

autoimmunity

tolerance

T-cell tolerance

Main contributor to tolerance is CD4 T cells

- because
 - MHC relation to autoimmune diseases
 - T cell is the key regulator of immune response to proteins
- prevents both adaptive immunity against self Ag

Ways of tolerance

central tolerance

- by negative selection in the thymus
 - if T cell react with self-Ag it dies or becomes T reg
 - selected by AIRE gene that is expressed by thymic epithelium

Aire deficient cause polyendocrinopathy syndrome, addison, hypoparathyroid and chronic candidiasis

- peripheral tolerance
 - regulation
 - Absence of co-stimulatory signals (B7) on APC-self antigen
 - expression of CTLA-4 after T cell activation
 - activation induced cell death by death receptors (Fas-FasL) in the case of persistent activation,
 - or apoptosis or passive cell death in case of antigen elimination,
 - T cell anergy, presenting antigen by immature DCs,

Auto-reactive T cells result because many self antigens are not presented in thymus or presented insufficiently (hidden). Or because infection with similar foreign antigen to self, or genetic cause or unknown.

B-cell tolerance

central

Editing, deletion and anergy

Mature B lymphocytes that recognize self antigens in peripheral tissues in the absence of specific helper T cells may be rendered functionally unresponsive or die by apoptosis

peripheral

Expression of death proteins; Fas on B cell and Fas L on Tc, inhibitory receptor CD22 and inhibitory Fc receptor (FcγRIIB).

polymorphism in FcγIIIb is associated with SLE in humans

Artificial induction of tolerance

used for

- preventing immune reactions to the products of newly expressed genes in gene therapy protocols,
- for preventing reactions to injected proteins in patients with deficiencies of these proteins (e.g., hemophiliacs treated with factor VIII),
- for promoting acceptance of stem cell transplants, and graft transplantation
- and in immunotherapy for allergy to foreign proteins.

methods

- Immunosuppression by total body irradiation, drugs (cyclosporin and anti-lymphocytic antibodies as anti-CD4, soluble CTLA-4, steroids)
- Oral administration of antigens for long time (lead to increase in IGA and IL-10 and TGF-beta)
- antigens administered without adjuvants tend to induce tolerance.

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common diseases

Myasthenia gravis is Ab against acetylcholine receptor of neuromuscular junction, block receptor and cause muscle weakness

Gravis disease Antibodies against thyroid stimulating hormone receptor cause long lasting activation and hyperthyroidism

Idiopathic thrombocytic purpura (platelet antigen) low platelet count+bleeding

Good pasteur syndrome (renal and lung basement membrane collagen)lung and kidney bleeding; anti-glomerular basement membrane (GBM)

Vitiligo (melanocytes) lead to depigmentation of skin

Rheumatic fever is an inflammatory disease that occurs following a Streptococcus pyogenes infection, such as strep throat or scarlet fever
caused by antibody cross-reactivity that can involve the heart, joints, skin, and brain
typically develops two to three weeks after a streptococcal infection.
appears in children between the ages of 6 and 15, with only 20% of first-time attacks occurring in adults

diagnosis
positive ASO latex agglutination test. test Anti-streptolysin O titer
the titer varies being maximum 3-5 weeks after infection
the presence of Ab indicate exposure to group A streptococcus
diagnosis depend also on clinical presentation

Multiple sclerosis Antibodies against myelin basic protein (MBP) (Type 2 hypersensitivity)
Also cell infiltration with TH1 and TH17 and cytokine as TNF alpha (type 4)
Demyelination, perivascular inflammation, paralysis and ocular lesions
No certain treatment, disease modifying agents as interferon beta, anti-CD20 to deplete B cells, injection of MBP to induce tolerance

Hashimoto thyroiditis Antibodies against thyroglobulin and/or thyro-pyroxidase (TPO) antigens (type 2 hypersensitivity)
hypothyroidism, and hard and large gland due to lymphocytic infiltrate (type 4 hypersensitivity)
Treatment, thyroid hormone replacement

type 1 diabetes Antibodies against pancreatic beta cell protein (insulin) (type 2)
Or infiltration with cells TH1 and CD8 and (type 4)
cytokine effect (IL-1 and TNF alpha)
Lead to beta cell destruction and absence of insulin
Can be differentiated from type 2 DM by autoantibody testing
Symptoms polydypsia, polyphagis, polyuria
Treatment, insulin therapy, immune therapy by induce tolerance to diabetic antigen.

inflammatory bowel disease
crohn disease characterized by chronic inflammation and destruction of the intestine wall with frequent fistulas
ulcerative colitis the lesions are confined to the mucosa and consist of ulcers
causes are mainly genetic and cellular infiltration mainly TH1 and TH17 (type 4)