

THE IMMUNOBIOLOGY OF SCHISTOSOMIASIS

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Schistosomes are parasitic worms that are a prime example of a complex multicellular pathogen that flourishes in the human host despite the development of a pronounced immune response. Understanding how the immune system deals with such pathogens is a daunting challenge. The past decade has seen the use of a wide range of new approaches to determine the nature and function of the immune response to schistosomiasis. Here, we attempt to summarize advances in our understanding of the immunology of schistosomiasis, with the bulk of the review reflecting the experimental focus on *Schistosoma mansoni* infection in mice.

DIAGENETIC TRANSMISSION
Diagnetic trematodes, or flukes, are extremely successful parasitic species, the life cycle of which requires development in at least two hosts. Importantly, they can parasitize all classes of vertebrates, causing widespread medical and economic problems.

T HELPER 1/T HELPER 2 (T_H1/T_H2). Subsets of CD4⁺ T cells that are characterized by their cytokine production profiles. T_H1 cells primarily produce IFN- γ and generally provide protection against intracellular pathogens, whereas T_H2 cells mainly produce IL-4, IL-5 and IL-13, and are important for immunity to helminth parasites.

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Schistosoma is a genus of parasitic trematode (phylum Platyhelminthes) that chronically infects more than 200 million people in developing countries (BOX 1). The estimated mortality owing to *Schistosoma mansoni* and *Schistosoma haematobium* in sub-Saharan Africa is 280,000 per year¹. Three early findings piqued the interest of immunologists in schistosomiasis: the immune response is intimately involved in the development of many of the pathological changes that accompany infection; infected individuals can have resistance to superinfection; and schistosomes survive for years in the host despite a strong immune response. More recently, interest in these parasites has increased owing to demonstrations that schistosome maturation and fecundity are, in some way, dependent on the host immune response. Schistosomes, like other parasitic helminths, induce marked T_H2 responses, providing a model system for studying the development and function of this type of immune response.

Immune-related pathologies during infection
Schistosomiasis causes a range of morbidities, the development of which seems to be influenced to a large extent by the nature of the induced immune response and its effects on granuloma formation and associated pathologies in target organs² (FIG. 1; BOX 2). Field studies in endemic areas combined with animal experiments, have led to the view that host genetics, infection intensity, *in vitro* sensitization to schistosome antigen

and co-infection status all influence the development of the immune response and, so, disease severity.

Two main clinical conditions are recognized in *S. mansoni*-infected individuals — acute schistosomiasis and chronic schistosomiasis.

Acute schistosomiasis: a T_H2 disease? Acute schistosomiasis in humans is a debilitating febrile illness (Katayama fever) that can occur before the appearance of eggs in the stool and which is thought generally to peak between 6 and 8 weeks after infection³. During acute illness, which is less well studied than chronic disease (see below), there is a measurable level of tumour necrosis factor (TNF) in the plasma, and peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs) produce large quantities of TNF, interleukin-1 (IL-1) and IL-6 (REF. 5). Notably, cytokine production by PBMCs after stimulation with parasite antigen reflects a dominant T_H2 response (T_H1), rather than T_H1 response⁴. Presumably, in the natural progression of the disease, the developing egg-antigen-induced T_H2 response downregulates the production and effector functions of these pro-inflammatory mediators (FIG. 1); the production of IL-10 during this period might have a crucial role in this process⁵.

Anomalous, the febrile illness that is associated with the initial stages of schistosome infection seems to be uncommon in individuals who live in areas that are endemic for schistosomiasis. It occurs, instead, in individuals who have no previous history of exposure who

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