T-dependent humoral responses in mucosal sites

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Identification of Tfh cells



No Germinal center in CXCR5-deficient animals



Forster et al., Cell, 1996

lgD

CD3

PNA

Only CXCR5+ Th cells control B cell responses

In vitro culture of human T lymphocytes and autologous B cells



Breitfeld et al., JEM, 2000 Schaerli et al., JEM, 2000

bone-marrow chimera in which all T cells are CXCR5 deficient







2nd signal: Expression of co-stimulatory molecules

CD28 and OX40 engagements lead to CXCR5 expression by Th cells and GC formation

CD40L-CD40 interactions lead to
B cell survival and BCR isotype switch

B/Tfh GC-B/Tfh

Walker et al., JEM, 1999 Han et al., JI, 1995 2nd signal: Expression of co-stimulatory molecules

Impaired primary Ab responses and GC formation in **ICOS**-/- mice challenged with T-cell-dependent Ag



DC/Tfh GC-B/Tfh

McAdam et al., Nature, 2001 Tafuri et al., Nature, 2001 Dong et al, Nature 2001

- > **SAP** deficiency in T cells leads to impaired GC formation
- > **SAP** is important to induce a prolonged T-B interaction



B/Tfh

Crotty et al., Nature, 2003 Veillette et al., PNAS, 2008 Qi et al, Nature 2008

PD-1, an inhibitory molecule, which allows positionning in GC

Graphical Abstract bystander B cell WT T cell cos-/- T cell GC B cell Pdcd1^{KI/KI} T cell pMHC TCR PD-L1/2 ICOS ICOSL IL-21R COSI pMHC TCR ICOS PD-L1/2 PD-1 CXCR5 ICOSL ICOS IL-21R lon-cognate pseudopod peptide) IL-21 dynamics

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In Brief

Tfh cells highly express the inhibitory PD-1 molecule, although its function in the germinal center response is not well understood. Shi et al. show that, by operating in both costimulatory and bystander signaling mode, PD-1 suppresses follicular T cell recruitment but promotes Tfh cell concentration in the GC territory and helps maintain the stringency of GC affinity selection. Cytokine production by Tfh cells: IL-21

- High production of IL-21 by Tfh cells
- IL-21R is expressed by B cells
- IL21R-/- mice have impaired class switch



Strength of Tfh cell/GC B cell interaction regulates entry into Plasma cell or recycling GC fate

Graphical Abstract



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In Brief

Ise et al. identify the plasma cell-prone LZ GC B cells whose generation relies on the amount of CD40 signal. Higher expression of ICAM-1 and SLAM in those cells facilitates more stable contacts with Tfh cells, suggesting that strength of Tfh-GC B cell interaction critically regulates formation of plasma cell precursors.

Ise et al, Immunity 2018

Tfh express a distinct signature when compared to Th1, Th2, Th17, Tem and Tcm



Kim et al., JEM, 2001 Chtanova et al., JI, 2004 Nurieva et al., Immunity, 2008

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Bcl-6 is required for Tfh cell formation

In vivo differentiation of Tfh and GC B cells in bone-marrow chimera



Jonhston et al., Science, 2009 Nurieva et al., Science, 2009 Yu et al., Immunity, 2009 Kitano et al., Immunity, 2011 Choi et al., Immunity, 2011 Lee et al., JEM 2011

Tfh differentiation

IL-6 and IL-21 promote Tfh cell differentiation in vitro and in vivo

In vitro culture of stimulated T lymphocytes

In vivo differentiation of Tfh and GC B cells in deficient animals





Nurieva et al., Immunity, 2008 Vogelzang et al., Immunity, 2008

Tfh differentiation

IL-2 inhibits Tfh cell differentiation in vitro and in vivo





Ballesteros-Tato et al, Immunity, 2012 Johnston et al, J Exp Med, 2012

Tfh differentiation



Fazilleau N et al., Immunity, 2009

Unfortunately, it is not that trivial...

Tfh can secrete cytokines associated to other Th lineages

Tfh cells can secrete IFN- γ , IL-4, IL-17 and TGF- β that will control isotype switch

IL-17 secreting GC Th cells



IL-4 secreting GC Th cells



Vijayanand et al., Immunity , 2012 Tsuji et al. Science, 2009 Bauquet et al., Nature Immunol, 2009 Fazilleau et al., Nature Immunol, 2009 Reinhardt et al., Nature Immunol, 2009

Tfh progressively differentiate to regulate the GC response



Weinstein et al., Nature Immunol, 2016

Tfh cell preferentially express high-affinity TCR



Fazilleau N et al., Nat Immunol, 2009

Differential IL-2 expression defines developmental fates Tfh vs non Tfh



DiToro et al, Science, 2018



Linterman et al., Nature Medicine, 2011 Chung et al., Nature Medicine, 2011 Amé-Thomas et al., Leukemia, 2011 Wollenberg et al., Journal of Immunology, 2011



Distinct functin of Tfr cells

TFR prevent the expansion of self-reactive B cell clones (Influenza infection)

Tfr cells promote GC response through the production of IL-10 (LCMV infection)



Botta et al, Nat Immunol 2017



Laidlaw et al, Sci Immunol 2017

Tfr compartment is heterogeneous



- > Tfr compartment is heterogenous based on:
 - > antigen-specificity
 - > ontogeny: thymic versus peripheral

bone-marrow chimera



B cell responses in mucosal sites



Re-utilization of GCs in multiple PPs results in highly synchronized, oligoclonal, and affinity-matured gut IgA responses



B cell responses in mucosal sites



BCR affinity controls GC infiltration but neither proliferation nor early plasmablast formation in the SED





B1-8^{hi} GFP B1-8^{lo} DsRed

Foxp3-Regulated Microbiota Induces Maturation of Gut Immune System



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Kawamoto et al, Immunity 2014

High affinity IgA need Th17 plasticity





Horota et al, Nat Immunol 2013

P2X7 receptor controls T-cell-dependent IgA response to preserve commensalism



Proietti M et al Immunity 2014 Proietti et al Nat commus 2019

Regulatory loop between Tfh cells, IgA and gut microbiota



Kato et al, Immunology and Cell biology 2014

Cebula et al Nature 2013

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