



Ageing Associated Immunosenescence and Inflammageing - Cause for Greater Mortality in Infectious Diseases (Specifically Viral Diseases)

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Ageing in variable organisms (specifically mammals) has been posited to start with encompasses nine shared properties, inclusive of i) genomic instability, ii) telomere shortening attrition, iii) epigenetic changes, iv) decontrolling of nutrients sensing, v) mitochondrial impairment, vi) cellular senescence, vii) changes of intercellular communications, viii) exhaustion of stem cells and ix) depletion of proteasis [1]. Immunosenescence has been thought to be an inimical event for over decades, in view of its propagating diminished capability of stimulating antibody, cellular reactions to infections along with vaccines with efficacy. Additionally, it has been thought to be an inimical event since it causes kinds of inflammation referred to as inflammageing. Recently we reviewed part of inflammageing and immunosenescence in infectious diseases [2].

Infectious diseases for instance influenza, pneumonia comprise the main worldwide infectious diseases resulting in mortality in older subjects having a rate of 93.2/10,000 in 2018 the ones with age ≥ 65 [3]. Furthermore recently infection by novel pathogens for instance West Nile virus (WNV) in addition to Corona virus 2 (SARS-CoV2), implicated in of Coronavirus disease (COVID 19) pandemic have illustrated a remarkable escalated robustness in older subjects [4]. Taken together alterations in non immune organs are parallel - with age associated proneness to infectious diseases. For example, lungs of decreased respiratory muscle butressing ingdiminished lung conformity as well as dysfunctional muco-ciliary working leads to eliminated efficacy of clearance of infectious organisms [5]. Akin to the lungs decreased working of epithelial barriers of the skin, lungs along with GIT facilitates the invasiveness of the pathogen [6]. Additionally, the neurocognitive modifications in addition to susceptibility to encephalopathy aids in the postponement of infectious syndrome getting diagnosed [7]. This gets further hostile in adults with frailty, having commonly atypical clinical manifestation of infection, generally isolated when

basic disease undergoes inimical course or extra precipitating process takes place.

Viral infections portray a significant guiding force of premature ageing. Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), was the initial one to be described that got correlated with immunosenescence [8]. Premature ageing is further a collary of substantially active anti retroviral treatment, that has substantially lead to propagation of survival of such subjects despite indelible inflammation resulting in greater quantities of IL-6, TNF α , interferon α (IFN α) with generation of diminished quantities of IL-2 [9], in addition to a differential diminishing of TREC's [10]. Utilization of assay which concurrently determines Tcell receptor excision circles (TREC's) K deleting recombinant excision circles (KREC), [11], was performed by the group of Quiros Rolan E., et al. [12], where BM along with thymic output in HIV patients that got treatment, in addition to the ones not needing treatment got evaluated. Cells possessing KRECs continued to be not altered subsequent to a year of treatment, followed by diminished quantities akin to that of those non needing treatment HIV+ patients. TREC's generation escalated subsequent to successful anti retroviral treatment reactions, however never attained quantities of HIV patients not needing treatment [12]. At the time of such infection, expansion of TEMRA cells which express T cells exhaustion markers has been detailed, pointing to the implications of T cells modulated immune reaction in the infections correlated with immunosenescence. The inflammatory milieu of such subjects might further guide TEMRA cells evolution towards non particular senescence [13]. Currently the magnitude of immunosenescence was evaluated dependent on CD 27 as well as CD57 quantities expressed on T cells in adults patients living with HIV or AIDS [14]. The patients reported lesser percentage of T cells in the earlier stages of senescence along with a greater percentage of T cells in the intermediate as well as last stages of ageing [14]. The reduction of thymic output in addition to escalated TEMRA cells found might be involved in the oligoclonal expansion of CD4+ as well as CD8+T

cells chamber along with diminished TCR variations [15].

NK cells senescence in chronic HIV infected patients gets displayed by the expansion of non working CD3- CD56- CD16+ NK cells illustrating an activated profile, the manner pointed by the generation of greater quantities of cytokines in addition to chemokine for instance IL-4, IL-5, IL-6, IL-10, IL-12, IFN α 2, IFN γ , TNF α , Regulated on activation normally on Tcells expressed and secreted (RANTES), along with monocyte chemotactic protein 1 (MCP1) [15]. Thereby at the time of HIV infection, there is augmentation of the immunosenescence events leading to apart from immunrepressed stage with incapacity of keeping HIV reproduction as well as spread in control, how further diminishing the capability of reacting to newer antigen exposure, facilitating the infections in addition to age correlated organ diseases [16].

The manner predicted, the older subjects possess greater susceptibility to respiratory tract infection (RTI), with etiological factors being adenovirus, Coronavirus, Human metapneumovirus, influenza A and B, parainfluenza, in addition to respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). Whereas, in a plethora of countries, vaccination rate has been greater than 60% in persons over 65yrs [17], influenza continues to be a robust health botheration regarding such population. Incapacity as well as mortality results are based on the extent of frailty, cardiovascular processes which represent the commonest extrapulmonary complications along with decline in quality of life (QOL) in view of elimination of sovereignty subsequent to getting hospitalized. To our misfortune great lacunae are existent amongst our insight regarding natural immune reactions as well as subsequent to vaccination, despite apparently greater robustness in addition to longer lasting immunity exists following natural infection in contrast to vaccination [18]. Without any doubt innate immunity failure has further plausibility of possessing a part in view of diminished macrophages working [19], in addition to, decline in uptake of opsonized bacteria by CD14+ monocytes [20]. Ageing apparently influences DCs regarding diminished numbers, actions, migration, estimating lesser clearance in addition to clinical results along with proneness to complications, have been linked to circulating proinflammatory cytokines quantities [23]. Despite decreased CD8Tcell immune reactions to influenza virus infection has been displayed [24], in mice previously just recently in 2023 the part of CD8 T cell in older subjects has been illustrated in the form of mechanistic mode of robustness in respiratory virus infections by Parks., et al. [25]. Single cell profiling evaluation illustrated CD8 Tcell particular for major Influenza HLA-A*02:01-M158-66 (A2/M158)epitope are akin in infants, children along with older humans. Nevertheless, despite CD8Tcell in older subjects reported no evidence of exhaustion, their sub ideal TCR $\alpha\beta$ signatures resulted in lesser proliferation, poly working capacity, affinity, recalling capacity for peptide mutants. Specifically, the diminished public TCR $\alpha\beta$ clonotypes as well as TCR $\alpha\beta$ variations amongst older TCR collection, expositions the reasoning for why older subjects in the

absence of earlier presence of antibodies possess greater susceptibility to robustness of infection at the time of influenza endemics or pandemics [26]. Older subjects usually present with frequent clinically mild RSV infection repeatedly [27], that rarely might result in changed airway resistance in addition to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) becoming inimical [28], resulting in life endangering pneumonia [29]. Such populations possess lesser quantities of neutralizing antibodies as well as IFN γ along with reduced in vitro cellular immune reaction to RSV [30]. Outcomes from a recently performed, multiparametric immunological evaluation, pointed to the primary involvement of cellular immunity in avoidance of symptomatic RSV infections in such subjects, thereby portraying a plausible marker regarding innate immunity to RSV in older subjects [31]. Additionally, a systematic review of publication regarding risk factors for bad results regarding RSV infections, robust correlation amongst immunosenescence in addition to previous presence of comorbidities (for instance cardiac, pulmonary as well as immuneendangering situations, diabetes mellitus, renal disease) along with living situations (socio economical status) [32]. Other respiratory viruses for instance metapneumovirus, human rhinovirus, human parainfluenza virus further result in amongst considerable morbidity along with mortality in older subjects [33], however the influence of senescence in addition to other factors which modulate robustness in the older subjects continue to be uncharted [34].

Subsequent to clearance of cHCV, basically in male cases a substantially escalated plasma quantities of SASP proteins inclusive of IL-1 α , IL-1 receptor 1 (IL-1R1) IL-8, IL-13, in addition to IL-18 occurs. Such alterations have been correlated with escalated risk of generating liver along with hepatic disease [35]. Infected subjects have greater probability of generating escalated intrahepatic senescent T cells [36], that might facilitate generation of hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) in view of such T cells have incapacity of depleting pre malignant senescent hepatocytes [37].

Once ageing take place, a plethora of changes occur amongst the immune system, impacting both innate and adaptive immunity. In the domain of innate immunity, aging stimulates alterations in the working as well as quantities of different immune cells, inclusive of neutrophils, monocytes, in addition to macrophages. Furthermore activation of some immune pathways, for instance the cGAS-STING, takes place. These changes might plausibly lead to telomere injury, the disturbance of cytokine signaling, along with dysfunctional recalling of pathogens. Moreover, plethora of changes take place in the adaptive immune system, with advancement of age. They are inclusive of switching in the numbers, frequency, sub kinds, in addition to working of T cells as well as B cells. Furthermore dynamic alterations occur in the human gut microbiota (GM) like an aging phenomenons. Noticeably, alterations amongst the immune along with GM emphasizes the gut's part in manipulating immune reac-

tions in addition to sustenance of immune homeostasis. The GM of centenarians have characteristics similar to those observed in young, differentiating it from the microbiota canonically found in

aged individuals. Recently Gao., et al. [38], review detailed presently how aging affects the immune system as well as points to reverting aging through interventions in immune factors (see Figure 1 and 2).

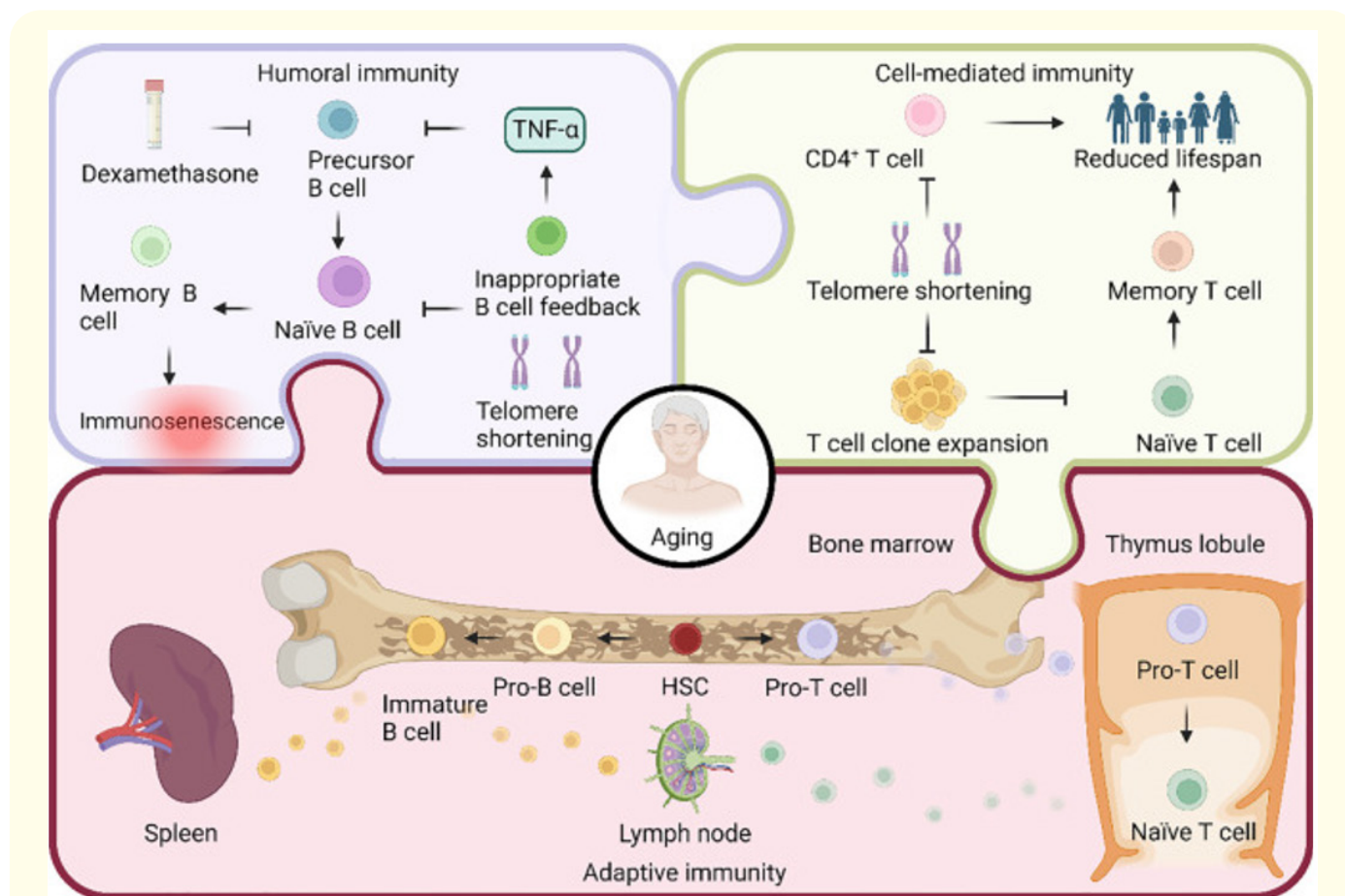


Figure 1: Courtesy ref no – 38 - Aging in the regulation of adaptive immunity. Both T cells and B cells are pluripotent stem cells, differentiated from hematopoietic stem cells (HSCs). In the bone marrow, HSCs undergo differentiation, giving rise to progenitor T (pro-T) and pro-B cells. Subsequently, pro-T cells migrate to the thymus, where they undergo somatic recombination to transform into naïve T cells. These naïve T cells then migrate to the lymph nodes. On the other hand, pro-B cells undergo somatic cell recombination and V (D) J recombination, transitioning into immature B cells. These immature B cells migrate to the lymph nodes and spleen to actively participate in the immune response. Adaptive immunity comprises two types: humoral and cell-mediated. B cells mediate humoral immunity, and the reduction in telomere length due to telomerase deficiency during aging hinders B cell production. Additionally, the apoptosis-inducing drug dexamethasone, along with improper feedback from aged age-associated B cells producing TNF- α , inhibits precursor B cell production, ultimately decreasing the overall B cell count. Cell-mediated immunity, on the other hand, is orchestrated by T cells. Age-related telomere shortening results in a significant decline in the expansion ability of T cell clones, leading to a generational reduction in CD4+ T cells and, consequently, a decrease in lifespan.

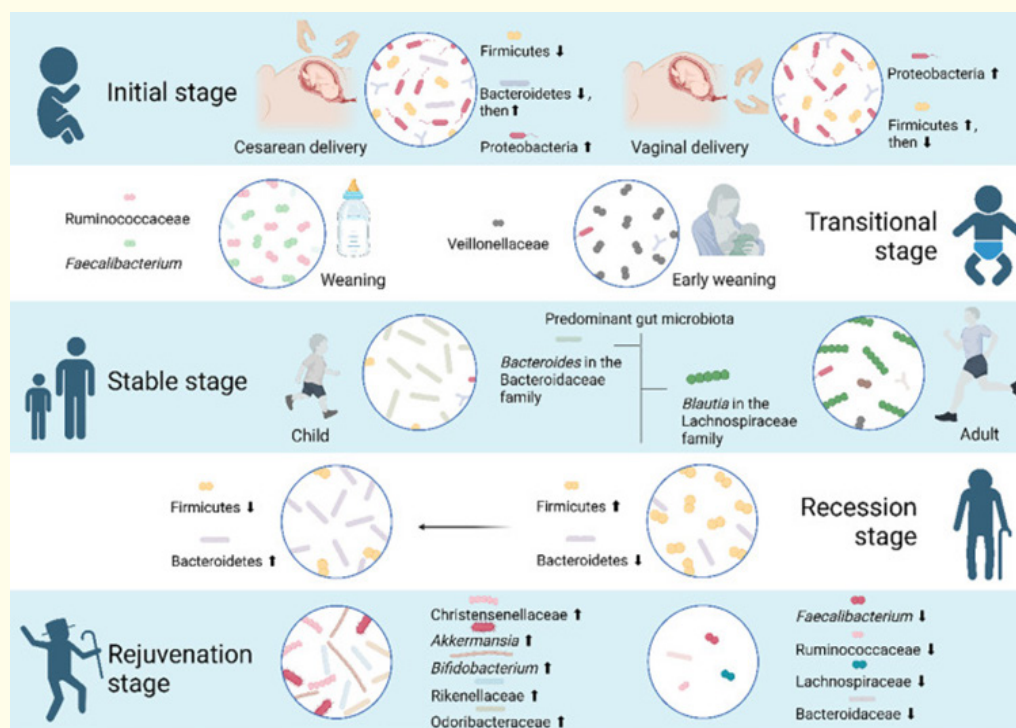


Figure 2: Courtesy ref no - 38 - Five stages the gut microbiota goes through during human aging. As individuals age, the composition of the human gut microbiota undergoes distinct phases: an initial phase, a transitional phase, a stable phase, a recession phase, and a rejuvenation phase. In the initial stage, various factors impact the gut microbiota of newborns. Specifically, infants born via cesarean section experience a transition from Firmicutes to Bacteroidetes and Proteobacteria, while those born vaginally have Proteobacteria and Firmicutes as the predominant phyla. During the transitional phase, early weaning has a limited impact on the infant gut microbiota at the phylum level but leads to an enrichment of Veillonellaceae. Notably, Ruminococcaceae and Faecalibacterium show significant increases during the weaning stage. By the age of 3, toddlers experience a substantial increase in both the quantity and variety of their gut microbiota, reaching a level of maturity comparable to that of adults, entering a stable stage. However, distinctions persist between the gut microbiota of children and adults. *Blautia* in the Lachnospiraceae family is more abundant in the adult cohort, while *Bacteroides* in the Bacteroidaceae family is more prevalent in the child cohort. As individuals progress into the recession phase of aging, a decrease in the Firmicutes and Bacteroidetes ratio serves as an indicator. Centenarians, in particular, display unique gut microbiota profiles distinct from the average elderly population. Their microbiota undergoes a rejuvenation phase, suggesting that the distinctive microorganisms associated with longevity may play a role in maintaining youth and potentially reversing aging.