Supporting Information

Selective ORAI1 inhibition ameliorates CNS inflammation in EAE by suppressing effector but not regulatory T cell function.

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Supporting Figures



Supporting Figure 1: Early T cell activation as well as proliferation of in vitro differentiated Th1, Th17 and iTreg cells was not impaired in Orai1 deficient T cells.

(A) WT and *Orai1^{fl/fl} Cd4-Cre* mice were immunized with MOG_{35-55} peptide but without PTX. At day 7 after immunization cells were isolated from spleen and draining LNs and stimulated with different concentrations of MOG_{35-55} peptide (0-50 µg/ml) or anti-CD3 for 3 days in vitro. Cells were labeled with CFSE and 3 days later CD4⁺ T cells were analyzed for CFSE dilution by flow cytometry. Histograms are representative of 5 mice per group and line graphs on the right represent the average ± SEM of 5 mice per group. Statistical analysis was performed using an unpaired Student's t test. (**B**, **C**) Naïve CD4⁺ T cells from spleen and LNs of WT and *Orai1^{fl/fl} Cd4-Cre* mice were cultured under Th1, Th17 and iTreg polarizing conditions for 3 days. (**B**) Cells were counted on day 0, 2 and 3. Line graphs represent the average cell number ± SEM for 3 mice per group. (**C**) Cells were labeled with CFSE and 3 days later analyzed for CFSE dilution by flow cytometry. Shown are representative flow cytometry plots.



Supporting Figure 2: IL-10 and TGF- β expression in Treg cells isolated from the CNS of mice with EAE and iTreg cells differentiated in vitro.

(A) EAE was induced in WT and *Orai1*^{fl/fl} *Cd4-Cre* mice by immunization with MOG₃₅₋₅₅ peptide in CFA. Lymphocytes were isolated from the CNS on day 27 after immunization. Treg cells were identified by gating on CD4⁺ CD25⁺ Foxp3⁺ cells. For cytokine staining, cells were stimulated with PMA and ionomycin in the presence of Brefeldin A for 6 h in vitro. IL-10 and TGF- β expression was analyzed in CD4⁺ CD25⁺ Foxp3⁺ Treg cells. Bar graphs represent the average of 4-6 mice per group. Statistical analysis was performed using an unpaired Student's t test. (**B**) CD4⁺ T cells isolated from the spleen and LNs of WT and *Orai1*^{fl/fl} *Cd4-Cre* mice were stimulated with anti-CD3/CD28 under iTreg polarizing conditions in vitro. The CRAC channel inhibitor AMG1 (100 nM) was added to some WT T cells (right column) on day 0 and was present throughout the iTreg cell differentiation (day 0-3). iTreg cells were left unstimulated or stimulated with PMA plus ionomycin for 6h in the presence of Brefeldin A. The frequency of IL-10 and TGF- β expressing cells of all CD4⁺ CD25⁺ Foxp3⁺ Treg cells was measured by flow cytometry. Data represent the average ± SEM of 3 mice per group. Statistical analysis was performed using an unpaired Student's t test. ** p < 0.01.



Supporting Figure 3: Inducible deletion of *Orai1* and *Stim1* during ongoing EAE ameliorates disease severity.

(A) EAE was induced in WT and Orai1^{#/#} Cre-ERT2 mice by immunization with MOG₃₅₋₅₅ peptide in CFA. Mice were treated with 1 mg/kg tamoxifen (TAM) or vehicle (corn oil) control for 5 days starting from days 13-17 after immunization. Clinical disease scores were monitored daily. Data represent the average ± SEM of 3-4 mice per group. (B) CD4⁺ T cells were isolated from the CNS at day 22 after EAE induction and restimulated in vitro with PMA and ionomycin in the presence of Brefeldin A for intracellular cytokine analysis by flow cytometry. (C-G) For passive induction of EAE, Stim1^{##} Cre-ERT2 and WT mice (CD45.2⁺) were immunized with MOG peptide. T cells were isolated from spleen and LNs 12 days later and restimulated in vitro with MOG peptide in the presence of IL-23 for 3 days. 4 x 10⁶ CD4⁺ T cells were transferred i.v. into sublethally irradiated CD45.1 recipient mice. After EAE symptoms developed, recipient mice were injected with 1 mg/kg tamoxifen (TAM) or vehicle (corn oil) for 5 days (days 17-21 after T cell transfer). (C) Clinical EAE scores. (D) Absolute numbers of CD45.2⁺ cells in CNS and spleen. (E) Absolute numbers of CD4⁺ and CD8⁺ T cells as well as (F) CD11b⁺Gr-1⁺ polymorphonuclear cells (PMN), CD11b⁺CD11c⁻Gr-1⁻ macrophages and CD11c⁺Gr-1⁻ DC in the CNS 25 days after adoptive transfer. (**G**) Frequencies of CD4⁺IFN- γ^+ and CD4⁺IL-17⁺ T cells isolated from the CNS and restimulated in vitro with PMA and ionomycin for 6h. Data in C-G represent the average ± SEM of 3-4 mice per group. Statistical analysis of EAE scores in A (days 13-22) and C (days 17-25) was performed using a Mann-Whitney test; data in panels B, D-G were analyzed using an unpaired Student's t test. * p < 0.05, ** p < 0.005, *** p < 0.0005, **** p < 0.0001.



Supporting Figure 4: Specificity and pharmacokinetics of CRAC channel inhibitor AMG1.

(A) $CD4^{+}$ T cells were isolated from the spleen and LNs of WT and $Orai1^{fl/fl}Cd4$ -Cre mice, loaded with Fura-2 and incubated with 1000 nM AMG1 or DMSO in 0 mM Ca^{2+} Ringer solution for 15 min prior to Ca^{2+} measurements by FlexStation. Cells were stimulated with 1 μ M Thapsigargin in Ca^{2+} free buffer, followed by addition of 1 mM Ca^{2+} Ringer solution. SOCE in experiments shown in A was quantified as the area under the curve (AUC) after Ca^{2+} re-addition (400-800s) (B), peak Ca^{2+} influx (C) and Ca^{2+} influx rate (400-440s) (D). Data represent the average ± SEM from 3 repeat experiments. (E) Pharmacokinetics of the CRAC inhibitor AMG1 in BALB/c mice. Shown are the mean ± SD of AMG1 concentrations (nM) in the plasma of 5 female BALB/c mice after 10 days of QD dosing. Mice were administered 5 mg/kg inhibitor AMG1 for 10 days by oral gavage, and plasma concentrations measured at trough (0 h) prior to the final dose as well as 4 h and 24 h after final gavage of compound. Dotted lines represent the IC_{50} and IC_{90} concentrations for inhibition of IL-2 production by mouse splenocytes in vitro. Data in panels A-C were analyzed using a one-way ANOVA test. * p < 0.005, ** p < 0.005, ** p < 0.0001.