Taormina Sicily, site of Toll 2004



Creation of a Toll chimera to regulate activation



Toll chimeras signal constitutively



Medzhitov et al 1997 Nature 388:394-7

Toll chimeras activate NFkB



Gram positive and Gram negative bacteria

Gram positive

Gram negative



Lipopolysaccharide (LPS) structure



O Antigen



Does Tlr2 really bind to LPS?





Mapping of the LPS mutation identified Tlr4 as a player in LPS signaling

LPS resistant LPS sensitive



In the mouse Tlr4 mutations cause a dominant loss of response to LPS



transcript not expressed in C57BL/10ScCr mice either Poltorak et al. 1998 Science 282: 2085-88

Transfer of LPS



LOS is processed from aggregates and passed to MD2 via CD14

Table 1. Ability of various forms of ¹⁴C-LOS with or without proteins to form LOS:MD-2 and activate HEK/TLR4

| Materials | LOS:MD-2 | Activation |
|--|----------|------------|
| LOS _{agg} + LBP | | |
| LOS _{agg} + LBP, MD-2 | | |
| LOS _{agg} , LBP, sCD14 | | |
| LOS _{agg} , LBP, sCD14, MD-2 | +++ | + + + |
| LOS:sCD14 | | |
| LOS:sCD14 + MD-2 | +++ | + + + |
| LOS:sCD14 + conditioned culture media (no MD-2) | | |

Gioannini et al. 2004 PNAS101: 4186-4191

Crystal structure of Der P 2



Derewenda et al. 2002 JMB 318:189-197

Tolls are activated by a range of elicitors



Activated Tlr5 induces NFkB



Hayashi et al. 2001 Nature 410: 1099-1103

Purification of the PAMP signaling through TLR5



Hayashi et al. 2001 Nature 410: 1099-1103

Testing the role of flagellin in Tlr5 induction

Induce non-flagellated E.coli to express Listeria flagellin



Flagellin signaling



A common allele of TIr5 encodes a stop codon



Wild type Tlr5



TIr5^{392STOP}

Hawn et al 2003 J. Exp. Med. 198: 1563-1572

Tlr2 mutations predispose a patient towards lepromatous rather than tubercular leprosy Arg677 -Trp mutation



The location of the Tlr affects its function



Nat Immunol. 2006 Jan;7(1):49-56

A role for Tlr9 in Lupus



Drugs and adjuvants based on toll signaling

| Company | Product | Use | Mechanism |
|---------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 3M | imiquimod | genital warts | Tlr7 agonist |
| Coley | synthetic CpG | lymphoma | Tlr9 agonist |
| | oligo | | |
| Dynavax | 1018 SS | Hep B vaccine | Tlr9 agonist |
| Idera | IMOxine | carcinoma | Tlr9 agonist |
| Eisai | E5564 | Sepsis | Tlr4 antagonist |
| Anadys | isatoribine | Chronic HepC | Tlr7 agonist |
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Nature Biotechnology

Published online: 6 March 2006; | doi:10.1038/nbt0306-230

A natural ligand of Tlr7/8 is ssRNA



Heil et al. 2004 Science 303: 1526-1529

Imiquimod - sold as Aldara



Tlr 7/8 agonist with potent antiviral activity

Treatment of basal cell carcinoma with imiquimod







Before

During

After

Corixa has studied a Tlr4 antagonist



Fort et al. The Journal of Immunology, 2005, 174: 6416-6423.







Bacteria produce proteins that interfere with host cell signals

Microbes have evolved methods of inhibiting Toll signaling



Pseudomonas strain PA14 kills better than strain D12

Toll signaling is induced to a lesser degree with PA14 than D12



Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A. 2005 Feb 15;102(7):2573-8

Blocking Toll signaling by viruses and bacteria



Hepatitis C virus interferes with Toll Signaling



Protease insensitive Trif maintains the Tlr3 response to poly IC

PNAS | February 22, 2005 | vol. 102 | no. 8 | 2992-2997

Clearly, activation of dendritic cells is important at a whole cell level



Different types of phagocytosis follow Toll activation.



Nature. 2006 Apr 6;440(7085):808-12

Complement can be activated through three pathways



From Immunobiology by Janeway et al.



Activation of complement proteases



Paul, Vth edition

Proteolytic removal of pre-peptide leads to protease activation

The thioester bond forms an unstable intermediate



Gadjeva et al. 1998 J. Immunology165: 985-990

Convertase is deactivated by factors H and I



C3 cleavage produces several active peptides



Inhibition of a thioester protein, aTEP-1, in mosquito cells blocks phagocytosis



Levashina et al. 2001 Cell 104: 709-718