

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An antibody, or antigen binding fragment thereof, comprising:
 - (a) a heavy chain variable (VH) domain comprising complementarity-determining regions (CDRs) CDR-H1, CDR-H2, and CDR-H3 comprising the amino acid sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 13, 14, and 15, respectively; and
 - (b) a light chain variable (VL) domain comprising CDR-L2, and CDR-L3 comprising the amino acid sequences of SEQ ID NO: 17 and SEQ ID NO:18, respectively; and a CDR-L1 comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 16 or the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 16 with the NG motif replaced by NA, QG, or KG;
wherein said antibody, or antigen-binding fragment thereof, specifically binds to the extracellular domain of human killer cell lectin-like receptor subfamily G member 1 (KLRG1) and the extracellular domain of cynomolgus monkey KLRG1.
2. The antibody, or antigen binding fragment thereof, of claim 1, wherein CDR-L1 (SEQ ID NO: 16) has the NG motif substituted with NA.
3. The antibody, or antigen binding fragment thereof, of claim 1 or 2 comprising
 - (i) the VH domain sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3 and the VL domain sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4 or the VL domain sequence of SEQ ID NO:4, wherein the NG motif is substituted with NA in the CDR-L1; or
 - (ii) the VH domain sequence of SEQ ID NO: 27 and the VL domain sequence of SEQ ID NO: 28 or the VL domain sequence of SEQ ID NO:28, wherein the NG motif is substituted with NA in the CDR-L1.
4. The antibody, or antigen binding fragment thereof, of any one of claims 1-3, wherein the antibody specifically binds to an amino acid sequence that is at least

95% identical to any sequence of at least 100 contiguous amino acids of at least one sequence selected from group consisting of SEQ ID NO:89 and SEQ ID NO:90.

5. The antibody, or antigen binding fragment thereof, of claim 4, wherein the antibody specifically binds to the extracellular domain of KLRG1 with an affinity, as expressed in K_D as measured by bio-layer interferometry, of at least ~~about~~ 2 nM, ~~about~~ 1 nM, ~~about~~ 100 pM, ~~about~~ 10 pM, or ~~about~~ 5 pM.
6. The antibody, or antigen binding fragment thereof, of any one of claims 1-5, wherein the antibody is humanized.
7. The antibody, or antigen binding fragment thereof, of any one of claims 1-6, wherein the antibody is IgG₁ or IgG₄.
8. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the antibody of any one of claims 1-7 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
9. Use of the pharmaceutical composition of claim 8 for the manufacture of a medicament for ~~-treatment~~ or prevention of cancer or an infectious disease.
10. An isolated nucleic acid encoding the antibody of any one of claims 1-7.
11. An expression vector comprising the nucleic acid of claim 10.
12. A host cell comprising the expression vector of claim 11.
13. The host cell of claim 12, wherein the host cell is selected from the group consisting of an *E. Coli* bacterium, a Chinese hamster ovary cell, a HeLa cell, and a NS0 cell.

14. The nucleic acid of claim 10, wherein the nucleic acid encodes the amino acid sequence set out in SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4, SEQ ID NO:27, or SEQ ID NO:28.
- ~~15. A method of making an antibody, or fragment thereof, that specifically binds with the extracellular domain of human and cynomolgus monkey KLRG1, wherein the method comprises:~~
- ~~(a) providing a starting repertoire of nucleic acids encoding a heavy chain variable (VH) domain or a light chain variable (VL) domain that either includes a CDR3 to be replaced or lacks a CDR3 encoding region;~~
- ~~(b) combining the starting repertoire with a donor nucleic acid encoding an amino acid sequence substantially as set out in SEQ ID NO:15 or SEQ ID NO: 18, such that the donor nucleic acid is inserted into the CDR3 region in the starting repertoire, so as to provide a product repertoire of nucleic acids encoding a variable domain;~~
- ~~(c) expressing the nucleic acids of the product repertoire;~~
- ~~(d) selecting nucleic acid from step (c) encoding a VH or VL domain, or fragment thereof, which specifically binds said extracellular domain of human and cynomolgus monkey KLRG1; and~~
- ~~(e) recovering the VH or VL domain, or fragment thereof, or nucleic acid encoding said VH or VL domain or fragment thereof of (d).~~
- ~~16. An antibody produced by the method of claim 15.~~
- ~~17. Use of an anti-KLRG1 antibody, or fragment thereof, for modulating CD8+ T and NK cell activation comprising contacting a lymphocyte with the anti-KLRG1 antibody, or fragment thereof.~~
- ~~18. The use of claim 17, wherein the lymphocyte is a CD8+ T cell or a NK cell.~~
- ~~19. The use of claim 17, wherein the antibody is as in any one of claims 1-7.~~

20. ~~The use of claim 17, wherein the anti-KLRG1 antibody modulates CD8+ T cell and NK cell activation and inhibits the binding of E-cadherin to human and cynomolgus monkey KLRG1.~~