# White Blood Cells



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### **OBJECTIVES**

### At the end of this lecture you should be able to:

- **Describe different types and formation of WBC**
- Recognize the general functions of WBC
- Describe stages of neutrophil formation
- Describe role of neutrophils in defending against infections
- Explain the process of phagocytosis.

### **IMMUNITY**

Innate immunity (non specific) Examples: • Phagocytes (Neut, Mono, NK)

- Complement
- Barriers

Cell mediated T lymphocytes

Acquired immunity (specific, adaptive)

> Humoral Antibody mediated B lymphocytes

Note: Macrophages are key components of the innate immunity and activate adaptive immunity by transforming into Antigen Presenting Cells



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#### CHAPTER 34

Resistance of the Body to Infection: I. Leukocytes, Granulocytes, the

**Monocyte-Macrophage System, and Inflammation** 

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CHAPTER 35

### Resistance of the Body to Infection: II. Immunity and Allergy

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## WBC TYPES (CLASSIFICATION)

### **Granulocytes**

- Polymorphonuclear leukocytes (PMNs)
  - Neutrophils (10-16um, 2-5lobes of Nucleus)
  - Eosinophils (12-18um, Bilobed, coarse red granules)
  - Basophils (10-14um, rarely segmented Nucleus hidden by large round bluish granules)

### Agranulocytes

Lymphocytes (Round Nucleus, Small [5-8um] & large [9-15um])

- T lymphocyte
- B lymphocyte

Monocytes (15-20um, Kidney shaped Nucleus) make macrophage system

### **WBCs Concentration (Normal Counts)**

Cells	Approximate Normal range (/μL)	Percentage of Total WBC	Life Span
Total WBC	4000-11000		
Granulocytes •Neutrophils • Eosinophils • Basophils	3000-6000 150-300 0-100	50-70% 1-4% 0.4	4-8 hours in blood and 4-5 days in tissues
Lymphocytes	1500-4000	20-40%	Weeks-months
Monocytes (macrophages)	300-600	2-8%	10-20 hours (months)
Polymorphonuclear neutrophils Polymorphonuclear eosinophils Polymorphonuclear basophils Monocytes Lymphocytes		62.0% 2.3% 0.4% 5.3% 30.0%	













Fig. 9 - Eosinophil



fig. 10 - Basophil





Fig. 12 - Monocyte







Fig. 11 - Lymphocyte

### Leucopoiesis

**Two major lineage of WBCs are formed:** 

1. Myelocytic: Granular, monocytes

2. Lymphocytic: Lymphocytes

#### **Sites of WBC Formation**

- Granulocytes (neutrophil, basophil, eosinophil) in bone marrow
- Monocytes- bone marrow
- lymphocytes- bone marrow, thymus, lymphoid tissues





#### Genesis of white blood cells. The different cells of the myelocyte series are 1, myeloblast; 2, promyelocyte; 3, megakaryocyte; 4, neutrophil myelocyte; 5, young neutrophil metamyelocyte; 6. "band" neutrophil metamyelocyte; 7, polymorphonuclear neutrophil; eosinophil myelocyte; 8. 9. eosinophil metamyelocyte; 10. polymorphonuclear eosinophil; 11, basophil myelocyte; 12, polymorphonuclear basophil; 13-16, stages of monocyte formation.

#### LEUCOPOIESIS

Responses During Inflammation Macrophage and Neutrophil

- 1<sup>st</sup> line of defense Tissue macrophages & Physical Barriers
- 2<sup>nd</sup> line of defense Neutrophil Invasion of the inflamed area
- <sup>3rd</sup> line of defense Monocytes –macrophage invasion of inflamed area
- 4<sup>th</sup> line of defense Increased production of granulocytes and Monocytes by Bone marrow

### NEUTROPHILS

- Most Abundant WBCs 60-70 %
- Size: 15-20 μm
- Nucleus: Multilobed 2-5 lobes
- Life span: 6-8 hours

#### **NEUTROPHIL GRANULES**

 Primary Granules (Non Specific, Azurophilic, lysosomes) [33%]:
 Acid hydrolases, MPO, HOCl, Defensins
 Secondary Granules (Specific) [67%]:
 Lysozyme, Lactoferrin, Alkaline Phaphatase, Gelatinase, Bacteriostatic & Bacericidal

products.

Tertiary Granules : (help to digest tissues)
Collagenase, Hyaluronidase and Gelatinase.

#### POOLS: Bone Marrow, Circulating and Marginated Pool



Glycogen granules: for anaerobic glycolysis.

#### **PMNs (Antimicrobial system)**

#### **RESPIRATORY BURST**

- O2 Free Radicals (O-2, H2O2, -OH)
- NADPH-oxidase
- Myeloperoxidase
- Cl- → HoCl: Hypochlorous acid "very toxic"

#### **REACTIVE OXYGEN METABOLITES**

e→ O2-
$+ 2H+ \longrightarrow H_2O_2 + O_2$
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$2 + Fe2 + \longrightarrow OH + OH + Fe3 +$
$2 \longrightarrow HOCl + OH-$

DEFENSIVE PROPERTIES OF MACROPHAGES & NEUTROPHILS

Margination: WBC Roll, Bind and then stick along the walls of blood capillaries

Diapedesis: WBC squeezes itself through endothelial holes leaving blood capillaries

Chemotaxis: WBC move by amoeboid motion towards inflammation area following chemotactic substances (Bacterial toxins, Complement [C5a], LKB4) are released from site of infection

Phagocytosis: Upon reaching the site of infection neutrophils start to engulf infecting organism

### Chemotaxis

The attraction of the neutrophils to inflamed area following chemotactic substances are released from infected site:

#### Chemotactic substances:

- Bacterial toxins
- Degenerative products of inflamed tissue
- Complement system (C5a)
- Reaction product of plasma
- clotting



**Figure 34-6.** Migration of neutrophils from the blood into inflamed tissue. Cytokines and other biochemical products of the inflamed tissue cause increased expression of selectins and intercellular adhesion molecule-1 (*ICAM-1*) in the surface of endothelial cells. These adhesion molecules bind to complementary molecules/receptors on the neutrophil, causing it to adhere to the wall of the capillary or venule. The neutrophil then migrates through the vessel wall by diapedesis toward the site of tissue injury.





**Figure 34-2.** Movement of neutrophils by *diapedesis* through capillary pores and by *chemotaxis* toward an area of tissue damage.

### Phagocytosis & Digestion



### Phagocytosis

Selective process: foreign substance recognize by:

- **1.**Rough surface
- 2.No protective protein coat, which prevents phagocytosis
- **3.**Increased by certain substances e.g (OPSONINS)

Complement 3b or antibodies like IgG making them ready for killing a process known as opsonization.

Neutrophils encircle the bacteria with pseudopodia and engulf it inside into a vacuole (phagosome), can kill 3-20 bacteria

### **Opsonization & Phagocytosis**



### **Microbial killing**

- Digestion of organism inside the phagosom
- Fusion of intracellular lysosomes with phagosome vacuole
- Lysosomes discharge its proteolytic enzymes such as myeloperoxidase, catalase into the vacuole, killing and digesting the engulfed bacteria. and or **Release of bactericidal** such as superoxide, hydrogen peroxide to kill the bacteria



### EOSINOPHILS

- **Size:10-14 μm in diam. 1-6%**
- Life span; 4-5 hours in circulation.





- **Granules** are arginine rich, which take acid dye
  - Weak phagocytes: Exhibit Cause Chemotaxis: attracted towards chronic inflammation: : (1) by releasing hydrolytic enzymes from their granules (modified lysosomes); (2) release highly reactive forms of oxygen (3) release a highly larvacidal polypeptide called major basic protein.
- Increased in PARASITIC INFECTIONS eg; schistosomiasis, hook worm, Ascaris and in ALLERGIES eg; asthma & Rhinitis DRUG REACTIONS and SKIN ALLERGIES. Neutralises allergic products such histamine, 5-HT, Ag-Ab complex, bradykinin (allergic disease of skin & lungs)

### BASOPHILS



- Size:10-14 μm in diam Count < 1%</p>
- Weak phagocytic cells
- Granules contain polysaccharide granules > base methylene blue color.
- Both mast cells and basophils liberate histamine, heparin, bradykinin, Serotonin (5HT), slow-reacting substance of anaphylaxis (a mixture of three leukotrienes) and a number of lysosomal enzymes.
   Increased in allergic reactions: immediate-type hypersensitivity (allergic) reactions

### MONOCYTES



-Size: 15-20 μm (active cells 60-80 μm) Small Granules (Prim) & Vacoules -More Efficient than Neutrophils (100 bacteria vs 3-20 by Neutr, larger particles like RBCs & malarial parasites) Life span: 10-20 hours in blood...& in tissues? Two types: Mobile & Fixed Lysosomes contain lipases unlike Neut. Acts as Antigen Presenting Cells

### **Antigen Presenting Cells**



Reticuloendothelial System Monocytes/Macrophage System

 Monocytes when enter the tissues they transform themselves into macrophages this system of phagocytes is called as Monocye-Macrophage Cell System

#### Examples are: -

- 1.Skin and Subc tissues (Histiocytes)
- 2.Lymph Nodes
- **3.Alveolar macrophages**
- **4.Liver sinuses (Kupffer Cells)**
- 5.Spleen & Bone marrow
- 6.Microglia in Brain
- 7.Kidneys (Mesangial Cells)
- 8.Bone (Osteoclasts)

### **Tissue macrophages**



Figure 34-4. Kupffer cells lining the liver sinusoids, showing phagocytosis of India ink particles into the cytoplasm of the Kupffer cells.

portal

field









### **IMPORTANT TERMS**

Pus (necrotic tissue, dead neutrophils, dead macrophages and tissue fluid 🗲 Autolyze) Leukocytosis Neutrophilia Leukopenia Leukemias

