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Hemolysis and Immune Activation

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Hemolysis in Sickle Cell Disease (SCD)



• Hemolysis activates the underlying endothelium: increased expression of endothelial adhesion molecules and apoptotic markers

• Attachment of sickle RBCs and other blood components to the vessel wall; in vivo heme injection induces vascular stasis and acute chest syndrome

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Heme scavenging/removal system

(hemopexin and haptoglobin) is overwhelmed

Patrolling Monocytes



- Phagocytose cellular debris derived from damaged endothelial cells
- Control endothelial damage in atherosclerosis models and clear vascular amyloid beta in Alzheimer's disease
- SCD express high levels of HO-1 in patrolling monocytes: control T cell anti-inflammatory profile in SCD under hemolytic conditions
 (Zhong... Yazdanbakhsh, (2014) JI 193(1):102-10)

Cell free

heme



Hypothesis: HO-1 expressing patrolling monocytes clear heme damaged endothelial cells and sickle RBC attached to ECs in SCD, dampening inflammation

Carlin et al. (2013) <u>Cell</u> 153(2): 362-375. Quintar et al. (2017) <u>Circ Res</u> 120(11):1789-1799.

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Non-alloimmunize

Tregs

HO-1 expressing Patrolling Monocyte Characterization





Expanded subpopulation of circulating patrolling monocytes expressing high levels of HO-1 in SCD

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Mechanism of HO-1^{hi} Upregulation in Patrolling Monocytes





Phagocytosed RBCs in Circulating SCD PMos

20





R8

Internalizaion Index

-2 0 2

-4

91 %

6



RBC engulfed material is present in the circulating PMos of patients with SCD which is further increased during crisis, and may lead to reduced PMo numbers.

Mechanism of Sickle RBCs Uptake by PMo



PMo Uptake Sickle RBCs In Vivo



PMo Uptake EC-attached Sickle RBCs In Vivo



Scale = 10 µm

Blue: CD31/CD144, Red: Dil, Green: GFP

In Vivo Effects of Sickle RBCs and Hemin in Nr4a1-/- mice



Lack of patrolling monocytes drives heme-mediated endothelial activation and SCD RBC stasis

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In Vivo Effects of Sickle RBCs and Hemin in Nr4a1-/- mice



Patrolling monocyte protect against heme-driven endothelial activation and can inhibit hemolysis-driven SCD RBC stasis

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With Patrolling monocyte

Without Patrolling monocyte





Protection from plasma cell-free hemoglobin and heme in sickle cell disease





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In Vivo Vascular Effects of Hemin in Nr4a1^{-/-} Mice



Immunofluorescence (vascular activation: *ICAM-1 expression on CD31/CD144+ endothelium*)

ICAM-1





Manipulation of PMo Numbers Affects Sickle RBC Stasis In Vivo



Scale = 100 µm Red: F4/80, Green: CD31/CD144

protects against tissue/organ damage

Lessard, et al. *Cell Rep.* 2017;20:1830. Biburger et al. *Immunity*. 2011;35:932

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100 µm