



SEQUENCE OF IMMUNE RESPONSE IN NON-CEREBRAL AND CEREBRAL EXPERIMENTAL MALARIA

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CHARACTERIZATION OF THE PROBLEM – CEREBRAL MALARIA

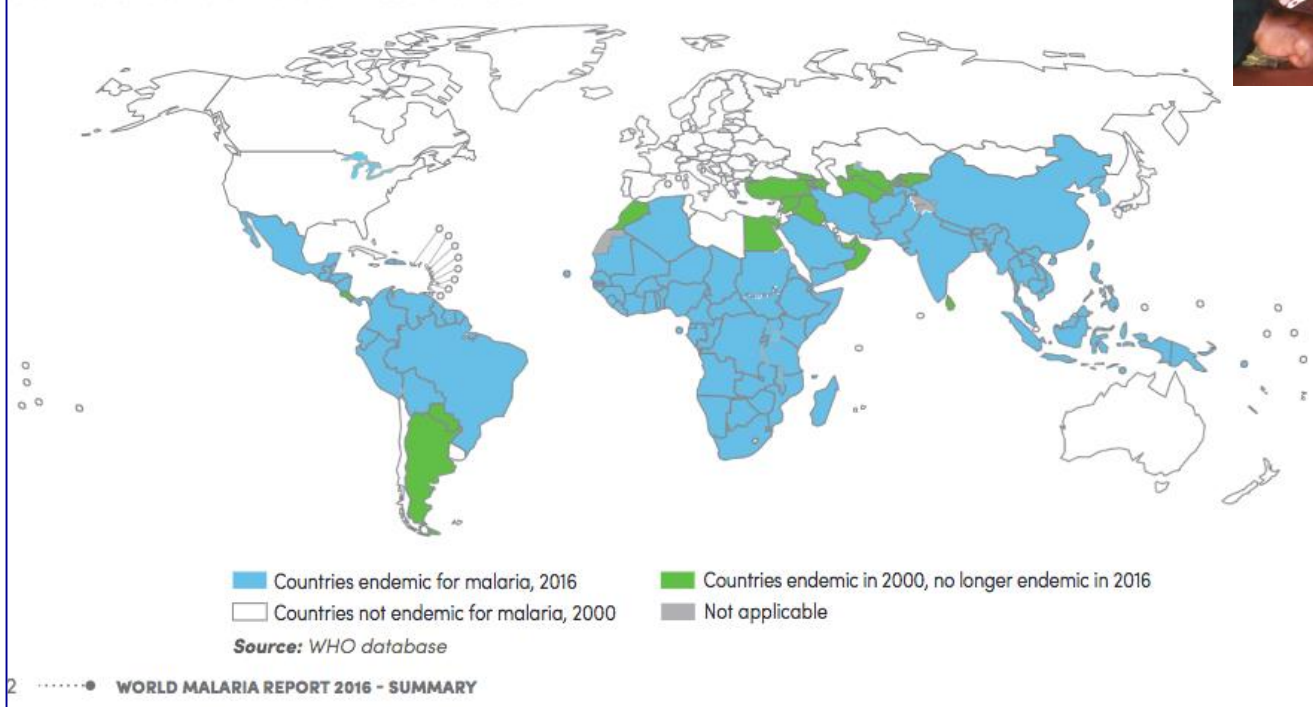
CEREBRAL MALARIA



ANEMIA



Countries endemic for malaria in 2000 and 2016



- 207 millions cases, resulting in 584,000-1,238,000 deaths, annually.

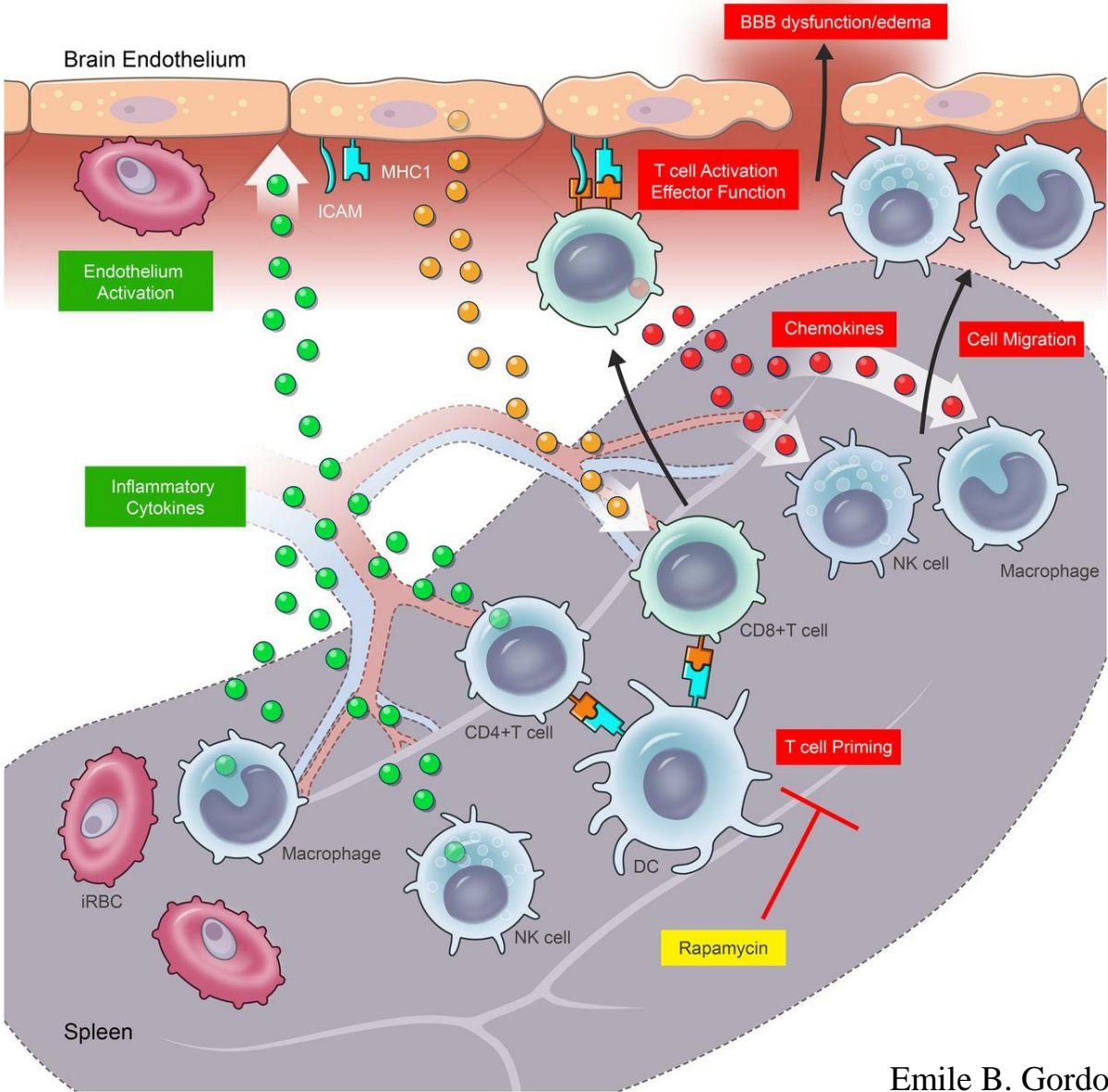
INSIGHTS INTO THE IMMUNOPHATHOGENESIS OF MALARIA USING MOUSE MODELS

Table 1. Mouse models of malaria

Species; subspecies; clone	Organs of sequestration	RBC invasion preference	Mouse strain susceptibility to anaemia	Mouse strain susceptibility to CM
<i>berghei</i> ANKA	Brain, lungs and adipose tissue (Ref. 79)	Reticulocytes	C57BL/6: lethal CD-1: lethal C57BL/6J: non-lethal (Refs 159, 160)	C57BL/6: susceptible CBA: susceptible BALB/c: resistant (Ref. 3)
<i>yoelii yoelii</i> 17X	Brain (Ref. 26)	Reticulocytes and mature RBCs	BALB/c: non-lethal (Ref. 160)	Most strains resistant
<i>yoelii yoelii</i> 17XL		Reticulocytes and mature RBCs	BALB/c: lethal C57BL/6: lethal (Ref. 119)	Most strains susceptible
<i>chabaudi chabaudi</i> AS	Liver and brain (Refs 97, 101)	Mature RBCs	A/J: lethal C57BL/6: non-lethal (Ref. 121)	C57BL/6 IL-10 KO: susceptible (Ref. 161)
<i>chabaudi chabaudi</i> AJ	Liver (Ref. 98)	Mature RBCs	BALB/c: non-lethal (Ref. 121)	
<i>chabaudi adami</i> DS		Mature RBCs	C3H: lethal C57BL/6: non-lethal (Ref. 128)	
<i>chabaudi adami</i> DK		Mature RBCs	BALB/c: non-lethal C3H: non-lethal (Ref. 128)	
<i>vinckeii vinckeii</i>		Mature RBCs	BALB/c: lethal (Ref. 120)	

Abbreviations: IL, interleukin; KO, knockout; RBC, red blood cell.

STRONG ACTIVATION OF CD8⁺ AND CD4⁺ T CELLS IN SPLEEN DURING EXPERIMENTAL CEREBRAL MALARIA



WHAT DETERMINE IF THE HOST IMMUNE RESPONSE WILL EITHER DRIVE OR PREVENT THE DEVELOPMENT OF CEREBRAL MALARIA?

AIM

- Investigate the balance of the immune response between hosts with different genetic background (susceptible and resistant) following infection with *Plasmodium berghei*-ANKA.

EXPERIMENTAL MODEL OF CEREBRAL AND NON-CEREBRAL MALARIA



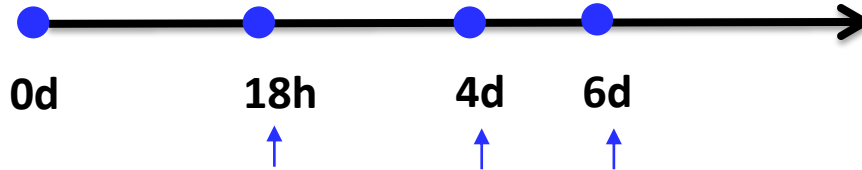
CM-Susceptible
C57BL/6



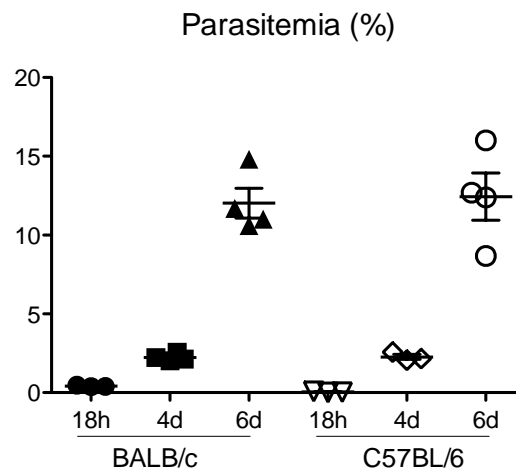
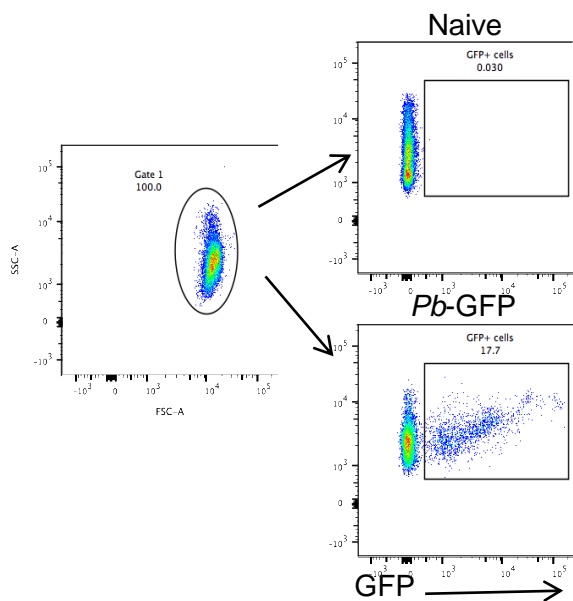
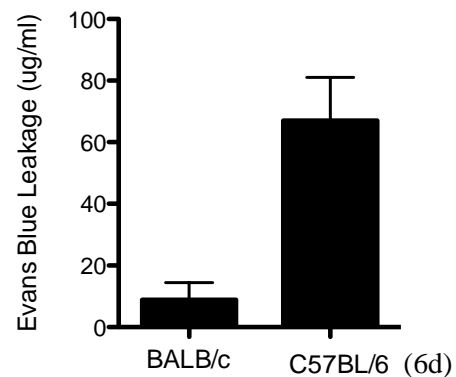
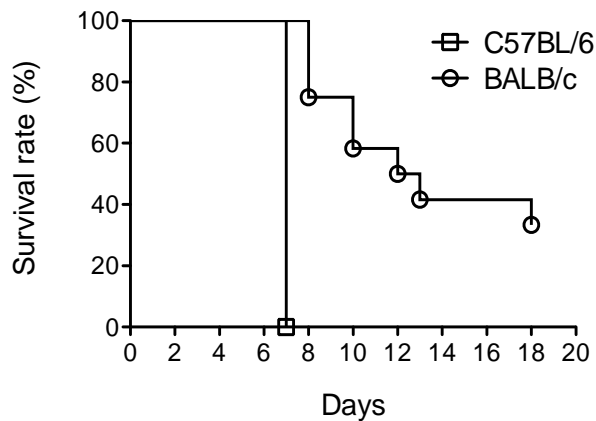
CM-Resistant
BALB/c

Experimental Design

1×10^6 *P. berghei*
ANKA-GFP+
erythrocytes/i.p.



PARASITEMIA, SURVIVAL AND CEREBRAL VASCULAR LEAKAGE DURING INFECTION WITH *P. berghei* ANKA



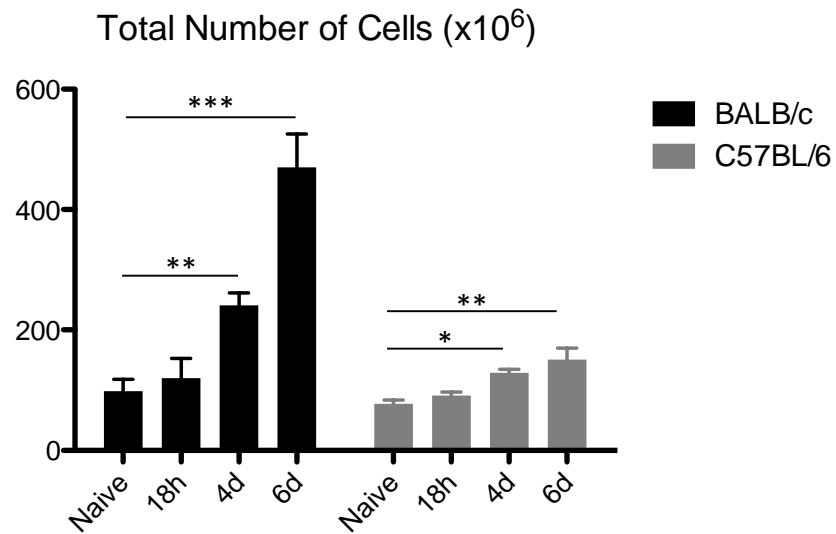
SPLENIC CELLULARITY OF *P. berghei* ANKA-INFECTED BALB/c AND C57BL/6



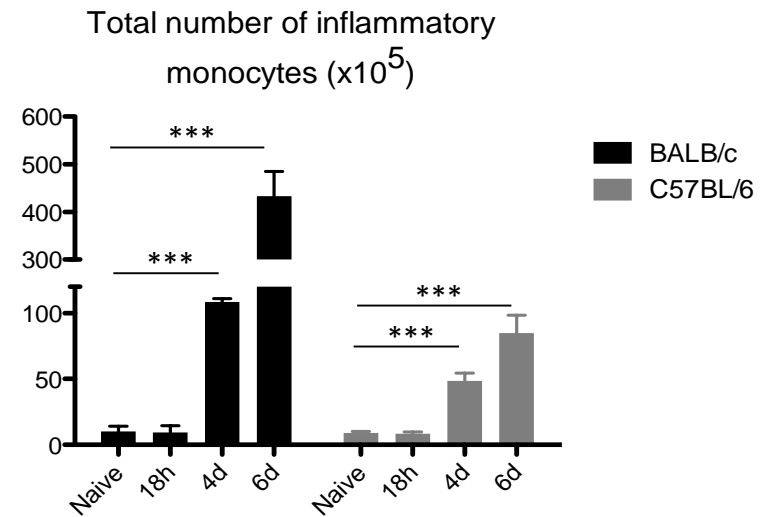
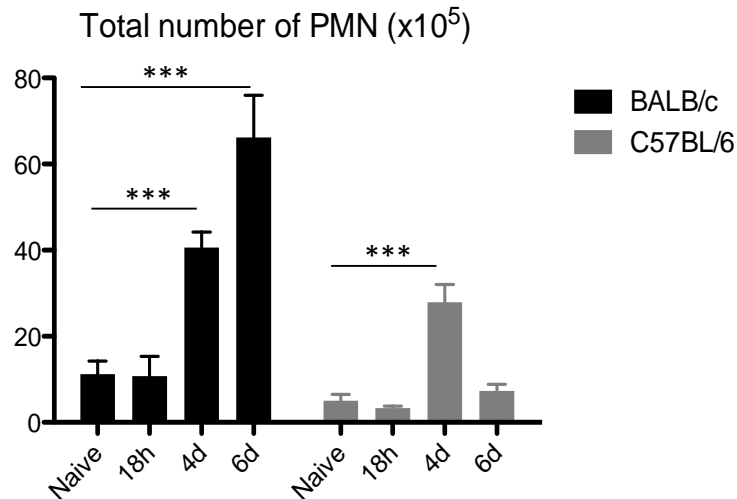
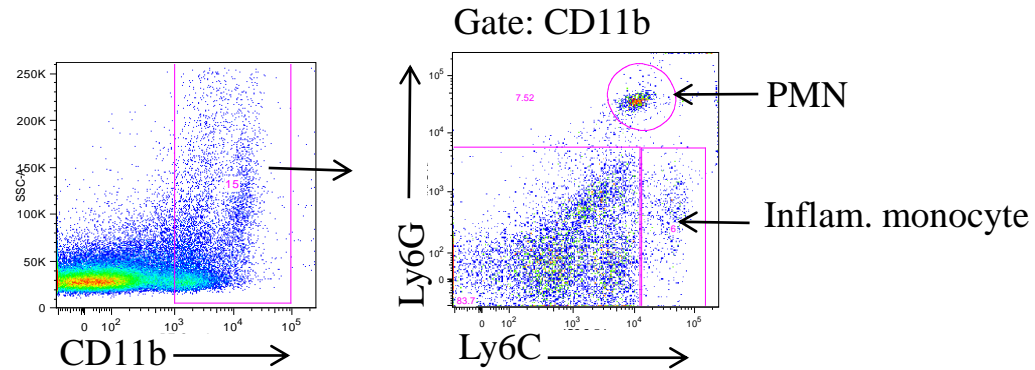
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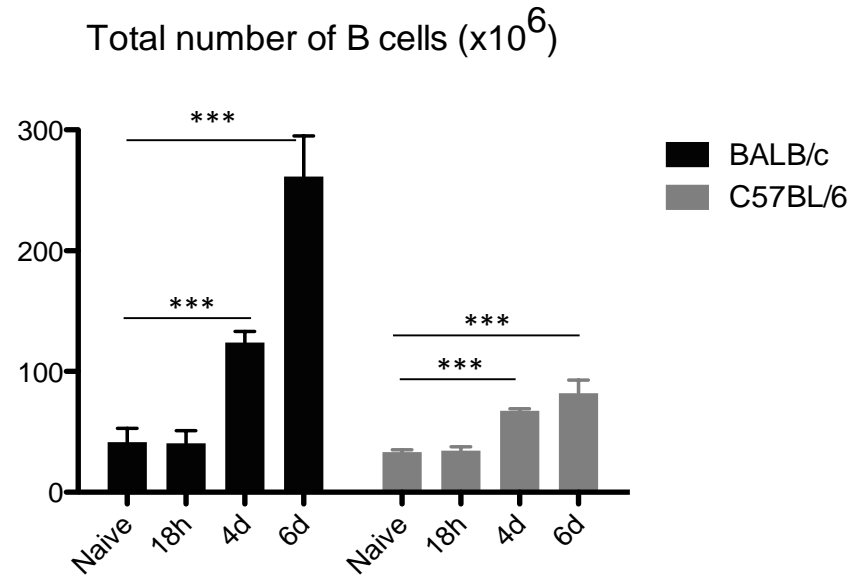
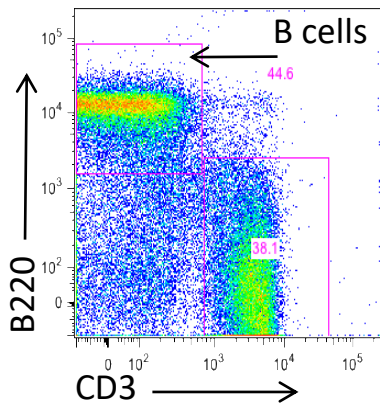
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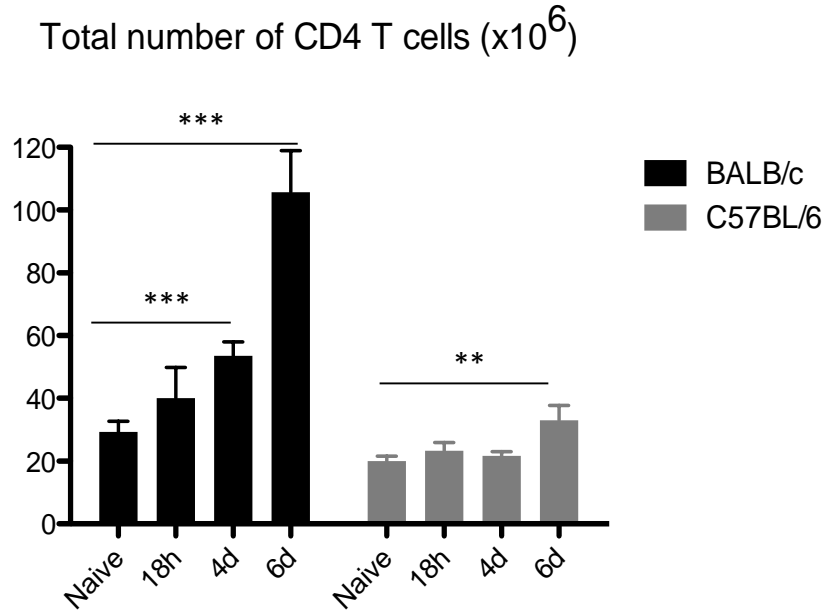
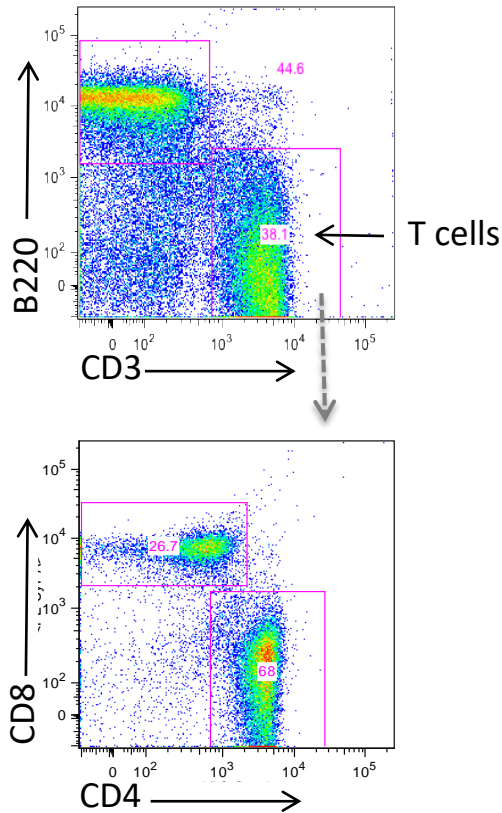
CHANGES IN MYELOID CELL POPULATIONS FOLLOWING *P. berghei* ANKA INFECTION



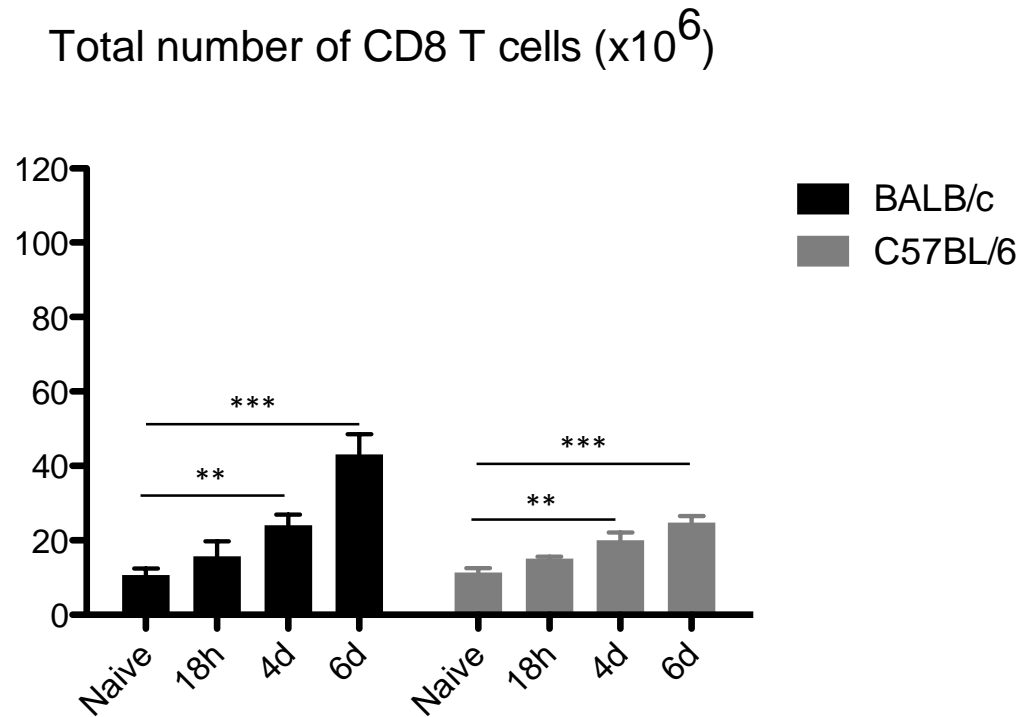
EXPANSION OF SPLENIC B CELL DURING *P. berghei* ANKA INFECTION



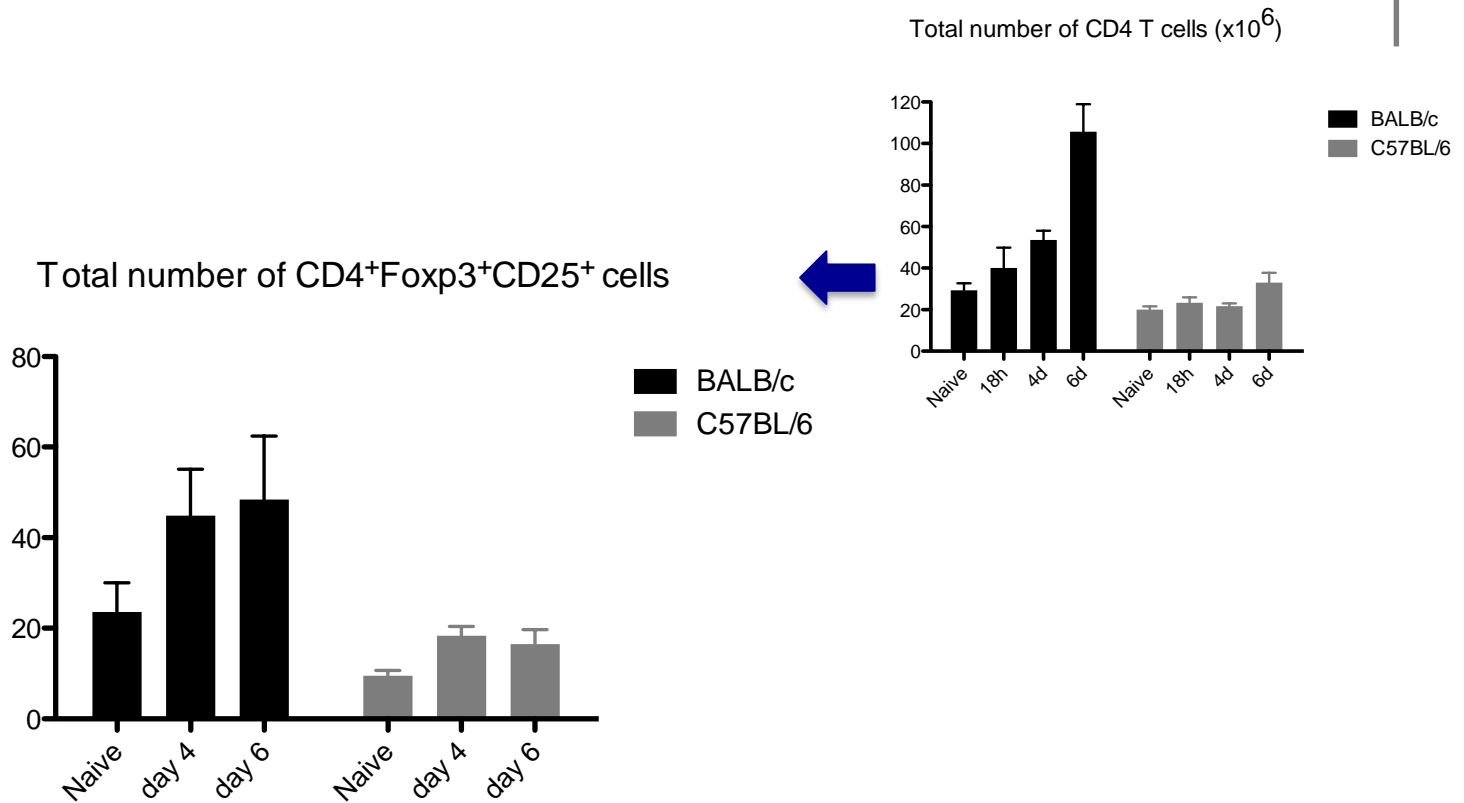
P. berghei ANKA INFECTION LEADS TO AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF SPLENIC CD4⁺ T CELLS



NUMBER OF SPLENIC CD8⁺ T CELLS FOLLOWING INFECTION WITH *P. berghei* ANKA



NUMBER OF SPLENIC CD4⁺ FOXP3⁺ REGULATORY T CELLS FOLLOWING INFECTION WITH *P. berghei* ANKA



ROLE OF CD4⁺ FOXP3⁺ REGULATORY T CELLS FOLLOWING INFECTION WITH *P. berghei* ANKA

Limited Role of CD4⁺Foxp3⁺ Regulatory T Cells in the Control of Experimental Cerebral Malaria

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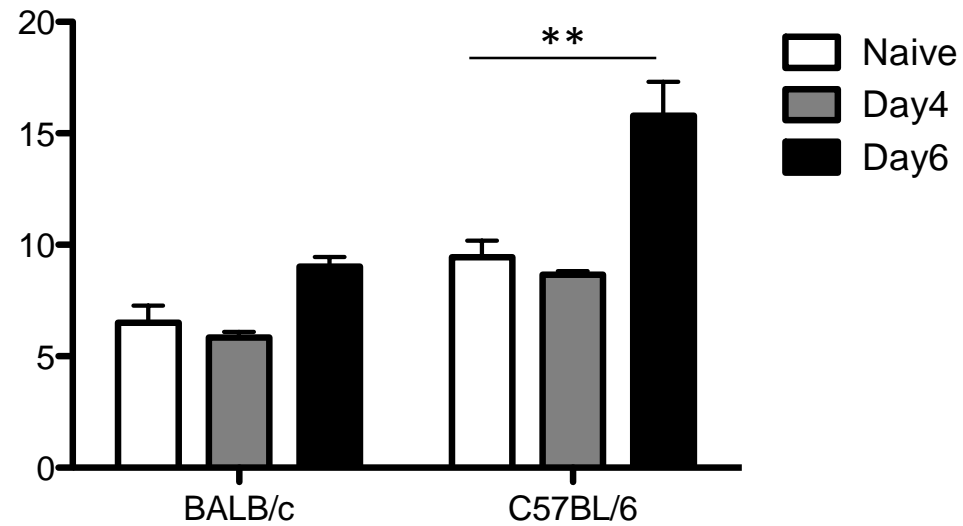
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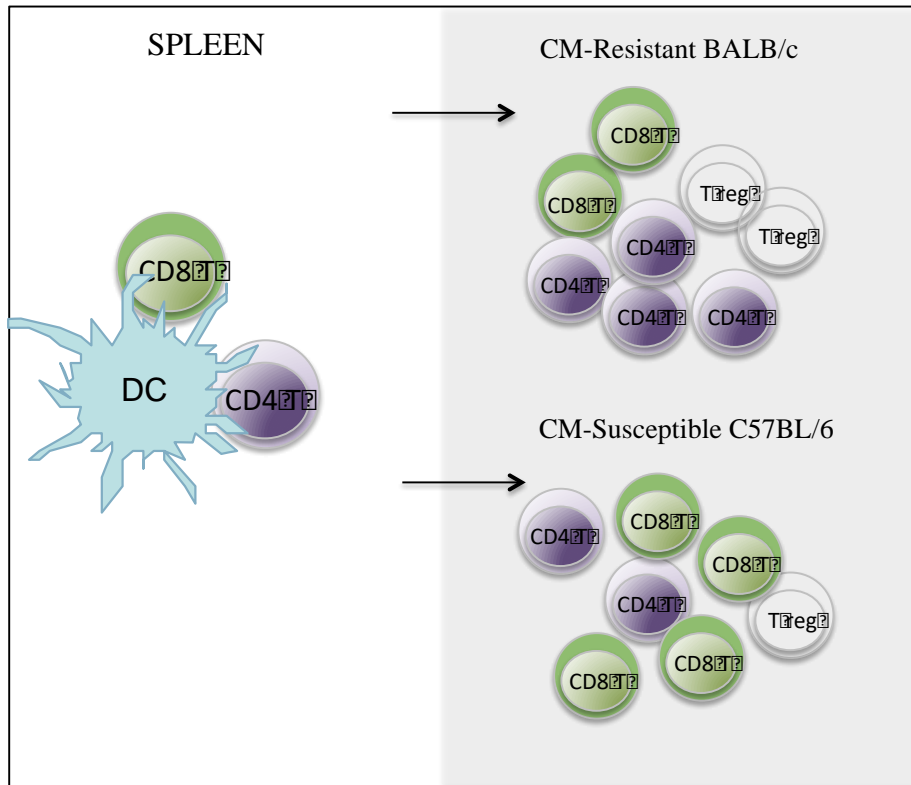
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LARGE PROPORTION OF ENDOGENOUS CD8⁺ T / REGULATORY T CELLS IN *P. berghei*-INFECTED C57BL/6 MICE

Ratio of CD8⁺/Foxp3⁺ CD4⁺ T cell



TAKE HOME MESSAGE



- The kinetic of myeloid cell recruitment to and expansion of lymphoid cells in the spleen revealed a different inflammatory process in CM-susceptible and CM-resistant hosts.
- This study reveals an unbalanced proportion of CD8⁺ T cells and regulatory T cells in C57BL/6 mice that can contribute to the development of cerebral malaria

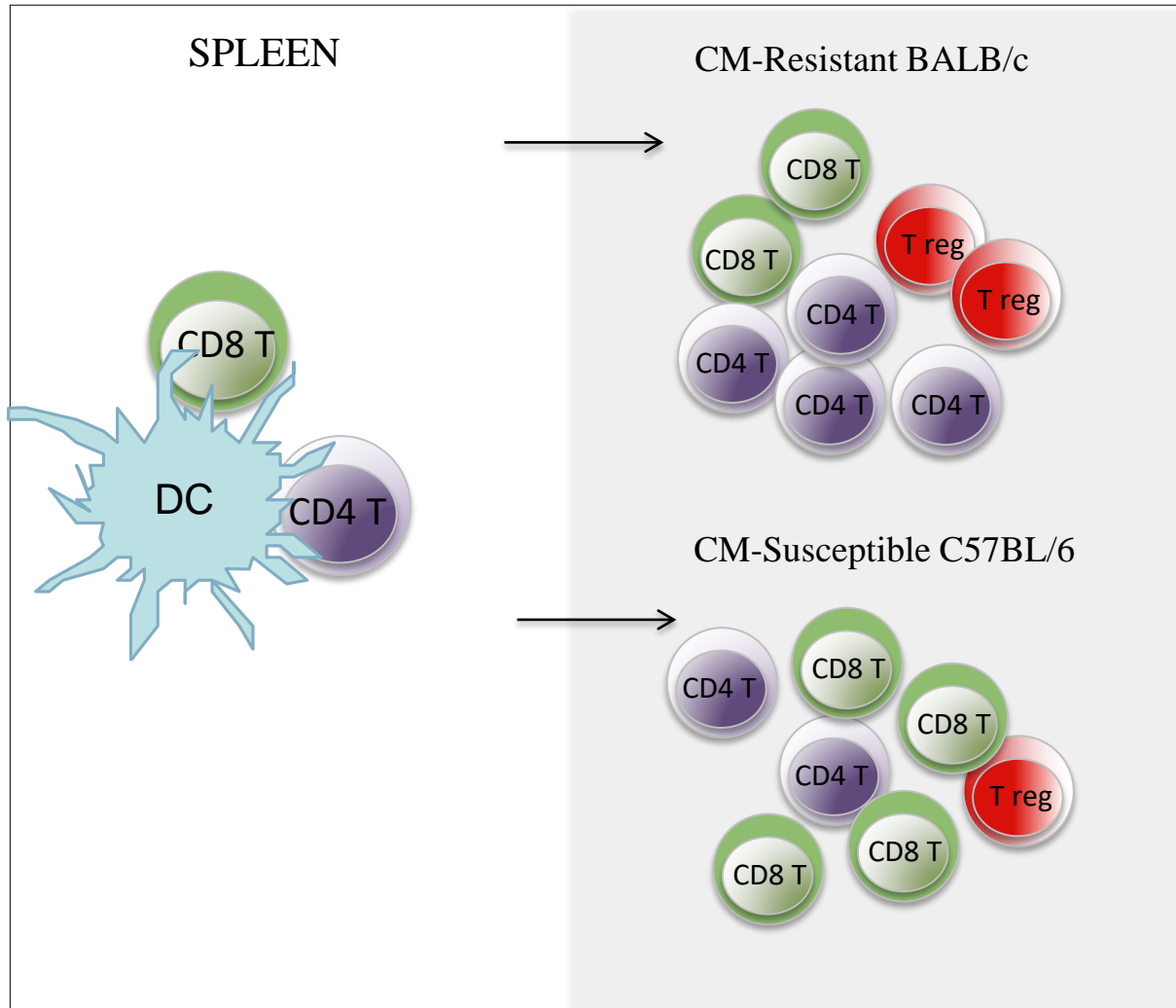
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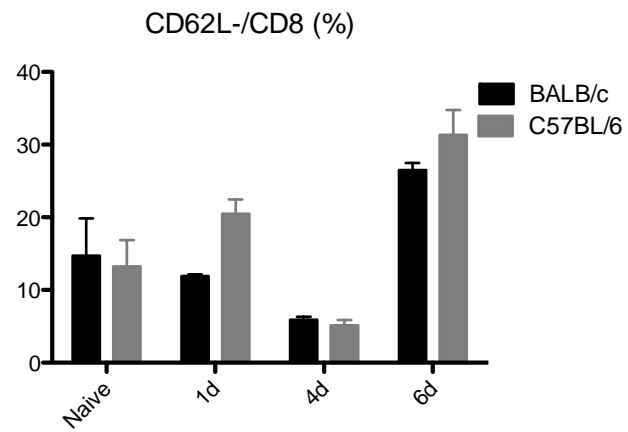
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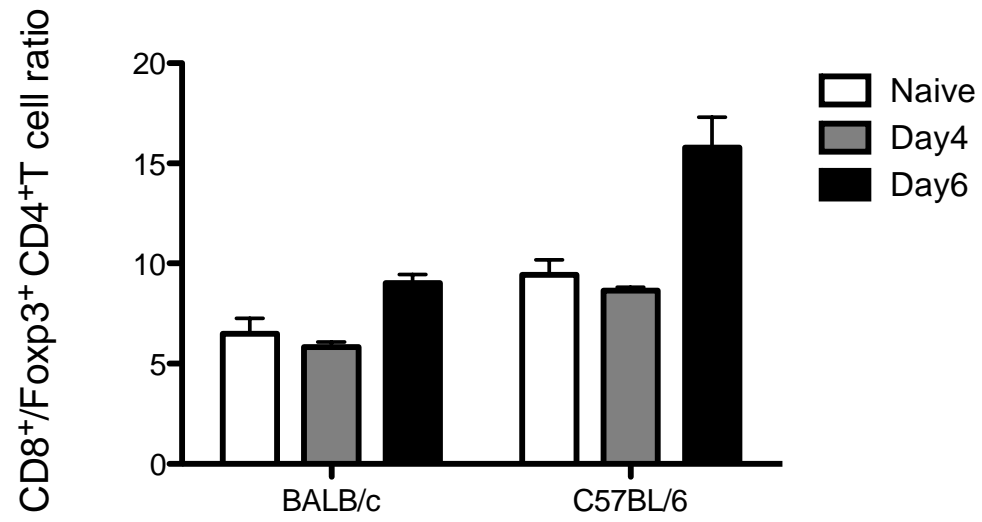


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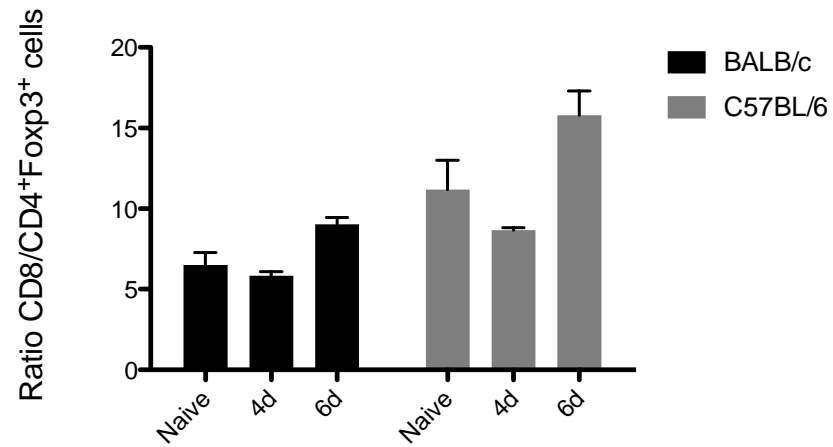


LIFE CYCLE – *Plasmodium* sp.



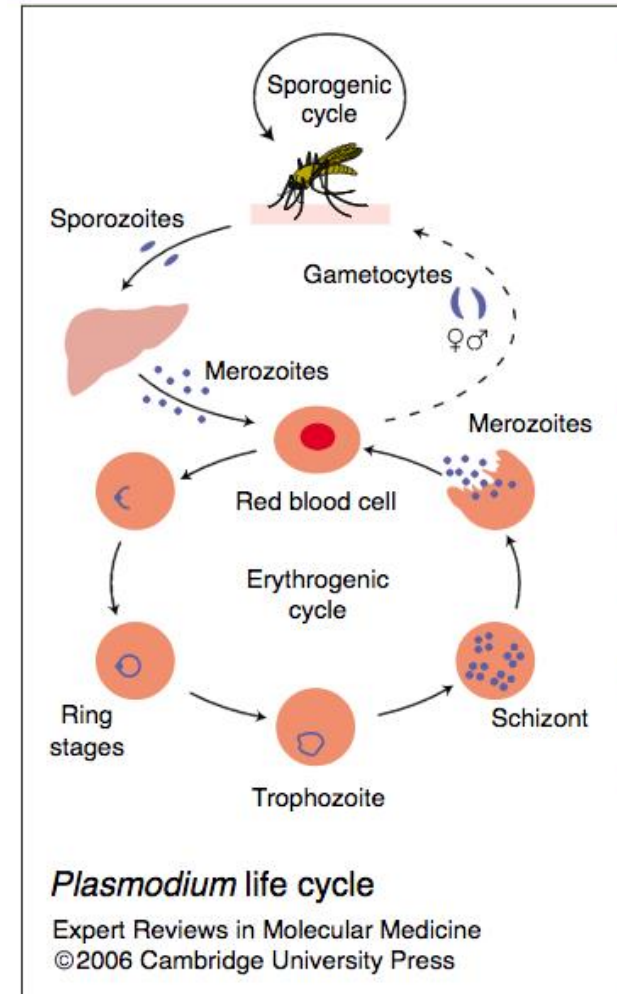


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The blood stage of plasmodium infection is the symptomatic;



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- This hypothesis suggests that CM is the result of an over- vigorous immune response (reviewed in Clark and Rockett³⁰) originally evolved for the protection of the host, producing endothelial cell damage and alterations in blood–brain barrier (BBB) permeability⁵ or other manifestations that affect central nervous system (CNS) function, such as nitric oxide production.

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Infection of susceptible C57BL/6 mice with *Plasmodium berghei* ANKA is an experimental model of CM that shares several characteristics with human disease (Jennings et al, Infect. Immun, 1998).

The blood stage of PbA infection induces a strong activation of CD8 T cells as well CD4 cells in spleen and blood, leading to an increased number of activated T cells. OR, CD8+ T cells are a key immune cells type responsible for development of cerebral pathology during malaria infection.

HOW MY REASERCH FIT IN THE TRANSLATIONAL MEDICINE? I WOULD SAY, IT FIT WELL...THE IMPLICATION OF THIS WORK ARE VERY MUCH TRANSLATIONAL... A greater understanding of the parasitological and immunological events leading to development of CM would aid the development of improved therapeutical options to treat the condition.

The roles played by the host immune response in either driving or preventing CM are unclear. It is possible that the immune response could be over-exuberant in some CM-patients or lethargic in others, the balance of which may depend on the patient's and the parasite's genetic background

Various studies clearly demonstrated a role for T cells and B cells for the genesis of CM.

Infection of C57BL/6 mice with PbA causes CM in the majority of infected mice, that usually die between days 7 and 9 pi.

To further study the role of T reg during the course of malaria, C57BL/6 and BALB/c mice were infected with PbA.

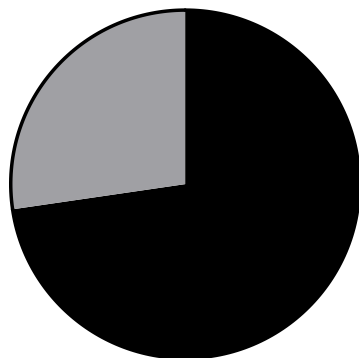
The reason why PbA causes CM in C57BL/6 but not in BALB/c mice is an area of active investigation.

The pathogenic CD8+ T cells are primed in the spleen before migrating to the brain, however the relative importance of this event in development of CM remains undefined.

During malaria infection, the spleen has been shown to be the main lymphoid organ involved in immune response development. While in certain other models of murine malaria, splenectomy aggravates the infection by prolonging and increasing peak parasitemia, splenectomized mice infected with PbA are protected from ECM.

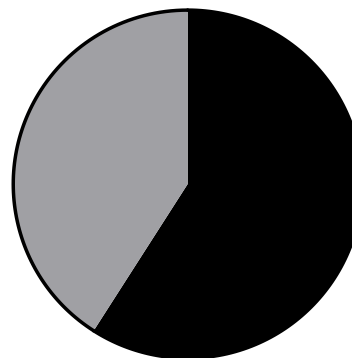
PORCENTAGEM DE CÉLULAS CD4 E CD8 NO BAÇO DOS CAMUNDONGOS BALB/c E C57BL/6 INFECTADOS COM *P. berghei* ANKA

Naive BALB/c



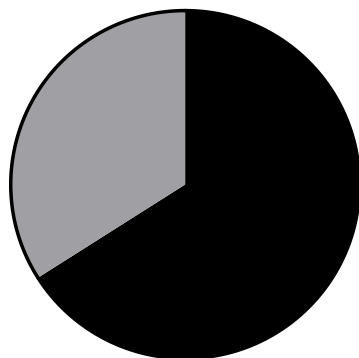
72.69% CD4
27.31% CD8

Naive C57BL/6



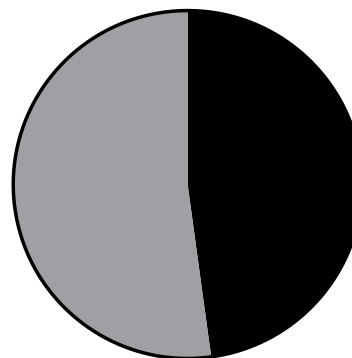
59.06% CD4
40.94% CD8

Day 4 BALB/c



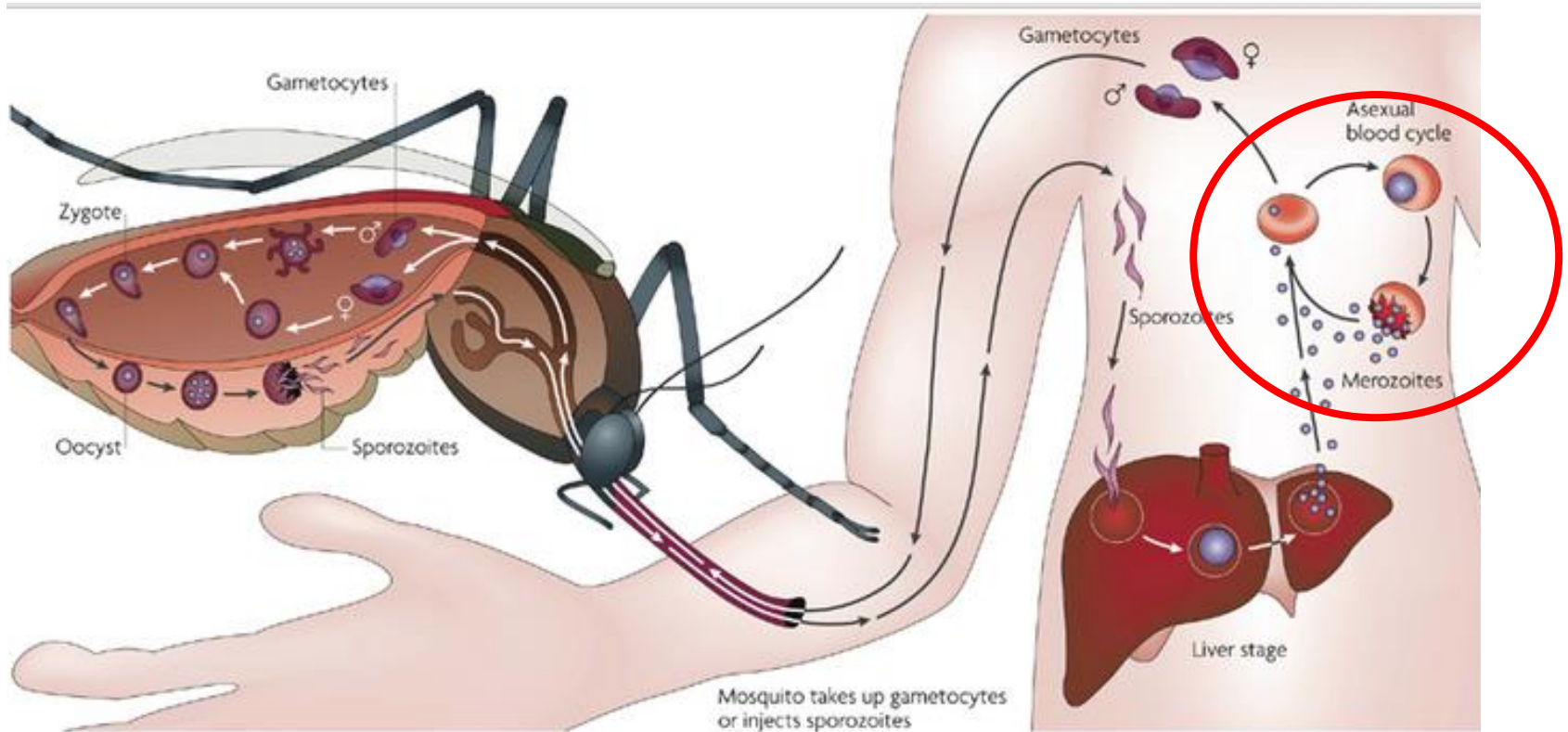
66.00% CD4
34.00% CD8

Day 4 C57BL/6



47.84% CD4
52.16% CD8

LIFE CYCLE – *Plasmodium sp.*



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