

Immunology 4

Specific immunity - molecules

- Immunoglobulines
- Complement
- MHC
- Cytokines

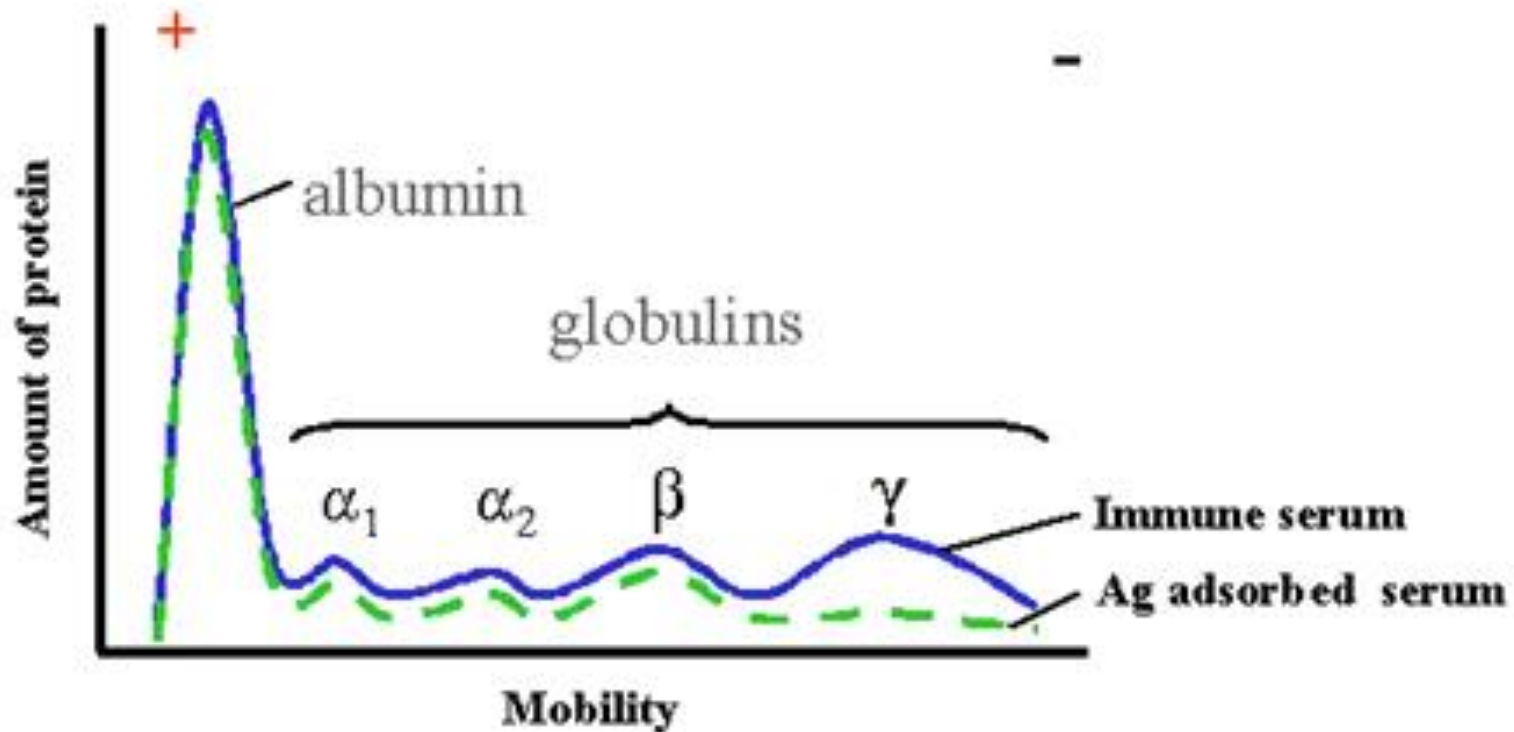
Molecules of specific immunity

- some are common for nonspecific immunity, too
- others only for specific immunity (BCR, TCR = antigen specific receptors on B resp. T cells)
- T cells receptor - **TCR**, B cell receptor - **BCR**
- TCR bind specific antigen, bound on molecule **MHC**
- BCR bind specific antigen directly
- B cells synthesise **immunoglobulins**
- synthesis of **cytokines** after activation of T and B cells

Differences

- **Nonspecific immunity**
 - system prepared before exposition antigen
 - not differ quality and type of antigen
 - can be strenghten via cytokines after exposition to antigen
- **Specific immunity**
 - system prepared before exposition, but induced by exposition to antigen
 - lag phase
 - strenghten by antigen and in next exposition
 - slight differentiation of antigens
- *Major signs of specific immunity are memory and specificity*

Electrophoresis of serum proteins



ANTIBODIES

Blood serum of immunised animals contains specific molecules – antibodies, that bind antigen, that induced their production

Behring, Kitaso 19th century

Serum – liquid part after centrifugation of clotted blood

Plasma – liquid part after short centrifugation of not clotted blood

Serum containing antibodies against specific antigen – **antiserum**

Antibody – molecule of immunoglobuline with specificity for the epitope.

FUNCTION OF ANTIBODIES

- **specific** binding of antigen and neutralisation of its function
- this binding results in other reactions that lead to
- elimination of antigen (activation of complement, macrophages, opsonisation in phagocytosis).

Reaction of antigen and with antibody differs
according to the type of antigen

*corpuscular antigens – microbes, erythrocytes – *agglutination*

*solubil antigens – immunocomplexes in solution - *precipitation*

Immunoglobulins

- Synthesised by **B lymphocytes** (B cells)
- present in cytoplasm and on membrane **B bb**
- synthesised and secreted by **plasmatic cells**

Structure

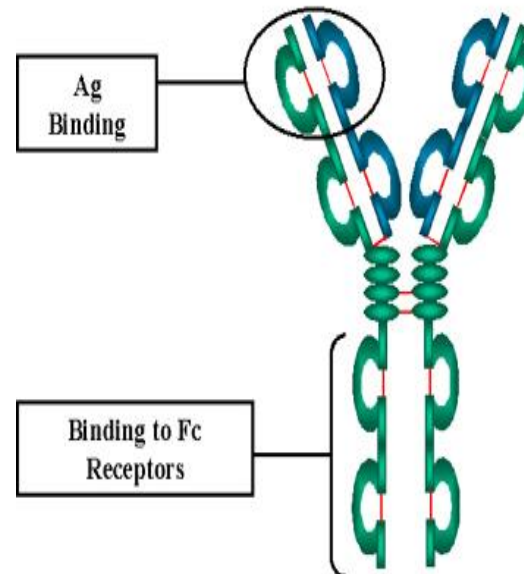
Isotypes

Structure of immunoglobulins

- 4 polypeptides
 - 2 identical light chains (LC)
 - 2 identical heavy chains (HC)

bound by disulfidic binding

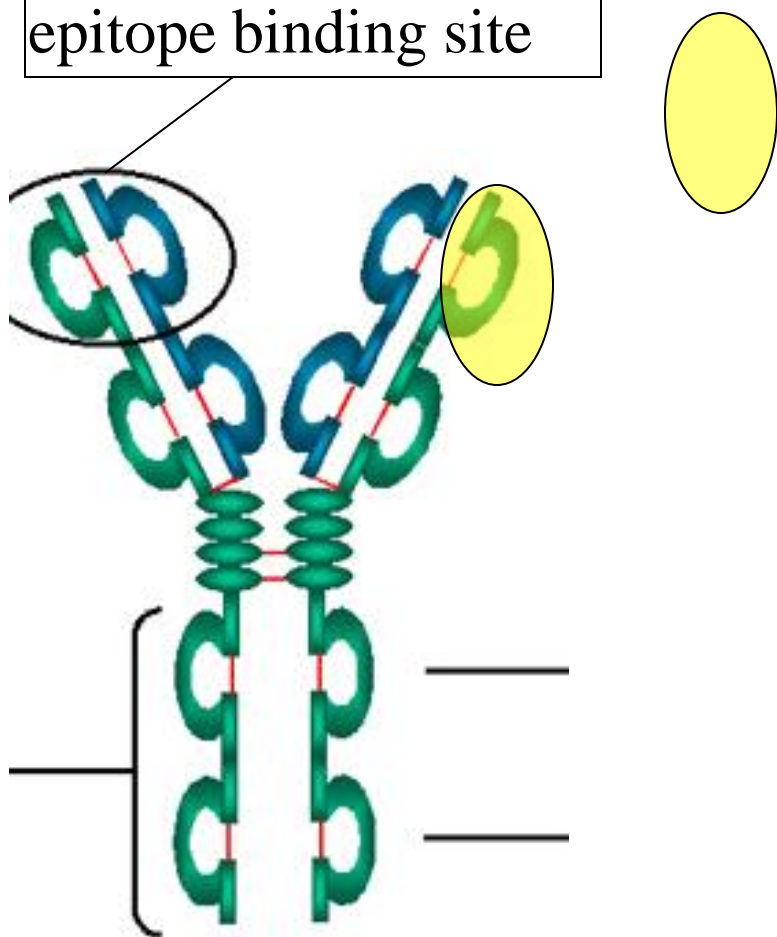
- NH end of one light chain and one heavy chain form the epitop binding site



Structure of immunoglobulins

HC and LC are divided to identical domains

epitope binding site



LC contains 2 domains

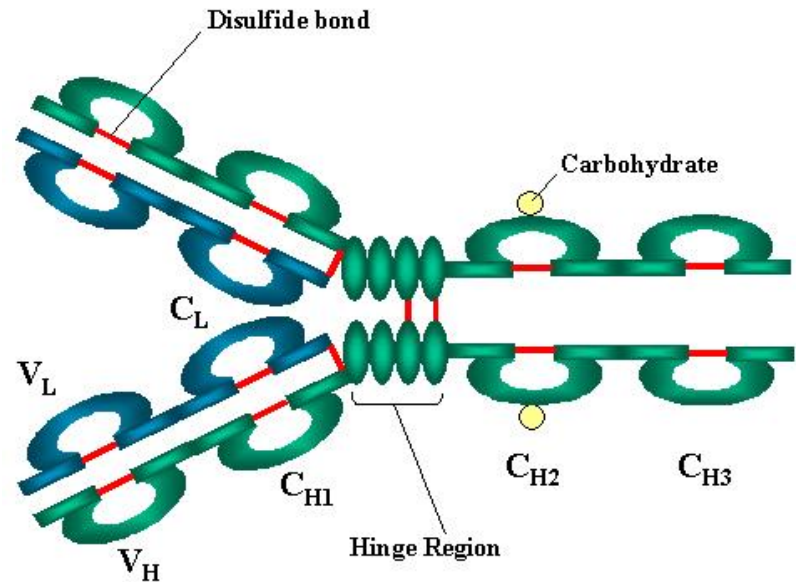
- 1 constant C_L

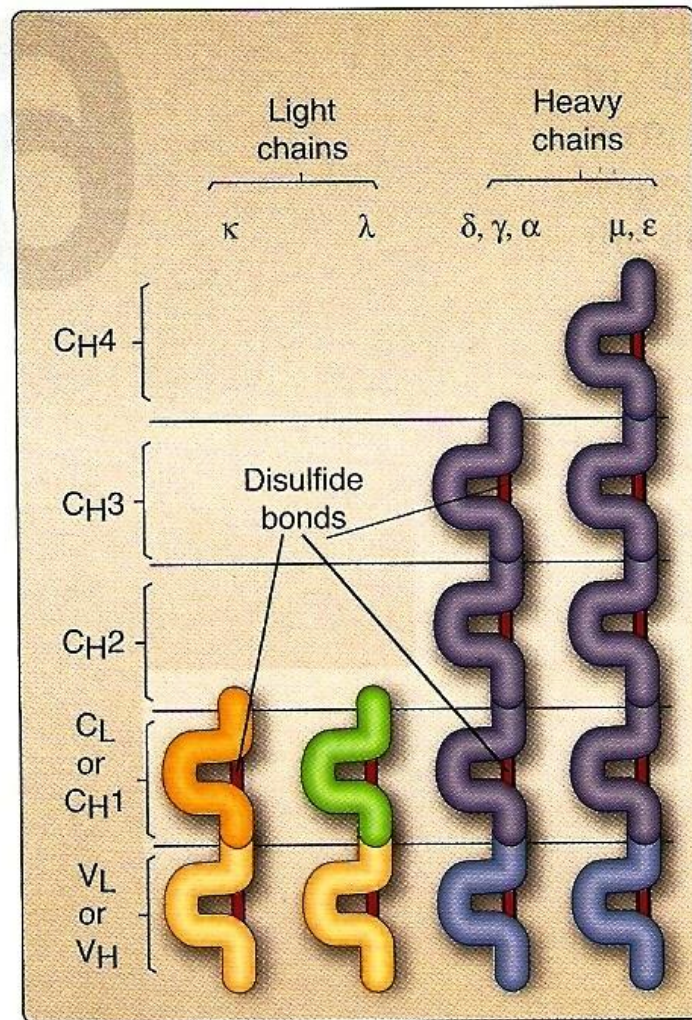
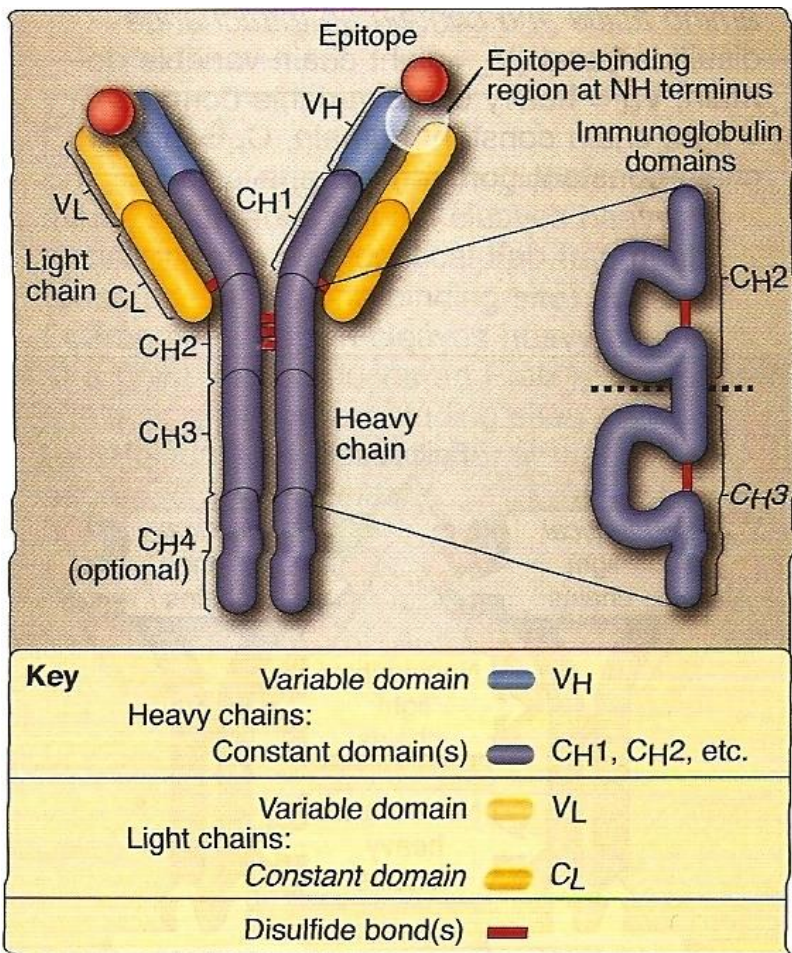
- 1 variable V_L

HC contains 4 or 5 domains

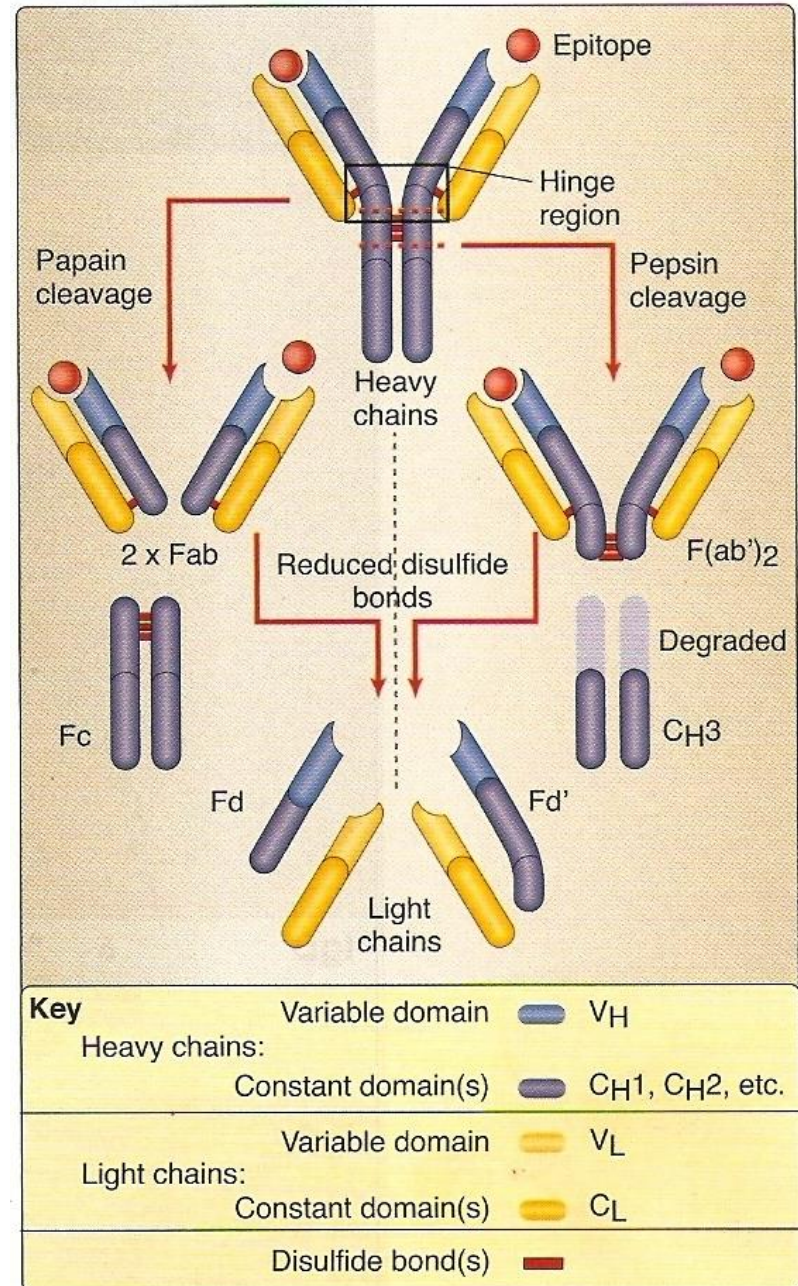
- 1 variable V_H

- 4 or 5 C_H





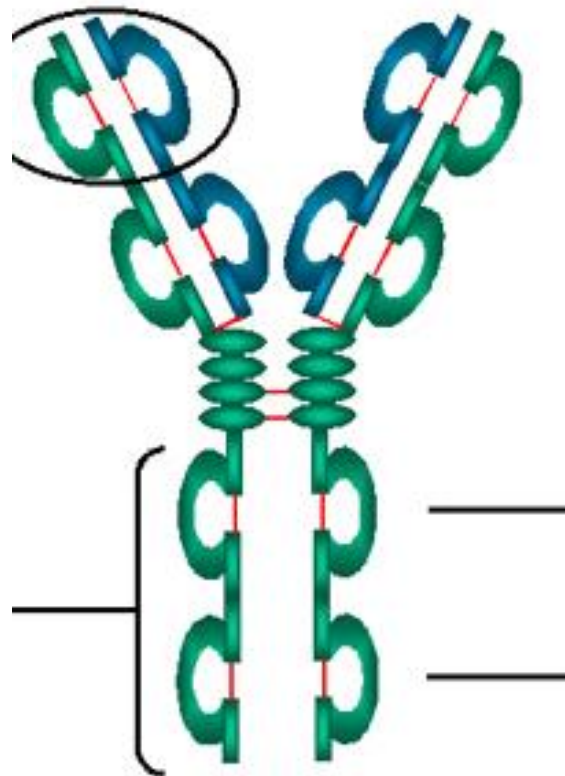
Papain, Pepsin fragmentation



Structure of immunoglobulines

Light chain – kappa (κ) or lambda (λ) – one plasmatic cell produce only one type of light chain

Heavy chains – isotypes



– mu (μ) – IgM

– epsilon (ϵ) – IgE

- gama (γ) – IgG

- alfa (α) – IgA

- delta (δ) – IgD

IgG

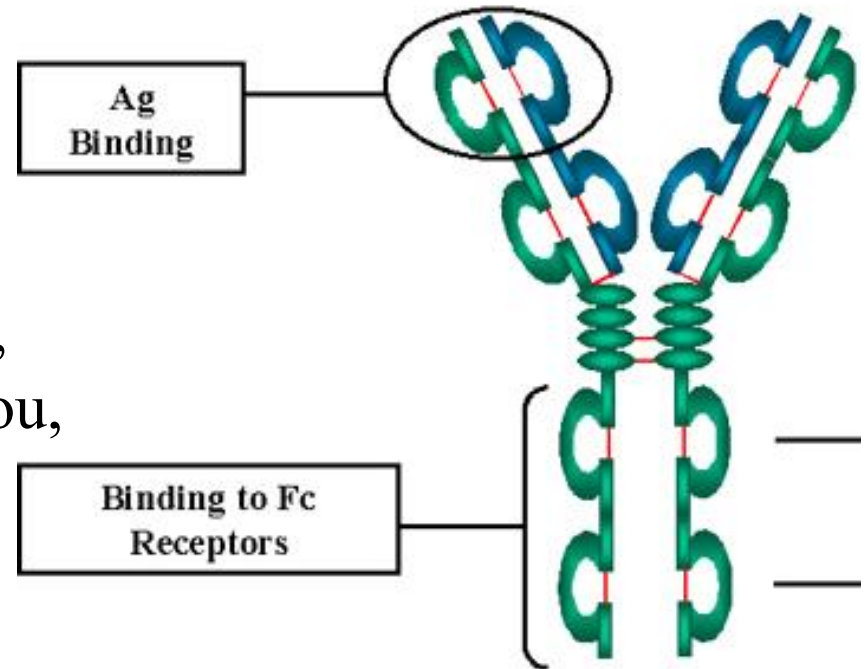
Existuje ako povrchový aj secernovaný monomér

$2\gamma + 2\kappa$ (alebo 2λ)

Existujú 4 podtypy ťažkých reťazcov a teda 4 IgG podtriedy:

IgG_1 IgG_2 IgG_3 IgG_4

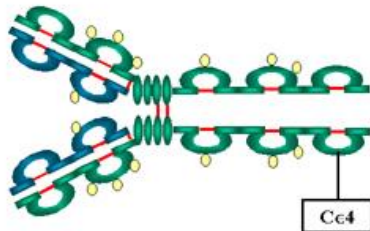
- Najviac v sére,
- aktivácia komplementu,
- opsonizácia,
- neutralizácia mikroorganizmov,
- ADCC,
- hypersenzitívne reakcie (II., III.),
- prechod transplacentárnou bariérou,
- protektívne



Classes (isotype) of Ig

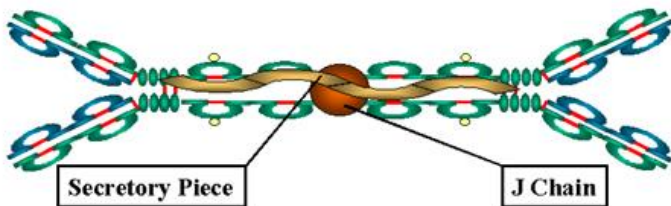
IgE

- Structure
 - Monomer
 - Extra domain (C_{H4})



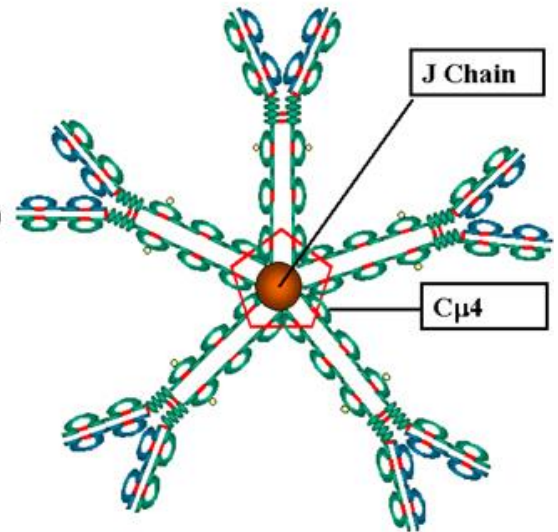
IgA

- Structure
 - Serum - monomer
 - Secretions (sIgA)
 - Dimer (11S)
 - J chain
 - Secretory component



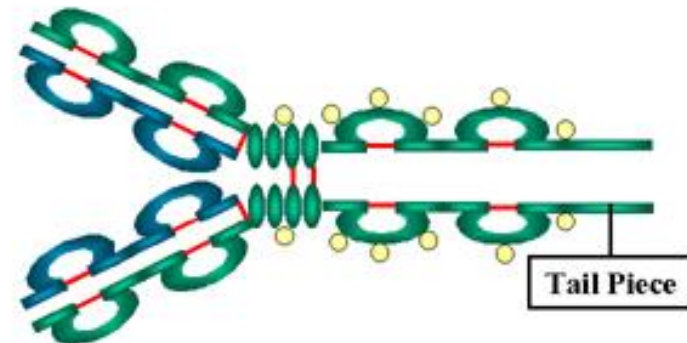
IgM

- Structure
 - Pentamer (19S)
 - Extra domain (C_{H4})
 - J chain



IgD

- Structure
 - Monomer
 - Tail piece

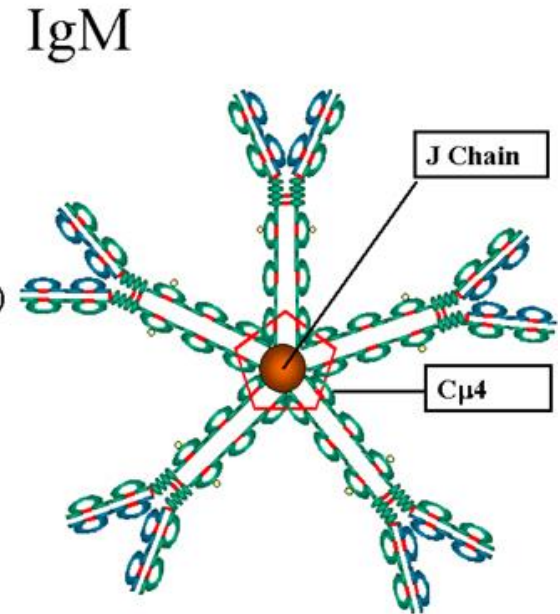


IgM

- bound as monomer on cell surface
- or in serum and liquids as pentamer with 10 H and 10 L chains bound in pairs by disulfidic bindings and J chains.
- First synthesised after stimulation (in utero, too)
- Immobilisation of antigen
- activation of C' by classical path

• Structure

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- Extra domain (C_{H4})
- J chain



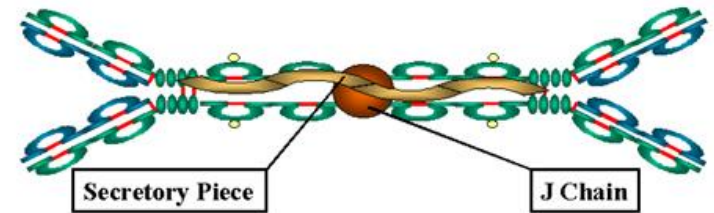
IgA

- monomer in serum
- dimer

(2 monomers + J chain)

- mucosa – translocation through membrane bind on receptor that bind on dimer as SC (secretion component) – that gives resistance to enzymatic degradation
 - saliva, tears, mucous, breast milk, GIT secretion
- IgA₁ - serum and secretion up diaphragma
- IgA₂ – secretion epithelium, GIT, respiratory trakt
- Mostly produced

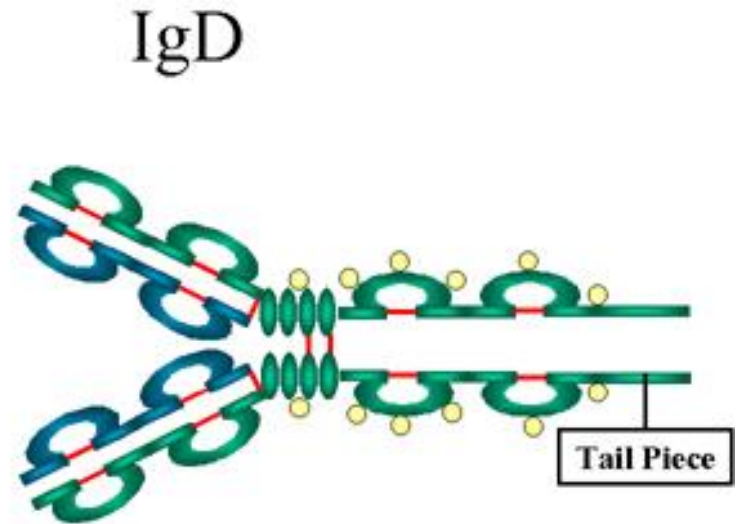
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IgD

- Monomer
- Almost the only role is the role of receptor for antigen on the surface of B cell
- Other functions are not known
- Contain the intercellular part - tail piece

- Structure
 - Monomer
 - Tail piece

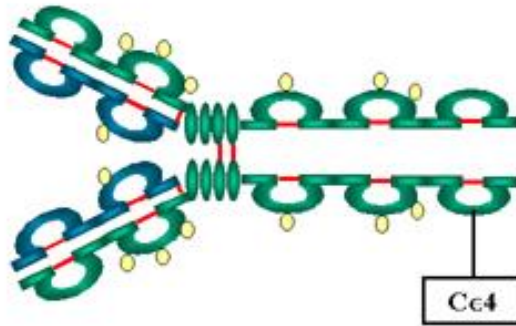


IgE

- Structure

- Monomer

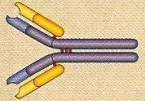
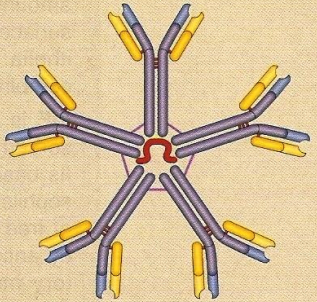
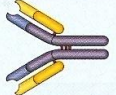
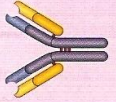
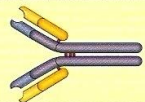

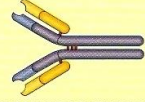
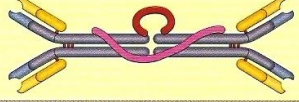
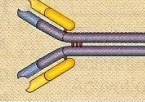
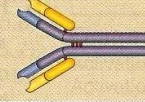
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IgE

- in low concentration in serum
- mostly on the surfaces of mastocytes, monocytes and eosinophils and basophils
- Specific receptors for Fc fragment of IgE molecule (FC ϵ RI). Mastocytes are bound by antigens on Fab fragments that leads to degranulation and the release of histamin lead to allergic reactions.

Isotype	Heavy Chains ^a	Heavy Chain Subclass	Additional Chains	Formula ^a	Number of Monomers ^b	Subclass
IgM	μ			2μ ^d + 2κ or 2λ	1	
		μ	J chain	5[2μ + 2κ or 2λ] + J	5	IgM
IgD	δ			2δ + 2κ or 2λ	1	
IgG	γ			2γ + 2κ or 2λ	1	
		γ ₁		2γ ₁ + 2κ or 2λ	1	IgG1
		γ ₂		2γ ₂ + 2κ or 2λ	1	IgG2
		γ ₃		2γ ₃ + 2κ or 2λ	1	IgG3
		γ ₄		2γ ₄ + 2κ or 2λ	1	IgG4
IgA	α			2α + 2κ or 2λ	1	
		α ₁		2α ₁ + 2κ or 2λ	1 — serum	IgA1
			J chain & SC ^f	2[2α ₁ + 2κ or 2λ] + J + SC ^f	2 — external ^g upper body and GI	IgA1
		α ₂		2α ₂ + 2κ or 2λ	1 — serum	IgA2
			J chain & SC ^f	2[2α ₂ + 2κ or 2λ] + J + SC ^f	2 — external ^g GI	IgA2
		IgE	ε			2ε + 2κ or 2λ

Valence	MW ^c	Half Life (days)	Serum Level		Stick Figure
			(mg/dl)	Percent	
2	180,000				
10	900,000	1	45–150 ^e	5–8	
2	180,000	2.8	3	<1	
2	150,000	23	720–1500 ^e	75–85	
2	150,000	23	430–1050		
2	150,000	23	100–300		
2	150,000	8	30–90		
2	150,000	23	15–60		
	170,000	5.8	90–325	10–16	
2	170,000	5.8	80–290		
4	390,000	na	na		
2	170,000	5.8	10–35		
4	390,000	n.a.	n.a.		
2	190,000	2.5	0.03	<1	

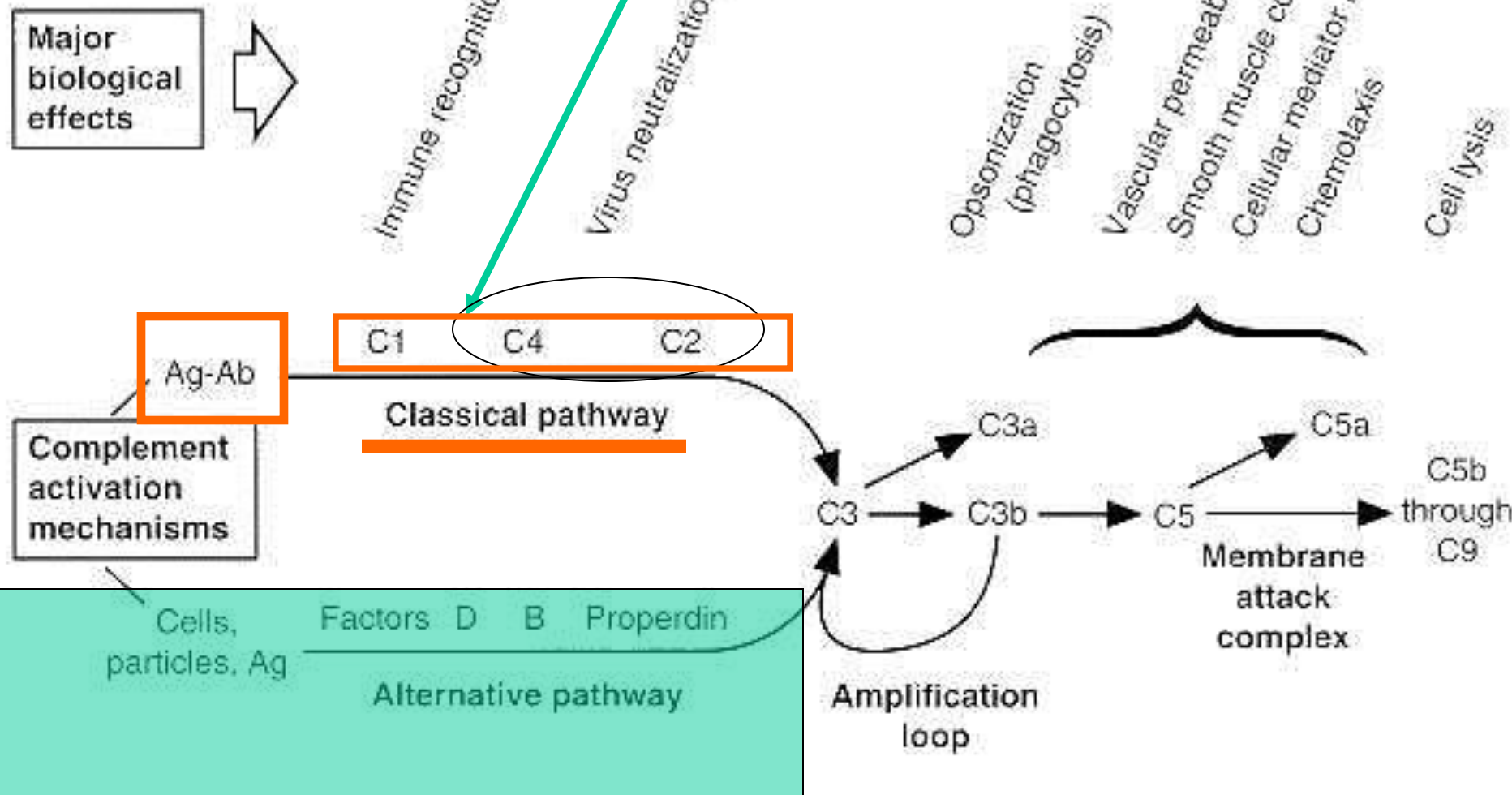
B cell

- produces immunoglobulines with light chain kappa or lambda
- produces only one isotype (heavy chain)
- nonstimulated B cell has on the surface the molecule of monomer of IgM or IgD as BCR
- After secretion to tissues the IgG, IgE will be monomer., IgM – as soluble pentamer, IgA - soluble dimer and monomer

Complement

- Consists of inactive circulating glycoproteins activated in cascade way after initial stimulation
- 3 paths of stimulation:
 - *classic (antigen + antibody)*
 - alternative (microbes and their products)
 - MBL path
- Results in production of:
MAC membrane attack complex
it is bound on cell surface (of microbe) formation of
disruptions in surface membrane that leads to lysis of cell

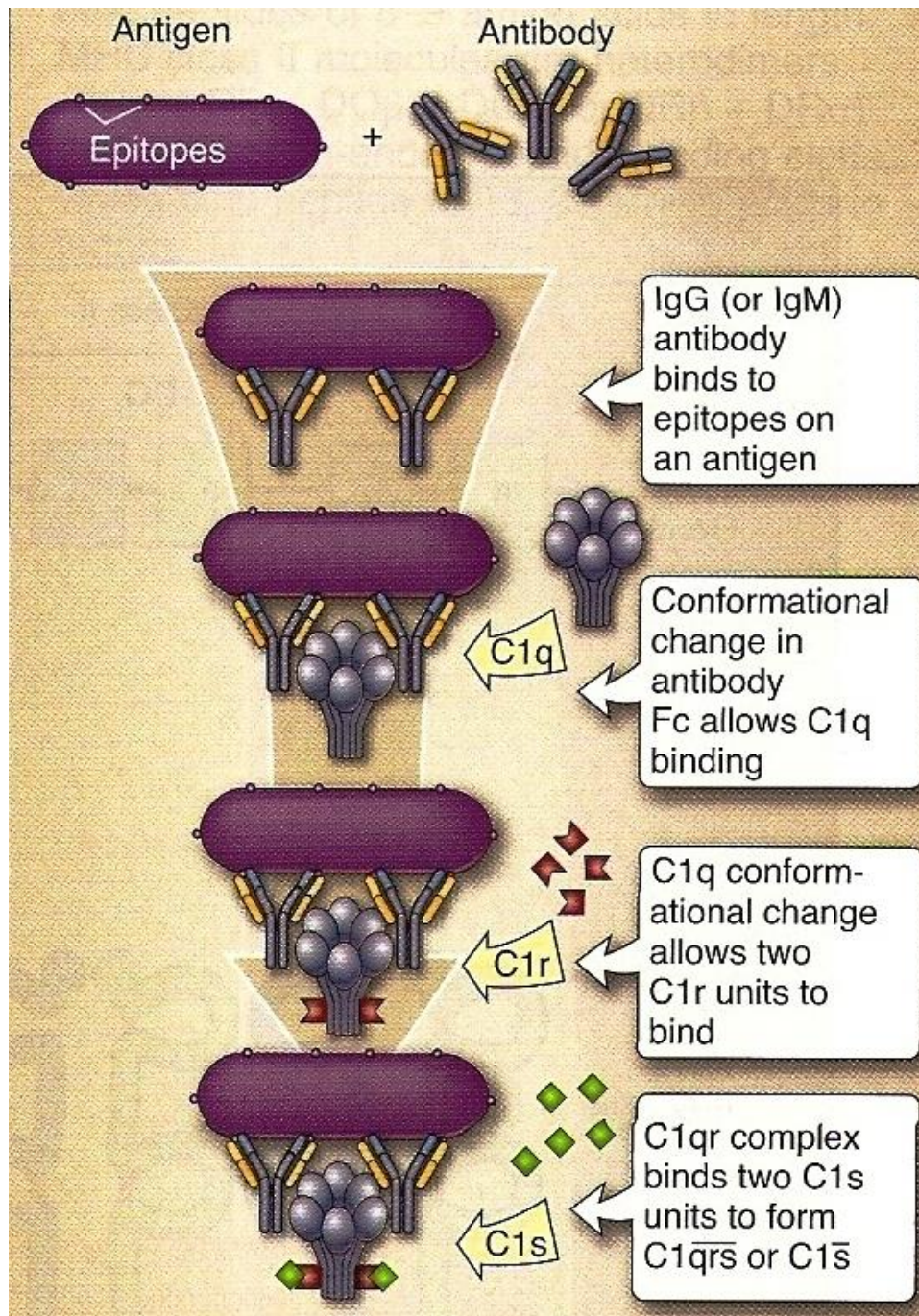
MBL pathway

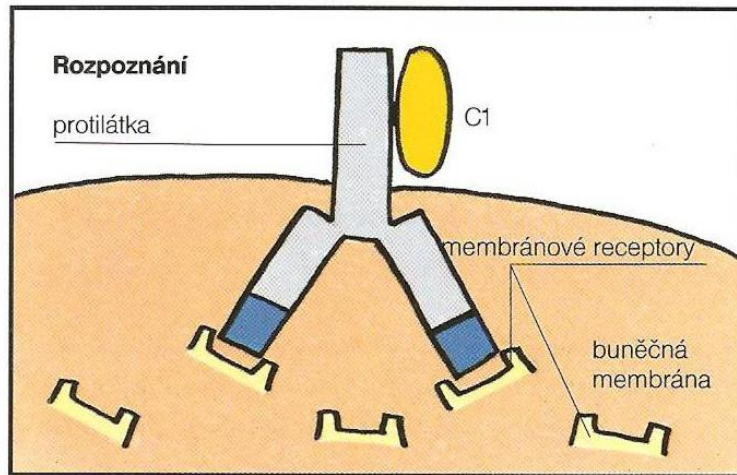


Activation of classical pathway

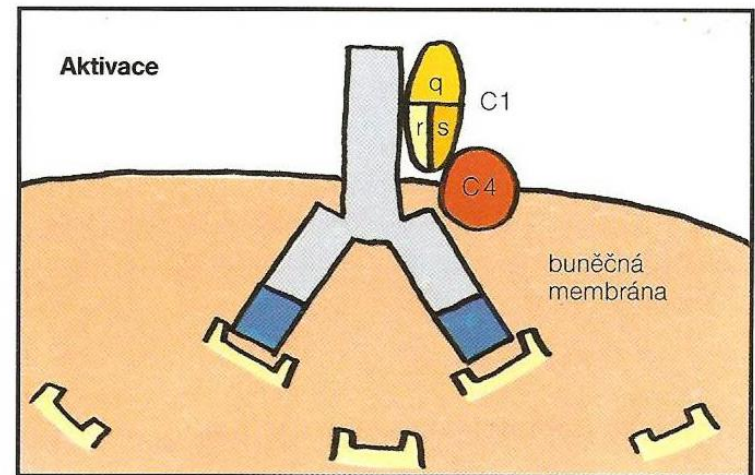
C'

- Ag + Ab = production of MAC, opsonisation (C3b), production of anaphylatoxins (C3a, C5a, C4a)
 - Activation C1:
 - IgM (IgG) + Ag = konformationnal change of Fc = binding of C1q on C_H2 (Fc fragment of Ig molecule).
 - Subsequently binding of C1r and C1s
 - C1qrs has enzymatic activity and disrupt C4, C2, C3 on fragments
- C4b2b3b, that is C5covertase – beggining of MAC

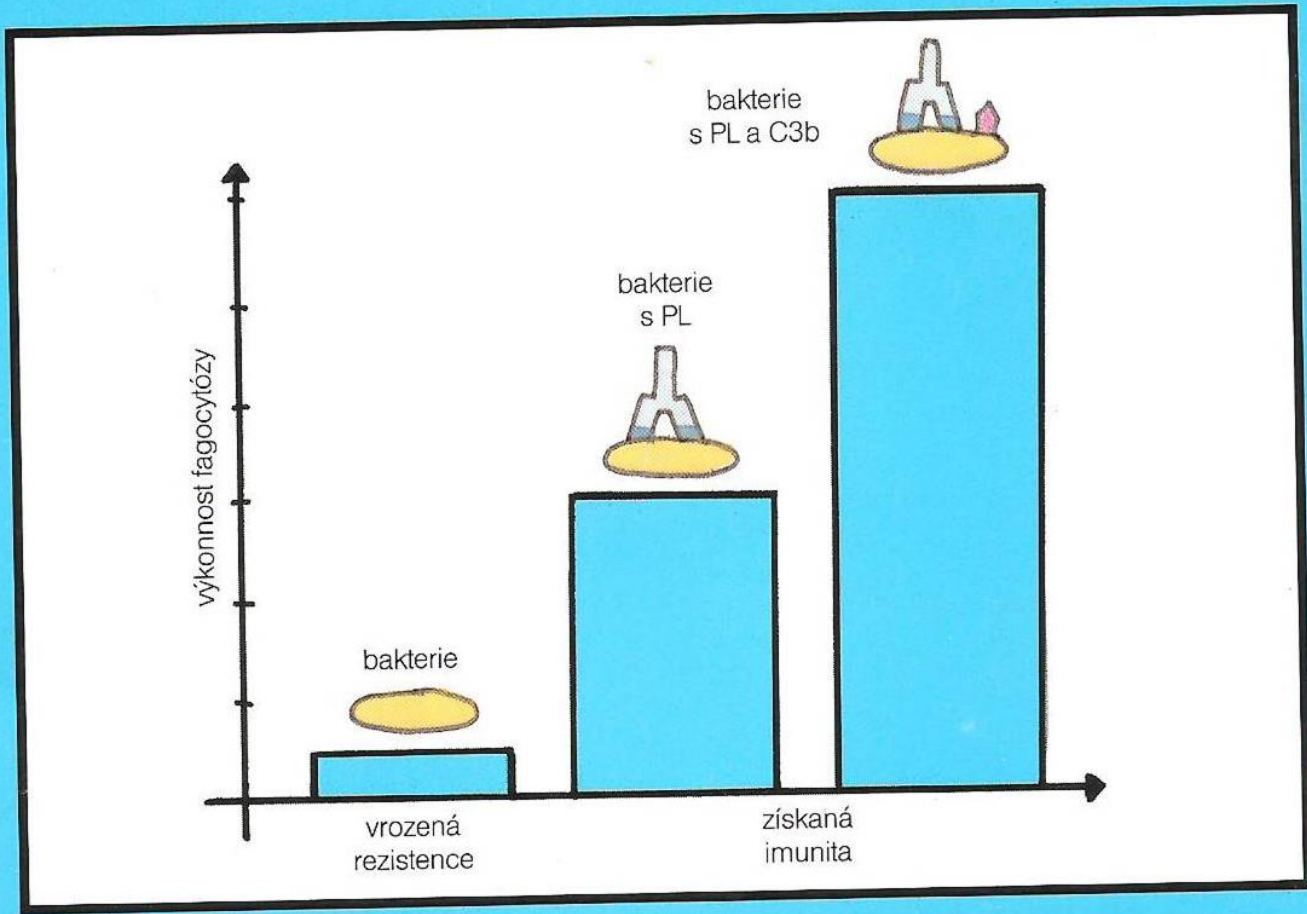




Obr. 9: Když imunoglobulin (protilátka) rozpozná antigen a fixuje se na něj, může se připojit C1 k Fc dílu protilátky a stane se aktivním enzymem.



Obr. 10: C1 se skládá ze tří podjednotek. C1q komponenta zajišťuje fixaci na protilátce. Následovně je C4 navázána na buněčnou membránu.



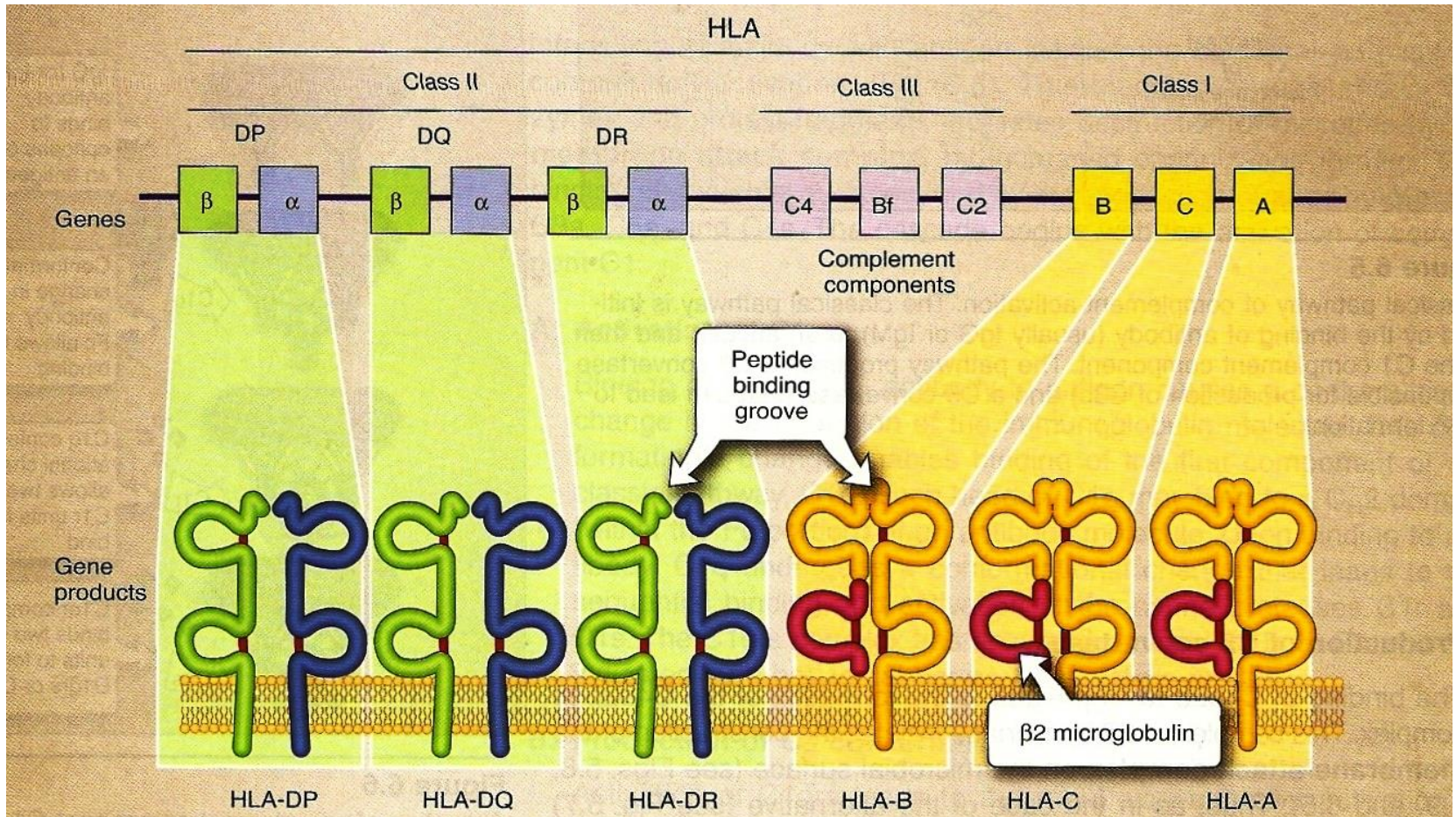
MHC – major histocompatibility complex

- Named also HLA complex
= segment on chromosome 6 containing several **genes** needed for good function of immunity (6.7). These genes **encode** enzymes and structural **molecules** needed for activation and function of T and B cells. These are molecules of classes **I, II a III MHC** (resp.HLA).

MHC

- Surface molecules
- MHC class I, II and III (C4, Bf C2 – part of complement)
- **MHC I** - 3 domains – polypeptide chains and beta2 microglobulin
 - presentation of endogenous antigens to T lymphocytes.
 - present on all cells with nucleus
- **MHC II** - alfa a beta polypeptid chains
 - presentation of exogennous antigens
 - present on macrophages, B lymphocytes and some other antigen presenting cells - APC)

Genotype and phenotype

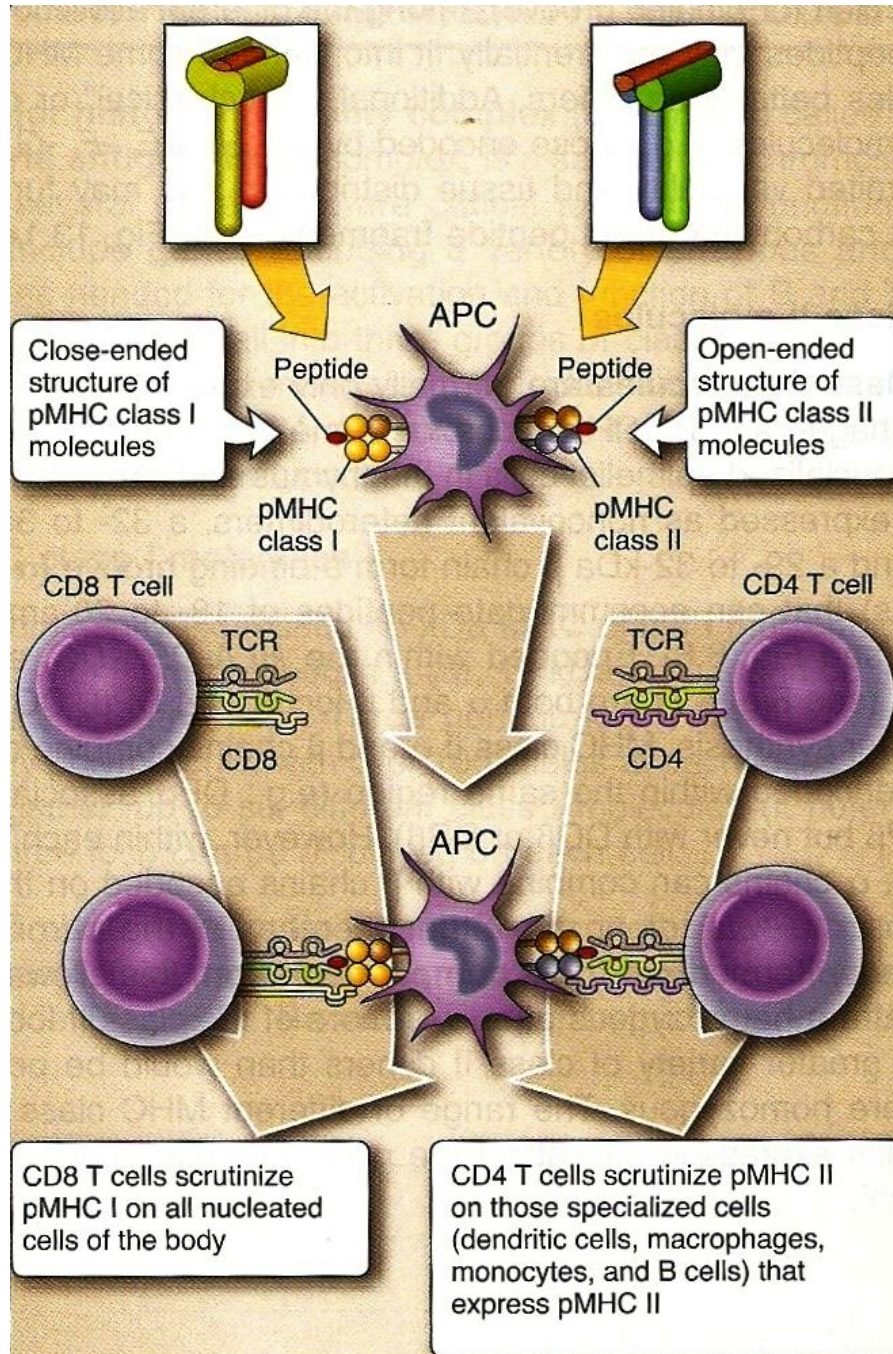


MHC I – on cells with nucleus

- polymorphisme HLA – A, - B, - C
with more than 100 alleles for each locus
- in heterozygots: one of 6 different types of molecules of MHC I (AA, AB, BB, BC, CC, AC) can be expressed on individual cell
- MHC I forme cleft between $\alpha 1$ - $\alpha 2$ domaines, that bind 8-9 aminoacides peptid.
- There are minor MHC Ib (HLA E, -F, -G, -H locuses)

MHC II – on APC cells

- dendritic, macrophage, B cells, some activated T cells, specialised epithelial cells in thymus and intestine.
- Heterodimer of α 1 chain and β 1 chain
- Encoded in HLA-DP, -DQ, -DR segment of 6th chromosomes
- After synthesis α combines only with β chain of the same locus ($DP\alpha$ to $DP\beta$) on the same (*cis*) or other (*trans*) member of chromosome pair
- Enable a big variability of dimers of MHC II in heterozygots



T cell receptor, TCR

Antigen specific receptor on T cell

Heterodimer peptid pair: $\alpha\beta$, $\gamma\delta$

Differentiation of the type of heterodimer peptid pair is done early during development of T cell

Contain variable ($V\alpha$, $V\beta$, or $V\gamma$, $V\delta$) and constant $C\alpha$, $C\beta$, or $C\gamma$, $C\delta$) part of domains.(like in Ig molecule)

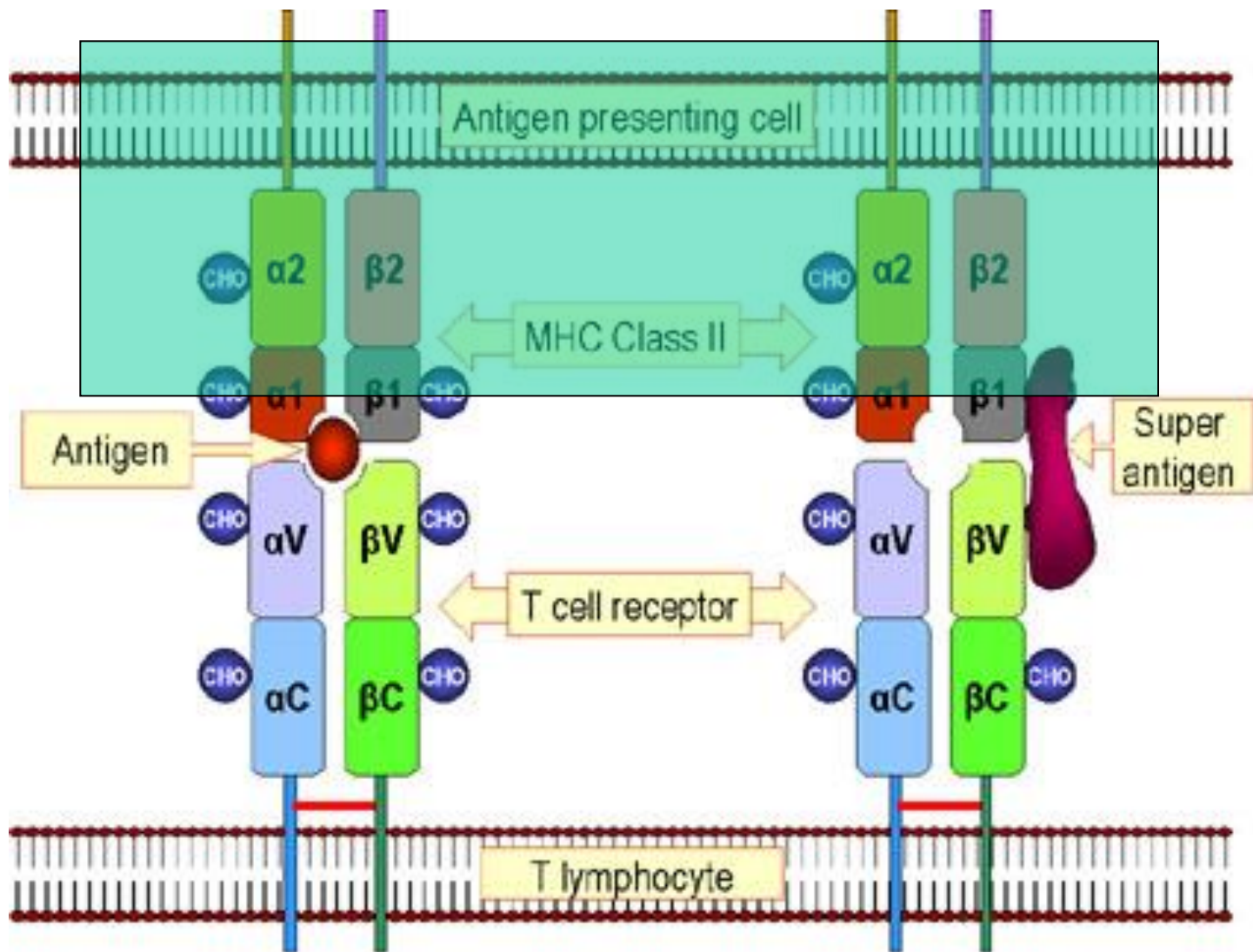
Each T cell has unique TCR (like in Ig on B cells)

TCR recognise antigen only in cleft of MHC (differ from Ig, that recognise soluble peptides)

T cell receptor - TCR

Responsible for diversity of antigen specificity
(recognises) 10^{15} epitopes

- Interaction of antigen connected to *MHC II on APC* – *antigen presenting cell* – and TCR leads to transmission on signal via CD3 and activation of T cells for next reactions.



Molecules of cell interaction

Interaction is performed:

- by direct intercellular **contacts**
- signals (**soluble molecules**) secerned, sent and received by others

Immunocompetent cells positively or negatively regulate their functions, migrate to specific places, make vital decisions.

Cytokines, Chemokines, Adhesins, CD molecules, Signal transmission molecules

Cytokines

Biologically active substances released from specific cells influencing other cells (intercellular mediators, signals)

lymphocytes - lymphokines,

monocytes - monokines,

interleukines – communication between leu

autocrine – influence *the same cells*,

paracrine – influence *narrow, by site cells*

Secreting is short-time and limited

Influence releasing and production of other cytokines –
waterfall (cascade) activation and stimulation

Agonistic or antagonistic action

Cytokines acc. function

Mediators and regulators of nonspecific immunity

- TNF - tumor necrosis factor, interleukín -IL 1, IL 10, interferon gama IFN-gama

Mediators and regulators of specific immunity

- IL 2, IL 4, IL 5, IL 10, IFN gama

Stimulators of hematopoiesis

- IL 3, colony stimulating factors CFS

Other cytokines, molecules

- Chemokines – chemoattraction based on chemical gradient, chemotaxis
- Adhesive molecules – produce contact between cells (direct intercellular)
 - *integrines, selectines, addressines* – tissue tropism
- CD – Cluster of differentiation molecules – on surfaces of different cells – indicators of functional capacity of cells

CD3 – transmission of signal through cell membrane after activation of TCR

CD4 – on 2/3 T cells, T helper, recognise antigen in MHC II

CD8 - on 1/3 mature T cells, T suppressor, T cytotoxic, recognise antigen in MHC I

Signal transmitting molecules

- Leu use surface receptors to patrol extracellular space
- Engagement of receptor and ligand communicate signal in the cell through the cytoplasmatic tail, that starts the cascade of chemical signals, that regulate transkription of genes in nucleus that is responsible for changes of cell activity.
- (example: molecules of JAK-STAT, Ras-MAP path)