

Human Polymorphonuclear Neutrophil Apoptosis is Inhibited by Treponema Pallidum Through Both Intrinsic and Extrinsic Mechanisms

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Abstract

Treponema pallidum is a “stealth pathogen” responsible for infectious sexually transmitted diseases. Although neutrophils are usually present in skin lesions of early syphilis the role of these cells in infection has barely been investigated. Neutrophils are short-lived cells that undergo constitutive apoptosis, and phagocytosis usually accelerates this process. Here, we demonstrated that human polymorphonuclear neutrophils (hPMNs) could phagocytose *T. pallidum*. An unexpected discovery was that *T. pallidum* inhibited hPMNs apoptosis markedly in an opsonin-independent manner. Furthermore, this phenomenon was not affected by bacterial viability, as detected by annexin V, morphology studies, and TUNEL staining. Exploration of the underlying mechanism showed that expression of the cleaved forms of caspase-3, -8, and -9 and effector caspase activity were diminished significantly in *T. pallidum*-infected hPMNs [1-15]. *T. pallidum* also impaired staurosporine- and anti-Fas-induced signaling for neutrophil apoptosis. Of note, these effects were accompanied by inducing the autocrine production of the anti-apoptotic cytokine IL-8. Taken together, our data revealed that *T. pallidum* could inhibit the apoptosis of hPMNs through intrinsic and extrinsic pathways and provide new insights for understand.

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1 107 // L 2 107 // L,
N HPMN
G
PMN 98

A. (N₂)
5 107
3-5
R 10 14
10 L N Cl 10%
30

Infection of neutrophils

RPMI 1640 2 M L (G₁,
G₂ L, N, A), 10 M HEPE (, F₁),
1 106/ L. (M₁, B, MA, A).
(NH₄) RPMI 1640 50
34 C 1.5 O₂
PMN 24 (O₂)
(MOI) 10:1