

T CELL MEDIATED IMMUNITY (CMI)

NK CELLS

Role of Cell-Mediated Immunity

- Adaptive immune responses to intracellular microbes that are inaccessible to antibodies.
 - Microbes that are internalized and confined to phagosomes
 - Viruses in the cytoplasm
- Pathologic responses
 - Autoimmunity
 - Graft rejection)

Experimental protocol for determining role of T cells and antibodies
in immunity to an infection

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Cell mediated immunity to *Listeria monocytogenes*

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- Therefore, cell mediated immunity is directed at cells that have intracellular antigens which are processed and presented as peptide-MHC complexes on their surface.

Types of Cell-Mediated Immune Responses

- CD4⁺ T_H1/delayed type hypersensitivity (DTH) responses
- Th2 responses
- Cytolytic T lymphocyte responses

Two Stages of T cell activation in CMI: Naïve and Effector T cell Activation

- Antigen recognition by naïve T cells in lymphoid organs initiates proliferation and differentiation into effector cells.
- Antigen recognition by effector T cells at peripheral sites of antigen triggers the effector functions that eliminate the antigens.

Migration Of Naive and Effector T. Lymphocytes

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Activation of naive and effector T cells by antigen

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Immunity = protection

Hypersensitivity = tissue damage

Hypersensitivity is mediated by the same mechanisms that impart immunity

Much of what is known about mechanisms of immunity has been learned from studying hypersensitivity reactions

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- Th1 responses against soluble protein antigens or modified tissue proteins can cause tissue injury. In these cases the response is called delayed type hypersensitivity (DTH).

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Delayed-type hypersensitivity

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Morphology of delayed type hypersensitivity (DTH) reaction

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Sequence of Events in CMI/DTH

- Initiation of T cell response :
 - antigen/infectious organism brought to lymph node; naïve T cells migrate to lymph node; CD4⁺ T cells activated by antigen, proliferate and become effector T cells
- Migration of Effector T cells to site of antigen/infection
- Effector phase:
 - Reactivation of T cells by antigen leading to cytokine secretion; macrophage activation; inflammation

Initiation of Immune responses

The problem: How do rare antigen-specific lymphocytes find and respond to antigen?

1. Systems of antigen collection bring antigen to sites where immune responses are initiated.
2. Lymphocytes recirculate among lymphoid organs and peripheral tissues, and are activated at appropriate sites.
3. Amplification mechanisms enhance responses of antigen-specific lymphocytes

Antigen capture and collection by the immune system

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The induction phase of cell-mediated immunity

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Expansion of antigen specific CD4⁺ T cells in lymph node

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Migration of effector and memory T cells to sites of infection

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Activation and effector functions of macrophages in CMI

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General properties of cytokines

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Biologic Actions of Interferon- γ

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γ :

- Activates endothelium and enhances TNF effects on endothelium to increase recruitment of T cells and monocytes to sites of infection
- Activates neutrophils and NK cell cytolytic activity

γ :

- Net effect is to promote macrophage dependent inflammatory responses and to inhibit IgE-dependent, eosinophil rich response
- IFN- γ knockout mice are highly susceptible to intracellular microbial infections

Role of IL-12, IL-18 and IFN- γ in CMI

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Functions of cytokines in cell-mediated immunity

Cytokine	Cellular sources	Principal functions in cell-mediated immunity
IL-12	Macrophages, dendritic cells (professional APCs)	Differentiation of naïve CD4 ⁺ T cells into Th1 effector cells. Increased IFN- γ production by T cells
IL-18	Macrophages	Increased IFN- γ production by T cells; synergizes with IL-12
IL-2	T cells	Autocrine growth factor for T cells, responsible for clonal expansion of antigen-reactive T cells
TNF	Macrophages, T cells	Recruitment of leukocytes by endothelium
Chemokines	Endothelial cells, macrophages, T cells	Leukocyte recruitment
IFN- γ	T cells, NK cells	Macrophage activation
IL-4, IL-13, IL-10	Th2 cells (IL-10 produced by many cell types)	Inhibition of macrophage activation and DTH reactions Eosinophil-rich inflammation

Granulomatous inflammation: A chronic form of DTH

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Subsets of CD4⁺ helper T Cells

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Cytokine Production by T_H1 and T_H2 Cells

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- Functions
 - B cell Ig heavy chain class switching to IgE isotype
 - Inhibits switching to IgG2a and IgG3 (in mice) which are stimulated by IFN- γ
 - These are complement and FcR binding isotypes
 - Stimulates T_H2 differentiation from naïve T cells
 - Autocrine growth factor for T_H2 cells
 - Antagonizes macrophage-activating factors of IFN- γ

Differentiation of T_H1 and T_H2 Subsets

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Differentiation of Helper T Cell Subsets

- T_H1 and T_H2 cells represent polarized forms of CD4⁺ effector T cells differentiated from naïve CD4⁺ T cells.
- Differentiation occurs in secondary lymphoid tissues, in response to antigen, costimulator and cytokine signals.

Control of Helper T Cell Subset Differentiation: Phenomena

- Cytokines
 - IL-4 T_H2
 - IL-12 T_H1
- Signal strength (antigen dose + costimulation)
 - High T_H2
 - Low T_H1
- Genetic background
 - Balb/C T_H2
 - B10.D2 T_H1

Control of Helper T Cell Subset Differentiation: ? Mechanisms

- Acute acting transcription factors:
 - *cmaf*, GATA3, STAT6 stimulate T_H2 cytokine transcription
 - GATA3 inhibits IFN- γ transcription
 - T bet stimulates IFN- γ transcription, represses IL-4, IL-5 expression
- Stable epigenetic changes of cytokine loci
 - hyperacetylation of histones
 - demethylation of DNA
- Cell cycle dependence

Role of Th2 cells in regulating cell-mediated immunity

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Cytolytic T Lymphocytes (CTLs)

CTL are important effector cells in three settings:

- Intracellular infections (virus, some bacteria)
- Acute allograft rejection
- Tumor rejection

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- Naive CD8⁺ T cells (pre-CTLs) cannot lyse target cells; they first must differentiate into mature CTLs

CTL Differentiation (I)

- Differentiation of pre-CTL to CTL occurs in lymphoid tissues
- Two signals required
 - **First Signal:** Antigen recognition on target cell: cytosolic peptide presented in association with class I MHC
 - **Second signal:** Costimulators (e.g. B7) or cytokines (IL-2,IFN- γ)

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Cross presentation (cross priming) of CD8⁺ T lymphocytes

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MHC-Peptide Tetramer

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CTL Differentiation (II)

- Acquisition of machinery to perform cell lysis:
 - Develop membrane-bound cytoplasmic granules containing:
 - perforin (cytolysin); granzymes
 - Fas ligand expression
 - Capacity to express cytokines
 - IFN- γ , Lymphotoxin, TNF

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- CTLs themselves are not injured and each CTL can sequentially kill multiple targets

CTC-target cell conjugates

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The Process of CTL Mediated Lysis

- Antigen recognition and conjugate formation: TCR-peptide/MHC; CD2/LFA-3; LFA-1/ICAM-1
- Activation of CTL: Signaling by TCR-complex and accessory molecules
- Delivery of a lethal hit: granule exocytosis-delivery of perforin/granzyme into target cell
- Release of CTL
- Programmed death of target cell

Steps in CTL-mediated lysis of target cells

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Delivery of the Lethal Hit (I)

- **CTL granules move to region of CTL contact with target cell:** cytoskeletal reorganization
- **Fusion of granules with plasma membrane and release of contents:** Rab dependent process
- **Perforin polymerization:** formation of aqueous channel in target cell membrane:
- **Osmotic lysis of target cell** (minor role)

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CTL-Mediated Cell Lysis: Perforin

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Delivery of the Lethal Hit (II)

- Granzyme delivery into target cell cytoplasm through perforin pores
- Granzyme B cleavage of Interleukin-1 converting enzyme (ICE)
- ICE-proteolytic cascade leading to activation of DNA cleaving enzymes
- Apoptotic cell death

Mechnisms Of CTL Killing

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Pancreatic Insulins Leading to Type ! Diabetes

CD8+T cell mediated autoimmune destruction of cells

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**Selective CTL Killing of Insulin Secreting β Cells
in Autoimmune Diabetes**

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Natural Born Killer Cells

Natural killer (NK) cells are thought to play a pivotal (perhaps first line) role in innate immunity against virally-infected cells, tumor cells, and allogeneic bone marrow grafts.

They form a distinct group of lymphocytes with no immunological memory and are independent of the adaptive immune system.

NK cells constitute 5 to 16 percent of the total lymphocyte population.

NK cells appear microscopically as large granular lymphocytes.

NK cells have granules containing perforin and granzymes, and lyse target cells by granule exocytosis, using the same mechanisms as CTLs.

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Recognition of targets by NK cells

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Activating and inhibitory receptors of NK cells

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