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# Induced Pluripotent Stem Cell as a New Source for Cancer Immunotherapy

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The immune system consists of cells, proteins, and other molecules that beside each other have a protective function for the host against foreign pathogens. One of the most essential features of the immune system is distinguishability between self- and non-self-cells. This function has an important role in limiting development and progression of cancer cells. In this case, the immune system can detect tumor cell as a foreign pathogen; so, it can be effective in elimination of tumors in their early phases of development. This ability of the immune system resulted in the development of a novel therapeutic field for cancer treatment using host immune components which is called cancer immunotherapy. The main purpose of cancer immunotherapy is stimulation of a strong immune response against the tumor cells that can result from expressing either the immune activator cytokines in the tumor area or gene-modified immune cells. Because of the problems of culturing and manipulating immune cells *ex vivo*, in recent years, embryonic stem cell (ESC) and induced pluripotent stem cell (iPSC) have been used as new sources for generation of modified immune stimulatory cells. In this paper, we reviewed some of the progressions in iPSC technology for cancer immunotherapy.

## 1. Introduction

The immune system consists of cells, proteins, and other molecules that beside each other have a protective function for the host against foreign pathogens. This system has two major types called innate and adaptive immunity. The innate immune system acts as the first response against a pathogen that is a rapid and nonspecific response and has the ability to activate adaptive immune response [1, 2]. Some of the essential components of this system are macrophages, NK cells, dendritic cells (DCs), mast cells, neutrophils, and complement proteins. The adaptive immune system consists of B- and T-cells that can recognize antigens in a highly specific manner. Antibodies released by plasma cells make up the noncellular portion of the adaptive immune system [2].

One of the most essential features of the immune system is distinguishability between self- and non-self-cells. This function especially has an important role in limiting development and progression of cancer cells. In this case, the immune system can detect tumor cell as a foreign pathogen; so, it can be effective in inhibition and elimination of tumors in

their early phases of development [1]. Tumor cells have some mechanisms for escaping from an immune response, for example, reduction or absence of surface MHC I expression in tumor cells [3], defective or altered apoptotic signaling pathways [4], reduced expression of adhesion molecules in blood vessels of tumor mass for reducing the ability of immune cells to migrate into tumor area [5], and secretion of immune suppressor cytokines [6]. The detection of these escaping mechanisms and the different responses of the immune system to cancer cells resulted in the development and progression of a novel therapeutic field for cancer treatment using immune components which is called cancer immunotherapy [5, 7].

The main purpose of cancer immunotherapy is stimulation of a strong immune response against the tumor cells using the components of the host immune system. This strong response can result from expressing either the immune activator cytokines and antibodies in the tumor area or gene-modified immune cells [8, 9]. The immunological checkpoint blockade is also a new strategy for cancer immunotherapy whose main purpose is enhancing tumor-specific activity

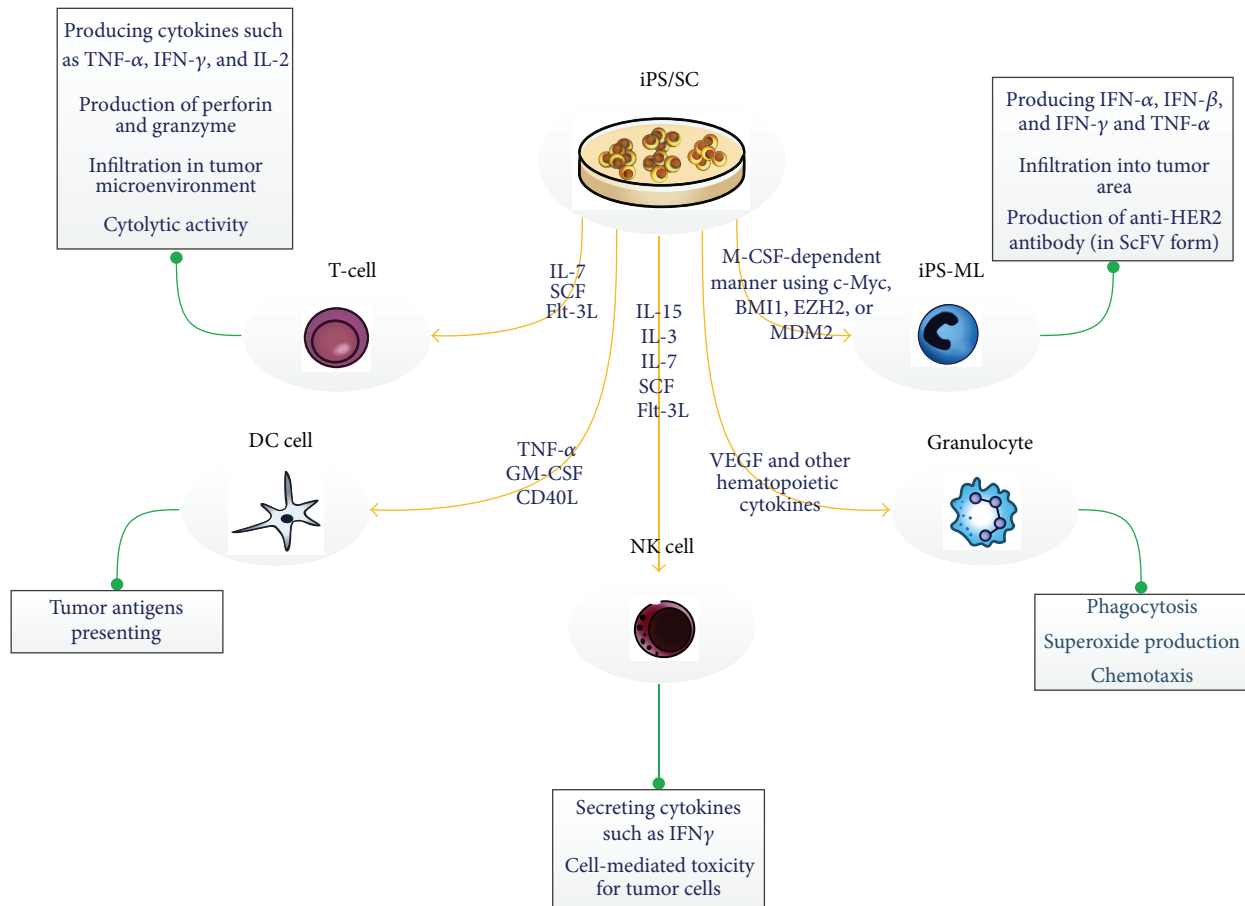


FIGURE 1: iPSC can differentiate into the immune system cells using some factors. These differentiated immune cells were indicated to have the ability to activate an immune response in different manner. Some of the factors for generating immune cells from iPSC and the function related to these cells are summarized in this schematic figure [14–18].

of immune system. The central components for immunological checkpoint blockade strategy are immunoglobulin superfamily and cell surface receptors such as CTLA4 that can act either as activators for initiation of an immune costimulatory signal or as inhibitors for initiation of an immune coinhibitory signal in the targeted tumor cells. This strategy can be used alone or in combination with other cancer immunotherapy methods [10].

As declared, the immune cells are the most important and central components for most of the immunotherapy methods; because of the problems of culturing and manipulating immune cells *ex vivo*, in recent years, embryonic stem cell (ESC) has been used as a new source for generation of modified immune stimulatory cells [11]. The ESC is a pluripotent cell with the ability to differentiate to most tissue cell types including most of the immune system cells [11, 12].

iPSC (induced pluripotent stem cell) is one of the other types of pluripotent cells with the same properties of ESC which made it a suitable choice for generation of immune cells. iPSC can be generated from a patient's somatic cells, such as blood cells and fibroblasts; then, it has the same genetic and histological structure of the patient's cells. Using

this kind of cell, it might be possible to generate a personal immune cell with antitumor activity that can be effective in personal cancer treatment. Moreover, it does not have the ethical concerns related to ESC and the problem of undesired immune reaction against a foreign tissue [13]. Figure 1 summarized some of the factors for generating immune cells from iPSC and the function related to these generated cells.

In this paper, we reviewed some of the progressions in iPSC technology for cancer immunotherapy.

## 2. iPSC Applications in Stimulation of Antitumor Immune Response

Today, using the immune system for cancer therapy has progressed in different areas such as cancer vaccines, T- and NK cell therapy, antitumor antibodies, immune regulatory cytokines, and DC cancer therapy [5, 7]. These therapeutic methods are regarded as new hopes for cancer treatment, although the precise assessment of their therapeutic ability needs more studies [5]. Here, we introduce some of the iPSC generated cells applications in cancer immunotherapy.

**2.1. Using iPSC for Dendritic Cells Generation.** Dendritic cells (DCs) are types of hematopoietic cells with potent antigen presenting activity that localize in different tissues of the human body. They have the ability to activate naïve T lymphocytes in an immune response and also have a key role in proliferation of regulatory T-cells or anergy of autoreactive T-cells; they are central components of immune system regulation. When an antigen penetrates into a tissue, site localized DCs capture it by phagocytosis or pinocytosis; peptides that are products of digesting antigens in these cells, then, will be represented to lymphocytes using MHC molecules that can activate them [19].

Because of the large range of antigens that can be presented by DCs, they had been used in most of the cancer immunotherapy as an APC (antigen presenting cell) [20, 21]. Today, it has been revealed that tumor cells express some proteins that are different from normal ones. These antigens are detectable by the immune system but are not sufficient for stimulating an immune response [22]. Then, the basis of using DCs in cancer immunotherapy is presenting sufficient antigens for activating host T-cells against the tumor. In this case, DCs sensitized by tumor cells lysate, synthetic peptides, and complete proteins have been used for stimulation of T-cell response [21, 23, 24].

The first use of DCs for cancer therapy was in 1996 on a patient with follicular B-cell lymphoma. In this study, few numbers of DCs were directly isolated from the patient's blood and underwent spontaneous maturation [25]. In the latter studies, DCs were produced from monocytes isolated from patients peripheral blood [26]. However, this method had some problems such as uneasy proliferation of monocytes *in vitro* [27], limitation in the number of the obtained monocytes, and variable potential of differentiation based on blood donors [13].

In 2000, the first studies on using ESC for DC generation were performed [28]. These ESC-derived DCs could activate a more powerful immune response in comparison to previous studies [20, 28]. However, the unavailability of ESC genetically identical for each patient and the ethical issues in using human ESC create limitations for generating DC from ESC. Both of these problems have been solved using iPS cells [29].

The iPS cell-derived DCs have the characteristics of original DCs including the capability of T-cell stimulation, processing and presenting antigens, and the capability of producing cytokines. While using the OP9 culture system is the main method for generating DCs from iPSC, the xeno-free culture systems also are available to generate iPSC-DCs for clinical use [13, 29]. One of these reports belongs to Choi et al. that generate myelomonocytic cells, including DC, from human iPS cells [30]. Similar results are also indicated in the study of Senju et al. [29] and Zhang et al. [31] on the iPSCs derived from mouse cell lines.

iPS cells can generate hematopoietic cells similar to those derived from ES cells that are specific for each person and can be differentiated from a small number of available somatic cells such as fibroblast, but with a low efficiency [32]. Enhancement of iPSC-derived DCs apoptosis, limitation in cell growth and reduction in colony formation ability of these cells [33], and the problems of cost and time related to iPSC

also exist [32]. Because of these limitations, iPSC-derived DCs have not been used in trial studies, yet.

Most of the studies on cancer immunotherapy using DCs have been done for melanoma antigen presentation [9, 20, 34, 35]. The other studied cancers are prostate cancer [36], renal cell carcinoma [37], breast cancer [2, 38], hepatocellular carcinoma [39], multiple myeloma [40], leukemia [20], colorectal cancer [41], gastric cancer [42], and glioblastoma [22, 43]. Cells used in these researches for DC generation were mature and immature monocytes, CD34+ progenitors, ESC, and iPSC, while most of the trial studies were performed using mature monocyte-derived DCs and also CD34+ progenitors-derived DCs that differentiated using cytokines such as TNF- $\alpha$ , GM-CSF, and CD40L [9, 11, 34, 35]. These factors in addition to PGE2, IL-6, IL-12, IL-15, and IFN- $\gamma$  were also used for stimulating differentiated DC [20, 40]. Some of the antigens that successfully have been presented by DC cells in these studies include oncogenes (such as RAS), epidermal growth factor receptor (HER-2/neu), embryonic genes (such as MAGE, BAGE, and GAGE), normal development genes (such as tyrosinase, gp100, and MART-1/Melan-A), viral genes (such as HPV), and other tumor-associated proteins (such as PSMA and MUCI) [23].

**2.2. Using iPS for T-Cell Generation.** The principal mechanism of tumor immunity is killing of tumor cells by CD8+ CTLs. CTLs have a critical function by recognizing and killing potentially malignant cells. The malignant cells express peptides derived from mutant cellular proteins or oncogenic viral proteins and present them in association with class I MHC molecules. The activation of tumor-specific T-cells depends on DCs, which endocytose tumor cell debris and apoptotic vesicles. After intracellular processing, DCs present peptides derived from tumor-associated antigens in complex with MHC class I molecules to naïve CD8+ T-cells. As soon as effector CTLs are generated, they are able to recognize and kill the tumor cells [44–47].

Then, the CD8+ T-cell response is specific for tumor antigens and requires cross-presentation of the tumor antigens by professional APCs, such as dendritic cells. The APCs express costimulator proteins that provide the signals needed for differentiation of CD8+ T-cells into antitumor CTLs. The APCs also express class II MHC molecules that present internalized tumor antigens and activate CD4+ helper T-cells as well [48].

CD4+ cells play their role in antitumor immune responses by providing cytokines such as interleukin-2 (IL-2) (for effective CTL development and clonal expansion of activated CTLs) [49], TNF, and IFN- $\gamma$  (that can boost cellular components of the innate immunity (macrophages and NK cells), increasing tumor cell class I MHC expression and sensitivity to lysis by CTLs) [50, 51]. Furthermore, activated CD4+ T-cells can enhance the function of DCs to induce CTLs [52, 53]. Another subtype of CD4+ T-cell that is often present in tumor tissue is regulatory T-cell (Treg) that negatively regulates the immune system. It differentiates from CD4+ T-cell when recognizing antigens in a noninflamed condition and in the presence of

TGF-beta and IL-10. Existence of Treg cells in tumor tissue can decrease the expansion of CTLs and suppress the anti-tumor immune responses, so they are considered as targets for cancer immunotherapy [1, 53]. The ability of CTLs to provide effective antitumor immunity *in vivo* is most clearly seen in animal experiments using carcinogen and DNA virus-induced tumors. In addition, researches showed that tumor-infiltrating CD8+ cytotoxic T-cells can predict clinical outcome in colon, lung, and breast cancers [54].

Declared activation of tumor-specific CTLs is the main goal of cancer immunotherapy; so, adoptive transfer of tumor-specific T-cells is one of the effective therapeutic approaches for fighting against many types of malignancies [55–57]. The isolation of tumor-specific T-cells from a cancer patient, *in vitro* preparation (activation and expansion), and transfusion of these T-cells to the patient are basic steps of adaptive immunotherapy with T-cell [55], although there are some problems with this approach, for example, the low number of antigen-specific T-cells and senescence of these activated cells [55, 56, 58]. Then, iPSC technology can be used to improve the efficacy of adoptive cell transfer immunotherapy (ACT). The main idea of using this kind of cell is according to the capability of iPSC generation in patient or disease specific noninvasive manner without ethical concerns. The difficulty of obtaining ESCs or HSCs from cancer patients also makes iPSC cells a good option for cancer ACT compared to ESCs or HSCs [45, 56].

Previous studies showed that HSC and ESC can differentiate into lymphocyte lineage using the *in vitro* OP9 coculture system which included OP9 cells expressing a Notch ligand, delta-like 1 [59, 60]. Lei et al. differentiated mouse iPS-MEF-Ng-20D-17 cell line. The iPSC in this study was obtained from mouse embryonic fibroblasts induced through retroviral transfection of Oct3/4, Sox2, Klf4, and c-Myc (Yamanaka factors) into T-cell lineages by culturing it on monolayer OP9-DL1 cell system in addition to Flt-3 ligand and IL-7. Adaptive transfer of these iPS cell-derived T lymphocytes to Rag1-deficient mice (mice lacking mature T-cells) enabled them to reconstitute T-cell pool by generation of CD4+ and CD8+ T lymphocytes in lymph nodes and spleen [61].

An important advance in iPSC research was successful iPSC generation from reprogrammed primary CD34+ hematopoietic progenitor cells obtained from peripheral blood [62, 63]. However, due to the low number of these progenitor cells in nonmobilized adult peripheral blood, various studies tried to generate iPSC from peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs) [64, 65]. Molecular analysis of PBMC derived iPSC for T-cell receptor and immunoglobulin showed that they are derivations of cells from T lineage and nonlymphoid lineage [65].

A potentially efficient approach for generating antigen-specific CTLs is to generate iPSC from immune T-cells and, after their expansion, redifferentiate into T-cells. Brown and colleagues indicated that human T lymphocyte can act as cell source for iPSC generation. Peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs) were separated from whole blood by leukapheresis or venipuncture and then CD3+ T-cells were expanded by stimulation with IL-2 and anti-CD3

antibody. T-cell-derived iPSCs (TiPS) were generated from activated T-cell when exposed to retroviral transduction of the reprogramming factors [64]. These T-iPSCs preserve their original T-cell receptor (TCR) gene rearrangements, so they can be used as an unlimited source of hematopoietic stem cells bearing endogenous tumor-specific TCR gene for cancer ACT therapy. These T-iPS cells may bypass key step in the thymic development sequence by differentiating *in vitro* in a thymus-independent manner [64].

Some studies have demonstrated the successful differentiation of antigen specific T-cells from an iPSC that itself was generated from CTL specific for particular epitope [57, 66]. CTLs were transduced with Sendai virus bearing Yamanaka factors (Klf4, Sox2, Oct4, c-Myc, and miR-302 target sequence) and SV40 (large T antigen). Experiments on iPSCs generation from mature CTLs specific for the MART-1 (melanoma epitope) [57] and pp65 antigen (cytomegalovirus) [66] indicate that iPSC-derived CTLs (iPSC-CTLs) retain their original antigen specificity. Stimulation of CTL-iPSC-CTL cells with their specific antigens led to IFN- $\gamma$  secretion and degranulation in a normal manner represents their normal and specific cytolytic reactivity [57, 66]. CTL-iPSC-CTL cells have some differences to parent CD8+ T-cells with elongated telomeres and excellent potential for proliferation and survival. Additionally, some of them display central memory T-cell ( $T_{CM}$ ) and stem-cell memory T-cells ( $T_{SCM}$ ) phenotypes which was associated with increasing expression of CCR7, CD27, and CD28 markers [57, 58, 66]. Several lines of evidence show that  $T_{SCM}$  and  $T_{CM}$  have superior antitumor immunity for ACT-based immunotherapy (due to the resistance to apoptosis, potent response to homeostatic cytokines, self-renewal, and efficient generation of other T-cells' population) [66–72].

Also, generation of iPSCs from murine splenic B-cell and redifferentiation into T-cell lineage have been reported. Isolated B-cells (CD19+, CD24+, and CD45R+ (B220+) and IgM+) were activated with IL-4 and LPS and then transduced with four retroviruses encoding reprogramming factors. Using OP9 coculture system, these B-iPS cells have been differentiated to T-cells that keep their original BCR rearrangement. iPS cell-derived T-cells contained both CD4/CD8 double-positive and CD8+ cells that have surface expression of TCR $\alpha\beta$  and TCR $\gamma\delta$  with normal function following TCR stimulation [73]. Further studies indicated that B-cell-derived iPSCs (B-iPS) and T-cell-derived iPSCs (TiPS) have the same characteristics as human embryonic stem cells (hESCs) [64, 73].

Combination of iPS generation technology with transduction of tumor antigen-specific T-cell receptors (TCRs) or chimeric antigen receptors (CARs) showed successful generation of tumor-specific transgene T-cells. This approach can solve the problems related to low number of tumor-specific T-cells in peripheral blood of patients, their recognition and separation, and invasive nature of biopsy [45, 46, 74]. Lei and colleagues used murine iPS cells for introducing a retrovirus vector encoding MHC I restricted ovalbumin- (OVA-) specific TCR (OT-I). OT-I/iPS cells developed to CD8 CTL following adoptive transfer into recipient mice, produced IL-2 and interferon (IFN) after stimulation, and penetrated



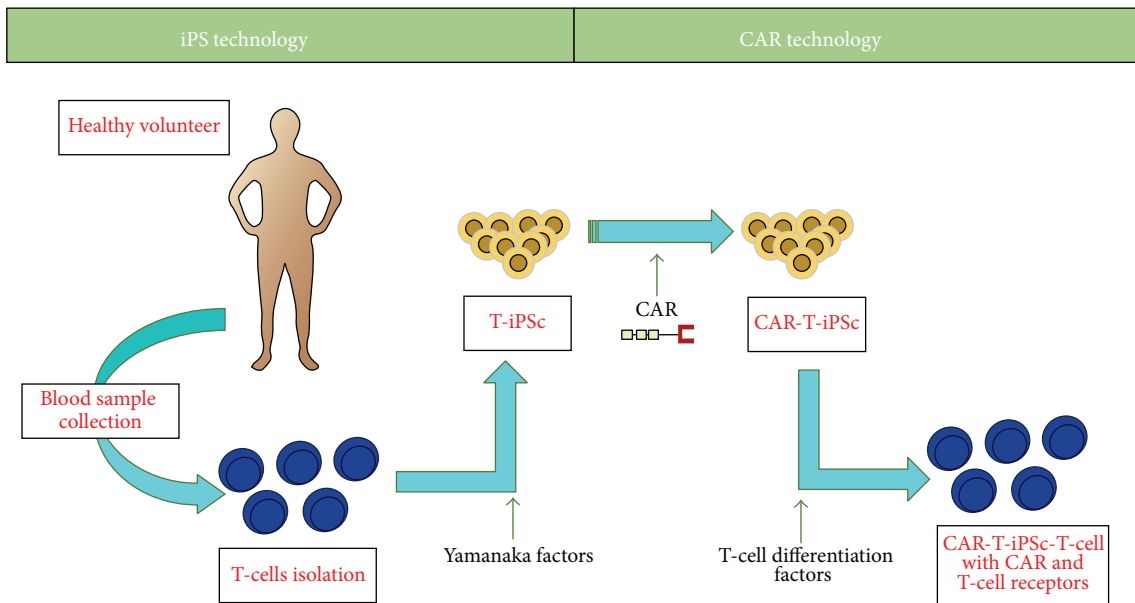


FIGURE 2: Differentiation of 1928z CAR engineered T-iPSCs into CD19-specific functional T lymphocytes.

into tumor tissue after adoptive transfer [45, 46]. This study showed that number of specific CTLs increased in lymph node and spleen after ACT in mice [46]. Also, cells could infiltrate into tumor tissue and 90-fold greater target cell lysis has been seen in these mice compared to control mice [45, 46]. Comparison of survival after ACT in two groups of tumor bearing mice receiving TCR gene-transduced iPSC cells showed 100% survival of iPSCs receiving mice in comparison to CD8+ T-cells receiving mice [46].

In just one study, genetic modification was performed using the CAR technology. T-iPSCs are generated by retrovirus reprogrammed T-cells isolated from peripheral blood of healthy volunteers. In the next step, CAR sequence specific for CD19 has been added to human T-iPSCs colonies (Figure 2). iPSC-derived CAR specific T-cells were phenotypically similar to innate  $T\gamma\delta$  cells and after ACT to mice showed potential ability to inhibit tumor progression in xenograft model [74]. Although the combination of iPSC and TCRs/CARs techniques is efficient and may remove necessity for the detection of antigen-specific T-cells, this approach is costly and there are insertional mutagenesis risks [56].

OP-9 coculture system was not able to generate iPSCs-CD4+ T-cells *in vitro* [57, 61, 66, 73] because of the limitation in MHCII expression by OP9 cells [75, 76]. Normal development of CD4+ CD8 T-cells occurs by interaction with MHCII of thymic epithelium and expression of ThPOK, TOX, GATA-3, and RUNX factors essential for CD4+ lineage generation *in vivo* [61]. Only one study has shown the detection of few mature CD4+ T-cells in culture [16]. According to importance of CD4+ helper T-cells in antitumor immunity by promoting the permanence of memory CD8 T-cells [53], isolation of regulatory T-cells (Treg) based on CD4+ CD25+ CD127<sup>low</sup> CD45RA+ from tumor microenvironment and reprogramming them into iPSCs and then generation of CD4+ helper T-cells may be an effective strategy for ACT [56].

Despite the great advantages of ACT with iPSC-derived T-cells in cancerous mice model [45, 46, 74], there are some limitations when applied *in vivo*; for example, differentiation of iPSC-derived T-cells takes a long time (at least six weeks) and because of their origin there is a teratoma genesis risk [45, 46]. However, the risk of tumorigenesis of iPSC-derived T-cells is just reported in one study. In the study of Lei and colleagues, when they used *in vivo* induction system for generation of antigen-specific T-cell differentiation from iPSC cells, they did not observe any extrathymic mass in C57BL/6 mice although they observed an extrathymic mass in only one of the  $Rag1^{-/-}$  mice. This finding can clear the importance of iPSC genetic background for *in vivo* differentiation [45]. Other limitations are osteoporosis, hair loss, and autoimmune manifestation without any clear reasons (one explanation for it may be *in vivo* differentiation of other immune cells from iPSCs) [45, 66].

The immunogenicity of iPSC-derived cells is very complicated. Zhao et al. found that some but not all cells derived from mouse iPSC can be immunogenic and this immune rejection response was T-cell dependent. They reported that the inbred C57BL/6 (B6) iPSCs and their derived teratomas can induce T-cell-dependent immune responses after transplantation into the syngeneic B6 mice, although based on their report the immunogenicity of iPSC was lower than ESC *in vivo* [77]. Abe's group studied the immunogenicity of different cell types derived from iPSCs including skin cells, bone marrow cells, and cardiomyocytes. This study indicated that iPSC-derived cardiomyocytes are highly immunogenic, although iPSC-derived skin and bone marrow cells have lower immunogenic effect [78].

It is widely accepted that reprogramming process can induce both genetic and epigenetic defects in produced iPSCs [79–82]. Abnormal overexpression of *Hormad1*, *Zgl6*, *Cyp3a11*, *Lcelf*, *Spt1*, *Lce3a*, *Chi3L4*, *Olr1*, and *Retn* genes was also shown in iPSC-derived cells by gene expression analysis.

These genes can be effective in immunogenicity and stimulation of T-cell-mediated immune response after ACT [77]; so, the assessment of iPSC-derived T-cells immunogenicity should be considered before their clinical applications for cancer immunotherapy [45].

Researches showed that changing culture condition and adding multiple soluble proteins influence iPSC lineage differentiation. Presence of transforming growth factor- $\beta$  (TGF- $\beta$ ) along with TCR stimulation led to differentiation of suppressor T-cells (Foxp3+ population) in iPSC-derived T-cells culture [73]. Also, it has been shown that stimulation of T-cells in the presence of IL-7, IL-15, and IL-21 results in memory phenotype with enhanced persistence in comparison to IL-2 primed T-cells before ACT [83–87] and inhibition of GSK3b (glycogen synthase kinase 3 beta) led to more efficient production of TSCM population *in vitro* [66]. So, combination of iPSC technology with CAR/TCR transgene technique [88] and optimization of culture media [66] may improve the iPSC-derived T-cells that are suitable for clinical applications in cancer ACT.

**2.3. Using iPSC for Cytokine Producing Cell Generation.** One of the mechanisms used by tumor cells for escaping immune response is the suppression of immune response in the tumor area with secretion of immune suppressor cytokines [7] (such as PGE2, IDO, and TGF- $\beta$  [14]). Then, the basis of using cytokine producing cells in cancers is generating cells with the capability of migration into tumor tissue and secretion of cytokines with the immune activation ability in this area [14–16, 89, 90]. Cytokine producing cells can be from myeloid or lymphoid lineages obtained from coculturing of iPSC or ESC with a mouse bone marrow stromal cell line (OP9) [16] and using of different growth factor (regarding cell type that it must be differentiated into).

One of the most effective cells in defense against tumor development with cytokine secretion activity is natural killer (NK) cells. NK cells have been used in some clinical studies including AML and some other hematological malignancies with low toxicity for patients [14]. However, a significant factor in success of treatment is obtaining a pure and functional NK cell population [91]. NK cell has been differentiated from both ESC and iPSC using two different sets of factors (IL-15, IL-3, IL-7, Flt-3L, SCF or BMP4, VEGF, SCF, FGF, TPO, and Flt-3L). These cells were reported to have the ability to secrete cytokines such as IFN- $\gamma$ , in addition to their ability for cell-mediated toxicity [92].

The other cytokine producing cell is T lymphocyte that has been reported to have the ability to produce cytokines such as TNF- $\alpha$ , IFN- $\gamma$ , and IL-2 and cytolytic proteins (perforin and granzyme B) when differentiated from iPSC [16]. T-cells with the ability to secrete CSF also have been reported to be effective in patients with myelodysplastic syndromes [93].

Macrophages are cells whose infiltration is frequently observed in cancer area [94]. This kind of cell has two different functions related to cancer: (1) tumor-associated macrophages (TAM) that cause cancer progression and (2) other macrophages with antitumor activity. Cancer immunotherapy using macrophages just like using NK cells has great

dependence on taking the efficient number of cells; this large number of macrophages is achievable by using ESC or iPSC for differentiation into it [15].

Genetically modified iPSCs that differentiated into myeloid lineage (iPS-ML) with the capability of cytokine secretion are also reported to be effective in cancer cells elimination. iPS-ML cells producing IFN- $\alpha$ , IFN- $\beta$ , and IFN- $\gamma$  and TNF- $\alpha$  have been studied in gastric cancer cell line (NUGC-4) and human pancreatic cell line (MIAPaCa-2). In this study also, the production of anti-HER2 antibody (in ScFv form) using iPS-ML cells has been reported. The iPS-ML cells had the ability to infiltrate into tumor area and produce antibody and cytokines in the tumor site. The result of this study also indicated that IFN- $\beta$  has greater local concentration and remains longer than IFN- $\alpha$  in cancer tissue in the SCID mice model [15].

### 3. Conclusion

iPS cells have been studied in different fields of cancer immunotherapy including tumor Ag presentation, T-cell activity regulation, and cytokine or Ab producing cells, many of which had a successful result for elimination of cancer cell lines. There are many hopes for the future of this technique, although it cannot be used in clinical treatment because of some obstacles that already exist such as generating hiPSC (human iPSC) in a safe manner, enhancing reprogramming and differentiation process efficiency [14], reducing the time and cost needed for the process [13], and proving iPSC safety for clinical use. These problems must be solved before any use of iPSC in patients treatment [14].

Taken together, cancer immunotherapy with iPSC can be considered as a new hope for cancer treatment but still on the early stages that need more studies before its real use in clinic [40].

### Conflict of Interests

The authors declare that there is no conflict of interests regarding the publication of this paper.

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