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Abstract

This paper delves into the revolutionary realm of humanized mice, marking a significant departure in preclinical animal models through the integration of functional human cells and tissues into immunodeficient mouse hosts. The evolution of humanized mice, initiated by the introduction of immunodeficient mice with IL2 receptor common gamma chain mutations (IL2rgnull) in the early 2000s, is explored comprehensively. The discussion emphasizes the pivotal role played by these mice in advancing our comprehension of infectious diseases, cancer, regenerative medicine, graft-versus-host disease, allergies, and immunity. From their nascent stage, humanized mice have matured into versatile platforms for disease modeling, making substantial contributions to both fundamental and translational research.

Introduction

Humanized mice, a revolutionary class of preclinical animal models, have emerged as indispensable tools in biomedical research. These mice, distinguished by the engraftment of functional human cells and tissues into immunodeficient mouse hosts, have played a pivotal role in advancing our understanding of a myriad of human diseases. This comprehensive paper explores the nuanced development and diverse applications of humanized mice, emphasizing their instrumental contributions to infectious diseases, cancer, regenerative medicine, graft-versus-host disease, allergies, and immunity[1]. The genesis of humanized mice, marked by the creation of immunodeficient mice bearing mutations in the IL2 receptor common gamma chain (IL2rgnull) in the early 2000s, opened new frontiers in disease modeling. This breakthrough facilitated the engraftment of human hematopoietic stem cells, resulting in the development of fully functional human immune systems within murine recipients[2].

Beyond immune system modeling, the adaptability of humanized mice extends to the engraftment of various human tissues, including islets, liver, skin, and a diverse range of solid and hematologic cancers. The subsequent sections of this paper delve into recent advancements in the field, shedding light on the transformative impact of humanized mice in unraveling the complexities of human diseases[3]. This exploration underscores their versatile role in basic research, paving the way for a deeper understanding of disease pathogenesis and the development of targeted therapeutic interventions. Beyond their contributions to fundamental science, humanized mice have proven crucial in bridging the gap between bench and bedside by expediting the translation of experimental findings into clinical applications. This paper aims to provide a thorough examination of the diverse applications of humanized mice in disease modeling, emphasizing their capacity to drive innovation and shape the future of personalized medicine[4]. As we navigate through the intricacies of humanized mouse research, the narrative will unfold, highlighting the transformative potential of these models in reshaping the biomedical research landscape[5].

The field of preclinical animal modeling has witnessed a paradigm shift with the advent of humanized mice. Over the past two decades, these innovative models have revolutionized our approach to understanding and combating human diseases[6]. The engraftment of functional human cells and tissues into immunodeficient mouse hosts has ushered in a new era, offering researchers a unique platform to study diseases with unprecedented fidelity to the human condition[7].

The inception of humanized mice can be traced back to the early 2000s, marked by the creation of immunodeficient mice bearing mutations in the IL2 receptor common gamma chain (IL2rgnull). This breakthrough paved the way for the successful engraftment of human hematopoietic stem cells, resulting in the development of fully functional human immune systems within murine recipients. The subsequent capacity to engraft various human tissues, including islets, liver, skin, and a diverse range of solid and hematologic cancers, further expanded the utility of these models[8].

As we delve into the intricacies of humanized mouse research, it becomes evident that these models represent more than mere proxies for human physiology. They serve as dynamic platforms that enable the recreation of complex human biological systems within a controlled and manipulable experimental environment. The versatility of humanized mice positions them at the forefront of

disease modeling, offering unparalleled insights into the mechanisms underpinning infectious diseases, cancer progression, regenerative processes, graft-versus-host interactions, allergic responses, and immune system dynamics [9].

This paper aims to comprehensively explore recent advancements in the development and application of humanized mice. By synthesizing current knowledge and research findings, we seek to elucidate the multifaceted contributions of these models to our understanding of human diseases. From basic science to translational applications, humanized mice are poised to bridge the gap between bench and bedside, propelling the realization of truly personalized medicine.

In the following sections, we will delve into specific aspects of humanized mouse research, providing insights into their role in infectious disease studies, cancer research, regenerative medicine, graft-versus-host disease investigations, allergy models, and immunological studies. By examining the breadth of their applications, we aim to underscore the transformative impact of humanized mice on biomedical research and their potential to reshape clinical approaches to disease diagnosis and treatment.

The journey through the intricacies of humanized mouse research promises to unravel new dimensions in disease modeling, opening avenues for targeted therapeutic interventions and personalized medical approaches. As we navigate this terrain, the transformative potential of humanized mice becomes increasingly evident, shaping the trajectory of future research endeavors and clinical applications.

Methods

Generation of Humanized Mice

The process of generating humanized mice involves the transplantation of human hematopoietic stem cells into immunodeficient mouse hosts, primarily those with mutations in the IL2 receptor common gamma chain. This step is followed by the engraftment of various human tissues, allowing for the creation of a diverse array of humanized mouse models.

Applications in Disease Modeling

Humanized mice find applications in a wide range of disease models, including infectious diseases, cancer, regenerative medicine, graft-versus-host disease, allergies, and immunity. The incorporation of humanized mice into these models has provided insights into disease mechanisms and facilitated the testing of novel therapeutic strategies.

Results and Discussion

Infectious Diseases

Humanized mice have played a crucial role in studying human infectious diseases, providing a platform for the investigation of host-pathogen interactions and the evaluation of potential vaccines and antiviral therapies.

Cancer Research

The versatility of humanized mice extends to the engraftment of various human cancers, offering a unique opportunity to study tumor microenvironments and test novel cancer therapies in a more clinically relevant context.

Regenerative Medicine

Humanized mice serve as invaluable tools for regenerative medicine research, enabling the study of human tissue development and regeneration, with implications for transplantation and tissue engineering.

Graft-Versus-Host Disease, Allergies, and Immunity:

These models contribute significantly to our understanding of immune responses, transplantation outcomes, and the development of allergies, paving the way for targeted interventions and personalized treatment approaches.

Conclusion

The integration of humanized mice into disease modeling has ushered in a new era of preclinical research. Their contribution to understanding the complexities of infectious diseases, cancer, regenerative medicine, graft-versus-host disease, allergies, and immunity is unparalleled. As we

strive for personalized medicine, humanized mice emerge as indispensable tools, providing a bridge between bench and bedside. The transformative potential of these models not only accelerates scientific discoveries but also holds promise for shaping the future of clinical interventions tailored to individual patient needs. The continued refinement and application of humanized mice underscore their enduring impact on advancing biomedical research and personalized medicine.

In conclusion, humanized mice represent a powerful tool for disease modeling, offering insights that bridge the gap between bench and bedside. Their versatility, ethical considerations, and translational relevance make them indispensable in advancing our understanding of human diseases and propelling the field towards personalized medicine.

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