

In Vivo Use of Monoclonal Antibodies for Radiolabelling Blood Cells

A Study Using Lymphocyte and Platelet Specific Antibodies Labelled with Indium-111

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<u>Abstract</u>

This thesis explores the use of indium-111 labelled monoclonal antibodies (McAb) for specific radiolabelling of cells in blood and solid tissues. Various ¹¹¹In McAbs reacting with platelets, lymphocytes or molecules of the major histocompatibility complex (MHC) have been tested in vitro then injected in vivo to image the cell population expressing the relevant antigen using the scintillation camera.

Experimental work involving an ¹¹¹In anti-platelet McAb includes in vitro tests for antibody binding and effect on platelet aggregation. Injection of the ¹¹¹In McAb in man has resulted in imaging platelet distribution in the body and detection of abnormal platelet deposition in thrombus.

¹¹¹In McAbs have also been used for labelling the main subsets of lymphocytes (T & B). Testing of ¹¹¹In anti-lymphocyte McAbs with normal lymphocytes and cell lines has indicated their range of binding and effect on the cells. The injection of an ¹¹¹In anti-T cell McAb in the rat has resulted in antibody binding to T cells in blood, lymph nodes and spleen. Antigen modulation after administration of the antibody has also been observed. Additionally, ¹¹¹In McAb cell labelling in the rat has been compared to the use of ¹¹¹In tropolone labelled lymphocytes in terms of imaging lymphoid tissues, following lymphocyte kinetics and radiodosimetry.

In vivo use of ¹¹¹In McAbs is also presented in an experimental model of allogeneic kidney transplant in the rat. Immunopathological events of lymphocyte infiltration and induction of Class I and II MHC molecules in the graft during acute rejection have been traced using in vivo ¹¹¹In anti-T cell, activated T cell, Class I or Class II MHC McAbs and scintillation camera imaging. Images of rejecting and cyclosporine treated transplants have been obtained. The implications of the findings for the detection and discrimination of rejection are discussed.

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List of Abbreviations Used in the Thesis

Ab : Antibody Abd : Abdomen ACD : Acid citrate dextrose Ag: Antigen Ant : Anterior APAAP : Alkaline phosphatase anti-alkaline phosphatase BG : Background BM : Bone marrow B/T : Bound/Total CD : Cluster of differentiation CEA : Carcinoembryonic antigen CLL : Chronic lymphatic leukaemia CLN : Cervical lymph nodes Con A : Concanavalin A Conc : Concentration Cont : Continued Cpm : Count per minute C1q : First component of the complement CsA : Cyclosporine Ct: Count CTCL : Cutaneous T cell leukaemia CTL : Cytotoxic T lymphocyte Ctrl: Control d:day Deion : Deionized Dist : Distilled DTPA : Diethylene-triamine-pentaacetic acid DVT : Deep venous thrombosis Eβ (MeV) : Mean energy of β emissions in mega electron-volts Expt: Experiment F : Female FITC : Fluorescein isothiocyanate GPIIb, IIIa : Glycoprotein IIb, IIIa HAMA : Human anti-mouse antibody Hb: Haemoglobin Hct : Haematocrit ICRF : Imperial Cancer Research Fund IF : Immunofluorescence

Ig : Immunoglobulin

Int : intestine

ITP: Idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura

kDa : Kilo dalton

KeV : Kilo electron-volt

Kid : Kidney

L:Left

LAK : Lymphokine activated killer

LAO : Left anterior oblique

LFOV : Large field of view

LM : Lymphocytes-Monocytes

LN : Lymph nodes

LNC : Lymph node cells

LPO : Left posterior oblique

M:Male

McAb : Monoclonal antibody

MeV : Mega electron-volt

MHC : Major histocompatibility complex

min : Minute

MLN : Mesenteric lymph nodes

MW : Molecular weight

NA : Not applicable

ND : Not done

OD : optical density

PA : Platelet aggregation

PAK : Phytohaemagglutinin activated killer

PBMNC : Peripheral blood mononuclear cells

PBS : Phosphate buffered saline

PHA : Phytohaemagglutinin

PI : Post injection

pl : Plasma

PMT : Photomultiplier tube

Post : Posterior

PP: Peyer's patches

PPP : Platelet poor plasma

PRP : Platelet rich plasma

Ptlt : Platelet

R : Right

RAM : Rabbit anti-mouse

RAO : Right anterior oblique

RBC : Red blood cells

RBE : Relative biological effectiveness

ROI : Region of interest

RPMS : Royal Postgraduate Medical School

RPO : Right posterior oblique

RT : room temperature

SD : Standard deviation

SDS-PAGE : Sodium dodecyl sulphate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis

se : Standard error of the mean

Spl : Spleen

Std : Standard

 $T_{1/2}$: Half-life

 $T_{1/2b}$: Biological half-life

T_{1/2eff} : Effective half-life

TDL : Thoracic duct lymphocytes

Thy : Thymus

TIL : Tumour infiltrating lymphocytes

Tx : Transplant

UV : Ultraviolet

Vol : Volume

vs : Versus

vWF : von Willebrand factor

WB : Whole blood, or whole body (in images)

WBC : White blood cell

yr : Year

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Sheherazade continued :

The fisherman cast his net for the third time and waited. Then, he pulled the net out of the sea and there was a brass carafe inside it. "Good fortune" said he, "For I could sell this at the market and get a few dinars in return". The carafe had a brass cap tightly fitted and when the fisherman prised it open using his knife, a cloud of smoke billowed out. As the smoke reached high in the sky, the full figure of a giant Ef'reet formed. The Ef'reet's head touched the clouds and his voice was like thunder. ..."Prepare yourself to die" said the Ef'reet, "For I have sworn to kill whoever released me from my imprisonment"..... The fisherman was very frightened, but he said : "O great Ef'reet, before I die, can you satisfy my curiosity and answer my question? How could you fit inside the little carafe and your body is like a mountain?"..."I cannot believe that you could fit in such a small place". The Ef'reet laughed and said "To satisfy your curiosity I'll show you how it is Then, the Ef'reet converted himself into smoke and reentered the done". Promptly, the fisherman replaced the cap and thanked God for his vessel. safety.

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Section One :

Aims and Relevant Background

Chapter 1:

Aims and Objectives

1.1 Introduction :

Radioactive tracers provide tools for non-invasive evaluation of organ function. As examples one may take the accumulation of ¹³¹I by the thyroid, the excretion of simple chelates by the kidney, and the use of radioactive gases to examine regional ventilation.

One field of active research in the use of such tracers is the labelling of circulating blood cells. Radionuclides such as ⁵¹Cr have been in use for many years to label circulating red blood cells and record red cell mass and cell survival (Sterling and Gray 1950, Ebaugh et al 1953). Further examples are the labelling of lymphocytes with tritium (Gowans 1959) and leucocytes with ³²P (Grob et al 1947, Athens et al 1959).

With the advent of a gamma emitter, ¹¹¹In oxine in 1976 (McAfee and Thakur 1976a), it became possible to quantitate whole body distribution and image cell accumulation in vivo. This was applied to migrating granulocytes (Thakur et al 1977a) and also to platelets localisation in thrombus (Goodwin et al 1978).

However, cell labelling with ¹¹¹In oxine requires separation of the cells from whole blood before labelling. This cell separation is necessary due to non-selectivity of cell labelling with this agent. The method, therefore, suffers from certain limitations :

- 1) Cell damage during separation.
- 2) Cell damage due to irradiation of a small population.
- 3) Circulating cells may not be representative of effector cells in tissues.

Hence, the use of a cell specific tracer has some obvious advantages :

- 1) In vivo use, without need for cell manipulation in vitro.
- 2) Labelling a large cell population.
- 3) Specific labelling of cell subgroups, eg T & B lymphocytes.

One further point arises from this outline and that is the possibility of labelling fixed cells with a specific tracer. This possibility has been fairly widely explored in the use of monoclonal antibodies for imaging tumours. Relatively little attempt, however, has been made to look at non-neoplastic disease.

1.2 Aims of the thesis :

To explore the use of radiolabelled monoclonal antibodies for in vivo labelling of platelets and lymphocytes and, in the case of lymphocytes, to investigate labelling subsets of cells.

Lastly, as an approach to labelling antigens developed by fixed cells, to look at monoclonal antibodies directed against the major histocompatibility complex molecules, Class I & Class II, as exhibited by organs undergoing rejection.

Accordingly, the experimental work in this thesis covers the following points :

1) The use of an ¹¹¹In anti-platelet McAb : This involves :

- Testing in vitro the binding characteristics of the antibody to platelets and studying its effect on platelet aggregation.
- In vivo use in a human clinical situation for imaging thrombus.

- 2) The use of ¹¹¹In anti-lymphocyte McAbs, involving :
 - In vitro tests of two ¹¹¹In anti-human T and B cell McAbs with lymphoid cell lines and blood.
 - In vitro testing and in vivo use of an ¹¹¹In anti-T cell McAb in the rat as an experimental model for imaging lymphoid tissue.

3) The use of ¹¹¹In anti-lymphocyte and anti-Class I & II MHC McAbs in a rat model of allogeneic kidney transplant for imaging graft rejection.

<u>Note :</u>

The use of radiolabelled anti-granulocyte McAbs has not been attempted in this work as application of these reagents for labelling granulocytes has been reported with some depth in the medical and scientific literature. Chapter 2:

The Value of Cell Radiolabelling in Lymphocyte- and Platelet-in-Vivo Physiology

2.1 Introduction :

The guidelines for use of cell tracers and the criteria of an ideal cell label for quantitative analysis have been discussed by many authors (Brownell et al 1968, Ford 1975, Ansell and Micklem 1986). Such a tracer would be fixed and localised to the cell; not secreted or eluted, it would be stable for the period of the study, easy to detect and to measure with some precision and functionally neutral not affecting a cell's behaviour or conferring any physiological advantage or disadvantage. In addition, the tracer should be readily available without recourse to complex preparatory procedures.

<u>2.2 β emitters as early cell labels :</u>

Radiolabels incorporating beta emitters have been used as the first cell radiolabelling agents (Jones et al 1940, Bond et al 1958). Examples of using β emitters for labelling blood cells include, among others, erythrocyte labelling with radioactive phosphorus (Hahn and Hevesy 1940), the use of ³H-thymidine to trace lymphocytes in the thoracic duct (Everett et al 1960) and the measurement of lymphocyte life-span in humans using ³²P (Ottesen 1954). Table 2.1 shows β radionuclides that have been used for blood cell labelling. Table 2.1, β emitters for cell labelling.

Radionuclide Half-life			<u>Radiation</u>		Chemical form/Radiopharmaceutical				
\overline{E}_{β} (MeV)									
	3H	12.46 yr	β-	0.006	Nucleosides : adenosine, uridine, thymidine, etc. Amino acids : glycine, leucine, etc. Others : DFP.				
	¹⁴ C	5570.0 yr	β-	0.050	Same as ³ H (see above). Serotonine (Platelets).				
	32P	14.3 d	β-	0.700	DFP, inorganic phosphate.				
	35S	87.0 d	β-	0.049	Amino acids : L-cystine, methionine.				
ur voar de day DEP di-isopropul fluorophosphate									

yr : year, d : day, DFP : di-isopropyl fluorophosphate.

2.3 Cell radiolabelling with y-ray emitters :

2.3.1 Chromium-51

Chromium-51 was first used by Gray and Sterling in 1950 to label red blood cells. Radioactive chromate can penetrate the cells and bind principally to intracellular protein (Pearson 1963, Steiner and Baldini 1970). Chromium-51 decays by electron capture with a half-life of 27.8 days emitting 320 KeV gamma rays. These undergo, however, a high degree of internal conversion so that only 10% of the nuclear transformations result in useful photonic emissions.

Chromium-51 has been used both in experimental animals and man to follow the kinetics of lymphocytes in vivo by recording whole body distribution after intravenous administration of the labelled cells and observing their recirculation by thoracic duct cannulation (see Chapter 7). Platelet radiolabelling with ⁵¹Cr has also been used to establish the kinetics of these cells in man (Aas and Gardner 1958, ICSH 1977) in normal and disease conditions such as idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP).

Although the use of chromium-51 as a cell label has resulted in insight into blood cell kinetics and sites of cell localisation in the body, its application is presently restricted to experimental research in animals and a few haematological investigations in man such as red cell survival studies (ICSH 1971 & 1980, Dacie and Lewis 1984, Bentley and Miller 1986).

The main reasons for the unpopularity of chromium-51 as a radiolabel for white cells stem primarily from the physical characteristics of the radionuclide. Chromium-51 has a long half-life (28 days) and a low abundance of γ emissions due to the internal conversion phenomenon. Also, its 320 keV γ ray is not suitable for imaging with the scintillation camera due to its relatively high energy.

2.3.2 Indium-111 lipophilic chelating agents

In 1976 McAfee and Thakur (1976a & b), having tried a number of compounds, reported the suitability of ¹¹¹In oxine for radiolabelling white blood cells.

This agent (8-hydroxyquinoline) is highly lipophilic and readily forms a complex with ¹¹¹In. The complex penetrates the cell membrane then once inside the cell, it dissociates and ¹¹¹In binds intracellularly giving a stable radiolabel (Thakur et al 1977b). ¹¹¹In is a gamma-emitting radionuclide with energies 173 KeV (99%) and 247 KeV (94%) very suited to external detection by scintillation cameras. Other lipophilic chelates of ¹¹¹In have also been reported such as acetyl acetone (Sinn and Silvester 1979) and tropolone

(Dewanjee et al 1981, Danpure et al 1982). The advantage of using the latter lies in labelling white cells in plasma instead of saline.

Although ¹¹¹In oxine was introduced primarily for radiolabelling neutrophils (McAfee and Thakur 1976a), the use of this agent to radiolabel platelets and lymphocytes came soon afterward.

Studies in vitro and in vivo comparing ⁵¹Cr- and ¹¹¹In-oxine-labelled platelets (Schmidt et al 1983a & b) have shown rather similar results. Clinically, ¹¹¹In oxine labelling has been used to image platelet localisation in thrombus (Goodwin et al 1978, Davis et al 1980a & b) and in the diagnosis of organ transplant rejection (Smith et al 1979a, Martin-Comin et al 1983).

Lymphocyte labelling with ¹¹¹In oxine has also been used. Experimental studies in rats (Rannie et al 1977) and in sheep (Frost et al 1979, Issekutz et al 1980) involving intravenous injection of ¹¹¹In oxine labelled lymphocytes, scintillation camera imaging and tissue sampling have shown kinetics of the ¹¹¹In labelled cells similar to those reported using other cell tracers such as ⁵¹Cr. Scintillation camera scanning of the animals produced images of lymph nodes and spleen. In man, the method has been applied to a limited extent for following lymphocyte kinetics and lymph node imaging (see chapter 7 for details).

2.3.3 Other gamma labels

Cell labelling using technetium-99m has been tried extensively due to the availability and wide application of this radionuclide in various nuclear medicine investigations.

Successful tagging of red blood cells has been achieved by very simple methods involving this radionuclide (Stokely et al 1975, Pavel et al 1977). This application has been useful mainly in nuclear cardiology studies and in the detection and localisation of gastrointestinal bleeding (Hegge et al 1978, Winzelberg et al 1979). However, the use of ^{99m}Tc and other gammaemitting radionuclides such as the radioisotopes of iodine and ⁶⁷Ga for leucocyte labelling has not proved successful in general. The main problem has been lack of suitable chemical vehicles for these radionuclides to ensure stable and safe cell labelling (McAfee and Thakur 1976a & b). More recently, the introduction of ^{99m}Tc-HMPAO (hexamethyl propyleneamine oxime) white cell labelling has proven as reliable as ¹¹¹In oxine/tropolone leucocyte labelling in the investigation of sepsis especially inflammatory bowel disease and infected hip prostheses (Peters et al 1986 & 1988). However, due to the relatively short experience in using this tracer for white cell labelling, its value in platelet and lymphocyte labelling remains to be tested. Having said that, non-selectivity of cell labelling by ^{99m}Tc-HMPAO and the high cell toxicity of intracellular ^{99m}Tc (Rannie and Donald 1977, Merz et al 1986) would still restrict its use as a routine platelet or lymphocyte cell labelling agent.

2.4 Radiation damage to cells

Damage incurred on blood cells by the radiolabelling method has been studied by many workers in the field (Rannie and Donald 1977, Rannie et al 1977, Segal et al 1978, Kraal and Geldof 1979, Watson 1983).

Radiotoxicity to lymphocytes from ¹¹¹In oxine has been found to be the limiting factor for the obtention of the required radioactivity necessary for imaging the labelled cells with preservation of their normal physiology. Various functional end points have been tested including in vivo studies of lymphocyte homing and migration to lymphoid organs and reactive sites (Issekutz et al 1980, Sparshott et al 1981, van Dinther-Janssen and Scheper 1981), in vitro assays on the proliferative capacity of the cells (ten Berge et al 1983) or both in vivo and in vitro tests (Chisholm et al 1979). Chemical toxicity from oxine, tropolone, indium, cadmium which results from ¹¹¹In radioactive decay, and other metal contaminants has also been implicated in affecting cellular function after labelling (Sparshott et al 1981, Balaban et al 1986 & 1987).

Those experimental studies and various reports dealing with cell and body dosimetry (Segal et al 1978, Goodwin et al 1981a & b, Silvester and Waters 1983, Goodwin and Meares 1985) have produced limits for the amount of indium-111 that can be used per lymphocyte in order to achieve cell labelling without significant toxic effect. The upper limit generally accepted is 7.4 MilliBq (0.2 pCi) per lymphocyte.

Other blood cells show less radiosensitivity than lymphocytes. Granulocytes and platelets can be labelled with ¹¹¹In radioactivity which is adequate for imaging without apparent effect on their function (Greenberg et al 1968, Bassano and McAfee 1979).

Cell radiotoxicity from ¹¹¹In oxine has been considered the result of Augerelectron energy deposition in the cell causing damage to the nucleus mainly and to a lesser extent the cytoplasm (Hofer et al 1975, Hofer 1984, Goodwin and Meares 1985).

Body dosimetry shows that the spleen is the target organ using ¹¹¹In-oxinelabelled lymphocytes, granulocytes or platelets. However, doses to other organs especially the bone marrow can also be important (Table 2.2) Table 2.2. Organ and whole body dosimetry for ¹¹¹In labelled leucocytes (granulocytes mainly), lymphocytes or platelets^a.

<u>Preparation</u> ^b	Radiation dose		e (mGy/MBq) <u>Bone marrow</u>	<u>Effective dose equi-</u> <u>valent_mSv/MBq</u>
Mixed leucocytes (mainly neutrophils)	4.7	0.8	1.3	0.65
Lymphocytes	3.7	0.4	0.8 ^c	0.65
Platelets	4.8	1.8	1	0.68

a Data from Goodwin et al 1981b.

b Labelled cells were injected intravenously.

c Dose to bone marrow and lymph nodes.

2.5 Summary

Presently, cell labelling with ¹¹¹In oxine is widely used for granulocyte radiotracing. However, due to technical difficulties in separating lymphocytes, especially lymphocyte subsets, and the radiosensitivity of these cells, ¹¹¹In oxine use has been limited to a few research applications. Also, platelet labelling with ¹¹¹In oxine is fraught with technical complexities restricting its widespread use.

Experience in using this agent in labelling blood cells, however, will serve as background knowledge in the testing and implementation of the new cell labelling approach using ¹¹¹In-labelled-cell-specific monoclonal antibodies.

Chapter 3:

Monoclonal Antibodies

3.1 Introduction :

The era of Monoclonal Antibody Technology in biology began with the report by Kohler and Milstein (1975), which won them the Nobel Prize in Medicine in 1984, of a method to produce antibodies of a single specificity (clonality) in unlimited amounts. They achieved this monoclonal antibody (McAb) production by fusing B lymphocytes with myeloma cells grown in culture and isolating the hybridomas secreting the antibody by the timely use of selective media. The hybridoma incorporated the properties of the B cell that rearranged its immunoglobulin gene in specific antibody production and the unlimited expansion ability of the myeloma cell.

3.2 Monoclonal antibodies : Structure, production and preparation of antibody fragments

The immunoglobulin secreted by the hybridoma, whether in tissue culture or into the ascites fluid of a mouse or rat in which it is growing, retains normally the four-chain structure of these proteins, consisting of two pairs of identical heavy and light chains, held together by non-covalent bonds and disulfide bridges (see Figure 3.1). In general, monoclonal antibodies are homogenous reagents, available in potentially unlimited supply and are produced in response to defined antigen stimuli by planned immunisation of the animal source of B cells (mouse or rat) (Campbell 1984).



Figure 3.1 Antibody structure, antigenic determinants and effector functions

CH : constant domain of the heavy chain, VH : Variable domain of the heavy chain, CL : constant domain of the light chain, VH : Variable domain of the light chain, C1q : First component of the complement, FcR : Fc portion receptor.

Methods for the isolation, purification and fragmentation of monoclonal antibodies derive from the basic concepts of the four-chain and domain structure of immunoglobulins, and the experimentation in preparation and use of antibodies for various reasons (Parnham et al 1982). For instance, isotypic determinants correlate with biological activities (Oi et al 1984), such as binding to staphylococcal protein A (Ey et al 1978), C1q (Neuberger and Plasensky 1981) or specific Fc receptors (Unkeless et al 1981), that may be important for purification. The specific antibody reactivity generated in the hybridoma provides an additional property that can be utilised to advantage in selecting clones and purifying material. Antibody fragments (see Figure 3.2), ie F(ab')₂, Fab', Fab/c, etc, can be produced by antibody digestion with
various enzymes mainly pepsin or papain (Lamoyi and Nisonoff 1983, Parnham 1986).





In addition to basic monoclonal antibody methodology, the development of somatic mutants and chimaeric molecules produced by transfectomas (Morrison 1985) presents novel alternatives for producing artificial constructs of antibody which can be useful for specific applications such as in vivo use (Neuberger et al 1984).

3.3 Monoclonal antibodies to blood cells

Within a period of less than ten years, the use of monoclonal antibodies in the identification and classification of biological structures has become a recognised and reliable approach. In the case of leucocytes and platelets, cellular structures have been identified in vitro by monoclonal antibodies. Monoclonal antibodies reactive with blood cells can be lineage- (lymphoid, myeloid etc), subset- (T cell, B cell, etc), or clone- (anti-idiotype) specific (Greaves et al 1981, Beverley 1984, Catovsky et al 1985, Janossy and Campana 1989).

Recently, a unified nomenclature classifying the majority of monoclonal antibodies reacting with leucocytes and platelets as well as their malignant counterparts has been agreed upon in what is presently known as the cluster of differentiation nomenclature (CD) (Bernard et al 1984, Reinherz et al 1986, McMichael et al 1987, Knapp et al 1989).

The fact that monoclonal antibodies recognise molecules specifically by binding to distinct epitopes on them makes the idea of specific targeting of these molecules quite attractive. Not only does this apply to the scientist in the laboratory for in vitro fingerprinting of different structures, but also to clinicians who would find it very useful a tool for in vivo targeting of certain tissues especially tumours.

3.4 In vivo use of monoclonal antibodies :

In practice, this question has been broadly addressed in two ways. The first has applied monoclonal antibodies on their own making use of their properties as biologicals with effector function for the defence of the organism against foreign antigens (Waldmann 1988). This application can be considered an extention of the erstwhile use of polyclonal antibodies in the immunotherapy of cancer (Hericourt and Richet 1895, Murray 1958, Buinauskas et al 1959). The other line of research has been concerned with the delivery of different reagents to desired sites in the body by injecting reagent-coupled monoclonal antibodies. Again, the use of monoclonal antibodies for this goal has followed early trials using polyclonal antibodies (Pressman and Korngold 1953, Ghose et al 1972, Goldenberg et al 1978). Different reagents have been employed including radionuclides (Mach et al 1980, Farrands et al 1982), cytotoxic drugs and different toxins (Thorpe et al 1982, Gallego et al 1982).

Radiolabelled monoclonal antibodies enable non-invasive imaging of the targeted tissue using the scintillation camera. A second application would come as a consequence of successful imaging of tumours in the form of local radiation from energetic particles emitted by beta or alpha radionuclides linked to the same antibody used for imaging (Carrasquillo et al 1984, Mausner et al 1988).

3.5 In vivo use of monoclonal antibodies; limitations :

3.5.1 Antibody specificity, antigen accessibility and antibody-antigen binding constant

Monoclonal antibodies for in vivo use are required to have specificity for the tissue, especially tumour, that they target. This absolute specificity, however, does not seem to apply for the majority of malignant tissues as many epitopes expressed in cancerous tissues are shared to some extent with their normal counterparts. Thus, many tumours associated antigens (TAA) have been identified (Price et al 1980, Stefanini 1985) and monoclonal antibodies have been generated to these antigens for use in vivo, eg anti-CEA McAb (Bosslet et al 1985) and antibodies to the components of the human milk-fat-globule membrane (Taylor-Papadimitriou et al 1981). In vivo binding of the antibody to its antigen depends in the first instance on the accessibility of the antibody to that antigen. If the McAb has free access to antigen, as in circulating cells, then Ab distribution on the cells and in plasma will depend on :

- a) The number of antigenic sites available and Ab concentration in blood.
- b) The affinity of the antibody to its antigen (Ab binding constant) in conditions of in vivo Ab-Ag reaction, ie 37° C, pH 7.4, in plasma and in the presence of other blood cells.
- c) Any other non-specific binding of the antibody (Fc portion binding and low affinity binding to other non-target tissues).

In the case of tumours in extravascular territory, antibody access becomes a major problem resulting in a low fraction of the injected antibody reaching target (Jain and Baxter 1988).

In both situations, the effect of the antibody used on its antigen can interfere with its binding conditions and can therefore alter the way antibody accumulates in target tissue. This is noted using antibodies that cause antigen modulation (Ritz et al 1980, Chatenoud and Bach 1984), complement activation (Masui et al 1986) or antibody-dependent cytotoxicity (Kipps et al 1985).

3.5.2 Stability of the label and its effect on McAb kinetics

Radiolabelling of antibodies causes protein denaturation and results in some loss of antibody reactivity (Lindmo et al 1984, Andres and Schubiger 1986). Also, elution of the radionuclide from radiolabelled antibodies occurs after storage in vitro (Evans 1984) or due to enzyme degradation in vivo. For example, radioiodine labelled antibodies undergo dehalogenation in vivo resulting in a rapid clearance of the radioactivity in the urine (Rainsbury and Westwood 1982). In addition, the radiolabel can alter the distribution of the antibody in vivo. This is noted especially following injection of ¹¹¹In McAbs labelled by the bifunctional chelates such as DTPA (Perkins and Pimm 1985, Halpern et al 1988). High uptake in the liver is found, thus reducing the amount of antibody available for targeting tissue specifically and obscuring lesions present in the liver itself.

3.5.3 The human anti-mouse antibodies (HAMA)

The generation of a humoral anti-mouse response to murine monoclonal antibodies injected in vivo is a limitation to their repetitive use in the same individual (Shawler et al 1985, Schroff et al 1985). The immune response has been found to be directed mainly to the antibody isotype and its subtypes, and to the antibody idiotype (Herlyn et al 1985, Chatenoud 1986). The use of the less immunogenic antibody fragments, ie $F(ab')_2$ or Fab' fragment, has been shown to offer a partial solution to this problem (Courtenay-Luck et al 1986). Also, the introduction of human monoclonal antibodies or human-mouse hetero-antibodies would minimise immunisation against the administered xenogeneic antibodies (Boulianne et al 1984, Brown et al 1987).

Using a different strategy, manipulation of the immune response in man by induction of tolerance to rat or mouse McAbs or immunosuppression by using cyclosporine treatment have also been tried. However, results have been controversial and noncof the methods reported so far has been efficient in eliminating completely the immune response to the administered mouse or rat antibodies (Benjamin et al 1986, Sivolapenko et al 1989). Section Two :

In Vitro and in Vivo Use of an ¹¹¹In Anti-Platelet-Glycoprotein Monoclonal Antibody

Chapter 4:

The Physiology of Platelets

4.1 The platelet : Origin, kinetics and life-span :

Early studies on thrombopoiesis have recognised platelet production from the megakaryocyte of the bone marrow (Wright 1906). Recently, the major cellular events that accompany the maturation of the megakaryocyte and the effect of various factors involved therein have been described in more detail (Feinendegen et al 1962, McPherson 1971, Levin and Evatt 1979). Less clear, however, is the process of platelet release in the circulation, which is generally thought to take place in the pulmonary vasculature, by fragmentation of mature megakaryocytes and the generation of proplatelets (Melamed et al 1966, Tingaard Pedersen 1974, Trowbridge et al 1982).

Circulating platelets have a finite life-span and their kinetics in the body are described in terms of blood circulation, normal splenic pooling and final removal from blood by the reticuloendothelial system (Harker 1977, Heyns et al 1980, Klonizakis et al 1980).

Normal platelet survival, determined by random radiolabelling using ⁵¹Cr or ¹¹¹In, is almost linear and the mean platelet life-span is 9-10 days (Heaton et al 1979, Schmidt et al 1983a, Trowbridge and Martin 1983). In general, as platelet life-span becomes more severely reduced in disease, the survival deviates further from linearity. When platelet life-span is severely reduced as in ITP (as short as a few hours) the survival profile becomes approximately monoexponential implying random removal of platelets from the circulation (Branehog et al 1974, Heyns et al 1982).

Platelets are distributed between a circulating pool (60-70%), a splenic pool (30%) and a smaller liver pool (5-15%) in the normal human (Heyns et al

1980, Klonizakis et al 1980, Robertson et al 1981, Scheffel et al 1982). Platelets in the spleen are rapidly and freely exchangeable with their counterparts in blood as in a closed, well-mixed, two compartmental system (Peters et al 1980). Accordingly, the number of platelets in the spleen depends on the balance of input by the splenic blood flow and output, which is related to the mean platelet intrasplenic transit time (normal \approx 6.5 min). In splenomegaly, the splenic platelet pool is expanded and blood recovery of injected radiolabelled platelets falls as low as 10%. In contrast, the recovery in asplenic individuals approaches 100% (Aster 1966, Harker and Finch 1969).

The reason why the spleen concentrates platelets in such large numbers is unclear. Macrophage function may play a role in platelet splenic pooling, as many platelets can be seen adhering to splenic macrophages by scanning electron microscopy (Weiss et al 1974).

<u>4.2 Platelet activation and the role of platelet surface glycoproteins</u> <u>in platelet aggregation :</u>

Platelets are primarily connected with haemostasis. Clot formation after the occurrence of a breach in normal vasculature or the development of thrombosis in a diseased vessel involves platelet interaction and deposition in the affected site (Mustard and Packham 1979, Kinlough-Rathbone et al 1983, Zucker and Nachmias 1985). Adhesion of platelets to sites of vascular injury occurs basically by binding of von Willebrand factor (vWF) and collagen in the subendothelium to platelet surface glycoprotein Ib (GPIb) (Bolhuis et al 1981, George et al 1984). Next, platelet aggregation may follow. This phenomenon is an active process requiring collision of platelets, extracellular Ca²⁺, metabolic energy provided by intracellular ATP and fibrinogen and can be triggered by various stimuli, eg ADP, thromboxane A2 and thrombin. These aggregating agents interact with platelet membrane

components or specific receptors and the stimulus is transduced to trigger platelet activation.

It is known presently, that aggregation is the consequence of the mobilisation on the platelet surface of a fibrinogen receptor identified as the GPIIb/IIIa complex (Marguerie et al 1980, Nachman and Leung 1982, Bennett et al 1982, Coller et al 1983). Once this receptor is exposed, the fibrinogen molecule, by combining with receptors localised on adjacent platelets, is thought to form bridges which link the cells together. Exposure of the GPIIb/IIIa molecule is assumed to represent a change in either the conformation or the microenvironment of preexisting GPIIb/IIIa complexes in the platelet membrane (Coller 1980 & 1985).

Recently, more detailed studies on the expression and conformational changes of platelet surface molecules (GPIb, GPIIb/IIIa, etc) in various test conditions in vitro have confirmed the integral role of receptors in platelet physiology (Nurden and Caen 1975, Caen et al 1976, McEver et al 1980, Kunicki et al 1981, Pidard et al 1983). In these experimental systems the use of antibodies (poly or monoclonal) has been instrumental in providing tools for the identification and quantitation of platelet surface receptors and specific reagents for pharmacologic interventions directed to each type of receptors (McGregor et al 1983, Jennings et al 1985, Berndt et al 1985, Kunicki et al 1986). An example of such usefulness is an antibody to platelet membrane glycoprotein IIa, which binds only to activated platelets (McEver and Martin 1984), thus making a specific probe for activated platelets in vitro and potentially in vivo.

4.3 Experimental and clinical studies using radiolabelled platelets :

Platelet kinetic studies and mapping of platelet distribution by surface probe counting or scintillation camera imaging constitute the two major applications of radiolabelled platelets clinically and in research.

Survival studies including mean platelet life-span and the shape of the survival curve offer information on the likely cause and severity of a thrombopenic condition (Abrahamsen 1970, Murphy et al 1972, Peters et al 1984 & 1985). This has been most valuable in cases of idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP) where shortened platelet life-span is associated with near-exponential survival curves (Heyns et al 1982).

Imaging the distribution of radiolabelled platelets has been used in various experimental and clinical conditions as a means to detect thrombus. This was well shown by Thakur et al (1976), who first described platelet labelling with ¹¹¹In oxine. They tested the effect of the radiolabelling procedure on the platelets in vitro and showed localisation of radioactivity in induced deep venous thrombosis, surgical wounds and arterial lesions in dogs. Human use of ¹¹¹In oxine labelled platelets has been reported for the early postoperative detection of venous thrombosis (Goodwin et al 1978, Fenech et al 1981). Also, ¹¹¹In labelled platelets have been used in the study of large arterial lesions such as those occurring in the carotids and in atherosclerotic aneurysms. Davies et al (1980b) reported ¹¹¹In platelet deposition in carotid atherosclerotic lesions. Abdominal aortic aneurysms showed also positive platelet scan (Ritchie et al 1981). The effect of drugs on the accumulation of platelets in different vascular lesions was studied as well (Fedullo et al 1982, Romson et al 1982). The method, however, suffered many limitations. In addition to complexity of the labelling technique, thrombus detection by imaging ¹¹¹In-oxine platelets proved to be of rather low sensitivity especially in small vessels (Powers et al 1982). High circulating radioactivity, or blood

pooling in aneurysms, prevented early detection of ¹¹¹In oxine platelets that localised in thrombus, although in selected cases, subtraction methods were employed to enhance lesion contrast (Sutherland et al 1982, Bergman et al 1983, Machac et al 1989).

¹¹¹In oxine labelled platelets have also been used for the diagnosis of organ transplant rejection (Wang et al 1982). Rejecting kidneys accumulated radioactivity as reported by Smith et al (1979a), Marcus et al (1986) Tisdale et al (1986) and Desir et al (1987). Again, the complexity of the technique and the difficulty in interpretation of the findings especially patients treated with cyclosporine made it far from being routinely applicable in the diagnosis of rejection.

Finally, the study of prosthetic vascular graft thrombogenicity has benefited from imaging using ¹¹¹In oxine labelled platelets (Agarwal et al 1982, Stratton et al 1982). Thrombosis of prosthetic vascular grafts or prosthetic valves was demonstrated by imaging and directly by tissue sampling (Dewanjee et al 1983, Dewanjee 1984). The generation of micro-emboli from the prosthesis surface was also shown (Dewanjee 1984). In this field, however, there is still little understanding of the clinical significance of early and late postoperative deposition of platelets in prosthetic material and the exact relationship of platelet deposition to thrombus formation on the vascular prosthesis. Chapter 5:

In Vitro Testing of an ¹¹¹In Anti-Platelet Glycoprotein Monoclonal Antibody

5.1 Introduction

In this thesis, a new method for platelet radiolabelling and in vivo localisation of thrombus has been investigated. It involves testing the use of an ¹¹¹In labelled anti-platelet glycoprotein McAb for specifically targeting platelets by experiments conducted in vitro and in vivo. This experimental work includes radiolabelling of the anti-platelet McAb P256 (Bai et al 1984) with ¹¹¹In, binding assays of the radiolabelled antibody to platelets in platelet rich plasma and in whole blood, testing antibody effect on platelet aggregation in whole blood and in vivo use of ¹¹¹In P256 in a normal volunteer and patients with deep venous thrombosis. The use of the ¹¹¹In $F(ab')_2$ fragment of the same antibody is also described.

5.2 Materials, methods and results

5.2.1 The Monoclonal antibody P256

P256 is a murine McAb of the IgG₁ subclass. It was derived from fusion of P3-NSI/-1-Ag4-1 myeloma cell line with spleen cells from BALB/c mice immunised with peripheral blood mononuclear cells (Bai et al 1984). The antibody reacts with the 135 kDa IIb component of the intact platelet membrane glycoprotein complex IIb/IIIa. It belongs to the CD41 cluster of differentiation (Horton and Hogg 1987, von dem Borne et al 1989). P256 reacts primarily with normal human platelets and the megakaryocytes in the bone marrow. P256 does not bind to platelets from patients with Glanzmann's thrombasthenia which are deficient in the glycoprotein

IIb/IIIa from their surface (Phillips and Agin 1977, Nurden and Caen 1979, Bai et al 1984).

Pure monoclonal antibody was prepared¹ from ascites fluid by Protein-A affinity chromatography (Ey et al 1978) and was kept in phosphate buffered saline (PBS) at 4° C.

5.2.2 Preparation of P256 F(ab')₂ fragments¹

 $F(ab')_2$ fragments of P256 were prepared by digestion with activated papain (Parnham et al 1982). Purified McAb was concentrated to 5 mg/ml in 0.1 M sodium acetate buffer, pH 5.5, containing 3 mM EDTA and was digested with 2% activated papain for 4 hr at 37° C. The reaction was terminated by addition of iodoacetamide and stored at 4° C. The digest was eluted on a protein-A Sepharose column² to remove any remaining intact antibody and Fc portions. Purity of the obtained $F(ab')_2$ fragments was checked by nonreducing SDS-PAGE and Coomassie Blue gel staining. Purified P256 $F(ab')_2$ preparation was kept in PBS at 4° C.

Both whole antibody and F(ab')₂ fragments described above were a kind gift of Dr N Hogg, Imperial Cancer Research Fund, London, England.

5.2.3 ¹¹¹In labelling of P256 and P256 F(ab')₂

The monoclonal antibody was labelled with ¹¹¹In using the method of the double chelating agent of Hnatowich et al (1982 & 1983).

¹ P256 whole antibody and P256 (Fab')₂ have been prepared at Dr N Hogg's laboratory, Imperial Cancer Research Fund, London. The methods used for this purpose are described above (Dr N Hogg, personal communication).

² Pharmacia, Sweden.

5.2.3.1 Coupling of P256 to $DTPA^1$:

Batches of 5 mg of the antibody were used. The volume of stock solution containing the amount of antibody required (usually 3-5 ml containing 5 mg Ab) was dialysed² extensively in PBS³, pH 7.5-8, prepared in double distilled deionised water (2 litres, 3 changes). Dialysis was necessary to eliminate any trace of metals that might have contaminated the antibody solution during preparation. After dialysis, the antibody solution was concentrated in an Amicon Concentrator (England) to a small volume (200 μ l at 2 X 10⁻⁴ mole/l antibody⁴), then it was added to DTPA⁵ (diethylene-triaminepentaacetic acid) cyclic anhydride powder in a plastic bijou⁶ at a molar ratio of 40 : 1, DTPA : Antibody⁷. The antibody was left to react with DTPA for 1 hour at room temperature. Afterwards, a volume of 10 μ l of the reaction mixture was frozen in an LP3 tube at -20° C for later testing (see below). DTPA coupled antibody was then separated from unbound DTPA by elution of the reaction mixture DTPA-McAb on a size exclusion Sephadex G-50 column⁸ prepared in a barrel of a 20 ml plastic syringe⁹. Two millilitre successive elution fractions were obtained and the optical density (photon absorption) at 280 nm wave-length through 1 cm light path was measured

¹ Throughout the DTPA-Ab coupling procedure, disposable plasticware (bijou and universal containers) was used. Also, new unused glass Pasteur pipettes and extensively washed glassware with double distilled deionised water were used. The use of metal containers and tools was avoided whenever possible.

² Dialysis tubing (Viskin, England) was heated to 70° C in double distilled deionised H₂O containing EDTA (BDH, England) 10 mg/100ml, then it was washed twice in X2 Dist Deion H₂O before use.

³ Dulbecco's Formula A modified, Flow Labs, England.

⁴ The concentration of protein was measured using photon absorption at 280 nm. The absorption coefficient (Extinction Coefficient E ₂₈₀1%) of whole IgG and IgG F(ab')₂ fragments was considered to be 13.6 (Johnstone and Thorpe 1987, Fasman 1976).

⁵ Sigma, England.

⁶ Sterilin, England.

⁷ MW : DTPA=357, IgG=15 X10⁴, F(ab')₂=10⁵. The amount of DTPA added to 5 mg whole IgG was 0.5 mg and to 5 mg F(ab')₂ fragments : 0.7 mg.

⁸ Pharmacia, Sweden. Sephadex G-50 fine; useful fractionation range MW peptides/globular proteins 1500-30000. Gel filtration was used as an alternative to dialysis.

⁹ Monoject, England. Column volume 20 ml, void volume 6 ml (measured by elution of Dextran Blue in PBS).

in each fraction using a spectrophotometer¹ (see Table 5.1)². The fractions containing Ab were then pooled, the final optical density³ measured and the solution was filtered through a 0.22 μ m millipore filter⁴ in a vial containing N₂⁵. The recovery of antibody after coupling ranged between 50-70%. DTPA-coupled P256 was kept for a period of up to six months at 4° C.

<u>Fraction No</u>	<u>Fraction_volume</u> (ml)	<u>OD</u>	<u>Protein content</u> (mg/ml)
BG ^a		0.00	0
1	2	0.01	0ь
2	2	0.01	0ь
3	2	0.02	0.01
4	2	1.17	0.86 ^c
5	2	1.04	0.77 ^c
6	2	0.12	0.09 ^d
7	2	0.01	0 ^b
8	2	0.01	0 ^ь
9	2	0.01	0ь

Table 5.1. Elution fractions of P256-DTPA reaction mixture on the Sephadex G-50 column in PBS. P256 : 5 mg, DTPA : 0.5 mg.

a Background level was set at zero with PBS. This gave 3 reproducible readings of 0.000 before starting to measure the OD of the elution fractions.

b Fractions giving low readings, OD <0.010 (<10μg), were considered to be nondifferent from background.

c Fractions 4 & 5 were pooled together; OD : 1.10, final McAb concentration : 0.81 mg/ml, total : 3.24 mg, recovery of protein : 68%.

d Fraction 6 was not pooled with fractions 4+5 in order to keep the antibody-DTPA solution as concentrated as possible.

¹ Pye Unicam, England.

² DTPA-coupling of P256 F(ab')₂ was performed using the same protocol used for P256 whole Ab (see Appendix, Table A5.1 page 292 for experimental data).

³ Optical density: OD.

⁴ Millex-GV, low protein binding. Millipore, England.

⁵ Amersham, England.

Firstly, the number of DTPA molecules bound per molecule of antibody was calculated. This was done by reacting the sample of the reaction mixture (10 μ l), which was frozen at the end of the coupling reaction Ab-DTPA (see above), with carrier free ¹¹¹In solution² (20-40 MBq; 0.5-1 mCi) having raised its pH to 6-6.5 by the addition of 3.8% sodium citrate BP³ (usually 1 volume ¹¹¹In Cl₃ in 0.04 M HCl to 2 volumes sodium citrate 3.8%). After 30 minute incubation at room temperature, the reaction mixture was eluted on a Sephadex G-50 column to separate ¹¹¹In labelled antibody from ¹¹¹In-DTPA using a similar protocol to that used for separating Ab-DTPA from DTPA, ie 2 ml elution fractions in PBS. The radioactivity in each fraction was measured immediately in a dose calibrator⁴ and a radioactive count was obtained for each fraction using a manual gamma scintillation counter⁵ (see Table 5.2). The fraction of DTPA that was Ab bound was calculated by taking the ratio of the count-rate in the early fractions (associated with the protein peak) to the count-rate in all fractions collected (usually 20 fractions of 2 ml) representing ¹¹¹In bound to DTPA (antibody associated or not⁶). This ratio was converted to the number of DTPA molecules bound per Ab since both

All radiolabelling procedures were done at the hot laboratory-Medical Physics Department RPMS, inside a fume cabinet having a lead-shielded working area. Precautions were taken to avoid contamination of work surfaces by using absorbing waterproof paper (Benchkote, Whatman, England). Also, careful monitoring of the working area was performed before and after the radiolabelling procedure to ensure safe working conditions for users of the radiolabelling facilities. Disposable rubber gloves as well as specially designed tongs and forceps were used to handle the unsealed source of radioactivity. Radioactive waste was disposed of through the hot-lab-waste-disposal unit.

² ¹¹¹InCl₃ in 0.04 M HCl (INS-1), 740 MBq/ml (20 mCi/ml) at calibration time, Amersham International, England.

³ Sodium citrate injection 3.8% in 2 ml, Phoenix Pharmaceuticals Ltd, England.

⁴ Siel Isotope Calibrator, England.

⁵ Gamma scintillation counter, Department of Medical Physics RPMS. Samples were counted at a fixed distance (reproducible geometry) from the counter's crystal. Energy discriminators were set at 100 KeV (lower level) and at 450 KeV (upper level). The distance between the crystal and the samples could be altered by moving the stand on which the samples were placed up or down in relation to the crystal's face.

⁶ ¹¹¹In reaction kinetics with DTPA was assumed to be same for free DTPA and DTPA-Ab (Hnatowich et al 1982).

concentrations of DTPA and Ab used were noted at the beginning of the procedure.

Table 5.2. Elution of ¹¹¹In+DTPA+P256 reaction mixture^a on the Sephadex G-50 column in PBS. Test sample (10 μ l) for calculation of the number of DTPA molecules bound per Ab.

Fraction No	<u>Fraction volume</u>	<u>Radioactivity</u>	<u>Count-rate</u>
	<u>(ml)</u>	<u>(MBq)</u>	<u>(cpm-BG^b)</u>
1	2.11	0.0	5c
2	2.00	0.0	8 ^c
3	2.00	0.0	27 ^c
4	2.00	0.1	614 ^d
5	2.00	0.5	3328 ^d
6	2.00	0.1	557 ^d
7	2.00	0.2	1405
8	2.00	0.3	1666
9	2.00	3.0	20147
10	2.00	6.1	42073
11	2.00	6.8	47380
12	2.00	3.7	26438
13	2.00	0.7	4504
14	2.00	0.2	1138
15	2.00	0.1	316
16	2.00	0.0	142
17	2.00	0.0	67
18	2.00	0.0	29°
19	2.00	0.0	4 ^c
20	2.00	0.0	7c

- a Reaction mixture 10 μl; 25 mg/ml P256, 2.5 mg/ml DTPA, Mol DTPA : Ab; 42 : 1, ¹¹¹In : 24 MBq (0.65 mCi) in 100 μl.
- b Background (BG) was subtracted. Average BG : 150 cpm (n=3, se=7).
- c Count-rates corrected for background and falling within 3 standard errors of the calculated difference (99% confidence limits) were considered to be non-significant and were ignored.
- d Radioactivity in elution fractions 4, 5 & 6 (first peak) was associated with DTPA bound to Ab. The radioactive count in the following fractions 7-20 (second peak) was associated with free DTPA. The ratios Ab-DTPA/DTPA (MBq) = 0.65/21.6 = 0.03. Ab-DTPA/DTPA (cpm) = 4499/149775 = 0.03. The number of DTPA molecules bound per P256 molecule = 1.26 DTPA/Ab.

DTPA-coupled P256 was found to have 1.26 molecules of DTPA per molecule of Ab¹ (see Table 5.2).

¹ The number of DTPA/Ab for the various DTPA coupled monoclonal antibodies included in the experimental work in this thesis will be given at the first mention of the ¹¹¹In labelled preparation of each DTPA-McAb.

Preliminary testing of the DTPA coupled antibody involved also radiolabelling of a sample of the final preparation in concentrations of McAb-DTPA and ¹¹¹In similar to those employed practically¹ to obtain ¹¹¹In-McAb for in vitro or in vivo use. Same conditions as those mentioned above were used, ie antibody-DTPA added to ¹¹¹In in citrate buffer pH 6-6.5, reacted for 30 minutes RT² then the mixture eluted on a Sephadex G-50 column to separate ¹¹¹In labelled McAb from free ¹¹¹In. The early elution fractions containing radiolabelled antibody were pooled and the resulting preparation was afterwards millipore-filtered into a rubber-capped vial³, which was kept in a suitable lead container at 4° C until use⁴.

The radiolabelled product, ie ¹¹¹In DTPA-P256 (¹¹¹In P256) was described finally in terms of antibody mass, volume of the Ab solution and the specific activity at the time of labelling (labelling date and calibration time noted with each preparation)⁵.

¹¹¹Indium test labelling of P256-DTPA⁶; 0.1 mg with ¹¹¹InCl₃-citrate; 115 MBq (3.1 mCi) gave 900 MBq/mg (24.3 mCi/mg) specific activity in 6 ml PBS at the time of labelling and test labelling of P256-F(ab')₂ -DTPA⁷; 0.1 mg with ¹¹¹In; 97 MBq (2.6 mCi) gave 650 MBq/mg (17.6 mCi/mg) in 6 ml PBS.

¹ The limiting factor for the obtention of a high specific activity ¹¹¹In McAb preparation was the availability of carrier free ¹¹¹In in sufficient amounts for labelling, ie 150-200 MBq (4-6 mCi) per 0.1 mg McAb-DTPA. Most of McAb labelling done with ¹¹¹In in this thesis used 40-80 MBq (1-2 mCi) of ¹¹¹In per 0.1 mg Ab as a rough guide.

² RT : room temperature.

³ Amersham, England.

⁴ ¹¹¹In McAbs were kept at 4°C and were used within one week of radiolabelling, except preparations for in vivo human application that were prepared immediately before use.

⁵ Antibodies radiolabelled with ¹¹¹ In mentioned in the experimental work to follow will be described in the terms mentioned above, ie Ab concentration and specific activity at the time of labelling or use.

⁶ See Appendix, Table A5.2, page 292 for experimental data.

P256-F(ab')₂ -DTPA contained 1.17 DTPA molecules/Ab, (see Appendix, Tables A5.3, A5.4, pp293 & 294 for experimental data.

5.2.4 Immunoreactivity testing of the ¹¹¹In labelled McAb

The assessment of the resulting ¹¹¹In-DTPA-McAb preparation for suitability for use experimentally involved also the measurement of its immunoreactive fraction.

The method reported by Lindmo and Bunn (1986) was applied. A radiobinding assay under conditions of antigen excess was set and the immunoreactive fraction was determined by curve extrapolation to x = 0, corresponding to infinite antigen excess, in a double inverse linear plot, where the X axis represented the reciprocal of antigen concentration and the Y axis the ratio of total antibody added, to that antigen bound (T/B). The source of antigen used for testing ¹¹¹In P256 or ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂ was platelet rich plasma (see below).

Platelet rich plasma (PRP) was prepared by centrifugation¹ at 190g for 15 minutes of ACD² anticoagulated fresh whole blood (30 ml in two universal plastic containers³) obtained from a normal volunteer⁴. After centrifugation, platelet rich plasma above the cell pellet was carefully withdrawn with a syringe tipped with a large bore needle (19G)⁵ and was transferred to a sterile 20-ml-universal-plastic container. The number of platelets in the resulting PRP was counted using an automatic counter⁶ and manually using a haemocytometer⁷. Platelet rich plasma prepared this way was found to contain a very low number of contaminating cells (erythrocytes, monocytes and lymphocytes < 0.1% of the differential count).

¹ Centaur 2 swinging-bucket centrifuge, MSE, England

² Acid citrate dextrose NIH formula A BP. One part ACD to 6 parts blood was used.

³ Twenty ml capacity, Sterilin, England.

⁴ A total of 60 ml of blood drawn in a syringe containing 10 ml ACD was obtained for the preparation of PRP and PPP. Blood was taken from healthy volunteers who were not on any medication for at least two weeks before the study.

⁵ Sterican, Germany.

⁶ Coulter, USA, Haematology Dept RPMS.

⁷ Improved Neubauer, BDH, England.

¹¹¹In P256 was added to aliquots of PRP containing increasing platelet numbers in LP3¹ tubes (Table 5.3).

Table 5.3. Setting of the experiment for measurement of the immunoreactivity of ¹¹¹In P256^a with PRP^b.

<u>Tube No</u> c	<u>Ptlt/ml</u> d	¹¹¹ <u>In P256 conc</u> ^e μg/ml	¹¹¹ In P256/ptlt	<u>Cold P256^f µg/ml</u> (tubes C&D only)
1 A,B,C,D.	2X10 ⁸	0.2	4000	20
2 A,B,C,D.	10 ⁸	0.2	8000	20
3.A,B,C,D.	5X10 ⁷	0.2	16000	20
4.A,B,C,D.	2.5X10 ⁷	0.2	32000	20
5.A,B,C,D.	1.25X10 ⁷	0.2	64000	20
6.A,B,C,D.	6.25X10 ⁶	0.2	128000	20

a ¹¹¹In P256 ; 25 μg/ml, 173.6 MBq/mg (4.7mCi/mg).

b PRP obtained after centrifugation of whole blood contained 2.5X10⁸ ptlt/ml. Platelet poor plasma (PPP) was obtained by spinning 40 ml of anticoagulated blood at 1500 g for 10 min and was used for diluting PRP.

c Quadruplicate tubes were used for every tube number : 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 2A, etc. Two tubes (A&B) were used to measure the extent of binding of ¹¹¹In P256 to platelets, the other two (C&D) contained unlabelled P256 as well (dispensed in the tubes before addition of ¹¹¹In P256) and were used to measure the Ab non-specific binding.

d Doubling dilutions of PRP in PPP of the number of platelets in tubes No 1 were dispensed in tubes 2-6. The total volume of the reaction mixture was made up to 1 ml with PPP.

e 111 In P256 was added to all the tubes at 0.2 µg/ml in a volume of 8 µl. A reference standard was left for comparison.

f Unlabelled (cold) P256 was added to tubes C&D of every number group at 20 μg/ml (100 fold excess over ¹¹¹In P256) for measuring non-specific binding of ¹¹¹In P256.

The tubes were incubated for 2 hours at room temperature. Intermittently, they were gently shaken to keep the platelets in suspension. At the end of the incubation, the tubes were centrifuged at 1500 g for 10 min and aliquots of 500 μ l of the supernatant in each tube² were transferred to gamma counting plastic vials³, and counted in an automatic gamma counter⁴.

¹ Luckham, England.

² Centrifugation of PRP or anticoagulated whole blood at 1500 g for 10 min yielded platelet poor plasma (PPP), which was virtually cell free plasma, and a cell pellet.

³ Sterilin, England.

⁴ Packard Autogamma, USA, Haematology Dept, RPMS.

Table 5.4 includes the results of the binding assay and the calculation of the ratio T/B:

<u>Total ¹¹¹In P256 added</u> ¹¹¹In P256 platelet bound¹,

Table 5.4. ¹¹¹In P256 platelet bound and values of ¹¹¹In P256 T/B for the calculation of the antibody's immunoreactive fraction.

<u>Tube No</u>	2 ¹¹¹ In P256 ptlt bound ^{a,} cpm ± 1 se	b <u>Non-specific binding</u> <u>cpm ± 1 se</u>	$\frac{1}{\pm 1 \text{ se}}^{c}$
1	37400 ± 170	200 ± 250^{e}	1.15 ± 0.006
2	36100 ± 170	100 ± 250^{e}	1.19 ± 0.007
3	33900 ± 180	200 ± 250^{e}	1.27 ± 0.010
4	29500 ± 190	400 ± 250^{e}	1.46 ± 0.011
5	24200 ± 200	300 ± 250^{e}	1.78 ± 0.016
6	15800 ± 220	100 ± 250^{e}	2.72 ± 0.039

a All radioactive counts were corrected for background (BG). Average BG=130 cpm (n=3, se=7).

- b Count-rate from ¹¹¹In P256 platelet bound was obtained indirectly by counting the 500 μ l aliquots of the supernatant in tubes (A&B), correcting the resulting count-rate for BG, taking the average of the two count-rates (A&B) and multipying this average by 2 to get a value for the total unbound count-rate in the supernatant (the volume of the platelet pellet was ignored). Subtraction of unbound count-rate from the count-rate in the reference standard resulted in the count-rate in the pellet (platelet-bound count).
- c Same method described in b above was used to obtain cell bound count-rate in the presence of excess unlabelled P256.
- d Reference standard count-rate was obtained by counting an equal amount of ¹¹¹In P256 to that added to the test tubes (count was obtained in duplicate). Std 43000, n=2, se=150.
- e The values of radioactive count-rates, differences in count-rates, ratios etc, that did not lie within three standard errors (se) representing 99% confidence limits were considered to be non-significant and were ignored.

The final step in calculating ¹¹¹In P256 immunoreactive fraction was to plot values for T/B (total ¹¹¹In P256 added to platelet bound count-rate) from Table 5.4 against the inverse antigen concentration (ml/platelet). The curve

¹ This ratio is needed for the calculation of the Ab immunoreactive fraction (Figure 5.1).

obtained was fitted with a linear function the Y-axis intercept of which gave the reciprocal of the immunoreactive fraction, Figure 5.1.

P256 immunoreactive fraction was found to be 1/1.07 = 0.937 (93.7%). A similar experiment was performed on ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂ (25 µg/ml, 218 MBq/mg; 5.9 mCi/mg) and the immunoreactive fraction of this preparation tested with PRP was found to be 92.4%¹.





¹ The experimental data and the double inverse plot for the calculation of ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂ are shown in Appendix, Tables A5.5, A5.6 and Figure A5.1 pp294 & 295.

5.2.5 In vitro binding of ¹¹¹In P256 or ¹¹¹In-P256-F(ab')₂ to human platelets in platelet rich plasma and whole blood

Radioimmunoassays of ¹¹¹In P256 or ¹¹¹In P256 $F(ab')_2$ with human platelets in near-physiological conditions (PRP, whole blood) were performed to define the extent of binding of the radiolabelled McAb to platelets over a defined range of McAb concentration.

5.2.5.1 Binding of ¹¹¹In P256 to platelet rich plasma

Platelet rich plasma was prepared as described above¹. Aliquots of PRP containing 2X10⁸ platelets were dispensed in LP3 tubes in duplicate. ¹¹¹In P256 in PBS was added to the tubes in decreased concentrations starting at 10⁶Ab/ptlt and ending at \approx 8000 Ab/ptlt, and the final volume was adjusted to 1 ml with PPP, see Table 5.5. Another set of eight tubes, containing $2X10^8$ ptlt in each was prepared for measuring non-specific binding of ¹¹¹In P256. To each tube, P256 McAb (unlabelled) was added at a concentration yielding 20 fold excess over ¹¹¹In P256 before the addition of the labelled antibody, ie Tube 1 : 1000 μ g/ml, Tube 2 : 500 μ g/ml, etc. The tubes were incubated for 2 hr at 37°C in a water bath² with intermittent gentle shaking. Meanwhile, radioactivity was counted in all tubes in the manual radioactivity counter³. These counts represented the total radioactivity added to each tube⁴. At the end of the incubation time, the tubes were centrifuged at 1500 g for 10 min and aliquots of 500 µl PPP were transferred to LP3 tubes. The tubes were then counted in the same manual counter of radioactivity in exactly the same position as was done for the tubes containing the reaction mixture before centrifugation. The delay in time between counting before and after centrifugation did not exceed 30 minutes.

¹ See Immunoreactivity testing of ¹¹¹In P256 page 55.

² Grant, England.

³ Medical Physics Dept, RPMS.

⁴ No reference standard was prepared in this experiment. However, ¹¹¹In P256 added was directly measured in each tube.

<u>Tube No</u> c	¹¹¹ <u>InP256</u> conc ug/ml	¹¹¹ <u>In P256</u> /ptlt	<u>Std_cpm</u> d ±1 se	Bound cpm ^d ±1 se	<u>B/T</u> ±1 se
		<u> </u>			
	50	10 ⁶	84800	13600	0.16
			± 210	± 340	± 0.004
2	25	5X10 ⁵	42600	9800	0.23
			± 150	± 230	± 0.006
3	12.5	2.5X10 ⁵	21200	7800	0.37
			± 100	±160	± 0.008
4	6.25	1.25X10 ⁵	10500	4700	0.45
			± 70	±110	± 0.011
5	3.13	6.25X10 ⁴	5200	3300	0.64
			± 50	± 70	± 0.015
6	1.56	3.13X10 ⁴	2600	2000	0.76
			± 40	± 50	± 0.022
7	0.78	1.56X10 ⁴	1350	1100	0.80
			± 30	± 40	± 0.033
8	0.39	7.8X10 ³	680	570	0.83
			± 20	± 30	± 0.053

Table 5.5. Setting and results of ¹¹¹In P256^a vs PRP^b radiobinding assay.

a ¹¹¹In P256 : 150 μg/ml, 182 MBq/mg (4.9 mCi/mg). The volume of McAb added to the tubes was as small as possible (500-3.9 μl).

b PRP prepared in this experiment contained 3.5X10⁸ptlt/ml.

c Tubes prepared in duplicate. Each tube contained 2X10⁸ ptlt/ml. A separate set containing 2X10⁸ ptlt/ml + 20 fold excess of cold P256 over ¹¹¹In P256 was prepared to measure non-specific binding (see text).

d All count-rates were corrected for background. BG = 165, n = 3, se = 7.

Radioactivity platelet bound was calculated by subtraction of the count-rate remaining in platelet poor plasma (unbound radioactivity) at the end of the incubation time, from the total count-rate in each tube. Unbound radioactivity was obtained by correcting the count-rate in the 500 µl PPP aliquots taken after centrifugation of the tubes for background and multiplying the result by 2 (total volume of plasma = 1ml, the volume of the platelet pellet was ignored). Non-specific binding, calculated in the same way as above, was allowed for whenever statistically significant by subtracting the values of the count-rate non-specifically associated to platelets from the count-rate bound to platelets in the absence of excess

unlabelled antibody. The results were finally expressed as a ratio of the count-rate platelet bound to that totally added (B/T) (see Table 5.5^{1}).

A repeat of this experiment using a different ¹¹¹In P256 preparation (same P256-DTPA stock, but ¹¹¹In labelling done on a different occasion) and PRP obtained from a different source than the one in the experiment above, showed essentially the same pattern of ¹¹¹In P256 binding to platelet having kept other reaction conditions equal to the previous experiment, ie concentration of reactants, incubation time and temperature etc (results summarised in Table 5.6²).

Table 5.6. Result of the repeat ¹¹¹In P256^a vs PRP^b radiobinding assay.

Ab/ptlt:	10 ⁶	5X10 ⁵	2.5X10 ⁵	1.25X10 ⁵	6.25X10 ⁴	3.13X10 ⁴	1.56X10 ⁴	8X10 ³
B/T : (0.16	0.22	0.36	0.47	0.65	0.78	0.82	0.86
±1se : 0.	.004	0.006	0.009	0.012	0.017	0.024	0.037	0.060

a ¹¹¹In P256 180 µg/ml, 348MBq/mg (9.4 mCi/mg).

b PRP was prepared from blood obtained from a normal volunteer. It contained
 2.7X10⁸ ptlt/ml.

5.2.5.2 Binding of ¹¹¹In P256 $F(ab')_2$ to PRP

The same experimental protocol to that employed for ¹¹¹In P256 radiobinding assay was used, ie $2X10^8$ ptlt in PRP + ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂ (10⁶Ab/ptlt- $8X10^3$ Ab/ptlt). Two experiments using PRP from two different donors were performed and the range of binding of the F(ab')₂ was determined³.

Finally, the results⁴ of ¹¹¹In P256 and ¹¹¹In P256 $F(ab')_2$ binding to platelets in PRP were plotted as a function of Ab concentration (Figure 5.2).

¹ Non-specific binding of ¹¹¹In P256 was found to be non-significant (99% confidence limit) and was ignored (See Appendix, Table A5.7, page 296 for experimental data).

² See Appendix, Tables A5.8, A5.9, pp296 & 297 for experimental data.

³ See page 59 for the method and Tables A5.10, A5.11, A5.12 and A5.13 Appendix, pp296 & 297 for the experimental data.

⁴ The ratio of platelet bound to total antibody added is shown in the graph.

Figure 5.2. Binding of ¹¹¹In P256 (Top) and ¹¹¹In P256 $F(ab')_2$ (Bottom) to platelets in platelet rich plasma.



5.2.5.3 Binding of ¹¹¹In P256 to anticoagulated whole blood

Blood obtained from a normal volunteer was collected in ACD anticoagulant (1 part ACD to 6 parts blood)¹. A complete blood count (RBC, WBC, platelets, Hb and Hct)² was obtained on a sample of the anticoagulated whole blood using an automatic Coulter counter³. Aliquots of 4 ml of ACDanticoagulated blood were dispensed in sixteen 10 ml centrifuge tubes. ¹¹¹In P256 was added to eight tubes in concentrations similar to those added to PRP, ie 10⁶ Ab/ptlt-8000 Ab/ptlt (see Table 5.7). Unlabelled P256 was added to the rest of the tubes at concentrations calculated to yield 20 fold excess over ¹¹¹In P256 which was added afterward in similar concentrations to the first eight tubes. The tubes were then sealed with Parafilm (USA) and fixed on a slowly rotating disc at 37° C⁴. After a 2 hr incubation period, aliquots of 500 µl ACD-blood from each tube were dispensed in gamma counting vials⁵. The tubes were then centrifuged at 190 g for 15 min and volumes of platelet rich plasma equal to those calculated to be contained in 0.5 ml ACD-blood + ¹¹¹In P256 in each tube⁶ were dispensed in counting vials. Subsequently, the tubes were re-centrifuged at 1500 g for 10 min and similarly aliquots of PPP, calculated to be contained in 0.5 ml blood were transferred to gamma counting vials. Finally, all the counting vials were counted in an automatic gamma scintillation counter⁷. The count-rate in PPP was subtracted from

¹ Sixty millilitre blood were withdrawn through a wide bore needle (G19) in a syringe containing 10 ml ACD.

² RBC : red blood cells, WBC : white blood cells, Hb : Haemoglobin, Hct : Haematocrit.

³ Coulter counter , Haematology Dept RPMS.

⁴ Warm room (37°C), Immunology Department, RPMS.

⁵ Count-rates in these tubes represented the reference standards of the total ¹¹¹In P256 radioactivity added.

⁶ The volume of PRP (or PPP) obtained was calculated as follows : The volume of ¹¹¹In P256 added to 4 ml ACD-blood reduced the haematocrit value (Hct in ACD-blood was measured at the start of the experiment as part of the full blood count) in each tube according to the amount of solution added. Therefore, the volume of plasma in 0.5 ml ACD-blood + ¹¹¹In P256 was calculated from the following equation : Pl in 0.5 ml ACD-blood+¹¹¹In P256 (μl)=(<u>1-Hct)X4000 + vol Ab in μl</u> X 500 .

The volume of the platelets in PRP was ignored for the sake of this calculation.

⁷ Packard Autogamma, USA, Haematology Dept, RPMS.

the count-rate in whole blood to obtain cell bound count-rate, afterward, the ratio of cell bound radioactivity to activity in whole blood (B/T) was calculated (see Table 5.7)¹.

Table 5.7. Setting and results of the ¹¹¹In P256^a vs ACD-blood^b radiobinding assay^c.

<u>Tube</u>	¹¹¹ In P256	¹¹¹ In P256/	<u>cpm 500µl WB</u>	<u>cpm cell bound</u>	<u>B/T ±</u>
	<u>conc µg/ml</u>	<u>ptlt</u>	<u>±1 se</u>	<u>500 μl WB ± 1 se</u>	<u>1 se</u>
1	T	1 .		1 1	
1	70	106	71200	7800	0.11
		} .	± 270	± 400	± 0.005
2	35	5X10 ⁵	35900	6500	0.18
			± 190	± 260	± 0.007
3	17.5	2.5X10 ⁵	18000	5800	0.32
			± 130	±.180	± 0.010
4	8.75	1.25X10 ⁵	8900	3400	0.38
l			± 100	± 120	± 0.014
5	4.38	6.25X10 ⁴	4500	2500	0.55
			± 70	± 80	± 0.020
6	2.19	3.13X10 ⁴	2200	1400	0.64
			± 50	± 60	± 0.030
7	1.09	1.56X10 ⁴	1100	800	0.70
			± 40	± 40	± 0.043
8	0.55	7.8X10 ³	600	450	0.72
ł			± 30	± 30	± 0.062

a ¹¹¹In P256 : 300 μg/ml, 302 MBq/mg (8.2 mCi/mg).

b Hct = 0.40, Ptlt No = 2.85×10^8 /ml.

c All count-rates were corrected for background. BG = 110, n = 3, se = 6.

It was also found that PRP contained 80-95% of the activity present in whole blood. This pointed to a low binding of ¹¹¹In P256 to other blood cells (RBC, WBC) (see Table 5.8).

¹ Non-specific binding was found to be statistically non-significant and was therefore ignored (see Appendix, Table A5.14, page 299).

<u>Tube</u>	<u>cpm 500µl WB</u>	<u>cpm PRP in 500 µl</u>	PRP/T
	<u>± 1 se</u>	$WB \pm 1$ se	<u>± 1 se</u>
	l		
1	71200	63400	0.89
	± 270	± 250	± 0.005
2	35900	33000	0.92
	± 190	± 180	± 0.007
3	18000	15500	0.86
	± 130	± 130	± 0.010
4	9000	8500	0.95
	± 100	± 90	± 0.015
5	4500	4000	0.90
	± 70	± 60	± 0.020
6	2200	1850	0.84
	± 50	± 40	± 0.028
7	1150	1000	0.86
	± 40	± 30	± 0.040
8	600	500	0.80
	± 30	± 30	± 0.055

Table 5.8. Radioactive counts in PRP and their ratio to ¹¹¹In P256 counts in ACD-Whole blood^a.

a Same experiment as in the previous page.

The whole blood ¹¹¹In P256 binding experiment was repeated twice afterwards. The experimental conditions were kept the same at each time except for ¹¹¹In P256¹ that was labelled especially before each experiment and blood which was obtained from two different volunteers. The results of the repeat ¹¹¹In P256 versus ACD-whole blood radioimmunoassays are shown in Table 5.9².

¹ Same batch of P256-DTPA was used as the one in the previous experiments.

² See Appendix, Tables A5.15, A5.16, A5.17, A5.18, pp300 & 301 for experimental data.

<u>Ab/ptlt: 10⁶</u>	<u>5X10</u> 5	2.5X10 ⁵	<u>1.25X10</u> 5	<u>6.25X10</u> 4	<u>3.13X10</u> 4	<u>1.56X10</u> 4	<u>8X10</u> 3
<u>Repeat I</u> a							•
<u>B/T</u> : 0.11	0.19	0.34	0.41	0.59	0.68	0.73	0.76
<u>±1 se</u> : 0.005	0.006	0.009	0.012	0.018	0.025	0.037	0.055
<u>PRP/T</u> : 0.86	0.91	0.83	0.96	0.90	0.87	0.85	0.81
<u>±1 se</u> : 0.004	0.006	0.008	0.013	0.017	0.023	0.034	0.048
<u>Repeat II^b</u>							
<u>B/T</u> : 0.11	0.20	0.34	0.40	0.61	0.69	0.74	0.77
<u>±1 se</u> : 0.004	0.006	0.008	0.011	0.016	0.023	0.035	0.051
<u>PRP/T</u> : 0.89	0.93	0.84	0.90	0.86	0.82	0.87	0.92
±1 se : 0.004	0.006	0.008	0.011	0.015	0.021	0.033	0.049

Table 5.9. Result of the repeat ¹¹¹In P256 vs ACD-blood radiobinding assays.

 a^{-111} In P256 : 260 µg/ml, 247 MBq/mg (6.7 mCi/mg), Hct : 0.42, Ptlt ct : 3X10⁸ ptlt/ml.

b ¹¹¹In P256 : 280 μg/ml, 276 MBq/mg (7.5 mCi/mg), Hct : 0.37, Ptlt ct : 2.45X10⁸ ptlt/ml.

5.2.5.4 Binding of ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂ to anticoagulated whole blood

Three radiobinding assays of ¹¹¹In P256 $F(ab')_2$ were performed to assess the degree of Ab binding to platelets in whole blood over a range of increasing Ab concentrations. A similar protocol to that used for ¹¹¹In P256 versus whole blood radioimmunoassay (described above) was followed and the range of binding of ¹¹¹In P256 $F(ab')_2$ to platelets in whole blood was determined¹.

The results of ¹¹¹In P256 and ¹¹¹In P256 $F(ab')_2$ radioimmunoassays with whole blood were finally plotted as the antibody cell bound ratio versus antibody concentration (Figure 5.3).

¹ See Appendix, Table A5.19, A5.20, A5.21, A5.22, A5.23, A5.24 and A5.25 pp302-305 for setting and results.

Figure 5.3. Binding of ¹¹¹In P256 (Top) and ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂ (Bottom) to platelets in anticoagulated whole blood.



5.2.5.5 Summary of ¹¹¹In P256 or ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂ versus PRP or whole blood radioimmunoassays

In vitro binding of the ¹¹¹In labelled monoclonal antibody P256 and its $F(ab')_2$ to PRP and whole blood are presented in Table 5.10.

<u>Ab/ptlta</u>	¹¹¹ In P	<u>256</u>	6 111 <u>In P256 F(ab')</u> 2			
	<u>B/T (PRP)</u> b	<u>B/T (WB)</u> c	<u>B/T (PRP)</u> b	<u>B/T (WB)</u>		
	<u>±1 se</u>	<u>±1 se</u>	<u>±1 se</u>	<u>± 1 se</u>		
106	$\begin{array}{c} 0.16 \\ \pm \ 0.003 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.11 \\ \pm \ 0.003 \end{array}$	0.15 ± 0.003	0.10 ± 0.003		
5X10 ⁵	0.23 ± 0.004	0.19 ± 0.004	0.21 ± 0.004	0.16 ± 0.004		
2.5X10 ⁵	0.37 ± 0.006	0.33 ± 0.005	0.31 ± 0.005	0.29 ± 0.005		
1.25X10 ⁵	$\begin{array}{c} 0.46 \\ \pm \ 0.008 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.40 \\ \pm \ 0.007 \end{array}$	0.42 ± 0.007	$\begin{array}{c} 0.37 \\ \pm \ 0.008 \end{array}$		
6.25X10 ⁴	$\begin{array}{c} 0.65 \\ \pm \ 0.011 \end{array}$	0.58 ± 0.010	0.57 ± 0.010	0.53 0.011		
3.13X10 ⁴	0.77 ± 0.016	0.67 ± 0.015	0.68 ± 0.015	0.62 ± 0.015		
1.56X10 ⁴	$\begin{array}{c} 0.81 \\ \pm \ 0.025 \end{array}$	0.72 ± 0.022	0.76 ± 0.028	0.69 ± 0.023		
7.8X10 ³	$\begin{array}{c} 0.85 \\ \pm \ 0.040 \end{array}$	0.75 ± 0.032	0.78 ± 0.035	0.72 ± 0.023		

Table 5.10.	Summar	y of ¹¹¹ In	P256 and	¹¹¹ In P256	F(ab')2	radioimmunoassa	ys
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a ¹¹¹In P256 or ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂.

b Average of two values (see Tables 5.5 & 5.6 for ¹¹¹In P256, and Tables A5.10 & A5.12 for ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂.

c Average of three values (see Tables 5.7 & 5.9 for 111 In P256 and Tables A5.19, A5.22 & A5.24 for 111 In P256 F(ab')₂.

Finally, Figure 5.4 shows the summary of the results in Table 5.10 plotted as antibody cell-bound ratio versus antibody concentration.





Notes : Each point is the arithmetic mean of values obtained in two experiments for ¹¹¹In P256 vs PRP and three experiments for ¹¹¹In P256 $F(ab')_2$ vs ACD-WB. The error bar at each point represents 1 se associated with that point.

5.2.6 In vitro testing of the effect of P256 or P256 F(ab'), on platelets

The effect of P256 or P256 F(ab')₂ on platelets at different McAb concentrations was assessed in vitro by visual recording of spontaneous aggregation in platelet rich plasma (PRP) under phase contrast microscopy. Measurement of spontaneous or induced aggregation in citrated whole blood was performed using the Ultraflo 100 whole blood platelet counter.

5.2.6.1 Platelet aggregation measured by microscopic counting

Blood collected from a normal volunteer was anticoagulated in ACD (30 ml blood taken in a syringe containing 5 ml ACD). Blood was dispensed equally in two universal plastic containers and centrifuged at 190 g for 15 minutes to obtain PRP and a pellet of erythrocytes and leucocytes as described earlier (see page 55). Platelet rich plasma was transferred to a third 20 ml-Universal and a platelet count was done¹.

Afterwards, aliquots of 1 ml PRP were dispensed in each of eight LP3 tubes. Each tube was tested at a time as follows :

A platelet count was performed, then P256 or P256 $F(ab')_2$ was added in a 50 μ l volume from a dilution of antibody in PBS prepared immediately beforehand and calculated to yield the first Ab concentration set in Table 5.11.

¹ 50 µl volume of PRP was diluted X100 in 4950 µl normal saline in a 10 ml centrifuge tube. After mixing, platelet count was done using a haemocytometer (Improved Neubauer, BDH, England), a phase contrast microscope (X400 Magnification, M20 Wild-Leitz Switzerland) and a tally counter (Clay Adams, Becton and Dickinson USA). Platelets were allowed to settle for 15 min in the counting chamber before starting the count (the haemocytometer was placed in a humidified box). Count was done in duplicate using both counting chambers of the haemocytometer.

Table 5.11. Concentrations of P256^a added to PRP.

Tube No	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<u>Ab conc (µg/ml)</u>	56	28	5.6	2.8	0.56	0.28	0.056	0.028
Ab/ptlt	10 ⁶	5X10 ⁵	10 ⁵	5X10 ⁴	10 ⁴	5X10 ³	10 ³	5X10 ²

a The same molar concentrations of P256 F(ab')₂ as those of P256 were used for testing the effect of P256 F(ab')₂ on spontaneous aggregation in PRP.

The tube was then sealed and incubated at 37°C for 15 min with gentle intermittent mixing. At the end of the incubation time another platelet count was done. Single platelets and platelet aggregates were recorded separately using the tally counter.

The second tube was tested similarly except that the second Ab concentration in Table 5.11 was added this time. The method was repeated for each tube until the last Ab concentration was reached. The results of platelet counts before and after P256 addition at different concentrations are shown in Table 5.12¹.

The percentage platelet aggregation (PA) after addition of P256 was calculated as follows :

 $PA = [1 - (N_{Ab})] \times 100$ N₀

Where N_{Ab} : single platelet number after the addition of Ab, N_0 : single platelet number before the addition of the Ab (see Table 5.18 and Figure 5.5).

¹ The results of platelet count before and after addition of P256 F(ab')₂ to PRP are shown in Tables A5.26 and A5.27 and Figure A5.2, Appendix, pp305 & 306.

	<u>P</u>	<u>re P256</u>		<u>Post P256</u>				
<u>Tube No</u>	<u>Single Ptlt</u> c	Aggreg	<u>t Total</u> e	<u>Single Ptlt</u> c	<u>Aggreg</u> d	<u>Total</u> e		
1	217	3	220	3	31	34		
	± 10	± 1.2	± 10	± 1.2	± 4	± 4		
2	227	6	233	5	52	57		
	± 11	± 1.7	± 11	± 1.6	± 5	±5		
3	204	3	207	7	48	55		
	± 10	± 1.2	± 10	± 1.9	± 5	± 5		
4	195	14	209	10	64	74		
	± 10	± 2.7	± 10	± 2.2	±6	± 6		
5	208	9	217	43	72	115		
	± 10	± 2.1	± 10	± 5	±6	± 8		
6	198	8	206	77	59	136		
	± 10	± 2	± 10	± 6	± 5	± 8		
7	204	5	209	193	14	207		
	± 10	± 1.6	± 10	± 10	± 3	± 10		
8	196	6	202	191	7	198		
	±10	± 1.7	± 10	± 10	± 1.9	±10		

Table 5.12. Platelet counts^a pre and post P256 addition to PRP^b.

a Counts done in duplicate using the two chambers of the haemocytometer.
b Stock PRP contained 2.25X10⁸ptlt/ml.
c Single platelets counted in the 25 large square area of the haemocytometer.

d Aggregates of platelets (two or more platelets together) counted in the same area as c above.

e The total number of particles (single + platelet aggregates) counted in 25 large squares of the haemocytometer.

Table 5.13.	Platelet	aggregation	after	the	addition	of	P256.
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Tube No	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
PA (%)	99	98	97	95	79	61	5	3
±1 se	± 0.6	± 0.7	± 0.9	± 1.2	± 2.5	± 3.7	± 6.7	± 7.0




5.2.6.2 Measurement of spontaneous and induced platelet aggregation in whole blood in the presence of P256 or P256 F(ab')₂ using Ultraflo 100

The method employed an electronic particle counter, the Ultraflo 100¹, which counted single platelets in whole blood without the need to separate them from other blood cells (Lumley and Humphrey 1981). The results were recorded as a fall in individual platelet count denoting platelet aggregation².

5.2.7 Summary of the studies testing spontaneous or induced platelet aggregation by P256 or P256 F(ab')₂

Testing the effect of P256 or P256 $F(ab')_2$ on platelets in PRP and anticoagulated whole blood showed an increase in spontaneous aggregation of platelets in the presence of the antibody. This was especially noted with whole P256 antibody which caused massive platelet aggregation when its

¹ Clay Adams.

² For experimental details and results see Appendix, pp306-308.

concentration exceeded 3.5-4X10³ Ab/ptlt. P256 concentration below that level caused little aggregation and no significant aggregation was observed at concentrations < 1000 ab/ptlt. In contrast, P256 F(ab')₂ showed a weaker effect on aggregation than the whole Ab. Concentrations less than 3500 Ab/ptlt caused no significant increase in aggregation and only high concentrations of the Ab (above 10^4 Ab/ptlt) led to a noticeable reduction in single platelet count.

Antibody effect on induced aggregation was less obvious than its effect on spontaneous aggregation in the experiments performed. Potentiation of the effect of U-46619¹ by preincubation of whole blood with P256 was seen in one experiment². However, the effect of P256 or P256 F(ab')₂ on induced aggregation by ADP or collagen at the concentrations of Ab used was not markedly different from the control (no Ab)³.

5.3 Discussion

5.3.1 In vitro radioimmunoassays of ¹¹¹In P256 or ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂ vs PRP or whole blood

Labelling of P256 or P256 F(ab')₂ with ¹¹¹In using the method described yielded high specific activity up to 900 MBq/mg (24 mCi/mg), which was in agreement with levels of specific activity of ¹¹¹In McAbs reported earlier (Hnatowich et al 1982 & 1983). This level provided adequate radioactivity for imaging purposes using a low antibody mass (90 MBq/100µg) without significant effect on the immunoreactivity of the antibody.

Binding of ¹¹¹In labelled anti-platelet glycoprotein McAb P256 or its F(ab')₂ fragment to platelets was documented by direct radioimmunoassays in

¹ A stable prostaglandin endoperoxide analog, Upjohn.

² See Table A5.30, Appendix, page 308.

³ See Table A 5.31, Appendix, page 308.

platelet rich plasma and in anticoagulated whole blood. The design of the radioimmunoassays aimed at causing the least possible manipulation of platelets by avoiding platelet washing and at minimising aggregation by incubating the cells at room temperature or 37°C. This design necessitated an indirect calculation of the amount of antibody bound to platelets by measurement of non-cell-bound ¹¹¹In radioactivity in the supernatant after centrifugation of the cell suspension at 1500 g for 10 minutes and subtrating this amount from the total ¹¹¹In activity present therein. Non-specific binding of ¹¹¹In P256 to the tube wall or other cells (whole blood assay) was not found to be significant, indicating reliability of the calculation for the amount of antibody-platelet bound.

These tests, especially the one employing whole blood as a source of antigen and labelling medium, simulated in vivo conditions of antigen-antibody reaction and gave information on the range of binding of the antibody to platelets in that situation. Furthermore, specific binding of ¹¹¹In P256 or ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂ to platelets was confirmed in the whole-blood assays as 80-96% of activity in whole blood was in platelet rich plasma both bound to platelets and free in plasma.

Thus, the main question binding assays helped to clarify was the extent of Ab binding to platelets at varying Ab concentrations. If the ratio of cell bound to total Ab added was considered, the optimal Ab concentration for the highest cell binding ratio would lie between 3×10^4 and 8×10^3 Ab/ptlt¹ (1-0.25 µg/ml).

We chose to report antibody concentration as Ab molecules per platelet as it gave a more realistic idea on the amounts involved in each assay. The number of platelets in the media used (PRP & whole blood) lied usually within the range found in normal man, ie 2.50-4.00X10⁸/ml (exception was the case of the immunoreactivity testing of the ¹¹¹In McAbs).

5.3.2 Aggregometry studies employing P256 and P256 F(ab')₂

Serious effect of the antibody on platelets both in platelet rich plasma and whole blood was observed. P256 induced platelet aggregation when added at concentrations above $3.5-4X10^3$ Ab/ptlt (0.2-0.22 µg/ml). This effect was negligible at concentrations of Ab below 10^3 Ab/ptlt. In comparison, the effect of P256 F(ab')₂ was less marked and platelet aggregation did not occur until Ab concentrations more than 10^4 Ab/ptlt were added to platelet rich plasma or whole blood.

In contrast to studies of spontaneous platelet aggregation by whole P256 Ab or $F(ab')_2$, testing of induced aggregation of platelets by proaggregants (U-46619, ADP and collagen) in the presence of the antibody (P256 or P256 $F(ab')_2$) did not result in a clear potentiation of the proaggregant effect.

This phenomenon could be explained by the antibody causing cross-linking of GP IIb/IIIa molecules, possibly leading to conformational changes in the heterodimer complex, and enabling them to interact with fibrinogen.

Evidence to support this hypothesis was in the reduced effect of $F(ab')_2$ fragment as compared to whole antibody and the total failure of monomeric Fab' of the same antibody to cause platelet aggregation under similar conditions (Stuttle et al 1988b). Thus, a pharmacological effect of P256 $F(ab')_2$, mediated by receptor-cross linking on platelet surface and Fc mediated functions such as Fc receptor binding and lattice formation, would be the main events to cause platelet aggregation by this antibody (Jennings et al 1985, Modderman et al 1986). Chapter 6:

In Vivo Use of 111 In P256 and 111 In P256 F(ab')₂ in Man

6.1 Introduction :

The problems posed by in vivo use of anti-platelet McAbs to radiolabel platelets are those related to direct effects of the antibody on platelet function, those seen in general upon injection of a foreign protein, like immediate or delayed immune reactions, and those concerning the radiation dose expected from such use in human to the whole body and target organs.

The effect of P256 and its $F(ab')_2$ on platelet aggregation was studied in vitro (see Chapter 5). ¹¹¹In P256 was subsequently applied in vivo and a pilot clinical study of its value in labelling platelets for the early imaging of thrombus was started¹.

In this chapter, the kinetics of radiolabelled platelets after injection of 111 In P256 or 111 In P256 F(ab')₂ are described and images of localisation in thrombus are shown.

6.2 Subjects, Materials and methods :

6.2.1 Subjects studied²:

One normal volunteer, a patient with leukaemia (megakaryoblastic, FAB : M7) and 16 patients suspected of thrombus (DVT, vascular graft thrombosis, arterial thrombi and vasculitis) were included in the study (see Table 6.1).

¹ The study was approved by the local ethical committee and the Administration of Radioactive Substances Advisory Committee (ARSAC).

² An informed consent was obtained from each subject undergoing the study.

<u>Patient</u>	<u>Sex (M/F</u>	<u>) Age (yr)</u>	<u>Complaint/diagnosis</u> <u>V</u>	enography
I. ¹¹¹ In P2	56			
1. JPL	М	59	Normal volunteer	ND
2. JW	М	27	Leukaemia (Megakaryoblastic, M7)	ND
3. GM	М	79	Total hip replacement, DVT L leg ?	Normal
4. AS	М	72	DVT L leg ?	Positive
5. SH	М	75	Ca bladder, DVT R leg ?	Negative
6. VH	F	48	Vasculitis, old venous thrombosis	ND
7. HQ	М	63	DVT R leg ?	Positive
8. DS	М	60	Thrombosed prosthetic aortic valve	ND
9. CN	М	63	Myocardiac infaction, LV thrombus	ND
10. CC	М	62	Thrombus in R subclavicular vein related to Hickman line	Positive
II. ¹¹¹ In P	256 F(ab') ₂			
11. AM	F	89	DVT L leg ?	ND
12. ML	F	77	DVT L leg ?	Negative
13. EK	F	25	DVT L leg	ND
14. JC	М	63	DVT L leg	Negative
15. MD	М	81	DVT L Leg ?	ND
16. DA	F	87	DVT R leg	ND
17. WM	М	65	Carotid stenosis & aorto-	ND
18. RW	М	50	Narrowed carotids, transient ischaemic attacks.	ND

Table 6.1. Subjects injected in vivo with ¹¹¹In P256 or ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂

Notes : ND : not done, DVT : deep venous thrombosis, Ca : carcinoma, LV : left ventricle, L : left, R : right, ? : clinical suspicion of the abnormality.

Relevant medical history and clinical examination including the measurement of the person's height and weight were obtained for every participating individual. Also, a full blood count¹ was done before the administration of the labelled antibody. All subjects studied were not on any anticoagulants at the time of the study. No other preparation was deemed necessary.

6.2.2 Labelling of P256 or P256 F(ab')₂ with ¹¹¹In :

The method of labelling was described in detail earlier (see page 49). The ¹¹¹In labelled preparation was filtered through a 0.22 μ m Millipore filter after labelling and was used within 24 hr of preparation.

¹¹¹In P256 or ¹¹¹In P256 $F(ab')_2^2$ was injected intravenously in a small volume (2-4 ml) through a 21 G-butterfly-injection set over 3-5 minutes and flushed with 2 ml physiological saline BP. In all subjects injected with ¹¹¹In P256 or ¹¹¹In P256 $F(ab')_2$ no untoward reactions were noted

6.2.3 Blood sampling

Blood samples were taken from a vein other than that used for injection of ¹¹¹In P256 or F(ab')₂ (usually a vein in the contralateral arm to that injected with the antibody). Five millilitre samples of blood were taken at each time using a syringe tipped with a 19 G needle and blood was immediately transferred to vials containing EDTA anticoagulant and mixed. A 1 ml aliquot of blood was transferred to radioactivity-counting vial. The rest of the collected blood was centrifuged at 1500 g for 10 minutes and a 1 ml aliquot of plasma was taken into a second vial for radioactive counting.

In addition, separate blood samples for cell counting were collected in vials containing EDTA and a full blood count was obtained.

¹ The full blood count included : haemoglobin (Hb) and haematocrit (Hct) measurements, erythrocyte, leucocyte and platelet counts.

² Usually 100 μ g labelled P256 or F(ab')₂ was used per patient, the normal volunteer was injected with 5 μ g of P256 only.

Blood sampling¹ began early (5 minutes) after injection and followed at close intervals, eg 10 min, 30 min, 1 hr, then at more spaced times until 8 days after injection. Radioactive counting was performed for each sample in an automatic well counter² and the count was corrected for decay to the time of injection (t_0). Time activity curves for the radioactivity in whole blood and its cellular fraction³ were based on the counts obtained from each of the cases studied.

6.2.4 Imaging using the scintillation camera :

All patients underwent imaging after the injection of the labelled antibody. A large field of view scintillation camera⁴ equipped with a medium energy collimator and linked on-line to a computer⁵ was used for acquisition, display and analysis of the data.

6.2.4.1 Dynamic imaging :

The early distribution of the labelled Ab was studied by rapid sequence imaging of the anterior upper abdominal area in 5 patients. One minute successive frames were acquired in a 64X64 pixel matrix for 30 minutes starting immediately after the injection of the tracer (see Figure 6.1).

¹ The timing of blood sampling was dictated mainly by reasons of practicability (patients being on the ward, etc).

² Packard Autogamma, USA, Haematology Dept, RPMS.

³ The count-rate cell associated was calculated by subtracting the count-rate in the plasma in 1 ml whole blood, ie (1-Hct) ml, obtained after centrifugation of blood, from the count-rate in 1 ml whole blood.

⁴ IGE Autotune, USA. Two energy windows centered around 170 KeV and 240 KeV, ± 10%, were used.

⁵ MDS Data system, USA.

Figure 6.1. Dynamic sequence imaging 1-32 min of the upper abdominal area after iv injection of ¹¹¹In P256 in patient SH. Frames 64X64 pixel matrix, 1 min duration, sequence from left to right and from top to bottom. Radioactivity is seen in the cardiac blood pool (centre), liver (left of each frame) and spleen (right of each frame).



Analysis of this study involved drawing regions of interest (ROI) around the heart, liver and spleen on a composite image obtained by frame addition 1-30. The average count per pixel for every region was obtained for every frame and the resulting values¹ plotted as as function of time. The curves represented the kinetics of ¹¹¹In P256 or ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂ in the spleen, liver and the blood pool (heart).

6.2.4.2 Static imaging

Images of the distribution of radioactivity after intravenous injection of 111 In P256 or 111 In P256 F(ab')₂ were taken to localise platelet deposition in thrombus. Delayed imaging up to 72 hr was performed to allow background radioactivity due to circulating radioactivity to decrease. Acquisition was performed in a 128X128 pixel matrix and the time duration of each frame was controlled manually depending on the count rate obtained. Multiple views were taken including anterior upper abdomen, pelvis and the lower limbs (2 views : upper legs & lower legs). In a few patients, a whole body scan (anterior or posterior) using the camera in scanning mode was done.

Analysis of the results involved visual inspection of the resulting images² by three experienced and independent observers and the outcome was reported as "positive" or "negative" for the presence of thrombus.

6.2.5 Contrast venography :

In patients suspected of deep venous thrombosis, venography studies³ using a radiocontrast substance⁴ were performed to document the presence of

¹ The values were not corrected for radioactive decay of ¹¹¹In as it was negligible during the 30 min period of study.

² A hardcopy of each scan was obtained directly on transparent nuclear medicine film (Kodak, USA) from the camera's oscilloscope. Also, images were checked using the computer monitor.

³ Department of Diagnostic Radiology, RPMS, Hammersmith Hospital.

⁴ Iohexol 240, England.

venous thrombus and to compare the result with the scans. Venography was done within 12 hr of the injection of the labelled antibody and was reported independently of the scan.

6.2.6 Reporting the results and clinical management of the patient :

All results (scans and radiographs) were reported to the clinicians in charge so that proper action could be taken for each patient.

6.2.7 The protocol used :

- 1) Label P256 or P256 F(ab')₂ with ¹¹¹In, dispense 100 μ g.
- 2) Obtain from the patient informed consent, brief medical history and clinical examination (record weight and height).
- 3) Place a butterfly in a vein and take blood sample for blood count.
- 4) Inject labelled Ab iv.
- 5) Start dynamic acquisition for 30 min.
- 6) Sample blood (early 5-30', then up to one week or more) for radioactivity and cell count.
- 7) Static imaging (delayed 12, 24, 48 & 72 hr).
- 8) Contrast venography (if applicable).

6.3.1 Kinetics of ¹¹¹In P256 or ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂ labelled platelets :

6.3.1.1 ¹¹¹In P256

The time activity curve of whole blood or cell bound¹ ¹¹¹In activity after injection of ¹¹¹In P256 in the normal volunteer is shown in figure 6.2².

Figure 6.2. ¹¹¹In radioactivity in blood versus time after the injection of ¹¹¹In P256 in the normal volunteer (JPL).



Two other blood time activity curves after the injection of ¹¹¹In P256 were obtained for two patients. The first patient (SH) was diagnosed clinically to have deep venous thrombosis and the second patient (CN), who had sustained a myocardial infarction earlier, was diagnosed to have a left

¹ The count rate in the volume of plasma contained in 1 ml whole blood, ie (1-Hct) ml, was subtracted from the count rate in 1 ml whole blood and was plotted against time. Counting time was 10 minutes, all counts were corrected for background.

² See Appendix, Table A6.1, page 309 for experimental data.

ventricular thrombus demonstrated on a 2D echo. A similar pattern of blood radioactivity to that seen in the normal volunteer was observed^{1,2}.

The distribution of ¹¹¹In radioactivity between the plasma and the cellular blood fraction was calculated from the radioactive counts in whole blood and plasma. The ratio of cell bound to total radioactivity in blood indicated that radioactivity was mainly associated with the cells, especially in the early fractions (JPL average 0.69 ± 0.019 ; SD= 0.143, SH average 0.76 ± 0.006 ; SD = 0.036, CN average 0.80 ± 0.007 ; SD = 0.070)³.

The dynamic study of the early distribution of ¹¹¹In P256 after iv injection in patient (VH) using the scintillation camera computer system showed a decreasing count-rate in the blood pool, an increasing count-rate in the spleen and a steady count-rate in the liver (Figure 6.3). This pattern was seen in all the patients injected with ¹¹¹In P256 that had a dynamic scan as part of their study.

Figure 6.3. Kinetics of ¹¹¹In P256 uptake in the blood pool (heart), spleen and liver from 1-30 minutes after iv injection. A dynamic study using the scintillation camera.



¹ The experimental data and blood time activity curve on patient SH are shown in Table A6.2 and Figure A6.1, respectively, Appendix, pp 309 & 310.

² The experimental data and blood time activity curve on patient CN are shown in Table A6.3 and Figure A6.2, respectively, Appendix, pp310 & 311.

³ See Tables A6.1, A6.2, A6.3, Appendix, pp309 & 310 for experimental details.

The time activity curve of ¹¹¹In radioactivity (whole blood and cell associated) after injection of ¹¹¹In P256 $F(ab')_2$ in patient JC suspected of deep venous thrombosis in the left leg is shown in figure 6.4¹

Figure 6.4. ¹¹¹In radioactivity in blood versus time after the injection of ¹¹¹In P256 $F(ab')_2$ in patient JC.



Similar findings were also noted in another patient (AM)² in whom deep vein thrombosis of the left leg was diagnosed clinically.

¹¹¹In radioactivity after ¹¹¹In P256 $F(ab')_2$ iv injection was found to be mostly cell associated³. The kinetics of ¹¹¹In P256 $F(ab')_2$ in blood, liver and spleen was found to be similar to that obtained with the whole antibody⁴.

¹ See Table A6.4, Appendix, page 311, for experimental details.

² The experimental data and blood time activity curve on patient AM are shown in Table A6.5 and Figure A6.3, respectively, Appendix, page 312.

³ See Tables A6.4 and A6.5, Appendix, pp311 & 312 for experimental details.

⁴ See Figure A6.4, Appendix, page 313 for the kinetics of ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂ in blood, liver and spleen studied in patient WM.

6.3.2 Delayed imaging

6.3.2.1 ¹¹¹In P256

Whole body distribution of radioactivity 24 and 48 hr after ¹¹¹In P256 injection in all patients imaged included intensive splenic uptake, low blood pool and low liver radioactivity (see figure 6.5).

Figure 6.5. Whole body image of the distribution of radioactivity 24 hr after the injection of ¹¹¹In P256 in patient GM. *Pasterior* view showing intense uptake in the spleen (L) and relatively low uptake in the liver and blood pool (heart).



The uptake in various organs was assessed by drawing regions of interest around the selected organ on the anterior and posterior whole body images taken at various times after injection of the labelled antibody (1, 24 and 48 hr). The percentage uptake in each organ of the total present in the whole body was calculated for each view. Afterwards, the geometric mean of the anterior and posterior percentage uptake in each organ was taken as representative of the percentage uptake in that organ¹. Accordingly, the spleen contained 30-40%, liver 10-15% and the blood pool 45-60% of the activity in whole body between 1 and 48 hr after antibody injection in patients GM and SH (see Table 6.2).

Table 6.2. Organ counts and percentage uptake in the spleen, liver and blood pool^a in patients GM and SH at 1, 24 and 48 hr after injection of ¹¹¹In P256 taken from the anterior and posterior whole body scans^b.

	<u>Ant ct</u>	<u>%total</u>	Post ct	<u>% total</u>	<u>% geometric mean</u>
<u>Patient GM</u>					0
Whole body					
1 hr	516260	100	568030	100	100
24 hr	362430	100	403750	100	100
Spleen					
- 1 hr	179140	34.7	228920	40.3	37.4
24 hr	116370	32.1	157060	38.9	35.3
Liver					
1 hr	65050	12.6	59080	10.4	11.4
24 hr	49730	13.7	41220	10.2	11.8
<u>Patient SH</u>		•		•	
Whole body					
48 hr	305270	100	347180	100	100
Spleen					
- 48 hr	108370	35.5	137830	39.7	37.5
Liver					
48 hr	47010	15.4	50690	14.6	15.0

a The percentage uptake in the blood pool was calculated by subtraction of the counts in liver and spleen from the whole body count.

b No abnormal uptake of radioactivity was observed in these patients.

¹ This method assumed regular body geometry and uniform attenuation of γ rays throughout the body and therefore the values obtained were a rough estimate of the amounts actually present in each organ.

Three patients imaged 24 hr after injection of ¹¹¹In P256 showed abnormal localisation of radioactivity. In the first patient (HQ), two intense areas of radioactive uptake were seen in the right leg (above and below the knee). Contrast venograms of the same area showed a venous thrombus corresponding to the uptake seen on the scan (see Figure 6.6).

Figure 6.6. Positive uptake of radioactivity above and below the R knee (arrow) seen 24 hr after the injection of ¹¹¹In P256 in patient HQ of the anterior whole body scan (left panel) corresponding to the venous thrombus (arrow) seen on the venogram (right panel).



In the second patient (VH), intense positive uptake was seen in a thrombosed arteriovenous-access shunt previously used for haemodialysis in the management of the patient's chronic renal failure (see Figure 6.7). No other uptake was identified.

Figure 6.7. Posterior whole body scan of patient VH showing intense uptake of radioactivity in a thrombosed arteriovenous shunt in the right thigh (arrow).



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In the third patient (CC), localisation of activity was seen in the base of the neck, in the right axilla and in an intravenous line (Hickman line) put earlier in the subclavian vein. Venography of the right upper limb showed thrombus in the subclavian vein and the Hickman catheter. Scans in the rest of the patients (7 patients) were negative. This was in agreement with negative venograms in these patients. In the patient with leukaemia (JW), no abnormal localisation of radioactivity was noted after the injection of ¹¹¹In P256, but an enlarged spleen was depicted on the scan (Figure 6.8).

Figure 6.8. Anterior whole body scan of patient JW 24 hr after injection of ¹¹¹In P256 showing an enlarged spleen.



6.3.2.2 ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂

The delayed (24 & 48 hr) whole body distribution of radioactivity in all patients studied resembled that obtained with the whole antibody, ie intense spleen uptake, low activity in blood pool and liver. The percentage uptake in spleen, liver and blood pool was similar to that obtained with the whole antibody.

Three patients imaged with this tracer showed positive uptake of radioactivity.

The first patient (ML) suspected of a left leg DVT showed three discrete areas of uptake one in the area of the left femoral vein and the other two in the area of the right femoral vein. Images taken at 4 days showed further accumulation of activity in these abnormal areas (Figure 6.9). The venogram of the left leg was, however, negative. Figure 6.9. Uptake in areas of the left and right femoral veins after the injection of ¹¹¹In P256 $F(ab')_2$ in patient ML suspected of deep venous thrombosis. The venogram of the left leg was negative.

A) Anterior pelvis, 12 hr post Ab injection, abnormal uptake in R femoral vein (arrow). Note the high background in the iliac and femoral vessels.



B) Ant pelvis at 24 hr PI showing two discrete areas of abnormal uptake in L & R femoral vein. Radioactivity in the blood pool is still noted.



C) Ant pelvis 4 days PI showing 3 areas of abnormal accumulation of radioactivity. No background seen.

D) Negative venogram on the left leg.



The second patient (MD), suspected of left leg DVT, showed increased activity in the upper left leg and two sites of increased activity in the line of the femoral vein.

The third patient (WC) suffering from narrowed carotid arteries showed increased uptake of ¹¹¹In activity in the lower abdominal aorta corresponding to a synthetic aorto-bifemoral graft put previously in that area (Stuttle et al 1988).

The other 5 patients showed no focal increase in uptake and their scans were considered negative.

6.3.3 Platelet counts before and after the injection of 111 In P256 or 111 InP256 F(ab')₂

In all patients, a platelet count was obtained immediately before the injection of the ¹¹¹In anti-platelet antibody. Monitoring of the platelet count followed after the injection of the antibody and no significant difference from pre-injection values was noted¹.

See Table A6.4 for comparison of platelet counts before and after ¹¹¹In P256 or ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂ injection, Appendix, page 313.

6.4. Analysis & Discussion :

6.4.1 Antibody dose and radioactivity

Based on the results of the radioimmunoassays and aggregation studies described in Chapter 5, a dose of 100 µg of Ab per patient was used. The starting point in the calculation of the dose was in deciding upon the number of Ab molecules to be injected per platelet without causing aggregation. A concentration of 500 Ab molecules per platelet corresponding approximately to 1% of the total number of GPIIb/IIIa on the platelet surface¹ was taken as the basis for dose calculation. This number was multiplied by the total number of circulating platelets² to obtain the dose (number of platelets/l known from the blood count and total blood volume calculated from a nomograph after measuring the weight and height of the individual, Hurley 1975) . The amount of radioactivity associated with 100 µg antibody used for scintillation camera imaging ranged between 7.4-10 MBq (200-300 µCi).

6.4.2 Kinetics of ¹¹¹In P256 or ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂

The shape and time span of the blood clearance curve and the finding that most blood radioactivity was cell associated after the intravenous injection of ¹¹¹In P256 or ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂ prompted a comparison of the ¹¹¹In Ab data with those obtained after the injection of ¹¹¹In oxine/tropolone labelled platelets; the standard method for platelet kinetic studies (ICSH 1988).

Firstly, recoverable blood radioactivity 30 min after injection of labelled antibody amounted to 77% of that measured at 5 min for ¹¹¹In P256 in the

¹ The number of GPIIb/IIIa on the platelet surface was reported by many authors (Pidard et al 1983, Lombardo et al 1985, Ruggeri 1986). This number ranged between 20000-100000 per platelet; average 50000.

² The platelet population in the splenic pool amounting normally to 30% of the total platelet pool was not included in the calculation. Circulating platelet number ≈ 1.25X10¹²ptlt.

normal volunteer (JPL) and in patient CN. In the case of ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂, it was 83% of the value at 10 min in patient JC. In comparison, recovery of radioactivity in blood had been reported to be 60% approximately after the injection of ¹¹¹In oxine/tropolone labelled platelets¹.

Secondly, the shape of the blood time activity curve was similar in both methods showing a slow decrease in blood count-rate over 4-5 days. However, the time span of blood radioactivity after ¹¹¹In P256 injection was significantly shorter than that usually found using ¹¹¹In oxine labelled platelets in normal conditions (100-200 hr vs 2400 hrs).

Thirdly and from the dynamic studies using the scintillation camera computer system, the spleen was the main organ to accumulate radioactivity after injection of ¹¹¹In P256. Peak uptake was reached at about 30 minutes post-injection. Moreover, splenic uptake was paralleled by a decrease in the signal from blood pool; a picture similar to that obtained after ¹¹¹In oxine/tropolone platelet injection.

Thus, taking the above considerations into account and referring to previously reported kinetics of intravenously-injected ¹¹¹In-labelled murine McAbs in man (Pimm et al 1985, Hnatowich et al 1985, Rosenblum et al 1985, Eger et al 1987), the shape of the time activity curve can be related to three independent, although simultaneously acting events :

1) The kinetics of ¹¹¹In McAb itself in the circulation regardless of its specificity such as accumulation in liver, kidney and metabolism in peripheral tissues. The pattern of antibody clearance follows roughly a compartmental model and a half-life of 30 hr approximately in blood. This factor would affect the non-cell bound fraction of antibody in the circulation.

¹ Assuming normal platelet splenic pool.

2) The kinetics of the ¹¹¹In P256-platelet entity, which is related in turn to the survival of the platelets and any effect of antibody binding to platelets may have on this survival.

3) The kinetics of the ¹¹¹In McAb vis a` vis its antigen present on the platelet surface. This would include the affinity of Ab binding to its antigen, degradation of the Ag-Ab complex on the surface and internalisation or shedding of the immune complex in the circulation.

In all, blood clearance of radioactivity after iv injection of ¹¹¹In P256 can be described as shown in figure 6.10.

Figure 6.10. Body distribution of ¹¹¹In P256 after injection intravenously.



k : Binding constant of ¹¹¹In P256 to platelets and turnover rate of antibody on the platelet surface (see text).

k': Rate of exchange of ¹¹¹In P256 between blood and the extracellular fluid and rate of antibody loss in peripheral tissues.

¹¹¹In P256 distributes in a closed space comprising blood volume in the early period after antibody injection and both blood and extracellular fluid at a later stage. At every time point this large space is subdivided into two parts : the cell mass including all platelets and the plasma. Antibody distribution between the two parts (bound and free), assuming even mixing of the antibody in the circulation (including liver and spleen parenchyma), will depend on the concentration of antibody and antigen, and the binding constant of the antibody to its antigen. In the conditions of reaction used, where antigen concentration exceeds that of the antibody by 100 fold, the Ag-Ab reaction is driven to completion (shift to the right). Therefore, the continuous presence of cell bound radioactivity in the circulation will depend mainly on the life-span of the intact Ab-platelet complex in the blood and spleen. Since platelets have a finite life-span, then this would be the major factor in determining the shape of blood time-activity curve after injection of ¹¹¹In P256. This is true provided the antibody does not cause any change in platelet life-span, undergo degradation itself or get shed from the platelet surface before the final removal of the platelet-Ab complex from the circulation (no Ab reutilisation). Events leading to loss, inactivation or degradation of the antibody from the surface of circulating platelets or the premature clearance of platelets from the circulation result in a shortened life-span of the platelet-Ab bound radioactivity as compared to the actual life-span of platelets and produce a different shape of the time-activity curve form the normal platelet survival curve.

All subjects studied using ¹¹¹In P256 or ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂ showed shortened life-span of radioactivity as compared to standard ¹¹¹In oxine/tropolone platelets (normal : 9-10 days). In five studies, good fit of the time activity curves was obtained using exponential functions (Figure 6.11). In Table 6.3, the details of each curve and the corresponding exponential as well as linear curve fits are shown.

Figure 6.11. Exponential function fit to blood ¹¹¹In P256 and ¹¹¹In P256 $F(ab')_2$ radioactivity versus time data.



Table 6.3. Exponential and linear fit functions for blood radioactivity data after ¹¹¹In P256 or ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂ injection.

<u>Subject</u>	Exponential data fit equation	<u>T</u> 1/2 (hr)	<u>R</u> ²	<u>Linear data fit</u> <u>equation</u>	<u>T_{1/2}</u> (hr)	<u>R</u> ²
JPL ^a -WB ^c -CAA ^d	$y=2745e^{-0.03x}$ $y=2205e^{-0.04x}$	21 15.8	0.88 0.89	y=2812-52x y=2290-48x	26.9 24	0.68 0.63
SH ^a -WB -CAA	y=24373e ^{-0.01x} y=18885e ^{-0.01x}	63 63	1.00 1.00	y=22011-119x y=16878-92x	92.4 91.8	0.93 0.95
CN ^a -WB -CAA	y=15239e ^{-0.02x} y=11566e ^{-0.01x}	46.2 49.5	0.92 0.85	y=15151-135x y=11672-99x	56.2 58.8	0.82 0.75
JC [♭] -WB -CAA	y=12691e ^{-0.01x} y=9655e ^{-0.01x}	57.8 57.8	0.97 0.98	y=12564-73x y=9464-55x	86.1 85.9	0.84 0.86
AM ^b -WB -CAA	y=79081e ^{-0.01x} y=49454e ^{-0.01x}	63 77	0.96 0.98	y=77981-396x y=47211-225x	98.4 105.1	0.76 0.87

a ¹¹¹In P256

b ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂

c WB : whole blood.

d CAA : cell associated activity.

For each time activity curve, the closeness of the fit using the exponential or the linear function can be judged by the value of R² (coefficient of determination) which denotes the percentage of the variation in the data that can be explained by the curve. Accordingly, the exponential curve fit has been adopted as the best model for describing the observed kinetics. The half-life of blood radioactivity (whole blood or cell associated) has been calculated for each case; average¹ 57.5 hr, and the corresponding mean life 83 hr (3.5 days).

¹ Data from the normal volunteer were not included due to inadequate delayed sampling.

It is clear from Table 6.3 that in vivo use of ¹¹¹In P256 or ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂, in the way described, has led to a peculiar pattern of blood radioactivity. Although platelet labelling is evident, the kinetics of blood and cell associated radioactivity have diverged from that obtained with in vitro ¹¹¹In oxine/tropolone labelled platelets. It is not clear, however, whether the short life-span of blood radioactivity after ¹¹¹In McAb use be due to random removal of platelets coated with Ab from the circulation or to gradual loss of the Ab from platelet surface by mechanisms related to protein turnover or degradation in vivo. The former possibility is more likely, based on the fact that anti-platelet antibodies are known to cause platelet immune mediated destruction such as that seen in ITP, where platelet kinetic studies using in vitro labelled platelets show drastically shortened platelet survival and an exponential time activity curve of blood clearance. In the case of ¹¹¹In-P256platelet labelling, however, the shortening of platelet life span is less marked than that usually observed in ITP. In addition, the platelet counts obtained before and after ¹¹¹In P256 injection do not show significant alteration of platelet numbers (see Table A6.6, Appendix, page 313) pointing to effective compensation of any possible loss of platelets due to antibody binding and reticuloendothelial system clearance.

Thus, the question of the shape and time span of the blood radioactivity clearance after the injection of ¹¹¹In McAb remains unresolved. More studies are required to substantiate the observations obtained so far. Also, the use of platelet dual labelling techniques such as sodium ⁵¹chromate in vitro and ¹¹¹In McAb in vivo would enable the follow-up of in vitro labelled platelets (⁵¹Cr) that had bound ¹¹¹In McAb in vivo and subsequently establish their fate.

6.4.3 Thrombus imaging using ¹¹¹In P256 or ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂

Whole body images taken 1-72 hr after the injection of ¹¹¹In P256 or ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂ gave a mapping of platelet distribution similar to that obtained using ¹¹¹In oxine/tropolone labelled platelets, ie high uptake in the spleen, lower uptake in liver and activity in the blood pool. These images indicated the efficiency of ¹¹¹In P256 or ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂ in radiolabelling platelets in vivo. In some patients, the use of the radiolabelled antiplatelet antibody enabled to localise clinically suspected thrombus. In two patients (HQ & CC), the findings were corroborated by positive venograms showing thrombus in the same area seen on the scan. There were also areas localised by scintillation camera imaging which did not show on the venogram. This pointed to the value of the method in detecting sites of on-going platelet localisation, ie active thrombus formation which would be most important for the institution of anticoagulant therapy. Uptake was more pronounced as delayed images of the affected area were taken indicating most probably deposition of more platelets bearing the ¹¹¹In McAb in the thrombus.

In addition, positive uptake was seen in prosthetic vascular grafts which had been known to attract platelet deposition and thrombosis.

These findings were in agreement with data from experimental work in dogs involving the use of other antiplatelet monoclonal antibodies or antibody fragments radiolabelled with ¹²³I, ¹¹¹In or ^{99m}Tc (Oster et al 1985, Som et al 1986).

Using the ¹¹¹In McAb method, areas not easily accessible to conventional venography such as the pelvis and neck could be investigated for thrombus formation. Furthermore, thrombus in arteries, heart and main vessels could be amenable to investigation using the new technique without recourse to complicated and rather invasive procedures.

A more detailed study including more patients is necessary, however, to establish the clinical usefulness of the labelled antibody application in terms of sensitivity, specificity and accuracy in detecting thrombus even though early indications show promise for its application in this area¹.

6.4.4 Dosimetry of ¹¹¹In P256 or ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂

Radiation dosimetry of ¹¹¹In labelled anti-platelet McAb was studied both at the cellular (single platelet) and whole body level.

Maximum radioactivity per platelet assuming even distribution of ¹¹¹In McAb² among the platelet population in blood and spleen was calculated to be in the order of 4X10⁻⁶ Bq³. This was very much lower than radioactivity associated with ¹¹¹In oxine/tropolone labelled platelets (5X10⁻⁴Bq/ptlt).

Furthermore, the platelet being a cell devoid of a nucleus makes damage to DNA, that potentially leads to mutation and malignancy, unlikely to occur using ¹¹¹In labelling of these cells although damage to the cytoplasm will still be a factor to consider.

Whole body dosimetry using the kinetics and distribution of ¹¹¹In McAb radioactivity presented above⁴ (see page 84), showed that the spleen was the target organ. Localisation in the spleen was calculated to be 30-40% of the radioactivity in the whole body, which reflected the proportion of platelets normally present in that organ. The amount of radioactivity in the spleen, after an initial increase up to 30 min post ¹¹¹In McAb injection was assumed to follow closely the kinetics of blood radioactivity (exponential decrease

¹ It is worth mentioning that Amersham International plc has adopted development and further testing of P256 antibody for the diagnosis of thrombus in man.

² Amount of radioactivity used per patient 7.5-10 MBq (200-300 μCi) ¹¹¹In.

³ This amount was simply calculated by supposing a freely exchangeable pool of blood and splenic ¹¹¹In McAb, a consideration of the number of platelets in blood and spleen (1.75X10¹² ptlt) and cell binding ratio of 75%.

⁴ Early and delayed imaging of whole body using the scintillation camera.

 $T_{1/2b}$ 60 hr). The effective half-life in the spleen was therefore $T_{1/2 \text{ eff}}$ 45 hr and the maximum dose expected from a dose of 10 MBq (~ 300 µCi) of ¹¹¹In McAb would be 37 mGy. Radiation doses to other organs were also calculated. The liver was found to contain 10% of the injected activity which gave a radiation dose of 1.7 mGy¹ and the bone marrow dose was assumed to come mainly from blood radioactivity (20% of the injected dose) amounting to 2.3 mGy¹. The effective dose equivalent was calculated to be 3 mSv (Snyder et al 1975). These doses compared favourably with doses caused by the use of ¹¹¹In oxine/tropolone labelled platelets (see Table 2.2, page 34).

¹ Same $T_{1/2eff}$ was assumed for radioactivity in liver and bone marrow.
Section Three :

¹¹¹In Anti-Lymphocyte Monoclonal Antibodies, in Vitro and in Vivo Tests.

Lymphocyte Physiology

7.1 Lymphocyte origin and circulation :

In the domain of lymphocyte physiology there have been many controversies concerning lymphocyte origin and fate. Until the mid 1950s, lymphoid organs, especially the lymphoid tissues of the gut, and lymph nodes associated with the gastrointestinal tract, were thought to be the major sites of lymphopoeisis. Once generated, lymphocytes are released in efferent lymph, they then join the blood stream and subsequently enter different tissues of the body where they end a short life cycle. These concepts were based on experimental data obtained mainly by cannulation of various lymphatic vessels and analysis of collected lymph in terms of output of lymphocytes and type of cells present (Yoffey and Courtice 1956). However, experimental findings on the long life-span of lymphocytes (Ottesen 1954) and the confirmation of lymphocyte recirculation from blood to lymph (Gowans 1959) came to rectify these postulates and to add new insights into the functional role of these cells.

The outlines of the major physiologic pathways that lymphocytes followed in the body were laid down soon afterwards as discoveries concerning the functions of the thymus (Miller 1961a & b) and the bursa of Fabricius (Kincade and Cooper 1971), were added to the body of information on lymphocyte circulation and localisation. A schematic representation in Figure 7.1, drawn by Micklem et al 1966, summarised the knowledge of that subject at the close of the Sixties. Figure 7.1. Diagram of cell migration pathways in the lymphomyeloid complex as envisaged by Micklem et al 1966. The broken lines are putative lymphocyte migratory pathways.



7.2 Lymphocyte subsets and specific microenvironments for lymphocyte interaction :

Observations on lymphocyte involvement in reactive events have indicated the presence of two main functional subsets of lymphocytes called T and B cells.

Lymphocytes, depending on their origin, thymus derived or not, have been found to localise into distinctive areas in lymph nodes and spleen in what is known as segregation of thymus dependent and non-thymus dependent lymphocytes (Parrott et al 1966). This segregation is thought to have an important bearing on the way cells such as lymphocytes, dendritic cells and macrophages interact with each other, and in providing microenvironments for these interactions (Parrott and de Sousa 1971).

7.3 Lymphocyte kinetics in pathology :

Central to their physiology, lymphocytes mount immune responses to challenges by foreign (non-self) substances. The outcome of these reactions depends on a multitude of factors. Some of them are related to the type and nature of the antigen triggering the response, and others relate to the host in which the reaction occurs. Conventionally, immune responses have been studied under two main categories :

The first is the so called humoral response in which antibodies directed to the antigen are produced. The second, namely, the cellular response encompasses events that involve lymphocytes interacting directly with antigen (cytotoxicity, delayed type hypersensitivity reactions, etc).

Generally, research into the progression and establishment of immune responses has relied heavily on in-vitro tests, which have recently provided insight into the minutiae of cellular involvement in each type of response studied. Major discoveries in this field include, among others, the role of the dendritic cell and the macrophage in antigen presentation (Fishman 1961), lymphokine secretion and effects (Isaacs and Lindemann 1957, Bloom and Bennett 1966), and the condition of major histocompatibility complex restriction in lymphocyte interactions (Zinkernagel and Doherty 1975).

In contrast to in-vitro experimentation, research into the kinetics of various lymphocytes and other blood cells in vivo during the development of immune responses has been limited to a relatively small number of experimental studies in animals and a few observations in man. It is presently known that lymphocytes distribute randomly in lymphoid tissues according to regional blood flow, or fraction of cardiac output, that supplies each organ (Ottaway and Parrott 1979). This random distribution is generally associated with a non-selective migration or localisation of lymphocyte populations, mainly small lymphocytes, in lymphoid tissues or reactive sites (Parrott and Wilkinson 1981). However in a few cases, increased localisation of lymphoblasts has been found in reactive sites and thought to be related to the presence of specific antigen (Asherson and Allwood 1972, MacGregor and Logie 1974, Ottaway and Parrott 1979). In other situations, non-random migration of large lymphoblasts has been related to the source of cells studied. Lymphoblasts from mesenteric lymph nodes or thoracic duct lymph share a marked preferential accumulation in lymphoid tissue within or adjacent to the intestine, whereas cells from peripheral nodes accumulated preferentially in peripheral lymph nodes (Griscelli et al 1969, Guy-Grand et al 1974, Parrott and Fergusson 1974, Rose et al 1976, Hall et al 1977). Recently, more evidence has been emerging on non-random migration of lymphocyte subpopulations to lymphoid tissues associated with different organs such as intestines and skin (Chin and Hay 1980, Reynolds et al 1982), or after specific immunisation (Baine et al 1981, Drayson 1986). However, more studies are still needed to establish the exact patterns of migration attributable to each lymphocyte subpopulation.

The kinetics of lymphocytes in malignancies affecting the immune system, ie lymphomas, Hodgkin's disease and certain leukaemias, is another subject of interest in the field of lymphocyte migration in pathology (Crowther et al 1969, Spivak and Perry 1970, Zatz et al 1974, Warnke et al 1979). Observations on lymphoma spread and the propensity of many of its types to affect certain organs such as T cell lymphoma of the skin and lymphoma of the small bowel have suggested that malignant cells may follow to a great extent the migratory pattern of their normal counterparts (T & B cells, immunoblasts, etc) (Strykmans et al 1977, Miller et al 1980, Crowther and Wagstaff 1983).

These observations have been supported by limited research work involving mainly radiolabelled (³H, ⁵¹Cr or ¹¹¹In) circulating lymphocytes from patients with Sezary syndrome or B-chronic-lymphocytic leukaemia (Strykmans et al 1968, Hersey 1971, Bremer et al 1973a & b, Flad et al 1973, Scott et al 1973, Engeset et al 1974, Wagstaff 1981a, b & c).

7.4 Experimental and clinical studies using radiolabelled lymphocytes :

Research into lymphocyte-in-vivo physiology has benefited to a great extent from the application of radionuclides for labelling these cells.

Early experimentation in this field has employed β emitters and many examples of this application are found in the literature (Gowans 1959, Ottesen 1954, Everett 1960, Bremer et al 1973a)

More recently, quantitation and mapping of the distribution of the radiolabelled lymphocytes have relied on the use of γ -ray emitters.

Chromium-51 chromate has been used extensively to label lymphocytes in experimental studies and, to a lesser extent, clinically in man. Smith and Ford (1983) gave a multi-aspect account of in-vivo lymphocyte physiology in the rat using ⁵¹Cr-labelled thoracic duct lymphocytes. After iv injection of ⁵¹Cr labelled lymphocytes (the cells were passaged from blood to lymph in intermediate animals prior to injection), the immediate distribution of radioactivity was in the lungs, blood and liver. Rapid localisation of radioactivity followed in the spleen, lymph nodes and Peyer's patches, and increased steadily with time as the radioactivity in the lungs, blood and liver declined. The tempo of recirculation from blood to lymph was also determined. The labelled cells peaked in thoracic-duct lymph between 8 and

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15 hr after injection, the average transit time from blood to lymph was 12 hr and the cell recovery in lymph was 40% in the 24 hr period after injection.

Hersey (1971) injected sodium ⁵¹chromate-labelled autologous lymphocytes purified by sedimentation and density gradient centrifugation of blood in man. Using blood sampling, urine collection and external surface probe counting at set times after injection of the labelled cells, he followed their kinetics in normal volunteers and patients with chronic lymphatic leukaemia (CLL). Clearance of radioactivity from blood followed a biexponential pattern $T_{1/2}$ (1) : 15 min, $T_{1/2}$ (2) : 7 hr. The percentage of labelled cells remaining in the circulation 4 hours after injection was 2% in normals and 20% in patients with CLL. Surface counting showed maximum uptake in the spleen at 2-3 hr after injection (6-8 % of injected radioactivity), at 30 min in the liver (2%) and at a later time beyond 4 hr over the iliac crest (representing bone marrow). In leukaemia patients, early bone marrow uptake was absent and a delayed peak was seen at 24-48 hr.

A more detailed study in humans was reported by Scott et al (1972 & 1973). These authors were able to demonstrate by careful analysis of cell kinetic data obtained with ⁵¹Cr labelled leucocytes or lymphocytes, patterns of blood clearance, as well as splenic and bone marrow uptake, which were compatible with lymphocyte recirculation observed previously in experimental animals. The recirculating lymphocyte pool was calculated to be 23 X10⁹ cells having a turnover through blood of 12 times/day. Mean lymphocyte life-span was found to be 18 days. In CLL patients, the blood clearance of CLL cells was slower than normal and equilibrium with the marrow pool was delayed and became complete only after 24-72 hr. A mean $T_{1/2}$ of 3.8 days in blood was found for the labelled cells in CLL.

Bazerbashi et al (1978) also studied the kinetics of ⁵¹Cr-labelled lymphocytes in patients with chronic lymphocytic leukaemia. They showed that leukaemic lymphocytes left the circulation for the tissues less rapidly than lymphocytes in normal individuals. However, the average number of cells transferred per day was of the same order of magnitude as normal because of the higher circulating lymphocyte count. They speculated that blood and lymph nodes might accumulate lymphocytes in response to a transport defect, which hindered the progress of these cells from one pool to another.

The introduction of the ¹¹¹In lipophilic chelating agent oxine for leucocyte labelling in 1976 (McAfee and Thakur 1976a) gave researchers a more suitable lymphocyte labelling method and a great advantage over the use of ⁵¹Cr in enabling imaging of the labelled-cells with the scintillation camera.

An experimental study in the rat (Rannie et al 1977) comparing different lymphocyte radiolabelling agents including ⁵¹Cr, ^{99m}Tc and ¹¹¹In, concluded that ¹¹¹In oxine was the most promising agent, among labelling agents available at the time, for the study of lymphocyte migration and in imaging the distribution of the labelled cells using a scintillation camera. Frost et al (1979) succeeded in imaging lymph nodes in various parts of the body of sheep injected with ¹¹¹In-oxine-labelled lymphocytes. They postulated that labelling with ¹¹¹In oxine would provide a means for imaging lymphoid tissue in man and following the migration of lymphocyte populations into lymphoid and non-lymphoid tissues in a variety of pathological conditions.

In man, Lavender and co-workers (1977) used ¹¹¹In oxine lymphocytes in two normal subjects and two patients with Hodgkin's disease. They showed localisation of the labelled cells during the first four hours after injection in the spleen, liver and bone marrow. After 19-26 hours, uptake of radioactivity could be observed in cervical, external iliac and inguinal lymph nodes as well as mediastinal and hilar lymph nodes in the patients with Hodgkin's disease. Blood radioactivity in two subjects dropped to 50% the starting value shortly after injection and 25% was left at 12 hrs, then there was a 10 % rise in activity followed by further much slower clearance.

Wagstaff and co-workers (1981a, b & c) employed a rather complicated technique by elutriation of lymphocytes in great numbers in order to get 200-450 µCi (7.4-17 MBq) of ¹¹¹In radioactivity on the cells. They reported successful imaging of lymphoid organs and cell kinetics in two normal volunteers that were similar to those observed in the experimental animal. Patients with lymphoid leukaemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and osteogenic sarcoma were also studied, and it was possible to localise areas of tumour involvement as well as identify abnormal lymphocyte kinetics in some of them. For example, ¹¹¹In labelled lymphocytes in CLL patients cleared from the circulation without any sign of reappearance therein (in normals, reentry of the cells to blood after initial transit in the spleen would cause a late blood-radioactivity peak). Lymph node localisation was less well defined in CLL patients than in normals and the uptake in bone marrow appeared to be higher in those patients. The authors explained this pattern as reflecting the migratory behaviour of the type of lymphocytes labelled in CLL which was mainly B cells, while in normals, T cells were the majority in the labelled lymphocyte population collected from blood (70%) and thus their kinetics were recorded primarily in such studies.

Employing a similar lymphocyte-labelling method by automated apheresis, Read et al (1990) reproduced earlier findings by Wagstaff et al (1981a, b & c) and pointed to the potentiality of ¹¹¹In-oxine-labelled-human lymphocytes in studying normal and abnormal lymphocyte traffic.

Other authors (Goodwin et al 1981a, Milgram and Goodwin 1985) reported uptake of radioactivity in chronic osteomyelitis, rheumatoid arthritis and cystitis after injection of ¹¹¹In oxine lymphocytes. However, the sensitivity of the method in detecting these lesions was low in the order of 50%.

7.5 Radiolabelling lymphocyte subsets :

Mariano Garcia et al (1988) studied the localisation of rat lymphocytes prepared from different organs and labelled with ¹¹¹In tropolone. They found similar pattern of distribution using labelled peripheral blood lymphocytes or T-enriched-splenic cells (collected by running spleen cells on a nylon-wool column). Localisation was observed in lymph nodes and spleen at 24 hr, while labelled splenic cells (unfractionated) showed a different pattern by localising mainly in liver and spleen, and relatively less in lymph nodes. Thymus cells failed completely to migrate and localised in the liver. No mention was made, however, of any morphological identification of the labelled cells, ie surface markers or rosetting properties.

Attempts in the direction of effector lymphocyte radiolabelling have been reported recently in conjunction with the use of lymphokine-activated lymphocytes (lymphokine activated killers; LAK cells) for the immunotargeting of tumours (Rosenberg 1985). Immediately after intravenous injection, ⁵¹Cr or ¹¹¹In oxine labelled LAK cells localised mainly in the lung. Progressive localisation in the liver followed and little or no localisation in the tumour site was seen (Lotze 1980). Mitogen (phytohaemagglutinin; PHA) stimulated lymphocytes (PAK cells) have also been tried for immunotherapy (Mazumder et al 1984). The localisation pattern of these cells was studied by following their distribution after ¹¹¹In oxine labelling and was found to be in liver, spleen and lungs. In a tumour mass in one thigh, day-one count rate increased by only a factor of 2 by day 8 after infusion of the cells. The use of tumour infiltrating lymphocytes (TIL) after expansion in vitro with interleukin-2 and mitogen (PHA) was also tested (Rosenberg et al 1986). ¹¹¹In oxine TIL (Kradin et al 1987) were found to localise mainly in the lung, liver and spleen. Areas of metastatic involvement did not accumulate, however, any radioactivity.

Chapter 8:

In Vitro Tests and in Vivo Use of an ¹¹¹In Anti-T Lymphocyte Monoclonal Antibody in the Rat

A Model for Cell Binding, Antigen Modulation, Lymph Node Scanning and Radiation Dosimetry of in Vivo Injected ¹¹¹In Anti-T Cell McAbs

8.1 Introduction :

Two strategies can be used to image lymphoid tissue with radionuclides¹. In the first, lymphocytes or leucocytes are labelled in vitro with a suitable radionuclide before reinjection into the autologous recipient. In the second, and more recently, monoclonal antibodies with specificity for cell surface molecules on lymphocytes or on lymphocyte subpopulations have been radiolabelled and infused into recipients.

Studies using indium-111 labelled lymphocytes (Lavender et al 1977, Wagstaff et al 1981a, b & c) have been limited by the extreme radiosensitivity of this cell type (Anderson et al 1974, Sprent et al 1974, Chisholm et al 1979, Sprent 1985). In order to obtain satisfactory external images of lymphoid tissues without exceeding the limits imposed by this radiosensitivity, it has been necessary to isolate large numbers of cells for labelling and this is not generally practicable. Although the exact mechanism by which radiation damage is inflicted on lymphocytes by indium-111 is not known, it is likely that a major cause of damage is the release within the labelled cells of the short range Auger electrons associated with radionuclide decay (Silvester and Waters 1983). If so, then the alternative strategy of using indium-111 labelled antibodies directed only at the cell surface should reduce the likelihood of radiation damage.

¹ Lymph node scanning using radioactive nanocolloids is not considered here. Only methods employing specific cell radiolabelling techniques are discussed.

Furthermore, the specificity of radionuclide binding in vivo using labelled antibodies is dictated by the specificity of the antibody itself; this strategy has therefore the additional practical advantage of not requiring in vitro preparation and purification of the target cells before labelling.

In the experiments described below, a rat model has been used to analyse in vivo labelling of T lymphocytes with an indium-111 labelled monoclonal antibody MRC OX-19 (Dallman et al 1984) which reacts with a cell surface molecule analogous to the CD5 glycoprotein of human T cells. In vivo distribution of indium-111 labelled antibody has been tested by indirect immunofluorescence analysis of cells obtained from a variety of lymphoid tissues, by counting tissues for indium-111 and by scintillation camera imaging. ¹¹¹In McAb distribution has also been compared to ¹¹¹In labelled lymphocytes by scintillation camera imaging and tissue counting. Finally, an estimation of the radiation dosimetry involved for the use of a similar application in man is presented.

8.2 Materials and Methods :

<u>8.2.1 Animals</u>

Adult Wistar rats bred in closed colonies¹ were used as recipients of unlabelled or ¹¹¹In-labelled monoclonal antibodies. AO (RT1^u) inbred rats² were used as donors of lymphocytes for ¹¹¹In labelling in vitro and as recipients of the labelled cells.

BALB/c mice² were used for immune-ascites production.

¹ RPMS Biological Services Unit and King's College Zoology Dept.

² Harlan-Olac, England.

8.2.2.1 MRC OX-19

MRC OX-19 is a mouse anti-rat CD5 monoclonal antibody of the IgG₁ subclass which reacts with a surface glycoprotein present on all rat thymocytes and peripheral T cells and on a small proportion (2%) of B cells (Dallman et al 1984). It was purchased as ascites fluid from Serotec Ltd, England. Immunoascites was also produced on site¹ after growing the hybridoma cell line² producing the antibody in RPMI 1640 tissue culture medium³ supplemented with 10% foetal calf serum in a humidified atmosphere of 5% CO₂ in air at 37°C in a tissue culture incubator⁴. Hybridomas were injected (10⁷ cells in 1 ml PBS per mouse) intraperitoneally in four Pristane⁵-conditioned-BALB/c mice and ascites was obtained by tapping the peritoneal cavity of ascites-affected mice daily until death of the animals (3-5 ml of immunoascites was obtained per mouse on average). MRC OX-19 was purified by ion exchange chromatography (see below) and stored at 0.5 mg/ml in phosphate buffered saline (PBS) at 4° C in a vial containing nitrogen gas.

8.2.2.2 W3/13

W3/13 is a mouse monoclonal antibody which reacts with all rat thymocytes and peripheral T cells (Williams et al 1977). Tissue culture supernatant was obtained as a gift from Dr AF Williams, MRC Cellular Immunology Unit, Oxford, England.

¹ Immunology Department RPMS.

² The cell line was a kind gift from Dr AF Williams MRC Cellular Immunology Unit , Oxford, England.

³ RPMI (Roswell Park Memorial Institute) 1640 medium contained 20mM Na₂HCO₃, 2 mM L-glutamine, 1 mM sodium pyruvate, 50 iu penicillin and 50 μg/ml streptomycin.

⁴ Leec, England.

⁵ Pristane (2,6,10,14-tetramethylpentadecane): Sigma England. Pristane was injected intraperitoneally at 0.5 ml in BALB/c mice and the animals were left for 10 days before inoculation with hybridoma cells.

8.2.2.3 H17E2

H17E2 is a mouse monoclonal antibody of the IgG₁ subclass with specificity for human placental alkaline phosphatase (Travers and Bodmer 1984). It does not bind to rat tissues and was used as a control (irrelevant) antibody in these studies. Purified ascites was obtained from the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, London, England.

8.2.3 Purification of MRC OX-19

Firstly, a sample of the ascites fluid (10 μ l, 1/100 dilution) was analysed by SDS-PAGE¹ for its protein content. This showed 4 protein bands one of which corresponded to mouse IgG (see Figure 8.1).

Figure 8.1. Photograph of the SDS-PAGE of MRC OX-19 ascites showing 4 bands in the left lane. Control mouse IgG sample is shown in the right lane.



¹ Sodium dodecyl phosphate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis. See Appendix, page 314 for experimental details.

Next, the monoclonal antibody was purified by running the ascites fluid produced on the anion exchange chromatography column Mono Q of a Fast Protein Liquid Chromatography system¹ (FPLC). A sample (100 µl of 1:10 dilution of ascites in 20 mM TEA buffer; see below) was loaded on the column equilibrated with 20 mM of triethanolamine (TEA)² pH 7.7. The column was then eluted using a salt gradient of 1M NaCl³ in 20 mM TEA and the elution fractions were collected using an automatic fraction collector set to collect separate protein peaks as detected by the system's UV cell in separate tubes (total of 4 corresponding to those on SDS-PAGE), Figure 8.2.

Figure 8.2. Photograph of the FPLC trace upon elution of MRC OX-19 ascites (pilot run). Four peaks of protein eluting separately (blue line) are seen. The red line denotes application of the salt gradient



- ¹ Pharmacia, Sweden.
- ² Sigma, England.
- ³ BDH, England.

Each fraction was tested for antibody presence by an indirect immunofluorescence assay using rat lymph node cells (see the Immunofluorescence section page 131 for details of the staining procedure). Fluorescence on the cells was examined under a fluorescent microscope¹ and scored as negative, weak positive and strong positive². One positive fraction was identified and was confirmed to contain MRC OX-19 McAb by running the cells in the corresponding test tube in a fluorescence-activatedcell sorter³. The antibody was located in protein peak No 3 (see Figure 8.2). Afterwards, a second run of a larger volume of ascites fluid (2 ml) dialysed against 20 mM TEA using similar conditions to the ones used before, ie 20 mM TEA loading buffer, 1 M NaCl gradient in 20 mM TEA eluting buffer etc, was performed and the fraction containing the antibody was collected⁴. This was then dialysed against phosphate buffered saline (PBS)⁵ pH 7.5-8 and finally kept at 4°C in a vial containing nitrogen gas⁶.

8.2.4 Monoclonal antibody labelling with ¹¹¹In and testing antibody immunoreactivity

MRC OX-19 and H17E2⁷ McAbs were labelled with ¹¹¹In using the method of the double chelating agent DTPA of Hnatowitch et al (1982)⁸. The specific activity obtained was 650 MBq/mg (18 mCi/mg) of MRC OX-19 and 250 MBq/mg (7 mCi/mg) of H17E2.

¹ Dialux 20, Leitz, Wetzlar, Germany.

² For details of the findings, see Appendix, pp314 & 315.

³ Epics C flow cytometer, Coulter USA. For details of the experimental setting and results see Appendix, pp314 & 315.

⁴ A volume of 6 ml was obtained, OD (280nm) : 0.47, protein content : 0.35 mg/ml.

⁵ Dulbecco's Formula A modified, Flow Labs, England.

⁶ Amersham, England.

⁷ H17E2-DTPA coupled antibody was taken from a stock preparation intended for use in patients. It contained 1.2 DTPA molecules per antibody and its immunoreactivity was 75%; ICRF Oncology Group, Hammersmith Hospital, London.

⁸ For details on the labelling procedure see Chapter 5 Page 49. For experimental details on DTPA-coupling, measuring the number of DTPA/Ab and test labelling of MRC OX-19 see Tables A8.1, A8.2 and A8.3, Appendix, pp315-317. For test labelling H17E2 see Table A8.4, Appendix, page 317.

Immunoreactivity after labelling was tested by a radiobinding assay under conditions of antigen excess (Lindmo and Bunn 1986). The immunoreactive fraction was determined by extrapolation in a linear plot of the inverse relative cell associated activity versus the inverse cell concentration¹.

8.2.5.Binding of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 to rat lymph node cells and blood

Cervical lymph nodes were dissected form an adult Wistar rat. A cell suspension was prepared by teasing the lymph nodes in a plastic Petri dish containing Tris balanced salt solution 1% BSA, pH 7.45 using two 21 G needles mounted on two 5 ml plastic syringes². The clumps were allowed to settle in a 20 ml plastic Universal tube³ for 5 minutes, then the resulting cell suspension was washed once in the buffer. Finally, the cells were resuspended in 5 ml buffer and their number counted in a haemocytometer. LP3 tubes were prepared in duplicate, each contained 4X10⁶ lymph node cells in Tris-buffered balanced salt solution 1% BSA. ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 was added in increasing concentrations (5X10³-10⁶ Ab/cell see Table 8.1 and the volume adjusted to 1 ml using buffer. After 2 hr incubation at 37° C the cells were washed twice⁴ and the radioactivity bound to the cell pellet counted in a gamma scintillation counter (Packard Autogamma-USA).

Radiobinding of the ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 to whole blood was performed in LP3 tubes by adding the antibody in 100 μ l PBS to 1 ml ACD⁵ anticoagulated Wistar rat blood (1 part ACD to 6 parts blood) in increasing concentrations (see Table 8.1). The haematocrit (0.25 in this case) and lymphocyte count (4X10⁶/ml) were measured in a sample having a similar dilution before the assay, ie 1 ml ACD-blood + 100 μ l PBS.

¹ For details of the experimental procedure, see Appendix pp317 & 318.

² Monoject, England.

³ Sterilin, England.

⁴ Centrifugation at 150 g for 7 minutes and washing in buffer.

⁵ Acid Citrated Dextrose NIH Formula A BP.

<u>Tube No</u>	<u>Ab/lymphocyte</u>	<u>Ab (µg)/ml</u>
1	106	1
2	5X10 ⁵	0.5
3	105	0.1
4	5X10 ⁴	0.05
5	2.5X10 ⁴	0.025
6	104	0.01
7	5X10 ³	0.005

Table 8.1. Concentration of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 added to lymph node cells or ACD-whole blood.

The tubes were left to incubate for 2 hr at 37 °C in a water bath with intermittent gentle mixing. Then, they were centrifuged at 1000 g for 10 min, a 200 μ l volume of plasma was transferred to counting vials and the radioactivity counted in an automatic well counter¹. Cell bound radioactivity was calculated by subtracting the amount in the plasma from the total added (see Results page 136).

In both cases (whole blood & lymph node assay), standards of the added radiolabelled antibody were prepared for calculation of the relative cell bound activity.

8.2.6¹¹¹In labelling of lymphocytes

Lymph node cell suspensions were prepared from the superficial cervical lymph nodes of normal AO rats and the lymphocytes were labelled with indium-111 in vitro (Chisholm et al 1979). The cells at 10^8 /ml in saline were incubated with ¹¹¹In-tropolonate² at 370 kBq (10 µCi)/10⁸ cells for five minutes at room temperature. The cells were washed three times by

¹ Packard Autogamma USA, Haematology Department RPMS.

² Tropolone (2-hydroxy-2,4,6-cycloheptatriene-1-one), Fluka, Switzerland, was used as a 4.4×10^{-3} M solution in 20 mM Hepes saline buffer, pH 7.6. ¹¹¹InCl₃ in 0.04 M HCl (10 µl, 3.7 MBq, 100 µCi) was mixed with 100 µl tropolone solution and the mixture was added to the cells and incubated for 5 minutes.

centrifugation in PBS containing 1% foetal calf serum to remove unbound ¹¹¹In and were resuspended in PBS for injection. A standard of the injected dose containing a known radioactivity and number of cells was left for reference.

8.2.7 In vivo administration of antibody or labelled cells and tissue sampling

8.2.7.1 The experimental setting (Figure 8.3)

Three different groups of experiments were performed to test binding of in vivo injected antibodies to lymphocytes and compare the injected ¹¹¹In-anti-T cell antibody with ¹¹¹In tropolone lymph node cells (Figure 8.3).





^a Thoracic duct lymphocytes collected from cannulated rats (in Group A & B). Abbreviations : PBL : Peripheral blood lymphocytes, LN : Lymph node, Spl : Spleen, PP : Peyers patches, BM : Bone marrow, LNC : Lymph node cells, 1' : 1 minute, Cpm : Count per minute, Ig : Immunoglobulin. Group A :

In the first set of experiments, unlabelled MRC OX-19 in PBS was injected intravenously in increasing doses into Wistar rats. The animals were killed at 2 or 24 hr after injection and in vivo antibody binding to lymphocytes in blood, lymph nodes and spleen was tested by indirect immunofluorescence or immunochemistry. This experimental group included also rats which had indwelling thoracic duct cannulae to test antibody binding to thoracic duct lymphocytes, and rats injected with the negative control (irrelevant) H17E2 monoclonal antibody (see Table 8.2).

Table 8.2. List of experiments performed using unlabelled MRC OX-19 or H17E2 McAb, Group A.

<u>Expt.</u>	Rat	Preparation used	<u>Dose</u>	Time of sacrifice
A1	A1a	MRC OX-19	400µg/kg	2 hr
	A1b	MRC OX-19	400µg/kg	24 hr
	A1c	H17E2	400µg/kg	2 hr
	A1d	H17E2	400µg/kg	24 hr
A2	A2a	MRC OX-19	20µg/kg	2hr
	A2b	MRC OX-19	20µg/kg	24 hr
	A2c	MRC OX-19	80 µg/kg	2 hr
	A2d	MRC OX-19	80 µg/kg	24 hr
	A2e	MRC OX-19	400µg/kg	2 hr
	A2f	MRC OX-19	400µg/kg	24 hr
	A2g	H17E2	400µg/kg	2 hr
	A2h	H17E2	400µg/kg	24 hr
A3a	A3a	MRC OX-19	20 µg/kg	24 hr
	A3b	MRC OX-19	40 µg/kg	24 hr

a McAb injected into cannulated rats.

The second set of experiments involved intravenous injection of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 in Wistar rats, imaging the animals at different times afterwards then sampling various tissues for the amount of radioactivity localised in each of them. This group included, also, thoracic duct cannulated rats in order to test the amount of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 reaching central lymph (Table 8.3).

Table 8.3. List of experiments performed using ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 and details of the dose, radioactivity and time of injection, Group B.

<u>Expt.</u>	<u>Rat</u>	Dose	<u>Radioactivity</u>	Time of sacrifice
B1	B1a	20 µg/kg	4.8 MBq (130 μCi)	2 min
	B1b	20 µg/kg	3 MBq (80 μCi)	10 min
	B1c	20 µg/kg	2.5 MBq (70 μCi)	20 min
	B1d	20 µg/kg	2.3 MBq (63 μCi)	30 min
B2	B2a	25 µg/kg	6 MBq (160 μCi)	1 hr
	B2b	25 µg/kg	4.7 MBq (130 μCi)	3 hr
	B2c	25 µg/kg	3.8 MBq (60 μCi)	24 hr
B3	B3a	40µg/kg	3.5 MBq (95 μCi)	2 hr
	B3b	40 µg/kg	3.5 MBq (95 μCi)	24 hr
	B3c	40 µg/kg	2 MBq (50 μCi)	36 hr
	B3d	40 µg/kg	2 MBq (50 μCi)	50 hr
B4ª	B4a	40µg/kg	4 MBq (110 μCi)	7 hr
B5ª	B5a	40 μg/kg	4 MBq (110 μCi)	12 hr

^a McAb injected into cannulated rats.

Group C :

The third experimental setting involved comparison of rats injected with ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19, ¹¹¹In H17E2 (negative control) or ¹¹¹In tropolone lymph node cells by scintillation camera imaging and tissue sampling at 2 or 24 hr after injection of the label. In vivo binding of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 to lymphocytes in blood, lymph nodes and spleen was also tested by indirect immunofluorescence or immunochemistry (Table 8.4).

Table 8.4. List of experiments performed, rats included and details of injected antibodies or cells, Group C.

<u>Expt.</u>	<u>Rat</u>	Preparation used	Dose	<u>Radioactivity</u>	Time of sacrifice
C1 ^a	C1a	¹¹¹ In MRC OX-19	40 µg/kg	3.5 MBq (95 μCi)	2 hr
	C1b	¹¹¹ In MRC OX-19	40 µg/kg	3.5 MBq (95 μCi)	24 hr
	C1c	¹¹¹ In LNC	5X10 ⁸ cell	1.5 MBq (40 μCi)	2 hr
	C1d	¹¹¹ In LNC	5X10 ⁸ cell	1.5 MBq (40 μCi)	24 hr
C2	C2a	¹¹¹ In H17E2	40 µg/kg	1.5 MBq (40 μCi)	2 hr
		¹¹¹ In H17E2	40 µg/kg	1.5 MBq (40 μCi)	24 hr

^a Rats C1a and C1b were also included in Table 8.3 as B3a and B3b, respectively, for the sake of completion of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 sampling data.

8.2.7.2 Injection of the antibodies or ¹¹¹In labelled cells.

¹¹¹In-labelled or unlabelled antibodies were injected in adult Wistar rats and ¹¹¹In-tropolone lymph node cells were injected in AO rats. Injections (≈1ml) were given intravenously in a lateral tail vein under ether anaesthesia. A standard of the injected radioactivity was kept for comparison.

The amounts of antibody or cells used, radioactivity injected and the times of sacrifice of the animals after injection are given in Tables 8.2, 8.3 and 8.4.

The method described by Ford (1977) was applied¹. Lymph was collected in separate fractions in 10 ml centrifuge tubes after injection of the antibody (two hourly fractions after the injection of MRC OX-19 and one hourly fractions after the injection of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19).

8.2.7.4 Tissue sampling

Group A experiments

The injection of the antibodies was described above (see Table 8.2). At the set time of killing of each animal (2 or 24 hr after injection of the antibody), blood, lymph nodes and the spleen were sampled and suspensions of mononuclear cells were prepared. Samples of lymph nodes and spleen were also frozen for cutting tissues sections at a later time (for details of sampling and tissue suspension preparation see Appendix page 319). Staining of the cells (PBMNC², spleen cells and lymph node cells) by immunfluorescence followed. Also, multiple cytospin slides of each of the cell populations were prepared for immunocytochemistry staining.

The thoracic duct cannulated rats, injected with MRC OX-19 after an overnight collection of lymph, were sacrificed 24 hr post antibody injection. Before that, two hourly lymph fractions up to 12 hr post antibody injection were collected in 10 ml centrifuge tubes containing 1 ml DAB-20³ and cytospins were immediately prepared for each fraction without cell washing for immunocytochemistry staining at a later stage (see preparation of cytospins, Appendix, page 319 and immunochemistry staining page 132). At

¹ For details of the procedure see Appendix, page 318.

² PBMNC : peripheral blood mononuclear cells.

³ Dulbecco's phosphate buffered saline (A) containing calcium and magnesium (B) and 20 unit of heparin per ml.

the time of sacrifice, the rats were treated in the same way described above for the intact rats injected with unlabelled antibodies.

Group B

At set times after injection of ¹¹¹In labelled antibodies, blood was taken into a 10 ml syringe containing heparin through a cardiac puncture under terminal anaesthesia. Samples of various lymphoid (cervical lymph nodes, thymus, mesenteric lymph nodes, spleen and Peyers patches) and nonlymphoid tissues (lung, liver, kidney, intestine, bone, bone marrow and muscle) were then removed and cleaned. The tissue samples were kept on a wet tray, then they were weighed in preweighed gamma scintillation counting vials¹. Finally, the vials were counted for ¹¹¹In radioactivity in an automatic well scintillation counter². The amount of radioactivity in each tissue was expressed as the percent injected dose of ¹¹¹In present per gramme wet weight of tissue. A known volume of blood was transferred to a counting vial and another aliquot of heparinised blood was centrifuged (1000 g, 15 min) and a known volume of plasma was also obtained for counting.

Tissue sampling in the rats which had indwelling thoracic duct cannulae involved collection of lymph in LP3 tubes (containing 10 units of heparin in 10 µl) immediately after the intravenous injection of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19. One-hourly fractions were collected and the volume, cell number and radioactivity in the lymph and that cell associated were measured for each fraction. After the last lymph fraction, the rats were killed and treated in the same way as the other ¹¹¹In McAb injected rats, ie tissue sampling for counting radioactivity.

¹ Sterilin, England.

² Packard Autogamma, Haematology Dept, RPMS.

Group C

Tissue sampling in this group of animals involved a combination of blood and lymphoid organ sampling for immunofluorescence and immunochemistry staining (see Group A above) as well as lymphoid and non-lymphoid tissue sampling for radioactivity counting (Group B protocol). This was done in rats injected with ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19.

The animals injected with ¹¹¹In tropolone lymph node cells and ¹¹¹In H17E2 were sampled only as was done in Group B, ie sampling lymphoid and non-lymphoid tissues for radioactivity counting.

Sampling in each pair of experimental animals in this group was done at 2 or 24 hr after injection of the labelled antibodies or cells (see Table 8.4).

8.2.8 Immunofluorescence analysis by flow cytometry

Indirect immunofluorescence staining was performed on mononuclear cell suspensions from peripheral blood, spleen and lymph nodes. In LP3 tubes prepared in triplicate, the cells (2-4 X10⁶ cells in a pellet), were incubated with monoclonal antibody MRC OX-19 or W3/13 added in 100 µl for 30 minutes on ice, washed¹ to remove excess antibody and then incubated with fluorescein isothiocyanate (FITC)-conjugated rabbit anti-mouse immunoglobulin² for 30 minutes. The cells were then washed, fixed in paraformaldehyde³ and stored at 4° C until analysed by flow cytometry.

Flow cytometry analysis was performed by a Coulter EPICS C flow cytometer using 90° and forward angle light scatter to gate on the lymphocyte

¹ Washing was done using PBS containing 1% BSA and 1% sodium azide (pH 7.4).

² QB.AR9 F(ab')₂ Rabbit-anti-mouse Ig fluorescein conjugate, Serotec, England. This reagent was used at 1/120 dilution in PBS containing 20% normal Wistar rat serum (the mixture was centrifuged for 10 minutes in a microfuge before use).

³ 1% paraformaldehyde (BDH, England) in PBS pH 7.4. The cells were fixed for 15 minutes at room temperature then washed in PBS 1% BSA-azide.

population and single parameter fluorescence analysis to identify FITC positive cells. For each population at least 10⁴ cells were analysed and the proportion of the cells positive as well as the intensity of fluorescence was recorded.

Assessment of in vivo MRC OX-19 binding was made by staining cell suspensions with FITC-conjugated anti-mouse Ig alone. The proportion of CD5-positive cells in each tissue which had bound MRC OX-19 in vivo was then calculated as :

% cells stained with FITC anti-mouse Ig aloneX100% cells stained with MRC OX-19 and FITC anti-mouse Ig

The extent to which in vivo MRC OX-19 caused modulation, ie T cells that had lost the CD5 molecule from their surface was calculated by comparing the proportion of T cells stained in vitro with W3/13 monoclonal with the proportion stained with MRC OX-19 in vitro, ie

1 - <u>% cells stained with MRC OX-19 and FITC anti-mouse Ig</u> X100 % cells stained with W3/13 and FITC anti-mouse Ig

8.2.9 Immunoalkaline phosphatase staining of cytospins, touch imprints & tissue sections

Cytospins were prepared from the suspensions of PBMNC, LNC, TDL or spleen cells¹. The slides were stained for MRC OX-19 or W3/13 by an indirect alkaline phosphatase/anti-alkaline phosphatase (APAAP) technique (Bevan & Chisholm 1986). Assessment of in vivo MRC OX-19 binding was done by staining the preparations without addition of a first layer antibody, while identification of CD5- or W3/13-positive cells in the preparation was done using MRC OX-19 or W3/13, respectively, as the primary antibody followed, in sequence, by rabbit anti-mouse Ig², APAAP²

¹ For details of the technique see Appendix, page 319.

² Dako, Denmark.

complex and a chromogenic substrate (Fast Red¹). The touch imprints were fixed in acetone and stained in the same way as above.

Tissue sections from spleen and lymph nodes were prepared by cutting the frozen blocks of tissue in a cryotome². Five-µm-thick sections were cut and mounted on microscope slides. After overnight drying, the sections were fixed with acetone and stained using APAAP as described above.

8.2.10 Scintillation camera imaging

8.2.10.1 Instrumentation and relevant performance characteristics of the system used for imaging

A large field of view scintillation camera³ (crystal diameter = 35 cm, PMT No 30) was equipped with a pinhole collimator (conic shape, pinhole diameter = 5 mm , height = 30 cm, diameter at base = 33 cm). The camera was linked to a dedicated on-line computer for acquisition, display and analysis of the data (Medical Data System, USA), see Figure 8.4.

Figure 8.4. The scintillation camera with the pinhole collimator in place.



- ¹ Sigma, England.
- ² Bright, England.
- ³ Toshiba GCA-202, Japan.

A test using a phantom of the thyroid gland¹ was done to check the ability of the system to pick small variations in radioactivity in the field of view at various pinhole positions ranging between 2 cm from the plane of the object studied giving maximum magnification and the pinhole at \approx 15 cm from the object (minimum magnification). The energy of acquisition of the camera was set at 240 keV± 20% window. The test showed that the system's resolution was 10 mm (diameter of the smallest resolvable circle) in the centre of the field of view at the position of minimum magnification. Resolution was 6 mm at the position of maximum magnification. Spatial distortion did not affect the quality of the image obtained and was mainly noticeable at the edge of the field of view. Quantitation of the relative amounts of radioactivity in different compartments of the phantom by drawing regions of interest on the images obtained showed approximately the same results regardless of the collimator's distance from the phantom².

8.2.10.2 Rat imaging after the injection of ¹¹¹In McAb or ¹¹¹In labelled cells.

Imaging of the rats injected with ¹¹¹In McAbs (MRC OX-19 or H17E2) was carried out on animals under intraperitoneal anaesthesia.

Static acquisition was performed immediately before the animal was killed taking multiple views (128 X 128 pixel matrix) of 10 minute duration. Views of the whole animal were taken as well as spot views of the head and neck, chest and abdomen. Analysis of the data was by visual examination of the images.

¹ 3602 Thyroid phantom, Picker Nuclear USA. See Figure A8.2, Appendix, page 319.

² See Table A8.6, Appendix, page 319 for details.

8.2.11 In vivo testing of lymphocyte recirculation after in vitro ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 cell binding and fluorescein labelling.

Three experiments¹ were performed to test the ability of thoracic duct lymphocytes which had been radiolabelled in vitro by incubation with ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 to localise in lymphoid tissue and recirculate from blood to lymph. In the last experiment, fluorescence labelling of TDL (Butcher and Ford 1986) was performed in addition to in vitro labelling with ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19.

Each experiment involved an overnight collection of TDL from a thoracicduct-cannulated Wistar rat in DAB-20 (see rat cannulation, Appendix page 318). The cells were washed once in Hank's balanced salt solution containing 1% BSA then were incubated with ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 at 10⁵ Ab/cell in the same buffer at 37 °C for 2 hours. Afterwards, the cells were washed, resuspended in a small volume of medium and reinjected into the same rat. In the last experiment only (Expt D3), the incubation of TDL with ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 was followed immediately by another incubation with fluorescein solution² at 40 µg/ml FITC for 15 min the cells were then washed and the extent of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 binding was measured in a gamma well counter and the labelling with FITC checked under a fluorescence microscope.

The cells were reinjected in the same rat via an indwelling venous port in a lateral tail vein. One hourly lymph fractions were collected immediately

¹ Experimental group D, Expt D1; Rat D1a was injected with 7X10⁸ TDLs that had bound 2.3 μ g MRC OX-19 and radioactivity of 0.1 MBq (3 μ Ci) ¹¹¹In, the rat was sacrificed at 2 hr after injection of the cells. Expt D2; Rat D2a injected with : 4X10⁸ TDLs bearing 1.7 μ g MRC OX-19 and 0.1 MBq (3 μ Ci) ¹¹¹In, the rat was sacrificed at 24 hr after injection of the cells. Expt D3; Rat D3a injected with 6.5X10⁸ TDLs bearing 1 μ g MRC OX-19, 0.33 MBq (9 μ Ci) ¹¹¹In and labelled with FITC (dual labelling), the rat was sacrificed at 19 hr after injection of the cells. Rat D3b injected with: 5X10⁸ TDLs, 1.66 μ g MRC OX-19, 0.2 MBq (5.5 μ Ci) ¹¹¹In, FITC labelled, time of killing of the animal 43 hr after cell injection.

² Fluorescein isothiocyanate, Isomer I, Sigma, England. FITC was dissolved in PBS then it was filtered through a 0.45 μ m filter and a stock solution of 500 μ g/ml was prepared.

afterwards and ¹¹¹In radioactivity was measured in each (cell bound and unbound). The cells were also examined for fluorescence under the fluorescence microscope in the experiment using double labelled cells . The presence of fluorescent cells in the collected lymph was recorded as positive or negative and their percentage was determined whenever their number was statistically significant. At the end of the lymph collection the rats were sacrificed and their tissues sampled for radioactivity counting (see experimental setting B page 130).

8.3 Results

8.3.1 Immunoreactivity and binding of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 to blood and lymph node cells

The immunoreactive fraction was 50% for ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 and 75% for ¹¹¹In H17E2.

The results of the in-vitro assays of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 with rat blood and lymph node cells are shown in Figure 8.5 and Table 8.5 (refer to paragraph 8.2.5 and Table 8.1 pp 122 & 123 for experimental details and setting).

Figure 8.5. Binding of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 to rat blood and lymph node cells.



<u>Tube No</u>	Std added ^b	Cpm bound	<u>d</u> <u>Ratio</u>	<u>Cpm in</u>	<u>Cpm cells</u>	RatioB/T
		LNC	<u>B/1</u> a	<u>I-Hct Pl</u> e	$(\text{Im} WB)^{1}$	<u>(WB)</u> g
1	3600000	450000	0.125	2790000	811000	0.225
	±8500	±700	±0.0004	±6400	±10600	±0.003
2	1800000	290000	0.162	1333800	467800	0.260
	±4250	±460	±0.0005	±3000	±5200	±0.003
3	360000	72200	0.200	271000	89600	0.249
	±850	±130	±0.0006	±700	±1100	±0.003
4	180000	38700	0.215	124900	55300	0.307
	±420	±100	±0.0007	±500	±650	±0.004
5	90000	19700	0 219	66000	24000	0.266
	±210	±70	±0.0009	±350	±410	± 0.005
C C	25600	9550	0.240	25240	10200	0.200
0	±130	8550 ±50	± 0.240	±220	± 260	0.290 ±0.007
	1.10					
7	15640 +90	5100 +40	0.329	10040	5600 +140	0.358
I		L		1 -100	1	1 -0.007

Table 8.5. Binding of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19^a to rat blood and lymph node cells.

a ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19: 163 MBq/mg (4.40 mCi/mg).

b Cpm added to each tube containing lymph node cells.

c Cpm bound to lymph node cells in each tube.

d Ratio of bound to total radioactivity added.

e Cpm present in the volume of plasma in 1 ml whole blood, ie (1-Hct) ml.

f Cpm cell associated in 1 ml whole blood.

g Ratio of cell bound to total added radioactivity in whole blood.

In Table 8.5, the binding of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 to lymph nodes cells ranged between 12.5 to 33% of the total amount of Ab added in the assay. Binding of the antibody to cells in whole blood was in the range of 23-36% of the total for the same concentrations of Ab added above.

8.3.2 In vivo binding of McAb to lymphocytes, Studies with unlabelled MRC OX-19 or H17E2 antibodies, Group A experiments

The extent to which intravenously injected MRC OX-19 antibody bound to

lymphocytes in lymphoid tissues was tested in three separate experiments in

which different amounts of antibody were injected and tissues were removed for analysis 2 or 24 hr after injection (see Table 8.2, page 126).

Lymphocyte populations obtained from peripheral blood, spleen and lymph nodes were tested by immunofluorescent staining for the presence of MRC OX-19 on their surface. Lymphocytes in all three tissues bound in vivo administered MRC OX-19, although to a different extent (see Table 8.6) and the degree of binding, ie the proportion of the available CD5-positive cells within any one tissue which bound the antibody was dose dependent (see Table 8.7). Doses of antibody above 20 μ g/kg resulted within two hours in a high proportion of the CD5-positive cells in spleen and peripheral blood being labelled; binding to lymph node cells was more limited and more variable. There was also a reduction in the extent of in vivo binding demonstrable in cells taken at 24 hours compared to cells taken at 2 hours.

Although in some experiments almost all the available CD5-positive cells in lymphoid tissues had bound antibody in vivo, ie the proportions of cells which were labelled in vitro with indicator (FITC anti-mouse Ig) alone was the same as the proportion labelled with MRC OX-19 and indicator, the intensity of immunofluorescence in cells labelled in vivo was substantially less. This relatively weak fluorescence in cell populations labelled in vivo compared to cells stained in vitro in antibody excess, suggested that by no means all the CD5 molecules on the positive cells had bound antibody in vivo (see Figure 8.6). Figure 8.6. Comparison of the immunofluorescence staining profiles of cells which bound MRC OX-19 in vivo (a) and in vitro (b), Expt C, Rat C1a.



Relative cell number

Fluorescence internsity

<u>Expt</u> ^a	<u>Rat</u>	Percentage of positive cells							<u>.,,</u>			
_		<u>No At</u>	added	in vitro	MRC OX-	MRC OX-19 added in vitro				W3/13 added in vitro		
		PBMNC	LNC	Spleen cells	PBMNC	LNC	<u>Spleen cells</u>	<u>PBMNC</u>	<u>LNC</u>	Spleen cells		
A1	A1a	20	0.7	4	31	50	28	ND	ND	ND		
	A1b	0.6	0.4	0.7	53	30	42	ND	ND	ND		
	A1c	0.8	0.4	0.6	67	63	43	ND	ND	ND		
	A1d	0.4	0.4	0.4	55	46	39	ND	ND	ND		
A2	A2a	3	0.4	3	62	67	47	47	36	36		
	A2b	1.1	2	0.6	67	54	60	71	46	39		
	A2c	38	1	17	58	55	37	57	39	47		
	A2d	1	2	0.6	53	48	54	68	45	41		
	A2e	7	5	15	7	51	25	62	40	42		
	A2f	14	2	3	27	7	30	69	33	29		
	A2g	0.2	0.4	0.2	71	53	40	66	39	35		
	A2h	0.2	0.2	0.6	85	64	74	73	41	48		
A3	A3a	15	6	14	20	45	23	52	45	37		
	A3b	18	8	9	18	47	30	51	47	38		
C1	C1a	54	4	20	53	44	43	67	54	46		
	C1b	5	6	5	57	55	42	70	55	42		

Table 8.6. Immunofluorescence staining of peripheral blood mononuclear cells, lymph node cells and spleen cells after injection of MRC OX-19, H17E2 or ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 McAbs.

a Experiments listed in Tables 8.2 and 8.4. Abbreviations : PBMNC : peripheral blood mononuclear cells, LNC : lymph node cells, ND : not done.

<u>Expt</u> a	<u>Rat</u>		% Bir	nding to CD5	positive cells		% Modula	ation	
			<u>PBMNC</u>	<u>LNC</u>	<u>Spleen cells</u>		<u>PBMNC</u>	<u>LNC</u>	<u>Spleen cells</u>
A1	A1a	1	65	0	14		ND	ND	ND
	A1b		0	0	0		ND	ND	ND
	A1c		0	0	0		ND	ND	ND
	A1d		0	0	0		ND	ND	ND
A2	A2a		5	0	5		0	0	0
	A2b		0	0	0		6	0	0
1	A2c		66	0	46		0	0	21
]	A2d		0	0	0		22	0	0
	A2e		100	10	60		89	0	40
	A2f		52	0	0		61	79	0
	A2g		0	0	0		0	0	0
	A2h		0	0	0		0	0	0
A3	A3a		75	13	87		62	0	38
	A3b		100	17	19		65	0	21
C1	C1a		102	9	47		21	19	7
	C1b		9	11	12		19	0	0

Table 8.7. MRC OX-19 binding to rat lymphocytes in blood, lymph nodes and spleen and modulation of CD5 in vivo.

a Experiments listed in Tables 8.2 and 8.4. Abbreviations : PBMNC : peripheral blood mononuclear cells, LNC : lymph node cells, ND : not done.
Immunocytochemical analysis of cytospins prepared from the same tissues as used in the flow cytometry analysis confirmed these findings and, additionally, frozen tissue sections revealed that most of the labelled cells were confined to the T cell-dependent areas of spleen and lymph nodes, ie were T cells (Figure 8.7). As in the immunofluorescence analysis, it was clear that the intensity of staining of cells after in vivo binding was less than could be achieved with antibody excess in vitro (Figure 8.7B, D, F & H). In each of these experiments an irrelevant monoclonal antibody H17E2 antihuman placental alkaline phosphatase antibody of the same isotype as MRC OX-19 injected into control rats did not bind to lymphocytes neither did it affect the numbers of CD5-positive cells present in any tissue (see Tables 8.6 & 8.7). Figure 8.7. Immunochemistry of cytospins, touch imprints and sections of lymph nodes and spleen taken from rats injected with MRC OX-19 in vivo and stained with APAAP.

Fig 8.7A. Cytospins of lymph node cells from rat A2c (2 hr post Ab injection) stained with indicator only to detect in vivo MRC OX-19 binding (APAAP, X1000) Note the faint red staining.



Fig 8.7B. Cytospins of lymph node cells from rat A2c (2 hr post Ab injection) stained with MRC OX-19 in vitro and indicator showing CD5-positive cells (APAAP, X1000). Note the strong red staining on the cells.



Fig 8.7 C. Touch imprints of a lymph node from rat A2d (24 hr post Ab injection) stained with indicator only to detect in vivo MRC OX-19 binding (APAAP, X400). Faint staining on the cells.



Fig 8.7D. Touch imprints of a lymph node from rat A2d (24 hr post Ab injection) stained with MRC OX-19 in vitro and indicator showing CD5-positive cells (APAAP, X400). Strong red staining on the cells.



Fig 8.7E. Spleen section from rat A2e (2 hr post Ab injection) stained with indicator only to detect in vivo MRC OX-19 binding (APAAP, X400). Note the strong red staining around the central arteriole (T cell area).



Fig 8.7F. Spleen section from rat A2e (2 hr post Ab injection) stained with MRC OX-19 in vitro and indicator showing CD5-positive cells (APAAP, X400). Note the very strong red staining around the central arteriole.



Fig 8.7G. Lymph node section from rat A2e (2 hr post Ab injection) stained with indicator only to detect in vivo MRC OX-19 binding (APAAP, X160). Note positive red staining around the high endothelial venule and paracortical zone (T cell area).



Fig 8.7H. Lymph node section from rat A2e (2 hr post Ab injection) stained with MRC OX-19 in vitro and indicator showing CD5-positive cells (APAAP, X160). Note the strong red staining in the paracortical zone.



8.3.3 In vivo modulation of CD5

Binding of antibody at 37°C to lymphocytes surface molecules can result in a polar redistribution of the antibody-antigen complexes followed by exocytosis or shedding of the complexes from the cell. Internalisation of the complex inside the cells may also occur. This modulation or loss of surface markers can be induced by antibody following in vivo administration and can result in an apparent disappearance from the circulation or from tissues of cells for which the antibody has specificity. In reality, the cells may still be present but will be unable to bind further antibody until resynthesis of the surface molecule occurs. Whether or not modulation of the CD5 molecule had occurred was investigated in experiments by estimating the numbers of T cells present in the cell populations stained for CD5 by staining also with the McAb W3/13 which identified a T cell marker distinct from CD5. As shown in Table 8.7, doses of MRC OX-19 above 20 μ g/kg resulted in in vivo binding to T cells, but in some experiments this was accompanied by a substantial loss of the CD5 molecule from the cells. A dose of 400 μ g/kg of antibody resulted in the loss of the CD5 molecule from more than 80% of the T cells in the blood within 2 hours of injection (Expt A2). Doses of 40 and 80 μ g/kg antibody produced high levels (70-100%) of binding to T cells with only relatively little modulation, ie 20% or less of the T cells had lost the CD5 molecule from their surface. The extent of modulation of CD5 from peripheral blood lymphocytes, although not the extent of binding, was comparable at 2 and 24 hours.

8.3.4 Studies with ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19, Experimental group B

The results of five experiments in which ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 was injected intravenously and the distribution of the antibody was measured at various times after injection by counting various tissues for ¹¹¹In are presented in Table 8.8. In one of the experiments (Expt B3, Rats B3a & B3b) assessment of in vivo binding was also made by immunofluorescence analysis (Expt C1, rats C1a & C1b, Tables 8.6 and 8.7) which provided corroborative evidence of in vivo binding of the labelled antibody to T cells. Analysis of the tissue distribution of ¹¹¹In labelled antibody showed splenic uptake which increased progressively over the first 2 hours and did not alter sustantially thereafter (Figure 8.8). Localisation of labelled antibody within lymph nodes occurred more slowly and reached significant levels at 24 hours (Figure 8.8), at which time the superficial cervical nodes were clearly visible by scintillation camera. Activity in the blood declined rapidly over the first hour after injection and then decreased more slowly (Figure 8.9). Localisation of labelled McAb in muscle was low throughout (background level) and relatively low in liver (Figure 8.9).

<u>Muscle</u> 0.06 ±0.0002 0.05
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± 0.0003

Table 8.8. ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 distribution in vivo; tissue sampling data

Table 8.8. (cont)

	%ID/ml							%	bID/g						
Expt B3	<u>Rat</u> B3a	<u>W B</u> 1.25 ±0.006	<u>Pl</u> 1.82 ±0.010	<u>CLN</u> 4.11 ±0.017	<u>MLN</u> ND ND	<u>Thy</u> ND ND	<u>Spl</u> 12.96 ±0.038	<u>Lung</u> ND ND	<u>Liver</u> 1.14 ±0.01	<u>Kid</u> ND ND	<u>PP</u> ND ND	<u>Int</u> ND ND	<u>Tib+BM</u> ND ND	<u>Tib</u> ND ND	<u>Muscle</u> 0.04 ±0.001
	B3b	0.27 ±0.002	0.44 ±0.008	6.89 ±0.028	ND ND	ND ND	13.32 ±0.040	ND ND	1.63 ±0.063	ND ND	ND ND	ND ND	ND ND	ND ND	0.08 ±0.002
	B3c	0.25 ±0.001	0.33 ±0.001	4.60 ±0.008	4.57 ±0.042	0.30 ±0.017	13.85 ±0.042	0.89 ±0.004	1.48 ±0.007	1.98 ±0.007	1.52 ±0.009	0.36 ±0.002	0.49 ±0.004	0.42 ±0.002	0.03 ±0.0003
	B3d	0.14 ±0.0006	0.20 ±0.001	4.14 ±0.010	4.17 ±0.036	0.37 ±0.002	15.12 ±0.046	0.38 ±0.002	1.79 ±0.007	2.35 ±0.008	1.95 ±0.007	0.51 ±0.003	0.38 ±0.003	0.26 ±0.001	0.03 ±0.0003
B4 ^b	B4a	1.14 ±0.009	3.05 ±0.024	0.93 ±0.016	0.60 ±0.017	0.27 ±0.003	18.28 ±0.22	0.98 ±0.012	0.98 ±0.008	1.62 ±0.013	0.50 ±0.01	0.40 ±0.01	1.00 ±0.01	0.38 ±0.005	0.03 ±0.008
B5 ^b	B5a	0.27 ±0.0008	0.40 ±0.001	0.97 ±0.003	0.87 ±0.003	0.15 ±0.001	10.43 ±0.06	0.66 ±0.002	0.83 ±0.01	0.99 ±0.006	0.70 ±0.003	0.15 ±0.001	0.42 ±0.001	0.39 ±0.001	0.02 ±0.0001

a Expts listed in Table 8.3.b Thoracic-duct-cannulated rat.

Figure 8.8. Uptake of radioactivity in the spleen and cervical lymph nodes in the rat after injection of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19.



Figure 8.9. Blood kinetics of radioactivity and uptake in liver and muscle in the rat after injection of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19.



The injection of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 in two rats with indwelling cannulae in the thoracic duct resulted in radioactivity in the lymph very soon after injection. Part of this radioactivity was associated with the cell fraction in the lymph. In the first rat (Expt B4, Rat B4a), only two lymph fractions were collected over two hours (1 hr each fraction) after injection of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 and the cells were stained by immunofluorescence to check antibody binding to TDLs. The percentage fluorescence was 54.8% in fraction 1, 36.6% in fraction 2 and 64.9% in a positive control of lymph collected before Ab injection and stained with excess MRC OX-19 added in vitro. Fraction 1 contained 0.44±0.005 % ID/ml lymph and 0.04±0.001% ID was cell associated (\approx 10% of the radioactivity in the lymph). The corresponding values for fraction 2 were : 0.55±0.007%ID/ml; 0.06±0.001 cell associated. In the second rat, the collection of thoracic duct lymph continued until 12 hr after injection of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19. Twelve one-hourly fractions were obtained and the radioactivity in the lymph and that cell associated were measured in each (Table 8.9).

Table 8.9. Radioactivity in thoracic duct lymph after injection of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 in the rat (Expt B5, Rat B5a).

Lymph Fraction ^a	<u>%ID/ml</u>	%ID cell associated in 1 ml
1	0.51 ± 0.001	0.06±0.0003
2	0.55±0.001	0.05±0.0002
3	0.41 ± 0.001	0.03±0.0002
4	0.34±0.001	0.02±0.0002
5	0.32±0.0009	0.02±0.0002
6	0.30±0.0009	0.01±0.0002
7	0.25±0.0008	0.01±0.0001
8	0.26±0.0008	0.02±0.0002
9	0.21±0.0007	0.01±0.0001
10	0.19±0.0006	0.01±0.0001
11	0.22±0.0007	0.01±0.0001
12	0.21±0.0008	0.01±0.0001

a Time after Ab injection in hours.

The results of tissue sampling of the two cannulated rats are shown in Table 8.8 where a much lower uptake in the lymph nodes is noted in comparison to the intact animals due to depletion of T lymphocytes by drainage through the cannulated thoracic duct.

<u>8.3.5 Direct comparison of the in vivo distribution of ¹¹¹In after injection of</u> <u>labelled antibody or labelled lymphocytes</u>

A comparison was made of the distribution of intravenously injected ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 with the distribution of lymphocytes pre-labelled in vitro with ¹¹¹In tropolone and then injected intravenously. The cell population labelled with ¹¹¹In, ie lymph node lymphocytes, comprised 70-75% CD5-positive cells and the cells were labelled with a dose of ¹¹¹In well within the limits of radiotoxicity for lymphocytes and previously shown to permit normal migration of the labelled cells in vivo (Chisholm et al 1979). The dose of ¹¹¹In McAb chosen was 40 μ g/kg which was thought on the basis of earlier experiments to be sufficient for binding to a majority of CD5-positive cells, at least in the blood, without causing modulation of the glycoprotein from the cells. As a control, some animals were injected with the same dose of ¹¹¹In H17E2 (irrelevant) antibody. The results of the experiment are presented in Figure 8.10¹.

¹ For the experimental details see Table A8.6, Appendix, page 320.

Figure 8.10. Comparison of radioactivity distribution after injection of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19, ¹¹¹In tropolone labelled lymph node cells or ¹¹¹InH17E2 McAb in intact rats (sampling at 2 or 24 hr after injection).



The findings with the labelled lymphocytes were exactly what one would expect from the results of numerous lymphocyte migration studies carried out in rats using many different radionuclides, including ¹¹¹In : Lymphocytes localised rapidly in the spleen, more slowly in lymph nodes and there was a concomitant loss of labelled cells from the blood which reflected this progressive accumulation in and migration through the extravascular compartment of the lymphoid tissues. Injection of labelled MRC OX-19 antibody also resulted in localisation in the lymphoid tissues although the proportions of the injected ¹¹¹In found was less than was seen using cells pre-labelled in vitro. In contrast to the situation with labelled cells, in which almost all (90%) the radionuclide was and remained cell-associated, up to 70% of the ¹¹¹In found in the blood after injection of labelled antibody was in the plasma reflecting, presumably, an equilibrium between free and lymphocyte-bound antibody. The localisation of ¹¹¹In H17E2 (irrelevant) antibody was completely different : No localisation to lymphoid tissues, a substantial liver uptake and a high level of circulating antibody.

8.3.6 Scintillation camera imaging of rats injected with ¹¹¹In McAbs or cells

The animals used in the experiments described above were examined by scintillation camera early and up to 50 hours after injection. Whole body images taken soon (10-120 minutes) after injection of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 showed high localisation in the spleen and a substantial signal from the blood pool (Figure 8.11).

Figure 8.11. Static posterior view of rat B2a at 1 hr after injection of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19. High radioactivity is seen in the spleen (red area), liver and blood pool in the heart. Radioactivity is also seen in the area of the bladder due ot secretion of non-Ab bound ¹¹¹In DTPA.



By 24 hours after injection of either labelled MRC OX-19 or labelled lymphocytes, the superficial cervical lymph nodes and the mesenteric chain of lymph nodes could be clearly visualised (Figure 8.12).

Figure 8.12. Uptake in lymph nodes 24 hr after injection of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 (rat C1b), left panel, and ¹¹¹In tropolone lymph node cells (rat C1d), right panel.

Fig 8.12A. Anterior view of the head and neck showing uptake in the cervical lymph nodes.



Fig 8.12B. Anterior view of the abdomen showing uptake in the mesenteric lymph nodes.



Whole body images taken at 24 hours (Figure 8.13) showed splenic uptake in animals injected with either ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 or labelled cells and a rather high liver uptake in the animals injected with labelled McAb.

Figure 8.13. View of the posterior whole body 24 hr after injection of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 (rat C1b), left panel, and ¹¹¹In tropolone lymph node cells (rat C1d), right panel. Note the relatively high background and high liver uptake in the rat injected with McAb.



Images of animals injected with ¹¹¹In H17E2 demonstrated a gradually increasing localisation in the liver with a high blood pool persisting over 24 hours and no other tissue localisation.

8.3.7 Test of lymphocyte recirculation after labelling with ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 in vitro; the dual labelling experiment

In the first two experiments¹ where TDLs were labelled in vitro with ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 and injected into the same cannulated animal, radioactivity was detected in the lymph early after injection. Part of this radioactivity was cell associated.

In the third experiment, TDL double labelled (¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 and FITC) were followed in the lymph collected from the cannulated rats. Fluorescent

¹ See paragraph 8.2.11 and Footnote 1 page 135.

cells were detected in the lymph pointing to recirculation of the double labelled cells. The results of lymph and tissue sampling are shown in Table 8.10.

Table 8.10. Results of lymph and tissue sampling in the experimental group D (testing of lymphocyte recirculation after ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 labelling in vitro).

I. Lymph sampling

Expt D1, Rat D1a (2 hr after injection of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19-TDL)

Lymph fraction ^a	<u>Duration</u>	<u>%ID/ml</u>	<u>%ID/ml cell bound</u>	<u>IF</u> b
1 (1)	1hr	0.044±0.010	0.005 ± 0.0004	NDc
2 (2)	1hr	0.010 ± 0.0001	0.0024 ± 0.0007	ND

$\Delta \mu = 10^{-1} \Delta \mu = 10^{-1} $	Expt	D2, R	atD2a (24 hr a	after inj	ection of	f ¹¹¹ In	MRC	OX-19-	TDL
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Lymph_fraction ^a	<u>Duration</u>	<u>%ID/ml</u>	<u>%ID/ml cell bound</u>	<u>IF</u> b
1 (2)	2hr	0.094±0.003	0.002±0.0007	ND
2 (3)	1hr	0.113±0.003	0.005±0.0008	ND
3 (4)	1hr	0.073±0.002	0.007±0.0008	ND
4 (12)	8hr	0.023±0.001	0.004±0.0008	ND
5 (14)	2hr	0.030±0.001	0.007±0.0008	ND
6 (15)	1hr	0.033±0.001	0.007±0.0008	ND
7 (16)	1hr	0.032 ± 0.001	0.007±0.0008	ND
8 (17)	1hr	0.022±0.001	0.005±0.0008	ND
9 (18)	1hr	0.025±0.001	0.005±0.0007	ND
10 (19)	1hr	0.023±0.001	0.007±0.0008	ND
11 (20)	1hr	0.027±0.001	0.007±0.0008	ND
12 (21)	1hr	0.020 ± 0.001	0.007±0.0008	ND

Expt D3, Rat D3a (19 hr after injection of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19+FITC-TDL)

Lymph fraction ^a	<u>Duration</u>	%ID/ml	<u>%ID/ml cell bound</u>	<u>IF</u> ^b
1 (1)	1hr	0.073±0.001	0.002±0.0003	-ve
2 (2)	1hr	0.048 ± 0.0008	0.002±0.0003	-ve
3 (3)	1hr	0.045±0.0008	0.001±0.0003	-ve
4 (4)	1hr	0.073±0.001	0.002±0.0003	-ve
5 (5)	1hr	0.053±0.008	0.002±0.0003	-ve
6 (6)	1hr	0.038±0.0007	0.002±0.0003	+ve
7 (8)	2hr	0.051±0.0009	0.002±0.0003	+ve
8 (16)	8hr	0.025±0.0006	0.002±0.0003	+ve
9 (19)	1hr	0.019±0.0006	0.003 ± 0.0003	+ve

Expt D3, Rat D3b	(43 hr after i	<u>njection o</u>	<u>f ¹¹¹In MRC</u>	OX-19+FITC-TD	<u>L)</u>
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Lymph fraction ^a	<u>Duration</u>	<u>%ID/ml</u>	<u>%ID/ml cell bound</u>	<u>IF</u> b
1 (16)	16hr	0.005±0.0002	0.001±0.0001	+ve, 1%
2 (17)	1hr	0.006±0.0002	0.001±0.0001	+ve, 2%
3 (18)	1hr	0.006±0.0003	0.0007±0.0001	+ve, 2-3%
4 (19)	1hr	0.007±0.0003	0.0009±0.0001	+ve, 3%
5 (20)	1hr	0.005±0.0003	0.0008±0.0002	+ve, 2%
6 (22)	2hr	0.004±0.0003	0.001±0.0002	+ve, 1-2%
7 (24)	2hr	0.004±0.0003	0.001±0.0001	+ve, 5-6%
8 (26)	2hr	0.004±0.0002	0.0009±0.0001	+ve, 5%
9 (28)	2hr	0.004±0.0002	0.001±0.0001	+ve, 1-2%
10 (30)	2hr	0.003±0.0002	0.0007±0.0001	+ve, 1-2%
11 (32)	2hr	0.002±0.0001	0.0004±0.0001	+ve, 1%
12 (41)	9hr	0.003±0.0003	0.0006±0.0001	+ve, 1%
13 (43)	2hr	0.002±0.0001	0.0006±0.0001	+ve, 0.5%

a The numbers in brackets show the time after injection of the cells in hours.

b IF : Result of immunofluorescence testing (-ve : negative, +ve : positive).

c ND: Not done.

II. Tissue sampling

			%ID/g (ml)	······
	Expt D1	ExptD2	Expt	D3
Tissue	<u>Rat D1a</u>	<u>Rat D2a</u>	<u>Rat D3a</u>	Rat D3b
WB	0.51±0.003	0.03±0.001	0.05 ± 0.001	0.004±0.0005
Pl	0.70±0.004	0.04±0.002	0.062±0.001	0.007±0.0005
CLN	2.91±0.050	1.47±0.05	0.987±0.01	0.14 ± 0.002
MLN	3.70±0.037	0.78±0.019	0.595±0.009	ND
Thy	0.09±0.003	0.06±0.002	0.063±0.002	0.005±0.0008
Spl	3.35±0.014	6.85±0.833	9.55±0.065	1.07±0.007
Lung	26.45±0.085	0.48±0.005	1.29±0.010	0.10±0.003
Liver	1.22±0.009	1.99±0.008	1.29±0.007	0.33±0.002
Kid	3.08±0.007	1.02±0.004	0.61 ± 0.004	0.09±0.0006
PP	2.01±0.041	0.31±0.016	0.30±0.008	NDc
Int	0.17±0.017	0.05±0.006	0.023±0.002	ND
Tib+BM	1.58±0.009	0.21±0.002	0.924±0.006	ND
Tib	0.76±0.007	0.11±0.002	ND	ND
Muscle	0.03±0.002	0.006±0.001	0.005±0.0003	0.0008±0.0001

Early localisation of the cells was noted in the lungs in rat D1a. This lung uptake decreased at 24 hr and localisation in spleen and lymph nodes was observed in the other rats. Radioactivity in the lymph was noted in all animals and cell bound fraction ranged between 2-35%. Immunofluorescent cells in the lymph were mainly detected in the late fractions after 5 hours of the injection of the double labelled cells.

8.4 Discussion

8.4.1 Testing in vitro the immunoreactivity of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 antibody and its binding to blood and lymph node cells

MRC OX-19 was labelled with ¹¹¹In at a specific activity of 650 MBq/mg (18 mCi/mg). This was in agreement with earlier reports on antibody labelling using this method (Hnatowich et al 1982 & 1983). The antibody retained 50% of its immunoreactivity after purification and ¹¹¹In labelling, which was acceptable for use experimentally provided allowance for the non-reactive fraction be made in the interpretation of experimental data.

The binding of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 to blood and lymph node cells using similar lymphocyte numbers showed that 12-35% of the total antibody added was cell bound when Ab concentration was between 5X10³-10⁶ Ab/cell. This finding pointed to the useful range of antibody concentration for the purpose of radiolabelling T lymphocytes by ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19, ie between 5X10³-5X10⁴ Ab/lymphocyte.

8.4.2 In vivo tests

8.4.2.1 Studies using unlabelled antibodies; in vivo antibody binding and antigen modulation

Analysis of in vivo binding of monoclonal anti-CD5 antibody by indirect immunofluorescence established the following :

(1) Whether or not cells in different lymphoid compartments had bound the antibody,

(2) what proportion of the CD5-positive cells in any one compartment had bound the antibody,

(3) whether or not modulation, ie loss of the CD5 glycoprotein from the cells which bound the antibody had occurred and

(4) provided an estimate of the relative amounts of antibody bound per cell in different compartments by analysis of the intensity of fluorescence within the positive cell populations.

This strategy allowed a far more detailed analysis of in vivo binding of an anti-lymphocyte antibody than was possible using radiolabelled antibody and simply measuring the in-vivo distribution of the radionuclide. Using unlabelled antibody it was possible to identify by immunofluorescence a dose of antibody which gave good binding to lymphocytes, ie which bound to a high proportion of the cells in peripheral blood, spleen and lymph nodes, but which did not alter substantially the cell surface expression of the glycoprotein to which the antibody was directed. For the purpose of imaging lymphocytes, it was important that the antibody did not alter the function of the cells to which it bound. Cross-linking of cell surface glycoproteins on lymphocytes by antibodies could alter lymphocyte function in two ways : it could result in loss of function through loss of the molecule from the cell surface by exocytosis or internalisation, thus rendering the cell "invisible" for imaging purposes or, alternatively, it could activate the cell through delivery of a mitogenic signal (Clevers et al 1988). Modulation of CD3 glycoproteins from human peripheral blood lymphocytes regularly occurred following repeated injections of anti-human T cell McAbs to achieve reversal of transplant rejection (Russell et al 1984) but there had been little information on the likelihood of it occurring after a single imaging dose of antibody. Alternatively, cross-linking at the cell surface by antibody in vitro could activate the cell through delivery of a mitotic signal (Clevers et al 1988) although this would perhaps be less likely following in vivo administration of antibody. In the model presented in this thesis, a single dose of 400 μ g/kg of antibody was sufficient to cause modulation on a

majority of peripheral blood lymphocytes within two hours. The experimental system used made it possible to measure the binding of radiolabelled antibody by radioactive counting and by immunofluorescence as well as determine whether or not modulation of the CD5 glycoprotein had occurred by using a second non-cross-reacting antibody with specificity for the same cell population in the immunofluorescence analysis. A similar strategy should be employed in clinical imaging studies since modulation would profoundly alter the in-vivo distribution of radiolabelled antibody and complicate interpretation of any images obtained.

8.4.2.2 Studies using ¹¹¹In McAbs and ¹¹¹In tropolone labelled lymphocytes

Direct comparison of ¹¹¹In distribution following injection of labelled antilymphocyte antibody or pre-labelled lymphocytes using the ¹¹¹In tropolone technique identified similarities and differences in the results obtained using the two methods. The amount of McAb injected in these experiments was a dose previously determined in experiments using unlabelled antibody to result in binding in vivo without modulation. The amount of ¹¹¹In used to label the antibody or the cells was estimated to be within the safety limits¹ for radiation damage to lymphocytes (Goodwin and Meares 1985) whether the cell bound the radionuclide at the cell surface in vivo or internally after labelling of the cells in vitro. Both injection of labelled antibodies and cells resulted in clear scintillation camera images of lymphoid tissues, ie of the spleen and some lymph nodes. The degree of labelling of superficial lymph nodes achieved with either method generated signal to background ratios on the scintillation camera comparable to those obtained in mice after injection of an ¹¹¹In anti-mouse histocompatibility alloantigen McAb (Goodwin et al 1985).

¹ ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 radioactivity up to 0.5 milliBq (0.01pCi) per cell from estimates in blood and lymph, ¹¹¹In tropolone radioactivity : 3 milliBq (0.08pCi)/cell.

Quantitative analysis by radiation counting in tissues showed significantly greater accumulation of ¹¹¹In labelled cells than ¹¹¹In labelled McAb in lymph nodes. The kinetics of ¹¹¹In-tropolonate-labelled lymph node cells followed the normal pattern of migration of labelled lymphocytes reported previously (Chisholm et al 1979, Rannie et al 1977). This pattern (see Figure 8.10, page 154) was of early splenic localisation and gradual increase of lymph node uptake after injection of the labelled cells. The decrease of activity in the spleen between 2 and 24 hr indicated lymphocyte migration from this organ to lymph nodes. The difference in the distribution of radioactivity between antibody and labelled cells could therefore reflect a difference in which the radionuclide reached the tissues; whereas the presence of radionuclide in lymph nodes after injection of labelled cells could be unambiguously attributed to migration of the labelled cells from the blood into the tissues, localisation of the radionuclide following injection of labelled antibody could be a consequence either of antibody binding to cells in the blood followed by their migration to the tissues, or alternatively, it could result from antibody binding to cells in situ after its perfusion into the tissues. This experimental system could not distinguish between these two possibilities. It was an important point, however, since in imaging studies the former would furnish a measurement of lymphocyte migration whereas the latter would provide only a static image of lymphocyte distribution. Comparative studies using labelled IgM and IgG McAbs with specificities for the same lymphocyte population should clarify this issue since IgM but not IgG immunoglobulins remain confined to blood.

The second difference in the scintillation camera images and radionuclide distribution in tissues between injection of labelled anti-T-cell antibody or labelled cells was that there was a greater blood (plasma) pool of radioactivity both early and late (24 hr) after injection of antibody. The sensitivity of the labelled antibody system could perhaps be increased by injection of heterologous anti-Ig to clear the blood of unbound McAb immediately before scanning (Goodwin and Meares 1985) and this might allow detection of more deep-seated lymph nodes at an earlier time after injection of antibody.

8.4.2.3 Recirculation of in vitro ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 labelled cells after injection in vivo

The use of an independent cell label (fluorescein) to check whether autologous thoracic duct lymphocytes that had bound ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 in vitro recirculated back to lymph after intravenous injection gave support to the notion that lymphocytes kept their migratory capability after binding the antibody. In the experimental system used, however, the answer to the question of recirculation was given, essentially, as presence or absence of FITC labelled cells in the lymph and a rough estimate of their percentage therein by counting manually their number under a fluorescence microscope. The percentage was in the region of 0.5-6% and reflected most likely recirculation of lymphocytes that had bound the antibody in vitro. Although testing of the recirculation of lymphocytes that bound ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 showed some evidence of this happening in the rat, the funtional competence of these cells could not be ascertained in the experiments described. The functional testing would involve tracing of specific lymphocytes undergoing activation in a given condition, which would necessitate the use of another marker (other than CD5 present on all T cells) for cell detection. This condition was provided experimentally by the use of an anti-activated T cell monoclonal antibody in an allogeneic renal transplantation model described in detail in the next section.

8.4.3 Cellular and whole body dosimetric estimates; implications for use of a similar method in man

8.4.3.1 Microdosimetry of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19

The radiation damage to lymphocytes by emissions from ¹¹¹In is mediated almost exclusively through damage to the DNA inside the nucleus (Anderson et al 1974, Sprent et al 1974). The efficiency of the transfer of energy from radioactive decay products to the genetic material varies enormously depending on the range, energy and location of the emissions. ¹¹¹In emits about 345 Auger-type electrons of various energies when any of its unstable nuclei disintigrates (Sastry and Rao 1984, Rao et al 1988). About 30% of these have an effective range (the distance over which most of the energy is dissipated) of 0.2 μ m and if located in the cytoplasm can act only at the periphery of a 3.5 µm-diameter-lymphocyte nucleus. Five percent have a range of more than about 6 µm and can thus have an effect from anywhere in the cell or even from the cell surface. Sixty-seven percent have an energy of 600 eV and range of only 25 nm and can have very localised effects. It has been calculated (for cells slightly larger than lymphocytes) that the values of absorbed fractions, the ratio of energy absorbed in the nucleus to that emitted either in the nucleus or in the cytoplasm, vary over a range of 25 : 1 (Sastry et al 1987). Deposition of only a few hundred electron volts in the DNA of a cell is very likely to produce double strand breaks that lead to inactivation of the cell (Charlton 1987). The very low energy particles constituting the largest proportion of the spectrum of ¹¹¹In may therefore be extremely disruptive when emitted close to the nucleus. They have negligible effect, however, if produced even a few tens of nanometers away from the nucleus. Thus, for any attempt at calculating the microdosimetry of the radionuclide, it is essential to have an exact map of the localisation of the indium atoms in the nucleus and in the vicinity of the DNA.

The amount of damage due to loading the cells with indium labelled carrier is therefore dependent on the extent to which it is localised in the cell surface, cytoplasm or nucleus (Makrigiorgos et al 1989). As a rough guide, bearing in mind the difficulty of assessing the actual dose, the relative biological effectiveness (a measure of relative damage or relative effective dose) may be used as a proxy for cell damage. Since RBEs of 4.3 and 2 have been reported for ¹¹¹In oxine (80% nuclear) and ¹¹¹In citrate (30% nuclear) respectively (Sastry et al 1987), it would be expected that the radiation effect will be diminished even more in the case of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 (cell surface and probably low cytoplasmic localisation) compared to ¹¹¹In oxine and citrate. In order to measure the cell damage (and thus give a rough indication of dose to the cell in conventional terms) a cell survival curve for each radiopharmaceutical loading the cell could be established.

8.4.3.2 Whole body dosimetry using ¹¹¹In anti-T cell antibody in man based on ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 data in the rat

Estimation of whole body dosimetry from the use of an ¹¹¹In anti-T cell McAb in man was attempted depending on the biolocalisation data of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 in the rat. This calculation was based on two assumptions :

The first considered the relative masses of organs to whole body mass to be same in the rat and man. This assumption was tested to be valid (especially for blood, spleen, lymph nodes, liver, lung and muscles) by referring to values of organ masses in man (ICRP 1975, Williams and Leggett 1989) and in the rat (Palou et al 1983, Smith and Ford 1983).

The second assumption was that the distribution of the putative ¹¹¹In anti-T cell McAb among different organs in the human would follow the pattern of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 in the rat after intravenous injection. The validity of this assumption was supported by the similarity in relative organ weights of

man and rat mentioned above and the similarity in the kinetics of ¹¹¹In labelled McAbs in the man and the rat in broad terms (blood clearance, localisation in liver, low excretion in the urine, etc).

Thus, based on the rat data for uptake and time course of localisation of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 in rat organs, a prediction could be made of the approximate dosimetry in human. The rat data showed highest uptake in the bone (equivalent to a maximum of 15% of the administered dose), liver (13%) spleen (8%) and Kidney (3%). The kinetics of ¹¹¹In indicated a maximum uptake within the first day with a long retention. Calculations of the effective dose equivalent, based on a worst case model considering instant uptake, infinite retention and complete decay inside the organ, were carried out for all the standard organs of interest (Snyder et al 1975). The results gave an effective dose equivalent of 0.2 mSv/MBg administered dose¹. Most of the contribution to the total dose equivalent came from the spleen (65%), liver (18%) and kidney (15%) and little dose was associated with the bone marrow or gonads. The lymph nodes received a dose of about 20 μ Gy/MBq administered dose. The value found for the effective dose equivalent may be compared to figures published for ¹¹¹In labelled leucocytes, lymphocytes and platelets of about 0.65 mSv/MBq (Johansson 1984).

8.4.4 Summary

The ¹¹¹In anti-T lymphocyte antibody can be used to image lymphoid tissues by scintillation camera. Modulation, caused by antibody binding to the lymphocyte surface molecule for which it is specific within hours of a single injection, has identified a limitation on the amount of antibody which can be bound to the cell surface in vivo for imaging purposes. Nevertheless, a dose of antibody has been found which binds to lymphocytes in vivo without modulation and which is sufficient to enable external imaging of

¹ For details see Table A8.7, Appendix page 320.

lymphoid tissues by scintillation camera. It should prove possible to raise the threshold dose at which modulation occurs by using fragments of antibody; this would also result in a more selective localisation within lymphoid tissues (Houston et al 1980) and, hence, better external images.

As well as measuring in vivo binding by radionuclide distribution and immunofluorescence analysis, the use of immunocytochemistry has identified exactly areas where the antibody has bound within lymph nodes and spleen. This confirmed that the anti-CD5 antibody localised selectively within the T-dependent areas of lymphoid tissues. The method should therefore enable in vivo localisation of antibodies directed against different lymphocyte subpopulations at the level of the lymphoid tissue microenvironment.

Finally, the experimental work presented in this study cannot directly compare the degree of radiation damage incurred on the cells by either of the two radiolabelling methods used : ¹¹¹In anti-lymphocyte McAb or ¹¹¹In tropolone in-vitro labelling. This makes judgement on the advantage of using one of the techniques rather than the other in terms of its relative innocuity and less damaging radiation effect hard to reach especially that function at the cellular level should be considered for this decision. However, the notion that antibodies bind to the cell surface, thereby rendering the nucleus less exposed to very short range Auger electrons of ¹¹¹In decay, would put radiolabelled antibodies in a better position than cell labelling with the lipophilic chelates in this respect. This could be amenable to study in a system where functional end-points as well as morphological changes, both cellular and at the DNA level, are tested after exposure of lymphocytes to different labelling agents including radiolabelled monoclonal antibodies.

Chapter 9:

Radiolabelling Human T or B Lymphocytes with ¹¹¹In Monoclonal Antibodies

In Vitro Tests and Implications for Use in Vivo

9.1 Introduction

The rationale for in vivo use of radiolabelled monoclonal antibodies for cell labelling has been discussed previously¹. For achieving this aim, background knowledge from experimental models such as that presented in the previous chapter and from in vitro tests of candidate antibodies is important to predict to some extent usefulness and practicability of in-vivo antibody use in man.

This chapter provides an active argument for the choice of antibody for lymphocyte targeting. Examples of in vitro tests employing T or B lymphocyte surrogates for testing the binding of anti-lymphocyte antibodies to cells and the implications of the findings for in vivo imaging of lymphocytes or radiotargeting tumours especially leukaemia and lymphoma are presented.

9.2 Anti-human lymphocyte monoclonal antibodies; reactivity, availability and previous experience in their use in vitro and in vivo

9.2.1 Antibody reactivity

Since the introduction of the monoclonal antibody technology, the number of anti-human lymphocyte McAbs has been increasing steadily. Various reactivities of the antibodies with normal and leukaemic/lymphomatous

¹ See Aims and Objectives page 25 and Chapter 8 page 116.

lymphocytes have been reported and the specificity of such antibodies defined by various techniques including immunofluorescence, immunochemistry and radiobinding assays. The choice of an antibody for a specific purpose such as in vitro tests or in vivo use will depend in the first instance on its reactivity and range of cross-reactivity with cells and tissues. Accordingly, the planning of in vivo use of anti-lymphocyte specific McAbs would necessitate a strict identification of a number of antibodies that make suitable candidates which bind to normal lymphocytes, leukaemic or lymphomatous cells and do not cross-react with other cells or tissues. This situation is akin to that encountered in the case of anti-tumour-associatedantigen McAbs for the specific targeting of tumours.

Also, the effect of antibody binding on the cell in vivo is a factor to consider, especially that various preparations of antibodies bearing the same specificity can show different effects after binding. These effects have been shown to belong to one or a combination of the following four phenomena : no effect observed, cell activation or antigen modulation, complement activation and cell lysis, and the triggering of antibody-dependent cellmediated cytotoxicity (ADCC).

Although each antibody preparation should be tested separately for these effects, knowledge of antibody origin (mouse, rat or human), class (IgG, IgM etc), subclass (IgG₁, IgG_{2a}) and whether used as whole antibody or fragments ($F(ab')_2$, Fab') would orientate towards the most likely effect to occur. For example, the anti-lymphocyte McAb CAMPATH-1G which is a rat IgG_{2b} has been shown to cause depletion of human T lymphocytes by ADCC, while IgM and IgG_{2a} which are McAbs of the same specificity cause cell depletion by complement activation (Dyer et al 1989). These antibodies (CAMPATH-1M) have been used in vitro to deplete T lymphocytes in bone marrow. Other antibodies show modulation of the surface molecule that they bind to (see previous chapter, Chatenoud et al 1982).

In general, the use of antibody fragments in targeting cells has resulted in partial or total loss of antibody effector functions by deleting reactions that necessitate Fc portion mediation such as complement activation or ADCC, or by avoiding receptor cross-linkage in the case of using monomeric Ab fragments (Fab') (Sedlacek et al 1983).

Finally, the effect of the radiolabel on antibody kinetics in the body and on the cell it binds to, would decide whether in vivo use of the radiolabelled antibody is worthwhile. This is important especially when imaging is concerned as the non-invasive nature of the procedure as well as the obtention of a high target to background ratio are among the conditions required for such use.

9.2.2 Antibody availability

This is a factor which should not be overlooked when planning the use of anti-lymphocyte antibodies in vivo having decided upon the suitable antibody for the purpose of the study. Ample and reasonably priced supply is necessary and stringent quality control tests of the preparation in terms of sterility and apyrogenicity etc should be performed.

<u>9.2.3 In vitro and in vivo use of anti-human lymphocyte monoclonal</u> antibodies in the medical and scientific literature

9.2.3.1 In vitro use of anti-human lymphocyte McAbs

Presently, it is rare to find scientific articles dealing with lymphocytes without the mention of anti-lymphocyte McAbs and the molecules they recognise in these cells. In clinical practice, the identification of structures using monoclonal antibodies has been applied in the classification of lymphocytes and leucocytes in general for the purpose of leukaemia/lymphoma phenotyping and in patients infected with HIV to follow progression of the disease (value of T4, CD4, cell number in blood).

9.2.3.2 In vivo use of anti-human lymphocyte McAbs

In vivo administration of anti-lymphocyte antibodies has been used in different situations. Unlabelled anti-lymphocyte antibodies have been injected intravenously in patients affected with leukaemia to target the malignant cells (Dyer et al 1989). Also, anti-T cell McAbs have been used to reverse organ transplant rejection (Thistlethwaite et al 1984) and in the treatment of aplastic anaemia (Doney et al 1985). In the management of systemic autoimmune disease such as intensive rheumatoid arthritis and multiple sclerosis, anti-T cell monoclonal antibodies have caused immunosuppression in the patients receiving them and improvement of the clinical condition of the arthritic patients for variable lengths of time (Herzog et al 1987, Hafler et al 1988).

Radiolabelled anti-lymphocyte McAbs have also been used experimentally and clinically for imaging and treatment of lymphoid malignancies.

Few reports examined the use of an anti-T cell McAb; T101 (Roysten et al 1980) for imaging and treatment of cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (CTCL). For scintillation camera imaging, ¹³¹I or ¹¹¹In radiolabelled T101 was injected intravenously or subcutaneously at various doses in the patients studied. Areas of skin involvement and especially lymph nodes affected by lymphoma could be visualised clearly on the images taken 1, 3 & 6 days after injection of the labelled antibody (Bunn et al 1984, Carrasquillo et al 1986, Keenan et al 1987, Rosen et al 1987, Zimmer et al 1988). For imaging purposes, the ¹¹¹In labelled T101 was found superior to ¹³¹I T101 in localising tumour as reported by Carrasquillo et al 1987.

Therapy of CTCL and CLL using the T101 McAb has also been tried. An early study used unconjugated T101 (Dillman et al 1984) and documented a transient beneficial effect of antibody infusion on the clinical condition. Antigen modulation and the production of endogenous anti-mouse antibodies were also observed after in vivo use of T101 McAb in that study. Subsequently, various conjugates (radionuclides, cytotoxic drugs, etc) of the T101 McAb have been tried for the treatment of T cell malignancies and recently for depletion of T cells from bone marrow grafts (Laurent et al 1989). In vitro studies using T101 conjugated with radionuclides, toxins or both (Boven et al 1986, Dillman et al 1986, Buchsbaum et al 1987) pointed to an enhanced killing effect on leukaemic cell lines expressing the antigen recognised by the T101 McAb (CD5).

The response of CTCL to radioimmunotherapy using ¹³¹I T101 (Rosen et al 1987, Zimmer et al 1988) was favourable in some patients and its duration ranged from 3 weeks to 3 months. Again, problems associated with this treatment in relation to the generation of human anti-mouse antibodies were observed despite the performance of plasmapheresis to reduce Ab levels in plasma in some of the patients studied.

Targeting malignant B cells has also been tried using radiolabelled anti-B cell McAbs. Experimentally, ⁶⁷Cu-labelled Lym-1 McAb has been found to localise significantly in tumour xenografts of RAJI cells¹ grown in nude mice (Deshpande et al 1988). B cells in Burkitt's lymphoma patients have been targeted using ¹³¹I Lym-1 McAb (De Nardo et al 1986). These workers reported partial remission in a majority of patients treated using a fractionated-dose or a maximum-tolerated-dose protocol. Also, ¹³¹I anti-CD7 McAb was used in a high dose regime for treating lymphoma (Bernstein et

¹ malignant human B cells expressing the Class II major histocompatibility complex molecules.

al 1990) and the use of ⁹⁰Y anti-idiotype monoclonal antibodies was tried with some success in patients with B cell malignancies (Parker et al 1990).

<u>9.3 In vitro experiments for testing ¹¹¹In labelled two anti-human</u> <u>lymphocyte (T or B) monoclonal antibodies</u>

9.3.1 Aim and experimental setting

Experiments were conducted in order to establish an optimal in vitro approach for testing reactions of two radiolabelled anti-T & B cell McAbs with lymphocytes including antibody binding and its range. Also, measurement of the relevant parameters of these reactions such as the antibody binding constant and Ab elution in an antibody free medium were performed. The possibility of the antibodies affecting the cells was tested in terms of the antibody causing antigen modulation or internalisation and the radiolabel-antibody entity altering induced cell proliferation in vitro.

Technically, there was a need for a readily available source of cellular antigen to conduct the various in-vitro tests. For in human, the main source of lymphocytes for testing purposes would be peripheral blood providing a limited number of cells. An alternative way of getting high yields of cellular antigen was to grow suitable lymphocyte cell lines (see below) and use them in the tests performed in vitro along with experiments on peripheral blood mononuclear cells.

9.3.2 Materials and Methods

9.3.2.1 Monoclonal antibodies

UCHT2 (Pan T) recognises a 67 kDa protein on T lymphocytes present on more than 95% of circulating human peripheral T cells, on 5-10% B cells and on cells of B-cell chronic lymphocytic leukaemia. It is an IgG₁ mouse immunoglobulin, CD5 in the IUIS/WHO cluster nomenclature (Beverley and Callard 1981, McMichael et al 1987).

WR-17 (Pan B) recognises a 40-45 kDa glycoprotein antigen designated as representative of the CD37 cluster of anti-Pan B lymphocyte McAbs. It is a murine IgG_{2a} and reacts with all peripheral blood human B cells (Moore et al 1987, McMichael et al 1987).

Both antibodies were kindly provided free of charge by Unipath-Oxoid, Basingstoke-UK, purified in PBS buffer, pH 7.4 and were kept at 4°C.

The antibodies were radiolabelled with indium-111 using the doublechelating agent DTPA method¹. The specific activity obtained after labelling was between 260-550 MBq/mg (7-15 mCi/mg). ¹¹¹In labelled McAbs were stored in PBS, pH 7.4. They were sterile and apyrogenic².

Immunoreactivity of each McAb was tested in a radiobinding assay using the appropriate lymphoid cell line for each antibody (see below) in similar conditions to the assay reported for ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 antibody (see page 121)³, ie incubation for 2 hr at 37°C and cells washed twice before counting radioactivity.

9.3.2.2 Lymphoid cell lines and whole blood⁴

T cell lines : Two T cell lines, MOLT4 a common thymocyte cell line and HPB ALL a mature thymocyte cell line, were used for testing the McAbs (Ferrero and Rovera 1984). Both T cell lines expressed the molecule

¹ For details on the method, see Chapter 5 page 49. For experimental details, see Tables A9.1, A9.2, A9.3, A9.4, A9.5 and A9.6, Appendix, pp321-325.

² Sterility testing was performed by the Quality Assurance Unit, Pharmacy Dept, Hammersmith Hospital, London, England.

³ See Table A9.7, Figure A9.1, Table A9.8, Figure A 9.2, Table A9.9, Figure A 9.3, Appendix, pp325-328 for experimental details.

⁴ Handling of the cell lines and blood was done under aseptic conditions in a laminar air flow cabinet (Medical Air Technology Ltd, England) Immunology Dept, RPMS.

recognised by UCHT2 (CD5) and some markers of the T cell lineage¹ (McMichael et al 1987).

The B cell line EBV PGF, an Epstein-Barr-virus transformed B cell line², was also used for in vitro testing of the antibodies. This cell line was positive for CD37 (60%) and negative for CD5 (<5%) and E-rosetting (CD2).

All three cell lines were grown in RPMI 1640 medium containing 10% foetal calf serum (FCS). They were incubated in an atmosphere of CO_2 in air at 37°C.

Whole blood from normal volunteers was anticoagulated in acid-citratedextrose (ACD) NIH formula A BP (1 part ACD to 6 parts blood). Alternatively, defibrinated blood was used.

9.3.2.3 Indirect immunofluorescence of the two anti-lymphocyte McAbs with the lymphoid cell lines

Cells from each lymphoid cell line (see above) were adjusted to 10^7 cell/ml in Tris buffered salt solution (Favour 1964) containing 1% FCS (Tris BSS 1% FCS). To aliquots of 100 µl cell suspension (10⁶ cells), the McAb (Pan T or B) was added in 25 µl aliquots in decreasing concentrations : 2 µg/ml (10⁶Ab/cell), 200 ng/ml (10⁵ Ab/cell) or 20 ng/ml (10⁴ Ab/cell) in LP3 tubes. Negative control tubes containing no Ab were also prepared. Two similar sets of tubes were obtained. The first set was incubated for 3 hr at 4°C and the other at 37°C. Then, the cells were washed 3 times in Tris BSS 1% FCS in the cold (4°C) and the cell pellet incubated for 1 hr at 4°C with 50 µl 1/10 dilution in PBS of rabbit anti-mouse immunoglobulin fluorescein

¹ MOLT4 was tested by indirect immunofluorescence for binding to H17E2 (-ve control McAb) : 0.50%, CD3 :0.52%, CD5 : 98.53%, CD4 : 52.37%. It was positive for E-rosetting. HPB ALL testing gave : H17E2 : 0.53%, CD3 : 78.25%, CD5 : 91.50%, CD4 : 99.25%, E-rosetting : +ve.

² Dr S Man, Immunology Dept, RPMS, personal communication.
conjugated¹ (RAM-FITC). Washing was repeated 3 times as above and the cells were examined immediately under a UV microscope².

9.3.2.4 Radioimmunoassay of ¹¹¹In Pan T or ¹¹¹In Pan B with the lymphoid cell lines

Binding of ¹¹¹In Pan T (or ¹¹¹In Pan B) to the lymphoid cell lines was tested in 10 ml plastic centrifuge tubes containing 10⁷ lymphoid cells³ in 5 ml (2X10⁶ cell/ml) in Tris BSS 1% FCS. ¹¹¹In labelled antibodies, diluted in PBS, were added in 100 µl volume. The concentration of antibody ranged between 0.05 ng-5 µg McAb/ml⁴. The tubes were sealed with parafilm then, they were placed on a rotating disk with gentle continuous mixing for 2 hr at 37°C. At the end of incubation time, 3 aliquots of 1 ml volume of the cell suspension were taken from each tube and transferred to LP3 tubes. The first was considered a standard. The cells in the other two tubes were washed 3 times in Tris BSS 1% FCS in the cold, then they were counted for ¹¹¹In in a gamma well counter. This provided a direct comparison of the radioactive count-rate cell-bound to the total count-rate present in the cell suspension (count-rate in the standard). The 2 ml volume left was used for cell viability testing and for performing other procedures as necessary (immunocytochemistry staining or autoradiography).

Another set of tubes was prepared similarly to above and unlabelled antibody (Pan T or Pan B) was added at a 100-time excess over the labelled antibody to measure non-specific binding.

¹ Dako-Denmark.

² Dialux 20, Leitz, Wetzlar, Germany.

³ Cell viability was >95% by trypan blue exclusion.

⁴ 0.05 ng : 10^2 Ab/cell, 0.5 ng : 10^3 Ab/cell, 5 ng : 10^4 Ab/cell, 50 ng : 10^5 Ab/cell, 500 ng : 10^6 Ab/cell, 5 µg : 10^7 Ab/cell.

9.3.2.5 Monitoring the fate of cell bound ¹¹¹In Pan T or ¹¹¹In Pan B; binding parameter measurement (binding constant, Ab elution & internalisation)

A) Antibody binding constants

The experiments performed to measure the binding parameter of each of the anti-lymphocyte monoclonal antibodies described above, ie UCHT2 and WR-17, were done following the method of Mason and Williams (1986).

Accordingly, the affinity of the interaction between the McAb and its cellular antigen was considered to follow Equation 9.1 :

Equilibration Constant Keq $(M^{-1}) = \underbrace{K+1}_{K-1} = \underbrace{[Ab-Ag]}_{[Ab]. [Ag]}$ Eq 9.1

Where : K+1 : The antibody association constant (M⁻¹s).
K-1 : The antibody dissociation constant (s⁻¹).
[Ab-Ag] : The concentration of bound Ab or Ag (M).
[Ab] : The concentration of free antibody.
[Ag] : The concentration of free antigen.

The association rate constant K+1 was calculated by measuring the initial rate of antibody binding when cells $(2X10^6/ml)$ and ¹¹¹In labelled McAb $(10^5 \text{ or } 5X10^4 \text{ Ab/cell})$ were incubated together for various intervals of time (1-6 min) at 37°C in Tris BSS 1% FCS. The fraction of radioactivity which had reacted at time t was experimentally determined and K+1 was calculated from Equation 9.2 :

$$K+1 = \frac{Fraction of Ab binding}{[Ag].t} Eq 9.2$$

The antibody dissociation constant K-1 was measured in an experiment involving firstly incubation of the lymphoid cells $(2X10^6/ml)$ with the ¹¹¹In labelled McAb (Pan T or Pan B) at 10^5 or $5X10^4$ Ab/cell for 2 hr at 37° C. Unlabelled antibody (same as the radiolabelled Ab used in the first part) was

added in a large excess (X1000 times) over the radiolabelled Ab and the percentage radioactivity cell associated was measured over time. The values of the relative cell associated activity versus time were plotted on semilog graph paper and the dissociation rate was calculated from the $t_{1/2}$ of the curve, Equation 9.3

$$K-1 = 0.693 Eq 9.3$$

 $t_{1/2}$

The equilibrium constant was calculated from Equation 9.1 after substitution of the values of K+1 and K-1 obtained from Eq 9.2 and 9.3 above.

B) Antibody elution :

This experiment, based on a report by Matzku et al 1986, was performed to give an idea on the rate of loss of cell bound antibody after initial incubation at an antibody concentration giving optimal cell binding (highest Bound/Total ratio) once the cells were resuspended in antibody free medium.

The experimental setting was the same as that used in the radioimmunoassay described above (Paragraph 9.3.2.4, page 117). The cells from the HPB ALL or the EBV PGF cell line were incubated in 10-ml-centrifuge tubes with ¹¹¹In Pan T or ¹¹¹In Pan B, respectively at 5X10⁴ Ab/cell for 2 hr at 37 °C with gentle intermittent mixing. Afterwards, 3 aliquots of 0.5 ml were collected (1 standard), the cells were washed in 2 aliquots and the radioactivity in all three tubes counted. The rest of the cell suspension was washed 3 times in Tris BSS 1% FCS, resuspended in 3.5 ml fresh medium and re-incubated at 37 °C with mixing. At different time points, three 200 µl aliquots were collected (1 Std) and ¹¹¹In radioactivity in the supernatant and that cell bound (after 2 washes) were determined. The count-rates obtained showed antibody elution as a decrease in cell bound radioactivity with a concomitant increase in the count-rate in the supernatant.

C) Antibody internalisation (Matzku et al 1986)

The same setting described in the radioimmunoassay of ¹¹¹In Pan T & Pan B was used (see Paragraph 9.3.2.4, page 117). Suspensions of cells in centrifuge tubes were left to incubate with ¹¹¹In Pan T or ¹¹¹In Pan B at a concentration of 25 ng/ml (5X10⁴ Ab/cell) at 37 °C with gentle intermittent mixing. Three aliquots (200µl each) were collected at various time points (1 Std) in LP3 tubes. The cells in 2 aliquots were washed twice in Tris BSS 1% FCS and the final pellet resuspended in 1 ml glycin buffer pH 2.8 for 20 minutes at room temperature (this caused dissociation of surface bound Ab). Meanwhile, ¹¹¹In radioactivity in the suspension was counted, then the cells were washed twice as before and the radioactivity measured again. The latter count indicated the amount of radioactivity internalised within the cells.

9.3.2.6 Radioimmunoassays of ¹¹¹In Pan T and ¹¹¹In Pan B versus whole blood

The experimental setting used to test binding of ¹¹¹In McAbs (Pan T or Pan B) to the cells and the corresponding lymphocyte subset in blood involved two parts :

The first included addition of the ¹¹¹In McAb (Pan T or B), diluted in 100 µl PBS in increasing concentrations, to 5 ml ACD anticoagulated whole blood in 10 ml centrifuge tubes. The tubes were sealed and left to incubate for 2 hr at 37°C with gentle mixing on a rotating disk. At the end of incubation time, 1 ml ACD-blood was taken from each tube and transferred to a counting vial. A volume of 1.5 ml ACD-blood was centrifuged at 1500 g for

10 minutes and a volume of plasma equal to (1-Hct) ml¹ was obtained and counted for ¹¹¹In radioactivity. Data from these samples gave information on the ratio of cell bound to total radioactivity present in the same volume of blood. Non-specific binding was allowed for by preparing a similar set of tubes containing 100-time excess of unlabelled antibody to the ¹¹¹In McAb added.

The second part of the experiment included isolating T and B lymphocytes from the volume of blood left after the first part (2.5 ml) and measuring ¹¹¹In radioactivity associated with each cell type.

Density gradient centrifugation on Lymphoprep² was used. Blood was diluted 1:1 in normal saline, then it was carefully layered on 4 ml of Lymphoprep in a 10 ml centrifuge tube. The tubes were centrifuged at 100 g for 25 minutes and the lymphocyte + the monocytes (LM) were collected at the interface Lymphoprep-blood. The LM were washed twice in the cold in physiologic saline (150 g for 7 min) and then they were resuspended in 1-1.5 ml physiological saline. Cell counts were obtained and an aliquot of known volume (300µl) was left for radioactive counting. Using AET³-treated sheep erythrocytes (SRBC), the remainder cells were rosetted for 1 hr at 4°C (Kaplan & Clark 1974). The rosettes were separated from non-rosetted cells using density gradient separation on Lymphoprep as above. Each cell population (T or B cells) was collected separately, washed in the cold and resuspended in 0.5-1ml saline. The number of cells was measured and ¹¹¹In radioactivity in a known volume counted. From the counts obtained and after correction from the number of cells in the counted samples to the

¹ Volume of plasma contained in 1 ml ACD-blood, the haematocrit was measured as part of a full blood count performed at the beginning of the experiment.

² Lymphoprep, Nyegaard Norway.

³ AET : 2-aminoethylisothiouronium bromide, Sigma, England. AET 40 mg/ml pH 9.0, 1 vol packed SRBC was added to 4 vols of AET solution, incubated for 15 min at 37°C. The cells were washed 3 times in saline and a 1% suspension was prepared. A volume of 0.1 ml AET-treated SRBC was added to 0.05 ml FCS and 0.05 ml of lymphocyte suspension. The mixture was centrifuged at 150 g for 5 min and allowed to stand for 1 hr at 4°C.

number present in 1 ml whole blood¹, radioactivity bound to T or B lymphocytes was estimated.

9.3.2.7 Testing the effect of ¹¹¹In Pan T and ¹¹¹In Pan B on mitogen induced cell proliferation

A whole blood culture technique was used (Pauly et al 1973). Two 96-well microtiter plates² were prepared for testing each ¹¹¹In McAb. Total reactant volume in each well was 200 µl. Defibrinated blood was added to give approximately 5X10⁴ cells of the relevant cell population (T or B) per well³. Each plate was divided into four parts, each containing 3 columns of wells as seen in Figure 9.1.

Figure 9.1. Setting of the microtiter plate for the testing of mitogen induced cell proliferation in whole blood in the presence of ¹¹¹In Pan T or Pan B, unlabelled Pan T or Pan B, HMFG2 or medium alone.



¹ The ratio of T cells to all lymphocytes in blood was assumed to be 64% and for B cells 17.2% (Geigy Scientific Tables 1984).

² Falcon, USA. U-shaped wells.

³ A full blood count was obtained for the defibrinated blood at the start of the experiment. T cell percentage of total lymphocytes was considered 64% and B cell percentage 17.2%.

To the first part, ¹¹¹In Pan T or ¹¹¹In Pan B in PBS was added in triplicate to the wells of the first row at a concentration of 5×10^5 antibody/cell and in decreasing doubling dilutions to the next row and so on until the last row in the plate was reached. To the second part, the unlabelled Pan T or Pan B McAb was added in the same concentrations as the labelled McAbs and to the third part same antibody concentration as parts 1 & 2 of an irrelevant unlabelled antibody HMFG2 reacting with milk fat globules and no reactivity with blood cells (Taylor-Papadimitriou et al 1981). No antibody was added to the last part. The plates were left to incubate for 2 hr at 37°C in 5% CO₂ in air then the mitogen was added to the wells as follows :

1) In order to test the effect of ¹¹¹In Pan T, concanavalin A (Con A)¹ was added to all wells in one plate only (the other plate was left as control) at a concentration of 60 μ g/ml. The plates were left to incubate (37°C, 5% CO₂ in air for 3 days), then [³H] thymidine² was added at 1 μ Ci/well and the plates were left to incubate for a further 24 hr period before the cells were harvested.

2) To test the effect of ¹¹¹In Pan B, lipopolysaccharides (LPS)³ from Escherichia coli 0111:B4 were added to all wells in one plate (the other was left as control) at a concentration of 15 μ g/ml (Miller et al 1978, Smith et al 1979b). The plates were left to incubate overnight. Afterwards, pokeweed mitogen (PWM)⁴ was added to the wells of the LPS stimulated plate at a concentration of 75 μ g/ml and the plates were left to incubate for 5 days (Ault and Towle 1981). ³H-thymidine was added to the plates at 1 μ Ci/well. They were then left to incubate for another 24 hr before the cells were harvested.

¹ Lectin from Canavalia Ensiformis, Lot No : 85F8875, Sigma, England.

² Amersham International, England.

³ Lot No. 57F-8845, Sigma , England.

⁴ Lectin from Phytolacca Americana, Lot No 96F-9675, Sigma, England.

At the end of the incubation with ³H-thymidine all plates were treated as follows : The red blood cells were lysed in 3% acetic acid and the remaining leucocytes were harvested using a semi-automatic cell harvester¹ on glassfiber paper². The resulting paper discs were bleached with hydrogen peroxide, dipped in a vial containing liquid scintillation cocktail³ and counted in a beta liquid scintillation counter⁴.

9.3.3 Results of in vitro experiments

9.3.3.1 Binding of Pan T and Pan B to the lymphoid cell lines tested by indirect immunofluorescence; the effect of temperature

Indirect immunofluorescence of Pan T and Pan B McAbs versus the 3 cell lines tested : EBV PGF, MOLT4 and HPB ALL showed specific binding of Pan T to the T cell lines MOLT4 & HPB ALL and the Pan B to the EBV PGF B-cell line. The results of incubation at 4°C and 37°C were concordant in terms of number of positive cells stained and intensity of fluorescence⁵. However, the pattern of fluorescence showed some difference : diffuse pattern around the cells using both McAbs at 4°C and diffuse with discrete dots of fluorescence after incubation with the antibodies at 37°C. This effect was more pronounced using Pan T, in which case some cells displayed total capping of the fluorescence in one discrete dot in one pole of the cell.

¹ Skatron, Norway.

² Whatman, England.

³ ASC, Amersham International, UK.

⁴ LKB-Wallace, Sweden.

⁵ Immunofluorescence of the T cell-lines stained with UCHT2 was >95% and the B-cell line with WR-17 >90%. Fluorescence intensity ranged from weak positive, positive, to strong positive (arbitrary score).

9.3.3.2 Radioimmunoassays of ¹¹¹In Pan T and ¹¹¹In Pan B to the lymphoid cell lines and whole blood

The radioimmunoassays of ¹¹¹In Pan T and ¹¹¹In Pan B versus the 3 lymphoid cell lines showed specific binding of ¹¹¹In Pan T to the T cell lines (binding to the B cell line <1% at all Ab concentrations used) and specific binding of ¹¹¹In Pan B to the B cell line (binding to the T cell lines <1% at all Ab concentrations used). These results confirmed previous reports on the characterisation of the two McAbs (McMichael et al 1987).

Results of the radioimmunoassay of ¹¹¹In Pan T versus the T cell line HPB ALL & MOLT4 and ¹¹¹In Pan B versus the B cell line PGF are shown in Figure 9.2 and 9.3 respectively¹.

Figure 9.2. Binding of ¹¹¹In Pan T (UCHT2) to the T cell lines HPB ALL and MOLT4.



This graph shows very low relative binding at high Ab concentrations. The optimal binding ratio of 0.12-0.25 is obtained with Ab concentration of 10^{5} - 10^{3} Ab/cell.

¹ For the experimental data, see Table A9.10, A9.11 and A9.12 Appendix, pp328 & 329.

Figure 9.3. Binding of ¹¹¹In Pan B (WR-17) to the B cell line EBV PGF.



A similar pattern of binding to the above is also seen with this McAb.

The results of the radioimmunoassays of the ¹¹¹In McAbs versus ACD-blood are shown in Figure 9.4 (Pan T) and 9.5 (Pan B)¹.

Figure 9.4. Binding of ¹¹¹In Pan T (UCHT2) to ACD-whole blood.



¹ For the experimental data, see Tables A9.13, A9.14, A9.15 and A9.16, Appendix, page 330 & 331.





In these tests, the ratio of cell bound to total antibody added (B/T) for each antibody concentration used was taken to assess the efficiency of cell labelling in conditions similar to those found in vivo and to give an idea on the optimal range of antibody binding to the cells.

The whole blood assays for both antibodies showed higher ratios of cell bound to total antibody added than the assays using the cell lines as source of antigen (especially true for ¹¹¹In WR-17). Non-specific binding was generally low (<1% of cell bound antibody). Assessment of the distribution of radioactivity among the mononuclear cell by density gradient centrifugation and E-rosetting of blood after incubation with the labelled antibodies documented specific binding of ¹¹¹In UCHT2 to T cells and ¹¹¹In WR-17 to B cells (see Table A9.14 and A9.16, Appendix, page 330 & 331 for details). 9.3.3.3 Antibody binding parameters; binding constant, Ab elution and Ab internalisation

A) The binding constants of ¹¹¹In Pan T & ¹¹¹In Pan B

The equilibration constant of ¹¹¹In UCHT2 was calculated according to Equation 9.1 by substituting the values of K+1 (the association constant) and K-1 (the dissociation constant) therein. K+1 was found to be on average 1.6X10⁶ M⁻¹S⁻¹ (for the experimental data see Appendix, pp332-335). K-1 was calculated to be 2.4X10⁻⁵ s⁻¹ and Keq 6.7X10¹⁰ M⁻¹. The same was applied for ¹¹¹In WR-17. Accordingly, K+1 (WR-17) was found to be on average 5.5X10⁵ M⁻¹S⁻¹, K-1 3.9X10⁻⁵ s⁻¹ and Keq 1.4X10¹⁰ M⁻¹ (for the experimental data see Appendix, pp335-337).

B) Antibody elution :

The amount of ¹¹¹In McAb (¹¹¹In Pan T or B) bound to the relevant cell line¹ after 2 hr incubation at 37°C was taken to be 100% (cpm cell bound t_0). Elution of the antibody from the cells was calculated as :

Ab elution (%) = 1- $cpm cell bound_t$ X 100 cpm cell bound_{t0}

Where cpm cell $bound_t$: ¹¹¹In cpm cell associated at time t after resuspension of the cells in fresh medium.

The results of ¹¹¹In Pan T and ¹¹¹In Pan B elution are shown in Table 9.1².

¹ For testing elution of ¹¹¹In UCHT2 the HPB ALL cell line was used. EBV PGF was used for testing elution of ¹¹¹In WR-17 (Pan B).

² See Tables A9.23 and A9.24, Appendix, page 337 for the experimental data.

	¹¹¹ In UCHT2	¹¹¹ In_WR-17
<u>Time (hr)</u>	Elution (%)	Elution (%)
1	27.8±0.69	28.1±0.61
6	54.9±1.60	81.6±2.94
19	56.8±1.68	85.8±4.62
24	56.9±1.66	86.3±3.65

Table 9.1. Elution of ¹¹¹In UCHT2 (Pan T)^a and ¹¹¹In WR-17 (Pan B)^b from the lymphoid cell lines^c.

a ¹¹¹In UCHT2 : 47 MBq/mg (1.1 mCi/mg).

b 111 In WR-17 : 286 MBq/mg (7.7 mCI/mg).

c ¹¹¹In UCHT2 was tested on the HPB ALL T-cell line and ¹¹¹In WR-17 on the EBV PGF B-cell-line.

Accordingly, elution was a slow process for ¹¹¹In Pan T and \approx 50% of the ¹¹¹In antibody was still cell associated after 24 hr. On the other hand, this process was faster for ¹¹¹In Pan B and less than 15% of the activity cell bound at 2 hr remained so at 24 hr.

C) Antibody internalisation

Early internalisation, ie cell associated activity remaining after incubation of the cells in acidic buffer, was noted for the lymphoid cells¹ that had been incubated with ¹¹¹In Pan T. This amounted to $\approx 20\%$ of the activity cell associated before treatment with acidic buffer see Table 9.2². In contrast, ¹¹¹In Pan B showed a rather low cell associated activity after treatment of the cells with low pH buffer and thus internalisation was not thought to occur significantly upon binding of this antibody to the EBV B cell line.

¹ HPB ALL was used for testing the internalisation of ¹¹¹In UCHT2 and EBV PGF for testing the internalisation of ¹¹¹In WR-17.

² See Tables A9.25 and A9.26, Appendix, page 338 for the experimental data.

	¹¹¹ <u>In UCHT2</u>	¹¹¹ In WR-17
<u>Time (hr)</u> a	%Ab internalised	%Ab internalised
0	1.9±0.2	4.0±1.8
0.5	ND ^b	5.2±0.9
1	21.0±0.3	6.0±0.8
2	24.0±0.3	7.8±0.5
3	ND	8.3±0.5
20	18.0±0.3	ND
24	18.0±0.3	9.6±0.3

Table 9.2. Internalisation of ¹¹¹In UCHT2 and ¹¹¹In WR-17 tested with the lymphoid cell lines HPB ALL and EBV PGF respectively.

a Time after addition of the ¹¹¹In McAb to the cells.

b ND : Not done.

9.3.3.4 Effect of ¹¹¹In McAb on mitogen induced proliferation

Testing the effect of the ¹¹¹In anti-T or B cell monoclonal antibodies on mitogen induced proliferation in whole blood in vitro was done by comparing ³H-thymidine incorporation in the wells containing labelled antibody with the other wells containing unlabelled, irrelevant or no antibody in the tested microtiter plate. Firstly, baseline proliferation, ie without the presence of mitogen, was measured. This was found to be low and non-significant (see Tables A9.28 and A9.30 Appendix, pp338 & 339 for experimental details). Secondly, control values for count-rates obtained in the wells containing no antibodies (well containing RPMI medium only) were noted and the mean was calculated (Control Value). Thirdly, countrates in the wells containing HMFG2 (irrelevant McAb), unlabelled antilymphocyte (Pan T or Pan B) and ¹¹¹In-labelled anti-Pan T or Pan B were compared to the Control Value (see above) and the results were tabulated showing their significance to the 99% confidence limit (Table 9.3)¹.

¹ For the experimental details see Tables A9.27, A9.28, A9.29 and A9.30, Appendix, pp338 & 339.

Table 9.3. Comparison of ³H-thymidine incorporation in the wells containing ¹¹¹In UCHT2 or ¹¹¹In WR-17, unlabelled UCHT2 or WR-17 and HMFG2 to ³H-thymidine incorporation in the Control^a wells (RPMI medium, no Ab).

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<sup>111</sup>In UCHT2 (Pan T)
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<u>Row</u>	¹¹¹ In UCHT2	Significance	^b <u>UCHT2</u>	<u>Signi-</u> ficance	HMFG2	<u>Signi-</u> ficance
A	34100±900	S	4100±1600	NS	3000±3000	NS
В	1100±2300	NS	-152±3400	NS	1500±2400	NS
C	5000±2100	NS	350±1400	NS	-1600±2300	NS
D	160±2200	NS	2500±1600	NS	-1700±1700	NS
E	-1700±2400	NS	-390±1900	NS	-2400±1900	NS
F	3300±2900	NS	-3634±2700	NS	-960±2400	NS
G	-2100±1500	NS	3650±1650	NS	-4400±1800	NS
Н	-5000±1960	NS	-1300±1600	NS	-2300±1550	NS

¹¹¹In_WR-17

	<u>Row</u>	¹¹¹ <u>In WR-17</u>	<u>Significance</u>	<u>WR-17</u>	<u>Signi-</u>	HMFG2	<u>Signi-</u>
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	А	7300±11700	NS	15700±16800	NS	5600±14800	NS
	В	9900±13900	NS	-1700±16400	NS	-3200±7100	NS
	С	8200±16500	NS	12000±15700	NS	-2218±16400	NS
	D	4140±13600	NS	1900±23000	NS	-3152±7650	NS
	Е	6030±8000	NS	14100±9700	NS	9300±13700	NS
	F	6300±9800	NS	16300±10700	NS	2900±7100	NS
	G	12700±11000	NS	12800±9000	NS	-8290±11000	NS
	Н	8000±27000	NS	-5000±10000	NS	10800±11600	NS

a The Control Value for the ¹¹¹In UCHT2 plate was 52000±870 and for the ¹¹¹In WR-17 plate 131300±7000 cpm.

b Significance to the 99% confidence limit, S : Significant, NS : non-significant.

The only effect noted was a reduction in ³H-thymidine incorporation in the wells containing the highest concentration of ¹¹¹In Pan T (5X10⁵ Ab/T cell) see Table 9.3. No other effect was seen over the rest of the concentration range tested for ¹¹¹In Pan T or over that tested for ¹¹¹In Pan B. It was noted that the pattern of ³H-thymidine incorporation with LPS+PWM stimulation

was more variable than with Con A stimulation¹. However, no obvious negative effect on proliferation was seen in the wells containing ¹¹¹In Pan B when compared to the Control Value.

9.4 Discussion

9.4.1 Implications of antibody choice and in vitro tests for in vivo use of ¹¹¹In anti-lymphocyte McAbs in man

The Pan T McAb UCHT2 belonging to the CD5 cluster of differentiation and reacting with the majority of T cells and the Pan B (WR-17), CD37 reacting with B cells were chosen as examples of candidate anti-human lymphocyte McAbs for in vivo use. This was in view of radiolabelling subsets of lymphocytes for imaging lymphoid tissues using the scintillation camera. The choice of antibodies was based on a survey of anti-lymphocyte McAbs which would bind to T or B cells without known damaging effects on the cells especially in terms of complement activation². Also, being specific for the two main subsets of lymphocytes (T & B), they gave a relatively simple model in vitro to establish the general binding characteristics of ¹¹¹In anti-lymphocyte McAbs and to study the effect of the radiolabel on the cells. However, the use of the two antibodies described was not considered to give a limitation by any means as other antibodies could have also been used for the same purpose.

The first investigations done confirmed specificity of the Pan T and Pan B McAbs to the respective cell lines. Then, the useful range of binding to the cell lines and more importantly to the lymphocyte population in question in whole blood was identified in view of potential use for cell radiolabelling and imaging. These tests, performed in conditions similar to in vivo

¹ See Tables A9.27 and A9.29 for details, Appendix, pp338 & 339.

² Supplier's note, personal communication.

situation, ie 37 °C and cell concentration = $2X10^6$ /ml, showed that relatively low concentrations of antibody (in the range of 10^3 - 10^5 Ab/cell) gave a higher percentage of cell binding, thence a better target to noise ratio. This range of antibody concentration reflected most likely equimolarity of cellular antigen and antibody in the conditions of assay used. The amount of radioactivity cell associated after antibody binding assuming average specific activity of the labelled antibody of 370 MBq/mg (10 mCi/mg) would be on average 0.25 milliBq/cell (range 0.15-4.6 milliBq/cell). The implications of this finding for lymphocyte radiolabelling were two fold. Firstly, maximum radioactivity cell bound would be much less than the upper level of 7.4 milliBq/cell (0.2 pCi/cell) recommended for lymphocyte radiolabelling with ¹¹¹In. Secondly, considering a minimum of ¹¹¹In activity of 4 MBq (100 μ Ci) for successful imaging using the scintillation camera, including reasonable imaging time and acceptable count-rate, the required number of cells bearing 0.25 milliBq each would be 1.6X10¹⁰, and this would not be far from in vivo applicability (labelling of the total circulating pool of T or B cells).

The effect of each antibody on lymphocytes was studied in experimental settings in vitro to check certain phenomena such as the alteration of expression of the antigen on the cell surface after binding the antibody, antibody internalisation and cell proliferation in the presence of the unlabelled or ¹¹¹In labelled antibody. Three effects were documented. The Pan T McAb caused redistribution of the CD5 molecule on the cell surface detected by indirect immunofluorescence. This phenomenon was seen to a lesser extent using the Pan B McAb. The possibility that the second layer of rabbit anti-mouse-immunoglobulin-fluorescein-conjugated antibody (RAM Ig FITC) could have caused the patching and capping observed was unlikely because capping occurred mainly in cells incubated with Pan T at 37°C and the incubation with RAM Ig FITC was done on ice. This finding was in

agreement with the earlier finding in the rat model (see previous chapter) where MRC OX-19 caused modulation in vivo. Also, the use of antibodies belonging to the CD5 cluster of differentiation had been known previously for causing antigen modulation both in vitro and in vivo (Shawler et al 1984). The significance of the loss of CD5 molecule in vivo was not clear with respect to alteration of T cell function. The only effect known was in vitro potentiation of mitogen induced proliferation of rat T cells after binding MRC OX-19 (anti-CD5 in the rat) (Dallman et al 1984). This effect could not be documented in the in-vitro experiments performed on the Pan T McAb in whole blood (see paragraph 9.3.3.4 page 190). Modulation would render the cell invisible to the radiolabelled antibody, hence adding a drawback to the lymphocyte-radiotracing method.

The second effect noted and which could be related to the first already discussed, was the internalisation of ¹¹¹In Pan T within the cells measured after elution of surface bound antibody using a low pH buffer. The testing of internalisation relied on the assumption that antibodies bound to the cell surface could be eluted by incubation of the cells in a low pH buffer (Matzku et al 1986, Tilgen et al 1987). Thus, about 25% of the ¹¹¹In Pan T McAb cellbound remained so after incubation of the lymphoid cells in acidic buffer. No such residuum of ¹¹¹In radioactivity in the cells was found after using ¹¹¹In Pan B in the same way. The direct implication of antibody internalisation for the purpose of using ¹¹¹In anti-lymphocyte McAbs for cell radiolabelling would be in causing an increase in the radiation dose to the nucleus from radionuclides internalised inside the cytoplasm. This effect, although marginally detrimental to lymphocytes for imaging applications, could be used to benefit by targeting cell toxic agents on the same antibody and causing lethal hits inside the cells especially in the case of leukaemias and lymphomas.

The knowledge of the antibody binding constants and the results of the elution experiment gave a prediction of the time-span of antibody binding to the cells in standard (Ab binding constant expt) and in vivo simulated conditions (Ab elution Expt). In vitro experiments showed that binding of the whole antibody to the cells declined relatively slowly using ¹¹¹In Pan T (50% left after 24 hr, binding constant 6.7X10¹⁰ M⁻¹) and much more rapidly using ¹¹¹In Pan B (10% left after 24 hr, binding constant 1.4X10¹⁰ M⁻¹). Considering the T_{1/2} of Ab dissociation (¹¹¹In Pan T : 8 hr, ¹¹¹In Pan B : 5 hr), T_{1/2} of murine IgG in the plasma (30 hr), T_{1/2} of ¹¹¹In (67 hr) and a long T_{1/2} for lymphocytes, the radiolabelling of the main subsets of lymphocytes for imaging using ¹¹¹In McAb should be possible clinically and would follow closely Ab concentration in plasma. However, cell-survival studies requiring long-term follow-up of the radiolabelled cells would not be amenable to investigation using the same method (see discussion Chapter 6 and Chapter 8).

Finally, in vitro tests gave an indication of possible ¹¹¹In McAb effect on cell function by testing in vitro mitogen induced cell proliferation in the presence of ¹¹¹In Pan T or ¹¹¹In Pan B.

The setting used tried to mimic in vivo conditions by performing the test in whole blood. The effect of preincubation of the cells with the ¹¹¹In McAbs was also measured at the points of maximum proliferation in the assays employed (Con A at 3 days, LPS+PWM at 5 days). Both the effects of cell bound and non-cell bound (in the surrounding medium) ¹¹¹In radioactivity were assessed as antibody washing was not performed so that conditions of maximum exposure from the ¹¹¹In McAb were present.

The finding that ¹¹¹In Pan T at 5X10⁵ Ab/cell, 25 m₂ Bq/cell (0.67 pCi/cell) caused a reduction in ³H-thymidine incorporation, pointed rather confidently to the damaging effect of radiation on the cells above a certain

threshold of ¹¹¹In antibody binding to the cells or presence around the cells. The main implication was in the identification of a "safe" range of antibody concentration for in vivo use. Its upper limits would be 10^5 Ab/T cell and the range for optimal cell binding and the least damaging effect would lie between 10^3 and 10^5 Ab/cell (T or B) in blood.

9.4.2 Summary

In this chapter, the use of ¹¹¹In anti-lymphocyte monoclonal antibody for lymphocyte radiolabelling was scrutinised and examples of in vitro tests that could lead to the final application of the method in vivo were given.

Although, to the best of our knowledge, none of the described ¹¹¹In antilymphocyte McAbs had been used in vivo in man, the experience presented in the rat and experience of others using a similar method gave support for applicability of radiolabelled anti-lymphocyte McAbs for imaging lymph nodes and lymphoid tissue in general in man. Caution would be still warranted in this kind of use. For antibody binding to a cell surface receptor would convey a signal to the cell which might cause a subtle change in cell function. Therefore, knowledge of this putative change would be important and that could only be achieved by performing tests more thoroughly down to the molecular level. Also, the damaging effect of radiation on lymphocytes, even at low level of exposure, would put some restriction on the use of radiolabelled anti-lymphocyte McAbs in vivo, especially in nonneoplastic conditions. In this context, long term effects of radiation such as induction of leukaemia or lymphoma would be the major concern. Therefore, a better understanding of cellular dosimetry and its relation to malignant changes in lymphocytes, in addition to observations in patients that had undergone previous investigations employing radiolabelled mixed-leucocyte preparations would provide a firmer basis for this application as a routine lymphocyte radiolabelling method in man.

Section Four :

¹¹¹In Monoclonal Antibodies against Lymphocytes, Activated Lymphocytes, Class I or II Major Histocompatibility Complex Antigens.

> In Vitro Tests and in Vivo Use for the Imaging of Rejecting and Cyclosporine Treated Allogeneic Kidney Transplants in the Rat

Organ Transplantation : Brief History and Problems Related to Early Diagnosis and Follow-up of Renal Transplant Rejection

10.1 Organ transplantation :

The grafting of tissues and transplantation of organs has developed to provide substitutes for damaged tissues or organs for which no man made agents can be used. In its simplest form, it is blood transfusion from one individual to another. In more sophisticated cases, whole organs or even parts of a system in the body have been removed from donors and surgically installed in recipients (kidney, liver, heart & lung, etc).

The development of tissue and organ transplantation went through three major steps to present day situation.

1) Early experimentation of transplanting tissues or organs between animals and work involving blood transfusion in man (Landsteiner and Levine 1930), established the need for using matched tissues for grafting. Autografts were accepted in the tested animals while allografts lost function and became necrotic within a short period of time after transplantation (Ullman 1902, Guthrie 1912, Schone 1912, Lexer 1914, Williamson 1923, Wu and Mann 1934). The role of the lymphocyte in graft rejection was also recognised by Murphy (1926).

2) Identification of transplantation antigens emerged from research work on tumour grafts. Tumour grafting was possible among the Japanese Walzing mice but not among hybrid mice (Little and Tizzer 1916). Gorer (1937 & 1938) discovered an antibody associated with the rejection of tumour grafts and the antigen involved was called antigen II. This antigen was linked to the product of the gene located at the locus H (Histocompatibility) discovered by Snell (1948) and intimately related to the rejection of tumour grafts (Gorer et al 1948). The immunological nature of allograft rejection was finally established by Medawar (1944) from observations in man and experiments in the laboratory animal.

3) The ability to modify the recipient's immune response to avoid transplant rejection (Calne 1976) became possible by the introduction of immunosuppressive therapy (Murray et al 1963, Borel 1976) and by the trial of immunological manipulations such as passive or active enhancement (Brent and Medawar 1962, Stuart et al 1968, French and Batchelor 1969).

Presently, the improvement in the surgical techniques of transplantation has allowed the grafting of various organs (skin, kidney, liver, pancreas etc). In addition, organ rejection lends itself to treatment in most of the cases by available immuno-suppressive and modulatory regimens.

<u>10.2 Immunopathological events during the progression of acute transplant</u> <u>rejection</u>

While a variety of cells and humoral mediators have been implicated in the rejection responses, current evidence is that the T-cell is the principal mediator of primary rejection (Hall et al 1978a & b).

The pathological events that end in the acute rejection of an unmodified allogeneic kidney graft of an non-sensitised recipient are the following (Herbertson 1973) :

1) Infiltration of the graft with lymphocytes and other blood cells :

Cellular invasion starts early after transplantation and by its fourth day, the transplant is densely infiltrated mainly with lymphocytes, macrophages and plasma cells. Many activated lymphocytes are also detected including lymphoblasts and lymphocytes expressing high levels of interleukin 2 receptor (IL-2R). This cellular infiltration is accompanied by an

inflammatory exudate and vascular microemboli (Strom et al 1975, Busch et al 1976, Hancock 1984, Hall et al 1984).

2) Alteration of the graft tissue itself :

A prominent feature of acute rejection is the massive induction on graft cells of the major histocompatibility complex molecules (Milton and Fabre 1985, Milton et al 1986, Ahmed-Ansari et al 1988). This induction is caused by lymphokine secretion, mainly γ interferon, in the graft (Pober et al 1983, Wong et al 1984, Weetman and Rees 1988). Class I MHC induction occurs very early in the process of rejection while Class II de novo expression follows after 2-3 days of unmatched grafting.

3) Graft infarction and loss of function

Blood vessels in the rejecting graft become occluded by the deposition of fibrin and thrombosis. This leads to patchy infarction of the graft. In the end, thrombosis extends to the main vessels supplying the graft leading to total infarction and loss of function by 7-10 days after start of the rejection process (Kincaid-Smith 1967, Imbasciati et al 1987).

10.3 Diagnosis and follow-up of acute rejection of renal transplants

Early diagnosis of kidney transplant rejection is imperative as institution of effective treatment may reverse declining renal function and prevent irreversible damage. The condition is characterised clinically by fever, allograft tenderness, swelling, and significant reduction in urine output. Anti-rejection therapy involves usually immunosuppression using cytotoxic drugs, anti-lymphocyte antibodies and corticosteroids, which exposes the recipient to the risk of infection and induction of malignancy. Also, the use of cyclosporine can induce toxic nephropathy which can complicate the clinical picture in patients bearing kidney grafts. Presently, positive diagnosis of kidney transplant rejection relies mainly on nonspecific features such as the deterioration of renal function (increased serum creatinine, low urine output, abnormal ^{99m}Tc DTPA renography) and on the pathological diagnosis by performing a transplant biopsy or a fine needle aspiration (Pasternack 1968). Unfortunately, most of these tests are rather unsatisfactory due to their non-specificity for the diagnosis of rejection and the relatively invasive nature involved in obtaining repeated biopsies.

Other methods have also been reported to address the question of diagnosis of renal transplant rejection without gaining much popularity. For example, tests using various radiotracers including radiolabelled blood cells have been tried in various ways.

Radiolabelled granulocytes were injected in recipients of renal transplants and positive scans of the rejecting graft were obtained (Forstrom et al 1981). However, the technique suffered from lack of specificity. ¹¹¹In oxine lymphocyte scanning gave positive results in canine-(McKillop et al 1982) and rat-(Bergmann et al 1982, Lerch et al 1982) heart transplantation models and also in a human renal transplant study (Martin-Comin 1986). The method necessitated, however, the use of cumbersome techniques of separating and labelling lymphocytes. Also, the damaging effect of radioactivity on the cells added a drawback to using the technique safely in man. Another promising approach to the diagnosis of acute rejection was reported by Tisdale et al (1986) on the use of ¹¹¹In labelled platelet scanning. This method showed positive uptake in rejecting kidney grafts in human with high sensitivity and specificity. ¹¹¹In platelet scanning was also used for the follow-up of chronic rejection of renal transplants (Leithner et al 1982) and in the monitoring of human pancreatic transplants (Catafau et al 1989). Again, low specificity and the complicated technique of isolating and radiolabelling platelets did not encourage its use in routine clinical practice. In summary, early detection and follow-up of kidney transplant rejection still lack the presence of a specific test. In next chapter, a new approach based on the immunopathology of acute rejection is presented for the early diagnosis and discrimination of rejection. This involves scintillation camera imaging and tissue quantitation of the distribution of ¹¹¹In-antilymphocyte and anti-major-histocompatibility-complex-molecule monoclonal antibodies in a rat kidney transplant model.

¹¹¹In Radiolabelling and in Vitro Tests of Monoclonal Antibodies against Lymphocytes, Activated Lymphocytes and Class I and II Major Histocompatibility Complex in the Rat

11.1 Introduction

Based on immuno-pathological events occurring in the course of acute allogeneic-kidney-graft rejection, namely lymphocyte infiltration and the induction of MHC molecules (see previous chapter), a new method for the detection and monitoring of rejection has been tried. It involves in vivo use of ¹¹¹In anti-lymphocyte (CD5 & anti-IL-2 receptor), anti-Class I and anti-Class II MHC monoclonal antibodies in a rat kidney transplantation model (Milton and Fabre 1985).

In vitro tests for the determination of the specificity and binding of each ¹¹¹In McAb to the corresponding cell population are presented in this chapter. In vivo use of the ¹¹¹In labelled antibodies is shown in Chapter 12.

11.2 Materials and methods

11.2.1 Animals

Adult male DA (RT1^{av1}, RT2^b & RT3^a) and PVG/c (RT1^c, RT2^b & RT3^{a)} rats were purchased from Harlan-Olac Ltd, England and used when they were between 200-350 g.

11.2.2. Monoclonal antibodies

MRC OX-19 was described earlier (see Paragraph 8.2.2.1, page 118). It is a mouse IgG_1 reacting with a 67 kDa glycoprotein on all rat T cells (CD5 in the rat) (Dallman et al 1984).

MRC OX-39 is a mouse IgG_1 which reacts with a glycoprotein of 45-50 kDa corresponding to the interleukin-2 receptor on activated rat T cells (Paterson et al 1989). Purified antibody was purchased from Serotec, England.

MN4-91-6 is a mouse IgG_1 which reacts with a polymorphic determinant on DA Class I MHC molecules. It is directed at the product of the RT1A locus and appears to be highly specific for the RT1^a allele. It reacts with DA but not PVG, WAG or LEW (Milton and Fabre 1985).

F17-23-2 is a mouse IgG₁ which binds to a polymorphic determinant on DA Class II MHC encoded for by the RT1B region. It reacts with RT1^a, RT1¹ and RT1ⁿ but not RT1^c (PVG) or RT1^u (WAG) (Hart and Fabre 1981).

Both purified MN4-91-6 and F17-23-2 McAbs were a kind gift of Professor JW Fabre, Blond McIndoe Centre, East Grinstead, England.

11.2.3 Radiolabelling of the McAbs with indium-111

The method of ¹¹¹In labelling of McAbs by the double chelating agent DTPA was used¹. The specific activity obtained ranged between 100-130 MBq/mg (2.7-3.5 mCi/mg)².

11.2.4 Immunoreactivity testing of the ¹¹¹In labelled McAbs

Immunoreactivity testing was performed using the double inverse plot described earlier (see page 55 for details of the method).

¹ See page 49 for details of the procedure.

² See Tables A11.1, A11.2, A11.3, A11.4, A11.5, A11.6, A11.7, A11.8 and A11.9 for details of DTPA coupling, measurement of the No of DTPA/Ab and ¹¹¹In test labelling of the three McAbs MRC-OX-39, MN4-91-6 and F17-23-2, Appendix, pp340-346. For details on the purification, DTPA coupling and ¹¹¹In labelling of MRC OX-19 McAb, see Paragraph 8.2.3 and 8.2.4, pp119-121.

The immunoreactivity of the antibody was tested with rat thoracic duct lymphocytes as source of antigen. Details of the test were described earlier (see pp121 & 317).

11.2.4.2 ¹¹¹In MRC OX-39

The source of cellular antigen for the testing of this McAb was mitogen-(Con A) activated-PVG-rat lymphocytes.

The spleen in a PVG rat was taken and a cell suspension was prepared (see page 319 for details). The red blood cells were lysed in a solution of Trisbuffered-ammonium chloride¹. Then, the cells were resuspended in RPMI 1640 medium containing 10% FCS at 10⁶ cell/ml (a total of 50 ml). In a 75 cm² flask², the cells were incubated with concanavalin A³ at 2 µg/ml for 48 hr at 37 °C in an atmosphere of 5% CO₂ in air. Afterwards, the cells were examined using an inverted microscope⁴ to check proliferation, then they were washed once in Hank's balanced salt solution⁵ containing 1% BSA and resuspended in buffer in preparation for the assay.

For testing immunoreactivity of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-39, the antibody was added at 10 ng to a series of LP3 tubes containing doubling dilutions of the stimulated lymphocytes in Hank's BSS 1% BSA starting with 2.5X10⁷ cell/ml. The cells were incubated for 2 hr at 37°C. Afterwards, cell bound radioactivity was measured, having washed the cells twice in the same buffer. An identical group of tubes was set with excess unlabelled antibody to measure non-

Stock solution 0.16 M NH4Cl, 0.17 M Tris pH 7.65. Working solution : 90 ml 0.16 M NH4Cl + 10 ml 0.17 M Tris, adjust pH to 7.2. The cell pellet was resuspended in 1 ml Tris-NH4Cl for 2 minutes, then the cells were centrifuged over FCS at 300 g for 10 minutes. The cells were washed twice in buffer before use.

² Falcon, USA.

³ Concanavalin A, Lot No 85F8875, Sigma, England.

⁴ Olympus, Japan.

⁵ Sigma, England.

specific binding, which was subtracted from the values obtained above. The data¹ obtained were plotted as the inverse relative cell-bound radioactivity versus the inverse cell concentration and the curve was extrapolated to intercept the Y axis at a point representing the inverse of the immunoreactive fraction.

11.2.4.3 ¹¹¹In MN4-91-6

The immunoreactivity of this McAb was tested on DA rat red blood cells as they express Class I MHC on their surface (Milton and Fabre 1985). DA rat blood was collected in a 10 ml-syringe containing 200 iu heparin by cardiac puncture under ether anaesthesia. The blood was washed three times in PBS by centrifuging at 500 g for 10 min and removing the buffy coat and upper layer of RBC after each wash. The cells were dispensed in a series of six LP3 tubes in doubling dilutions in PBS starting with 10⁸ cell/ml. ¹¹¹In MN4-19-6 was added to each tube at 10 ng/ml and the tubes were left to incubate for 2 hr at 37 °C in a water bath. Afterwards, the cells were washed twice in PBS in the cold and the cell bound radioactivity was measured in an automatic gamma well counter². Another similar group of tubes containing excess unlabelled MN4-91-6 was prepared for measuring non-specific binding which was subtracted from the values obtained above. The data³ obtained were plotted as the inverse relative cell bound radioactivity versus the inverse cell concentration and the curve was extrapolated to intercept the Y axis at a point representing the inverse of the immunoreactive fraction.

¹ See Table A11.10 for the experimental setting and counting results and Figure A11.1 for the calculation of the immunoreactive fraction, Appendix, pp346 & 347.

² Packard Autogamma, USA, Haematology Dept, RPMS.

³ See Table A11.11 for the experimental setting and counting results and Figure A11.2 for the calculation of the immunoreactive fraction, Appendix, pp347 & 348.

DA rat spleen cells were used for this test as they contained relatively high numbers of B cells bearing Class II molecules on their surface. A suspension of spleen cells was prepared from the spleens of three DA rats. The red blood cells were lysed using Tris-buffered ammonium chloride as described above and the remaining cells were washed twice and resuspended in Hank's balanced salt solution containing 1% BSA. The cells were dispensed in LP3 tubes in doubling dilutions in buffer starting with 4X10⁷ cell/ml. 111 In F17-23-2 was added to the tubes at 10 ng/ml and the tubes were left to incubate for 2 hr at 37°C. At the end of the incubation time, the cells were washed twice with buffer in the cold and cell bound radioactivity was measured. Another similar set of tubes containing excess unlabelled F17-23-2 was prepared for measuring non-specific binding which was subtracted from the values obtained above. The data¹ obtained were plotted as the inverse relative cell bound radioactivity versus the inverse cell concentration and the curve was extrapolated to intercept the Y axis at a point representing the inverse of the immunoreactive fraction.

<u>11.2.5 Radioimmunoassay of the ¹¹¹In McAbs versus the appropriate cell</u> population; specificity and range of binding

11.2.5.1 ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 vs rat lymph node cells and anti-coagulated blood This test was described earlier in Chapter 8, page 122.

¹ See Tables A11.12 for the experimental setting and counting results and Figure A11.3 for the calculation of the immunoreactive fraction, Appendix, pp348 & 349.

11.2.5.2 ¹¹¹In MRC OX-39 versus activated and non-activated lymphocytes

¹¹¹In MRC OX-39 was added to a set of four LP3 tubes containing 5X10⁶ mitogen-stimulated-PVG-rat-spleen cells (see Paragraph 11.2.4.2 above) in each at increasing concentrations : 10³, 10⁴, 10⁵ and 10⁶ Ab/cell. The antibody was also added in a similar way to another set of tubes containing unstimulated PVG rat spleen cells. The antibody was left to incubate with the cells for 2 hr at 37°C. Afterwards, the cells were washed twice in buffer and cell-bound radioactivity was counted in a gamma well counter¹. Non-specifically bound radioactivity was allowed for by measuring cell associated activity in tubes containing excess of unlabelled MRC OX-39 McAb. The total volume in each tube was adjusted to 1 ml using buffer.

11.2.5.3 ¹¹¹In MN4-91-6 versus rat red blood cells

Radioimmunoassays of ¹¹¹In MN4-91-6 with either DA or PVG rat red blood cells were set in order to check the range of binding of the antibody to the cellular antigen and ensure the specificity of the ¹¹¹In labelled antibody to DA but not PVG rat Class I MHC.

Blood was taken from a DA or PVG rat by cardiac puncture and a suspension of red blood cells was prepared as described in Paragraph 11.2.4.3 above. Ten million rat-(DA or PVG) red-blood cells in PBS were dispensed in each of a set of four LP3 tubes. ¹¹¹In MN4-91-6 was added at 10⁶, 10⁵, 10⁴ and 10³ Ab/cell to the first, second, third and fourth tubes respectively. The volume in each tube was adjusted to 1 ml using buffer and the cells were incubated for 2 hr at 37°C. Afterwards, the cells were washed twice in PBS and cell bound radioactivity was measured. Corresponding tubes containing excess unlabelled MN4-91-6 were set to measure non-specific binding.

¹ Packard Autogamma, USA, Haematology Dept, RPMS.

¹¹¹In F17-23-2 was tested for its specific binding to DA Class II MHC by radioimmunoassays set with rat (DA or PVG) spleen or B-enriched spleen cells. Cell suspensions were prepared from two spleens (DA or PVG) for each assay as described in Paragraph 11.2.4.4. In the first assay, spleen mononuclear cells in Hank's balanced salt solution 1% BSA were dispensed at 10⁷ cell/ml in each of a set of four LP3 tubes. ¹¹¹In F17-23-2 was added at 10^{6} , 10^{5} , 10^{4} and 10^{3} Ab/cell to the first, second, third and fourth tubes respectively. After two-hour incubation at 37°C, the cells were washed twice in buffer and the cell associated radioactivity measured. In the second assay, enrichment of the spleen cell population with B cells by depletion of its T cells was done before addition of ¹¹¹In F17-23-2. This was achieved by incubation of the spleen mononuclear cell suspension (2 ml at 5X10⁷) cell/ml) with excess (12.5 µg/ml) MRC OX-19 monoclonal antibody (anti-CD5 in the rat) for 1 hr at 4° C. The cells were washed twice in buffer in the cold, resuspended in 2 ml buffer and sheep-anti-mouse-Ig coated magnetic beads (Dynabeads) (0.5 ml, 5-7 beads/T cell) were added to them in a 10 ml plastic centrifuge tube. After 30 minutes incubation time, the formation of rosettes¹ was checked under light microscopy. Then, by using a magnet on the outside of the tube the rosetted cells (CD5-positive cells; T cells) were separated from non-rosetted cells (CD5-negative cells; B cells). Afterwards, the non-rosetted cells were decanted, washed once in buffer and dispensed at 2X10⁶ cells in LP3 tubes for the assay which was done similarly to above, ie ¹¹¹In F17-23-2 added at 10^{6} , 10^{5} , 10^{4} and 10^{3} Ab/cell, 2 hr incubation at 37° C and measurement of cell-bound radioactivity. Non-specific binding was allowed for in the calculation of cell bound ¹¹¹In F17-23-2 by subtraction of cell associated activity obtained from similar tubes containing excess of unlabelled antibody in them.

¹ Magnetic beads attached to T cell surface.

<u>11.3 Results</u>

11.3.1 Immunoreactivity of the ¹¹¹In F17-23-2 labelled McAbs

The Immunoreactive fractions of the ¹¹¹In McAbs were as follows : ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 : 50%, ¹¹¹In MRC OX-39 : 77%, ¹¹¹In MN4-91-6 : 100% and ¹¹¹In F17-23-2 : 63%.

<u>11.3.2.</u> Specificity and range of binding of the ¹¹¹In McAbs to the respective <u>cells</u>

11.3.2.1 ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 (anti-CD5; rat Pan T McAb)

The results of binding of this antibody to rat blood and lymph node cells were described earlier (see Chapter 8 page 136). Percentage cell binding was found to be in the range of 12-33% of the amount of antibody added in the assay¹.

11.3.2.2 ¹¹¹In MRC OX-39 (anti-IL2 receptor McAb in the rat)

¹¹¹In MRC OX-39 bound to mitogen (Con A) stimulated rat spleen cells but not to the same unstimulated cell population. This finding confirmed the specificity of the antibody for activated T cells bearing the interleukin-2 receptor.

The results of the radioimmunoassay of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-39 versus PVG-rat stimulated and unstimulated spleen cells are shown in Table 11.1.

¹ No strain difference of binding of MRC OX-19 to rat T cells was assumed.

Table 11.1. Binding of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-39^a to PVG-rat mitogen stimulated and non-stimulated spleen cells^b.

<u>Ab/cell</u>	<u>Added cpm^c</u>	<u>Bound cpm^d</u>	<u>Ratio B/T</u>	<u>Bound cpm</u>	<u>Ratio B/T</u>
		<u>St</u> e	<u>St</u>	<u>NSt</u> f	<u>NSt</u>
106	591700	47400	0.080	10000	0.017
	± 400	± 100	± 0.0002	± 60	± 0.0001
105	59500	9700	0.163	980	0.017
	± 140	± 60	± 0.004	± 20	± 0.0003
104	5800	1000	0.180	140	0.025
	± 40	± 20	± 0.004	± 10	± 0.002
10 ³	550	120	0.227	30	0.058
	± 15	± 10	± 0.018	± 5	± 0.013

a ¹¹¹In MRC OX-39 : 104 MBq/mg (2.8 mCi/mg).

b $5X10^6$ cell/ml.

c All count-rates were corrected for background (BG = 84, n = 6, se = 4).

d Non-specific binding was allowed for in the cell-bound count-rate.

e Con A stimulated cells.

f Non-stimulated cells.

This shows that the percentage bound to total added Ab of 8-23% is obtained in the assay using stimulated cells, while using the same range of Ab concentration but unstimulated cells as targets, the percentage is \approx 1-2% and does not exceed 6%.

11.3.2.3 ¹¹¹In MN4-91-6 (anti-Class I MHC in the DA rat)

Binding of ¹¹¹In MN4-91-6 to DA but not PVG rat red blood cells was confirmed in the radioimmunoassay performed using this antibody. Also, an idea on the range of binding of ¹¹¹In MN4-91-6 to cells bearing the relevant Class I MHC antigen was obtained. The results of this assay are shown in Table 11.2.

<u>Ab/cell</u>	<u>Added cpm^c</u>	<u>Bound cpm^d</u>	<u>Ratio B/T</u>	<u>Bound cpm</u>	<u>Ratio B/T</u>
	-	<u>DA</u> e	<u>DA</u>	<u>PVG</u> f	<u>PVG</u>
106	1986000	59000	0.030	5700	0.003
	± 4000	± 140	± 0.0001	± 40	± 0.00002
10 ⁵	208000	37700	0.181	520	0.003
	± 1300	± 100	± 0.001	± 15	± 0.00009
104	19400	5200	0.267	270	0.014
	± 80	± 40	± 0.002	± 10	± 0.0006
10 ³	2200	750	0.346	80	0.037
l	± 30	± 20	± 0.009	± 10	± 0.004

Table 11.2. Binding of ¹¹¹In MN4-91-6^a to DA and PVG rat red blood cells^b.

a ¹¹¹In MN4-91-6:100 MBq/mg (2.7 mCi/mg).

b 10^7 cell/ml.

c All count-rates were corrected for background (BG = 93, n =6, se = 4) and for counting deadtime.

d Non-specific binding was allowed for in the cell-bound count-rate.

e DA red blood cells.

f PVG red blood cells.

In Table 11.2, relative binding of ¹¹¹In MN4-91-6 McAb to DA rat red blood cells ranged between 3-35% depending on the concentration of Ab in the assay. However, binding of the Ab to PVG RBC remained low and did not exceed 4% at best.
The radioimmunoassay of ¹¹¹In F17-23-2 with spleen cells prepared from DA or PVG rats showed higher binding of the antibody to DA spleen cells thus confirming the specificity of this antibody. However, the difference between the extent of ¹¹¹In F17-23-2 binding to DA and PVG spleen cells was diminished especially when the lowest concentration of Ab in the assay was used. Similar findings were noted using B-enriched spleen cells as source of antigen. However in this case, higher percentage of cell binding was seen. The results of ¹¹¹In F17-23-2 assays versus rat (DA or PVG) spleen cells or B-enriched spleen cells are shown in Table 11.3.

Table 11.3. ¹¹¹In F17-23-2 binding to rat (DA or PVG) spleen-^a or B-enriched^b spleen cells.

<u>I. Spleen cells</u>^c

<u>Ab/cell</u>	<u>Added cpm^d</u>	<u>Bound cpm</u> e	<u>Ratio B/T</u>	<u>Bound cpm</u>	<u>Ratio B/T</u>
		<u>DA</u> f	<u>DA</u>	<u>PVG</u> g	<u>PVG</u>
106	6618000	82700	0.013	20500	0.003
	± 12000	± 170	± 0.0003	± 80	上 0.00001
10 ⁵	650000	11400	0.018	4700	0.007
ļ	± 4000	± 60	± 0.0001	± 40	上 0.00007
104	63700	2800	0.044	1260	0.020
	± 150	± 30	± 0.0005	± 20	± 0.0003
10 ³	6100	390	0.064	170	0.028
	± 50	± 10	± 0.002	± 10	± 0.002

II. B-enriched-spleen cellsh

Ab/cell	<u>Added cpm</u>	<u>Bound cpm</u>	<u>Ratio B/T</u>	<u>Bound cpm</u>	<u>Ratio B/T</u>
		DA	<u>DA</u>	<u>PVG</u>	<u>PVG</u>
106	4220000	127500	0.030	31400	0.007
	± 8000	± 200	± 0.00008	± 100	± 0.0003
10 ⁵	403000	47200	0.117	14300	0.035
	± 2500	± 130	± 0.0008	± 70	± 0.0003
104	37000	5800	0.157	3100	0.084
	± 100	± 40	± 0.001	± 30	± 0.0009
10 ³	3900	830	0.213	430	0.109
	± 40	± 20	± 0.005	± 15	± 0.004
-	-	-	-	-	• •

a ¹¹¹In F17-23-2 : 132 MBq/mg (3.6 mCi/mg).

b ¹¹¹In F17-23-2 : 213 MBq/mg (5.7 mCi/mg).

c Spleen cell 10^7 cell/ml.

d All count-rates were corrected for background (BG₁ = 72, n =6, se = 3, BG₂ = 81, n = 6, se = 4) and for counting dead-time.

e Non-specific binding was allowed for in the cell-bound count-rate.

f DA cells.

g PVG cells.

h B-enriched-spleen cells 2X10⁶ cell/ml.

In this table, ¹¹¹In F17-23-2 binding was higher to cells originating from the DA than cells from the PVG rat. However, relative Ab binding to PVG B-enriched spleen cells was rather high in absolute terms $\approx 10\%$.

<u>11.4 Discussion</u>

In this chapter, basic in vitro tests for confirming the specificity of each antibody used to the respective cell population were performed.

Particularly important were the tests done to check specific reactivity of the ¹¹¹In anti-Class I MHC (MN4-91-6) and anti-Class II MHC (F17-23-2) McAbs in that they both had reacted with cells that originated from DA but not PVG rats. This was in view of using donor specific antibodies in vivo to detect any alteration in Class I or Class II MHC expression on the rejecting kidney graft. The results of the tests confirmed the specific antibody reactivity expected although ¹¹¹In F17-23-2 binding to DA compared to PVG cells did not show the clear-cut difference seen with ¹¹¹In MN4-91-6 McAb. The reason for that was most likely due to the rather weak affinity of F17-23-2 to its antigen, which was also observed by Milton and Fabre (1985).

The range of binding of the individual antibodies to the tested cell population was found to be related to the antibody and the cell source of antigen used in the assay. In general, the percentage cell bound activity to the cells expressing the relevant antigen was in the range of 10-30% using concentrations of antibody between 10³-10⁵ Ab/cell and incubation for 2 hr at 37°C. However, binding of ¹¹¹In anti-Class I and Class II antibodies to their cellular antigens in vitro, would be expected to vary more in vivo depending on the type of cells binding the antibody and whether MHC molecules had been induced as in rejecting grafts. Therefore, it was not possible to predict from the experimental work presented the extent of antibody binding to renal parenchymal cells or vascular endothelium in those conditions.

In summary, in vitro tests of four ¹¹¹In labelled McAbs : MRC OX-19 (anti-CD5; Pan T in the rat), MRC OX-39 (anti-IL-2R in the rat), MN4-91-6 (anti-

Class I DA specific) and F17-23-2 (anti-Class II MHC DA specific) showed suitability of the radiolabelled antibodies for further application in vivo.

The details of the experimental application of these ¹¹¹In McAbs in an allogeneic-kidney-transplant-model in the rat are presented in next chapter.

Chapter 12:

In Vivo Use of ¹¹¹In Anti-Lymphocyte, Activated Lymphocyte, Anti-Donor Class I & II MHC Monoclonal Antibodies for Scintillation Imaging of Rejection in Kidney Transplanted Rats.

A Rat Model for the Early Diagnosis and Discrimination of Rejection in Unmodified and Cyclosporine Treated Allogeneic Kidney Transplants

12.1 Introduction

A rat model for allogeneic kidney transplantation, previously reported in the literature (Milton and Fabre 1985), was adopted for the sake of specific detection of transplant rejection by imaging using the scintillation camera. This model, involving transplantation of DA rat kidney (DA donor) into a PVG rat (PVG recipient), was peculiar in that donor-specific anti-Class I and II MHC monoclonal antibodies¹ were available and had been applied previously for identifying specifically the induction of donor Class I and II MHC antigens during acute rejection by immunohistochemistry.

In this research work, the donor-specific anti-Class I and II MHC antibodies were used radiolabelled with ¹¹¹In as in vivo probes to follow expression of donor Class I and II MHC antigens in rejecting or cyclosporine-treated transplants without interference from the recipient's infiltrating cells or surrounding tissues.

The model was also suitable for the use of an ¹¹¹In anti-T cell² (CD5) and an ¹¹¹In anti-IL-2 receptor³ McAb, as markers for T lymphocytes and activated T

¹ MN4-91-6 : Anti-DA-rat Class I MHC, F17-23-2 : Anti-DA Class II MHC.

 $^{^{2}}$ MRC OX-19 McAb.

³ MRC OX-39 McAb.

lymphocytes respectively, in order to test the involvement of these cells in the rejection process by external monitoring using the scintillation camera.

<u>12.2 Description of the major histocompatibility complex of the rat and the</u> <u>MHC of the donor (DA or WAG) and recipient (PVG) rats used in this study</u>

The major histocompatibility complex of the rat, designated RT1 (IAWSR 1979), has been found to include the RT1A, RT1B and RT1D regions, and is located between two marker enzyme loci glyoxalate 1 (Glo-1) and neuraminidase 1 (Neu-1) (see Figure 12.1).

Figure 12.1. The genes of the major histocompatibility complex in the rat; a comparison with mouse and human MHC.



The RT1A subregion encodes for MHC Class I antigens while RT1B and RT1D encode for MHC Class II antigens.

12.2.1 The Class I molecules

The RT1A gene product is a classic transplantation Class I antigen. It is ubiquitously expressed among tissues and incompatibility at this gene region is known to cause acute skin graft rejection (Gunther and Stark 1977). Functionally, the RT1A molecule is a restriction element for cytotoxic T-cell activity (Gunther and Wurst 1984).

The Class I MHC molecule is composed of two non-covalently associated polypeptides : The alpha chain containing 3 extracellular domains a transmembrane region and a cytoplasmic tail, and the beta-2 microglobulin comprising one extracellular domain (β 2 microglobulin is not encoded by the MHC region).

12.2.2 The Class II molecules

The gene products of RT1B and RT1D give the strongest stimulation for graft rejection in allograft transplantation (Kohoutava et al 1980, Paris and Gunther 1980).

The RT1B has been shown to be homologous to H-2 I-A in the mouse Class II MHC and RT1D homologous to H-2 I-E. The Class II MHC molecule is a dimer consisting of an alpha and beta chain. Each chain consists of two extracellular domains (alpha-1, alpha-2, beta-1 and beta-2), a connecting peptide, a transmembrane region and a cytoplasmic tail (Figueroa and Klein 1986).

The rat strains used in the present study differ from each other in both the Class I and Class II MHC antigens : DA is RT1^{av1}, WAG RT1^u and PVG RT1^c.

Allogeneic unmodified grafts of DA or WAG kidneys into PVG recipients are rejected and become non-functional within 7-10 days of transplantation.

12.3 Materials and Methods

12.3.1 Animals

Adult male DA (RT1^{av1}, RT2^b & RT3^a), WAG (RT1^u & RT2^b) and PVG/c (RT1^c, RT2^b & RT3^a) rats were purchased from Harlan-Olac Ltd, England and used when they were between 200-350 g.

12.3.2. The monoclonal antibodies

Four monoclonal antibodies labelled with ¹¹¹In were used : MRC OX-19 (CD5, Pan T in the rat), MRC OX-39 (anti-IL-2 receptor in the rat), MN4-91-6 (anti-Class I MHC DA specific) and F17-23-2 (anti-Class II MHC DA rat specific).

For details on antibody specificity, radiolabelling with ¹¹¹In, immunoreactivity and binding of each McAb to the relevant cell population see the previous chapter.

12.3.3 The transplantation procedure¹

Orthotopic left kidney transplantation in the rat was performed. The left kidney of the donor (the transplant, Tx) was grafted in the place of the left kidney of the recipient by end to end anastomosis of the renal artery, vein and ureter. The right kidney of the recipient was left in place (native control). The ischaemia time was usually 30 min and did not exceed 45 minutes.

¹ For details of the traansplant procedure, see Appendix, page 350.

12.3.4 Cyclosporine treatment of the transplanted rats

Cyclosporine¹ was diluted in oil at 10 mg/ml and was given orally by gavage under ether anaethesia to a group of the transplanted rats at 10 mg/kg/day from the day of transplantation until the day of sacrifice of the animals. The animals were weighed daily to monitor weight gain and adjust the dose of cyclosporine given accordingly.

12.3.5 In vivo administration of the antibodies, scintillation camera imaging and tissue sampling

12.3.5.1 The experimental setting (see Figure 12.2)

The experimental approach to using the ¹¹¹In McAbs (MRC OX-19, MRC OX-39, MN4-91-6 or F17-23-2) involved intravenous injection in the following groups of animals :

1) Non-transplanted intact controls : These were either DA or PVG rats.

2) Allogeneic-kidney transplanted rats : All transplants were DA-donor kidney into a PVG-recipient rat combination, except one experiment that used a WAG donor kidney into a PVG recipient rat (see Table 12.1 below).

3) Isogenic kidney transplanted rats : Both donor and recipient in this group were PVG rats.

4) Cyclosporine-treated allogeneic-kidney transplanted rats : These were DAdonor kidney into PVG recipient rat combination treated with cyclosporine.

5) Cyclosporine-treated isogenic-kidney transplanted rats : Both donor and recipient in this group were PVG rats. The animals were treated with cyclosporine after transplantation.

¹ Sandimmune, Sandoz, Switzerland. Cyclosporine in oil at 100 mg/ml.

Two protocols were used for the injection of the antibodies. In the first, ¹¹¹In-labelled McAbs were injected intravenously into transplanted rats via a lateral tail vein at set times after transplantation and the rats were imaged and sacrified at 24 hr after ¹¹¹In McAb injection (except rats injected with ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19, which were sacrificed at 70 hr post Ab injection).

The second protocol differed from that described above in that the animals were sacrificed at 4 hr (instead of 24 hr) after the intravenous injection of the of the ¹¹¹In McAb (see Table 12.1 for details on the animals used).

In this setting, the right kidney of the recipient (native kidney) provided an internal control in each rat by giving a reference for the images and the uptake of each ¹¹¹In McAb used.



Figure 12.2. The experimental setting used for in vivo administration of ¹¹¹In McAbs in the transplanted rats.

Abbreviations : Tx : Transplant, allo : allogeneic, iso : isogeneic, LN : lymph nodes, PP : Peyer's patches, BM : bone marrow, CsA : cyclosporine, iv : intravenous, McAb : monoclonal antibody, Ag : antigen. Ig : immunoglobulin.

<u>Expt</u>	<u>Rat</u>	Injection time	<u>CsA</u> a	¹¹¹ In McAb	<u>Dose (µg/kg)</u>	<u>Radioactivity</u>	<u>Time of sacrifice</u>
-		(days post Txb)				<u>(MBq)</u>	(hr post Ab injection)
1	PVG Control	NA¢	NO	OX-19	20	5	70
	DA>PVG	3	NO	OX-19	20	5	70
	DA>PVG	5	NO	OX-19	20	5	70
2	PVG Control	NA	NO	OX-39	20	4	24
	DA Control	NA	NO	OX-39	20	4	24
	DA>PVG	4	NO	OX-39	20	4	24
3	DA>PVG	4	NO	OX-39	20	1	24
	PVG>PVG	4	NO	OX-39	20	1	24
4	DA>PVG	4	NO	OX-39	20	1.5	24
5	DA>PVG	2	NO	OX-39	20	2	24
	DA>PVG	2	YES	OX-39	20	2	24
6	PVG Control	NA	NO	MN4	20	3.5	24
	DA Control	NA	NO	MN4	20	3.5	24
7	DA>PVG	1	NO	MN4	20	2.5	24
	DA>PVG	4	NO	MN4	20	1.3	24
8	DA>PVG	3	NO	MN4	20	1.5	24
9	PVG>PVG	1	NO	MN4	20	1	24
10	DA>PVG	3	NO	MN4	20	0.5	4
	PVG>PVG	3	NO	MN4	20	0.5	4

Table 12.1. List of experiments performed, rats included, injection time after transplantation, cyclosporine treatment, time ofsacrifice and the preparation used (specificity, dose and radioactivity).

Table 12.1. Co	ntinued.
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<u>Expt</u>	<u>Rat</u>	Injection time	<u>CsA</u>	¹¹¹ In McAb	<u>Dose (µg/kg)</u>	<u>Radioactivity</u>	<u>Time of sacrifice</u>
		<u>(days post Tx)</u>				<u>(MBq)</u>	(hr_post_Ab_injection)
11	DA>PVG	3	NO	MN4	20	0.5	4
	WAG>PVG	3	NO	MN4	20	0.5	4
12	DA>PVG	3	YES	MN4	20	1	4
13	DA>PVG	7	YES	MN4	20	1	4
	PVG>PVG	7	YES	MN4	20	1	4
14	DA>PVG	14	YES	MN4	20	6	4
	DA>PVG	21	YES	MN4	20	2	4
15	PVG Control	NA	NO	F17	20	5	24
	DA Control	NA	NO	F17	20	5	24
16	DA>PVG	6	NO	F17	20	5	24
17	DA>PVG	4	NO	F17	20	3	24
	DA>PVG	4	NO	F17	4	0.5	24
18	DA>PVG	4	NO	F17	20	12	4
	DA>PVG	4	NO	F17	20	3	4
19	DA>PVG	4	YES	F17	20	6	4
	DA>PVG	7	YES	F17	20	3	4
20	DA>PVG	14	YES	F17	20	5	4

a CsA: Cyclosporine.b Tx: transplant.c NA: Not applicable.

12.3.5.2 Scintillation camera imaging

The rats were imaged at 4 or 24 hr after the injection of the antibodies. The same imaging equipment described in Chapter 8 for imaging ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 distribution in the rat was used (Toshiba LFOV scintillation camera, pinhole collimator & on-line computer acquisition).

Whole body static images were taken, as well as spot-views of the chest, abdomen & pelvis in anterior or posterior projections. Obliques views were also taken to clarify further the anatomical elements in the images obtained. Acquisition time was set usually to 10 minutes for each view. The images were displayed on a colour monitor screen for analysis or photography.

12.3.5.3 Tissue sampling

At the time of sacrifice of each animal, blood was taken into a heparincontaining syringe by cardiac puncture under terminal anaesthesia. The following organs were dissected, cleaned and kept on a wet tray for weighing: lymph nodes, thymus, lung, spleen, the transplant, the right kidney, Peyer's patches, intestine, bone, bone marrow and muscle. Each organ/tissue was weighed in a preweighed scintillation vial and counted for ¹¹¹In radioactivity in a gamma well counter. Also, aliquots of 1 ml blood and 1 ml plasma, obtained by blood centrifugation at 1000 g for 10 minutes, were counted similarly.

In some experiments, samples of the transplant, right kidney (the native kidney) and spleen were frozen in liquid nitrogen after weighing of the tissues and were used to prepare tissue sections for immunohistology staining.

During dissection of the animals, a graph showing the anatomical position of the transplant and the spleen was drawn. Also, the macrosopic appearance of the transplant in terms of size and colour was noted.

12.3.6 Immunohistochemistry staining of tissue sections

Tissue sections from the transplant, the native kidney and the spleen were prepared and stained by the APAAP technique as described earlier (see Chapter 8, Paragraph 8.2.9 page 132).

For each tissue sampled, staining of the sections was done with or without in vitro addition of the antibody that had been used in vivo to check, respectively, antigen presence and in vivo binding of the antibody to the cells (see Chapter 8 page 132).

12.4 Results

12.4.1 ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 (CD5, anti-Pan rat T cell) in the transplanted rats

A) Imaging :

Imaging ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 distribution showed intense uptake in the spleen noted previously in non-transplanted rats (see Chapter 8). Also, uptake was seen in the abdomen corresponding to the mesenteric chain of lymph nodes. Uptake in the transplant was not, however, seen even on scans performed at 24 and 48 hr or on the oblique views (Figure 12.3). Figure 12.3. Images of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 in control and transplanted rats.

Right panel : Images of a control PVG rat 24 hr after injection of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19. Top right : Anterior abdomen. Bottom right : Left anterior oblique. Bottom left : Right anterior oblique. Note the high uptake in the spleen, uptake in liver and the mesenteric lymph nodes.

Left panel : Images of DA-->PVG rat transplanted 5 days before the injection of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 and imaged 24 hr PI. Top left : Anterior abdomen. Top R : Posterior abdomen. Bottom R: Anterior whole body, Bottom L : Posterior WB. High uptake is seen in the spleen which is lying across the abdomen. Uptake in the liver is also seen but no clear uptake in the transplant.



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B) Tissue sampling

Sampling of the transplant showed an enlarged oedematous kidney which had a pale colour as compared to the native kidney. Also, an enlarged spleen was noted.

The results of tissue sampling in the control and the unmodified transplanted rats after injection of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 are shown in Table 12.2.

	<u></u>	Expt 1	
<u>Rat</u>	PVG Control	<u>DA>PVG (Tx 6d)</u>	<u>DA>PVG (Tx 8d)</u>
Blood ^b	0.12 ± 0.0005	0.18 ± 0.001	0.16 ± 0.001
Plasma ^b	0.17 ± 0.0006	0.28 ± 0.002	0.22 ± 0.001
CLN°	3.81 ± 0.02	2.64 ± 0.02	2.31 ± 0.02
Spleen ^c	13.69 ± 0.05	6.73 ± 0.03	5.23 ± 0.02
Spleen total ^d	6.57 ± 0.02	5.16 ± 0.02	5.89 ± 0.02
Liver ^c	1.47 ± 0.01	2.12 ± 0.02	2.45 ± 0.02
Liver total ^d	12.23 ± 0.08	17.38 ± 0.16	22.69 ± 0.19
R Kidney ^c	3.56 ± 0.01	5.64 ± 0.03	5.15 ± 0.02
R Kid total ^d	3.25 ± 0.01	4.92 ± 0.03	6.01 ± 0.02
Transplant ^c	NA	2.66 ± 0.006	1.15 ± 0.003
Tx total ^d	NA	2.93 ± 0.007	2.02 ± 0.005
Ratio Tx/Kid	NA	0.47 ± 0.003	0.22 ± 0.001
Ratio Tx/Kid	(total) NA	0.60 ± 0.004	0.34 ± 0.001

Table 12.2. Tissue uptake^a in the rats injected with ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19

a The results of uptake in the other tissues sampled, ie lung, intestine, etc, are shown in Table A12.1, Appendix, page 351.

b The results are shown as percent injected dose per millilitre (%ID/ml).

c The results are shown as percent injected dose per gramme (%ID/g).

d The results are shown as percent injected dose per total organ (%ID total).

In Tables 12.2 and A12.1, uptake of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 at 70 hr after injection was documented in the spleen (per unit weight and total organ) and lymph nodes. Uptake in the liver was also noted. The uptake in the transplant compared to the right kidney was low, both per unit weight and total organ and the ratio of the uptake in the transplant to that in the right kidney was significantly less than one. The right kidney accumulated the tracer to a rather high degree in the transplanted animals compared to the kidney in the control intact rat. This was most probably due to localisation of antibody degradation products in the single functional kidney.

12.4.2 ¹¹¹In MRC OX-39 (anti-IL-2 receptor McAb)

A) Imaging :

The images obtained at 24 hr after the injection of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-39 in unmodified rats 2 and 4 days post transplantation showed positive uptake in the transplant. Uptake in the liver and spleen was also seen. The uptake in the rejecting transplant was readily identifiable (Figure 12.4), however, no uptake in the isograft or the graft in the rat treated with cyclosporine was seen (Figure 12.4).

Figure 12.4. Images of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-39 in control, transplanted and cyclosporine treated transplanted rats.

Fig 12.4A. Control (intact) PVG rat injected with ¹¹¹In MRC OX-39 and imaged 24 hr after injection. Left panel : Whole body image (L : Ant, R : Post) showing uptake in the liver and spleen. Right panel : Close up view of the endomen (L: Post, R: Ant).



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Fig 12.4B. DA-->PVG rat transplanted 3 days before injection of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-39 and imaged 24 hr PI. Left panel : Whole body image (L : Post, R : Ant) showing clear uptake in the rejecting transplant. Uptake in the liver is also seen. Right panel : Close-up view of the abdomen (L : Post, R : Ant) showing uptake in the transplant. The spleen is lying medial to the inferior pole of the transplant (comma shaped).



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Fig 12.4C. Cyclosporine treated DA-->PVG rat transplanted 2 days before injection of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-39 and imaged 4 hr PI. Left panel : Whole body image (L : Ant, R : Post). Uptake is only seen in the liver and blood pool (heart). Right panel : Close-up view of the abdomen (L : Post, R : Ant). Uptake in the liver is seen. No uptake in the transplant.



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B) Tissue sampling :

The results of tissue sampling in control, unmodified- and cyclosporine treated-transplanted rats after injection of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-39 are shown in Table 12.3.

The distribution of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-39 in the rats was mainly in the liver and to a minor extent the spleen. Uptake in the right kidney was rather high about 3-5% of the injected dose. Comparatively, uptake in the rejecting transplant was similar or marginally higher, especially when uptake in the total organ was considered for comparison. On the other hand, uptake in the isografts or cyclosporine treated grafts was much lower than that in the rejecting graft and the right native kidney. In one case, increased uptake in the spleen was noted in an animal bearing a rejecting graft on day 4 (Expt 2).

Macroscopically, the rejecting transplants were enlarged and oedematous and had a pale colour as compared to the contralateral native kidney. The spleen was also enlarged in some of the animals undergoing rejection.

C) Immunohistochemistry of tissue sections :

Immunohistochemistry staining of the transplant, kidney and spleen sections using the APAAP technique and addition of MRC OX-39 as first layer antibody showed presence of high numbers of MRC OX-39 positive cells in the transplant and the spleen. However, in vivo binding of MRC OX-39 to the cells in the sections studied was not demonstrable using the same technique having omitted the first layer antibody from the staining sequence (see Figure 12.5).

<u>Expt</u>	<u>Rat</u>	<u>Blood</u> ^b	<u>Plasma^b</u>	<u>Spleen</u> ^c	<u>Spleen</u> ^d	<u>Liver</u> c	<u>Liver</u> d	<u>R kidney</u> c	<u>R kidney</u> ^d	<u>Tx</u> c	\underline{Tx}^{d}	<u>Tx/R kid</u>	<u>Tx/R kid</u>
_					<u>total</u>		<u>total</u>		<u>total</u>		<u>total</u>		<u>total</u>
2	PVG Control	0.51	0.89	3.71	1.54	2.90	22.73	4.89	3.57	NA	NA	NA	NA
		±0.002	±0.005	±0.01	±0.004	±0.01	±0.08	±0.01	±0.007				
	DA Control	ND	ND	3.94	1.13	3.02	21.29	3.91	3.01	NA	NA	NA	NA
				±0.01	±0.003	±0.008	±0.06	±0.01	±0.008				
	DA->PVG	0.48	0.70	8.39	3.04	2.91	ND	6.48	5.00	4.56	6.87	0.70	1.37
	(Tx 5d)	±0.002	±0.004	±0.02	±0.008	±0.01		±0.01	±0.008	±0.01	±0.02	±0.002	±0.005
3	DA->PVG	0.22	0.34	2.72	2.02	1.36	14.73	4.74	4.44	2.75	4.06	0.58	0.91
	(Tx 5d)	±0.001	±0.002	±0.009	±0.007	±0.006	±0.06	±0.02	±0.02	±0.009	±0.01	±0.003	±0.005
	PVG->PVG	0.43	0.72	2.88	1.84	1.67	18.70	3.48	2.42	1.09	1.31	0.31	0.54
	(Tx 5d)	±0.002	±0.003	±0.01	±0.006	±0.007	±0.08	±0.01	±0.007	±0.004	±0.005	±0.001	0.003
4	DA->PVG	0.21	0.31	2.97	2.27	1.27	14.40	3.91	4.33	2.20	4.73	0.56	1.09
	(Tx 5d)	±0.0005	±0.0007	±0.01	±0.008	±0.01	±0.11	±0.01	±0.01	±0.007	±0.02	±0.002	±0.005
5	DA->PVG	0.57	1.00	3.67	2.09	2.06	23.00	4.35	4.28	2.10	1.77	0.48	0.41
	(Tx 3d)	±0.004	±0.006	±0.01	±0.006	±0.01	±0.11	±0.01	±0.01	±0.007	±0.006	±0.002	±0.002
	DA->PVG	0.68	1.12	3.34	1.83	2.13	25.22	4.01	4.49	1.31	1.37	0.33	0.31
	(Tx 3 d CsA)	±0.004	±0.006	±0.01	±0.005	±0.01	±0.12	±0.01	±0.01	±0.01	±0.01	±0.003	±0.002

Table 12.3. Tissue uptake^a in the rats injected with ¹¹¹In MRC OX-39 McAb (anti-IL 2 receptor in the rat).

a The results of uptake in the other tissues sampled, ie lymph nodes, lung, intestine etc, are shown in Table A12.2, Appendix A, page 351.

b %ID/ml.

c %ID/g. d %ID/total organ.

Figure 12.5. Immunohistochemistry after injection of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-39 in the DA->PVG rat (Tx 5d). Sampling at 24 hr PI (Frozen sections, X40).

Fig 12.5A. Left panel: Haematoxylin staining of the right native kidney (normal kidney). Right panel : Haematoxylin staining of the transplant. Note the cellular infiltration and disruption of the normal histology.



Fig 12.5B. L panel : APAAP staining of the R kidney after addition of MRC OX-39 in vitro. Negative. R panel : APAAP staining of the Tx after addition of MRC OX-39 in vitro. Note the positive staining of individual cells scattered in the section.

Fig 12.5 C. R panel only : APAAP staining of the Tx to detect in vivo binding of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-39 (no MRC OX-39 in vitro). Negative.





12.4.3. ¹¹¹In MN4-91-6 (anti-Class I MHC donor specific McAb)

A) Imaging :

Intense uptake of radioactivity in the kidney graft was seen in all allogeneic transplants (unmodified and cyclosporine treated)(Figure 12.6). This was associated with low radioactivity in liver and blood pool. In the isogenic PVG into PVG grafts, no uptake was seen in the transplant (Figure 12.6). Also, using a donor kidney from a third-party rat belonging to WAG (RT1^u) strain into a PVG rat and imaging the animal after injection of ¹¹¹In MN4-91-6 no uptake in the graft could be elicited.

Imaging at 4 hr instead of 24 hr after injection of the antibody did not show great difference using the ¹¹¹In MN4-91-6 McAb. Intense uptake in the transplant was seen using either protocol. Uptake in liver was relatively higher in the late images, while blood pool activity in the heart was more prominent in the early images.

Figure 12.6. Images of ¹¹¹In MN4-91-6 in a control rat and in allogeneic and isogeneic grafts.

Fig 12.6A. Control PVG rat, 24 hr post ¹¹¹In MN4-91-6. L panel : Whole body image (L : Ant, R : Post). Activity is seen mainly in liver, spleen and blood pool (posterior image is faint due to technical fault). R panel : Close-up view of the abdomen (L : Ant, R : Post) with uptake in liver and spleen.



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Fig 12.6B. DA-->PVG Tx 4 d, 24 hr PI. Left panel : whole body image (L : Ant, R : Post). The transplant has taken the tracer very avidly and no other structure is seen. R panel : Close-up view of the abdomen (L : Ant, R : Post). Intensive uptake is seen in the transplant. Very faint background in liver.



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Fig 12.6C. PVG-->PVG, Tx 4 d, 4 hr PI. L panel : Whole body image (L : Post, R : Ant). No uptake in the transplant (isograft). Uptake is seen in liver, spleen and blood pool (heart). R panel : Close-up view of the abdomen (L : Ant, R : Post) showing diffuse radioactivity in the liver and spleen. No uptake in the isograft.



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B) Tissue sampling

Rejecting kidneys in unmodified rats showed signs of swelling and discolouration at the time of sampling. In contrast, transplants in cyclosporine-treated rats or the isografts were not significantly different from the native contralateral kidney of the recipient. Uptake in the transplant and other tissues sampled in the rats injected with ¹¹¹In MN4-91-6 is shown in Table 12.4.

From Table 12.4, intensive uptake of ¹¹¹In MN4-91-6 was seen in allogeneic grafts from DA-donor rats. This uptake amounted to about a third of the injected dose. The ratio of uptake in the transplant to that in the right kidney ranged between 5-30. Sampling at 4 hr after injection showed higher uptake in the graft and lower background in the right kidney compared to sampling at 24 hr PI. Both unmodified and cyclopsorine-treated DA grafts showed high uptake. However, graft uptake in cyclosporine-treated animals was less than in non-treated rats sampled at the same time after transplantation. In contrast, PVG into PVG isografts and the rejecting WAG-donor allograft in the PVG rat did not accumulate the tracer and the ratio of uptake in the transplant to the contralateral native kidney did not point to a difference in uptake of antibody between the two organs.

<u>Expt</u>	<u>Rat</u>	<u>Blood</u> ^b	<u>Plasma</u> ^b	<u>Spleen</u> c	<u>Spleen</u> ^d	<u>Liver</u> c	<u>Liver</u> d	<u>R kidney</u> c	<u>R kidney</u> ^d	\underline{Tx}^{c}	<u>Tx</u> d	<u>Tx/R kid</u>	<u>Tx/R kid</u>
					<u>total</u>		<u>total</u>		total		<u>total</u>		<u>total</u>
<u>I. Sar</u>	<u>npling 24 hr afte</u>	er Ab inje	ection										
6	BUC Control	167	1 2 91	1 1 77	1 0.01	1 1 0 6	1 0 35	1 2 58	1 201	ΝΙΛ			
0	rvG Control	+0.006	+0.01	+0.008	+0.001		+0.04	+0.009	± 0.007	INA	INA	INA	INA
	DA Control	2.91	1.67	5.55	2.06	2.14	12.99	3.98	2.35	NA	NA	NA	NA
		±0.01	0.01	±0.02	±0.007	±0.009	±0.05	±0.01	±0.006				
7	DA->PVG	0.63	1.09	5.94	2.97	1.06	8.80	3.54	3.50	25.15	23.59	7.10	6.74
	(Tx 2d)	±0.003	±0.004	±0.02	±0.01	±0.005	0.04	±0.01	±0.01	±0.09	±0.08	±0.03	±0.03
	DA->PVG	0.62	1.03	2.38	1.86	0.94	9.90	3.73	4.91	12.13	24.25	3.25	4.94
	(Tx 5d)	±0.003	±0.004	±0.008	±0.006	±0.004	±0.04	±0.01	±0.01	±0.04	±0.08	±0.01	±0.02
8	DA->PVG	0.66	0.94	1.79	1.26	0.63	6.09	2.20	2.46	14.17	20.27	6.44	8.24
	(Tx 4d)	±0.005	±0.006	±0.01	±0.007	±0.008	±0.08	±0.01	±0.01	±0.05	±0.07	±0.04	0.04
9	PVG->PVG	1.22	1.95	1.92	1.24	1.06	11.05	2.17	2.30	1.49	1.46	0.69	0.63
	(Tx 2d)	±0.004	±0.006	±0.006	±0.004	±0.004	±0.04	±0.007	±0.007	±0.005	±0.005	±0.003	±0.003
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<u>II. Sa</u>	mpling 4 hr afte	<u>r Ab inje</u>	ction										
10	DA->PVG	2.17	3.49	2.40	1.68	0.86	8.22	1.38	1.41	33.90	44.47	24.57	31.54

Table 12.4. Tissue uptake^a in the rats injected with ¹¹¹In MN4-91-6 anti-Class I MHC DA specific McAb.

10	DA->PVG	2.17	3.49	2.40	1.68	0.86	8.22	1.38	1.41	33.90	44.47	24.57	31.54
	(Tx 3d)	±0.007	±0.01	±0.007	±0.005	±0.004	±0.04	±0.004	±0.004	±0.11	±0.14	±0.11	±0.13
	PVG->PVG	4.07	6.06	1.17	0.58	1.05	9.50	1.62	1.45	1.60	1.68	0.99	1.16
	(Tx 3d)	±0.01	±0.02	±0.004	±0.002	±0.005	±0.05	±0.005	±0.004	±0.005	±0.005	±0.003	±0.005
11	DA->PVG	2.24	3.47	3.09	1.76	0.89	8.44	1.18	1.17	27.16	32.25	23.02	27.56
	(Tx 3d)	±0.009	±0.01	±0.01	±0.006	±0.005	±0.05	±0.004	±0.004	±0.08	±0.09	±0.10	±0.12
	WAG->PVG	4.08	5.92	1.39	1.06	1.46	13.72	1.62	1.70	1.55	1.87	0.96	1.10
	(Tx 3d)	±0.02	±0.02	±0.004	±0.003	±0.007	±0.07	±0.005	±0.005	±0.005	±0.006	±0.004	±0.005

Table 12.4. Continued.

<u>Expt</u>	Rat	<u>Blood</u> ^b	<u>Plasma^b</u>	<u>Spleen</u> c	<u>Spleen</u> d	<u>Liver</u> c	<u>Liver</u> d	<u>R kidney</u> c	<u>R kidney</u> d	<u>Tx</u> c	<u>Tx</u> d	<u>Tx/R kid</u>	<u>Tx/R kid</u>
-					<u>total</u>		<u>total</u>		total		<u>total</u>		<u>total</u>
12	DA->PVG	1.94	3.09	1.91	1.03	0.77	7.44	1.14	1.21	24.68	25.99	21.65	21.48
	(Tx 3d CsA)	±0.007	±0.01	±0.005	±0.003	±0.003	±0.03	±0.003	±0.003	±0.05	±0.05	±0.07	±0.07
13	DA->PVG	2.04	3.09	0.95	0.52	0.64	5.25	1.48	1.18	29.04	24.64	19.69	20.88
	(Tx 7d CsA)	±0.008	±0.01	±0.007	±0.004	±0.006	±0.05	±0.009	±0.007	±0.05	±0.04	±0.12	±0.13
	PVG->PVG	3.72	5.68	1.00	0.45	0.82	6.56	1.71	1.43	1.64	1.28	0.96	0.90
	(Tx 7d CsA)	±0.01	±0.02	±0.003	±0.001	±0.007	±0.06	±0.007	±0.006	±0.007	±0.005	±0.006	±0.005
14	DA->PVG	2.38	3.43	0.94	0.57	0.74	9.13	1.47	1.69	38.23	36.44	26.01	21.56
	(Tx 14d CsA)	±0.01	±0.01	±0.005	±0.003	±0.005	±0.06	±0.006	±0.007	±0.11	±0.10	±0.13	±0.11
	DA->PVG	2.00	3.17	0.90	0.49	0.59	6.28	1.42	1.53	29.28	31.08	20.62	20.31
	(Tx 21d CsA)	±0.008	±0.01	±0.005	±0.003	±0.003	±0.03	±0.003	±0.003	±0.09	±0.10	±0.08	±0.08

a The results of uptake in the other tissues sampled. ie lymph nodes, lung, intestine etc, are shown in Table A12.3, Appendix, page 352.

b %ID/ml.

c %ID/g. d %ID/total organ.

C) Immunohistochemistry of tissue sections :

Staining of tissue sections from rats bearing an untreated allogeneic DA into PVG kidney grafts was done to check in vivo binding of ¹¹¹In MN4-91-6 to the cells and the antigen expression in the tissue. Positive patchy staining of the glomeruli and tubules was seen in the sections that were tested for in vivo binding of the antibody (no first layer antibody, staining by anti-mouse Ig, APAAP & substrate)(see Figure 12.7). In sections where MN4-91-6 was added as first layer in the staining procedure, generalised staining was seen.

Figure 12.7. Immunohistochemistry after injection of ¹¹¹In MN4-91-6 in the DA--> PVG rat (TX 5d). Sampling at 24 hr PI (Frozen sections, X40).

Fig 12.7A. L Panel : APAAP staining of the R kidney after addition of MN4-91-6 in vitro. Generally negative, faint staining in the glomeruli. R Panel : APAAP staining of the Tx after addition of MN4-91-6 in vitro. Generalised staining of the tubules.



Fig 12.7B. Right panel only : APAAP staining of the Tx to detect in vivo binding of ¹¹¹In MN4-91-6. Patchy positive staining around the tubules and in the glomerulus.



12.4.4 ¹¹¹In F17-23-2 (anti-Class II MHC donor specific McAb)

A) Scintillation camera imaging :

The results of imaging using ¹¹¹In F17-23-2 anti-Class II DA-specific McAb showed clear uptake in the unmodified allogeneic kidney transplants at 4 days post transplant (Figure 12.8). However, high background in liver and spleen was also seen. Uptake in the rejecting transplant was more clearly seen in a rat injected with a rather lower dose of antibody, 1 µg instead of 5 µg used in the other transplanted animals. In cyclosporine treated rats no uptake was seen in the transplant and images obtained were similar to images of the control PVG rat.

Figure 12.8. Images of ¹¹¹In F17-23-2 in transplanted rats.

Fig 12.8A. DA-->PVG (Tx 4d), 24 hr PI. Left panel : Whole body image (L : Ant, R : Post) showing uptake in the transplant and high uptake in liver and blood pool. Rght panel : Close-up abdominal view (L : Ant, R : Post) showing uptake in the transplant, liver and spleen (lying across the abdomen).



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Fig 12.8B. DA-->PVG (Tx 7d), 24 hr PI. Left panel : Whole body image (L : Post, R : Ant) showing intense uptake in liver and moderate uptake in the graft. R panel : Close-up view of the abdomen (L : Post, R : Ant). Uptake is noted mainly in the liver. Faded uptake in the transplant is seen.



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B) Tissue sampling :

Unmodified allogeneic kidney transplants were enlarged and oedematous. Patchy discolouring was also noted. The transplants taken from cyclosporine treated rats were of normal size and their weight was similar to the native kidney and, if any, showed a slight pallor as compared to the contralateral kidney.

The results of the tissue sampling in non-modified and cyclosporine treated animals are shown in Table 12.5.

<u>Expt</u>	Rat	<u>Blood</u> b	<u>Plasma</u> b	<u>Spleen</u> c	<u>Spleen</u> d	<u>Liver</u> ^c	<u>Liver</u> d	<u>R kidney</u> c	<u>R kidney</u> ^d	<u>Tx</u> c	<u>Tx</u> d	<u>Tx/R kid</u>	<u>Tx/R kid</u>
					<u>total</u>		<u>total</u>		<u>total</u>		<u>total</u>		<u>total</u>
I. San	npling 24 hr afte	r Ab inje	<u>ction</u>										
15	PVG Control	ND	ND	1.90	0.91	2.39	23.65	3.70	2.91	NA	NA	NA	NA
				±0.02	±0.01	±0.006	±0.06	±0.008	±0.006				
	DA Control	1.20	1.86	14.44	6.31	3.24	27.66	2.82	2.75	NA	NA	NA	NA
		±0.03	0.005	±0.04	±0.02	±0.01	±0.09	±0.006	±0.006				
16	DA->PVG	1.26	1.73	1.79	1.57	1.88	16.17	3.20	2.90	0.94	2.74	0.29	0.94
	(Tx 7d)	±0.008	±0.01	±0.06	±0.05	±0.01	0.09	±0.01	±0.009	±0.003	±0.009	±0.001	±0.004
17	DA->PVG	0.93	1.59	1.71	1.13	2.13	22.85	3.33	3.51	3.31	6.71	0.99	1.91
	(Tx 4d, 5 μg)	±0.005	±0.009	±0.01	±0.007	±0.01	±0.11	±0.01	±0.01	±0.008	±0.02	±0.004	±0.008
	DA->PVG	1.00	1.03	1.89	1.29	2.24	22.83	3.35	3.53	5.07	7.60	1.51	2.15
	(Tx 4d, 1 μg)	±0.01	±0.02	±0.02	±0.01	±0.02	±0.20	±0.02	±0.02	±0.02	±0.03	±0.01	0.01
II. Sar	<u>npling 4 hr after</u>	. Ab inje	<u>ction</u>										
18	DA->PVG	2.23	3.47	1.14	0.91	1.89	20.02	1.64	2.04	1.66	2.73	1.01	1.34
	(Tx 4d)	±0.009	±0.01	±0.004	±0.003	±0.009	±0.10	±0.006	±0.007	±0.005	±0.008	±0.005	±0.006
	DA->PVG	1.76	2.88	1.01	0.79	1.50	17.75	1.71	2.14	1.53	2.74	0.89	1.28
	(Tx 4d)	±0.007	±0.01	±0.003	±0.002	±0.007	±0.08	±0.006	±0.008	±0.005	±0.001	±0.004	±0.006
19	DA->PVG	2.55	4.26	1.20	0.76	2.00	23.14	1.77	2.11	1.34	1.36	0.76	0.64
	(Tx 4d CsA)	±0.01	±0.02	±0.003	±0.002	±0.009	±0.10	±0.006	±0.007	±0.005	±0.005	±0.004	±0.003
	DA->PVG	2.48	4.06	1.12	0.63	1.85	20.01	1.68	2.02	1.39	1.22	0.83	0.61
	(Tx 7d CsA)	±0.01	±0.02	±0.003	±0.002	±0.01	±0.10	±0.009	±0.01	±0.003	±0.003	±0.005	±0.004
	DA->PVG	3.38	5.48	2.37	1.69	2.14	25.27	2.14	2.26	2.01	2.01	0.94	0.89
	(Tx 14d CsA)	±0.01	±0.02	±0.005	±0.004	±0.01	±0.12	±0.007	±0.007	±0.007	±0.007	±0.005	±0.004

Table 12.5. Tissue uptake^a in the rats injected with ¹¹¹In F17-23-2 anti-Class II MHC DA specific McAb.

a The results of uptake in the other tissues sampled. ie lymph nodes, lung, intestine etc, are shown in Table A12.3, Appendix, page 353.

b %ID/ml, c : %ID/g, d : %ID/total organ.

C) Immunohistochemistry staining of tissue sections :

Using APAAP for staining the tissue sections, in vivo binding of ¹¹¹In F17-23-2 and the extent of antigen expression in the transplant were studied. Positive staining was obtained when in vitro F17-23-2 was added to the sections as first-layer antibody in the staining procedure indicating high expression of Class II in the transplant, especially on the renal tubules (Figure 12.9). Staining with rabbit-anti-mouse Ig, APAAP and substrate only did not show, in contrast, clear staining as was seen using MN4-91-6 McAb for the detection of antibody binding in vivo.

Figure 12.9. Immunohistochemistry after the injection of ¹¹¹In F17-23-2 in DA-->PVG rat (Tx 4d). Sampling at 24 hr PI (Frozen sections, X40).

Fig 12.9A. Left panel : APAAP staining of the R kidney after addition of F17-23-2 in vitro. Negative. R panel : APAAP staining of the Tx after addition of F17-23-2 in vitro. Intensive staining of the tubules is seen.



Fig 12.9B. Right panel only : APAAP staining of the Tx to detect in vivo binding of ¹¹¹In F17-23-2. Negative.



12.5 Discussion

In this chapter, immunopathological events occurring during the progression of acute allogeneic transplant rejection, ie graft infiltration with activated lymphocytes and induction of MHC antigens therein, were followed by using a novel in vivo method in which the respective cell population was radiolabelled with a specific McAb.

Also, this work provided a basis for a new means for the detection and discrimination of allogeneic-kidney-transplant rejection especially that it employed a strictly defined transplant model, a variety of controls and cyclosporine as anti-rejection agent.

<u>12.5.1 Anti-Pan T (rat CD5, ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19) and anti-activated T cell (¹¹¹In MRC OX-39) McAbs</u>

Based on the fact that rejecting transplants usually infiltrated with lymphocytes, ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 was used to radiolabel the lymphocytes present in the graft. This approach was rather similar to injecting in-vitro-¹¹¹In-labelled lymphocytes reported previously by Martin-Comin 1986.

In this model, however, the high uptake in the spleen and in the abdominal lymphoid structures observed on scintillation camera images prevented clear distinction of the transplant located in the left flank of the animal. Also, tissue sampling of the transplanted rats showed that there was less uptake of the antibody in the transplant compared to the contralateral native kidney, although uptake in spleen and lymph nodes was similar to that seen in non-transplanted rats. This observation was in agreement with what was found by Armstrong et al 1987. They showed that the staining of tissue sections of rejecting kidney grafts for MRC OX-19 was not proportional to the degree of infiltration of the transplant with lymphocytes. These difficulties made further investigation with a non-selective pan T cell appear unrewarding and, therefore, the use of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 in transplanted animals was ended.

The use of ¹¹¹In anti-interleukin 2 receptor McAb to label activated T cells in kidney transplanted rats provided a more specific reagent for the detection of graft rejection. As the rejecting graft provided a terrain for active immune reactions, the presence of T cells bearing the IL-2 receptor would be expected to occur in high numbers. This infiltration by IL-2 R-positive cells was noticed previously and its presence or absence was advocated to indicate, respectively, actively rejecting or enhanced (non-rejecting) allografts (Armstrong et al 1987).

In vivo use of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-39 gave positive results in terms of imaging the rejecting transplant and increased uptake in it. Corroborative evidence was also obtained by immunohistochemistry showing high numbers of IL-2 R-positive cells in the graft. The positive results after use of this tracer, however, were not adequate as marginal increases in the uptake of the transplant over that measured in the native kidney were noted. This was most probably related to the numbers of IL-2 R positive cells in the graft, which could not sustain the quantitative requirement of radioactive uptake for providing a high target to non-target ratio.

<u>12.5.2 ¹¹¹In anti-Class I and Class II MHC McAb (111In MN4-91-6 & 111In F17-</u> <u>23-2)</u>

The allogeneic transplants accumulated ¹¹¹In MN4-91-6 (anti-Class I MHC McAb) avidly showing intense uptake on the images and substantial radioactivity in the graft measured by direct tissue sampling. This positive uptake was seen early after transplantation and was still present at 3 weeks afterwards in cyclosporine-treated rats.

These findings were in agreement with previously reported data in the same model especially those concerning induction and expression of donor Class I MHC in unmodified grafts. However no striking difference in Class I MHC expression as measured by tissue sampling and assessed by imaging was noted between unmodified and cyclosporine treated animals. This finding compared to some extent to an earlier observation by Milton et al (1986) and raised the issue of the value of monitoring Class I MHC expression in the graft for the follow-up of rejection.

The use of ¹¹¹In F17-23-2 in this experimental work provided the best available tracer among those used in this experimental work for addressing the question of kidney graft rejection and its follow-up.

In the allogeneic transplants undergoing rejection, increased uptake of radioactivity in the graft after injection of ¹¹¹In F17-23-2 was documented by scintillation camera imaging and direct tissue sampling. The cyclosporine-treated transplants, however, did not show this increased uptake and, in fact, the accumulation of tracer was less than that in the native kidney. Thus, most probably, induction of Class II MHC did not occur in the cyclosporine-treated animals and therefore monitoring Class II expression could be of value in following the progression of rejection.

<u>12.5.3 Summary</u>

In this chapter, radiotracing of both circulating cells and molecules on fixed cells involved in allogeneic transplant rejection by in vivo administration of ¹¹¹In labelled McAbs was shown to enable early detection of immunopathological events closely and specifically associated with graft rejection. The ability of each antibody to provide images of the rejecting graft differed among the antibodies tested. The ¹¹¹In Pan T McAb used (MRC OX-19) did not show sufficient uptake in the transplant for a clear image to

be seen and the images obtained included interference from uptake in the spleen and other lymphoid tissues.

The use of the ¹¹¹In anti-interleukin 2-receptor McAb (MRC OX-39) gave better results than the anti-Pan T (MRC OX-19) McAb. Uptake in the rejecting transplant was clearly seen on the scintillation camera images. However, total uptake in the transplant, measured directly by tissue sampling, marginally exceeded that in the contralateral kidney. The ¹¹¹In anti-Class I MHC McAb (MN4-91-6) gave impressive results in unmodified and cyclosporine treated allograft recipients. Imaging showed intensive uptake in the graft in both situations and tissue sampling established that between 20-45% of the injected dose was found in the transplant. However, failure of cyclosporine to alter significantly the uptake of ¹¹¹In MN4-91-6 in the graft made the use of this antibody rather inadequate for the discrimination of rejection. Finally, ¹¹¹In anti-Class II MHC McAb provided a radiotracer for imaging rejection with an acceptable margin of uptake in the rejecting kidney above that in the native kidney. The value of decreasing the dose of antibody injected was noted in reducing background, thereby enhancing target to non-target ratio. In cyclosporine-treated animals the transplant failed to show on the images and contained less radioactive counts than the native kidney. Therefore, the use of ¹¹¹In anti-Class II McAb in vivo would provide the best radiotracer, among those tested so far, for the detection and discrimination of allogeneic transplant rejection.

It remains to be said that the work presented in this thesis has been on the whole exploratory for the role of ¹¹¹In McAbs in providing tracers for imaging events occurring during transplant rejection. The value of these reagents in the diagnosis and management of transplant rejection in the human would need to be tested and established in a suitable clinical and experimental setting.
Section Five :

General Discussion and Conclusions

Chapter 13:

The Value of in Vivo Use of ¹¹¹In McAbs in Radiolabelling Platelets, Lymphocytes and Fixed Cells Expressing MHC Molecules

Implications for Imaging Cell Distribution and Following the Kinetics of Various Cell Populations

13.1 Introduction:

The aim of this thesis was to address the question of in vivo use of ¹¹¹In McAbs for labelling blood cells, namely platelets and lymphocytes, and for labelling fixed cells displaying antigens of the major histocompatibility complex on their surface. This was for the purpose of imaging the respective cell populations using a scintillation camera and following their behaviour in vivo.

The goals were achieved experimentally and the results of using various ¹¹¹In McAbs were discussed separately in the relevant sections of this thesis.

For radiolabelling platelets, ¹¹¹In P256 McAb and its F(ab)'₂ fragment proved to be very effective in binding to the cells in vitro and in vivo. Thus, the use of ¹¹¹In P256 or ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab)'₂ provided images of platelet distribution which were similar to those observed previously using ¹¹¹In oxine/tropolone labelled platelets. The major outcome of the use of this McAb clinically was in imaging thrombus in man. Areas of abnormal platelet deposition in the vasculature were detected by scintillation camera imaging and the findings were documented in some cases by angiography.

Lymphocyte radiolabelling with ¹¹¹In McAbs was approached from two angles. The first was a consideration of the effectiveness of antibody binding to the relevant cell population and potential effect of the radiolabel on cell function. Binding parameters gave an idea of the expected situation for cell labelling in vivo and the effect of the ¹¹¹In anti-lymphocyte McAbs on mitogen induced cell proliferation was tested experimentally to provide an indication of any toxic effect the radiolabelled antibodies had on the cells.

The second approach studied in vivo use of anti-lymphocyte McAbs. An anti- T cell McAb (MRC OX-19) was traced in various lymphoid tissues after its intravenous injection in increasing amounts in the rat using available techniques of immunofluorescence and immunochemistry. This enabled the documentation of in vivo antibody binding to the relevant target and the uncovering of a modulation effect on the cells. The use of the ¹¹¹In anti-T cell McAb (¹¹¹In MRC OX-19) in the rat produced images of spleen and lymph nodes. Tissue sampling of the animals gave a quantitative assessment of the uptake in each tissue and identified sites of non-specific uptake such as liver and kidney.

In the experimental application of the ¹¹¹In McAbs in allogeneic kidney transplantation in a rat model, we showed that such use could provide an effective means for imaging rejection if antibodies of the right specificities were used. Monoclonal antibodies specific for activated T lymphocytes (anti-IL-2 receptor) or against the molecules of the major histocompatibility complex were found to be most suitable for radiotracing the immunopathological events during the progression of allograft rejection. Peculiarities of the use of each antibody in transplanted rats were identified especially in those animals treated with cyclosporine to prevent rejection of their grafts.

13.2 Blood cell radiolabelling and the place of radiolabelled antibodies reacting with various blood cells as in vivo cell tracers

The concern of physiologists, immunologists and clinicians regarding blood cell behaviour has been to explore where blood cells go, how they migrate in tissues and once there what they do. The answers to these questions using non-invasive means that enable accurate identification and localisation of blood cell populations have stemmed from application of various cell tracing methods mainly cell radiolabelling and scintillation camera imaging.

The study of granulocytes has benefited from such application especially using the ¹¹¹In oxine/tropolone labelling method. Conforming to the strict requirements of the ideal cell tracer, ¹¹¹In oxine/tropolone labelling of granulocytes has enabled a full and accurate description of granulocyte behaviour in man in normal and disease conditions using available imaging technology of scintillation camera imaging and its allied techniques, ie tomography, SPECT, etc.

Labelling other blood cells using ¹¹¹In oxine/tropolone or similar methods, however, has not achieved the same satisfactory results obtained with labelling granulocytes. The problems of specific cell labelling, particularly the functionally different lymphocytes or cells involved in a certain pathological condition such as activated platelets or lymphocytes, called for alternative ways of cell tracing.

Radiolabelled monoclonal antibodies against various cell surface molecules on platelets and lymphocytes have provided, to some extent, the in vivo tracer that can target cells specifically. The pattern of cell labelling with ¹¹¹In monoclonal antibodies injected in vivo and reported in this experimental work, shows the following characteristics : 1) Specific blood cell radiolabelling is unambiguously obtained. Thus, cells bearing a specific surface marker are radiolabelled with the antibody directed against this surface marker.

2) Both kinetics of the free and cell bound ¹¹¹In antibody are observed in blood and whole body at the same time. Thus, non-specific uptake in liver and kidney and high background in plasma are noted.

3) The kinetics of the cell-bound fraction of the antibody shows a peculiar pattern when it is followed over time. For circulating platelets and lymphocytes, it is related to the life span of the cells and to the kinetics of the antibody and its antigen on the cell surface, affinity of binding, internalisation, turnover of the receptor, antibody re-binding to other cells etc. Therefore, a distorted picture of the behaviour of the traced cell population emerges upon use of the radiolabelled antibody as the cell tracer and no firm conclusion as to the time course of cell migration into tissue or life-span of the cell population in blood can be made.

The value of radiolabelled anti-blood cell McAbs lies mainly in giving a map of distribution of the relevant cell population in the body at a given time. It can therefore localise abnormal accumulation of cells in certain sites such as platelet deposition in thrombus and activated lymphocytes in rejecting grafts. This property makes imaging the most useful application of the ¹¹¹In anti-platelet/lymphocytes McAbs.

The main implication for use of the method in clinical practice will be, therefore, as an investigation for localising abnormalities involving blood cells such as thrombi by using anti-platelet antibodies and immunopathologic events in which lymphocyte infiltration occurs by antilymphocyte McAbs. Theoretically, repetition of these investigations at reasonably close intervals (1-2 weeks) should be possible in order to provide follow-up of each situation studied. The main determinant in this case will be background radioactivity in tissues remaining from the previous use of the method or other investigations using radionuclides. However in practice, problems related mainly to generation of human anti-mouse Ig antibodies (HAMA) restrict the repetitive use of murine McAbs in man. The modern trends of using human or humanised antibodies will probably provide a solution to this major obstacle.

<u>13.3 In vivo study of the physiology or pathophysiology of platelets and</u> <u>lymphocytes using ¹¹¹In McAbs</u>

The main question this thesis has answered is the ability of in vivo ¹¹¹In anti-platelet, lymphocyte or MHC-molecule McAbs to radiolabel the relevant cells and to provide the means for imaging these cells using a scintillation camera.

Equally important is the issue of how this approach can be useful in providing information on the physiology and pathophysiology of a cell population by targeting it with a certain ¹¹¹In McAb. The first step would be adequate knowledge of antibody reactivity and binding characteristics to the cell population studied in a suitable setting in vitro. Examples of such primary testing are the binding assays of ¹¹¹In P256 McAb to platelets and ¹¹¹In anti-lymphocyte antibodies to lymphoid cell lines and blood. Other in vitro tests are designed so that they test functional alterations of the cell population studied upon use of the radiolabelled antibody. For instance, binding of P256 to platelets has increased aggregation, ¹¹¹In anti-human T lymphocyte McAb has caused antigenic modulation and a reduction in lymphocyte mitogen-induced proliferation. Once satisfactory in vitro tests have been obtained, application in appropriate models of experimental animals will provide the opportunity to gather information before use of the method in man. Thus a primate model for thrombus induction has been used by Lavender et al (1988) for testing ¹¹¹In P256 anti-platelet McAb further. The rat has been used in this thesis as the experimental animal for testing ¹¹¹In anti-lymphocyte and anti-Class I or II MHC McAbs in vivo.

It is by relating the resulting images to tissue function in vivo using ¹¹¹In McAbs as probes detecting the presence of specific molecules on the surface of a certain cell population during the execution of a recognised function, that the potential of the new method in studying physiologic and pathologic events lies. Notwithstanding problems of cross-reactivity of antibodies with different cells, the investigator can choose to follow in this way the cells displaying the specific marker on their surface; the population that seems to be involved in the phenomenon of interest. Thus, we have succeeded in this experimental work in adapting the in-vivo ¹¹¹In McAb approach to study by scintillation camera imaging reactive events involving platelet deposition in thrombus in man, lymphocyte distribution in the rat, activated lymphocyte infiltration of rejecting grafts and the induction of Class I and II MHC molecules in unmodified and cyclosporine treated allogeneic transplants in the rat.

<u>13.4 Scintillation camera imaging of radiolabelled blood cells and MHC</u> molecules after in vivo administration of ¹¹¹In McAbs

The generation of an image truly reflecting the pathophysiology of an abnormality is a valuable addition to means of medical investigation.

In this thesis, emphasis has been on obtaining scintillation camera images after the injection of the labelled monoclonal antibodies using the equipment available and by altering the experimental setting in each case, the optimal conditions have been achieved. Also, the imaging data using ¹¹¹In McAbs have been compared with alternative cell labelling methods such as ¹¹¹In tropolone labelled cells. In the work on the experimental animal, imaging results have been compared directly to tissue sampling data, thereby documenting the results and identifying areas of weakness in the procedure and ways of improving on the outcome of imaging in terms of optimal target to background ratio. For instance, sequential imaging and tissue sampling of rats injected with ¹¹¹In anti-T cell McAb, ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19, show very early uptake in the spleen. However, a clear picture of the lymph nodes emerges only after the decline of background activity in the circulation 24 hr after injection of that antibody. In contrast to the situation with lymph nodes however, early imaging of the transplanted rats at 4 hr after antibody injection has been found to give a higher target to non-target ratio, Transplant/Native Kidney, than that obtained using late imaging (24 hr) after the injection of ¹¹¹In anti-Class I or II McAb.

The generation of images for as small an animal as the rat, has benefited from the great versatility and manoeuvrability of the scintillation camera system, especially the use of the pinhole collimator. Image magnification and improvement in system resolution have occurred enabling relatively simple localisation and differentiation of anatomical structures. In addition, whole body and close-up views of the imaged rats have been possible by simply adjusting the distance of the pinhole from the imaging plane.

Dynamic imaging has been used mostly in man after injection of the ¹¹¹In anti-platelet McAb (¹¹¹In P256 or ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂). The uptake of radioactivity after intravenous injection of ¹¹¹In P256 or ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂ increases steadily in the spleen to reach a plateau at 1 hr but decreases over the heart (blood pool). Liver uptake shows essentially a plateau throughout the dynamic study.

Comparison of uptake in different parts of the static images has been readily done by comparing count-rates in regions of interest drawn manually over chosen organs or tissues on the monitor screen. The results of such analysis show that ¹¹¹In McAbs have achieved the ratios of target to background or target of non-target uptake in the range of 2 : 1 to 30 : 1. These data compare favourably with other imaging investigations employing radionuclides, especially radiolabelled cells (¹¹¹In granulocytes, platelets), and radiolabelled antibodies for targeting tumours.

Finally, with more refinements of the imaging equipment and the preparations of antibody used, the in vivo radiolabelled approach may prove of great benefit as a non-invasive investigational means as has been shown in our experimental work.

<u>13.5 In vivo</u>¹¹¹In McAbs anti-platelets, lymphocytes and MHC molecules; notes of caution and reservations for use in man.

It has become obvious during the progress of the experimental work in this thesis that the use of ¹¹¹In labelled McAbs in vitro and in vivo is not without undesirable effects.

The anti-platelet McAb P256 has been found to cause platelet aggregation when its concentration exceeds a certain level. However at doses lower than 500 Ab molecules/ptlt (100 μ g per person), it appears to be safe and still provides good scintillation camera images. Anti-T cell monoclonal antibodies used in vivo in the rat and tested in vitro with human lymphocytes have caused antigen modulation on the cell surface. This makes cell labelling more difficult due to loss of the CD5 molecule from the surface. The use of other anti-lymphocyte McAbs has also been reported to induce functional changes in the cells. The effects range from cell activation to complete block of cellular function. The damaging effect of the radiolabel, indium-111, on the cells has been addressed particularly in the case of ¹¹¹In anti-lymphocyte McAbs. Previous reports using different radiolabelling methods such as ¹¹¹In oxine/tropolone have emphasised the issue of radiotoxicity to lymphocytes and limits of ¹¹¹In radioactivity permissible per cell. Dose estimates for ¹¹¹In McAb binding to lymphocytes have indicated a lower risk of damage to DNA by virtue of antibody binding to the cell surface as compared to intracellular deposition of ¹¹¹In after oxine/tropolone labelling. The risk of malignancy induction in the labelled cells remains, however, unclear and further studies are needed to establish its significance.

Whole body and target organ dosimetry from the ¹¹¹In McAb method within the limits of radioactivity used in this thesis, ie 4-10 MBq (100-300 μ Ci) compare favourably with other investigations using ¹¹¹In labelled blood cells (platelets & granulocytes).

Finally, using murine monoclonal antibodies in man brings the issue of the generation of human anti-mouse antibodies, which prevents efficient repetitive use of the murine McAbs in man. To this end, the use of antibody fragments ($F(ab')_2$ & Fab) and the introduction of modified antibodies such as the mouse-human heteroantibodies hold promise for a solution to this problem.

Conclusions

1) It is possible to radiolabel platelets in man by the intravenous injection of an ¹¹¹In anti-platelet glycoprotein monoclonal antibody (¹¹¹In P256 or ¹¹¹In P256 $F(ab')_2$). Scintillation camera imaging of platelet distribution in the body can be obtained after the administration of this tracer. The method enables the detection of platelet deposition in thrombus and holds promise for an early and non-invasive diagnostic test for this condition.

2) Lymphocyte subsets can be targeted with ¹¹¹In McAbs for the purpose of scintillation camera imaging. The binding of an ¹¹¹In anti-T cell McAb to T lymphocytes in various lymphoid tissues has been documented experimentally in the rat by imaging and tissue sampling. However, antibody binding to T lymphocytes has been found to cause modulation of the antigen that binds the antibody. Dosimetry of ¹¹¹In labelled anti-lymphocyte antibodies has been addressed considering surface binding to the cells and in vitro experimental data on cell binding and proliferation. Accordingly, ¹¹¹In anti-lymphocyte McAbs are thought to expose the cells less to short range particulate emissions than conventional labelling with ¹¹¹In oxine. This factor will favour the use of ¹¹¹In McAbs for labelling lymphocytes.

3) The involvement of lymphocytes in immunopathological events and the alteration in tissues undergoing certain inflammatory reactions such as induction of the molecules of the major histocompatibility complex in allogeneic transplant rejection have been studied successfully using in vivo administration of ¹¹¹In McAbs in an experimental rat model of kidney transplantation. ¹¹¹In anti-IL-2 receptor McAb as tracer for activated T cells and donor specific ¹¹¹In anti-Class I and II MHC McAbs are accumulated in rejecting allogeneic transplants giving clear images of the graft using the

scintillation camera. Treatment of the transplanted animals with cyclosporine to prevent rejection has resulted in little alteration in the expression of Class I MHC in their grafts compared to grafts in unmodified recipients (non-cyclosporine treated) as judged by the imaging and tissue sampling data. However, abrogation of the uptake of the ¹¹¹In anti-Class II MHC McAb in the cyclosporine-treated transplants has occurred giving a clear distinction between rejecting and non-rejecting allogeneic kidney transplants in the rat model used. This has implications for adopting the ¹¹¹In anti-Class II MHC McAbs for the diagnosis and discrimination of kidney transplant rejection in man.

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Appendix

Including : Experimental Protocols, Techniques and Additional Results Related to Experiments in the Thesis

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Experimental protocols and data relating to Chapter 5 : In Vitro Testing of

an ¹¹¹In Labelled Anti-Platelet Glycoprotein Monoclonal Antibody

Coupling of P256 F(ab')2 to DTPA :

Same protocol described in page 50 was used. The results are shown in Table A5.1: Table A5.1. Elution fractions of P256-F(ab')₂-DTPA reaction mixture on the Sephadex G-50 column in PBS. P256 F(ab')₂ : 5 mg, DTPA : 0.7 mg.

Fraction No	Fraction volum	<u>ne OD</u>	Protein content
	<u>(ml)</u>		<u>(mg/ml)</u>
BGa		0.00	0.00
1	2	0.00	0.00 ^b
2	2	0.01	0.00 ^b
3	2	0.02	0.01
4	2	1.25	0.92 ^c
5	2	0.96	0.70 ^c
6	2	0.08	0.06 ^d
7	2	0.01	0.00 ^b
8	2	0.01	0.00 ^b
9	2	0.01	<u>0.00</u> b

a Background level was set at zero with PBS. This gave 3 reproducible readings of 0.000 before starting to measure the OD of the elution fractions.

- b Fractions giving low readings, OD <0.010 (<10µg), were considered to be non-different from background.
- c Fractions 4 & 5 were pooled together; OD : 1.06, final McAb concentration : 0.78 mg/ml, total : 3.13 mg, recovery of protein : 65%.
- d Fraction 6 was not pooled with fractions 4+5 in order to keep the antibody-DTPA solution as concentrated as possible.

<u>P256 test labelling with ¹¹¹In :</u>

P256-DTPA : 0.1mg, 124 μl; ¹¹¹In in citrate buffer : 115MBq (3.11 mCi), 234 μl. Table A5.2. Elution of the P256-DTPA-¹¹¹In mixture on the Sephadex G 50 column : <u>Fraction</u> <u>Fraction volume</u> ¹¹¹In radioactivity

	<u>(ml)</u>	<u>(MBq)</u>
1	2.36	0.0
2	2.00	0.0
3	2.00	0.0
4	2.00	5.7 ^a
5	2.00	73.8 ^a
6	2.00	10.5 ^a
7	2.00	0.4
8	2.00	0.6 ^b
9	2.00	3.2 ^b
10	2.00	9.4b

a ¹¹¹In radioactivity associated with the McAb. Fractions 4, 5 & 6 were pooled together.
 Specific activity 900 MBq/mg (24.3 mCi/mg).

b Free ¹¹¹In eluting in late fractions giving a second peak of radioactivity.

Experiment to measure the number of DTPA bound to P256 F(ab')2 :

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The same experimental protocol to that used for testing DTPA bound to the whole P256 antibody was used. Table A5.3 shows the results of this experiment.

Table A5.3. Elution of ¹¹¹In+DTPA+P256 F(ab')₂-reaction mixture^a on the Sephadex G-50 column in PBS. Labelling of the test sample (10 μ l) for calculation of the number of DTPA molecules bound per Ab.

Fraction No	<u><u>5</u> Fraction volum</u>	<u>ne Radioactivity</u>	<u>Count-rat</u>	e
<u>(ml)</u>		<u>(MBq)</u>	<u>(cpm-BG^b</u>	")
1	2.21	0.0	10 ^c	
2	2.00	0.0	-6 ^c	
3	2.00	0.0	14 ^c	
4	2.00	0.1	827 ^d	
5	2.00	0.9	5691 ^d	
6	2.00	0.2	1348 ^d	
7	2.00	0.0	235	
8	2.00	0.4	2159	
9	2.00	6.2	38374	
10	2.00	11.5	70526	
11	2.00	14.0	86130	
12	2.00	6.9	42763	
13	2.00	2.9	17314	
14	2.00	0.6	3571	
15	2.00	0.1	408	
16	2.00	0.0	95	
17	2.00	0.0	57	
18	2.00	0.0	34 ^c	
19	2.00	0.0	21 ^c	
20	2.00	0.0	9c	

a Reaction mixture 10 μl; 25 mg/ml P256 F(ab')₂, 3.5 mg/ml DTPA, Mol DTPA : Ab; 39 : 1, ¹¹¹In : 45 MBq (1.1 mCi) in 200 μl.

b Background (BG) was subtracted. Average BG : 150 cpm (n=3, se=7).

c Count-rates corrected for background and falling within 3 standard errors of the calculated difference (99% confidence limits) were considered to be non-significant and were ignored.

d Radioactivity in elution fractions 4, 5 & 6 (first peak) was associated with DTPA-Ab bound. The radioactive count in the following fractions 7-20 (second peak) was associated with free DTPA. The ratios Ab-DTPA/DTPA (MBq) = 1.25/43.8 = 0.03, Ab-DTPA/DTPA (cpm) = 7866/269498 = 0.03. The number of DTPA molecules bound per P256 F(ab')₂ molecule = 1.17 DTPA/Ab.

P256 F(ab')₂ test labelling with ¹¹¹In :

P256 F(ab')₂-DTPA : 0.1mg, 128 μl; ¹¹¹In in citrate buffer : 97MBq (2.62 mCi), 195 μl. Table A5.4. Elution of the P256 F(ab')₂-DTPA-¹¹¹In mixture on the Sephadex G 50 column :

Fraction	Fraction volume	¹¹¹ In radioactivity
	<u>(ml)</u>	<u>(MBq)</u>
1	2.32	0.0
2	2.00	0.0
3	2.00	0.0
4	2.00	4.8 ^a
5	2.00	58.1 ^a
6	2.00	2.1 ^a
7	2.00	0.3
8	2.00	0.4 ^b
9	2.00	6.4 ^b
10	2.00	14.2 ^b
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 a ¹¹¹In radioactivity associated with the McAb. Fractions 4, 5 & 6 were pooled together. Specific activity 650 MBq/mg (17.6 mCi/mg).

b Free ¹¹¹In eluting in late fractions giving a second peak of radioactivity.

¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂ immunoreactivity testing.

Table A5.5. Setting of the experiment for measurement of the immunoreactivity of ¹¹¹In P256 $F(ab')_2^a$ with PRP^b.

<u>Tube No</u> c	<u>Ptlt/ml</u> d	¹¹¹ <u>In P256 F(ab')</u> 2 ^e	¹¹¹ In P256 F(ab') ₂ /ptlt	<u>Cold P256 F(ab')2^f</u>
		<u>µg/ml</u>		µg/ml (tubes C&D)
1 A,B,C,D.	$2X10^8$	0.13	4000	13
2 A,B,C,D.	108	0.13	8000	13
3.A,B,C,D	. 5X10 ⁷	0.13	16000	13
4.A,B,C,D	. 2.5X10 ⁷	0.13	32000	13
5.A,B,C,D	. 1.25X10 ⁷	0.13	64000	13
6.A,B,C,D.	<u>6.25X106</u>	0.13	128000	13

a ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂; 25 μg/ml, 218 MBq/mg (5.9 mCi/mg).

b PRP obtained after centrifugation of whole blood contained 2.8X10⁸ ptlt/ml. Platelet poor plasma (PPP) was obtained by spinning 40 ml of anticoagulated blood at 1500 g for 10 min and was used for diluting PRP.

- c Quadruplicate tubes were used for every tube number : 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 2A, etc. Two tubes (A&B) were used to measure the extent of binding of ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂ to platelets, the other two (C&D) contained unlabelled P256 F(ab')₂ as well (dispensed in the tubes before addition of ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂) and were used to measure the Ab non-specific binding.
- d Doubling dilutions of PRP in cell free plasma of the number of platelets in tubes No 1 were dispensed in tubes 2-6. The total volume of the reaction mixture was made up to 1 ml with PPP.
- e 111 In P256 F(ab')₂ was added to all the tubes at 0.13 µg/ml in a volume of 5.2 µl. A reference standard was left for comparison.
- f Unlabelled (cold) P256 F(ab')₂ was added to tubes C&D of every number group at 13 μg/ml (100 fold excess over ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂) for measuring non-specific binding of ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂.

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Table A5.6. ¹¹¹In P256 $F(ab')_2$ platelet bound and values of ¹¹¹In P256 $F(ab')_2$ T/B for the calculation of the antibody's immunoreactive fraction.

<u>Tube No</u>	¹¹¹ In P256 F(ab') ₂ ptlt bound ^{a,b}	<u>Non-specific binding</u> ^c	<u>T/B</u> d
	$cpm \pm 1 se$	$cpm \pm 1 se$	<u>± 1 se</u>
1	52600 ± 200	170 ± 300^{e}	1.17 ± 0.006
2	50700 ± 210	70 ± 300^{e}	1.21 ± 0.006
3	47300 ± 210	230 ± 300^{e}	1.30 ± 0.007
4	40500 ± 230	180 ± 300^{e}	1.52 ± 0.010
5	33200 ± 240	110 ± 300^{e}	1.85 ± 0.015
6	21400±270	250 ± 300^{e}	2.87 ± 0.037

a All radioactive counts were corrected for background (BG). Average BG=130 cpm (n=3, se=6).

- b Count-rate from ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂ platelet bound was obtained indirectly by counting the 500 µl aliquots of the supernatant in tubes (A&B), correcting the resulting count-rate for BG, taking the average of the two count-rates (A&B) and multipying this average by 2 to get a value for the total unbound count-rate in the supernatant (the volume of the platelet pellet was ignored). Subtraction of unbound count-rate from the count-rate in the reference standard resulted in the count-rate in the pellet (platelet-bound count).
- c Same method described in b above was used to obtain cell bound count-rate in the presence of excess unlabelled P256 F(ab')₂.
- d Reference standard count-rate was obtained by counting an equal amount of ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂ to that added to the test tubes (count was obtained in duplicate). Std 61500, n=2, se=180.
- e The values of radioactive count-rates, differences in counts, ratios etc. that did not lie within three standard errors (se) representing 99% confidence limits were considered to be non-significant and were ignored.

Figure A5.1 :



Intercept 1.08, immunoreactive fraction 1/1.08 = 0.924.

<u>Non-specific binding of ¹¹¹In P256 to platelets in PRP :</u>
Table A5.7: Results of ¹¹¹ In P256 ^a vs PRP ^b (I) non-specific binding ^c .

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Tube	<u>Std ¹¹¹In P256 added</u>	Bound cpm	<u>B/T</u>
_	$\underline{cpm \pm 1 se}$	<u>± 1 se</u>	<u>± 1 se</u>
9	84500	400	0.005
	± 290	± 500	± 0.006
10	42400	170	0.004
	± 210	±360	± 0.008
11	20980	130	0.006
	± 150	± 250	± 0.012
12	10600	150	0.014
	± 100	± 180	± 0.017
13	5230	110	0.020
	± 70	± 130	± 0.024
14	2650	60	0.023
	± 50	± 90	± 0.036
15	1400	80	0.057
	± 40	± 70	± 0.051
16	710	30	0.045
	±30	±40	± 0.051

a ¹¹¹In P256 : 150 µg/ml, 182 MBq/mg (4.9 mCi/mg).

b PRP: $3.5X10^8$ ptlt/ml.

c Setting is the same as in Table 5.5 except that P256 (unlabelled) was added in X20 excess over 111 In P256. All cpm were corrected for background count-rate; BG = 170, n =3, se =7.

<u>Repeat ¹¹¹In P256 vs PRP radioimmunoassay :</u>

Table A5.8. Setting and results of ¹¹¹In P256^a vs PRP^b (II) radiobinding assay^c.

<u>Tube No</u> d	111 <u>InP256</u> concµg/ml	¹¹¹ In P256 /ptlt	<u>Std cpm</u> <u>±1 se</u>	Bound cpm <u>±1 se</u>	<u>B/T</u> <u>±1 se</u>
1 1	50	106	68400	11000	0.16
1	50	10	± 190	+300	± 0.004
2	25	5X10 ⁵	34000	7500	0.22
			±130	± 210	± 0.006
3	12.5	2.5X10 ⁵	17100	6100	0.36
			± 90	± 140	± 0.009
4	6.25	1.25X10 ⁵	8600	4000	0.47
			± 70	± 100	± 0.012
5	3.13	6.25X10 ⁴	4300	2800	0.65
			± 50	± 60	± 0.017
6	1.56	3.13X10 ⁴	2200	1700	0.78
			± 30	± 50	± 0.024
7	0.78	1.56X10 ⁴	1120	920	0.82
			± 30	± 40	± 0.037
8	0.39	7.8X10 ³	550	500	0.86
			<u>±20</u>	±30	±0.060

a ¹¹¹In P256 : 180 µg/ml, 384 MBq/mg (9.4 mCi/mg).

b Stock PRP : 2.7X10⁸ptlt./ml.

c All cpm were corrected for background count-rate; BG = 150, n =3, se = 7.

d Tubes prepared in duplicate. Each tube contained 2X10⁸ ptlt/ml. A separate set containing 2X10⁸ ptlt/ml + 20 fold excess of cold P256 over ¹¹¹In P256 was prepared to measure non-specific binding (see Table A5.9).

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Non-specific binding of ¹¹¹In P256 to platelets in PRP, Repeat experiment: Table A5.9: Results of ¹¹¹In P256 vs PRP (II) non-specific binding^a. Tube Std ¹¹¹In P256 added Bound com B/T

	Tube	Std ¹¹¹ In P256 added	Bound cpm	<u>B/T</u>	
		<u>cpm ± 1 se</u>	<u>±1 se</u>	<u>±1 se</u>	
	9	68600	270	0.005	
		± 260	± 450	± 0.008	
	10	33700	340	0.010	
		± 180	±320	± 0.009	
	11	17100	240	0.014	
		± 130	± 230	± 0.013	
	12	8700	130	0.014	
		± 90	± 160	± 0.018	
	13	4300	160	0.038	
		± 70	± 120	± 0.027	
	14	2240	110	0.051	
ĺ		± 50	± 90	± 0.039	
	15	1190	100	0.084	
		± 40	± 70	± 0.056	
	16	600	80	0.140	
		±30	± 50	± 0.086	

a Same setting as in Table A5.8. Excess of unlabelled P256 (X20) was added to measure non-specific binding of ¹¹¹In P256. All cpm were corrected for background ; BG = 150, n =3, se =7.

Table 5.10. Setting and results of ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂^a vs PRP^b assay.

Tube No	¹¹¹ <u>InP256</u>	¹¹¹ In P256	<u>Std cpm</u> d	Bound cpm ^d	<u>B/T</u>
	<u>conc µg/ml</u>	<u>/ptlt</u>	<u>±1 se</u>	<u>± 1 se</u>	<u>± 1 se</u>
1	32	106	78600	11800	0.15
			± 200	± 330	0.004
2	16	5X10 ⁵	39400	7900	0.20
			± 140	± 230	± 0.006
3	8	2.5X10 ⁵	19900	6400	0.32
			± 100	±.150	± 0.008
4	4	1.25X10 ⁵	10000	4100	0.41
			± 70	±110	± 0.011
5	2	6.25X10 ⁴	5000	2800	0.56
			± 50	± 70	± 0.015
6	1	3.13X10 ⁴	2500	1700	0.67
			± 40	± 50	± 0.022
7	0.5	1.56X10 ⁴	1220	900	0.75
			± 30	±40	± 0.034
8	0.25	7.8X10 ³	640	500	0.77
			±20	±30	± 0.053

a ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂: 100 μg/ml, 140 MBq/mg (3.8 mCi/mg).

b PRP prepared from ACD-blood by centrifugation contained 3.1X10⁸ptlt/ml.

c Tubes prepared in duplicate. Each tube contained 2X10⁸ ptlt/ml. A separate set containing 2X10⁸ ptlt/ml + 20 fold excess of cold P256 F(ab')₂ over ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂ was prepared to measure non-specific binding (see text).

d All count-rates were corrected for background. BG = 140, n = 3, se = 7.

Non-specific binding of ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂ to platelets in PRP:

Table A5.11: Results of ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂ ^avs PRP^b (I) non-specific binding^c.

<u>Tube</u> <u>Std</u> ¹¹¹ <u>In P256 F(ab')</u> ₂		Bound cpm	<u>B/T</u>
	<u>added cpm ± 1 se</u>	<u>± 1 se</u>	<u>±1 se</u>
9	78600	360	0.005
	± 280	± 490	± 0.007
10	40000	290	0.007
	± 200	±350	± 0.008
11	20000	240	0.012
	± 140	± 240	± 0.012
12	10000	180	0.018
	± 100	± 180	± 0.017
13	5000	150	0.029
	± 70	± 130	± 0.025
14	2500	70	0.029
	± 50	± 90	± 0.036
15	1250	110	0.090
	± 40	± 70	± 0.054
16	670	60	0.088
	±30	±50	± 0.078

a 111 In P256 F(ab')₂: 100 µg/ml, 140 MBq/mg (3.8 mCi/mg).

b PRP: $3.1X10^8$ ptlt/ml.

c Setting is the same as in Table 5.7 except that P256 F(ab')₂ (unlabelled) was added in X20 excess over ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂. All cpm were corrected for background ; BG = 140, n =3, se =7.

<u>Repeat ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂ vs PRP radioimmunoassay :</u>

Table A5.12.	Setting and r	results of ¹¹¹ Iı	1 P256 F(ab')	a _{vs} prpb (II)	radiobinding a	issav ^c .
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<u>Tube No</u> d	¹¹¹ InP256 <u>F(ab</u>	$\frac{111}{10} \frac{111}{10} \frac{111}{10} \frac{111}{10}$	<u>Std cpm</u>	Bound cpm	<u>B/T</u>
	<u>concµg/ml</u>	<u>F(ab')₂/ptlt</u>	<u>±1 se</u>	<u>±1 se</u>	<u>± 1 se</u>
1	50	10 ⁶	92700	13900	0.15
		_	± 220	± 350	± 0.004
2	25	5X10 ⁵	46500	9800	0.21
		_	±150	± 250	± 0.005
3	12.5	2.5X10 ⁵	23200	7000	0.30
		_	±110	± 170	± 0.007
4	6.25	1.25X10 ⁵	11700	4900	0.42
			± 80	±110	± 0.010
5	3.13	6.25X10 ⁴	5900	3400	0.57
			± 60	± 80	± 0.014
6	1.56	3.13X10 ⁴	3000	2100	0.69
			±40	± 54	± 0.020
7	0.78	1.56X10 ⁴	1500	1130	0.76
			± 30	± 60	± 0.044
8	0.39	7.8X10 ³	780	600	0.78
			±20	±30	± 0.047

a 111 In P256 F(ab')₂: 100 μ g/ml, 286 MBq/mg (7.7 mCi/mg).

b Stock PRP : 2.6X10⁸ptlt/ml.

c All cpm were corrected for background count-rate; BG = 140, n = 3, se = 7.

d Tubes prepared in duplicate. Each tube contained 2X10⁸ ptlt/ml. A separate set containing 2X10⁸ ptlt/ml + 20 fold excess of cold P256 F(ab')₂ over ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂ was prepared to measure non-specific binding.

<u>Non-specific binding of ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')</u>₂ to platelets in PRP Repeat experiment:</sub> Table A5.13: Results of ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂ vs PRP (II) non-specific binding^a.

<u>Tube</u>	<u>Std_111 In P256 F(ab')</u> 2	<u>Bound cpm</u>	<u>B/T</u>
	added cpm ± 1 se	<u>±1 se</u>	<u>±1 se</u>
9	92800	590	0.006
	± 300	± 530	± 0.005
10	47200	360	0.008
	± 220	±380	± 0.008
11	23500	430	0.018
	± 150	± 270	± 0.011
12	11800	270	0.023
	± 110	± 190	± 0.016
13	6000	140	0.024
	± 80	± 140	± 0.023
14	3000	90	0.030
	± 60	± 100	± 0.033
15	1500	70	0.045
	± 40	± 70	± 0.048
16	780	60	0.107
	+30	+60	+0.072

a Same setting as in Table A5.11. Excess of unlabelled P256 F(ab')₂ (X20) was added to measure non-specific binding of ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂. All cpm were corrected for background ; BG = 140, n = 3, se = 7.

Non-specific binding of ¹¹¹In P256 to platelets in anticoagulated whole blood:

Table A	fable A5.14: Results of ¹¹¹ In P256 ^a vs whole blood ^p (I) non-specific binding ^c .						
<u>Tube</u>	<u>Cpm in 0.5 ml blood</u>	Bound cpm	<u>B/T</u>	<u>Cpm in PRP</u>	<u>PRP/T</u>		
	<u>±1 se</u>	<u>±1 se</u>	<u>±1 se</u>	<u>±1 se</u>	<u>±1 se</u>		
9	71300	710	0.010	70600	0.99		
	± 270	± 380	± 0.053	± 270	± 0.005		
10	35800	250	0.007	38700	1.08		
	± 190	±270	± 0.008	± 200	± 0.008		
11	18000	230	0.013	17800	0.99		
	± 130	± 190	± 0.011	± 130	± 0.011		
12	9000	150	0.017	8800	0.98		
	± 100	±130	± 0.015	± 90	± 0.015		
13	5000	130	0.026	4800	0.97		
	± 70	± 100	± 0.020	±70	± 0.020		
14	2300	90	0.041	2250	0.99		
	± 50	± 70	± 0.030	± 50	±0.030		
15	1200	80	0.066	1150	0.98		
	± 40	± 50	± 0.043	±40	± 0.043		
16	570	60	0.111	560	0.98		
	±30	<u>±40</u>	±0.066	±30	± 0.066		

a ¹¹¹In P256 : 300 µg/ml, 302 MBq/mg (8.2 mCi/mg).

b Hct : 0.40, Ptlt. No : 2.85X10⁸ptlt/ml.

c Setting is the same as in Table 5.9 except that P256 (unlabelled) was added in X20 excess over ¹¹¹In P256. All cpm were corrected for background ; BG = 110, n =3, se = 6.

Tube	<u>Cpm in 0.5 mi blood</u>	<u>Bouna cpm</u>	<u>B/ I</u>	<u>Cpm in PRP</u>	$\frac{PRP/1}{1}$
_	$\pm 1 se$	<u>± 1 se</u>	<u>± 1 se</u>	<u>±1 se</u>	<u>± 1 se</u>
1	92400	9200	0.11	79500	0.86
	± 300	± 420	± 0.005	± 280	± 0.004
2	48100	9100	0.19	43800	0.91
	± 220	±300	± 0.006	± 210	± 0.006
3	23900	8100	0.34	19800	0.83
	± 160	± 200	± 0.009	± 140	± 0.008
4	12000	4900	0.41	11500	0.96
	± 110	± 140	± 0.012	± 110	± 0.013
5	5900	3500	0.59	5300	0.90
	± 80	± 90	± 0.018	± 70	± 0.017
6	3140	2100	0.68	2700	0.87
1	± 60	± 70	± 0.025	± 50	± 0.023
7	1500	1100	0.73	1270	0.85
	± 40	± 50	± 0.037	± 40	± 0.034
8	780	600	0.76	630	0.81
	±30	±40	± 0.055	±30	± 0.048

<u>Binding of ¹¹¹In P256 to platelets in anticoagulated whole blood, Repeat experiments:</u> Table A5.15: Results of ¹¹¹In P256^a vs whole blood^b (II)^c. Tube Cpm in 0.5 ml blood Bound cpm B/T Cpm in PRP PRP/T

i ±30 i ±40 i±0.05 i ±50 i ±0.040 i
a ¹¹¹In P256 : 260 μg/ml, 247 MBq/mg (6.7 mCi/mg).
b Hct : 0.42, Ptlt No : 3.0X10⁸ ptlt/ml.
c Setting is the same as in Table 5.9 except that P256 (unlabelled) was added in X20 excess over ¹¹¹In P256. All cpm were corrected for background ; BG = 130, n =3, se = 7.

Table A5.16: R	lesults of ¹¹¹ In P2	56 vs whole blood	(II) non-specific binding ^a .

<u>Tube</u>	<u>Cpm in 0.5 ml blood</u>	Bound cpm	<u>B/T</u>	<u>Cpm in PRP</u>	<u>PRP/T</u>
	<u>± 1 se</u>	<u>± 1 se</u>	<u>±1 se</u>	<u>±1 se</u>	<u>± 1 se</u>
9	92500	650	0.007	91600	0.99
	± 300	± 430	± 0.005	± 300	± 0.005
10	47900	480	0.010	46900	0.98
	± 220	±310	± 0.006	± 220	± 0.006
11	24200	250	0.010	23200	0.99
	± 160	± 220	± 0.009	± 160	± 0.009
12	12500	190	0.015	12400	0.99
	± 110	± 160	± 0.013	± 110	± 0.013
13	60	220	0.036	5860	0.97
	± 80	± 110	± 0.018	± 80	± 0.018
14	3000	140	0.048	2930	0.98
	± 60	± 80	± 0.026	± 60	± 0.026
15	1500	80	0.055	1500	0.98
	± 40	± 60	± 0.038	± 40	± 0.038
16	800	40	0.048	780	0.97
	<u>±30</u>	±40	± 0.054	±30	± 0.054

a Same setting as in Table A5.14 Excess of unlabelled P256 (X20) was added to measure nonspecific binding of 111 In P256. All cpm were corrected for background ; BG = 130, n = 3, se = 7.

Table A5.17: Results of ¹¹¹In P256^a vs whole blood^b (III)^c.

$\begin{array}{c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c $	<u>Tube</u>	<u>Cpm in 0.5 ml blood</u>	<u>Bound cpm</u>	<u>B/T</u>	<u>Cpm in PRP</u>	<u>PRP/T</u>
$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$		<u>±1 se</u>	<u>±1 se</u>	<u>±1 se</u>	<u>± 1 se</u>	<u>±1 se</u>
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	1	101200	11100	0.11	90100	0.89
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$		± 320	± 440	± 0.004	± 300	± 0.004
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	2	53200	10600	0.20	49500	0.93
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$		± 230	±310	± 0.006	± 220	± 0.006
$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	3	26400	9000	0.34	22200	0.84
$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$		± 160	± 210	± 0.008	± 150	± 0.008
$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	4	13500	5419	0.40	12200	0.90
$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$		± 120	± 150	± 0.011	± 110	± 0.011
$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	5	7000	4300	0.61	6050	0.86
		± 80	± 100	± 0.016	± 80	± 0.015
$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	6	3500	2400	0.69	2850	0.82
$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$		± 60	±70	± 0.023	± 60	± 0.021
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	7	1700	1270	0.74	1500	0.87
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$		± 40	± 50	± 0.035	±40	± 0.033
± 30 ± 40 ± 0.051 ± 30 ± 0.049	8	900	700	0.77	820	0.92
		±30	<u>±40</u>	± 0.051	<u>±30</u>	<u>± 0.049</u>

a ¹¹¹In P256 : 280 µg/ml, 276 MBq/mg (7.5 mCi/mg).

b Hct : 0.37, Ptlt No : 2.45X10⁸ ptlt/ml.
c Setting is the same as in Table 5.9 except that P256 (unlabelled) was added in X20 excess over ¹¹¹In P256. All cpm were corrected for background ; BG = 140, n =3, se = 7.

Table A5.18: Results of ¹¹¹In P256 vs whole blood (III) non-specific binding^a.

<u>Tube</u>	Cpm in 0.5 ml blood	Bound cpm	<u>B/T</u>	<u>Cpm in PRP</u>	<u>PRP/T</u>
	<u>±1 se</u>	<u>±1 se</u>	<u>±1 se</u>	<u>± 1 se</u>	<u>±1 se</u>
9	99700	520	0.005	103700	1.04
	± 320	± 450	± 0.004	± 320	± 0.005
10	50700	350	0.007	50200	0.99
	± 230	±320	± 0.006	± 220	± 0.006
11	25200	330	0.013	24700	0.98
	± 160	± 220	± 0.009	± 160	± 0.009
12	12900	170	0.013	12800	0.99
	± 110	± 160	± 0.012	±110	± 0.012
13	6800	130	0.019	6700	0.98
	± 80	± 120	± 0.017	± 80	± 0.017
14	3400	80	0.023	3300	0.98
	± 60	± 80	± 0.025	± 60	± 0.025
15	1700	100	0.063	1600	0.97
	± 40	± 60	± 0.036	± 40	± 0.035
16	870	50	0.060	860	0.99
	±30	±50	± 0.052	±30	<u>± 0.052</u>

a Same setting as in Table A5.16 Excess of unlabelled P256 (X20) was added to measure non-specific binding of ¹¹¹In P256. All cpm were corrected for background ; BG = 140, n =3, se = 7.

-	<u>Fube</u>	¹¹¹ In P256	<u>Ab/ptlt</u>	<u>cpm 500µl WB</u>	<u>cpm cell bound</u>	<u>B/T±</u>
		F(ab')2 µg/ml		<u>± 1 se</u>	<u>500 μl WB ± 1 se</u>	<u>1 se</u>
	1	50	10 ⁶	86300	8600	0.10
				± 300	400	± 0.005
	2	25	5X10 ⁵	43500	7000	0.16
ł			_	± 210	± 280	± 0.007
	3	12.5	2.5X10 ⁵	22000	6400	0.29
			_	± 150	200	± 0.009
	4	6.25	1.25X10 ⁵	11300	4000	0.36
			_	± 110	± 140	± 0.013
	5	3.13	6.25X10 ⁴	5800	3100	0.53
			_	± 80	± 100	± 0.018
	6	1.56	3.13X10 ⁴	3000	1900	0.62
				±60	±70	± 0.025
	7	0.78	1.56X10 ⁴	1500	1000	0.69
				±40	50	± 0.037
	8	0.38	7.8X10 ³	800	600	0.72
1				±30	± 40	± 0.054

Table A5.19. Setting and results of the ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂ ^a vs ACD-blood^b radiobinding assay^c.

a ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂ : 280 μ g/ml, 198 MBq/mg (5.4 mCi/mg). b Hct = 0.41, Ptlt No = 2.90X10⁸/ml. c All count-rates were corrected for background. BG = 120, n = 3, se = 6.

Table 5.20. Radioactive counts in PRP and their ratio to ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂ counts in ACD-Whole blood^a.

<u>Tube</u>	<u>cpm 500µl WB</u>	<u>cpm PRP in 500 μl</u>	PRP/T
	<u>± 1 se</u>	$WB \pm 1$ se	<u>± 1 se</u>
1	86300	82800	0.96
	± 300	± 290	± 0.005
2	43500	41000	0.94
	± 210	± 200	± 0.006
3	22000	20100	0.91
	± 150	± 140	± 0.009
4	11300	9800	0.87
	± 110	± 100	± 0.012
5	5800	5200	0.89
	± 80	±70	±0.017
6	3000	2800	0.92
	± 60	± 50	± 0.025
7	1500	1250	0.86
	± 40	± 40	± 0.035
8	800	700	0.90
	±30	±30	± 0.051

a Same experiment as in the previous Table.

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'	<u>Tube</u> d	Cpm in 0.5 ml blood	Bound cpm	<u>B/T</u>	<u>Cpm in PRP</u>	<u>PRP/T</u>
		<u>±1 se</u>	<u>±1 se</u>	<u>±1 se</u>	<u>±1 se</u>	<u>±1 se</u>
	9	86800	230	0.005	86000	0.99
ĺ		± 290	± 420	± 0.009	± 290	± 0.005
	10	44200	370	0.008	45900	1.04
		± 210	±300	± 0.007	± 210	± 0.007
	11	22500	290	0.013	22000	0.98
		± 150	± 210	± 0.009	± 150	± 0.009
	12	11100	200	0.018	11000	0.99
I		± 110	± 150	± 0.013	± 110	± 0.013
Ì	13	5700	110	0.020	5700	0.99
l		± 80	±110	± 0.019	± 80	± 0.019
	14	2800	150	0.052	2700	0.97
		± 50	± 80	± 0.027	± 50	± 0.028
	15	1460	110	0.075	1440	0.99
1		± 40	± 60	± 0.038	±40	± 0.039
	16	690	80	0.117	680	0.98
		<u>±30</u>	±40	± 0.058	±30	± 0.059
			-	-	-	-

Table A5.21: Results of ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂^a vs whole blood^b (I) non-specific binding^c.

a ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂: 280 µg/ml, 198 MBq/mg (5.4 mCi/mg).

b Hct : 0.41, Ptlt No : 2.90X10⁸ptlt/ml.
c All cpm were corrected for background count-rate; BG = 120, n =3, se = 6.

d Setting was the same as in Table 5.12 except that 20 fold excess of cold P256 F(ab')2 over ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂ was added to measure non-specific binding.

Binding of ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂ to platelets in anticoagulated whole blood, Repeat experiments: Table A5.22: Results of ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂^a vs whole blood^b (II)^c.

<u>Tube</u>	Cpm in 0.5 ml blood	Bound cpm	<u>B/T</u>	<u>Cpm in PRP</u>	<u>PRP/T</u>
	<u>± 1 se</u>	<u>±1 se</u>	<u>±1.se</u>	<u>± 1 se</u>	<u>±1 se</u>
1	69600	6300	0.09	65500	0.94
	± 260	± 370	± 0.005	± 260	± 0.005
2	35300	5600	0.16	32100	0.91
	± 190	±260	± 0.007	± 180	± 0.007
3	17600	4900	0.28	15500	0.88
	± 130	± 170	± 0.010	± 130	± 0.010
4	8900	3200	0.36	7670	0.86
	± 100	± 120	± 0.014	± 90	± 0.014
5	4400	2300	0.52	4100	0.92
	± 70	± 80	± 0.020	± 70	± 0.020
6	2300	1400	0.61	1960	0.85
	± 50	± 60	± 0.029	± 50	± 0.027
7	1140	780	0.68	990	0.87
	± 40	± 40	± 0.043	± 30	± 0.041
8	530	370	0.71	440	0.83
	±30	±30	± 0.070	±20	± 0.063

a ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂: 240 µg/ml, 215 MBq/mg (5.8 mCi/mg).

b Hct : 0.43, Ptlt No : 3.25X10⁸ptlt/ml.

c Setting was the same as in Table 5.12. All cpm were corrected for background count-rate; BG = 130, n = 3, se = 7.

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Table A5.23: Results of ¹¹¹ In P256 F(ab') ₂ vs v	whole blood (II) non-specific binding ^a .
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<u>Tube</u>	Cpm in 0.5 ml blood	0.5 ml blood Bound cpm B/T		<u>Cpm in PRP</u>	<u>PRP/T</u>
	<u>± 1 se</u>	<u>± 1 se</u>	<u>± 1 se</u>	<u>±1 se</u>	<u>± 1 se</u>
9	70000	470	0.007	71400	1.02
1	± 260	± 370	± 0.005	± 270	± 0.005
10	35900	240	0.007	35600	0.99
	± 190	±270	± 0.007	± 190	± 0.007
11	17700	270	0.015	18600	1.05
	± 130	± 190	± 0.011	± 140	± 0.011
12	8800	140	0.016	8600	0.98
	± 90	± 130	± 0.015	± 90	± 0.015
13	4500	140	0.032	4500	0.99
	± 70	± 100	± 0.021	± 70	± 0.021
14	2240	120	0.052	2200	0.97
	± 50	± 70	± 0.031	± 50	± 0.030
15	1230	100	0.079	1200	0.98
	± 40	± 50	± 0.042	± 40	± 0.043
16	660	70	0.111	650	0.98
	±30	<u>±40</u>	±0.061	±30	<u>± 0.061</u>

a Same setting as in Table A5.19 Excess of unlabelled P256 F(ab')₂ (X20) was added to measure non-specific binding of ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂. All cpm were corrected for background ; BG = 130, n = 3, se = 7.

Table A5.24: Results of ¹¹¹In P256 $F(ab')_2^a$ vs whole blood^b (III)^c.

<u>Tube</u>	Cpm in 0.5 ml blood	Bound cpm	<u>B/T</u>	<u>Cpm in PRP</u>	<u>PRP/T</u>
	<u>± 1 se</u>	<u>± 1 se</u>	<u>± 1 se</u>	<u>±1 se</u>	<u>± 1 se</u>
1	81600	8160	0.10	78400	0.96
	± 290	± 390	± 0.005	± 280	± 0.005
2	41200	7000	0.17	37900	0.92
	± 200	±280	± 0.007	± 200	± 0.007
3	20800	6200	0.30	18500	0.89
	± 140	± 190	± 0.009	± 140	± 0.009
4	10200	3900	0.38	9300	0.91
	± 100	± 130	± 0.013	± 100	± 0.013
5	5620	3000	0.54	4840	0.86
	± 80	± 90	± 0.018	± 70	± 0.017
6	2800	1800	0.64	2430	0.87
	± 50	± 60	± 0.026	± 50	± 0.025
7	1400	1000	0.70	1330	0.93
[± 40	± 50	± 0.038	± 40	± 0.038
8	750	550	0.73	630	0.84
	±30	±40	±0.057	±30	± 0.051

a 111 In P256 F(ab')₂: 265 µg/ml, 284 MBq/mg (7.7 mCi/mg).

b Hct : 0.38, Ptlt No : 2.75X10⁸ ptlt/ml.
c Setting was the same as in Table 5.12. All cpm were corrected for background count-rate; BG = 140, n = 3, se = 7.

Table A5.25: Results of $\frac{111}{1}$ In P256 F(ab') ₂ vs whole blood (III) non-specific binding ^a .									
<u>Tube</u>	Cpm in 0.5 ml blood	Bound cpm	<u>B/T</u>	<u>Cpm in PRP</u>	<u>PRP/T</u>				
_	<u>±1 se</u>	<u>±1 se</u>	<u>±1 se</u>	<u>±1 se</u>	<u>±1 se</u>				
9	81200	330	0.004	88500	1.09				
	± 290	± 400	± 0.005	± 300	± 0.005				
10	41000	360	0.009	40200	0.98				
	± 200	±290	± 0.007	± 200	± 0.007				
11	20500	280	0.013	21100	1.03				
	± 140	± 200	± 0.010	± 150	± 0.010				
12	10400	210	0.020	10300	0.99				
	± 100	± 140	± 0.014	± 100	± 0.014				
13	5500	190	0.034	5400	0.99				
	± 80	±110	± 0.019	± 70	± 0.019				
14	2800	140	0.050	2730	0.97				
	± 50	± 80	± 0.027	± 50	± 0.027				
15	1400	110	0.077	1360	0.98				
	± 40	± 60	± 0.040	± 40	± 0.040				
16	680	70	0.102	680	0.99				
	±30	±40	±0.060	±30	± 0.060				

a Same setting as in Table A5.21 Excess of unlabelled P256 $F(ab')_2$ (X20) was added to measure non-specific binding of ¹¹¹In P256 $F(ab')_2$. All cpm were corrected for background ; BG = 140, n = 3, se = 7.

Effect of P256 F(ab')2 on spontaneous platelet aggregation in PRP

Table A5.26. Platelet counts^a pre and post P256 F(ab')₂ addition to PRP^b.

<u>Pre P256</u>					<u>Post P256</u>			
	<u>Tube No</u>	<u>Single_Ptlt</u> c	<u>Aggreg</u> d	<u>Total</u> e	<u>Single Ptlt</u> ^c	<u>Aggreg</u> d	<u>Total</u> e	
	1	258	5	263	11	46	57	
		± 11	± 1.6	± 11	± 2.4	± 4.8	± 5.3	
	2	233	8	241	27	31	58	
		±11	±2	± 11	± 3.7	± 3.9	± 5.4	
	3	216	12	228	19	54	73	
		± 10	± 2.5	± 11	± 3.1	± 5.2	± 6.0	
	4	224	18	242	68	37	105	
		± 11	±3	±11	± 5.8	± 4.3	± 7.2	
	5	246	7	253	82	43	125	
		± 11	± 1.9	±11	± 6.4	± 4.6	± 8	
	6	238	14	252	157	23	180	
		±11	± 2.7	± 11	±9	± 3.4	± 9	
	7	211	22	233	196	17	213	
		± 10	± 3.3	±11	± 10	± 2.9	±10	
	8	205	19	224	219	13	232	
		+10	+30	+11	+10	+26	+ 11	

a Counts done in duplicate using the two chambers of the haemocytometer.

b Stock PRP contained 2.50X10⁸ptlt/ml.

c Single platelets counted in the 25 large square area of the haemocytometer.

d Aggregates of platelets (two or more platelets together) counted in the same area as c above.

e The total number of particles (single + platelet aggregates) counted in 25 large squares of the haemocytometer.

<u>Tube No</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	l
<u>PA (%)</u>	96 ± 0.9	88 ± 1.7	91 ± 1.5	70 ± 3.0	67 ± 3.0	34 ± 4.8	7 ± 6.5	-9 ±7.3	

Table A5.27. Platelet aggregation after the addition of P256 F(ab')₂.

Figure A5.2. Platelet aggregation versus P256 F(ab')₂ concentration in PRP.



Experimental details of the measurement of spontaneous and induced platelet aggregation in whole blood in the presence of P256 or P256 F(ab')₂ using Ultraflo 100

Blood was collected from a healthy male volunteer who had received no medication for at least 2 weeks prior to collection. Blood was anticoagulated with trisodium citrate¹ (1 : 9) to give a final concentration in whole blood of 12.9 mmol/l. An initial platelet count was obtained for the citrated blood. Aliquots of 0.5 ml citrated blood were transferred to polystyrene vials² containing aspirin³ (2X10⁻³ mol/l). The mixture was flushed with a mixture of 5% CO₂ in air, sealed and placed in a water bath⁴ for 30 min at 37°C with continuous mixing. Following this incubation period, a 10 μ l sample of blood was withdrawn from an aliquot, mixed in a pre-filled diluent pot (Clay Adams), and the platelets counted (control count). For this and all subsequent 10 μ l samples, two counts were always performed and the mean count recorded. The tested compound (aggregating agent, Ab, etc) was then added (time 0) to one of the aliquots, the tube regassed with 5% CO₂ in air, resealed and returned to the water bath. At set time points, further 10 μ l samples were taken and a platelet count for each sample was performed in the counter after appropriate dilution. Platelet counts obtained at these various times were expressed as a percentage of the control count.

¹ BDH, England.

² Raven Scientific.

³ Aspirin, O-acetylsalicylic acid BDH-England, was dissolved in 100 mmol/l Tris buffer pH 8.5.

⁴ Grant instruments, England.

P256 diluted in PBS¹ was added to aliquots of citrated blood prepared as above in the following concentrations 800, 1600, 2400, 3200 and 4000 Ab/ptlt² (Ab dilutions were prepared after the performance of the initial platelet count). Platelet counts at 10 minutes after addition of the antibody showed a fall in platelet number as shown in Table A5.28.

able A5.28. Result	s of P256 on platelet spo	ontaneous aggregation i	n whole blood.
<u>Ab/ptlt</u>	<u>6 fall in ptlt count at 10</u>	min Range	No of observations
- I			ı .
0	1.3	0 - 1.9	4
800	0		1
1600	0.4	-1.2 - 2.0	2
2400	4.7	0 - 15.0	5
3200	9.0	4.2 - 17.0	4
4000	74.0		1
4000	74.0		1

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Another similar test using whole P256 antibody and its F(ab')₂ fragment was reported by Stuttle et al (1988). A fall in platelet count was found after the addition of whole P256 Ab. This fall was more pronounced as the concentration of Ab increased (see Table A5.29). In contrast to the effect of the whole antibody on spontaneous aggregation, the F(ab')₂ fragment of the antibody did not cause intensive platelet aggregation when similar concentrations to those used with whole antibody were tested. See Table A5.29 for setting and results.

Table A5.29.	Effect of P256 at	nd P256 F(ab')	2 on spontaneous	aggregation in	whole blood.
I) P256 whol	<u>e Ab</u>				

Ab/ptlt		<u>% fall in ptlt count</u>					
-	<u>5 min</u>	<u>10 min</u>	<u>15 min</u>	<u>20 min</u>	<u>25 min</u>	<u>30 min</u>	
1 050	1 0.74				1	1	
350	- 0.74	2.96	5.93	6.67	7.41	ND	
	± 1.48	± 2.22	± 2.96	± 1.48	± 0.74	ND	
700	4.44	2.96	4.44	8.15	8.89	ND	
	± 0.74	± 2.22	± 2.96	± 1.48	± 0.74	ND	
1400	8.15	8.89	7.41	17.78	14.81	22.22	
	± 4.44	± 5.19	± 2.96	± 4.44	± 5.93	± 8.89	
2100	21.48	33.33	37.78	40	43.70	46.67	
	± 10.37	± 9.63	± 13.33	± 10.37	± 11.85	± 16.30	
3500	37.04	51.11	62.22	68.15	70.37	71.85	
	± 5.93	± 8.15	± 7.41	± 6.67	± 5.93	± 7.41	
II) D256 E(a)	h')-						

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<u>Ab/ptlt</u>		<u>%</u>	<u>fall in ptlt cou</u>	<u>int</u>	
	<u>5 min</u>	<u>10 min</u>	<u>15 min</u>	<u>20 min</u>	<u>25 min</u>
350, 700,	1.85	1.67	1.48	3.70	ND
1400 & 2100	± 1.30	± 2.04	± 1.30	± 1.48	ND
3500	10.37	11.85	14.81	22.22	21.48
	±2.22	±2.96	±3.70	<u>±7.41</u>	<u>± 8.89</u>

a ND: not done.

Average values of % fall in platelet count for the concentrations of F(ab')₂ between 350 b and 2100 Ab/ptlt were taken due to the minimal effect observed on the platelet count using this concentration range.

¹ Flow Labs, England.

² These values were used as they represented respectively 2, 4, 6, 8 & 10% of the number of GPIIb/IIIa found on the platelet surface $(100\% = 5X10^4/\text{ptlt})$ (See paragraph 6.4.1 and Footnote 1 page 96).

The effect of preincubation of citrated blood with whole P256 antibody or P256 F(ab')₂ on induced platelet aggregation by proaggregants such as ADP, collagen and U-46619¹ was recorded in terms of the EC50 of the proaggregant with or without Ab addition².

The experiment was repeated in the same way as was done for measurement of spontaneous aggregation except that blood was preincubated with P256 or P256 F(ab')₂ 10 min before the addition of the proaggregant (for Ab concentrations see Table 5.30).

Table A5.30. Setting and results of the effect of P256 on induced aggregation in vitro in whole blood.

Donor	<u>Ab/ptlt</u>	<u>U-46619 (</u>	<u>umol/l)</u>	<u>Collagen (</u>	<u>ug/ml)</u>	ADP (µma	<u>ol/l)</u>
	-	<u>Control</u>	<u>P256</u>	<u>Control</u>	<u>P256</u>	<u>Control</u>	<u>P256</u>
1	2560	0.36	0.15	0.42	0.80	1.60	1.30
2	3000	0.56	0.35	1.40	0.58	2.90	4.70
3	2720	0.64	0.18	0.62	0.16	0.69	0.64

Another test reported by Stuttle et al (1988), using a single concentration of 1400 Ab/ptlt of P256 whole antibody or P256 F(ab')₂ gave EC50 values for the same proaggregants as shown in Table A5.31.

Table A5.31. The effect of P256^a or P256 $F(ab')_2^a$ on induced aggregation in vitro in whole blood. Values of EC50 for each proaggregant are shown.

		EC50	
Proaggregant	Control	<u>P256</u>	<u>F(ab')</u> 2
ADP (µM)	1.6	1.9	2.4
	2.6	2.0	2.6
	1.4	1.8	2.0
Collagen (µg/ml)	0.2	0.2	0.2
	1.6	1.1	1.6
	0.5	0.6	0.6
U-46619 (µM)	0.2	0.2	0.2
	0.5	0.4	0.5
	0.3	0.2	0.5

a A concentration of 1400 Ab/ptlt was used.

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¹ U-46619 is a stable prostaglandin endoperoxide analog.

² EC50 is the concentration of the proaggregant that causes 50% of the maximal platelet aggregation observed with this proaggregant.

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P256 and ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂ in Man.

<u>Sample</u>	<u>Time PI</u> a	whole blood count ^b	<u>plasma count</u>	cell associated count	<u>RatioB/T</u> c
-	<u>(hr)</u>	<u>in 1 ml</u>	<u>(1 ml)</u>	in 1 ml whole blood	
1	0.08	4240	890	3730	0.88
		± 70 ^d	± 40	± 80	± 0.02
2	0.67	3220	780	2780	0.86
		±60	± 40	± 70	± 0.03
3	1.42	2790	1020	2200	0.79
		±60	± 40	± 70	± 0.03
4	2.75	2060	880	1560	0.76
		± 50	± 40	± 60	± 0.04
5	4.67	1760	1000	1200	0.68
		±50	± 40	± 60	± 0.04
6	19.42	1130	690	730	0.65
		± 40	± 40	± 50	± 0.08
7	27.50	900	670	520	0.58
		± 40	± 40	± 50	± 0.06
8	45.92	670	540	360	0.54
		±40	± 40	± 40	± 0.07
9	49.67	600	280	280	0.47
		±40	±30	±50	±0.10

Table A6.1. ¹¹¹In radioactivity in blood and plasma after the injection of ¹¹¹In P256 in the normal volunteer (JPL).

a PI: Post antibody injection.

b All counts were done in 10 minutes, corrected for background (BG=640, n=3, se =10) and for radioactive decay.

c Ratio of cell associated to total added radioactivity. This was calculated by subtraction of the count-rate in the volume of plasma contained in 1 ml whole blood (1-Hct ml) from the count-rate in 1 ml whole blood (Hct : 0.43).

d 1 se.

Table A6.2. ¹¹¹In radioactivity in blood and plasma after the injection of ¹¹¹In P256 in patient SH.

<u>Sample</u>	<u>Time PI</u> a	<u>whole blood count</u> ^b	<u>plasma count</u>	cell associated count	<u>RatioB/T</u> c
-	<u>(hr)</u>	<u>in 1 ml</u>	<u>(1 ml)</u>	<u>in 1 ml whole blood</u>	
1	1	24700	9100	18360	0.74
		± 160 ^d	± 100	± 170	± 0.01
2	19.5	18900	5000	15380	0.82
	[± 140	± 70	± 150	± 0.01
3	43.5	16400	6150	12150	0.74
	l	± 130	± 80	± 140	± 0.01
4	72.5	10900	3800	8310	0.76
		± 110	± 70	± 120	± 0.01
5	114.75	7200	2250	5640	0.78
		± 90	± 50	± 90	± 0.02
6	166	4300	1750	3080	0.72
		±70	±50	±80	± 0.02

a PI: Post antibody injection.

b All counts were done in 5 minutes, corrected for background (BG=340, n=3, se =10) and for radioactive decay.

c Ratio of cell associated to total added radioactivity (Hct : 0.308).

d 1 se.



Figure A6.1. ¹¹¹In radioactivity in blood versus time after the injection of ¹¹¹In P256 in patient SH.

Table A6.3. 111 In radioactivity in blood and plasma after the injection of 111 In P256 in patient CN.

<u>Sample</u>	<u>Time PI</u> a	<u>whole blood cpm^b</u>	<u>plasma cpm</u>	cell associated cpm	<u>RatioB/T</u> c
-	<u>(hr)</u>	<u>in 1 ml</u>	<u>(1 ml)</u>	in 1 ml whole blood	
1	0.17	18800	6830	15000	0.79
		± 140 ^d	± 80	± 150	± 0.01
2	0.33	15800	6320	12200	0.77
		± 130	± 80	± 130	± 0.01
3	0.50	14600	5720	11300	0.78
		± 120	± 80	± 130	± 0.02
4	19	9000	5200	6060	0.67
		± 100	± 100	± 110	± 0.01
5	46.50	6400	1600	5500	0.86
		± 80	± 40	± 80	± 0.02
6	72	6350	1500	5500	0.87
		± 110	± 60	± 120	± 0.02
7	96	3440	910	2920	0.85
		±90	<u>±50</u>	<u>±90</u>	<u>±0.04</u>

a PI: Post antibody injection.

b All counts were corrected for background (BG=65, n=6, se =3) and for radioactive decay.

c Ratio of cell associated to total added radioactivity (Hct : 0.43).

d 1 se.



Figure A6.2, ¹¹¹In radioactivity in blood versus time after the injection of ¹¹¹In in patient CN.

Table A6.4. ¹¹¹In radioactivity in blood and plasma after the injection of 111 In P256F(ab')₂ in patient JC.

<u>Sample</u>	<u>Time PI</u> a	<u>whole blood cpm^b</u>	<u>plasma cpm</u>	cell associated cpm	<u>RatioB/T</u> c
	<u>(hr)</u>	<u>in 1 ml</u>	<u>(1 ml)</u>	in 1 ml whole blood	
1	0.08	15600	6000	11800	0.75
		± 130 ^d	± 80	± 130	± 0.010
2	0.25	14100	5700	10500	0.74
		± 120	± 80	± 130	± 0.011
3	0.50	12900	5380	9500	0.74
		± 110	± 70	± 120	± 0.012
4	21.5	8200	2750	6480	0.79
		±90	± 50	± 100	± 0.015
5	50	5560	1950	4320	0.78
		±80	± 40	± 80	± 0.018
6	120	2800	970	2190	0.78
		±50	± 30	± 60	± 0.025
7	144	2370	1150	1640	0.69
		±50	± 30	± 50	± 0.027
8	170	1930	820	1400	0.73
		±40	±30	<u>±50</u>	± 0.030

a PI: Post antibody injection.

b All counts were corrected for background (BG=64, n=6, se =3) and for radioactive decay.

c Ratio of cell associated to total added radioactivity (Hct : 0.364).

d 1 se.

<u>Sample</u>	<u>Time PI</u> a	whole blood count ^b	<u>plasma count</u>	cell associated count	<u>RatioB/T^c</u>
_	<u>(hr)</u>	<u>in 1 ml</u>	<u>(1 ml)</u>	<u>in 1 ml whole blood</u>	
1	0.50	101900	75000	56900	0.56
		± 320 ^d	± 280	± 360	± 0.004
2	0.25	51100	26500	35200	0.69
		± 230	±170	± 250	± 0.006
3		25100	9700	19300	0.77
		± 160	± 100	± 170	± 0.009
4	21.5	14800	5750	11000	0.74
		± 130	± 80	± 140	± 0.011
5	50	11400	4880	8500	0.74
		±110	± 80	±120	± 0.013

Table A6.5. ¹¹¹In radioactivity in blood and plasma after the injection of 111 In P256F(ab')₂ in patient AM.

a PI: Post antibody injection.

b All counts were done in 10 minutes, corrected for background (BG=740, n=3, se =16) and for radioactive decay.

c Ratio of cell associated to total added radioactivity (Hct : 0.40).

d 1 se.

Figure A6.3. ¹¹¹In radioactivity in blood versus time after the injection of ¹¹¹In P256F(ab')₂ in patient AM.



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Figure A6.4. Kinetics of ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂ uptake in the blood pool (heart), spleen and liver from 1-30 minutes after iv injection in patient WM. A dynamic study using the scintillation camera.



Table A6.6. Platelet count before and after^a injection of ¹¹¹In P256 or ¹¹¹In P256 F(ab')₂. Test of significance using the paired t-test^b.

Pat	ient_	<u>Pre ptlt ct (X10</u> 9)	<u>Post ptlt ct (X109)</u>	<u>Difference (X10</u> 9)
I. 111	In P256			
1.	JPL	247	234	-13
2.	JW	167	165	-2
3.	GM	233	241	7
4.	AS	260	256	-4
5.	SH	323	317	-6
6.	VH	381	372	-9
7.	HQ	243	248	5
8.	DS	220	224	4
9.	CN	135	129	-6
10.	CC	277	271	-6
II. 11	¹¹ In P256 F(al	') ₂		
11.	AM	196	202	6
12.	ML	270	265	-5
13.	EK	244	246	2
14.	JC	226	215	-11
15.	MD	263	258	-5
16.	DA	186	182	-4
17.	WM	230	227	-3
18.	RW	319	310	-9

a Values are for samples collected at 24 hr after antibody injection.

b Difference after injection of P256 : t= _____ =2.04, degrees of freedom =9, p<0.1 non-significant.
 1.94
 Difference after injection of P256 F(ab')₂ : t= ____3.625 =1.86, degrees of freedom =7,

1.945

p<0.2 non-significant.

Experimental protocols and data relating to Chapter 8 : In Vitro Tests and in

Vivo Use of an ¹¹¹In Anti-T Lymphocyte Monoclonal Antibody in the Rat.

Sodium dodecyl sulphate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (SDS-PAGE) of MRC OX-19 ascites fluid :

Slab gel discontinuous electrophoresis according to the method of Laemmli (1970) was applied. The equipment used was the minigel slab electrophoresis cell (Mighty Small II, Hofer, San Francisco, USA) linked to a constant-current-power supply. The resolving gel (10% acrylamide) was cast in place and left to polymerise for 30 min. The stacking gel was added afterwards and the comb (0.5 cm-wide wells) was placed on the top of the stacking gel and left for 10-20 min to allow polymerisation. Afterwards, the comb was removed and the ascites fluid diluted 1/100 in the sample buffer (see below) was added to one well and a sample of mouse IgG₁ (Sigma, England) was loaded in another well using a Hamilton syringe. Finally, the cell was filled with the electrophoretic buffer (see below) and the electric current was started at 10 mA (50 V) then the current was increased to 20 mA (100 V). At the end of the run (about 1 hr), the gel was stained in 0.1% Coomassie blue and then destained in water-ethanol-acetic acid mixture (5:4:1). The gel was dried on a sheet of filter paper in a gel drier (Biorad) and was cut and photographed for analysis.

Electrophoresis buffer : 0.025 M Tris (3.03 g/l), 0.192 M glycin (14.42 g/l), 0.1% SDS (1 g/l), adjust to pH 8.3.

Sample buffer : 0.5 ml 10% SDS, 0.5 ml glycerol, 0.4 ml 1 M Tris pH 6.8, 3.1 ml H₂O, 500 µl Bromophenol blue.

Immunofluorescence results of the assay for the presence of MRC OX-19 McAb in FPLC elution fractions of the ascites fluid

Twenty-six LP3 tubes containing $2X10^{6}$ lymph node cells from a Wistar rat in each were prepared for testing 10 elution fractions of FPLC, a blank negative control of PBS (BG), a negative control of H17E2 McAb abd a positive control of MRC OX-19 ascites fluid. The firstlayer reagents were used at 1:5 and 1:10 dilutions in PBS. The second layer was rabbit antimouse Ig F(ab')₂ FITC conjugate 1/120 dilution (QB.AR 9, Serotec, England).

<u>Results of the imm</u>	<u>unofluorescence test :</u>	
	<u>1:5 dilution</u>	<u>1 : 10 dilution</u>
BG	-ve	-ve
H17E2	-ve	-ve
MRC OX-19	Strong +ve	Strong +ve
Fraction 1	-ve	-ve
2	-ve	-ve
3	-ve	-ve
4	Weak +ve	Weak +ve
5	Strong +ve	Strong +ve
6	Weak +ve	Weak +ve
7	-ve	-ve
8	-ve	-ve
9	-ve	-ve
10	-ve	-ve

The fraction No 5 was taken and its protein content was measured using light absorption at 280 nm; OD : 0.47, protein content : 0.35 mg/ml, total volume : 6 ml, Antibody content : 2 mg.

Testing of the positive FPLC elution fraction No 5 using the FACS (EPICS)

Sample	<u>%fluorescence</u>	Peak channel
BG (PBS)	0.33	
-ve (H17E2)	0.77	
+ve (MRC OX-19)	68.49	397
Fraction No 5	65.68	382

Coupling of MRC OX-19 to DTPA

Same protocol as that described in page 50 was used. The results are shown in Table A8.1. Table A8.1. Elution fractions of MRC OX-19+DTPA reaction mixture on the Sephadex G-50 column in PBS. MRC OX-19:2 mg, DTPA: 0.24 mg.

		0.	0
Fraction No	Fraction volum	<u>e OD</u>	Protein content
	<u>(ml)</u>		<u>(mg/ml)</u>
BGa		0.00	0.00
1	2	0.00	0.00 ^b
2	2	0.00	0.00 ^b
3	2	0.00	0.00 ^b
4	2	0.12	0.09 ^c
5	2	0.46	0.34 ^d
6	2	0.24	0.18 ^d
7	2	0.00	0.00 ^b
8	2	0.00	0.00 ^b
9	2	0.00	0.00 ^b
10	2	0.00	0.00 ^b
	•		•

a Background level was set at zero with PBS. This gave 3 reproducible readings of 0.000 before starting to measure the OD of the elution fractions.

b Fractions giving low readings, OD <0.010 (<10µg), were considered to be non-different from background.

c Fractions 5 & 6 were pooled together; OD : 0.34, final McAb concentration : 0.25 mg/ml, total : 1 mg, recovery of protein : 50%

d Fraction 4 was not pooled with fractions 5+6 in order to keep the antibody-DTPA solution as concentrated as possible.

Experiment to measure the number of DTPA bound to MRC OX-19:

The same experimental protocol described in page 52 was used. Table A8.2 shows the results of this experiment.

Table A8.2. Elution of ¹¹¹In+DTPA+MRC OX-19-reaction mixture^a on the Sephadex G-50 column in PBS. Labelling of the test sample (10 μ l) for calculation of the number of DTPA molecules bound per Ab.

Fraction No	<u>o</u> Fraction volum	<u>e Radioactivity</u>	<u>Count-rate</u>
	<u>(ml)</u>	<u>(MBq)</u>	<u>(cpm-BG^b)</u>
1	2.21	0.0	1 ^c
2	2.00	0.0	12 ^c
3	2.00	0.0	21 ^c
4	2.00	0.1	1013 ^d
5	2.00	0.3	2082 ^d
6	2.00	0.1	537 ^d
7	2.00	0.0	318
8	2.00	0.6	4440
9	2.00	4.8	38102
10	2.00	9.9	76034
11	2.00	5.1	40189
12	2.00	1.2	9487
13	2.00	0.2	1706
14	2.00	0.1	529
15	2.00	0.0	173
16	2.00	0.0	64
17	2.00	0.0	36 ^c
18	2.00	0.0	23 ^c
19	2.00	0.0	22 ^c
20	2.00	0.0	19 ^c

a Reaction mixture 10 μl; 10 mg/ml MRC OX-19, 1.2 mg/ml DTPA, Mol DTPA : Ab; 40 : 1, ¹¹¹In : 25 MBq (0.7 mCi) in 200 μl.

b Background (BG) was subtracted. Average BG : 140 cpm (n=3, se=7).

c Count-rates corrected for background and falling within 3 standard errors of the calculated difference (99% confidence limits) were considered to be non-significant and were ignored.

d Radioactivity in elution fractions 4,5 & 6 (first peak) was associated with DTPA-Ab bound. The radioactive count in the following fractions 7-20 (second peak) was associated with free DTPA. The ratios Ab-DTPA/DTPA (MBq) = 0.5/22.4 = 0.02. Ab-DTPA/DTPA (cpm) = 3950/174674 = 0.02. The number of DTPA molecules bound per MRC OX-19 molecule = 0.9 DTPA/Ab.

MRC OX-19 test labelling with ¹¹¹In :

MRC OX-19-DTPA : 50 µg, 200 µl; ¹¹¹In in citrate buffer : 85MBq (2.3 mCi), 225 µl. Table A8.3. Elution of the MRC OX-19-DTPA-¹¹¹In mixture on the Sephadex G 50 column :

<u>Fraction</u>	Fraction volume	¹¹¹ In radioactivity		
	<u>(ml)</u>	<u>(MBq)</u>		
1	2.43	0.0		
2	2.00	0.0		
3	2.00	0.0		
4	2.00	0.4 ^a		
5	2.00	22.9 ^a		
6	2.00	9.0 ^a		
7	2.00	0.4		
8	2.00	0.2		
9	2.00	1.0 ^b		
10	2.00	5.5 ^b		

a ¹¹¹In radioactivity associated with the McAb. Fractions 5 & 6 were pooled together. Specific activity 656 MBq/mg (17.7 mCi/mg).

b Free ¹¹¹In eluting in late fractions giving a second peak of radioactivity.

<u>H17E2 test labelling with ¹¹¹In :</u>

H17E2-DTPA : 100 μg, 50 μl; ¹¹¹In in citrate buffer : 50MBq (1.4 mCi), 150 μl. Table A8.4. Elution of the H17E2-DTPA-¹¹¹In mixture on the Sephadex G 50 column :

Fraction	Fraction volume	¹¹¹ In radioactivity		
	<u>(ml)</u>	<u>(MBq)</u>		
1	2.20	0.0		
2	2.00	0.0		
3	2.00	0.0		
4	2.00	0.6 ^a		
5	2.00	13.8 ^a		
6	2.00	10.2 ^a		
7	2.00	0.5 ^a		
8	2.00	0.1		
9	2.00	1.4 ^b		
10	2.00	6.9 ^b		

 a ¹¹¹In radioactivity associated with the McAb. Fractions 5 & 6 were pooled together. Specific activity 251 MBq/mg (6.8 mCi/mg).

b Free ¹¹¹In eluting in late fractions giving a second peak of radioactivity.

¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 immunoreactivity testing

Thoracic duct lymphocytes were collected overnight from a cannulated Wistar rat¹ in a sterile flask containing 200 iu of heparin². The lymph was centrifuged at 150 g for 7 minutes and the cells were washed once with Tris balanced salt solution (Favour 1964) containing 1% bovine serum albumin³ (BSA), pH 7.45. The cells were then resuspended in buffer and their number was counted using a haemocytometer⁴. ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 was added at 10 ng/ml to a set of seven LP3⁵ tubes containing suspensions of TDLs dispensed in doubling dilutions starting with 2.5X10⁷ cells/ml in Tris buffer (total volume per tube 1 ml) (see Table A8.5 for the experimental setting). The antibody was left to incubate with the cells for 2 hr at 37°C in a

¹ See thoracic duct cannulation page 318.

² Pularin, heparin sodium injection BP (mucous), 1000 iu/ml, containing no bactericide, Duncan Flockhard, England.

³ Sigma, England.

⁴ Improved Neubauer, Gallenkamp, England.

⁵ Luckham, England.

water bath¹. Thereafter, cell bound radioactivity was measured having washed the cells twice in the same buffer. An identical group of tubes was set with excess unlabelled antibody to measure non-specific binding, which was subtracted from the values obtained above. The data obtained (see Table A8.5) was plotted as the inverse relative cell-bound radioactivity versus the inverse cell concentration and extrapolated to intercept the y-axis at a point representing the inverse of the immunoreactive fraction (see Figure A8.1).

Table A8.5. Setting and results of the assay for measuring ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19^a immunoreactivity with rat thoracic duct lymphocytes.

]	<u>lube No</u>	<u>TDL/ml</u>	<u>Cpm bound</u> b	Non-specific cpm	Specific bound cpm	<u>Ratio T/B</u>	
	1	2.5X10 ⁷	5400±40	290±10	5110±40	2.27±0.03	
	2	1.25X10 ⁷	4900±40	240±10	4660±40	2.49±0.03	
	3	6.25X10 ⁶	3800±40	180±10	3660±40	3.17±0.04	
	4	3.13X10 ⁶	3200±30	150±10	3060±30	3.80±0.06	
	5	1.56X10 ⁶	1800±25	100±10	1710±25	6.81±0.12	
	6	7.8X10 ⁵	1300±20	80±10	1220±20	9.56±0.20	
	7	3.9X10 ⁵	900±20	120±10	770±20	15.12±0.42	

 a ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19: 382 MBq/mg (10 mCi/mg) was added at 10 ng/ml giving a total countrate of 11700±100 cpm.

b Count-rates corrected for background, BG = 130, n = 3, se = 7.

Figure A8.1. ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 immunoreactive fraction, the double inverse plot.



Intercept = 2.10, the immunoreactive fraction $\approx 50\%$.

Thoracic duct cannulation in the rat

A rat was anesthetised using ether or by intraperitoneal injection of an anaesthetic mixture² and the animal was fixed to a dissecting board on its back. A left infracostal incision was

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¹ Grant, England.

² Hypnorm (fentanyl citrate and fluanisone), Janssen, Denmark, 1 part, Hypnovel (midazolam hydrochloride) Roche 1 part, and water for injection BP 2 parts. The mixture was given at 2.5 ml/kg body weight IP. Narcan (naloxone hydrochloride), Dupont was given as antidote at 400 µg/kg in case of overdosage of the anaesthetic.

made and the thoracic duct was exposed after gentle displacement of the left kidney into the right flank. A plastic cannula¹ was inserted into the thoracic duct in its abdominal section just above the point of emergence of the renal artery from the aorta. The cannula was passed outside the abdomen through the skin of the left flank and the animal was closed-up and left restrained in a Bollman cage. During lymph collection the rat was given an intravenous infusion of phosphate buffered saline with added calcium and magnesium and containing 1 unit/ml of heparin (DAB-1 solution) through a lateral tail vein.

Tissue sampling and the preparation of cell suspensions, Group A

Blood was taken from the inferior vena cava under terminal anaesthesia into a 10 ml syringe containing heparin. Afterwards, the cervical lymph nodes and the spleen were dissected and removed. One quarter of the spleen and one or two lymph nodes were snap frozen in a hexaneliquid N₂ bath for preparation of frozen tissue sections. Touch imprints of spleen and lymph nodes were prepared on microscope slides as well as several blood smears. The rest of the spleen was cut into small pieces with surgical scissors and the resulting bits were then forced through a fine nylon mesh using a plastic pestle (syringe plunger) to obtain a suspension of spleen cells. The lymph nodes were teased and a suspension of lymph node cells was obtained. The spleen cell suspension and the blood (diluted 1 : 1 in saline) in 6 ml volumes were centrifuged on density gradients made up of a mixture of Histopaque² 1119 and 1083 at a ratio of 1 : 2 in 15 ml centrifuge tubes³ to separate the mononuclear cells in each preparation from the granulocytes and the red blood cells. The resulting mononuclear cells (MNC) from blood or spleen were washed once (150 g for 7 minutes) in Hank's balanced salt solution containing 1% BSA pH 7.4 and the cells were resuspended in buffer and counted using a haemocytometer.

Cytospin preparation for APAAP staining

The cells were resuspended at 5×10^5 cells/ml and 2 drops from a Pasteur pipette filled with the cell suspension in question were loaded in the bucket of the cytospin centrifuge⁴. The cytospins were obtained after spinning the bucket-slide assembly for 1 minute at 150 g (1000 rpm). Five slides were prepared for each cell suspension and every slide was checked under the microscope for its suitability for staining. The slides were left to dry for 4-5 hours, then they were fixed with acetone for 10 minutes at 4°C.

Figure A8.2. The thyroid phantom 3602 used for testing the scintillation camera system.



¹ Tubing pp50, Portland Plastic Ltd, England.

- ² Sigma, England.
- ³ Falcon, USA.
- ⁴ Shandon, England.

Table A8.5. Radioactive counts and ratios of counts^a in different parts of the phantom versus collimator distance from it (see Figure A8.2 above).

<u>Distance</u>	Whole image	Hot spot	Region A	Region B
5 cm	239260 (1.00)	11197 (0.05)	12865 (0.05)	9258 (0.04)
7 cm	183299 (1.00)	9991 (0.05)	12666 (0.07)	9013 (0.05)
10cm	108797 (1.00)	4382 (0.04)	6417 (0.04)	3620 (0.02)
13 cm	70959 (1.00)	3320 (0.05)	5582 (0.08)	3132 (0.04)

a The ratio of the count in the region studied to the count in the whole phantom is give in brackets.

Table A8.6. Distribution of radioactivity after injection of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19, ¹¹¹In tropolone labelled lymph nodes cells or ¹¹¹In H17E2 in intact rats.

		%1	<u>D/ml</u>			%ID/g	
<u>Expt</u>	Rat	<u>W B</u>	<u>P1</u>	<u>CLN</u>	<u>Spl</u>	Liver	<u>Muscle</u>
C1	C1a	1.25	1.82	4.11	12.96	1.14	0.04
1 1		±0.006	±0.01	±0.02	±0.04	±0.01	±0.001
	C1b	0.27	0.44	6.89	13.32	1.63	0.08
		±0.002	±0.008	±0.03	±0.04	±0.006	±0.002
	C1c	0.42	0.22	7.43	69.83	1.40	0.03
		±0.006	±0.01	±0.09	±0.56	±0.01	± 0.004
	C1d	0.23	0.17	37.60	63.75	2.18	0.06
		± 0.004	±0.02	±0.02	±0.52	±0.02	±0.006
C2	C2a	3.44	4.49	0.42	0.73	1.69	0.07
		±0.007	±0.01	±0.003	±0.002	± 0.004	±0.0003
	C2b	0.39	0.45	0.26	0.51	4.87	0.03
		±0.0007	±0.0009	±0.001	±0.001	±0.008	±0.0003

Table A8.7. Whole body dosimetry of an 111 In anti-T cell McAb in man based on data using 111 In MRC OX-19 in the rat.

Rat				Man				
<u>Organ</u>	<u>%ID/g</u>	<u>Organ Wt</u>	<u>%uptake</u>	Uptake for 100 MBq	mGy/MBq	Weighting	mSv/	
		(g)		administered (MBo	μ) –	factor	<u>MBq</u>	
LN	8	0.02	0.16	0.16	0.002		0.002	
Spleen	13	0.6	8	8	24.3	0.006	11.7	
Lung	0.75	0.9	0.7	0.7	4.3	0.12	0.4	
Liver	1.8	7.2	13	13	4.2	0.06	3.3	
Kidney	2	1.6	3	3				
Bone	0.5	30	15	15				
BM	0.07	6	0.4	0.4	3.3		0.2	
Muscle	0.03	88	3	3				
Blood	0.4	13	5	5				
Bone surface ^a			0.4 ^b	12	0.09	0.1		
Breast ^a					0.8	0.15	0.6	
Thyroid	а				0.7	0.03	0.1	
Gonadsa					0.5	0.25	<u>0.15</u>	
							20 mSv	7/

¹⁰⁰ MBq^c

a Other organs of interest (irradiated by other organs).

b In the bone marrow.

c Total effective dose equivalent = 0.2 mSv/MBq.

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Experimental protocols and data relating to Chapter 9 : Radiolabelling of Human T or B Lymphocytes with ¹¹¹In Monoclonal Antibodies. In Vitro Tests and Action Plan for Use in Vivo.

Coupling of UCHT2 (Pan T) to DTPA Same protocol as that described in page 50 was used. The results are shown in Table A9.1. Table A9.1. Elution fractions of UCHT2+DTPA reaction mixture on the Sephadex G-50 column in PBS. UCHT2 : 12 mg, DTPA : 1.2 mg. Fraction No Fraction volume <u>OD</u> Protein content <u>(ml)</u> <u>(mg/ml)</u> BGa 0.00 - -0.00 2 0.00 0.00^b 1 0.00^b 2 2 0.00 3 2 0.00^b 0.00 4 2 0.01^b 0.02 >2^d 5 2 O.R^c 6 2 0.79d 1.08 7 2 0.11^d 0.15 8 2 0.01^b 0.02

a Background level was set at zero with PBS. This gave 3 reproducible readings of 0.000 before starting to measure the OD of the elution fractions.

0.01

0.00

0.00^b

0.00^b

b Fractions giving low readings, OD <0.010 (<10 μ g), were considered to be non-different from background.

c OR : Overreading (>2.00).

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d Fractions 5, 6 & 7 were pooled together; OD : 1.09, final McAb concentration : 0.80 mg/ml, total : 4.81 mg, recovery of protein : 40%

Experiment to measure the number of DTPA bound to UCHT2:

The same experimental protocol described in page 52 was used. Table A9.2 shows the results of this experiment.

Table A9.2. Elution of 111 In+DTPA+UCHT2-reaction mixture^a on the Sephadex G-50 column in PBS. Labelling of the test sample (10µl) for calculation of the number of DTPA molecules bound per Ab.

Fraction No	<u>Fraction volum</u>	<u>ne Radioactivity</u>	<u>Count-rate</u>
	<u>(ml)</u>	<u>(MBq)</u>	(cpm-BG ^b)
1	2.09	0.0	-9°
2	2.00	0.0	21
3	2.00	0.0	25
4	2.00	0.1	112 ^d
5	2.00	0.5	503 ^d
6	2.00	0.2	158 ^d
7	2.00	0.3	296
8	2.00	0.4	411
9	2.00	2.1	934
10	2.00	4.9	4856
11	2.00	10.5	9471
12	2.00	2.8	2690
13	2.00	0.6	604
14	2.00	0.2	176
15	2.00	0.1	82
16	2.00	0.0	51
17	2.00	0.0	53
18	2.00	0.0	45
19	2.00	0.0	10 ^c
20	2.00	0.0	2 ^c

a Reaction mixture 10 µl; 60 mg/ml UCHT2, 6 mg/ml DTPA, Mol DTPA : Ab; 40 : 1, 111 In : 25 MBq (0.7 mCi) in 75 µl.

b Background (BG) was subtracted. Average BG : 152 cpm (n=3, se=5).

c Count-rates corrected for background and falling within 3 standard errors of the calculated difference (99% confidence limits) were considered to be non-significant and were ignored.

d Radioactivity in elution fractions 4,5 & 6 (first peak) was associated with DTPA-Ab bound. The radioactive count in the following fractions 7-20 (second peak) was associated with free DTPA. The ratios Ab-DTPA/DTPA (MBq) = 0.8/22.7 = 0.04. Ab-DTPA/DTPA (cpm) = 819/20493 = 0.04. The number of DTPA molecules bound per UCHT2 molecule = 1.60 DTPA/Ab.

UCHT2 test labelling with ¹¹¹In :

UCHT2-DTPA : 0.1 mg, 125 μl; ¹¹¹ In in citrate buffer : 75MBq (2 mCi), 300 μl.	
Table A9.3. Elution of the UCHT2-DTPA- ¹¹¹ In mixture on the Sephadex G 50 colum	in:

<u>Fraction</u>	Fraction volume	¹¹¹ In radioactivity
	<u>(ml)</u>	<u>(MBq)</u>
1	2.43	0.0
2	2.00	0.0
3	2.00	0.0
4	2.00	18.3 ^a
5	2.00	18.7 ^a
6	2.00	0.6 ^a
7	2.00	0.1
8	2.00	0.2 ^b
9	2.00	0.5 ^b
10	2.00	0.9 ^b

 a ¹¹¹In radioactivity associated with the McAb. Fractions 4 & 5 were pooled together. Specific activity 376 MBq/mg (10 mCi/mg).

b Free ¹¹¹In eluting in late fractions giving a second peak of radioactivity.

Coupling of WR-17 (Pan B) to DTPA

Same protocol as that described in page 50 was used. The results are shown in Table A9.4. Table A9.4. Elution fractions of WR-17+DTPA reaction mixture on the Sephadex G-50 column in PBS. WR-17 : 10 mg, DTPA : 1.0 mg.

Fraction No	Fraction volum	<u>e OD</u>	Protein content
	<u>(ml)</u>		<u>(mg/ml)</u>
BG ^a		0.00	0.00
1	2	0.00	0.00 ^b
2	2	0.00	0.00 ^b
3	2	0.01	0.00 ^b
4	2	0.02	0.20 ^c
5	2	0.27	>2 ^c
6	2	O.R ^d	>2 ^c
7	2	0.92	0.68 ^c
8	2	0.36	0.26 ^c
9	2	0.02	0.01 ^b
10	2	0.01	0.00 ^b

a Background level was set at zero with PBS. This gave 3 reproducible readings of 0.000 before starting to measure the OD of the elution fractions.

b Fractions giving low readings, OD <0.010 (<10µg), were considered to be non-different from background.

c Fractions 5, 6, 7 & 8 were pooled together; OD : 0.76, final McAb concentration : 0.56 mg/ml, total : 4.47 mg, recovery of protein : 45%

d OR : Overreading (>2.00).

Experiment to measure the number of DTPA bound to WR-17:

The same experimental protocol described in page 52 was used. Table A9.2 shows the results of this experiment.

Table A9.5. Elution of 111 In+DTPA+WR-17-reaction mixture^a on the Sephadex G-50 column in PBS. Labelling of the test sample (10µl) for calculation of the number of DTPA molecules bound per Ab.

Fraction No	Fraction volum	<u>ne Radioactivity</u>	Count-rate
	<u>(ml)</u>	<u>(MBq)</u>	<u>(cpm-BG^b)</u>
	2.12	0.0	-2 ^c
2	2.00	0.0	2 ^c
3	2.00	0.0	21 ^d
4	2.00	0.6	608 ^d
5	2.00	0.1	133 ^d
6	2.00	0.0	13 ^d
7	2.00	0.1	72
8	2.00	0.7	704
9	2.00	9.6	9395
10	2.00	9.3	9263
11	2.00	2.3	2251
12	2.00	0.5	493
13	2.00	0.3	326
14	2.00	0.2	219
15	2.00	0.2	188
16	2.00	0.1	105
17	2.00	0.0	44
18	2.00	0.1	64
19	2.00	0.0	41
20	2.00	0.0	26

a Reaction mixture 10 μl; WR-17 : 50 mg/ml, DTPA : 6 mg/ml, Mol DTPA : Ab; 40 : 1, ¹¹¹In : 35 MBq (1 mCi) in 100 μl.

b Background (BG) was subtracted. Average BG : 152 cpm (n=3, se=5).

c Count-rates corrected for background and falling within 3 standard errors of the calculated difference (99% confidence limits) were considered to be non-significant and were ignored.

d Radioactivity in elution fractions 3, 4 & 5 (first peak) was associated with DTPA-Ab bound. The radioactive count in the following fractions 6-20 (second peak) was associated with free DTPA. The ratios Ab-DTPA/DTPA (MBq) = 0.7/23.9 = 0.03. Ab-DTPA/DTPA (cpm) = 762/23953 = 0.03. The number of DTPA molecules bound per UCHT2 molecule = 1.27 DTPA/Ab.

WR-17 test labelling with ¹¹¹In :

WR-17-DTPA : 0.1 mg, 180 µl; ¹¹¹In in citrate buffer : 95MBq (2.5 mCi), 350 µl. Table A9.6. Elution of the WR-17-DTPA-¹¹¹In mixture on the Sephadex G 50 column :

Fraction	Fraction volume	¹¹¹ In radioactivity
	<u>(ml)</u>	<u>(MBq)</u>
1	2.53	0.0
2	2.00	0.0
3	2.00	0.1 ^a
4	2.00	9.6 ^a
5	2.00	38.6 ^a
6	2.00	3.3 ^a
7	2.00	0.17 ^a
8	2.00	0.11
9	2.00	0.23 ^b
10	2.00	0.56 ^b

a ¹¹¹In radioactivity associated with the McAb. Fractions 4 5 & 6 were pooled together. Specific activity 518 MBq/mg (14 mCi/mg).

b Free ¹¹¹In eluting in late fractions giving a second peak of radioactivity.

111In UCHT2 (Pan T) immunoreactivity testing

Table A9.7. Setting and results of the assay for measuring ¹¹¹In UCHT2^a immunoreactivity with the cell line HPB ALL.

<u>Tube No</u>	<u>Cell/ml</u>	<u>Cpm bound^b</u>	Non-specific cpm	Specific bound cpm	<u>Ratio T/B</u>
1	10 ⁷	40800±100	2850±30	38000±120	3.57±0.01
2	5X10 ⁶	32800±100	2500±30	30300±100	4.48±0.02
3	2.5X10 ⁶	25400±100	1900±30	23500±100	5.76±0.02
4	1.25X10 ⁶	18700±80	1700±20	17000±80	7.99±0.04
5	6.25X10 ⁵	12800±70	1700±20	11000±70	12.29±0.08
6	3.13X10 ⁵	8700±50	1300±20	7300±60	18.53±0.15
7	1.56X10 ⁵	5800±40	1700±20	4100±50	32.86±0.41
8	7.8X10 ⁴	4200±40	1200±20	3000±40	45.02±0.65
9	3.9X10 ⁴	3300±30	1400±20	1900±40	72.05±1.56
10	2X10 ⁴	3300±30	1400±20	1900±40	70.53±1.50

a ¹¹¹In UCHT2 : 476 MBq/mg (12.9 mCi/mg) was added at 10 ng/ml giving a total count-rate of 135700±150 cpm.

b Count-rates corrected for background, BG = 98, n = 6, se = 4.

Figure A9.1. ¹¹¹In UCHT2 immunoreactive fraction tested with HPB ALL cells, the double inverse plot.



Intercept 3.29;	the	immunoreactive	fraction	≈	30%.
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Table A9.8. Setting and results of the assay for measuring 111 In UCHT2^a immunoreactivity with the cell line MOLT4.

<u>Tube No</u>	<u>Cell/ml</u>	<u>Cpm bound</u> b	Non-specific cpm	Specific bound cpm	<u>Ratio T/B</u>
1	10 ⁷	31700±100	2400±30	29300±100	3.60±0.01
2	5X10 ⁶	24700±90	1900±30	22900±100	4.60±0.02
3	2.5X10 ⁶	17800±80	1500±20	16200±80	6.49±0.03
4	1.25X10 ⁶	12200±60	1300±20	10900±70	9.68±0.06
5	6.25X10 ⁵	8500±50	1300±20	7300±60	14.49±0.12
6	3.13X10 ⁵	5200±40	1550±20	3700±50	28.61±0.38
7	1.56X10 ⁵	4300±40	1350±20	3000±40	35.57±0.54
8	7.8X10 ⁴	3100±30	1200±20	1900±40	54.83±1.12
9	3.9X10 ⁴	2600±30	1260±20	1400±40	77.12±2.11
10	2X10 ⁴	2070±30	1500±20	550±40	190.05±12.33

a ¹¹¹In UCHT2: 370 MBq/mg (10 mCi/mg) was added at 10 ng/ml giving a total count-rate of 105200±130 cpm.

b Count-rates corrected for background, BG = 100, n =6, se = 4.

Figure A9.2. ¹¹¹In UCHT2 immunoreactive fraction tested with MOLT4 cells, the double inverse plot.



Intercept 2.96; the immunoreactive fraction $\approx 34\%$.

Table A9.9.	Setting and r	esults of the assa	ay for measuri	ng ¹¹¹ In	WR-17 ^a	immunorea	ctivity
with the ce	ll line EBV P(GF.					

<u>Tube No</u>	<u>Cell/ml</u>	Cpm bound ^b	Non-specific cpm	Specific bound cpm	<u>Ratio T/B</u>
1	107	59200±140	3200±30	56000±100	3.65±0.01
2	5X10 ⁶	33700±100	2700±30	31000±100	6.59±0.02
3	2.5X10 ⁶	20100±80	2500±20	17700±90	11.58±0.06
4	1.25X10 ⁶	12200±60	2150±30	10100±40	20.26±0.08
5	6.25X10 ⁵	7000±50	1900±30	5000±60	40.57±0.45
6	3.13X10 ⁵	5500±40	2100±30	3400±50	60.82±0.93
7	1.56X10 ⁵	3560±40	1800±30	1800±40	115.52±2.82
8	7.8X10 ⁴	2500±30	1900±30	600±40	344.04±22.7
9	3.9X10 ⁴	2900±30	1940±30	1000±40	206.56±8.63
10	2X10 ⁴	2500±30	1700±25	800±40	252.6±12.05

a ¹¹¹In UCHT2 : 528 MBq/mg (14.3 mCi/mg) was added at 10 ng/ml giving a total count-rate of 204400±200 cpm.

b Count-rates corrected for background, BG = 86, n = 4, se = 6.

Figure A9.3. ¹¹¹In WR-17 immunoreactive fraction tested with EBV PGF cells, the double inverse plot.



Intercept 1.45; the immunoreactive fraction \approx 70%.

Table A9.10.	Binding of ¹¹¹ In	UCHT2 ^a (Par	n T) to the HPB	ALL T-cell line.
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Tube No	<u>Cell/ml</u>	<u>Std_cpm added</u>	Cpm bound ^b	<u>Non-specific</u>	Specific bound	<u>Ratio B/T</u>
				<u>cpm</u>	<u>cpm</u>	
1	10 ⁷	92830000	1088000	1800	1086000	0.012
		±126000	±1200	±20	±1200	± 0.00002
2	10 ⁶	8310000	321000	1700	319000	0.038
		±38000	±200	±20	±200	± 0.0002
3	10 ⁵	902000	102200	1100	101000	0.112
		±1100	±130	±15	±130	± 0.0002
4	10 ⁴	75000	11300	370	11000	0.146
		±100	±400	±10	±40	± 0.0006
5	10 ³	8200	1600	50	1500	0.185
		±40	±20	±5	±20	±0.002
6	10 ²	700	200	40	170	0.242
		±10	±10	±5	±10	±0.013

a ¹¹¹In UCHT2 : 100 MBq/mg (2.7 mCi/mg).
b All count-rates were corrected for background and for counting dead-time for counts above 10⁵ cpm).

Table A9.11. Binding of ¹¹¹In UCHT2^a (Pan T) to the MOLT4 T-cell line. . .

<u>Tube No</u>	<u>Cell/ml</u>	Std cpm added	Cpm bound ^b	<u>Non-specific</u>	Specific bound	<u>Ratio B/T</u>
		-		<u>cpm</u>	<u>cpm</u>	
1	10 ⁷	58200000	758000	1700	757000	0.013
		±70000	±800	±20	±800	± 0.00002
2	10 ⁶	5800000	240000	1400	240000	0.041
		±22000	±200	±20	±200	±0.0002
3	10 ⁵	594000	82000	800	81000	0.136
		±700	±100	±10	±100	±0.0003
4	104	62000	11000	500	10800	0.175
		±100	±40	±10	±40	± 0.0008
5	10 ³	6600	1700	80	1600	0.247
		±30	±20	±5	±20	±0.003
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a ¹¹¹In UCHT2 : 50 MBq/mg (1.5 mCi/mg).
b All count-rates were corrected for background and for counting dead-time for counts above 10⁵ cpm).

Table A9.12.	Binding of ¹¹¹ In	WR-17 ^a (Pan B)) to the EBV PGF	B-cell line.
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<u>Tub</u>	e No	<u>Cell/ml</u>	Std cpm added	Cpm bound ^b	<u>Non-specific</u>	Specific bound	<u>Ratio B/T</u>
	-				<u>cpm</u>	<u>cpm</u>	
1		10 ⁷	16536000	190000	2000	190000	0.011
			±22000	±200 [±20	±200	± 0.00002
2		10 ⁶	1690000	73000	1600	71000	0.042
			±7000	±100 [±20	±100	± 0.0002
3		10 ⁵	161000	14000	700	13000	0.081
			±200	±50	±10	±50	± 0.0003
4		10 ⁴	16000	2100	100	2000	0.128
			±50	±20	±5	±20	± 0.0014
5		10 ³	1500	300	40	230	0.146
			±20	±10	±5	±10	±0.006
6		10 ²	150	80	30	50	0.335
			±5	±5	±5	±10	±0.053

Table A9.12.	Binding of ¹¹¹ In	WR-17 ^a (Pan E	b) to the EBV	PGF B-cell line.
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a ¹¹¹In WR-17: 227 MBq/mg (6.1 mCi/mg).
b All count-rates were corrected for background and for counting dead-time for counts above 10⁵ cpm).

Table A9.13. Binding of ¹¹¹In UCHT2^a (Pan T) to the whole blood^b.

<u>Tube No</u>	<u>Ab/T cell</u> c	<u>Cpm 1 ml WB</u> d	Cpm 1-Hct Pl	Cpm bound ^e	<u>Ratio B/T</u>
1	10 ⁷	41680000	41560000	125000	0.003
		±84000	± 84000	± 120000	±0.003
2	10 ⁶	3920000	3600000	320000	0.082
		±26000	±25000	±36000	±0.009
3	10 ⁵	400000	321000	80000	0.199
		±1000	±700	±1000	±0.003
4	10 ⁴	42000	32000	10000	0.236
		±100	±100	±200	± 0.004
5	10 ³	3600	2650	900	0.252
		±30	±30	±50	±0.013

a ¹¹¹In UCHT2: 110 MBq/mg (3 mCi/mg).

b WBC 4.9×10^{6} /ml, lymphocytes 2.1×10^{6} /ml, monocytes 3×10^{5} /ml, Hct = 0.373.

c T-cell percentage of total lymphocytes was considered to be 64%.

- d All count-rates were corrected for background and for counting dead-time for counts above 10⁵ cpm).
- e Non-specific binding was found to be low <1% of added count and was ignored (statistically non-significant <3 se).

Table A9.14. Distribution^a of cell bound activity in the lymphocyte+monocyte fraction and between T & B cells after incubation of human blood with ¹¹¹In UCHT2.

<u>Tube No</u>	<u>Cpm LM in</u>	Ratio LM/WB	Cpm 10 ⁶ T cells	<u>Cpm 10⁶ B cells</u>	Ratio cpm Tcell/
	<u>1 ml WB</u>		-	-	<u>B cell</u>
1	92000	0.002	61000	9500	6.46
	± 400	±0.00004	±200	±200	±0.16
2	283000	0.072	78000	14000	5.43
	±500	±0.0005	±200	±200	±0.09
3	66000	0.165	47000	6000	8.10
	±300	±0.0007	±300	±300	±0.48
4	7500	0.810	6000	600	9.54
	±100	±0.0003	±100	±100	±1.99
5	700	0.191	500	200	2.20
	±40	±0.012	±20	±200	±1.73

a This experiment was the second part of the binding assay of ¹¹¹In UCHT2 to whole blood, see Table A9.13 above.

	Table A9.15.	Binding of	¹¹¹ In Wr-17 ^a	(Pan B) to	the whole blood	Įb.
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<u>Tube No</u>	<u>Ab/B cell</u> c	<u>Cpm 1 ml WB</u> d	<u>Cpm 1-Hct Pl</u>	Cpm bound ^e	<u>Ratio B/T</u>
1	10 ⁷	17000000	15900000	920000	0.054
		±23000	±31000	±63000	±0.004
2	10 ⁶	1670000	1000000	600000	0.36
		±7000	±8000	±10000	±0.008
3	10 ⁵	163000	90000	75000	0.459
		±200	±200	±400	±0.003
4	10 ⁴	16000	4000	13000	0.795
		±50	±40	±80	±0.006
5	10 ³	1600	270	1320	0.806
		±20	±10	±30	±0.018
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a ¹¹¹In WR-17: 330 MBq/mg (9 mCi/mg).

b WBC 7X10⁶/ml, lymphocytes $2.8X10^{6}$ /ml, monocytes $3X10^{5}$ /ml, Hct = 0.424.

c B-cell percentage of total lymphocytes was considered to be 17.2%.

d All count-rates were corrected for background and for counting dead-time for counts above 10⁵ cpm).

e Non-specific binding was subtracted from the values of cell-bound activity when statistically significant. Non-specific binding up to 2% was found (Tubes 1,3 &5).

Table A9.16. Distribution^a of cell bound activity in the lymphocyte+monocyte fraction and between T & B cells after incubation of human blood with ¹¹¹In WR-17.

Tube No	<u>Cpm LM in</u>	Ratio LM/WB	<u>Cpm 10⁶ B cells</u>	<u>Cpm 10⁶ T cells</u>	Ratio cpm B cell/
	<u>1 ml WB</u>		-	-	<u>T cell</u>
1	640000	0.037	800000	57000	14.42
	±1000	±0.00008	±2000	±300	±0.07
2	450000	0.271	750000	46000	16.37
	±2000	±0.002	±4000	±300	±0.13
3	57000	0.348	69000	7300	9.44
	±300	±0.002	±900	±70	±0.15
4	9000	0.567	14000	1000	11.53
	±200	±0.012	±300	±50	±0.60
5	740	0.453	600	280	2.18
	±50	±0.034	±170	±20	±0.64

a This experiment was the second part of the binding assay of ¹¹¹In WR-17 to whole blood, see Table A9.15 above.

Calculation of 111 In UCHT2 (Pan T) binding constant (the Ab equilibrium constant). <u>I. The association constant (K+1)</u>:

Cell bound cpm(1)^d Ratio B/T (1) $K+1^e$ Cell bound cpm (2)^f Ratio B/T (2) $K+1^f$ Time^c 2X10⁶ 449 2X10⁶ 60 0.0405 1265 0.0376 120 $1.4X10^{6}$ 0.0555 1.4X10⁶ 1817 0.0540 616 1.3X10⁶ 1.8X10⁶ 180 2653 0.1105 0.0789 1226 106 1.6X10⁶ 240 2834 0.0842 1384 0.1247

Table A9.17 Binding of ¹¹¹In UCHT2^a to MOLT4 cell line^b.

a ¹¹¹In UCHT2: 330 MBq/mg (9 mCi/mg).

b The number of cells used was $2X10^6$ /ml.

c Time after addition of the antibody in seconds.

d Antibody concentration used : 10^5 Ab/cell, Std count-rate (cpm) 33600±100.

e K+1 ($M^{-1}s^{-1}$) was calculated from Equation 9.2 :

 $K+1 = \underline{Ratio B/T}$ [Ag]. t

Ag = <u>Cell No/l X No of antigenic sites/cell</u> Avogadro's Number

MOLT4 cells were considered to have 10^5 antigenic site/cell.

f Antibody concentration 5X10⁴ Ab/cell, Std count-rate (cpm) 11100±60.

Table A9.18 Binding of ¹¹¹In UCHT2^a to HPB ALL cell line^b.

<u> Time</u> c	<u>Cell bound cpm(1)</u> ^d	<u>Ratio B/T (1</u>	<u>) K+1</u> e	Cell bound cpm (2)f	Ratio B/T (2	<u>2) K+1^f</u>
60	1378	0.0406	2X10 ⁶	414	0.0370	1.9X10 ⁶
120	2190	0.0645	1.6X10 ⁶	758	0.0678	1.7X10 ⁶
180	2786	0.0849	1.4X10 ⁶	1067	0.1022	1.7X10 ⁶
240	3094	0.0911	1.1X10 ⁶	1232	0.1102	1.4X10 ⁶

a ¹¹¹In UCHT2: 330 MBq/mg (9 mCi/mg).

b The number of cells used was $2X10^6$ /ml.

c Time after addition of the antibody in seconds.

d Antibody concentration used : 10^5 Ab/cell, Std count-rate (cpm) 34000±100.

e K+1 ($M^{-1}s^{-1}$) was calculated from Equation 9.2 :

 $K+1 = \underline{Ratio B/T}$ [Ag].t

Ag = <u>Cell No/l X No of antigenic sites/cell</u> Avogadro's Number

HPB ALL cells were considered to have 10⁵ antigenic site/cell.

f Antibody concentration 5X10⁴ Ab/cell, Std count-rate (cpm) 11200±60.

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<u>Time</u> c	<u>Cell bound</u>	% bound cpm(1)	<u>Log</u> e	<u>Cell bound</u>	<u>% bound cpm (2)</u> g	Log ^f
0	<u>4912</u>	8.04	l 0.91	3295	9.35	0.97
600	4529	7.41	0.87	3071	8.71	0.94
1800	4331	7.09	0.85	2866	8.13	0.91
3600	3857	6.31	0.80	2736	7.76	0.89
7200	3282	5.37	0.73	1981	5.62	0.75
10800	2549	4.17	0.62	1650	4.68	0.67
18000	1724	2.82	0.45	1114	3.16	0.50
125200	1167	1.91	0.28	705	2.00	0.30

Table A9.19. Dissociation of ¹¹¹In UCHT2^a from MOLT4 cells^b after addition of excess unlabelled UCHT2.

a ¹¹¹In UCHT2 : 330 MBq/mg (9 mCi/mg).

b The number of cells used was $2X10^6$ /ml.

c Time after addition of the antibody in seconds. The cells were incubated with ¹¹¹In UCHT2 for 2 hr beforehand.

d Antibody concentration used for the initial incubation : 10⁵ Ab/cell, Std count-rate (cpm) 61000±150.

e The logarithm of the percentage cpm Bound/Total was plotted against the time (second) after addition of the unlabelled UCHT2 (see Figure A9.5 below). K-1 (s⁻¹) was obtained directly from the gradient of the curve linear fit or calculated using Equation 9.3 : K-1 = 0.693

f Antibody concentration used for the initial incubation at 5X10⁴ Ab/cell, Std count-rate (cpm) 35000±100.

g Non-specific binding was allowed for in the calculation.

Figure A9.4. Percentage cell (MOLT4) associated ¹¹¹In UCHT2 activity versus time after the addition of unlabelled UCHT2 to measure the Ab K-1.



Table A9.20. Dissociation of ¹¹¹In UCHT2^a from HPB ALL cells^b after addition of excess unlabelled UCHT2.

<u>Time</u> c	<u>Cell bound</u>	% bound cpm(1)	Log ^e	Cell bound	<u>% bound cpm (2)</u> g	<u>Log</u> f
	$cpm(1)^{\alpha}$		-	<u>cpm (2)</u> r		
0	4786	7.83	0.89	4001	11.35	1.05
600	4639	7.59	0.88	3289	9.33	0.97
1800	4328	7.08	0.85	3215	9.12	0.96
3600	3949	6.46	0.81	2676	7.59	0.88
7200	3062	5.01	0.70	2383	6.76	0.83
10800	2928	4.79	0.68	1893	5.37	0.73
18000	2219	3.63	0.56	1340	3.80	0.58
125200	1534	2.51	0.40	885	2.51	0.40

a ¹¹¹In UCHT2: 330 MBq/mg (9 mCi/mg).

- b The number of cells used was $2X10^6$ /ml.
- c Time after addition of the antibody in seconds. The cells were incubated with ¹¹¹In UCHT2 for 2 hr beforehand.
- d Antibody concentration used for the initial incubation : 10^5 Ab/cell, Std count-rate (cpm) 61000±150.
- e The logarithm of the percentage cpm Bound/Total was plotted against the time (second) after addition of the unlabelled UCHT2 (see Figure A9.5 below). K-1 (s⁻¹) was obtained directly from the gradient of the curve linear fit or calculated using Equation 9.3 : K-1 = 0.693

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- f Antibody concentration used for the initial incubation at 5X10⁴ Ab/cell, Std count-rate (cpm) 35000±100.
- g Non-specific binding was allowed for in the calculation.

Figure A9.5. Percentage cell (HPB ALL) associated ¹¹¹In UCHT2 activity versus time after the addition of unlabelled UCHT2 to measure the Ab K-1.



¹¹¹In UCHT2 K-1 \approx 2.2 X10⁻⁵ s⁻¹.

Calculation of 111 In WR-17 (Pan B) binding constant (the Ab equilibrium constant). <u>I. The association constant (K+1) :</u>

Table A9.21 Binding of ¹¹¹In WR-17^a to EBV PGF cell line^b.

<u>'ime^c Cell bound cpm(1)^d</u>	Ratio B/T (1)	<u>K+1</u> e	Cell bound cpm (2) ^f	Ratio B/T (2)	<u>) K+1^f</u>
60 737	0.0141	7X10 ⁵	217	0.0116	6X10 ⁵
120 1210	0.0232	5X10 ⁵	391	0.0210	5X10 ⁵
180 1573	0.0301	5X10 ⁵	671	0.0360	6X10 ⁵
240 2070	0.0396	5X10 ⁵	795	0.0427	5X10 ⁵

a ¹¹¹In WR-17: 240 MBq/mg (6.5 mCi/mg).

b The number of cells used was $2X10^6$ /ml.

c Time after addition of the antibody in seconds.

d Antibody concentration used : 10^5 Ab/cell, Std count-rate (cpm) 52000±150.

e K+1 ($M^{-1}s^{-1}$) was calculated from Equation 9.2 :

$$K+1 = Ratio B/T$$

[Ag] . t

Ag = <u>Cell No/l X No of antigenic sites/cell</u> Avogadro's Number

EBV PGFcells were considered to have 10^5 antigenic site/cell.

f Antibody concentration 5X10⁴ Ab/cell, Std count-rate (cpm) 18600±80.

II. The dissociation constant K-1 :

Table A9.22.	Dissociation of	¹¹¹ In WR-1	7 ^a from	EBV I	PGF o	cells ^b	after	addition	of (excess
unlabelled V	VR-17.									

<u>Time</u> c	<u>Cell bound</u>	<u>% bound cpm(1)</u>	<u>Log</u> e	Cell bound	<u>% bound cpm (2)</u> \$	<u>Log</u> f
	<u>cpm(1)</u> d			<u>cpm (2)</u> f		
0	5331	8.98	0.95	3487	11.62	1.07
600	5080	8.56	0.93	2865	9.55	0.98
1800	4638	7.82	0.89	2554	8.51	0.93
3600	3834	6.46	0.81	2173	7.24	0.86
7200	2777	4.68	0.67	1504	5.01	0.70
10800	2309	3.89	0.59	1116	3.72	0.57
18000	961	1.62	0.21	573	1.91	0.28
125200	623	1.05	0.02	321	1.07	0.03

a ¹¹¹In WR-17 : 240 MBq/mg (6.5 mCi/mg).

b The number of cells used was $2X10^6$ /ml.

c Time after addition of the antibody in seconds. The cells were incubated with ¹¹¹In WR-17 for 2 hr beforehand.

d Antibody concentration used for the initial incubation : 10^5 Ab/cell, Std count-rate (cpm) 59000±140.

e The logarithm of the percentage cpm Bound/Total was plotted against the time (second) after addition of the unlabelled WR-17 (see Figure A9.5 below). K-1 (s⁻¹) was obtained directly from the gradient of the curve linear fit or calculated using Equation 9.3 : $K-1 = _0.693$

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f Antibody concentration used for the initial incubation at 5X10⁴ Ab/cell, Std count-rate (cpm) 30000±100.

g Non-specific binding was allowed for in the calculation.

Figure A9.6. Percentage cell (EBV PGF) associated ¹¹¹In WR-17 activity versus time after the addition of unlabelled WR-17 to measure the Ab K-1.



¹¹¹In WR-17 K-1 \approx 3.9X10⁻⁵ s⁻¹.

Elution testing of the antibodies

Table A9.23. Elution of ¹¹¹In UCHT2^a (Pan T) from the cell line HPB ALL.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Std added cpm^b</u>	Cpm cell-bound
0	28900±100 (0.5 ml)	4900±30 (0.5 ml)
1 hr	1000±20 (0.2 ml)	740±10 (0.2 ml)
6 hr	990±20 (0.2 ml)	450±10 (0.2 ml)
19 hr	990±20 (0.2 ml)	430±10 (0.2 ml)
<u>24 hr</u>	1000±20 (0.2 ml)	440±10 (0.2 ml)

a ¹¹¹In UCHT2 : 42 MBq/mg (1.1 mCi/mg).

All count-rates were corrected for background, BG = 65, n = 6, se = 3. b

Table A9.24. Elution of ¹¹¹In WR-17^a (Pan B) from the cell line EBV PGF.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Std added cpm^b</u>	<u>Cpm cell-bound</u>			
0	60500±140 (0.5 ml)	6360±30 (0.5 ml)			
1 hr	1300±20 (0.2 ml)	940±10 (0.2 ml)			
6 hr	1290±20 (0.2 ml)	240±10 (0.2 ml)			
19 hr	1290±20 (0.2 ml)	180±10 (0.2 ml)			
<u>24 hr</u>	1300±20 (0.2 ml)	<u>180±10 (0.2 ml)</u>			
a ¹¹¹ In WR-17: 286 MBq/mg (7.7 mCi/mg).					

b All count-rates were corrected for background, BG = 54, n = 6, se = 3.

Internalisation testing of the antibodies

2	<u> Time</u>	<u>Std added</u>	Pre-acid bound	Post-acid bound	Pre/Std	Post/Std
	(hr)	cpm	cpm	cpm		
	0	34000±100	2250±20	40±5	0.066 ± 0.0006	0.0019±0.002
	1	33000±100	5700±30	1200±15	0.174±0.001	0.210±0.003
	2	33000±100	7000±35	1700±20	0.212±0.006	0.240±0.003
	20	34500±100	5000±30	850±10	0.136±0.0009	0.180±0.003
	24	32000±100	3500±25	<u>630±10</u>	0.110±0.0009	0.180±0.003

Table A9.25. Internalisation testing of ¹¹¹In UCHT2^a with the lymphoid cell line HPB ALL.

a ¹¹¹In UCHT2 : 70 MBq/mg (1.9 mCi/mg).

Table A9.26. Internalisation testing of ¹¹¹In WR-17^a with the lymphoid cell line EBV PGF.

<u>Time</u>	Std added	Pre-acid bound	Post-acid bound	Pre/Std	Post/Std
(hr)	cpm	cpm	cpm		
0	12400±65	275±10	10±5	0.028 ± 0.0009	0.040±0.018
0.5	12300±65	620±10	30±5	0.050 ± 0.003	0.052±0.009
1	12600±65	750±10	45±5	0.059±0.09	0.060 ± 0.008
2	12200±65	1330±15	100±5	0.109±0.001	0.078±0.005
3	11850±65	1360±15	110±5	0.115 ± 0.001	0.083±0.005
24	10200±60	<u>2600±20</u>	250±10	0.256±0.009	0.096±0.003

a ¹¹¹In WR-17 : 500 MBq/mg (13.5 mCi/mg).

Results of the mitogen induced proliferation tests in the presence of ¹¹¹In UCHT2 or WR-17.

Table A9.27. ³H-thymidine incorporation^a in the Con A stimulated plate used for testing the effect of ¹¹¹In UCHT2^b on mitogen induced proliferation in whole blood^c.

<u>Row</u>	¹¹¹ <u>In UCHT2</u>	<u>UCHT2</u>	HMFG2	<u>RPMI</u>
A	17810±174	47829±1347	48902±2912	48511±2478
B	50855±2181	52092±3288	50445±2207	50939±1817
C	46981±1901	51588±1048	53518±2090	51795±1163
D	51783±2037	49448±1320	53643±1456	56514±1152
E	53631±2248	52330±1706	54346±1701	ND
F	48643±2792	55574±2596	52903±2234	ND
G	54007±1238	48286±1402	56339±1579	ND
H	56948±1758	53335±1337	54262±1285	ND

a The count-rates in three well were measured and the average was taken.

b ¹¹¹In UCHT2 : 200 MBq/mg (5.5 mCi/mg).

c WBC 3.8 X10⁶/ml, lymphocytes 2X10⁶/ml.

Table A9.28. ³H-thymidine incorporation^a in the non-stimulated plate used for testing the effect of ¹¹¹In UCHT2^b on mitogen induced proliferation in whole blood^c.

<u>Row</u>	¹¹¹ In UCHT2	<u>UCHT2</u>	HMFG2	<u>RPMI</u>
A	211±72	147±42	236±67	65±21
B	119±17	145±50	125±8	57±26
C	108±14	104±40	55±15	22±7
D	150±31	84±10	44±21	56±12
E	117±56	83±28	29±11	ND
F	99±21	91±57	31±17	ND
G	61±31	78±46	19±16	ND
H	40±31	63±32	34±30	ND

a The count-rates in three well were measured and the average was taken.

b ¹¹¹In UCHT2 : 200 MBq/mg (5.5 mCi/mg).

c WBC 3.8 X10⁶/ml, lymphocytes 2X10⁶/ml.

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Table A9.29. ³H-thymidine incorporation^a in the LPS+PWM stimulated plate used for testing the effect of ¹¹¹In WR-17^b on mitogen induced proliferation in whole blood^c.

Row	¹¹¹ In WR-17	<u>WR-17</u>	HMFG2	<u>RPMI</u>
A	123996±9311	115568±15261	125664±13053	128312±8837
B	121404±11981	132936±14837	134504±856	131936±13948
C	123092±14967	119197±14045	133481±14850	133540±13309
D	127123±11641	129371±21871	134415±2919	131263±7069
E	125237±3640	117154±6652	121954±11777	ND
F	124961±6758	114931±8025	128388±700	ND
G	118544±8363	118466±5479	139553±8584	ND
H	123278±26142	135738±6997	120451±9243	ND

a The count-rates in three well were measured and the average was taken.

b ¹¹¹In WR-17: 217 MBq/mg (5.9 mCi/mg).

c WBC 5.2 X10⁶/ml, lymphocytes 2.3X10⁶/ml.

Table A9.30. ³H-thymidine incorporation^a in the non-stimulated plate used for testing the effect of ¹¹¹In WR-17^b on mitogen induced proliferation in whole blood^c.

<u>Row</u>	¹¹¹ In WR-17	<u>WR-17</u>	HMFG2	<u>RPMI</u>
	676±604	865±574	1126±961	482±77
B [622±100	460±88	395±68	393±91
C	507±54	594±318	490±145	414±108
D	384±80	445±268	407±127	379±82
E	494±83	442±147	449±175	ND
F	341±41	350±198	533±247	ND
G	525±174	547±99	539±213	ND
н	683±81	566±124	438±92	ND

a The count-rates in three well were measured and the average was taken.

b ¹¹¹In WR-17: 217 MBq/mg (5.9 mCi/mg).

c WBC 5.2 $X10^6$ /ml, lymphocytes 2.3 $X10^6$ /ml.

Experimental protocols and data relating to Chapter 11 : ¹¹¹In Radiolabelling and in Vitro Tests of Monoclonal Antibodies against Lymphocytes, Activated Lymphocytes and Class I and II Major Histocompatibility Complex in the Rat.

Coupling of MRC OX-39 to DTPA

Same protocol as that described in page 50 was used. The results are shown in Table A11.1. Table A11.1. Elution fractions of MRC OX-39+DTPA reaction mixture on the Sephadex G-50 column in PBS. MRC OX-39:3 mg, DTPA: 0.3 mg.

Fraction No	Fraction volum	<u>ne OD</u>	Protein content
	<u>(ml)</u>		<u>(mg/ml)</u>
BGa		0.00	0.00
1	2	0.00	0.00
2	2	0.00	0.00
3	2	0.00	0.00
4	2	0.00	0.00
5	2	0.21	0.15 ^b
6	2	0.29	0.22 ^b
7	2	0.04	0.03
8	2	0.00	0.00
9	2	0.00	0.00

a Background level was set at zero with PBS. This gave 3 reproducible readings of 0.000 before starting to measure the OD of the elution fractions.

b Fractions 5 & 6 were pooled together; OD : 0.25, final McAb concentration : 0.18 mg/ml, total : 0.723 mg, recovery of protein : 24%

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Experiment to measure the number of DTPA bound to MRC OX-39:

The same experimental protocol described in page 52 was used. Table A11.2 shows the results of this experiment.

Table A11.2. Elution of 111 In+DTPA+MRC OX-39-reaction mixture^a on the Sephadex G-50 column in PBS. Labelling of the test sample (10µl) for calculation of the number of DTPA molecules bound per Ab.

Fraction No	<u>o</u> Fraction volum	ne <u>Radioactivity</u>	Count-rate
	<u>(ml)</u>	<u>(MBq)</u>	(cpm-BG ^b)
1	2.21	0.0	14 ^c
2	2.00	0.0	5 ^c
3	2.00	0.0	9c
4	2.00	0.0	49d
5	2.00	0.1	3857 ^d
6	2.00	1.7	30976 ^d
7	2.00	0.1	2975
8	2.00	0.0	944
9	2.00	0.0	772
10	2.00	0.0	2136
11	2.00	0.9	17537
12	2.00	1.8	41143
13	2.00	18.8	527440
14	2.00	18.5	507774
15	2.00	3.1	56112
16	2.00	0.7	14330
17	2.00	0.2	4384
18	2.00	0.0	647
19	2.00	0.0	110
20	2.00	0.0	60

a Reaction mixture 10 µl; 15 mg/ml MRC OX-39, 1.5 mg/ml DTPA, Mol DTPA : Ab; 40 : 1, ¹¹¹In : 50 MBq (1.4 mCi) in 200 µl.

b Background (BG) was subtracted. Average BG : 175 cpm (n=6, se=5).

c Count-rates corrected for background and falling within 3 standard errors of the calculated difference (99% confidence limits) were considered to be non-significant and were ignored.

d Radioactivity in elution fractions 5, 6 & 7 first peak) was associated with DTPA-Ab bound. The radioactive count in the following fractions 8-20 (second peak) was associated with free DTPA. The ratios Ab-DTPA/DTPA (MBq) = 1.9/45.9 = 0.04. Ab-DTPA/DTPA (cpm) = 38801/1211246 = 0.03. The number of DTPA molecules bound per MRC OX-39 molecule = 1.20 DTPA/Ab.

MRC OX-39 test labelling with ¹¹¹In :

MRC OX-39-DTPA : 50 μ g, 280 μ l; ¹¹¹In in citrate buffer : 40MBq (1.1 mCi), 200 μ l. Table A11.3. Elution of the MRC OX-39-DTPA-¹¹¹In mixture on the Sephadex G 50 column : Fraction Fraction volume ¹¹¹In radioactivity

<u>rraction</u>	Fraction volume	<u>in radioactivity</u>
	<u>(ml)</u>	<u>(MBq)</u>
1	2.48	0.0
2	2.00	0.0
3	2.00	0.0
4	2.00	0.4 ^a
5	2.00	3.8 ^a
6	2.00	0.9 ^a
7	2.00	0.1
8	2.00	0.0
9	2.00	0.3 ^b
10	2.00	1.5 ^b
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a ¹¹¹In radioactivity associated with the McAb. Fractions 5 & 6 were pooled together. Specific activity 104 MBq/mg (2.81 mCi/mg).

b Free ¹¹¹In eluting in late fractions giving a second peak of radioactivity.

Coupling of MN4-91-6 to DTPA

Same protocol as that described in page 50 was used. The results are shown in Table A11.4. Table A11.4. Elution fractions of MN4-91-6+DTPA reaction mixture on the Sephadex G-50 column in PBS. MN4-91-6:4 mg, DTPA: 0.38 mg.

Fraction No	Fraction volum	<u>e OD</u>	Protein content
	<u>(ml)</u>		<u>(mg/ml)</u>
BG ^a		0.00	0.00
1	2	0.00	0.00
2	2	0.00	0.00
3	2	0.00	0.00
4	2	0.03	0.02
5	2	0.99	0.73 ^b
6	2	1.16	0.85 ^b
7	2	0.16	0.12
8	2	0.01	0.00
9	2	0.00	0.00

a Background level was set at zero with PBS. This gave 3 reproducible readings of 0.000 before starting to measure the OD of the elution fractions.

b Fractions 5 & 6 were pooled together; OD : 0.77, final McAb concentration : 0.57 mg/ml, total : 3.4 mg, recovery of protein : 85%

Experiment to measure the number of DTPA bound to MN4-91-6:

The same experimental protocol described in page 52 was used. Table A11.5 shows the results of this experiment.

Table A11.5. Elution of 111 In+DTPA+MN4-91-6-reaction mixture^a on the Sephadex G-50 column in PBS. Labelling of the test sample (10µl) for calculation of the number of DTPA molecules bound per Ab.

Fraction No	<u>o</u> Fraction volum	ne <u>Radioactivity</u>	Count-rate
	<u>(ml)</u>	<u>(MBq)</u>	(cpm-BG ^b)
1	2.21	0.0	18 ^c
2	2.00	0.0	-10 ^c
3	2.00	0.0	3c
4	2.00	0.0	16 ^c
5	2.00	0.1	401 ^d
6	2.00	2.5	9332 ^d
7	2.00	0.2	1084 ^d
8	2.00	0.1	715 ^d
9	2.00	0.0	461
10	2.00	0.1	4159
11	2.00	0.6	3678
12	2.00	30.0	113105
13	2.00	29.0	108664
14	2.00	1.9	7638
15	2.00	0.3	2357
16	2.00	0.1	631
17	2.00	0.1	236
18	2.00	0.0	60
19	2.00	0.0	19
20	2.00	0.0	30

a Reaction mixture 10 μl; 20 mg/ml MN4-91-6, 1.9 mg/ml DTPA, Mol DTPA : Ab; 40 : 1, ¹¹¹In : 74 MBq (2 mCi) in 200 μl.

b Background (BG) was subtracted. Average BG : 175 cpm (n=6, se=5).

c Count-rates corrected for background and falling within 3 standard errors of the calculated difference (99% confidence limits) were considered to be non-significant and were ignored.

d Radioactivity in elution fractions 5, 6, 7 & 8 (first peak) was associated with DTPA-Ab bound. The radioactive count in the following fractions 9-20 (second peak) was associated with free DTPA. The ratios Ab-DTPA/DTPA (MBq) = 2.9/65 = 0.04. Ab-DTPA/DTPA (cpm) = 11532/252570 = 0.04. The number of DTPA molecules bound per MN4-91-6 molecule = 1.60 DTPA/Ab.

MN4-91-6 test labelling with ¹¹¹In :

MN4-91-6-DTPA : $50 \mu g$, $90 \mu l$; ¹¹¹In in citrate buffer : 40MBq (1.1 mCi), $200 \mu l$. Table A11.6. Elution of the MN4-91-6-DTPA-¹¹¹In mixture on the Sephadex G 50 column :

-	<u>Fraction</u>	<u>Fraction volume</u>	¹¹¹ In radioactivity
		<u>(ml)</u>	<u>(MBq)</u>
1	1	2.29	0.0
	2	2.00	0.0
	3	2.00	0.0
	4	2.00	0.3 ^a
	5	2.00	4.2 ^a
	6	2.00	0.4 ^a
	7	2.00	0.1
	8	2.00	0.0
	9	2.00	0.1 ^b
	10	2.00	0.5 ^b

a ¹¹¹In radioactivity associated with the McAb. Fraction 5 was pooled. Specific activity 98 MBq/mg (2.7 mCi/mg).

b Free ¹¹¹In eluting in late fractions giving a second peak of radioactivity.

Coupling of F17-23-2 to DTPA

Same protocol as that described in page 50 was used. The results are shown in Table A11.7. Table A11.7. Elution fractions of F17-23-2+DTPA reaction mixture on the Sephadex G-50 column in PBS. F17-23-2 : 8 mg, DTPA : 0.76 mg.

Fraction No	<u>Fraction_volum</u>	<u>e OD</u>	Protein content
	<u>(ml)</u>		<u>(mg/ml)</u>
BGa		0.00	0.00
1	2	0.00	0.00
2	2	0.00	0.00
3	2	0.01	0.00 ^b
4	2	0.01	0.00 ^b
5	2	0.68	0.50 ^c
6	2	0.50	0.37 ^c
7	2	0.01	0.00 ^b
8	2	0.00	0.00
9	2	0.00	0.00

a Background level was set at zero with PBS. This gave 3 reproducible readings of 0.000 before starting to measure the OD of the elution fractions.

b Fractions 5 & 6 were pooled together; OD : 0.58, final McAb concentration : 0.43 mg/ml, total : 1.7 mg, recovery of protein : 20%

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Experiment to measure the number of DTPA bound to F17-23-2:

The same experimental protocol described in page 52was used. Table A11.8 shows the results of this experiment.

Table A11.8. Elution of ¹¹¹In+DTPA+F17-23-2-reaction mixture^a on the Sephadex G-50 column in PBS. Labelling of the test sample (10µl) for calculation of the number of DTPA molecules bound per Ab.

Fraction No.	o Fraction volum	ne <u>Radioactivity</u>	Count-rate
	<u>(ml)</u>	<u>(MBq)</u>	(cpm-BG ^b)
1	2.21	0.0	16 ^c
2	2.00	0.0	11 ^c
3	2.00	0.0	32
4	2.00	0.0	138 ^d
5	2.00	0.1	1849 ^d
6	2.00	0.3	5673 ^d
7	2.00	0.1	1779 ^d
8	2.00	0.0	868 ^d
9	2.00	0.0	661 ^d
10	2.00	0.0	250
11	2.00	0.1	1827
12	2.00	0.6	11643
13	2.00	1.9	40116
14	2.00	3.8	78961
15	2.00	3.6	73208
16	2.00	1.6	32004
17	2.00	0.7	13175
18	2.00	0.2	3518
19	2.00	0.1	1729
20	2.00	0.0	363

a Reaction mixture 10 μl; 40 mg/ml F17-23-2, 3.8 mg/ml DTPA, Mol DTPA : Ab; 40 : 1, ¹¹¹In : 15 MBq (0.5 mCi) in 200 μl.

b Background (BG) was subtracted. Average BG : 170 cpm (n=4, se=6).

c Count-rates corrected for background and falling within 3 standard errors of the calculated difference (99% confidence limits) were considered to be non-significant and were ignored.

d Radioactivity in elution fractions 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 (first peak) was associated with DTPA-Ab bound. The radioactive count in the following fractions 10-20 (second peak) was associated with free DTPA. The ratios Ab-DTPA/DTPA (MBq) = 0.5/13.1 = 0.04. Ab-DTPA/DTPA (cpm) = 11250/267794 = 0.04. The number of DTPA molecules bound per F17-23-2 molecule = 1.68 DTPA/Ab.

<u>F17-23-2 test labelling with ¹¹¹In :</u> F17-23-2-DTPA : 50 µg, 120 µl; ¹¹¹In in citrate buffer : 40MBq (1.1 mCi), 200 µl. Table A11.9. Elution of the F17-23-2-DTPA-¹¹¹In mixture on the Sephadex G 50 column :

<u>Fraction</u>	<u>Fraction volume</u>	¹¹¹ In radioactivity
	<u>(ml)</u>	<u>(MBq)</u>
1	2.32	0.0
2	2.00	0.0
3	2.00	0.0
4	2.00	0.1 ^a
5	2.00	5.7 ^a
6	2.00	0.8 ^a
7	2.00	0.0
8	2.00	0.0
9	2.00	0.1 ^b
10	2.00	0.4 ^b

¹¹¹In radioactivity associated with the McAb. Fraction 5 & 6 were pooled. Specific а activity 132 MBq/mg (3.6 mCi/mg). Free ¹¹¹In eluting in late fractions giving a second peak of radioactivity.

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¹¹¹In MRC OX-39 immunoreactivity testing

Table A11.10. Setting and results of the assay for measuring ¹¹¹In MRC OX-39^a immunoreactivity with Con A-stimulated rat spleen cells.

<u>Tube No</u>	<u>Cell/ml</u>	<u>Cpm bound</u> b	Non-specific cpm	Specific bound cpm	<u>Ratio T/B</u>
1	2.5X10 ⁷	13800±70	240±10	13500±70	1.73±0.01
2	1.25X10 ⁷	10800±60	160±10	10600±60	2.20±0.02
3	6.25X10 ⁶	8900±50	270±10	8300±60	2.81±0.02
4	3.13X10 ⁶	5500±40	220±10	5250±50	4.46±0.04
5	1.56X10 ⁶	3060±30	70±10	3000±30	7.83±0.1
6	7.8X10 ⁵	2560±20	160±10	2300±30	10.21±0.15

¹¹¹In MRC OX-39 : 105 MBq/mg (2.8 mCi/mg) was added at 10 ng/ml giving a total countа rate of 23400±90 cpm.

Count-rates corrected for background, BG = 136, n = 6, se = 5. b





Intercept 1.3; the immunoreactive fraction $\approx 77\%$.

¹¹¹In MN4-91-6 immunoreactivity testing

Table A11.11. Setting and results of the assay for measuring ¹¹¹In MN4-91-6^a immunoreactivity with DA-rat red blood cells.

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a ¹¹¹In MN4-91-6: 150 MBq/mg (4 mCi/mg) was added at 10 ng/ml giving a total count-rate of 15700±70 cpm.

b Count-rates corrected for background, BG = 125, n =6, se = 5.

Figure A11.2. ¹¹¹In MN4-91-6 immunoreactive fraction, the double inverse plot.



Intercept 1; the immunoreactive fraction $\approx 100\%$.

Table A11.12. Setting and results of the assay for measuring 111 In F17-23-2^a immuno-reactivity with DA-rat spleen cells.

<u>Tube No</u>	Cell/ml	Cpm bound ^b	Non-specific cpm	Specific bound cpm	<u>Ratio T/B</u>
1	4X10 ⁷	11100±60	320±10	10800±60	1.74±0.01
2	2X10 ⁷	9800±60	250±10	9600±60	1.97±0.02
3	10 ⁷	8000±50	200±10	7750±50	2.43±0.02
4	5X10 ⁶	5800±40	200±10	5600±50	3.38±0.03
5	2.5X10 ⁶	3500±35	180±10	3350±40	5.62±0.07
6	1.25X10 ⁶	2000±30	120±10	1900±30	9.81±0.16
7	6.25X10 ⁶	1330±20	180±10	1150±25	16.45±0.37

a ¹¹¹In F17-23-2 : 125 MBq/mg (3.4 mCi/mg) was added at 10 ng/ml giving a total count-rate of 18800±80 cpm.

b Count-rates corrected for background, BG = 140, n = 6, se = 5.

Figure A11.3. ¹¹¹In F17-23-2 immunoreactive fraction, the double inverse plot.



Intercept 1.6; the immunoreactive fraction $\approx 63\%$.

Experimental protocols and data relating to Chapter 12 : In Vivo Use of ¹¹¹In Anti-Lymphocyte, Activated Lymphocytes, Anti-Donor Class I & II MHC Monoclonal Antibodies for Scintillation Imaging of Rejection in Kidney Transplanted Rats. A Rat Model for the Early Diagnosis and Discrimination of Rejection in Unmodified and Cyclosporine Treated Allogeneic Kidney Transplants

The transplantation procedure

The procedure required two operators working closely together. The donor rat was anaethetised intraperitoneally and the animal was laid on its back and fixed to a dissecting cork board. A midline incision was made in the skin of the abdomen just below the xyphi sternum to the lower abdominal area. The muscle layer and peritoneum were opened by cutting the tissue with surgical scissors in the same way as the skin and the intestines were pulled out gently, wrapped in a piece of gauze moistened in saline and left on the left side of the abdominal incision (left hand side of the main operator). At this point, the dissecting microscope¹ was used. The left kidney was located and was freed from the posterior abdominal wall by cutting the surrounding renal fat with curved scissors. The renal pedicle was then cleared by gently dissecting the renal artery, vein and ureter using fine watchmaker forceps to provide suitable stumps for performing anastomoses with corresponding stumps in the recipient animal. Collateral arteries or veins were tied-off with 8/0 surgicalsilk thread² so that they would not interfere with vessel suturing or cause excessive bleeding. The donor rat was afterwards put aside and the recipient rat was anaesthetised and treated in the same way as the donor. After clearing the kidney pedicle of the recipient rat, the renal artery was clamped as near to the aorta as possible using a Scoville-Lewis neurovascular clip. The kidney was observed for a short while afterwards to check complete blood stoppage and another clip was placed on the renal vein at a point as near to the inferior vena cava as possible. Using fine scissors, the ureter was transected at a point ≈ 7 mm of the pelvic-ureteric junction (PUJ) and the renal artery and vein were transected as close to the kidney as possible to provide stumps with reasonable lengths for the anatomoses. The donor rat was injected intravenously with 250 iu of heparin in 1 ml PBS through the penile vein. After 5 minutes of the injection of heparin, the ureter was transected using fine scissors at \approx 7 mm of the PUJ, the left renal artery in the donor was clamped by a tight hold of the artery using fine forceps and the artery was transected at a point as close to the aorta as possible. The left renal vein was also transected at the same distance. The kidney was removed, placed on a piece of gauze, gently squeezed and blotted of blood remaining in it. The donor rat was killed by severing the aorta under ether anaesthesia. The donor kidney (transplant) was placed in the recipient's left flank and the anastomosis was performed. Arterial anastomosis was done by putting 9 interrupted sutures to join the lips of both arterial stumps using a 10/0 Mersilk suture linked to a 4 or 6 mm curved needle³. In a few instances, a continuous suture of the artery was performed. For the venous anastomosis, the venous stumps were allowed to float in PBS added in the abdominal cavity and the lips of the venous stumps were joined by a continuous suture along their circumference. At the end of the venous anatomosis, the venous clamp was removed and bleeding was checked. In case it was present, a piece of fat was placed on its source which usually helped to stop it. Otherwise an extra suture was placed. The arterial clamp was then opened slowly keeping the clamp in place. If satisfactory flow was observed and no bleeding occurred, the clamp was removed altogether. If bleeding was noted a piece of fat was placed around the anastomosis and the clamp removed slowly making sure that bleeding had stopped. The ischemia time, ie time between removal of the donor kidney and restoration of blood flow after anastomosis, was always less than 45 min and usually \approx 30 min. Ureteric anastomosis was done by joining the two ureteric stumps and putting 4 sutures around the circumference. The patency of the ureteric

¹ Carl Zeiss, Germany.

² Ethicon Ltd, Edinburgh, Scotland.

³ Ethicon Ltd, Edinburgh, Scotland.

anastomosis was checked after putting the third suture by allowing the tip of the fine forceps to enter the lumen of each stump on either side of the joining plane.

Having established satisfactory blood flow in the transplant both immediately and at 10 min after the anastomosis by inspection of the renal artery pulse and the brownish-red colour of the kidney, the operation was considered successful and the animal was closed. Closure of the wound was done after returning the viscera into the abdominal cavity, by suturing the muscle layer and peritoneum using a continuous 3/0 catgut suture and finally the skin using a 3/0 silk continuous suture. Afterwards, the animal was placed in a cage. A lamp was used as a source of heat to keep the animal warm during recovery from the surgical procedure.

Table A12.1. Uptake^a of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-19 in the rest of the organs and tissues sampled in the studied rat.

		Expt I	
Rat	PVG Control	DA>PVG (Tx 6d)	DA>PVG (Tx 8d)
MLN	3.65 ± 0.01	2.71 ± 0.02	2.13 ± 0.01
Thymus	0.16 ± 0.001	0.31 ± 0.008	0.21 ± 0.01
Lung	1.03 ± 0.005	0.80 ± 0.006	0.36 ± 0.006
Intestine	0.29 ± 0.002	0.22 ± 0.005	0.16 ± 0.004
Peyer's patches	1.54 ± 0.01	1.05 ± 0.03	0.70 ± 0.02
Tibia+BM	0.39 ± 0.002	0.48 ± 0.003	0.29 ± 0.002
Muscle	0.06 ± 0.0005	0.03 ± 0.0006	0.04 ± 0.0001
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a The results are shown as percent injected dose per gramme (%ID/g).

Table A12.2. Uptake^a of ¹¹¹In MRC OX-39 in the rest of the organs and tissues sampled in the studied rats.

<u>Expt</u>	<u>Rat</u>	<u>CLN</u>	<u>MLN</u>	<u>Thy</u>	Lung	Int	<u>PP</u>	<u>Tib+BM</u>	<u>Tib</u>	<u>Muscle</u>
2	PVG	1.95	1.97	0.30	1.92	0.98	1.36	0.69	0.23	0.11
	Ctrl	±0.02	±0.02	±0.003	±0.01	±0.009	±0.02	±0.005	±0.003	±0.002
2	DA	2.84	3.10	0.32	1.27	1.08	1.34	0.93	0.37	0.13
	Ctrl	±0.02	±0.04	±0.003	±0.01	±0.009	±0.03	±0.006	±0.004	±0.001
2	DA->PVG	1.80	ND	1.00	3.04	0.63	0.84	1.35	1.00	0.12
	(Tx 4d)	±0.02		±0.01	±0.02	±0.01	±0.03	±0.008	±0.006	±0.002
3	DA->PVG	0.96	1.18	0.32	0.57	0.53	0.71	0.19	0.14	0.05
	(Tx 4d)	±0.01	±0.01	±0.007	±0.007	±0.008	±0.02	±0.002	±0.002	±0.001
	PVG->PVG	1.47	1.41	0.38	0.58	0.65	1.65	0.22	0.12	0.03
	(Tx 4d)	±0.02	±0.02	±0.009	±0.01	±0.01	±0.05	±0.002	±0.001	±0.0009
4	DA->PVG	1.11	ND	0.22	0.67	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.04
	(Tx 4d)	±0.004		±0.002	±0.002					±0.0003
5	DA->PVG	1.92	ND	0.53	0.61	0.99	1.48	0.21	0.12	0.03
	(Tx 2d CsA)	±0.006		±0.004	±0.003	±0.004 :	10.008	±0.0005±	0.0005	±0.0003
	DA->PVG	1.75	ND	0.52	0.54	0.94	1.57	0.25	0.06	0.08
	(Tx 2d)	±0.006		±0.003	±0.002	±0.004 :	0.007	±0.0007±	0.0004	±0.0005
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Table A12.3. Uptake^a of ¹¹¹In MN4-91-6 in the rest of the organs and tissues sampled in the studied rats.

Expt	<u>Rat</u>	<u>CLN</u>	<u>MLN</u>	<u>Thy</u>	Lung	Int	<u>PP</u>	<u>Tib+BM</u>	Tib	<u>Muscle</u>
6	PVG	0.98	0.91	0.42	1.30	0.36	0.34	0.56	0.39	0.15
	Ctrl	±0.01	±0.01	± 0.004	±0.01	±0.005	±0.01	±0.004	±0.004	±0.002
	DA	1.16	1.14	0.52	4.73	0.40	ND	0.95	0.36	0.27
	Ctrl	±0.01	±0.02	± 0.004	±0.02	±0.005		±0.006	±0.004	±0.003
7	DA->PVG	0.66	0.88	0.38	0.68	0.64	0.56	0.35	0.21	0.07
	(Tx 2d)	±0.01	±0.01	±0.008	±0.007	±0.008	±0.01	±0.002	±0.002	±0.001
	DA->PVG	0.83	0.64	1.18	1.40	0.33	0.23	0.31	0.18	0.08
	(Tx 5d)	±0.01	±0.01	±0.01	±0.009	±0.006	±0.007	±0.002	±0.002	±0.001
8	DA->PVG	0.52	0.65	0.24	0.55	0.33	0.31	0.28	0.20	0.06
	(Tx 4d)	±0.003	±0.004	±0.002	±0.003	±0.003	±0.005	±0.001	±0.001	± 0.0005
9	PVG->PVG	0.84	0.75	0.40	0.76	0.41	0.38	0.34	0.19	0.11
	(Tx 2d)	±0.006	±0.008	±0.003	±0.005	±0.005	±0.007	±0.001	±0.001	±0.0008
10	DA->PVG	0.58	ND	0.27	0.98	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.08
	(Tx 3d)	±0.009		±0.004	±0.007		ļ			±0.0009
	PVG->PVG	0.78	ND	0.34	1.40	ND	ND	ND	ND	0.08
	(Tx 3d)	±0.008		±0.005	±0.007					±0.001
11	DA->PVG	0.47	ND	0.25	1.53	0.30	0.40	0.31	0.15	0.05
	(Tx 3d)	±0.008		±0.004	±0.01	±0.006	±0.007	±0.002	±0.002	±0.0008
	WAG->PVG	0.72	ND	0.42	1.90	0.41	0.42	0.35	0.08	0.12
	(Tx 3d)	±0.008		±0.006	±0.01	±0.005	±0.01	±0.002	±0.001	±0.001
12	DA->PVG	0.41	ND	0.33	0.75	0.31	0.29	0.22	0.08	0.03
	(Tx 3d CsA)	±0.006		±0.005	±0.005	±0.004	±0.005	±0.002	±0.001	±0.005
13	DA->PVG	0.35	ND	0.27	1.02	0.25	0.31	0.25	0.21	0.05
	(Tx 7d CsA)	±0.002		±0.002	±0.003	±0.002	±0.003	±0.0008±	0.0008	±0.0003
	PVG->PVG	0.56	ND	0.34	1.24	0.36	0.48	0.30	0.21	0.07
	(Tx 7d CsA)	±0.003		±0.002	±0.004	±0.003	±0.005	±0.001±	0.0009	± 0.0004
14	DA->PVG	0.47	ND	0.30	1.19	0.33	0.37	0.21	0.05	0.05
	(Tx 14d CsA)	±0.002		±0.001	±0.01	±0.001	±0.002	±0.0008±	0.0002	±0.0002
	DA->PVG	0.39	ND	0.17	0.90	0.30	0.32	0.21	0.08	0.05
	(Tx 21d CsA)	±0.002		±0.0009	±0.005	±0.001	±0.002	±0.002±	0.0004	±0.0002

a %ID/g.

Table A12.4. Uptake^a of ¹¹¹In F17-23-2 in the rest of the organs and tissues sampled in the studied rats.

Expt	Rat	<u>CLN</u>	<u>Thy</u>	Lung	<u>Int</u>	<u>PP</u>	<u>Tib+BM</u>	<u>Tib</u>	<u>Muscle</u>
15	PVG	0.80	0.24	1.34	0.32	0.35	0.68	0.30	0.15
	Ctrl	±0.005	±0.002	±0.005	±0.003	±0.006	±0.003	±0.002	±0.001
	DA	2.03	1.20	1.86	0.74	4.61	0.67	0.75	0.07
	Ctrl	±0.01	±0.03	±0.005	±0.005	±0.05	±0.003	±0.004	±0.0006
16	DA->PVG	0.82	0.56	0.72	0.37	0.40	0.40	0.19	0.36
	(Tx 7d)	±0.02	±0.02	±0.01	±0.02	±0.02	±0.005	±0.004	±0.005
17	DA->PVG	0.61	0.69	0.85	0.21	0.08	0.40	0.27	0.10
	(Tx 4d 5µg)	±0.01	±0.02	±0.01	±0.01	±0.005	±0.004	±0.003	±0.002
	DA->PVĞ	0.72	0.47	0.72	0.27	0.23	0.42	0.24	0.19
	(Tx 4d 1µg)	±0.07	±0.02	±0.02	±0.02	±0.03	±0.01	±0.008	±0.008
18	DA->PVĞ	0.27	0.20	0.88	0.26	0.27	0.22	0.07	0.04
	(Tx 4d)	±0.001	±0.0009	±0.004	±0.001	±0.001	±0.001	±0.0003	±0.0002
	DA->PVG	0.35	0.21	0.67	0.21	0.24	0.19	0.07	0.04
	(Tx 4d)	±0.002	±0.01	±0.003	±0.001	±0.002	±0.001	±0.0003	±0.0002
19	DA->PVG	0.43	0.84	0.95	0.22	0.28	0.26	0.14	0.03
	(Tx 4d CsA)	±0.002	±0.006	±0.005	±0.0008	±0.002	±0.001	±0.0008	±0.0001
	DA->PVG	0.43	0.39	1.31	0.24	0.27	0.29	0.15	0.05
	(Tx 7d CsA)	±0.002	±0.003	±0.005	±0.002	±0.002	±0.001	±0.0007	±0.0003
20	DA->PVG	0.46	0.25	1.78	0.38	0.41	0.52	0.32	0.06
	(Tx 14d CsA)	±0.001	±0.0009	±0.007	±0.001	±0.002	±0.002	±0.002	±0.0002

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