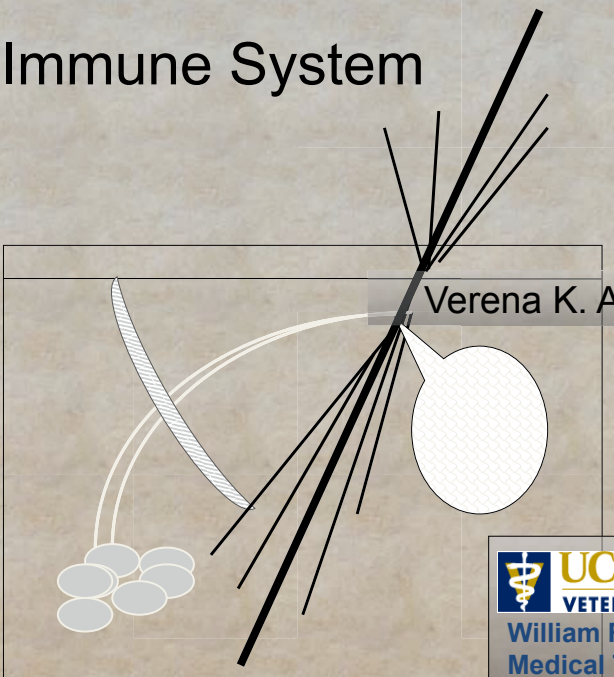


Immune System

- Concepts
- SIS

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The diagram illustrates the immune system with various components. On the left, there are several light blue circular cells. In the center, there are several thin black lines radiating from a central point, and a thicker black line extending upwards. On the right, there is a white oval with a grid pattern. The entire diagram is set against a light brown background.

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Innate immune system

- Immediate: non-leukocytic components
- Fast response: release of soluble components (non-leukocytic and leukocytic)
- Effector cells: phagocytosis (neutrophils, macrophages) NK cells
- No memory
- No individuality

Adaptive immune system

- Specificity
- Individuality
- Self-recognition
- Memory

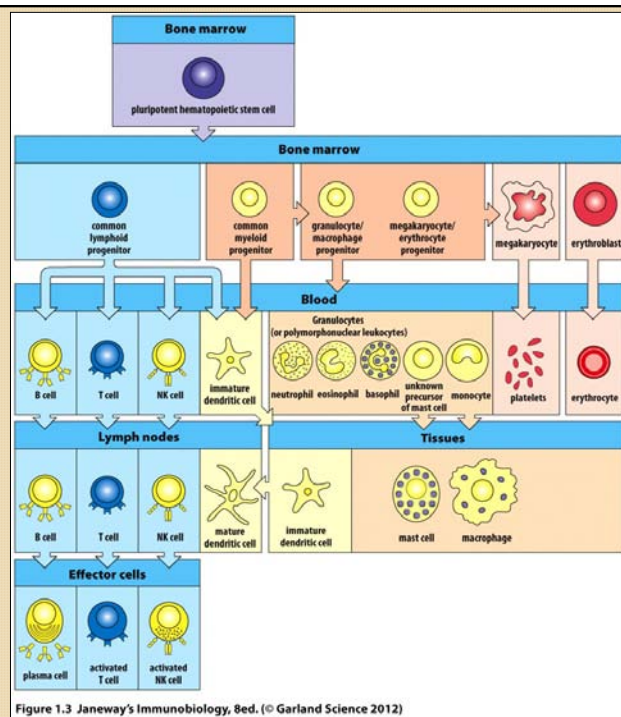
antigen presentation
(MHC I, MHC II, CD1)

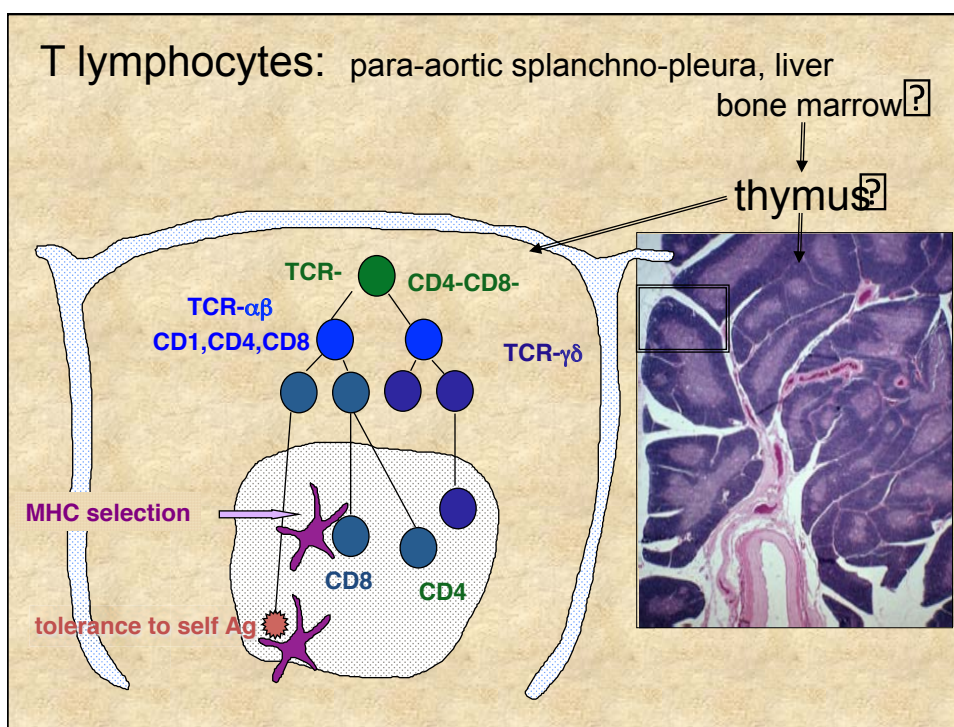
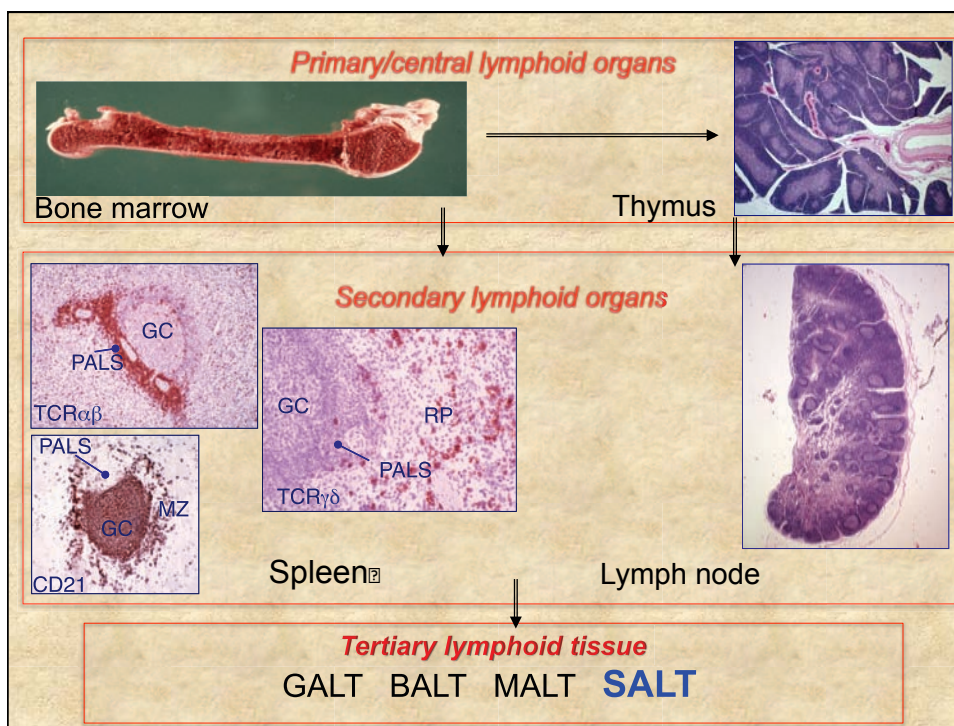
antigen recognition
V regions of the $\alpha\beta$ TCR
V regions of membrane bound IgM / IgD ("BCR") and soluble Ig
V regions of $\gamma\delta$ TCR

⇒ First response is delayed (priming)
⇒ Second response is faster (memory)

Ontogeny leukocytes

- T cells
- B cells
- NK cells
- Histiocytes
- Mast cells
- Neutrophils
- Eosinophils
- Basophils





TCR rearrangement

- (RAG-1 and RAG-2)

Self MHC restriction

- positive selection

Self-tolerance

- negative selection

CCR7

CCL19
CCL20

CD4/GD8

c

m

panCK

c

m

←Thymic epithelial: AIRE (autoimmune regulatory protein)

TCR rearrangement

β-chain and δ-chain

α-chain and γ-chain

Clonality testing

TdT N-base addition

TdT n-base addition

$\gamma\delta$ T cell receptor/CD3

$\delta\gamma$ -T cells

CD4⁻CD8⁻ or CD8⁺

- red pulp spleen
- intestinal epithelium
- **epidermis**

- 2% of cutaneous T cells

TCR $\gamma\delta$

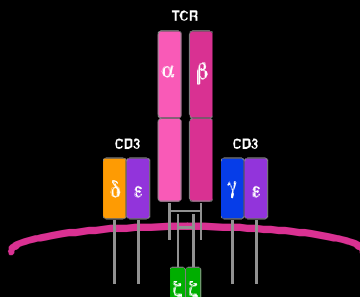
$\delta\gamma$ -T cells

Function?
 Little diversity in their TCR
 Not interacting with MHC-peptide

Recognizing.....

- heat shock proteins?
- MHC Ib
- phospholipids

Dog: Epitheliotropic T cell lymphoma

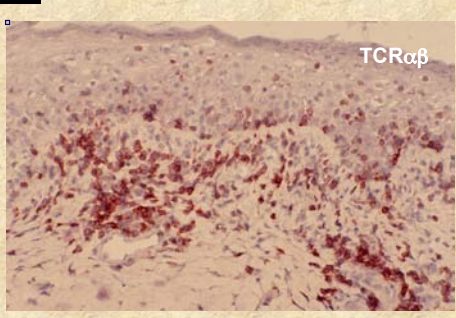


$\alpha\beta$ T cell receptor/CD3

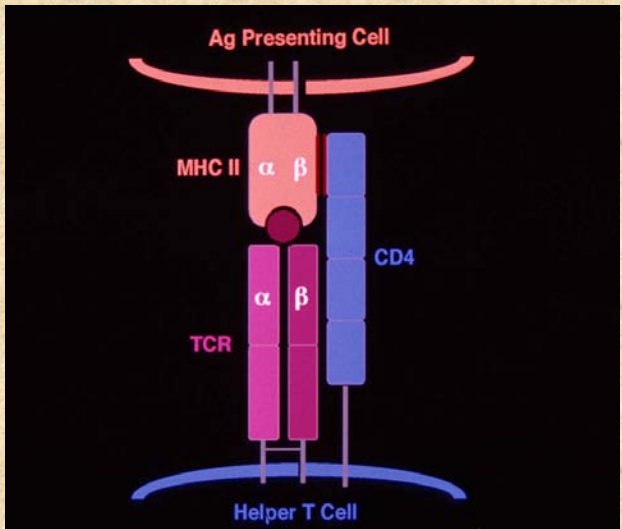
$\alpha\beta$ -T cells
 CD4⁺
 CD8⁺

interact with MHC
 (CD4⁺ - MHC II)
 (CD8⁺ - MHC I)


- White pulp spleen
- Peripheral blood
- Paracortex Ln
- **Dermis** 98% of T cells; mostly memory cells (CD45RO⁺)
- **Epidermis** 2% of T cells




$\alpha\beta$ -T cells - CD4⁺




- TREG
- TH17
- TH1 - helper cells
- TH2 - helper cells




- TGF- β , (IL-6)
- FoxP3
- Binding of APC - inhibits further binding to T_H cells
- Express CCR 7 to migrate to Ln



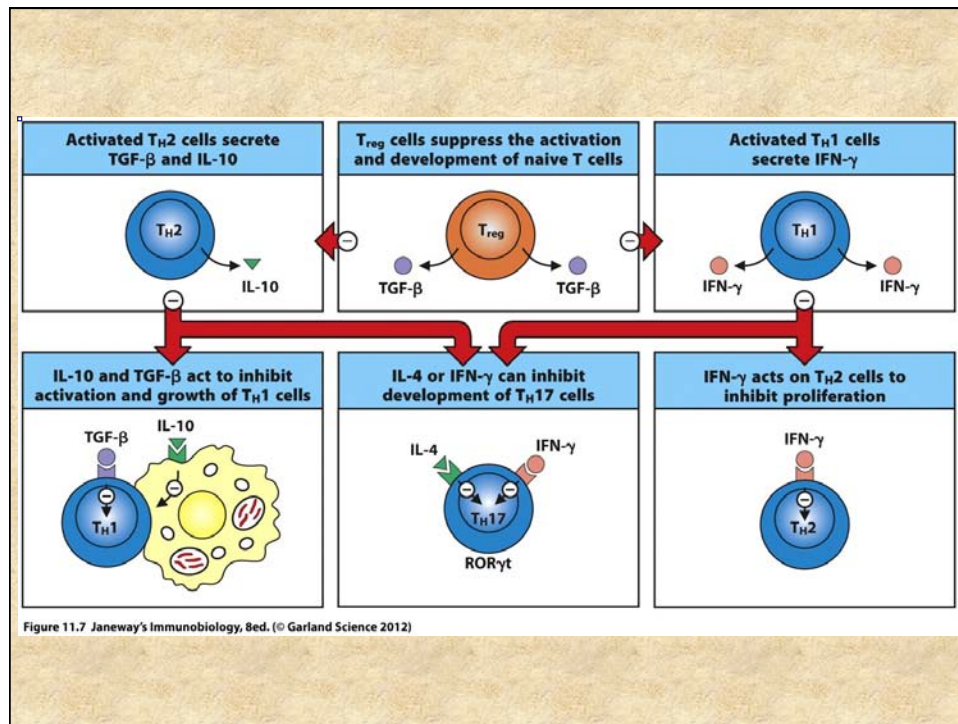
- IL-6
- Express ROR- γ t
- Release IL-17: \uparrow IL-6, CXCL8, CXCL2, CSF
- Efficient amplifier of inflammation



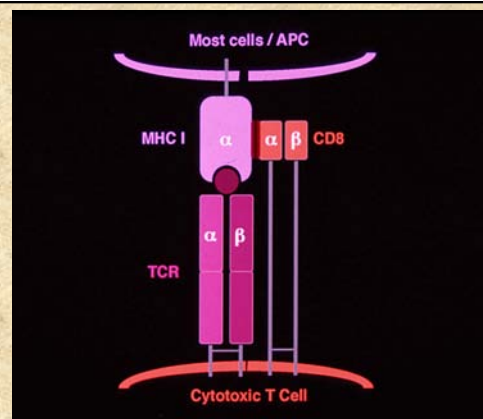
- Prolonged chronic antigen challenge
- IL-12, IFN- γ , CCL3, CCL4, CCL5, TLR-APC:
- IL-12 \uparrow
- Interaction with B cells: antibody production
- DTH
- Macrophage activity \uparrow



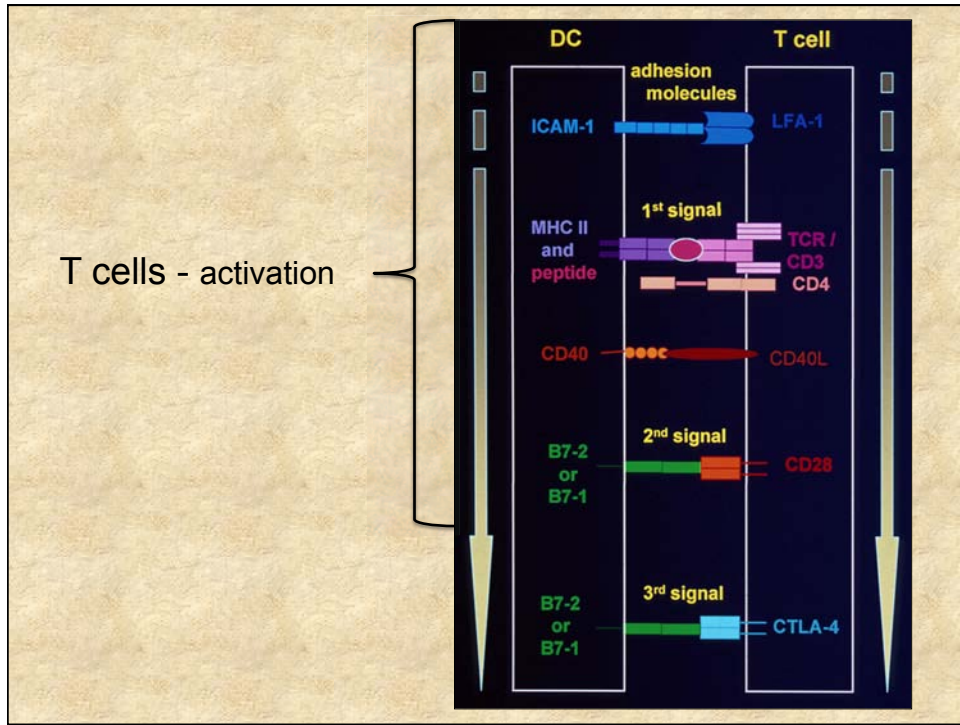
- Mast cells, IL-4, IL-6, (absence of IL-12, IFN- γ)
- Interaction with B cells (CD40-40L): isotype switching



$\alpha\beta$ -T cells - **CD8⁺**
 CD8 $\alpha\alpha$
 CD8 $\alpha\beta$



- CD4 dependent:
 Dual recognition of antigen by CD4 and CD8 cells
- CD4 independent:
 TLR-APC: APC activation of CD8 cell
- IL-12, IL-18
- Cell lysis: perforin, granzyme
- Apoptosis: Fas-FasL



B cell development

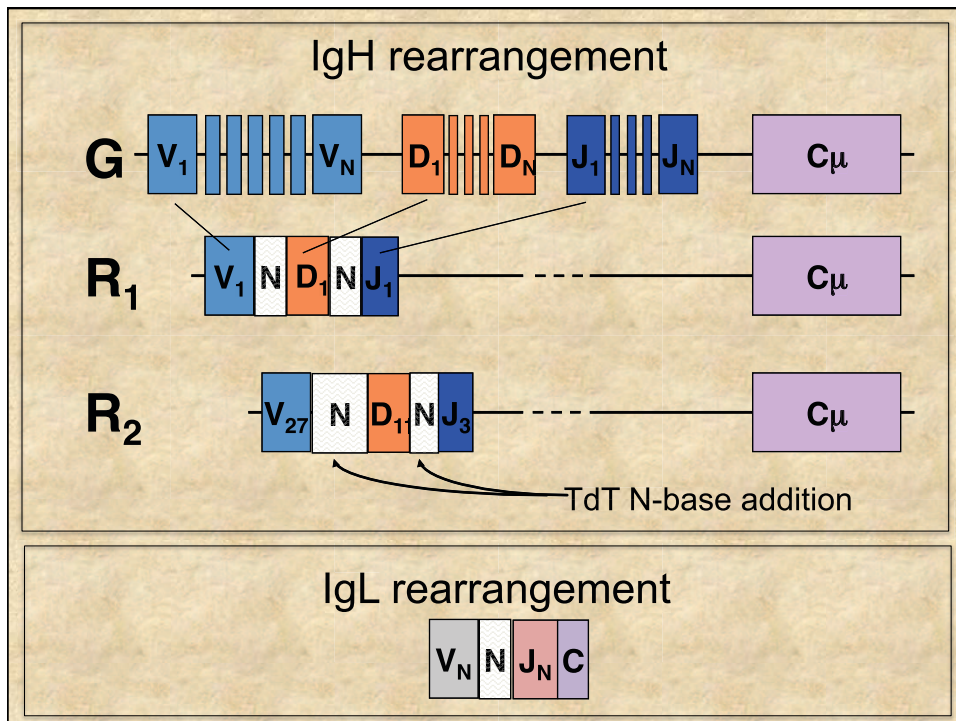
Diversity

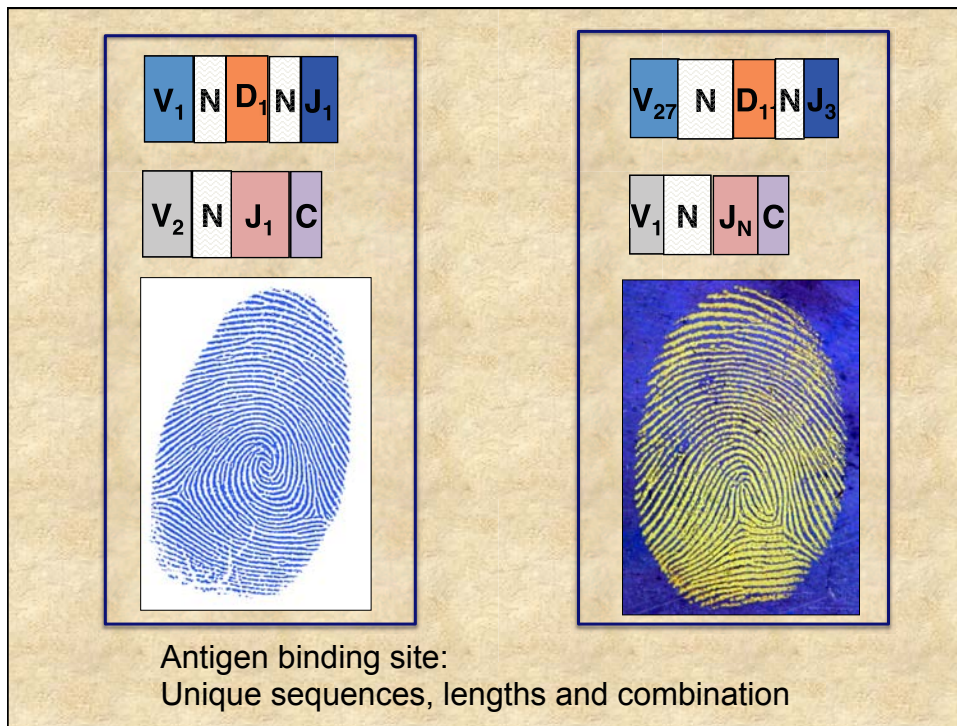
- BM: primates and mice
- Terminal ileal patch: ruminants (sheep)
- Bursa fabricii: birds
- Horse, dog, cat, swine?
- Somatic mutation - "affinity maturation"

B cell receptor complex

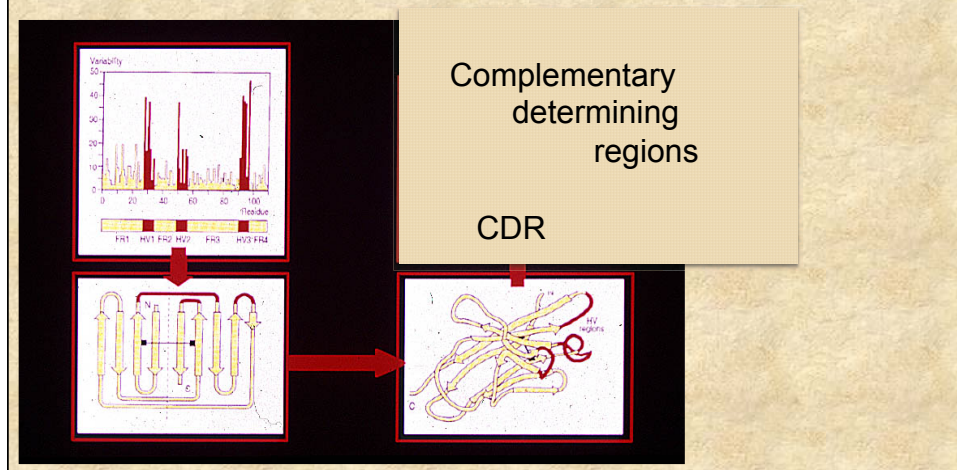
→ BCR
IgM / IgD

- Diversity: Rearrangement of the Ig gene (RAG-1, RAG-2):
Ig heavy chain (IgH) - V_HDJ ; Ig light chain - V_LJ
- Central tolerance: self antigens in high concentration (apoptosis)





Antigen binding sites:
hypervariable regions in
V segments



B cell populations:

light chain κ and λ

- dogs, cats, horses, cattle and sheep:
 - ✓ almost exclusively λ chain
- mice and rabbits:
 - ✓ more κ than λ
- humans, swine:
 - ✓ ratio 1:1.5 = κ : λ
- limited clonality testing using light chain

B cell sub-populations

B1-B cells

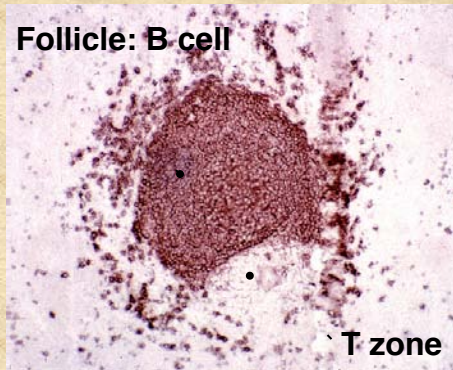
- Predominate in the fetus
- Self renewing in adults; peritoneal cavity
- CD5, IgM (little IgD)
- Sparse in peripheral lymphoid tissues
- Limited diversity - lack addition of nucleotides during Ig rearrangement
- Readily respond to bacterial polysaccharides
- Lack specific interaction with memory T cells
- “Natural antibodies” (IgM)
- Low affinity (no hypermutation)
- Normal flora is considered “self”

B cell sub-populations

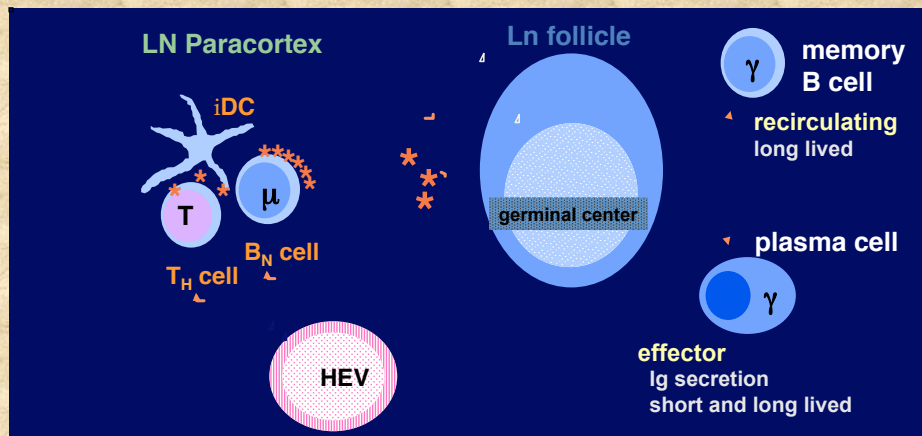
B2 B cells

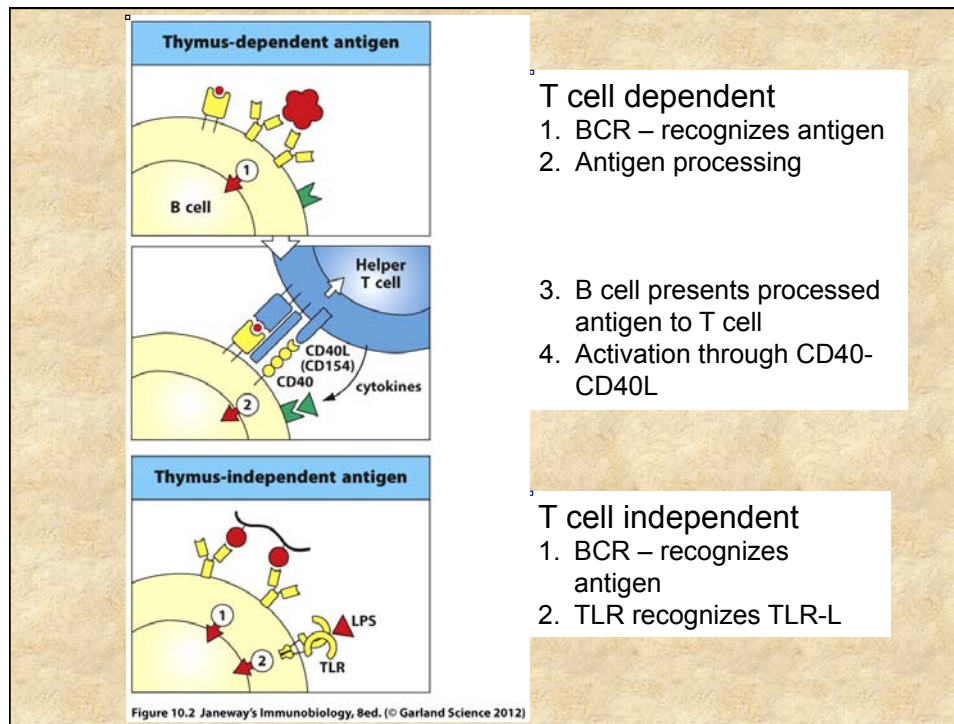
- continuously generated in the BM
- populate lymphoid tissues
- BCR: IgM (C μ) and IgD (C δ) (mice, human)
- Upon 1st antigen challenge: release of IgD and IgM

splenic white pulp →



B cell activation - plasma cell differentiation





T cell dependent

1. BCR – recognizes antigen
2. Antigen processing

3. B cell presents processed antigen to T cell

4. Activation through CD40-CD40L

T cell independent

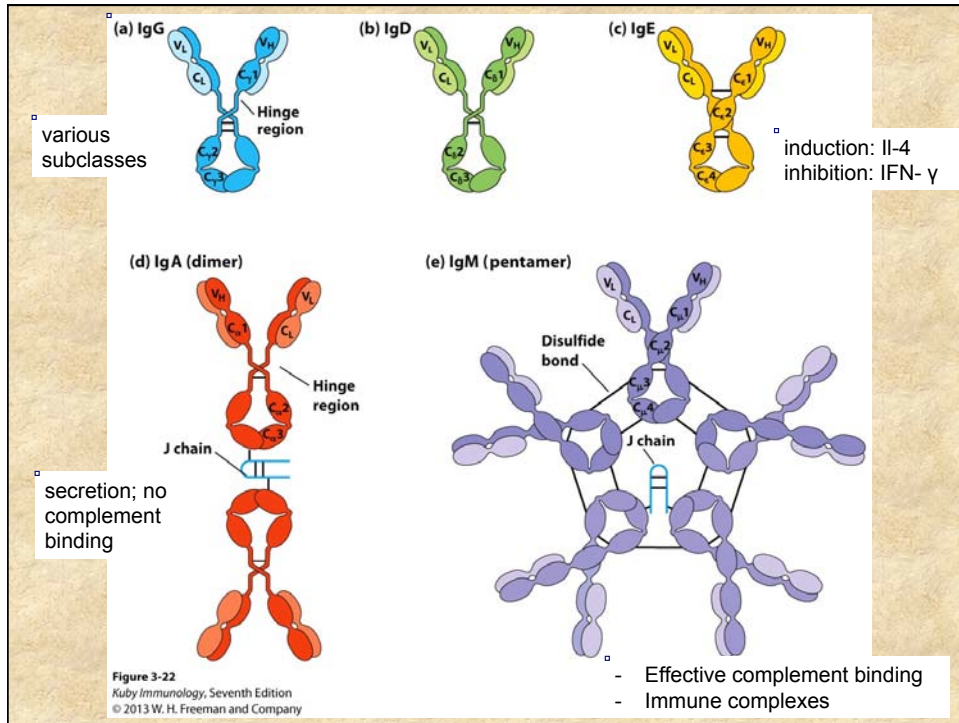
1. BCR – recognizes antigen
2. TLR recognizes TLR-L

Somatic hypermutation

With each repetitive antigen exposure -
activation / “boost” :

- Germinal center of lymph follicles (white pulp spleen and lymph node)
- Point mutations in V_H V_L segments
- Some mutations result in higher affinity binding to antigen
- Increased activation of B cells with high affinity BCR / plasma cells with high affinity Ig
- Class switching

→ Affinity maturation



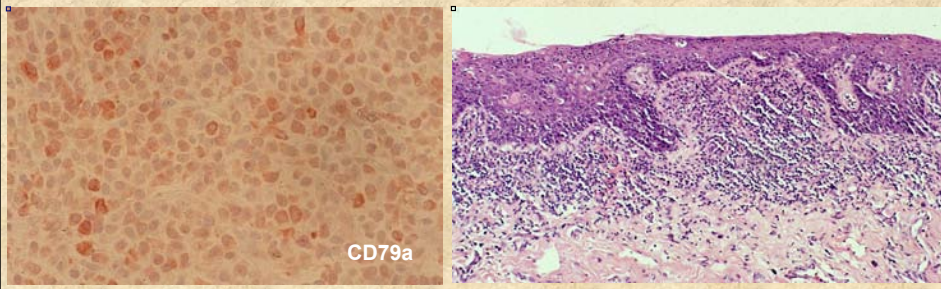
B cells / plasma cells in the skin

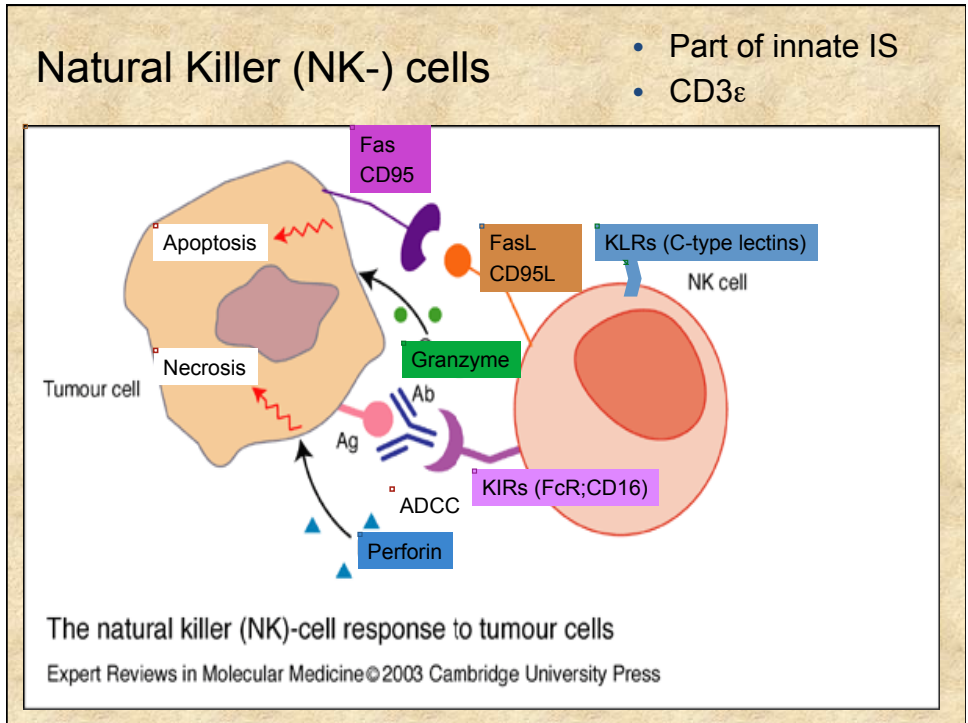
Normal haired skin:

- No B cells, no plasma cells

Recruitment upon inflammation

- Memory B cells
- Plasma cell rich: mucous membranes, paw-pads, m-c junctions





Histiocytes

Progenitors
CD34⁺

<h3>Macrophages</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ CD18/CD11b □ CD18/CD11d (hematopoietic sites) □ Receptors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FcR (CD16⁺) • LPS R (CD14⁺) • mannose-fucosyl R □ MCH I ± MHC II 	<h3>Myeloid DC</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ CD18/CD11c □ Activated by: IFN-γ, IL-3, GM-CSF → activated effector cells of AIS □ Phagocytosis
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Activated macrophages are efficient effector cells:

killing of intracellular pathogens:
ex. Leishmania

oxygen free radicals
APC
TNF- α

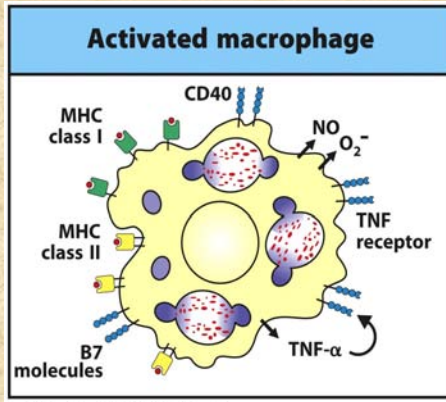
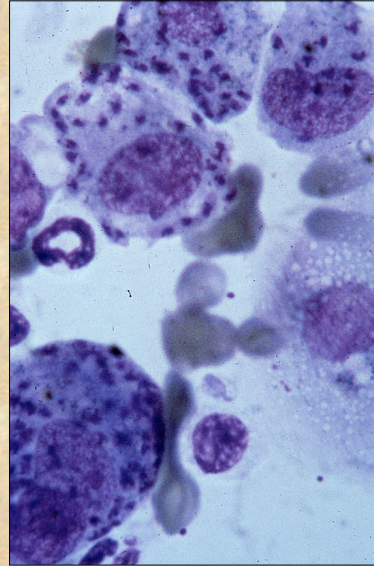
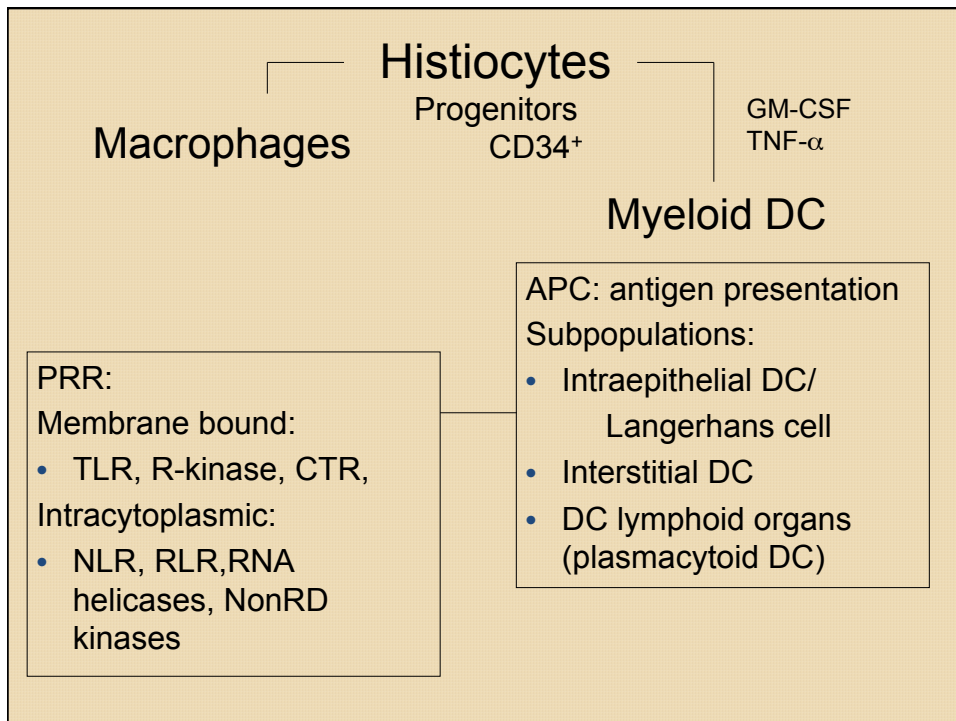
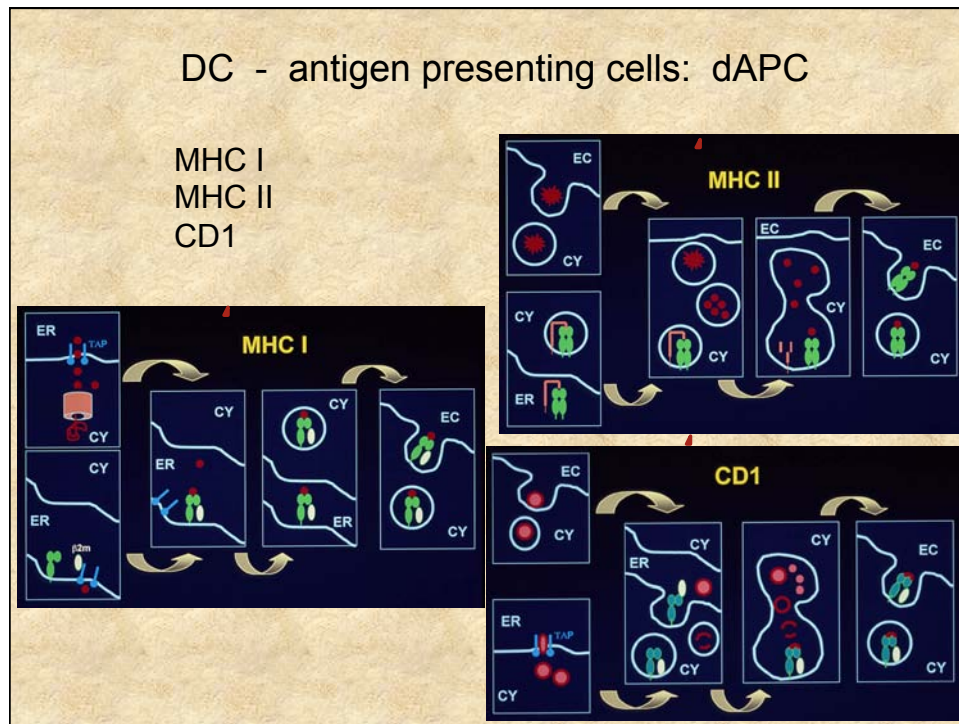


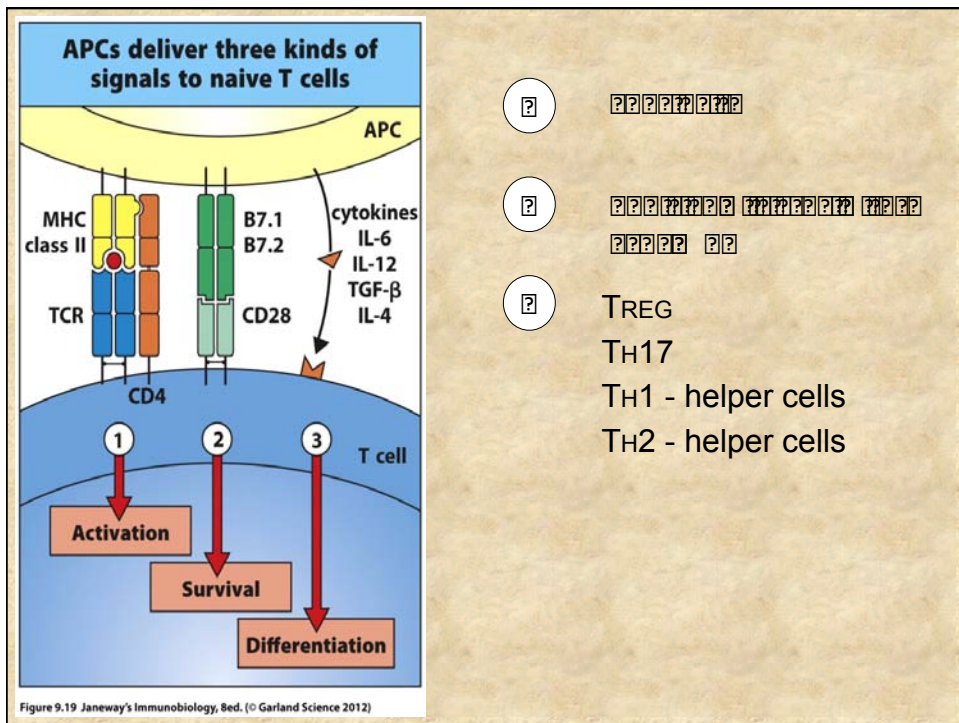
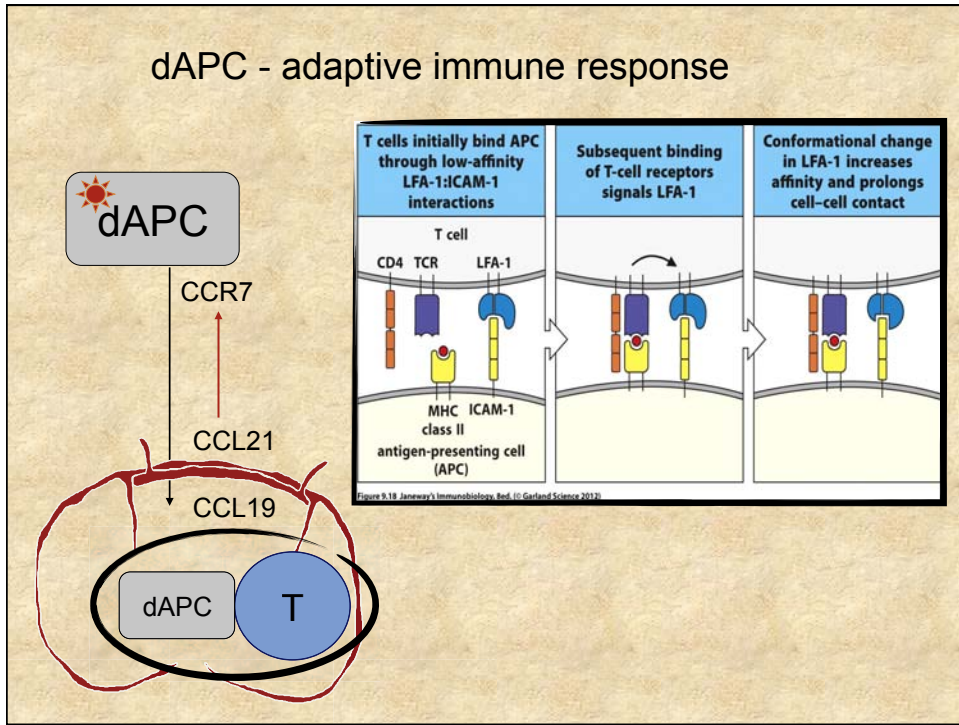
Figure 9.41 Janeway's Immunobiology, 6th (© Garland Science 2012)



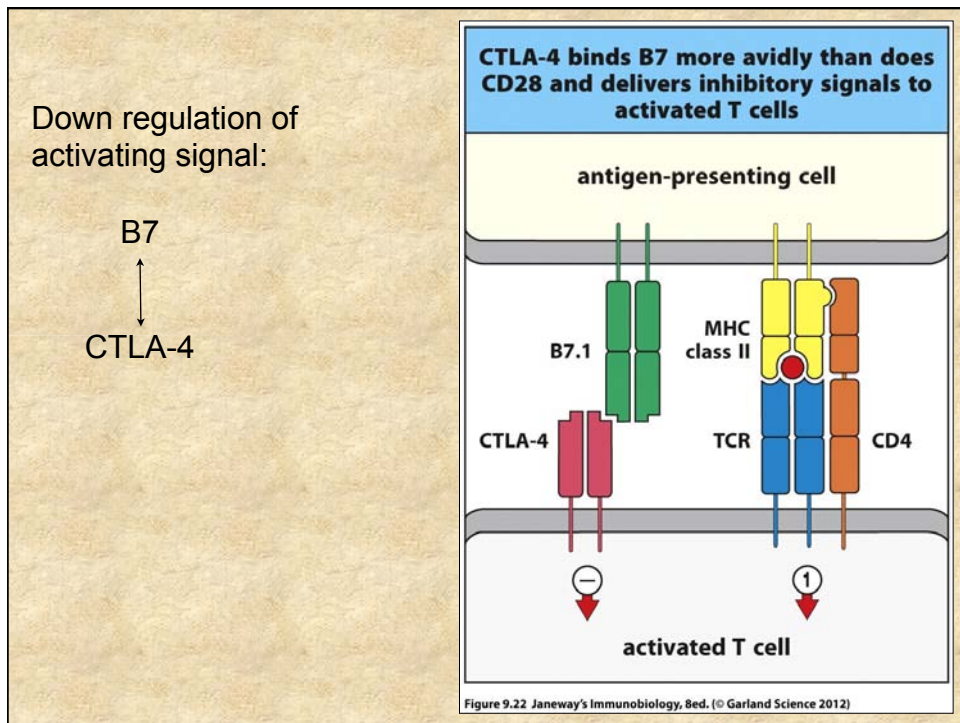
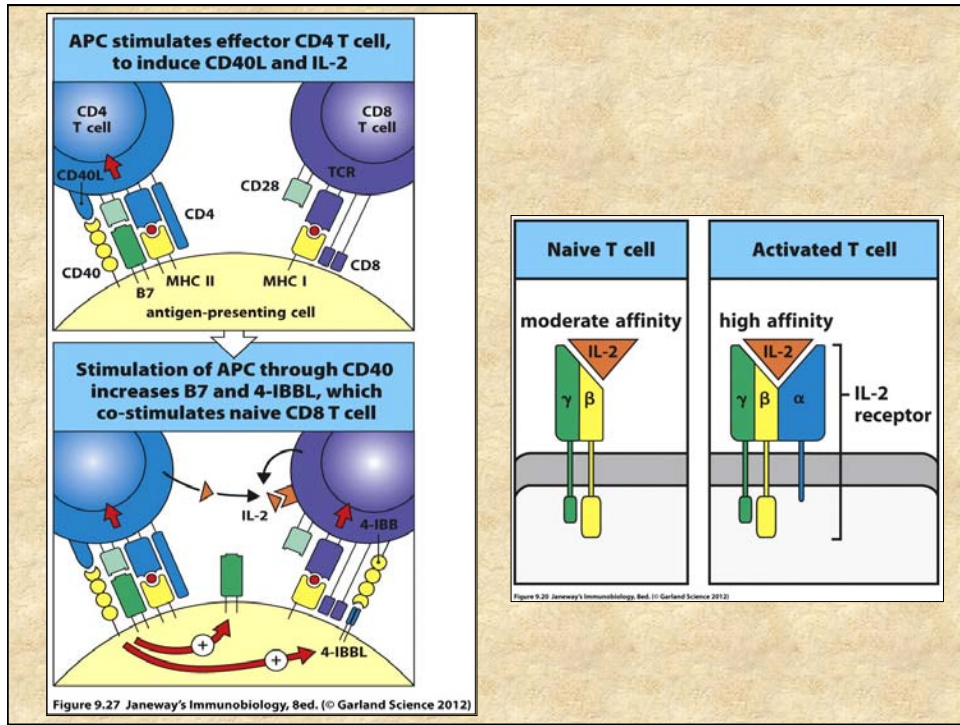


MHC complex genes - polymorphism

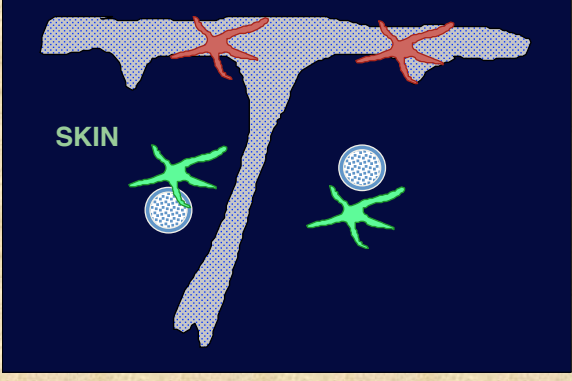
- MHC gene products are polymorphic \rightarrow
defines the range of antigens to which the individual immune system responds
- Control peptide recognition and binding by T cells (CD8⁺ T cells, CD4⁺ T cells)
- Non-self MHC are recognized by 1-10% of T cells



- ① ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?
- ② ?
- ③ TREG
TH17
TH1 - helper cells
TH2 - helper cells

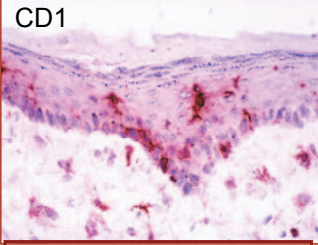


dAPC of the skin



SKIN

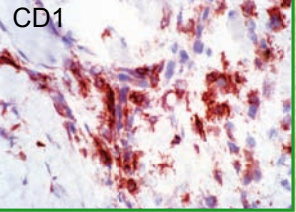
CD1



Langerhans cells
 E-cadherin⁺
 Slow turnover
 Local self-renewal
 Rel. tolerogenic

dermal DC
 CD90⁺ (Thy-1)
 Fast turnover
 Renewal via blood born precursors
 Rel. immunogenic

CD1

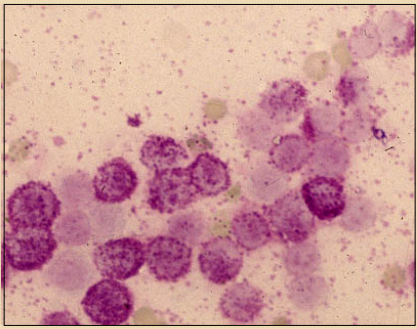


Mast cells

- SCF, c-kit, IL-5
- Differentiation in tissue
- Mouse: MMC and CTM
- Other species:
 - tryptase
 - chymase

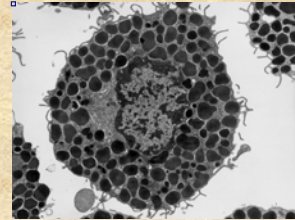
Skin →

- connective tissue mast cells (CTM)
- perivascular dermis
- human: 7000/mm³
- rarely in subcutis and epidermis
- dogs: more numerous on pinna and chin
- cat: more numerous on pinna and feet



Immediate response: degranulation

Ex: histamin, serotonin, TNF- α . ECF-A, NCF, kinonigenase

**Late response: synthesized factors**

Ex: LT, PAF, IL-3, IL-4, IL-5, IFN- γ , tryptase, chymase

- Type I hypersensitivity (IgE-Fc ϵ R1)
- Vascular tone, permeability
- Regulates inflammation: TREG, DC
- Activation of MBP, ECP released from eosinophils
- Mediates triggers from NS (substance P, neuropeptides)
- Tissue repair (TGF- β , basic-FGF, proteases)
- Angiogenesis (VEGF, PDGF, heparin)

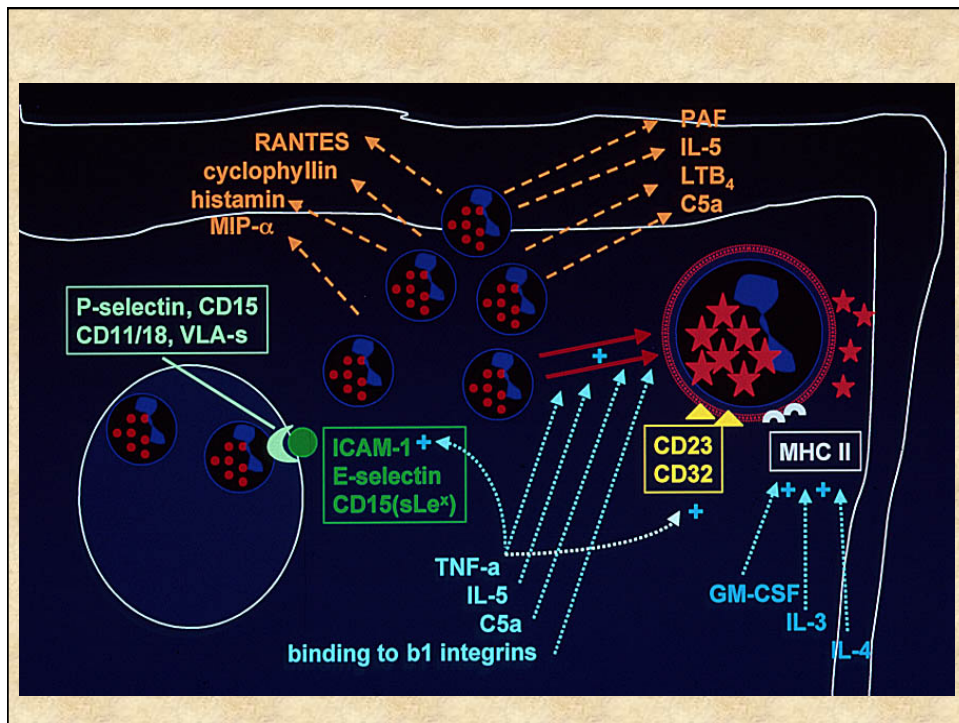
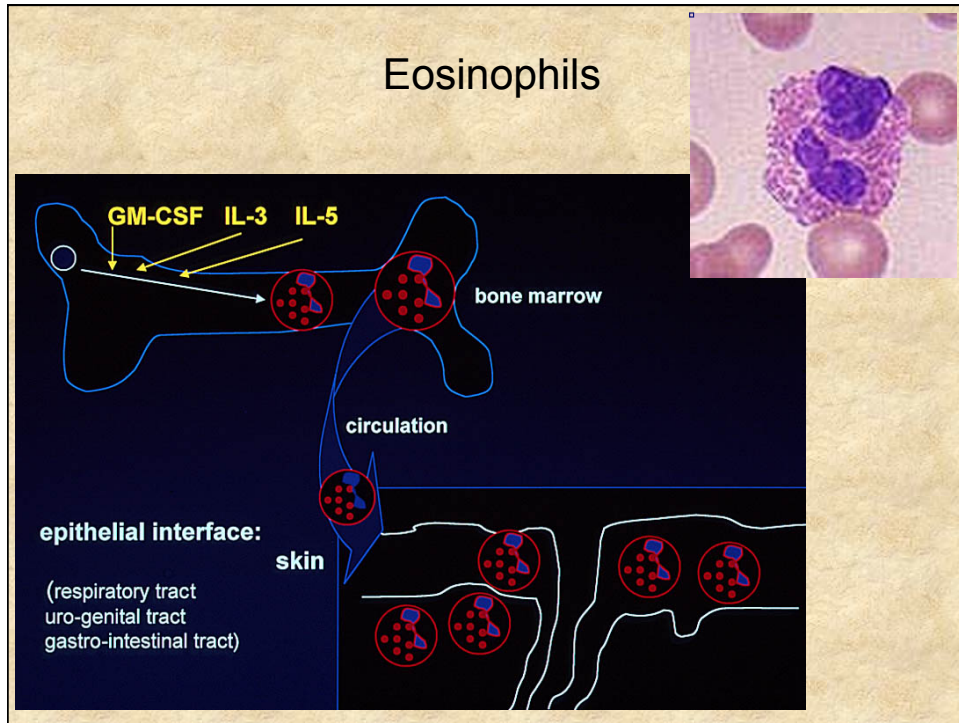
Basophils - recruitment to skin

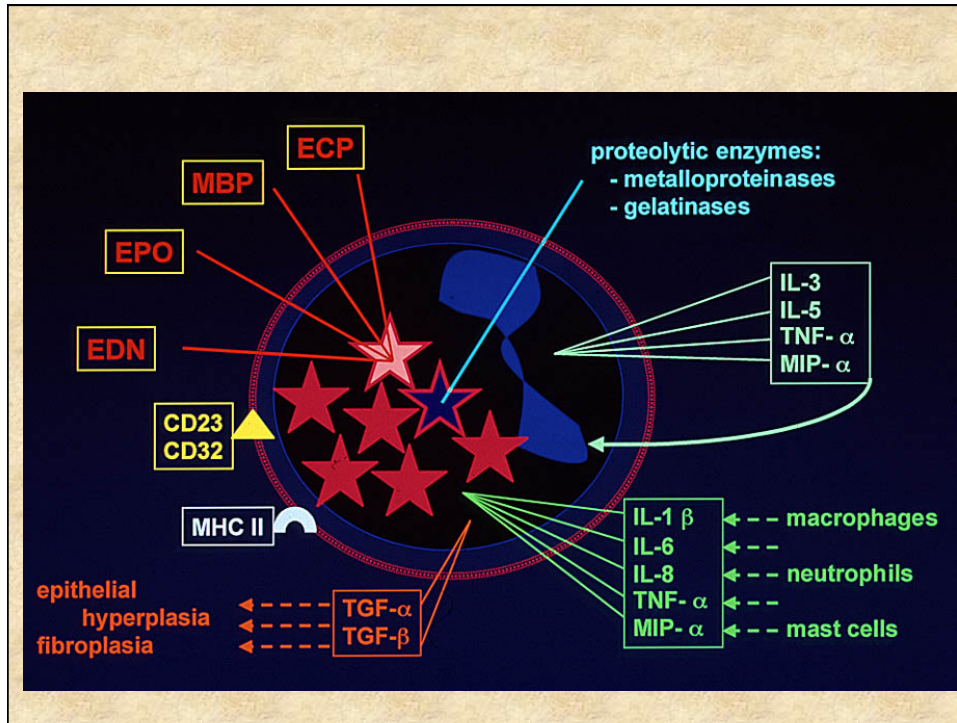
- IgE dependent reactions
- basophil hypersensitivity (DTH)
- tick manifestations in cattle
- produce IL-5:
 - ✓ chemotactic for eosinophils

Neutrophils

Innate immune system

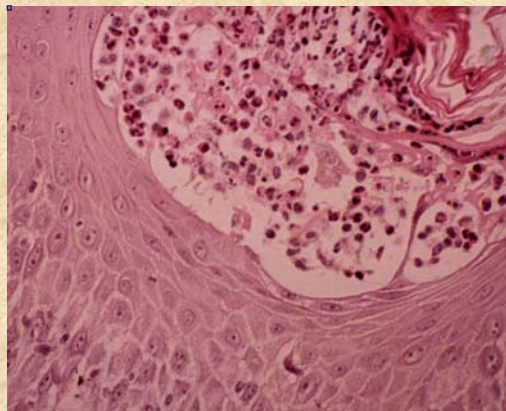
- Phagocytosis
- Proteolytic enzymes





Eosinophils - skin

≠ Parasites
 Type I hypersensitivity
 Mast cell tumor



Examples:

- Furunculosis
- Pemphigus foliaceus
- Atopic dermatitis
- T cell lymphoma

SIS?

SALT - skin associated lymphoid tissue

- keratinocytes
- lymphocytes
- Langerhans cells (LC)
- endothelial cells

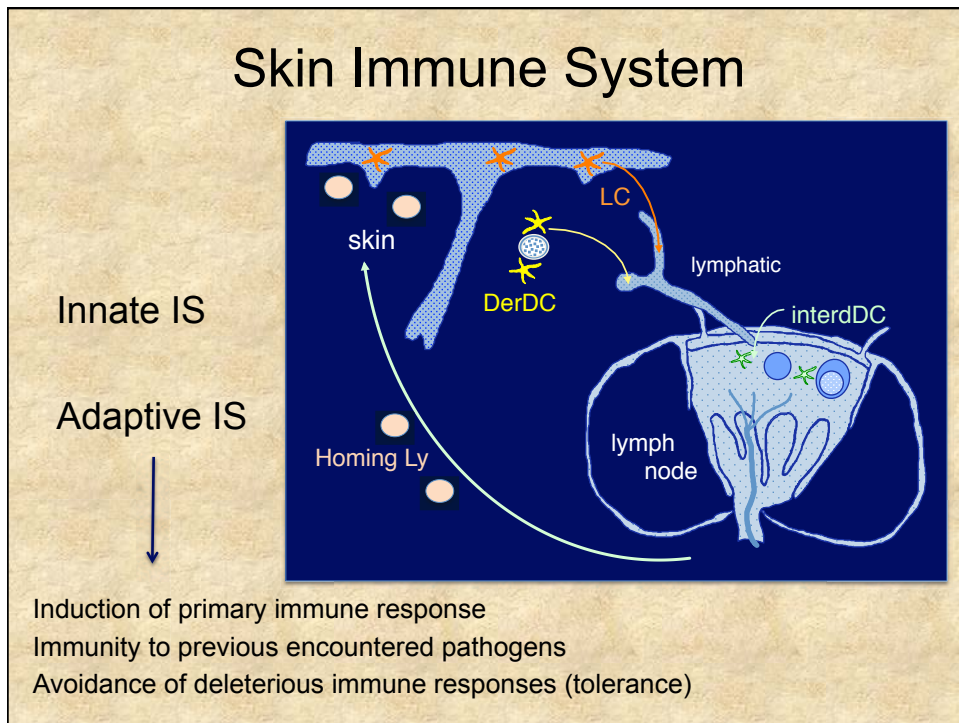
Exo-SALT

- ✓ upper epidermis, $\gamma\delta$ T cells

Endo-SALT

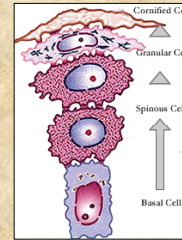
- ✓ lower epidermis, superficial dermis, $\alpha\beta$ T cells

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SIS - cellular components

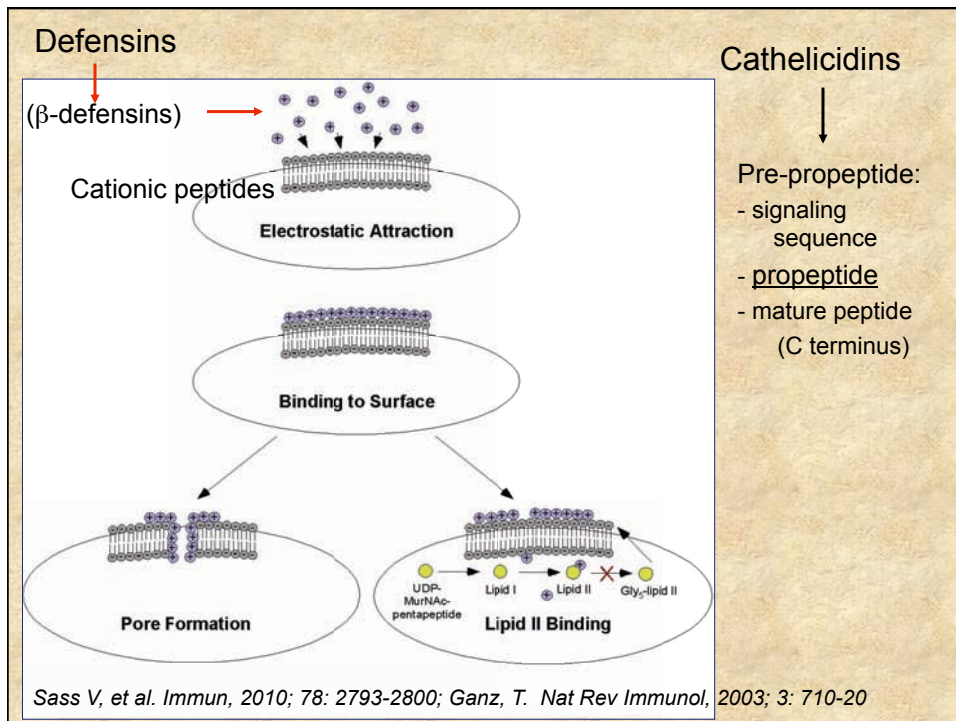
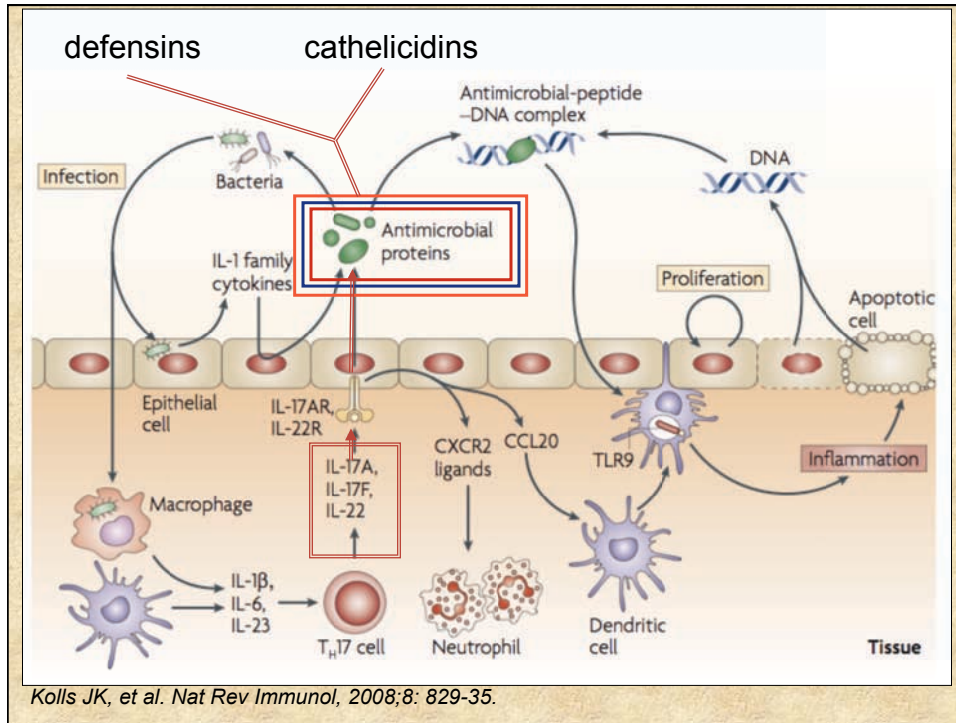
- Keratinocytes
- Dendritic APC:
 - epidermis, follicular epithelium: LC
 - dermis: Der DC
- Microvascular environment:
 - Endothelial cells PCV
 - Mast cells
- skin homing T cells:
 - $\alpha\beta$ T cells
 - $\gamma\delta$ T cells
- neural cells and neural dendritic processes
- draining lymph node and HEV

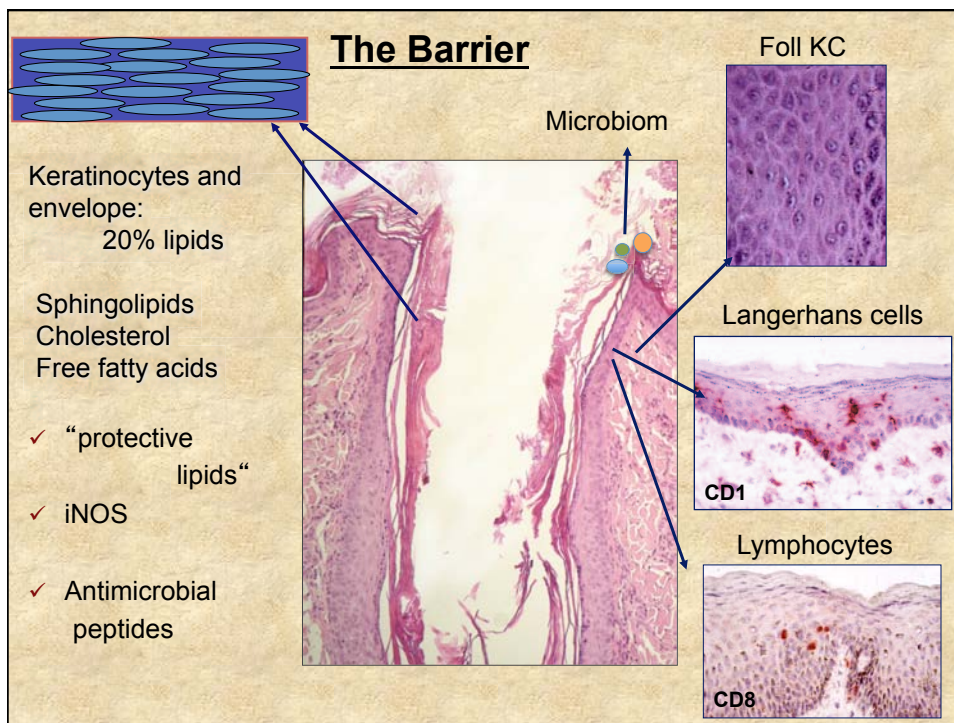
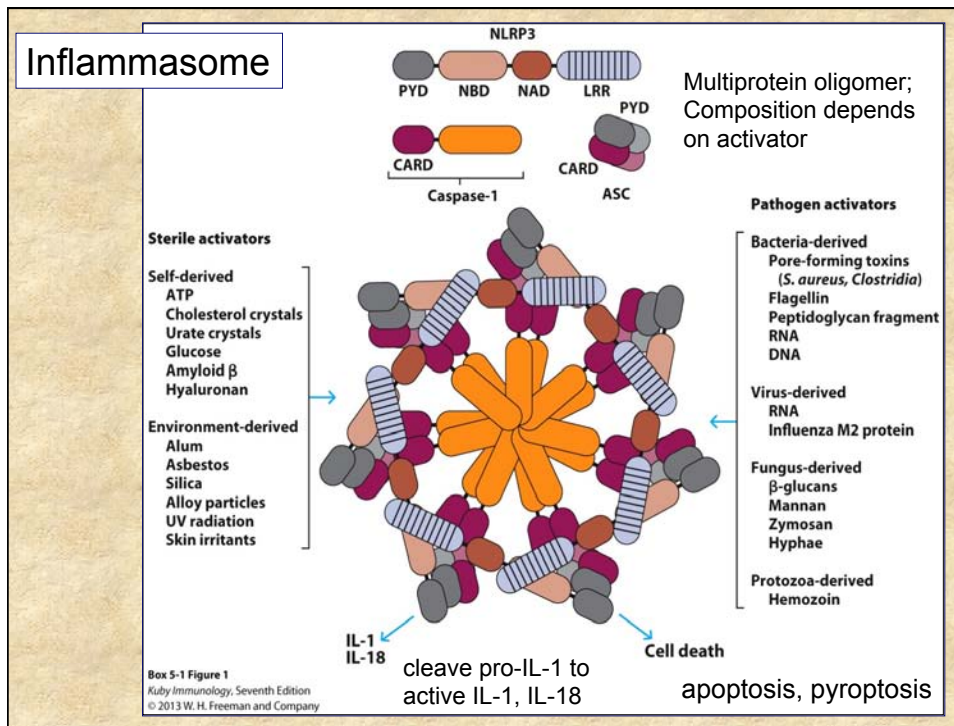


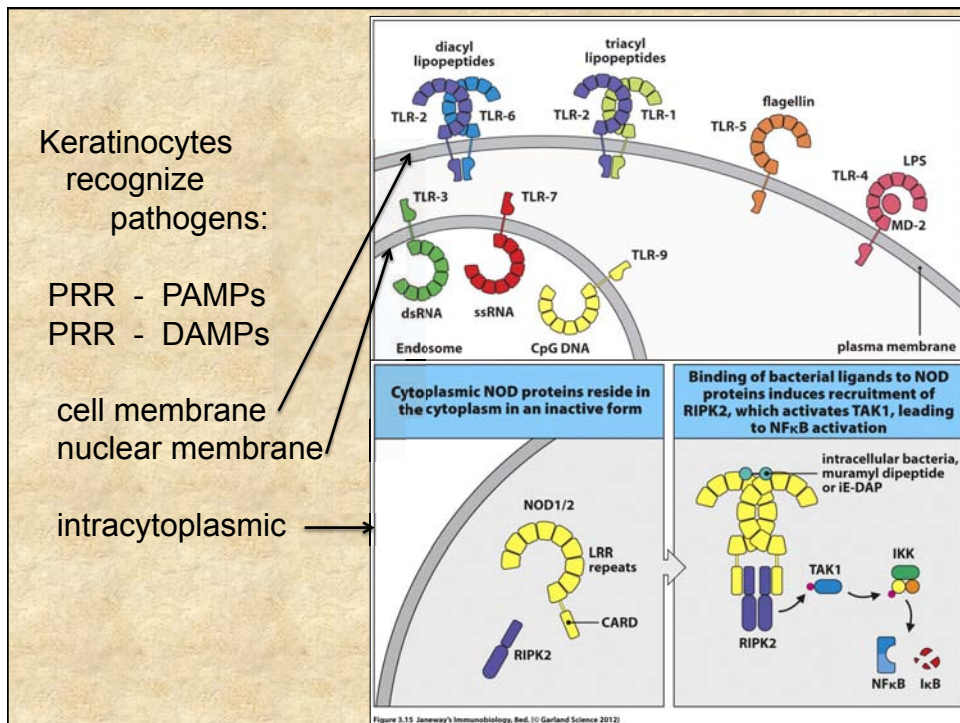
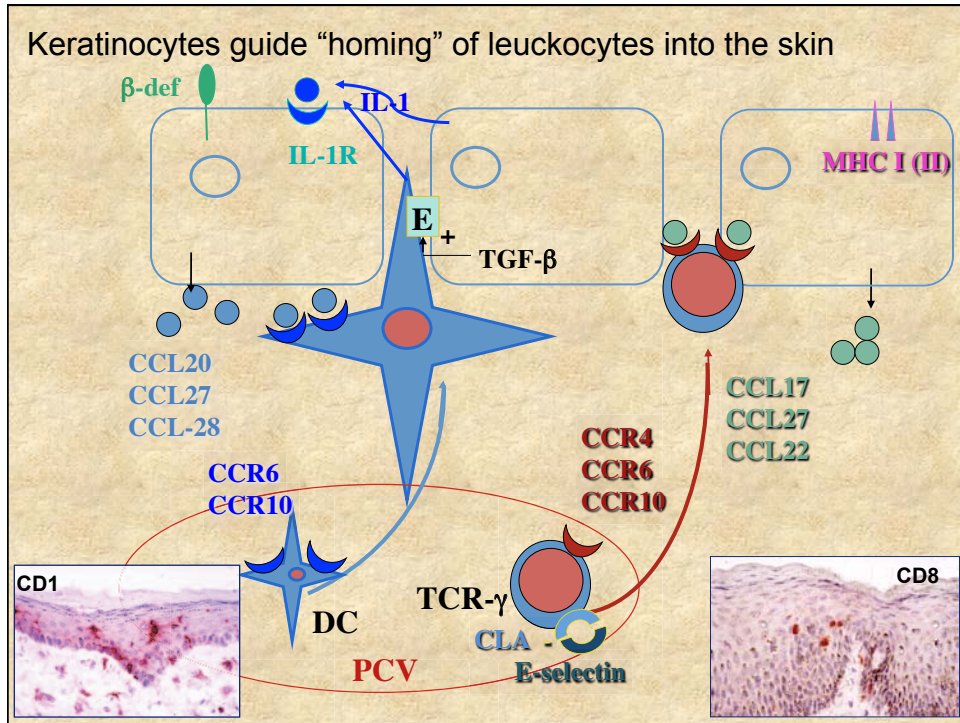
SIS - humoral components

Immediate response to PAMPs binding to PRR \square .

- Antimicrobial peptides
- Inflammasome
- Complement components
- Immunoglobulins
- Cytokines
- Chemokines
- Fibrinolysine
- Neuropeptides
- Eicosanoids
- Enzymes



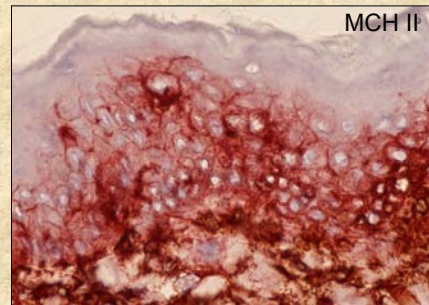




Keratinocytes are APC

- MHC I ————— ➤ TCR – CD8+
- MHC II ————— ➤ TCR – CD4+

- B7 ————— ➤ CD28
- CD40 ————— ➤ CD40L
- ICAM-1 ————— ➤ B2 integrins



“Immune privilege” of anagen hair follicle: MHC I^{low/neg}

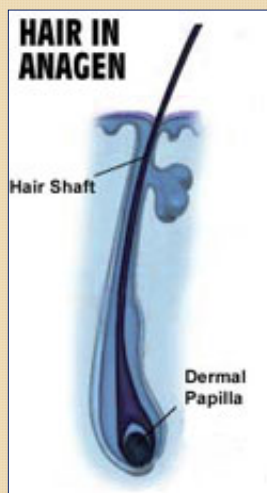
Immune-suppressive factors:

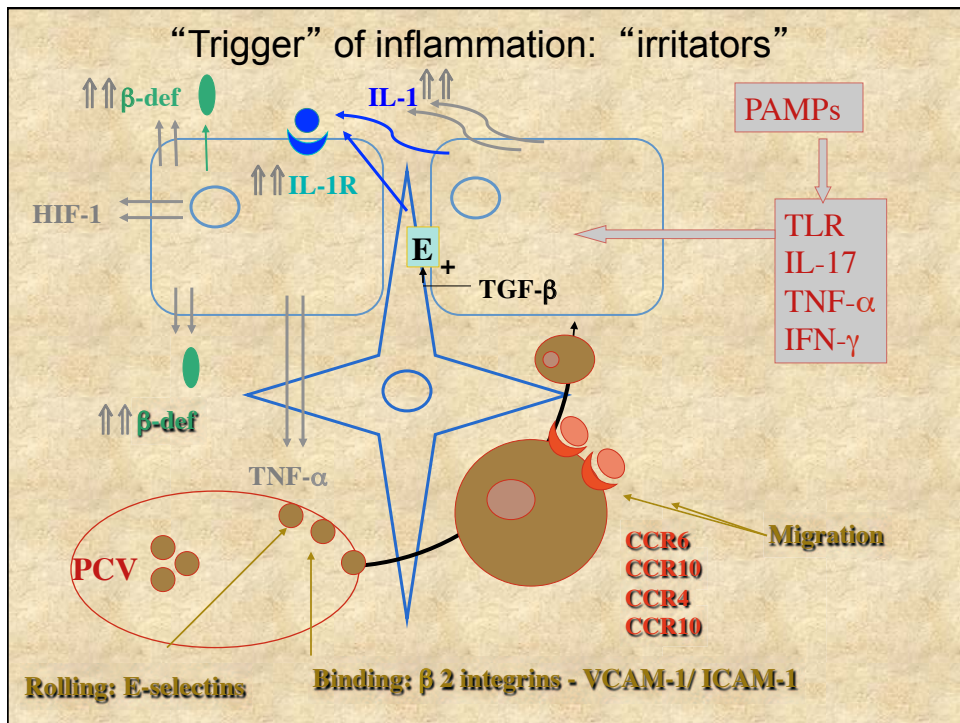
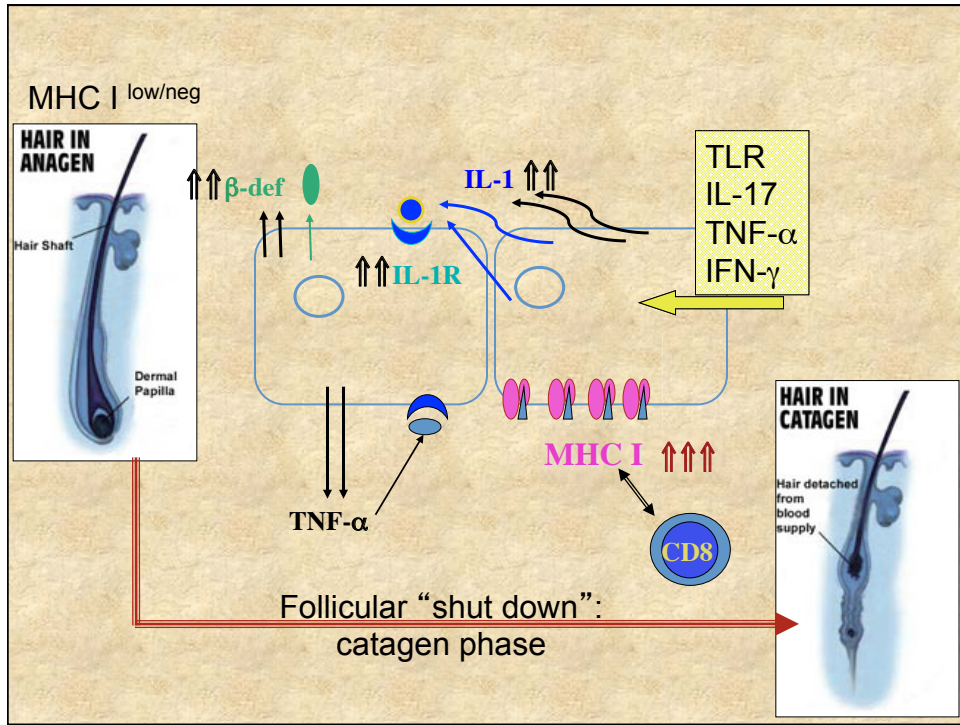
α -MSH
IGF-1
IL-10
TGF- β

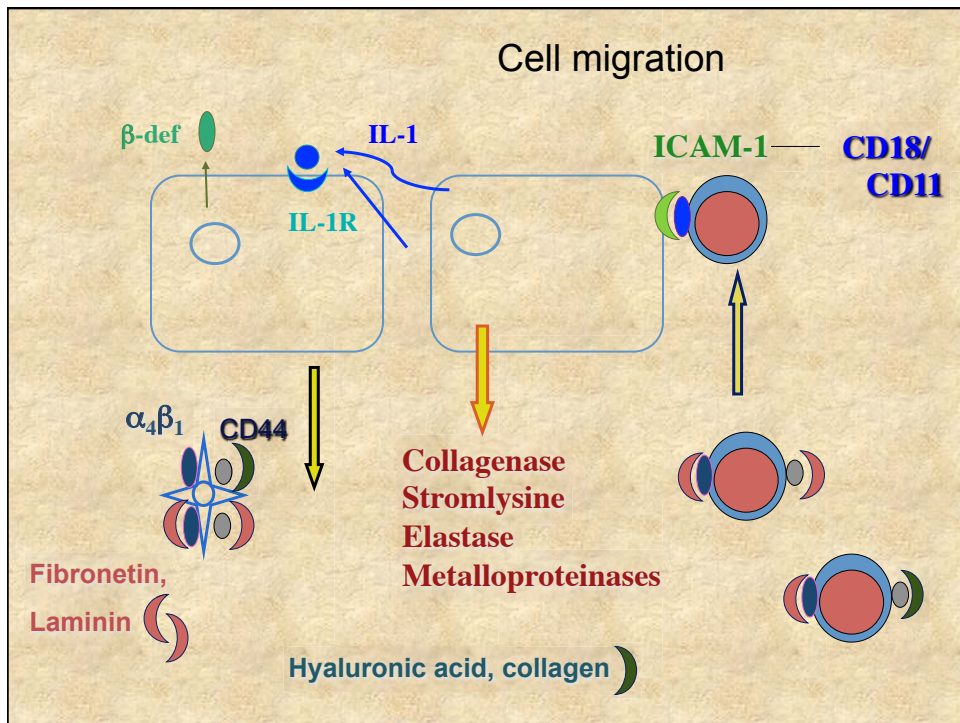
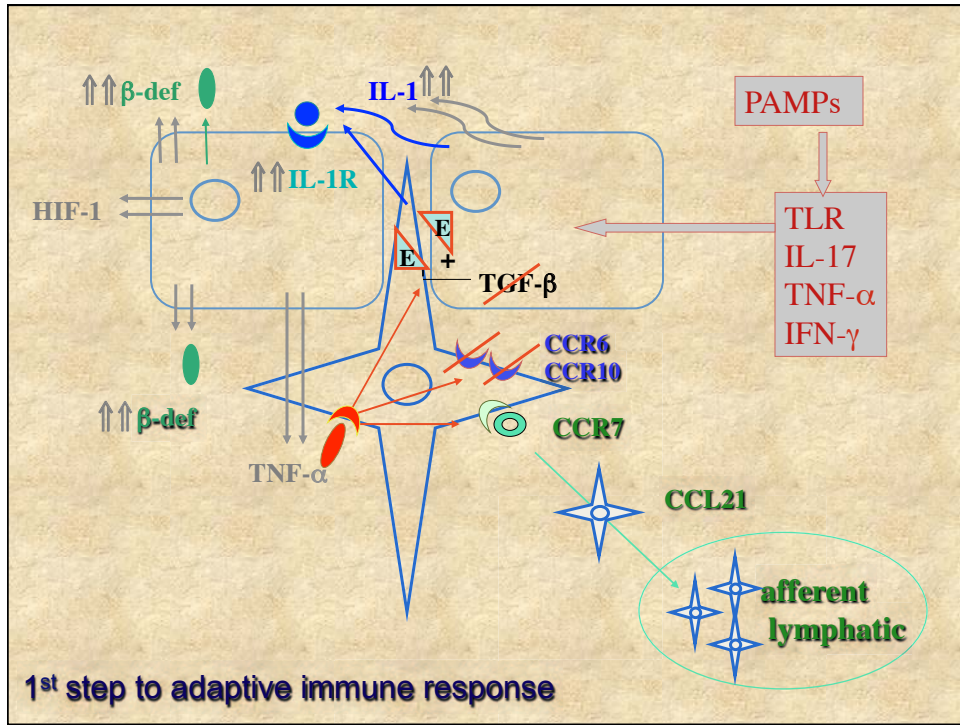
Counteract IFN- γ

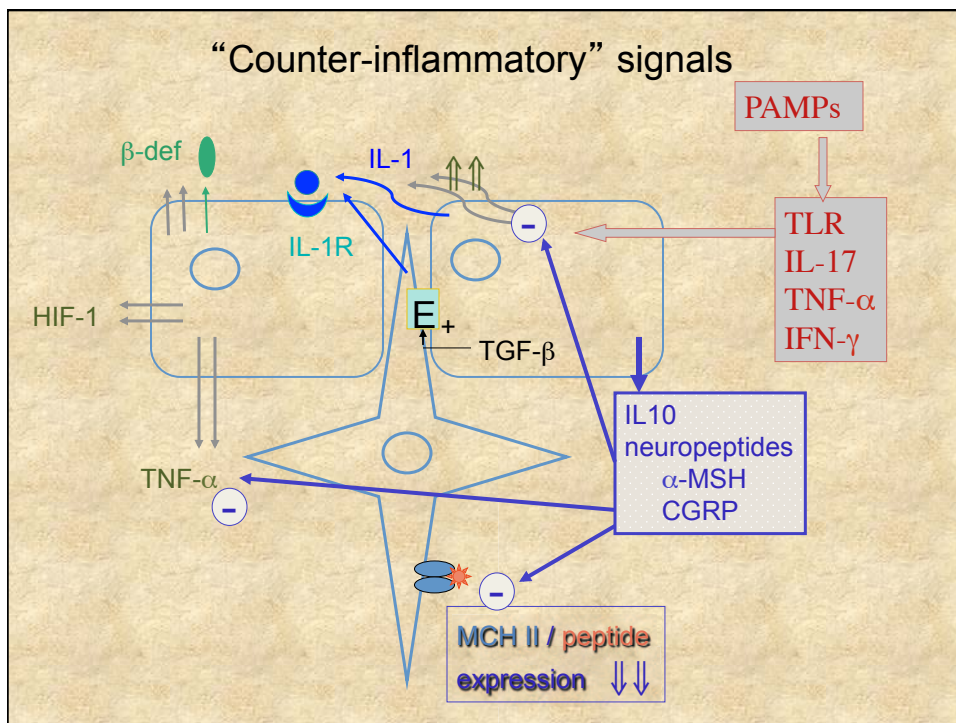
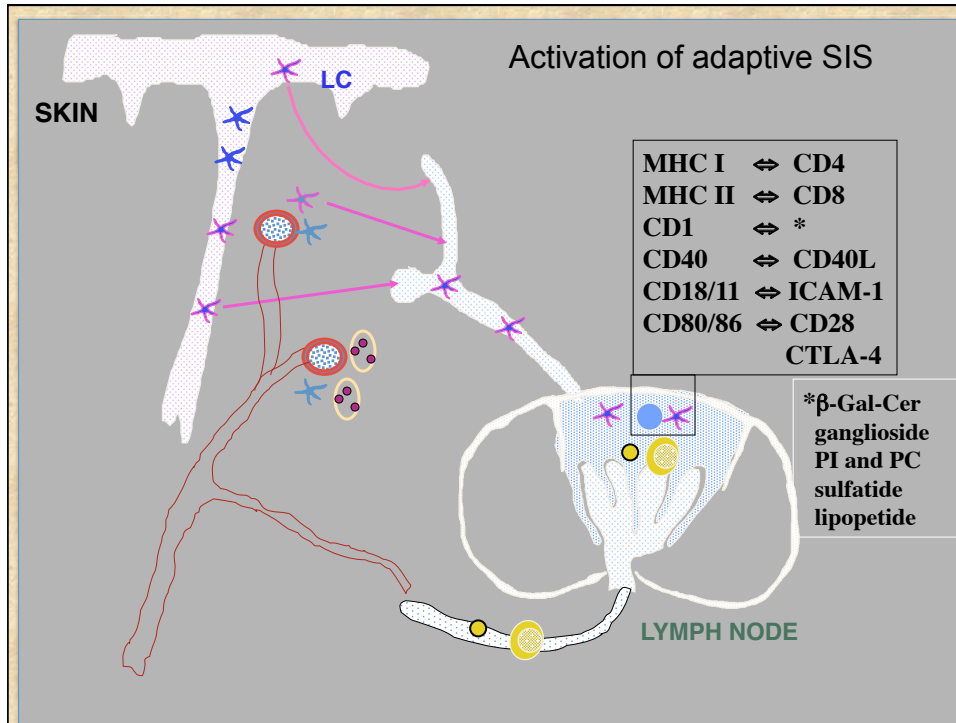
Sequester follicular
auto-antigens (anagen/
melanogenesis)

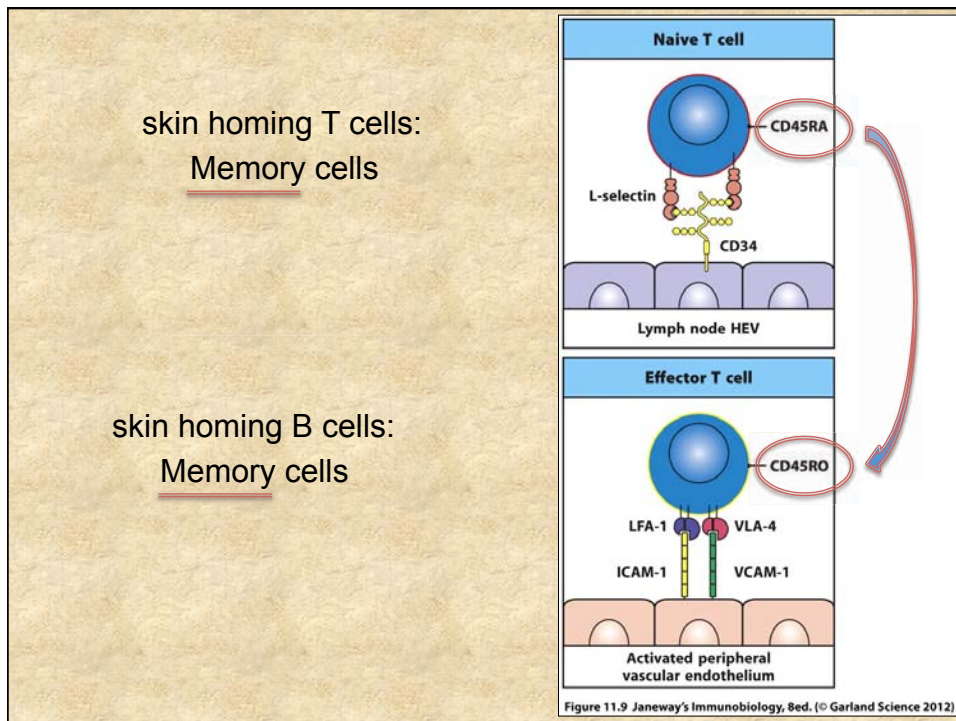
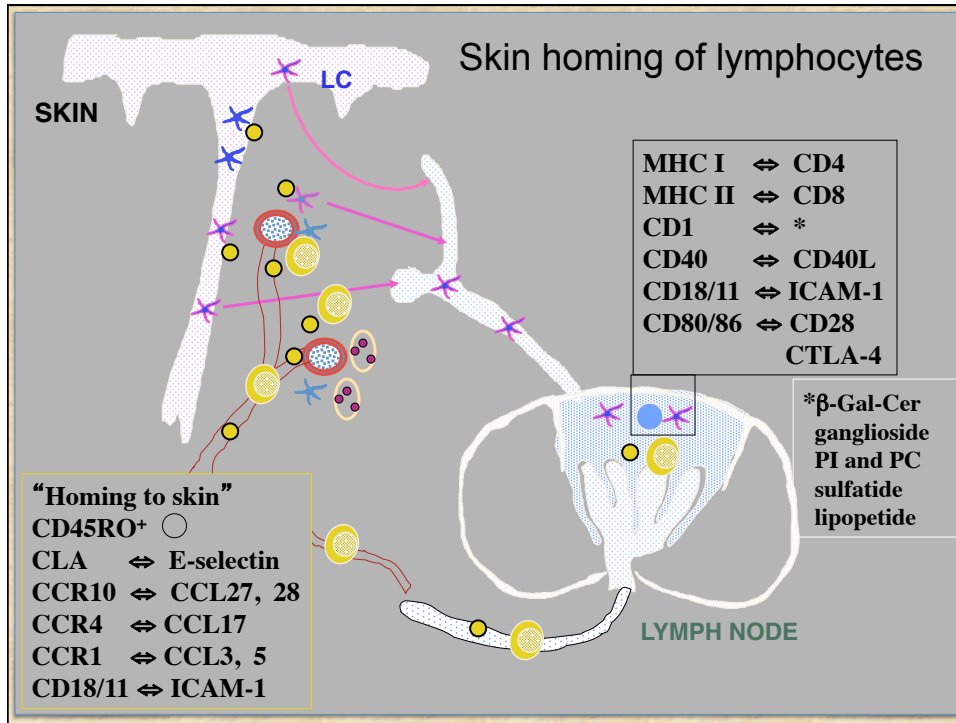
Not accessible to
CD8⁺ T cells



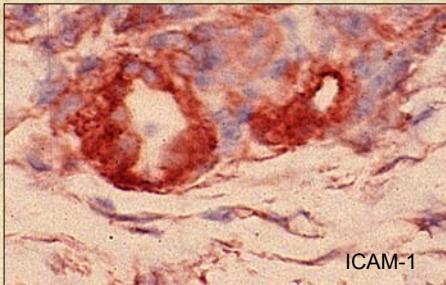




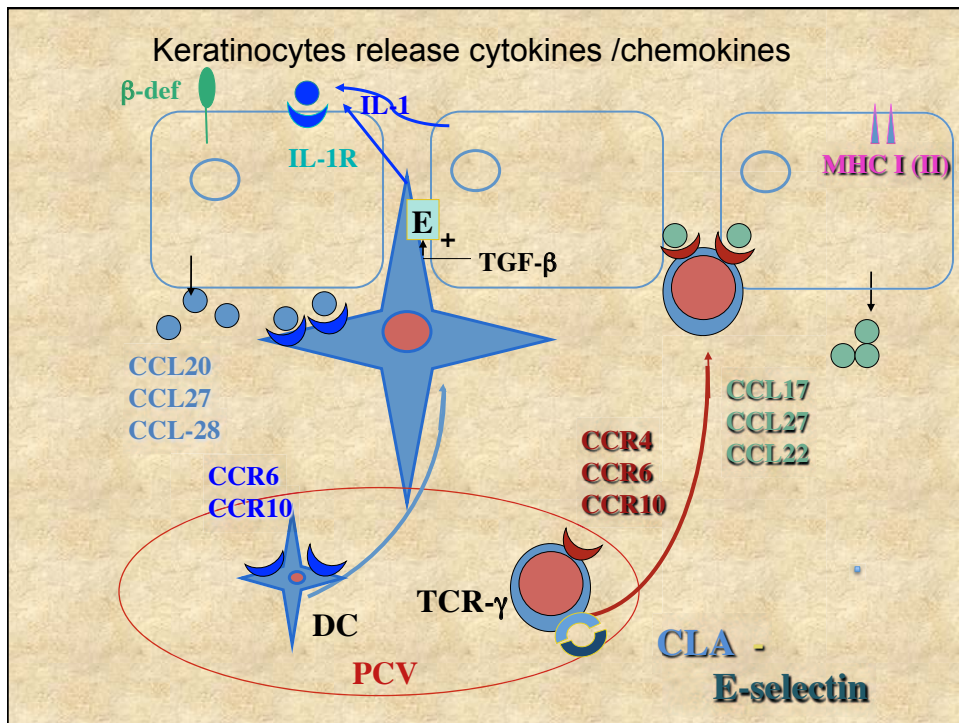




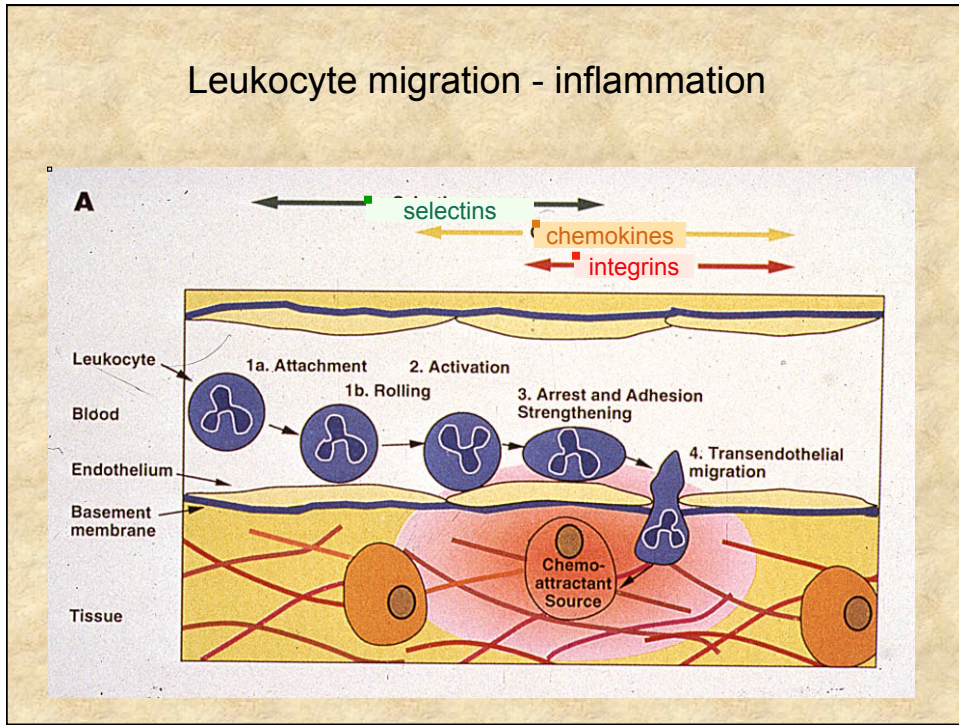
SIS – microvascular environment



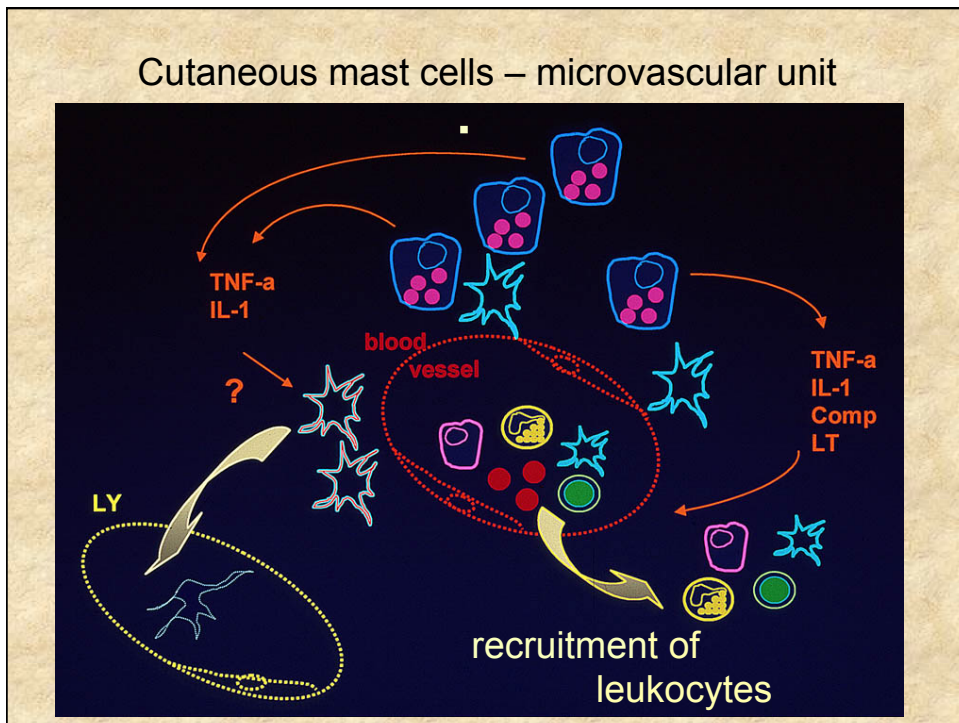
normal skin	
ICAM-1 (CD54) ICAM-2 (CD50)	β 2 integrins on leukocytes
inflamed skin	
ICAM-1 upregulated	β 2 integrin ligation
E-selectin expresses (CD62 _E)	CLA antigen
VCAM-1 expressed (CD106)	β 1 integrins: VLA-4 / (CD49d/CD29)

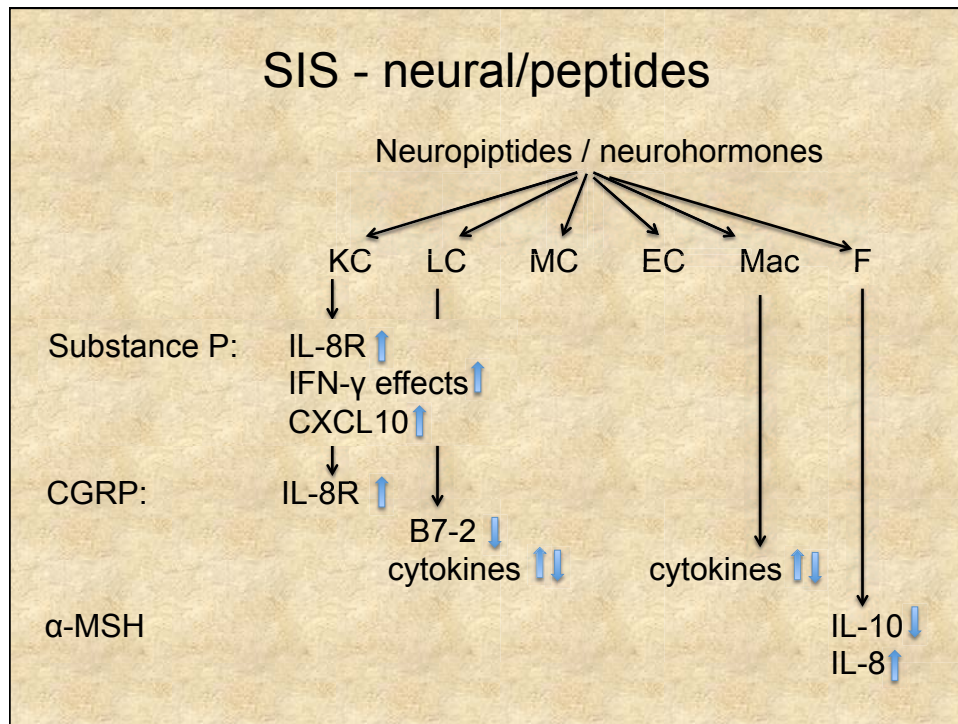


Leukocyte migration - inflammation



Cutaneous mast cells – microvascular unit





Anergy / tolerance

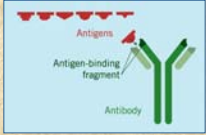
- Antigen overload: T cell apoptosis
- Absence of costimulation (B7, CD28, CD40, CD40L)
- TREG: IL10, TGF- β ; suppression of TH response
- Lack of $\gamma\delta$ -T cells: impaired tolerance
- Antigen-specific suppression

Autoimmune disease

- Lack of central tolerance: AIRE – mutation
- Lack of peripheral tolerance: TREG insufficiency
- Exposure to cryptic antigens (ex: nuclear antigens)
- Alteration of self by haptens (ex: drugs)
- Cross-reactivity: low affinity B cell receptor may react with similar antigen
- Antigen spreading: T cell activated by a new antigen may subsequently recognize similar self antigen
- Genetic make-up: MHC
- Contribution of TH17: amplify immune response
- IL-23: binds to p40 subunit of IL-12 receptor

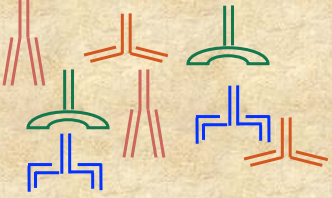
Techniques

Immunohistochemistry




Antigen
Antigen-binding fragment
Antibody

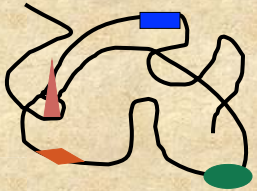
Polyclonal Ab
recognizes *multiple* epitopes



Monoclonal Ab
recognizes a *single* epitope



Monoclonal Ab
high specificity
± sensitivity

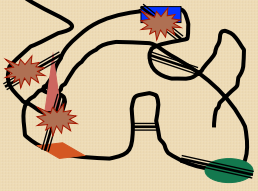


Polyclonal AB
± specificity
higher sensitivity

“know your antibody”
Know what to expect!!!
Use correct controls!

Species specificity
Species it has been produced in

Does antibody work in formalin-fixed tissue?



Antigen retrieval:

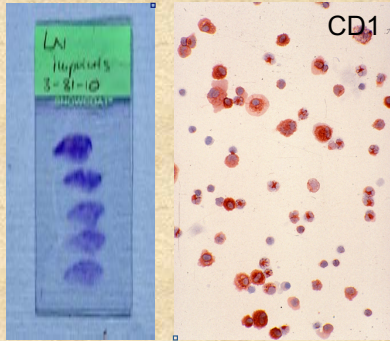
- ❖ enzymatic
- ❖ citric acid
- ❖ heat

Imprints / aspirates / snap frozen tissue

◀ - avoid crystals/clefts

Air-dried:

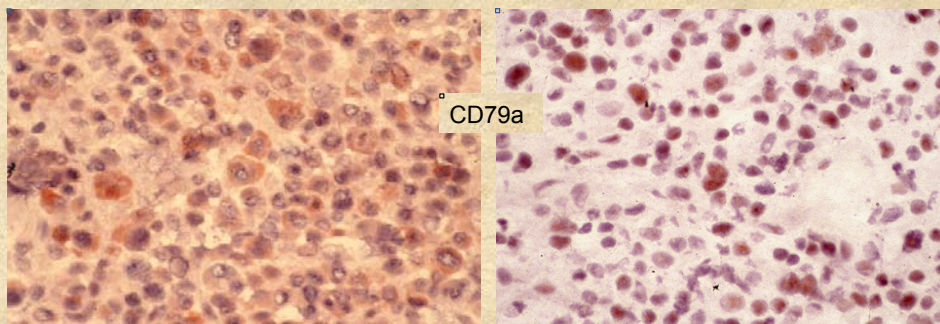
- at +4°C (1-2 days)
- keep frozen -20°C (with dessicator)



- small piece in cryomold
- add OCT (liquid at room temperature)
- remove all air bubbles
- methylbutane in small flask
- liquid nitrogen in cryocontainer
- immerse flask with methylbutane in container with liquid nitrogen
- bottom and rim solid - center liquid
- carefully immerse cryomold into methylbutane until solid frozen (20-40 seconds)
- keep block at -70°C in plastic wrap
- keep frozen at any times!!
- sections cut with cryotome

“know your antibody”

- Know the location of the protein of interest!



“Negative result”

- make sure you compare the controls
- with tumors - may not rule completely rule out a cell type (tumor cells change expression of proteins)

Cross-reactivity of antibodies

1. Does the Ab work in a different species? (best for highly conserved antigens)
2. Is the Ab recognizing the correct antigen in a different species? (species-specific differences of expression, ex: CD4, CD80, CD86; background issues)

⁴⁺ control: tissues from primary species

identification of the protein

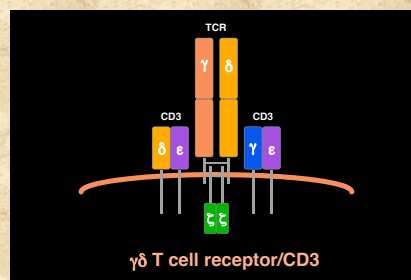
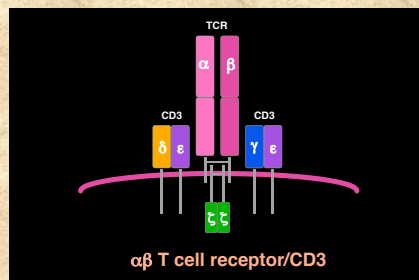
- Immunohistochemistry / immunofluorescence
- Flow cytometry
- Immunoprecipitations / immunoblot
- Amino acid sequencing of the antigen

Clonality testing

Identification of polyclonal vs. clonal T and/or B cell populations reactive vs. neoplastic

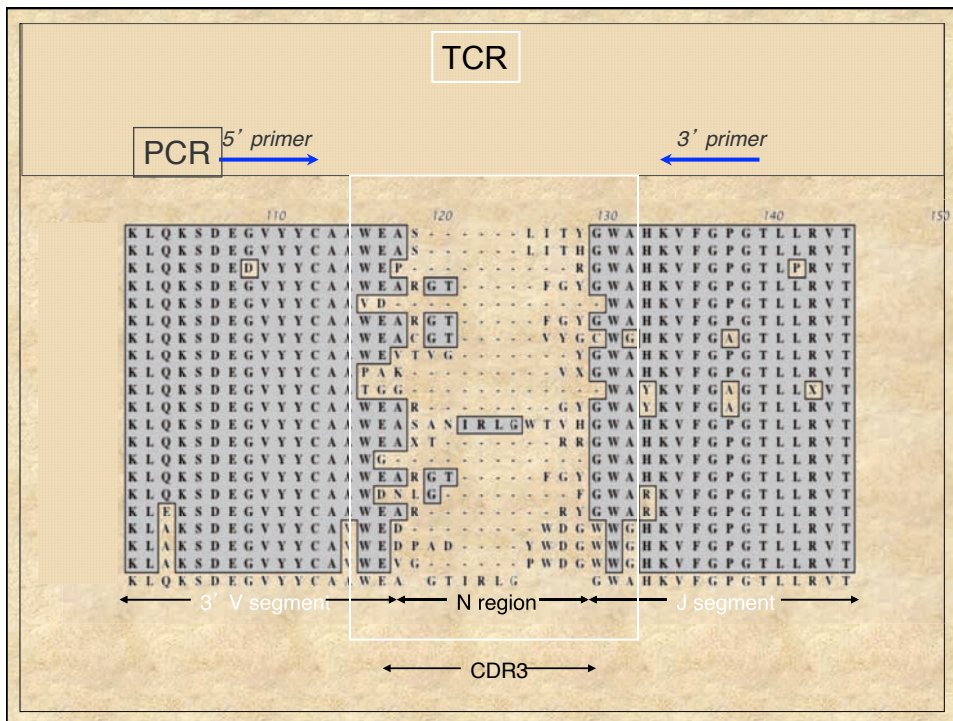
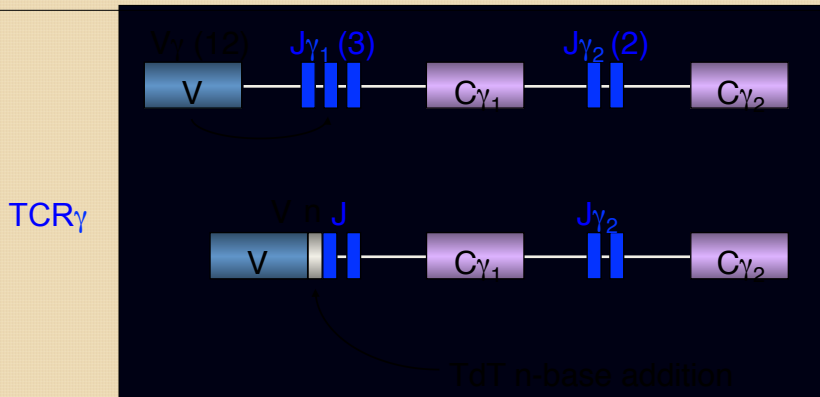
T cells

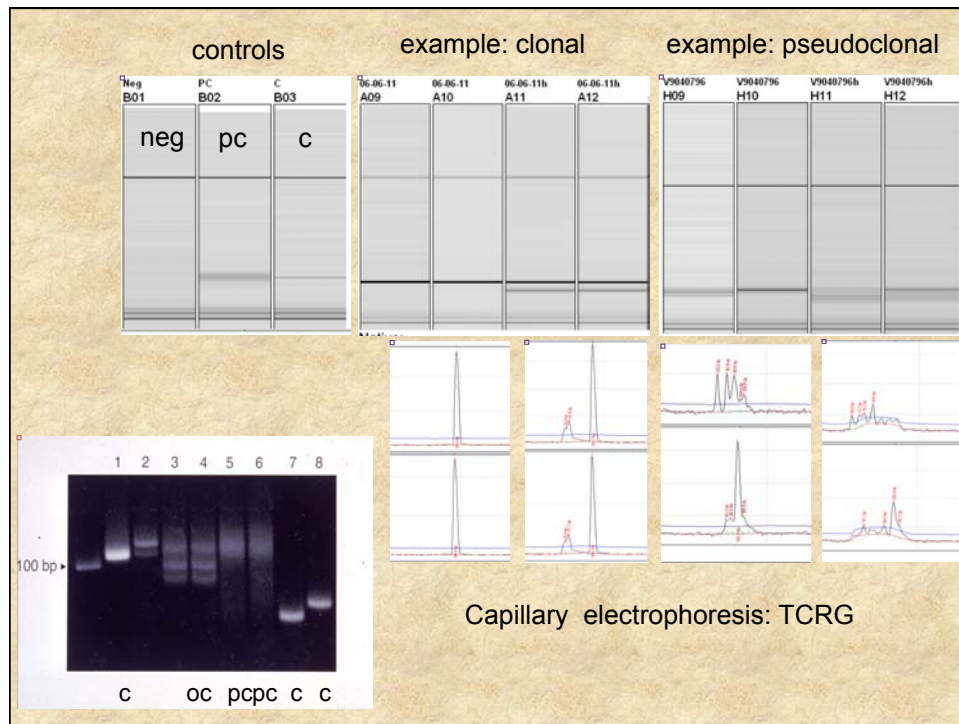
- T cells rearrange their T cell receptor TCR (RAG-1, RAG-2 genes)
 - TCR $\alpha\beta$
 - TCR $\gamma\delta$
- each T cell has a unique sequence and length of the TCR



TCR gene rearrangement - TCRG preferred target for clonality testing

- most TCR $\alpha\beta$ rearrange TCRG prior to TCRB
 $\gamma\delta$ -T cells and $\alpha\beta$ -T cells rearrange TCRG
- structure of TCRG less complex than TCRB
high homology (lack of D segment)





Clonality testing

B cells

B cells rearrange their B cell receptor IgH -

- variable region of the released antibody

Each B cell has a unique sequence and length of the IgH variable region

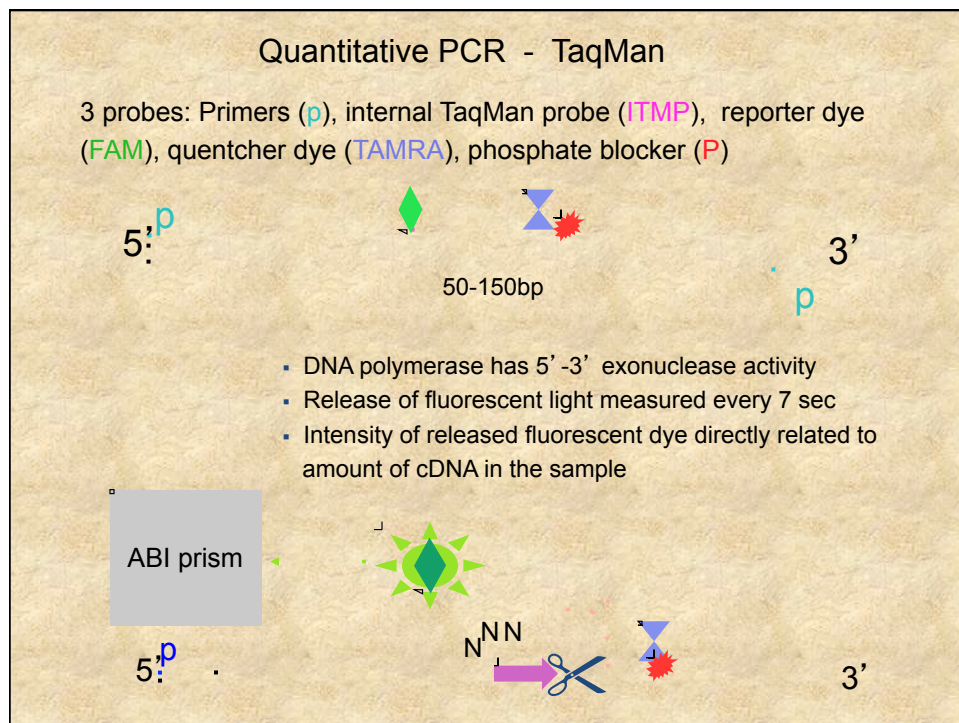
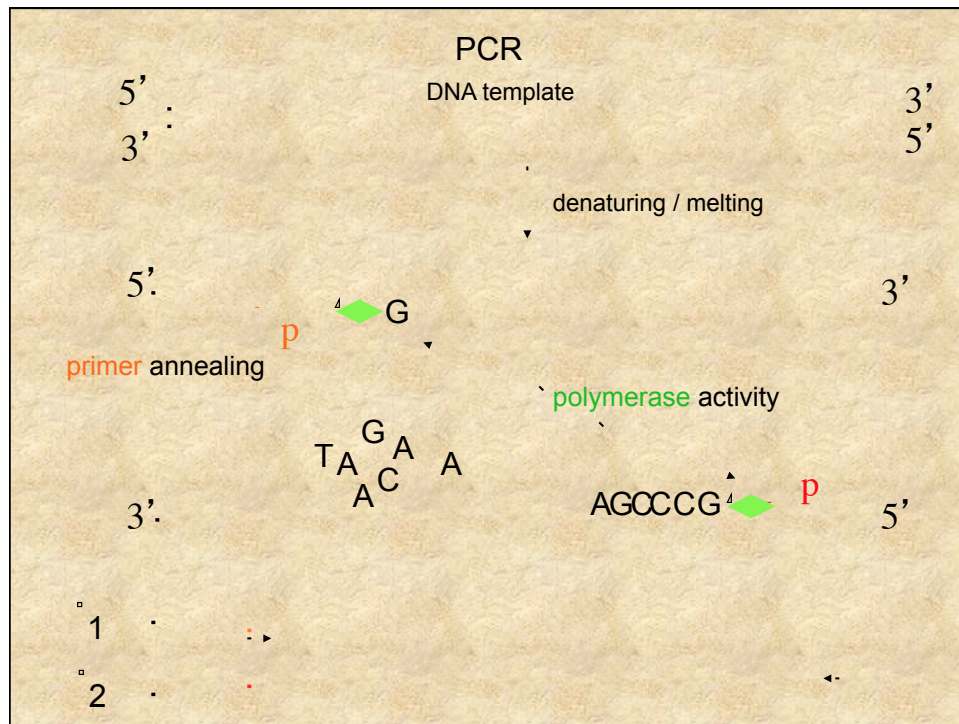
KDE: κ - deleting element: λ or κ light chains: V and J region

- repetitive exposure to antigen

Ab class
“switching”

Additional mutations:

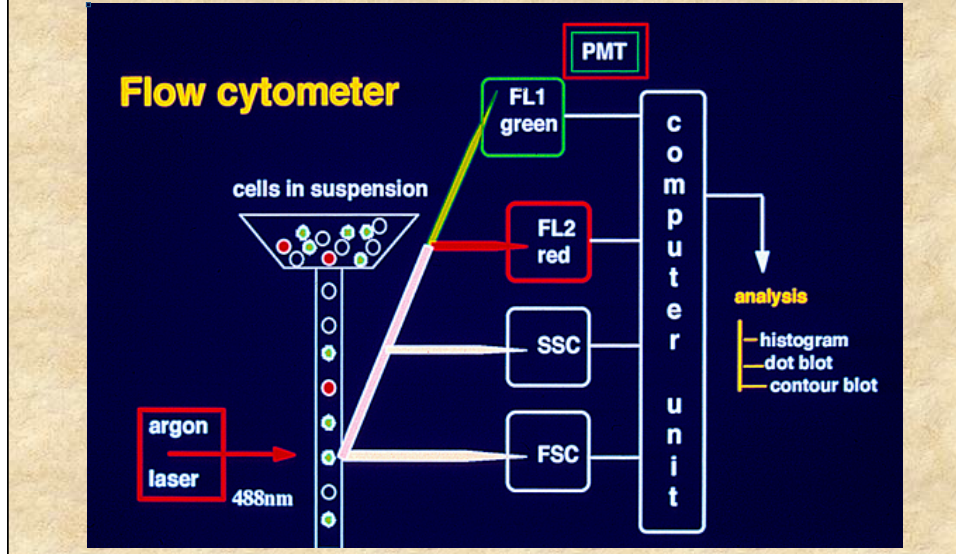
Primers may no longer be able to bind
– false polyclonal response



Flow cytometry

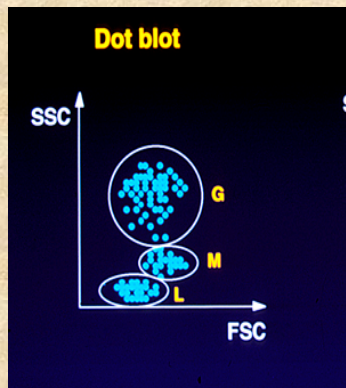
Quantitative analysis of cells in solution

Evaluation of individual cells labeled by Ab conjugated with fluorescent dye



Flow cytometry - peripheral blood

(Citrate, EDTA)



Diagnostic purposes

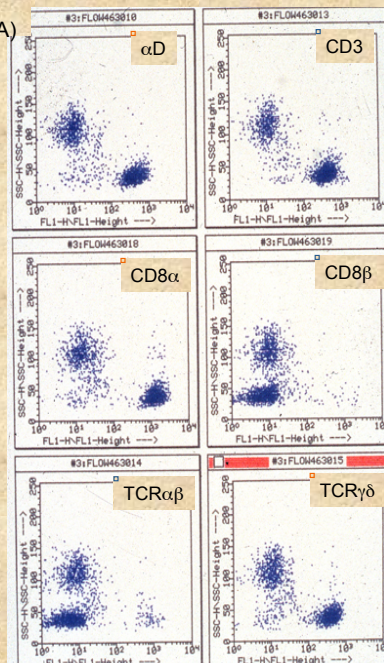
- ✓ immunophenotyping of cells in solution (aspirates, cell suspensions)

- ✓ peripheral blood: leukemia

Clinical follow-up

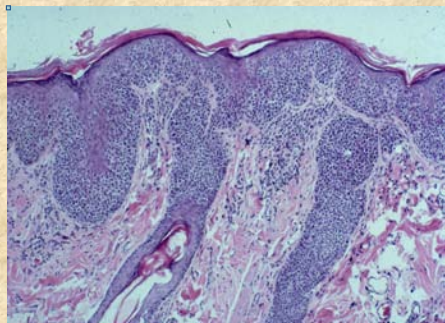
- ✓ residual disease / success of therapy

LGL leukemia



Example: Airdale terrier, 10 year old, fs

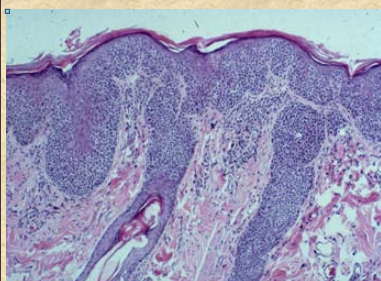
- generalized skin ulcers
- worse on caudal dorsum and perineum



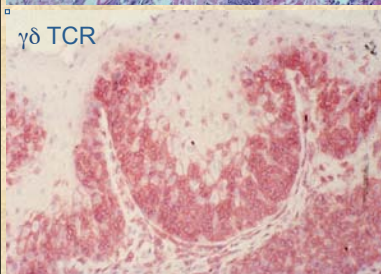
epitheliotropic
lymphoma

- Skin ulcers
- HCT=39.8%
- platelets = 523,000/ul
- WBC = 43,300/ul
- neutrophils = 19.052/ul
- lymphocytes = 19,052/ul
- serum calcium = 12.2md/dl

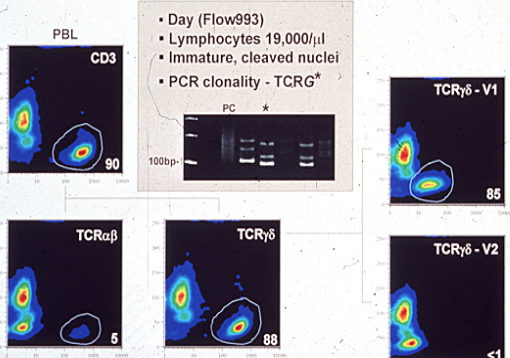
Airdale terrier, 10 year old, fs



$\gamma\delta$ TCR

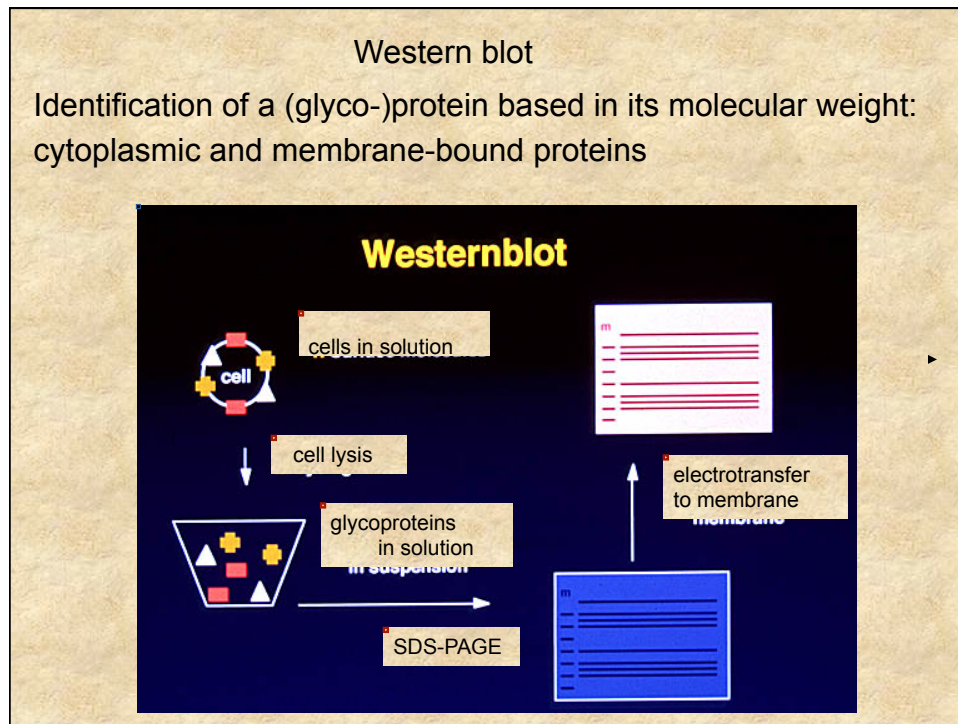


Cutaneous T cell Lymphoma (MF)- $\gamma\delta$ lymphocytosis

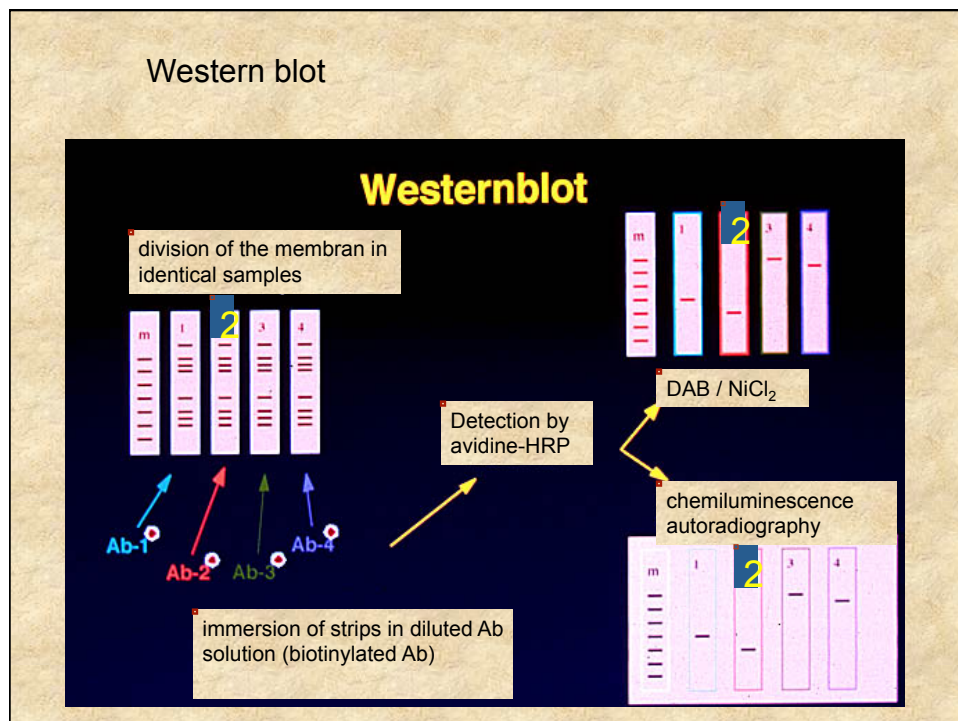


Western blot

Identification of a (glyco-)protein based in its molecular weight:
cytoplasmic and membrane-bound proteins

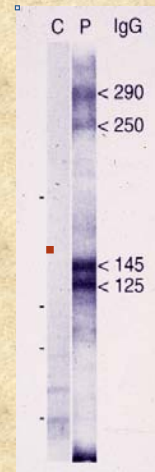
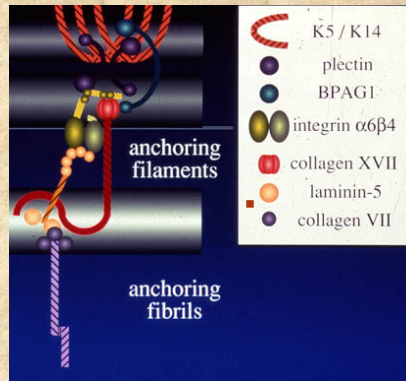
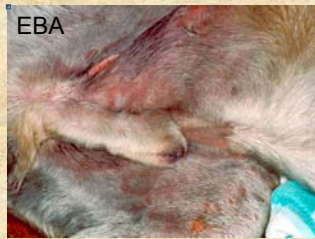


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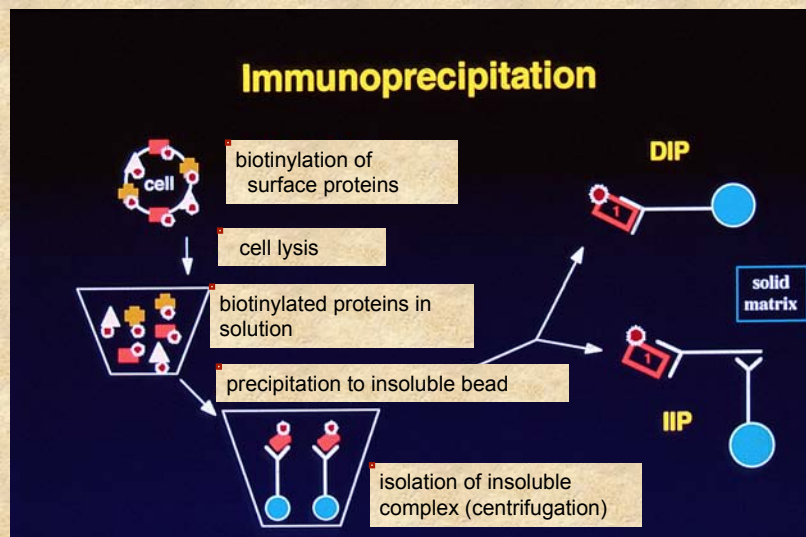
Western blot

- identification of antibodies in patients serum:
 - ✓ autoantibodies



Immunoprecipitation - immunoblot

Identification of a (glyco-)protein based in its molecular weight:
membrane-bound proteins



Immunoprecipitation - immunoblot

