

# Plasmacytoid dendritic cells in lymphoid organs: comparative studies at the interface between innate and adaptive immunity against HIV



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**Vaccine vectors are not armed equally to induce immunogenicity :**

**Optimizing the interactions of HIV-1 Gag vaccine vectors with human DC**

1. **Different vectors used in clinical assays, low *in vivo* immunogenicity and disappointing results of STEP trial**
2. **Murine viral infection models: Innate immune responses following infection influence the following adaptive immune responses and the prognosis of infection: type I IFN, IL-12, IL10... *Dalod Biron J Exp Med 03***
3. **DC required for naive T cell stimulation**
4. **Each vaccine vector has different effects on DC: correlation with antigenicity and immunogenicity?**

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All 4 vectors induced Gag expression and were antigenic (induce HIV-specific CD8+ T cell responses)

Only BCG induced complete maturation of MDDC, high production of IL-12p70, and CCR7 expression necessary for naive T cell activation

TLR agonists can be combined to the vectors to restore IL-12p70 production and CCR7 expression

#### **Perspective**

Identify TLR agonists that can be used clinically for each DC population

In vivo tests in macaques

*Hoeffel et al., in preparation*

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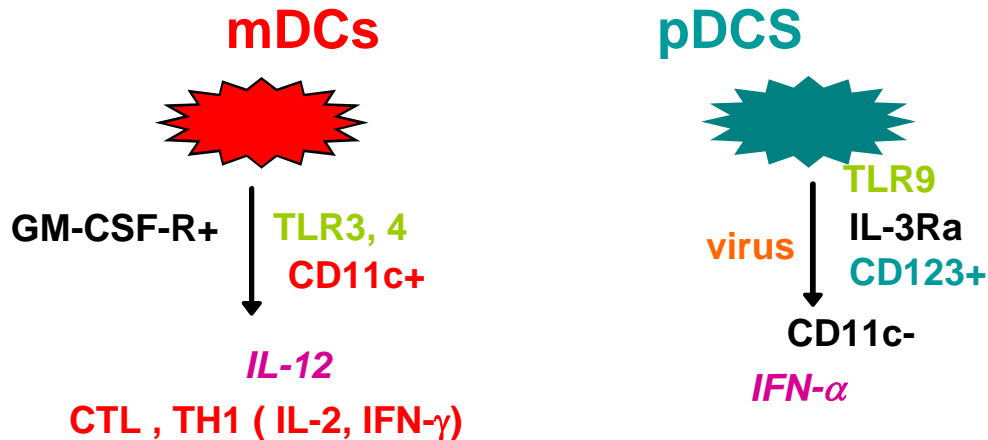
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**Pathogenesis of HIV infection *in vivo* :  
Reduced circulating DC counts,  
Reduced type I IFN and IL-12 production**



Reduced numbers of mDC and pDC  
Correlation between high pDC numbers,  
normal *in vitro* type IFN production  
**and** viral load control,  
absence of immunodeficiency (Kaposi, AIDS)

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**Chronic** Grassi AIDS 1999

**Primary** Pacanowski Blood 2001

**Prediction?**

Pacanowski J Inf Dis 2004 Lichtner 2008

**Low IFN** Kamga J Inf Dis 2005

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**OTHER TEAM S: Chronic**

Jones, Donaghy, Stebbing, Imami, Gotch,  
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Rinaldo, Wilson

Anthony

Prieto

Feldman, Siegal, Fitzgerald-Bocarsly

**Primary** Levy

## Dendritic cell number defect during HIV infection: Origin?

Central

- Proliferation
- Differentiation
- Maturation

Peripheral

- Destruction, apoptosis?
- Growth factor deficiency?
- Homing to lymphoid organs?

*Zou 1997*

*Foussat 2001*

*Loré 2001*

*Zimmer 2002*

*Choi 2003*

## Do DC home to secondary lymphoid organs during HIV and SIV infections ?

- Apparent homing of pDC, not cDC, into some spleens from HIV+ patients with late, severe disease, correlates with local proviral load
  - Homing of pDC, not cDC, into the lymph nodes of cynomolgus macaques throughout pathogenic SIV infection, including early and chronic stages, starting at the peak of viral load
  - Discrete homing of pDC, not cDC, into the lymph nodes of african green monkeys during acute SIV agm infection, at the time of viral load and around day 26, followed by a drop in circulating DC counts, then by circulating DC rebound and normalization
- Therefore the depletion of circulating pDC may be at least partly related to homing into the lymphoid organs, whereas the depletion of circulating cDC seems to be related to different mechanisms
- And depletion of circulating pDC may be related to pathogenesis, as also suggested by correlation studies during HIV infection

*M. Nascimbeni, L. Perié ... Hosmalin in revision  
Malleret, Vaslin, Le Grand et al Blood 2008  
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## What is the role of type I IFN production during HIV and SIV infections ?

- In the two models of SIV infection, a strong viral load peak appears at day 10 post-infection (later if lower dose in cynomolgus); this peak is rarely seen in patients
  - Concomitantly, a strong type I IFN peak appears in the plasma, then disappears
  - The capacity to secrete type I IFN in vitro after HSV or CpG stimulation is strongly impaired during primary infection in cynomolgus macaques, as during primary HIV infection; conversely, this capacity, which was low before infection, is enhanced in african green monkeys.
- Therefore early production of type I IFN may be important against pathogenicity of HIV/SIV infection

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# Role of dendritic cells during primary infection by VIH et SIV

