

A Commotion in the Blood: Looking Back and Looking Forward to Immunotherapy of Cancer Coming of Age

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History of Life

- 13.75 ± 0.11b Universe
- 4.5b Planet Earth
- 4.0b Life on Earth
- 2.5b Toxic Gas Brought into Atmosphere by Cyanobacteria
- Molecular Oxygen!
- 1.0b Mitochondria Find Their Way into Our Ancestral Cells
- HMGB1 and Metacaspases Comes With Them or Shortly Behind – Where, When, & Why



A cold-blooded view of adaptive immunity Nature Review Immunology (2018) Martin F. Flajnik Department of Microbiology and Immunology

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Innate immunity in single cell organisms (4byrs) evolved: 0) TLRs, NLRs, ALRS, RLRS, STING 1) engulf organisms by xenophagy; 2) develop 'adaptive' immunity involving CRISPR/Cas9; 3) toxic metabolites (yeast: alcohol; plants: salicylic acid and jasmonic acid) that limit pathogens; and 4) SIRPα/CD47.



NK cells and MHC-like molecules (Maternal/Fetal interface): *Botryllus schlosseri* is a colonial invertebrate chordate (Urochordata) PNAS 2003 100:622-7.

History of Immunotherapy



Anti-CD19 CAR T Cells Administered after Low-Dose Chemotherapy Can Induce Remissions of Chemotherapy-Refractory Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma James N Kochenderfer, Robert Somerville, Lily Lu, Alex Iwamoto, James C Yang, Christopher Klebanoff, Udai Kammula, Richard M Sherry, Shi Victoria, Constance Yuan, Steven Feldman, Tatyana Feldman, Andr e Goy, Kathleen E Morton, Mary Ann Toomey and Steven A. Rosenberg Blood 2014 124:550;





A BIOGRAPHY OF CANCER

SIDDHARTHA MUKHERJEE

Emperors



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Hence, it would seem fair to conclude that the lymphocyte is a necessary factor in cancer immunity – James B. Murphy and John J. Morton (Murphy and Morton 1915)



NIELS K. JERNE, M.D.

Professor and Chairman, Department of Microbiology, 1962-1966

Winner of the 1984 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine ributions to the understanding of the immune

> "Foreign" Eigen-behaviour of the immune system following Niels Jerne stimulus



Rearranged Receptors in B and T Cells

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500 Million Years of Adaptive Immunity-Wu Xing The Immunologic Big Bang



The Immunologic Big Bang

Pillars of Immunology

The Journal of Immunology

A Convergent Immunological Holy Trinity of Adaptive Immunity in Lampreys: Discovery of the Variable

Lymphocyte Receptorsdoi: 10.4049/jimmunol.1800965Martin E ElainikJ Immunol 2018; 201:1331-1335

Martin F. Flajnik





Zeev Pancer and Max Cooper With a Larval Lamprey at UAB.





The Hellström Paradox

- A paradox lies at the heart of cancer.
- Coursing through many tumors are legions of immune cells, including the T cells that should be fighting the cancer.
- Yet these T cells are typically dysfunctional — they stop working and let the tumor grow with abandon.
- Scientists have a name for this conundrum: the Hellström paradox, after Ingegerd and Karl



Original Hallmarks of Cancer





The Cells of the Tumor Microenvironment







HUMAN MIGRATIONS: NON-RANDOM DISTRIBUTION OF mtDNA VARIATION SUGGESTS SELECTION Striking Discontinuities:

Tropical Africa to Temperate Eurasia to Arctic Siberia



+/-, +/+, or -/- = Dde I 10394 / Alu I 10397 * = Rsa I 16239 Mutation rate = 2.2 - 2.9% / MYR Time estimates are YBP.

"Hybrid Metabolism" - Glycolysis And OXPHOS



24 February 1956, Volume 123, Number 3191

SCIENCE

Injuring of Respiration



On the Origin of Cancer Cells

Otto Warburg

1 Glucose \rightarrow 36 ATP [Slow] Or 1 Glucose \rightarrow 2 ATP+2NADH+2 Pyruvate [Fast]



Otto Warburg

The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 1931

For his discovery of cellular combustion, which he termed cellular respiration.

Warburg hypothesis: tumor cells have dysfunctional mitochondria and show an increase in glycolysis that is maintained in conditions of high oxygen tension ("aerobic glycolysis"), giving rise to enhanced lactate production.

Over the last 70 years his ideas have come, gone and now have been revitalized...



Dr. Otto Warburg

Antrag

Ich benötige 10 000 (zehntausend) Mark

Ollo Warburg

Grant proposal: "I require 10,000 marks"

The Beginning of Molecular Therapeutics - 1978

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Will Interferon Kill Cancer? Finnish Dr. Kari Cantell Is Helping the World Find Out

But Cantell and the Finnish Red Cross, now producing 250 billion units (5,285 quarts) a year, have provided the great bulk of pure interferon used for clinical studies on humans, including a \$2 million batch bought last year by the American Cancer Society. "Production is the bottleneck," says Cantell, who finds it "stupid and irritating" that until recently nobody else has tried to produce the substance in large-scale volume.



History of SITC

- Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer
 1980-1984 NCI Frederick Biologic Response Modifiers (nonspecific immunotherapies) -Journal of Biologic Response Modifiers (1982); Society for Biologic Therapy (1984)
- 1985 Cytokine Therapeutics 1st Annual Meeting of SBT (1986)
- 1990's Antibody (Her2, CD20, VEGF, etc.) Therapeutics – First Primer on Tumor Immunology (1998, Pittsburgh); Executive Director Inc (Tara Withington)
- 2000's Cancer Vaccines iSBTc (2002); SITC (2010)
- 2010's Cell Therapies (TIL, CART, DC, NK/NKT, etc.)
 Journal for ImmunoTherapy of Cancer (2013)
- 2015 Checkpoint Inhibitors; Oncolytic Viruses/Cytokines
- 2019+ The Future Just Ain't What it Used to be (Yogi Berra) - Cancer Immunotherapy Winter School (2019); 34th Annual Meeting (2019)















Cancer Immunotherapy







James Allison Immunotherapy Nobel Prize 2018 Yoshinori Ohsumi Autophagy Nobel Prize 2016 Tasuku Honjo Immunotherapy Nobel Prize 2018

Japanese scientist Yoshinori Ohsumi was awarded this year's Nobel Prize in medicine on Monday for discoveries related to the degrading and recycling of cellular components. The Karolinska Institute honored Ohsumi for "brilliant experiments" in the 1990s on autophagy, the machinery with which cells recycle their content. Disrupted autophagy has been linked to various diseases, including Parkinson's, diabetes and cancer, the institute said. Ohsumi was born in 1945 in Fukuoka, Japan. He is currently a professor at the Tokyo Institute of Technology. Disturbance of function (*functio laesa*): the legendary 5th cardinal sign of inflammation, added by Galen to the four cardinal signs of Celsus.

Rather LJ. Bull N Y Acad Med. 1971.



Calor (warmth), *dolor* (pain), *tumor* (swelling) and *rubor* (redness), and (later) loss of function Celsus, *De Medicina*



Before There were Checkpoints



https://oncologypro.esmo.org/content/download/85243/1583430/file/ESMO-Preceptorship-Immuno-Oncology-Siena-July-2016-STAHEL.pdf

Coley's Toxins, 1893





W. Busch.
Einfluβ von
Erysipel.
Berliner
Klin Wschr
1866. 3:
245–246.

Fig. 2. Patient as he first appeared to Coley in 1891, 7 years after the accidental erysipelas-induced regression of inoperable sarcoma (Coley, 1893a).

Complete remission of a sarcoma in a patient after 2 episodes of erysipelas caused by streptococcus pyogenes *William Coley, 1893*

First 40 Yrs of Cancer Immunotherapy



Cytokine Working Group CWG: The Abbreviated History (SITC 2018)

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A founding member of

Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center

Adaptive Immune System

Humoral (B cells):

IgH (M, D, G, A, E) and κλ light chains; Antibodies recognize three-dimensional regions (epitopes) on intact protein, carbohydrate, nucleotide, or lipid molecules.

Cellular (T cells, NK Cells, NKT cells):

αβRecognize peptides that result from the degradation of intracellular proteins and are presented on cell surface MHC molecules.

γδ Recognize phosphoantigens, metabolites from pathogens and stressed host cells
 NKT Recognize lipid in CD1 (MHC homologues)
 NK Recognize stress, lack of MHC molecules

Proof of Principle: Deep responses produce remissions



Atkins, Lotze et al. J Clin Oncol. 1999

High Dose IL-2 Immunotherapy

- Approved in patients with melanoma and kidney cancer.
- Significant 'toxicity'.
- Associated with 'cytokine storm'.
- iNOS blockers, sTNF-R or IL-1Ra have yielded limited reduction in side effects.
- IL-2 treatment is associated with a 'systemic autophagic syndrome' and temporally limited tissue dysfunction.

AR. Chavez, X Liang, MT Lotze. Ann. N.Y.Acad.Sci.1182:14-27 (2009)



Baseline



After Treatment


Fig 2. Progression-free survival by treatment arm among 186 patients receiving high-dose interleukin-2 (HD IL-2; n = 95) or receiving IL-2 and interferon alfa-2b (IFN; n = 91). Ten patients receiving HD IL-2 remained progression-free at 3 years compared with three patients who received IL-2 and IFN (P = .082 by Fisher's exact test).

J Clin Oncol 2005; 23:133-141

Personalized Medicine and Imaging

Clinical Cancer Research

The High-Dose Aldesleukin "Select" Trial: A Trial to Prospectively Validate Predictive Models of Response to Treatment in Patients with Metastatic Renal Cell Carcinoma

Table 3. Response by baseline clinical/tumor characteristics

	ORR (95% CI)	Pa	PFS > 3 y (95% CI)	Pa
Clinical characteristics				
MSKCC risk group				
Favorable ($n = 23$)	22% (7%-44%)	0.89	17% (5%-39%)	0.33
Intermediate $(n = 84)$	25% (16%-36%)		8% (3%-17%)	
Poor $(n = 13)$	31% (9%-61%)		15% (2%-45%)	
UCLA SANI Score				
Low (n = 10)	20% (3%-56%)	0.27	10% (0%-45%)	0.84
Intermediate $(n = 102)$	27% (19%-37%)		12% (6%-20%)	
High $(n = 8)$	0% (0%-37%)		0% (0%-37%)	
Tumor characteristics				
Tumor type				
Clear cell $(n = 114)$	26% (19%-35%)	0.33	12% (6%-19%)	0.99
Non-clear cell $(n = 5)$	0% (0%-52%)		0% (0%-52%)	
Clear cell histology risk group				
Good (n = 11)	27% (6%-61%)	0.89	18% (2%-52%)	0.58
Intermediate ($n = 83$)	24% (15%-35%)		10% (4%-18%)	
Poor $(n = 25)$	28% (12%-49%)		12% (3%-31%)	
CA-9 score				
High (≥85% n = 78)	22% (13%-33%)	0.19	9% (4%-18%)	0.35
Low (<85% n = 39)	33% (19%-50%)		15% (6%-31%)	
ISM risk group				
Good (n = 74)	23% (14%-34%)	0.39	9% (4%-19%)	0.55
Poor $(n = 43)$	30% (17%-46%)		14% (5%-28%)	
PD-L1 ⁺ tumor				
Negative $(n = 95)$	19% (12%-28%)	0.01	6% (2%-13%)	< 0.01
Positive $(n = 18)$	50% (26%-74%)		33% (13%-59%)	
B7-H3 ⁺ tumor				
Negative $(n = 28)$	11% (2%-28%)	0.08	7% (1%-24%)	0.73
Positive $(n = 86)$	29% (20%-40%)		12% (6%-20%)	
CA-9 SNP				
Homozygous ($n = 66$)	20% (11%-31%)	0.28	12% (5%-22%)	0.35
Variant $(n = 12)$	33% (10%-65%)		0% (0%-26%)	

NOTE: The numbers (n) for each analysis do not always add up to 120 patients as data/tissue were not available in some cases. ^aFisher exact test.

McDermott et al, CCR 2014

Immunotherapy Drugs Slow Skin Cancer That Has Spread to the Brain

NYT August 22, 2018



CANCER, DEALS

As drugmakers seek ways to elude IL-2 flaws, Clinigen secures the full rights to original troubled IL-2 drug Proleukin



by NATALIE GROVER 🖻 — on February 13, 2019 07:15 AM EST

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Proleukin, the troubled IL-2 cancer drug sold by Novartis, has found a new home at Clinigen, while others in the field of immuno-oncology seek ways to create an improved version of the class of drugs sans the toxicity that has stymied the use of the original IL-2.

The best pla

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Vemurafenib Response in V600E Mutant Melanoma







Cheever, Greenberg, Fefer









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x = censored data

PD1 AB RESULTS: RCC PATIENTS



*Patients treated at the 10 mg/kg dose



CANCER IMMUNOTHERAPY

The commensal microbiome is associated with anti-PD-1 efficacy in metastatic melanoma patients

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Merck Pembro Anti-PD1 + *Bifidobacterium longum*

4.7

3.7 2.7

1.7 0.7

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-1.3

-2.3

-3.3

8.84%

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Why science teachers should not be given playground duty.

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BACKUPS

What is Cancer Immunotherapy?

 A type of cancer treatment designed to boost the body's natural defenses to fight the cancer.

 It uses substances either made by the body or in a laboratory to improve or restore immune system function.

Components of the Immune System

Innate Immunity

- Rapid Response
- Non-specific
- No Memory

Adaptive Immunity

- Slow Response
- Highly Specific
- Develop Memory



MHC Restriction & the Immunologic Synapse



Effective Immunotherapies for Metastatic <u>Cutaneous</u> Melanoma (CM)

Proliferation: Cytokines

<u>Activate (release inhibition)</u>: Checkpoint Blockade

Adoptive transfer: Autologous TIL

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Goal of Adoptive T Cell Transfer

Physical repopulation of the host immune system with antigen specific T cells that:

- Mediate potent effector function (i.e. destroy tumor)
- 2. Persist and establish memory



Why Lymphodeplete Prior to Cell Transfer?

- 1. Eliminate suppressive cell populations (i.e. Tregs, MDSC, inhibitory macrophages)
- 2. Provide "space" for homeostatic expansion
- 3. Provide exposure to homeostatic cytokines (i.e. IL-15 and IL-7)



Out of Africa





1-4% Neandertal In Humans





Points of contact. Archaeological data suggest that Neandertals and early modern humans may have overlapped early in the Middle East and later in Europe.

Farming Starts New York Times December 1, 2009 Science Times/NYU



The Farmers Displaced/Replaced the Hunter-Gatherers

Population Growth Before and After Agriculture



Caloric Restriction Delays Disease Onset and Mortality in Rhesus Monkeys



SCIENCE VOL 325 10 JULY 2009

[Un]Natural History of Death

Death

Necroptosis is characterized by necrotic cell death morphology and activation of autophagy *Nat Chem Biol.* 2005, 1:112

Necrosis

Necrosis is characterized by extensive DNA hydrolysis, vacuolation of the ER, organelle breakdown, and cell lysis.

Entosis

Entosis is a nonapoptotic cell death process by cellin-cell invasion *Cell.* 2007, 131:966. Death receptor pathway
Apoptosis/
Mitochondria pathway
Anoikis
ER pathway

Ferroptosis

Iron dependent oxidizing death *Cell.* 2012 149:1060.

Autophagy

Autophagy is a cellular degradation process for long-lived proteins and unnecessary or damaged organelles.

Senescence

Postmitotic cells marked by beta galactosidase, cells make cytokines, killed by NK cells. *J Cell Biochem*. 1991 45:147.

Relationship Between The Levels Of Autophagy And Cell Death



Very low -- The absence of autophagy increases cell death during metabolic stress and on treatment with cytotoxic chemotherapeutic agents.

Intermediate -- Physiological levels of autophagy are essential for normal cellular homeostasis.

Very high -- excessive levels of autophagy promote cell death.

Beth Levine

Mammalian Autophagy



Distinct autophagic phases:

- I. Autophagosome formation Sequestration
- II. Degradation
- III. Utilization Provision of amino acids

Conserved Forms of Autophagy





2009



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Malthusian Equilibrium Before Agriculture



"Why farm? Why give up the 20-hour work week and the fun of hunting in order to toil in the sun? Why work harder, for food less nutritious and a supply more capricious? Why invite famine, plague, pestilence and crowded living conditions?" (Harlan, *Crops and Man, 1992) THE PRISONERS DILEMMA*

DNA-RNA-Protein Size Matters?

- 3.2 x10⁹ Human Being
- 17.0 x10⁹ Onion
- 65.5 x10⁹ Broad-footed salamander
- 132.0x10⁹ African Lungfish
- 149x10⁹ Paris Japonica Flower
- 670x10⁹ Amoeba dubia=Polychaos dubium

















Cancer is a Disorder of Genes, Cell Death, Metabolism, and Immunity **History of Life History of Death Apoptosis/Autophagy** History of SITC/iSBTC, SBT Michael T. Lotze, MD

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Signaling Interactions in the Tumor Microenvironment during Malignant Progression



Hanahan D, Weinberg R. Hallmarks of Cancer: The Next Generation. Cell 144, March 4, 2011