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Polymorphism and Polygeny Contribute to MHC Diversity





Outline

- Major histocompatibility complex
- MHC complex and its functions
- Generation of TCR ligands
 - Generation and processing of MHC class I peptides
 - Generation and processing of MHC class II peptides

MHC Class I and Class II



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Allelic Variation Occurs at Specific Sites within MHC



MHC Molecules Bind Peptides Within the Cleft



MHC Class I Molecules Bind Short Peptides 8-10 Amino Acids by Both Ends



A Given MHC I Binds to Similar Peptides





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MHC Class II Molecules Bind Peptides 13 Amino Acids and Larger along the Cleft



Peptides Binding to Two MHC II Molecules



MHC-peptide form stable complexes

- MHC molecules bind to both T cell receptor and CD4/CD8 co-receptors on T lymphocytes, and the antigen epitope held in the peptide-binding groove of the MHC molecule interacts with the variable Ig-Like domain of the TCR to trigger T-cell activation.
- Stable long lived complex:
 - Efficient antigen presentation
 - Killing of infected cells
 - No empty complex on cell surface

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MHC Restriction



MHC Molecules Display Antigens



Question

- If infected by the same virus, the same epitopes are presented by different individuals.
- A) True
- B) False

Expression of MHC I/II Molecules

Tissue	MHC class I	MHC class II	
Lymphoid tissues			
T cells	+++	+*	
B cells	+++	+++	
Macrophages	+++	++	
Dendritic cells	+++	+++	
Epithelial cells of thymus	+	+++	

Other nucleated cells		
Neutrophils	+++	-
Hepatocytes	+	-
Kidney	+	_
Brain	+	_†

Nonnucleated cells		
Red blood cells	_	-

Antigen Presenting Cells



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Interferons Induce MHC I expression



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Antigen Presentation Is a Two Step Process

- Antigen processing
 - generation of peptides
- Antigen presentation
 - loading of peptides onto MHC molecules
 - presentation of peptides on the surface of APCs (antigen presenting cells)

Cytosol and Vesicular System Are Two Major Intracellular Compartments





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To Leave ER, MHC Class I Molecules Must Bind Peptides



Formation and Transport of MHC Class I Peptides



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TAP: transporter associated with antigen processing

Viral Immunoevasins Target ER Peptide Loading Complex



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MHCI will not be displayed on cell surface without peptide loaded.

Question

 Describe how antigens are presented on MHCI molecule

• What if TAP is absent?

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Intravesicular Antigens Are Presented by MHC Class II



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MHC Class II Peptides Are Generated in Acidified Endocytic Vesicles



HLA-DM Facilitates Loading of Antigenic Peptides onto MHC Class II Molecules



Processing of the Invariant Chain



Increased Surface Level after Infection



Function of the Invariant Chain

- Prevent antigen loading in the ER
- Facilitate transportation out of the ER

Question

 Describe how antigens are presented on MHCII molecule

• What if CLIP is absent?
MHC Class I and II Life Cycle



http://dri-constant.slavoljubpenkala.hr/wp-content/uploads/2009/09/h_mhcPathway-BETTER-ONE.gif

Target Cells of Activated T Cells

	Cytosolic pathogens	Intravesicular pathogens	Extracellular pathogens and toxins
	antigen	antigen antigen macrophage	antigen B cell
Degraded in	Cytosol	Endocytic vesicles (low pH)	Endocytic vesicles (low pH)
Peptides bind to	MHC class I	MHC class II	MHC class II
Presented to	Effector CD8 T cells	Effector CD4 T cells	Effector CD4 T cells
Effect on presenting cell	Cell death	Activation of macrophage to kill intravesicular bacteria and parasites	Activation of B cells to secrete Ig to eliminate extracellular bacteria/ toxins/viruses

Cross-presentation



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MHC Class I Deficiency

Patient:

- 17 years old female
- Chronically ill since 4
- Repeated infections from respiratory viruses
- cultures positive for *H. influenza and Streptococcus in sputum* (bacterial)

Family history:

- Brother, 7 years old, chronic respiratory infections
- Three other children, healthy

Tests:

- 90% CD4 positive and 10% CD8 positive
- Very low antibody titer to influenza despite previous immunization
- Very small amount of MHC class I molecule on cell surface
- Normal mRNA levels for the alpha chain
- Defect in TAP2 gene.

Autosomal Recessive



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Genetic Organization of MHC Locus

human leukocyte antigen



Low MHC class I on cell surface



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TAP



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Activation of Cytotoxic T cells



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MHC Class I Deficiency

- What's wrong with the patient?
- Defect in TAP results in defect in peptide transportation into the ER for peptide loading. Unloaded MHC I is unstable and quickly degraded.
- Susceptible to viral infection

Question

- What is the consequence of a genetic defect in HLA-A?
- A) MHC I deficiencyB) MHC II deficiencyC) BothD) Neither

MHC Class II Deficiency

Patient:

- 6 month old female
- Pneumonia, severe cough and fever
- cultures positive for *Pneunocystic jirovecli* in tracheal aspirate (opportunistic bacteria)

Tests:

- Low serum immunoglobulin

- 34 % CD8 positive and 10% CD4 positive lymphocytes
 T cell proliferate with PHA—signaling can be activated
 T cells don't respond to tetanus toxoid despite previous immunization
- Respond normally to allogeneic B cells
- Can not obtain a DR type

Treatment:

Bone marrow transplantation and cured

CD4 T Cells Recognize MHC II



Low Level Cell Surface MHC II



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MHC Class II Deficiency

- What's wrong with the patient?
- Low level cell surface MHC II due to defects in upstream transcription factors.
- Defect in macrophage killing of intracellular bacteria and antibody production

True or False?

• MHC class I/II deficiency is usually a defect in MHC class I/II genes themselves

- A) True
- B) False