In Situ Activation of Pituitary-Infiltrating T Lymphocytes in Autoimmune Hypophysitis

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Supplementary information

Supplementary Table 1. Diagnosis and Main Clinical Data of patients with lymphocytic hypophysitis in this study.

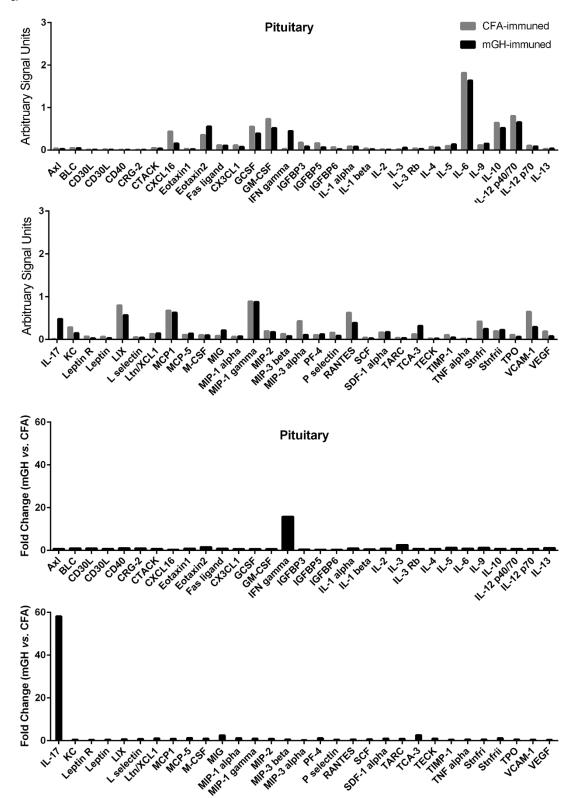
Patient	Age (yrs)/	Presenting symptoms	Glucocorticoids	Other	Pregnancy
	gender		before surgery	autoimmune	
				diseases	
A ¹	33/M	9 years before operation due to	Yes	no	n.a.
		sellar inflammatory granuloma,	(Prednisolone)		
		5 years of chiasma syndrome, 6			
		months of visual deterioration			
B ¹	33/F	2 months of progredient visual	no	no	3 rd
		deterioration, diabetes			trimester
		insipidus, headache and			
		vomiting in the last months of			
		pregnancy			
C^2	32/M	4 months of headaches and	Yes	no	n.a.
		visual disturbances	(Prednisolone)		
D^2	60/M	Over 2 yrs of bifrontal	no information	no	n.a
		headaches			
E ²	27/F	Secondary amenorrhea	no	no	no
F ¹	32/M	5 months of diabetes insipidus,	no	no	n.a.
		impotence and depressions			
G ²	56/F	12 months of headache, loss of	no	no	no
		secondary hairs, loss of libido,			
		adynamia			
Н	62/M	7 months of headache, loss of	no	no	no
		secondary hairs			

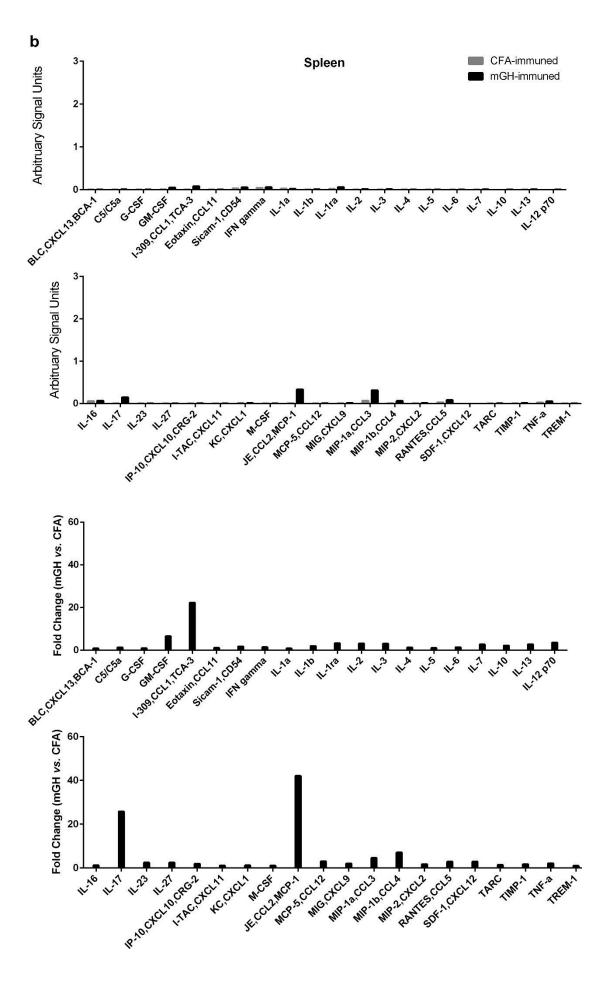
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Supplementary Table 2. Percentage of proliferating cells in the mouse pituitary gland that developed autoimmune hypophysitis.

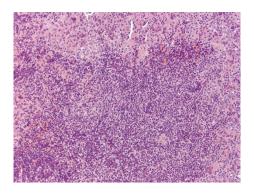
Cell types	% of proliferating cells in the cell type		
Nonhematopoeitic cells (CD45 ⁻)	0.6%		
Heamtopoeitic cells (CD45+)	8.4%		
T cells (CD3+)	11.0%		
CD4+ T cells	5.7%		
CD8+ T cells	10.3%		
B cells (B220+)	2.9%		
Dendritic cells/macrophage	3.2%		

Supplementary Figure 1. Cytokine production by pituitary-infiltrating cells and splenocytes in mouse autoimmune hypophysitis. Single-cell suspensions from the pituitaries (a) or from the spleens (b) of CFA-immunized mice and mGH-immunized mice were stimulated by mGH. Cytokine production after stimulation was detected by cytokine array membranes. Signal intensity, expressed as Arbitrary Signal Units, was measured and plotted for two groups of mice. Differences in the cytokine level, expressed as Fold Change (mGH *vs.* CFA), were derived by dividing the signal intensity of mGH group by the signal intensity of the CFA group.





Supplementary Figure 2. Lymphocytic infiltration in the pituitary gland of mouse autoimmune hypophysitis in a mid-late stage (day 56). Chronic lymphocytic infiltration developed in the pituitary after immunization with mouse growth hormone. Note the dense aggregated lymphocytic infiltration in the pituitary section.



Supplementary Figure 3. Proliferation of multinucleated giant cells in the pituitary gland of mouse autoimmune hypophysitis. Multinucleated giant cells (arrow) in the pituitary sections of mice that develop autoimmune hypophysitis on day 56 were stained by PCNA (in red) but not CD3 (in blue).

