CANCER DRUG DISCOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT

Cytokines in the Genesis and Treatment of Cancer

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O Regenerative Medicine	FPT025, recei	FPT025, recently designated as IL-34, is a novel cytokine unrelated to any known class of cytokines. It stimulates proliferation of monocytes and is involved in early differentiation of dendritic cells. Using our ligand- receptor matching technology, we recently discovered the receptor for FPT025. FPT025 is currently being evaluated as an immuno-stimulant in				
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•A novel cytokine, FPT025, was identified in a high-throughput functional screen with human monocytes;

- No sequence homology with known cytokine families;
- Stimulates monocyte proliferation/survival at 5 ng/ml (0.2 nM);
- Specifically binds to human monocytes and activates ERK1/2 phosphorylation vis c-fms [M-CSF Receptor];
- Promotes CFU-GM and CFU-M colony formation from human bone marrow cells;
- Stimulates expression of myeloid cell surface markers.



FTP025 is a novel cytokine that differentiates hematopoietic stem cells. The figure above shows the accompanying morphological changes.

Interleukin-35: A Novel Cytokine that Mediates Regulatory T Cell Function Dario Vignali, Ph.D., Associate Member, Department of Immunology, St. Jude Children's **Research Hospital** Regulatory T (TR) cells are a critical sub-population of CD4+ T cells that are essential for maintaining self tolerance and preventing autoimmunity, limiting chronic inflammatory diseases, such as asthma and inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), and regulating homeostatic lymphocyte expansion. However, they also suppress natural immune responses to parasites and viruses as well as anti-tumor immunity induced by therapeutic vaccines. While the manipulation of TR function is an important goal of immunotherapy, the molecules that mediate their suppressive activity remain largely unknown. Here we demonstrate that Epstein-Barr virus-induced gene 3 (Ebi3; IL27β) and interleukin-12 alpha (II12a; IL12α/p35) are highly expressed by Foxp3+ (forkhead box P3) TR cells but not by resting or activated effector CD4+ T (TE) cells, and that an Ebi3/II12a heterodimer is constitutively secreted by TR but not TE cells. Both Ebi3 and II12a mRNA are dramatically upregulated in TR cells co-cultured with TE cells, thereby boosting Ebi3/II12a production in trans. TR cell-restriction of this cytokine is due to Ebi3 being a downstream target of Foxp3, a transcription factor that is required for TR cell development and function. Ebi3-/- and II12a-/- TR cells have significantly reduced regulatory activity in vitro and fail to control homeostatic proliferation and cure IBD in vivo. As these phenotypic characteristics are distinct from those of other IL-12-family members, this novel Ebi3/II12a heterodimeric cytokine has been designated interleukin-35 (IL-35). Ectopic expression of IL-35 confers regulatory activity on naïve T cells, while recombinant IL-35 suppresses T cell proliferation. Taken together, these data identify IL-35 as a novel inhibitory cytokine that is specifically produced by TR cells and is

Chronic Inflammatory Conditions Associated with Cancer

Chronic inflammation	Associated cancer	Aetiological agent	Percent predisposed that progress to cancer
Bronchitis	Lung cancer	Tobacco smoke	11-24
Gastritis	Gastric cancer	Helicobacter pylori	1-3
Cervicitis	Cervical cancer	Human papillomavirus	<1
Warts	Non-melanoma skin cancer	Ultraviolet light, human papillomavirus	Varies with skin pigment and solar intensity
Asbestosis	Mesothelioma	Asbestos fibres	10-15
Inflammatory bowel disease	Colorectal cancer	Gut pathogens, altered gut permeability	1*
Pancreatitis	Pancreatic cancer	Tobacco, genetic factors	≤10%*
Oesophagitis	Oesophageal cancer	Gastric acid, alcohol, tobacco	15
Sunburned skin	Melanoma, basal-cell carcinoma, squamous-cell carcinoma	Ultraviolet light	Varies with skin pigment and solar intensity, ≤9% of Caucasians
Hepatitis	Hepatocellular carcinoma	Hepatitis B virus, hepatitis C virus	10
Mononucleosis	Burkitt's lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease	Epstein-Barr virus	<1
Cholecystitis	Gall bladder cancer	Bacteria, gall bladder stones	1-25
Cystitis	Bladder cancer	Gram-negative uropathogens, pelvic irradiation, carcinogens	<1

*Per year. In susceptible populations. 1At cholecystectomy.

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Marked Decrease in Dendritic Cells in Pediatric Cancers



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Comparable Number of Macrophages and Decreased DCs in Pediatric Cancer



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Death Used to be Simpler Apoptosis [I], Autophagy [II] and Necrosis [III]



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IL-1 : A Pleiotropic Cytokine

fever sleep loss of appetite social withdrawal

> vasodilation adhesion molecules chemotaxis increased permeability

immune activation

stimulation of hematopolesis

procoagulant state

acute phase protein production

> collagenase and stromelysin

bone resorption

fibroblast and epithelial cell proliferation

Prostaglandin E₂

Melanoma Patient Response Before and After High Dose IL-2



Bethesda 1987

The Cytokine Handbook, 4th Edition Two-Volume Set

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IL-4 Description IL-7 The fourth edition of **The Cytokine Handbook** provides an encyclopedic coverage of the molecules that induce and regulate immune responses. IL-10 Now expanded to two volumes, co-edited by Michael T Lotze, and written IL-12 by over 120 international experts, the scope of the book has been broadened to include a major emphasis on the clinical applications of **IL-17** cytokines. The early chapters discuss individual cytokines, chemokines and receptors. Additional chapters discuss the clinical implications and **IL-18** applications of cytokines, including cytokine gene transfer, antisense IL1-F7B therapy and assay systems. This book is essential for researchers and clinicians interested in cytokines, including anyone working in cancer biology, transplantation, infectious diseases, autoimmunity or bioinformatics.

Identification of a Putative Mediator of Sepsis



Wang and Tracey, *Science* 285:248, 1999

HMGB1 Is A Link with Induction of Inflammation -Necrotic Cell Death: Marco Bianchi



P=cells; S=medium

Nature July 11, 2002



rHMGB1 Induces Acute Local Inflammation



Vehicle

rHMGB-1

Abraham et al., *J. Immunology* 2000, 165:2950-2954.

Chemokine Activity of rhHMG-1 In the Rat Jejunal Muscularis Externa



Bauer And Lotze

Anti-HMGB1 Antibodies

- Endotoxemia
- Arthritis
- Acute lung injury
- Ischemia reperfusion injury
- Hemorrhagic shock
- Colitis
- Pancreatitis
- Cerebral Ischemia
- Cancer

Maturation of Human iDC





Michael DeVera

Maturation of Human MDC

FITC Dextran Uptake



HMGB1 Inhibits PDC Maturation



Popovic PJ, DeMarco R, Lotze MT, Winikoff SE, Bartlett DL, Krieg AM, Guo ZS, Brown CK, Tracey KJ, Zeh HJ 3rd. High mobility group B1 protein suppresses the human plasmacytoid dendritic cell response to TLR9 agonists. J Immunol. 2006 Dec 15;177(12):8701-7.

HMGB1 Inhibits PDC Maturation





The IL-1 Family



IL-1 binds to the Type I IL-1 receptor

IL-1RThree unpairedType Icysteines like IL-18





IL-1 and Disease

- IL-1ra is approved for treatment of rheumatoid arthritis
- IL-1 inhibition is effective in other arthritides, including ankylosing spondylitis, systemic onset juvenile idiopathic arthritis, and adult onset Still's disease
- Particularly notable is the success of IL-1ra therapy in hereditary periodic fever syndromes (Muckle-Wells Syndrome, FCAS, NOMIDS/CINCA)
- Suggestive evidence (over-expression in human disease, genetics, mouse models) for IL-1 as a disease driver in
 - chronic inflammatory diseases (IBD, MS, fibrosis)
 - acute inflammation (stroke)
 - osteoarthritis
 - diabetes
 - cardiovascular disease
 - pain

John Sims

HMGB-1 Enhances IL-1/12 + IL-2 dependent IFNγ Production from PBMC [24hr]

DeMarco RA, Fink MP, Lotze MT.





Innate immunity mediated by the cytokine IL-1 homologue 4 (IL-1H4/IL-1F7) induces IL-12dependent adaptive and profound antitumor immunity. Gao W, Kumar S, Lotze MT, Hanning C, Robbins PD, Gambotto A. J Immunol. 2003 Jan 1;170(1):107-13. Department of Molecular Genetics, University of Pittsburgh, PA 15219, USA. IL-F7 by adenovirus-mediated gene transfer (AdIL-1H4) directly into murine tumors. Treatment of an established MCA205 mouse fibrosarcoma by single intratumoral injection of AdIL-1H4 resulted in significant growth suppression. The anti-tumor activity of IL-1H4 was abrogated in nude and SCID mice and in IL-12-, IFN-gamma-, or Fas ligand-deficient mice. In contrast, IL-1H4 was able to confer substantial anti-tumor effects in NKT-deficient mice.



Can we find a biological function for any of the novel IL-1 family members?



IL1F1, F2, F4 and F5 But Not F6-F10 Synergize with IL-2/HMGB1



IL-1 locus

human chromosome 2q



Blumberg H, Dinh H, Trueblood ES, Pretorius J, Kugler D, Weng N, Kanaly ST, Towne JE, Willis CR, Kuechle MK, Sims JE, Peschon JJ. Opposing activities of two novel members of the IL-1 ligand family regulate skin inflammation. J Exp Med. 2007 Oct 29;204(11):2603-14.



PAMPS and DAMPS and Redox-Signal 0

PAMPs

DAMPs



Rubartelli A, Lotze MT. Inside, outside, upside down: Damage associated molecular pattern molecules and Redox. Trends in Immunology, in press [2007].

Normal Leaderless Secretory Proteins [IL-1Fx, IL-18, FGF, HMGB1]



Neoplastic Tissues Contain Abundant Free Thiols



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Pancreatic Cancer is a Good Target for Oxidants-No Free Thiols!!



Nicole Schapiro Pier Mastoberardino

Protein Structure of HMGB1 Revealing Oxidation Sensitive Unpaired Cysteines



HMGB1 And Tumor Life/Death [Addicted to Death]



Release from necrotic cells No inflammatory mediators Stimulate PDC to limit immune effectors Promotes tumor proliferation/survival Goal: Oxidize HMGB1/DAMPs Limit Release Release from macrophages, NK/DC With inflammatory mediators, IL-2 Promotes enhanced inflammation with NK cells Diminishes tumor growth Goal: Promote Immunity, IL-2



Extra Strength Oxygen Supplement

Enhances Alertness

Increases Energy and Stamina

Boost Endurance

.5 fl oz (14.8 ml)

Eosinophil Peroxidase



Arsenic Trioxide



SUD

Hyperbaric Oxygen

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Conclusions

- HMGB1 is indeed a pleiotrophic cytokine an endogenous danger signal promoting DC maturation and found in the serum of acute and chronic inflammatory states
- HMGB1 synergizes with other cytokines in the mouse and man to promote acute immune reactivity
- HMGB1 in chronic inflammation may promote PDC suppression, promoting healing
- Targeting HMGB1 with antibodies or soluble receptors OR pro-oxidant therapies may represent important strategies for cancer treatment

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