

**SALMONELLA INFECTION: INTERPLAY BETWEEN THE T3SS EFFECTORS
AND NF- κ B SIGNALING PATHWAY**

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Salmonella is an important foodborne pathogen that can evade host immune defense by evolving unique mechanisms. *Salmonella* manipulate host cell various signaling pathways by delivering specific effectors into target cells to establish infection. The nuclear factor- κ B (NF- κ B) is an important nuclear transcription factor that regulates the host immune system in *Salmonella* infection. The *Salmonella* pathogenicity island 1 (SPI-1) and *Salmonella* pathogenicity island 2 (SPI-2) encode type III secretion systems (T3SSs), effectors that are associated with the NF- κ B signaling pathway through regulate host inflammation response. SPI-1 effectors SipA, SopE, SopE2, and SopB all can activate NF- κ B signaling pathway to facilitate *Salmonella* invasion and intracellular carriage. Studies have shown that T3SS1 and/or T3SS2 effectors such as GtgA, GogA and PipA contain two histidine residues and have metalloprotease activity to control *Salmonella* replication. These zinc metalloproteases redundantly target the NF- κ B subunits p65, RelB, and c-Rel, whereas GogA and GtgA only inhibit NF- κ B-dependent gene transcription. The T3SS2 effectors SseK1, SseK2, and SseK3 are death domain-containing proteins with N-linked glycosyltransferase characteristics that can inhibit NF- κ B activity by inhibiting I κ B α phosphorylation in TNF- α -treated 293ET cells. Among them, SseK1 and SseK3 also suppress *Salmonella*-induced NF- κ B activity in macrophages. SseK3-mediated inhibition of the NF- κ B signaling pathway is not required for protein 32 containing a tripartite E3-ubiquitin ligase motif. In addition, the SPI-2 T3SS effector SpvD inhibits NF- κ B activity by preventing nuclear translocation of p65 through interaction with Exportin-2, but this does not affect I κ B α degradation, which ultimately leads to systemic *Salmonella* growth. However, other effectors SptP, AvrA, IpaJ, SspH1, GtgA, GogA, and SPI-2 encoded SseL, SpvB, SseK1, and GogB all can effectively inhibit NF- κ B signaling pathway, and contribute to *Salmonella* intracellular replication and virulence. In this mini-review, we summarize the special mechanism how NF- κ B signaling pathway is regulated by *Salmonella* T3SSs effectors in the persistent infection of *Salmonella*, which will further elucidate the pathogenesis of *Salmonella*.

Key words: *Salmonella*; T3SSs effectors; NF- κ B signaling pathway; host immune defense; pathogenic mechanism.

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Introduction. *Salmonella* is an important intracellular pathogen and can cause a severe systemic disease, such as typhoid fever in humans, diarrhea in chickens, paraty-

phoid fever in pigs and cattle (Gal-Mor et al., 2018; Coburn et al., 2007). *Salmonella* enters the digestive tract by the oral infection of contaminated food (Ménard et al., 2022). Once

Salmonella reach the small intestine and colon, a large number of *Salmonella* attach to the intestinal mucosal epithelial cells, and invade the submucosal tissue through the M cells, then engulfed by immune cells like dendritic cells, macrophages and neutrophils, which can help the spread of *Salmonella* to systemic tissues, such as liver and spleen (Broz et al., 2012; Xie et al., 2020; Krukonis et al., 2020). In addition to *Salmonella* flagellin and lipopolysaccharide (LPS) on the surface of bacteria (Liu et al., 2019), it also has a variety of effectors that are secreted into host cells through the T3SS, and control different cellular functions (Dos Santos et al., 2020). These effectors of *Salmonella* interfere with cell signaling cascades through a variety of mechanisms, and enhanced their intracellular proliferation and survival in host cells (Walch et al., 2021). NF- κ B pathway is an important signaling pathway that affects the host immune response in *Salmonella* infection (Sun et al., 2016). This article reviews the mechanism of *Salmonella* infection based on the latest research results about the interplay of *Salmonella* effectors and NF- κ B signaling pathway, and will provide new ideas for the pathogenesis of *Salmonella*.

Research materials and methods. The research and review of scientific literary sources was carried out on the basis of the Department of Virology, Pathanatomy and Poultry Diseases, the Department of Veterinary Expertise, Microbiology, Zoohygiene and Safety and Quality of Livestock Products of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of the Sumy National Agrarian University, as well as in Henan Institute of Science and Technology, Xinxiang, China.

Results.

SPI and effectors. The genome size of *Salmonella* is similar to that of *Escherichia coli*, with only 10% difference in sequence (de Jong et al., 2012). The virulence factors of *Salmonella* pathogenicity are mainly located on its pathogenicity island (Jennings et al., 2017). The intracellular survival and proliferation of *Salmonella* rely on the T3SS effectors encoded by SPI-1 and SPI-2, which can inject some effector proteins into the cytoplasm to promote *Salmonella* invasion and dissemination (Brink et al., 2018). However, *Salmonella* T3SS effectors can stimulate the signal transduction pathways of host cells, leading to a series of cellular effects such as the rearrangement of cytoskeleton, activation of transcription factors, and stimulation of ion channels *in vivo* and *in vitro* (Dos Santos et al., 2020; Jia et al., 2022). These effectors expression of SPI-1 and SPI-2 are strictly regulated in host cells and are essential for assembled T3SS at different infection phases (Dos Santos et al., 2020).

Host immune response and NF- κ B signaling pathway. In order to cope with the infection of *Salmonella*, the host has formed various defense mechanisms such as innate immunity and adaptive immunity (Noster et al., 2019). The innate immune system are initiated through a series of pattern recognition receptors, which recognize the relatively conservative and key structural components of pathogenic microorganisms, thereby control the invading pathogen (Kogut et al., 2020). Normally, pathogen-associated molecular patterns are usually composed of bacterial surface components, such as LPS, flagellin, peptidoglycan, lipoteichoic acid, and cell wall lipoproteins (Potrykus et al.,

2021; Lu et al., 2022). Furthermore, the pattern recognition receptors of the innate immune responses were involved include Toll-like receptors (TLR), nucleotide oligomerization domain-like receptor (NLR), cytoplasmic RNA receptors, and cytoplasmic DNA-related receptors (Liao et al., 2021). NF- κ B transcription factor is the regulatory center of host inflammatory response that controls DNA transcription (Stormberg et al., 2021). NF- κ B is a homo- and heterodimers in mammals whose subunit consists of five members, such as c-Rel, p50 (NF- κ B1), RelA (p65), p52 (NF- κ B2), and RelB (Hayden et al., 2008). These members contain the Rel homologous domain with conserved DNA binding activity, and have the ability to regulate the protein dimerization and nuclear localization signals. Inactivation of NF- κ B and inhibition of I κ B protein phosphorylation are located within the cytoplasm (Bariana et al., 2022). When host is infected by pathogenic bacteria such as *Salmonella*, and TLRs signaling pathways are activated, resulting in initiate antigen presentation functions, thereby the NF- κ B dimers rapidly dissociates from the cytoplasm to the nucleus, which triggers the pro-inflammatory-related gene expression (Liu et al., 2019; Li et al., 2022). However, *Salmonella* effectors target NF- κ B signaling pathway to facilitate *Salmonella* invasion and dissemination within host cells at different stages of infection.

Activation of NF- κ B signaling pathway by effectors. There are many microorganisms in the intestines of humans and animals (Markowiak et al., 2017). In order to avoid unnecessary immune reactions, the NF- κ B signaling pathway is suppressed in intestinal cells (Tao et al., 2021). Pathogens induce NF- κ B activity through a variety of mechanisms, which is crucial to promote intracellular replication and virulence in their host (Gómez-Chávez et al., 2021). Inflammation aggravates the accumulation of nutrients to the growth of *Salmonella* at an early stage of infection (Sharma et al., 2022). Furthermore, numerous intracellular effectors can drive the host's immune response to produce the electron acceptor tetrathionate in the respiratory chain (Bliska et al., 2012), which can enable *Salmonella* to more efficiently gain host nutrients when compared with other bacterial pathogens, leading to promote intracellular replication in the host (Lawrence et al., 2021).

TLR5 is a receptor for *Salmonella* flagella, which in turn activates MyD88-NF- κ B signaling pathway, but some effectors can activate NF- κ B signaling pathway by other ways (Jiang et al., 2015). SipA is a virulent effector of *Salmonella*, and is translocated into the host cells by T3SS-1, enables *Salmonella* invasion (Finn et al., 2017). Studies have found that NF- κ B activity is triggered by SipA that is not dependent on the invasion of *Salmonella*, but it requires for complete T3SS (Keestra et al., 2011). Furthermore, the heterologous expression of SipA affects NF- κ B activity, but this signal does not depend on MyD88. Conceivably, the intracellular SipA and intracellular receptor NOD1 form a complex that can activate NOD1/NOD2, which lead to the invasion of epithelial cells and NF- κ B activity within host cells (Keestra et al., 2011).

T3SS1-related effectors can induce activation of Rho-family GTPases such as Rac1 and Cdc42, and contribute to *Salmonella* internalization by activating Rac-1 and

inflammation by activating Cdc42, respectively (Parween et al., 2019). These two Rho GTP enzymes are components of the host signaling pathway and participate in the rearrangement of the actin cytoskeleton structure (Liu et al., 2020). Several effectors, SopE, SopE2, and SopB within the SPI1 all are associated with the stimulating MAP kinase and NF- κ B signaling pathway by activate Rho-family GTPases (Bruno et al., 2009). SopE and SopE2 are guanine nucleotide exchange factors of Rac1 and Cdc42 that induces rapid membrane ruffling in host cells, which promotes *Salmonella* invasion and systemic infection (Galán, 2021). SopB is a phosphoinositide phosphatase and has the ability to activate the Rho-family GTPases, such as Rac1 and Cdc42 (Pinaud et al., 2018). These three effectors are secreted into host cells by T3SS1 that is required for *Salmonella* invasion. Therefore, the activated Rho-family GTPase significantly increases detected by NOD1, and subsequent induces inflammatory responses by activating NOD1-RIP2-NF- κ B signaling pathway in host cell (Bruno et al., 2009). Studies have found that intracellular SopE forms complexes with Rac1, Cdc42, NOD1, and heat shock protein 90, indicating that SopE-dependent Rac1 and Cdc42 activation is required for the proteasome-mediated pathway, which in turn activates NF- κ B signaling pathway through NOD1 (Kestra et al., 2013). Therefore, this multi-factorial and multi-channel activation mechanism strongly ensures NF- κ B activity and is central to the system infection of *Salmonella* (Cuadrado et al., 2014). This phenomenon indicates that the activation of the immune response is greatly beneficial to *Salmonella* invasion at an early stage of infection. However, the underlying mechanism of these effectors between innate immune signal and innate immune receptors remains obscure.

Inhibition of NF- κ B signaling pathway by effectors.

Although the activation of host inflammatory response plays an important role against invading *Salmonella*, some effectors are secreted into host cells by T3SSs that have the ability to inhibit excessive immune response. However, the specific mechanism by which *Salmonella* effectors interface with NF- κ B signaling pathway remains poorly understood.

AvrA. AvrA is a virulent effector of *Salmonella* within SPI-1, and its code size is 33kDa (Lin et al., 2016). AvrA has the activity of serine/threonine acetyltransferase and ubiquitin hydrolase, and play a pivotal role in suppression of host's innate immune response, thereby contribution to *Salmonella* dissemination and intracellular carriage (Zhang et al., 2015). AvrA decreases I κ B α degradation and stabilizes β -catenin, and inhibit NF- κ B activity through ubiquitin-proteasome degradation pathway *in vivo* and *in vitro* (Ye et al., 2007). AvrA is a deubiquitinase that can inhibit MAPK activity by downregulating p-MEK/p-ERK in *Salmonella*-infected HeLa cells, leading to facilitate *Salmonella* invasion (Giogha et al., 2014). AvrA as a key regulator of immune responses, which can control both the inflammatory and apoptotic signaling in infected macrophages (Jiao et al., 2020). Studies have shown that the *avrA*-deficient strain increased apoptosis in caspase-3-stimulated cells (Wu et al., 2012).

SseL. SseL is one of the *Salmonella* effectors secreted through T3SS2, and has the activity of the deubiquitinase (Geng et al., 2019). The function of effector SseL was

performed by the two-component regulatory system SsrA/SsrB, and can induce cytotoxicity in infected macrophages (Rytkönen et al., 2007). However, SseL has no effect to the intracellular replication of *Salmonella* within *Salmonella*-containing vacuoles (SCV), but it participates in the regulation of cytotoxicity (Figueira et al., 2013). SseL inhibit NF- κ B activity by deubiquitinating of I κ B α in primary murine bone-marrow-derived macrophages, but the following study proposed that SseL does not affect the degradation of I κ B α and inflammatory response (Mesquita et al., 2013). However, some *in vitro* experiments shown that SseL protein directly targets the K63-polyubiquitin chain in the host cell, and regulate the intracellular signal activation of host cells degraded by the ubiquitin proteasome pathway (LaRock et al., 2015). In addition, SseL also represents a member of the deubiquitinate, but the regulatory effect of this protein *in vivo* is not fully understood.

SptP. SptP is a GTPase activating protein encoded by T3SS1 (Johnson et al., 2017), and inhibit NF- κ B activity by limiting the activation of Rac1, Cdc42, and Rho in host cells (Johnson et al., 2017). The SptP translocation can interfere with the actin cytoskeleton reorganization and c-Jun N-terminal kinase (JNK) activation with the ability to inhibit MAP kinases, thus causing the secretion of pro-inflammatory factors (Cain et al., 2008; Lhocine et al., 2015). SptP can increase the function of host cytoskeleton to recover homeostasis by preventing the activation of Cdc42, and contribute to the intracellular replication and dissemination of *Salmonella* (Fu et al., 1999). SptP is composed of two different effector protein regions, and the existence of the amino terminal domain of SptP protein makes it have the characteristics of activating target protein, while its carboxyl terminal domain endows the protein with potential tyrosine phosphatase activity (Pinaud et al., 2018). Some studies showed that SptP protein exerts its tyrosine phosphatase activity when *Salmonella* entry into host cells, thus causing systemic infection (Johnson et al., 2017).

SspH1. SspH1 is encoded by T3SS-1 and/or T3SS-2 encoded, and can inhibit inflammatory reactions and NF- κ B signaling pathway in the mammalian nucleus (Keszei et al., 2014). SspH1 has the activity of E3 ubiquitin ligase contains a leucine-rich repeat (LRR) (Cook et al., 2019). It is well documented that serine/threonine protein kinase N1 (PKN1) is the physiological substrate of SspH1 (Haraga et al., 2006). Based on the structure of SspH1-PKN1 complex, LRR domain of SspH1 protein interacts with human PKN1 in mammalian cells (Keszei et al., 2014). It can form the catalytic domain of LRR and activate the catalytic function of SspH1 protein (Batkishig et al., 2018). Interestingly, SspH1 does not depend on its catalytic function to the inhibition of NF- κ B signaling pathway. Even if it does not interact with PKN1, SspH1 still can inhibit NF- κ B activity (Cook et al., 2019). Therefore, except PKN1, SspH1 protein may also interact with other substrates with the ability to modulate host immune response. Later work suggested that SspH1-mediated degradation of PKN1 is not required for inhibiting NF- κ B activation.

GogB. GogB is the first open reading frame on Gifsy-1 prophage of *Salmonella* Typhimurium (Svahn et al., 2023).

GogB is translocated into the cytoplasm of host cells by T3SS2, which are essential for cell-to-cell spread in *Salmonella* infection (Cohen et al., 2021). GogB is regulated by the transcription activating factor SsrB, which contributes to the virulence of *Salmonella* (Coombes et al., 2005). GogB is a chimeric protein with the characteristics of E3 ubiquitin linking enzyme and can inhibit degradation of I κ B α (Jennings et al., 2017). GogB interacts with FBXO22 protein of F-box family in host cells, which is beneficial for synergy with other effectors (Pilar et al., 2012). More importantly, GogB can inhibit NF- κ B activity by suppressing ubiquitination and degradation of I κ B α in infected macrophages (Jennings et al., 2017). In addition, the *Salmonella gogB* mutant-infected mice will induce more inflammatory response, tissue damage, intestinal colonization and chronic infection than that in the wild-type *Salmonella* strain-infected group (Pilar et al., 2012). As one of the anti-inflammatory effector, GogB is required and is conducive to promote the colonization of *Salmonella* by limiting tissue damage during *Salmonella* infection.

SpvB and SpvC. *Spv* gene is an important pathogenic factor on the *Salmonella* virulence plasmid and secreted by T3SS2 (Wang et al., 2019). *Spv* contains three essential genes: positive transcriptional regulation gene *spvR* and two structural genes (*spvB* and *spvC*) (Passaris et al., 2018). Like SpvC protein is encoded by *spvC* that have phosphothreonine lyase activity, which can dephosphorylates Erk (pErk), p38, and JNK, all of which contribute to inhibit pyroptosis and intestinal inflammation by interfering with the MAPK pathway during systemic infection (Galán, 2021). In case of *Salmonella* infection, both SpvB and SpvC were translocated into the cytoplasm of host cells by T3SS2 to promote *Salmonella* virulence, which can induce more cell apoptosis by depolymerizing actin (Jennings et al., 2017). During the transport of nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate (NADPH) oxidase to cell membrane, NADPH oxidase was strongly associated with the function of actin cytoskeleton (Stanley et al., 2014). Therefore, SpvB-mediated depolymerization of actin may inhibit the recruitment of NADPH oxidase to phagosomes, leading to reduce the oxidative killing effect of *Salmonella*. Some studies have shown that SpvB and SpvC can prevent the synthesis of anti-apoptotic factors and induce macrophage apoptosis (Jennings et al., 2017). Surprisingly, the enzyme activity of SpvC decreases the expression of pro-inflammatory factors (IL-8 and TNF- α) and neutrophil infiltration at an early stage of infection (Haneda et al., 2012). Thereby, SpvC is required to *Salmonella* dissemination in the systemic infection. Recent evidence suggests that SpvC can also cooperate with SpvB to prevent the recruitment of NADPH oxidase to phagocytosis, promote cell apoptosis, block NF- κ B activity and inhibit the differentiation of macrophages (Jennings et al., 2017).

IpaJ. *IpaJ* as an invasive plasmid gene of *Shigella flexneri*, was initially identified, and its code size is 27kDa (Burnaevskiy et al., 2013). *IpaJ* is a specific effector of *Salmonella Pullorum* encoded by T3SS1 that can present fragmentation state to Golgi body, and can attenuate NF- κ B activity induced by TNF- α , LPS and IL-1 in HeLa cells (Li et

al., 2020). It has been suggested that the transcription of *IpaJ* is regulated by *ItrA* with a novel DeoR family regulator to inhibit MAPK activation in *Salmonella*-infected HeLa cells (Yin et al., 2022). At the same time, *IpaJ* has the function to inhibit the activation of NF- κ B signaling pathway by suppressing the ubiquitination degradation of I κ B α during *Salmonella* infection (Li et al., 2020). In addition, the absence of SPI-1 and SPI-2 does not affect the protein expression of NF- κ B p65 showed that *IpaJ* was not regulated by T3SS1 and T3SS2 (Yin et al., 2022).

Other effectors. Previous study reported that T3SS1 and/or T3SS2 effectors, like GtgA, GogA, and PipA all contains two histidine residues, and have metalloprotease activity to control *Salmonella* replication (Galán, 2021). These zinc metalloproteases redundantly target the NF- κ B subunits p65, RelB, and c-Rel, whereas GogA and GtgA only inhibit NF- κ B-dependent gene transcription (Takemura et al., 2021). T3SS2 effectors SseK1, SseK2, and SseK3 all are a death domain-containing proteins with the characteristics of N-linked glycosyl transferase, which can inhibit NF- κ B activity by suppressing the phosphorylation of I κ B α in 293ET cells treated with TNF- α , (Jennings et al., 2017). Among them, SseK1 and SseK3 also inhibit *Salmonella*-induced NF- κ B activity in macrophages (Günster et al., 2017). Another report showed that SseK3-mediated inhibition of NF- κ B signaling pathway is not required for the E3-ubiquitin ligase tripartite motif-containing protein 32 (Yang et al., 2015). In addition, the SPI-2 T3SS effector SpvD inhibit NF- κ B activity by preventing nuclear translocation of p65 through interactions with the Exportin-2, but it does not affect the degradation of I κ B α , which finally lead to the system grow of *Salmonella* (Rolhion et al., 2016).

Salmonella interact with host cells by using T3SSs to inject some effectors into the host cells. These effectors, like SopE, SopE2, and SopB all trigger NF- κ B signaling pathway by activating Rho family small G proteins, while SptP has the activity of GTPase activating protein that can inhibit activation of G proteins (Figure 1).

However, activation of NF- κ B signaling pathway by SipA needs the mediation of NOD1/NOD2. Some effectors, including SspH1, AvrA, *IpaJ*, and SseL all suppressed NF- κ B activity by blocking I κ B α degradation. Furthermore, the enzymatic activity of these effectors is closely associated with their function in the regulation of NF- κ B signaling pathway during *Salmonella* infection. These results suggesting that both T3SS1- and T3SS2-encode these effectors are translocated into the host cell, and contribute to downregulation of the inflammatory response and the persistent infection of *Salmonella* by targeting NF- κ B signaling pathway when *Salmonella* invade target cells.

Discussion. Host-*Salmonella* interactions are a very complex process. The host's immune system has the ability to identify and clear the pathogens, which manipulate cell signaling cascades through a variety of pattern recognition receptors to facilitate bacterial invasion and its intracellular replication. The activation or inhibition of NF- κ B signaling pathway was involved by effectors associated with the initiation of the inflammatory response, which is beneficial to the persistent infection of

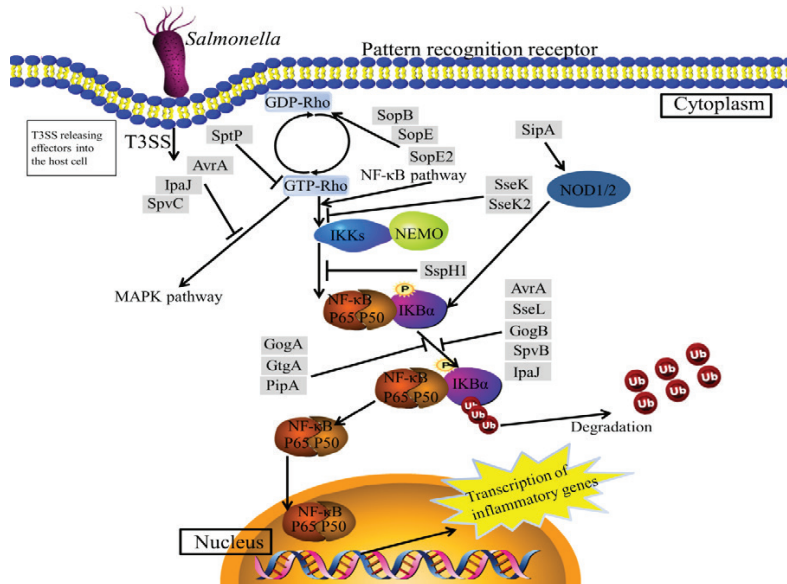


Figure 1. *Salmonella* effectors regulate the NF-κB signaling pathway in host cells.

Salmonella. As this review advances, the mechanism by which *Salmonella* induces host inflammatory responses by T3SSs-related effectors are well clear now. These findings illustrated that *Salmonella* pathogenicity and host immune defense are a process of dynamic balance within the host cells. But how *Salmonella* and its host reprogram this metabolic state to establish a long-term systemic infection remains obscure. However, various hosts have significant genetic differences, and their immune defense could also have great differences in *Salmonella* infection. Future studies need to be

illuminated the interplay between the different host and T3SS effectors.

Conclusions. In summary, the main objective of this review shows that *Salmonella* have evolved complex strategy to evade host immune defense. *Salmonella* utilizes T3SSs to deliver some effectors into target cells that can regulate NF-κB signaling pathway, so as to promote its survival and replication within host cells. The study of both *Salmonella* effectors and NF-κB signaling pathway will provide new ideas and countermeasures for the prevention and treatment of salmonellosis.

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Сальмонельозна інфекція: взаємодія між ефекторами T3SSs та сигнальним шляхом NF- κ B

Сальмонела є важливим харчовим патогеном, який може уникати імунного захисту хазяїна за допомогою унікальних механізмів. Сальмонели маніпулюють різними сигнальними шляхами клітини-господаря, доставляючи специфічні ефектори в клітини-мішені для встановлення інфекції. Ядерний фактор- κ B (NF- κ B) є важливим ядерним фактором транскрипції, який регулює імунну систему хазяїна при зарженні *Salmonella*. Острівцеві патогенності сальмонели 1 (SPI-1) і острівцеві патогенності сальмонели 2 (SPI-2) кодують системи секреції III типу (T3SSs), ефектори, які пов'язані з сигнальним шляхом NF- κ B через регуляцію запальної реакції господаря. Дослідження показали, що ефектори T3SS1 та/або T3SS2, такі як GtgA, GogA та PipA, містять два залишки гістидину та мають металопротеазну активність для контролю реплікації *Salmonella*. Ці металопротеази цинку надмірно націлені на NF- κ B субодиниці p65, RelB і c-Rel, тоді як GogA і GtgA лише інгібують NF- κ B-залежну транскрипцію гена. Ефектори T3SS2 SseK1, SseK2 і SseK3 є білками, що містять домен смерті з характеристиками N-пов'язаної глікозилтрансферази, які можуть пригнічувати активність NF- κ B шляхом інгібування фосфорилування I κ B α в клітинах 293ET, оброблених TNF- α . Серед них SseK1 і SseK3 також пригнічують індуковану *Salmonella* NF- κ B активність у макрофагах. SseK3-опосередковане інгібування сигнального шляху NF- κ B не вимагається для білка 32, що містить тристоронній E3-убіквітинлігазний мотив. Крім того, ефектор SPI-2 T3SS SpvD інгібує активність NF- κ B, запобігаючи ядерній транслокації p65 через взаємодію з Exportin-2, але це не впливає на деградацію I κ B α , що в кінцевому підсумку призводить до системного росту сальмонели. Ефектори SPI-1 SipA, SopE, SopE2

і SopB можуть активувати сигнальний шлях NF-κB, щоб сприяти інвазії Salmonella та внутрішньоклітинному переноснику. Однак інші ефектори SptP, AvrA, IpaJ, SspH1, GtgA, GogA та SPI-2, кодовані SseL, SpvB, SseK1 та GogB, можуть ефективно інгібувати шлях передачі сигналів NF-κB та сприяти внутрішньоклітинній реплікації та вірулентності Salmonella. У цьому міні-огляді ми підсумовуємо спеціальний механізм того, як сигнальний шлях NF-κB регулюється ефекторами T3SSs Salmonella при персистуючій інфекції Salmonella, що дозволить додатково з'ясувати патогенез Salmonella.

Ключові слова: сальмонели; T3SSs ефектори; сигнальний шлях NF-κB; імунний захист господаря; патогенний механізм.