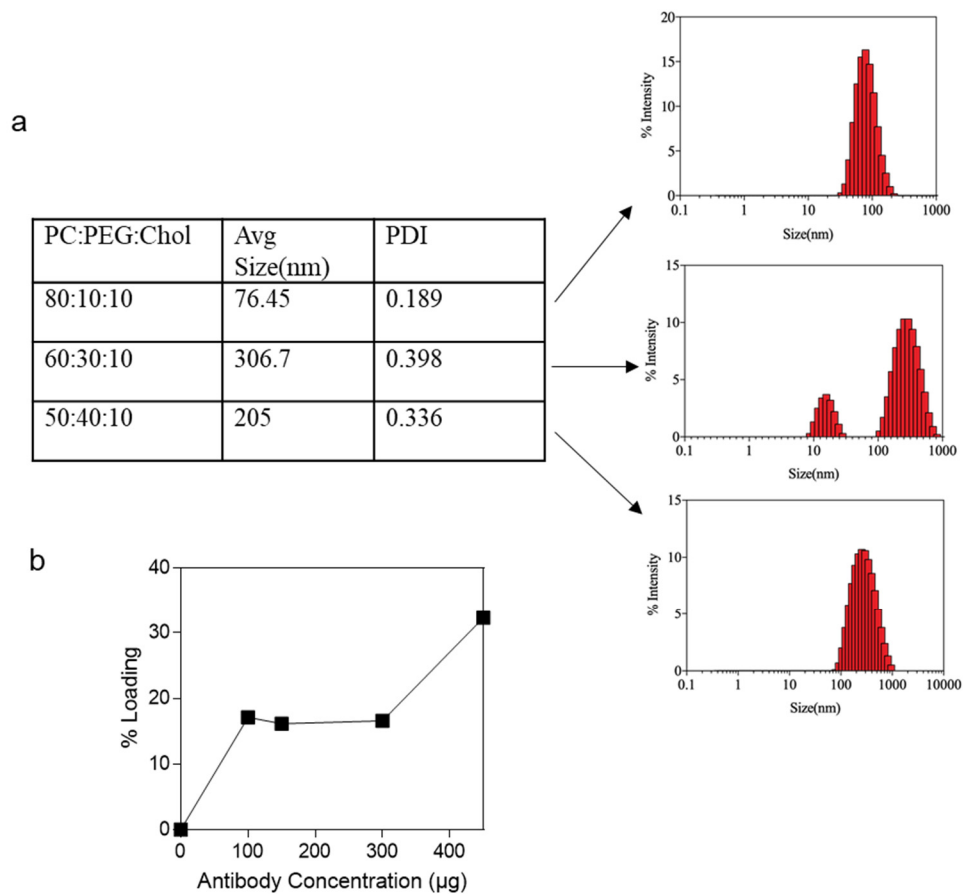


Figure S1. LPN optimization studies: (a) Optimization of concentrations of co-lipids involved in LPN synthesis at a constant cholesterol concentration of 10 mole%. **(b)** Graph shows optimization of antibody loading conjugated to the surface of LPN. The percentage loading is defined as the percentage of antibody tethered to the nanoparticle after removal of unattached sub-units.

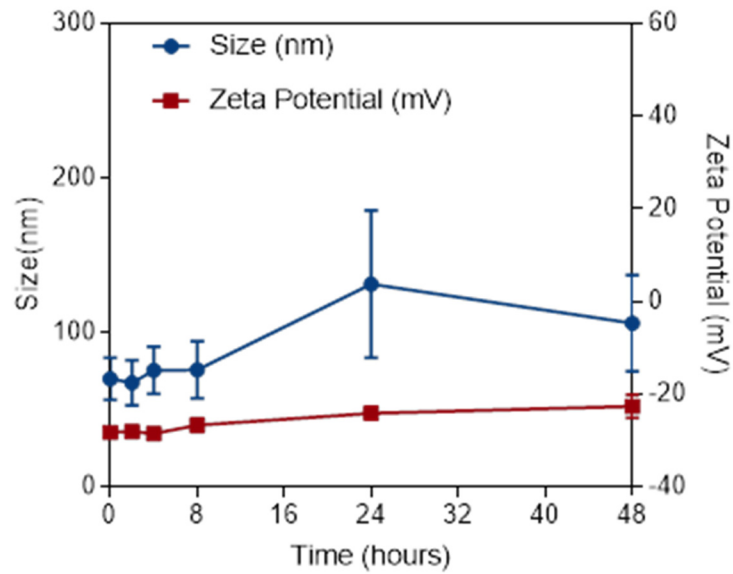


Figure S2. Stability of LPNs in physiological serum conditions: Graph shows physiochemical stability of LPN incubated in human serum at 37⁰C, measured as a function of changes in size and zeta potential over 24h, measured by DLS.

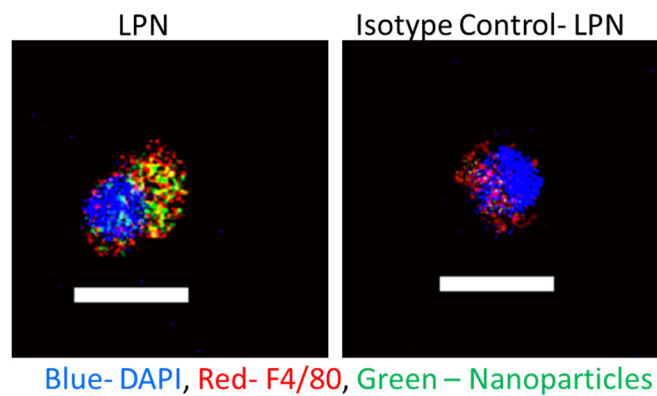


Figure S3. LPN binding studies: Representative confocal images show binding of FITC tagged LPNs to the surface of Raw 246.7 macrophages as compared to an FITC-tagged isotype control LPNs. The macrophages were counterstained with a nuclear stain (DAPI) and a surface stain (APC-F4/80). Scale bar: 25 μ m.

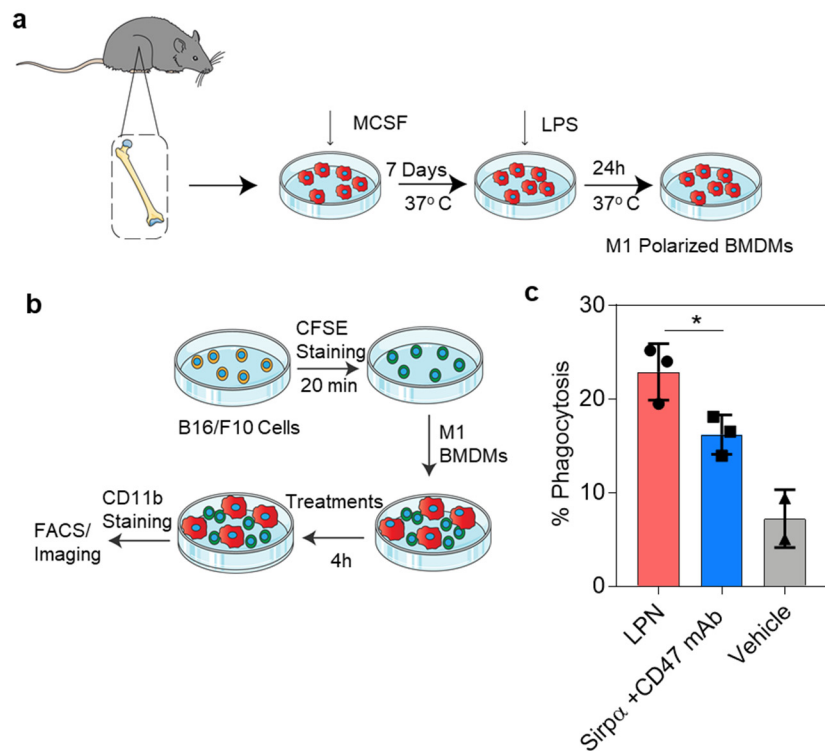


Figure S4. *In vitro* phagocytic efficacy of BMDMs treated with LPN: (a) Schematic showing BMDM isolation of macrophages from bone marrow. Macrophages were stimulated with 100ng/ml of MCSF for 7 days while the media was replenished every alternate day. Macrophages were then incubated in 100ng/ml LPS to polarize them to a M1 phenotype. **(b)** Schematic representation of phagocytosis assay. CFSE tagged B16/F10 melanoma cells were plated in an ultra-low adherent plate. M1 polarized BMDMs were added to the same plate and co-incubated with the cancer cells along with LPN. After 4h of incubation at 37°C, the cells were stained with APC anti-CD11b and the samples were analyzed by FACS. **(c)** Graph shows percentage of phagocytic macrophages in a co-culture of BMDMs and B16/F10 cell lines subjected to different treatments. Statistical analysis was performed with student t-test. Data show mean ± s.e.m.(n=3); *p<0.05

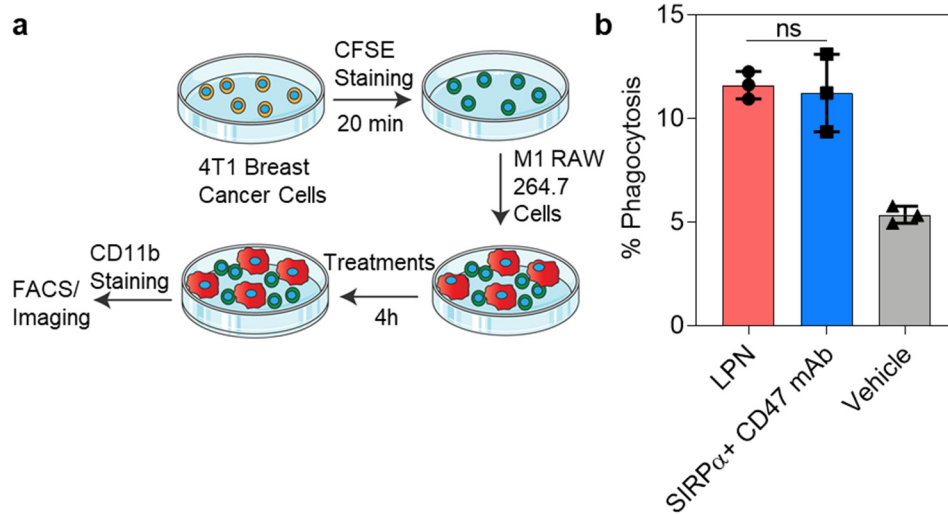


Figure S5. *In vitro* phagocytosis of 4T1 Breast Cancer Cells by RAW 264.7 macrophages on treatment with LPN: (a) Schematic representation of phagocytosis assay. CFSE tagged 4T1 breast cancer cells were plated in an ultra-low adherent plate. M1 polarized RAW 264.7 cells were added to the same plate and co-incubated with the cancer cells along with LPN. After 4h of incubation at 37°C, the cells were stained with APC anti-CD11b and the samples were analyzed by FACS (b) Graph shows percentage of phagocytic macrophages in a co-culture of RAW 264.7 and 4T1 cell lines subjected to different treatments. Statistical analysis was performed with student t-test; Data show mean \pm s.e.m.(n=3). ns- not significant.

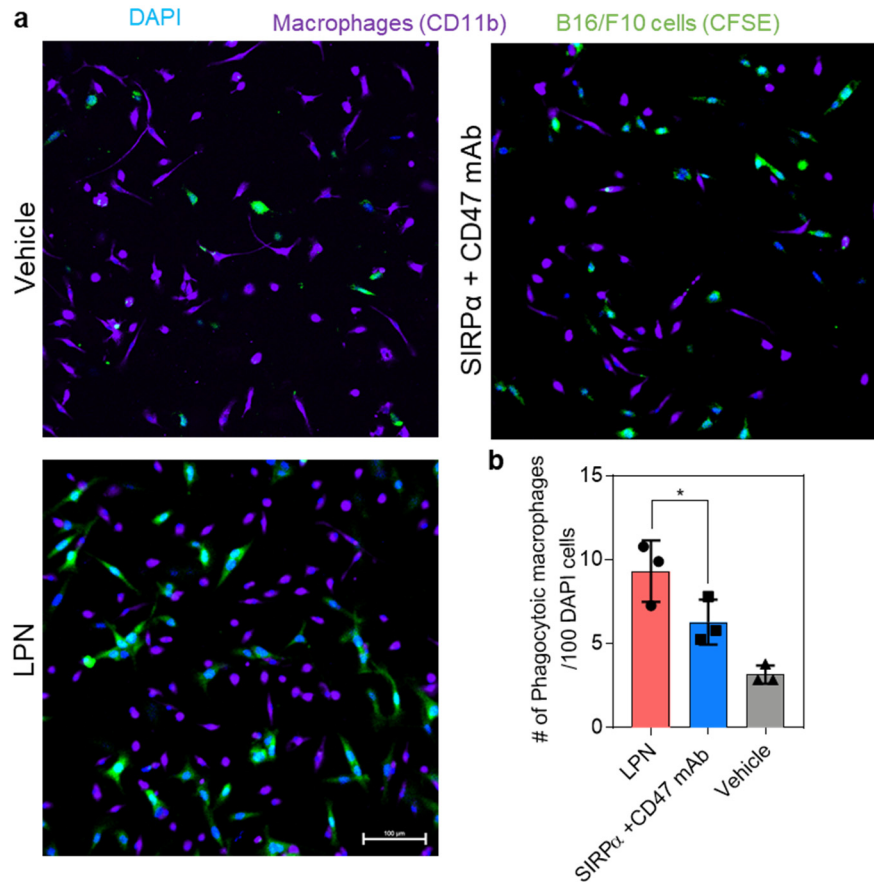


Figure S6. Fluorescent imaging assay of phagocytosis: (a) Representative confocal images show the effect of different treatments on phagocytosis of B16/F10 melanoma cells in a co-culture assay with macrophages. Far red cell tracker stained RAW264.7 cells were stimulated with LPS to stimulate the M1 phenotype, and then cocultured with CFSE-labelled B16/F10 melanoma cells in non-adherent well plates and subjected to different treatment for 4h. They were then transferred to glass coverslips and made to adhere for additional 4h and stained with DAPI (blue) and confocal images were captured. Scale bar: 100 μ m. (b) Percentage of phagocytosis as determined by measuring percentage of dual positive cells (Green and Purple) to total nuclei. Statistical analysis was performed with student t-test. Data show mean \pm s.e.m.(n=3); *p<0.05

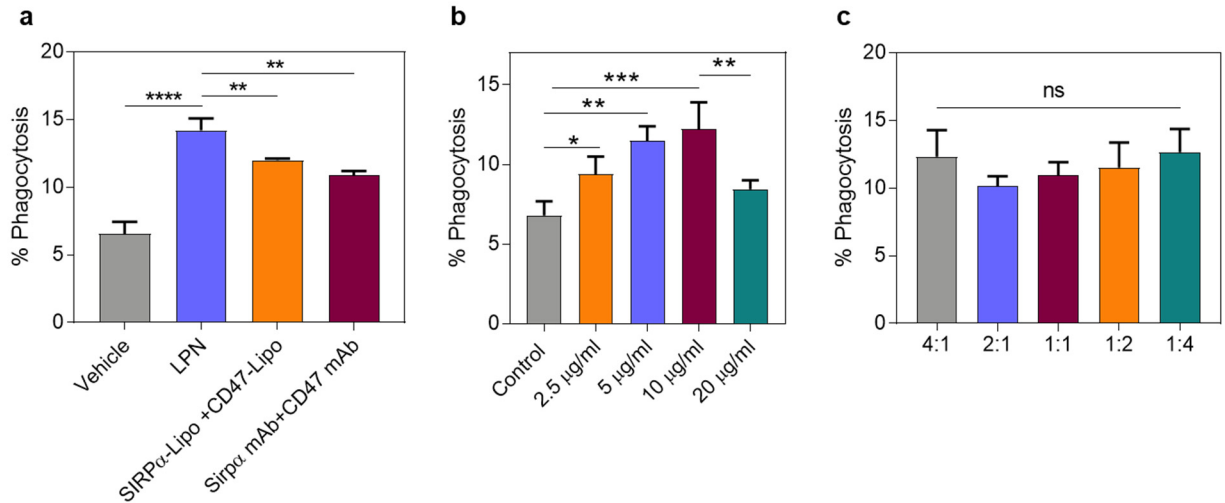


Figure S7. *In vitro* evaluation of effect of different LPN optimization parameters such as antibody concentration and ratio on phagocytosis efficacy. (a) Graph shows percentage of phagocytic macrophages in an *in vitro* co-culture of RAW 264.7 and B16/F10 cell lines subjected to different treatments. Statistical analysis was performed with one-way ANOVA with Newman-Keuls post-test. Data show mean \pm s.e.m.(n=3); **p<0.01 ****p < 0.0001. (b) Graph shows percentage of phagocytic macrophages in an *in vitro* co-culture of RAW 264.7 and B16/F10 cell lines subjected to treatment with different concentrations of LPN treatments. Statistical analysis was performed with one-way ANOVA with Newman-Keuls post-test. Data show mean \pm s.e.m.(n=3); *p<0.05; **p<0.01; ***p < 0.001 (c) Graph shows percentage of phagocytic macrophages in a co-culture of RAW 264.7 and B16/F10 cell lines subjected treatment with LPNs tethered with different ratios of CD47: SIRP α . Statistical analysis was performed with one-way ANOVA with Newman-Keuls post-test. Data show mean \pm s.e.m.(n=3). ns – not significant.

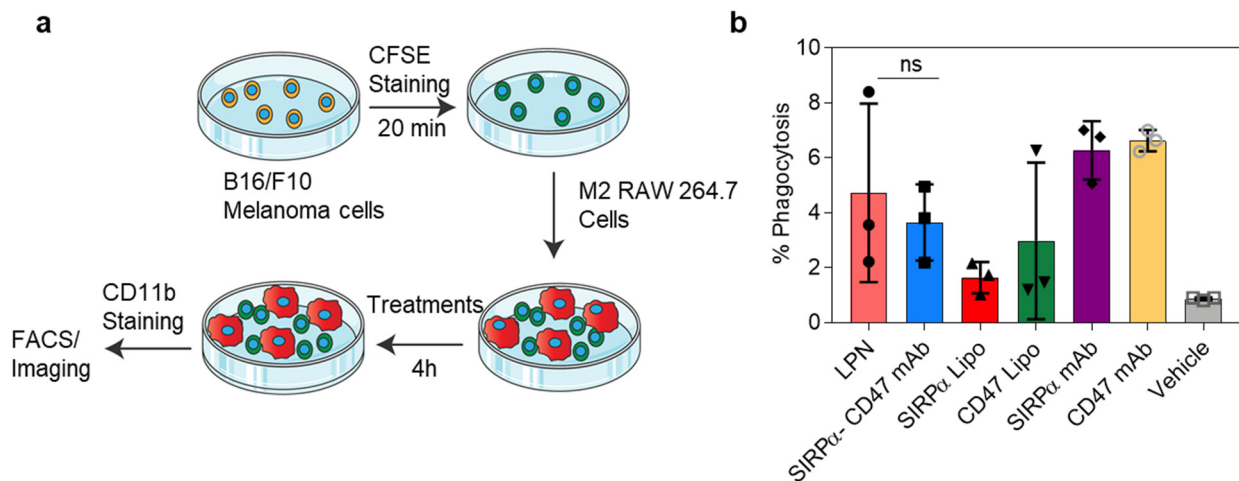


Figure S8. *In vitro* phagocytic efficacy of M2 polarized RAW 264.7 macrophages treated with LPN: (a) Schematic representation of phagocytosis assay. CFSE tagged B16/F10 melanoma cells were plated in an ultra-low adherent plate. RAW 264.7 cells polarized with 20ng/ml of IL-4 were added to the same plate and co-incubated with the cancer cells along with LPN. After 4h of incubation at 37°C, the cells were stained with APC anti-CD11b and the samples were analyzed by FACS. **(b)** Graph shows percentage of phagocytic “M2” macrophages in a co-culture of RAW 264.7 and 4T1 cell lines subjected to different treatments. Statistical analysis was performed with student t-test. Data show mean \pm s.e.m.(n=3). ns – not significant.

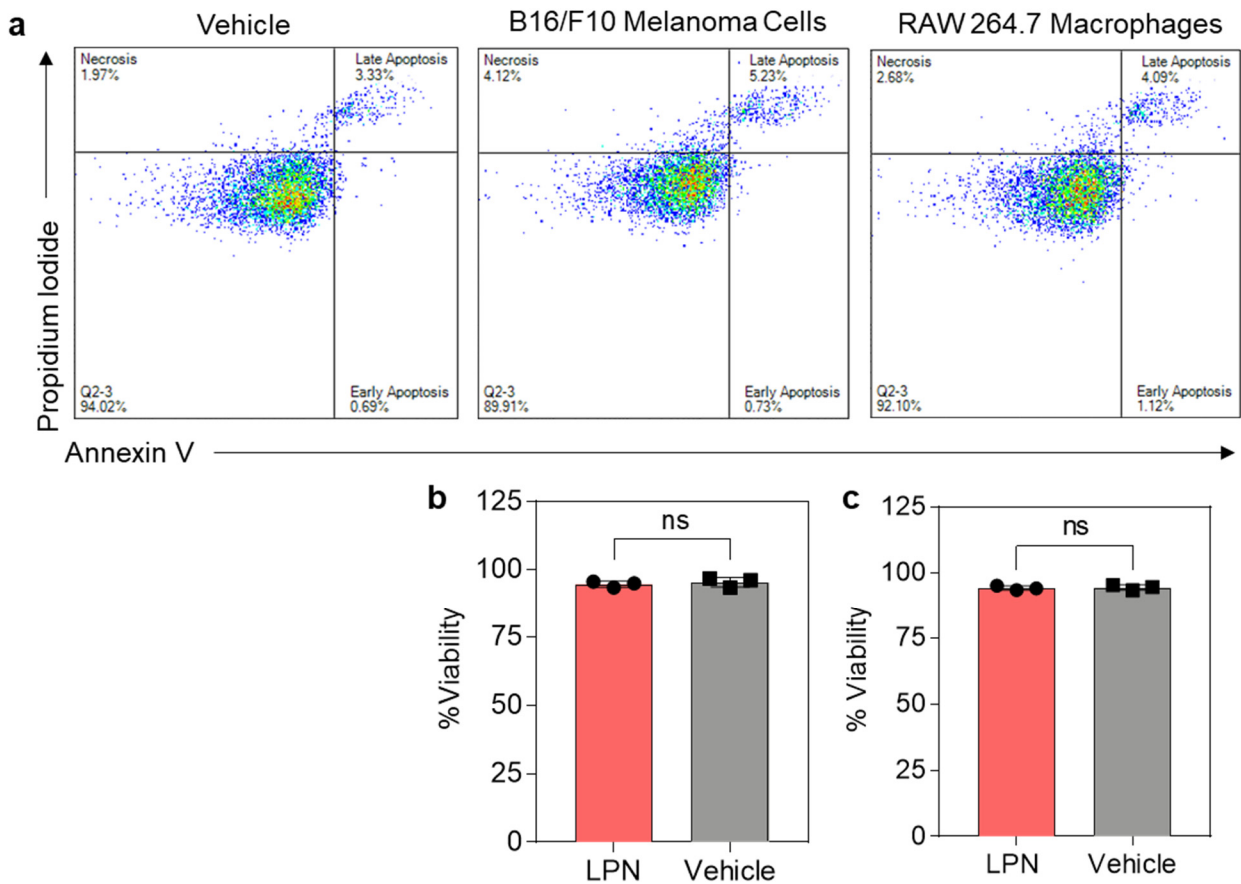


Figure S9. Flow cytometric analysis of apoptosis of B16F10 cells and macrophages after treatment with LPN: (a) Representative flow cytometric images showing apoptosis of macrophages and B16/F10 treated with a functional dose of LPN (10 $\mu\text{g/ml}$) compared to an untreated control cell line. No significant apoptosis and necrosis were observed in cells treated with LPN. (b-c) Graphs show the cytotoxic effect of LPN on B16/F10 melanoma cells and macrophages. Population of cells which are Annexin V- PI- were counted and represented as viable cells. Statistical analysis was performed with student t-test. Data show mean \pm s.e.m.(n=3). ns – not significant.

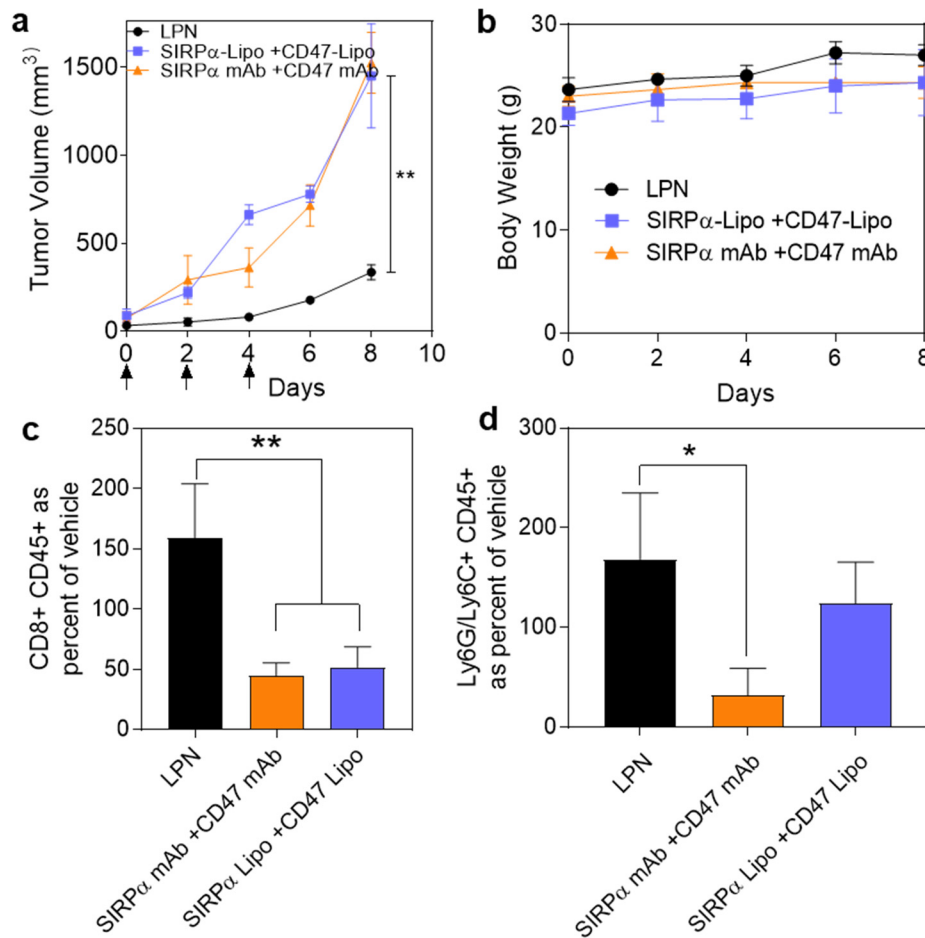


Figure S10. Comparison studies of LPN with co-administration of SIRP α -Lipo and CD47-Lipo in B16F10 melanoma model. (a) Graph shows the effect of different treatments on the tumor growth. Each animal was injected with 3 doses of either LPNs, co-administration of SIRP α -Liposomes+CD47-Liposomes or co-administration of CD47 mAb + SIRP α mAb. All treatments were administered intravenously at an equivalent antibody dosage of 2mg/kg of each antibody. Statistical analysis was performed with one-way ANOVA with Newman-Keuls post -test. Data show mean \pm s.e.m.(n=3); **p < 0.01. (b) Treatments toxicity was assessed as measure of changes in overall body weight. (n=3) in each treatment group (n=3). (c) Quantification of expression of different effector T cell markers (CD8⁺CD45) in

a single cell suspension of harvested tumors post treatment. Data shown are mean \pm s.e.m. (n = 3), Statistical significance was determined using one-way ANOVA with Newman-Keuls post-test. Statistical significance was determined using one-way ANOVA with Newman-Keuls post-test. Data show mean \pm s.e.m.(n=3); *p<0.05; **p<0.01 **(d)** Quantification of expression of Pan-Monocyte markers (Ly6C/Ly6G⁺, CD45⁺) in a single cell suspension of harvested tumor post treatments. Data shown are mean \pm s.e.m. (n = 3), Statistical significance was determined using one-way ANOVA with Newman-Keuls post-test. Data show mean \pm s.e.m.(n=3); *p<0.05; **p < 0.01

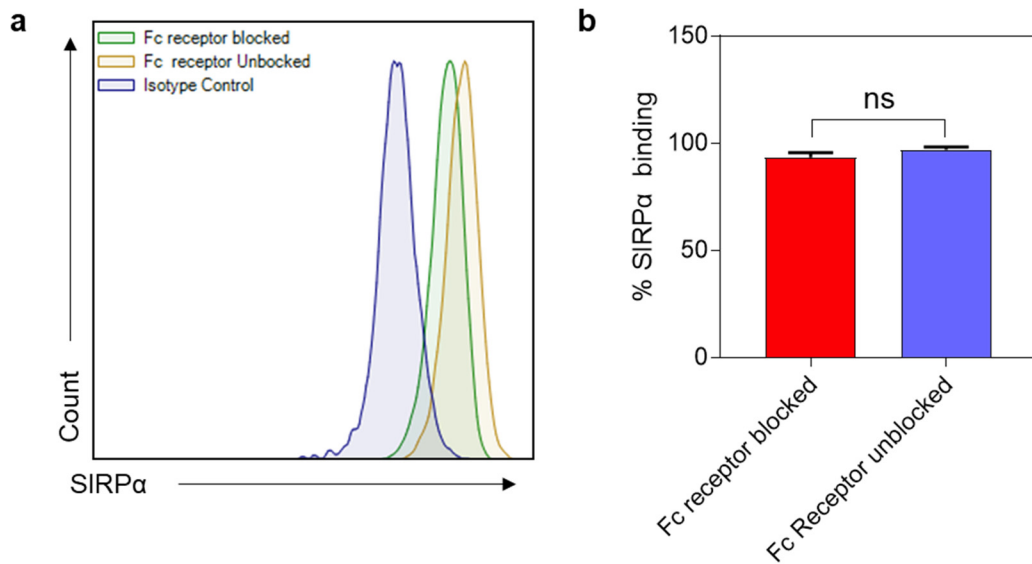


Figure S11. Effect of blocking Fc γ receptor on macrophages on binding to anti-SIRP α -Lipo. (a) Representative Flow cytometry data showing binding of anti-SIRP α -Lipo to SIRP α on RAW 264.7 macrophages that are subject to different treatment as compared to control isotype control liposomes. **(b)** Quantification of anti-SIRP α -Lipo binding efficiency to SIRP α on macrophages either pretreated with an Fc γ receptor blocking antibody or left untreated. A gating strategy was followed where the background fluorescence obtained as a result of nonspecific binding of the isotype control-Lipo on the surface of the cells was subtracted from the treatment groups to obtain the % SIRP α binding on the surface of cells.