S57-1 Physiological roles of STIM-dependent calcium influx on B cells

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Intracellular Ca2+ elevations in immune cells are provided from two different pathways. One is a release of Ca2+ from the endoplasmic reticulum (ER) stores, the other is an influx of extracellular Ca2+ across the plasma membrane through store-operated Ca2+ (SOC) channels. The main source for Ca2+ entry in B cells is SOC influx that is essential for maintaining a sustained Ca2+ signaling. The putative ER calcium sensor STIM1 and STIM2 are critical for SOC influx activation, but how STIM1 and STIM2 activate SOC influx and what physiological functions for these molecules in B cell biology are unclear. Here, we elucidated the physiological importance of SOCE in B cells by using STIM-deficient mice. This presentation will focus on the molecular mechanism of STIM-induced SOCE activation and its in vivo function for B cells.