Innate Immune Activation in Neurodegenerative disease: Differential effects on Amyloid and Tau pathology

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1998: The APP mouse problem; not enough inflammation?



LPS injection into APP mice increases microglial activation



Control, saline injected hippocampus

LPS injected hippocampus

Surprise! No neurons died and LPS reduced amyloid.



Aβ Immunohistochemistry. 3d post LPS injection

Intracranial Anti-Aβ Antibody Injections Decrease Amyloid and Activate Microglia



Antibody-mediated amyloid clearance blocked when microglial activation suppressed with Dexamethasone



Review: Experimental manipulations of microglia in mouse models of Alzheimer's pathology

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Table 5. Manipulation of cytokine signalling in models of amyloid deposition

Experimental manipulation	Plaque microglial response	Effect on amyloid load
IL-1 increase	\uparrow	\downarrow
TNF increase	\uparrow	\downarrow
TNF receptor null	\downarrow	\uparrow
IFN-γ increase	\uparrow	\downarrow
IFN receptor null	\downarrow	\downarrow
IL-6 increase	\uparrow	\downarrow
IL-4 increase	\uparrow	\downarrow
TGF β increase	\uparrow	\downarrow
G-CSF increase	\uparrow	\downarrow
GM-CSF increase	\uparrow	\downarrow

LPS (10 µg) into Hippocampus and Cortex increases CD45 in Tg4510 mice



Mice are 4.5 mo old. 7 day survival.

Lee et al (2010), <u>J</u> Neuroinflammation . <u>16</u>; 56

LPS Injections Increase Phosphotau Ser 199/202 within 7 days



Fractalkine (CX3CL1) signaling in CNS

- Fractalkine is a neuronal protein that is cleaved by ADAM 10 to release a soluble peptide.
- Both soluble and membrane associated fractalkine can interact with the fractalkine receptor on microglia to induce quiescence.
- A single mutation can render FKN uncleavable and permanently membrane bound



Re & Przedborski, 2006, Nat. Neurosci. 9:859

Does Fractalkine Over Expression Modify Alzheimer Pathology



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 rAAV9 vector expressing a soluble form of fractalkine (aa 1-336) injected bilaterally into hippocampus of both Tg4510 tau depositing mice (3mo-6 mo) and APP+PS1 amyloid depositing mice.

Fractalkine reduced microglial activation detected by CD45 staining



Fractalkine expression reduces tau pathology



Fractalkine expression preserves neuronal staining (NeuN) in hippocampus



Fractalkine expression diminishes hippocampal atrophy and rescues dentate gyrus neuron loss (Nissl stain)



Hippocampal Atrophy

Stereology Counts

APP+PS1 mice were injected with Fractalkine at 6 mo and tissue collected at 10 mo of age. No change was found in any measure



Conclusions

- Overexpressing fractalkine in Tg4510 mice rescues the tau histological phenotype, as predicted from knockout studies.
- Continued memory deficits in Tg4510 likely are due to tauopathy in extrahippocampal regions.
- Overexpressing fractalkine in a rat model of synucleinopathy protects from nigral neuron loss.
- Only secreted fractalkine is effective. Native and mutant (membrane only) fractalkine exhibit no protection.

Conclusions

- Lipopolysaccharide induces changes in microglia which enhance degradation of amyloid deposits in APP mouse brain
- Similar injections in mice depositing tau leads to exacerbation of some pathology
- Similar observations of treatments with opposing effects on amyloid versus tau pathology have been observed regarding fractalkine receptor regulation of microglial activation (B. Lamb) and IL-1 regulation of neuroinflammation (K. O'Banion) and systemic LPS (F. LaFerla)
- Whats good for amyloid may be bad for tau with respect to regulation of microglial activation

Aging increases sensitivity to proinflammatory cytokines and decreases sensitivity to alternative activation cytokines

Inflammatory CKs; IL-1, TNF, IL-12 Intrahippocampal, 3d survival

Alternative CKs; IL-4, IL-13 Intrahippocampal, 3d survival



M1 Genes •CCL5 (Rantes), CXCL13 •MARCO, Calgranulin A •Calgranulin B, TIMP1



<u>M2 Genes</u> EAR11, Ch3I3 (YM1) Renla (Fizz1), Arginase 1 IGF-1, Erdr1

Emerging View of Alzheimer's Pathology

- Because of age, life events and/or genetics, amyloid deposits form within the brain over decades (before disease)
- Amyloid can affect memory, but alone does not destroy neurons or the connections between them, synapses. At some point, amyloid initiates the formation of tau filaments (tangles) within neurons
- Either the tau filaments or other changes they cause leads to loss of synapses, neuronal function and ultimately neuron death.



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