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Activation lymphocytaire T

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- Le rapprochement cellulaire

- La synapse immunologique (BMC 403)

- Les molécules de l'activation
  - TCR: CMH-Ag + Co-récepteur CD4, CD8
  - Mol co-stimulation
  - Cytokines

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  - Affinité de l'interaction
  - Avidité de l'interaction
  - Dynamique des interactions moléculaires

- et ses conséquences sur le développement de la réponse immunitaire
  - Détermine le programme de différenciation T

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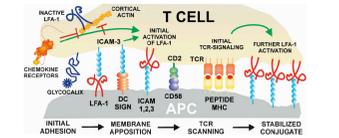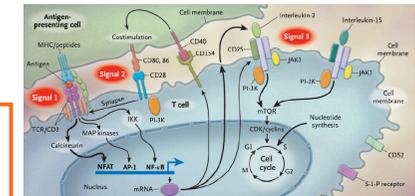
**Bases moléculaires
de la reconnaissance antigénique**

**Influence des paramètres
de l'interaction TCR/CMH-Ag**
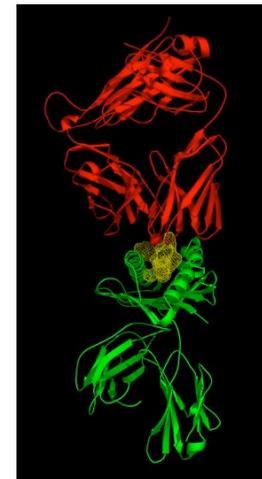
Reconnaissance antigénique

<u>Interactions TCR/ MHC-Ag:</u>

< Vert = MHC
  Rouge = TCR
  Jaune = peptide antigénique

Affinité TCR /CMH-Ag: **KD ~1-50 µM.**

Significativement plus faible que les autres interactions protéines-protéines aux conséquences biologiques

Affinité des TCR
TCR/CMH-I vs TCR/CMH-II

Human TCR-Binding Affinity Is Governed by MHC Class Restriction[1]

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Table IV.   Kinetic data at 25°C[a]

	K_{on} M⁻¹s⁻¹	K_{off} s⁻¹	K_D μM (K_{off}/K_{on})
TCR-I/pMHC-I			
gp100 TCR/A2 gp100	3.1×10^4	0.23	7
TEL TCR/A2 Tel	3.5×10^3	0.14	40
LC13 TCR/B8 EBNA	8.7×10^4	0.63	7
AM3 TCR/A24 EBV	7.3×10^3	0.21	28
JM22 TCR/A2 Flu	3.2×10^4	0.15	5
A6 TCR/A2 Tax	2.9×10^4	0.10	4
GRB TCR/B27 Flu	3.9×10^6	0.09	3
MEL TCR/A2 Mel	$>1 \times 10^6$	>1	nm
TCR-II/pMHC-II			
MAW13 TCR/DR3 M-HSP	4.0×10^3	0.12	30
AH1.23 TCR/DR4 C-HSP	4.4×10^3	0.16	36
1A12 TCR/DR2 MBP	2.1×10^3	0.17	81
2E11 TCR/DR2 MBP	5.9×10^3	0.73	123
HA1.7 TCR/DR1 HA	$>1 \times 10^6$	>1	nm
HA1.7 TCR/DR4 HA	$>1 \times 10^6$	>1	nm
Average TCR-I/pMHC-I	$3.3 \times 10^4 \pm 2.9 \times 10^4$	0.22 ± 0.19	13 ± 15
Average TCR-II/pMHC-II	$4.1 \times 10^3 \pm 1.3 \times 10^3$	0.30 ± 0.29	68 ± 43

[a] nm, Not measurable, i.e. the kinetics were too fast to accurately determine.

Ka= Kon/Koff
Kd= 1/Ka

Kon: Taux d'association
Koff: Taux de dissociation

- human TCRs bind to pMHC–I with approximately **five times greater** affinity than to pMHC–II.
- **faster on–rates** for TCR–I, compared to TCR–II, are indicative of a higher degree of conformational flexibility and higher entropic cost upon binding for the TCR–II interactions.
- Koff is a measure of the stability of a protein–protein interaction. no significant difference between the average **Koff** value for TCR binding to pMHC–I or pMHC–II. This observation is supported by TCR/pMHC complex crystal structures, which show that the **number of molecular contacts is relatively conserved** for TCR–I and II binding

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Engagement du TCR: Rôle du CDR
Définit l'affinité pour pCMH

A Hb peptide

B TCR mutants

T cell	CDR mutations β:1 2 3 α:1 2 3	K_D (k_{off}/k_{on}) nM	Half-Life s	k_{on} M⁻¹s⁻¹	k_{off} s⁻¹
M1	○○○ ○○○	$19,860 \pm 3,630$	6.8 ± 0.7	$5,220 \pm 410$	0.1023 ± 0.0107
M4	○○○ ○○●	580 ± 185	28.5 ± 0.8	$42,670 \pm 17,430$	0.0243 ± 0.0007
M14	○○● ●○●	81 ± 2	48.9 ± 2.4	$173,500 \pm 3,500$	0.0141 ± 0.0007
M15	○○● ●●○	25 ± 5	104.4 ± 9.1	$281,500 \pm 34,800$	0.0068 ± 0.0006

Aff >
KD <
Koff <
Kon >

Hb peptide residues and location of CDR mutations in high–affinity 3.L2 TCR mutants. **A**, Structure of Hb peptide (ITAFNEGLK) showing in blue the location of the four surface–exposed residues P2(T), P3(A), P5(N), and P8(L). **B**, 3.L2 M1 (unmutated CDRs) and **three higher affinity mutants** (M4, M14, and M15) with the location of their CDR mutations and respective KD, t1/2, kon, and koff values (43). The CDRbeta1,2,3 and CDR{alpha}1,2,3 are designated from left to right by circles: {circ}, indicate that the CDR is not mutated; •, indicate mutations in the CDRbeta or CDR{alpha}, respectively. The amino acid mutations in these regions are the same as previously published (43).

Engagement du TCR: Rôle du peptide
Agoniste, Agonsite Partiel, Antagoniste

Altered MBP 1–11 Peptides are **Partial Agonists**

Agonist = 4A

Substitution of the Gln–3 residue, a TCR contact, with Asn (3N) diminishes the ability of the peptide to stimulate T–cell proliferation (top). Substitution of the Ser–2 residue, an MHC contact, with Thr (2T) also diminishes the ability of the peptide to stimulate T–cell proliferation (top). When combined, these two mutations (2T–3N), profoundly diminishes the peptide activity. Molecular models suggested that the 2T substitution would alter the side–chain conformation of the 3N residue. **Although the 2T–3N peptide does stimulate T–cell proliferation at high concentrations (top), at lower concentrations it blocks proliferation induced by the agonist 4A peptide.** These partial agonist peptides have the ability to modulate T–cell responses and may be useful in the treatment of autoimmune diseases.

In the bottom panel, antigen presenting cells were pre–pulsed with the A4 peptide and then added to T cells with altered peptide.
Proliferation was measured as the incorporation of tritiated thymidine.

>> Cas de l'échappement viral

Interaction TCR/CMH-Ag:
Présentation / Reconnaissance

anchor

recognition

Schematic representation of how the modification of peptides can influence affinity binding to major histocompatibility complex (MHC) class I molecules or the T–cell receptor (TCR).

Schematic representation of how the **modification of peptides can influence affinity binding to major histocompatibility complex (MHC) class I molecules or the T–cell receptor (TCR).** (a) Substitution of a (**potential anchor**) residue (the second amino acid in this case) in the gp100 epitope g209–217 (ITDQVPFSV). Replacing a threonine residue (T) with a methionine residue (M) results in the modified g209–2M peptide (IMDQVPFSV). (b) This change alters the **binding affinity of the peptide to the HLA–A2** molecule, increasing the affinity of the peptide for the MHC (because of its second anchor position for the MHC), and stabilising the complex (Refs 45, 90). This leads to an increased recognition of the MHC–peptide complex by the TCR. (c) Substitution of an amino acid residue that is not an anchor for MHC can, instead, **alter the recognition of MHC–bound peptide for the TCR**. For example, replacing an asparagine residue (N) at position 6 of the CAP–1571–579 peptide (YLSGANLNL) with an aspartic acid residue (D) results in the modified CAP–1–6D peptide (YLSGADLNL). (d) This modification does not alter the binding affinity of the peptide to the HLA–A2 molecule, but rather **increases the recognition** of the MHC–peptide complex by the TCR

Heidi Hörig; Expert Reviews in Molecular Medicine, 2000

**CD8[+] T Cell Activation Is Governed by TCR-Peptide/MHC
Affinity, Not Dissociation Rate[1]**

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**CD8+ TCR-transgénique (P14 = TCR Va2 Vb8)
Ag = GP33-41 / LCMV
Or GP33-41 mutants (C9L, K1MC9M)**

Table I. *Peptide variants of gp33*

Mutation Site	Sequence	Peptide Mutant
None	KAVYNFATC	gp33
P1	KAVYNFATC	K1A, K1D, K1E, K1F, K1L, K1N, K1R, K1S, K1V, K1W, K1Y
P2	KAVYNFATC	A2D, A2E, A2F, A2G, A2K, A2L, A2N, A2S, A2T, A2V, A2W, A2Y
P3	KAVYNFATC	V3A, V3D, V3E, V3F, V3G, V3K, V3L, V3N, V3R, V3S, V3T, V3W, V3Y
P4	KAVYNFATC	Y4A, Y4C
P6	KAVYNFATC	F6L
P9	KAVYNFATC	C9A, C9D, C9E, C9F, C9K, C9L, C9M, C9N, C9R, C9S, C9V, C9W
P1, P9	KAVYNFATC	K1AC9M, K1MC9M, K1SC9M
P3, P9	KAVYNFATC	V3LC9M
P4, P9	KAVYNFATC	Y4FC9M, Y4SC9M

Table II. *Effects of gp33 variants on T cell cytotoxicity, IFN-γ production, and TCR binding*

Peptide	EC₅₀^CTL (nM)^a	EC₅₀^IFN (μM)^b	K_D (μM)^c	ΔG (kcal · mol⁻¹)^d	k_on (×10⁵ M⁻¹ · s⁻¹)^e	k_off (s⁻¹)^f	t₁/₂ (s)^g
gp33	16.8 ± 16.8	0.06 ± 0.01	12.2 ± 2.2	−6.79	1.33 ± 0.27	1.35 ± 0.68	0.51
C9F	0.53 ± 0.36	0.56 ± 0.44	9.4 ± 0.5	−6.95	1.19 ± 0.01	1.15 ± 0.01	0.60
C9L	1.36 ± 2.1	0.47 ± 0.63	8.6 ± 0.7	−7.00	0.89 ± 0.02	0.79 ± 0.02	0.88
C9M	1.59 ± 2.67	0.92 ± 0.39	9.1 ± 1.4	−6.86	1.42 ± 0.54	1.2 ± 0.46	0.58
C9V	3.20 ± 5.60	1.23 ± 0.27	10.8 ± 0.3	−6.86	1.16 ± 0.03	1.25 ± 0.03	0.55
K1MC9M	8.58 ± 5.27	0.13 ± 0.09	74.5 ± 13.6	−5.70	0.33 ± 0.08	3.53 ± 0.7	0.20
K1R	49.0 ± 22.0	7.96 ± 1.06	81.6 ± 10.6	−5.65	1.31 ± 0.47	10.6 ± 3.5	0.065
K1SC9M	>50,000	28.0 ± 4.55	267	−4.94	0.01	0.26^h	2.67
V3LC9M	>50,000	112.8 ± 75.3	264 ± 103^h	−4.94	ND^i	ND^i	ND^i
Y4A	8,870 ± 5,550	11.57 ± 7.47	63.0 ± 14.3	−5.8	0.38 ± 0.07	2.2 ± 0.57	0.32
Y4FC9M	>50,000	38.55 ± 22.03	681^h	−4.38	ND^i	ND^i	2.67
Y4SC9M	>50,000	264.1 ± 157.5	530^h	−4.53	ND^i	ND^i	ND^i

^a EC₅₀^CTL is the effective concentration of peptide that gives 50% maximum CTL activity as determined by 4 h chromium release assay. The values represent the mean ± SD of three to five experiments.
^b EC₅₀^IFN is the effective concentration of peptide that induces 50% of the maximum amount of IFN-γ as determined by ELISA. The values represent mean ± SD of three to four experiments.
^c Determined from steady-state SPR data with software Scrubber. The values represent the mean ± SD of two to three experiments.
^d Determined by ΔG = −RT ln K_D, where RT at 25°C = −0.6 kcal · mol⁻¹.
^e Determined from kinetic SPR data with software CLAMP XP. The values represent the mean ± SD of two to three experiments.
^f Half-life of dissociation of pMHC from P14 TCR. Determined by t₁/₂ = ln 2/k_off.
^g From Tissot et al. (42); ND, not determined.
^h Derived from k_off = K_D × k_on.
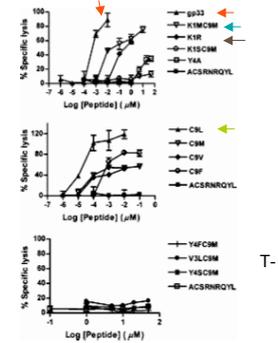
FIGURE 3. Viral epitope gp33 and APLs variably sensitize P14 T cells to kill target cells. EL4 cells labeled with ⁵¹Cr and pulsed with peptides at various concentrations were incubated with activated splenocytes from P14 TCR transgenic mice (E:T ratio = 5) for 4 h. Specific lysis of EL4 cells was measured by ⁵¹Cr release. Irrelevant HY(K1A) peptide (ACSRN RQYL) was used as negative control. Data are shown as mean ± SD (n = 3), and are representative of three to five independent experiments. Using GraphPad Prism, data were fit into sigmoidal dose-response model to obtain EC₅₀^CTL values (shown in Table II) (fitting curves are not shown).
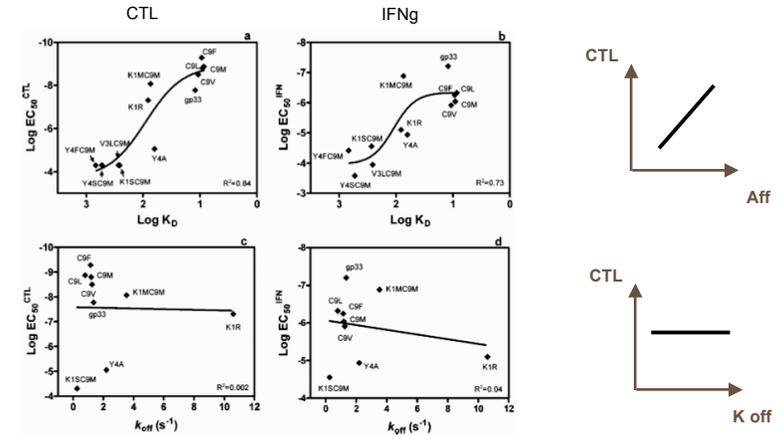
FIGURE 5. CTL response and IFN-γ production are correlated with binding affinity of peptide/D^b to P14 TCR. *a* and *b*, Correlations between log EC₅₀^CTL and log K_D (*a*), and log EC₅₀^IFN and log K_D (*b*). All the data points are shown in Table II. The EC₅₀^CTL and EC₅₀^IFN values are in unit of M, and K_D in μM. The solid lines are the fittings to Boltzmann sigmoidal equation as follows: Y = bottom + (top − bottom)/(1 + exp((V50 − X)/slope)), using GraphPad Prism. The K_D values for V3LC9M, Y4FC9M, and Y4SC9M are adopted from a previous report (42). Note that the EC₅₀^CTL values for K1SC9M, V3LC9M, Y4FC9M, and Y4SC9M were shown on the graph as 50 μM, although the actual values could be higher than that, but are out of the measurable range with CTL assay. *c* and *d*, Correlations between log EC₅₀^CTL and k_off (*c*), log EC₅₀^IFN and k_off (*d*). The solid lines in *c* and *d* are linear fittings using GraphPad Prism 4.01. All of the data points are shown in Table II. The EC₅₀^CTL and EC₅₀^IFN values are in unit of M.

- **Activation:**
  - Ont été observées :
    - Une diminution de l'activation liée à une augmentation de l'affinité
    - Une augmentation de l'activation liée à une diminution de l'affinité

- **Spécificité**

The Study of High–Affinity TCRs Reveals Duality in T Cell Recognition of Antigen: Specificity and Degeneracy
D Donermeyer et al; Journal of Immunology, 2006,
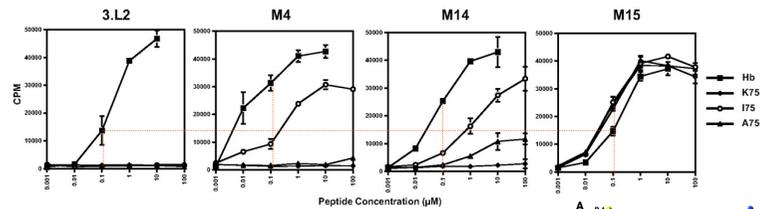
Degeneracy in the recognition of Hb correlates with increased affinity. CD4+ T cell hybridomas expressing 3.L2, M4, M14, and M15 TCRs were stimulated with the indicated peptide concentrations of Hb or APLs of Hb at the P8 (75) position using CH27 as APC. The APLs are designated as described in Fig. 2. The level of T cell stimulation was determined using a bioassay for IL–2. The cpm values of [3H]TdR incorporation into CTLL–2 cells represent the mean ± SD of triplicate values of a representative experiment (n > 3).
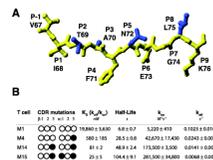
Activation T : un système dynamique

Stimulation réitérative du lymphocyte: « kinetic proofreading » model

- Activation du lymphocyte T si interaction TCR/CMH-Ag suffisante (seuil d'activation)

- Interactions :
  - Force d'interaction (Affinité)
  - Temps d'interaction (Koff)
  - Nombre d'interactions (x n; Avidité)

- Activation progressive des molécules de signalisation (phosphorylation) : seuil d'activation

- Seuil critique pour initier une activation fonctionnelle

- Si interaction insuffisante, (dissociation du complexe TCR/CMH-Ag) avant initiation de l'activation: les groupements phosphates seront éliminés par les phosphatases cellulaires (McKeithan 1995)

seuil d'activation

signalisation
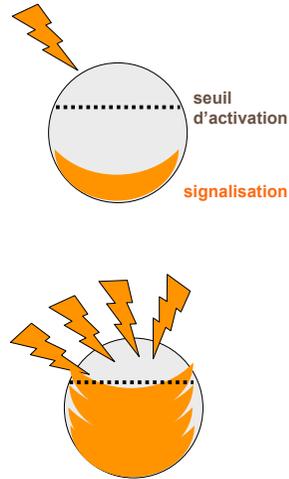
Variabilité du niveau du seuil d'activation: T naïf vs T mémoire

seuil d'activation

T naïf

T mémoire

Seuil d'activation: T naïf vs T mémoire

Spleen cells+Ag

A
Proliferation (cpm x 10^{-3})
CD44^{hi}
CD44^{lo}
Day

B
Proliferation (cpm x 10^{-3})
CD44^{hi}, 2 µg
CD44^{hi}, 0.8 µg
CD44^{lo}, 2 µg
CD44^{lo}, 0.8 µg
Day

Beads H-2Kb+Ag

Curtsinger, JI 1998

Beads H-2Kb+Ag

A
SIINFEKL concentration
2000 nM
1000 nM
500 nM
250 nM
no beads
CD44lo   CD44hi

B
µg H-2K^{b} per 10^{7} beads
1.7
0.85
0.25
no beads
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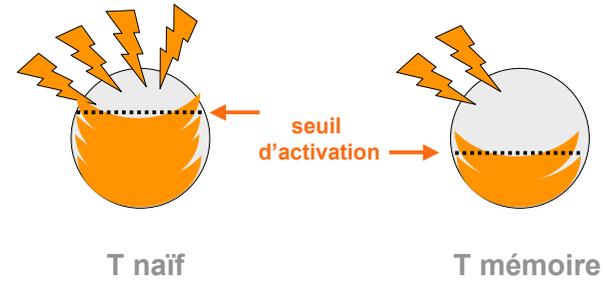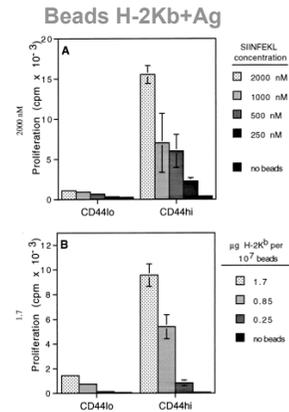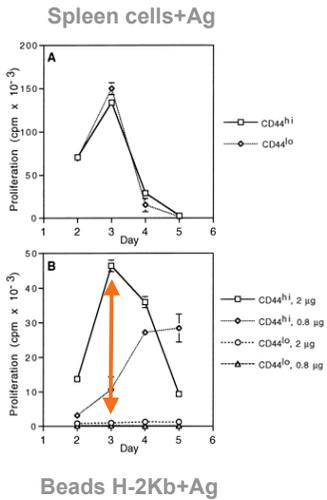
- Proliferation of OT-1 CD8^{+} LNC in response to Kb/OVA$_{257–264}$ and rIL-2 is predominantly due to the CD44^{high} subset of cells. A, LNC (5 x 10^{4}-sorted CD44^{low}CD8^{+} and CD44^{high}CD8^{+}) from OT-1 mice were cultured with 1 x 10^{5} latex beads coated with H-2K^{b} at 1.7 µg protein/10^{7} beads and pulsed with OVA$_{257–264}$ peptide at the indicated concentration.

Dynamique de l'interaction Affinité versus Avidité

force du signal

Affinité

Avidité

++++

x n

sommation du signal

+

x n

Relevance physiologique
DC scanning

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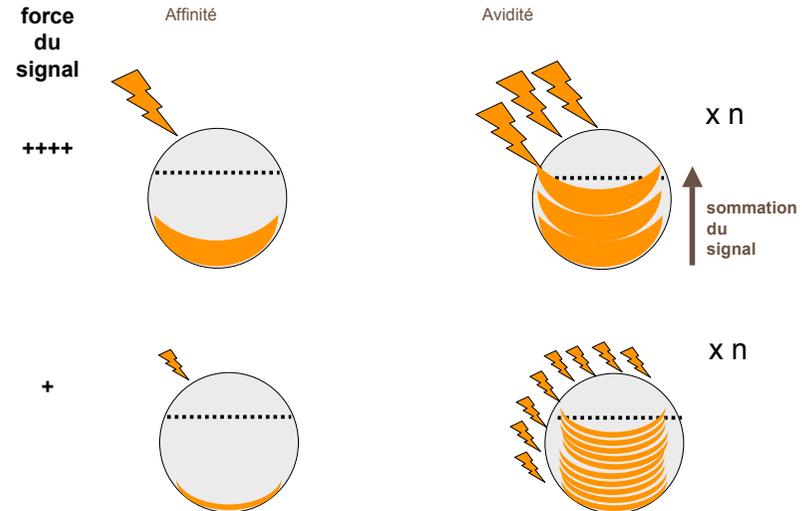
• **Contacts multiples avec complexes CMH-Ag à la surface des DC**

Stage I: Stochastic contacts
Stage II: Transient interactions (1-3 h)
Stage III: T cell clusters (3-16 h)
Stage IV: T cell swarms (16-24 h)
Stage V: T cell proliferation (> 24 h)

T cell

DC

Cytokinesis (20 min)

7-8 h

? ? ?

Repertoire scanning ~ 3 min contacts
CD69 expression ~11 min contacts
Cytokine secretion > 1 h contacts
Regulation? ~ 20 min contacts
Migrating T cell blasts short DC contacts

Nombre d'interactions TCR/CMH-Ag
dépend de l'affinité du TCR

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Correlation Between the Number of T Cell Receptors Required for T Cell Activation and TCR–Ligand Affinity

Modèle:
Clone 2C anti-AlloAg
Spé p2Ca/Ld; QL9/Ld
Nb ligands: Δ[peptide]
Nb TCR: [Fab 1B2], bloque TCR
Affinité: Mutants de QL9

Nombre d'interactions TCR/CMH-Ag:
aspects moéculaires

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• **1 à 50 complexes CMH-Ag sur APC pour activer LyT**
• **Engagement multiple des TCR pour un complexe CMH-Ag**
  – N= 200 contacts répétitifs (Valitutti 1995)
• **Temps de contact cellulaire requis ? (Long / Court)**
• **Temps de contact TCR/CMH-Ag limité pour assurer des engagements répétés des TCR**
• **Engagement répété de la même molécule de TCR vs différentes molécules de TCR ?**
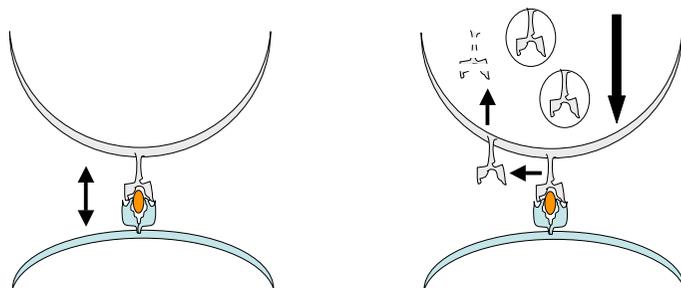
>> internalisation des complexes moléculaires « TCR »

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Serial triggering of many T–cell receptors by a few peptide–MHC complexes
Valitutti, Nature 1995

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10uM
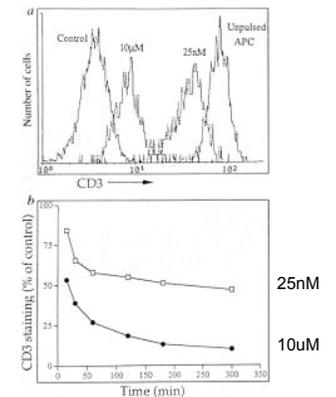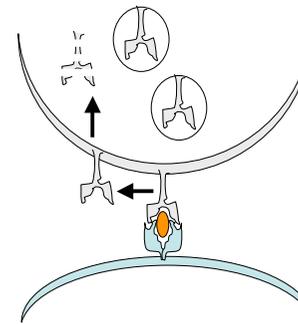
T cells conjugated with peptide–pulsed APCs undergo an antigen–dependent **downregulation of the TCR**/CD3 complex.

Nombre d'engagements

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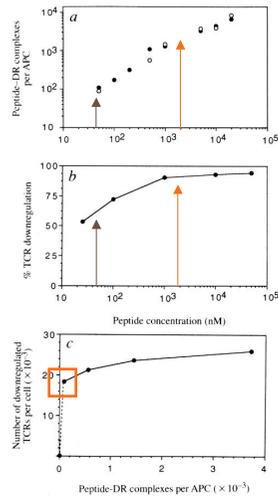
we measured at different antigen concentrations the number of complexes per APC and the number of TCRs downregulated after T-APC interaction. In one series of experiments, EBV-B cells were pulsed with different concentrations of **125 I-labelled peptide** and the number of peptide-DR complexes per cell was calculated at each peptide concentration Figure 3(a). In parallel experiments, the fraction of TCRs downregulated by APCs pulsed in the same conditions was measured Figure 3(b). From comparison of the two curves it is estimated that **APCs pulsed with high peptide concentrations (20 micromolar) display approximately 7,500 complexes and induce downregulation of 93 percent of TCRs.** Strikingly, **APCs pulsed with a low peptide concentration (50 nM) display only approximately 100 peptide-DR complexes, yet they downregulate 62 percent of TCRs.** The relationship between the number of peptide-DR complexes per APC and the number of TCRs downregulated per T cell is shown in Figure 3(c). This plot clearly shows that each peptide-DR complex must engage a large number of TCRs in successive rounds. This effect is dramatic at low complex density, where approximately **100 complexes can trigger up to 18,000 TCRs**, but is less marked at high complex density, indicating that **a single peptide-DR must be able to trigger 180 TCRs in successive rounds.** This figure may increase at lower complex density and could be an underestimate as it is unlikely that all complexes present on an APC may be available to the responding T cell.

Internalisation du TCR
Coombs et al 2002
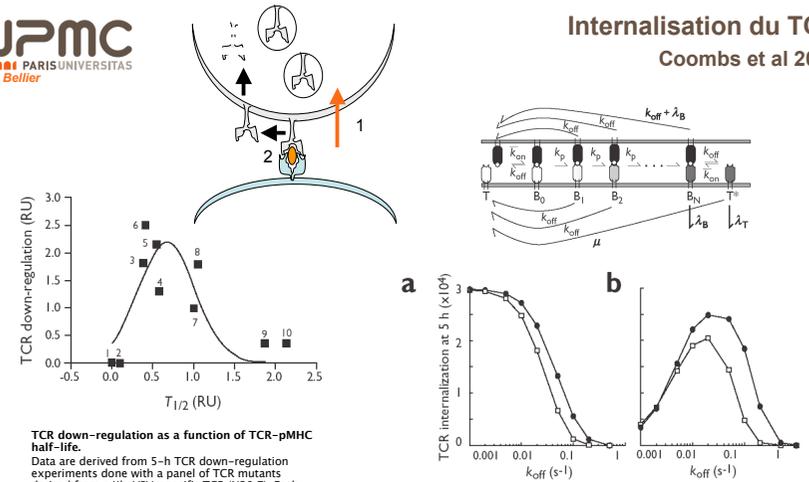
TCR down-regulation as a function of TCR–pMHC half-life.
Data are derived from 5-h TCR down-regulation experiments done with a panel of TCR mutants derived from a Kb–VSV–specific TCR (N30.7). Each point represents the indicated TCR–pMHC pair: 1, V98D– Kb–VSV; 2, V98L–Kb–VSV; 3, N30.7– KbA158T–VSV; 4, G99A–KbA158T–VSV; 5, G97/99A–KbA158T–VSV; 6, G97A–KbA158T–VSV; 7, N30.7– Kb–VSV; 8, G97A–Kb–VSV; 9, G97/99A– Kb– VSV; 10, G99A–Kb–VSV. Half-lives are shown as relative units (RU) normalized to the half-life for the N30.7–Kb–VSV (number 7) interaction4. TCR down-regulation data are shown as RU normalized to TCR down-regulation measured for N30.7 hybridomas that were interacting with 10–4 – 10–5 M VSV peptide.

TCR internalization as a function of the dissociation rate constant. Results are shown for the monomer model (closed circles) and the dimer model (open squares). (a) Only activated bound TCRs are internalized, lambdaB = lambdaD = 0.003 s–1, lambdaT = 0 s–1. (b) **Only unbound activated TCRs are internalized**, lambdaB = 0 s–1, lambdaT = 0.003 s–1.

> **Internalisation du TCR dépend:**
  –De la constante de dissociation
  –De temps de contact

> **Après libération du CMH-Ag = Modèle 2**

Interactions en série
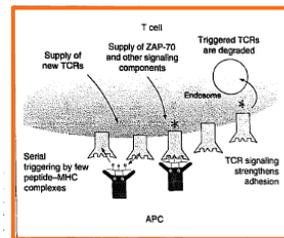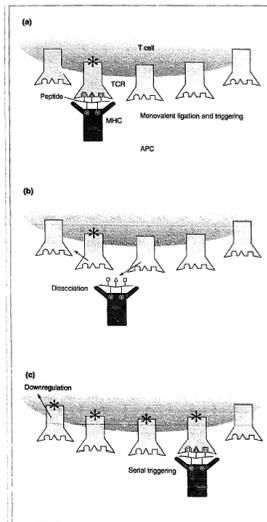
Fig. 3. Parameters that influence TCR triggering and signaling at the level of the T-cell-APC interaction. Sustaining the process requires a continuous supply of signal transduction components from the cytosol, as well as new TCRs to substitute for those that are downregulated and degraded. Cell–cell adhesion is boosted by TCR signaling and favors TCR engagements with peptide–MHC complexes. Abbreviations: see Fig. 1 legend.

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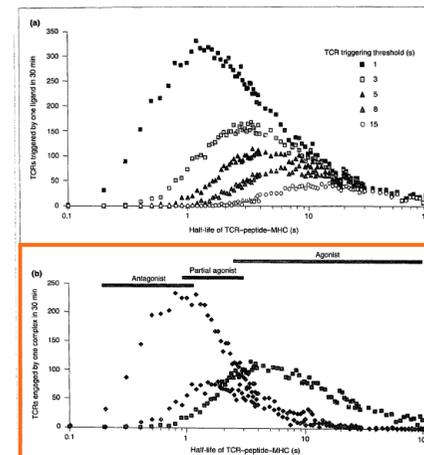
Fig. 2. Serial TCR triggering or inactivation as a function of complex stability and time required for TCR triggering. (a) Simulation describing the number of TCRs triggered in 30 min as a function of the half-life of TCR–peptide–MHC interactions. Each curve is calculated for times required for TCR triggering ranging 1–15 s. (b) Simulation describing the number of TCRs fully triggered (green), partially triggered (blue) or inactivated (red) as a function of the half-life of TCR–peptide–MHC interaction. It is assumed that ligation for >5 s results in full TCR triggering, ligation for 3–5 s in partial triggering and ligation for 1–3 s in TCR inactivation. Abbreviations: see Fig. 1 legend.

	Agonist	Antagonist
T1/2	3-10	0.5-1
#TCR	100	250

« demie-vie » de contact

Koff

Ka

N>200   N=100-200   N<100

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A

T cell activation

Low pMHC density

Weak agonists
Incomplete TCR signaling

Optimal agonists

Weak agonists
TCR serial engagement blockade

TCR/pMHC $t_{1/2}$
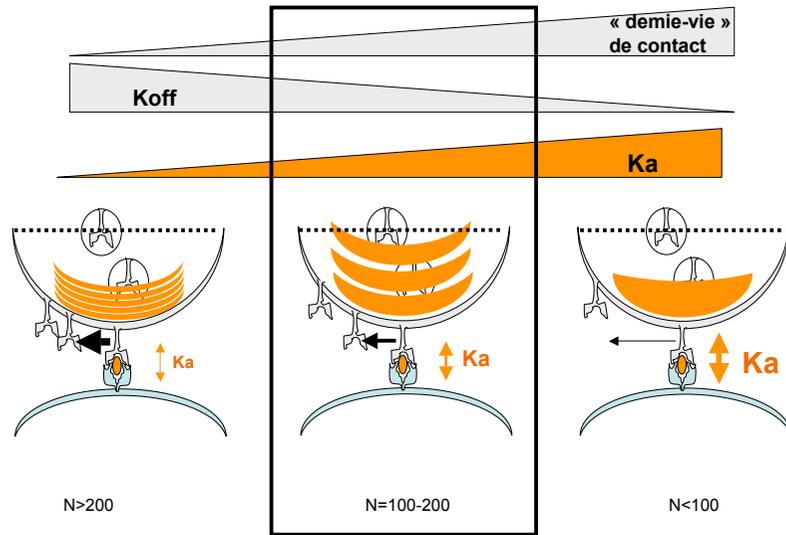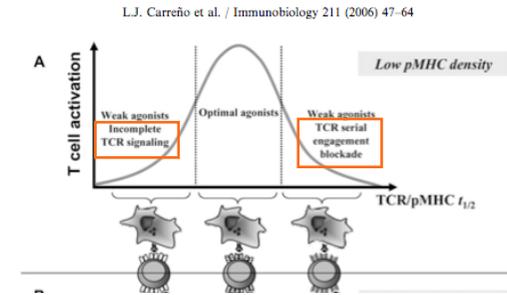
Fig. 2. T cell activation depends on TCR/pMHC interaction half-life and pMHC density. (A) When T cells interact with cognate pMHC at low density on the APC, efficient activation takes place within an optimal range of TCR/pMHC interaction half-life. Interactions with short half-lives cannot complete necessary intracellular signals for T cell activation, due to impairment on TCR kinetic proofreading. TCR/pMHC interactions with excessively long half-lives impair T cell activation due to TCR serial engagement blockade. At low pMHC density, the plot of T cell activation versus TCR/pMHC half-life results in a Gaussian distribution, in which only pMHCs that interact with intermediate half-lives with the TCR behave as agonists (Kalergis et al., 2001; Coombs et al., 2002). (B) When T cells interact with cognate pMHC at high density on the APC, T cell activation can take place when the half-life of the TCR/pMHC interaction is intermediate or high, because serial engagement requirement no longer applies (Gonzalez et al., 2005). At high pMHC density, the plot of T cell activation versus TCR/pMHC half-life results in a sigmoid distribution, in which pMHCs that interact with intermediate and long half-lives with the TCR behave as agonists.

- Favorise interactions multiples TCR/CMH-Ag
- Rôle dans la transduction du signal ?
  - Formation de la synapse est associée à l'activité PI3K
  - Blocage de la synapse empêche signal calcique (tardif) et la production de cytokine (IFNg) mais ne perturbe pas les événements de signalisation précoces (phosphorylation ERK)
- Lien étroit entre activation T et maintien de la structure « synapse »
  - De la meme façon qu'il existe des paramètres d'interaction du TCR optimum, la formation des suprastructures cSMAC/pSMAC dépend de la demi-vie d'intéraction du TCR

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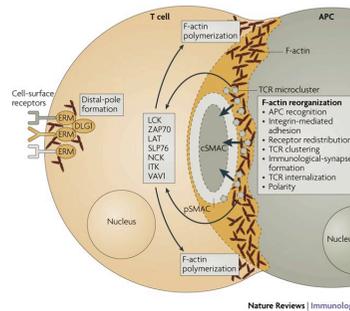
Recruitment and activation of proximal signalling intermediates — such as lymphocyte-specific protein tyrosine kinase (LCK), ZAP70 (-chain-associated protein of 70 kDa), LAT (linker for activation of T cells), SLP76 (SRC homology-2-domain-containing leukocyte protein of 76 kDa), NCK (non-catalytic region of tyrosine kinase), ITK (interleukin-2-inducible T-cell kinase) and VAV1—is probably initiated at sites of T-cell receptor (TCR)-microcluster formation80, 84. Recruitment of these molecules leads to the activation of filamentous (F)-actin-regulatory proteins, which control actin polarization in T cells. Interestingly, signals that arise from TCR microclusters not only induce F-actin polymerization, but are required for the stable formation and movement of TCR microclusters, and ultimately lead to the organization of the mature immunological synapse (consisting of the central and peripheral supramolecular activating clusters; cSMAC and pSMAC, respectively)13, 22, 29, 80. In addition, global F-actin reorganization resulting from T-cell activation leads to lamellipodium formation and distal-pole formation, facilitating T-cell–APC (antigen-presenting cell) recognition11. DLG1 (discs-large homologue-1)61, ERM (ezrin, radixin and moesin) and F-actin also polarize to the rear of the T cell to form the distal-pole complex11, 48. It is thought that this complex recruits some receptors to the rear of the cell, away from the immunological synapse.

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T cells with wide range of TCR half-lives

Antigen challenge

Antigen challenge

T cell activation

TCR/pMHC $t_{1/2}$

no expansion

Expansion of T cells with optimal TCR affinities (wide range)

Expansion of T cells with optimal TCR affinities (narrow range)
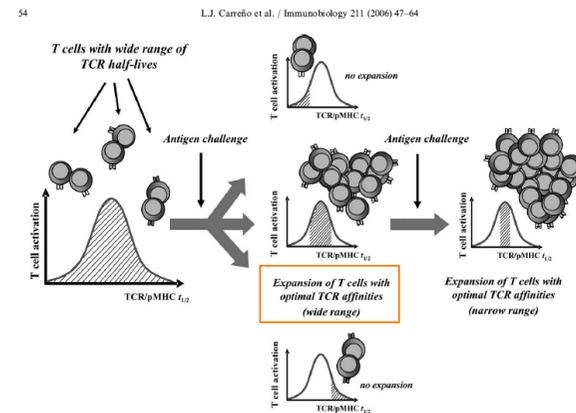
no expansion

Fig. 3. Clonal expansion of T cells in response to antigenic challenge is determined by the half-life of TCR/pMHC interaction. Before antigen challenge, the T cell population shows a wide range of half-lives for the TCR/pMHC interaction. After the first antigen challenge, only T cells bearing TCRs with optimal half-lives are clonally expanded and the global TCR/pMHC half-life of the responding T cells shifts towards an optimal value. Although subsequent antigenic challenges do not lead to a significant increase in the overall TCR affinity of the T cell population, there is a selection of T cells within a narrower range of TCR/pMHC half-lives.

Influence de la densité de complexe CMH-Ag

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la diminution d'expression des CMH limite la réactivité des T
Cas de l'échappement viral et tumoral:

A review of viral strategies to evade selected components of the host immune system, Bruce Wobeser


Tumor escape from immune recognition: loss of HLA-A2 melanoma cell surface expression is associated with a complex rearrangement of the short arm of chromosome 6 MJ Maeurer, MJ Maeurer et al; Clinical Cancer Research, 1996

Importance des paramètres de fixation du TCR en fonction de la fréquence des complexes CMH-Ag

Sélection clonale: immunodominance

Importance de la sur-expression des molécules de CMH par les dendritiques après activation

The temporal TCR signal summation model suggests the existence of an optimal TCR/pMHC half–life for T cell activation in response to low–density cognate pMHC ligand. (A) TCR/pMHC interactions with short half–lives fail to activate the T cell (inset) in response to low–density pMHC due to summation of TCR signalling not reaching the activating threshold. (B) TCR/pMHC interactions with optimal half–life lead to efficient T cell activation (inset) as a result of summation of productive TCR signalling that reaches the activating threshold. (C) TCR/pMHC interactions with prolonged half–lives fail to activate T cells (inset) in response to low–density pMHC, due to TCR signals being generated at low frequency (TCR serial engagement blockade) and fail to be added one over the other due to intrinsic signal decay. Thus, T cell activation is impaired (inset) as activating threshold is not reached. (D) However, TCR/pMHC interactions with prolonged half–life can lead to T cell activation (inset) in response to high pMHC–density on the APC, because multiple productive TCR signals are generated simultaneously. These signals can be added and the T cell activation threshold reached.

Paramètres quantitatifs de l'activation

10^5 TCR / T

Engagement de 3 à 400 TCR différents

x 1- 200 / t = 2 - 30 s

Dépend de la présence de

CD8

CD28 CD40L

LFA-1

Rôle des molécules adaptatrices et de costimulation

- **Molécules adaptatrices:**
  - Stabilisation de l'interaction TCR/CMH
  - Modèles d'initiation de l'activation

- **Molécules de costimulation:**
  - Transduction du signal : **renforcement des voies de signalisation**


| Coreceptor | Pseudodimer | Dimers of dimers |

Michelle Krogsgaard, Sim Imm 2007

Rôle des molécules adaptatrices : CD8

Holler D , Imm 2003

Transfection TCR +/- CD8

The αβ-negative T cell hybridoma 58-/- was cotransfected with the 2C wt α chain gene and one of five different α chain genes from 2C and the mutants m6α m13α m33α and m67α . Stable transfectants that expressed similar levels of TCR were identified based on their staining with anti-Vα antibody KJ16

Sensitization Doses of Various QL9 Position 5 Variant PeptidesIL-2 production by transfectants stimulated with various peptides was measured as described in the Experimental Procedures. The amount of peptide that yielded 50% of the maximum IL-2 release (SD50) was calculated by linear regression of IL-2 curves (see Figure S1 at http://www.immunity.com.gate1.inist.fr/cgi/content/full/18/2/255/DC1). The log of the SD50 value was plotted for each of the peptides used to stimulate transfectants: (A) 2C and m6_ CD8-negative; (B) 2C CD8-negative, 2C/CD8__ and 2C/CD8__ (C) m6_CD8-negative, m6_CD8__ and m6_CD8__ In Figure 3, Figure 4 and Figure 5, log SD50 values represent the mean of at least two assays. Error bars indicating one standard deviation are included for each point (for some points these error bars are not apparent as they are smaller than the size of the symbol).
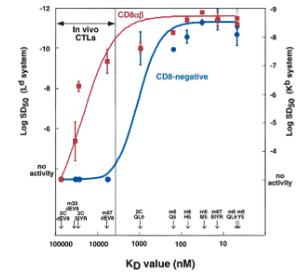
Relationship of Peptide Activity and TCR:pepMHC Affinity. SD50 values of various peptides were plotted versus the equilibrium affinity constants (KD) of the corresponding TCR:pepMHC interaction (Table 1). In order to include values from the Ld and Kb systems, SD50 values from the two different antigen-presenting cell systems (T2-Ld and T2-Kb) are shown on the two Y-axes. The points represent data derived from CD8-negative transfectants (blue circles) and CD8_ transfectants (red squares) of the corresponding TCR transfectant. The corresponding TCR/pepMHC interactions are shown at the bottom of the figure. The range of KD values that correspond to affinities measured for known TCR:syngeneic MHC interactions from in vivo CTLs are shown. This range falls exclusively in the CD8-dependent category, as determined by TCR-transfection studies (not necessarily anti-CD8 antibody inhibition studies).

The significant enhancement in recognition of the peptides could be improved by one to two orders of magnitude by the introduction of CD8 into transfectants

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Molécule adaptatrices: indépendance pour les TCR de haute affinité

Kerry JI 2003
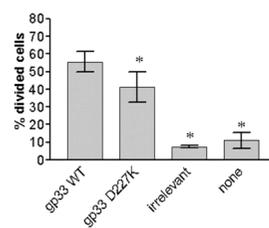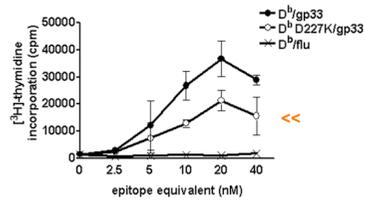
- **Model:**
- TCR-transgenic CD8 (P14)
- GP33 (KAVYNFATC) ou C9M (KAVYNFATM; affinity >) peptides presented by
- H-2Db tetamers or tetramers containing the **Db D227K mutation, which has been shown to abrogate CD8 interaction with MHC**
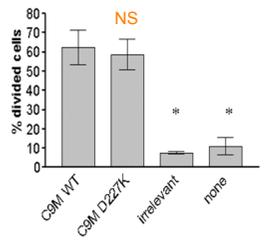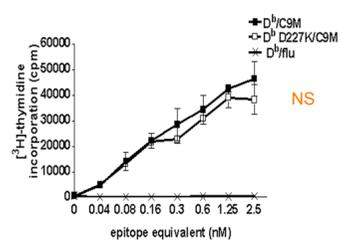
Costimulation / anergie

- **Absence:**
  - mécanisme de tolérance périphérique: ignorance immunologique
  - Induction d'anergie

- **Mol de costimulation: signal complémentaire**
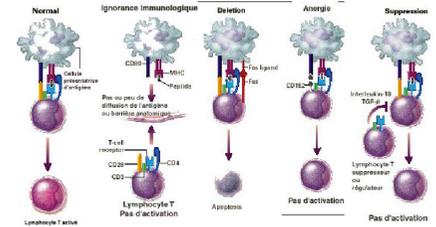
Mécanismes possibles de la tolérance périphérique

New England J Med 2003, 344, 655
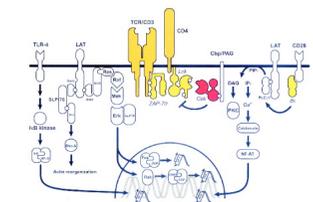
# Nécessité d'un engagement prolongé de CD80/CD86

Liwski, Imm Letters 2006
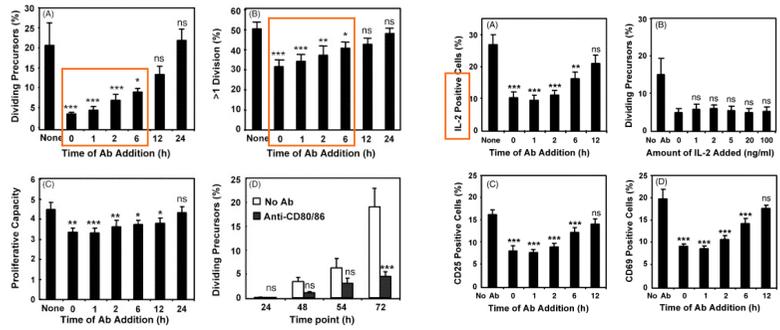
- To investigate the functional effects of CD80/CD86 blockade on naive CD4+ T cell activation, freshly isolated CD4+ T cells from OVA–TCR transgenic DO11.10 mice [27] were labeled with CFSE and cultured with OVA–peptide pulsed, mature DC in the absence or presence of CD80 and CD86 specific mAbs.

- We demonstrated that DC mediated CD80/CD86 costimulation controls the magnitude of the naïve T cell proliferative response by regulating both responder frequency as well as proliferative capacity.

- Our data revealed that blocking CD80/CD86 signaling up to 6 h after conjugate formation resulted in a significant decrease in both the number of naive T cells entering the proliferative cycle and the number of daughter cells generated by each cell.

Mol costimulation et dynamique de l'interaction

- *Federica Benvenuti, JI 2004;* Dendritic Cell Maturation Controls Adhesion, Synapse Formation, and the Duration of the Interactions with Naive T Lymphocytes
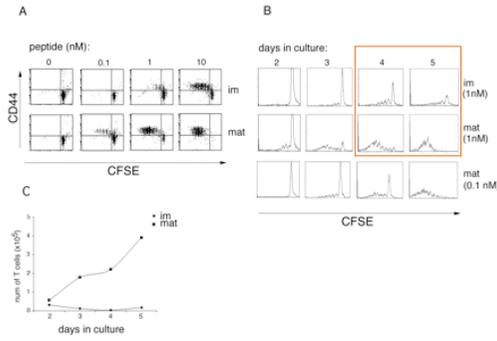

- Proliferation of naive T cells stimulated by **immature or mature DCs**. Immature or mature D1 pulsed with different doses of peptide were cocultured for 5 days with CFSE-loaded naive T lymphocytes (1:5 ratio). *A*, Representative dot blot profile showing the loss of CFSE and the up-regulation of CD44 induced by immature (*upper row*) or mature (*lower row*) DCs loaded with different peptide doses at day 3. *B*, Histogram profile of CFSE staining on naive T cells stimulated with immature (*upper row*) or mature (*middle row*) DCs loaded with 1 nM H-Y and mature DCs loaded with 0.1 nM peptide (*lower row*) at days 2–5 of the coculture. *C*, Quantification of the absolute number of CD4+ T cells at the different days of coculture for immature () and mature () DCs loaded with 1 nM peptide (T cells at day 0 = 7 x 104). One representative of three experiments is shown.
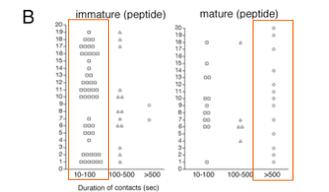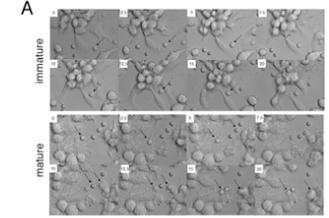
Mol de costimulation et synapse

- *Federica Benvenuti, JI 2004;* Dendritic Cell Maturation Controls Adhesion, Synapse Formation, and the Duration of the Interactions with Naive T Lymphocytes
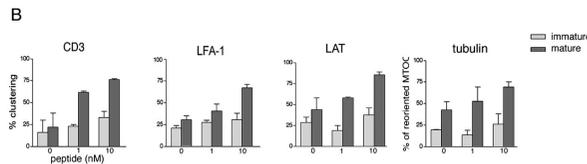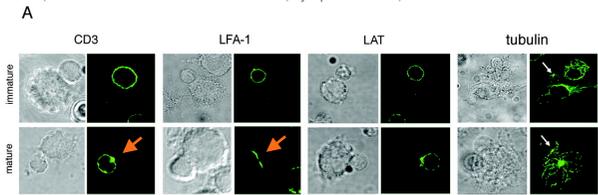
DC maturation is required for effective clustering and SMAC formation at the DC-T cell contact site

Efficient clustering in naive T cells requires DC maturation. Confocal images showing the distribution of CD3, LFA-1, LAT, and tubulin in T cells forming conjugates with immature or mature D1 pulsed with 10 nM H-Y peptide. Conjugates were formed for 30 min, washed five times, and fixed for immunostaining. *A*, One representative conjugate formed with immature DCs (*upper panels*) or mature DCs (*lower panels*) is shown for each marker. For each immunofluorescent image (*right panels*), a DIC image showing the two cells in contact is shown (*left panels*). Note that the distribution of CD3, LFA-1, and LAT is homogenous on T cells forming conjugates with immature DCs and clustered in conjugates formed with mature DCs. Similarly, the T cell MTOC (marked by an arrow) is reoriented toward the APCs in conjugates with mature, but not with immature DCs. *B*, Quantification of the proportion of conjugates showing clustering of CD3, LFA-1, LAT, and tubulin at the site of contact. Conjugates between naive T cells and immature or mature DCs pulsed with different doses of H-Y peptide were formed as in *A*. The number of conjugates presenting clustering at the contact zone was blindly quantified (see *Materials and Methods*) and expressed as a percentage of the total number of conjugates analyzed (percent clustering). Number of conjugates quantified is as follows: CD3, immature, *n* = 276; mature, *n* = 347; LFA-1, immature, *n* = 197; mature, *n* = 229; LAT, immature, *n* = 185; mature, *n* = 232; and tubulin, immature, *n* = 210; mature, *n* = 243.

Conséquence des interactions T sur la différenciation T

## Génération des CD8 mémoire: Influence de la quantité d'Ag

- *E. John Wherry, JI* 2002, Generation of CD8+ T Cell Memory in Response to Low, High, and Excessive Levels of Epitope

Table I. *VV recombinants*

Recombinant	Description	Epitopes/Cell[a] (copies/cell)
M50	Control virus-expressing an irrelevant minigene (NP$_{20-57}$; H-2K^b)	0
HP19	Full-length NP/S (influenza NP + SIINFEKL) behind a 19bp HP	~800
HP0	Full-length NP/S (influenza NP + SIINFEKL) without a HP (HP size = 0)	~30,000
(M)SIINFEKL	Minigene version of OVA$_{257-264}$ (M designates the initiating methionine)	~60,000

Espaceur: < expresion de l'Ag

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(Peak / Memory)
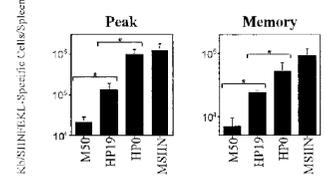
A — SIINFEKL-Specific IFN-γ Secreting Cells/Spleen by ELISPOT
(Peak / Memory)
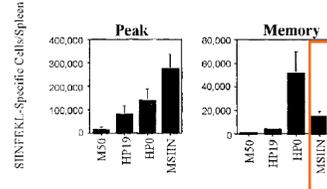
➢ recrutement d'un nombre de clones plus ou moins important

➢ et d'affinité variable

selon quantité d'Ag lors de la stimulation

## Importance des paramètres d'activation : Génération des CD8 mémoire
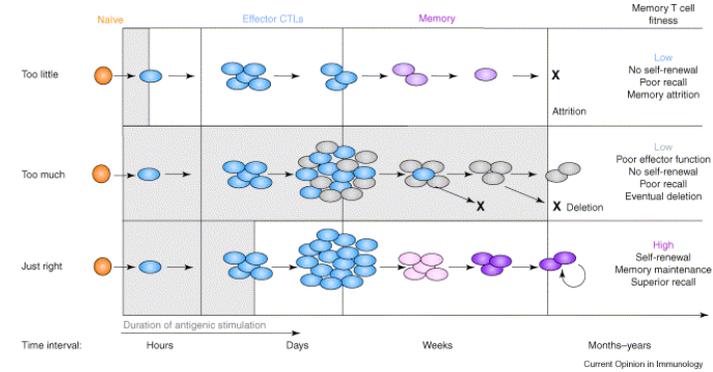
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The Goldilocks model of effector and memory CD8+ T-cell development. The first 24 hours following antigenic stimulation elicits a program of expansion and differentiation that continues among daughter cells after removal of antigen. 'Too little' stimulation, meaning insufficient antigen concentration or duration, leads to limited CD8+ T-cell expansion, poor memory development and attrition. Chronic antigen exposure may cause 'too much' stimulation, leading to a progressive loss in the ability to secrete cytokines and the eventual deletion of antigen-specific CD8+ T cells. Optimum memory development is favored when conditions are 'just right'; that is, when CD8+ T cells are stimulated by a sufficient concentration of antigen for a sufficient, but not excessive period of time. Several variables, such as the cytokine environment, TCR affinity, type of antigen presenting cells, CD4+ T-cell help and degree of co-stimulation, modify the differentiation program and alter the antigen-dependent signaling requirements for the development of a robust response. Several factors encountered during the days following priming, including continued antigen contact, various co-stimulatory molecules, negative regulators, cytokines, chemokines, CD4+ T-cell help and anatomical location might also have a large qualitative and quantitative influence on the developing response. Additional factors may be important weeks and months later for memory differentiation and maintenance.

Prolongation de la stimulation antigénique: conséquence sur la différenciation en cellules mémoire

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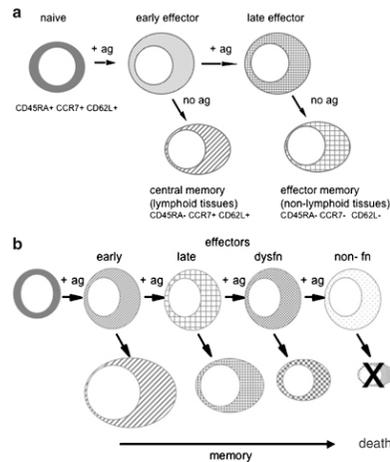
Importance de la stimulation antigénique initiale: programme de différenciation

- Susan M. Kaech & Rafi Ahmed *Nature Immunology* 2001 ; Memory CD8+ T cell differentiation: initial antigen encounter triggers a developmental program in naïve cells

- **Models for proliferation and differentiation of naïve CD8+ T cells.** (**a**) CD8+ T cell proliferation is dependent on repeated encounters with antigen. Each cell that is stimulated by antigen divides and progressively differentiates into effector CTLs and memory CD8+ T cells with each successive cell division. According to this model, it is essential that each daughter cell be stimulated with antigen, otherwise CD8+ T cell division, and possibly differentiation, would be halted upon antigen removal. (**b**) **Naïve CD8+ T cells are developmentally programmed to divide at least seven to ten times and to differentiate into effector CTLs and long-lived functional memory CD8+ T cells.** Optimal antigenic stimulation of the parental cell triggers this developmental program and the CD8+ T cells become committed to proliferation and differentiation. Further antigenic stimulation of the daughter cells may increase the number of times the activated CD8+ T cells divide, but it is unnecessary for this developmental program to progress.

a — Antigen-driven differentiation

b — Programmed differentiation (at least 7-10 cell divisions)

CD8+ T cell differentiation
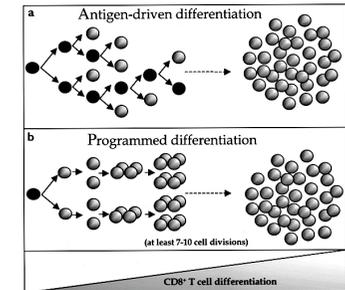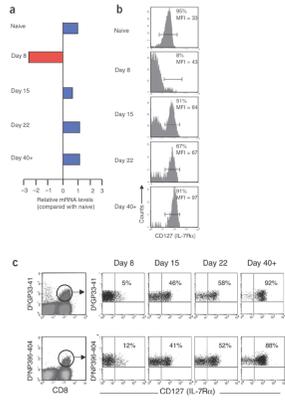
Selective expression of the interleukin 7 receptor identifies effector CD8 T cells that give rise to long-lived memory cells

Kaech, Nat Immunol 2003
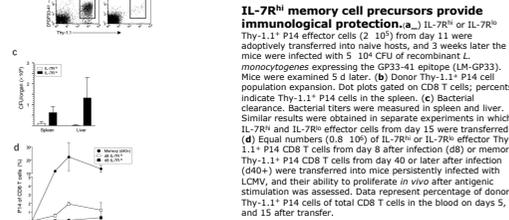
IL-7R^{hi} memory cell precursors provide immunological protection. (a_) IL-7R^{hi} or IL-7R^{lo} Thy-1.1$^+$ P14 effector cells (2 × 10^5) from day 11 were adoptively transferred into naive hosts, and 3 weeks later the mice were infected with 5 × 10^4 CFU of recombinant *L. monocytogenes* expressing the GP33-41 epitope (LM-GP33). Mice were examined 5 d later. (b) Donor Thy-1.1$^+$ P14 cell population expansion. Dot plots gated on CD8 T cells; percents indicate Thy-1.1$^+$ P14 cells in the spleen. (c) Bacterial clearance. Bacterial titers were measured in spleen and liver. Similar results were obtained in separate experiments in which IL-7R^{hi} and IL-7R^{lo} effector cells from day 15 were transferred. (d) Equal numbers (0.8 × 10^6) of IL-7R^{hi} or IL-7R^{lo} effector Thy-1.1$^+$ P14 CD8 T cells from day 8 after infection (d8) or memory Thy-1.1$^+$ P14 CD8 T cells from day 40 or later after infection (d40+) were transferred into mice persistently infected with LCMV, and their ability to proliferate *in vivo* after antigenic stimulation was assessed. Data represent percentage of donor Thy-1.1$^+$ P14 cells of total CD8 T cells in the blood on days 5, 8 and 15 after transfer.
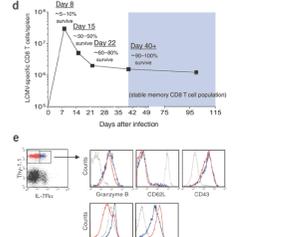
**Increased expression of IL-7R directly correlates with effector CD8 T cell survival.** (a) Differential expression of IL-7R mRNA in naive, effector and memory P14 CD8 T cells. Expression of IL-7R mRNA was measured by DNA microarray analysis in P14 CD8 T cells from days 8, 15, 22 and >40 after LCMV infection and was compared with that of naive P14 CD8 T cells. Bars represent the relative fold difference based on a log$_2$ scale. The P14 CD8 T cells express a transgenic TCR that recognizes the gp33-41 epitope of LCMV. (b) Cell surface IL-7R expression on naive P14 CD8 T cells or P14 CD8 T cells from days 8, 15, 22 and 40 after infection. The percent and mean fluorescent intensity (MFI) of bracketed IL-7R^{hi} cells are given. (c) C57BL/6 mice were infected with LCMV, and on days 8, 15, 22 and >40 after infection, the cell surface expression of IL-7R on CD8 T cells was assessed by staining with anti-CD8 and either D^{b}GP33-41 and D^{b}NP396-404-specific CD8 T cells was assessed by staining with anti-CD8 and anti-IL-7R and either D^{b}GP33-41 or D^{b}NP396-404 major histocompatibility complex class I tetramers. The dot plots are gated on tetramer-positive CD8 T cells, and the percent of IL-7R^{hi} cells is indicated. Circles and arrows indicate the source of cells in dot plots to the right. (d) LCMV-specific CD8 T cells in the spleen 8, 15, 22 and >40 days after infection were quantified by major histocompatibility complex class I tetramer staining as well as by intracellular cytokine staining for IFN- after 5 h of stimulation with LCMV peptides. The percent of LCMV-specific CD8 T cells predicted to survive at day 8, 15, 22 and approximately 40 after infection was calculated by dividing the number of LCMV-specific memory CD8 T cells (at day 40 or more after infection) by the number of virus-specific CD8 T cells at each time point. (e) C57BL/6 (Thy-1.2$^+$) mice containing 1 × 10^4 naive TCR-transgenic CD8 T cells from Thy-1.1$^+$ P14 mice that recognize the LCMV epitope GP33-41 were infected with LCMV, and 8 d later the expression of granzyme B, CD62L, CD43, CD27 and KLRG-1 was compared between IL-7R^{hi} (blue) and IL-7R^{lo} (red) Thy-1.1$^+$ effector cells and naive CD8 T cells (black). Arrow indicates the source of cells in histograms.

Short effector / Memory precursor modulation by T-bet

SLEC KLRG1^{hi} IL-7R^{lo} **MPEC** KLRG1^{hi} IL-7R^{lo}
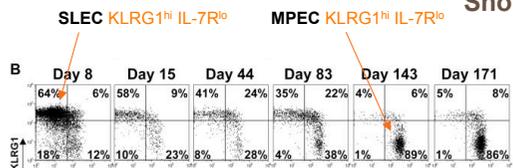
Inflammation Directs Memory Precursor and Short-Lived Effector CD8(+) T Cell Fates via the Graded Expression of T-bet Transcription Factor
Joshi et al, Immunity 2007

B6+P14+LM$_{GP33}$ ± Ampi

T-bet expression is necessary and sufficient for development of KLRG1^{hi} SLECs.

Levels of inflammation regulate KLRG1^{hi} IL-7R^{lo} SLEC formation.

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Functional and genomic profiling of effector CD8 T cell subsets with distinct memory fates

Sarkar S et al, JExpMed 2008

Effector CD8 T cells uniformly down-regulate CD127 but can be distinguished on the basis of KLRG-1 expression. (A) Cell-surface expression of IL-7R_with respect to cell division at days 1/4 after LCMV infection. 10^6 naive CFSE-labeled P14 CD8 T cells were adoptively transferred into naive mice that were subsequently infected with LCMV. All plots are gated on CD8$^+$ Thy1.1$^+$ P14 splenocytes directly stained ex vivo for IL-7R_expression. An uninfected naive control is also shown, and the red horizontal line indicates the naive level of expression. (B) Phenotypic properties of CD127^{lo} antigen-specific cells at day 4.5 p.i. B6 mice containing ~10^6 naive Thy1.1$^+$ P14 cells were infected with LCMV, and expression of the indicated cell-surface and intracellular markers on CD8$^+$ Thy1.1$^+$ splenocytes was assessed 4.5 d later (red line histograms). Gray histograms represent naive cells from uninfected control mice. (C) Longitudinal analysis of cell-surface IL-7R_and KLRG-1 expression. B6 mice containing ~10^6 naive Thy1.1$^+$ P14 cells were infected with LCMV, and the cell-surface expression of IL-7R_and KLRG-1 was analyzed at the indicated time points. Histograms depict the MFI of IL-7R_expression and percentages of KLRG-1^{hi} cells gated on CD8$^+$ Thy1.1$^+$ P14 cells. (D) Inverse association of KLRG-1 expression with the memory markers CD127 and CD62L. B6 mice containing 10^6 CD8$^+$ Thy1.1$^+$ P14 cells were infected with LCMV, and KLRG-1 expression with respect to CD127 or CD62L was analyzed at the indicated time points.

Model of SLEC and MPEC development during acute viral infection.

Naive CD8 T cells are IL-7R^{hi}, CD122^{lo} (IL-2/15_), KLRG1^{neg} and T-bet^{neg} and are IL-7 dependent. Early during infection, most effector CD8 T cells become CD122^{hi} and downregulate IL-7R to an intermediate-to-low level, but expression of T-bet and KLRG1 is set depending on their exposure to inflammatory cytokines (e.g. IL-12). Effector CD8 T cells that are exposed to lower levels of inflammation express less T-bet (light blue cells) and begin to upregulate IL-7R to become KLRG1^{lo} IL-7R^{hi} MPECs (turquoise cells). Effector CD8 T cells that encounter higher levels of inflammatory cytokines express relatively more T-bet and KLRG1 (dark blue cells), stably repress IL-7R and consequentially become KLRG1^{hi} IL-7R^{lo} SLECs. SLECs become IL-15 dependent, however, IL-15 alone cannot support their long-term persistence or homeostatic turnover and they decline over time. In contrast, MPECs remain dually responsive to IL-7 and IL-15 and preferentially develop into long-lived memory CD8 T cells that can self-renew.

MPECs
KLRG1^{lo} IL-7R^{hi} CD122^{hi} T-bet^{lo}
+High Memory Cell Potential
+Low T-bet Expression
+IL-7/ IL-15 Responsive
+Self-Renewing
+Maintained over time

SLECs
KLRG1^{hi} IL-7R^{lo} CD122^{lo} T-bet^{hi}
+Low Memory Cell Potential
+High T-bet Expression
+IL-15 Responsive
+Non-self Renewing
+Decline over time

Key
IL-7R
IL-2/15βR
KLRG1
Inflammatory Cytokine (e.g. IL-12)

Asymmetric T Lymphocyte Division in the Initiation of Adaptive Immune Responses
Chang et al, Science 2007

Prox   Dist

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Tbet^hi   Prot (degrad Tbet)

Eff   Mem

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CD8	PKCζ	Tubulin	Merge	DNA	Bright	Merge

Wild-type

Rag1-/-

A
CD8: Cell Size, Granul., CD62L, CD69 — prox/distal
CD8: CD43, CD25, CD44 — prox/distal

B
CD8: IFNγ, Gran. B — prox/distal

C
IL-7Rα mRNA — prox distal

D
% Bacterial Burden Relative to Naive — Acute / Delayed — prox/distal

- Paramètres de l'interaction TCR/CMH–Ag
  - **Affinité**
  - **Avidité**
  - **Temps contact**
  - **Flexibilité du CMH–Ag**
  - **Molécules adaptatrices / costimulation**

- Déterminant
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  - **Différenciation lymphocytaire**