



# Immunology

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# Innate Immunity

**Immunology Lecture 7**

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# Objectives

- Discuss the **concept** of innate immunity - features, importance.
- Explain how the innate immune system **recognizes** foreign antigens in general.
- Outline the **components** of the innate immune system.
- Discuss how these components combat various foreign antigens. **MOA**





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# Introduction

- protection against infections that relies on the mechanisms that exist before infection and are capable of rapid response to pathogens
- Innate immunity **is the first line of defence** against infection
- Characteristics:
  - set up **at birth**
  - **non –specific\***
  - **hereditary**
  - **no immune memory**
  - Little **individual difference**

Lines the body from the inside and outside

Explanation :

The characteristics of the innate immunity are :  
Its set up at birth => it existed before the infection ∴ capable of rapid response against pathogens in general.

Its non specific => covers a wide spectrum of pathogens

It has no immune memory => 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> exposure to the pathogen wont increase the rapidity of the response like the adaptive immunity

## Innate (Nonspecific) Immunity

Circulation related

### First line of defense

- Intact skin
- Mucous membranes and their secretions
- Normal microbiota

### Second line of defense

- Natural killer cells and phagocytic white blood cells
- Inflammation
- Fever
- Antimicrobial substances



# Innate Host Defense Mechanisms

Contains **components** as well

- **Physical** factors
- **Biochemical** factors
- **Microbiological** factors
- **Fever**
- Innate Immune **cells**
- **Cytokines**
- **Complement system**
- **Inflammation**

When we mention **innate** immunity put in mind the end result of it

- 1) recruitment of the inflammatory cells => **inflammation** => elimination of the microorganisms
- 2) **Antiviral activity** => interferons

Both mechanisms will be further discussed in the lecture



# 1. Physical Factors

## 1. **Skin**: microbes sloughed off along with skin cells, **Microbes must penetrate several layers**

- Stratified and cornified **epithelium** provides a **mechanical barrier**
- Indigenous microbial **flora competes** with pathogens
- **Acid pH inhibits growth** of disease producing bacteria
- **Bactericidal** long chain **fatty acids** in **sebaceous gland** secretions

## 2. **Mucous Membranes**: produce **mucus** to trap microbes, Most lined with **cilia**

**Skin** => 4 components :

- 1) Epithelial cells : mechanical barrier
- 2) Normal flora : competition with pathogens
- 3) Acidic pH : bacterial growth inhibition
- 4) Sebaceous gland : bactericidal long FA chains in secretions

**Mucous membrane** => 2 mechanisms

- 1) Microbial trapping : Mucus
- 2) Cilia movement : gets rid of microbes

\*Low pH inhibits bacterial growth



## 2. Biochemical Factors

1. **Low pH** in **vaginal** and **urinary** tracts, and **stomach**
2. **Defensins\***: short antimicrobial peptides, insert into bacterial membranes and form pores
3. **Lysozyme**: degrades **peptidoglycan**
  - **Tears** contain a high concentration of lysozymes (effective against **gram positive microorganisms**)
4. **Interferon**: are **cytokines** that trigger:
  - macrophage **activation**
  - production of substances to **interfere with RNA viral reproduction**

Short summary : biochemical factors consists of 4 : 1) **low pH** in vagina , UT and stomach ( not skin otherwise its physical ). 2) **defensins** : discussed later. 3) lysozymes : **peptidoglycan degradation** ( found in bacterial and viral membranes ). 4) interferons : 2 functions => A) **Macrophage activation**. B) **interfering** من اسمها with RNA viral reproduction ( **innate immunity end results slide of mechanisms** )

**Defensins:** short antimicrobial **peptides** that form **pores** into bacterial membranes ∴ increasing the cell permeability leading it to death by lysis



# Antimicrobial Peptides/Defensins

- Originally isolated from frog skin based on their ability to kill bacteria
- Four hundred peptides described to date
- Defensins (**four families** in eukaryotes) ( only **2** found in **humans** )
  - **$\alpha$ -defensins** (neutrophils and intestinal Paneth cells)
  - **$\beta$ -defensins** (epithelial cells)
  - **Insect** defensins
  - **Plant** defensins
- Defensins appear to act by **binding to outer membrane of bacteria**, resulting in **increased** membrane **permeability** **MOA**
- Classified based on their **secondary structural** features.
  - **Cathelicidins** (**CAT**ionic **HEL**ical bacteri**CID**al prote**IN**) are  **$\alpha$ -helical peptides**
    - Human **cathelicidin LL37** is highly expressed by **PMNs** and numerous **mucosal** and **epithelial** cell types.
  - **Defensins** are  **$\beta$ -strand peptides** connected by **disulfide bonds**
- Most are **short peptides** (<100 amino acids) and carry a positive charge
  - AKA – “**cationic** antimicrobial peptides”
- Interact with microbial cell membrane components to **increase cellular permeability** resulting in **cell death**. They also act to **modulate the inflammatory response and wound repair**.

- Found in 3 places :
- 1) **PMNs** ( neutrophils )
  - 2) **Paneth** cells ( intestine )
  - 3) **Epithelial** cells

Functions





### 3. Microbiological Barriers

- Normal Flora: **not part of immune system**, but are part of **first line** of defense
- Protection they provide is considerable
  - Competitive exclusion of invading microbes
  - Produce compounds that are toxic to other bacteria
  - Stimulates immune system, providing a moderate amount of “exercise” to system, thereby enhancing it’s function

Functions of normal flora that contribute to immunity :

- 1) **Competitive** exclusion of pathogens
- 2) **Toxic compounds** production against other bacteria
- 3) Immune system **STIMULATION** => providing exercise to the system ∴ enhances the function

Note: its **stimulation** not **activation**

It doesn't activate the immune system since it **recognizes** the normal **flora** as **non pathogenic**  
**Stimulating** the immune system keeps it **alerted** and ready for any pathogenic stimulant



# 4. Fever

## • Mechanism of fever:

- Results from
  - release of **pyrogens** such as **interleukin 1, interferons**
  - toxins from infectious agents, drug reactions toxins, brain tumors
- **Pyrogens** released and **circulate** through the body
  - target **hypothalamus** and cause release of prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub>
  - raises temperature set point of hypothalamus

## • Benefits of fever

- **Inhibits reproduction** of bacteria and viruses (Like **low pH** as well)
- ↑ **interferon activity** ( **positive feedback** and other IFN functions increased)
- ↑ **activity of adaptive immunity\***
- Accelerates **tissue repair**
- **Increases CAMs** on endothelium of capillaries in lymph nodes
  - **additional immune cells migrating out of blood => inflammation**

## • Recommended to leave a low fever untreated\*\*\*\*

## • Risks of a high fever significant above 100 degrees F (37.7 C)

- High fevers potentially dangerous above 103° in children (39.4 C)
- **Changes** in metabolic **pathways** and **denaturation** of proteins
- Possible **seizures, irreversible brain damage** at greater than 106°<sup>0</sup>, death above 109°<sup>0</sup> (41.1 C) (42.7 C) ☺

2 **causes** of fever :

- 1) **Pyrogens** release
- 2) **Toxins** and brain tumors

MOA of pyrogens ( IL-1 and IFN ):

**Pyrogens** released in circulation as a response => targets the **hypothalamus** => release of **PGE2** => ↑ **temp. set point** of hypothalamus => **fever**

Febrile convulsion :

**Sudden increase in temp.** in children > 5 y/o

Caused by an underlying **infection**

Symptoms : **Foaming** at the mouth , rolled up eyes , **spasm** and twitching limbs

The temp. isn't a serious problem depending on how frequent=> **once or twice within 7 days** u can reassure parents , more than that => refer pediatrician.

Treatment for the fever : **antipyretic** drugs rectally, Revanin and Paracetamol. **U don't give them Voltaren**

**No hospital admission needed, unless its pneumonia related .**

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# 5. Innate Immune Cells

<u>Cell type</u>	<u>Principal function(s)</u>
Monocytes/Macrophages	Phagocytosis, inflammation, T-cell activation, tissue repair
Neutrophils	Phagocytosis, inflammation
NK cells	Killing of infected or tumor cells
Dendritic cells	Phagocytosis, activation of naive T-cells
Mast cells	Inflammation
Eosinophils	Defense against parasites

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## Innate Immunity Cells

Function	Cell types
Phagocytosis	Macrophages, Dendritic cells, Neutrophils
Inflammation	Macrophages, Neutrophils, Mast cells
T-cell activation	Macrophages, Dendritic cells ( naïve T-cells)
Infected or tumor cell killing	NK
Tissue repair	Macrophages
Defense against parasites	Eosinophils ( IgE )

Dendritic cell is an antigen presenting cell ( MHC II )

ADCC (Antibody-dependent cell-mediated cytotoxicity) : the killing of a target cell which is coated with antibodies by an effector cell of the immune system. ADCC cells : macrophages, NK cells, neutrophils, and eosinophils.

Innate immunity activates the adaptive immunity when 2 signals are present :

- 1) The **Antigen** itself
- 2) **Co stimulatory proteins** produced by **Dendritic** cells.

The 2 signals bind to the T cell activating the adaptive immunity

2 types of **Cytokines** so far :

**INF** : macrophage activation / interfere RNA viral production

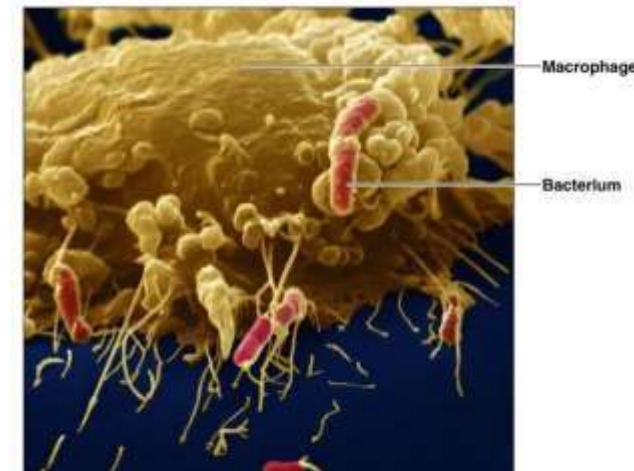
**Chemokines** : Chemoattractant



# Phagocytes

- Performed by Neutrophils and Macrophages and Dendritic
  1. Phagocytosis is the **capture** and **digestion** of foreign particles
  2. **Chemokines** are **cytokines** that **attract** macrophages and neutrophils to infected tissues
  3. **Opsonins** attach to microbes to **increase the ability of** phagocytes to **adhere (opsonization)**

**Opsonins** ( such as C3B and IgG ) are molecules that **tag** ( label ) the microbes so they become **recognizable** by the immune cells. They usually attach to the microbes containing **CHO** in their membranes.





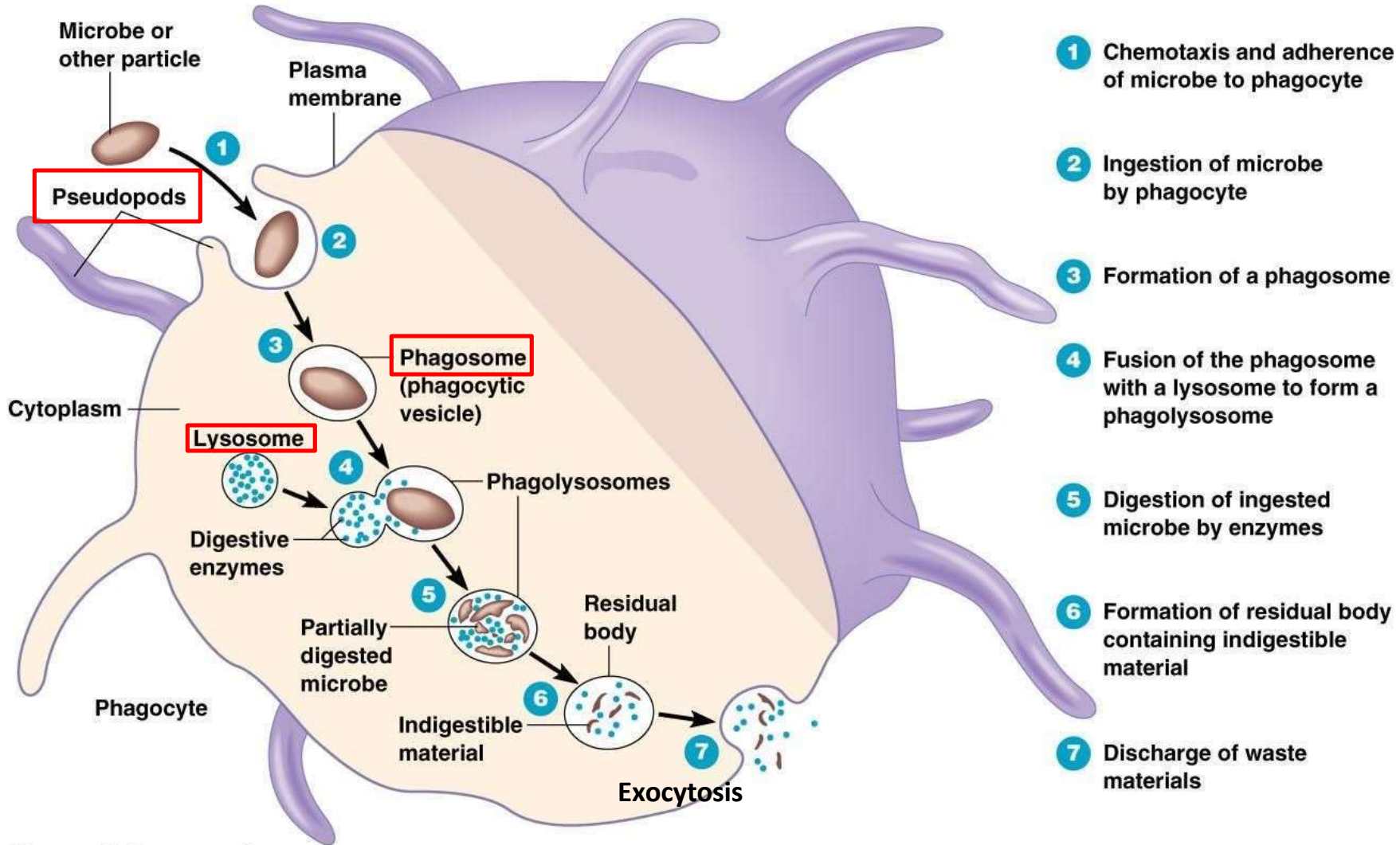


# Steps of Phagocytosis

- **Recognition** عن طريق ال PAMPs رح نحكي عنهم لقدام وعنا بكون نوعين من ال responses يا اما phagocytic دغري او signaling عن طريق ال chemokines ( الطريقة الثانية عشان اذا كان عدد ال Ag كثير كبير)
- **Ingestion- pseudopods\*** engulf microbe through endocytosis
- **Vacuole Formation- vacuole** contains microbe **Phagosome**
- **Digestion-** vacuole merges with **enzymes** to destroy microbes **Phagolysosome**
- **Exocytosis-** microbial **debris** is released



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Phases of phagocytosis



# Innate Immune Recognition

- All multi-cellular organisms are able to recognize and eliminate pathogens
- Despite their extreme <sup>Means variousity</sup> **heterogeneity**, pathogens **share highly conserved molecules**, called “pathogen-associated molecular patterns” (**PAMPs**) Which is **unique** and **cant be found** in healthy bodies ∴ recognized by the immune system
- \*Host cells do not share PAMPs with pathogens
- PAMPs are recognized by innate immune **recognition receptors** called pattern-recognition molecules/receptors (**PRMs/PRRs**)

الملخص للسلاید اللي كله اقواس :  
الpathogens بتحتوي كلها على molecules بتكون مش موجودة ابدًا بالخلايا تبعتنا **PAMPs** => ف خلايا الجهاز المناعي عليها مستقبلات **PRRs** وظيفتها ترتبط بالPAMPs اللي بالPathogens => وبصير عنا **activation** اما انو مباشرة بنبدأ Phagocytosis أو بنعمل chemokines production و chemotaxis عشان نكمل phagocytosis.

عنا اشي كمان زي ال PAMPs اللي هو ال DAMPs

# Typical PAMPs

- Typical PAMPs:

- Lipopolysaccharides

Tumor related

Similar to PAMPs in function

- Peptidoglycans

- Certain nucleotide sequences unique to bacteria

Unmethylated cytosine–  
guanine dinucleotide  
(CpG) motifs

- Other bacterial components **DSRNA** found only in pathogens

- Binding of Innate immune receptors and PAMPs:

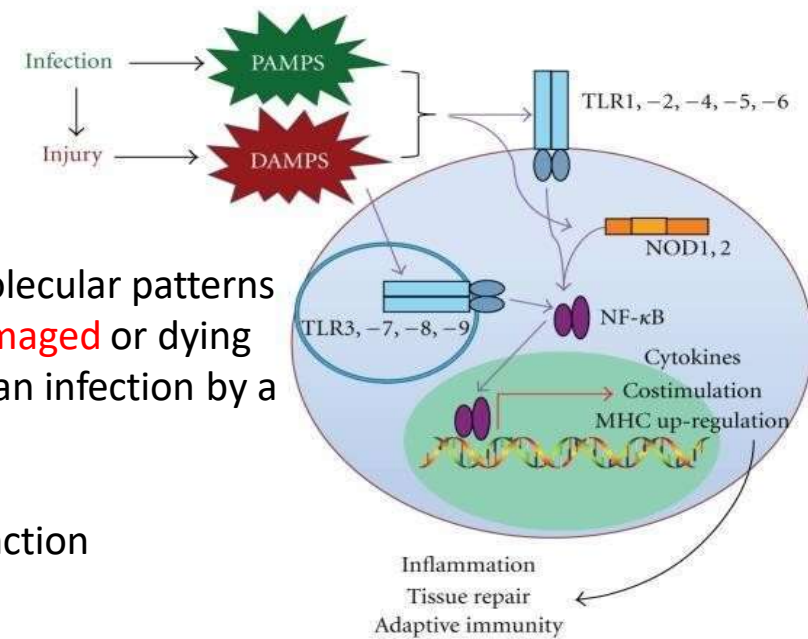
- Mediate inflammatory cytokines

- Antigen-presenting cells recognize PAMPs

When PRRs bind with PAMPs:

Mediate cytokines

The antigen presenting cells recognize PAMPs







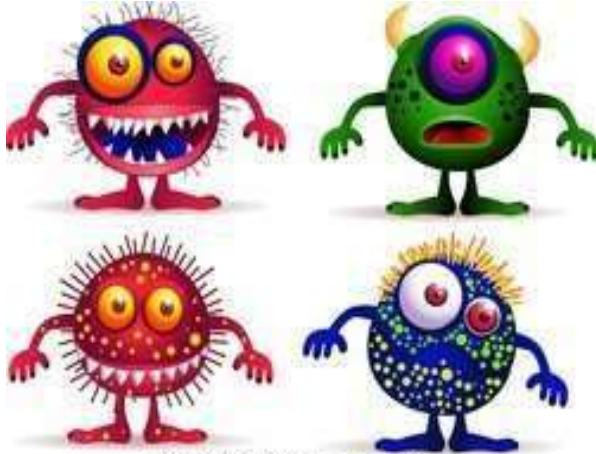
# Innate Receptors

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# Pathogen pathway



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When the pathogen enter ,  
what is the innate host  
defense mechanism?



Such as :  
1- skin  
2- mucus  
membrane

Such as :  
1- low PH  
2- Interferon

Such as :  
Normal Flora

Such as :  
release of  
pyrogens  
that  
promote the  
interferon



# Innate immunity cells

01

## Monocytes/Macrophages

Phagocytosis, inflammation, T-cell activation, tissue repair

02

## Neutrophils

Phagocytosis, inflammation

03

## NK cells

Killing of infected or tumor cells

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## Dendritic cells

Phagocytosis, activation of naive T-cells, APC

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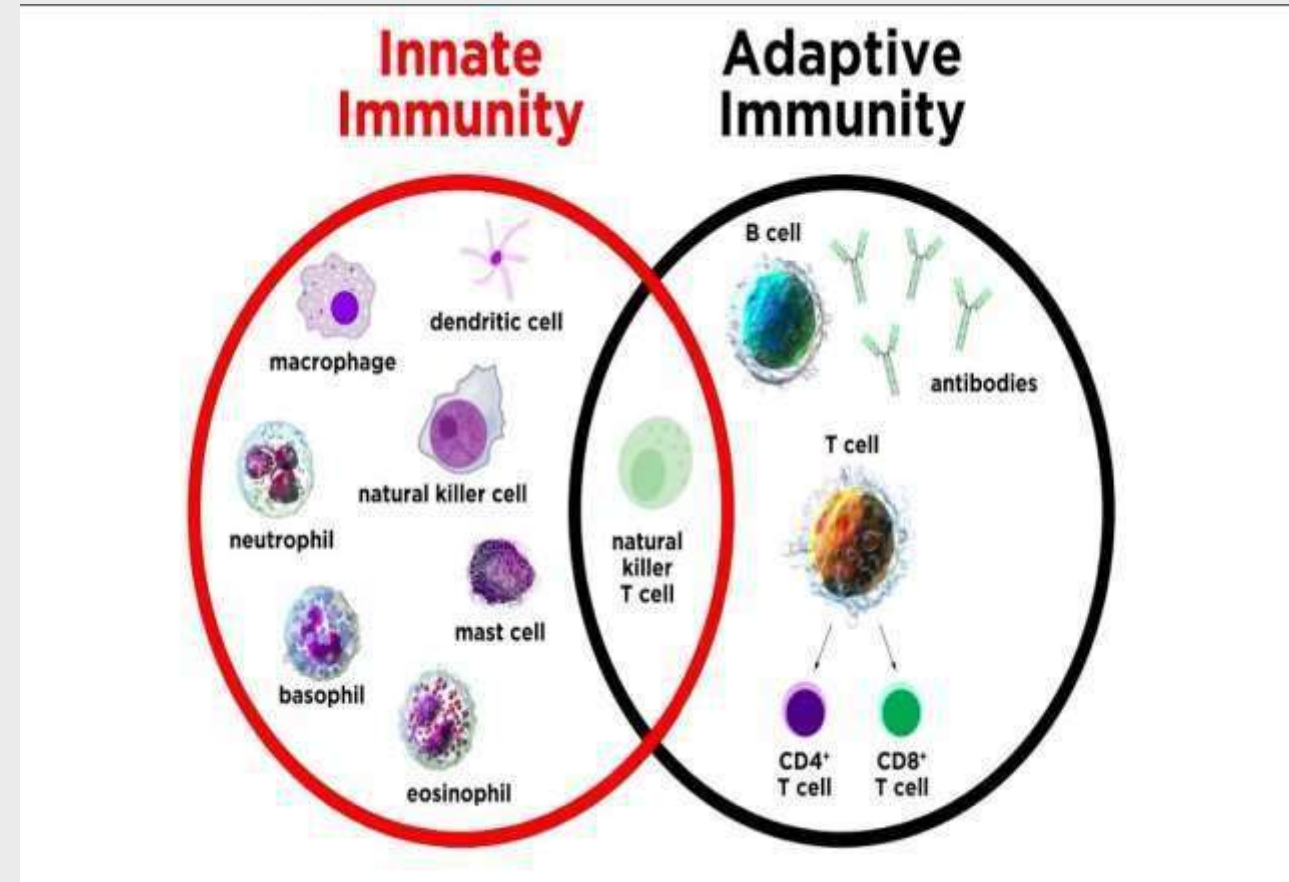
## Mast cells

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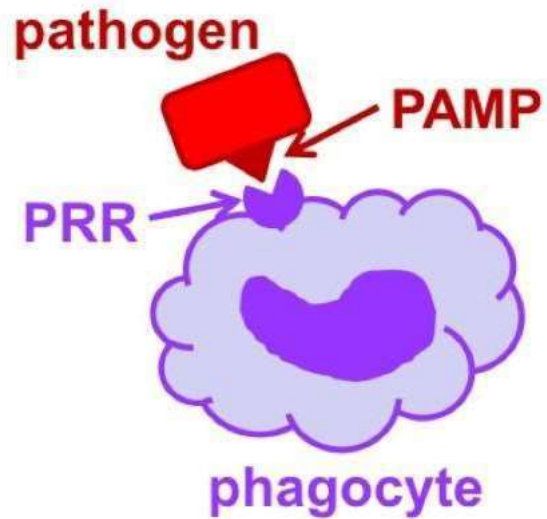
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## Eosinophils

Defense against parasites



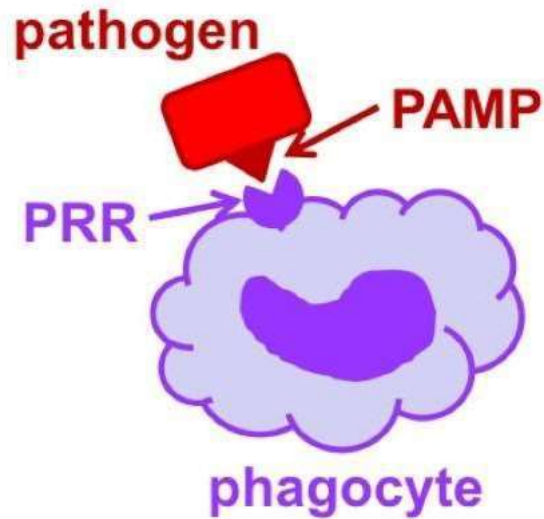
# PAMP : Pathogen Associated Molecular Pattern



\*\* note : DAMP it's a part of damaged host cell that attract innate immune

- It's a specific part in the pathogen only and it could be recognized by PRR
- Host cells do not share PAMPs with pathogens
- PAMPs are recognized by innate immune recognition
  - receptors called pattern-recognition molecules/receptors (PRMs/PRRs)
- Typical PAMPs:
  - Lipopolysaccharides
  - Peptidoglycans
  - Certain nucleotide sequences unique to bacteria
  - Other bacterial components
- \*\*note they aren't found in our body
- \*Binding of Innate immune receptors and PAMPs:
  - Mediate inflammatory cytokines
  - Antigen-presenting cells recognize PAMPs (protein synthesis )

# PRR: Pathogen Recognition Receptor



**Function**  
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بعيدها كمان مرة :

PAMP binding to PRR will activate a chain reaction leading to the end result of the innate immunity :

- 1) Inflammation
- 2) Antiviral reaction

Both by IFN by NF-κB

- It's a **non specific** -innate- receptor that found on host cell membrane

- They play a vital role in **recognizing** conserved molecular patterns present in pathogens ( PAMPs ).

- PRRs initiate the immune response, leading to the **elimination of pathogens** and **activation of the adaptive immune system**.

- once PAMP is recognized it will bind with PRR

- we have a **limited no. of receptors** to a limited no. of pathogens cuz the cell has a **limitation** with its outer membrane and inner space

- They could be found :

- **intra** cellular

اماكن تواجد ال PRR بالخلية

- **Extracellular** on surface

- **Secreted** => Complementary system cascade

# Antigen Presenting Cells ( APCs) only <= 1- extra cellular receptor

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## 1- Engulf the pathogen

Killing pathogen by lysosome and phagosome

Such as :

### A- C-type Lectin Receptors (CLRs)

**Type of PRR:** Transmembrane or soluble receptor

**!Cell Types:** Expressed on **dendritic** cells and **macrophages ( APCs)**

**!Recognize:** **Carbohydrate** structures on the surface of pathogens, such as **mannose\*** and glucans.

**!Pathogens Recognized:** **Fungal** pathogens and **bacterial** pathogens

**!Deficiency Impact:** This can result in an increased risk of fungal and bacterial infections.

The deficiency impact is the same as the recognized pathogens => فهم احسن

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## B- Scavenger Receptors

**Type of PRR:** Transmembrane or soluble receptor

**!Cell Types:** Found on **macrophages** and **dendritic** cells.

**!Recognize:** oxidized low-density lipoproteins (**LDL**)

**!Pathogens Recognized:** **Bacterial** pathogens and cellular debris. ( Only bacterial )

**Deficiency Impact:** Reduced ability to clear modified self-molecules and pathogens, leading to the accumulation of cellular debris and potentially contributing to chronic inflammatory conditions and atherosclerosis.



# 1- extra cellular receptor

## 2- signaling receptor ( transcription)

Produce protein  
Such as :

- Toll-like Receptors (TLRs)

Type of PRR: Transmembrane receptor

!Cell Types: Found on macrophages, dendritic cells ( APCs)

!Recognize: Various (PAMPs), such as bacterial lipopolysaccharides (LPS), viral nucleic acids, and fungal cell wall components.

!Pathogens Recognized: Bacterial (Gram-positive and Gram-negative), viral, and fungal pathogens. (All)

!Deficiency Impact: increases susceptibility to certain bacterial, viral, and fungal infections.

\*\*\*imp: deficiency 2 type

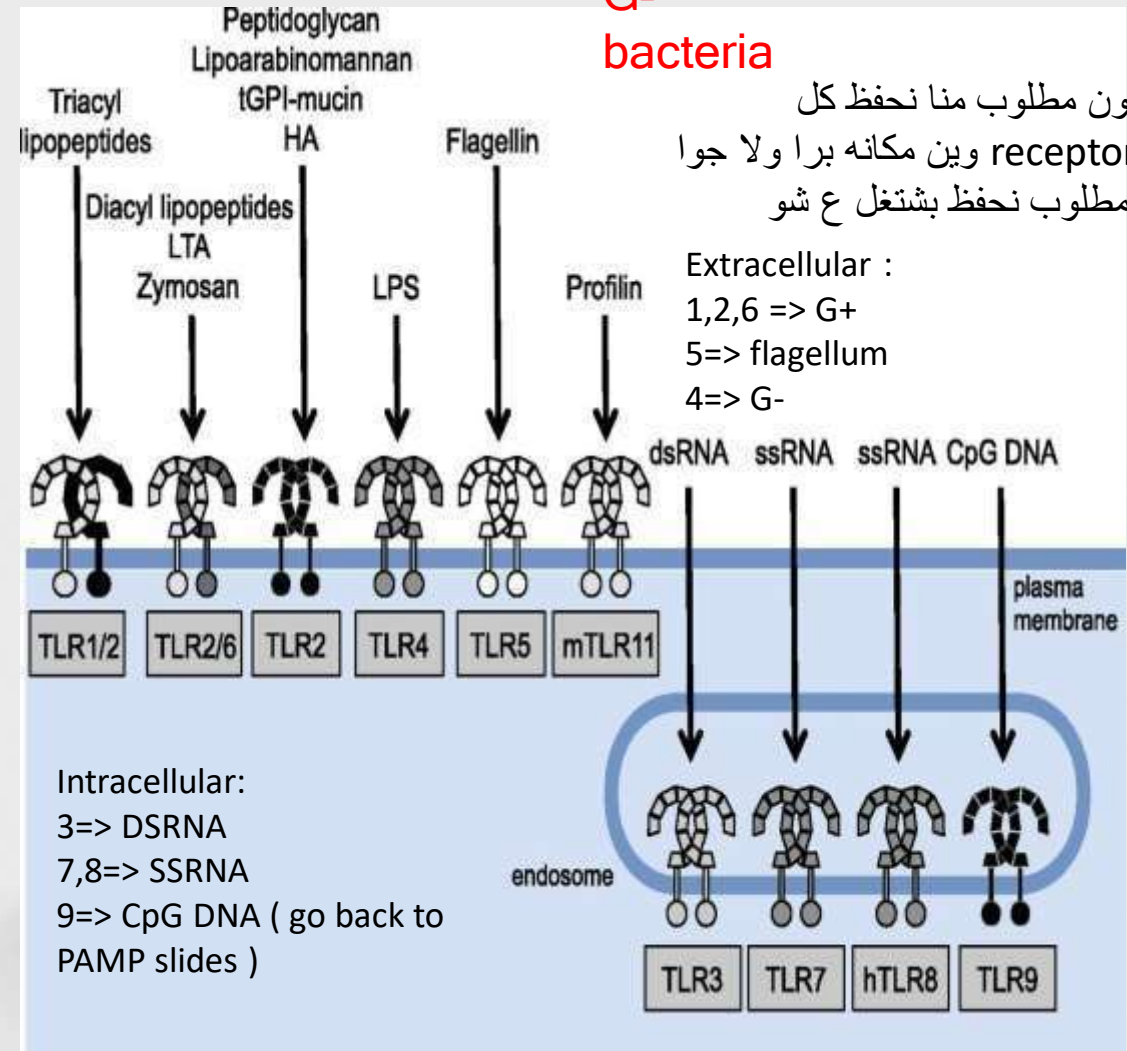
- !In tol 3 result in mutation in recognition of dsRNA so we will have a viral infection with Retro, herpes v ( susceptible )

-! In myd88 result in bacterial pneumonia\*\*\*

!Tol 4 is the only G- bacteria

هون مطلوب منا نحفظ كل receptor وين مكانه برا ولا جوا ومطلوب نحفظ بشتغل ع شو

Extracellular :  
1,2,6 => G+  
5=> flagellum  
4=> G-



!TLR3 deficiency doesn't increase Rota Viridae susceptibility

NLR1&2 act on NF-κB => INF production

**NLR1**: More abundant/ **NLR2**: in **Paneth cells**

## 2- Intra cellular receptor

**NLR2**=> inflammatory **bowel syndrome**

**\*\* the pathogen will be inside the cell so it may be infected , o it may relese a cytokine**

**\*\*but if it got infected it will die**

Such as :

**A- NOD-like Receptors (NLRs)**

**Type of PRR: Intracellular receptor**

**!Cell Types:** Present in the **cytoplasm** of **macrophages** and **dendritic cells**.

**!Recognize: Bacterial peptidoglycans** and other intracellular components.

**!Pathogens Recognized: Bacterial** pathogens, both Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria.

**Deficiency Impact:** difficulties in initiating appropriate immune responses against bacterial pathogens. This can result in chronic or recurrent infections.

**B- RIG-I-like Receptors (RLRs)**

**Type of PRR: Intracellular receptor**

**!Cell Types:** Found in the cytoplasm of **various cell types\***

**!Recognize: Viral** RNA molecules, indicating viral infection.

**!Pathogens Recognized:** Viral pathogens, including RNA viruses.

**Deficiency Impact:** Reduced the detection of viral infections, potentially leading to prolonged viral illnesses and to difficulties in control viral replication and spread.

## 2- Intra cellular receptor

### c- Inflammasomes

-associated with **cell injury**, and proteolytically generate active forms of the inflammatory cytokines IL-1 $\beta$  and IL-18

-Composed of a sensor, caspase-1, and an adaptor that links the two

- After recognition of microbial, the NLR3 sensors oligomerize with an adaptor protein and an inactive (pro) form of the enzyme caspase-1 to form the inflammasome, resulting in generation of the active form of caspase-1

- what does the active caspase1 do ?

cleaves pro-inflammatory cytokines, such as pro-IL-1 $\beta$  and pro-IL-18, into their active forms (IL-1 $\beta$  and IL-18, respectively).

These active cytokines are potent mediators of inflammation, promoting immune responses

So it mediate the inflammation

تعالو افهمكم القصة  
هسا ال inflammasome بتكون من 3 اشياء : **sensor , caspase 1 , adaptor** هسا ال sensor هو **NLR3** بشبك مع  
adaptor ومع pro caspase 1  
كل هاد يؤدي ل **activation of pro caspase 1 to caspase 1**  
شو بسوي ال caspase 1 طيب ؟ **cleaves pro inflammatory cytokines to their active forms**  
Inflammatory mediator

# Common pathway of all receptor

PAMP / DAMP bind to PRR

Then many reactions will happen the most important will be **the activation of NF-KB then this will activate interferon**



## 3- secreted

**\*\* it is secreted by the liver and by immune cells but after they secreted they have a no relation to the system so they are charged to a completely different system Such as complement receptor in complement system**



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# The End



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# The End 🤔



# Complement system

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# lecture objectives:

- the definition of the complement system
- the activation of the complement system
- the function of the complement system
- the regulation of the complement system
- diseases related to the complement system

# The definition :

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- The **complement system** is a collection of **circulating** and **membrane** associated **proteins** that are important in defence against microbes
- -the complement system considers as a **part of the innate immunity**
- It is **not adaptable system** but it could **be recruited and activated via the adaptive system\*\* ( IgG , IgM )**
- The complement system is **synthesized in the liver** and then circulating **in the blood circulation as precursor**
- **It's an proteolytic enzyme that need activation**



# The activation of the complement system

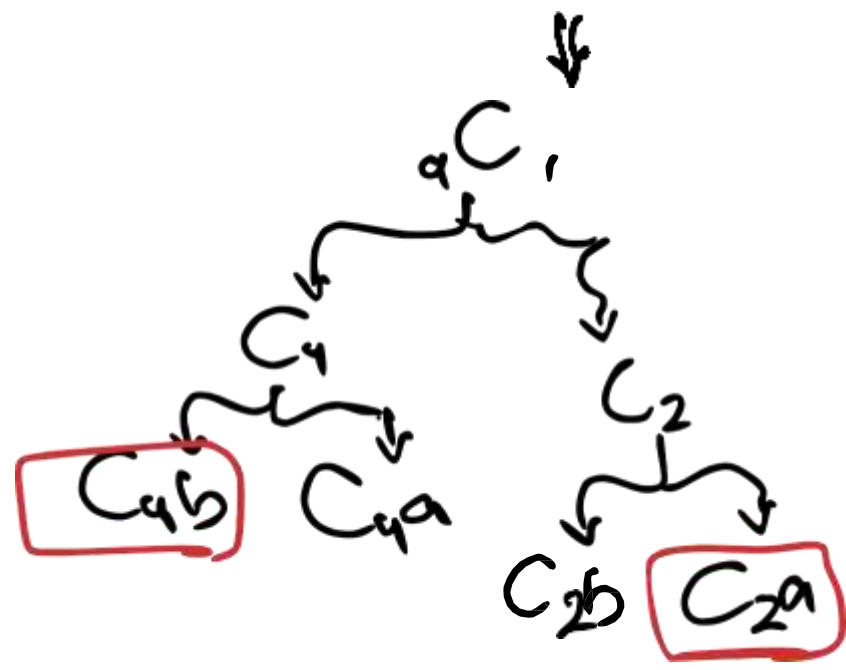
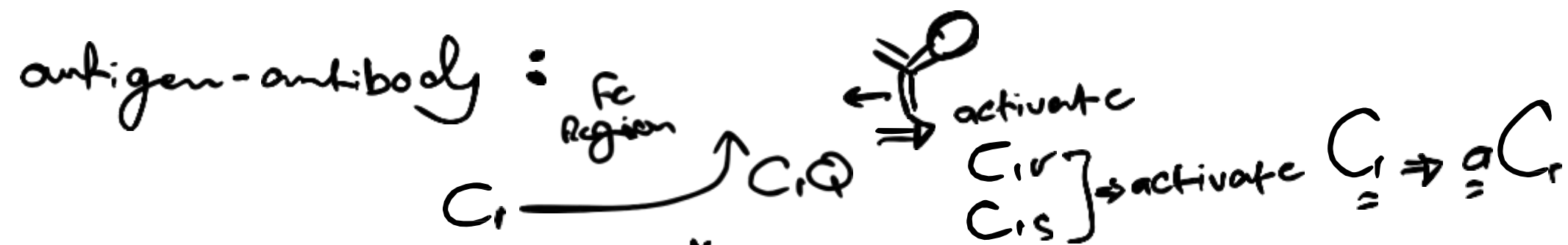
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- The activation of the complement system is multi-steps cascade

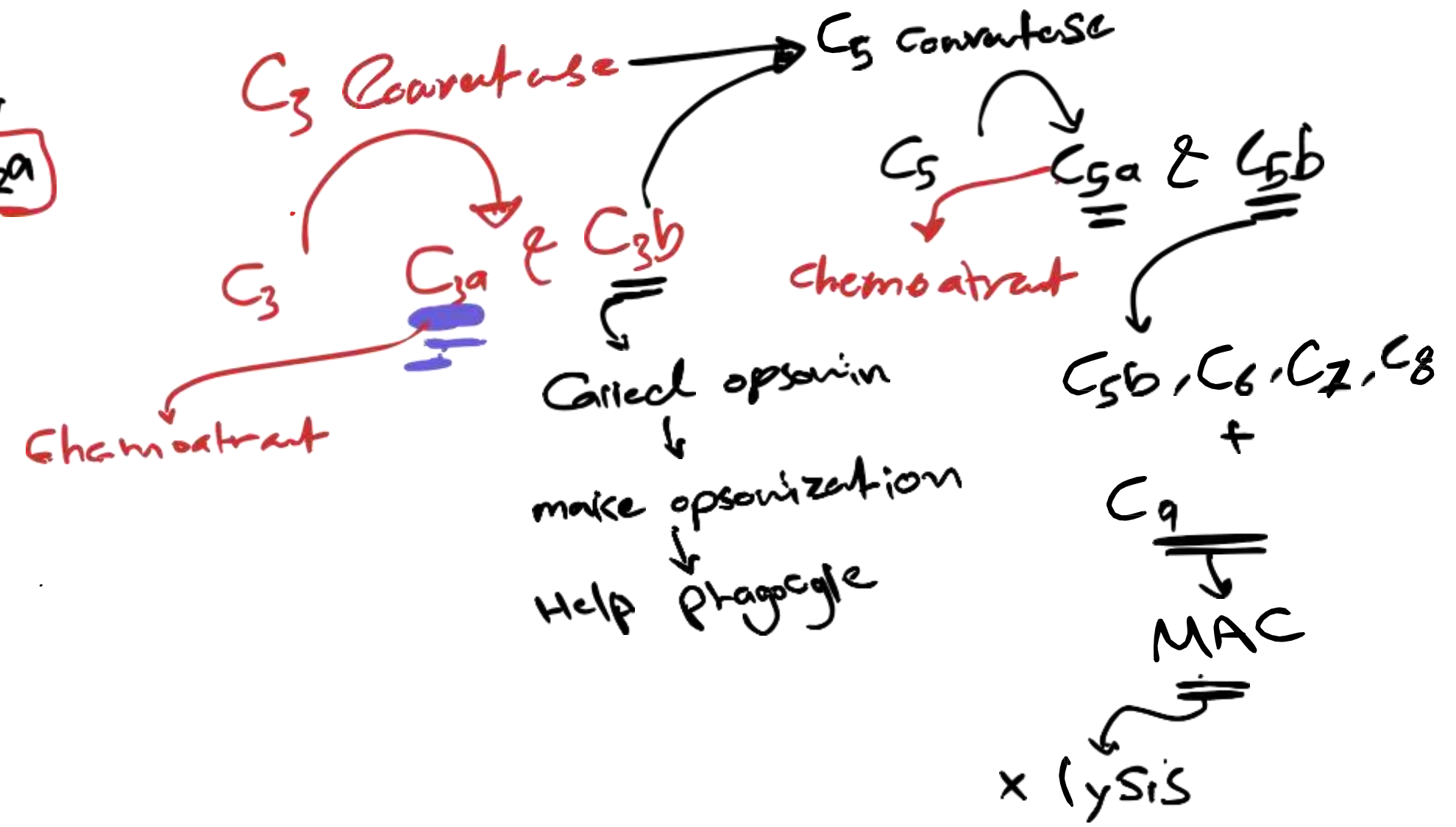
The complement system could be initiated by one of these three pathways

- The **classical** pathway: activated by antibody binding to antigen
- The **alternative** pathway :activated directly by the microbes
- Lectin pathway (**MBL**): binding to mannose containing carbohydrates

# so : classical



$C_{2a}$  &  $C_{4b}$  attach on the surface of the pathogen to form the  $C_3$  convertase



خلينا نشرح الشخايبط هون

هسا ال **classical pathway** بتكون من **antigen-antibody complex**

ال **complex** بتكون بداية من **C1** الي بترتبط بال **antibody**

C1 is made of 3 subunits : **C1q,r,s**

The binding of **C1q** activates **C1r**=> **C1r** cleaves **C1s** => **C1s** also is a cleaving protein

هسا بس صلنا لل **C1s** بروح بكمل باقي ال **cascade** كالتالي:

**C1s** cleaves **C2** and **C4**

هسا بس نقطع باقي ال **complexes** بطلع عنا 2 subunits من كل **a,b** complex :

Rule : **a subunit is the smaller anaphylatoxin**

**B subunit is the larger binding portion**

The smaller subunit is usually not important

Exception to the rule is only **C2** => **C2a** is larger than **C2b**

So now we have **C2a** , **C2b** and **C4a** , **C4b**

The larger subunits form a complex : **C2a-C4b complex** , also named as **C3 convertase**

**C3 convertase** has 2 functions :

**Function 1** : converting **C3** to **C3a** and **C3b** by cleavage

**C3a** works as a **chemoattractant**

**C3b** works as an opsonin to help macrophages phagocyte CHO compounds ( **C3b** Labels them )

**Function2** : **C3b** gets added to the **C3 convertase** complex originally made by **C2a** and **C4b** forming the **complex C5 convertase** ( made of **C3b**, **C2a**, **C4b** )

**C5 convertase** has similar functions to **C3 convertase** :

**C5a** is a chemoattractant like **C3a**

**C5b** contributes to a complex like **C3b**

**C5b ,C6, C7, C8** is a complex

Then it adds to it **C9** which activates **MAC**

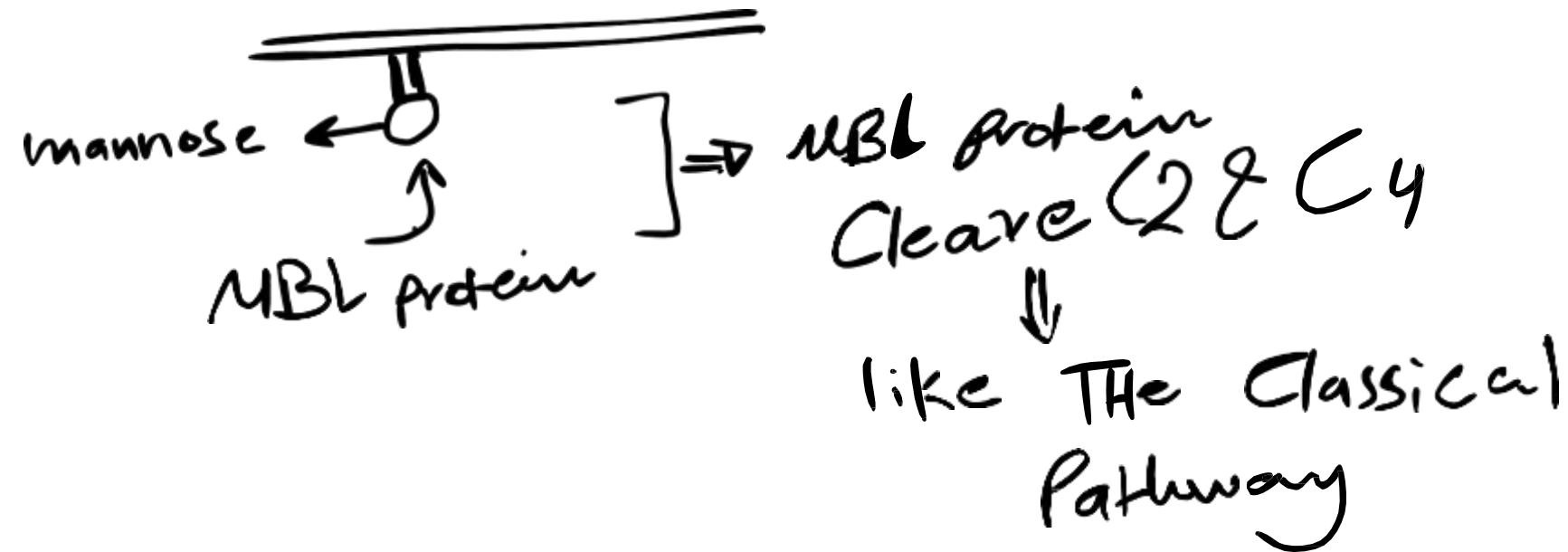
**Membrane Attacking Complex**

Which leads to cell lysis and **death**

# 3 MBL

\* When we are dealing with pathogen  
Contain mannose on his membrane

- MBL-protein



classical pathways سهلة وبتتبنى على ال

Mannose Binding Lectin pathway

Deals with pathogens who present mannose at their membrane

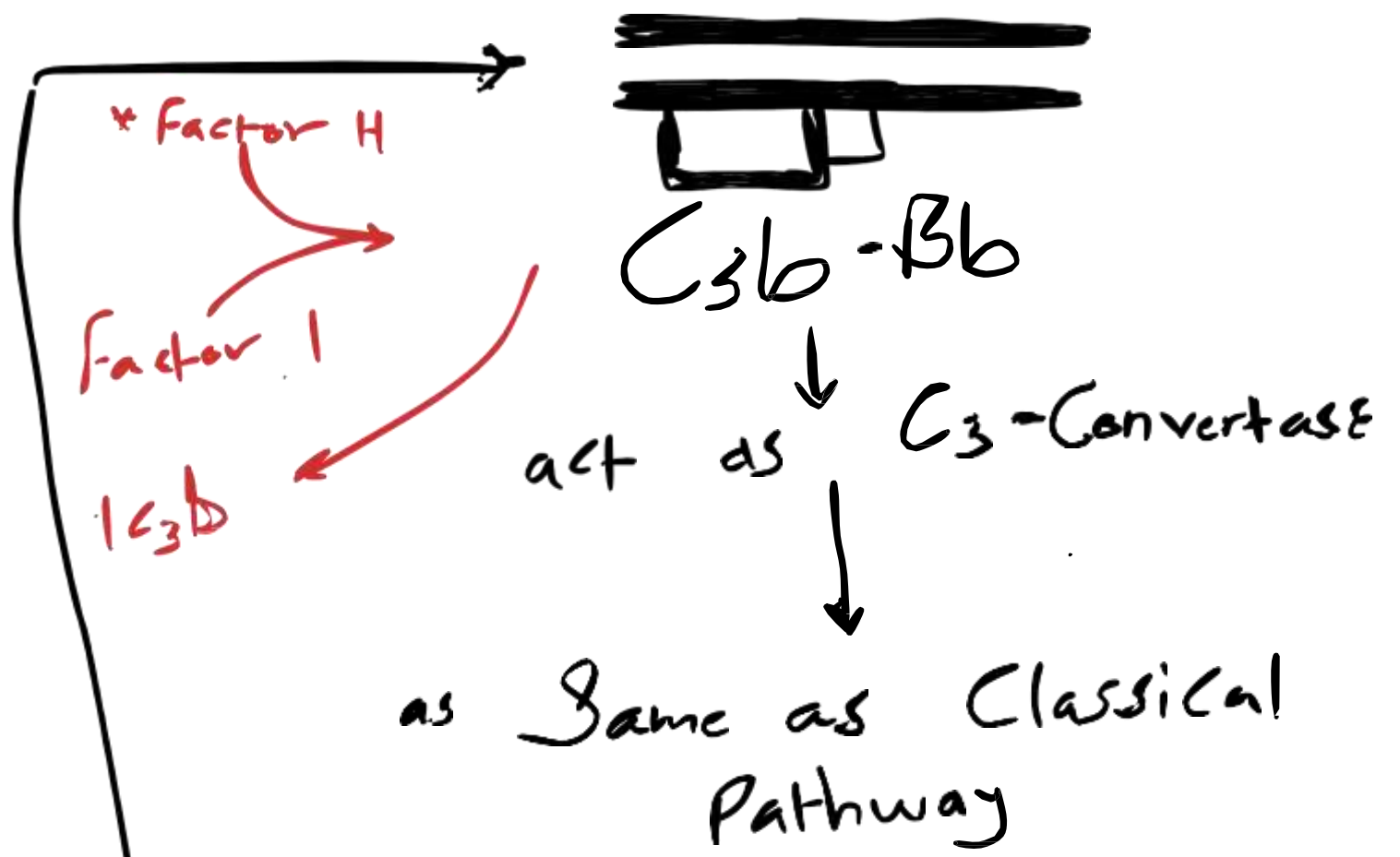
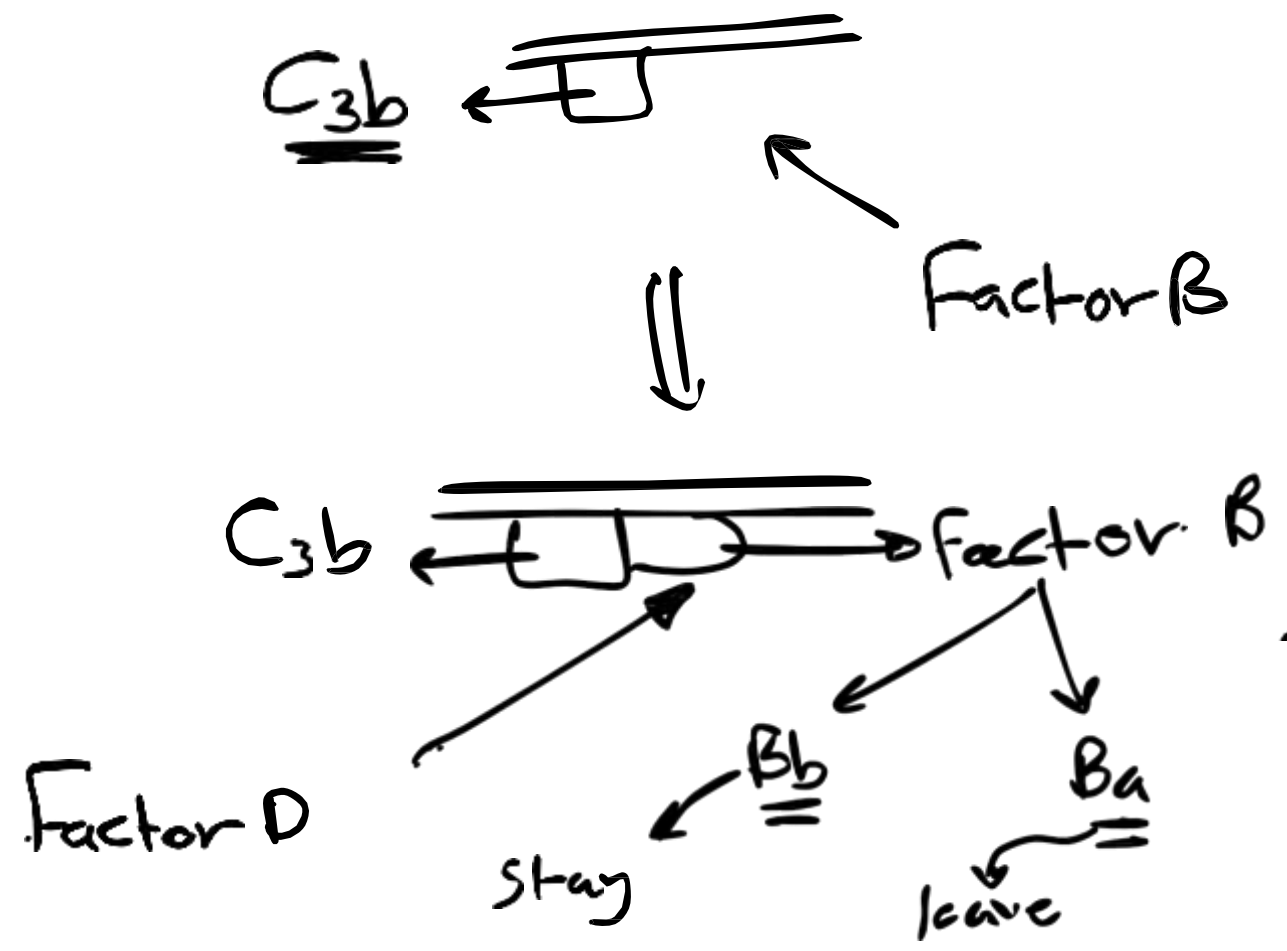
MBL-protein binds to the Mannose cleaving C2 and C4 ( it plays the role of C1s )

Then continues like the classical pathway

# alternative pathway :

$C_3 \rightarrow$  get cleave in the absence of Enzyme

$C_{3b} \Rightarrow$  attach to the Bacteria



Alternative pathway starts from  $C_3$   
 $C_3$  gets cleaved in circulation in the absence of the enzymes  
 $C_{3b}$  subunit attaches to the bacterial membrane  
Sth called Factor B also attaches to the bacterial membrane next to the  $C_{3b}$  subunit attached  
Factor D comes to play cleaving Factor B into Ba and Bb subunits  
Following the rule subunit Ba leaves and subunit Bb stays  
 $C_{3b}$ -Bb complex act as  $C_3$  convertase  
And from here we go back to the same classical pathway



# The function of the complement system

**Opsonisation and phagocytosis** : specially when we talk about the activity of the **c3b** that coat the antigen so the phagocytic cells have the receptor to c3b so it will recognise the complement and ingest it with the antigen

**Inflammation** some proteolytic fragments of complement proteins especially **c5a & c3a** are **chemoattractants** for leukocyte (neutrophils & monocytes) and **c5a & c4a & c3a** they also **activator to the mast cells** and endothelial cells

**Cell lysis** complement activation will form **MAC** Main function of complement system  
MAC formation that causes cell lysis\*

# The **regulation** of the complement system

The complement system has the potential to be **extremely damaging** to host tissues, meaning its **activation must be tightly regulated**. The complement system is regulated by complement control proteins, which are present at blood plasma and host cell membrane

Some **complement control proteins** are present on the membranes of self-cells preventing them from being targeted by complement. One example is **CD59**, also known as **protectin**, which **inhibits C9 polymerization** during the formation of the membrane attack complex ( **MAC** )

اهم اشئ تعرفوه انه ال CD59 بعمل inhibition لل C9  
polymerization ف بوقف ال MAC formation

# The **regulation** of the complement system

The **classical pathway** is **inhibited** by C1-inhibitor, which binds to C1 to prevent its activation.

Factor H (FH), which has a key role in **down-regulating the alternative pathway**. Factor H, along with another protein called Factor I, **inactivates C3b**, the active form of C3. This process **prevents the formation of C3 convertase** and halts the progression of the complement cascade.

**Factor H and Factor I both together inactivates C3b shutting down the whole complement cascade**

# Deficiency in the complement system

Deficiencies in the **c1,c2,c3,c4** associated with

1. **lupus** like illness
2. chronic **renal** disease
3. repeated infections

Deficiencies in the **c5 ,c6,c7,c8 (MAC)**

1. repeated **neisseria** infection
2. risk of **gonorrhoea or meningitis**

**Diagnostic tools to measure complement activity include the total complement activity test**

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هذول حفظ بصم  
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Cases

neisseria => c5 defeiciency

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*Thank You*