

PP01 $\gamma\delta$ T cells are essential for orthodontic tooth movement

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Aim

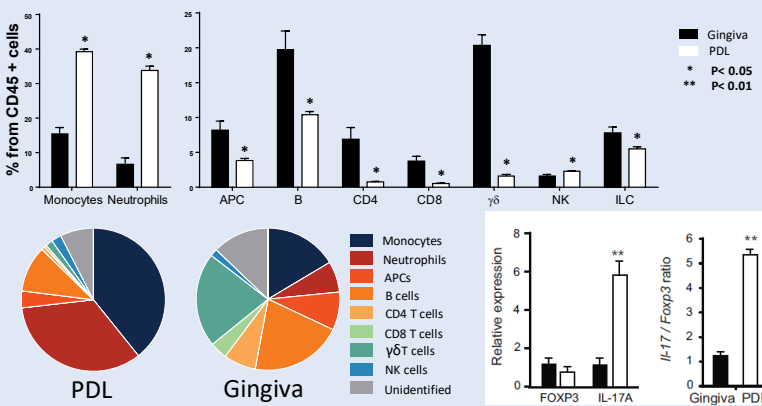
Although the immune system was shown to play a role in orthodontic tooth movement (OTM), the immunological mechanisms involved in bone remodeling during OTM have not been elucidated. $\gamma\delta$ T-cells were suggested recently to be involved in inflammation-associated bone remodeling and thus they might also play a role in OTM. We aim to dissect the kinetics and nature of the immune response developed upon OTM and to elucidate the role of $\gamma\delta$ T-cells in this process.

Materials and Methods

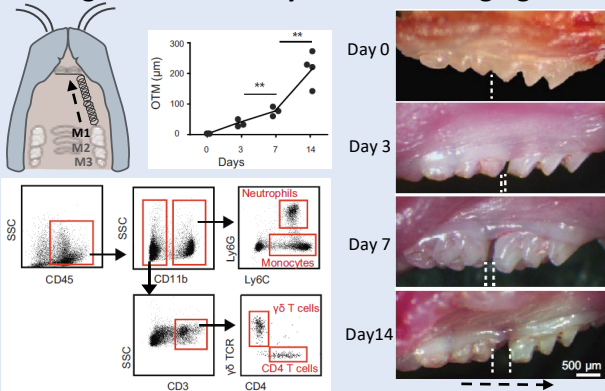
OTM was induced in mice by inserting Nickel-Titanium closed-coil for mesialization of the upper first molar. Immunological analysis of the periodontal ligament (PDL) was conducted using flow-cytometry and quantitative real-time polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR). $\gamma\delta$ T-cell receptor-GDL knock-in mice were employed for visualization or conditional ablation of $\gamma\delta$ T-cells. Bone parameters were measured by micro computed tomography (μ CT), RT-PCR and Tartrate-resistant acid phosphatase (TRAP) staining.

Results

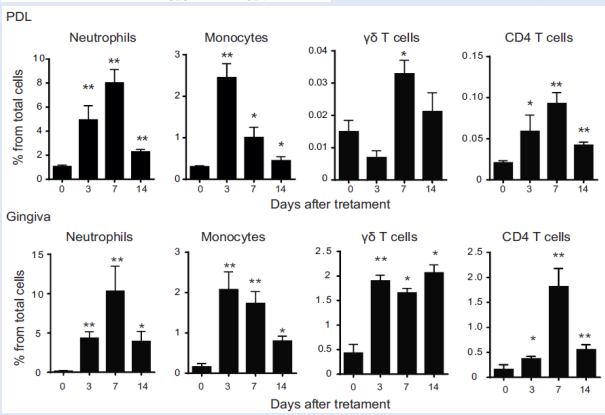
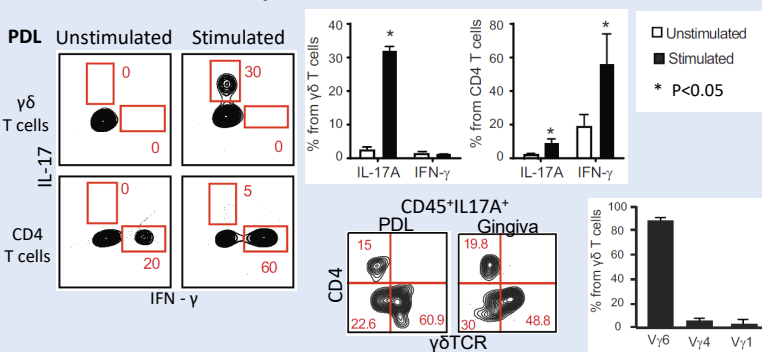
A. Characterization of leukocytes in the PDL and gingiva.



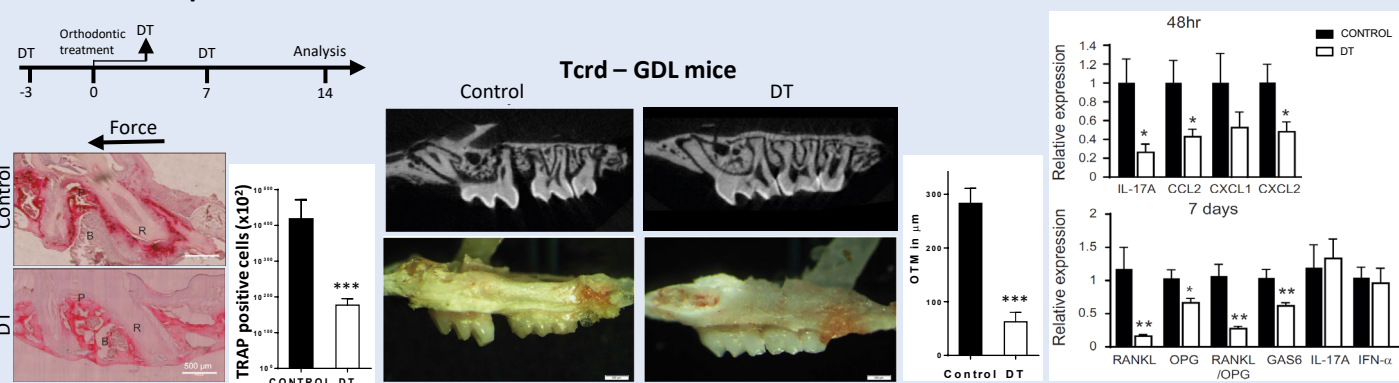
B. Orthodontic mechanical force induces major changes in the leukocytes of PDL and gingiva.



C. Interleukin 17 (IL-17)-producing $\gamma\delta$ cells represent the main $\gamma\delta$ T cell subset in the PDL.



D. Ablation of $\gamma\delta$ T cells diminishes mechanical force-induced alveolar bone loss and tooth movement.



Conclusions

Our data suggest that $\gamma\delta$ T-cells are essential for translating orthodontic mechanical forces to bone resorption, required for OTM.

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