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The transcription factor Myb enhances CD8⁺ T cell stemness and polyfunctionality to promote curative antitumor immunity

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Progressive model of T cell differentiation





Less differentiated cells mediate enhanced antitumor responses



Gattinoni et. al, Nat. Med. 2011



Myb is highly expressed in T_{SCM} cells, but downregulated with progressive T cell differentiation





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Model system: Pmel-1 gp100-specific TCR





Evaluating CD8⁺ T cell immuno-competence in Myb^{-/-}



Thy1.1⁺*Myb*^{-/-}



Myb is required for the effective generation and maintenance of CD8⁺ T cells



Gautam S et. al, unpublished



*Myb^{-/-}*CD8⁺ T cells preferrentially undergo terminal effector differentiation





Myb^{-/-}impairs generation of memory CD8⁺ T cells



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Evaluating CD8⁺ T cell immune responses in *Myb* overexpression





Myb overexpression promotes CD8⁺ T cell accumulation







Myb overexpression enhances the generation of CD62L⁺ CD8⁺ T cells • Thy1.1





Myb overexpressing CD8⁺ T cells are polyfunctional





Myb overexpression enhances CD8⁺ T cell recall responses



Myb2aThy1.1(50%)



Pmel-1 B16 melanoma mouse model





Myb overexpression promotes curative antitumor immunity





Take Home Messages

- Myb deficient CD8⁺ T cells demonstrate a decrease in total cell number and frequency. Furthermore, they preferentially generate short-lived effectors.
- Myb overexpressing cells expand more and retain a lessdifferentiated phenotype.
- ➢Myb overexpression promotes stemness, memory formation, polyfunctionality, and therefore an enhanced therapeutic efficacy of CD8⁺T cells.



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