

PIF / sPIF

FROM NATURE TO CLINICS

EFFECTIVE EMBRYO-MATERNAL INTERACTION.

CLINICAL MANAGEMENT TO ACHIEVE IMMUNE

HOMEOSTASIS.



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Ask not what you can
do for the embryo...

PIF SCIENCE

Retrieve Pregnancy's Immunity & Transplant Regulation
Transpose **PIF** Effects in Pregnancy and/or Non-Pregnant Applications

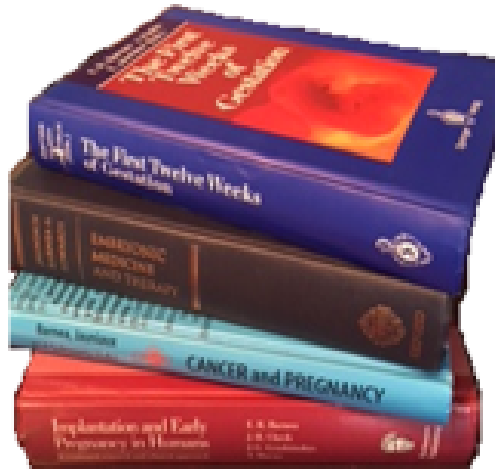


Ask what the embryo
can do for YOU!



EMPHASIS ON EARLY PREGNANCY INVESTIGATION

Promote Fundamental Concepts (i.e. PIF)



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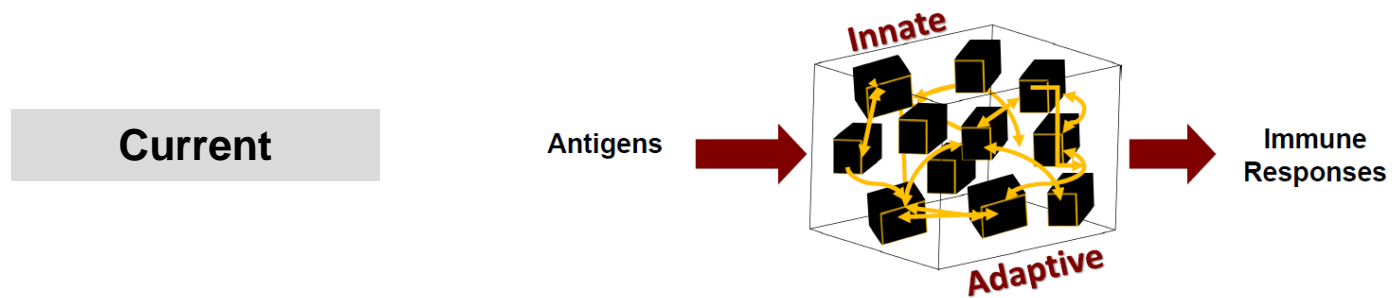
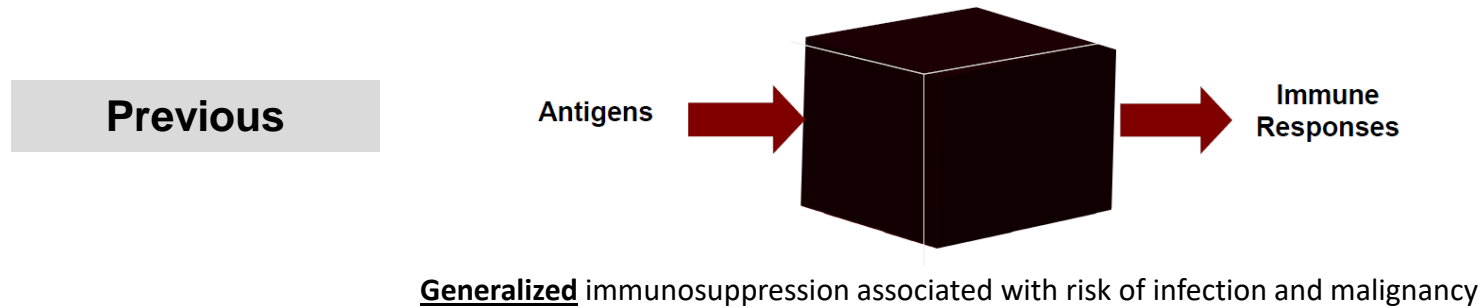
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EVOLVING IMMUNOTHERAPY APPROACH

PIF Adapted to Need



Targets specific pathways using **combined** immunosuppression to lower risks of infection and malignancy



PIF - The Future

Integrated local & systemic Immune modulation. Selective target and pathway involved

sPIF FIRST-IN-HUMAN CLINICAL PHASE 1 TRIAL IMMUNE DISORDER

Completed Successfully; Enables Progress To Phase 2

PIF AIH Phase 1 SAD Clinical Trial STATUS COMPLETE

- 23 patients screened
- 18 patients successfully enrolled
- All 18 patients completed the trial
- No side effects by H&P or lab results
- Pharmacokinetics: rapid PIF clearance

PIF AIH Phase 1 MAD STATUS COMPLETE

- 19 patients screened
- 18 patients successfully enrolled
- All 18 patients completed the trial, no dropouts
- No side effects by H&P or lab. results
- No anti-PIF antibody

Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study

- First-in-Human study.
AIH: representative complex immune disorder
- FDA: Orphan Drug Designation
- **SAD** PIF Rx (0.1, 0.5, 1mg/kg one injection)
- **MAD** PIF Rx (0.1, 0.5, 1mg/kg for 5 consecutive days)
- No volunteers required by FDA
- Patients on multiple drug regimen
- www.ClinicalTrials.gov

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- **sPIF: no toxicity**
- **sPIF: no deleterious drug-to-drug interaction**
- **sPIF: no anti-PIF antibody develops**
- **sPIF: rapid clearance / long term effect**
- **sPIF: exploratory efficacy**



FDA IMPARTS sPIF PRIVILEGED STATUS

Orphan Drug Designations (ODD) & FAST-TRACK Award



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FAST-TRACK

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Dear Dr. O'Brien:

Please refer to your Investigational New Drug Application (IND) submitted under section 505(i) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for synthetic PreImplantation Factor (sPIF).

We also refer to your July 18, 2013, request for Fast Track designation. We have reviewed your request and concluded that it meets the criteria for the Fast Track designation. Therefore, we are designating as a Fast Track development program the investigation of synthetic PreImplantation Factor (sPIF) for the treatment of autoimmune hepatitis. Please note that if the clinical development program you pursue does not continue to meet the criteria for Fast Track designation, the application will not be reviewed under the Fast Track program.

For further information regarding Fast Track Drug Development Programs, please refer to the FDA document "Guidance for Industry on Fast Track Drug Development Programs: Designation, Development, and Application Review". This document is available on the internet at <http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/Guidances/UCM079736.pdf> or may be requested from the Office of Communications, Division of Drug Information at 301-796-3400 or 1-888-463-6332.

If you have any questions, contact CDR Anissa Davis-Williams, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 796-5016.



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Re: Designation request # Df
Amendment Dated:
Amendment Received



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Dear Dr. Barnea:

This letter responds to your a
preimplantation factor for "pe

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Re: Designation request # DRU-2018-6649
Dated: October 11, 2018
Received: October 15, 2018

Dear Dr. Barnea:

This letter responds to your request for orphan-drug designation of synthetic preimplantation factor for "treatment of acute radiation syndrome."



NIH / NCATS BrIDGs SUPPORTS sPIF DEVELOPMENT TO IND

Long-Term FDA Mandated Toxicity Studies (3,6 & 9months)

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Using the Preimplantation Factor (PIF) to Treat Graft-Versus-Host Disease

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BrIDGs Program staff

A number of diseases arise due to defects in bone marrow cells. Such conditions may be treated through bone marrow transplantation (BMT). Graft-versus-host disease (GVHD) is a major complication that can occur after BMT. The transplanted cells from the donor (graft) treat the cells of the patient (host) as "foreign." Instead of helping the recipient, the immune cells from the donor graft attack the host's cells, tissues and organs, as if fighting an infection. Acute GVHD soon after transplantation can be mild, moderate or severe; it can even fatal if not controlled. The disease may also present as a later-onset chronic condition. Therapy for chronic GVHD is associated with a lifetime of immune-

BrIDGs program assists in advancing promising therapeutic agents through late-stage pre-clinical development toward an Investigational New Drug (IND) application and clinical testing

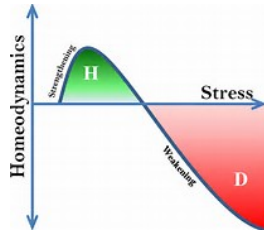
BrIDGs: sPIF / Chronic GVHD

- NIH/NCATS Drug to Market Plan
- Support includes: 3m tox successfully completed,
- Long-Term Toxicology 6mo murine and 9mo canine is advanced as required by FDA



PIF NATURE-BASED MONOIMMUNE THERAPY

Microimmunotherapy
(Cytokine cocktail in
Microdoses):



<http://sureshrattan.com/category/research/c37-hormesis/>

Hormesis

vs.

PIF:

Tox study: 7000 ng/mL

Pregnancy: 200-300 ng/mL

Preclinical: 2-5 ng/mL effective

Clinical: 2-5 ng/mL, effective

High doses are nontoxic and show rapid clearance

Short term, low dose **PIF** → long term therapeutic effects
Modulates Th1/Th2, TH-17 response



STEROIDS / IMMUNOSUPPRESSANTS vs **PIF**

High Safety & Devoid of Side-Effects

Fever, weight loss; extreme tiredness;
diarrhea; stomach pain; warm, red, or
painful skin; painful, difficult, or
frequent urination; other infections.
tuberculosis or hepatitis B infection,
severe or life-threatening cancers
including lymphoma. hepatosplenic T-
cell lymphoma (HSTCL), that often
causes death within a short period of
time. Increased blood pressure,
weight gain, High blood sugar,
Osteoporosis/bone fractures
poor wound healing

sPIF

**FDA DIRECTED TOXICOLOGY
NON-TOXIC
NO SIDE EFFECTS
Completed high dose long term
SQ sPIF daily administration
(mice/dogs)
Rapid clearance**

Clinical Grade sPIF

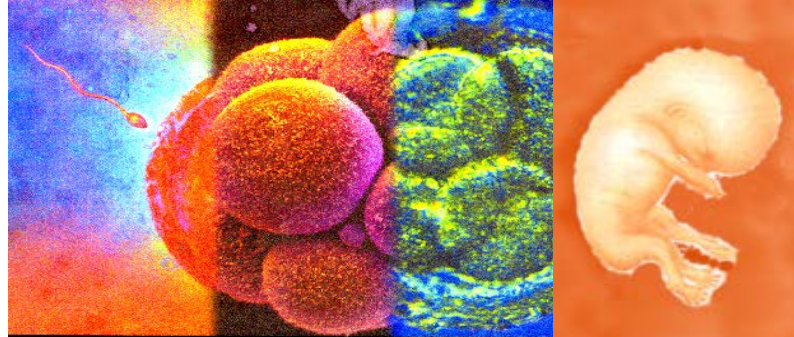


**sPIF Lot 0127-13106-3
Produced at PolyPeptide
Bottled/Sterilized at
ColdStream**

PIF: PREIMPLANTATION FACTOR - ESSENTIAL FUNCTION

Immune Regulation & Transplant Acceptance

PIF - EMBRYOGENESIS



Embryo / Allograft Immune Tolerance & Acceptance
without Maternal / Host Immune Suppression

PIF ESSENTIAL for MATERNAL RECOGNITION

Early Signal from Embryo / Allograft to Mother / Host from 2cell - Throughout Pregnancy



NON-VIABLE EMBRYO
DOES NOT PRODUCE **PIF**
REJECTED BY MOTHER/HOST
IMMUNE INTOLERANCE

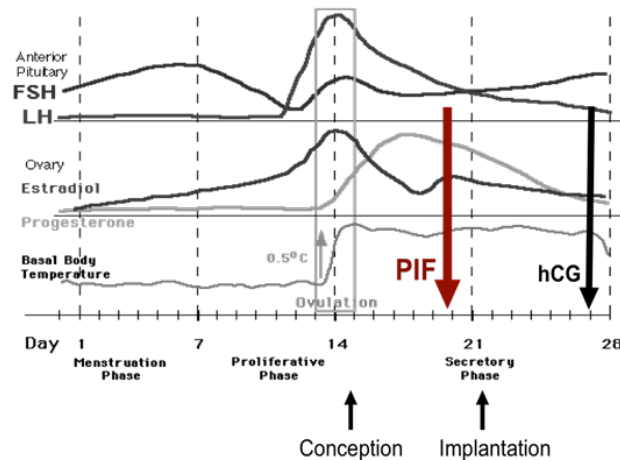
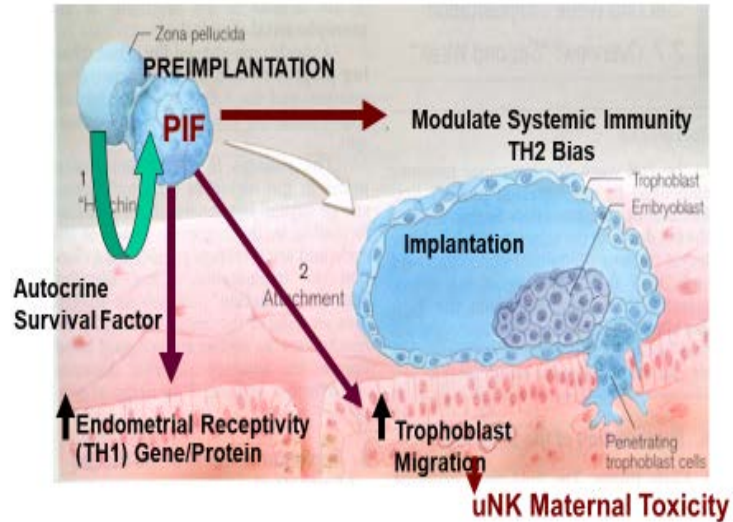


VIABLE EMBRYO
PRODUCES **PIF**
ACCEPTED BY MOTHER/HOST
IMMUNE MODULATION w/o SUPPRESSION



PIF – PREGNANCY SPECIFIC EMBRYO SIGNAL

Role and Action from Fertilization until Delivery



* hCG is detected 5-7 days POST implantation
proprietary

PIF: FIRST SIGNAL

- Secreted at 2-cell embryo
- Promotes maternal recognition / embryo acceptance
- **No PIF No pregnancy**

PreImplantation PIF:

- Trophic / protective effect on embryo
- Initiate systemic maternal immune tolerance
- Prime locally endometrium

PIF at implantation: immune acceptance

- Enhance endometrial receptivity at /after implantation
- Regulate controlled trophoblast invasion
- Promote trophoblast tolerance (HLA-G/progesterone)

PIF during fetal period: maintain and protect

- Protect against fetal loss
- Reduce systemic inflammation
- Increase binding to adaptive immunity, Th2/Th1 cytokine bias

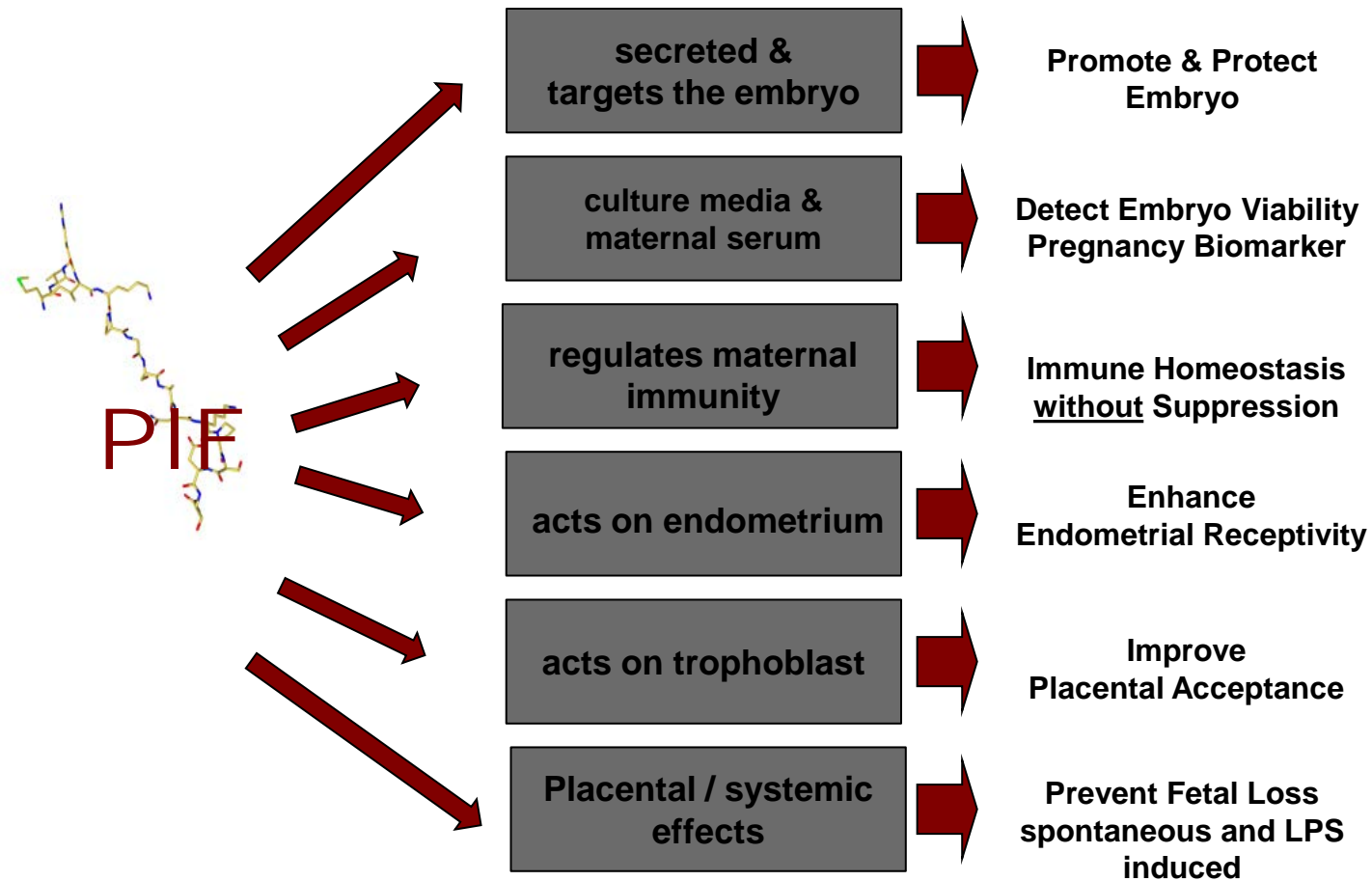
PIF at term / delivery: tolerance signal withdrawn

- Placental PIF expression is minimal
- Circulating levels low

PIF: NOT detected post-pregnancy

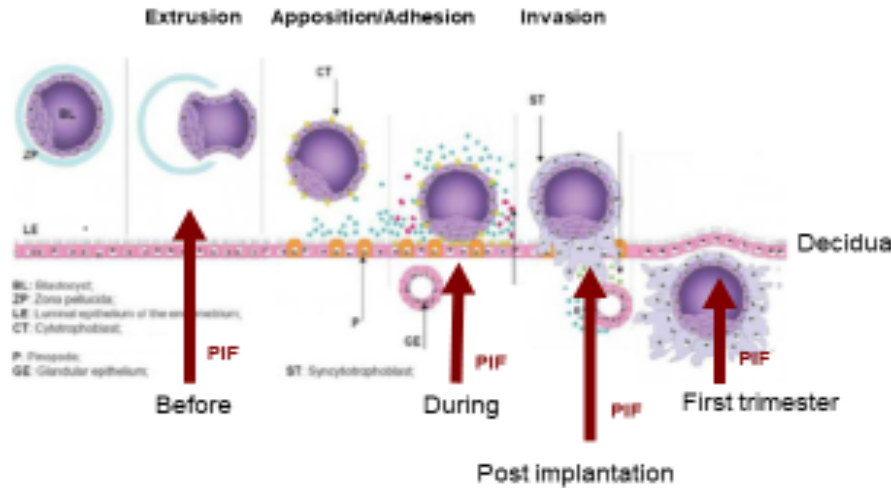
PIF: ESSENTIAL INTEGRATED ROLE THROUGHOUT PREGNANCY

Embryo / Endometrium / Trophoblast / Immune System



sPIF PROMOTES EMBRYO IMPLANTATION

Creates a Favorable Endometrial Environment



Implantation is still considered a “black box”. Viable embryo and endometrial receptivity are a must for reproductive success.

- **sPIF** primes the endometrium – pre -, during and post - implantation
- **sPIF** promotes endometrial receptivity / controlled trophoblast invasion
- **sPIF** promotes favorable uterine environment to prevent embryo loss.



PIF Promoting Role in Embryo
Implantation: Increases Endometrial
Progesterone (P) and Androgen (A) &
Syncytiotrophoblast Expression via MAPK in
Decidua



Proimplantation Factor (PIF)
Promotes Embryogenic and
Neuroprotective Decidual Genes;
Effect Mediated by Endometrial Growth
Factor



Genomic and Proteomic
Investigation of PIF's Impact on
Human Decidual Cells

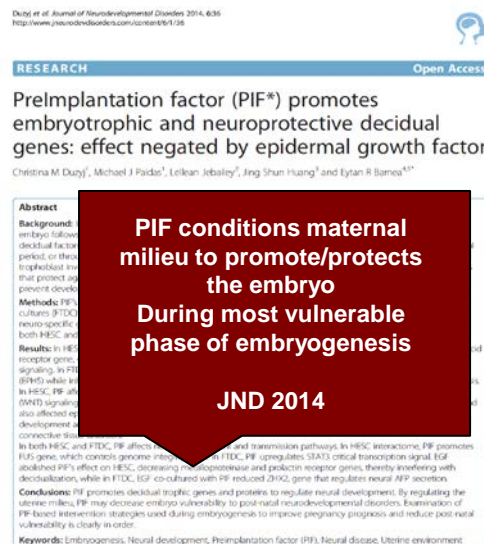
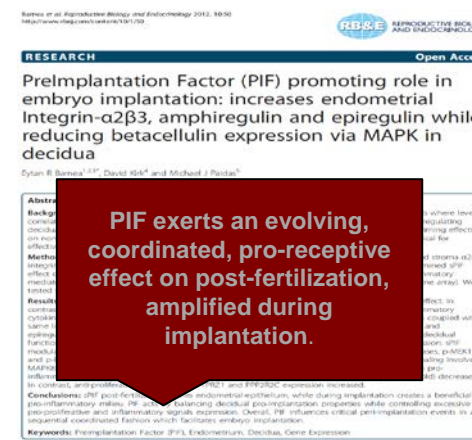
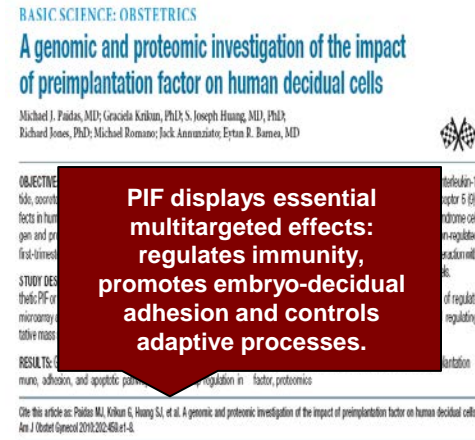
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sPIF ROLE: PRIME / SUPPORT / PROTECT

Promotes Endometrial Receptivity

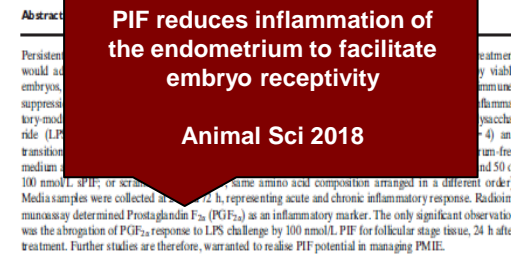


Original Article

Prenatal factor modulates acute inflammatory responses of equine endometrium

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Keywords: equine endometritis, inflammation, treatment, preimplantation factor.



PIF PROMOTES TOLERANCE / ACCEPTANCE

Regulates Trophoblast Invasion

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Preimplantation factor promotes first trimester trophoblast invasion

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OBJECTIVE: Preimplantation factor (PIF) is a naturally occurring protein that influences key processes in early pregnancy, including immunity, adhesion, remodeling, and the effects of synthetic preimplantation factor (sPIF).

STUDY DESIGN: Invasion patterns of human trophoblast cells were analyzed through Matrigel invasion assays in the presence of PIF, sPIF, or epidermal growth factor (EGF) alone or in combination with PIF.

RESULTS: Synthetic preimplantation factor enhances trophoblast invasion at physiologic doses (at 50 nM, 260%; 95% confidence interval [CI], 174–346%; $P = .006$; at 100 nM, 178%; 95% CI, 170–184%;

PIF shows potential preventative or therapeutic role for pregnancy complications associated with inadequate trophoblast invasion.

sequence preimplantation factor added to synthetic factor significantly increased trophoblast invasion. Normal growth factor, preimplantation factor (PIF), and sPIF all showed a $P < .001$.

Conversely, preimplantation factor showed no further investigation as it shows a potential preventative or therapeutic role for pregnancy complications associated with inadequate trophoblast invasion.

Key words: first trimester trophoblast, preimplantation factor, trophoblast invasion

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Preimplantation Factor (PIF) Promotes Human Trophoblast Invasion¹

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ABSTRACT

Preimplantation factor (PIF) is a natural protein that promotes trophoblast invasion. At the time of human embryo implantation, the trophoblast invades the maternal endometrium. Trophoblast invasion is a complex process involving many steps, including the formation of the syncytiotrophoblast. The present study demonstrates the role of PIF in the regulation of trophoblast invasion. We used a mouse model of human embryo implantation to study the effect of PIF on trophoblast invasion. We found that PIF increases the invasion of human EVT into the maternal endometrium. This effect was mediated by the upregulation of MMP-2 and MMP-9, which are known to be involved in trophoblast invasion. PIF also increased the expression of integrins, which are involved in cell adhesion and migration. These results suggest that PIF plays a key role in the regulation of trophoblast invasion.

PIF directly controls human trophoblast invasion; PIF is involved in pathological pregnancies where trophoblast invasion is insufficient or excessive

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Preimplantation factor is an anti-apoptotic effector in human trophoblasts involving p53 signaling pathway

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From the earliest stages of gestation, the embryo is exposed to various factors that may influence its development. One of these factors is the preimplantation factor (PIF), which is a naturally occurring protein that influences key processes in early pregnancy, including immunity, adhesion, remodeling, and the effects of synthetic preimplantation factor (sPIF).

PIF regulates trophoblast activity/function
PIF expression low in PE and IUGR- marker of disease

During pregnancy, various factors influence the development of the embryo and directly control the growth of the placenta. To further specify PIF's role in the human placenta, we analyzed the expression of PIF in the placenta. We found that PIF expression was significantly lower in the placenta of pregnancies affected by preeclampsia or intra-uterine growth restriction (IUGR) compared to control pregnancies. This suggests that PIF plays a key role in the regulation of trophoblast activity and function.

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Original Paper

Preimplantation Factor (PIF) Promotes HLA-G, -E, -F, -C Expression in JEG-3 Choriocarcinoma Cells and Endogenous Progesterone Activity

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Key words

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Abstract
Background/Aims: Preimplantation factor (PIF) is a naturally occurring protein that influences key processes in early pregnancy, including immunity, adhesion, remodeling, and the effects of synthetic preimplantation factor (sPIF). PIF has been shown to regulate the expression of HLA-G, -E, -F, and -C in human trophoblasts. In this study, we investigated the effect of PIF on the expression of HLA-G, -E, -F, and -C in JEG-3 choriocarcinoma cells. We found that PIF significantly increased the expression of HLA-G, -E, -F, and -C in JEG-3 cells. This effect was mediated by the upregulation of the transcription factor NF-  B, which is known to be involved in the regulation of HLA expression. These results suggest that PIF plays a key role in the regulation of HLA expression in human trophoblasts.

PIF superior to P4 in promoting trophoblast pro-tolerance and inflammatory molecules reduces Increase P4 receptor expression and secretion

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sPIF INTEGRATED LOCAL & SYSTEMIC PROTECTIVE EFFECT Reduces At-Risk Pregnancy

Preimplantation factor inhibits circulating natural killer cell cytotoxicity and reduces CD69 expression: implications for recurrent pregnancy loss therapy

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PIF reduces circulating NK cytotoxicity In RPL patients RBMO 2013

Abstract Embryo-secreted preimplantation factor (PIF) correlates v ment in humans by promoting implantation at tive in autoimmune disease models. sPIF b suppression. This study examined the effect of sPIF on natural killer (NK) cell cytotoxicity in 107 consecutive i nant patients with recurrent pregnancy loss (RPL) and 26 infertile IVF patients (controls). The effects of sPIF immunoglobulin (Ig), Intralipid and scrambled PIF (PIFscr; negative control) on NK cell cytotoxicity to peripl compared by flow cytometry of labelled-K562 cell cytotoxicity. The effects of sPIF and PIFscr on whole-blood NK also compared. In patients with RPL, sPIF inhibited NK cell cytotoxicity at doses of 2.5 and 25 ng/ml (37% an PIFscr (18%; $P < 0.001$), regardless of the proportion of peripheral-blood NKCD56+ cells to lymphocytes. PIF from infertile patients with sPIF for 24 h decreased NKCD69+ expression versus incubation with PIFscr ($P < 0.0$ inhibits NK cell cytotoxicity by reducing NKCD69 expression, suggesting a significant role in RPL patients.

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Synthetic Preimplantation Factor (PIF) prevents fetal loss by modulating LPS induced inflammatory response

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Abstract

Maternal control of inflammation is essential during pregnancy and an exaggerated response is on response is mediated by multiple factors. Activation of TLRs results in NALP-3 mediated production of protein containing a CARD (ASC) and caspase-1. Pro-inflammatory cytokines IL-1 β and IL-18 are secreted. We investigated Preimplantation Factor (PIF) in pregnancy. Additionally, synthetic PIF prevents fetal loss disorders. We used a LPS induced murine model of fetal loss and synthetic PIF reduced this fetal loss and increased the embryo weight significantly. We detected increased PIF expression in the placenta after LPS insult. The LPS induced serum and placenta cytokines were abolished by synthetic PIF treatment and importantly synthetic PIF modulated key members of inflammatory complex NALP-3, ASC, and caspase-1 as well. In conclusion our results indicate that synthetic PIF protects against LPS induced fetal loss, likely through modulation of inflammatory response especially the inflammasome complex. Given that synthetic PIF is currently tested in autoimmune diseases of non-pregnant subjects (clinicaltrials.gov, [NCT02239562](#)), therapeutic approach during pregnancy can be envisioned.

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Preimplantation Factor (PIF⁺) endogenously prevents preeclampsia: Promotes trophoblast invasion and reduces oxidative stress

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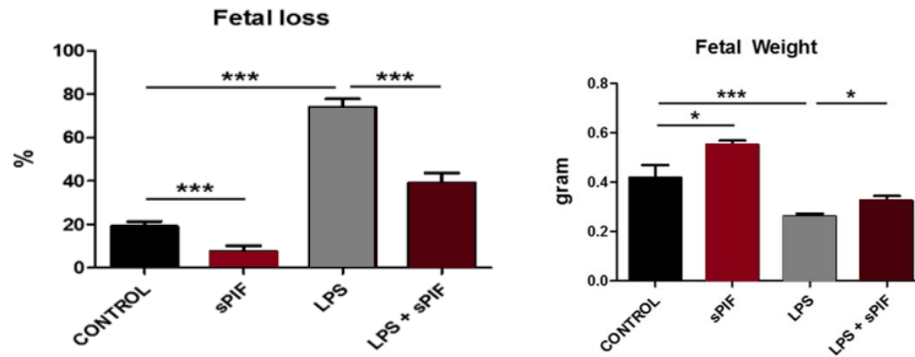
Reduced placental PIF expression associated with Preeclampsia JRI 2015

These patho-physiology is initiated early in gestation, while late pregnancy. Thus, prevention should optimally be between PIF, secreted early by viable embryos, and mechanisms of preeclampsia prevention. underlying preeclampsia. At first, shallow implantation protein misfolding, and endothelial dysfunction. Later of maternally derived oxygenated blood compromises the placenta. The first is likely involved in early preeclampsia occurrence due to reduced effectiveness of trophoblast/uterus interaction. The latter is observed with later-onset preeclampsia, caused by a breakdown in placental blood flow regulation. We reported that 1. PIF promotes implantation, endometrium receptivity, trophoblast invasion and increases pro-tolerance trophoblastic HLA-G expression and, 2. PIF protects against oxidative stress and protein misfolding, interacting with specific targets in embryo. 3. PIF regulates systemic immunity to reduce oxidative stress. Using PIF as an early preventative preeclampsia intervention could ameliorate or even prevent the disease, whose current main solution is early delivery. © 2015 Elsevier Ireland Ltd. All rights reserved.



sPIF REDUCES FETAL LOSS- INTACT IMMUNE SYSTEM

Spontaneous ~3Fold & Inflammation-Induced ~2Fold Decrease (murine)



sPIF 1mg/kg continuous treatment from conception to Day 14, n=18/group, (***) <0.001)

sPIF improves fetal weight

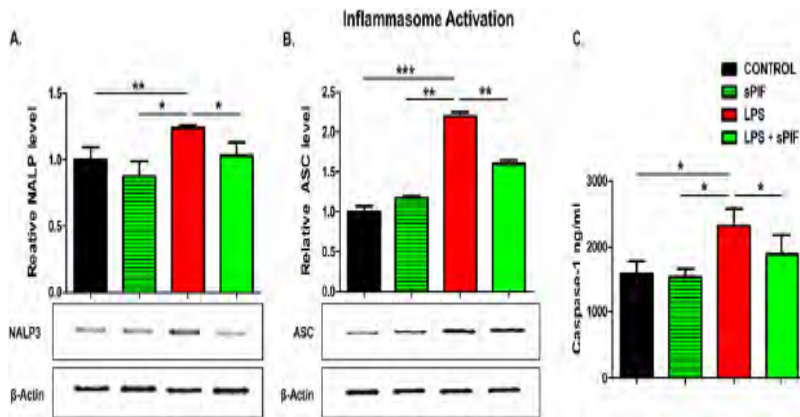


Fig 3. Inflammasome pathway analysis (18±20 placental lysates for each group). Representative gel images of (A) relative NALP3 and (B) relative ASC protein levels in placental tissue lysates. The downstream cytokine caspase-1 levels in lysates were measured using enzyme-linked immunoassay (C). Data are mean ± SD. β-Actin was the control. * $p<0.05$. sPIF: synthetic Preimplantation Factor; LPS: Lipopolysaccharides.

Spontaneous miscarriage occurs in 15% of all pregnancies.

Bacteria / Inflammation cause fetal death

Preventing miscarriage of viable embryos is challenging

- sPIF reduces miscarriage rate in preserved maternal immune homeostasis
- sPIF reduces spontaneous miscarriage to ~5%
- sPIF reduces inflammation LPS-induced fetal death ~2-fold
- sPIF promotes fetal weight – does not affect placental weight
- sPIF reduces placental inflammation and apoptosis (NALP3, Caspase-1)
- sPIF effect is integrated: reduces systemic inflammatory cytokines and locally protect the placenta

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PLOS ONE Synthetic Preimplantation Factor (PIF) Prevents Fetal Loss by Modulating LPS Induced Inflammatory Response

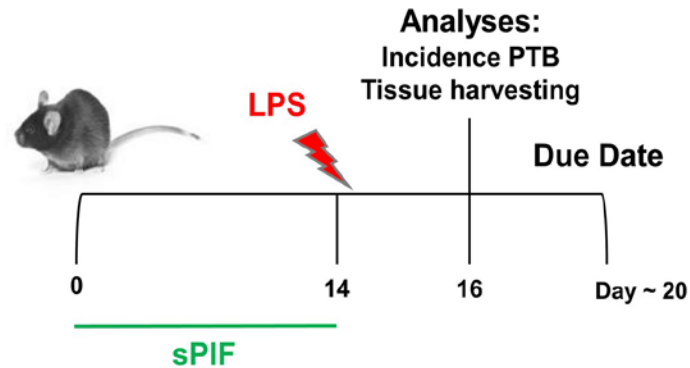


sPIF REDUCES INFLAMMATION INDUCED PREMATURE BIRTH

Protect fetal brain against inflammation (murine)

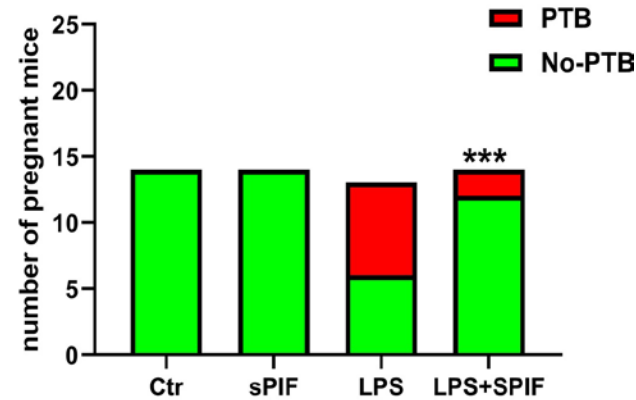
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Experimental Setup – Inflammatory PTB



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Preterm Birth Incidence

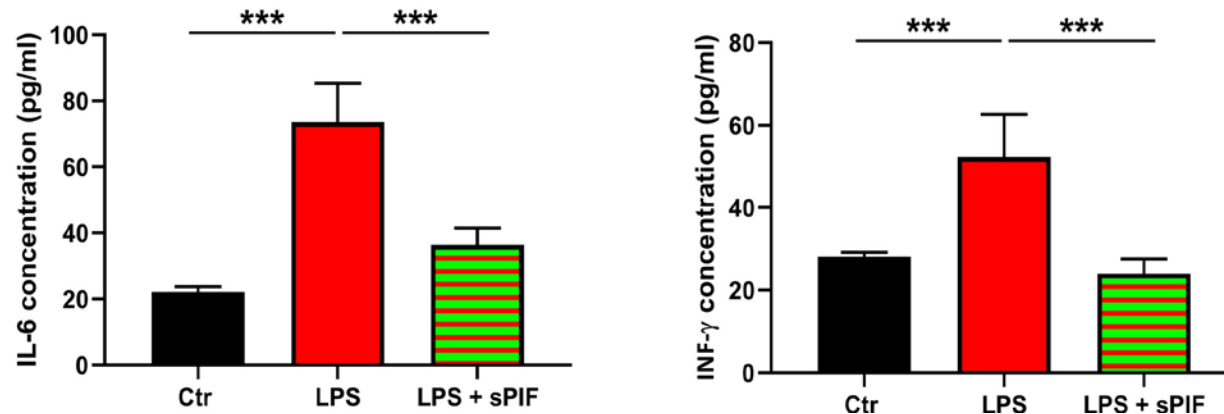


Abstract

Preterm birth (PTB) is the leading cause of neonatal morbidity and mortality and spontaneous PTB is a major contributor. The preceding inflammation/infection contributes not only to spontaneous PTB but is associated with neonatal morbidities including impaired brain development. Therefore, control of exaggerated immune response during pregnancy is an attractive strategy. A potential candidate is synthetic Preimplantation Factor (sPIF) as sPIF prevents inflammatory induced fetal loss and has neuroprotective properties. Here, we tested maternal sPIF prophylaxis in pregnant mice subjected to a lipopolysaccharides (LPS) insult, which results in PTB. Additionally, we evaluated sPIF effects in placental and microglial cell lines. Maternal sPIF application reduced the LPS induced PTB rate significantly. Consequently, sPIF reduced microglial activation (Iba-1 positive cells) and preserved neuronal migration (Cux-2 positive cells) in fetal brains. In fetal brain lysates sPIF decreased IL-6 and INF γ concentrations. In-vitro, sPIF reduced Iba1 and TNF α expression in microglial cells and reduced the expression of pro-apoptotic (*Bad* and *Bax*) and inflammatory (*IL-6* and *NLRP4*) genes in placental cell lines. Together, maternal sPIF prophylaxis prevents PTB in part by controlling exaggerated immune response. Given the sPIF FDA Fast Track approval in non-pregnant subjects, we envision sPIF therapy in pregnancy.

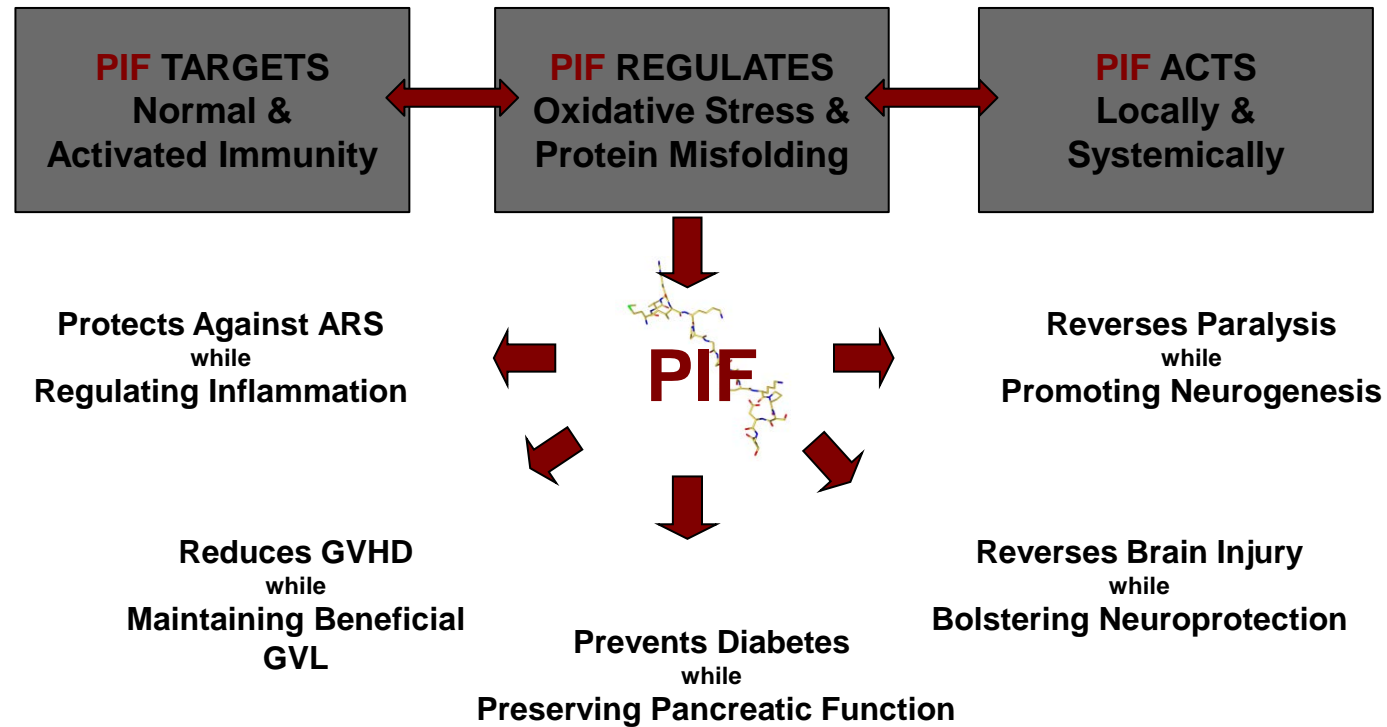
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Fetal Brain Lysates - ELISA



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sPIF: TRANSLATIONAL IMPACT: PARADIGM SHIFT REGULATES INFLAMMATION, IMMUNITY & TRANSPLANT



PIF MoA: LESSONS LEARNT FROM PREGNANCY

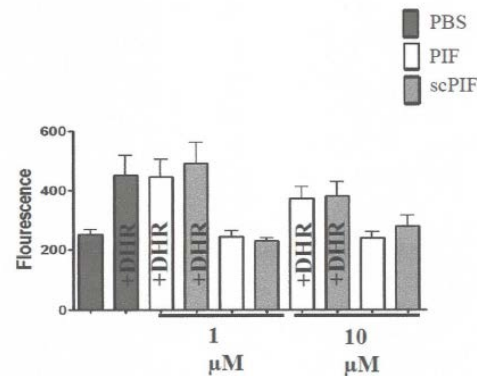
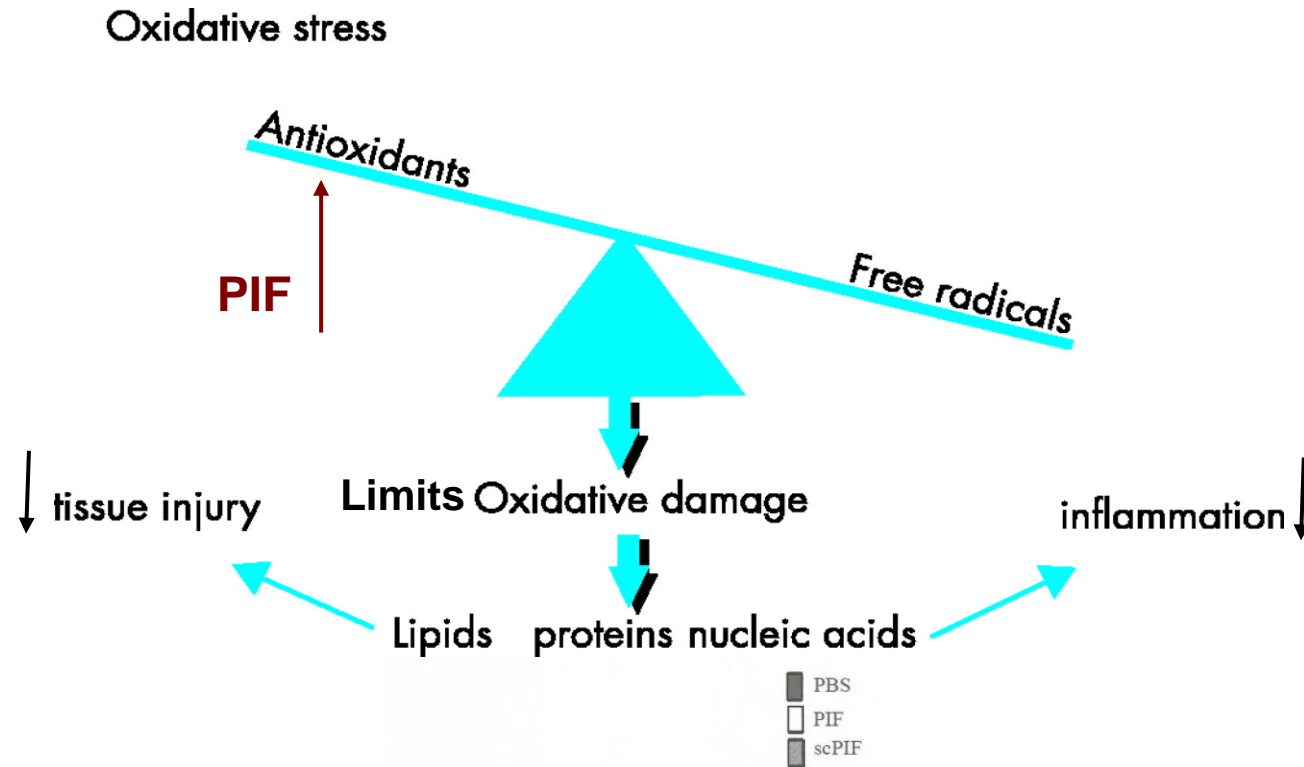
Achieve Immune Modulation & Transplant Acceptance

- ☐ Targets immune system *in vivo*
- ☐ Binds to specific receptors “benign steroid”
- ☐ Regulates innate & adaptive immunity
- ☐ Exerts integrated local & systemic protection
- ☐ Protects embryo & reduces fetal demise
- ☐ Restores function
- ☐ Regenerative properties



sPIF REDUCES OXIDATIVE STRESS

Maintains Antipathogenic Protection



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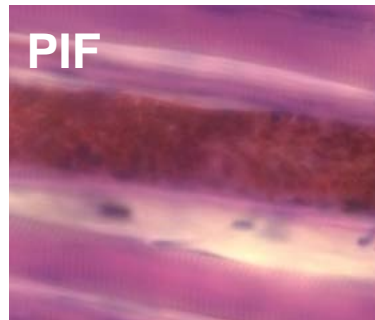
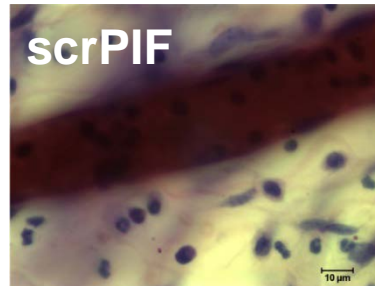
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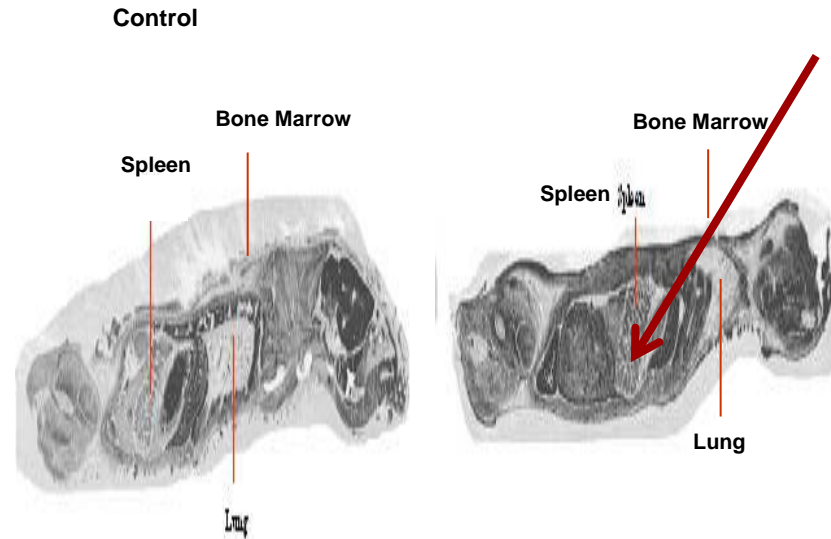
Leucocytes preserve their ability to respond to challenge

PIF TARGETS SYSTEMIC IMMUNITY *IN VIVO*

Reduced Neutrophil & Macrophage induced Inflammation

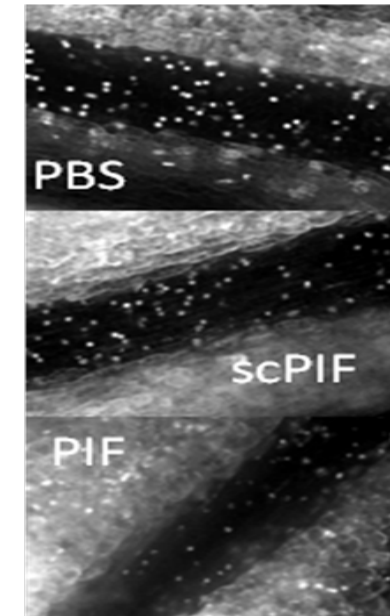


PIF blocks TNF α induced
neutrophils vascular
Intravital microscopy



PIF uptake in spleen FITC –**PIF** (500 nM) injected IV with 5 min
Fluorescent analyzer (Typhoon)

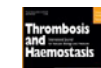
- **sPIF** targets both local and systemic immunity for effective regulatory action (in vivo)
- **sPIF** binds to systemic immune cells, spleen, locally to bone marrow
- **PIF** has short half life, rapidly clears through kidney from circulation
- FITC-PIF binds innate all (CD14+ cells). In pregnancy the binding to lymphocytes(CD3+) increases
- Increased interaction of PIF with immune system may promote tolerance and anti-pathogen action



PIF blocks LPS induced
macrophage peritoneal
inflammation
Intravital microscopy



Prenatal factor (PIF) regulates systemic immunity and targets protective regulatory and cytoskeleton proteins
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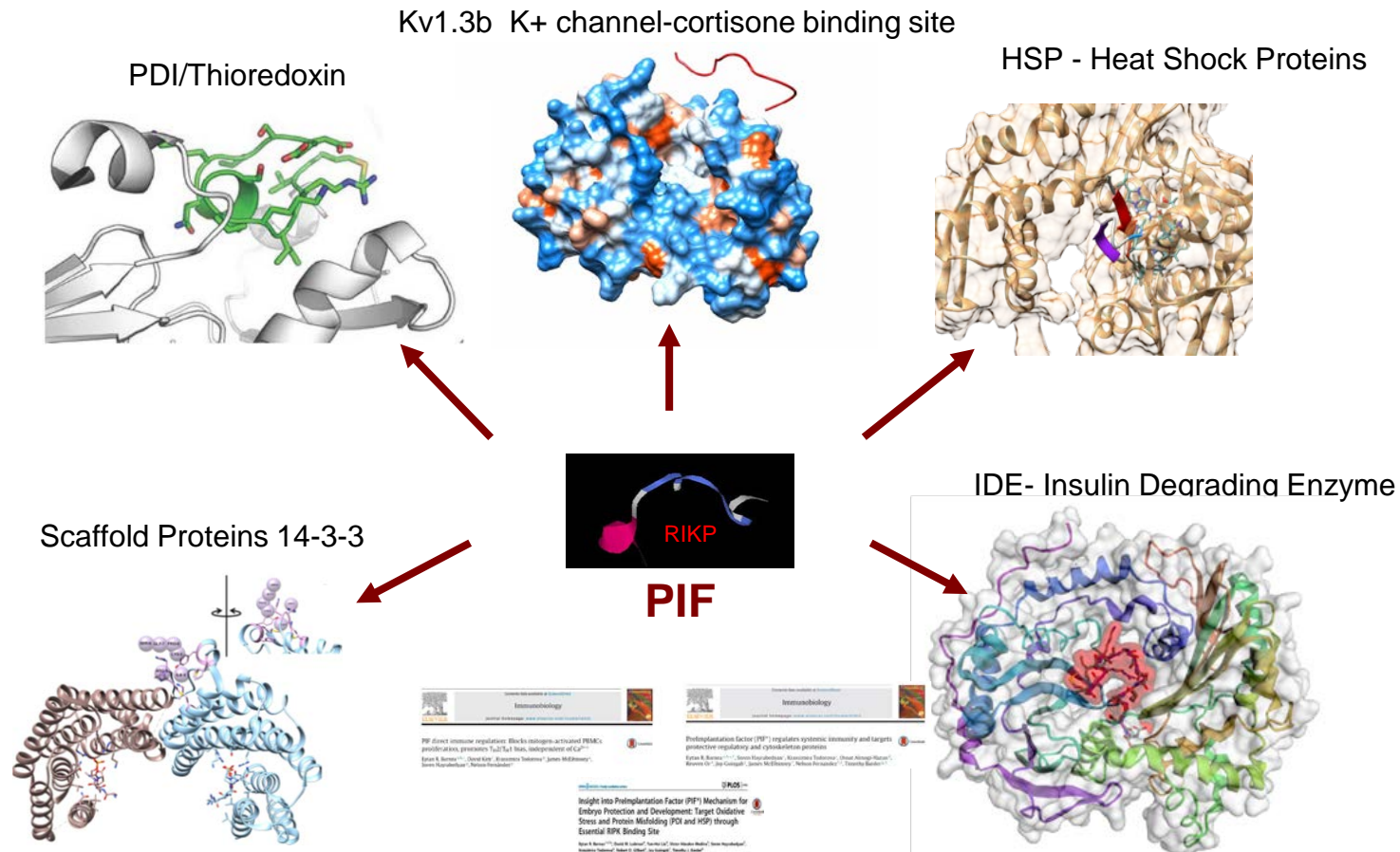
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sPIF TARGETS AFFECTED ORGANS AND IMMUNE SYSTEM

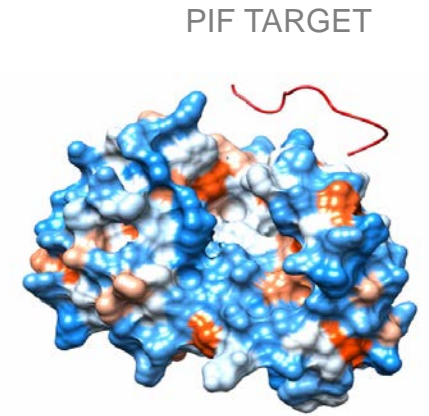
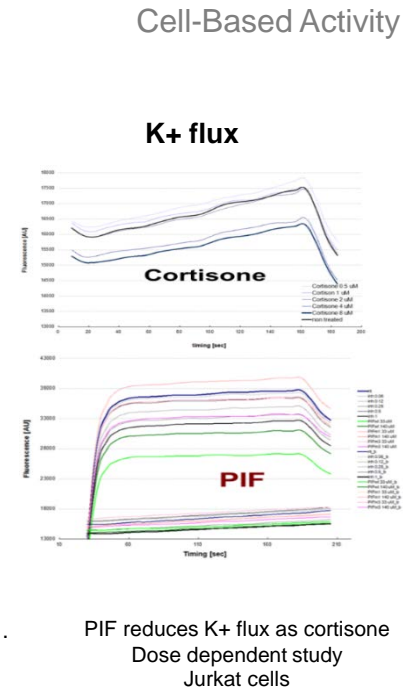
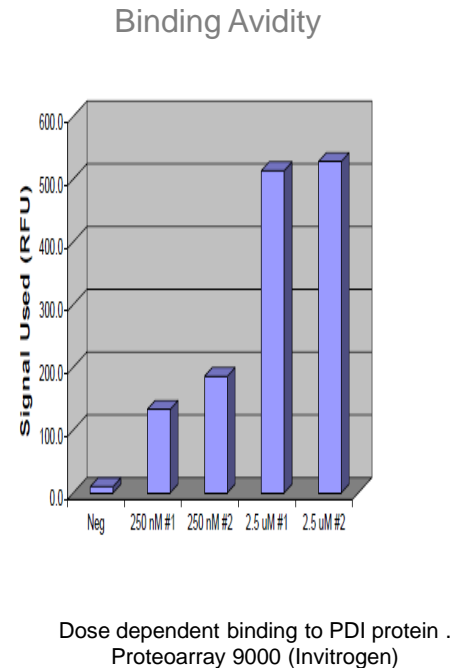
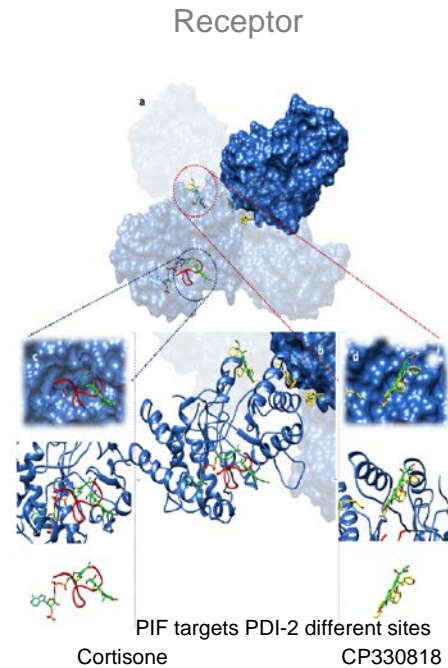
Regulates Key Intracellular Proteins



sPIF ACTS AS A BENIGN STEROID

NON-STEROIDAL REGULATOR OF INFLAMMATION & IMMUNITY

Regulates Immune Response-Reduces K⁺ Flux

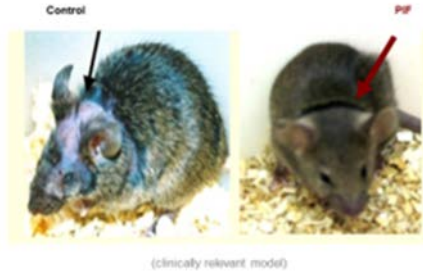


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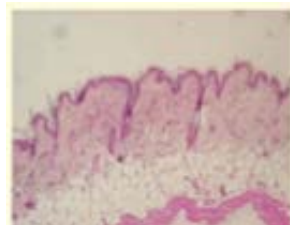
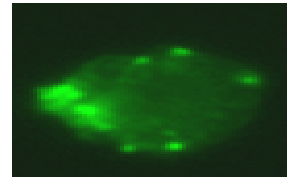
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sPIF: GVHD; INTEGRATED LOCAL & SYSTEMIC EFFECTS

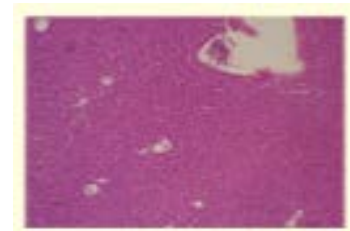
By Targeting the Immune System, PIF Achieves Protection of Susceptible Organs



Inject **sPIF**



Skin ↓ ulcer



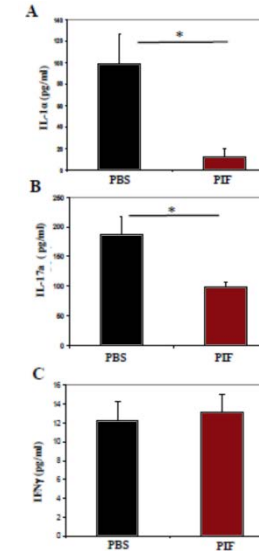
Liver ↓ inflammation

Inos- oxidative stress

↓ IFN- γ /TNF- α /IL6
↓ Ccr4/Ccl17



Colon ↓ ulcer



↓ Circulating Th1/Th17

sPIF monotherapy

- Semi and allogeneic BMT
- 14 days
- Follow-up for 4 month

Results obtained using sPIF

- Prevent GVHD by protecting vulnerable areas: skin, liver and colon long-term
- Restore gut architecture
- Reduce fibrosis
- Promote skin healing
- Restore liver function
- Improve kidney function

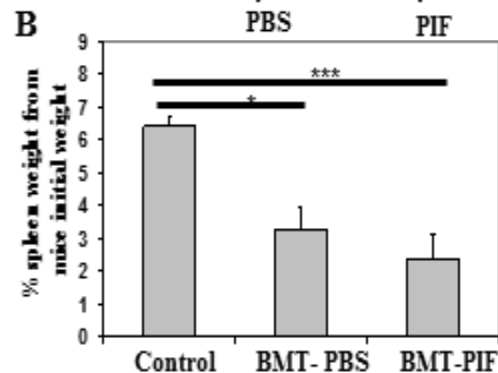
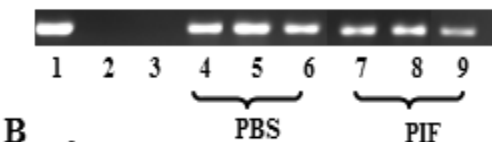
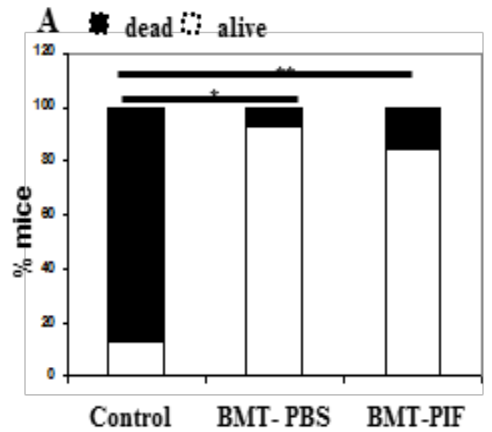
Immune Regulation and Oxidative Stress Reduction by PIF Following Syngeneic or Allogeneic Bone Marrow Transplantation

PIF Reduces Graft versus Host Disease (GVHD) by Regulating Immune Response and Lowering Oxidative Stress (murine)



PIF PRESERVES BENEFICIAL GVL & REDUCES DELETERIOUS GVHD

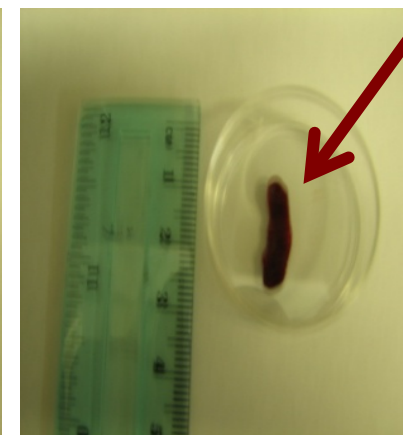
Reduces Mortality; Spleen Infiltration by BCL1 Leukemia



Control



Autologous BMT



Mismatched BMT

Biology
 Preimplantation Factor Reduces Graft-versus-Host
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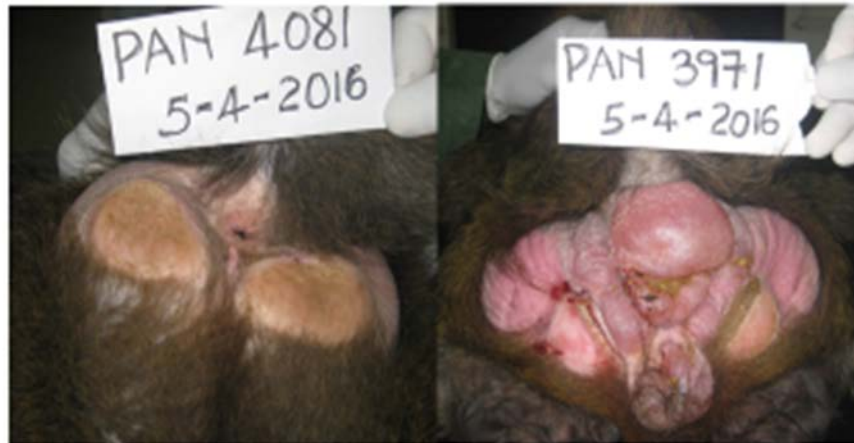


sPIF ACHIEVES ALLOTRANSPANT ACCEPTANCE- RETURN TO FUNCTION SCARLESS HEALING

Ovarian Tissue Allotransplant **NHP**



sPIF prevent scar formation promote hair growth



sPIF restores ovarian function- estrus

Ovarian allotransplant requires immune suppressive drugs
Surgery cause scar and internal adhesions / fibrosis
sPIF monotherapy NHP ovarian allotransplant 3w and f/y x2/w 5m.

sPIF restored ovarian function (estrus) long term

- sPIF led to scarless healing
- sPIF transplant
- Presence of ovarian follicle



sPIF ADDRESSES ARS COMPREHENSIVELY

sPIF Rx pre/at/post Radiation Lethal & Sub-Lethal Damage. Full-Body & Local Exposure. Short & Long-Term.



sPIF PROTECTS AGAINST Radiation-Induced Disease ARS

Lethal H-ARS

- Burn
- Neuro/Polytrauma

Sublethal

- Polytrauma
- **GI-ARS/N-ARS**
- Infection

Delayed

- BMT/CANCER
- Fibrosis
- Neurocognitive

Oncotarget

Prelimplantation Factor (PIF*) Therapy Provides Comprehensive Protection Against Radiation Induced Pathologies



sPIF SHORT-TERM LOW-DOSE Rx BOLSTERS NEUROPROTECTION

Promotes Neural Repair (HIE Newborn) to Reduces Neuro Inflammation (Adult)

sPIF crosses intact BBB without degradation



PIF
treated

sPIF Restore Brain Corpus Striatum

ARS alters neurological wellbeing

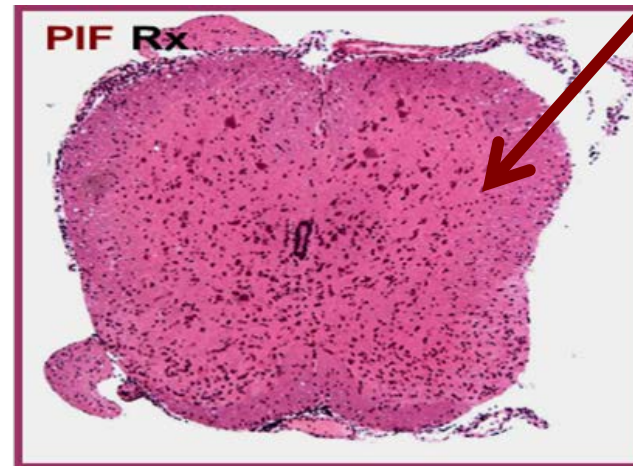
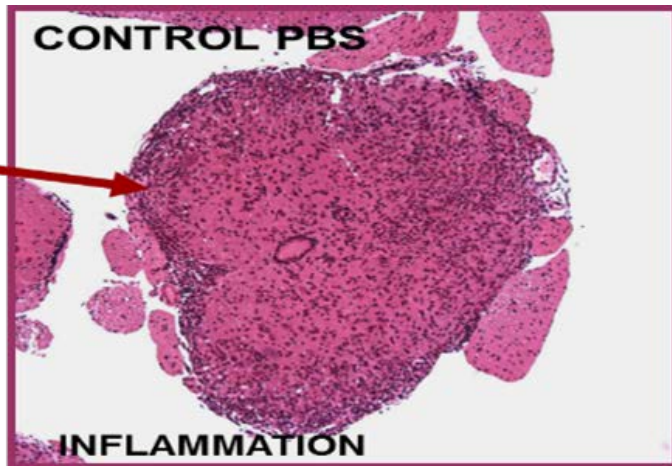
Newborn HIE complex neurotrauma model (murine)

- sPIF reverses brain damage
- sPIF promotes neural stem cells repair and proliferation

Adult neuroinflammation models: (murine)

- sPIF reduces mortality
- sPIF reverses chronic paralysis
- sPIF promote brain remyelination
- sPIF reverse spinal cord inflammation
- sPIF reduces systemic inflammation
- sPIF reduces ALS symptoms

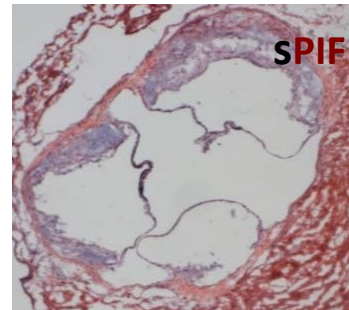
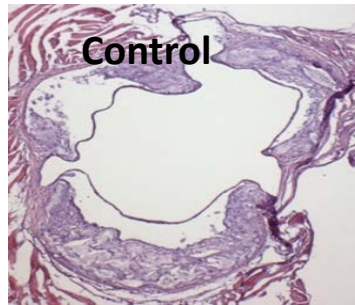
- sPIF directly targets the brain
- sPIF crosses the Intact BBB
- sPIF remains intact in brain without degradation



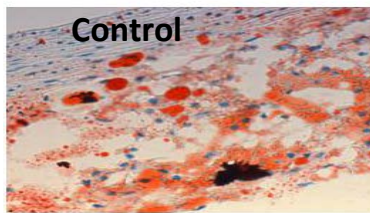
sPIF Reverses spinal cord inflammation

PIF PREVENTS ACCELERATED ATHROSCLEROSIS DEVELOPMENT

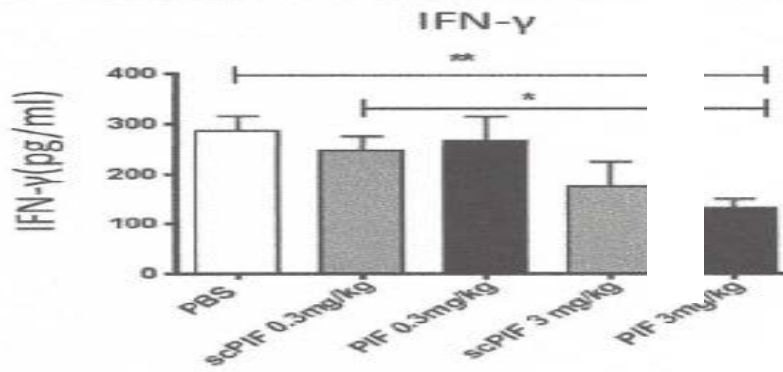
Reduced Plaque Formation Does Not Affect High Circulating Lipids



AORTIC ROOT (IHC)
SQ PIF prevents atherosclerosis.



Oil Red O staining (Fat deposits)



Animal Model: ApoE-deficient mice
High fat Western diet PIF Rx x2 w for 7 w

Summary

Prelimplantation factor (PIF) is a 15-amino acid peptide endogenously secreted by viable embryos, regulating/enabling maternal (host) acceptance/tolerance to the "invading" embryo (allograft) all-while preserving maternal immunity to fight infections. Such attributes make PIF a potential therapeutic agent for chronic inflammatory diseases. We investigated whether PIF's immunomodulatory properties prevent progression of atherosclerosis in the hyper-cholesterolaemic ApoE-deficient murine model. Male, high-fat diet fed, ApoE-deficient (ApoE^{-/-}) mice were administered either PBS, scrambled PIF (0.3–3 mg/kg) or PIF (0.3–3 mg/kg) for seven weeks. After treatment, PIF (3 mg/kg)-treated ApoE^{-/-} mice displayed significantly reduced atherosclerosis lesion burden in the aortic sinus and aortic arch, without any effect on lipid profile. PIF also caused a significant reduction in infiltration of macrophages, decreased expression of pro-inflammatory adhesion molecules, cytokines and chemokines in the plaque, and re-

duced circulating IFN-γ levels. PIF preferentially binds to monocytes/neutrophils. *In vitro*, PIF attenuated monocyte migration (MCP-1-induced chemotaxis assay) and *in vivo* in LPS peritonitis model. Also PIF prevented leukocyte extravasation (peritonitis thioglycollate-induced model), demonstrating that PIF exerts its effect in part by modulation of monocyte function. Inhibition of the potassium channel KCNB3 (Kv1.3) and of the insulin degrading enzyme (IDE) was demonstrated as potential mechanism of PIF's immunomodulatory effects. In conclusion, PIF regulates/lowers inflammation and prevents atherosclerosis development without affecting circulating lipids. Overall our findings establish PIF as a strong immunomodulatory drug candidate for atherosclerosis therapy.

Keywords

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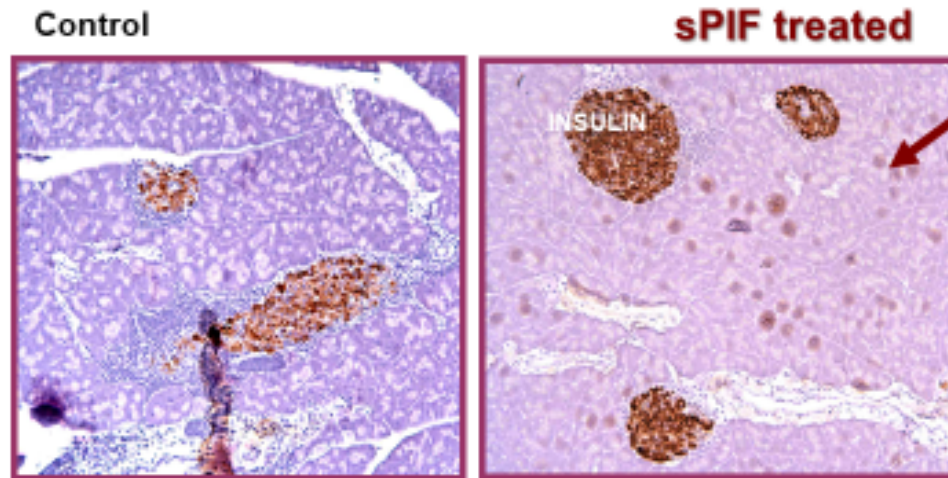
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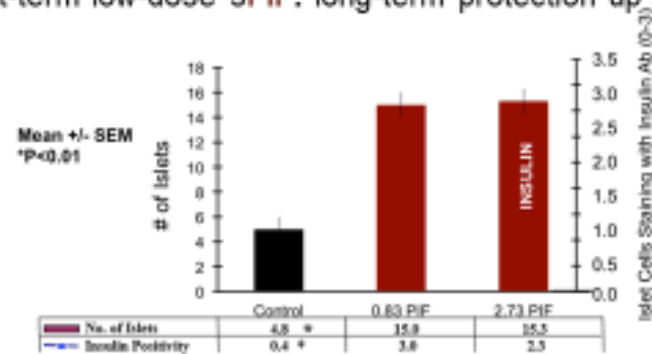
sPIF PREVENTS JUVENILE DIABETES

Preserves Pancreatic Islets Insulin Expression



Juvenile diabetes causes islet destruction resulting in life-long insulin dependence

Short-term low-dose sPIF: long-term protection up to six months



Inoculation of diabetic immune cells in NOD mice adoptive transfer method

- sPIF prevents diabetes development
- sPIF normalizes glucose levels
- sPIF promotes pancreatic islets recovery

Endocrine

PIF Prevents Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus (T1DM) Development by Preserving Pancreatic Function (NOD)

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PIF: TARGETED SYSTEMIC IMMUNE EFFECTS

Directly Regulate Immunity, Orchestrate Anti-Inflammation Response



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and in maternal circulation. It promotes immune homeostasis. Synthetic PIF immune and transplant models. PIF We report that PIF targets similar immune regulation. PIF-affinity chromatography reveals that SET-apoptosis regulation. PIF acts on macrophages down-stream of LPS (lipopolysaccharide-bacterial antigen) CD14/TLR4/MD2 complex, targeting myosin-9, rhymosin-1 and 14-3-3eta. PIF mainly targets platelet aggregation in CD4⁺ and skeletal proteins in CD8⁺ cells. Pathway analysis demonstrates that PIF targets and regulates SET, tubulin, actin-b, and S100 genes expression. PIF targets systemic immunity and has a short circulating half-life. Collectively, PIF targets identified: protective, immune regulatory and cytoskeleton proteins reveal mechanisms involved in the observed efficacy against immune disorders.

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Prelimplantation Factor (PIF) orchestrates systemic antiinflammatory response by immune cells: effect on peripheral blood mononuclear cells

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OBJECTIVE: Embryo-derived Prelimplantation Factor (PIF) is essential for pregnancy immune modulation and synthetic PIF (sPIF), reverses neuroinflammation, and prevents diabetes mellitus through its immune modulatory properties. PIF decreased mixed lymphocyte reaction by 70% and blocked anti-CD3 antibody stimulated-PBMC proliferation by approximately 80% ($P < .05$). In naive PBMCs, sPIF reduced interleukin (IL)-10, -5, -10, and -2, tumor necrosis factor- α , and macrophage colony-forming unit (CFU) formation.

STUDY DESIGN: sPIF was tested in nonpregnant patients for assessment of binding to CD14⁺ cells. sPIF exerted potent systemic effects on macrophage colony-forming unit (CFU) formation, cytokine secretion, and associated gene expression. Data analysis was by analysis of variance ($P < .05$).

RESULTS: Fluorescein isothiocyanate-sPIF bound all myelomonocytic cells; binding was 30-fold up-regulated in mitogen-activated T and B cells.

Key words: embryo, immune disorder, immune modulation, Prelimplantation Factor



PIF direct immune regulation: Blocks mitogen-activated PBMCs proliferation, promotes TH2/TH1 bias, independent of Ca²⁺

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Prelimplantation Factor (PIF_{HLIS}) secreted by viable embryos exerts an essential transplant acceptance and immune regulatory role in pregnancy. Synthetic PIF replicates endogenous PIF's effect in pregnant and non-pregnant immune disorder models. PIF binds macrophages to regulate CD3/CD28-induced T-cell response. We present evidence that PIF regulates the co-stimulatory T-cell receptor, CD2, which binds to and is activated by phytohemagglutinin (PHA), a potent mitogen, confirming PIF's ability to systemically support PBMC transmigration and immunity of immune disorders.

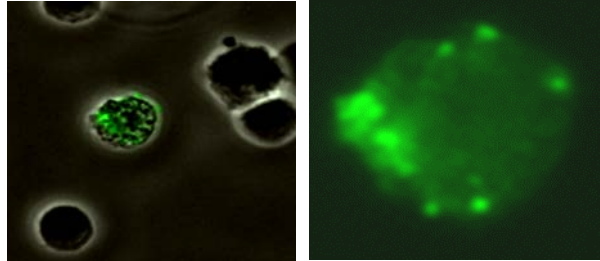
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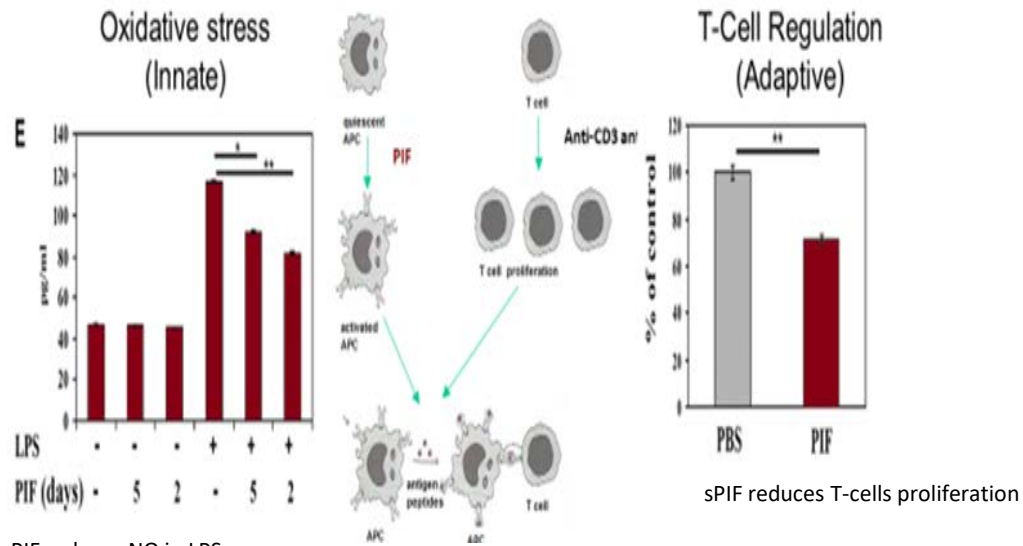
sPIF PROMOTES IMMUNE HOMEOSTASIS

Regulates Basal and Activated Immunity



To prevent / avoid embryo / graft rejection, maternal immunity needs to be regulated by the viable embryo

- Prior to pregnancy, **sPIF** binds only basal systemic maternal immune cells
- During pregnancy, **sPIF** binding to adaptive immune cells reflects protective action
- **sPIF** targets basal (macrophage/neutrophils) and activated (lymphocytes)
- **sPIF** reduces inflammatory NO in LPS-activated macrophages
- sPIF activate macrophages acting as antigen presenting cells (APC) to block overactive lymphocytes
- Overall **PIF** achieves / preserves tolerance and maintains antipathogen activity



sPIF reduces NO in LPS activated macrophages

Monocytes differentiated with 200nM sPIF reduced Anti-CD3 activated T cells proliferation (co-culture)



Preimplantation Factor Reduces Coit-variant Heat Shock by Regulating Immune Response and Lowering Oxidative Stress (Marianne M. M. M.)

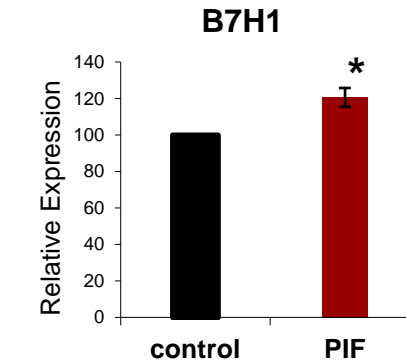
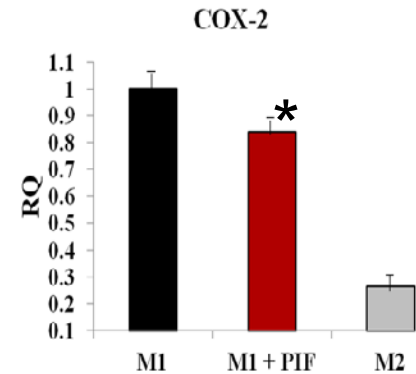
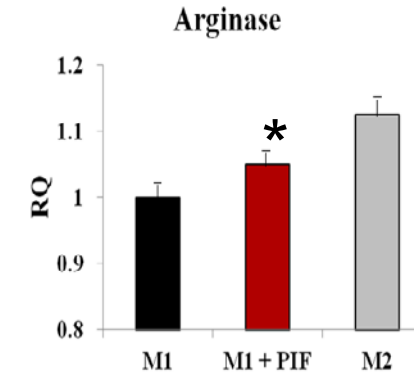
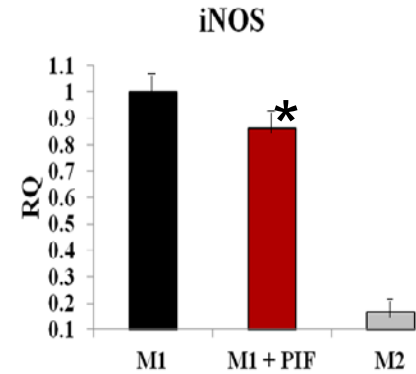
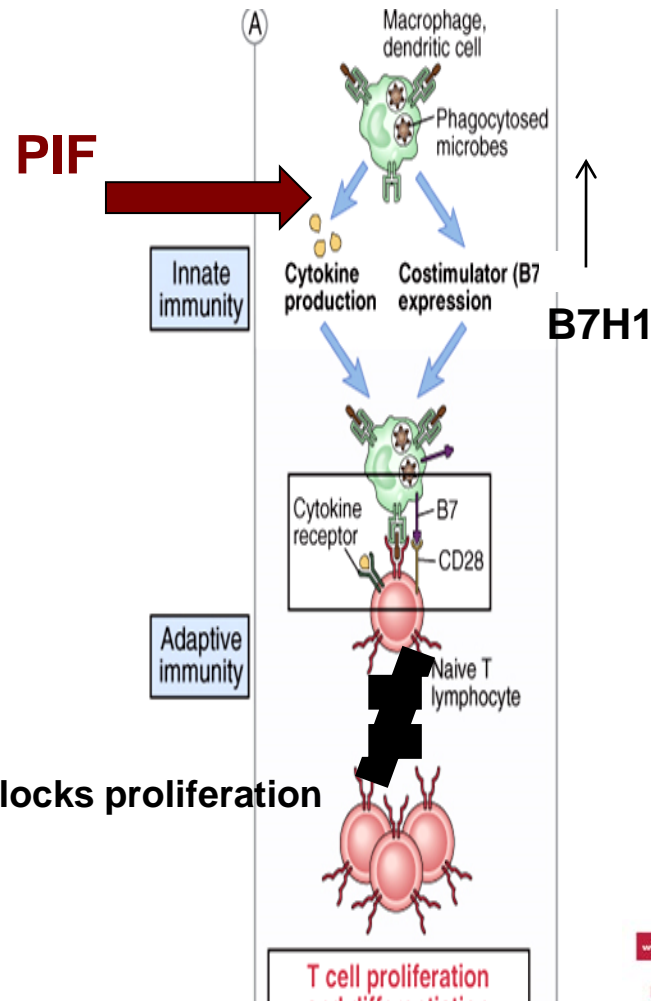
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sPIF PROTECTS AGAINST OXIDATIVE STRESS

Shifts Macrophages to M2 Type



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PreImplantation factor (PIF) therapy provides comprehensive protection against radiation induced pathologies

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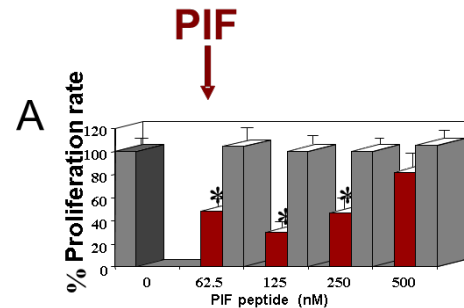
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sPIF REGULATES ACTIVATED IMMUNE RESPONSE

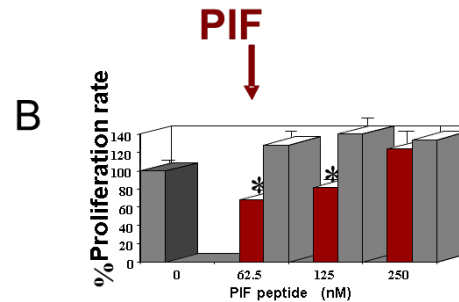
Reduces MLR & Proliferation Modulates Cytokine Secretion

MLR



Transplant Tolerance Assay

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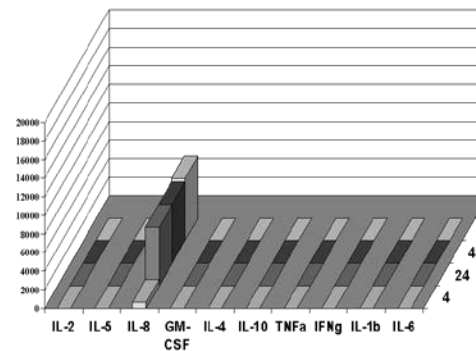


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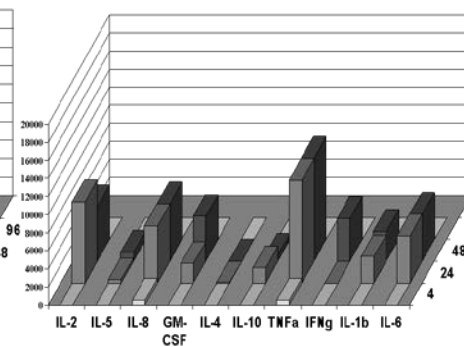
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PIF added to AIM V+/- 10 ug/ml DC3MAb (Mitomycin 100 ug/ml).
Empty bars: PIF / hatched bars: PIFscr (control, 3H Thymidine, Mean +/- SEM)

Naïve
PIF 50nM / PBMC



Stimulated
PIF 50nM + MAbCD3 / PBMC



PIF effect on CD3Mab-stimulated PBMCs
Cytokines measured (Luminex)
Confirmed by gene expression

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TAKE-HOME KEY MESSAGE

















From Pregnancy to Immune Disorder Therapy

Integrated Local/Systemic Short term/Low dose/Long-term effect

- **sPIF** completed FDA Fast-Track Phase I safety clinical trial (NCT02239562)
- **sPIF** FDA chronic toxicology demonstrate safety
- **sPIF: Broad Immune Modulatory, Protective and Regenerative Properties**
 - **sPIF** & Promote Embryo Viability / Maternal acceptance/Prevent fetal demise/prematurity
 - **sPIF** & Target affected organs and systemic immunity
 - **sPIF** & Bind PDI and HSPs lower oxidative stress & protein misfolding
 - **sPIF** & Target Kv1b, -cortisone binding site reduce K⁺ -without suppression
 - **sPIF** & Local & Systemic Immune Homeostasis: Protection without Suppression
 - **sPIF** & Promote alo-BMT acceptance/ Prevent GvHD/ preserve beneficial GVL
 - **sPIF** & Promote alo-Ovarian transplant restore function/scarless healing (NHP)
 - **sPIF** & Protect against ARS acute, chronic
 - **sPIF** & Reverse Neurotrauma/Neuroinflammation
 - **sPIF** & Prevent Juvenile diabetes/ Reverse vascular inflammation
- CONCLUSION: sPIF is safe suitable for chronic immune disorders therapy











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I discovered PIF and dedicate my life to realize its intended potential development **from concept to clinics** with the aim and determination to bring PIF to patients. For this, I work for the last 15 years together with a trusted translational collaborating key opinion leader and commercial translation leader group.

The **PreImplantation Factor (PIF*)** is a 15aa ancestral endogenous peptide, evolutionary conserved, which mediates / regulates / adapts embryo's immunity and acceptance by its mother. It continues to protect the embryo-maternal interaction throughout viable pregnancy, in sickness and disease. (*PIF* Proprietary to BioIncept*)

Synthetic PIF (sPIF* proprietary) allows adapting the use PIF's modulatory/regulatory features to treat pregnancy disorders and outside pregnancy to immune and transplant disorders. sPIF's action is addressing the immune imbalance and transplant acceptance rather than resorting to immune suppression or anti-rejection regimen.

I founded BioIncept, LLC with the mission to open a new, paradigm-shift diagnostic and treatment platform to regulate immunity, inflammation and transplant acceptance.

BioIncept is ready to enter Phase II clinical trials, was awarded Fast-Track status by the FDA and received Orphan Drug Designation(s) (ODD). Phase I first-in-human clinical trial was successfully completed showing that PIF has high safety margin, no toxicity and no deleterious drug-to-drug interaction.

The Barnea Family Limited Partnership is a substantial investor in BioIncept™ and Jacqueline H Barnea LLD, Co-founder of BioIncept^R controls its shares.

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