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Title Mechanisms underlying the fine-tuning of CD4⁺ T cell positioning during T follicular helper cell differentiation

Abstract

T follicular helper (T_{FH}) cells are a subset of T helper cells that helps B cells produce immunoglobulin (Ig) and induce class switch recombination and somatic hypermutation in the Ig genes upon encounter with a T-dependent antigen (Ag). Differentiation of naïve CD4⁺ T cells into functional T_{FH} cells involves not only a transcriptional regulation of signature T_{FH}-related genes, a set of genes that drives T_{FH} polarization program, but an alteration in the expression of chemoattractant receptors, integrins and their ligands, since a subcellular localization of Ag-primed CD4⁺ T cells in the secondary lymphoid organs is spatiotemporally regulated during T_{FH} differentiation. We recently found that an E-box binding protein family of transcription factors HEB and Notch signaling pathway played crucial roles in the entry of Ag-primed CD4⁺ T cells that had undergone the T_{FH} polarization program into B cell follicles and germinal centers, respectively, with little or no impact on the signature T_{FH}-related gene expressions. Our findings shed a light to unappreciated functions of HEB and Notch pathway in fine-tuning the positioning of Ag-primed CD4⁺ T cells during the differentiation into functional T_{FH} cells and may offer novel strategies for the development of effective antibody-based vaccines.

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