Interstitial Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF)

- Consists of-
 - Fibroblast stimulation
 - ECM deposition
 - Abnormalities in gas exchange
 - Progressive respiratory failure
- Our focus:
 - Cytokine growth factors involved in the development and progression of this injury
 - Tumor Necrosis Factor-α (TNF-α)

Transforming Growth Factor-β (TGF-β)

CHRYSOTILE ASBESTOS FIBER BUNDLE

























A. Unexposed control, 48 hrs.; B. PDGF-B, asbestos, 24 hrs. hrs.; the insert is high magnification of the section in the box; C. PDGF-B, asbestos, 48 hrs.; D. The high magnification of the hox in C.; positive for epithelial (arrowheads), interstitial cells (arrow) and macrophage (arrow). TB=Terminal Bronchiole, AD=Alveolar Duct; Bar-20 µm











TNF-α Receptor Knockout Mice

- Have both the 55 and 75 KDa receptors for TNF-α knocked out
- Resistant to the fibrotic effects of bleomycin, silica and asbestos



TNF-α Receptor Knock-out Mice BrdU-Labeling Index in Epithelial and Interstitial Cells of Bronchiolar-Alveolar Duct Bifurcations and Terminal Bronchioles Post exposure to Asbestos



Time

SUSCEPTIBILITY TO ASBESTOS-INDUCED AND TGFb-INDUCED FIBROPROLIFERATIVE LUNG DISEASE IN TWO STRAINS OF MICE (In Press, Amer. J. Resp. Cell and Mol. Biol. 2002)

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A single five hour exposure to chrysotile asbestos fibers induces fibroproliferative lesions at the bronchiolaralveolar duct bifurcations. C57Bl/6 mice have more severe and extensive lesions than 129 strain mice despite identical deposition patterns and concentration of deposited fibers. These mouse strains were crossed to produce an F1 generation which was then backcrossed to the inbred founder strains.

Results of these experiments are summarized in the following slides.

Histopathology scores of C57BL/6 and 129 Intercross and Backcross hybrids: 48 hrs post exposure to asbestos



CONTROL OF AIRWAY INFLAMMATION WITH AN ADENOVIRUS VECTOR TRANSDUCING EXPRESSION OF TGFb

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Construction of recombinant adenovirus AdTGF p1 223/225



B-galactosidase gene transfer to the lungs of C57BL/6 mice: day 4



 $Bar = 50 \mu m$

Histopathology scores of C57BL/6 and 129 mice post exposure to AVTGF β 1

• C57BL/6 • 129



days post instillation of 10^8 (or 5 x 10^7) pfu of AVTGF $\beta 1$

INDUCTION OF FIBROSIS BY ADENOVIRUS-MEDIATED EXPRESSION OF ACTIVE TGF-β1 IN TNF-α RECEPTOR KNOCKOUT MICE (TNF-αRKO)

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C57bl/6 Histopathology Scores



ACTIVATION OF LATENT TGFb BY ASBESTOS-DERIVED OXYGEN RADICALS

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In-vitro Activation of Latent TGF-β₁ by Iron Mediated Reactive Oxygen Species



Activation of latent porcine TGF- β_1 by asbestos exposure in the human epithelial cell line A549.



Antioxidants (AO) prevent activation of TGF- β_1 .



Cell death does not increase TGF- β_1 activation.



Deferoxamine treatment decreases activation of TGF- $\beta_{1.}$



Activation of TGF- β_1 through asbestos mediated ROS is biologically significant in mink lung cells as measured by 3H thymidine incorporation (A,B) and PAI-luciferase induction (C,D).

Conclusions

- TGF- β can be activated through iron catalyzed oxidative mechanisms
- TGF- β can be activated in cell culture in the presence of asbestos
 - increasing asbestos concentrations show increasing amounts of active TGF-β
- The use of SOD and catalase decrease the activation of TGF-β in cell culture
 - Increasing the units of AOS decrease the activation of TGF- β
 - This protection does not appear to be linked to cell survivability
- Iron from asbestos appears to be a key element in the activation of TGF-β1 by ROS.

TNF- α induces expression of TGF- β_1 mRNA and protein in Swiss 3T3 fibroblasts in a dose and time dependent manner



TNF- α and Chrysotile Asbestos Induce the Expression of TGF- β_1 mRNA in A549 Lung Epithelial Cells



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