#### Ralph Steinman and the Discovery of Dendritic Cells Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011



Dendritic cell in human dermis (collagen fibers) Patti Stoitzner, Kristian Pfaller, Nikolaus Romani -- Innsbruck

#### 1908 Nobel Prize "in recognition of their work on immunity"



Paul Ehrlich Adaptive Immunity Ilya Ilyich Metchnikov Innate Immunity



Ralph's (\*) first day of physical diagnosis, Harvard Medical School 1964

#### 1960 Nobel Prize "for the discovery of acquired immunological tolerance"



Macfarlane Burnet Clonal Selection



Peter Medawar Immune Tolerance

### **Properties of Immune Responses**

1. Specificity

# 2. Diversity

3. Memory



V(D)J Recombination

**Clonal Expansion** 

Burnet, Lederberg, Talmage

#### Ralph Steinman's mentors at Rockefeller University



Zanvil Cohn

René Dubos

James Hirsch

#### Mouse Spleen Cell Mishell-Dutton Cultures: the Need for Accessory Cells



Mishell, R.I. and Dutton, R.W., J. Exp. Med. 126: 423 (1967)



#### Zanvil A. Cohn and Ralph M. Steinman

# Reports Concluding that Macrophages Retain Intact Antigen on Their Cell Surfaces

Nossal, G. J. V., Abbot, A., Mitchell, J. and Lummus, Z., Antigen in immunity. XV. Ultrastructural features of antigen capture in primary and secondary lymphoid follicles. J. Exp. Med. 1968. 127: 277-296.

Unanue, E. R. and Cerottini, J.-C., The immunogenicity of antigen bound to the plasma membrane of macrophages. J. Exp. Med. 1970. 131: 711-726.

#### Antigen Degradation by Peritoneal Macrophages

1. Ehrenreich B.A., and Cohn, Z.A. The uptake and digestion of iodinated serum albumin by macrophages in vitro. JEM (1967)

2. Steinman R.M., and Cohn, Z.A. The interaction of soluble horseradish peroxidase with mouse peritoneal macrophages in vitro. JCB (1972)

3. Steinman R.M., and Cohn, Z.A. The interaction of particulate horseradish peroxidase immune complexes with mouse peritoneal macrophages in vitro. JCB (1972)

1974 Nobel Prize "for their discoveries concerning the structural and functional organization of the cell"



George Palade Microscopy and Fixation Methods



Christian De Duve Gradients for DC Purification

#### **Dendritic Cell ("dendreon," tree)**



Steinman, R.M., and Cohn, Z.A. Identification of a novel cell type in peripheral lymphoid organs of mice. <u>J. Exp. Med.</u> <u>137</u>:1142-1162 (1973)

#### **Dendritic Cell Purification**



**Overnight Culture** 



Steinman, R.M., and Cohn, Z.A. JEM (1974)

#### **Mixed Leukocyte Reaction**





Steinman and Witmer, PNAS 75: 5132-5136 (1978)

"This report was initially received with some skepticism, based on the widely held view that the major antigen presenting cells were the far more numerous macrophages and on the uncertainty that many immunologists had about the assay that Steinman and Cohn used to establish the function of their dendritic cells. "

William Paul Cell 2011

#### **Antigen Presentation**

1980



Michel Bodma Maggi Ralph Nussenzweig Gutchinov Pack Steinman DENDRITIC CELLS ARE ACCESSORY CELLS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ANTI-TRINITROPHENYL CYTOTOXIC T LYMPHOCYTES\*

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"DC are the critical accessory cells, whereas macrophages regardless of source or expression of Ia (MHC II) are without significant activity."



#### Scanning EM of DC-T Cell Cluster, Courtesy of Gilla Kaplan

#### DC localization with Monoclonal Antibodies



Nussenzweig M.C., Steinman, R.M., Witmer, M., Gutchinov, B. <u>PNAS</u> (1982) Steinman R.M, Gutchinov B., Wittmer, M. and Nussenzweig <u>JEM</u> (1983)

# **Collaborators on Initial Experiments on Antigen Presentation and Human DCs**



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#### **Dendritic Cells Are Potent Accessory Cells to Induce Antibody Forming Cells in Spleen B & T cell Cultures**



Inaba et al, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. 1983



Inaba and Steinman, <u>J. Exp. Med. 160</u>: 1717-1735 (1984) Inaba and Steinman, <u>Science 229</u>: 475-479 (1985)

### Dendritic Cells (DCs) Are "Nature's Adjuvants"



Inaba et al, J.Exp.Med. 1990 and 1993

An Approach to Initiating Immunity to Cancer\*: Dendritic Cells Loaded with Tumor Antigens *ex vivo* 



**RMS** 



V(D)J Recombination

**Clonal Expansion** 

Burnet, Lederberg, Talmage

#### Initiating Immunity and Tolerance In Vivo



#### **Dendritic Cells in Skin**



#### Courtesy of Juli Idoyaga, Cheolho Cheong, Chae Gyu Park

#### **Dendritic Cells in Airway Epithelium (P. Holt)**



#### Initiating Immunity and Tolerance *In Vivo*: the Location of Antigen Capturing Dendritic Cells





Courtesy of Gabriel Victora



Courtesy of Gabriel Victora



Courtesy of Gabriel Victora

#### Dendritic Cells are Positioned in the T Cell Areas to Initiate Immunity



#### **Maturation Allows Dendritic Cells to Initiate Immunity**



#### Nikolaus Romani

**Gerold Schuler** 

#### **Dendritic Cell as Sensors**

IMMATURE DC (Steady state)

Lysosome MHC II

MATURE DC (Infection)



Toll receptor ligands cytokines, e.g, IFN's, TSLP CD40 ligation, e.g., mast cells, platelets innate lymphocytes, e.g., NK, NKT HMGB1, FcγR

Antigen capture

receptors for antigen uptake and maturation stimuli **Costimulation**, immunity

cytokines, chemokines; CD40; B7's, TNF's, Notch costimulators

#### Redistribution of MHC II From Lysosomes to the Cell Surface During Maturation of Langerhans Cells



LC in the skin

MHC Class II / LGP

Explanted LC (24h)

Ira Mellman

# Initiating Antigen-Specific Immune Responses In Vivo



# Delivery of Defined Antigens to Dendritic Cells In Situ In Association With $\alpha$ -DEC Monoclonal Antibody





Jiang WP, Swiggard, W Steinman RM, and Nussenzweig MC <u>Nature</u> 1995 Hawiger D, Steinman RM, and Nussenzweig MC, <u>J. Exp. Med.</u> (2001)

# DC activation by TLR or CD40 ligation or other activators and induces prolonged T cell effector responses



Bonifaz et al, J. Exp. Med. (2004)

# Antigens presented by DCs in the steady state induce tolerance by several mechanisms



Hawiger et al, JEM 2001 Hawiger et al, Immunity 2003 Kretchmer et al Nat Imunol 2005 **During the Steady State, Dendritic Cells Induce Tolerance** 



Hawiger, Steinman, and Nussenzweig <u>JEM</u> 2001 Nussenzweig and Steinman <u>PNAS</u> 2002 During the Steady State, Dendritic Cells Induce Tolerance, So That During Infection, Dendritic Cell Maturation Does Not Lead to Autoimmunity and Chronic Inflammation



Hawiger, Steinman, and Nussenzweig <u>JEM</u> 2001 Nussenzweig and Steinman <u>PNAS</u> 2002

#### **Clonal Selection**



Burnet, Lederberg, Talmage

#### **Dendritic Cell Development Pathway**



Liu and Nussenzweig, Science 2009

**RMS** 

#### Vaccines, A Medical Success Story



Portrait of Louis Pasteur studying rabies in his laboratory painted in 1887 by Edelfelt.

Since L. Pasteur, vaccine science has depended upon microbiology, to identify microbes and attenuate them to produce vaccines.

- Rabies (Pasteur)
- Yellow fever (Theiler)
- Polio (Enders, Weller, Robbins)

#### Dendritic Cells Initiate Immunity and Control its Quality

#### Can Dendritic Cells Be Harnessed to Discover Vaccines?

#### Improving Protein Vaccines By Harnessing Several Features of Dendritic Cells

- Receptors for antigen uptake/processing (including cross presentation) on DCs
- Pattern recognition receptors for DC maturation
- Pathways of DC development including DC subsets

New Protein Vaccines Based on Defined Antigens, Adjuvants and Dendritic Cells

antibody that targets an uptake receptor on dendritic cells



<u>and</u> "adjuvants" or agonists for innate signaling receptors to teach the dendritic cell the type of challenge it must prevent, e.g., synthetic dsRNA for viral vaccines

Protective antigens for AIDS, cancer, autoimmunity (e.g., multiple sclerosis)

#### New Vaccines Based on Defined Antigens and Adjuvants to Elicit Appropriate T Cell Resistance and Silencing





MYCOBACTERIUM TUBERCULOSIS

Esat-6 (in PPD skin test) Antigens 85A,B

ALLERGY

Pollens, e.g., Bet v1 Mites, e.g., Der p1 Cow's milk



HIV-1

pol gag nef

env

**TYPE I DIABETES** 





#### **Proof of Concept Studies in Human Subjects**

#### **Dendritic Cells**



Steinman, R.M., and Cohn, Z.A. J. Exp. Med. (1973)

#### **Dendritic Cells: Some Biological Features**



#### **CONGRATULATIONS RALPH!**

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