

NOD/ShiLtJGpt-Rag1/Il2rg-KO

Strain Name: NOD/ShiLtJGpt-Rag1^{em28Cd94}Il2rg^{em26Cd22}/Gpt

Strain Type: Knock-out

Strain ID: T002289

Background: NOD/ShiLtJGpt

Description

Rag1 (Recombination-activating gene 1) is a component of the enzyme complex that catalyzes VDJ recombination, a multiprotein complex that mediates the DNA cleavage phase during V(D)J recombination. V(D)J recombination occurs by rearranging different V (variable), and in some cases D (diversity) and J (ligand) gene fragments, in a variety of immunoglobulin and T cell receptor genes are assembled in developing B and T lymphocytes^[1]. The VDJ recombination in Rag1 knockout pure mice does not proceed properly and T and B cells do not develop and mature normally. As a result, there are no mature CD3⁺ TCRαβ⁺ T cells in Rag1 knockout mice, the amount of cells in the thymus is 15-130-fold lower than in wild-type or heterozygous mice, the thymocytes are CD8⁻CD4⁻ and mostly IL2R⁺, and no IgM or IgD can be detected in the spleen or bone marrow, indicating a complete absence of mature B cells^[2]. Compared to the Prkdc-deficient Scid model, the Rag1 knockout model has a more complete deletion of mature lymphocytes and no "leak"^[3].

Il2rg (IL-2 receptor subunit gamma) is a common subunit of several interleukin cytokine receptors, including IL-2, IL-4, IL-7, IL-9, IL-15 and IL-21, and is therefore also known as the common gamma chain (gamma c) of receptors^[4]. In humans, mutations in gamma c can lead to X-linked severe combined immunodeficiency (X-SCID), which in turn results in the loss of six different cytokine signalling pathways^[5], manifested by the loss of T cells and NK cells, and a normal number of B cells but defective function.

Gempharmatech use gene editing technology, Diaphora has inactivated the Rag1 gene and the Il2rg gene in the NOD/ShiLtJGpt background mice by deleting the coding regions of both genes. It was verified that NOD mice with deletion of the Rag1 and Il2rg genes have defective T, B and NK cell development. The completed NOD-Rag1/Il2rg KO mice will be ideal animal models for long-term transplantation and drug evaluation.

Strategy

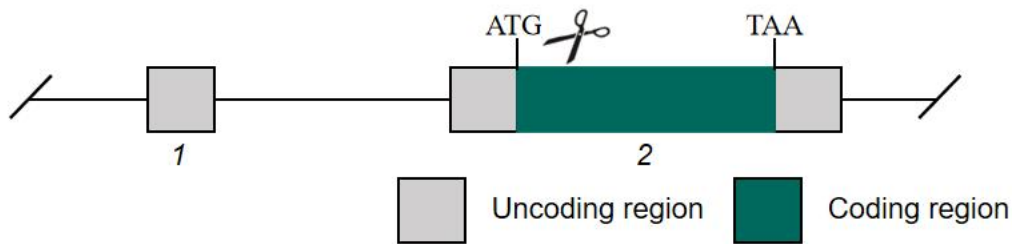


Figure 1 Schematic representation of the Rag1 knockout strategy in NOD-Rag1/Il2rg KO mice

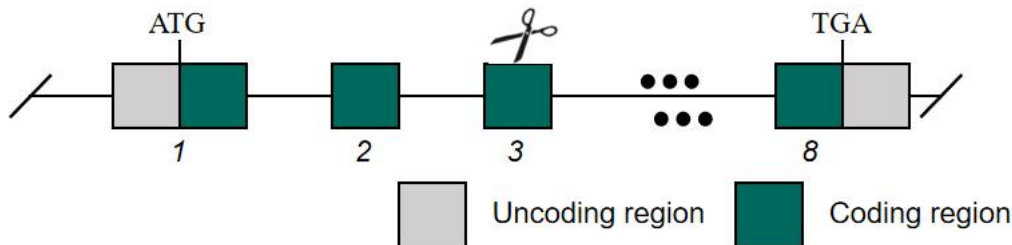


Figure 2 Schematic representation of the Il2rg knockout strategy in NOD-Rag1/Il2rg KO mice

Application

1. Human-derived immune reconstitution mouse models such as BLT humanised mice, PBMC humanised mice and CD34⁺ humanised mice.
2. Human-derived tumour cells, tumour tissue transplantation (CDX, PDX).
3. Pharmacodynamic evaluation (small molecules, large molecules, combination drugs).
4. Human cancer models.

Data Support

1. Comparison of mice organs

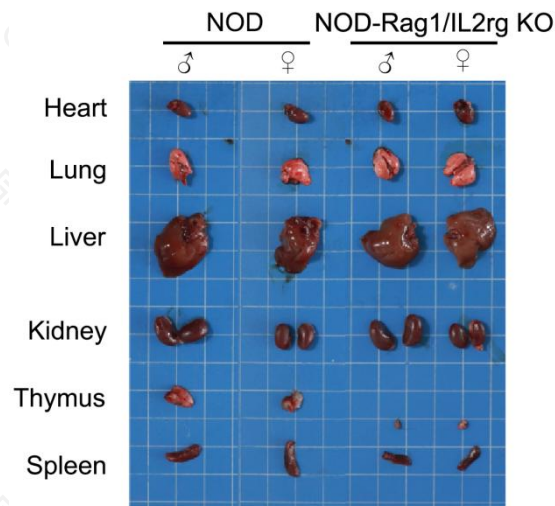


Figure 1 Comparison of major organs in mice

The main organs of NOD mice and NOD-Rag1/IL2rg KO mice were collected and photographed, and the results are shown in Figure 1. Both the thymus and spleen of NOD-Rag1/IL2rg KO mice were smaller compared to NOD mice.

2. Detection of T/B/NK cell ratio in spleen

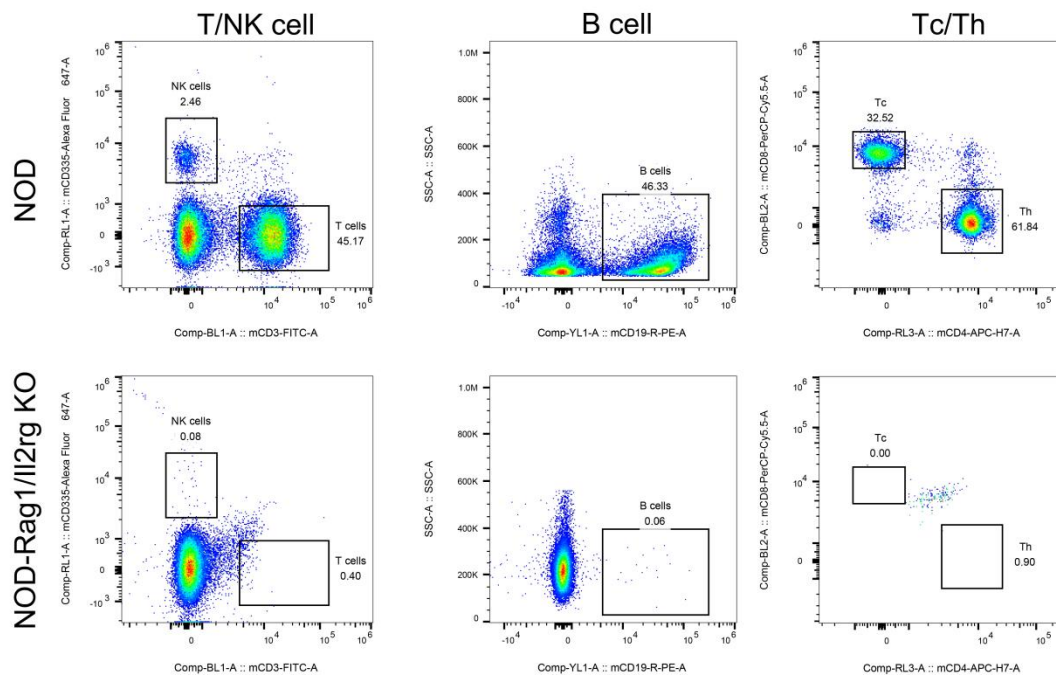


Figure 2 T/B/NK cell expression in the spleen

The expression of T, B and NK cells in the spleen of NOD mice and NOD-Rag1/Il2rg KO mice was detected by flow cytometry, and the results are shown in Figure 2. Compared with NOD mice, T, B and NK cells in the spleen of NOD-Rag1/Il2rg KO mice were undetectable.

3. Detection of the proportion of myeloid cells in the spleen

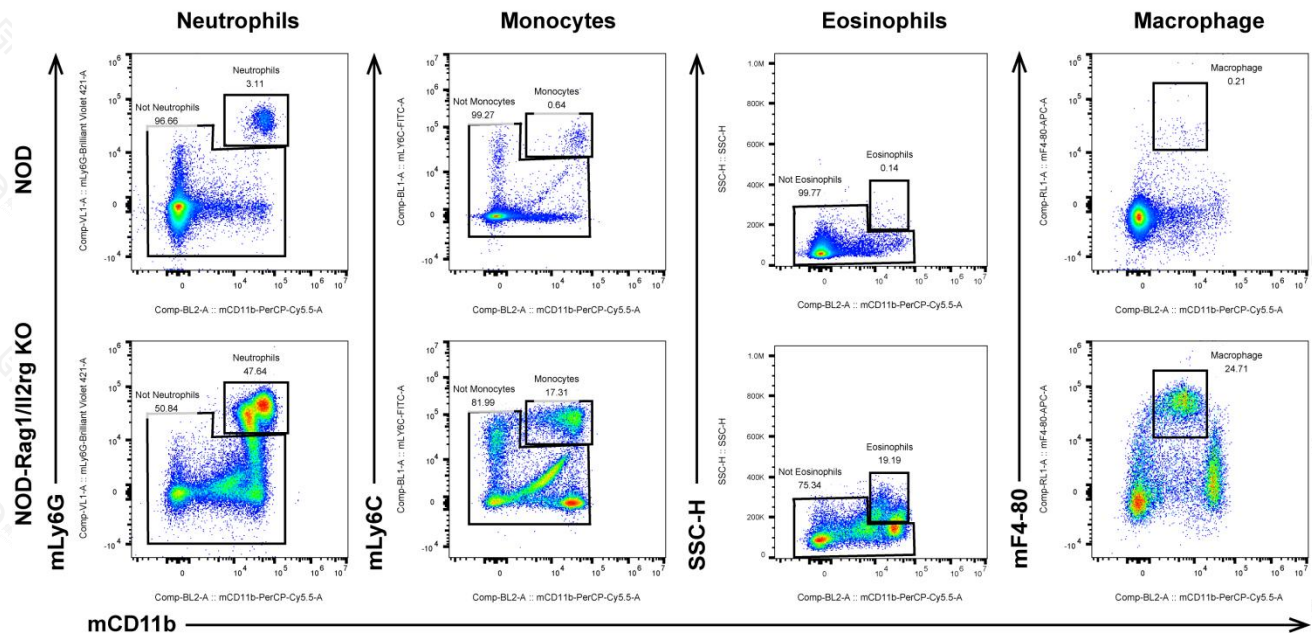


Figure 3 Expression of myeloid cells in the spleen

The expression of neutrophils, monocytes, eosinophils and macrophages in the spleen of NOD mice and NOD-Rag1/Il2rg KO mice were detected by flow cytometry, and the results are shown in Figure 3, the spleen of NOD-Rag1/Il2rg KO mice showed a significant increase in neutrophils, monocytes, eosinophils and macrophages compared to NOD mice.

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