Genetic in Severe Drug Allergy Reactions



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Severe Drug Hypersensitivity Reaction

DRESS Drug Rash with Eosinophilia and Systemic Symptoms

- Other Names: DHS, DIHS
- Fever

- Massive eosinophilia (> 1,5G/Lt), lymphoadenopathy) Internal organ: liver, kidney, lungs Late onset of the symptoms (> 2-10 Weeks treatment)





Severe Drug Hypersensitivity Reaction

SJS / TEN

- Stevens Johnson Syndrome (SJS, 10 % Body surface)
- Toxic Epidermo Necrolysis (TEN, > 30 % Body surface)
- Caused by drug hypersensitivity >95%
- Mortality: 10-35%
- Massive keratinocyte apoptosis
- Epidermal detachment / Formation of bullea
- Involvement of mucosae

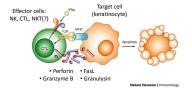






Pathogenesis Present Concept

- Immune mediated
 - Adaptive immunity
 - Activation and clonal expansion of T cells
 - MHC-restricted drug presentation → HLA Class I association
 - Initiation by cytotoxic T lymphocytes (CTL)
- Immune mediated Cytotoxicity:



Genome wide association studies

- Rapid scanning of markers across the genome of many people to find <u>genetic variations</u> associated with a particular disease.
- · Patients cohorts
 - Patients with SJS/TEN or DRESS due to a define drug
 - Patients tolerating the drug
 - Healthy individuals (not exposed to the drug)

Genetic association with DHR

Carbamazepin	-HLA-B*1502 in Han-chinese 100 % association (SJS) 3% positive predictive value -HLA-A*3101 in Japanese population 60.7% association (SJS) OR 10.8 -HLA-A*3101 in european population OR 12.4 (DRESS) 8.6 (MPE),	Chung et al., Nature 2004 Ozeki et al., Hum Mol Genet 2011 Mc Cormack et al. NEJM 2011
Allopurinol	25.9 (SIS) -HLA-B*5801 in Han-chinese 100% association (SIS & TEN) -HLA-B*5801 in Caucasian 55% association (SIS) OR 80 Undefined association for allopurinol-induced DRESS	Hung et al., PNAS 2005 Lonjou et al. Phamacogen. 2008

Genetic association with DHR₍₂₎

Abacavir NH2 NH2 NHN NHN NHN NHN NHN NH	-HLA-B*5701 100% association of confirmed cases 55% positive predictive value Symptoms similar to DRESS Personalized medicine (typing required)	Mallal et al. NEJM 2002
Flucioxacillin	-HLA-B*5701 Drug induced liver disease (DILI) 84.3% association in a DILI- cohort OR 80 Prevalence: 1 in 500-1000 HLA-B*5701+	Daly et al. Nature Gen 2009

Genetic associations and functional involvement

Absolute 100% asociation:

HLA-B*1502: 100% (Han Chinese) Carbamazepine

HLA-A-*3101: >60% (Caucasian)

HLA-B*5801 100% (Han Chinese)

Allopurinol HLA-B*5801 >50% (Caucasian)

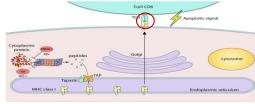
Abacavir: HLA-B*5701 **100%**

Seeing these extremely high proportions of identified HLA allele in cohorts, HLA molecules must be functionnally involved in the pathogenesis of drug hypersensitivity desorders!

What are HLA molecules?

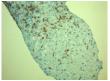
Membrane surface proteins presenting peptide antigens to T cells:

- MHC class I, HLA-A, B and C \rightarrow CD8+ T cells
- MHC class II, HLA-DP,-DQ, DR → CD4+ T cells



Involvement of T cells in severe hypersensitivity reaction

- HLA asociations prefernatially with HLA class I
- CD8 activation
- · Cytotoxic mechanism (Granzyme B, Granulysin)
- Severe reactions (SJS, hepatitis)





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Top view of the HLA-molecule

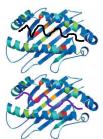
Empty HLA molecule



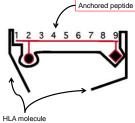
Extremely polymorphic

≥1500 alleles identified

Peptide containing HLA molecules



Side view of the HLA-molecule



Anchored peptide : multitudes of possible peptides

Positions 2 and 9 are called "anchor residues" because they fix the presented peptide by tight interaction with the HLA molecule

Possible mechanisms involving HLA association



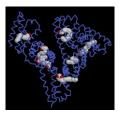


Hapten theory

Interaction within the Peptide binding groove

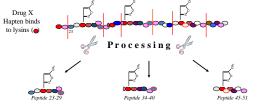
Hapten mechanism





Covalent binding of the drug on proteins

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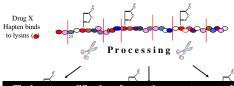


Binding of modified peptides to certain/fitting HLA-alleles

HLA- B*5701



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The hapten-modification of a protein generates many different peptides, which bind to various "fitting" HLA-alleles;

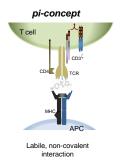
Thus, hapten induced T cell reactions are **not** HLA-restricted

HLA- A*0201

HLA- B*5701

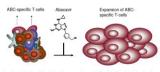


pi-concept: Pharmacological Interaction with Immune Receptors





The Abacavir model

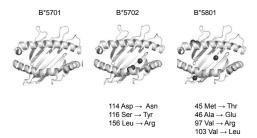


Freshly isolated peripheral blood mononuclear cells from HLA-B*5701* healthy dono were stimulated for 13 days with ABC or with culture medium alone (negative control

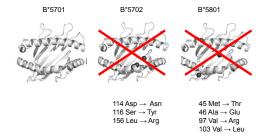


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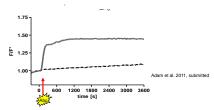


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Immediate activation of specific CD8+ T cells by Abacavir

Intracellular Calcium influx measurement



→ 200 seconds are to short to allow processing of Abacavir modified peptide

Carbamazepin model: Absence of modified peptides

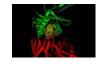
HLA-B*1502 eluted peptide did NOT carry the drug (CBZ). Yang CW, JACI, 2007

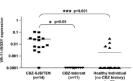


Why Carbamazepine induces SJS/DRESS in less than 5% of HLA-B*1502+ individuals?

HLA-B*1502

- 100% association in the cohort
- But <5% of HLA-B*1502 will develop SJS to CBZ
- Specific Clonotype in the population Ko et al, JACI, 2011





Summary

- GWAS identified HLA-allele association with severe drug hypersensitivity
 - Carbamazepin: HLA-B*1502/A*3101
 - Allopurinol: HLA-B*5801
 - Abacavir, Flucloxacillin HLA-B*5701
- Genetic associations were discovered with very high proportions (100%!) in DHR cohorts.
- Abacavir and HLA-B*5701 typing: first example of successful personalized medicine

Summary (2)

- HLA molecules are crucial protein involved in peptide antigen presentation
- Drug can interact with HLA at very precise locations and produces / modifies antigenic determinants
- Phenotype of main in-vitro generated drug reacting T cells is inflammatory (IFNy production) and cytotoxic.

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