Immunological Correlates of Vaccine-Derived Protection

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Background

The detection and confirmation of valid immunological correlates of protective immunity is one of the dominant themes of vaccinology. Because of the expense and time involved in carrying out clinical trials of vaccines, the availability of an immunological measure which closely mirrors the ability of the vaccine to protect has immense attractions. Their recognition implies an understanding of the immunological basis of protection which can provide an important guide to vaccine development and improvement. And they are of importance for regulatory agencies tasked with licensing vaccines based on their assessed efficacy. Furthermore, a postmarketing monitoring of immunological correlates of protection might also be important in assessing vaccine effectiveness. The subject has attracted much research, literature and debate. Its terminology is unsettled, with terms such as "correlate" and "surrogate" being used with different implications by different authors and agencies, without generally agreed definitions. It is a complex an important subject.

Among the many issues which arise in considering correlates of protection is the question of what is protected against: infection, disease, severe disease or infectiousness. The immunological mechanisms involved in these different sorts of protection are typically not the same, involving different arms of the immune system. The distinction between these outcomes has important implications for the consequences of vaccination at the individual and population level. Phase 3 trials generally focus on disease outcomes, but indirect protection and herd immunity require protection against infection and infectiousness.

Reasonable "correlates" are available for protection against disease by some widely used vaccines (measles, meningococcus....) but not for others (BCG, pertussis....). Their presence has recently allowed the licensure of new vaccines without direct evidence of clinical protection (an example being Meningococcal C vaccine in the UK). Their absence reflects a gap in understanding the body's response to infection, and impedes the development of effective vaccines against malaria, HIV and tuberculosis.

A variety of immunological and epidemiological approaches have been employed in the recognition and confirmation of correlates or surrogates of protection. Though derived in the context of studies of one infection or vaccine they may have important implications for others. There is a particular need to encourage communication and collaboration between immunologists and epidemiologists, as population studies are essential to demonstrate the validity and utility of any particular immunological measure.

This conference will bring together vaccinologists, immunologists, epidemiologists and regulatory scientists to discuss the subject from their different perspectives. In addition to presentations on generic and methodological issues, there will be at least two presentations, reflecting both epidemiological and immunological perspectives, on each of five different vaccines: hepatitis B, influenza, pertussis, a bacterial conjugate vaccine, and foot and mouth disease. Presentations will be focused and concise, allowing equal time for discussion.

Monday 20 September 2010

17.30 - 18.30	Registration	
18.30 - 18.50	Welcome Address	Fondation Mérieux
18.50 - 19.30	Keynote lecture: Immunologies of Infections, diseases and vaccine-derived protections	Stanley PLOTKIN
19.45	Welcome dinner	

Tuesday 21 September 2010

Session 1Immune Correlates of Vaccine-Derived Protection: Generic Issues08.30-11.20Chaired by Ana Maria Henao-Restrepo and Paul Fine

08.30 - 08.50	Immunological perspective and methods	David GOLDBLATT
08.50 - 09.05	Discussion	
09.05 - 09.25	Epidemiological perspective and methods	Sara THOMAS
09.25 - 09.40	Discussion	
09.40 - 10.10	Coffee break	
10.10 - 10.30	Statistical perspective and methods	Andrew DUNNING
10.30 - 10.45	Discussion	
10.45 - 11.05	Regulatory perspective and methods	Mair POWELL
11.05 - 11.20	Discussion	



Session 2Correlates of Protection : four exemplar diseases11.20 - 16.15Chaired by Jan Holmgren and Philippe André

11.20 - 11.40	ТВ	Simone JOOSTEN
11.40 - 11.55	Discussion	
11.55 - 12.15	Results of the recent BCG trial in South Africa: implication for correlates of protection against TB	Willem HANEKOM
12.15 - 12.30	Discussion	
12.30 - 14.00	Lunch	
14.00 - 14.20	Measles	Diane GRIFFIN
14.20 - 14.35	Discussion	
14.35 - 14.55	Malaria	Adrian HILL
14.55 - 15.10	Discussion	
15.10 - 15.40	Coffee break	
15.40 - 16.00	HIV and AIDS	Marc GIRARD
16.00 - 16.15	Discussion	

Session 3 16.15 - 18.30

In depth Discussion on Correlates of protection against 5 diseases Chaired by Brian Greenwood and Wolfgang Jilg

16.15 - 16.30	Meningoccocal conjugate vaccine- derived protection: overview	Brian GREENWOOD
16.30 - 16.50	Meningoccocal vaccines: epidemiological and immunological perspectives	Helen CAMPBELL
16.50 - 17.05	Meningoccocal vaccines: regulatory perspective	Margaret BASH

17.05 - 17.25	General Discussion on correlates of protection and meningococcal conjugate vaccines	
17.25 - 17.45	Hepatitis B vaccine-derived protection: epidemiological perspective	Hilton WHITTLE
17.45 - 18.05	General discussion on correlates of protection and hepatitis B vaccines	
19.00	Dinner	

Wednesday 22 September 2010

Session 3Continued08.30 - 12.30Chaired by Bernard Ivanoff & Cecil Cezrkinsky

08.30 - 08.50	Pertussis vaccine-derived protection: epidemiological perspective	Peter MC INTYRE
08.50 - 09.05	Pertussis vaccine-derived protection: immunological perspective	Scott HALPERIN
09.05 - 09.20	Pertussis vaccine-derived protection in the very young infant	Iris DE SCHUTTER
09.20 - 09.40	General discussion on correlates of protection and pertussis vaccines	
09.40 - 10.00	Foot and mouth disease vaccine- derived protection: epidemiological perspective	Rossana ALLENDE
10.00 - 10.15	Epidemiological view on correla- tes of vaccine-induced protection against Foot and Mouth disease	Aldo DEKKER
10.15 - 10.30	Foot and mouth disease vaccines: immunological perspective	Brian CHARLESTON
10.30 - 10.45	Foot and mouth disease vaccines: regulatory perspective	Paul VAN AARLE
10.45 - 11.05	General discussion on correlates of protection and foot and mouth disease vaccines	

11.05 - 11.35	Coffee break	
11.35 - 11.55	Influenza vaccine-derived protection: epidemiological perspective	Karl NICHOLSON
11.55 - 12.10	Influenza vaccines: immunological perspective	Giuseppe DEL GIUDICE
12.10 - 12.25	Influenza vaccines: what are immune correlates from the regulatory point of view	Bettie VOORDOUW
12.25 - 12.45	General discussion on correlates of protection and influenza vaccines	
12.45 - 14.00	Lunch	

Session 5	Panel discussion
14.00 - 15.30	Chaired by François Simondon and Paul Fine

14.00 - 15.00	Discussion	
15.00 - 15.30	Conclusions and end of the meeting	
15.30 - 16.00	Coffee before departure	

