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Abstract

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Introduction

Two types of molecules involved in adhesive interactions of bone marrow-derived cells, lymphocyte function antigen 1 (LFA-1)¹

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1. Abbreviations used in this paper: CL, chemiluminescence; CR1, CR2, and CR3, complement receptor types 1, 2, and 3; CTL, cytotoxic T lymphocyte; EC3bi, erythrocytes bearing C3bi; EC3dg, erythrocytes bearing C3dg; FMLP, formyl-methionyl-leucyl-phenylalanine; GAMIG,

and Mac-1, have been described using specific monoclonal antibodies (1, 2). LFA-1 was originally defined as a functionally important antigen present on cytotoxic T lymphocytes (CTL) membranes, but this receptor is also expressed on resting T lymphocytes, B lymphocytes, polymorphonuclear cells (PMN), and monocytes (MN). Antibodies to LFA-1 block CTL and natural killer (NK) activities by inhibiting adhesion of killer cells to target cells. The mixed leukocyte reaction and both adhesion and phagocytosis of PMN and MN are also blocked by antibodies to LFA-1 (3). Human Mac-1, which is identical to the OKM1-defined antigen, is expressed on MN, PMN, NK cells, and some lymphocytes and has been shown to be associated with the C3bi receptor (4). C3bi receptor (CR3) promotes phagocytosis (5, 6) but does not trigger H2O2 release by phagocytic cells (7). Mac-1 is structurally related to LFA-1, because both glycoproteins share a common β -subunit of 95,000 mol wt but have distinct α -subunits of 155,000 and 177,000 mol wt, respectively (4). Recently, several cases of patients suffering from repeated episodes of bacterial infection with a defective expression of LFA-1 and CR3 have been reported (8–14). Profound abnormalities of phagocytic cells and of NK activity related to the lack of both receptors have been observed in these patients and prevent their normal handling of bacterial infections (8–14). Moreover, these patients lack a third membrane glycoprotein, p150,95, that shares an identical β -chain, without known functions (13). We report the structural and functional studies of PMN, MN, and T and B lymphocytes performed in a patient with delayed separation of umbilical cord and widespread life-threatening, bacterial infections. They demonstrate a severe defect in expression of both LFA-1 and CR3 α - and β -chains on the membranes of lymphocytes and/or phagocytic cells. This was associated with phagocytic cell dysfunctions and abnormal NK activity but also with yet undescribed defects in cytotoxic T cell activity, α - and γ -interferon production, and antibody production to some antigens suggesting additional role(s) for the LFA-1 molecule.

Our patient, a female Caucasian, was born in October 1982 from fourth-degree related healthy parents after an uneventful pregnancy. She was the third child of a family whose history was negative for recurrent bacterial infection. There was no

goat anti-mouse IgG; LFA-1, lymphocyte function antigen 1; Mab, monoclonal antibody; MLR, mixed leukocyte reaction; MN, monocyte; NBT, nitroblue tetrazolium; NDV, Newcastle disease virus; NK, natural killer; OPZ, opsonized particle zymosan; PBMC, peripheral blood mononuclear cells; PHA, phytohemagglutinin; PMA, phorbol myristate acetate; ZAS, zymosan-activated serum.

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spontaneous detachment of the umbilical cord after 4 wk. Soon after surgical section of the cord, she developed omphalitis. A periumbilical cyst occurred at 5 mo of age and was excised 1 mo later. The abdominal lesion took 3 mo to heal and was complicated by both *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* cellulitis without pus formation and by septicemia. The patient also suffered from an external necrotizing otitis from which *Pseudomonas* grew. A cutaneous candidiasis of the scalp and the back developed at the age of 13 mo and was treated by local and systemic antifungal therapy. The patient was referred to Hôpital des Enfants Malades (Paris) at the age of 13 mo. She presented with enlarged liver and spleen, and severe malnutrition. Parenteral nutrition allowed the intake of 140 kcal/kg·d after several weeks leading to a progressive weight gain (3.8–8 kg within 5 mo). Infection phases were accompanied by an extreme hyperleukocytosis (up to 100,000 $\mu\text{l/mm}^3$) consisting mainly of neutrophils.

Methods

Cell separation. Suspensions of PMN and peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC) containing MN and peripheral blood lymphocytes (PBL) were prepared from heparinized peripheral blood by gravity sedimentation with Dextran and/or Ficol-Hypaque centrifugation. PMN preparations contained >95% neutrophils. PBMC preparations contained 70–90% lymphocytes, 10–25% MN, and <10% PMN. Phytohemagglutinin (PHA)-induced patient and control T cell lines were grown by the biweekly addition of interleukin 2-enriched medium prepared as previously described (15).

Monoclonal antibodies. OKM1 monoclonal antibody (Mab) that recognizes a structure closely associated with the CR3 α -chain (16) was purchased from Ortho Pharmaceutical, Raritan, NJ. TS1/22 Mab recognized the α -chain from LFA-1 molecule (4) and TS1/18 Mab recognized the β -chain shared by LFA-1 and CR3 (4). A second Mab (25.3), which was also shown to bind the α -chain of LFA-1 was used (Olive et al., manuscript submitted for publication). J3D3 is a monoclonal antibody to the human C3b receptor (CR1) (Cooklet et al., manuscript submitted for publication, 17). The Mab to the Fc γ -receptor (NEI 033) was purchased from New England Nuclear, Boston, MA. Mabs to T cells (OKT3, 4, and 8) as well as to HLA class II antigens (OKIa) were purchased from Ortho Pharmaceutical (18).

Immunofluorescence studies. Indirect immunofluorescence of intact cells was done using the Mabs and fluorescein-conjugated goat-antimouse IgG (GAMIG) (Nordic-Lab, Tilburg, The Netherlands) and read through an epillumination microscope. GAMIG alone was shown not to label cells nonspecifically. Immunofluorescence was also evaluated with an Ortho cytofluorograph. Fluorescence intensity is expressed in arbitrary units.

Rosette assays. Proteins of the alternative pathway of complement C3, B, D, P, H, I, and the C3b receptor, CR1, were purified from plasma and erythrocyte membranes as described (17–19). Sheep erythrocytes bearing C3b were prepared by interacting erythrocytes with C3, B, and D as previously described (19). Erythrocytes bearing C3bi (EC3bi) were obtained by incubating EC3b (1×10^8) with 50 μg of H and 4 μg of I in 1.0 ml of medium (dextrose-gelatin-veronal buffer with magnesium and calcium salts) for 1 h at 37°C (19). C3dg-bearing erythrocytes (EC3dg) were obtained by treating EC3b (1×10^8) with purified CR1 and I in 1.0 ml of the above medium for 30 min at 37°C (20). For rosette assays, PMN or PBMC were incubated for 30 min at 30°C, (106 cells/100 μl) with an equal volume of complement-bearing E (10^7 cells/100 μl). Cells were suspended in PBS-BSA containing 0.2% BSA and 0.2% soybean trypsin inhibitor, in phosphate-buffered saline-bovine serum albumin (PBS-BSA)-Ca-Mg (PBS-BSA containing 1.2 mM Ca^{++} and 1.8 mM Mg^{++}) or in PBS-BSA-EDTA (PBS-BSA containing 0.04 M EDTA). The percentage of cells to which three or more erythrocytes were attached was assessed microscopically.

Granulocyte function. Adherence was tested by the use of a modification of the method of MacGregor et al. (21). 1 ml of heparinized blood was filtered through a Pasteur pipette nylon wool column by gravity at room temperature. The percentage of granulocyte adherence was calculated as follows: (PMN in original sample – PMN in effluent sample/PMN in original sample) $\times 100$.

Chemotaxis. Chemotaxis was studied by a modified under-agarose technique (22). Chemoattractants used were formyl-methionyl-leucyl-phenylalanine (FMLP) at 10^{-7} M or zymosan-activated normal serum (ZAS). Incubations were performed in 5% CO_2 atmosphere at 37°C and were terminated after 90 min (FMLP) and 180 min (ZAS), respectively.

Phagocytosis. Phagocytic assay mixtures contained 10^6 PMN, 10^8 opsonized ^{14}C labeled *Klebsiella*, and 10% antibody pooled serum. Incubations were carried out at 37°C and were terminated after 10 min.

Nitroblue tetrazolium (NBT) test. Cytochemical screening of NBT reduction by PMN in suspension was performed as previously described (23) using phorbol myristate acetate (PMA, 1 $\mu\text{g/ml}$) or opsonized zymosan (OPZ, 1 $\mu\text{g/ml}$) as stimulants.

Oxygen consumption. O_2 consumption by resting PMN and by PMN stimulated with OPZ (1 $\mu\text{g/ml}$) or PMA (1 $\mu\text{g/ml}$) was measured continuously with a Clark electrode Yellow Springs Instrument Co., (Yellow Springs, OH) and recorded with a Gilson oxygraph (Gilson Medical Electronics, Inc., Middleton, WI) (24).

Chemiluminescence (CL) production. CL production from PMN was measured using a previously described luminol-dependent photometric assay (25) in the presence of medium alone or after stimulation with latex particles ($2.5 \times 10^8/\text{ml}$), OPZ (2 $\mu\text{g/ml}$), and PMA (1 $\mu\text{g/ml}$).

Lymphocyte function. Lymphocyte proliferation to PHA as well as to antigen (*Candida* antigen, tetanus toxoid, influenza virus), and mixed leukocyte reactions (MLR) were performed as previously described (26). α - and γ -Interferon production by mononuclear cells was measured after stimulation with Raji or TPH-1 cells, Newcastle disease virus (NDV), staphylococcal enterotoxin A, and PHA according to Virelizier and Griscelli (27). Interferon titer was measured on human amniotic cells (WISH) infected with vesicular stomatitis virus. Cytotoxic T cell function was evaluated by lysis of ^{51}Cr -labeled target allogeneic PHA blasts (28). NK activity of mononuclear cells to target cell K562 was assayed as previously reported (29). Cytotoxic index in both assays was calculated according to the formula: (^{51}Cr release in test supernatant [cpm] – ^{51}Cr spontaneous release [cpm])/ ^{51}Cr total release [cpm] – ^{51}Cr spontaneous release [cpm] $\times 100$. Serum immunoglobulin levels were measured by nephelometry (IgG, A, M) or by an enzyme-linked immunoassay (IgE). Antibodies to diphtheria and tetanus toxoids were quantitated by seroneutralization, to polio virus and *Bordetella pertussis*, by complement fixation, and to cytomegalovirus, influenza virus, and mannan, a polysaccharide extracted from the cell wall of *Candida albicans*, by an enzyme-linked immunoassay.

Immunoprecipitation of surface-labeled cells. Day 4 PHA-induced blasts were ^{125}I -surface labeled. Cells were lysed in 0.5% NP40 in Tris-HCl buffer + 2 mM phenylmethylsulfonyl fluoride, then centrifuged at 100,000 g. Lysates were precleared by addition of normal mouse serum and Staph A, or Sepharose-coupled rabbit anti-mouse Ig antibodies. The supernatants were incubated with 2 μl of normal mouse serum, 100 μl of Mab 25.3, or with 10 μl of Mab TS1/18 prior to addition of Sepharose-coupled rabbit anti-mouse Ig antibodies. Insoluble immune complexes were eluted and analyzed by one-dimensional polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (30). The gels were stained with Coomassie blue and scanned at 622 nm with an ultrascan using recording integration (LKB Produkter, Bromma, Sweden).

Expression of the results. In all assays, control cells have been run in parallel to patient cells. Age-matched controls have been used for immunofluorescence and rosette studies, granulocyte CTL and NK functions, and antibody responses.

Results

Analysis of cell surface antigens by immunofluorescence. As shown in Table I, the C3bi receptor-associated structure, the

Table 1. Cell Surface Antigen Expression Analyzed by Indirect Immunofluorescence on Neutrophils, Monocytes, and PHA-induced Lymphocyte Blasts

	OKM1 (CR3 associated)	25.3 (LFA-1 α -chain)	TS1-18 (β -chain)	J3D3 (CR1)	NEI 033 (Fc γ -receptors)
	%	%	%	%	%
Neutrophils					
Patient	0	0	0	41	35
Mother	22	14	54	21	95
Father	12	48	75	37	88
Normal values	92 \pm 4.6	60 \pm 6.3	93 \pm 0.6	62 \pm 28	93 \pm 5.2
Monocytes					
Patient	0	0	0	30	
Mother	55	16	78	29	
Father	60	58	60	20	
Normal values \pm SEM	60 \pm 5.6	52 \pm 9.6	43 \pm 2.1	17 \pm 3.0	
PHA-induced lymphoblasts					
Patient	<1	0	0	ND	
Mother	<1	88	ND	ND	
Father	<1	83	72	ND	
Normal values	<1	86 \pm 5.0	89 \pm 6.5	ND	

Values indicate the percentage of positive cells with each monoclonal reagent \pm standard error of the mean. ND, not done.

LFA-1 α -chain, and the common β -chain were not detected as revealed by visual indirect immunofluorescence with OKM1, 25.3 (or TS1/22, data not shown), and TS1/18 specific Mabs, respectively, on the patient's PMN and MN. Similarly, LFA-1 α - and β -chains were neither detected on PHA-induced T blasts (Table 1) nor on PBL (data not shown). These results were confirmed by cytofluorography on a PHA-induced T cell line. 30-

d-old T cells had very little expression, if any, of LFA-1 α -subunit as detected by Mab 25.3 (Fig. 1). Incubation of monocytes or PHA-induced blasts for 24 h to 4 d with either 700 U of γ -interferon or PMA (2–200 ng/ml) triggered neither the expression of C3bi α -chain nor of LFA-1 α - and β -chains on the two cell populations (data not shown). In contrast, C3b receptor (CR1) and Fc γ -receptor were detected although Fc γ -receptor expres-

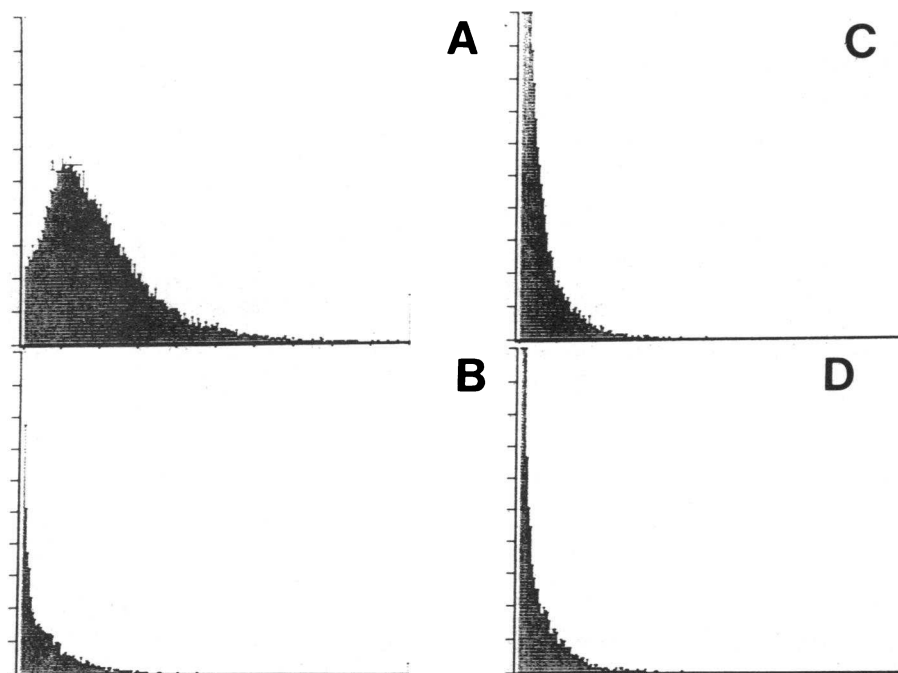


Figure 1. Immunofluorescent flow cytometry of PHA-activated interleukin 2-grown T cells. T cells were indirectly stained with 25.3 Mab (anti LFA-1) and fluorescence-labeled goat anti-mouse immunoglobulin (GAMIG) or with GAMIG alone (lower part). (A) Control, 25.3 + GAMIG staining; (B) control, GAMIG staining; (C) patient, 25.3 + GAMIG staining; (D) patient, GAMIG staining. The intensity of fluorescence (abscissa) is expressed in arbitrary units (linear scale).

sion was slightly lower than on control cells. This observation may be secondary to the presence of IgG on the Fc γ -receptors in the patient because of infection in that PMN were found to be fluorescent by use of an anti-human IgG antiserum. No difference in OKM1 and LFA-1 expression was observed before and after parenteral renutrition. Positive OKM1 and LFA-1 expression on PMN, MN, and PHA-induced blasts was observed in the patient's parents although the percentage of positive PMN was lower than in controls. Differences in LFA α -chain expression between the parents could be explained by an expected variation in heterozygous subjects. Other membrane markers including T3, T4, and T8 antigen on T cells, surface immunoglobulins on B cells, HLA class I and II molecules as well as β_2 -microglobulin were found to be normally expressed on the patient's cells (data not shown).

EC3b, EC3bi, and EC3dg rosette formation. As shown in Table II, percentages of PMN and PBMC forming rosettes with EC3b were approximately the same in the patient and in the control. In contrast, no PMN and only 11% of PBMC from the patient formed C3bi rosettes in PBS-BSA-Ca-Mg compared with 61% PMN and 42% PBMC in the control. No PMN, 5% patient PBMC, and 16% control PBMC bound EC3bi in PBS-BSA-EDTA. No PMN from the patient bound EC3dg in the presence or in the absence of divalent cations. ~10% patient PBMC bound EC3dg both in PBS-BSA-Ca-Mg and in PBS-BSA-EDTA, whereas 36% control PBMC bound EC3dg in PBS-BSA-Ca-Mg and 10% bound EC3dg in the presence of EDTA.

Immunoprecipitation studies. As shown in Fig. 2, the LFA-1 α -chain of ~180,000 mol wt and the β -chain of 94,000 mol wt recognized by the Mab 25.3 and TS1/18, respectively, as well as a 155,000-mol wt band coprecipitated by TS1/18 in control blasts, were not detected on patient PHA blasts although they were present in paternal and control blasts. Gel scanning did not allow a quantitation of residual amounts of α - and β -chains that could be precipitated on the membrane of patient PHA blasts because peak intensity was below the threshold of detection (<0.2% of the contaminating actin peak).

PMN functions. Table III indicates the abnormalities found in PMN functions. The observed defects were present before and after parenteral renutrition. The patient's PMN did not adhere to nylon wool. The random migration of PMN was impaired as was the chemotactic response to ZAS or to FMLP. Phagocytosis of opsonized *Klebsiella* particles by the patient's cells

Table II. Percentage of Rosette-forming PMN and PBMC with EC3b, EC3bi, and EC3dg \pm 1 SEM

	Patient		Control	
	PMN	PBMC	PMN	PBMC
EC3b	55 \pm 5	46 \pm 6	74 \pm 3	54 \pm 4
EC3bi				
PBS-BSA-Ca-Mg	0	11 \pm 1	61 \pm 5	42 \pm 3
PBS-BSA-EDTA	0	5 \pm 4	0	16 \pm 8
EC3dg				
PBS-BSA-Ca-Mg	0	13 \pm 4	23 \pm 5	36 \pm 4
PBS-BSA-EDTA	0	10 \pm 1	0	10 \pm 3

Binding of EC3bi to PBMC in the absence of cations is probably due to low-affinity interaction with CR1 (30).

Cation-dependent binding of EC3dg to control but not patient PMN in the presence of cations is likely to be due to an interaction with CR3.

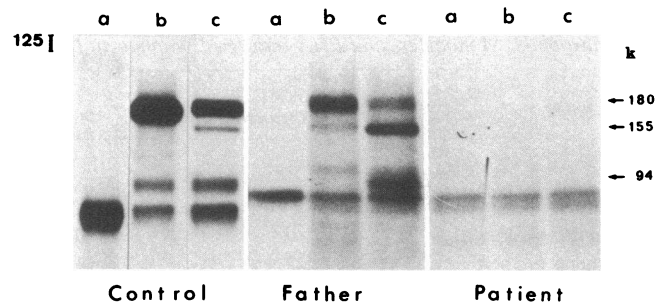


Figure 2. One-dimensional gel electrophoresis of immune precipitates from control, patient's father, and patient surface-iodinated PHA-blast lysates obtained with (a) normal mouse serum, control precipitate, (b) Mab 25.3, anti- α LFA-1 chain, (c) Mab TS1/18 anti- β chain. Control precipitates were run on a separate gel. A band of 80,000 mol wt present in all precipitates is α -chain of iodinated Ig from contaminating B cells. k, thousands in molecular weight.

was reduced to 15% of normal. PMN failed to reduce NBT and to consume O_2 when stimulated with OPZ. In contrast, stimulation of oxidative PMN metabolism was near normal when a soluble activating agent such as PMA was used. A similar dissociation was noted in CL generation by PMN, wherein the response to OPZ was markedly depressed, whereas spontaneous CL emission and CL responses to soluble stimulants such as PMA and nonopsonized particles as latex were nearly normal or even enhanced.

Lymphocyte functions. Mitogen and antigen-induced lymphocyte proliferations as well as mixed leukocyte reactions were normal in the patient (Table IV). Growth of T cell lines could be achieved in the presence of interleukin 2. Cytotoxic T cell activity was found to be profoundly impaired (Fig. 3). Spontaneous NK activity was found to be diminished on four occasions,

Table III. PMN Cell Functions

Function tested	Patient	Control
Adherence to nylon (%)	0	>50
Migration		
Random (mm)	0.06	0.7 \pm 0.14
ZAS (mm)	0.82	2.20 \pm 0.11
FMLP (mm)	0.30	2.13 \pm 0.34
Phagocytosis of <i>Klebsiella</i> (cpm $\times 10^{-3}$)	1.1	7.5 \pm 2.5
NBT		
OPZ (% positive cells)	0	>90
PMA (% positive cells)	100	>90
O_2 consumption		
Spontaneous		
(nanoatoms/min $\cdot 10^6$ cells)	1.5	1.6 \pm 0.7
OPZ (nanoatoms/min $\cdot 10^6$ cells)	2.1	16.0 \pm 2.5
PMA (nanoatoms/min $\cdot 10^6$ cells)	5.7	11.9 \pm 3.2
CL		
Spontaneous (MLI $\cdot 10^6$ cells)	40,535	26,750 \pm 3,000
OPZ (MLI $\cdot 10^6$ cells)	68,210	413,360 \pm 32,000
PMA (MLI $\cdot 10^6$ cells)	191,340	167,630 \pm 13,000
Latex (MLI $\cdot 10^6$ cells)	156,680	145,880 \pm 8,230

Control data are given \pm standard error of the mean.

* MLI, maximum light intensity.

Table IV. Lymphocyte Proliferation

Stimulation	Patient PBL	Control PBL
	<i>cpm</i> × 10 ⁻³ ± SEM	<i>cpm</i> × 10 ⁻³ ± SEM
Nil	0.7 ± 0.1	0.5 ± 0.1
PHA		
1:10,000	34 ± 3	22.5 ± 2
1:700	229 ± 12	81.5 ± 5
Nil	1.0 ± 0.3	0.8 ± 0.1
Allogeneic cells	29 ± 3	38 ± 4
Nil	0.6 ± 0.2	0.9 ± 0.2
Tetanus toxoid	13 ± 2	8 ± 0.5
<i>Candida albicans</i>	23 ± 1	34 ± 3
Influenza virus A/X31	11 ± 1	19 ± 0.5

PHA-induced proliferation was measured by [³H]thymidine uptake at day 3, allogeneic cell-induced proliferation and antigen-induced proliferations by [³H]thymidine uptake at day 6. Cultures were performed in triplicate.

but the in vitro response of NK cells to incubation with interferon was variable, i.e., abolished in some experiments but significantly detectable in others as seen in all four experiments shown in Table V. These variations could not be correlated with therapy, infection, or nutrition status or any putative alteration in LFA-1 membrane expression. α - and γ -Interferon production was found to be profoundly impaired as shown in Table VI. Interferon secretion, although very low, was not however entirely abolished even when using potent inducers such as staphylococcal enterotoxin A or Raji cells, and was normal after incubation with NDV. As shown in Table VII, the humoral immune response was found partially impaired in the patient. Although serum immunoglobulin levels were increased, the in vivo antibody response to several antigens was absent when tested after four vaccinations and after the patient had been realimented. However, isohemagglutinins and antibodies to mannan, a polysaccharide extracted from *Candida albicans*, a yeast that provoked a persisting infection in the patient, were normally found as were antibodies to cytomegalovirus which was detected in the urine.

Discussion

Recurrent bacterial infections have been associated with the deficiency in LFA-1 and CR3 membrane glycoproteins in neutrophils and MN (8–14). Similar clinical features have been observed in our patient, including delayed umbilical cord detachment with omphalitis, severe and recurrent bacterial infections from infancy, and marked leukocytosis. In all described patients (8–14) PMN and MN adhesion to either plastic glass or endothelial

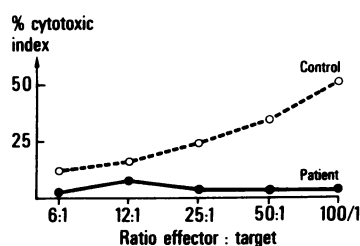


Figure 3. Cytotoxic T cell activity to allogeneic PHA-induced blasts. Cytotoxic index was measured as for NK cytotoxic index (Table V).

Table V. NK Activity

Experiment	Interferon* added	Effector/target ratio†			
		6:1	12:1	25:1	50:1
	%	%	%	%	%
1	0	2	2	5	6
	+	2	5	8	9
2	0	<1	3	3	10
	+	8	12	25	39
3	0	<1	2	2	9
	+	8	10	21	35
4	0	<1	<1	<1	<1
	+	5	4	5	9
Normal values (n = 30)		17 ± 13	27 ± 16	41 ± 19	53 ± 21§
± SEM		35 ± 14	54 ± 18	69 ± 18	76 ± 15

* 700 U of γ -interferon was added in the experiment.

† K 562 cells were used as target cells.

§ % cytotoxic index was determined according to the formula (⁵¹Cr release in test supernatant (cpm) – ⁵¹Cr spontaneous release (cpm)) / ⁵¹Cr total release (cpm) – ⁵¹Cr spontaneous release (cpm) × 100.

cells, cell migration, phagocytosis, and opsonized particle-driven oxidative metabolism were found to be impaired. In addition NK deficiency has been observed in some patients (8, 9, 11). In one patient observed, the defect was shown to be reversible by bone marrow transplantation indicating its marrow origin (31). Most of PMN, MN, and NK lineage abnormalities can easily be explained by the common denominator of a defective membrane expression of both LFA-1 and CR3 molecules on the patients' cells (1–5). These molecules were studied by immunofluorescence and immunoprecipitation for LFA-1 and by immunofluorescence and rosetting for CR3. The expression of the β -chain common to both LFA-1 and CR3 was also shown to be defective on our patient's cells. The absence of CR3 function on this patient's cells as revealed by the lack of binding of EC3bi to PMN and the low percentage of patient PBMC that formed cation-dependent EC3bi rosettes (6%) as compared with controls, was in contrast with the unimpaired capacity of patient leukocytes to form EC3b rosettes and of patient PBMC to express CR2 (EC3dg binding in the absence of divalent cations) (32). In addition, there was no lack of other known membrane glyco-

Table VI. α - and γ -Interferon Production by PBL or PBMC

Subject tested	Interferon units in supernatants of PBL stimulated with					
	PHA	SEA	RAJI cells	THP-1 cells	PolyIc	NDV
	U	U	U	U	U	U
Patient	3	36	18	3	4.5	1,536
Control	96	576	2304	192	72	4,608

Interferon units were measured on WISH human amniotic cells infected with vesicular stomatitis virus.

PolyIc, polyinosinic-polycytidylic acid; SEA, staphylococcal enterotoxin A; THP-1, human acute monocytic leukemia cell line.

Table VII. Humoral Immune Response

	Patient	Normal values
Serum immunoglobulins		
IgG (g/liter)	22.00	5.3–10.1
IgA (g/liter)	3.56	0.34–0.78
IgM (g/liter)	6.95	0.54–1.06
IgE (IU/ml)	380	5–20
Serum antibodies		
Isohemagglutinins		
Anti A (titer $\times 10^{-1}$)	256	>64
Anti B (titer $\times 10^{-1}$)	128	>64
Mannan from candida		
albicans (U/ml)	2,600	>1,000
Cytomegalovirus (U/ml)	0.59	>0.25
Tetanus toxoid (IU/ml)	0	>0.1
Diphtheria toxoid (IU/ml)	0	>0.1
Polio virus (titer $\times 10^{-1}$)	0	>16
<i>Bordetella pertussis</i>		
(titer $\times 10^{-1}$)	0	>40
Influenza virus A/X31		
(ng/ml)	0	>200

Serum immunoglobulins concentrations were measured by nephelometry (IgG, A, M) or by an enzyme-linked immunoassay (ELISA) (IgE). Serum antibody concentrations were determined by either seroneutralization (tetanus and diphtheria toxoids), complement fixation polio virus and *Bordetella pertussis*, or by ELISA (cytomegalovirus, influenza virus, mannan). These data have been observed after four stimulations with tetanus and diphtheria toxoids, polio virus, and *Bordetella pertussis* and two stimulations for influenza virus.

proteins in that HLA class I and II antigens, β_2 -microglobulin, Fc γ -receptor, T cell associated glycoproteins were expressed.

The cell membrane abnormalities observed cannot be explained by either the young age or by infections, in that cells from a heavily infected age-matched patient with chronic granulomatous disease were found to express LFA-1 and CR3 normally (data not shown). The partial deficiency in OKM1 and LFA-1 chain expression by parental PMN suggests the possible detection of carriers. Parental cell marker abnormalities did not lead to any impairment of PMN functions. The defective expression of LFA-1, CR3, and a third protein p150,95 sharing the same β -chain on the surface of leukocytes in the patient described and in others is strongly suggestive of a primary defect in the β -chain. This is further confirmed by the detection of LFA-1 α -chain in the cytoplasm of patient PHA blasts (11, Grosppierre et al., manuscript submitted for publication) while β -chain can not be detected.

In addition to the aforementioned functional defects of phagocytic cells and T lymphocytes, we observed other abnormalities that have not yet been described in the adhesive protein deficiency. In the patient herein described, a severe CTL deficiency was found in spite of a normal allogeneic proliferative response. This defect can easily be related to LFA-1, because this molecule has been shown to play a role in the adhesion of the CTL to target cells (3).

A profound impairment of the interferon system has been observed in our patient, and is consistent with previous reports in which the membrane glycoprotein defects have not been de-

scribed (30, 33). How the defect of interferon production relates to the abnormal expression of LFA-1 and CR3 antigens is not understood. We have been unable to inhibit α - or γ -interferon production in normal leukocytes by addition of antibodies to these antigens in culture (data not shown) although an antibody to the β -chain of LFA-1 has been shown to block the γ -interferon production by cytotoxic T cells (A. McMichael, personal communication).

Because Mab to the LFA-1 α -chain such as TS1/22 (3) or 25.3 (Olive et al., submitted) have been shown to completely inhibit the MLR, it is puzzling that the patient's cells did respond in the MLR. The presence of LFA-1 molecules on the stimulator cells may be sufficient to permit responder/stimulator cell interaction. This could be easily tested by using cells from two different affected patients as responders and stimulators.

A third abnormality found in our patient, the absence of antibody response after vaccination, had not been clearly explained by the known functions of the adhesive protein complex. It is unlikely that this was due to malnutrition because the patient attained normal weight when she was vaccinated. It may be related to an as yet unknown role of LFA-1 in cell interaction leading to antibody response since 25.3 or TS1/22 Mab to LFA-1 α -chain blocks in vitro antibody response to influenza virus but not to mannan of control lymphocytes (Fischer et al., manuscript in preparation). This could be a consequence of defective MN-T cell interaction leading to the activation of helper T lymphocytes in that LFA-1 has been shown to be involved in MN-T lymphocyte interaction (3, 4, 11). However, the antigen-induced T lymphocyte proliferation was found normal in the patient. Although expressed on the membrane of B lymphocytes, LFA-1 has been considered not to play a role at the B cell level (34). The present observation suggests that LFA-1 could be involved in T lymphocyte-B lymphocyte and/or MN-B lymphocyte interaction required for some antibody responses. It is possible that antibody responses to polysaccharides such as AB blood group substances and mannan, being either independent or less T cell-dependent than antibody responses to proteins, would not be impaired in the absence of LFA-1 expression. The positive antibody response to cytomegalovirus might be due to a prolonged exposure of patient's lymphocytes to the virus as opposed to vaccinal antigens. Davignon et al. (35) have previously shown that Mab to LFA-1 block T cell-dependent, but not T cell-independent, responses in activity in the mouse. These lymphoid functional abnormalities have not been reported thus far in association with LFA-1 deficiency in other patients except for a CTL defect in one (9). The severity of the deficiency of LFA-1 expression as shown by immunofluorescence analysis of PHA-induced, interleukin 2-dependent T cells and immunoprecipitation of PHA blasts could account for these lymphoid cell functional defects. Normal PHA blasts are known to increase their surface expression of LFA-1 by six- to eightfold compared with unstimulated cells (10), and LFA-1-deficient lymphocytes of a number of patients have been shown to express detectable amounts of LFA-1 (5–50% of controls) whereas PHA blasts from our patient have a LFA-1 expression that is below or at the lowest limit of detection (10, 11, 13, 14).

Most of the complex defects observed in the patient are thus probably related to the LFA-1 and CR3-deficient expression on lymphocytes, PMN, and MN. This clearly demonstrates the crucial role of both receptors in adhesive interactions, although not all interactions are defective in that, for example, T helper cell-macrophage interactions for antigen presentation remain

undisturbed as illustrated by a positive in vivo delayed-type skin test and a positive antigen-induced lymphocyte proliferation. These cellular deficiencies serve to delineate the functional role of the closely related molecules LFA-1 and CR3. It is striking to note that all of the patients who are deficient in LFA-1 and CR3 glycoproteins presented with severe bacterial infections probably related to the profound impairment of the phagocytic cell functions (8–14). Severe viral infections occurred neither in our patient nor in the reported cases except in one who died of an infection due to a picoRNA virus (11), contrasting with the findings in our patient of an impairment of nearly all of the immune effector functions involved in viral immunity, interferon production, T cell cytotoxicity, NK activity, and antibody production. Three explanations may account for this discrepancy: (a) most of the patients are not entirely deficient in LFA-1 expression and do have at least some cytotoxic functions (10); (b) several patients died before they could have encountered viruses; and (c) a persisting virus like cytomegalovirus in our patient might have elicited a normal immune response, in bypassing the function of LFA-1 in cell interactions by activating T lymphocytes with a strong affinity to antigen which do not need LFA-1 for cell interactions (36). Altogether these data suggest that LFA-1 participates in or is closely associated with a number of different T lymphocyte functional pathways. The comparison of the functional consequences of partial and total deficiencies of LFA-1 expression tells us about the relative requirement of this molecule in different types of intercellular interactions.

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