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Titre du projet: Role of Nanovesicle Vesicular Trafficking in the Formation of Immunological Synapses

Résumé du Projet de Stage (en 300 mots maximum, mots clés en gras)

Cells naturally communicate by exchanging information through close contacts called "synapses." Communication between immune cells occurs at contacts known as **immunological synapses (IS)**. These IS are essential for T cell activation and promoting the host's response to pathogens. Pathogens can circumvent these synapses to their own advantage, attenuating the host's response to infection. **Vesicular trafficking** plays a central role in **synapse assembly and function**.

In this project, we hypothesize that **nanovesicles** – a subtype of vesicles regulating vesicular trafficking that facilitate protein delivery or lipid distribution within membranes – participate in the formation and efficacy of IS. We will determine the **contribution of a specific type of nanovesicle to the communication essential for T cell activation under physiological conditions and during viral infection**.

The project will focus on the molecular analysis of the interaction between these nanovesicles and the TCR signalosome (T cell receptor), a protein complex crucial for IS formation.

The project will be conducted using a **multidisciplinary approach** employing methods from biochemistry (WB, Immunoprecipitation, **nanovesicles isolation, cellular fractionation**), cell biology (cell line culture, **lentiviral transduction, CRISPR/Cas9 technology**), and imaging (confocal microscopy, **Expansion microscopy**). Numerous tools are already available and validated in the laboratory.

Publications de l'équipe relatives au projet de stage (max 5)

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