Mathematical modelling of skin sensitization: Practicalities of the modelling process

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Skin Sensitization



Allergic Contact Dermatitis:

- occurs due to the presence of allergen-specific T cells in the circulation (sensitisation)
- allergen re-exposure induces recruitment of allergen-specific T cells into the skin where they mediate an inflammatory response (elicitation)
- To assure consumer safety, animal data (e.g. mouse local lymph node assay) is currently used in risk assessment of skin sensitisation





EU Cosmetics Directive

7th Amendment – March 2003

If the cosmetic product is to be marketed in the EU:

- alternative, non-animal tests must be used once validated
- animal testing and marketing bans on finished products
- animal testing and marketing bans on ingredients:
 - from March 2009: tests for acute (local) effects
 - from March 2013: more complex tests (including LLNA)
- threat to innovation and a major business risk
- challenge: market safe products without animal testing
- opportunity: apply new technologies in risk assessment



Project Objectives

- Use data in the published literature to construct a computerbased mathematical model of the induction of skin sensitization
- Use this model to interrogate the biology and determine the biological pathways having the greatest influence on the endpoint (T-cell proliferation)
- Use this information to build a strategy for obtaining *in vitro* assays that are predictive of the induction of skin sensitization









Approach Overview

Stage I: Qualitative platform design

- Documentation of pathways
- Knowledge gaps
- Stage II: Quantitative platform development
 - Calibration experiments
 - Virtual patients
- Stage III: Platform validation & exploration
 - Validation experiments
 - Sensitivity analysis
 - Assay recommendations
 - Areas for additional platform development identified





Skin Sensitization Induction PhysioLab Platform (SSIPP)



Model development – stage I

Qualitative Modelling

• 496 papers used in mapping biological processes

Types of information required

- Released cell mediators
- Regulated surface markers
- Regulators of T-cell proliferation
- Identify knowledge gaps









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Competing Hypothesis: programmed vs. progressive T-cell expansion

Two competing theories of T-cell expansion

- Programmed hypothesis
 - Single APC encounter triggers T-cell division (Foulds 2002)
 - Quality of encounter determines the time spent in cell division
- Progressive hypothesis
 - Repeated stimulation required to maintain cell division (Gett 2003, Lanzavecchia 2002)
 - Number of available APCs and the quality of the stimulation determines the time spent in cell division

Approach

• Implement and evaluate both mechanisms









J Immunol. 2002 Feb 15;168(4):1528-32.

Cutting edge: CD4 and CD8 T cells are intrinsically different in their proliferative responses.

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Foulds KE, Zenewicz LA, Shedlock DJ, Jiang J, Troy AE, Shen H

Department of Microbiology, School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA 19104, USA

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- Animals
- CD4-Positive T-Lymphocytes/*immunology
- CD8-Positive T-Lymphocytes/*immunology
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- Comparative Study
- Flow Cytometry
- Kinetics
- Listeria Infections/*immunology
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Model development – stage II

Quantitative Modelling

- The <u>dynamic</u> interactions of the biological system were represented using mathematical equations (ordinary differential equations)
- Model Calibration: published results from 35 key experiments were replicated by the model including:
 - Epidermal cytokine production
 - Langerhans cell and T cell surface marker expression
 - Langerhans cell migration
 - Lymph node cytokine production









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Calibration process ensures proper subsystem behavior



Implemented > 35 in vitro, in vivo, ex vivo experiments from 31 references





Model development – stage II

- Reference Patient (RP)
 - The <u>calibration</u> of the model thought to be most like the underlying biology
- Identification of knowledge gaps in Stage I leads to the formulation of alternative hypotheses

Virtual Patients (VPs)

- Alternative biological hypotheses to the RP represented by a number of distinct Virtual Patients (VPs)
- The model can be interrogated for each VP
- Conclusions robust to the knowledge gaps are obtained





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Model Insights

During calibration phase, model was unable to reproduce published lymph node cell number data (example: 0.25% DNCB exposure in LLNA shown)



Modelling reveals new biological insights

Hypothesis 1: T cells must undergo > 7 proliferations in sensitizer-induced responses.

Model required > 20 proliferations to match data

- Still over predicted % of proliferating cells
- No experimental evidence to support this hypothesis and runs against infection data (approx. 5-6 proliferations)
- Hypothesis 2: Increased recruitment of lymphocytes to the lymph node supplements the total cell population
- Does experimental evidence support this hypothesis?





Modelling reveals new biological insights

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- DNFB (sensitizer) exposure on skin induces mouse LN chemokine production (MIP-1 α/β)
- Peripheral leukocyte numbers depleted by 50% at 30mins after exposure
- Soderberg *et al.* 2005. *PNAS*. **45**. 16315-16320
 - TLR agonist intradermal exposure and Herpes Simplex virus infection caused massive recruitment of naïve lymphocytes to LN.
 - Most LN cells are non-proliferating (95%)
 - Proposed mechanism is via vessel re-modelling: greatly increases LN cell turnover.





New Insight: Cell recruitment to the lymph node

Hypothesis 2 implemented







Skin Sensitization Induction PhysioLab Platform (SSIPP)



Model development – stage III: validation process

Goal: Ensure that the calibrated mechanisms together reproduce the <u>system-level physiologic behaviors</u> associated with chemical sensitization

- Demonstrate accurate prediction of T cell count and proliferation rate
- Demonstrate the ability to capture chemical properties and behaviors
- Approach: Implementation of 30 validation experiments from 15 papers

Considerations:

- Protocol: standard & modified LLNA
- Outputs: SI, relative LN composition, absolute cell numbers
- Other literature: supporting or inconsistent data
- Relevance: quantitative or qualitative match expected

Outcome:

- Complete agreement with 28/30 experiments
- Partial agreement with 2/30 experiments





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Ш	<u></u>		LN total cells (Value at 5.2083 days)	1.565468e+007	1.579994e+007	1.627434e+007	8.218700e+006	1.568219e+007	cells
Ш	<u></u>		LN total cells (Value at 5.2083 days - delta%)	702.804	710.253	734.581	321,472	704.215	%
Ш	<u></u>		LN total cells (Time at max)	4.91426	5.27235	4.85272	5.1923	4.90061	
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Ш	<u></u>		LN total T cells (Value at 5.2083 days - delta%)	559.786	590.209	565.653	281.984	559.586	%
Ш	<u></u>		LN total T cells (Time at max)	4.65636	5.0071	4.62372	5.04461	4.66082	
Ш	<u></u>		LN total CD4+ T cells (Value at 5.2083 days)	6.555542e+006	6.611684e+006	6.404027e+006	3.691862e+006	6.629299e+006	cells
Ш	<u></u>		LN total CD8+ T cells (Value at 5.2083 days)	3.479799e+006	3.886397e+006	3.720550e+006	2.118117e+006	3.403002e+006	cells
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Ш	<u></u>		LN (H) proliferating CD8+ T cells (Value at 5.2083 days)	301108	587441	341710	372041	234303	cells
Ш	<u></u>		LN (H) proliferating CD4+ T cells (Time at max)	4.89765	5.47684	4.88169	5.15308	4.98204	
Ш	<u></u>		LN (H) proliferating CD8+ T cells (Time at max)	4.4835	4.84626	4.48651	4.85518	4.47072	
Ш	<u></u>		LN CD4+ T cell % prolif. (Value at 5.2083 days)	10.7628	13.9253	9.51369	16.735	11.6592	%
Ш	<u></u>		LN CD8+ T cell prolif. % (Value at 5.2083 days)	8.65304	15.1153	9.18438	17.5647	6.8852	%
Ш	<u></u>		LN B cell fraction (Value at 0 days)	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11	fraction
	<u></u>		LN B cell fraction (Value at 5.2083 days)	0.285234	0.262516	0.306965	0.220636	0.28668	fraction
	<u></u>		LN T cell fraction (Value at 0 days)	0.78	0.78	0.78	0.78	0.78	fraction
	<u></u>		LN T cell fraction (Value at 5.2083 days)	0.641044	0.664438	0.622119	0.706922	0.639726	fraction

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Model Sensitivity Analysis

- Aim:
 - To evaluate relative contribution of individual pathways to overall biological response (e.g. Max Ag-specific T cell proliferation)
- Method:
 - Controls assigned control dose for prototypic weak/moderate/strong sensitizers
 - Experiments vary model parameters to up/down-regulate biological pathways
- Results:
 - Record model predicted outcomes under control and perturbed conditions – approx. 30,000 simulations performed
 - Calculate fold change in outcome relative to control
 - High fold change = high influence of pathway on response





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Virtual patient exploration revealed the sensitivity analysis to be robust

- The same 14 pathways came up as most sensitive across all virtual patients (ranking did change slightly)
- Biological knowledge gaps/variability explored in the virtual patients does not materially affect the importance of the sensitive pathways





Areas for model development

Computational/Analysis

Enhanced sensitivity analysis (global)

Data generation

- Epidermal cytokine profiles
- Exposure parameters
- Activated LC phenotypes
- Number of naïve reactive clones

Expansion of scope

- Increased KC/LC cross-regulation in epidermis
- Expanded LC phenotype
- Mechanisms of LN lymphocyte recruitment regulation
- Memory T cell generation





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