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Analysis of our immune response and its close cooperation with our gastrointestinal tract,

a multilayered integrated system, using microbial metabolites as messengers to regulate host defense and inflammation

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Our immunity is meant to protect us against all kind of threats

- We are constantly surrounded by millions of bacteria, viruses and other germs.
- Our immune system is our defense against disease -causing agents.







Immunity = different barriers

Skin & epithelial surfaces

Cavities such as mouth and nose but also our gastrointestinal tract are lined up with mucous membranes & covered with mucus

Fluids like gastric acid or saliva



The innate immunity = the part of your immune system you were born with

White blood cells travelling in your bloodstream Immediate reaction, no memory



The adaptive immunity = the immunity that you develop when you grow

B-and T-lymphocytes in lymph and lymphnodes



Delayed reaction, more sophisticated and specific, with a memory







Eosinophils & monocytes

Basophils

Natural Killer Cells

The complement system

Dendretic cells

Innate Immunity



Macrophage



Dendritic Cell



Basophil



Eosinophil







NK cell

Mast Cell



Complement protein



Macrophage Waste Waste Phagocytic Mac

Pathogens

Phagocytic **Macrophages**, by means of surface receptors, are able to recognize and bind parts of the bacterial surfaces

Bacteria bind to these receptors and trigger the macrophage to **engulf** the bacterium and induce the secretion of biologically active molecules

Once engulfed the microbes are killed by digestive enzymes, generated ROS, antimicrobial peptides = defensins and cathelicidins

Macrophages release chemokines that attract cells with chemokine receptors such as neutrophils and monocytes from the bloodstream

Macrophages release cytokines The release of chemokines and cytokines initiate the process of inflammation





Natural Killer Cells

Stimulation of NK Cells

NK Cells kill viruses and cancer cells

- NK cells have inhibitory and activating receptors
- NK Cells respond to triggers on the surface of target Cells
- NK Cells need to pro-inflammatory cytokines to get activated: IL-12, IL-15, IL-2, IL-18, Interferons





How do they attack? known as granzymes NK Cells respond rapidly

NK Cells release small granules containing enzymes,

- Secretion of immunoregulatory cytokines such as IFN-y
- Cytotoxic activity by releasing perforin and granzymes
- NK Cells secrete immunoregulatory cytokines like IFN- γ & TNF- α
- Cytotoxic activity by releasing perforin and granzymes
- Patient deficient in NK Cells are highly susceptible to viral infections



NK-cells affected by ROS lost the adherence to target cells in both in vitro and in vivo

ROS may change the surface of adhesion to target cells

Susceptibility of Natural Killer (NK) Cells to Reactive Oxygen Species (ROS) and Their Restoration by the Mimics of Superoxide Dismutase (SOD)

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Natural killer (NK) cells are susceptible to reactive oxygen species (ROS), and lose the activity by the effects of ROS. Cancer bearing hosts usually suffer from oxidative stress (OS), and the NK-activity decreases to a significantly lower level than normal controls. Superoxide dismutase (SOD)-mimicking substances, such as protein-bound polysaccharide of Coriolus versicolor (Fr) QUEL (PSK) and iron-chelating chlorin e6-Na (FeCNa), can restore the NK-activity of cancer bearing hosts, when collaborating with catalase. Incorporation of ³H-thymidine by ROS-treated NK-cells is not affected, indicating that these cells are still active in the nucleic acid metabolism. Intraperitoneal administration of anti-Asialo GM1 antibody extinguished the NK-activity. NK-cells affected by ROS lost the adherence to target cancer cells in both in vitro and in vivo. ROS may change the surface charge of NK-cells to anionic, resulting in an inability of adhesion to target cancer cells which usually show the negative surface charge.

ROS may change the surface of NK-cells, resulting in an inability



NEW RESEARCH ON LIPOSOMAL GLUTATHIONE

Clinical research presented at the 2015 ILADS medical conference demonstrated red blood cell absorption, increased natural killer cell function & reduced oxidative stress.

This study, conducted at Penn State University, measured the efficacy of Researched Nutritionals' Tri-Fortify™ liposomal glutathione. The product is formulated to promote healthy intracellular glutathione levels and natural killer cell function.

Healthy patients with glutathione levels at the low end of the normal range were included in the study. The patients were divided into two groups, one taking one serving (450mg) per day and the other taking two servings (900mg) per day. Both groups performed fairly close to one another so the results shown below are the combined impact, with a p-value of <0.05.

BACKGROUND

Glutathione is a tri-peptide, composed of the three amino acids: L-glutamic acid, L-cysteine and L-glycine. Healthy glutathione level plays a significant role in promoting normal:

- Detoxification
- Immune Response
- Antioxidant Action

Glutathione is required to maintain the normal function of the liver and to protect DNA, proteins & mitochondria against oxidative stress, while supporting NK cell function & lymphocyte (white blood cell) proliferation.

Researchers and clinicians view red blood cell absorption as essential for the body to achieve the benefits of exogenous glutathione supplementation.

RESEARCH RESULTS

After two weeks of daily oral liposomal glutathione supplementation:

- Red blood cell levels (erythrocytes) increased 28% over the baseline.
- Natural Killer Cell function increased by 400% over the baseline.
- Oxidative stress, (as measured by lipid peroxidation) decreased by 25%

GLUTATHIONE LEVELS



IMMUNE FUNCTION



OXIDATIVE STRESS MARKERS

Oxidized / Reduced GSH



Weeks of Tri-Fortify[™] Supplementation

Published study shows Liposomal Glutathione (Trifortify) is increasing Natural Killer Cell Activity by reducing oxidative stress

Sinha, Raghu, et al. "Oral supplementation with liposomal glutathione elevates body stores of glutathione and markers of immune function." European journal of clinical nutrition 72.1 (2018): 105-111.

Daily dose = 1 teaspoon/day







Dendritic Cells \rightarrow **APC**

APC migrate through the lymph to the regional lymph nodes where they will interact with the naïve lymphocytes

There is a delay of 4-7 days until the adaptive immunity gets organized During this period the innate immunity has a critical role in controlling infections

Dendritic cells initiate the adaptive immune system

The function of dendritic cells is not to primarily to destroy pathogens but to carry pathogens and to activate Lymphocytes







Antigen Presenting Cells with Pattern Recognition Receptors (PRR) recognize Pathogen Associated Molecular Patterns (PAMPs) on microbes

PRRs are often Toll-like receptors (TLR's)



TLR3 recognizes double stranded RNA (ds RNA) TLR 7 & TLR 8 recognize single stranded RNA (ss RNA) TLR9 recognizes DNA viruses







The innate immunity will now communicate with the adaptive immunity:

= Initially resting Th Cells recognize antigen-MHC-II complexes at the surface of APC

IL-2 is the second required signal for activation

IL-2 is required for virtually all immune responses, and is the prime trigger for T-cell proliferation





A variety of cytokines is secreted that will induce the adaptive immune system

The activated T helper Cells will now help and assist the other lymphocytes







Memory Cells are able to proliferate and differentiate into Th Cells or Cytotoxic T cells , Plasma Cells or B Cells within hours

Memory Cells have long life span, often for decades









Cell Mediated Immunity

The immune response we manifest in intracellular infections

The role of NK Cells is similar to CD8 Cytoxic Cells

- MHC1 is expressed by all nucleated cell
- MHC2 complexes are only expressed by APC often used as a marker for microglial activity
- MHC1 enables antigen presentation to CD8
- MHC2 enables antigen presentation to CD4





Antibody mediated immunity Th2

Mainly works against extracellular pathogens

B cells

NK

cells

- Plasma Cells secrete antibodies
- Antibodies neutralize the antigen
- Antibodies activate the Complement system or Phagocytic Cells

Memory B cells

Do not secrete antibodies but instead quickly proliferate and differentiate into more plasma cells and memory B cells if the antigen reappears in the future



Regulatory T Cells (T reg's)

Decide about tolerance = also called suppressor T cells

Regulatory T Cells prevent excessive immune response

- Auto-immunity
- Excessive inflammation





An autoimmune disease is a personalized combination of different immune dysfunction patterns







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Storm of cytokines is excessive inflammation that results if we are not able to dampen the inflammatory communication between innate and adaptive immune system

The communication that was meant to activate our T-lymphocytes Communication that should be dampened by our anti-inflammatory systems: T reg & IL-10

Inflammation is not a single thing that simply goes up and down but it is an orchestration of interconnected processes with a choreography that includes the chemistry of activation and resolution

The inflammation drives our immune response but sometimes we see a rapid escalation in which inflammation gets excessive what will finally cause damage







How do we improve T reg activity & self-tolerance?

- In autoimmunity
- In storm of cytokines



We improve tolerance if IL-10 goes up

- **Optimizing Vit D3** individual
- Butyrate coated: metabolite produced by fermentation through anaerobic colon bacteria Supplementation in coated form (Butyflam)

• Transfer Factors

Small proteins with RNA (nucleotide material) of colostrum

NK Cell Activity↑ + IL-10↑

Optimizing DHEA - individual

- Made by activated T-helper cells or pure amino acid extracts



Transfer factors are like a cross between interleukins and antibodies

Carrying messages from immune cell to immune cell like interleukins

= General strengthening of Th1 & NK Cells

= rebuilding balance Th1/Th2/Th17 & downregulate autoimmunity



Natural Killer Cell Activation* **Innate Immune System Activation**

*% improvement in Mean Fluorescent Intensity for CD 69 Receptor on Natural Killer Cells. (CD69 is highly correlated with NK cell activity)

Binding to antigens on infected cells like antibodies (= specific Transfer Factors)



Immune Modulation IL-10*

* % Improvement In Mean Fluorescent Intensity for IL-10 on Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cell Cultures (PBMC)



Further advise in storm of cytokines

Pretreatment to lower inflammation and oxidative stress

- **EGCG reduces NF-kB activation** TNF alpha & chemokines antiviral activity against human and animal viruses
- **Oral Liposomal Glutathione**

Depending on individual presentation

- post-viral fatigue
- Rebuild normal coagulation pathway

The evidence suggests that the pathology in severe viral infections is mediated by cytokine response not by viral load

NF-kB is the key regulator of genes coding for inflammatory mediators Pre-treatment with EGCG decreased secretion of IL-1 beta, IL-6,

Resveratrol reduces and prevents inflammatory disorders next to an

Published study shows Liposomal Glutathione levels oxidative stress and enhances Natural Killer Cell Activity with 400% after 2 weeks use

Phospholipid replacement therapy to restore mitochondria in



The gastro-intestinal barrier is a multi-lavered and in-

tegrated system, an essential part

of our immune system.




What are the primary functions of the gut barrier?

- Water & electrolyte balance
- Prevents influx of pathogens, toxicants and antigens from the lumen of the gut
- Regulates appropriate inflammatory and immune responses



- Analysis of the different layers of intestinal barrier: what are the primary components in each barrier?
- Show the mutual relation between microbiome and intestinal permeability
- Overview of the key regulating factors





Outer mucus

Microbial barrier commensal bacteria

Inner mucus (protected zone)

Chemical barrier mucus layer

Physical barrier the epithelium

Immunological barrier immune cells of the lamina propria

Muscle layers smoot muscle intestinal wall







barriers

immune molecules (s IgA, antimicrobial peptides) and inflammatory mediators (cytokines) in a mucus layer

3. External physical barrier

Epithelial cell lining /tight junctions

Underlying the epithelial lining, we have the lamina propria (contains the immune system of the gut), vascular endothelium

The intestinal barriers form a huge multi-factorial, layered and highly integrated system with high maintenance: 40% of our daily energy volume is used to maintain our gut

1. Commensal bacteria and their metabolites

2. Functional biochemical barrier









It's a two way street

- = Mutual regulation between microbes and barriers = The commensal bacteria facilitates optimal status of the barrier components & in turn...

The barrier components provide surveillance, protection and selection of the commensal bacteria + eliminates harmful pathogens

Microbial barrier commensal bacteria





Commensal bacteria?

Example

- Adult patient was given antibiotics for a bad cold
- After the cure she suffered from arthritic-like pain / inflammation in hand/fingers

Classic case of insufficiency dysbiosis

- No growth of Bifidobacterium spp.
- No growth of lactobacillus spp.
- Very poor growth of commensal Enterococcus spp.
- + Marginal growth of the commensal Clostridium spp.
- Loss of key commensals
- \rightarrow compromised intestinal barrier system \rightarrow Inflammation







Loss of butyrate =

Major issue = Decrease in Butyrate production

butyrate is a major intestinal messenger

- Microbial-host cross talk compromised
- Compromised permeability

+ We get colonization of imbalanced Flora





Mucus & Mucosal barriers -The Terrain



Inner mucus layer (protected zone)

Chemical barrier mucus layer





Entire system of microbial detection, recognition and eradication





Mucins are highly glycosylated proteins, polymers form a gel-like network

- Mucins are essential to maintain Gut Barrier function, mucins can be compared with biofilm
- Mucins are to the epithelial cells as the biofilm is to bacteria and yeast;
- Prevent direct bacterial binding to epithelial cells Mucins are regulated by commensal microbiota
- within the mucosa



MUC 2 Type

- Secretory mucins
- Being released from the Goblet cells



- Contain amino acids with high concentration
 - serine & threonine, and that is where the glycans bind to
 - form a water attracting network of glycoproteins

MUC 1 type

- The non-secretory mucins
- Forming a gel barrier that protects the delicate epithelial cells





How is butyrate formed?

- **1. From host prebiotic**
- to form butyrate



Mucin harvesting bacteria that release glycans = mucin derived glycans are fermented by other bacteria

What bacteria produce butyrate?

→ Clostridium spp. have a key regulatory role = major butyrate producers – initiating that cross talk

→ Fecalibacterium prausnitzii

• we have a decreased amount of Clostridium spp.in colorectal cancer and IBD versus controls

• the more fibers, vegetables and beans we eat, the more abundant Clostridium spp.are

• Vs. we also have 5 very pathogenic spp.like C difficile - THE MAJORITY OF CLOSTRIDIUM spp. ARE NOT BAD





What is the role of butyrate and SCFA's? Butyrate, acetate, propionate

Fuel to renew the intestinal epithelial cells (IEC) IEC need to be renewed every 3-5 days





Microbial-host cross talk: "the host listens to butyrate"

- =Butyrate impacts epigenetics
- = Butyrate modifies genetic material \rightarrow impact on gene expression and transcription

activity and expression

or be part of normal development.

sequence.

- Epigenetics most often involves changes that affect gene
- Such effects may result from external or environmental factors,
- Examples of mechanisms that produce such changes are DNA methylation and histone modification, each of which alters how genes are expressed without altering the underlying DNA



Immune modulation / anti inflammation on local level: Butyrate inhibits HDAC (histone deacetylase) – this modification is changing the gene expression









T reg & IL-10 = self tolerance

- \downarrow Risk for autoimmune response
- ↓ Risk for excessive inflammation





Differentiation of Goblet Cells and mucus formation More mucin is a better immune defense against invading pathogens





mensal bacteria

on local level



Butyrate modulates the immune response in macrophages what makes macrophages more tolerant towards com-

Butyrate affects neutrophil chemotaxis anti inflammation



slgA

TGF-beta produced by Treg cells drives naïve B cells to differentiate into IgA-producing cells.

IL-21 from Th17 cells accentuates the effect of TGFb and increases IgA+ B cell differentiation.





Fuel to renew epithelial cells

Impact on dendritic cells, more IL-10 & T regs

Goblet Cells release more mucins



Macrophages more tolerant towards commensal bacteria

Neutrophil <u>chemotaxis</u>

B cells synthesize more <u>s IgA's</u>





On systemic level = autoimmunity, **excessive inflammation &**

What is not taken up by enterocytes and endothelial cells will cross into systemic circulation and even the blood brain barrier





IL-10 favors the differentiation of naïve CD4 cells into T regs Tregs dampen excessive manifestation of immunity / autoimmunity

Mice deficient in IL-10 showed manifestations of local autoimmune conditions and systemic autoimmunity



Butyrate levels the release of inflammatory cytokines released by microglia = modulation of neuroinflammation







Butyrate needs coating for overall activity on different levels

- To obtain both local and systemic effect
- To avoid a premature release and absorption of butyrate
- To ensure complete release of the active ingredient at a time comparable to the oro-ilear transit time



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B Cells release s IgA's

Killing of bacteria that penetrate epithelium

Physical barrier the epithelium

Immunological barrier

immune cells of the lamina propria









S IgA = the brick in the mucus barrier What is the role of s lgA's?

- Immune exclusion of microbes and toxins
- Neutralizes LPS
- Activates eosinophils to attack parasites
- Constant surveillance
- transmitted from mother to child through breastmilk • Levels of fecal s IgA are low in Chronic Candidiasis



interventions for low s IgA

- glutamine targeted release
- Butyrate
- Probiotics

Soil based probiotics (resistant to stomach acid, resistant to antibiotics, not milk derived, high colonization grade), Lactobacillus rhamnosus, Bifidobacterium lactis, Saccharomyces boulardii

- Omega 3
- Vitamin D3

Stress is decreasing slgA



When we talk about leaky gut, we are down to the physical barrier, the tight junctions...

The epithelial barrier is a critical border preventing luminal material from entering the tissues.

Essential components of this barrier are the tight junctions, the seals between the epithelial cells.

Tight junctions

- Restrict most microbes from penetrating
- Open to allow a robust response of the underlying immunity

A sustained opening of the tight junctions occurs in chronic disease:

autoimmunity, Celiac disease, cancer, Crohn's, MS, metabolic syndrome







• Tight junctions are composed of a branching network of sealing strands

Each strand is formed from a row of transmembrane proteins embedded in both plasma membranes

Occludin and Adhesin are the main membrane proteins

Tight junctions regulate paracellular influx



Normal



Injured

 \checkmark

Homeostatis





• **Zonulin is the only physiological reversible** mediator controlling the activity of the tight junctions

- Zonuline release is a diagnostical lab marker for leaky gut
- Gluten/Gliadin is increasing zonulin release



Gliadin-induced Zonulin Release





LPS

= The major part of the outer cell membrane of Gram-negative gut bacteria

Gram-negative Cell Wall

are antigens for typing, e.g., *E. coli* O157:H7



Lipid A of LPS acts as endotoxin; O polysaccharides

- Gram neg. bacteria are less sensitive to medications because outer membrane acts as additional barrier.






DPP4? meal setting."" Scientific reports 7.1 (2017): 13100.

Gluten is a protein with a high content of proline residues (15%) Normal enzymes in our GI tract can't break down proline rich sides

This study shows the immunogenicity of Gluten was reduced using **DPPIV** enzymes

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Increased Zonulin (increased permeability)

Other triggers than Gliadin

- IL-6
- Corticosteroids
- Stress
- Dietary protein fragments
- Fructose
- Microbes and toxins

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Corelation between increased intestinal permeability & autoimmunity

- individuals to autoimmunity: hyperpermeability
- a synthetic peptide

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• Persistent activation of zonulin pathway predisposes

onset of diabetes type 1 was preceded by intestinal

Blocking of zonulin binding to enterocytes with

Decreased the incidence of diabetes type 1

Ameliorates symptoms in autoimmune pathology



Support for expression of tight junctions

- probiotics
- Glutamine
- Green Tea, Resveratrol, Curcumin
- Vit D3

Gamma-Lineolic Acid (GLA)

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Prebiotics for buryrate production or butyrate (coated)





Global intestinal is a multilevel support

Optimize gastric acid level

- Prevents pathogenic overgrowth
- First line defense
- Essential for activation of the pancreas to secrete digestive enzyme
- polypeptides \rightarrow amino acids (\downarrow auto-immune reactivity)

Enzyme complex to optimize digestion

(including gluten modifying enzymes)

Targeted released Glutamine & cofactors Heal the mucosal lining and tight juction optimazing (pH 6-7)

- ↓inflammation
- Improve the synthesis of s IgA by the intestinal lymphocytes

Butyrate coated

- Immune tolerance intestinal & systemic
- slgA barrier
- Mucus barrier





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