

Academic Curriculum Vitae – Shinya SAKAGUCHI

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Main Research Interests/Previous Research Achievements

CD8⁺ T cells play a central role during immune responses against virus, intracellular bacteria and protozoan parasites and also key regulators of anti-tumor immunity. The main research topic of my group is to understand the molecular mechanisms controlling thymic development as well as peripheral differentiation of CD8⁺ T cells, particularly focusing on transcriptional and epigenetic regulations. Our previous studies demonstrated that the zinc-finger protein MAZR/PATZ1 is part of transcription factor network controlling the CD4/CD8 lineage decision of double-positive (DP) thymocytes (Ref. 1 in the publication list below) and that it promotes CD8⁺ T cell development in synergy with Runx proteins (Ref. 4). In addition, we recently found that MAZR/PATZ1 interacts with Runx3 to establish the transcriptional programs of effector and memory CD8⁺ T cell differentiation (Ref. 10) and that it also regulates invariant natural killer (iNKT) cell development (Ref. 8). Beside these studies, we have elucidated *cis*- and *trans*-regulatory networks underlying developmental stage-, lineage- and subset-specific *Cd8* gene expression (Ref. 2,3 and 7) and identified/characterized a novel *Cd8* cis-regulatory element (Ref. 3 and 7). Finally, in ongoing project we are elucidating the role of histone deacetylases for T cell exhaustion (manuscript in preparation). The experimental strategies to address our research interests include multi-color flow-cytometry, viral infection, biochemical and molecular approaches, retroviral-mediated gene transduction into hematopoietic stem cells as well as primary T cells, next generation sequencing and mouse molecular genetics tools.

Scientific Education and Career History

1996 – 2000	Bachelor thesis at Department of Biological Sciences, Faculty of Science, University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan; with distinction
2000 – 2002	Master thesis at Department of Immunology, Graduate School of Medicine and Faculty of Medicine, University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan; with distinction
2002 – 2004	Ph.D thesis at Department of Immunology, Graduate School of Medicine and Faculty of Medicine, University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan
2004 – 2009	Ph.D. thesis at Faculty of Natural Sciences (Molecular Biology), University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria; with distinction
2009 – 2016	Postdoctoral fellow at Institute of Immunology, CePII, Medical University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria
<u>(2009 – 2010)</u>	<u>(7 months of Paternity leave)</u>
<u>(2013)</u>	<u>(6 months of Paternity leave)</u>
2016	Senior postdoctoral fellow (Assistant) at Institute of Immunology, CePII, Medical University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria
2016 – 2019	Assistant Professor at Institute of Immunology, CePII, Medical University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria
2019 – now	Associate Professor at Institute of Immunology, CePII, Medical University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria
2021	Degree of Habilitation (Immunology) at Medical University of Vienna

Supervision of Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Fellows

Since 2013 Supervisor of 2 PhD student (1 ongoing + 1 finished); 6 master students (2 ongoing + 5 finished); 1 bachelor student (finished)

Fellowships and prizes won by lab members

- 2020/12 L'Oreal fellowship for female PhD Student – women in Science – Austria (25 k€ for personnel employment)
- 2021/12 Best Dissertation Prize awarded by the Austrian Society of Allergology and Immunology

Teaching Activities

- Since 2014 Lecturer at PhD Program Immunology and Undergraduate Program of Med Uni Vienna

Commission of Trust

- 2019 - now Reviewer for *Frontiers in Immunology*, *Cellular & Molecular Immunology*, *Cell Death & Differentiation*, *FEBS Letters* and *Communications Biology*.
- 2021 - now Guest Editor for *Frontiers in Immunology* (Research Topic: Transcriptional and Epigenetic Control of T and Innate Lymphoid Cell Development and Function)

10 Most Important Publications

I have published 27 scientific papers. Based on Google Scholar, the publications received 2,500 citations with a current life-time Hirsch *h*-index of 16.

1. **Sakaguchi S**, Hombauer M, Bilic I, Naoe Y, Schebesta A, Taniuchi I. and Ellmeier W (2010) The zinc-finger protein MAZR is part of the transcription factor network that controls the CD4-versus-CD8 lineage fate of double-positive thymocytes. *Nat. Immunol.* 11(5):442-8. doi: 10.1038/ni.1860.
2. Hassan H*, **Sakaguchi S***, Tenno M, Kopf A, Egawa T, Taniuchi T. and Ellmeier W (2011) Runx factors and *Cd8* enhancer E8_I are required for a transcriptional program regulating CD8 α expression in activated CD8⁺ T cells *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U S A* 108(45):18330-5. doi: 10.1073/pnas.1105835108. (*equal contribution)
3. **Sakaguchi S**, Hombauer M, Hassan H, Tanaka H, Naoe Y, Bilic I, Mayer H, Bergthaler A, Taniuchi I and Ellmeier W (2015) A novel *Cd8-cis*-regulatory element directs expression in CD44⁺CD62L⁺ CD8⁺ T cells and in CD8 $\alpha\alpha$ ⁺ dendritic cells. *J Leukoc Biol.* 97(4):635-44. doi: 10.1189/jlb.1HI1113-597RR.
4. **Sakaguchi S***, Hainberger D, Tizian C, Tanaka H, Okuda T, Groner Y, Taniuchi I and Ellmeier W* (2015). MAZR and Runx Factors Synergistically Repress ThPOK during CD8⁺ T Cell Lineage Development. *J Immunol.* 195(6):2879-87. doi: 10.4049/jimmunol.1500387. (*shared corresponding authors)
5. Newman DM, **Sakaguchi S**, Lun A, Preston S, Pellegrini M, Khamina K, Bergthaler A, Nutt SL, Smyth GK, Voss AK, Thomas T, Ellmeier W, Belz GT and Allan RS. (2016). Acetylation of the Cd8 Locus by KAT6A Determines Memory T Cell Diversity. *Cell Rep.* 16(12):3311-3321. doi: 10.1016/j.celrep.2016.08.056.
6. Prochazkova J, **Sakaguchi S**, Owusu M, Mazouzi A, Wiedner M, Velimezi G, Moder M, Turchinovich G, Hladik A, Gurnhofer E, Hayday A, Behrens A, Knapp S, Kenner L, Ellmeier W and Loizou JI (2015). DNA Repair Cofactors ATMIN and NBS1 Are Required to Suppress T Cell Activation. *PLoS Genetics* 11(11):e1005645. doi: 10.1371/journal.pgen.1005645.
7. Gülich AF, Preglej T, Hamminger P, Alteneder M, Tizian C, Orola MJ, Muroi S, Taniuchi I, Ellmeier W* and **Sakaguchi S*** (2019). Differential Requirement of Cd8 Enhancers E8I and E8VI in Cytotoxic Lineage T Cells and in Intestinal Intraepithelial Lymphocytes. *Front Immunol.* 10:409. doi: 10.3389/fimmu.2019.00409. eCollection 2019. (*shared corresponding authors)
8. Orola MJ, Tizian C, Zhu C, Andersen L, Gülich AF, Alteneder M, Stojakovic T, Wiedermann U, Trauner M, Ellmeier W and **Sakaguchi S** (2019). The zinc-finger transcription factor MAZR regulates iNKT cell subset differentiation. *Cell Mol Life Sci.* 76(21):4391-4404. doi: 10.1007/s00018-019-03119-z.
9. Andersen L, Gülich AF, Alteneder M, Preglej T, Orola MJ, Dhele N, Stolz V, Schebesta A, Hamminger P, Hladik A, Floess S, Krausgruber T, Faux T, Andrabi SBA, Huehn J, Knapp S, Sparwasser T, Bock C, Laiho A, Elo LL, Rasool O, Lahesmaa R, **Sakaguchi S** and Ellmeier W. (2019). The Transcription Factor MAZR/PATZ1 Regulates the Development of FOXP3⁺ Regulatory T Cells. *Cell Rep.* 29(13):4447-4459.e6. doi: 10.1016/j.celrep.2019.11.089
10. Gülich AF, Rica R, Tizian C, Vicenczova C, Khamina K, Faux T, Hainberger D, Penz T, Bosselut R, Bock C, Laiho A, Elo LL, Bergthaler A, Ellmeier W and **Sakaguchi S** (2021). Complex Interplay Between MAZR and Runx3 Regulates the Generation of Cytotoxic T Lymphocyte and Memory T Cells. *Front Immunol.* 17;12:535039. doi: 10.3389/fimmu.2021.535039.

Additional Scientific/Scholarly Research Achievements (10 selected)

Awards & Prizes

- 12/2010 Karl Landsteiner-Prize awarded by the Austrian Society of Allergology and Immunology
- 06/2011 “Researcher of the Month” selected by Medical University of Vienna
- 11/2011 Sanofi-aventis Prize awarded by Sanofi-aventis GmbH Österreich

Invited presentations to conferences and/or international advanced schools (selected)

- 07/2011 Invited talk at the German Rheumatism Research Center (DRFZ), Berlin, Germany
- 09/2014 Invited talk at the The 6th Austrian Association of Molecular Life Sciences and Biotechnology Annual meeting, Vienna, Austria
- 02/2015 Invited talk at the Institute for Genetic Medicine, Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan

Research Funding

- 02/2012 – 11/2016 FWF (Austrian Science Fund) stand-alone project (P23669): “Transcriptional control of cytotoxic T cell differentiation by MAZR”, amount: 300 k€
- 07/2015 – 01/2021 FWF (Austrian Science Fund) stand-alone project (P27747): “The role of the MAZR/Runx3 complex in effector CD8+ T cells”, amount: 350 k€
- 01/2020 – 12/2020 1st IRC Seed Funding (ISF) Call: “The Role of nuclear receptor co-repressor 1 (NCoR1) for effector/memory CD8+ T cell differentiation”, amount: 15 k€
- 04/2022 – ongoing FWF (Austrian Science Fund) stand-alone project (P35436): “Role of HDAC1 in T cell exhaustion during chronic infection”, amount: 400 k€
- 08/2023 – ongoing Sakigake Project of Kanazawa University (Kanazawa, Japan): “Formation of international research center for immunological memory study”, amount: approx. 5 k€