

# Immunology 5

Cells and organs of specific immunity  
Development of lymphocytes

# Cells and organs

## Lymphocytes

- T cells
- B cells → plasmatic cells
- NK cells

## Lymphoid tissues and organs

- primary (thymus, bone marrow)
- secondary (spleen, lymphatic nodes, MALT)
- lymphatic vessels

# Development of lymphocytes

- T lines
  - - structure of thymus
  - - development of  $\alpha\beta$  T cells
  - - development of  $\gamma\delta$  T cells
  - - development of NK cells
- B lines
  - - bone marrow
  - - B-1 and B-2 cells

# Cells of specific immunity

- Unlike in **nonspecific immunity** (granulocytes, monocytes,...)
- cells **specific immunity** LYMPHOCYTES – are not morphologically recognisable
- with the exception of size
  - small - 4 - 7 $\mu$ m
  - medium - 7 – 11 $\mu$ m
  - big – 11 – 15 $\mu$ m

Differences based on specific **receptors** and **organs** in which they develop

# Cells of specific immunity – executors of activities

They contain molecules (receptors) – indicating the function

Specialised in primary organs – thymus or bone marrow

Reside in specialised area – secondary organs - spleen, lymphatic nodes, accumulation of lymphocytes)

Can develop further - differentiation

Transported to infected area

# Lymphocytes

- recognition of self and non-self – somatically generated epitope-specific receptors (TCR and BCR)
- they are generated de novo by recombination of genes in every individual T and B lymphocytes **before** exposition to antigen
- Based on site of differentiation and on receptors:  
T cells and natural killers T - in thymus - (TCR)  
B cells – bone marrow - (BCR)  
(no cell surface specific receptors – NK cells)

# Thymus derived cells

## T lymphocytes

- most important players of specific immunity
- direct effectors and regulators of activity of other cells

*Produced* in bone marrow: not mature T cell – prothymocyte

*Migrates* in thymus - thymocyte, where *TCR* are produce.

*Skreening* of ability to recognise self and non-self.

Most of them are *eliminated*, others are *indicated* to be T cells and *leave* thymus and *enter* to ciruculation

Contain surface receptors

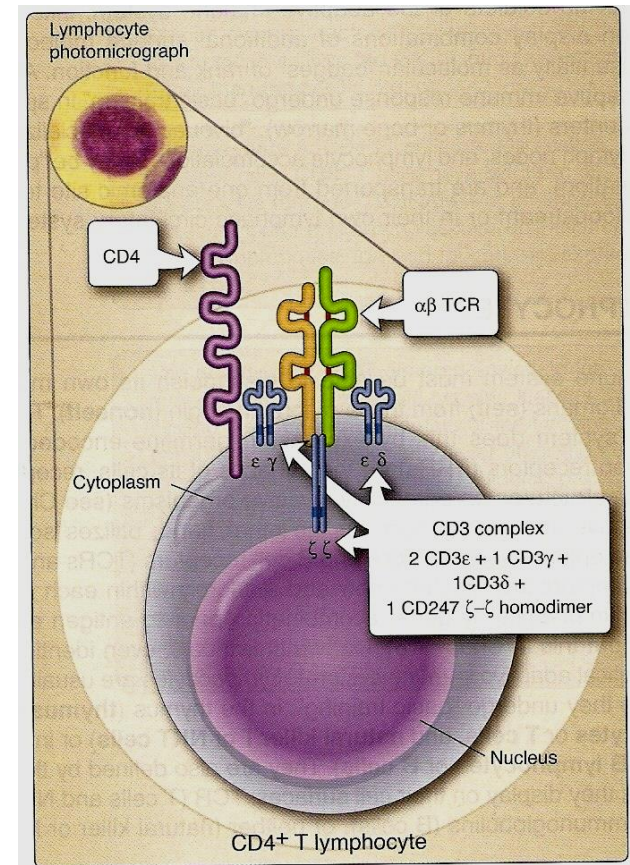
TCR

CD3

CD4 or CD8

# - CD4 T cell

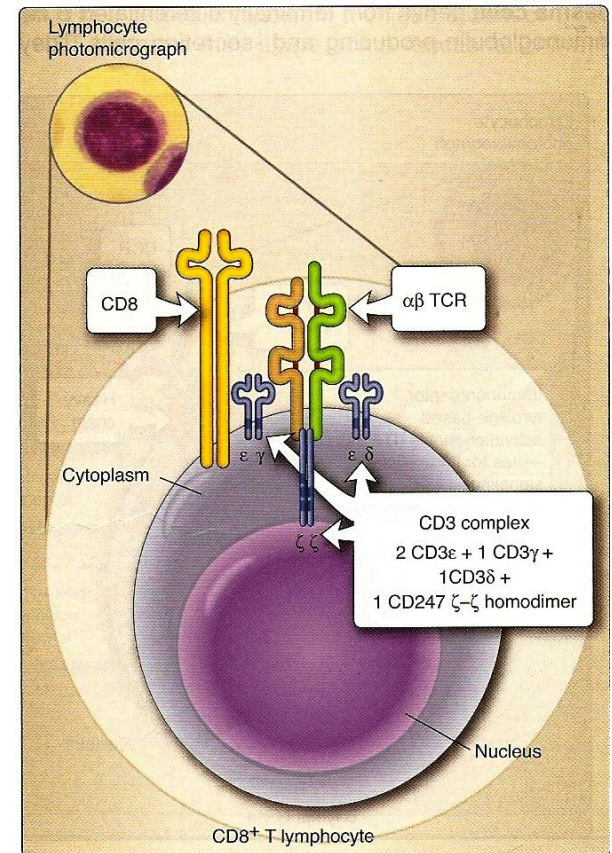
- 2/3 of all T cells containing CD3
- CD4 cell surface molecule – recognise part of **MHC II** molecule that is not part of peptid binding site
- Functionally – helper



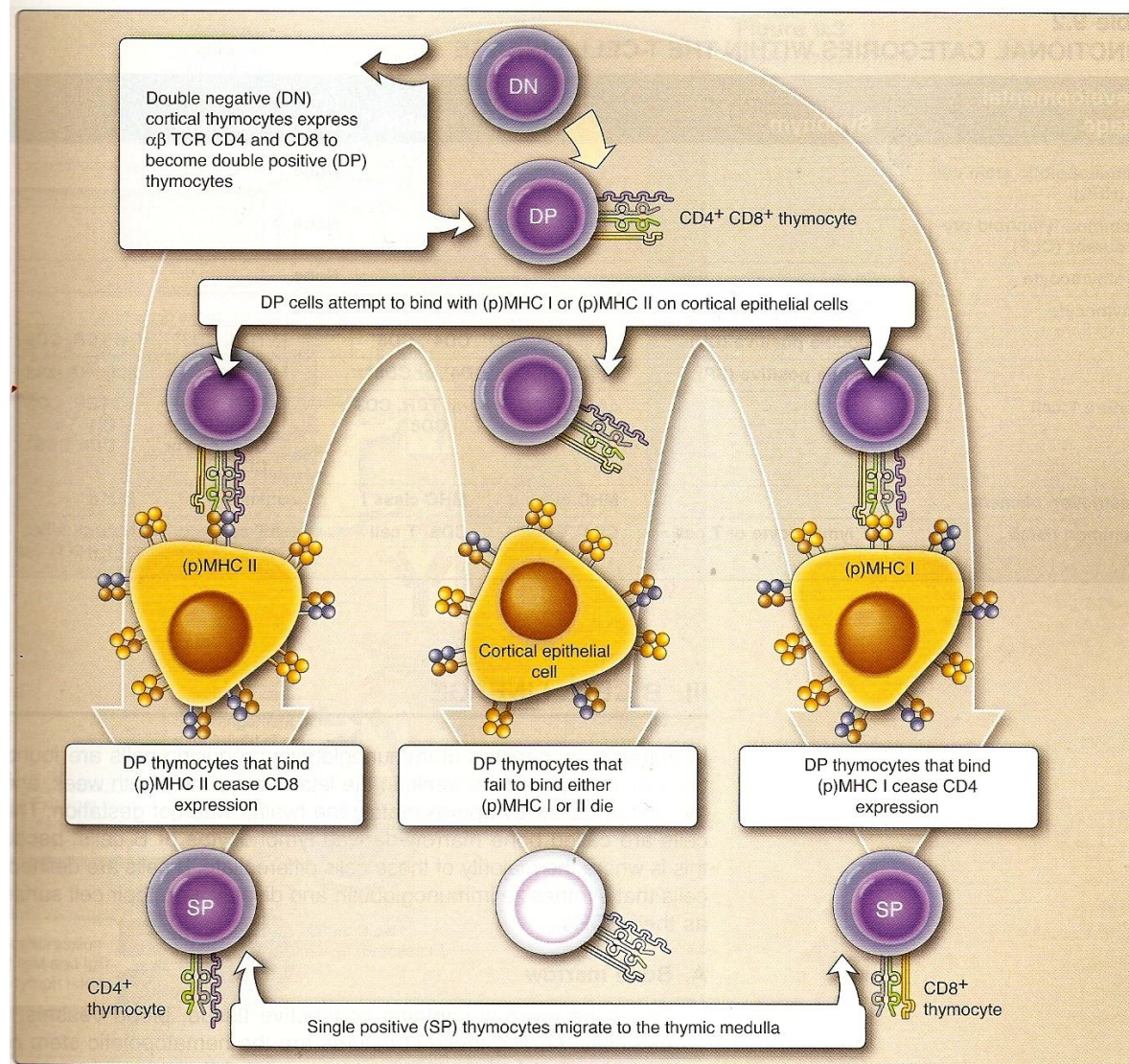


# - CD8 T cells

- 1/3 of all T cells containing CD3
- CD8 cell surface molecule – recognise part of **MHC I** molecule that is not designated to bind peptides
- Functionally :  
Tc cytotoxic – eliminate virus or i.c.bacteria infected cells  
Ts supreesor – increase and control reactions of specific immunity

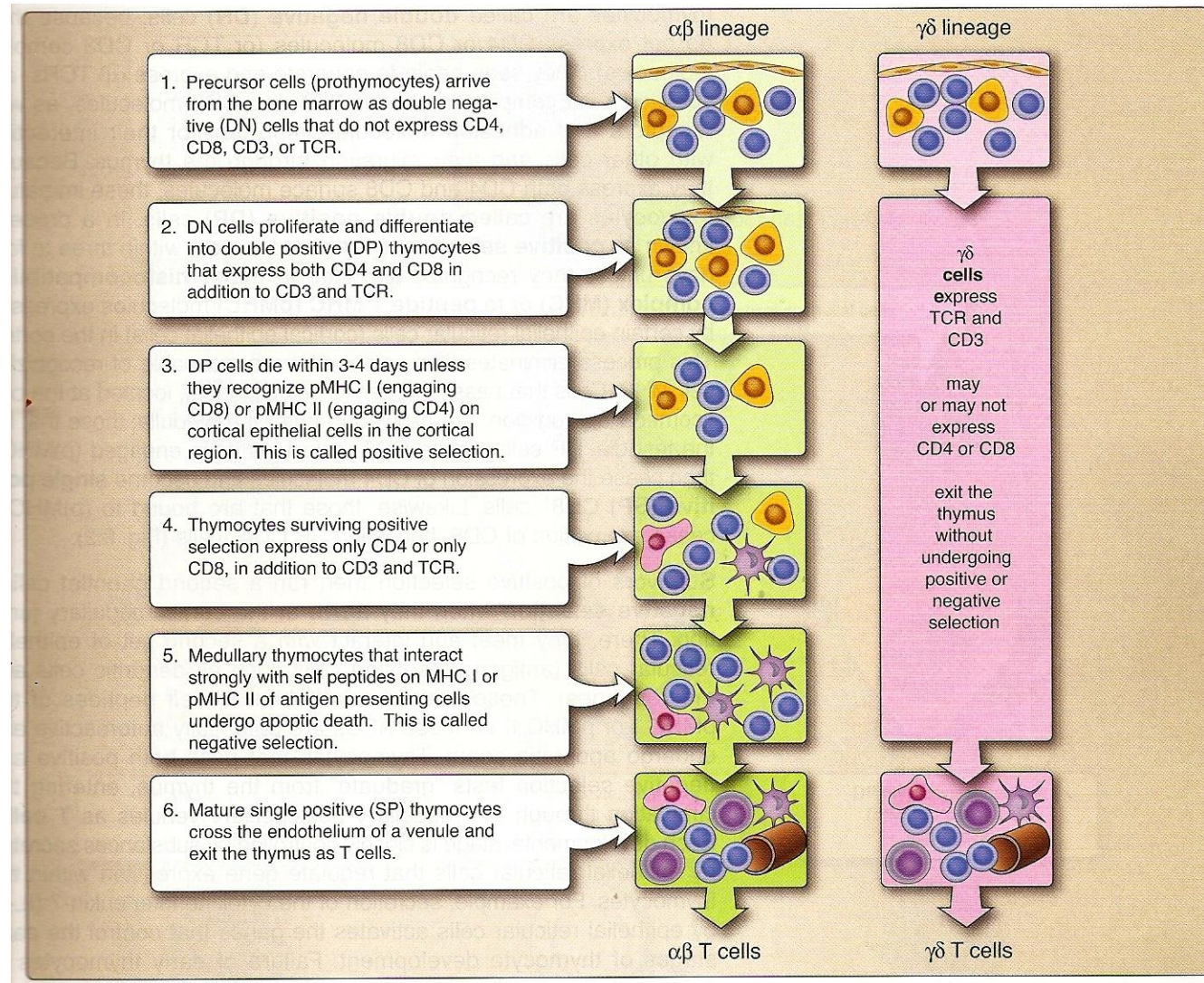


# Differentiation of T cells



# T line

- $\alpha\beta$  T cells
- $\gamma\delta$  T cells
- NKT cells



# Cells produced in bone marrow only

## B - lymphocytes

- Not all cells produced in bone marrow migrate to thymus
- Some differentiate in bone marrow further and are precursors of cells producing immunoglobulins
- **B lymphocytes – B cells** – synthesise immunoglobulin, that is then situated on the cell surface as BCR.
- Differentiated mature B cell synthesises and secretes immunoglobulines

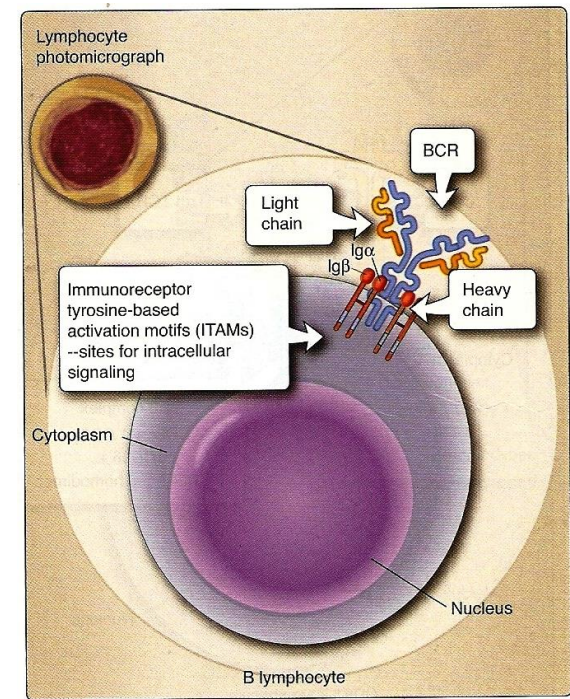
# - B cells

- develop from pluripotent stem hematopoietic cell in bone marrow
- do not migrate to thymus
- exist in 2 lines B-1 and B-2

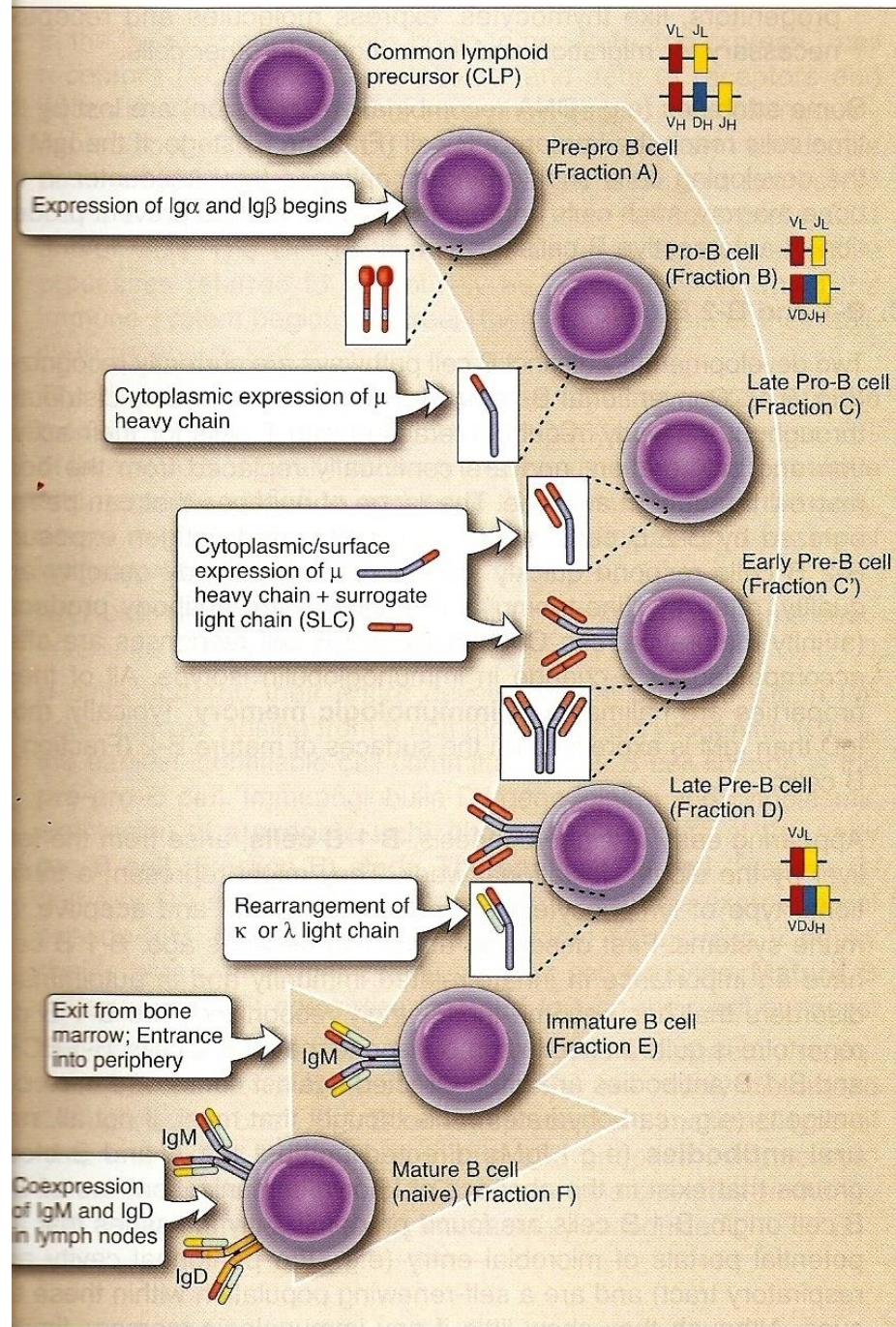
B-1: population present in pleural and peritoneal cavities, connected to innate immunity important in autoimmune disorders

B-2: produced during perinatal period, constantly produced in bone marrow and present in lymphoid organs and tissues.

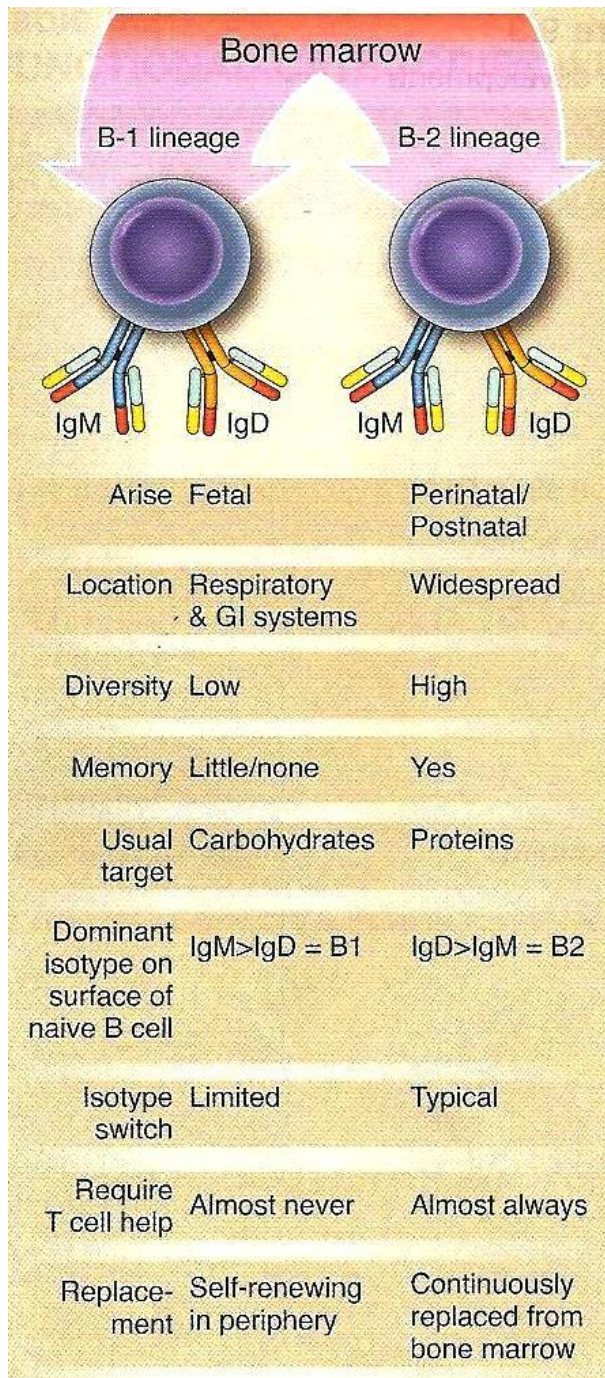
Every B cell is specific, produce Ig of unique specificity, recognising one unique epitope Big diversity

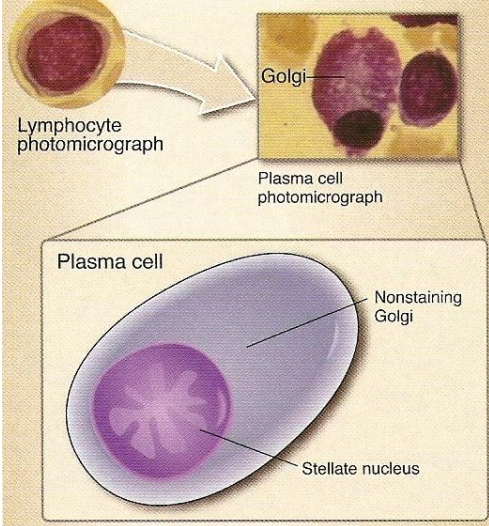


# Development of B cells



# B-1, B-2





## - Plasmatic cells

- derived from terminally differentiated B cells
- produce and secrete immunoglobulines
- in the momente, when they start to produce and secrete Ig, they stop to use immunoglobuline molecule as BCR
- they are bigger and have bigger metabolic activity
- produce big ammounts of Ig
- survive 30 days
- basofil cytoplasma.



# NK cells – natural killers

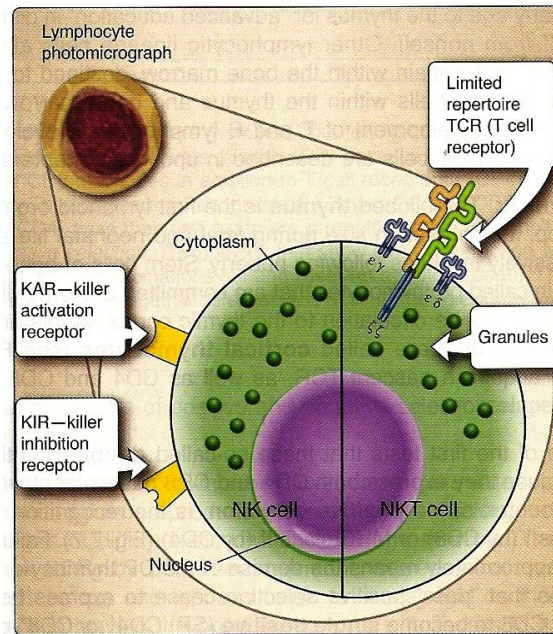
- 5% - 10% peripheral blood lymphocytes
- do not have markers (receptors) as T cells (CD3, TCR) and B cells (Ig)
- kill cells infected by viruses and tumor cells without previous sensibilisation
- granular cyroplasma

- NK

vs.

NKT cells

- contain KAR and KIR receptors  
recognise cells that have to be killed



unique subtype  
functional characteristics  
TCR of restricted  
repertoire

respond to lipids  
glykolipids and  
hydrophobic molecules

presented by nonclassical  
molecules MHC I (CD1) and  
secrete big ammounts of  
cytokines ( ex.IL-4)

# Lymphoid tissues and organs

- Leukocytes exist in body as:
  - isolated tissue and circulation
  - agglomeration of cells – Peyer's plaques
  - lymphoid organs – thymus, spleen, lymphatic nodes

## Organs:

- primary – *thymus and bone marrow* – production and differentiation of cells
- secondary – *spleen, LU, agglomeration of lymphoid cells* – filter immunogens and are meeting point for immunocompetent cells to contact each other and stimulate immune reactions

# Primary organs

## *Thymus and bone marrow*

- education centers for lymphocytes
- recognition of self and non self – T cells
- cells in bone marrow – B cells

Stromal cells – regulation of development

# Primary organs: thymus

- organ developing in fetal and neonatal period
- involution on adolescence
- Stem cells in bone marrow migrate to cortex of thymus (*prothymocytes*) – (*cortical thymocytes*) – where they gain TCR and CD4 and also CD 8 – *double positive thymocytes*
- next stage is positive selection – recognise MHC I or MHC II and then express only just CD4 or CD8 and become single positive.
- Migrate to medular part. In this stage (negative selection) – those that cooperate with MHC are designed for **apoptosis**. Other continue in development – 5% of all

# Primary organs: bone marrow

- early differentiation in bone marrow of future – immunoglobulin producing lymphocytes – B cells
- produce BCR by rearrangement of DNA and express IgM before leaving bone marrow
- interaction with stromal cells in medullar part regulate the development of B cells
- In bone marrow accidentally produced BCR on some B cells can recognise and bind self molecules – they were self-reactive cells designed in medulla for *apoptosis*

# Secondary organs and tissues

- filters to eliminate foreign structures, dead cells, aggregates of proteins
- circulation facilitate cells via these organs
- Spleen, lymphatic nodes, tonsils and Peyer's plaques

# Spleen, Mucous Associated Lymphatic Tissue

- Spleen: the biggest lymphoid organe cleans blood and concentrates antigens., contains many plasmatic cells, T and B cells
- MALT, tonsils – potencial places of invasion of microbes



# Lymphatic nodes

- periferal and secondary lymphoid organes
- accumulation of leukocytes
- filtration of cleaning of lymphe
- site for contact of ly, mono, dendritic cells to iniciate immunity reaction

Contain cortex (superficial - Bcells, deep – Tcells, germinal centrum) and medulla + retriular net (phagocytting reticular or dendritic cells)

# Circular lymphatic system

- capillary net harvesting lymph
- Lymph – watery liquid containing leu and rest of cells
- Vessels in intestin contain chylus drained to lymphatic nodes
- They meet to produce ductus thoracicus, that drain to blood