## ADVANCING CANCER BIOTHERAPY WITH PROTEOMICS



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## INFLAMMATORY PROTEIN PROFILE DURING SYSTEMIC HIGH DOSE INTERLEUKIN-2 ADMINISTRATION

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## ENIGMATIC ROLE OF INTERLEUKIN-2 IN CANCER THERAPY



Systemic IL-2 can effectively treat metastatic renal cell cancer and melanoma and plays an essential role during active-specific immunization against cancer by increasing the frequency of tumor regressions



Modulatory effects of IL-2 on various pathways of cellular immune responses have been extensively described



The use of high dose IL-2 treatment is limited by the occurrence of several side effects and severe toxicity



The mechanisms of IL-2 mediated cancer regression remain today largely unknown. Recent data suggest that IL-2 acts through the activation of momonuclear phagocytes at the tumor site.



We characterized the protein profile of sera obtained from **ten** patients with **RCC** undergoing **high dose** (720,000 IU/kg intravenously every 8 hours) **IL-2 therapy**.



### PROTEOMIC ANALYSIS OF SERUM IN PATIENTS UNDERGOING IL-2 THERAPY



## MULTIPLEXED PROTEIN ARRAY PLATFORM



#### UNSUPERVISED HIERARCHICAL CLUSTERING OF SERUM SAMPLES FROM RCC PATIENTS OBTAINED PRE, POST 1 AND POST 4 DOSES OF IL-2 (720,000IU/KG).

IL-2 treatment is able to induce a very complex cytokine storm



- =soluble factor minimally changing from pre to post 4 doses
- =soluble factor expression enhanced at 4 doses only
- = soluble factor expression enhanced post 1 dose
- = soluble factor expression enhanced at 1 and 4 doses

Panelli et al., Journal of Translational Medicine 2004,2:17

## Storm of chemokines, cytokines and soluble factors increasing in the circulation in response to IL-2

Many soluble factors that increased during IL-2 administration are also increased in inflammatory conditions

Soluble forms of adhesion molecules

Chemoattractant factors

Matrix metalloproteinases and their inhibitors

TNF-alpha and soluble TNFR1

#### FROM PROTEIN ARRAYS TO SELDI ANALYSIS OF IL-2 INDUCED PROTEINS



## SURFACE ENHANCED LASED DESORPTION IONIZATION TIME OF FLIGHT MASS SPECTROMETRY (SELDI-TOF-MS).



Different matrix are available to allow the preferential binding of proteins on the basis of their specific chemical or biological characteristics

## SELDI ADVANTAGES

## fast and easy

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- very reduced amount of samples are necessary to perform the analysis
- accurate information about the molecular weight
- possibility to discriminate between isoforms (phosphorilation, glycosilation, truncated forms)
  possible capture of co-precipitating proteins

## SELDI ANALYSIS OF RCC SERUM SAX2



Rossi L. et al., Proteomics 2005 in press

## SELDI IMMUNOAFFINITY CAPTURE OF SAA AND CRP



m/z

Rossi L. et al., Proteomics 2005 in press

## UNSUPERVISED HIERARCHICAL CLUSTERING OF RCC SERUM SAMPLES OBTAINED BEFORE AND AFTER 1 AND 4 DOSES OF IL-2 (SELDI M/Z AREA).



### QUANTIFICATION OF SERUM FACTORS CONCENTRATION BY IMMUNONEPHELOMETRY



Rossi L. et al., Proteomics, 2005 in press

# SEQUENTIAL DILUTION OF ONE POST 4 SAMPLE WITH THE CORRESPONDING PRE SAMPLE.



Intensity

#### CORRELATION BETWEEN % SERUM SAA IN TOTAL SERUM PROTEIN AND THE RELATIVE M/Z AREA IN PATIENT SERA



# The interplay between different platforms could provide a variety of information

Critical aspect: collection of good quality material

1) Simultaneous detection of the expression levels of several factors

2) Bio-functional suggestions

isoforms

Protein to protein interaction

3) Discovery of new factors

## **SUMMARY**



We observed an outburst of a multitude of proteins increasing/reducing in the circulation in response to IL-2:



Changes became more dramatic with increasing doses



Subclasses of soluble factors displayed different kinetics



All these data well correlate with a systemic inflammatory profile

### PROTEIN INTERPLAY FOLLOWING HIGH DOSE IL-2 THERAPY



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