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7 **Cell line and reagents**

8 The HER2-positive mammary tumor cell line MI6 was established from the spontaneous primary
9 mammary carcinomas of a transgenic FVB-Δ16HER2 mouse (1). The cells were maintained in
10 complete culture medium (MammoCult™; Stemcell Technologies, cat no. 05620, Vancouver,
11 Canada) supplemented with 1% fetal bovine serum (FBS; Gibco, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham,
12 MA, USA), penicillin 1 μg/ml, streptomycin 1 μg/ml (Sigma-Aldrich), hydrocortisone 0.48 μg/ml
13 (Stemcell Technologies, cat no. 07925), and heparin 2 U/ml and cultured at 37°C in a 5% CO₂
14 atmosphere incubator. Mycoplasma testing was conducted using MycoAlert™ PLUS Mycoplasma
15 Detection Kit (Lonza, cat no. LT07-703, Basel, Switzerland). The cells were used up to 6 passages
16 after thawing and for no longer than 2 months.

17 Vancomycin hydrochloride (vancomycin; Cayman Chemical, cat no. 15327, MI, USA) and
18 streptomycin sulfate salt (streptomycin; Sigma-Aldrich, cat no. S6501) were dissolved in the drinking
19 water at a concentration of 200 mg/L. The antibiotic cocktail (ABX) was prepared using
20 metronidazole (cat no. M3761), ampicillin sodium salt (cat no. A9518), and neomycin sulfate (cat no.
21 1458009) (Sigma-Aldrich) at a concentration of 1 g/L and vancomycin 500 mg/L dissolved in the
22 drinking water. The ABX was administered to mice *ad libitum* starting at four weeks of age and
23 changed every 48-72 hours with fresh solution.

24 **Transgenic model of spontaneous tumorigenesis**

25 A breeding colony of FVB Δ 16HER2 transgenic mice [FVB/NHsd-Tg(Δ 16HER2-LUC)6157Acam]
26 was generated as described (2) and bred in the Animal Facility of Fondazione IRCCS Istituto
27 Nazionale dei Tumori. Ear biopsies were harvested from four-week-old mice for routine genotyping.
28 DNA was extracted using the Exgene Tissue DNA mini kit (GeneAll, Seoul, Korea) and analyzed by
29 PCR (primers: F, 5'-GGCTCAGTGACCTGTTTTGG-3' and R, 5'-
30 TGATGAGGATCCCAAAGACC-3'), with an expected amplicon length of 231 bp. The positive
31 female mice were randomized into two groups, and one group was administered vancomycin (200
32 mg/L) in the drinking water for the entire duration of the experiment. The mice were inspected
33 weekly by palpation and, when the first tumor lesions reached a palpable volume, 8 mg/kg of
34 trastuzumab, or saline (NaCl 0.9%), were administered i.p. once per week for 6 weeks. The anti-
35 HER2 treatment efficacy was assessed by measuring the volume of the first tumor appeared.

36 **Quantification of bacterial load by flow cytometry and qRT-PCR**

37 The total bacterial load and the viability of fecal samples used for FMT were evaluated by flow
38 cytometry. The fecal suspensions were double-stained with 1X SYBR green (Sigma-Aldrich, cat no.
39 S9430) and propidium iodide (PI) 0.5 μ g/ml (Sigma-Aldrich, cat no. 79214) at 37°C for 15 minutes in
40 the dark to distinguish live, injured and dead cells based on fluorescence. The concentration and
41 viability of the cells was determined by using an Accuri C6 flow cytometer (BD Biosciences, Franklin
42 Lakes, NJ, USA).

43 The bacterial DNA extracted from stool samples of antibiotic treated mice. The total 16S rRNA was
44 quantified by using the SYBRTM Green Master Mix (Applied Biosystem, Thermo Fisher Scientific, cat
45 no. 4385612). *U16S-Forward*: 5'-ACTCCTACGGGAGGCAGCAGT-3'; *U16S-Reverse*: 5'-
46 ATTACCGCGGCTGCTGGC-3'.

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48 **Analysis of HER2 expression by western blot and immunohistochemistry**

49 To assess HER2 protein expression tumors were homogenized in radio-immunoprecipitation assay
50 (RIPA) protein lysis buffer containing protease inhibitors. Protein concentrations were determined
51 using Bio-Rad Protein Assay Dye (Bio-Rad, cat no. 5000006, Hercules, CA, USA) and 30 µg of
52 protein were resolved on 4-12% precast NuPage Bis-Tris gels (Thermo Fisher Scientific, cat no.
53 NP0326BOX, Waltham, MA, USA) in reducing conditions. Acquired images were analyzed using
54 Quantity One software (RRID:SCR_014280). The following antibodies were used: mouse monoclonal
55 antibodies anti-HER2, clone Ab3 (Calbiochem, OP15L - RRID:AB_2099415); Phospho-HER2/ErbB2
56 (Tyr1248)/EGFR (Tyr1173) (Cell Signalling, 2244 - RRID:AB_331705); anti-vinculin, clone hVIN-1
57 (Sigma-Aldrich, V9131 - RRID:AB_477629).

58 The HER2 expression was analyzed in FFPE tumors, four-micrometer tumor slides were
59 deparaffinized, serially rehydrated, subjected to antigen retrieval at 96°C for 6 min using 10 mM citrate
60 buffer, pH 6.0, and stained with the primary antibody anti-p185 used in the HercepTest (1:150, Dako,
61 Agilent, cat no. A0485, Santa Clara, CA, USA - RRID:AB_2335701). Quantification was performed
62 using the publicly available ImageJ software (RRID:SCR_003070) for image processing and reported
63 is the percentage of stained area (n=2 tumors/group of treatment).

64 **Analysis of trastuzumab distribution**

65 Trastuzumab detection within the tumor microenvironment was performed by immunofluorescence.
66 The tumor samples were embedded in O.C.T. compound (Agar Scientific Ltd. cat no. AGR1180,
67 Stansted, UK) and conserved at -80°C. Tissue specimens were cut on a cryostat microtome, and the
68 cryostat sections were fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde for 20 minutes at room temperature. The tumor
69 sections were then incubated with a blocking solution containing 3% BSA before staining with anti-
70 human Alexa Flour®568 secondary antibodies (Thermo Fisher Scientific, cat no. A-21090;
71 RRID:AB_2535746) at a concentration of 1:100 for 1 hour at room temperature. The nuclei were

72 counterstained with DAPI (Thermo Fisher Scientific, cat no. D1306). Sample imaging was performed
73 in the microscopy facility of the Fondazione IRCCS Istituto Nazionale dei Tumori using a Leica TCS
74 SP8 X confocal laser scanning microscope (Leica Microsystems GmbH, Mannheim, Germany). The
75 fluorochrome was excited by a pulsed super continuum white light laser (470-670 nm; 1 nm tuning step
76 size). In particular, Alexa Flour®568 was excited by selecting a 557 nm laser line and detected from
77 562 to 642 nm, and DAPI was excited with a 405 nm diode laser and detected from 422 nm to 488 nm.
78 Three images were acquired for each sample in the 512x512 scan format using an HC PL APO 40X/1.3
79 CS2 oil immersion objective and a pinhole set to 1 airy unit. The data were analyzed using the publicly
80 available ImageJ software for image processing.

81 **Microbial metabolic analyses**

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83 Short-chain fatty acids (SCFAs) were measured in fecal sample as previously described in (3).
84 Samples were stored at -20°C until analysis. Determination of SCFAs concentration was achieved
85 through ultraperformance liquid chromatography-high resolution-mass spectrometry analysis (UPLC-
86 HR-MS). UPLC-HR-MS analysis was carried out on an Acquity UPLC separation module (Waters,
87 Milford, MA, USA) coupled with an Exactive Orbitrap MS with an HESI-II probe for electrospray
88 ionization (Thermo Fisher Scientific).

89 **Gene expression analysis**

90 Gene expression profile was performed by the Genomic Facility of Fondazione IRCCS Istituto
91 Nazionale dei Tumori, Milan. After RNA extraction quality check and quantification were performed
92 by 4200 TapeStation (Agilent) and a Qubit fluorometer with the Qubit RNA HS assay kit (Thermo
93 Fischer Scientific, cat no. Q32852), respectively, the RNA expression was assessed using the mouse or
94 human Affymetrix Clariom S Pico assay (Thermo Fisher Scientific, cat no. 902930 and 902929),
95 respectively. A total of 100 ng of total RNA was used to generate the single-stranded cDNA samples
96 for hybridization. Then, cDNA was enzymatically fragmented and biotinylated using the WT Terminal

97 Labeling kit (Thermo Fisher Scientific, cat no. 901647), combined with hybridization buffer, and
98 injected into human Clariom S arrays targeting >20,000 well-annotated genes. The arrays were stained
99 using the Affymetrix® GeneChip® Fluidics Station 450 and scanned with the 7G Affymetrix®
100 GeneChip® Scanner 3000. Raw data were processed using Transcriptome Analysis Console software
101 (Thermo Fisher Scientific). CEL files containing feature intensity values were converted into
102 summarized expression values by Robust Multiarray Average (RMA), which consists of background
103 adjustment and quantile normalization across all chips. All samples passed QC thresholds for
104 hybridization, labeling and the expression of housekeeping gene controls.

105 **Immunohistochemical analysis and flow cytometry**

106 The characterization of the tumor immune infiltrate on FFPE samples was performed and analyzed in
107 collaboration with the pathologists' group led by Dr. Tripodo at the Università di Palermo, Italy. The
108 antigen unmasking was performed using Novocastra Epitope Retrieval Solutions (Novocastra, cat no.
109 RE7119-CE, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK), pH 9, in a PT Link pretreatment module (Dako) at 98°C for
110 30 min. The sections were warmed to room temperature and washed with PBS. After neutralization of
111 the endogenous peroxidase with 3% H₂O₂ and Fc blocking by a specific protein block, the slides were
112 incubated overnight with the primary antibodies at 4°C. The following antibodies were used: rabbit
113 polyclonal anti-mouse CD3 (1:100 pH 9, cat no. ab5690, Abcam, Cambridge, UK -
114 RRID:AB_305055); rat monoclonal anti-mouse CD4 (Clone 4SM95, 1:100 pH 9, cat no. 14-9766,
115 eBIOSCIENCE, Thermo Fisher Scientific - RRID:AB_2573007); rat monoclonal anti-mouse CD8a
116 (Clone 4SM15, 1:100 pH 9, cat no. 14-0808, eBIOSCIENCE Thermo Fisher Scientific -
117 RRID:AB_2572860); rabbit polyclonal anti-mouse CD45 (1:1000 pH 9, cat no. ab10558, Abcam -
118 RRID:AB_442810); rabbit polyclonal anti-human Granzyme B (ready to use, pH 9, cat no. 760-4283,
119 Ventana, cross reactive with mouse - RRID:AB_2335967); rat monoclonal anti-mouse Gr-1 (Clone
120 RB6-8C5, 1:50 pH9, cat no. MAB1037-100, R&D System - RRID:AB_2232806); goat polyclonal anti-

121 mouse NKp46/NCR1 (1:50 pH6 cat no. AF2225, R&DSYSTEM - RRID:AB_355192). Proteins' staining
 122 were revealed by AEC (3-amino-9-ethylcarbazole) substrate-chromogen following the manufacturer's
 123 instructions. The slides were counterstained with Harris hematoxylin (Novocastra, cat no. 3801560).
 124 The valuation of tumor immune infiltrate was carried out by two independent pathologists who were
 125 blinded to the treatment groups. All sections were analyzed under an AXIO Scope A1 optical
 126 microscope (ZEISS, Jena, Germany), and 5 sections were counted at 40x magnification.
 127 Microphotographs were collected through an Axiocam 503 Color digital camera (ZEISS) using Zen2
 128 software.

129 For flow cytometry analysis, tumors and draining lymph nodes (dLN) were harvested at the end of the
 130 experiment. The dLNs were digested in HBSS with 0.5 % FBS containing DNase I (100 µg/mL) and
 131 Collagenase IV (200 U/mL) for 20 min and smashed through a cell strainer (40 µm pore diameter),
 132 single cell suspensions were then used for flow cytometry staining. Tumors were cut into small pieces
 133 and smashed through a cell strainer (40 µm pore diameter) Red blood cells lysis was performed by
 134 incubating tumor cells with ACK (Gibo™, Thermo Fisher Scientific, cat no. A10492-01) on ice 5 min.
 135 Single cell suspensions were then used for flow cytometry staining. Antibodies used for the analysis
 136 through flow cytometry are listed in table S1 (Table S1). Stained samples were fixed 15 min at 4°C
 137 with 1 % formalin and run on a BD FACSCelesta system (BD Biosciences) at the flow cytometry
 138 facility of our Institute.

139 **Table S1. List of the antibodies used for flow cytometry**

Molecule	Conjugate	Clone	Brand and Cat. no	Dilution
Anti-CD45	BV786	30-F11	BD Horizon™ n. 564225; RRID:AB_2716861	1:300
Anti-CD3	BB700	145-2C11	BD Horizon™ n. 745836; RRID:AB_2743282	1:50
Anti-CD8	BV605	53-6.7	BD Horizon™ n. 563152; RRID:AB_2738030	1:100

Anti-CD4	BV510/BB700	RM4-5	BD Horizon™ n. 563106/566407; RRID:AB 2687550; RRID:AB 2744427	1:100
Anti-CD49b	BV421	DX5	BD Horizon™ n. 563063; RRID:AB 2737983	1:100
Anti-NKp46	PE-eFluor610	29A1.4	eBioscience n. 61-3351-82; RRID:AB 2574606	1:100
Anti-CD69	PE	H1.2F3	BD Horizon™ n. 553237; RRID:AB 394726	1:100
Anti-MHCII	FITC	2G9	BD Pharmingen n. 553623; RRID:AB 394958	1:1000
Anti-CD11c	BV605	HL3	BD Horizon™ n. 563057; RRID:AB 2737978	1:100
Anti-CD19	FITC	1D3	BD Pharmingen n. 553785; RRID:AB 395049	1:100
Anti-CD86	APC-R700	GL1	BD Horizon™ n. 565479; RRID:AB 2739258	1:200
L/D	Fixable viability Stain 780		BD Horizon™ n. 565388	1:1000

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141 **Quantification of plasma cytokines**

142 Blood samples were collected from mice 48 hours after trastuzumab treatment in heparine (20 µL,
143 5000 U.I./mL). Sample were centrifuged at 1500 rpm for 5 min and then 3000 rpm for 10 min at 4° C.
144 Plasma samples were stored at -80° C. Cytokines and chemokines detection was carried out using the
145 ProCartaplex Immunoassay (Thermo Fisher Scientific, cat no. EPXR260-26088-901). Samples were
146 processed according to manufacturer's instruction and read on a Bio-Plex® 200 Systems instrument
147 (Bio-Rad, CA, USA).

148 **Collection of patients' fecal samples and fecal microbiota transplantation (FMT) experiment**

149 Fecal samples from patients were collected before the beginning of TH (taxanes and trastuzumab)
150 treatment using the ANAEROGEN™ COMPACT system (Oxoid Microbiology Products, Thermo
151 Fisher Scientific, cat no. AN0010C) to preserve anaerobic bacteria viability. Fecal samples for the 16S
152 analysis were aliquoted and stored at -80°C. For the patient FMT experiments, the feces samples were
153 frozen after being homogenized with autoclaved brain-heart-infusion media (BHI) (Sigma-Aldrich, cat

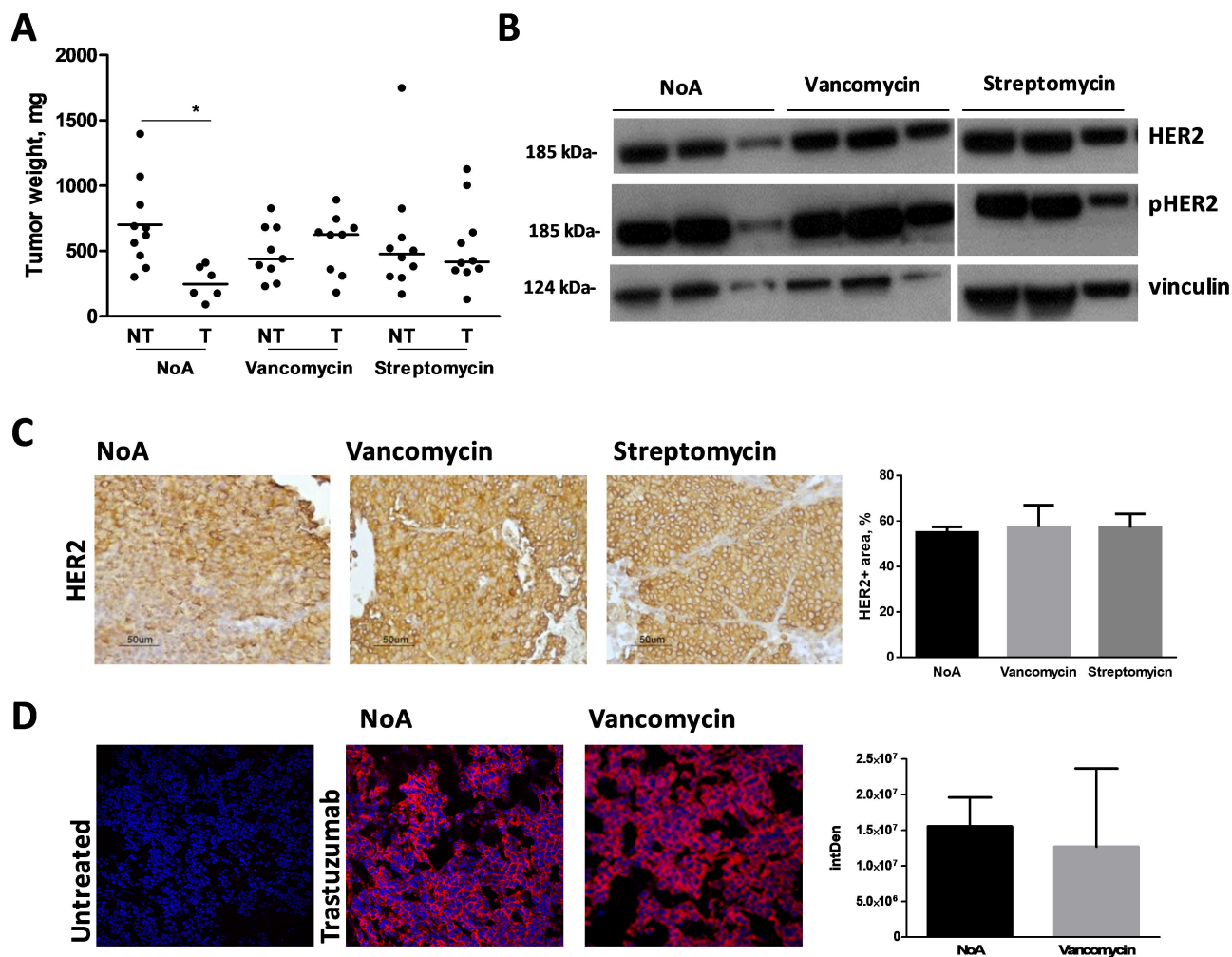
154 no. 1104930500) supplemented with 0.1% L-cysteine (Sigma-Aldrich, cat no. 30129) (2 g of feces in
155 10 ml of medium) and 15% glycerol and stored immediately at -80°C.

156 FMT using fecal samples from BC patients was performed by thawing the fecal material and by
157 transferring 200 µl of suspension via oral gavage into each recipient mouse. FMT was performed a
158 total of 5 times. Two gavages were performed at 24 hours before and 48 hours after tumor cell injection
159 and then every 10 days for an additional 3 times. Trastuzumab treatment started when the tumor
160 reached a palpable volume as previously described, and the mAb was administered twice a week for 3
161 weeks at a concentration of 5 mg/kg. Differences in tumor weights were evaluated by mixed effect
162 linear model (implemented in the lme4 package of R) using treatment in mice as fixed effect and with
163 random intercept.

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165 2. Supplementary Figures

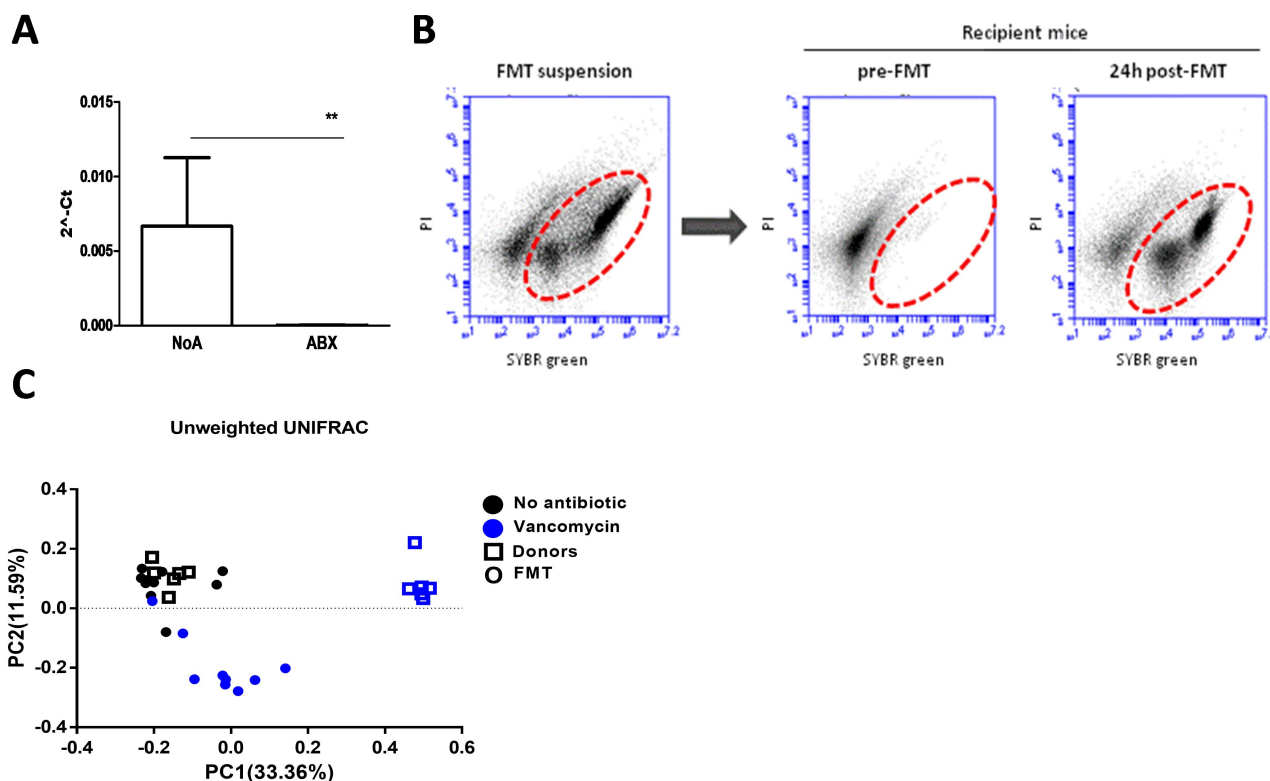
166 Supplementary Fig. S1



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168 **Supplementary Fig. S1. Impact of antibiotic treatment on trastuzumab efficacy and the tumor**
 169 **microenvironment.** **A)** MI6 tumor weight measurement in control mice (NoA) and vancomycin-, or
 170 streptomycin (200 mg/L)-treated mice. MI6 tumors were treated or not (NT) with 5 mg/kg of
 171 trastuzumab twice a week (T). **B-C)** HER2 expression and activation as analyzed by WB (B) and
 172 HER2 staining as evaluated by IHC (C) in tumors derived from NoA- and antibiotic-treated animals.
 173 HER2 quantification was evaluated by ImageJ as the number of brown pixels. Scale bars: 50 μ m. **D)**
 174 Trastuzumab diffusion within the tumor was evaluated by immunofluorescence using an anti-human
 175 IgG antibody. The IntDen is the number of red pixels as evaluated by ImageJ software in 3 images per
 176 group at 40x magnification. Blue: DAPI (data shown as the mean+SD). * $p < 0.05$ by Student's t-test.

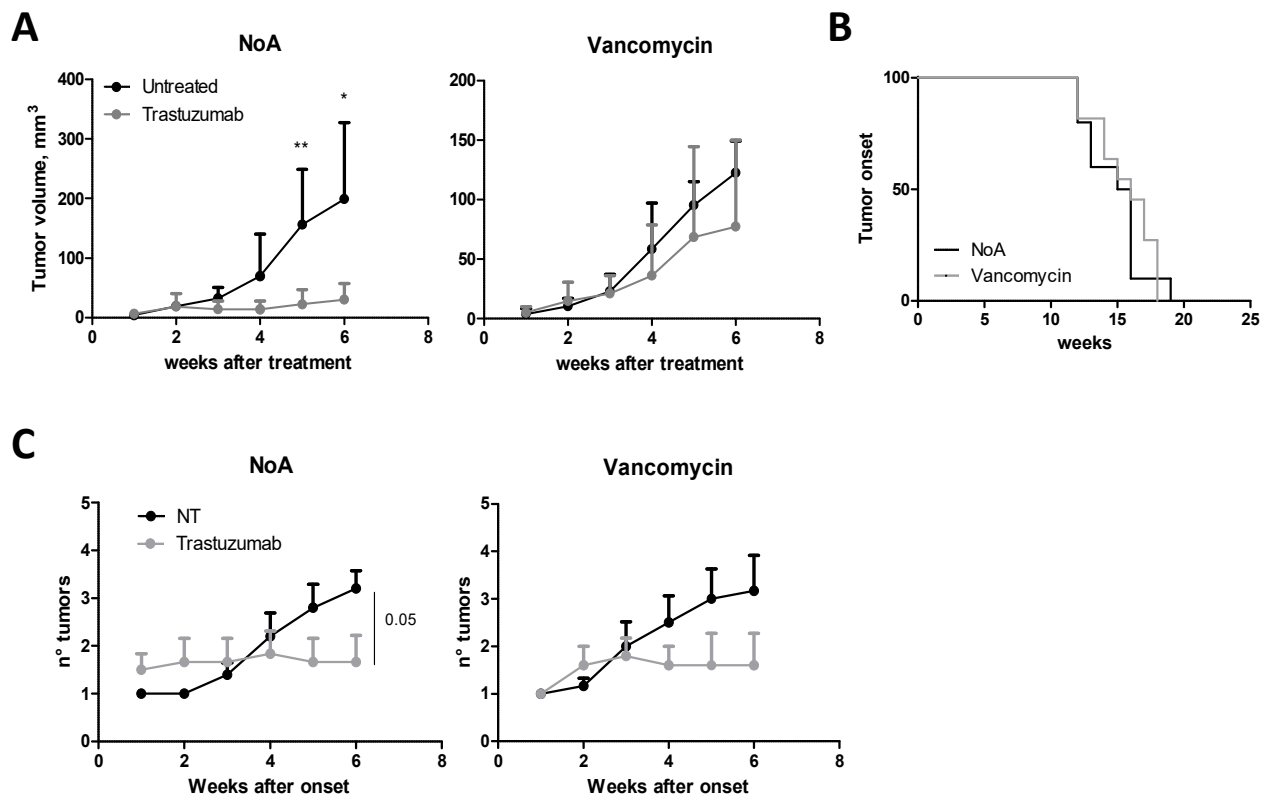
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180 **Supplementary Fig. S2. Depletion of commensal microbiota by antibiotic cocktail (ABX)**
 181 **treatment and fecal microbiota transplantation.** Four-week-old FVB mice were treated with a
 182 cocktail of broad-spectrum antibiotics (metronidazole, ampicillin, neomycin 1 g/L, vancomycin 500
 183 mg/L) administered in the drinking water for 28 days to deplete the mouse intestinal flora. The gut
 184 microbiota was then reconstituted by fecal microbiota transplantation (FMT) using stool suspensions
 185 from donor mice treated or not treated with vancomycin or streptomycin. **A)** Bacterial load
 186 quantification by qRT-PCR using universal primers for the 16S rRNA gene. DNA was extracted from
 187 one stool pellet per mouse. **B)** Flow cytometry analysis of the bacterial suspension: viability of the
 188 bacterial suspension from donor mice used for FMT (FMT suspension), in recipient mice before FMT
 189 (pre-FMT) and 24 h after FMT with stool suspension (24 h post-FMT). **C)** Principal coordinate
 190 analysis plot of microbial β -diversity between FMT-NoA (black) and FMT-vancomycin (blue) animals
 191 generated using unweighted UniFrac distance matrices using feces collected at the end of the
 192 experiment. The data from FMT mouse (●) and donor mouse (□) fecal samples are shown. ** $p < 0.01$
 193 by Student's t-test.

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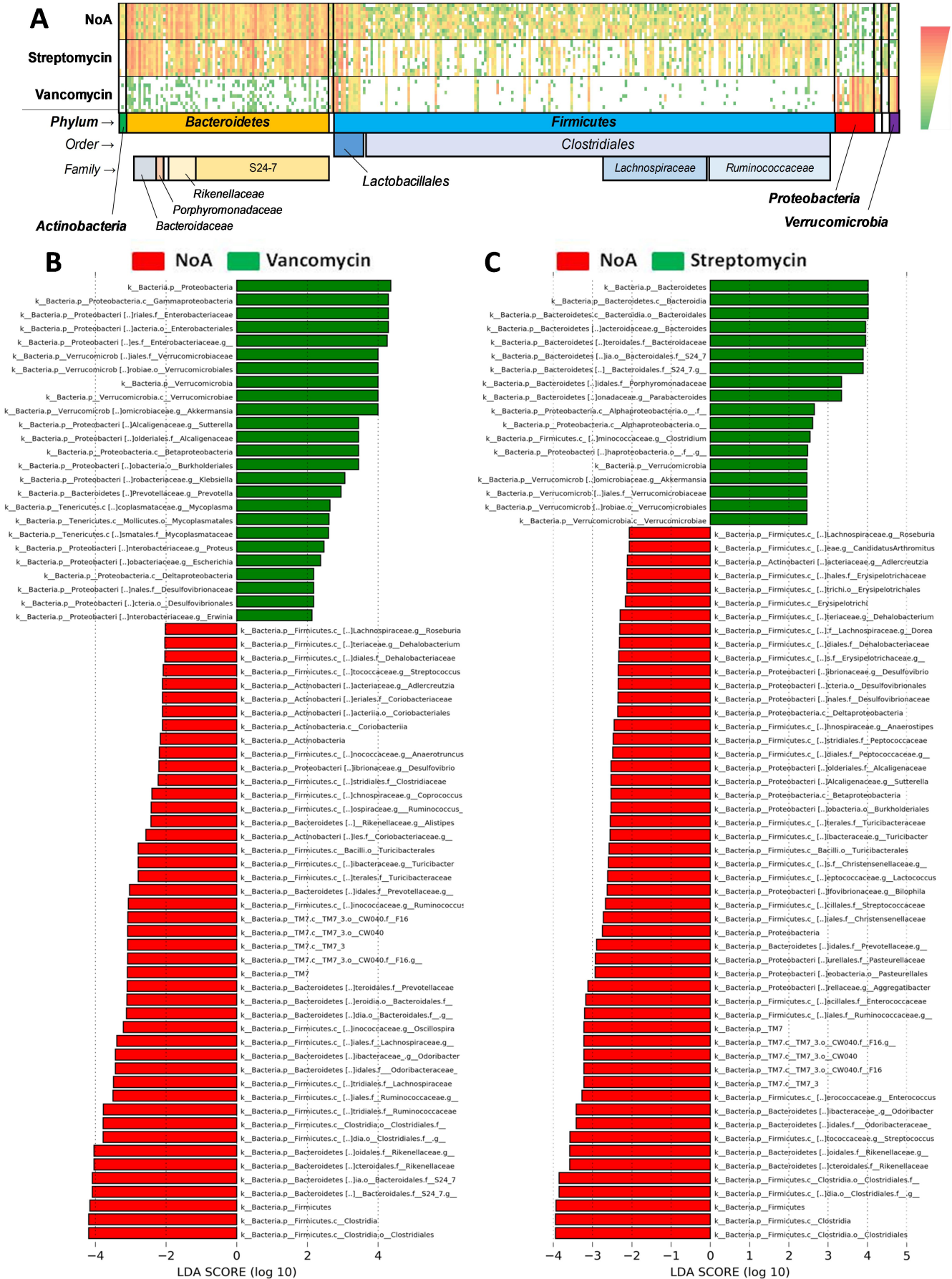
197 **Supplementary Fig. S3. Impact of vancomycin on trastuzumab efficacy in Δ 16HER2 transgenic**
 198 **FVB mice.** Female Δ 16HER2 transgenic FVB mice were treated or not treated with vancomycin (200
 199 mg/L) starting at 4 weeks of age. After onset of the first tumor, the mice were treated with 8 mg/kg
 200 trastuzumab once a week for 6 weeks. **A)** Antitumor activity of trastuzumab. The tumor volume of the
 201 first tumor is shown. **B)** Tumor onset. **C)** Tumor multiplicity. Data are shown as the mean+SD (n=5-6
 202 mice per group of treatment). * $p < 0.05$ and ** $p < 0.01$ by an unpaired Student's t-test.

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205 **Supplementary Fig. S4**

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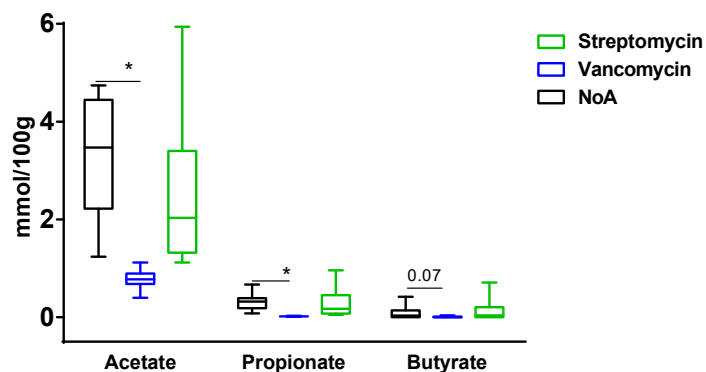


207 **Supplementary Fig. S4. Differentially abundant bacteria in the gut microbiota of antibiotic-**
208 **treated mice.** A) Heatmap of bacterial taxa relative abundance for the three treatment groups.
209 Minimum to maximum relative abundances are indicated as green-yellow-red; white, not detected. **B-**
210 **C)** Linear discriminant analysis (LDA) scores computed for differentially abundant taxa in the fecal
211 microbiomes of NoA (red) and vancomycin- or streptomycin (green)-treated mice.

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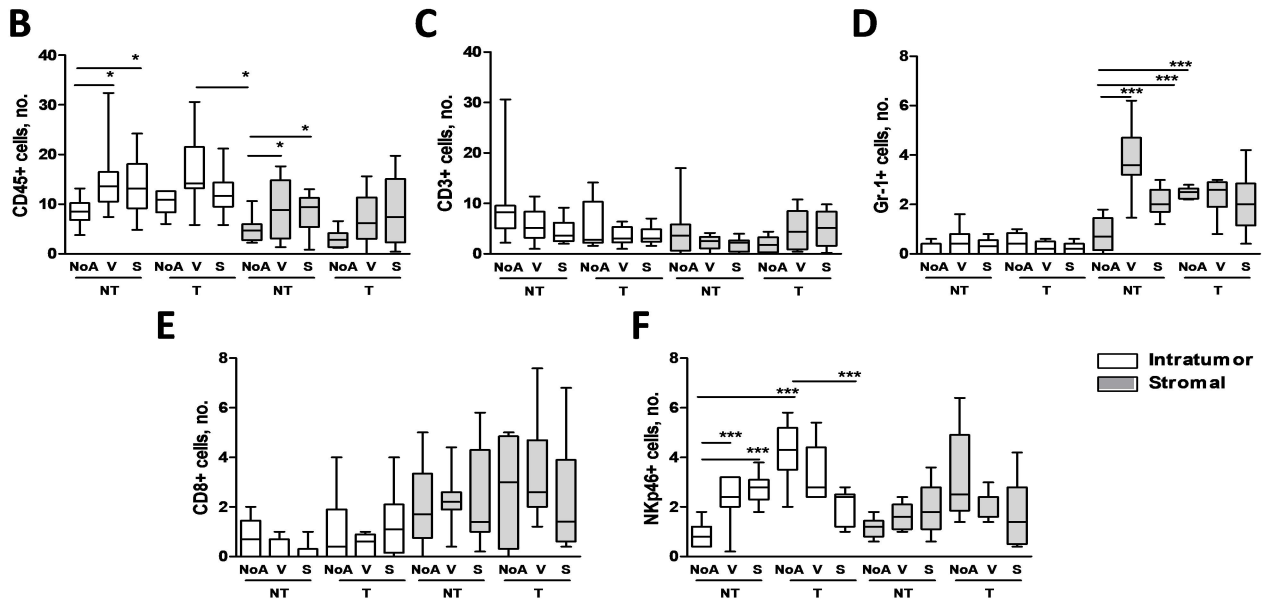
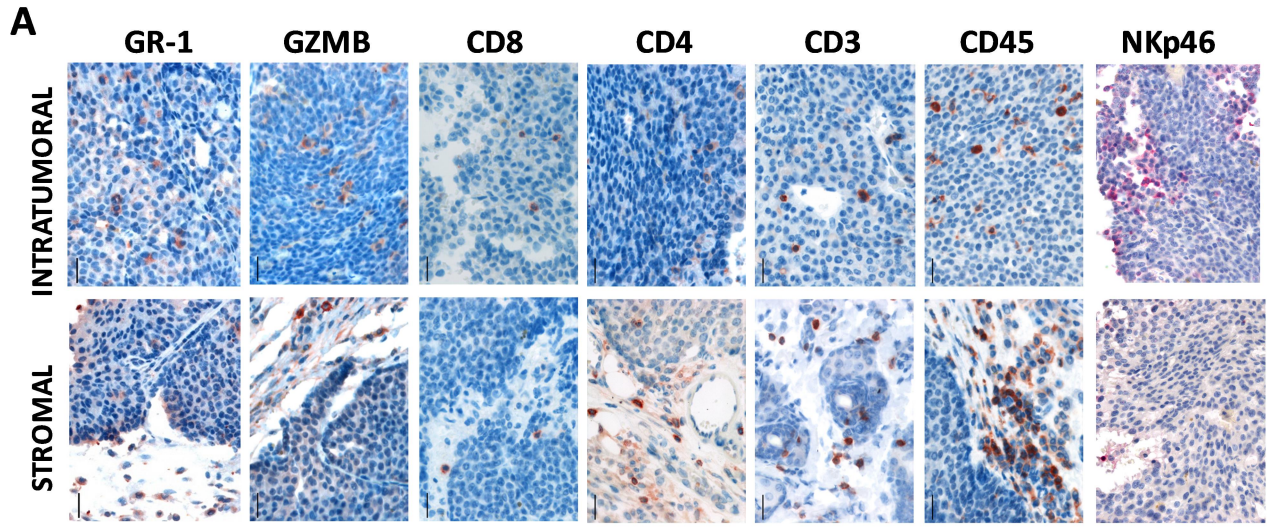
214 **Supplementary Fig. S5**



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216 **Supplementary Fig. S5. Short-chain fatty acids (SCFAs) quantification in fecal samples from**
217 **antibiotic-treated mice.** The analysis was performed by ultraperformance liquid chromatography-
218 high-resolution-mass spectrometry (UPLC-HR-MS). * $p < 0.05$ by an unpaired Student's t-test.

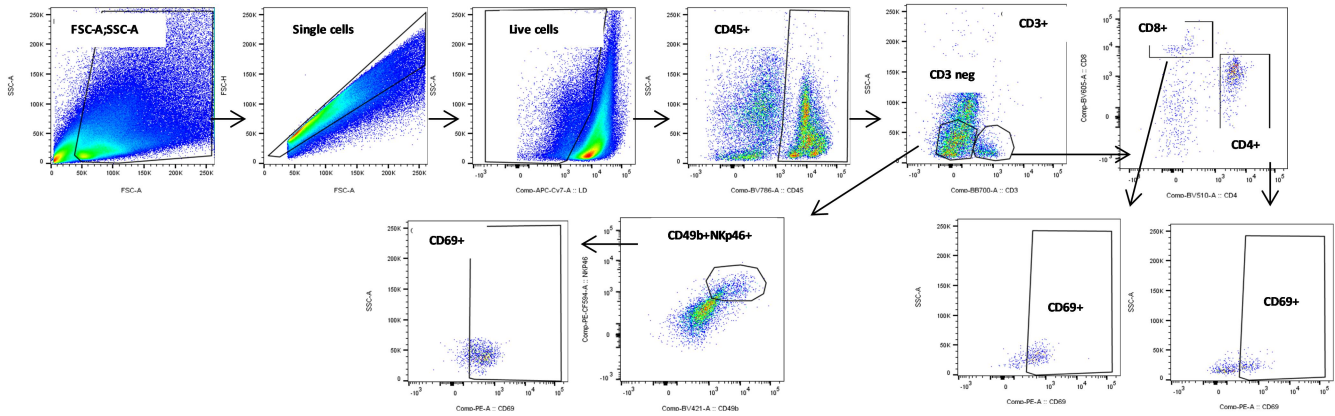
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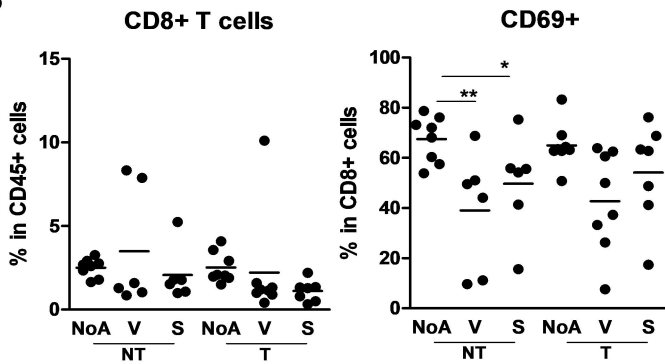
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222 **Supplementary Fig. S6. Analysis of intratumor and stromal cell staining in tumors of antibiotic-**
 223 **treated mice. A)** Representative images of intratumor and stromal staining of tumor immune infiltrate.
 224 **B-E)** Counts of intratumor (white) and stromal (gray) CD45+ cells (B), CD3 lymphocytes (C), Gr1+
 225 cells (D), CD8+ T cells (E) and NKp46+ cells (F). Control (NoA), vancomycin (V)- or streptomycin
 226 (S)-treated mice treated with trastuzumab (T) or untreated (NT). Cells were counted in 5 sections at an
 227 original magnification of 40x. Scale bars: 50 μ m (data shown as box-and-whiskers, min to max). *
 228 $p < 0.05$ and *** $p < 0.001$ by an unpaired Student's t-test.

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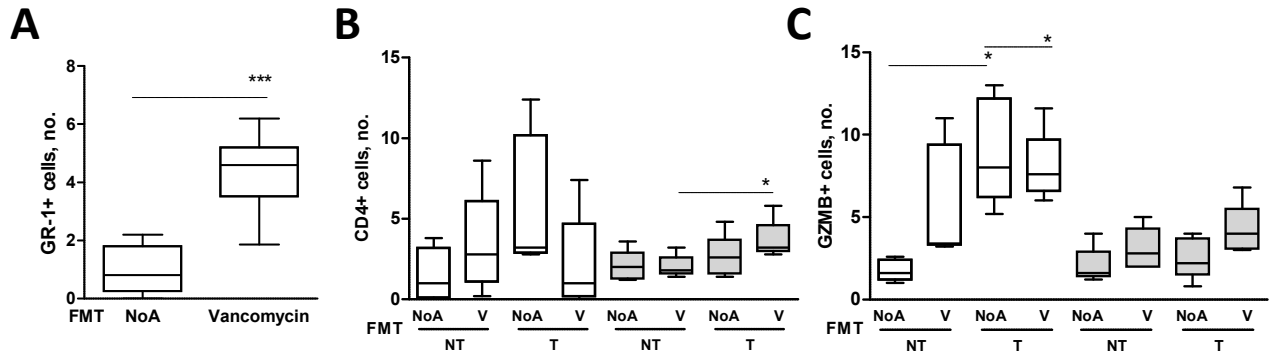
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231 **Supplementary Fig. S7. Impact of antibiotic treatment on tumor immune infiltrate.** Tumor
 232 samples collected at the end of the experiment were homogenized and characterized for immune
 233 infiltrates by flow cytometry. **A)** Population gating strategy. **B)** Frequencies of CD8+ T cell (CD3+;
 234 CD8+) (left) and activated (CD69+) CD8+ T cell (right) immune populations found in tumors grown in
 235 control (NoA), vancomycin (V) or streptomycin (S) mice treated with trastuzumab (T) or untreated
 236 (NT). * $p < 0.05$ and ** $p < 0.01$ by an unpaired Student's t-test.

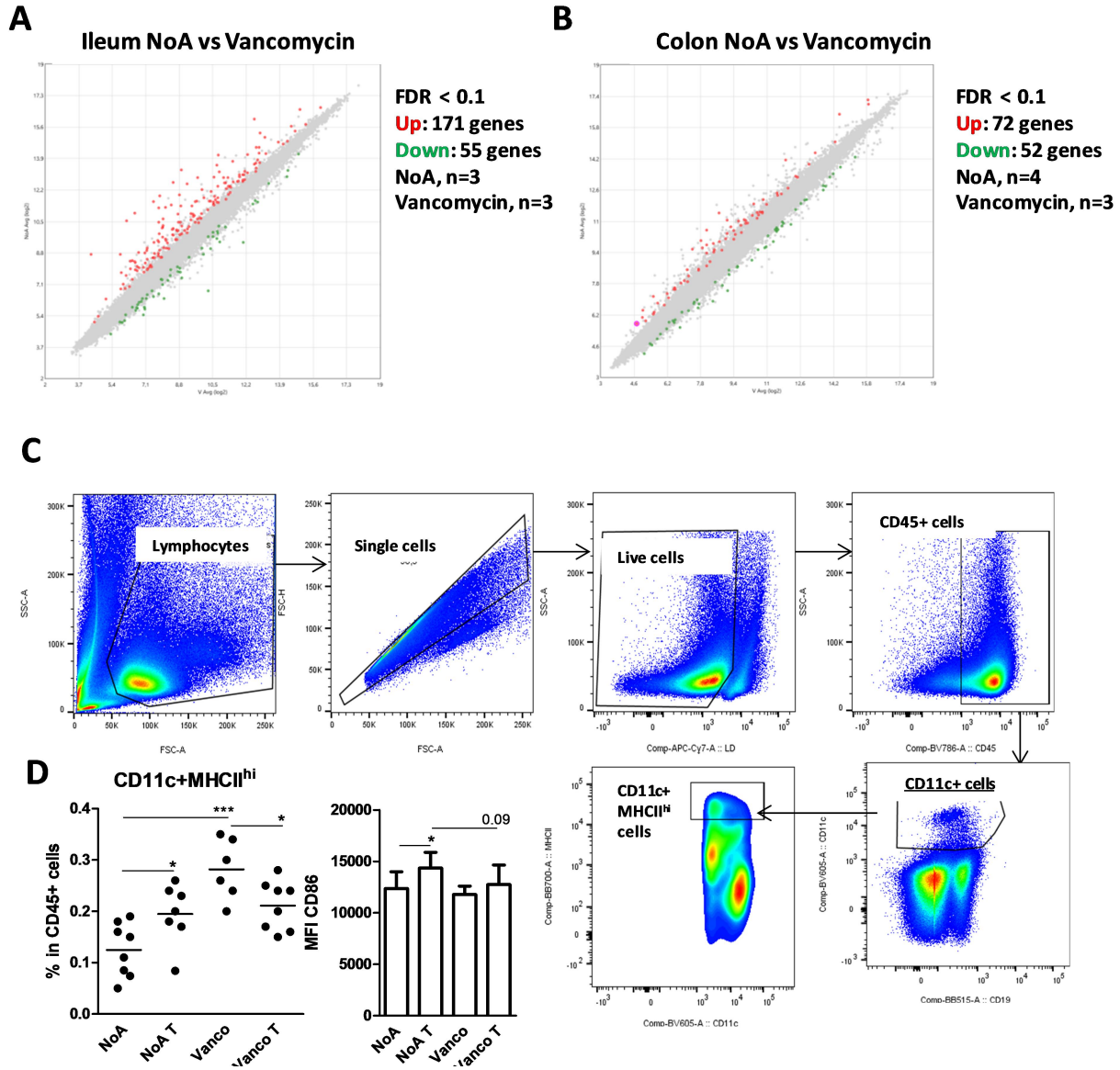
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239 **Supplementary Fig. S8. Analysis of intratumor and stromal cell staining in tumors from FMT**
 240 **mice. A-C)** Count of total Gr-1+ cells (A) and intratumor (white) and stromal (gray) staining of CD4+
 241 T cells (B) and GZMB-positive cells (C) in the tumor microenvironment of FMT mice. Control (FMT-
 242 NoA), vancomycin (FMT-V) mice treated with trastuzumab (T) or untreated (NT). Cells were counted
 243 in 5 sections at an original magnification of 40x. Scale bars: 50 μ m (data shown as box-and-whiskers,
 244 min to max). * $p < 0.05$ and *** $p < 0.001$ by an unpaired Student's t-test.

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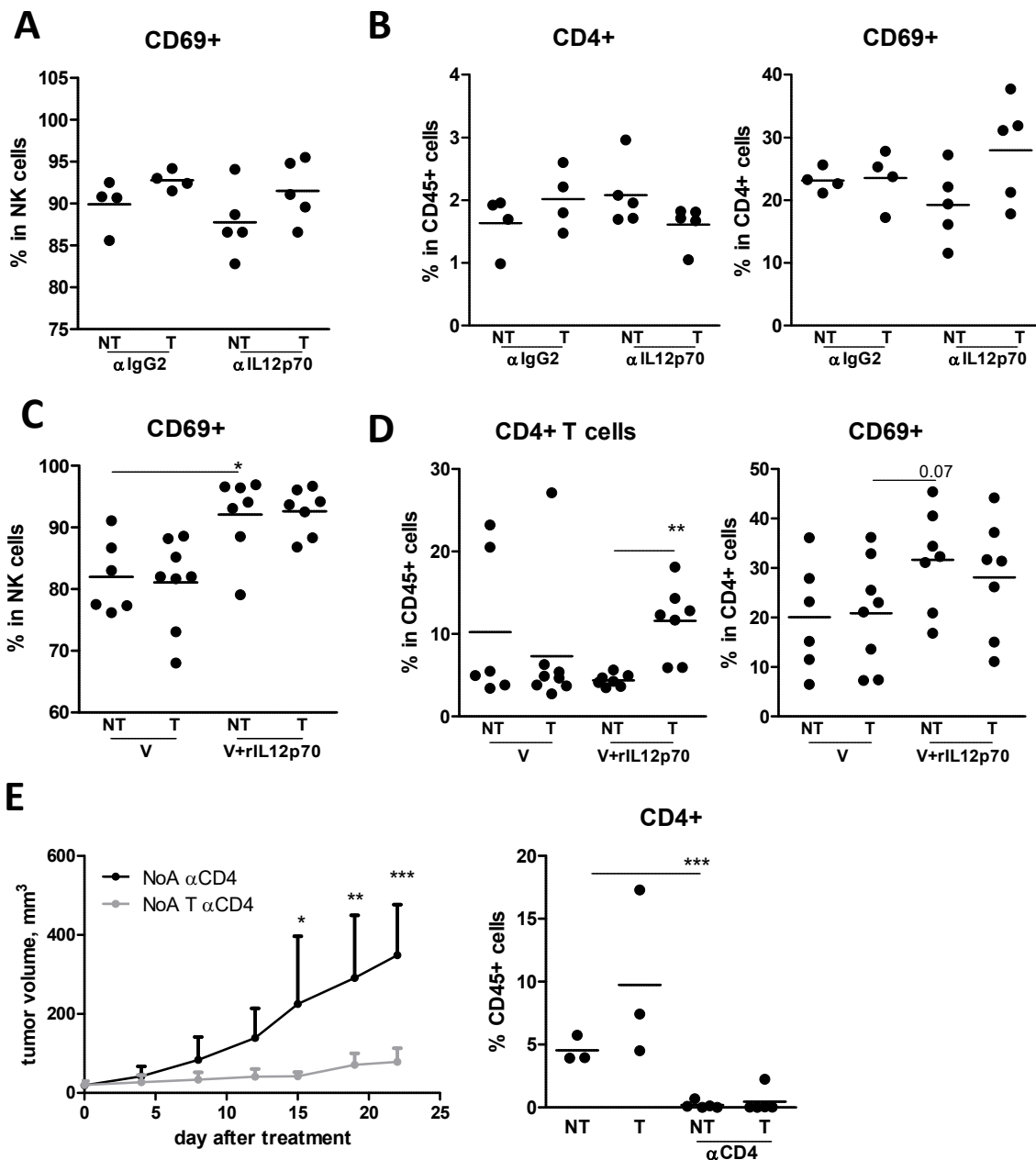
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249 **Supplementary Fig. S9. Impact of vancomycin treatment on intestinal and systemic immune**
 250 **features. A-B)** Scatter plot of differentially expressed genes (DEGs) (FDR <0.1) in the ileum (A) and
 251 colon (B) of mice. Red, DEGs increased in NoA mice; green, DEGs increased in mice under
 252 vancomycin treatment. **C-D)** Flow cytometry analysis of tumor-draining lymph nodes in NoA- and
 253 vancomycin-treated mice. Population gating strategy (C). Frequency and activation (CD86 MFI) of
 254 CD11c⁺MHCII^{hi} DCs in control (NoA) and vancomycin (Vanco)-treated mice treated with trastuzumab
 255 (T) or untreated (NT). * p<0.05 and ***p<0.001 by an unpaired Student's t-test.

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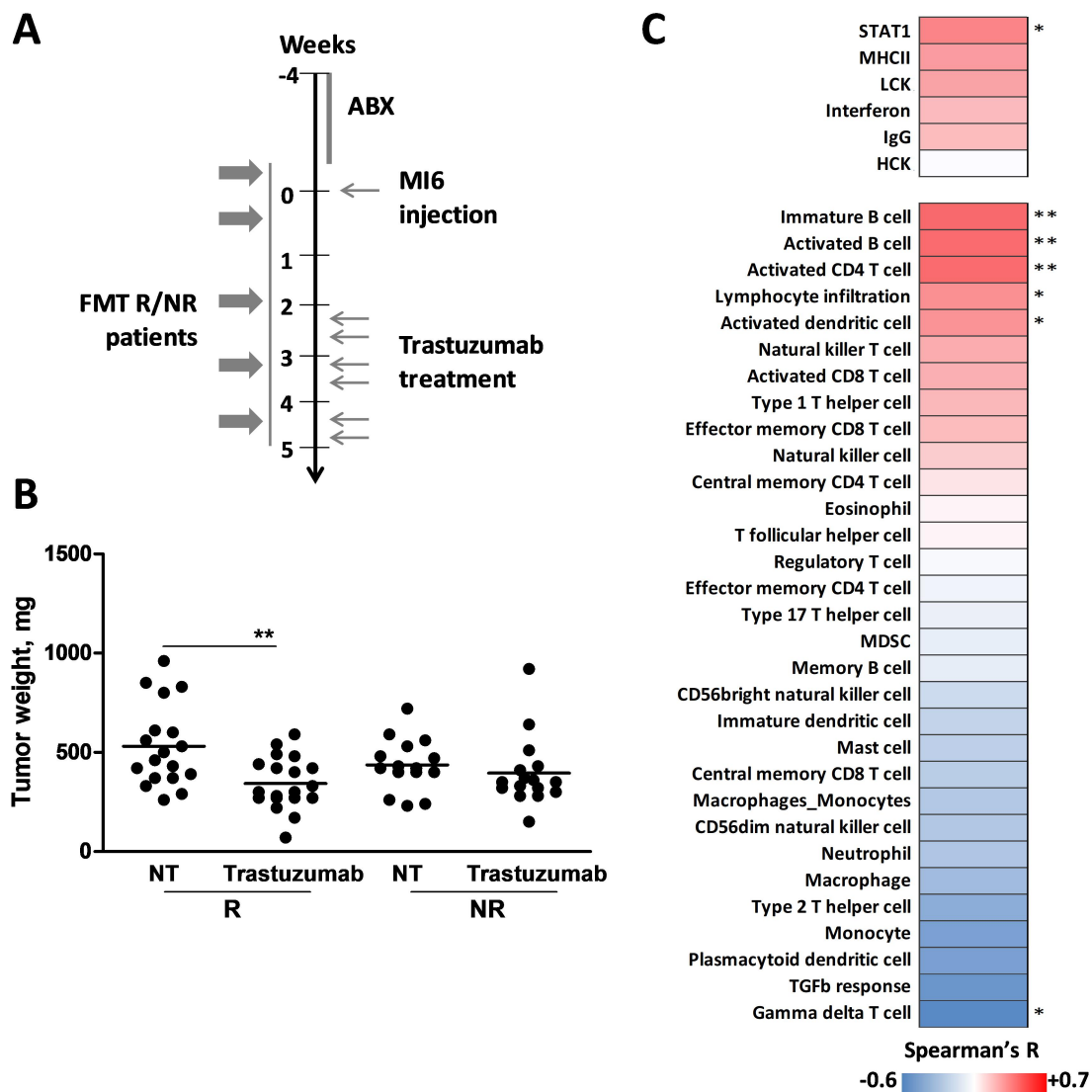


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259 **Supplementary Fig. S10. Impact of IL12p70 and CD4+ cell depletion on trastuzumab antitumor**
 260 **efficacy and on tumor immune infiltrate. A-B)** Tumor samples collected at the end of the experiment
 261 were homogenized and characterized for immune infiltrates by flow cytometry. NK cell activation
 262 status (CD69+) (A); frequencies of CD4+ T cells (CD3+;CD4+) (left) and activation status (right) (B)
 263 in NoA mice treated with anti-IL12p70 mAb (1 mg before trastuzumab injection, then 500 μ g i.p. twice
 264 a week). **C-D)** NK cell activation status (CD69+) (C); frequencies of CD4+ T cells (CD3+;CD4+) (left)
 265 and activation status (right) (D) in mice under the vancomycin regimen (200 mg/L) and treatment or no

266 treatment with recombinant IL12p70 (rIL12p70) (500 ng i.p. three times a week). **E**) Trastuzumab (T)
267 antitumor activity in NoA mice depleted of CD4⁺ T cells (α CD4) by an anti-CD4 mAb (400 μ g i.p.
268 twice a week) (right) and frequencies of intratumor CD4⁺ T cells analyzed by flow cytometry.
269 *p<0.05; ** p<0.01 and ***p<0.001 by an unpaired Student's t-test.

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272 **Supplementary Fig. S11. Causal role of human commensal bacteria in immune-mediated**
 273 **trastuzumab antitumor efficacy.** **A-B)** FVB mice were gavaged with fecal material from R (n=5) and
 274 **NR (n=4) patients** after depletion of their intestinal flora by an antibiotic cocktail (ABX). MI6 cells
 275 were injected into the mammary fat pads of treated mice. Fecal material from patients was transplanted
 276 48 h before and after tumor cell injection and then every 10 days for a total of 5 FMTs (7-8
 277 mice/patient were used). Treatment with trastuzumab was started when the tumors reached palpable
 278 volumes. The mAb was administered twice a week for 3 weeks at a concentration of 5 mg/kg body
 279 weight (A). The weight of tumors collected at the end of the experiment is reported (B). Differences in
 280 tumor weights were evaluated by a mixed effect linear model, which calculated the significance of
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282 differences between NT and T tumor weights considering the variability among patients and the
283 variability in transplantation, using treatment in mice as a fixed effect and with a random intercept
284 (**p<0.01). C) Correlation between Rody immune metagenes (4) or infiltrating immune cell subsets
285 (5) and PC1 values of β -diversity in profiled cases of HER2-positive BC cohort. The Spearman
286 correlation coefficient (R) is color coded, and relative p-values are shown (*p<0.05, ** p<0.01).

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