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Dendritic cell modification as a route to inhibiting corneal graft rejection by the indirect pathway of allorecognition



#### SUPPORTING FIGURE 1. Induction of donor alloantigen-specific T-cell anergy and regulation in vitro.

BALB/c DCs were transduced either with EIAV GFP (control), EIAV CTLA4-KDEL or EIAV IDO, followed by stimulation with LPS. The transduced (and untransduced) DCs were subsequently incubated in vitro with C3H/He-derived CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells. After 10 days, the T cells were harvested and rechallenged in vitro with (A) donor BALB/c DCs or (B) third-party C57BL/6 DCs, and CD4<sup>+</sup> T-cell proliferation assessed by thymidine incorporation on days 3, 5 and 7. (C-D) Culture supernatant from the donor DC rechallenge assay was harvested for detection of the immunoregulatory cytokines (C) TGF- $\beta$  and (D) IL-10 by ELISA. (E-F) In addition, after 10 days of the primary DC - CD4<sup>+</sup> T-cell coculture, the T cells were harvested, irradiated and added (0-10<sup>5</sup> CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells) to a primary MLR between freshly-isolated C3H-derived CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells and (E) donor BALB/c DCs or (F) third-party C57BL/6 DCs. T-cell proliferation was assessed by thymidine incorporation after 5 days. All results are shown as the mean  $\pm$  SD of triplicate wells and are representative of three independent experiments performed. \* *p*<0.05, two-tailed *t*-test..



### SUPPORTING FIGURE 2. Induction of donor alloantigen-specific T-cell anergy in vivo and production of immunoregulatory cytokines.

2.5x10<sup>6</sup> BALB/c DCs (either untransduced, or transduced with EIAV GFP (control), EIAV CTLA4-KDEL or EIAV IDO) were injected intravenously into C3H/He mice. (A-D) After 10 days, CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells purified from the spleens of injected mice were rechallenged in vitro with (A) donor BALB/c DCs or (B) third-party C57BL/6 DCs, and CD4<sup>+</sup> T-cell proliferation assessed by thymidine incorporation on days 3, 5 and 7. The purified CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells were also rechallenged with (C) donor BALB/c DCs or (D) third-party C57BL/6 DCs in the presence of 100 U/ml exogenous IL-2. (E-F) Culture supernatants from donor DC rechallenge assays (including those from CD4<sup>+</sup>CD25<sup>+</sup> T-cell depleted-rechallenge assays) were harvested on day 7 for detection of the immunoregulatory cytokines (E) TGF- $\beta$  and (F) IL-10 by ELISA. All results are shown as the mean ± SD of triplicate wells and are representative of three independent experiments performed. \* *p*<0.05, two-tailed *t*-test.



SUPPORTING FIGURE 3. Generation of donor alloantigen-specific Treg cells in vivo with capacity for linked suppression.

2.5x10<sup>6</sup> BALB/c DCs (either untransduced, or transduced with EIAV GFP (control), EIAV CTLA4-KDEL or EIAV IDO) were injected intravenously into C3H/He mice. (**A-B**) After 10 days, CD4<sup>+</sup>CD25<sup>+</sup> T cells purified from the spleens of injected mice were irradiated and added in increasing numbers (0-10<sup>5</sup> CD4<sup>+</sup>CD25<sup>+</sup> T cells) to a primary MLR between freshly-isolated C3H-derived CD4<sup>+</sup> T cells and (**A**) donor BALB/c DCs or (**B**) third-party C57BL/6 DCs. T-cell proliferation was assessed by thymidine incorporation after 5 days. All results are shown as the mean ± SD of triplicate wells and are representative of three independent experiments performed. \* p<0.05, two-tailed *t*-test.



#### SUPPORTING FIGURE 4. Generation of FoxP3<sup>+</sup>CD4<sup>+</sup>CD25<sup>+</sup> T cells in vivo

2.5x10<sup>6</sup> BALB/c DCs (either untransduced, or transduced with EIAV-GFP (control), EIAV-CTLA4-KDEL or EIAV-IDO) were injected intravenously into C3H/He mice. After 10 days, CD4<sup>+</sup>CD25<sup>+</sup> T cells purified from the spleens of injected mice were stained and analysed by flow cytometry for expression of FoxP3. The results shown in are representative of three independent experiments.