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Department of Hematology and Oncology has carried out the clinical, hematological and experimental studies on the late effects of atomic bomb-radiation survivors. Focus has been made on clarifying the pathophysiological mechanism and establishing the treatment procedures for hematological disorders such as leukemia, myeloproliferative disorders, myelodysplastic syndrome, malignant lymphoma, multiple myeloma, aplastic anemia and other anemias and thrombocytopenia. The main research subjects being conducted are summarized as follows.

- 1) Hematopoiesis and immune function in atomic bomb survivors.
- 2) Diagnosis and treatment of leukemia, myeloproliferative disorders, myelodysplastic syndrome, multiple myeloma, malignant lymphoma and other hematological malignancies.
- 3) Basic and clinical studies on aplastic anemia, idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura, and hemolytic anemia.
- 4) Basic and clinical study of hemostasis and thrombosis.
- 5) Proliferation, differentiation and cell death of normal and malignant hematopoietic cells.

The Science Promotion Fund from the Ministry of Education, Science, Sports and Culture provided Grant-in Aids for studies on the following subjects: 1)Myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS) among atomic bomb survivors (Prof. A. Kimura), 2) Myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS) and leukemia in the residents near former USSR nuclear test site in Semipalatinsk (Prof. A. Kimura), 3)Deficiency of CD27 expression in human multiple myeloma cells (Dr. A. Sakai).

Subjects supported by a Grant from the Ministry of Health and Welfare of the Japanese Government were 1)Cooperative studies on the investigation of intractable hematopoietic disorders by Prof. A. Kimura (Chief: Dr. M. Omine), 2)Cooperative studies on the molecular biological investigations on the hematologic and immune disorders of the atomic bomb survivors by Prof. A. Kimura (Chief: Dr. K. Kamiya). Tsuchiya Foundation offered grants for 1)Gene analysis of malignant lymphoma from single lymphoma cell to Dr. A. Sakai, 2)Interferon therapy and interferon receptor of chronic myelogeneous leukemia cells to Dr. H. Tanaka, and 3)Identification of epitopes responsible for immune thrombocytopenic purpura (Dr. T. Shimomura).

This department has managed an outpatient clinic and inpatient ward, which belong to Hiroshima University Hospital. This management has been done in cooperation with the staff of the Hiroshima University Hospital, affiliated to the School of Medicine (Chief of the Outpatient Clinic: Dr. H. Tanaka and Chief of the Inpatient Ward: Dr. T. Shimomura).

Prof. A. Kimura, Dr. H. Tanaka and Dr. H. Hyodo conducted lectures of Hematology for the 3rd and 4th year students at the Medical School, Hiroshima University. Prof. A. Kimura and Dr. H. Tanaka conducted lectures of Hematology-Oncology for the 5th and 6th year medical students. Drs. S. Katsutani, K. Mihara, T. Shimomura, A. Sakai, H. Hyodo, H. Tanaka and Prof. A. Kimura provided practical trainings for the 5th and 6th year medical students at outpatient clinic and inpatient ward. Trainings for residents of internal medicine were also provided.

Drs. H. Okita (Director, Ohtake National Hospital), H. Dohy (Vice director, Hiroshima Red Cross Hospital & Atomic-bomb Survivors Hospital), A. Ihara (Chief of Internal Medicine, Kure National Hospital), N. Sasaki (Kure Kyosai Hospital), K. Oda (Chief of Internal Medicine, Hiroshima City Hospital) were invited to the Department of Hematology Oncology as part time lecturers.

The summary of the clinical results in 2002 (Jan. ~ Dec.) is as follows:

1) Of the 1, 239 cases (600 male and 639 female) at the outpatient clinic, 1, 063 had hematological disorders (104 leukemias, 71 myeloproliferative disorders, 39 myelodysplastic syndromes, 156 malignant lymphomas, 89 multiple myelomas, 45 aplastic anemias, 228 thrombocytopenias and others), and the rest had non hematological diseases.

2) Of the 405 cases of inpatients, there were 385 hematological disorders (107 leukemias, 16 myeloproliferative disorders, 19 myelodysplastic syndromes, 133 malignant lymphomas, 45 multiple myelomas, 16 aplastic anemias, 4 other type of anemias, 5 neutropenia, 20 thrombocytopenias, 11 hemorrhagic diathesis, 9 other diseases) and 20 non hematological diseases.

3) Thirty one cases died including 12 leukemias, 0 myeloproliferative disorders, 4 myelodysplastic syndrome, 8 malignant lymphomas, 5 multiple myelomas, and 2 aplastic anemias. Autopsies were performed in 11 out of the 31 deaths (autopsy rate: 35.4%).

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1. Mechanism of anti-proliferative action of interferon (IFN).

Tanaka, H., Ito, K., Ito T., Liu Ligen, Kimura, A.

Purpose: Interferon (IFN) has been widely used as an anti-proliferative drug for malignant diseases like multiple myeloma (MM) and chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML). We aim to clarify the mechanisms of IFN action on these hematological malignant cells.

Results: IFNAR1 and IFNAR2 expression on CD34-positive fraction of fresh CML cells were studied. IFNAR2 expression was higher in clinically IFN-sensitive patients than IFN-resistant patients. IFNAR2 expression showed down-regulation during

the IFN treatment in good responders. RQ-PCR analysis showed that these changes might be regulated from mRNA level. Lselectin expression was also increased by IFN treatment. Soluble IFNR level was correlated with platelet counts in CML patients. Using subline that is resistant to IFN, we showed that IFN augmented the apoptotic effect caused by irradiation.

Projects: We will continue examining IFNAR2a, 2b, 2c expressions on CD34-positive cells in CML patients by RQ-PCR, and analyze the regulation mechanism. We analyze involvement of TRAIL and XAF1 in anti-apoptotic action of IFN using SiRNA transfection method.

2. Clinical study of therapeutic effect and resistance of Imatinib on CML patients.

Tanaka, H., Ito T., Ito, K., Kimura, A.

Purpose: Strategy of treatment of CML has changed dramatically by Imatinib. Resistance mechanism to imatinib has also been clearer, thus concomitant use of interferon (IFN) is now under consideration.

Projects: Changes of parameters at short periods (within three months) after treatment of imatinib. We will check BCR/ABL, BACH2, IFNAR2c mRNA by RQ-PCR, BCR/ABL-positive cells by neutrophils-FISH, and IFNAR2, VLA-4, VLA5, L-selectin on CD34-positive cells by Flowcytometer. We analyze ABL gene mutation in imatinib-resistant patient by PCR-SSCP. Using CML cell line and resistant cell subline which were established last year, we will check the biological difference of in vitro sensitivity to imatinib between the two cell lines by cDNA microarray methods etc.

3. Myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS)/leukemia among Atomic bomb survivors.

Niimi, M., Imagawa, J., Harada, H.¹⁾, Tanaka, H., Kuramoto, K.²⁾, Ban, S.³⁾, Kyo, T.⁴⁾, Imanaka, F.⁵⁾, Oda, K.⁶⁾, Satoh, K.⁷⁾, Ohtaki, M.⁸⁾, Hayakawa, N.⁸⁾, Kimura, A. (¹⁾Department of Molecular Oncology, ²⁾NIH, ³⁾Frontier Research Center, National Institute of Radiological Sciences, Chiba, ⁴⁾Hiroshima Red Cross Hospital & Atomic-bomb Survivors Hospital, ⁵⁾Hiroshima Asa City Hospital, ⁶⁾Hiroshima City Hospital, ⁷⁾Department of Environmetrics and Biometrics, ⁸⁾Department of Epidemiology)

MDS is a hematopoietic clonal disorder common in aged people, and is one of the preleukemic state. In epidemiological study we showed the relative risk of MDS in relation to radiation dose is higher than that of solid tumor or that of recent leukemia. The effect of age at the time of bombing was significant, showing that younger aged at the time of bombing has higher relative risk.

In order to clarify the molecular mechanism of A bomb radiation-induced MDS/AML, we studied the mutations of AML1 which plays important roles in the definitive hematopoiesis by forming the transcription factor complex with CBF β . AML1 mutations were identified in the large proportion (6/13) of A bomb radiation-exposed MDS patients. Further study showed the point mutations were identified at C-terminal side, in addition to N-terminal Runt domain. The high incidence of *AML1* gene mutations in radiation-associated MDS/AML suggested that dysregulation of AML1 function plays pivotal roles in this category of hematopoietic disorders.

4. The expression and function of surface molecules on CD34-positive hematopoietic stem and progenitor cells in patients with myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS).

Sultana Tanvira Afroze, Harada, H.¹⁾, Kyo, T.²⁾, Kimura, A. (¹⁾Department of Molecular Oncology, ²⁾Hiroshima Red Cross Hospital and Atomic-bomb Survivors Hospital)

In order to clavify the mechanism of neutropenia in MDS, CD34⁺⁺ cells with MDS and MDS-AML were observed by flowcytometry for expression of G-CSF receptor (G-CSFR). Some patients in each disease type had significantly reduced expression of G-CSFR. Late stages of disease showed a higher proportion of high or low G-CSFR expression than early stages. Most of the patients with low expression had neutropenia. Neutropenia was relatively less present in the normal group, but it reappeared in the high group. Thus, lowered expression of G-CSFR might lead to neutropenia in MDS and MDS-AML patients.

We plan to analyse the mechanism of reduced G-CSFR expression in relation to the transcription factors, such as AML1, PU1 and C/EBP which regulate the G-CSFR expression.

5. Myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS) in relation to Radiosensitivity project.

Niimi, M., Tanaka, H., Ban, S.¹⁾, Imai, T.¹⁾, Kuramoto, K.²⁾, Kyo, T.³⁾, Oda, K.⁴⁾, Kimura, A. (¹⁾Frontier Research Center, National Institute of Radiological Sciences, ²⁾NIH, ³⁾Hiroshima Red Cross Hospital & Atomic-bomb Survivors Hospital, ⁴⁾Hiroshima City Hospital)

We are conducting the cooperative research project with the National Institute of Radiological Science to understand the high incidence of MDS among A bomb survivors and to clarify the mechanism of high sensitivity of MDS cells to radiation. The main research is focusing on the cDNA array analysis of bone marrow CD34 cells as well as lymphocytes from MDS patients of both A bomb survivors and non-A bomb survivors. This may differentiate the molecular mechanism of the MDS genesis between them, and can apply the development of MDS treatment.

6. Analysis of differential gene expression in myeloma cells by cDNA microarray.

Sakai, A., Katayama, Y., Okikawa, Y., Kimura, A.

Purpose: CD27 is a marker of memory B cells and its interaction with its ligand, CD70, is very important for differentiation into plasma cells. On the other hand, its interaction is suspected to induce apoptpsis. Furthermore, about 40% patients with multiple myeloma (MM) show cyclin D1 overexpression. The aim of the present study was to determine whether the loss of expression of CD27 correlates with the progression of MM or yelomagenesis, and to identify genes correlated with cyclin D1 overexpression.

Results & Discussion: Although CD27 is detected on normal plasma cells, its expression is significantly reduced with the progression of MM. Analysis using cDNA microarray showed 8up-regulated genes and 15 down-regulated genes in the coculture between CD27 transfected myeloma cells and CD70 transfected NIH3T3 cells. And analysis of the expression profiles showed that the significantly up-regulated genes were cyclin D1, CDC37 and BCL2, and down-regulated genes were cyclin D2 and CD9 antigen in MM cases with cyclin D1 overexpression. But hierarchical clustering analysis of the data showed that myeloma cells of MM cases with cyclin D1 overexpression could not be distinguished clearly from those without it. Therefore, cyclin D1 overexpression does not lead to entry into the cell cycle, and MM cases with cyclin D1 overexpression do not seem to be in a specific group.

7. Analysis of effect of bone morphogenetic protein 6 (BMP 6) and connective tissue growth factor (CTGF) on myeloma cells and mone marrow microenviroment.

Sakai, A., Okikawa, Y., Katayama, Y., Kimura, A.

Purpose: In a recent cDNA microarray study has reported that the intensity of expression of the CTGF gene is higher in germinal center B-cell-like DLBL than in activated B-cell-like DLBL, and an important factor predicting good prognosis in DLBL, and that the intensity of BMP6 gene was higher in activated B-cell-like DLBL than in germinal center B-cell-like DLBL, and an important factor predicting poor prognosis in DLBL. In our study, Both CTGF and BMP6 were overexpressed in some patients with myeloma and myeloma cell lies. CTGF is a cytokine produced by connective tissue cells after activation by another growth factor, TGF- β , and is implicated in multiple cellular events including angiogenesis, skeletogenesis, and wound healing. On the other hand, BMPs are members of the TGF- β superfamily of signaling molecules, and induce bone and cartilage formation and are now considered to be multifunctional cytokines. The function of BMP6 has been investigated and it was found that human cobblestone-area-forming cells in long-term marrow cultures and IL-6 production from marrow stromal cells were reduced after BMP6 treatment. If CTGF and BMP6 are secreted from myeloma cells, the effects of CTGF and BMP6 on the BM

Plan: 1) Analysis of myeloma cell proliferation and differential gene expression by repression of CTGF and BMP6 gene using antisense-oligo or siRNA transfection. 2) Analysis of the expression of VEGF and RAKL in myloma cells or stromal cells from BM of patients with multiple myeloma.

8. Study of autologous and allogeneic PBSCT for hematological malignancies and solid tumors.

Hyodo, H., Takeshi, S., Tanaka, H., Yamaguchi, Y.¹, Ota, N.¹, Takata, N.², Kimura, A.(¹⁾Hiroshima Red Cross Blood Center, ²Division of Blood Transfusion Service, Hiroshima University Medical Hospital)

Purpose: Autologous peripheral blood stem cell transplantation (ABSCT) combined with high dose chemotherapy is standard salvage therapy for relapsed malignant lymphoma, recently. And it is applied to multiple myeloma with amyloidosis for prolonged survival.

In the case of allogeneic peripheral blood stem cell transplantation (Allo-PBSCT) we have to clear its safety and effectiveness compared with allogeneic bone marrow transplantation (Allo-BMT). And then, members of department of surgical oncology and we apply reduced intensity stem cell transplantation (mini- transplantation, RIST) to advanced solid tumors for immuno-therapy.

Progress and plan: Twenty-seven ABSCTs were performed for 25 cases of hematological malignancies and solid tumors. Twelve cases are alive. Thirteen cases relapsed within 4 months after ABSCT, and all of them were finally died. Two patients with multiple myeloma and amyloidosis were received successable ABSCT. And 2 patients with multiple myeloma were done PBSC collection.

Twelve cases of Allo-PBSCT were performed since 1996 in our department. Two cases were chronic myelogenious leukemia at chronic phase, six cases were AML, one case was MDS and two cases were solid tumors. Seven cases died due to recurrence and cytomegalo virus infection while five cases are alive without disease. The four patients with organ disorders received non myelo-ablative conditioning regimen in PBSCT (mini-transplant). Mini-transplant as well as donor lymphocyte infusion (DLI) are applied to elder patients and patients with organ disorders as a new immuno-therapy. We use VNTR method to monitor chimerism, as a marker of successful engraftment. We use DNA analysis to check monitor minimal residual disease including bcr-abl, AML1/MTG8 and CBF β MYH11. New clinical study plan on mini-transplant and DLI for solid tumor has been approved by ethical committee of Hiroshima university Hospital in 2001.

We have two experience of mini-transplantation for fifty years old man with progressive staged intestinal cancer and fourtyseven years old man with progressive staged renal cell cancer. After 14days they recovered more than $1000/\mu l$ of WBC counts and chimerism analysis of VNTR were both donar type until 30 days. We slowly reduced immuno-supressive drugs for prophyrax to GVHD after 60 days. After 100 days their anti-tumor effects were PD and NC without GVHD.

We have been the system of PBSC collection, processing, transportation and cryopreservation by cooperation with Hiroshima Red Cross Blood Center since 1997.

9. Functional analysis of bone marrow mesenchymal cells for a novel development of the hematopoietic stem cell transplantation.

Mihara, K., Kimura, A.

Many problems such as small pool of donor, limited number of stem cells, and so on, still have been left for hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT). Currently, "Ex vivo expansion" of stem cells must be only possible way to resolve these problems. However, transfection method has a couple of inevitable obstacles which are its low efficiency and safety. Actually, although HSC can be propagated through the culture with bone marrow stromal cells, there is no optimal mesenchymal cell line to support HSC. Moreover, bone marrow mesenchymal cells itself are heterogeneous and go to apoptosis like other fibroblasts through senescence. We developed immortalized bone marrow mesenchymal cells by transfection with hTERT. Intriguingly, CD34⁺ cells were proliferating much more 100-fold than original input on bone marrow mesenchymal cells. We are currently

dissecting gene profiles of these cells by genetip.

10. Analysis of the pathogenesis in immune thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP).

Shimomura, T., Katsutani, S., Fujimoto, T.¹⁾, Fujimura, K.¹⁾, Kimura, A. (¹⁾Department of Clinical Pharmaceutical Science, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences)

Purpose : Identification of platelet autoantigens for T cells in ITP.

Plans: 1) Detection of T cell proliferation specific for platelets using antigen delivery system or gene transferred-B lymphoblastoid cell lines and cloning of T cell lines responsive to platelets; 2) Analysis of T cell epitopes in platelets by utilizing the antigen delivery system and TOF-MAS; 3) Analysis for contribution of Helicobacter pylori infection to ITP pathogenesis.

Results : 1) We detected platelet-specific T cell proliferative response using the antigen delivery system in which platelets surface-labeled with hydrophilic biotin were incorporated to lymphoblastoid cell line via its B cell receptor. We are currently trying to establish platelet-responsive T cell lines. We also established platelet glycoprotein gene-transferred B lymphoblastoid cell lines and are testing proliferative responses of the established T cell lines to these cells 2) We established T cell lines responsive to Helicobacter pylori and try to investigate whether T cells stimulated with Helicobacter pylori help to produce platelet antibodies.

11. Study of thrombosis and hemostasis.

Katsutani, S., Shimomura, T., Fujimoto, T.¹, Fujimura, K.¹, Kimura, A. (¹⁾Department of Clinical Pharmaceutical Science, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences)

Purpose : Analysis of the mechanisms of thrombosis and hemostasis under the physiological and pathological conditions, with intention for the development of new therapeutic strategies.

 $\mathsf{Plan}:$ The structure and function of the platelet membrane glycoprotein V(GPV) is still unclear.

We have already cloned and characterized the gene encoding the murine GPV, and demonstrated that GPV is highly conserved protein and expressed specifically in the platelet-megakaryocyte lineage. To elucidate the mechanism of signal transduction via GPIb-IX-V complex, we investigate the protein that associates with GPV in the platelets, using Two-hybrid assay.

And we will analyse the structure and function of obtained protein.

12. International scientific joint research on late radiation effects of former USSR nuclear. test in Semipalatinsk.

Hyodo, H., Kimura, A.

We are conducting international scientific joint research work on the late effects of radionuclear disasters concerning leukemias and myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS). The radiation exposure-pattern in residents of Semipalatinsk area is different from that in Atomic bombing in Hiroshima. The exposure was chronic and both internal and external. We received from the main hospitals bone marrow smears of leukemia and MDS.

Eighteen cases, which were considered to be exposed to the radiation by the atomospheric nuclear tests conducted between 1949 and 1963, were studied morphologically and molecular biologically. Six AML M1, 1 M2, 2 M6, 1 unclassified AML, 1 ALL, 2 unclassified AL, 1 CML, 1 MDS-RA, 1 MDS-RAEB and 2 MDS-RAEBt were included. *p53* point mutation was revealed at exon 6 of codon 195 ATC (IIe) \rightarrow ACC (Thr) in one unclassified AL. *AML1* point mutation at Runt domain (exon 5) was found in one MDS-RA case. *AML1* gene is recently suggested to be involved in radiation-related MDS/AML. We have shown the high incidence of *AML1* point mutation in MDS/AML among Hiroshima atomic bomb survivors. Therefore, more MDS/AML cases should be analysed to see whether this mutation is frequent in this region.

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