Genetic infectious susceptibility and TLR defects in human



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Toll-like receptors (TLR)

- Receptor of innate immunity (11 in human)
- Membrane glycoproteines (90-115 kD)
- Leucin rich repeat (LRR)
- Recognize ligands derived from

microorganisms: LPS – TLR4 or dsRNA-TLR3

Initiation of inflammatory response



(Bell et al. TRENDS in Immunology 2003)

Toll like receptors and IL-1Rs (TIRs) signalling pathway



Inherited human IRAK-4 and MyD88 deficiencies



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Blood cells of IRAK-4 and MyD88 deficient patients display an impaired responses to TLRs ligands (except TLR3) and IL-1β

IRAK-4 deficiency – patients



Yoshikawa et al. J Ped 2010 Picard et al. Medicine 2010

Unpublished datas

52 patients from 33 kindreds in 14 countries

(Autosomal recessive disorder)

MyD88 deficiency (AR) – patients



von Bernuth et al. 2008 Science

Conway et al. 2010 JACI

Picard et al. 2010 Medicine

Unpublished datas

22 patients from 7 kindreds

in 6 countries



Patients are homozygous or compound heterozygous for mutations in IRAK4

MyD88 deficiency – mutations



Patients are homozygous or compound heterozygous for mutations in MyD88

IRAK-4/MyD88 deficiencies (n=61)



IRAK-4/MyD88 deficiencies: bacterial infections

Invasive infections

Non invasive infections







53.3%



MyD88 deficient pts MyD88 deficient pts 14.7% 13.3% 20% 13.3% 44.1% 14.7% 5.9% 20.6%

S. pneumoniae = 52% of invasive bacterial infections

(Meningitis. sepsis. arthritis. osteomyelitis. deep abscess)

S. aureus = 45.5% of non invasive bacterial infections

(Cellulitis. omphalitis. sinusitis. ENT infections. pneumonia)

S. pneumoniae isolated in 41 pts / 61 (IPD 67%)

IRAK-4/MyD88 deficiencies:

severe, narrow and transient phenotype





Early clinical phenotype: 1st invasive infection occurred < 2 years

Severe clinical phenotype:

25 patients died of invasive bacterial infections (16 caused by invasive bacterial *S. pneumoniae* infection)

Transient clinical phenotype:

no severe invasive infections > 14 years no deaths after the age of 8 years.

Immunological explorations

- Blood lymphocyte and monocyte subsets: normal
- T cell proliferations (mitogens and antigens): normal
- Complement pathways: normal
- Ig: normal, except high levels IgG4 (35%) and IgE (65%)
- Abs response to proteins: normal
- Abs response to polysaccharides: variable
- Inflammatory signs (clinical & biological): low

IRAK-4/MyD88 deficiencies - summary

- Invasive infections by Gram-positive bacteria, but also Gram-negative (S. pneumoniae, S. aureus and P. aeruginosa) < 14 years of age
- Recurrent episodes of cellulitis (S. aureus) and sinusitis persisting
- IMMUNODEFICIENCIES THAT IMPROVE WITH AGE
- Delayed or low inflammatory signs (fever, PMN, CRP...)
- Delayed separation of the umbilical cord (Takada. 2006 J.Ped)
- Deficient IL-1β and TLR signalling (except for TLR3)
- No other susceptibility to infection, in particular severe viral infection

MyD88 and IRAK-4 deficiencies: phenocopies

8 Hours



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Herpes Simplex virus Encephalitis (HSE):

a devastating viral disease of unclear pathogenesis



HSV-1 reach the CNS via neurons and do not spread to epithelia and internal organs

Classical Primary Immunodeficiencies, do not usually predispose to HSE

HSE patients are normally resistant to most infectious agents, including neurotropic viruses

2-4 cases/million people/year

Incidence peaks 6 mos-6 yrs during primary infection by HSV-1

Up to 30% mortality in treated individuals

HSE: a genetic epidemiological survey



Autosomal Recessive UNC-93B deficiency: the first genetic etiology of isolated HSE

- UNC-93B is a 12-transmembrane domain protein in the ER.

- UNC-93B delivers the nucleotide-sensing receptors TLR3, 7, 8 and 9 from the ER to endolysosomes

UNC-93B

Three individuals, from Portugal and France (2 gypsies)) from 2





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Autosomal Dominant TLR3 deficiency: The second genetic etiology of HSE



(Zhang Science 2007)

Autosomal Dominant TLR3 deficiency:



Heterozygous TRAF3 mutation in a patient with HSE: The third genetic etiology of HSE



TRAF-3 has functions downstream from multiple TNF receptors and the receptors inducing IFN- α , IFN- β , and IFN- λ production, including TLR3.

Heterozygous TRAF3 mutation in a patient with HSE

200 patients sequenced

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SV40 fibroblast studies: IFN type I and cytokines production



⁽Rebeca Pérez de Diego et al. Immunity 2010)

SV40 fibroblast studies: Molecular phenotype



Reduced NF-kB nuclear translocation and IRF3 dimerization in response to TLR3 agonist

Complementation studies in SV40 fibroblast of P1



Stable transfectants



TRAF3 in other pathways

TLR4 and TLR7/8

Impaired IFN and cytokines production by MDDC and MDM



Monocyte derived dendritic cells (MDDC) Monocyte differentiated macrophages (MDM)

TRAF3 in other pathways (alternative NF-kB pathway)

CD40

LTβR

Impaired IL-6 production after CD40L activation by MDDC

Diminished the production of IL-8 by SV40-fibroblast

BAFFR

Constitutive activation in B-EBV cells - IL10 production





Human AD TRAF3 deficiency

- Heterozygous R118W mutation in TRAF3
- → dominant-negative effect and results in impaired TLR3-dependent induction of IFN and predisposition to HSE
- TRAF3 patient displays a broad cellular phenotype:
 - with impaired cellular responses to IFN TLR3-independent pathways,
 - CD40, LTβR and BAFFR, whose clinical consequences have so far remained silent.



HSE-Specific Immunity





Conclusions

• The TIRs signaling pathway (IRAK-4/MyD88-depend pathway) is crucial to control invasive pyogenic bacterial infection during childhood, by induction and propagation inflammation, and secondary initiation of adaptive immunity.

• The integrity of the TLR3-IFN pathway is crucial to control HSV-1 primary infection in the CNS.

• The exploration of « idiopathic infections » could contribute to diagnose new primary immunodeficiencies and to a better understanding of immunity against pathogens.

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