



Immunology team - 437

4- Antibody-Mediated Immunity

Objectives:

- 1- To describe B cells as the mediators of humoral immunity, (antibody-mediated immunity).
- 2- To describe activation of B cells which involve :
- Antigen recognition. T-dependent & T-independent antigens. Requirement for T-helper cells.
- 3- To explain clonal selection, clonal expansion & generation of plasma cells & memory cells.
- 4- To describe primary & secondary immune responses.
- 5- To describe the structure & function of immunoglobulins. .

Humoral Immune Response



Definition: It is the aspect (part) of Immunity that is mediated by Secreted ANTIBODIES Why it's called humoral? Because it involves substances found in the Humours or Body Fluids.

Activation of B-Cells by Antigens

T-dependent Antigen	T-independent Antigens
Antibody production by B-Cell require T-Helper cells. 1-Antigen Presenting Cells (Monocyte-Macrophage-Dendritic	B-cells do not require T-helper cells to produce antibody. Immune responses induce the production of IgM of <u>low affinity</u> for the antigen and <u>no immunologic</u>
rell-B lymphocyte) <u>recognize</u> antigen and <u>present</u> it to T-helper cells. 2-T-helper cells stimulate B-cells <u>specific</u> for that Antigen to become <u>Plasma Cells</u> T-dependent antigens are mainly <u>PROTEINS</u>	<u>memory.</u> T-independent Antigens are mainly <u>POLYSACCHARIDES</u> or <u>LIPOPOLYSACCHARIDES</u> with repeating subunits (bacterial capsules).



The antigen picks a specific B-cell to proliferate **Cell proliferation** Clonal Proliferation Clone of memory cells Antibodies secreted into circulation

Differentiation: also occur on B-Cells just like T-cells 1- Plasma Cells. 2- Memory Cells (only in T-dependent)

Antibodies

1- Antibodies are immunoglobulins with <u>specific functions</u>.

2- Antibodies bind to <u>specific sites</u> on antigen surfaces called (<u>epitopes</u>) and perform protective functions by different mechanisms.

There is **SPECIFIC** antibody for any one given type of antigen.



Antibody structure and functions

1. Made up of four polypeptides chains

2. Mwo longer and larger (heavy chains) and the other two shorter and smaller(light chains)

3. Has the shape of the letter "y"

Variable region has the potential to bind with particular classes of antigens. Once a raw antibody is stimulated to fit to a specific antigen, it can then react with ONLY that antigen This is known as **SINGLE SPECIFICITY** Can fit as precisely as a lock---and---key to an antigen.



Protective functions Of antibodies



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Electron micrographs of the effect of antibodies and complement upon bacteria



Healthy E. coli





Antibody + complement-mediated damage to E. coli

A Summary of Immunoglobulin Classes					
Characteristics	lgG	lgM	lgA	IgD	IgE
	Y	Disulfide bond J chain	J chain Secretory component	Y	Y
Structure	Monomer	Pentamer	Dimer (with secretory component)	Monomer	Monomer
Percentage of total serum antibody	80%	5–10%	10–15%*	0.2%	0.002%
Location	Blood, lymph, intestine	Blood, lymph, B cell surface (as monomer)	Secretions (tears, saliva, mucus, intestine, milk), blood, lymph	B cell surface, blood, lymph	Bound to mast and basophil cells through- out body, blood
Molecular weight	150,000	970,000	405,000	175,000	190,000
Half-life in serum	23 days	5 days	6 days	3 days	2 days
Complement fixation	Yes	Yes	No [†]	No	No
Placental transfer	Yes	No	No	No	No
Known functions	Enhances phagocytosis; neutralizes toxins and viruses; protects fetus and newborn	Especially effective against microor- ganisms and agglu- tinating antigens; first antibodies pro- duced in response to initial infection	Localized protection on mucosal surfaces	Serum function not known; presence on B cells functions in initiation of immune response	Allergic reactions; possibly lysis of parasitic worms

*Percentage in serum only; if mucous membranes and body secretions are included, percentage is much higher. [†] May be yes via alternate pathway.



Primary & Secondary immune responses

- Initial encounter with antigen produce primary immune response
- Subsequent challenge with same antigen produces <u>secondary immune response</u>



Concentration and type of antibody in primary & secondary immune response



Comparison between primary and secondary responses

The time between application of stimuli and the reaction

Property	Primary response	Secondary response
Responding B cell	Naive (virgin) B cell	Memory B cell
Lag period following antigen administration	Generally 4–7 days	Generally 1–3 days
Time of peak response	7–10 days	3–5 days
Magnitude of peak antibody response	Varies depending on antigen	Generally 100–1000 times highe than primary response
Isotype produced	IgM predominates early in the response	lgG predominates



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1-it is the aspect of immunity that is mediated by secreted	4-Antibodies bind to specific sites on antigen surfaces
antibodies	called
A- Humoral Immunity	A- receptor
B- cell mediated immunity	B- epitopes
C-A&B	C- protein
D-neither A or B	D-antigen
 2-Antibody production by B-cells require T-helper cells is A- T-independant B- T-dependant C-A&B D-neither A or B 3recognize antigen & present it to T-helper cells A- proteins B- antibody C- Antigen presenting cells D- cytotoxic 	 5-There is a SPECIFIC antibody for any one given type of an antigen A- false B- true 6- it is consist of two heavy chains and two light chains A- protein B- antigen C- antibody D- T cells

6-C 4-B 3-C 4-B 4-B 5-B 4-B 5-B

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