

Molecular Events Underlying Cell-Associated HIV Transmission

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HIV – Dendritic Cell Interactions

- Robust virus replication in dendritic cell (DC) T cell co-cultures (*Cameron et al, 1992*).
- Mature DCs can transfer HIV-1 particles to CD4⁺ T cells at an enhanced efficiency
- primarily because of establishment of stable DC T cell conjugates (*Macdonald et al, 2003*)



CD80/86 - CD28

DC – T cell Virological Synapse



 $\begin{array}{l} \text{MHC}-\text{TCR} \ (\text{CD3})\\ \text{CD4} \ \text{or} \ \text{CD8}\\ \text{ICAM1}-\text{LFA1}\\ \text{CD80/86}-\text{CD28}\\ \text{CD81}\\ \end{array}$

Putative evasion from neutralizing antibody responses (Sagar et al, 2012)

Dendritic Cells Facilitate HIV-1 Infection

• DC – T cell co-cultures are sites of robust viral replication



Dendritic Cells: Hostile Cellular Environment for HIV



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HIV-1 Attachment factors on Dendritic Cells

Envelope Glycoprotein gp120 - Dependent Binding

- •C-type lectin receptors
- Recognition of the glycosylated gp120
- DC-SIGN, Langerin, DCIR

•Heparan sulfate proteoglycans (Syndecans)

- Polyanionic surface
 - Charge-based interactions with gp120

Geijtenbeek et al, Cell 2000; Turville et al, Nat. Immunol 2002; de Witte et al, PNAS 2007; Lambert et al, Blood 2008;

Envelope Glycoprotein-Independent Capture of HIV-1 Particles by Dendritic Cells



Env---deficient virus par'cles derived from divergent cellular sources remain competent for capture by dendri'c cells (*J. Virol. 2009 83: 3496---3506*)



Zhu et al., Nature 2006 Sougrat et al., PLoS Pathogens 2007

~ 7 --- 14 Env trimers per



Host cellular determinants incorporated in virus particle membrane might play a role in HIV capture by dendritic cells.

HIV Incorporates Molecules from Host Membrane



•Lipid and protein composition of the virus particle membrane is determined by the site of virus assembly and exit.

 Virus particles enriched in cholesterol, sphingolipids, glycosphingolipids, and lipid raft associated cellular proteins such as CD59 and tetraspanin proteins.

•Strategy to identify HIV determinant necessary for capture by DCs

Selective depletion of virus particle membrane constituents

Modified from Higashi, Glycoworld

Virus Particle Associated Glycosphingolipids a re Essential for HIV-1 Capture by DCs

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Removal of Protein from the virion



Izquierdo-Useros, Blood 2009

Removal of GSLs from the virion



Maturation of DCs Enhances Env-Independent Glycosphingolipid Mechanism of HIV-1 Capture



Hatch et al, J. Virol. 2009 83: 3496---3506; Izquierdo---Useros et al, Blood 2009 113:2732---2741

Glycosphingolipids (GSLs): Raft-Resident Lipids





GM3-Depleted Virions are Deficient for Capture by Mature DCs

GSL Biosynthesis Pathway



Liposome system for analyzing HIV Capture by Mature DCs

--- 150nm (~ virus sized) par1cles--- cholesterol coupled to TopFluordye



Composi1on ~ 45% cholesterol >30% phospholipids ~10% PS 0.5---3.5% GM3

Mock (PS)



Composi1on 45% cholesterol* 54% DPPC 1% PS +Lipid



Composi1on 45% cholesterol* 53% DPPC 1% PS 1% Lipid

Inclusion of GM3 in Virus-sized Liposomes Results in Enhanced Mature DC capture



Blocking GM3 Results in Attenuated Capture of HIV by Mature Dendritic Cells



Immune Activation and GM3 Enrichment in HIV-1 Particles

- GM3 is the major ganglioside in the plasma membrane of lymphocytes and monocytes
- GM3 synthase activity is upregulated
 - upon immune activation, and
 - upon initiation of monocyte to macrophage differentiation

GM3 enrichment in Virus Producer Cells Produces HIV that is Captured by DCs with Enhanced Efficiency

GM3 Expression on Virus Producer Cells







Summary: GM3 mediates HIV capture by DCs



What is the DC---receptor responsible for GM3---dependent HIV---1 capture?

Characteristics of the GM3-Dependent HIV Capture Mechanism on Dendritic Cells



SIGLEC Family of Lectins

- <u>Sialic acid-recognizing Ig</u>-superfamily <u>lec</u>tins
- Major homologous family of I-type lectins divided into 2 sub-groups
 - Evolutionary conserved sub-group (Siglecs-1, -2 and -4)
 - Rapidly evolving CD33 and Siglec-3-related subgroup (Siglecs-3 and -5-13 in primates)
- Broadly expressed in cells of the immune system

SIALIC-ACID-BINDING IMMUNOGLOBULIN-LIKE LECTINS



Adapted from Crocker, Nat Rev 2007

Siglec1 (CD169)
expressed exclusively on myeloid cells
expression induced by type I IFN
binds to terminal α2,3-linked sialic acid residues

Maturation of Dendritic Cells Enhances CD169 Expression



Selective Depletion of CD169 in Mature Dendritic Cells Abrogates HIV-1 Capture



Neutralizing Antibodies Against CD169 block DC Mediated HIV-1 Capture & Trans Infection



Exogenous Expression of CD169 in Receptor-Naïve Cells Rescues GSL-Dependent HIV-1 Capture & Trans Infection

- Express human CD169 in Raji B cell line (non-permissive for HIV capture)
- Incubate with WT virus (NT), virus deficient in GSL (PDMP), or Env-deficient virus
- Co-culture with T cells





Capture and transfer of GSL-deficient HIV-1 particles by Raji/CD169 cells is attenuated

GM3 Recognition by CD169 is Essential for HIV-1 Capture



Lack of HIV-1 Capture by Cells Expressing CD169 Mutant Deficient for Sialic Acid Recognition



WT = human CD169 R96A = no affect on sialic acid binding R116A = abrogates sialic acid binding

Vinson M et al, JBC 1996



Murine CD169 can Mediate Retroviral Capture and Trans Infection



HIV Gag-mCherry VLPs Co-localize with CD169 on Mature DC Surface and at the DC – T cell Virological Synapse

No VLP



Correlation Coefficient



0.45 (+/-0.18)

0.70 (+/-0.17)

Localization of HIV-1 Particles in CD169⁺ Plasma Membrane Invaginations of Myeloid DCs



HIV-1 Particles Captured by CD169 are Trafficked to Non-Lysosomal Compartments

HIV-1 Evasion of Adaptive Immune Responses



Conclusions

- Expression of CD169 on monocyte-derived DCs, inflammatory DCs and blood myeloid DCs is required for GM3-dependent HIV-1 capture.
- Blocking CD169 with neutralizing antibody or depletion via shRNA results in loss of DC-dependent HIV-1 capture and trans infection.
- Induced expression of CD169 in a non-permissive cell confers the ability to capture and transfer virus.
 - Mutation that eliminates sialic acid binding (R116A) results in attenuation of virus capture by CD169.
- HIV-bound CD169 re-localizes to a polarized region of DC and is colocalized with HIV-1 particles at the DC – T cell infectious synapse.
- HIV-1 particles captured by CD169 are trafficked to plasma membrane invaginations
 - Invariably accessed by surface-applied anti-gp120 monoclonal antibodies

Puryear & Akiyama et al, PLoS Path 2013 Izquierdo-Useros et al, PLoS Biology 2012

CD169⁺ DC Mediated HIV-1 Trans Infection

- Dependent on a host cell-derived ligand (GM3) and receptor (CD169)
- Parasitization of cell-to-cell recognition mechanism by HIV for virus dissemination
- Protection from innate and adaptive immune responses



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