Proposition de sujet de thèse

Leishmania cure and immune response associated

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Our research focus on molecular mechanisms associated with programmed cell death in the context of microbe infections. The specificity of our research lies in upstream research aimed at elucidating the molecular mechanisms involved in the process of PCD associated with immune cells, and downstream research studying these mechanisms in vivo in non-human primates (NHP). In particular we have developed a model of Leishmania infection in NHPs, which is the first model developed in Europe. Using this model, we are assessing the dynamics of innate and adaptive immunity in relationship with the dissemination of Leishmania in lymphoid and non-lymphoid organs during both the acute and chronic phases of infection. Despite drug therapy, it has been shown in Humans that parasites persist leading to parasite relapse in particular in region of poverty or in immunosuppressed individuals such as Aids. In particular, we are interest to determine the role of microbiota in such context. Therefore, the main objective of this proposal is to determine the impact of drugs on parasite dissemination in deep tissues, immune response related to exhaustion and cell death, and evaluated novel strategy based on immunotherapy.

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