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Berberine Regulates IL-17+Gamma Delta T Cells Mediated Immune Response Inimiquimod-Induced Mice through Toll-like Receptor

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Berberine (BBR) is an isoquinoline alkaloid extracted from numerous plants of the general Berberis and Coptis. BBR has been shown to exhibit antimicrobial, ant oxidation, antitumor, antidiabetic, and even neuroprotective effects. Upon stimulation, dermal $\gamma\delta T$ cells are quickly activated to release IL-17 and other proinflammatory cytokines. Meanwhile, they also expand more to enhance acute immune response. This study aimed to demonstrate the immunoregulation effect of BBR in inflammatory process of gamma delta T cells and explore the mechanism further. Imiquimod (IMQ) and R848 both were Toll-like receptor 7, 8 agonist. We employed an IMQ-induced psoriasis-like mouse model to investigate the effect of BBR in $\gamma\delta T$ cell mediated inflammation. Keratinocytes proliferation and differentiation of psoriasis-like lesions was assessed by histology, circulating levels of T cells were assessed by flowcytometry and cytokines by bead-based immunoassay. The percentage of CD3+ T cells were elevated in the spleen and skin. However, the percentage of CCR6+gamma delta T cells was reduced. Jak/Stat3 pathway was assessed by Western blotting. Administration of BBR ameliorated IMQ-induced keratinocyte proliferation and inhibited IL-17A related inflammation. In vitro, BBR directly inhibited IL-17 secretion in a dose-dependent manner. It has synergy with toll-like receptors to promote $\gamma\delta T$ cells to transform IFN- γ producing cells and inhibited Il-17 producing phenotypic transformation.

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