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<u>Why are HIV patients more susceptible for viral infections and tumor?</u> حكينا المرة الماضية عن الcross priming او الcross presentation ، بكون عنا ال MHC II و جزء منه بروح على منه بروح عالedocytic vessicle و بصير الله fusion و destruction مع ال MHC II و جزء منه بروح على otytoplasm و بصير الله destruction عبر الcoss proteosomes بعدين بصير اللها displaying على I MHC الهيك ال MHC عبر الcoss مع ال الحكون و بالطة 4DD+ و ال destruction على I DHC و بنفس الوقت الcoss و بصير اللها cross presenting cell و بنفس الوقت الcD4 حيفرز cytokines لتنشط و تفعل الcD8، و لما يصير هاد الحكي ال CD8 بتكون coss of the presenting cell هسا مرضى الVI بكون عندهم ال CD4 قليل و بالتالى ال coss coss و بيتاش و coss و بيتاش و بالتالي ال

الدكتور رجع ذكرنا بال B7 و انها مهمة و تعتبر rate limitting step لنحول ال T cell الى active cell اذا ناسيينها راجعوا محاضرة 8 الان 🙂 ،و سألنا سؤال كواجب

شو علاقة ال B7 الي هي costimulatory بال vaccine adjuvants و شو دورها

Protein antigens, such as those used in vaccines, fail to elicit T cell-dependent immune responses unless these antigens are administered with substances that activate APCs, especially dendritic cells. Such substances are called adjuvants, and they function mainly by inducing the expression of costimulators on APCs and by stimulating the APCs to secrete cytokines that activate T cells.

الفكرة من الفقرة الي فوق نعرف شو يعني adjuvants الي هي عبارة عن مواد بتنحط باللقاح لحتى تثير الاستجابة المناعية و تحديداً ال T cells

Most adjuvants used in experimental immunology are products of microbes (e.g., killed mycobacteria, which is often used in experimental studies) or substances that mimic microbes, and they bind to pattern recognition receptors of the innate immune system, such as Toll-like receptors and NOD-like receptors).

بهاي الفقرة حكالنا من وين بجيب هدول الadjuvants

Adjuvants used in human vaccines are mainly aluminum salts that induce local inflammation, which secondarily leads to dendritic cell costimulator expression. Thus, adjuvants trick the immune system into responding to purified protein antigens in a vaccine as if these proteins were parts of infectious microbes.

هي بتخدع جهاز المناعة لحتى يستجيب لبروتينات مش pathogen اصلا، بتخليه بالاول يعمل التهاب موضعي و الي يؤدي لبعدين الى تحفيز ال dendritic cells

\* إذاً هي بتحمز خروج B7 ليرتبط بـ CD28

The increasing understanding of costimulators has led to new strategies for inhibiting harmful immune responses. Agents that block B7:CD28 interactions are used in the treatment of disorders in which T cell activation causes organ dysfunction, such as certain autoimmune diseases and graft rejection, and antibodies that block CD40:CD40L interactions are being tested in these diseases.

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#### **Introduction - Humoral immunity**



• Arise and mature in the red bone marrow

• Found primarily in the spleen, lymph nodes, and (The mucosa-associated lymphoid tissue (MALT), also called mucosa-associated lymphatic tissue, is a diffuse system of small concentrations of lymphoid tissue found in various submucosal membrane sites of the body, such as the gastrointestinal tract, thyroid, breast, lung, salivary glands, eye, and skin).

• Small percentage of B cells circulates in the blood

• Major function is the secretion of antibodies

#### Importance:

•Humoral immunity helps cellular immunity to perform action through interaction of T helper cells with B cells

- Is the arm of adaptive immunity in killing extracellular microbes and microbial toxins
- •Important in defending against microbes with capsule

When taling about the Capsule, we are talking about the Bacteria which is usually compsed of polysaccarides, so this is a T-independent activation of B -cells

لو كانت بروتينات لكانت T-dependant

#### **B** Cells Maturation

• B cells matures in bone marrow independent of antigen, then continue to maturate in peripheral lymphoid organs with the presence of antigen

- الدهور مارکن علیم حد Three main steps of maturation: حد
- 1. Progenitor- Ig alpha and beta- for signal transduction (long tails)



- 2. Pre-B cell- IgM heavy chain, and light chain
- 3. "mature"- IgD





Most pre-B cells synthesize mu heavy chains but, without lightchain partners, these undergo rapid cytoplasmic degradation









- "Innate-like" subset of B cells.

- Appear during fetal life and express IgM but little IgD and display CD5. Are also found in peritoneum and pleural space.

- Originates from stem cell in bone marrow, but also from proliferation of B- 1 cells outside the BM.

- Responds poorly to protein antigen, but strongly to carbohydrate antigens.

- Antibodies produced are of low affinity.
- No memory produced







Activation of complement and removal of bacteria

	IgM IgD	IgM CD5 CD5 B-1 B cells	
Attribute	Conventional B cells (B-2 B cells)		
Major sites	Secondary lymphoid organs	Peritoneal and pleural cavities	
Source of new B cells	From precursors in bone marrow	Self-renewing (division of existing B-1 cells)	
V-region diversity	Highly diverse	<b>Restricted diversity</b>	
Somatic hypermutation	Yes	No	
<b>Requirements for T-cell help</b>	Yes	No	
Isotypes produced	High levels of IgG	High levels of IgM	
Response to carbohydrate antigens	Possibly	Definitely	
Response to protein antigens	Definitely	Possibly	
Memory	Yes	Very little or none	
Surface IgD on mature B cells	Present on naive B cells	Little or none	

Somatic hypermutation involves a programmed process of mutation affecting the variable regions of immunoglobulin genes









### **B** cells Clonal Selection



- Self-reactive B cells are eliminated in bone marrow (BM).

The self antigens are presented on the surface of B cells and if they recognize these self antigens and bind to them, these B cells won't be maturated and they will be deleted in the bone marrow

- BM produces 5 x 10^7 B cells/day, but only 5 x 10^6 B cells/day or 10% actually enter the circulation.

احنا بننتج اعداد كبيرة و لكن نسبة صغيرة جداً بتدخل الcirculation ليصيروا mature و function فى ال immune system

- Some of this loss is due to negative selection and elimination or clonal deletion of immature B cells expressing auto antibodies to self-antigens.

الم negative selection يعنى إذا الantigen كان non harmful زى self antigen معناته إل Bcell ما بتكمل عنا maturation و بصير الها deletion و ما بتوصل ال

- "Cross-linking" of mIgM by self Ag may lead to cell death or anergy

لو انعرض ال self antigen و صار عنا cross linking يعنى binding of multiple epitopes على اكثر من immunoglobulin molecule الى موجودين على الB-CELL تبع B-CELL لو تعرف عليهم ك self antigen معناته رح يصير الها deletion (كله اعادة نفس الفكرة)

- The clones of lymphocytes that can be interacted with corresponding Ag will be selected and lead to activation, proliferation, produce Ab and specific memory cells.



- B cells development involve three main stages:
- 1. B cells recognition and binding
- 2. B cells undergo Ag-induced activation, proliferation and differentiation in the periphery
- 3. Activated B cells give rise to Ab-secreting plasma cells and memory cells
- 4. Effector B cells start to function
- 5. Shut down of immune response









#### B cell activation and antibody production



عنا naive B cell عاملة displaying لل IgM و ال IgD، حتتعرض لAntigen و تتعرف عليه، بالتالي بصير عنا activation لل B cell اما بمساعدة الT cell dependent B cell activation و هاد بنحكيله T cell dependent B cell بدون مساعدة T cell independant B cell activation و هاد بنحكيله T cell independant B cell activation نوع الantigen بال T independent هو Arigen الم antigen الم

بعدين بصير عنا proliferation و differentiation لل cells بعدين بصير عنا proliferation

ال IgM اول واحد بصير اله secretion و الي هو جزء من الIg الي موجودة على سطح الB cell هي و الIgD لهيك ما بصير الهم isotype switching

هسا لو بدنا نحول للIgA او ال IgE او IgG حنحتاج شبي اسمه IgA او isotype switching ال بيعمل reorganisation في ال constant region تبعت الheavy chain و بالتالي بتحول من IgM الي IqE lqG llqA

عملية اختيار الspecefic antibodies بنسميها الaffinity maturation

بالإضافة الى انتاج memory B cells





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#### 1. Antigen Recognition

• Naive B lymphocyte too express membrane bound antibodies IgM and IgD that function as antigen receptors (B cells receptors – BCR)

حكينا انه بالIgD عنا T cell receptor ، بال B cell عنا T cell receptor زي IgD و IgD و These immunoglobulins by themselfes are not called a B cell receptor, they are immunoglobulins and are responsible for the binding of the antigen in the variable region in the antigen binding site الي بميزهم عن ال free Ig هو وجود transmembrane domain و transmembrane domain هو وجود



ال cytosolic part من الimmunoglobulins ما بيوصل للdeep (اللون الإصفر)

و بالتالي B cell بحاجة الى Ig alpha و Ig alpha الي بكون مربوط ب covalent bond مع ال Ig على الsurface مع ال B cel تبع الB cells (اللون الازرق)

هسا هاد ال cytosolic part بكون اطول من الpl و بكون مسؤول عن signaling cascades الي بتصير نتيجة لل antigen recognition بال B cell

و بالتالي الcombination of both ممكن نسميه B cell receptor



• Protein antigen only processed by APCs and recognized by helper T cells that play important role

in B cells activation this is referred to as T dependent B cell activation

• Non protein antigen including lipids and polysaccharides activate B cells directly without involvement of helper T cells (T-independent activation). B cells in return can activate T helper cells









بال TD عنا الprotein antigen بصير اله recognition من T cell بعدين ال helper T cell بتعمل اله displaying عال MHC و بصير عنا هاد الحكي بالlymph node

ال B cell موجودة في الprimary follicle و ال T cell بال center of lymph node بعدين بصير عنا attraction فال B cel rell بتنتقل من منطقة ال B cell و ال B cell بنتقل من منطقته الـى منطقة ال T cell

بال TI بصير عنا cross linking يعني الpolysccaride antigen ال structure تبعه في عليه epitopes بتكون epitopes يعني الpolysaccaride الموجود قد يكون عليه عدة repeative ولكن والعن والعضي ثليثين بروح يرتبط مع عدة ig antibodies مع عدة antigen مع عدة epitope a يعنى التباط ال

	TD Antigens	TI Antigens Polymeric antigens, especially polysaccharides; also glycolipids, nucleic acids	
Chemical nature	Proteins		
Features of Response			
Primary B cell subset	Follicular B (B2) cells	MZ(/B1) B cells	
Germinal center formation	Yes	No	
Secondary isotypes (isotype switching)	Yes; IgG, IgE, and IgA	Little; some IgG and IgA	
High affinity Ab's (affinity maturation)	Yes	No	
Secondary response and memory B cells	Yes	Limited, only for some antigens	
Long-lasting serum antibody titers (long-lived PCs)	Yes	No/limited	







#### 2. B Cell Activation and Signaling

 Antigen induce clustering (cross linking- or bring together) of membrane Ig receptors. Ig clustering occurs when antigen molecules forms aggregates, or antigen have repeated epitopes molecules

• Ig clustering induce signaling through Igα and Igβ proteins in the **B** cell receptor complex

Cross linking : 2 epitopes bound to 2 different types of antibodies on **B** cells

Notice that Ig alpha and Ig beta are uncovalently bound to the Ig و بعدها بنبدأ بالsignaling pathway الى تفاصيلها مو مطلوبة في عنا cd3 و zeta chain protein الي بشكلوا الITAM و بعدها بتبدأ الsignaling pathway لتعمل Activation لل

• Furthermore, microbes can activates complement system including C3 to form C3d. C3d can directly bind to B cells through CR2 and other receptors which enhance B cells activation (second signal)

• Later on signal from Ig and CR2 activates many biochemical's and enzymes that ends by formation of different transcription factors







الاولى ، complement system فبالautolysis بصير عنا autolysis لل C3 و بتعطينا مكونات من ضمنهم ال C3d الى بتلتصق في microbe ليصير الها selection من ال B cell فبرتبط مع الC3d تبع الmicrobe و بنفس الوقت مع الB cell عبر 2 microbe عبر complement receptor 2 C3d برتبط مع CR2 الموجودة على B cell و بيعمل النا Further activation لل CD 19 و **CD81** 

و الantigen برتبط مع B cell receptor complex ، و بعدها بتبدأ ال signaling pathway



من ال Ig alpha و Ig beta بيعمل Ig alpha اذا صار عنا activation للB cell من طرفين

الثانية ، عن طريق ال PAMPs

حكينا في مناطق على الmicrobe بكونوا unique لل pathogen بالتالي برتبط ال epitope متبع الpathogen مع ال19 على surface of B cell و نفس الوقت ال PAMPS بترتبط بال-toll like receptor

بالتالي الsignals بتيجي من ال toll like receptor و من signals الت









## Role of Innate Immune Signals in B Cell Activation



B lymphocytes express a receptor for a complement system protein that provides second signals for the activation of these cells. The complement system, is a collection of plasma proteins that are activated by microbes and by antibodies attached to microbes and function as effector mechanisms of host defense. When the complement system is activated by a microbe as part of the innate immune response, the microbe becomes coated with proteolytic fragments of the most abundant complement protein, C3. One of these fragments is called C3d. B lymphocytes express a receptor for C3d called complement receptor type 2 (CR2, or CD21). B cells that are specific for a microbe's antigens recognize the antigens by their BCRs and simultaneously recognize the bound C3d via the CR2 receptor. Engagement of CR2 greatly enhances antigen-dependent activation responses of B cells by enhancing tyrosine phosphorylation of ITAMs. This role of complement in humoral immune responses illustrates the fundamental tenet of the two-signal hypothesis, that microbes or innate immune responses to microbes provide signals in addition to antigen that are necessary for lymphocyte activation. In humoral immunity, complement activation represents one way in which innate immunity facilitates B lymphocyte activation.

Microbial products also directly activate B cells by engaging innate pattern recognition receptors. B lymphocytes, similar to dendritic cells and other leukocytes, express numerous Toll-like receptors. Pathogen-associated molecular patterns (PAMPs) bind to TLRs on the B cells, which triggers activating signals that work in concert with signals from the antigen receptor. This combination of signals stimulates B cell proliferation, differentiation, and Ig secretion, thus promoting antibody responses

against microbes.











<u>Sequence of events in helper T cell-dependent antibody responses.</u>
 A) T and B lymphocytes independently recognize the antigen in different regions of peripheral lymphoid organs and are activated. The activated cells migrate toward one another and interact at the edges of lymphoid follicles.

B) Antibody- secreting plasma cells are initially produced in the extrafollicular focus where the antigen-activated T and B cells interact. Some of the activated B and T cells migrate back into the follicle to form the germinal center, where the antibody response develops fully.







## Activation and Migration of Helper T Cells and B cells



- Helper T cells that have been activated by dendritic cells migrate toward the B cell zone and interact with antigen-stimulated B lymphocytes in parafollicular areas of the peripheral lymphoid organs.

- The initial activation of T cells requires antigen recognition and costimulation. The antigens that stimulate CD4+ helper T cells are proteins derived from microbes that are internalized, processed in late endosomes and lysosomes, and displayed as peptides bound to class II MHC molecules of antigen-presenting cells (APCs) in the T cell–rich zones of peripheral lymphoid tissues. T cell activation is induced best by microbial protein antigens and, in the case of vaccines, by protein antigens that are administered with adjuvants, which stimulate the expression of costimulators on APCs. The CD4+ T cells differentiate into effector cells capable of producing various cytokines and CD40 ligand, and some of these T lymphocytes migrate toward the edges of lymphoid follicles.

- B lymphocytes are activated by antigen in the follicles, as described above, and the activated B cells begin to move out of the follicles toward the T cells. The directed migration of activated B and T cells toward one another depends on changes in the expression of certain chemokine receptors on the activated lymphocytes. Activated T cells reduce expression of the chemokine receptor CCR7, which recognizes chemokines produced in T cell zones, and increase expression of the chemokine receptor CXR5, which binds a chemokine produced in B cell follicles. Activated B cells undergo precisely the opposite changes, decreasing CXCR5 and increasing CCR7 expression. As a result, antigenstimulated B and T cells migrate toward one another and meet at the edges of lymphoid follicles or in inter- follicular areas. The next step in their interaction occurs here. Because antigen recognition is required for these changes, the cells that move towards one another are the ones that have been stimulated by antigen. This regulated migration is one mechanism for ensuring that rare antigen-specific lymphocytes can locate one another and interact productively during immune responses to the antigen.





#### **Conjugate vaccine**



-The idea that a B cell recognizes one epitope of an intact antigen and displays different epitopes (peptides) for recognition by helper T cells was first demonstrated by studies using hapten-carrier conjugates. A hapten is a small chemical that is recognized by B cells but stimulates strong antibody responses only if it is attached to a carrier protein.

-In this situation, the B cell binds the hapten portion, ingests the conjugate, and displays peptides derived from the carrier to helper T cells. The antibody response is, of course, specific for the epitope that the B cell recognized (the hapten in this example), and the peptides derived from the carrier protein simply bring helper T cells into the reaction. This concept has been exploited to develop effective vaccines against microbial polysaccharides.

-Some bacteria have polysaccharide-rich capsules, and the polysaccharides themselves stimulate Tindependent antibody responses, which are weak in infants and young children. If the polysaccharide is coupled to a carrier protein, however, effective T-dependent responses are induced against the polysaccharide because helper T cells specific for the carrier are engaged in the response. In this situation, the B cell recognizes the polysaccharide (equivalent to the hapten) and the T cell recognizes peptides from the attached protein (the carrier); the antibody response is specific for the polysaccharide, but it is much stronger than conventional T-independent responses because helper T cells are "forced" to participate. Such conjugate vaccines have been very useful for inducing protective immunity against bacteria such as Haemophilus influenzae, especially in infants, and current vaccines against pneumococcus are also conjugate vaccines.



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So The principle of conjugate vaccines: the hapten-carrier concept. In order to generate <u>strong</u> antibody responses against a <u>microbial polysaccharide</u>, the polysaccharide is coupled to a protein (in this case, tetanus toxoid). B cells that recognize the polysaccharide ingest it and present peptides from the protein to helper T cells, which stimulate the polysaccharide-specific B cells. Thus isotype switching, affinity maturation, and long-lived plasma cells and memory cells (all features of responses to proteins) are induced in a response to polysaccharides. (Note that some B cells will also recognize the tetanus toxoid and antibodies will be produced against the carrier protein, but this has no bearing on the antipolysaccharide response.) Ig, Immunoglobulin.









3. Clonal Expansion, proliferation and differentiation.

Antigen specific B cells expand in numbers to produce specific antibodies

B cells differentiate into

- Antibody-producing 1. plasma cells
- 2. Memory cells



#### Mechanisms of Helper T Cell–Mediated Activation of B Lymphocytes:

- Activated helper T lymphocytes that recognize antigen presented by B cells use CD40 ligand (CD40L) and secreted cytokines to activate the antigen-specific B cells.

- The process of helper T cell-mediated B lymphocyte activation is analogous to the process of T cell-mediated macrophage activation in cell-mediated immunity.

- CD40L expressed on activated helper T cells binds to CD40 on B lymphocytes. Engagement of CD40 generates signals in the B cells that stimulate proliferation and the synthesis and secretion of antibodies. At the same time, cytokines produced by the helper T cells bind to cytokine receptors on B lymphocytes and stimulate more B cell proliferation and Ig production.

- The requirement for the CD40L-CD40 interaction ensures that only T and B lymphocytes in physical contact engage in productive interactions. As described previously, the antigen-specific lymphocytes are the cells that physically interact, thus ensuring that the antigen-specific B cells are the cells that receive T cell help and are activated.



- The CD40L-CD40 interaction also stimulates heavy-chain isotype switching and affinity maturation, which explains why these changes typically are seen in antibody responses to T-dependent protein antigens.

\* Cytoleines are responsible for isotype switching. \* The first Ig to be released is IgM







4. Antibodies Production (isotype switching)

• Activated B cells start to produce different classes of antibodies in large amount to eliminate infection

• Antigen stimulated B cells may differentiate into IgM producing antibodies, however, later on, under the influence of CD40L and cyokines B cells can differentiates into cells producing other classes of heavy chain antibodies (antibody switching)

This step is the rate limitting step for isotype switching.

And if there is a mutation is CD40L as in <u>x-linked hyper IgM syndrome</u>, it will not bind to CD40 on B cells -> cytokines will no be released -> isotype switching will not occure -> the produced Ig are only IgM.

• Repeated exposure to antigen leads to increase the binding abilities of antibodies through affinity maturation, where high affinity B cells are selected to produce antibodies



بتصير على ال heavy chain على كروموسوم رقم 14 من ال Ig و في عليه ال gamma و ال epsilon. ال gammaهي الي بتعطينا ال IgG و ال epsilonهي الي بتعطينا الIgE و ال alpha بعطينا الIg

ارتباط ال CD40L على ال T cells مع CD40 على B cells بيعمل activation لـ NF kB و لما يصير عنا Cytokine و production و ارتباطه على الreceptors على B cells حيصيرَ عنا production و omolecules 2 الي هم NF kB و STAT 1



#### The molecular mechanism of isotype switching



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الموضوع هاد شوي معقد و نصيحة احضروا الفيديو، اجباري تحضروه لانو صعب حتى تفهموا شرح الكتاب اله ، كل شي عليه هايلايت فالدكتور بكون ذكره بالمحاضرة

The molecular mechanism of isotype switching, called switch recombination, takes the previously formed VDJ exon encoding the Variable domain of an Ig  $\mu$  heavy chain and moves it adjacent to a downstream Constant region. IgM-producing B cells, which have not undergone switching, contain in their Ig heavy- chain locus a rearranged VDJ exon adjacent to the first constant region cluster, which is C $\mu$ .

The heavy-chain mRNA is produced by splicing a VDJ exon to Cµ exons in the initially transcribed RNA, and this mRNA is translated to produce a µ heavy chain, which combines with a light chain to give rise to an IgM antibody. Thus, the first antibody produced by B cells is IgM.

In the intron 5' of each constant region is a guanine-cytosine (GC) rich sequence called the switch region. Signals from CD40 and cytokine receptors stimulate transcription through one of the constant regions that is downstream of Cµ. During switch recombination, the switch region upstream of Cµ recombines with the switch region adjacent to the transcriptionally active downstream constant region, and the intervening DNA is deleted.

An enzyme called activation-induced deaminase (AID), which is induced by CD40 signals, plays a key role in this process. AID converts cytosines in the transcribed switch region DNA to uracil (U). The sequential action of other enzymes results in the removal of the U's and the creation of nicks in the DNA. Such a process on both strands leads to double-stranded DNA breaks. When double-stranded DNA breaks in two switch regions are brought together and repaired, the intervening DNA is removed, and the rearranged VDJ exon that was originally close to Cµ may now be brought immediately upstream of the constant region of a different isotype (e.g., IgG, IgA, IgE).

The result is that the B cell begins to produce a **new heavy-chain isotype** (determined by the C region of the antibody) with the same specificity as that of the original B cell, because specificity is determined by the sequence of the VDJ exon, which is not altered.

Cytokines produced by follicular helper T cells determine which heavy-chain isotype is produced. The production of opsonizing IgG antibodies, which bind to phagocyte Fc receptors, is stimulated by IL-10 and other cytokines in humans and mainly by IFN-γ in mice Thus, the nature of the helper T cell response to a microbe guides the subsequent antibody response, making it optimal for combatting that microbe. These are excellent examples of how different components of the immune system are regulated coordinately and function together in defense against different types of microbes and how helper T cells may function as the master controllers of immune responses.







على فرض بكل cycle انتجنا antibody 1000 بضل منهم بكل دورة بس 100 الهدف بكون احصل ال Ab الي عندهم افضل affinity لاعمل الهم release على circulation

اذا ضلينا نعمل mutation لحتى نحصل على افضل affinity هسا بالرسمة اللون الاحمر بمثل ال affinity القليلة و الاسود affinity عالية، بنلاحظ انه مع الوقت و بعد مرور عدة

cycles ضل عنا الAb الي عندهم افضل cycles

حكينا فوق انه ال antibody مع الوقت بتنعرض على concentration اقل من ال Ag و لكن ال response تبعها قوي







## **Affinity Mutation**



Because of affinity maturation, the ability of antibodies to bind to a microbe or microbial antigen increases if the infection is persistent or recurrent. This increase in affinity is caused by point mutations in the V regions, and particularly in the antigen-binding hypervariable regions, of the genes encoding the antibodies produced.

Affinity maturation is seen only in responses to helper T cell-dependent protein antigens, indicating that helper cells are critical in the process. These findings raise two intriguing questions: how are mutations in Ig genes induced in B cells, and how are the highest affinity (i.e., most useful) B cells selected to become progressively more numerous?

Affinity maturation occurs in the germinal centers of lymphoid follicles and is the result of somatic hypermutation of Ig genes in dividing B cells, followed by the selection of high-affinity B cells byantigen. In the dark zones of germinal centers (where the proliferating B cells are concentrated), numerous point mutations are introduced into the Ig genes of the rapidly dividing B cells.

The enzyme AID, which is required for isotype switching, also plays a critical role in somatic mutation. This enzyme, as stated above, converts C into U. The uracils that are produced in Ig V-region DNA are frequently replaced bythymidines during DNA replication, creating C-to-T mutations, or they are removed and repaired by errorprone mechanisms that often lead to introduction of nucleotides other than the original mutated cytosine. The frequency of Ig gene mutations is estimated to be one in 103 base pairs per cell division, which is much greater than the mutation rate in most other genes. For this reason, Ig mutation in germinal center B cells is called somatic hypermutation. This extensive mutation results in the generation of different B cell clones whose Ig molecules may bind with widely varying affinities to the antigen that initiated the response. The next step in the process is the selection of B cells with the most useful antigen receptors.

Germinal center B cells undergo apoptosis unless rescued by antigen recognition and T cell help. While somatic hypermutation of Ig genes is taking place in germinal centers, the antibody secreted earlier during the immune response binds residual antigen. The antigen-antibody complexes that are formed may activate complement. These complexes are displayed by follicular dendritic cells (FDCs), which reside in the light zone of the germinal center and express receptors for the Fc portions of antibodies and for complement products, both of which help to display the antigen-antibody complexes. B cells that have undergone somatic hyper-mutation are given a chance to bind antigen either on FDCs or free in the germinal center. These B cells can internalize the antigen, process it, and present peptides to germinal center Tfh cells, which then provide critical survival signals. High-affinity B cells more effectively compete for the antigen and thus are more likely to survive than B cells with Igs that have lower affinities for the antigen, akin to a process of Darwinian survival of the fittest.

As the immune response to a protein antigen develops, and also with repeated antigen exposure, the amount of antibody produced increases. As a result, the amount of antigen available in the germinal center decreases. The B cells that are selected to survive must be able to bind antigen at lower and lower concentrations, and therefore these are cells whose antigen receptors are of higher and higher affinity.





6. Humoral immunity shut down and formation of memory B cells

• After antibodies are capable of killing invading microorganisms, most of activated B cells die by programmed cell death

• Furthermore, circulating IgG antibodies that binds to antigen in periphery induce negative feedback mechanism to inhibit further antibody production

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• Memory B cells are formed and stay for long time to facilitate faster antibodies production when the body is exposed to same antigen next time

TABLE 11-6 Comparison of naive and memory b cells						
Property		Naive B cell	Memory B cell			
Membrane marke Immunoglobulin Complement rec	ers n ceptor	IgM, IgD Low	IgM, IgD(?), IgG, IgA, IgE High			
Anatomic location	n	Spleen	Bone marrow, lymph node, spleen			
Life span		Short-lived	May be long-lived			
Recirculation		Yes	Yes			
Receptor affinity Lower average affin		Lower average affinity	Higher average affinity due to affinity maturation*			

Secreted antibody forms complex with antigen Antigen-antibody complex binds to B cell Ig and Fc receptor Ig Ig Inhibition of B cell response Block in B cell receptor signaling



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Low ICAM-1

High ICAM-1

\*Affinity maturation results from somatic mutation during proliferation of centroblasts and subsequent antigen selection of centrocytes bearing high-affinity mlg.







## Primary and secondary humoral immunity





Primary and secondary antibody responses differ in several respects.

In a primary response, naive B cells in peripheral lymphoid tissues are activated to proliferate and differentiate into anti- body-secreting plasma cells and memory cells. Some plasma cells may migrate to and survive in the bone marrow for long periods.

In a secondary response, memory B cells are activated to produce larger amounts of antibodies, often with more heavy-chain class switching and affinity maturation. These features of secondary responses are seen mainly in responses to protein antigens, because these changes in B cells are stimulated by helper T cells, and only proteins activate T cells (not shown). The kinetics of the responses may vary with different antigens and types of immunization. Ig, Immunoglobulin

- 5. Effector Mechanisms
- Neutralization
- Opsonization
- •Complement activation



- •Antibody dependent cell mediated toxicity (ADCC)
- •Transcytosis- movement across epithelial cells

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