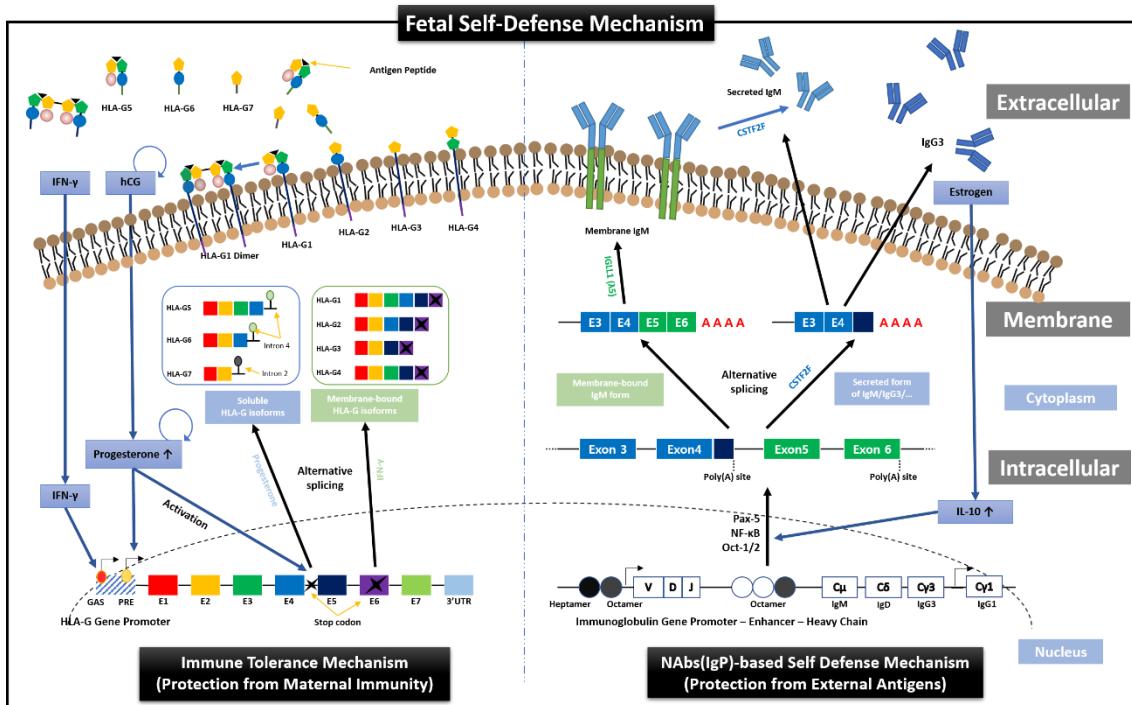


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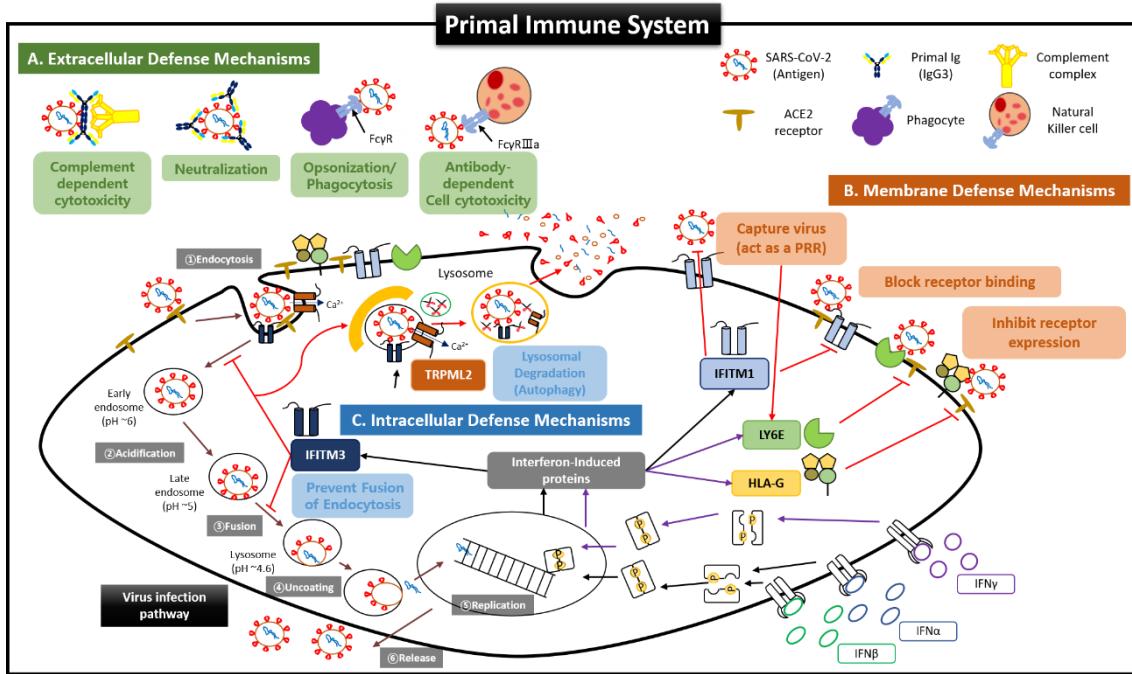
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3 **Supplemental Figure 1. Overview of HLA-G-based immune tolerance environment and**
 4 **NAbs-based self-defense mechanism induced by hormones secreted during pregnancy**

5 During pregnancy, the fetus must protect itself from various foreign pathogens and the maternal
 6 immune system. Protection from the maternal immune system is achieved by an immune
 7 tolerance environment induced by various HLA-G isoforms secreted mainly by EVTs, which
 8 continuously infiltrate the maternal decidua. The transcription, alternative splicing, and secretion
 9 of soluble HLA-G isoforms, which can induce extensive immune tolerance, are induced by the
 10 pregnancy-related hormones hCG and progesterone (28), and the transcription and expression of
 11 membrane-bound HLA-G, which induces local immune tolerance, is also upregulated by
 12 interferon stimulation (the left panel). On the other hand, we suggest that before the immune
 13 system establishment, the fetal self-defense mechanism against foreign pathogens can be induced
 14 by various factors, including IL-10, Pax-5, NF-κB, and Oct-1/2, that promote the transcription of
 15 IgGs, especially NAbs, such as IgG3 and IgM, which have the most outstanding anti-viral effector

16 functions, through the pathway triggered by estrogen, another pregnancy-related hormone
17 secreted from trophoblasts (the right panel). Therefore, our results demonstrate that hormones
18 secreted during pregnancy may induce the different immune systems that fully protect the fetus
19 from maternal immune system and foreign antigens.

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22 **Supplemental Figure 2. Suggested Primal Immune System as a Self Defense Mechanism of
23 Fetal Stem Cells before the establishment of innate and adaptive immune systems**

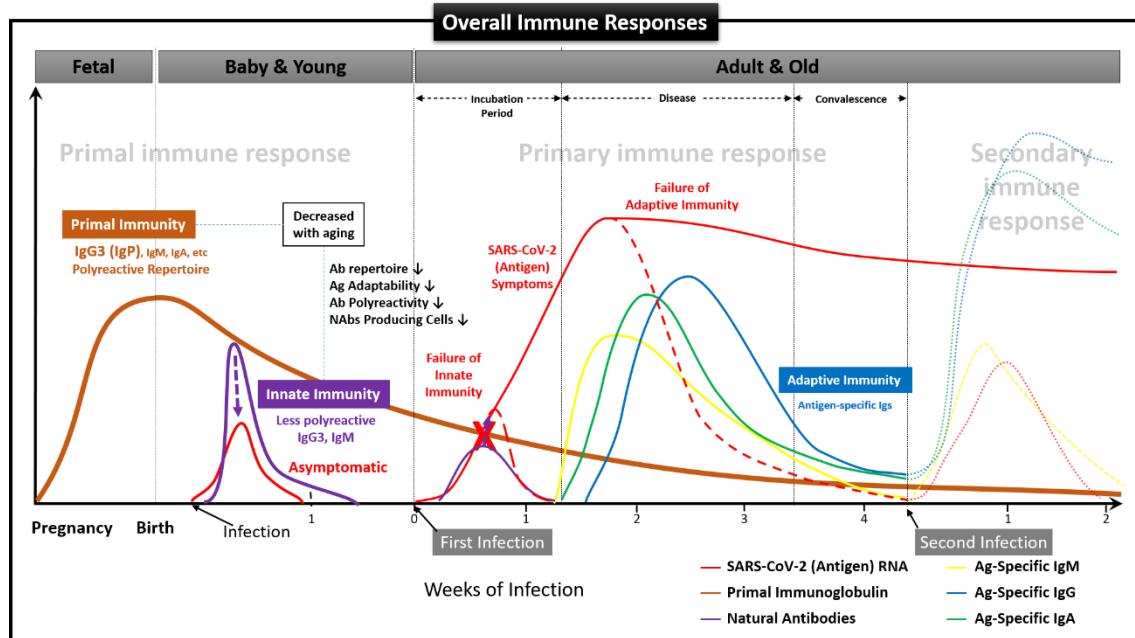
24 Since virus invasion and infection into host cells are affected by the host's innate and adaptive
25 immune responses, it was recognized that the fetus was very susceptible to viral infection before
26 forming innate and adaptive immune systems. However, our results for fetal stem cells in early
27 pregnancy suggest that the fetus possesses very complicated and sophisticated self-defense
28 mechanisms (primal immune system) at the cellular level exist in addition to the protective
29 function of the placental trophoblast cells, which was considered the only barrier to protect the
30 fetus from external infections so far.

31 (A) Extracellular defense mechanism by secretion of NAbs and complement proteins. Our results
32 show that fetal stem cells in early pregnancy can produce and secrete various NAbs, including
33 IgP (fetal IgG3) polyreactive to unexperienced antigens, along with complement proteins to
34 eliminate external pathogens immediately by CDC and ADCC, before umbilical cord generation,
35 the main delivery route of maternal IgG, and before the complete development of B cells. In
36 particular, IgP secreted from early pregnancy fetal stem cells was proved to have the primal Ig

37 repertoire that can instantly recognize various antigenic epitopes pathogens. Furthermore, IgP has
38 the most outstanding Fc effector function to induce ADCC by binding with the highest affinity to
39 Fcy receptor of NK cells, which accounts for most of the fetal immune cells. These functions of
40 IgP may contribute to much effective removal of the infectious agents. Also, we demonstrated
41 that itPG-FSCs could secrete various NAbs such as IgP, IgM, and IgA as they contained factors,
42 including Igll1, Pax5, and Cstf, that promote the secretion of soluble Iggs. This finding may
43 indicate that the primal immune system can establish the protective mechanism against various
44 infection routes such as the upper respiratory tract in addition to the placenta and maternal blood.
45 (B) The defense mechanism in the cellular and endosomal membranes to inhibit virus entry and
46 replication by interferon-inducing proteins. Over the past decade, several interferon-inducible
47 cellular proteins, including interferon-inducible transmembrane family (IFITMs), ArfGAP with
48 dual pleckstrin homology (PH) domains 2 (ADAP2), gamma-interferon-inducible
49 lysosome/endosome-localized thiolreductase (GILT), and Lymphocyte antigen 6 family member
50 E (LY6E), have been known to regulate the infectious entry of various viruses (39). Still, few
51 studies have been performed on the fetus during pregnancy. However, we proved through a new
52 ex-vivo culture condition containing HSC/UCB-MSC^{CO}-EVs that the expressions of interferon-
53 inducible proteins such as IFITM3, LY6E, and HLA-G were increased in fetal stem cells by
54 increased interferon stimulation. Our results that itPG-FSC-EVs contained a higher level of LY6E
55 and IFITM3 than FSC-EVs suggest that fetal stem cells also have a sophisticated self-protection
56 mechanism that suppresses the viral infection by LY6E mainly expressed in the plasma membrane
57 at the beginning of virus entry and by IFITM3 expressed in the endosomal membrane after cell
58 entry. In addition, membrane-bound HLA-G, whose expression is increased by interferon
59 stimulation, may inhibit the relative expression of receptors that can be used as entry pathways of
60 viruses and protect infected host cells by inducing delayed immune response through trogocytosis
61 by contact with immune cells (47).

62 (C) Intercellular defense mechanism to inhibit virus transmission by activating anti-viral
63 autophagy. Transient Receptor Potential Mucolipin Subfamily (TRPMLs) are proteins
64 constituting endosome cation channels and perform various physiological functions. TRPML1 is
65 receiving attention as a target molecule that inhibits the fusion of the SARS-CoV-2 envelopes and
66 endosomes (62), and a novel role of TRPML2, only expressed in the recycled endosome, in the
67 innate immune response was recently revealed (41), but there is still little study on fetal stem cells
68 during pregnancy. From our results, the expression of TRPML2 was increased in itPG-FSC EVs.
69 We intend to suggest a new mechanism that the viral antigen information degraded by IFITMs
70 upregulated by interferon stimulation acts as a pattern recognition receptor (PRR), thereby
71 increasing TRPML2 expression (39, 41). In addition, upregulated TRPML2 may contribute to the
72 intracellular protective mechanism that can prevent the replication of infected virus by
73 binding to the endosomes containing the virus entering the cell, thereby inhibiting the entry of the
74 virus into the cell nucleus and by inducing the degradation through anti-viral autophagy
75 (lysosomal degradation).

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78 **Supplemental Figure 3. Suggested Immune System for the whole life**

79 To date, the antibody-based humoral immune system against foreign pathogen infection is divided
 80 into three categories according to the infection stage (20). The first is the immediate innate
 81 immune response by NAb already present in the body before antigen exposure, and it acts as the
 82 first line of defense against infectious agents. The second is an extrafollicular "innate-like"
 83 antibody response induced within the early few days after antigen exposure, which serves to
 84 eliminate the infection temporarily until the specialized antibody response matures. Lastly, it is
 85 an acquired antibody response that appears delayed 1-2 weeks after infection by highly assembled
 86 antibodies through somatic cell hypermutation and class switch recombination processes.

87 However, we found that the primal immune system by IgP existed before the fetal immune system
 88 establishment during pregnancy, and the adaptabilities of innate and adaptive immune systems
 89 against foreign antigens depend on the primal repertoire that was experienced and formed during
 90 this period.

91 (A) Primal Immunity. According to the study for healthy fetuses in early pregnancy (57),
 92 circulating B lymphocytes in fetal blood at 12 weeks of gestation have a diverse BCR repertoire,

93 and IGHV-containing clones analyzed at 26 weeks of gestation are similar to those of healthy
94 infants. It was confirmed that it exists in proportion, but this can be called the primary repertoire.
95 On the contrary, the repertoire of natural antibodies, including IgG3 secreted from fetal stem cells
96 obtained around 10 weeks of pregnancy, which we confirmed through this study, has not
97 experienced any antigens except for themselves, and in other words, can respond to any antigens.
98 Therefore, it can be a primal repertoire, and it will be gradually diversified to the primary
99 repertoires with antigen-specific diversity due to modifying factors such as antibodies transmitted
100 from the mother, food and environmental factors, vaccinations, infections, or diseases (57).

101 (B) Innate Immunity. The primary repertoire formed from the Primal repertoire in early pregnancy
102 plays a critical role in manifesting symptoms after infection in the later innate and adaptive
103 immune systems. Younger children who have a relatively similar repertoire to the Primal
104 repertoire can react immediately to new antigens and eliminate them before the adaptive immune
105 system acts. However, since birth, the number of naïve B-1 cells that secrete natural antibodies
106 acting on the innate immune system, the ability to secrete antibodies, and the adaptability of the
107 repertoire to new antigens gradually decrease with age. The ability to cope with new viruses, such
108 as SARS-CoV-2, also decreases with age (59). For this reason, many children and younger
109 generations have asymptomatic infections of COVID-19, and even young children are well
110 adapted to the mutant virus (63), while the older, the more symptomatic and severe the proportion
111 of patients increases.

112 (C) Adaptive Immunity. The evasion mechanisms to the initial innate immunity of all viruses,
113 including SARS-CoV-2, and the resulting delayed priming of T cell responses and adaptive
114 immunity are receiving attention as the main factors that increase the severity and fatality of
115 COVID-19 with age (64). In other words, as the naïve T cell pool gradually decreases with age,
116 it is difficult to generate a T cell response capable of recognizing a new antigen. This assumption
117 can be supported by the findings that systemic excessive immune pathology, including cytokine

118 storms, is caused by an explosive innate immune response activated to replace the delayed
119 adaptive immune system (6). In particular, the delayed adaptive immune response can cause taste
120 and olfactory abnormalities in asymptomatic and mild patients accounting for more than half of
121 SARS-CoV-2 infections (65), so the most effective prevention and treatment for various
122 infections including SARS-CoV-2 It can be said that the strategy lies in an effective innate
123 immune system capable of triggering a normal adaptive immune response. From this point of
124 view, it is expected that our research results, which first proposed the concept of the primordial
125 immune system before the formation of the innate immune system, will contribute to finding a
126 fundamental solution to protect humanity against unknown infectious agents in the future.
127 Another important finding in our results is that IgA is also contained in itPG-FSC-EVs secreted
128 from FSCs in early pregnancy. It can be expected to provide the expanded variety of applicability
129 to various infection pathways such as the upper respiratory tract in the existing IgG-centered
130 antibody therapeutics.