Microbiota-Dependent Crosstalk Between Macrophages and ILC3 Promotes Intestinal Homeostasis

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Introduction

- GIT -> large number of commensal microbes exposed to ingested antigens & potential pathogens

- Regulation of intestinal tolerance -> very important

- Accumulated evidence suggests -> gut commensals -> ability to control T lymphocytes and modulate inflammatory responses -> through Tregs and IL-10 production

- MNPs (incl. MPs and DCs) -> detect microbial signals -> capture, process and present extracellular antigenic material to T-lymphocytes
Rationale

- GM-CSF = CSF2-> required for the optimal function of tissue MNPs
  Csf2 deficient mice -> reduced number of steady-state nonlymphoid tissue-resident DCs in small intestine -> reduction of Treg

- They used detailed profiling studies & functional immune assays of the MNP and lymphocyte compartment in the gut, as well as genetically engineered mice
Results

Revealed a crosstalk between IL-1b-secreting MPs and CSF2-producing ROR-y-t+ type3 innate lymphiod cells (ILC3) in the intestinal mucosa
Conclusion

• This study established the commensal-driven MNP-ILC-Csf2 axis as a key regulator of intestinal T cell homeostasis in the mouse intestine.

• Disturbance of this axis radically altered MNP effector function, resulting in impaired oral tolerance to dietary antigens.

• These results represent an important advance in our understanding of how commensal microbes can regulate host intestinal immunity and may inform the design of novel immunotherapies for patients with inflammatory intestinal diseases with impaired GM-CSF function.
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Discussion

• Represents mechanism by which the gut microbiota mucosa promotes intestinal homeostasis

• Ablation of CSF2 -> disrupted Treg homeostasis

• Ablation of IL-1-dependent signaling in RORyt ILC3 -> abrogated oral tolerance to dietary antigens

• Gut commensal flora promotes immune homeostasis in the host
Discussion

- Commensal-driven MNP-ILC-CSF axis -> key regulator of Tcell homeostasis
- Disturbance of this axis -> altered MNP function, resulting in impaired oral tolerance to dietary antigens
- May inform the design of new immunotherapie for the use in patients with subtypes of IBD