

- personal" condition; the others were assigned to the "moral-impersonal" condition.
10. Participants were five male and four female undergraduates in Experiment 1, four male and five female in Experiment 2. All participants provided written informed consent.
 11. Dilemmas were presented in random order in a series of six blocks of ten trials each in Experiment 1, twelve blocks of five trials each in Experiment 2. Participants' responses to versions of the trolley and footbridge dilemmas were consistent with the intuitions described above (8).
 12. Stimuli (dilemmas) were presented on a visual display projected into the scanner. Each dilemma was presented as text through a series of three screens, the first two describing a scenario and the last posing a question about the appropriateness of an action one might perform in that scenario (e.g., turning the trolley). Participants were allowed to read at their own pace, pressing a button to advance from the first to the second screen and from the second to the third screen. After reading the third screen participants responded by pressing one of two buttons ("appropriate" or "inappropriate"). Participants were given a maximum of 46 s to read all three screens and respond. The intertrial interval (ITI) lasted for a minimum of 14 s (seven images) in each trial, allowing the hemodynamic response to return to baseline after each trial. Baseline activity was defined as the mean signal across the last four images of the ITI. Task-related activity was measured using a "floating window" of eight images surrounding (four before, one during, and three after) the point of response. (This window includes three post-response images in order to allow for the 4- to 6-s delay in hemodynamic response to neural activation.) This "floating window" technique combined the benefits of an event-related design with the flexibility required to image a complex and temporally extended psychological process that inevitably proceeds at its own pace. In Experiment 1, functional images were acquired in 20 axial slices parallel to the AC-PC (anterior commissure-posterior commissure) line [spiral pulse sequence; repetition time (TR), 2000 ms; echo time (TE), 45 ms; flip angle, 80°; field of view (FOV), 240 mm; 3.75-mm isotropic voxels] using a 1.5-T GE Signa whole-body scanner. In Experiment 2, functional images were acquired in 22 axial slices parallel to the AC-PC line (echoplanar pulse sequence; TR, 2000 ms; TE, 25 ms; flip angle, 90°; FOV, 192 mm; 3.0-mm isotropic voxels; 1-mm interslice spacing) using a 3.0-T Siemens Allegra head-dedicated scanner.
 13. Before statistical analysis, images for all participants were coregistered using a 12-parameter automatic algorithm. Images were smoothed with an 8-mm full-width at half maximum (FWHM) 3D Gaussian filter. In Experiment 1, the images contained in each response window were analyzed with the use of a voxelwise mixed-effects ANOVA with participant as a random effect, and dilemma-type, block, and response-relative image as fixed effects. Statistical maps of voxelwise F-ratios were thresholded for significance ($P < 0.0005$) and cluster size (≥ 8 voxels). In Experiments 1 and 2, planned comparisons for significant differences between conditions ($P < 0.05$, cluster size ≥ 8 voxels) were made for each area identified by the thresholded ANOVA in Experiment 1.
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 21. Due to magnetic susceptibility artifact we were unable to image the orbitofrontal cortex, an area thought by some to play an important role in moral judgment (3).
 22. Experiments 1 and 2 were not identical (8). Experiment 2 employed some modified versions of dilemmas from Experiment 1 as well as some new dilemmas

- in order to avoid a confound present in the design of the behavioral aspect of Experiment 1 (24).
23. The replicated results for BAs 9/10, 31, and bilateral 7/40 were achieved at a higher significance threshold in Experiment 2 ($P < 0.01$) than in Experiment 1.
 24. A potential confound in the design of the behavioral aspect of the present study deserves attention. One might suppose that participants respond more slowly when giving an "unconventional" response, i.e., a response that differs from that of the majority. One might suppose further that the moral-personal condition makes greater use of dilemmas for which the emotionally incongruent response is also the unconventional response (as in judging that one may push the man off the footbridge in the footbridge dilemma), thus confounding emotional incongruity with unconventionality in participants' responses. Therefore, an effect that we attribute to emotional engagement may simply be an effect of the conventionality of participants' responses. To deconfound these factors, in Experiment 2 we included additional moral-personal dilemmas for which the conventional response was emotionally incongruent rather than congruent. For example, one dilemma asked whether it is appropriate to smother one's crying baby to death in order to prevent its crying from summoning enemy soldiers who will kill oneself, the baby, and a number of others if summoned. Most participants judged this action to be appropriate in spite of their putative emotional tendencies to the contrary. As predicted by our hypothesis, reaction times in such cases were significantly longer [$t(8) = 4.332$, $P < 0.0001$] than the reaction times for conventional and emotionally congruent responses, as were typically made in response to the footbridge dilemma. Thus, after controlling for conventionality, reaction times in the moral-personal condition are longer for trials which, according to our theory, reflect a judgment that is emotionally incongruent rather than congruent.
 25. Although our conclusion concerning the behavioral influence of the observed emotional responses does not require that the emotion-related areas identified in Experiments 1 and 2 be different from areas that show

- increased activity in response to more basic kinds of emotional stimuli, one might wonder to what extent they do differ from such areas. We made a preliminary attempt to answer this question in the form of an addendum study to Experiment 1. Five participants responded to moral-personal and moral-impersonal dilemmas as in Experiments 1 and 2. Participants also performed a task in which they named the colors of visually presented emotional and neutral words, a task similar to the one used by Isenberg et al. (27). The emotional word stimuli were extracted from the text of the moral dilemmas by three independent coders. Neutral words and additional emotional words were drawn from materials used by Isenberg et al. (27). A comparison of the emotional and neutral word conditions (t test, $P < 0.05$, cluster size ≥ 8 voxels) revealed no significant activation in the emotion-related areas identified in Experiment 1 and only a marginal activation (9 out of 123 voxels) in one of the working memory areas (left BA 7/40). This comparison did, however, reveal activations in numerous other areas. A comparison of the moral-personal and moral-impersonal conditions from the same five sessions replicated the activations observed in Experiments 1 and 2 in BA 9/10 (55 of 64 voxels at $P < 0.05$) and left BA 7/40 (40 of 123 voxels at $P < 0.05$). These results demonstrate, at the very least, that the effects observed in Experiments 1 and 2 in the medial frontal gyrus (BA 9/10) cannot be attributed to the mere reading of emotional words. This area, more than any of the others we have identified, is likely to play a role in the integration of emotion and cognition in complex decision-making (3, 5).
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BAFF-R, a Newly Identified TNF Receptor That Specifically Interacts with BAFF

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B cell homeostasis has been shown to critically depend on BAFF, the B cell activation factor from the tumor necrosis factor (TNF) family. Although BAFF is already known to bind two receptors, BCMA and TACI, we have identified a third receptor for BAFF that we have termed BAFF-R. BAFF-R binding appears to be highly specific for BAFF, suggesting a unique role for this ligand-receptor interaction. Consistent with this, the BAFF-R locus is disrupted in A/WySnJ mice, which display a B cell phenotype qualitatively similar to that of the BAFF-deficient mice. Thus, BAFF-R appears to be the principal receptor for BAFF-mediated mature B cell survival.

The TNF family ligand BAFF, also known as TALL-1, THANK, BLYS, and zTNF4 (1-5), enhances B cell survival in vitro (6) and has recently emerged as a key regulator of peripheral B cell populations in vivo.

Mice overexpressing BAFF display mature B cell hyperplasia and symptoms of systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) (7). Likewise, some SLE patients have significantly increased levels of BAFF in their

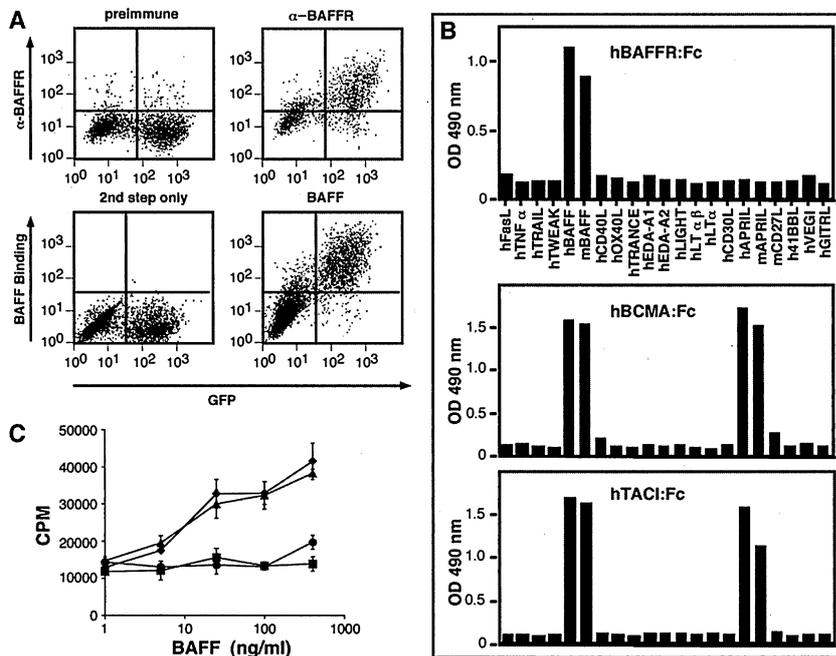


Fig. 3. Specific binding of BAFF to BAFF-R and inhibition with the use of BAFF-R:Fc. (A) BAFF-R is detected on the surface of 293E cells co-transfected with green fluorescence protein (GFP). Cells were stained with 1:100 dilution of preimmune sera or anti-BAFF-R peptide (aa 2–18) antibody (Rb 97) and detected with PE-conjugated antibody to rabbit IgG (Jackson ImmunoResearch). BAFF-R transfected cells were also stained with either no protein or biotinylated BAFF (1 μ g/ml) and were detected with PE-streptavidin. (B) A panel of Flag-tagged TNF ligands was bound to BAFF-R:Fc, BCMA:Fc, or TACI:Fc coated plates and detected with the use of the HRP-M2 (Sigma). (C) The ability of BAFF-R:Fc (■), BCMA:Fc (●) or control IgG (▲) to block an in vitro co-stimulation assay is shown. BAFF plus antibody to IgM alone (◆). When various amounts of BAFF-R:Fc, BCMA:Fc or TACI:Fc were titrated into the proliferation assay, all the receptors showed half-maximal blocking around 250 ng/ml (35).

mouse lines, the number of mature peripheral B cells is significantly reduced, although bone marrow B lymphopoiesis and peritoneal B1 cells are intact (28). The genomic defect in the A/WySnJ mice was recently localized to chromosome 15 between 27 and 56 centimorgan (29). We localized the murine BAFF-R gene to this region, approximately 48 cM on chromosome 15, by synteny with the use of sequence information from the human BAC that contains BAFF-R (30). The chromosomal location of the BAFF-R gene and the phenotype of A/WySnJ mice prompted us to look for a mutation in the A/WySnJ BAFF-R gene. Northern blot analysis on spleen and lymph node RNA from homozygous A/WySnJ mice and A/J parental mice indicated that the A/WySnJ BAFF-R mRNA was significantly shorter than the parental mRNA (Fig. 4A). Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) analysis of the A/WySnJ genomic DNA failed to detect an intact exon 3, which encodes the intracellular signaling domain of the protein (Fig. 4B) (31). The results of restriction enzyme analysis on the parental and mutant genomic DNA were not consistent with simple exon 3 deletion but rather with a more complex event(s) that could involve insertion, duplication, or rearrangement (16).

The disruption of the intracellular domain of the A/WySnJ BAFF-R protein does not eliminate expression of the extracellular and transmembrane domains located on exons 1 and 2. Fluorescence-activated cell sorting (FACS) analysis of A/WySnJ splenocytes stained with either an antibody to BAFF-R or with biotinylated BAFF revealed that surface BAFF-R was present and capable of binding BAFF, though the profiles were qualitatively and quantitatively different from wild-type B cells (Fig. 4, C and D) (32). Although the complete characterization of the A/WySnJ mutation will require further cloning and sequence analysis, the reduced number of mature B cells observed in these mice most likely results from the inability of the intracellular domain to engage in normal signal transduction.

The A/WySnJ mice exhibit a B cell phenotype similar, but not identical, to animals deficient in BAFF (28). Because the A/WySnJ mice do not have a complete null mutation, it is possible that some signaling occurs through BAFF-R or that TACI and/or BCMA compensate for the BAFF-R receptor defect, leading to a less severe phenotype than the BAFF knockout mice. In contrast, the B cell phenotypes of the BCMA- and TACI-deficient mice differ markedly from that observed in the BAFF-deficient mice (28, 33, 34). Antibody responses to various antigens have also been studied in these mice. BAFF-deficient mice are impaired for both T cell-dependent and -independent responses

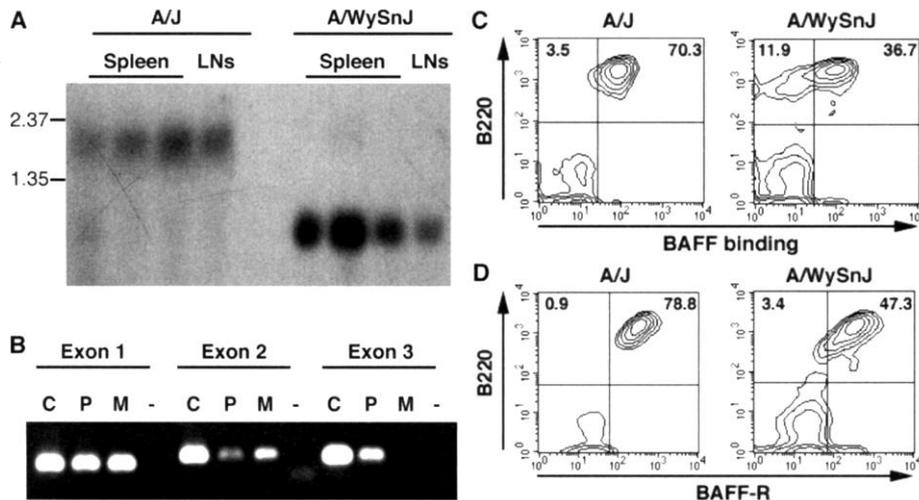


Fig. 4. Analysis of the A/WySnJ BAFF-R gene. (A) Northern blot analysis of spleen or lymph node RNA isolated from the A/J or A/WySnJ mouse lines (The Jackson Laboratory). Spleen RNA represents three different mice; the lymph node RNA was prepared from pooled tissue. Twenty micrograms of RNA was electrophoresed on a 1.2% formaldehyde gel. The gel was blotted and probed with a 32 P-labeled murine BAFF-R cDNA fragment. The filter was hybridized and washed as in Fig. 2. (B) PCR analysis of the BAFF-R coding region from A/J (P), A/WySnJ (M) genomic DNA, or a cloned mBAFF-R genomic fragment (C). Shown are the results of exon 1 (aa 1–48), exon 2 (aa 49–116), and exon 3 (aa 117–175) reactions. (C) FACS plot showing A/J or A/WySnJ splenocytes stained with APC-conjugated anti-B220 and biotinylated BAFF (200 ng/ml) followed by phycoerythrin (PE)-conjugated streptavidin (lymphocyte gate). (D) FACS analysis on splenocytes stained with APC-conjugated anti-B220 and a 1:2000 dilution of antibody to murine BAFF-R (Rb 116) followed by PE-conjugated donkey antibody to rabbit Ig.

(28), whereas A/WySnJ mice have normal T cell-independent responses, but impaired T cell-dependent responses (25) and TAC1 knockout mice are only deficient in the T-independent response (34).

We have identified BAFF-R, a previously unknown receptor specific for BAFF that has a role in BAFF signaling which is distinct from the two other known receptors for BAFF, BCMA, and TAC1. A functional role for BCMA has not yet been defined, and even though TAC1 may play a role in T cell-independent responses, BAFF-R appears to be the principal receptor required for BAFF-mediated mature B cell survival and for generating an effective T cell-dependent immune response. Future studies on BAFF-R will more precisely elucidate its role in BAFF signaling.

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between glass slides in Hanks' balanced salt solution (HBSS) plus 2% FBS that were strained through 70 µM nylon mesh and depleted of red blood cells (RBCs) by ammonium chloride lysis. After washing, cells were resuspended at 2 to 5 × 10⁷ cells/ml in HBSS-FBS plus Fc block (10 µg/ml) (BD Pharmingen, San Diego, CA). Cells were stained with biotinylated BAFF (200 ng/ml), anti-murine BAFF-R peptide (aa 139-154) or preimmune serum at a final dilution of 1:2000 for a period of 30 min. CyC-conjugated anti-CD3e and antigen-presenting cell (APC)-conjugated anti-B220 (PharMingen) were included in all staining reactions. After washing the cells, phycoerythrin (PE)-conjugated streptavidin (PharMingen) or PE-conjugated donkey anti-rabbit Ig (Jackson ImmunoResearch) were added for detection. Panels show scatter-gated cells (FACScalibur, Becton Dickinson, San Jose, CA). Data from 10,000 B220-positive cells are shown.

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An Essential Role for BAFF in the Normal Development of B Cells Through a BCMA-Independent Pathway

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The B cell activating factor BAFF (BlyS/TALL-1/zTNF4) is a tumor necrosis factor (TNF)-related ligand that promotes B cell survival and binds to three receptors (BCMA, TAC1, and the recently described BAFF-R). Here we report an absolute requirement for BAFF in normal B cell development. Examination of secondary lymphoid organs from BAFF-deficient mice revealed an almost complete loss of follicular and marginal zone B lymphocytes. In contrast, mice lacking BCMA had normal-appearing B lymphocyte compartments. BAFF therefore plays a crucial role in B cell development and can function through receptors other than BCMA.

B cell development is a temporally and spatially regulated process that begins in the bone marrow, where common lymphoid progenitors differentiate into pro-B cells, pre-B

cells, and later, B lymphocytes (1, 2). After B cell receptor expression, rearrangement, and deletion of autoreactive clones (3, 4), a fraction of the cells migrate to secondary lymphoid organs. There, they may encounter antigen and undergo clonal selection and deletion in a complex series of steps (5, 6). In the spleen, newly formed (B220⁺, IgM^{hi}) cells acquire more mature phenotypes with down-regulation of IgM and up-regulation of molecules including CD21, CD23, and IgD.

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