

The immune response against mycobacteria leads to protection and pathology



Dorhoi et al. (2011) Immunol. Rev, 240: 235-2511

✓ One third of the world's population is infected with bacteria of the *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* complex (*M. tuberculosis* and *M. bovis*).

Active TB can develop through progression
of recently acquired infection (primary disease)
or reactivation of latent infection.

 \checkmark WHO estimated 9.6 million new cases of active tuberculosis (TB) and 1.5 million deaths in 2014.

Progressive primary TB is an aggressive form
of the disease that represents about 10% of
active TB cases, affecting mostly children under
years of age and immunocompromised
individuals.



O'Garra t al. (2013) Annu. Rev. Immunol., 31: 475-527



Reactivation of latent infection in immunocompetent individuals occurs in rates ranging from 5-10% per life-time.

Active TB incidence is dramatically increased by HIV co-infection, which was reported in 1.2 million (12%) of the people who developed TB in 2014.
Therefore, TB is the most common cause of death among patients with AIDS.





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✓ A variety of factors can determine the transition of mycobacterial infection to active TB: genetically determined susceptibility of host organism to the bacilli, environmental factors increasing the host susceptibility and factors associated with bacteria. such as virulence and dose of infection.

Are granulomas purely protective for the host or do they promote infection? Do they contribute to tissue pathology?

The predominance of apoptotic over necrotic macrophage death ensures the control of mycobacteria



Ramakrishnan (2012) Nat Rev Immunol, 12: 352-366



Extracellular ATP (eATP) is a damage signal



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Junger, Nat Rev Immunol, 11:201-212, 2010



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The deleterious role of P2X7R is independent of NLRP3 inflammasome

The deleterious effect of P2X7R on severe TB is transferred by bone marrow-derived cells





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B6 or P2X7R^{-/-} BM cells



Does P2X7R signaling induce macrophage necrosis and hypervirulent bacillus dissemination?



Hypervirulent mycobacteria induce necrotic cell death



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What are the effects of eATP on virulent and hypervirulent intracellular mycobacteria?



Hypervirulent mycobacteria are resistant to eATPinduced effector mechanisms





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Pulmonary Infection with Hypervirulent Mycobacteria Reveals a Crucial Role for the P2X7 Receptor in Aggressive Forms of Tuberculosis

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This study provides a perspective for the development of new therapeutic approaches in which drugs designed to inhibit the P2X7 receptor are used to ameliorate the outcomes of aggressive forms of TB.



The success of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* as a human pathogen has been attributed to the ability of the bacillus to proliferate inside macrophages and to induce cell death. This review describes how the sensors of the innate immune system modulate the cell death pathways in infected macrophages and, consequently, the pathogenesis of tuberculosis.





The purinergic signalling following tissue injury has three temporal phases



Cekic and Linden (2015) Nature Rev. Immunol., 16: 177-192.



Adenosine inhibits T cell activation



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Hypervirulent mycobacterial strains show various degrees of pathogenicity



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Lung CD4⁺T cells from mice infected with most virulent strains are suppressed



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Specific CD4⁺T cells in the pulmonary parenchyma of mice infected with most virulent strains are suppressed



CD4⁺T cells in the lung parenchyma of MP287/03 Mbvinfected mice express ecto-ATPases



Inhibition of adenosine receptors by caffeine increases CD4⁺T cell numbers in the lung parenchyma of MP287/03 Mbv-infected mice



Inhibition of adenosine receptors by caffeine restores IFN-gamma production by specific CD4⁺T cells in the lung parenchyma of MP287/03 Mbv-infected mice



Inhibition of adenosine receptors by caffeine improves protection against MP287/03 Mbv





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