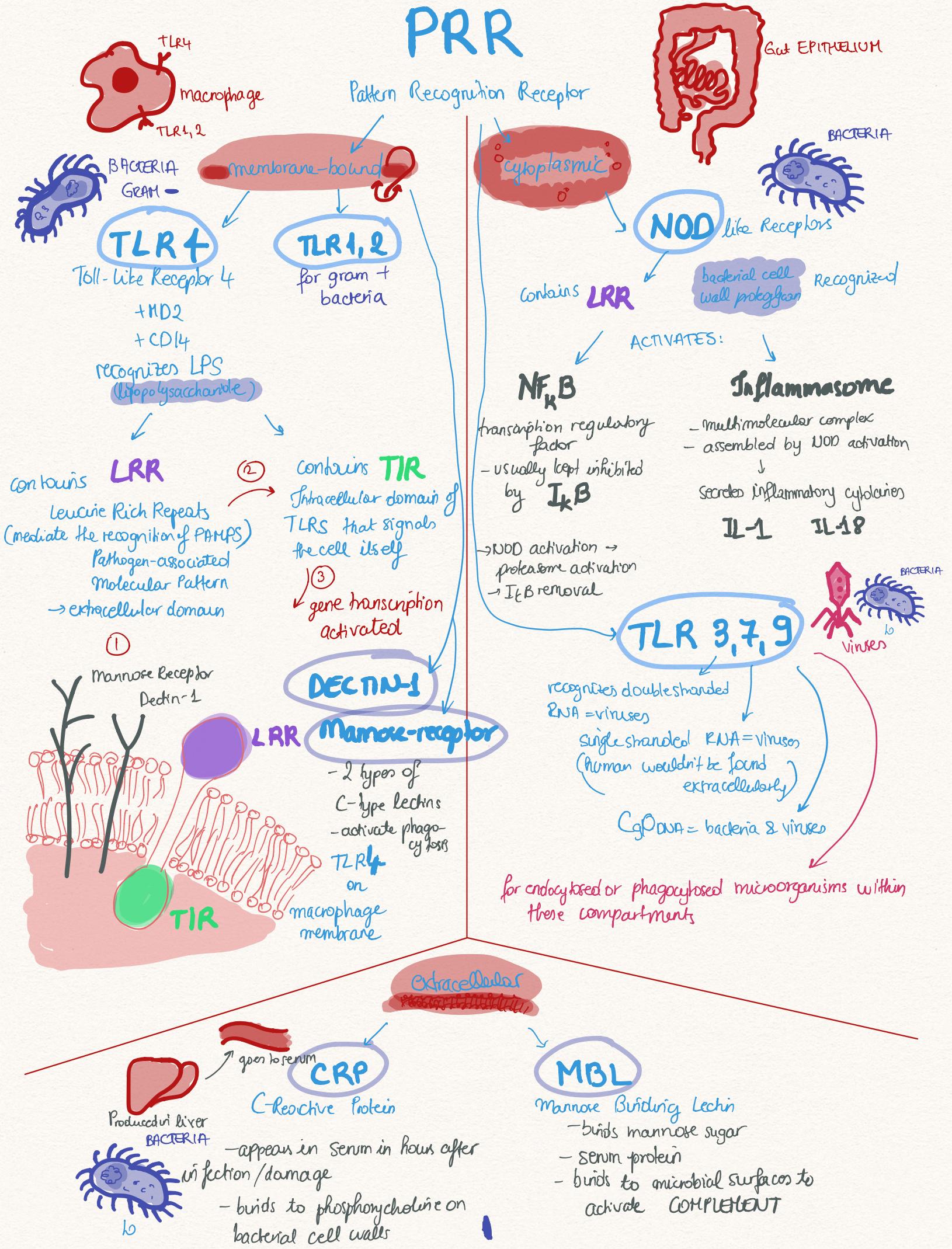
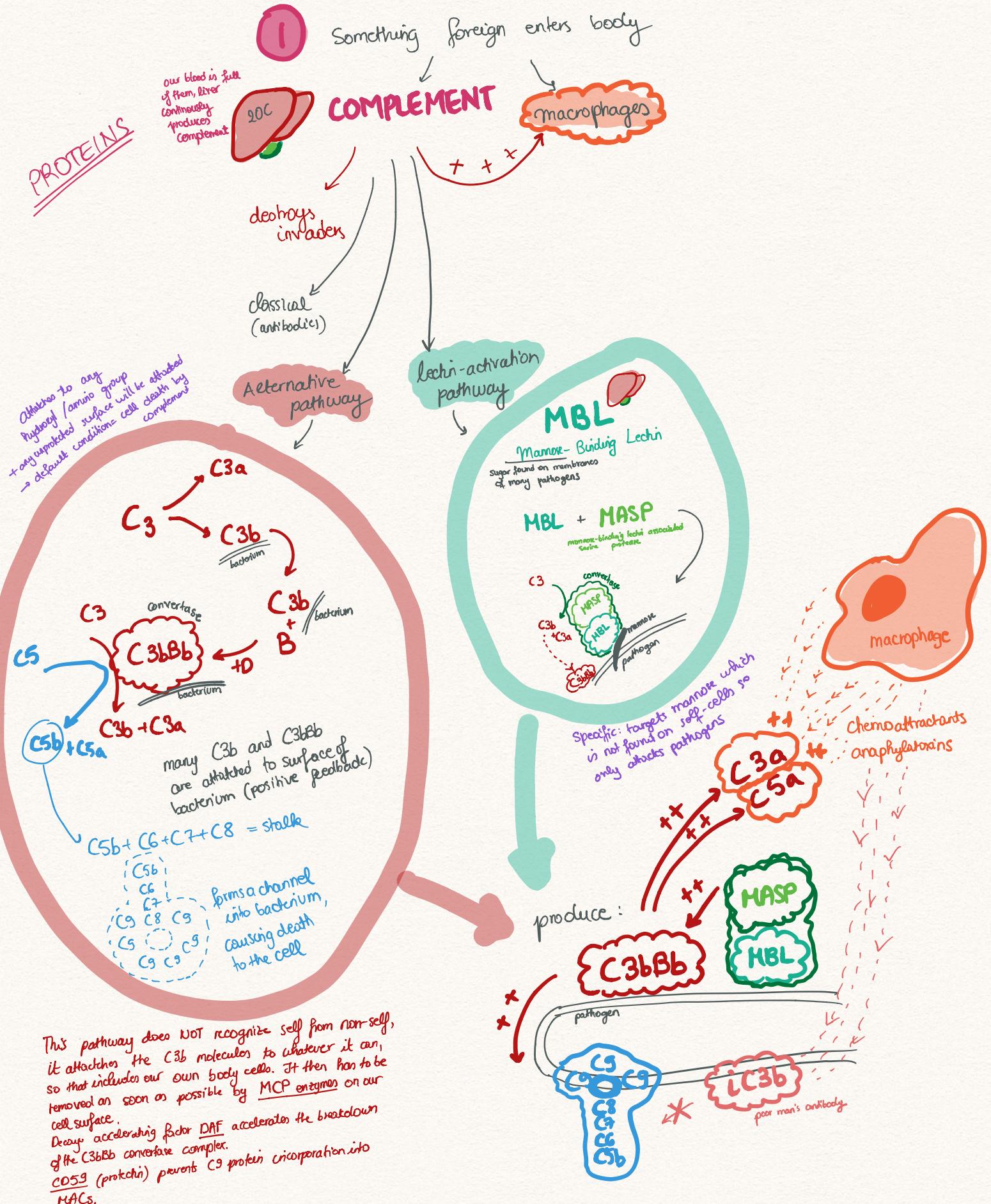


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MACROPHAGES

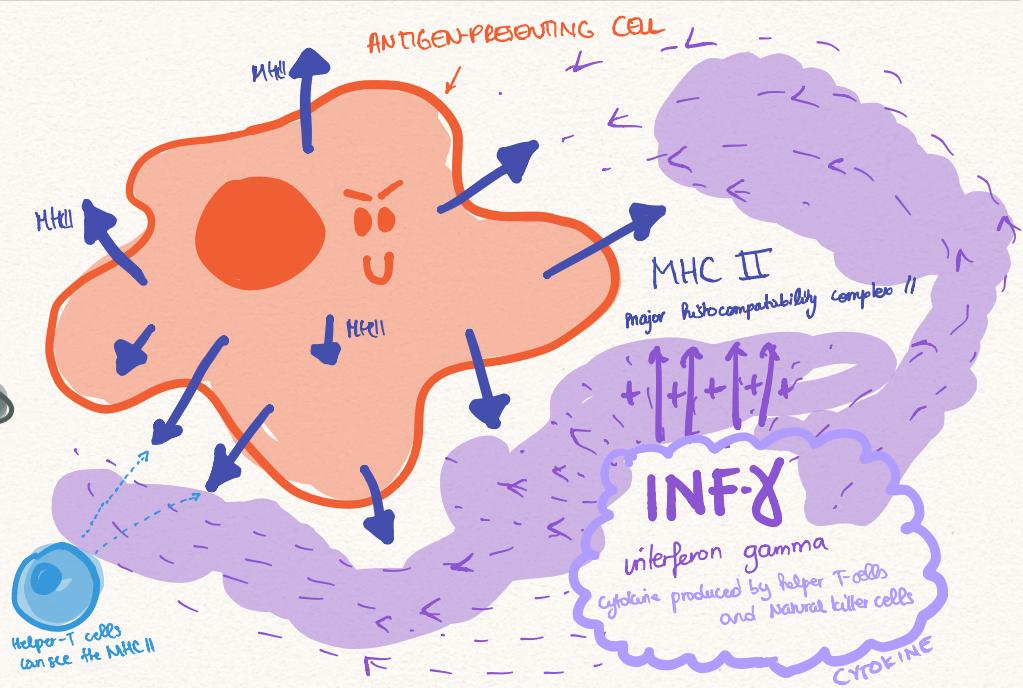
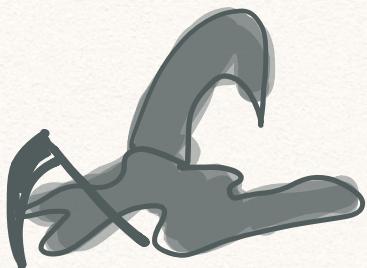
located just under most surfaces of the body ready to attack pathogens (lungs, gut)
 or to pick up cell debris. = long lived cells (months)
 KILL OUR DEAD CELLS

Usually:

GARBAGE COLLECTOR



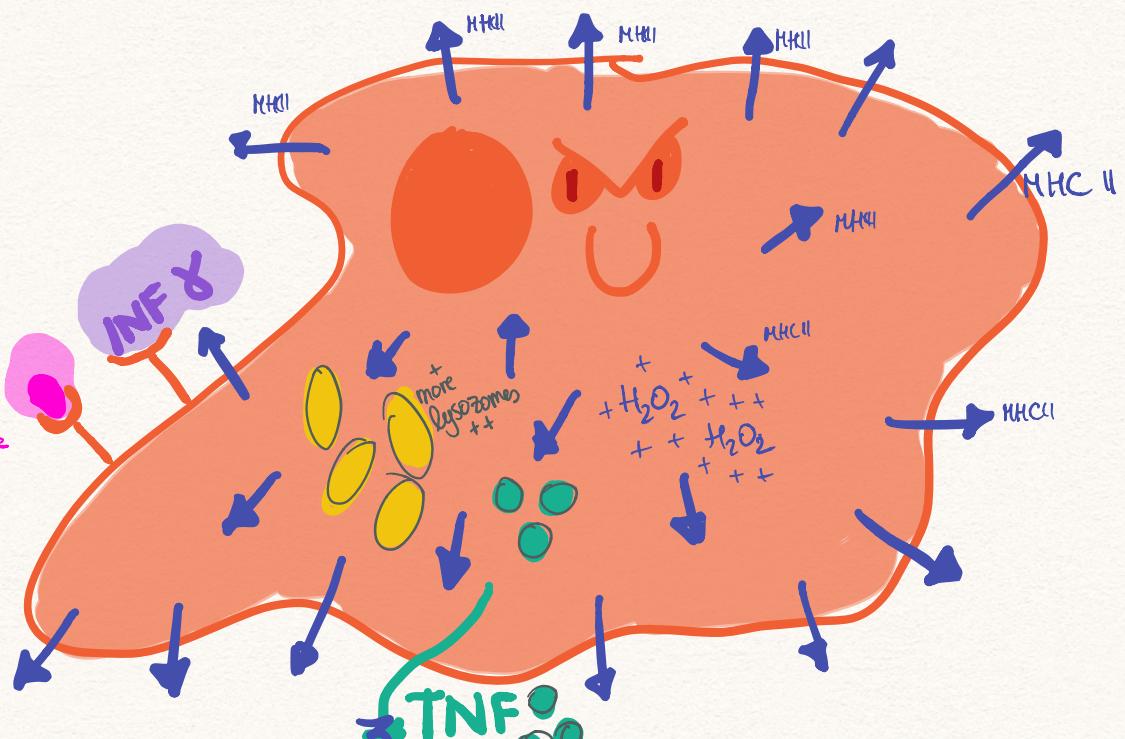
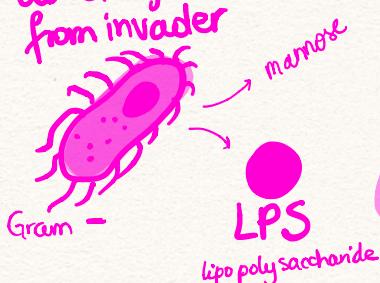
When they receive
Signals
INF- γ :



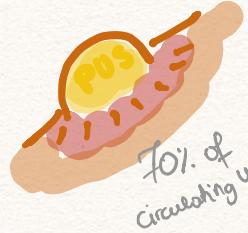
ANTIGEN PRESENTING CELL

!!!! Hyperactivation:

direct signal from invader



KILLING MACHINE



70% of circulating WBC

③ NEUTROPHILS

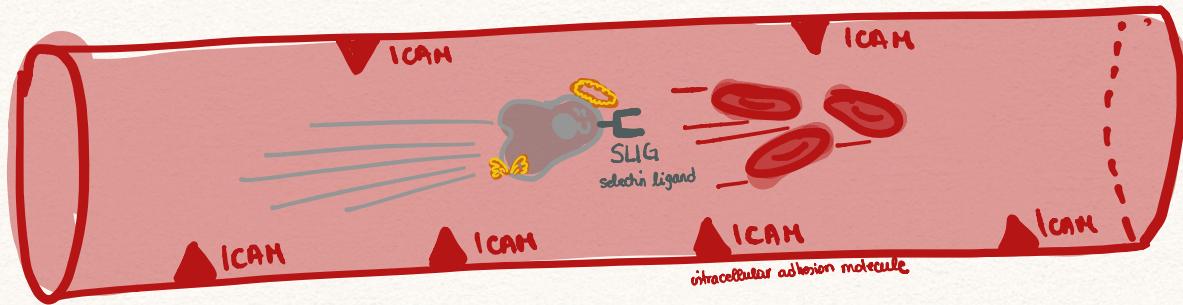
NOR antigen presenting cells. Natural killers "on cell" = short-lived ~5 days

- incredibly PHAGOCYTIC
- produce TNF & other cytokines
- release chemicals that kill pathogens (and other cells)

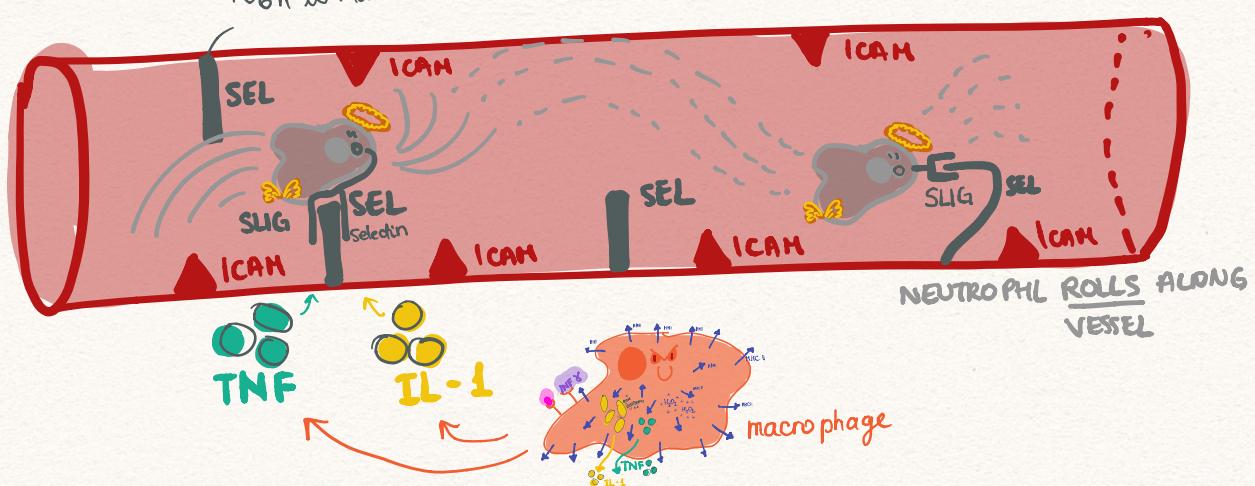
~20 min to be activated

the only immune system cells that can liquefy both cells and connective tissue

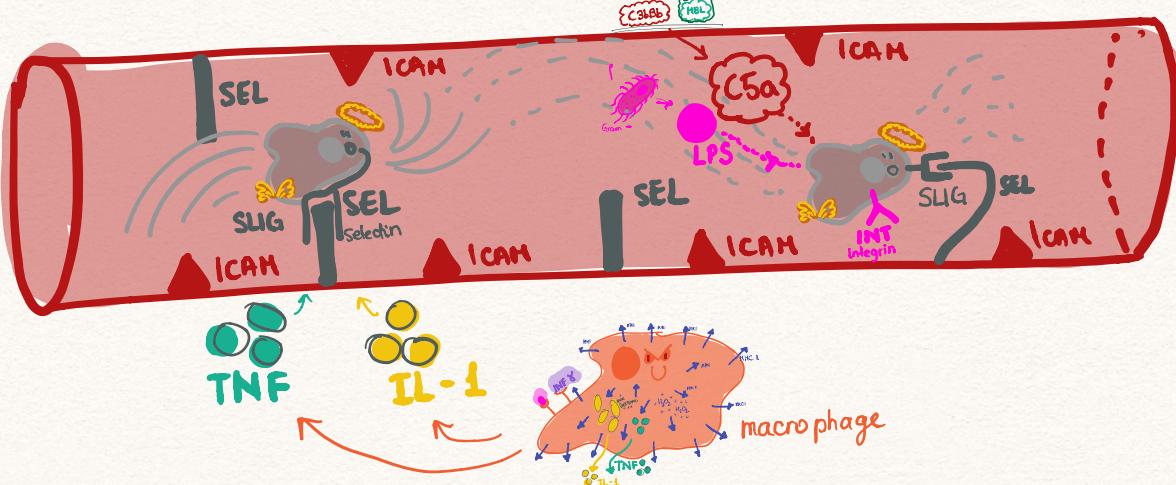
NORMAL TISSUE



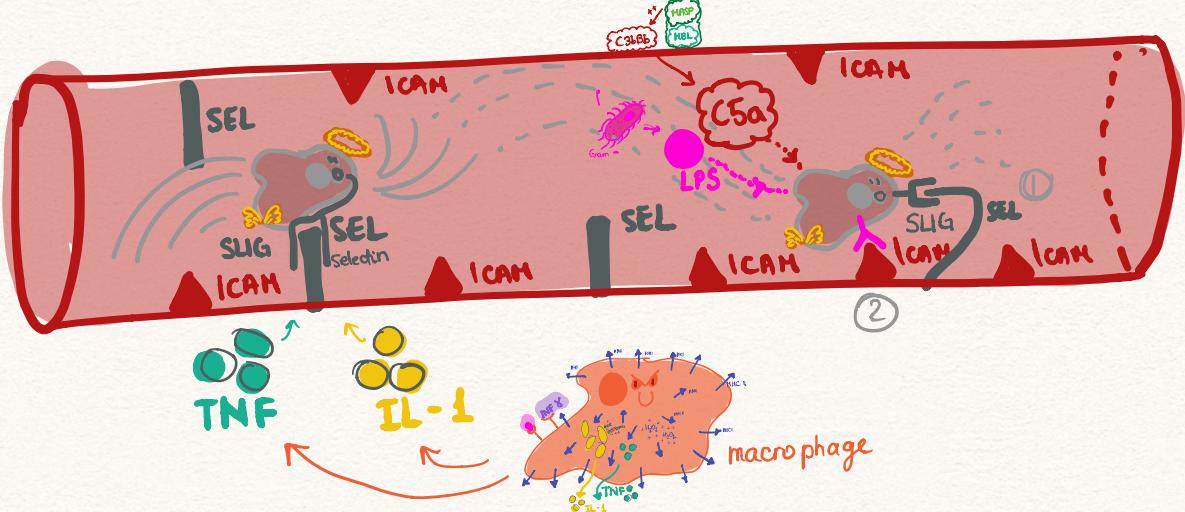
PATHOGEN-INVADED TISSUE
Macrophage Step



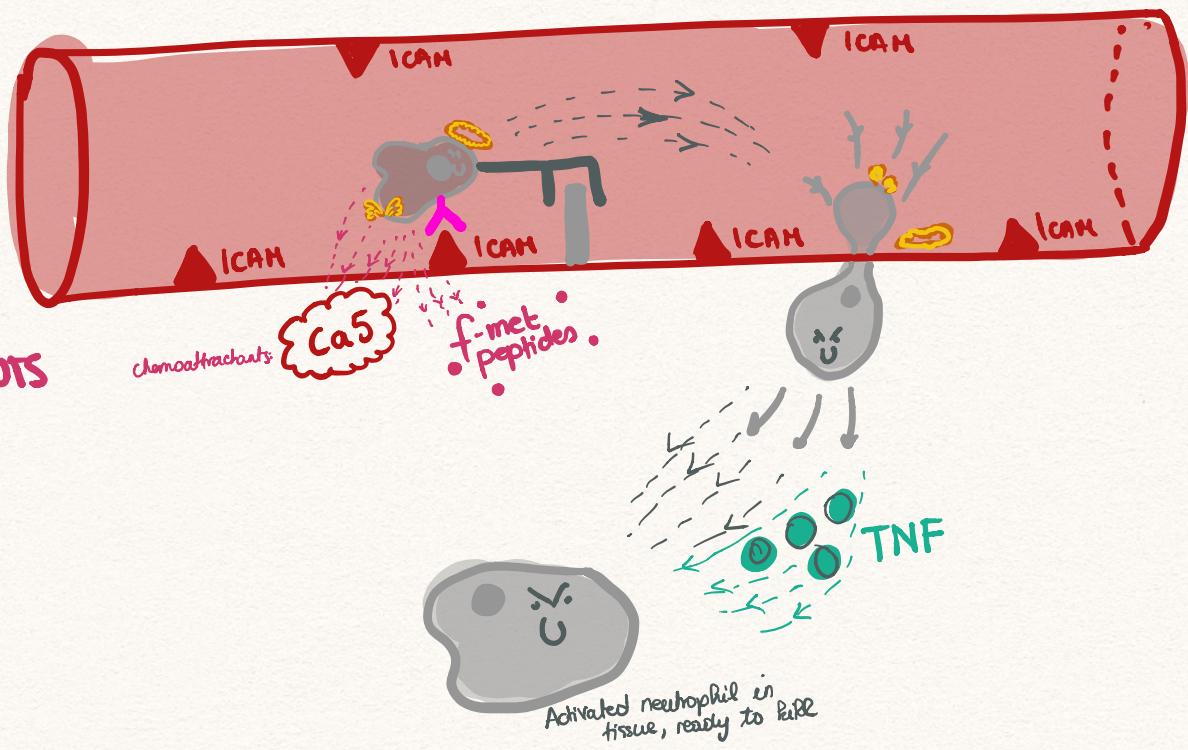
PATHOGEN-INVADED TISSUE
pathogen + complement step



NEUTROPHIL STOPPED
 INT < ICAM
 SLIG ← SEL



ESCAPING INTO THE TISSUES
 INT < ICAM
 SLIG ← SEL
 CHEMOATTRACTANTS
 TNF



The same stopping mechanism is also used for

- eosinophils
- mast cells
- monocytes → macrophages
- activated T cells
- activated B cells

} Just the type of ICAM and SEL molecules are different in each case

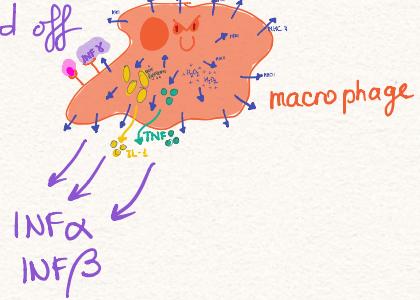


INTERFERONS

= "interfere" with virus reproduction

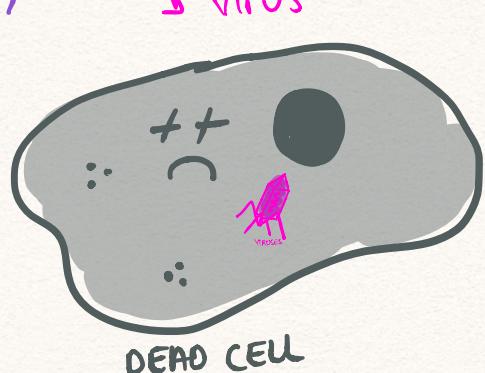
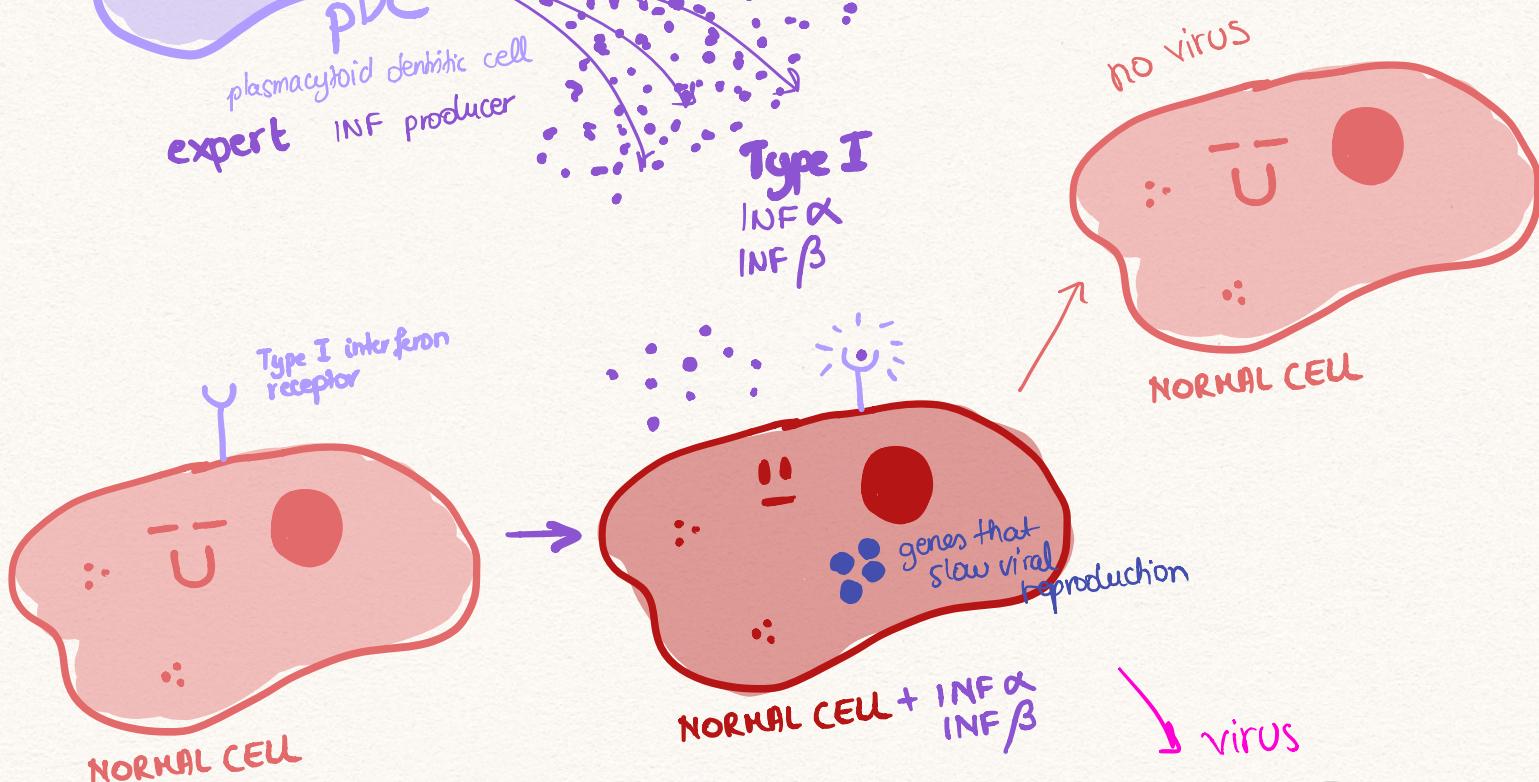
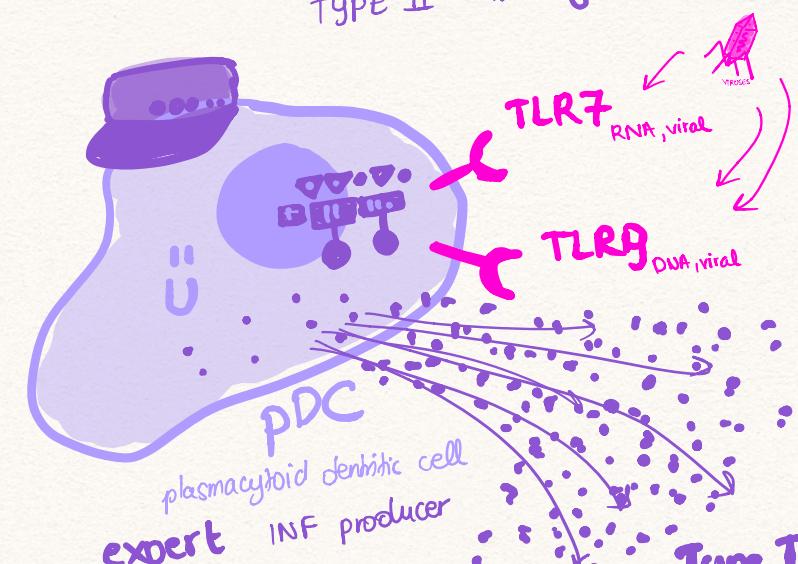
Hourly against viruses → every virus has evolved a way to hold off the interferon system long enough to reproduce

- produced by PRRs (pattern recognition receptors) macrophages
* plasmacytoid dendritic cell



TYPE I - INF α , INF β

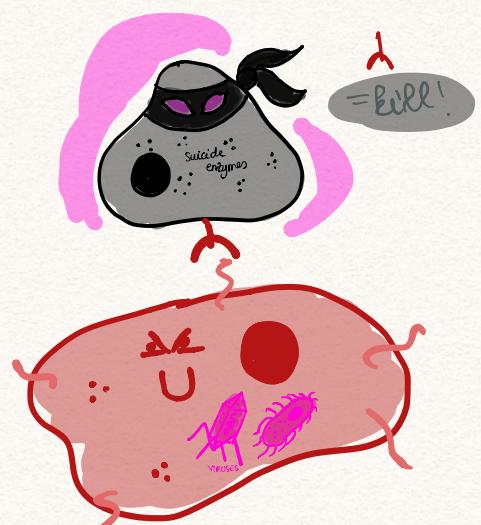
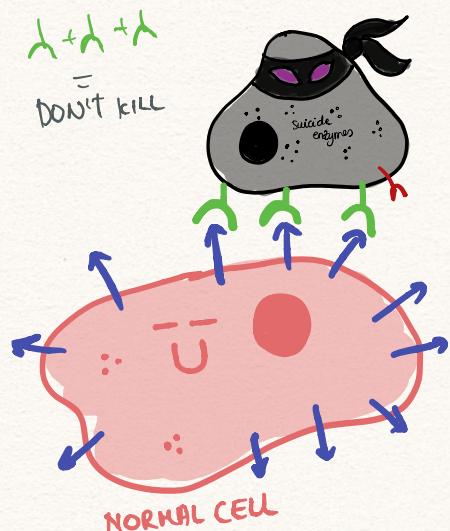
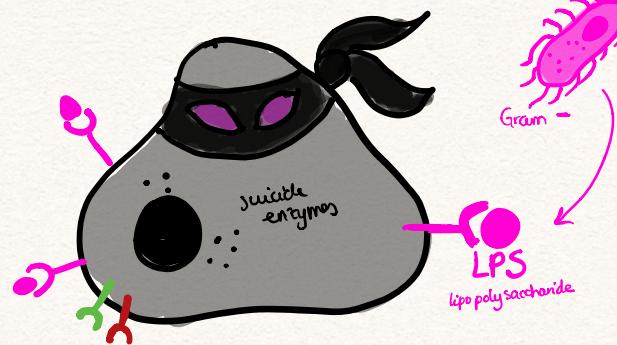
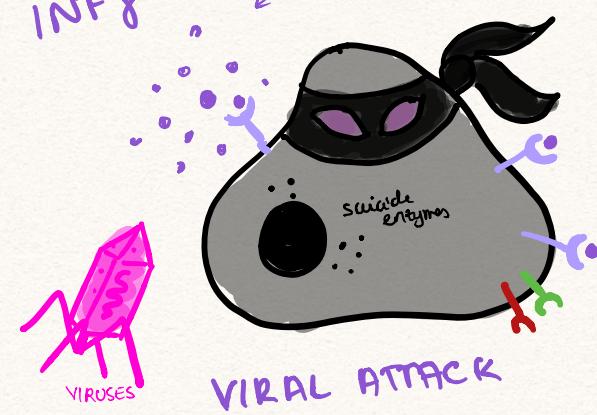
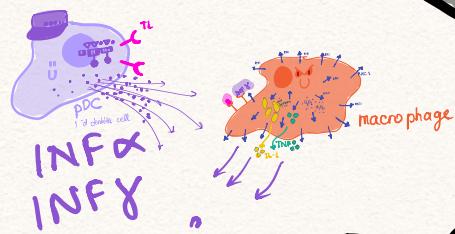
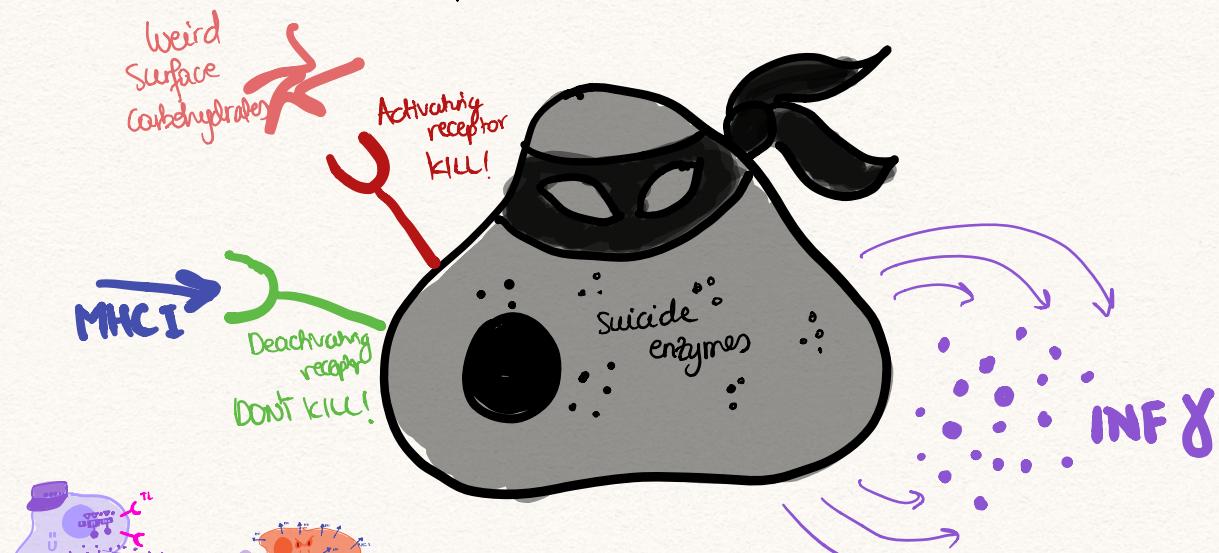
TYPE II - INF γ



NATURAL KILLER CELLS

- short-lived ~1 week
- mostly in liver, spleen, blood
- kill, stop, exit, proliferate strategy

- inject suicide enzymes into infected cells
NON SELECTIVELY!!!

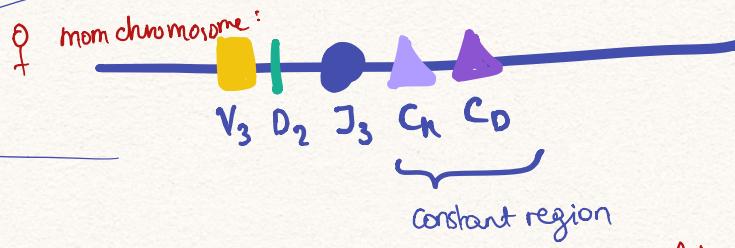
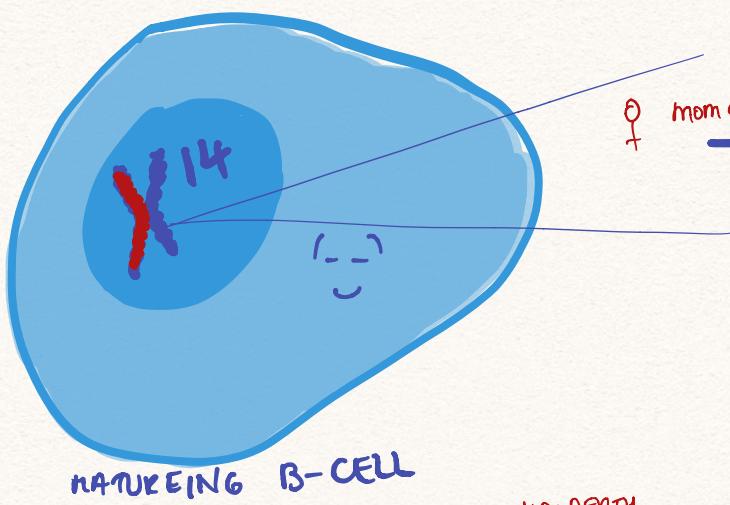
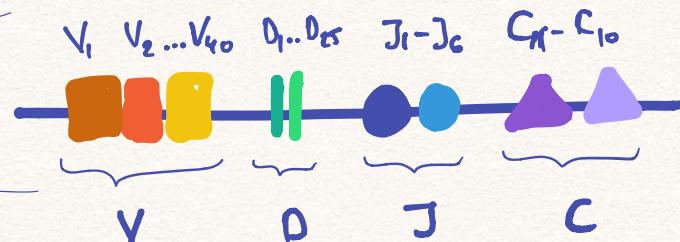
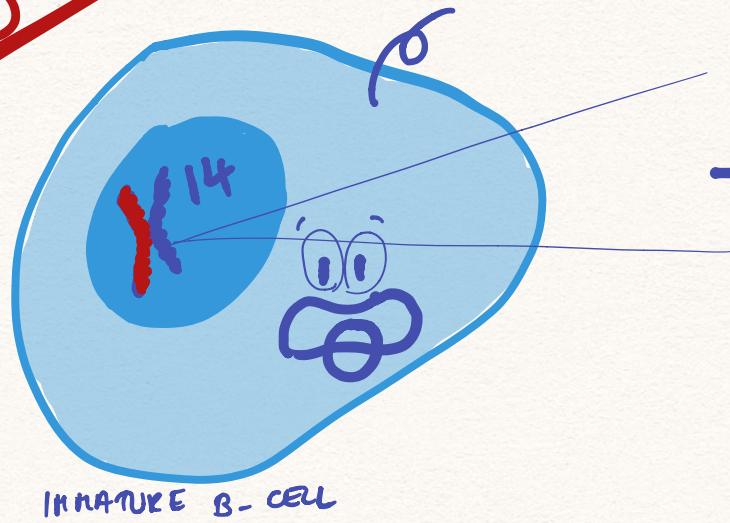


INFECTED CELL PRESENTING CARBOHYDRATES & MHC I

So it can kill cells that killer T-cells can't see b/c no MHC I complex

B-CELLS

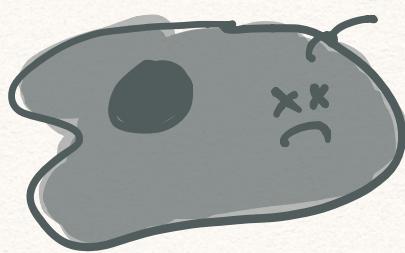
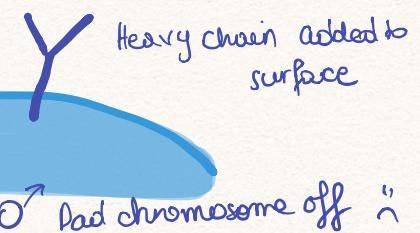
① HEAVY CHAIN TESTS :



1/9 chance to be functional:

Test: Does it form a functional protein? (no stop codon?)

Yes: productive rearrangement



② LIGHT CHAIN TESTS:

① CAN THE CELL PRODUCE A FUNCTIONAL LIGHT CHAIN?

YES



NO:



② DO THE LIGHT AND HEAVY CHAINS (H_c, L_c) fit together?

YES

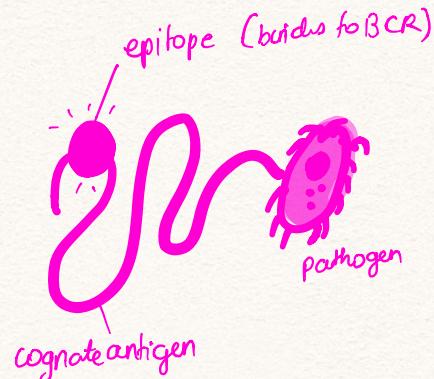
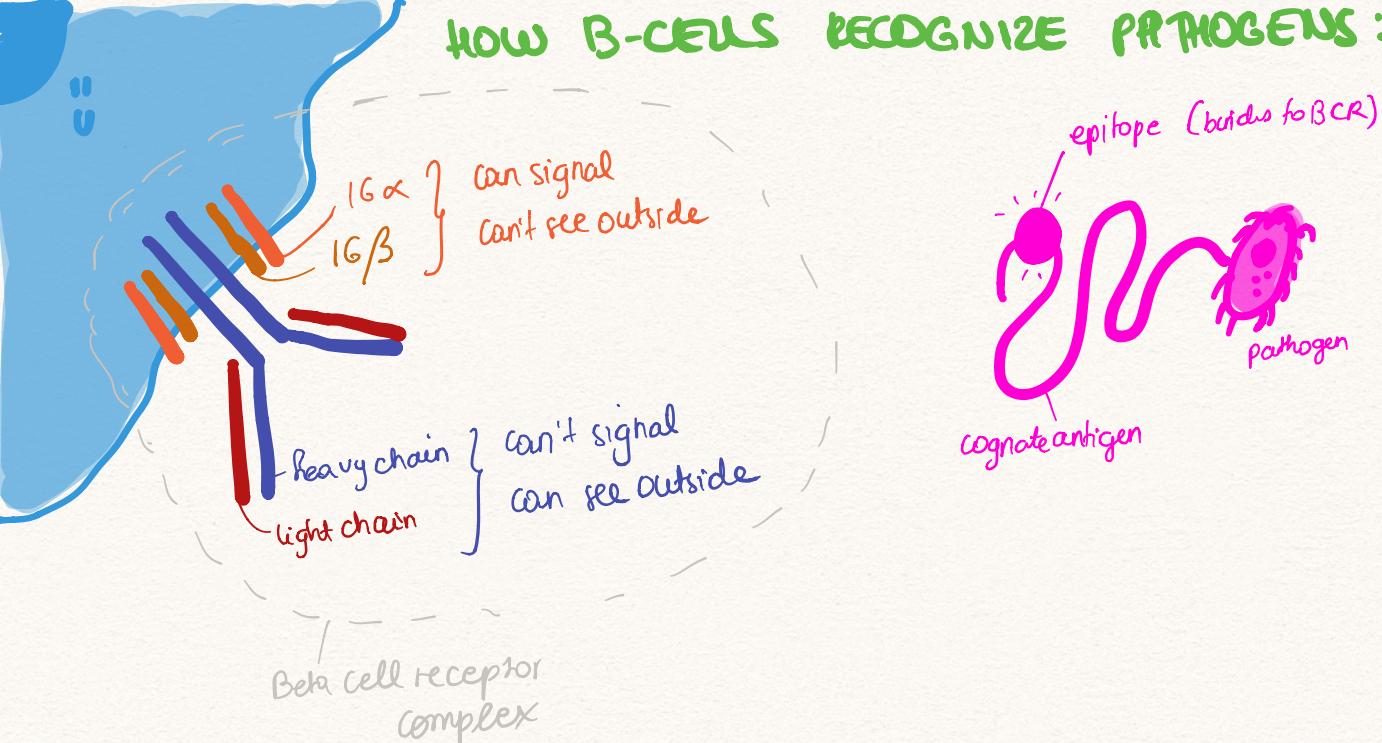


NO:

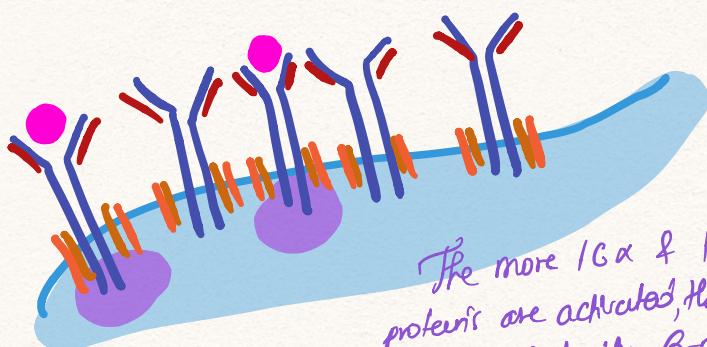


IMMATURE B-CELL PRODUCING ONLY 1 RECEPTOR TYPE ON SURFACE

HOW B-CELLS RECOGNIZE PATHOGENS:



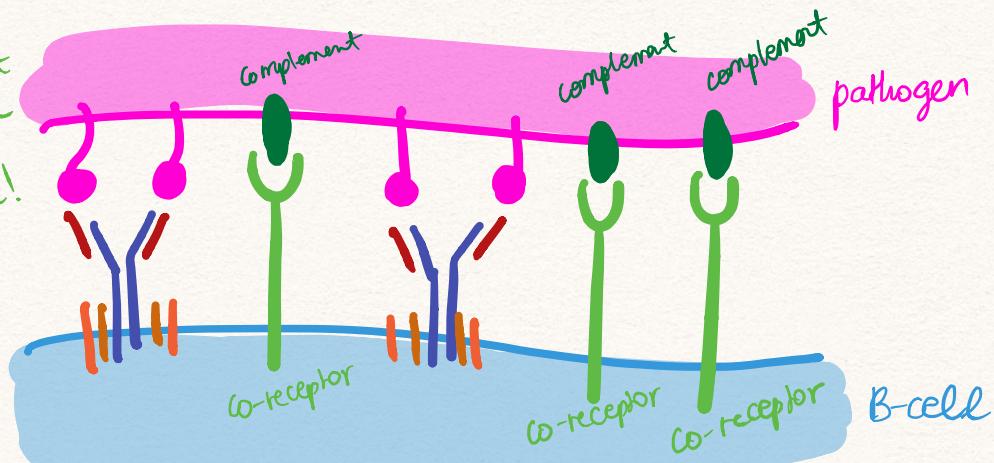
B Cell Receptors need to be crosslinked to work!



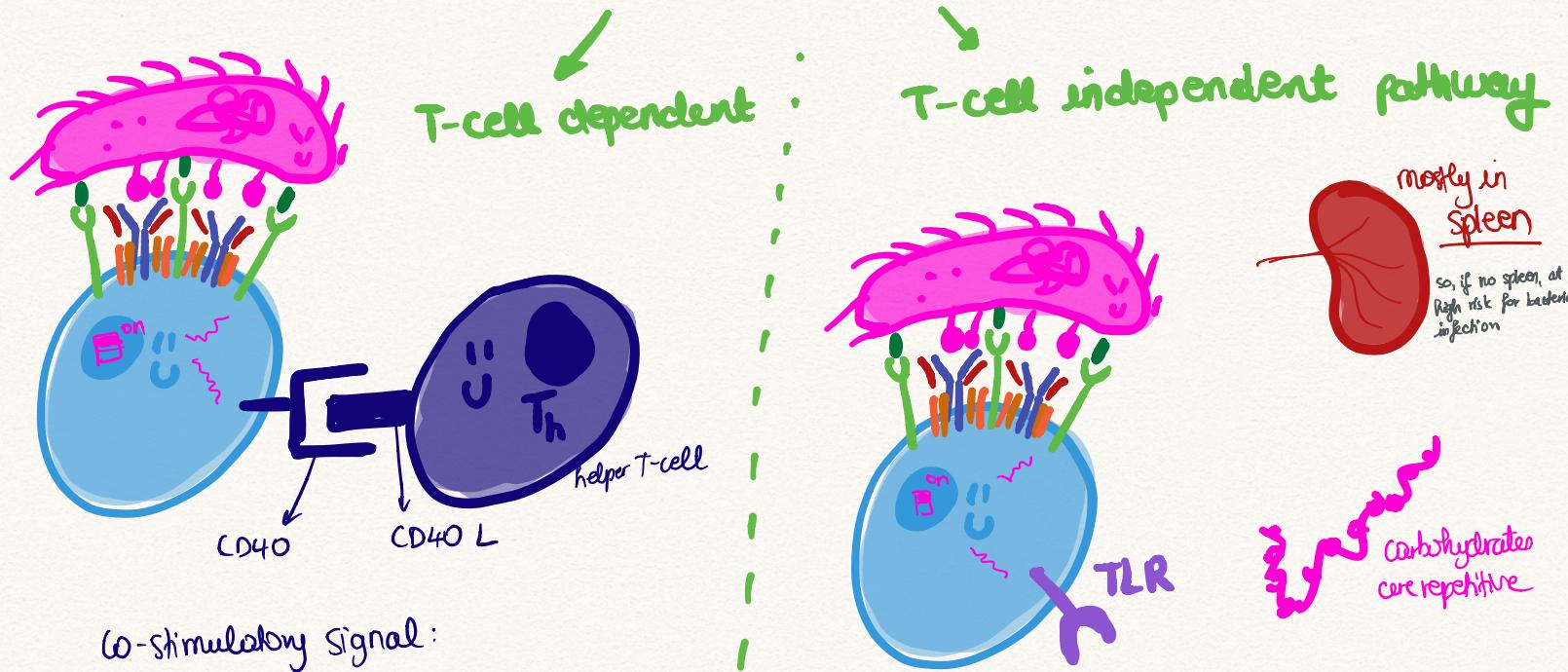
The more $\text{Ig}\alpha$ & $\text{Ig}\beta$ proteins are activated, the stronger the signal to the B-cell

The presence of complement: opsonization of pathogen, amplifies the signal and reduces the amount of receptors needed for signal by 100 fold

*Co-receptors
especially important initially during attack when not a lot of antigen is available!



HOW ARE B-CELLS ACTIVATED ONCE THEY RECOGNIZE A PATHOGEN?

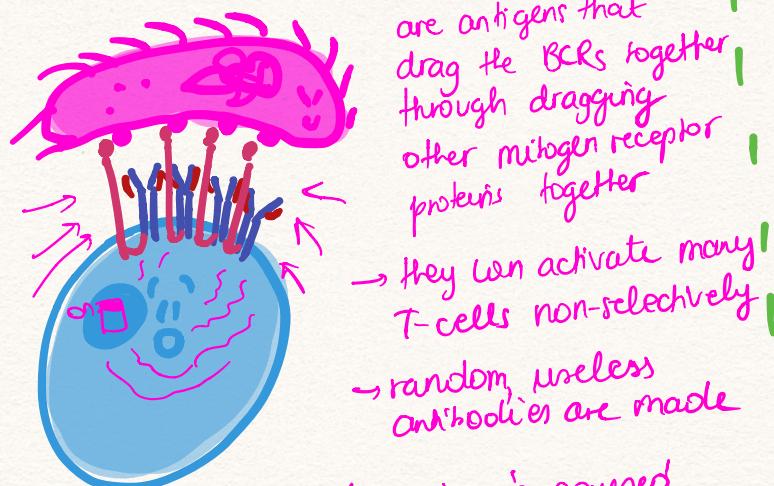


(α -stimulatory signal:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{IG}\alpha \\ \text{IG}\beta \\ (\text{coreceptor}) \end{array} \right\} + \text{CD40} = \text{activation}$$

(If no helper T-cells, T-cell dependent B-cell activation will not occur)

PROTEIN ATTACK
* **POLYCLONAL ACTIVATION**!
= DistrACTION



MITOGENs

are antigens that drag the BCRs together through dragging other mitogen receptor proteins together

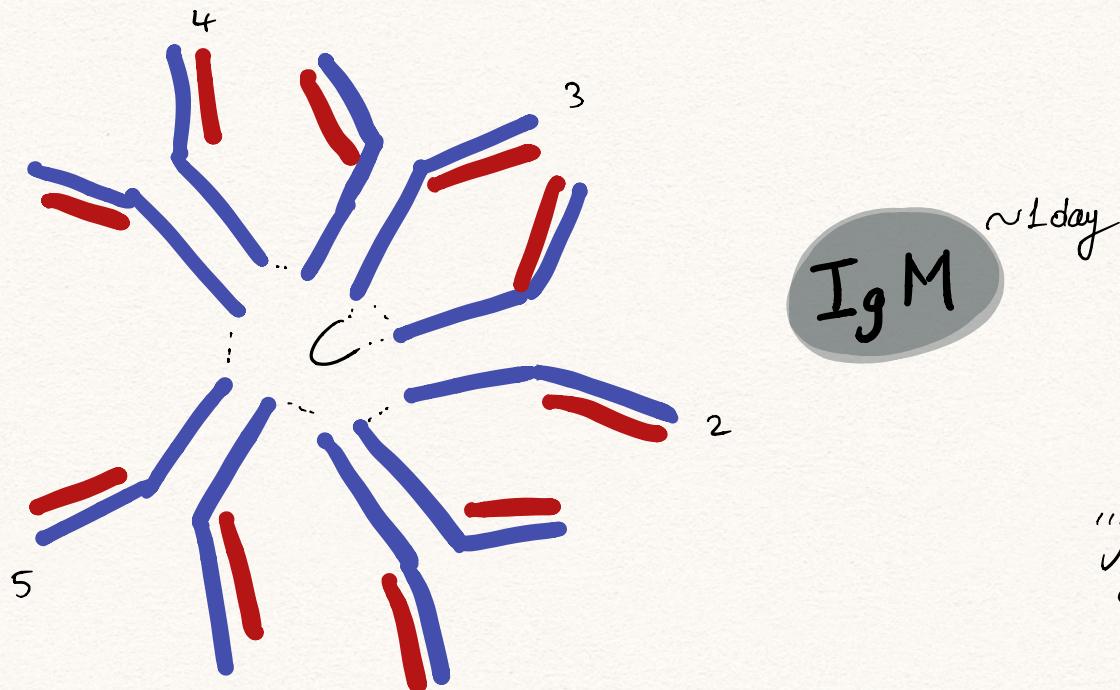
- They can activate many T-cells non-selectively
- random, useless antibodies are made

= a diversion is caused, favoring the pathogen

- ① highly repetitive pathogen stimulation: many same epitopes clustered together.
- +
- ② a second signal from a toll-like-receptor
 - can respond fast, before T-cells kick in
 - but very specific, needs something very repetitive for a strong signal in a cluster

* importantly, T-cells are activated by MHC II = amino acids/ proteins
these B-cells can also recognize carbohydrates

CARBOHYDRATE ATTACK

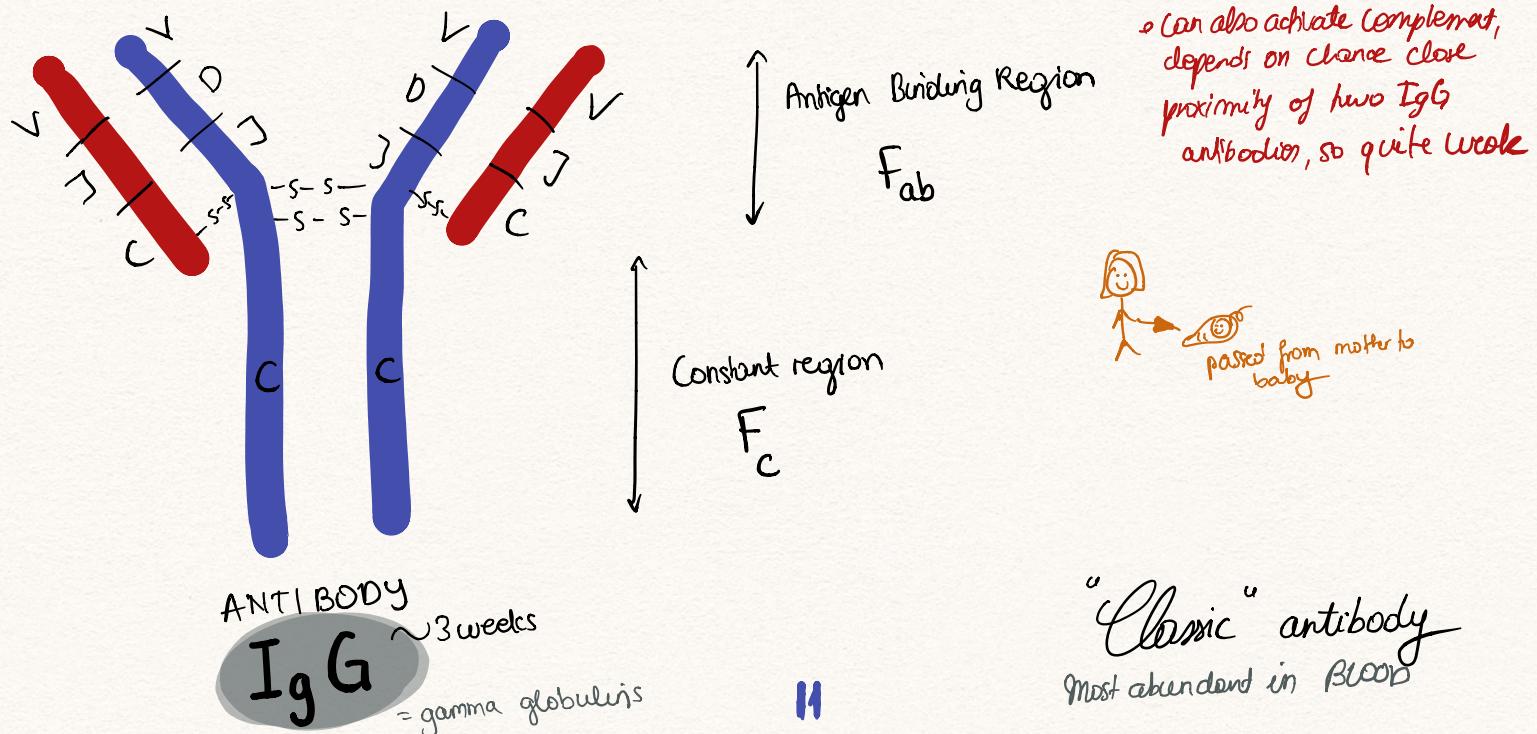


"Ancient" antibody
First defecult type

- Initially many C3 molecules come together to form a C1 complex, but it doesn't have activated convertases.
- If 2 or more C1 complexes come together, inhibitory molecules fall off and convertases of C3 are made

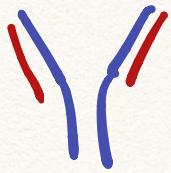
C1 complexes bind to Fc of IgM → they are brought together

- convertases are activated
- extend the range of the complement system by attaching them to bacteria they couldn't possibly find.
- specific complement binding b/r dependent on antibodies.



"Classic" antibody
Most abundant in BLOOD

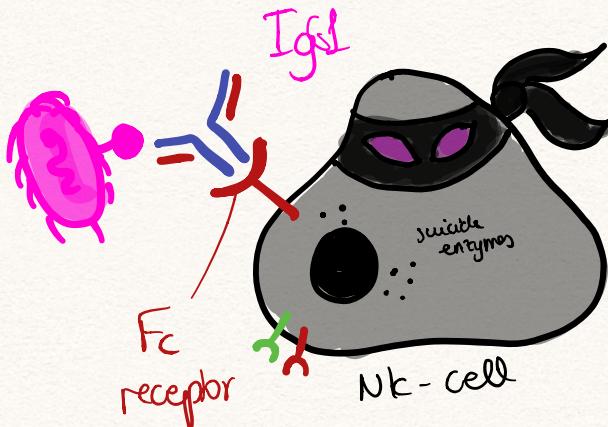
IgG-3



IgG = good complement fixer

C1 → C3

IgG-1



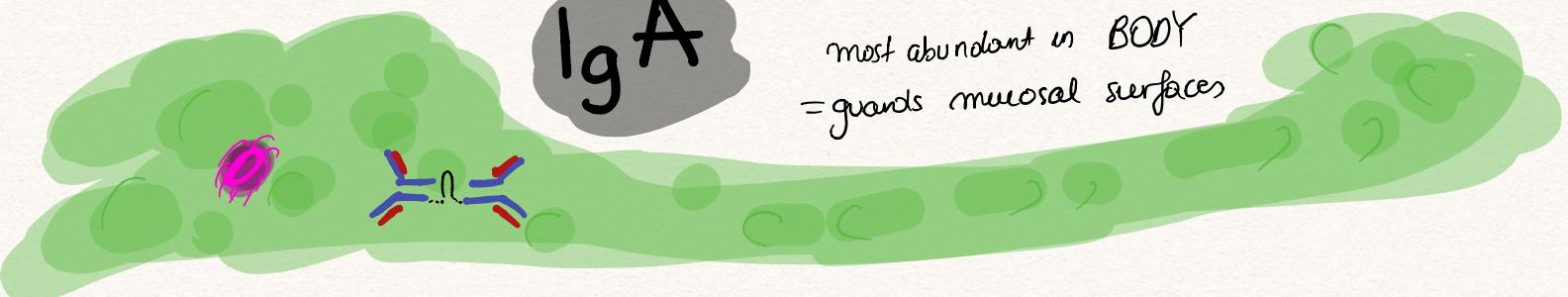
activates NK-cells by binding to both them and the pathogen

ADCC

Antibody Dependent Cellular Cytotoxicity

IgA

most abundant in BODY
= guards mucosal surfaces



clip shape:
1) facilitates transport across intestinal wall

2) resistant to enzymes & acids

3) has 4 Fab regions instead of 2 → can clump & expell pathogens



Contained in nursing milk

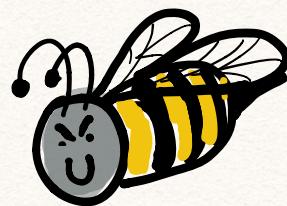


Happy gut

~~Complement~~
~~C3~~
Does not bind

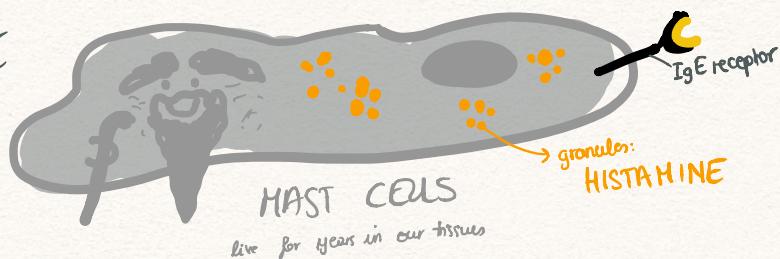
(to prevent constant gut inflammation)

IgE

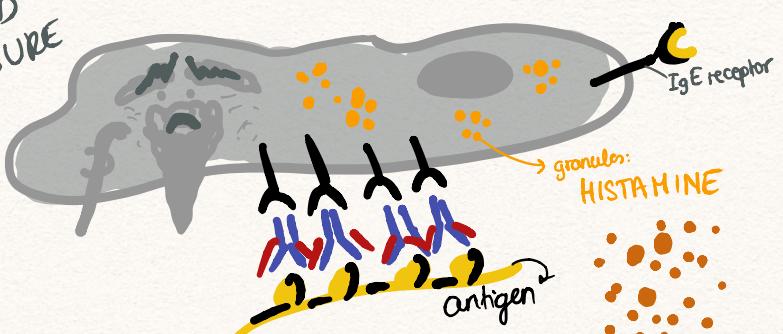


ANAPHYLAXIS

① FIRST EXPOSURE



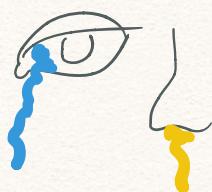
② SECOND EXPOSURE



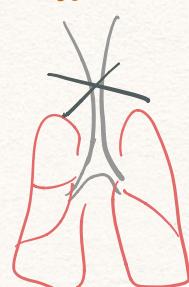
CROSSLINKING

HISTAMINE

fluid escapes
from capillaries



windpipe
smooth
muscles
contract



suffocation

CLASS SWITCHING OF B-CELLS

| | |
|-----|---|
| IgM | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- First type produced- activates complement- good opsonizer |
| IgG | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- ok complement fixer- passes to fetus through placenta- helps NK cells ADCC- good opsonizer |
| IgA | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- passes to baby in breastmilk- resistant to stomach acids- found in mucous membranes |
| IgE | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- defends against parasites- causes allergies- causes anaphylactic shock |

IL-4
IL-5
parasites

somatic
hypermutation

INFY
(bacteria & viruses)

TGF β
(common cold)

Where do these cytokines come from then?

HELPER T CELLS

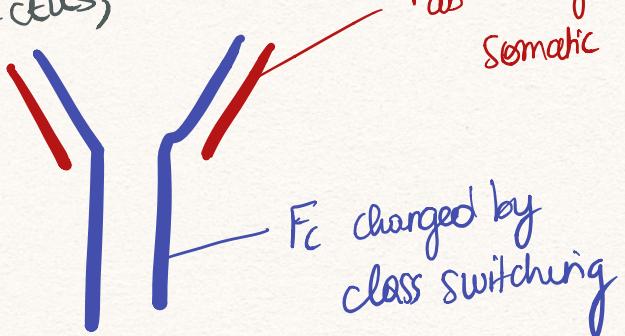
SONOMATIC HYPERMUTATION

= the ability of the **V,D,J** regions of the DNA of selected B-cells, after their IgM stage to mutate their genes at a very high rate



= AFFINITY MATURATION

IN THE PRESENCE OF
HELPER T-CELLS,



Fab changed by
somatic hypermutation

Fc changed by
class switching

(if B-cells are activated without helper T-cells, they generally don't undergo class switching or hypermutation)

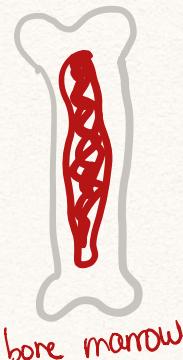


CAREER CHOICE?

Plasma cell



spleen

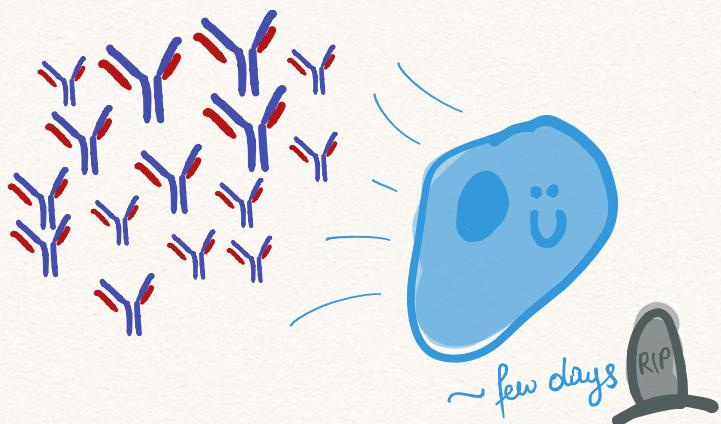


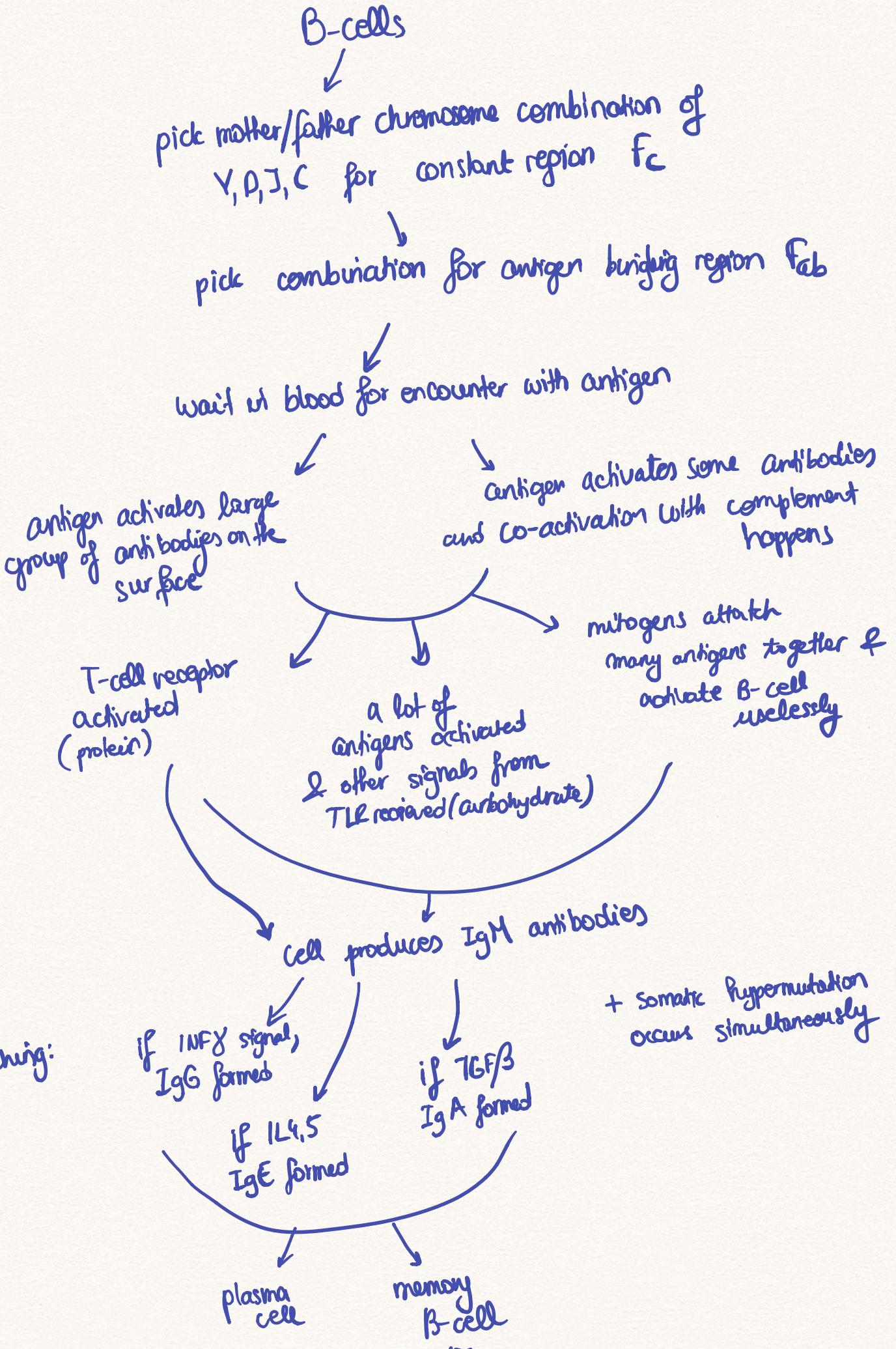
bone marrow

memory B-cell

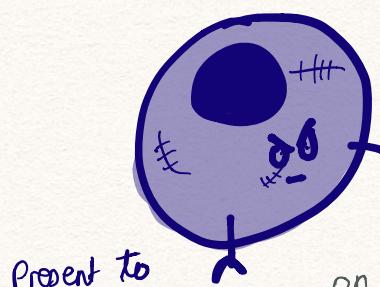


Not formed without
T-cells though





ANTIGEN PRESENTATION

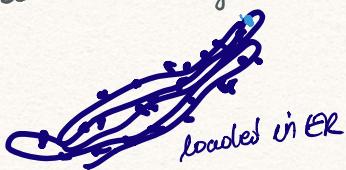


Present to killer T-cells (CTLs)

NORMAL CELL

- on all cells
- compatible part on edges of molecule
- ~9aa
- random proteasome chopping: most can't be used on MHC I

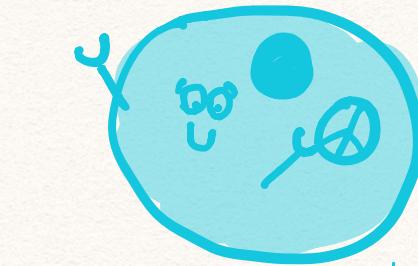
ANTIGEN PRESENTING CELL - proteasome chopping not random
- preferentially cut after hydrophobic / bare regions = more stickier



What is happening INSIDE cell

TO PRODUCE THEM:

- ① proteasomes cleave old/unfoldable/misfolded proteins
- ② peptide chain transported to the ER by TAP transporters
- ③ binding of the peptide to the MHC I molecule
- ④ transported to Golgi, to endosome, invariant chain removed, exogenous peptides added > formed MHC II molecule



Present to immune system cells

- compatible region in middle of molecule

- fits more aas

- invariant chain = blocks the MHC II until a suitable exogenous peptide is found

Present to **HELPER T-cells**

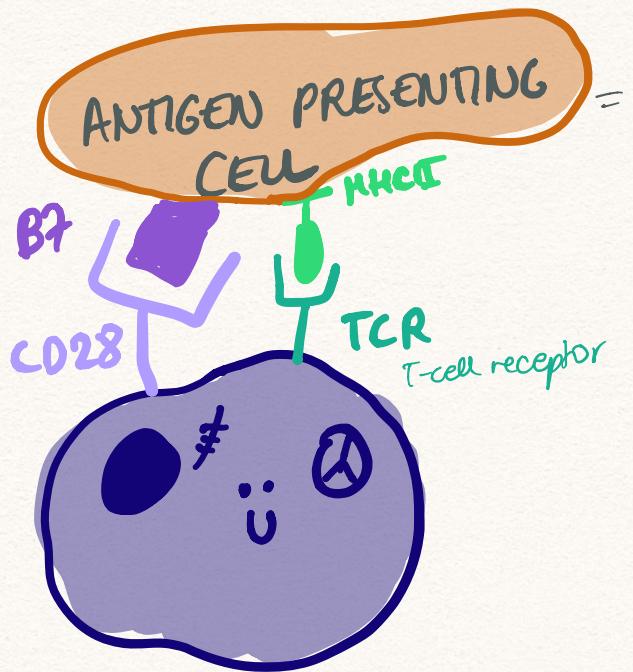


loaded in golgi → endosomes
endosome + phagosome + MHC II + invariant chain

↓
presenter MHC II molecule to cytoplasm

WHAT IS happening OUTSIDE cell

= separate loading pathways for MHC I - MHC II



= a cell equipped to provide both MHC I - MHC II display & co-stimulation to activate a killer/helper T-cell

= T-CELL ACTIVATOR

(in contrast, a normal cell cannot activate a T-cell, it can just alert it)

- T-cell receptor connected to MHC II
- CD28 receives a B7 co-stimulatory signal

- ① Activated dendritic cells
- ② Activated macrophages
- ③ Activated B-cells



can't kill



photograph
but don't go on

DENDRITIC CELLS

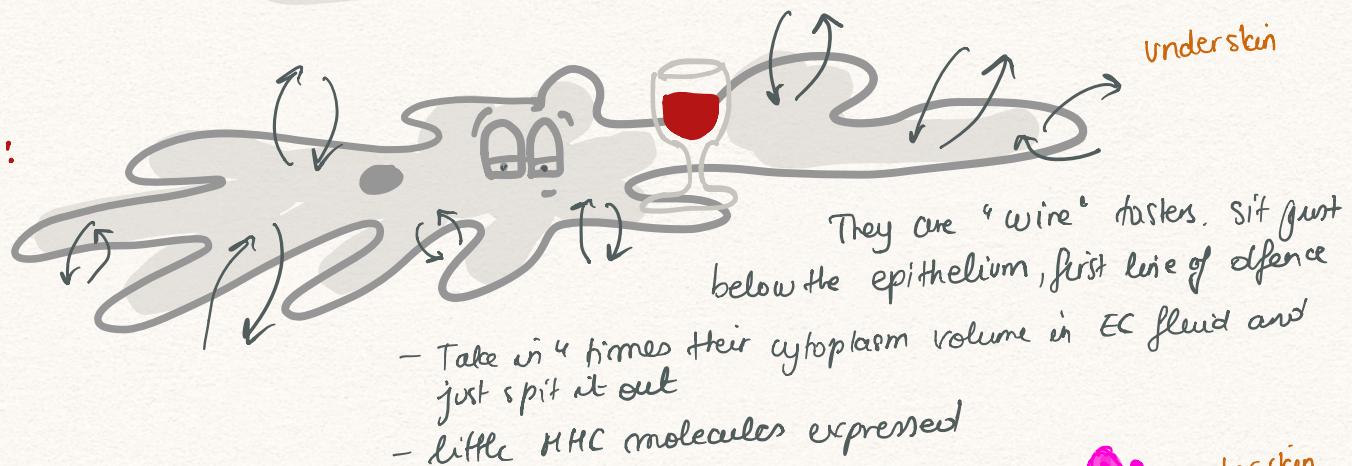
! Distinguish from plasmacytoid dendritic cells: integrin α/β produces \rightarrow these are very different cells!

MOST important ANTIGEN PRESENTING CELL because they activate virgin T cells

(which need a lot of receptor cross-linking and stimulation to be activated)

①

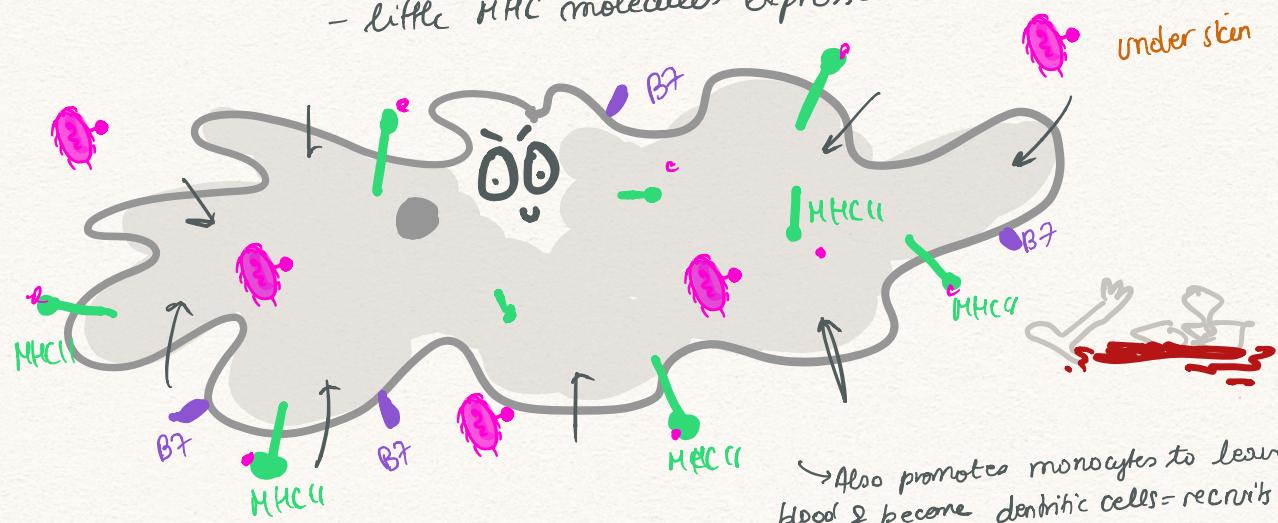
when resting:



②

Under attack

↓ activation



③

travels to nearest lymph node ~ 1 day

STOPS SAMPLING

= a snapshot of what was going on at the site of infection

nr. of activated dendritic cells in lymph nodes \propto to severity of attack!

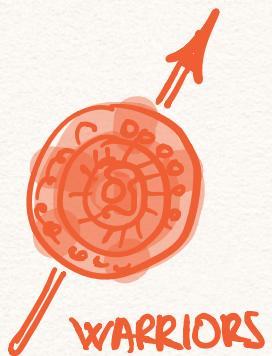
completely loaded with:

- MHC I
- MHC II
- B7 proteins

can't travel

MACROPHAGES

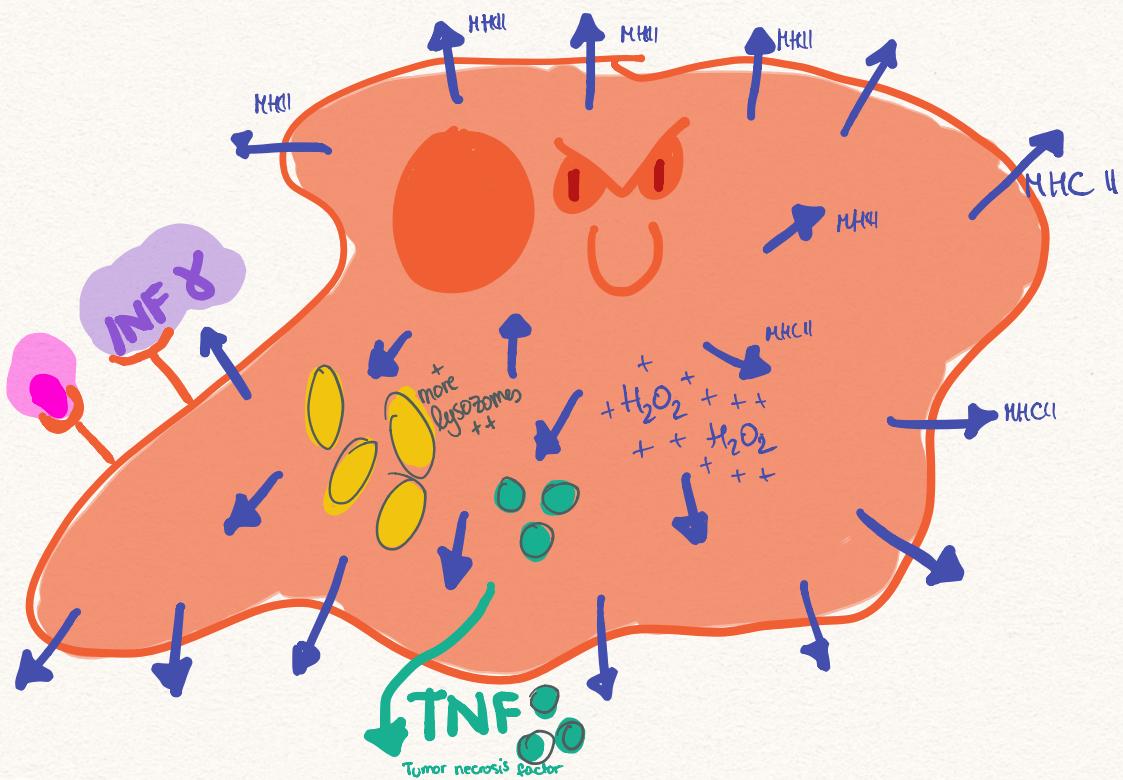
~ to dendritic cells, but → depend on signals to start displaying MHC II molecules (INF γ)



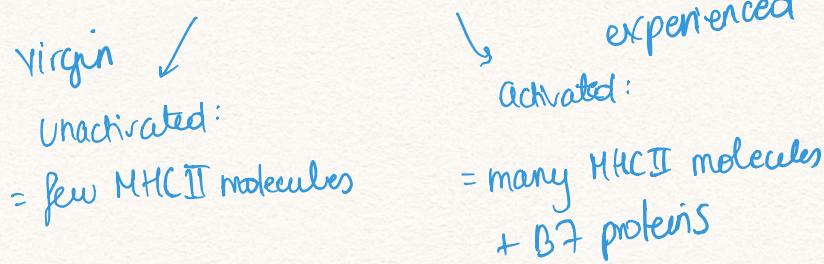
WARRIOR

Restimulate activated T-cells on site

(in contrast, dendritic cells activate virgin T-cells
at lymph nodes)



B-Cells



* THEY CAN CONCENTRATE ANTIGEN
—which the other cells can't do

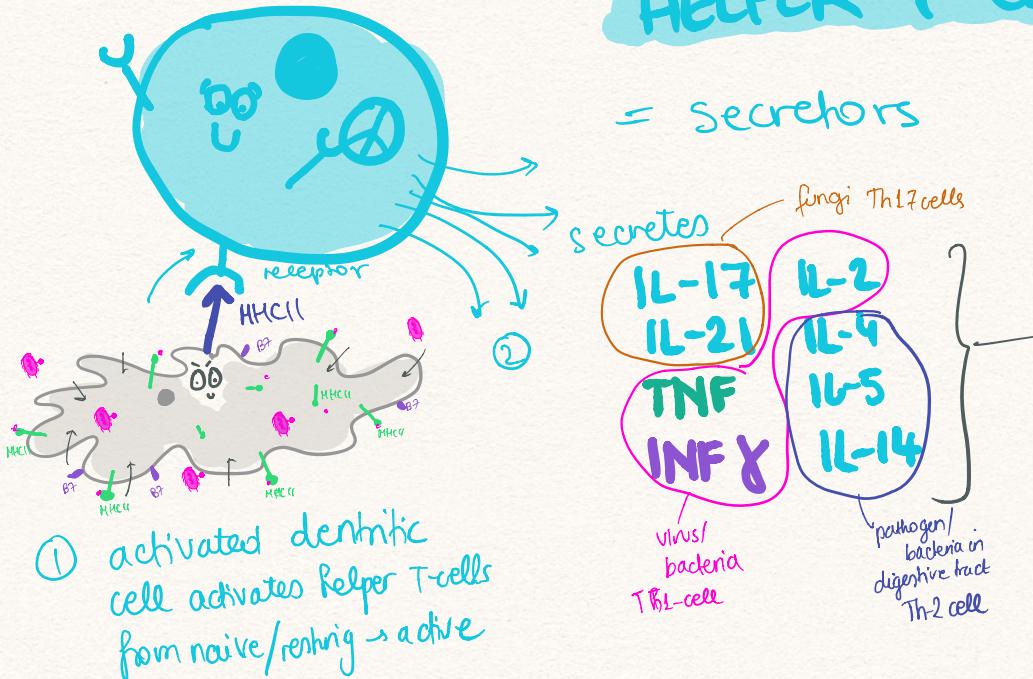
① DENDRITIC → first to encounter, be activated, and activate T-cells

② MACROPHAGES → are on the front lines so can keep T-cells activated

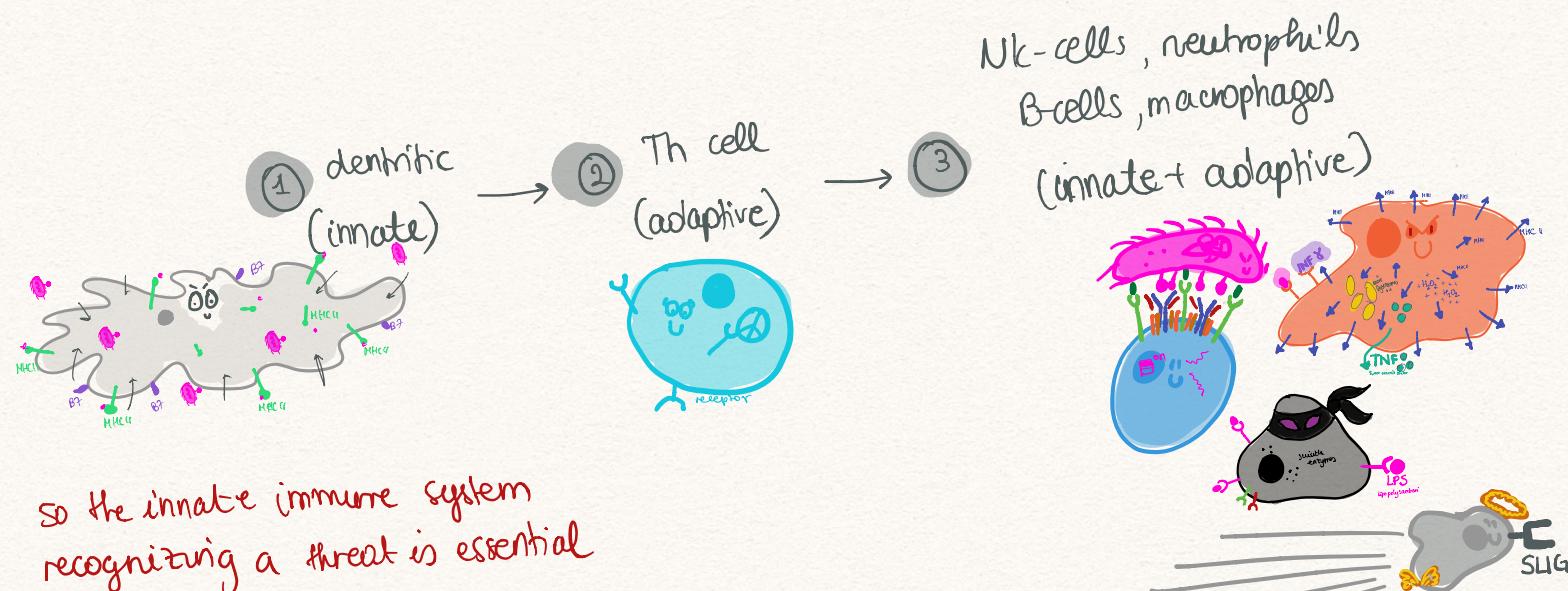
③ B-CELLS → later on (virgin) / early (experienced)
can activate many T-cells fast

HELPER T-CELLS

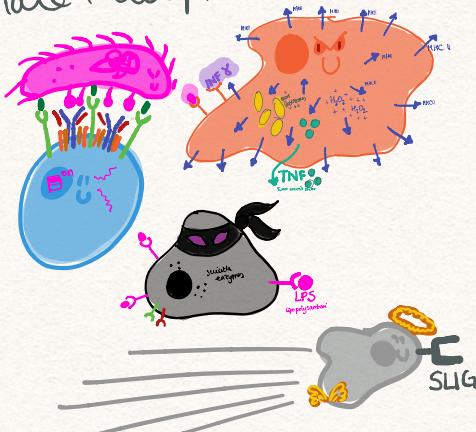
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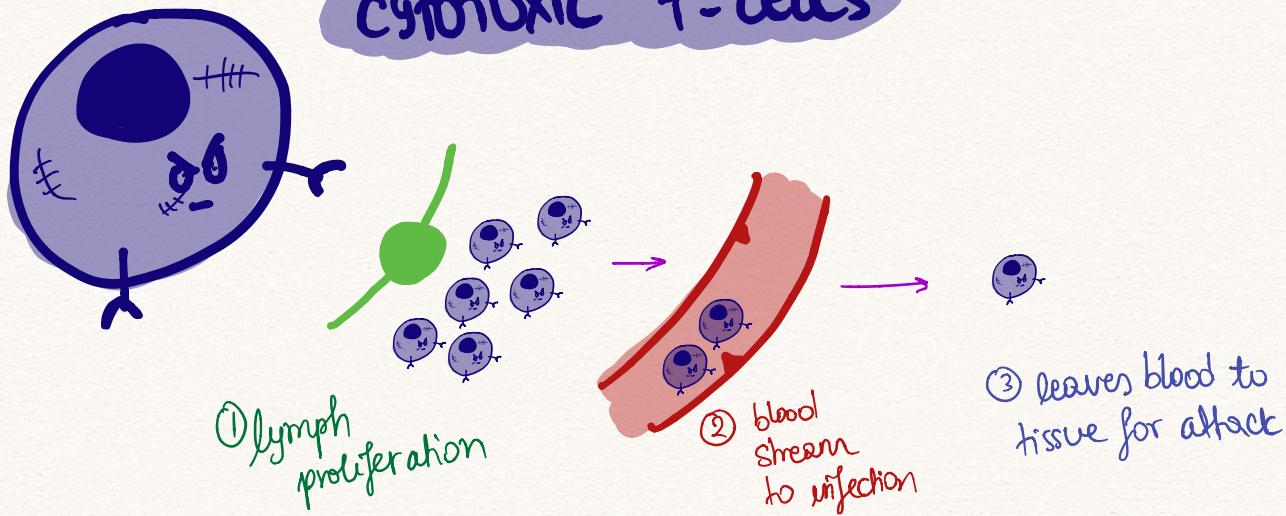
These are the cytokines which activate other cells and regulate the immune response



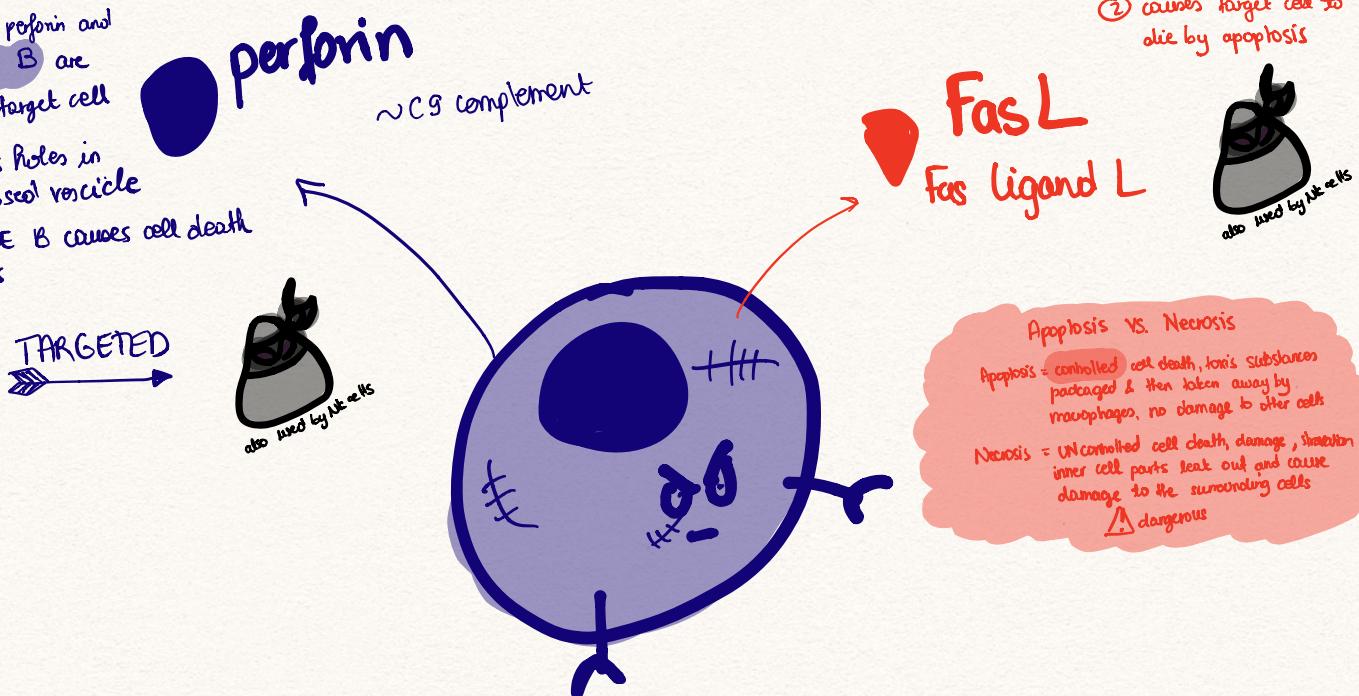
so the innate immune system recognizing a threat is essential to the adaptive immune system being activated: without this there will be no T_H cell activation and therefore, no response



CYTOTOXIC T-CELLS



- ① Identification by T-cell TCR
- ② binds to the cell via adhesion molecules
- ③ a mixture of perforin and granzyme B are given to the target cell
- ④ perforin forms pores in the endocytosed vesicle
- ⑤ Granzyme B causes cell death by apoptosis

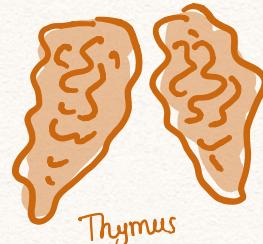
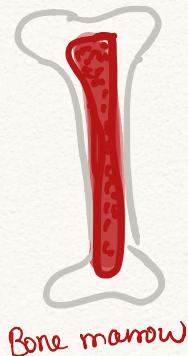


APOPTOSIS: any viral DNA is also killed with the rest of the cell by macrophages

→ highly controlled cell death

SECONDARY LYMPHOID ORGANS

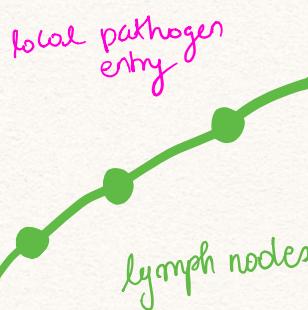
① Primary lymphoid



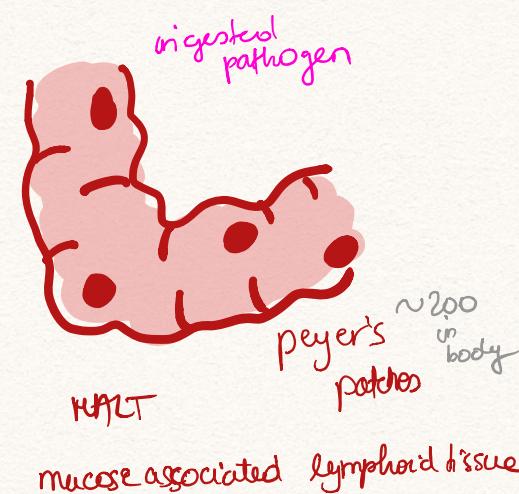
- 1) production
- 2) maturation

Bring lymphocytes & antigen-presenting cells close together in an environment that maximizes the chance that the right B&T cells are activated

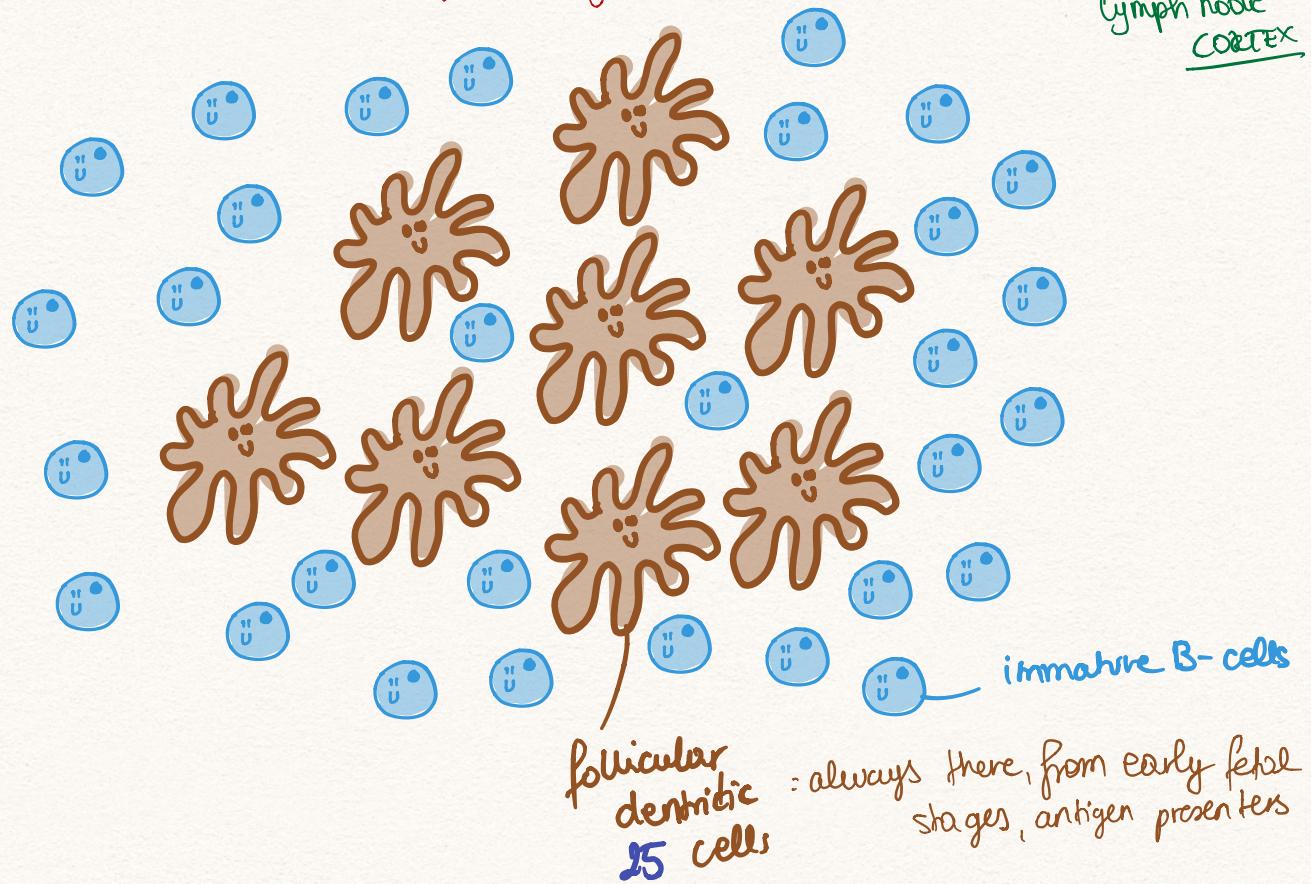
② Secondary lymphoid organs



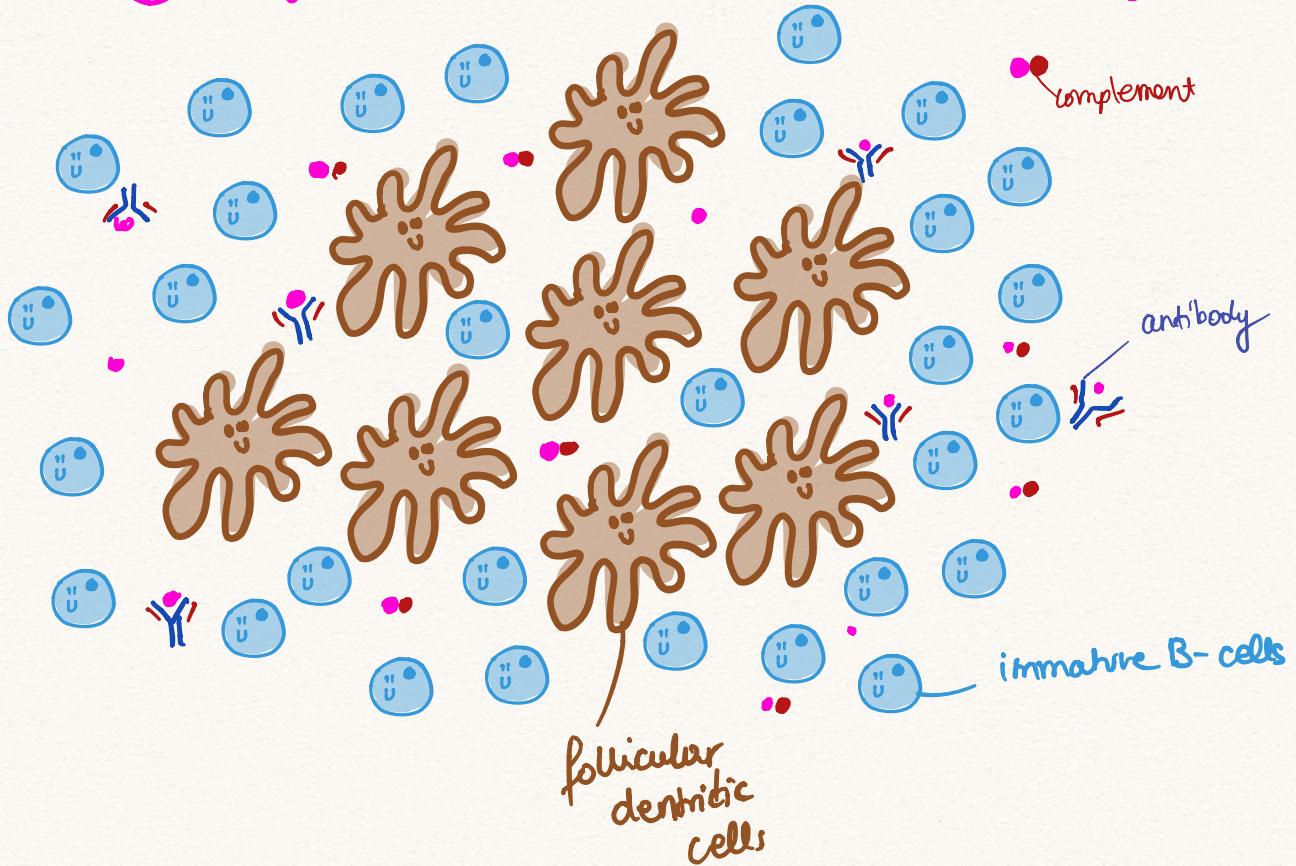
- no unicoming lymphatics!
- no high endothelial venules!



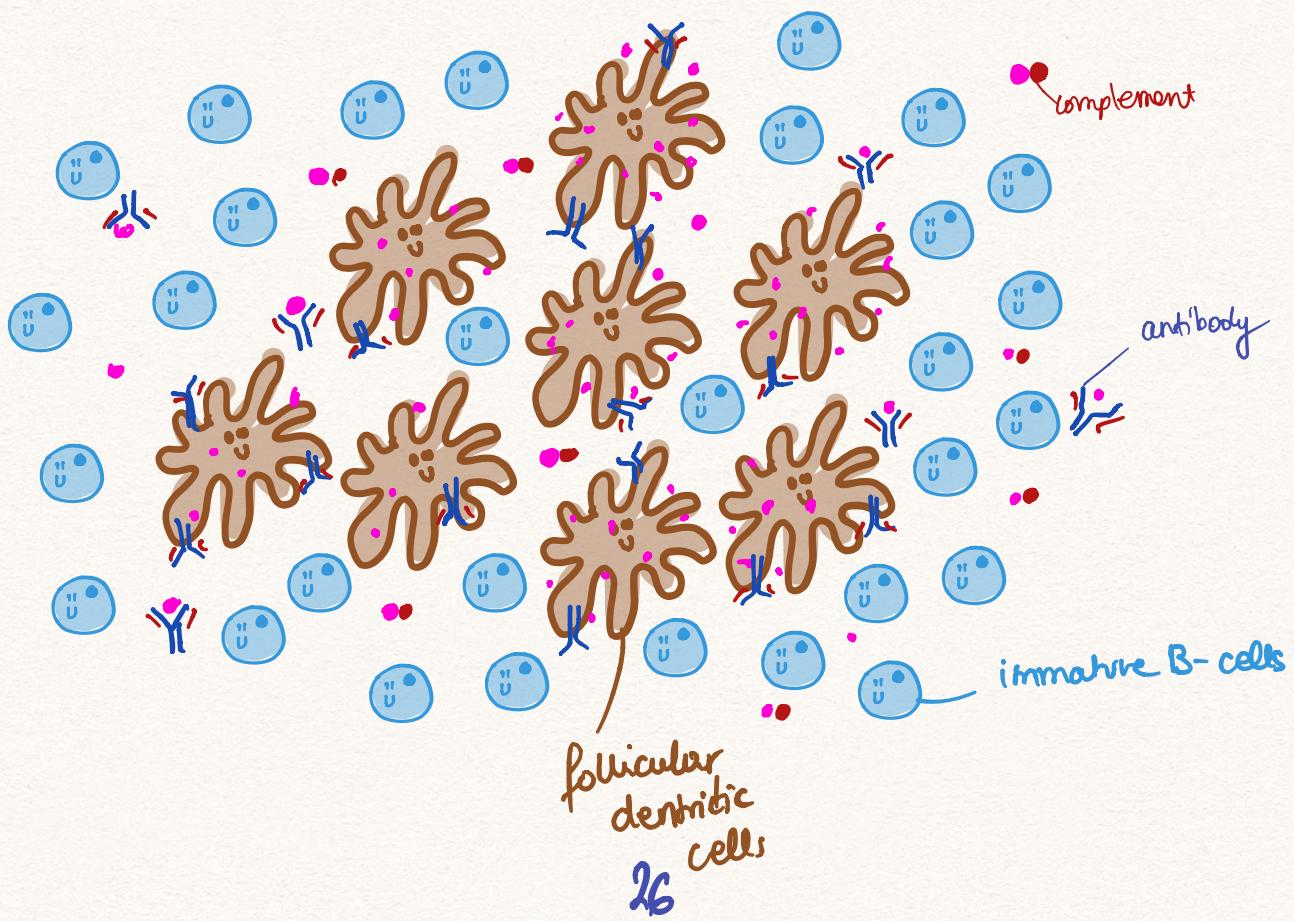
What do they look like?



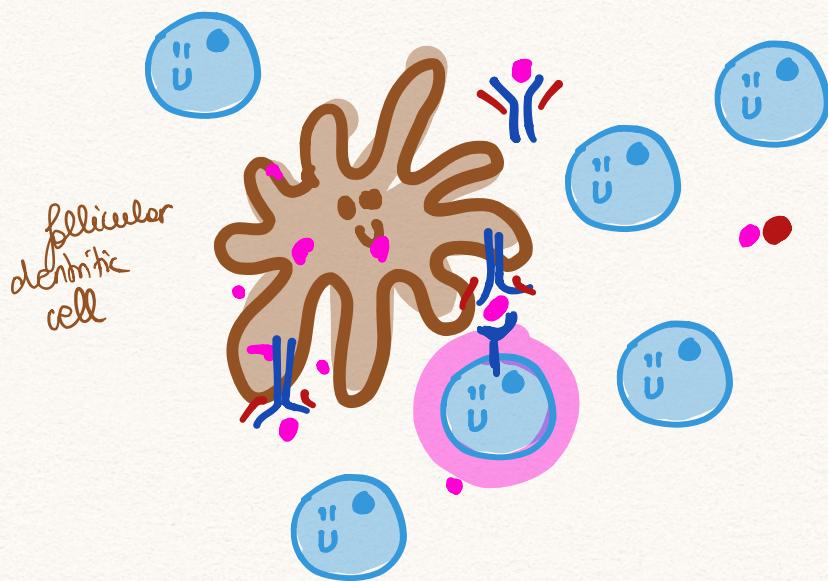
① Antigens pass through secondary lymphoid organs



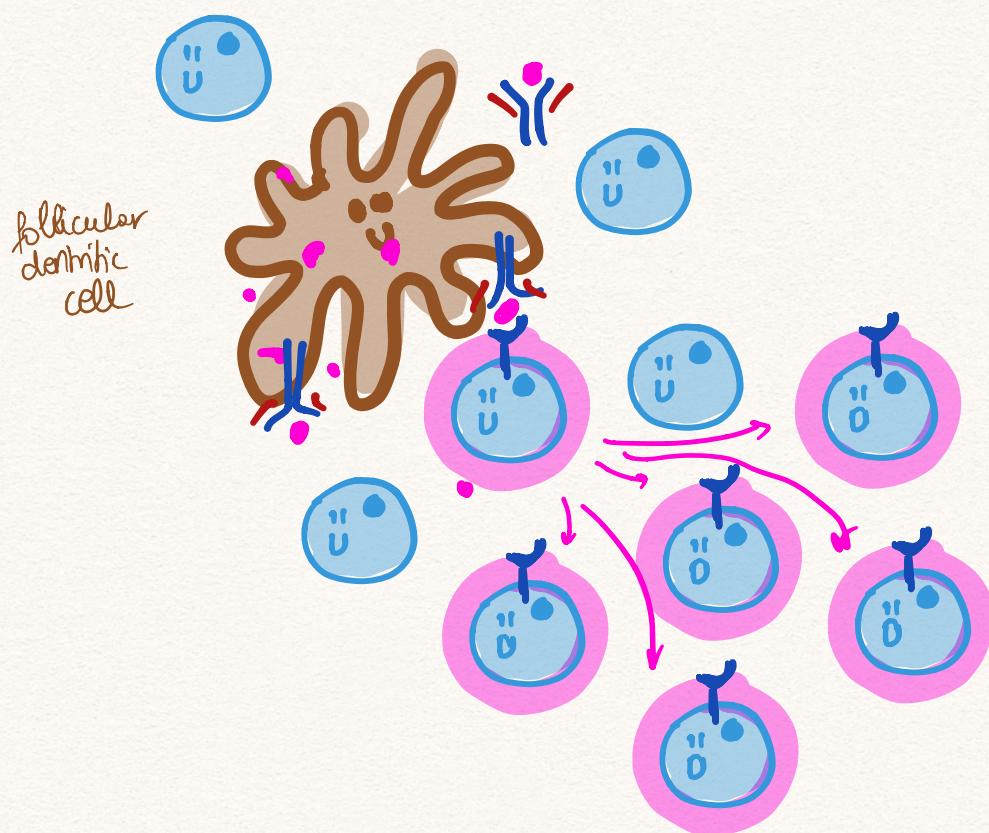
② Antigens can bind to follicular dendritic cells



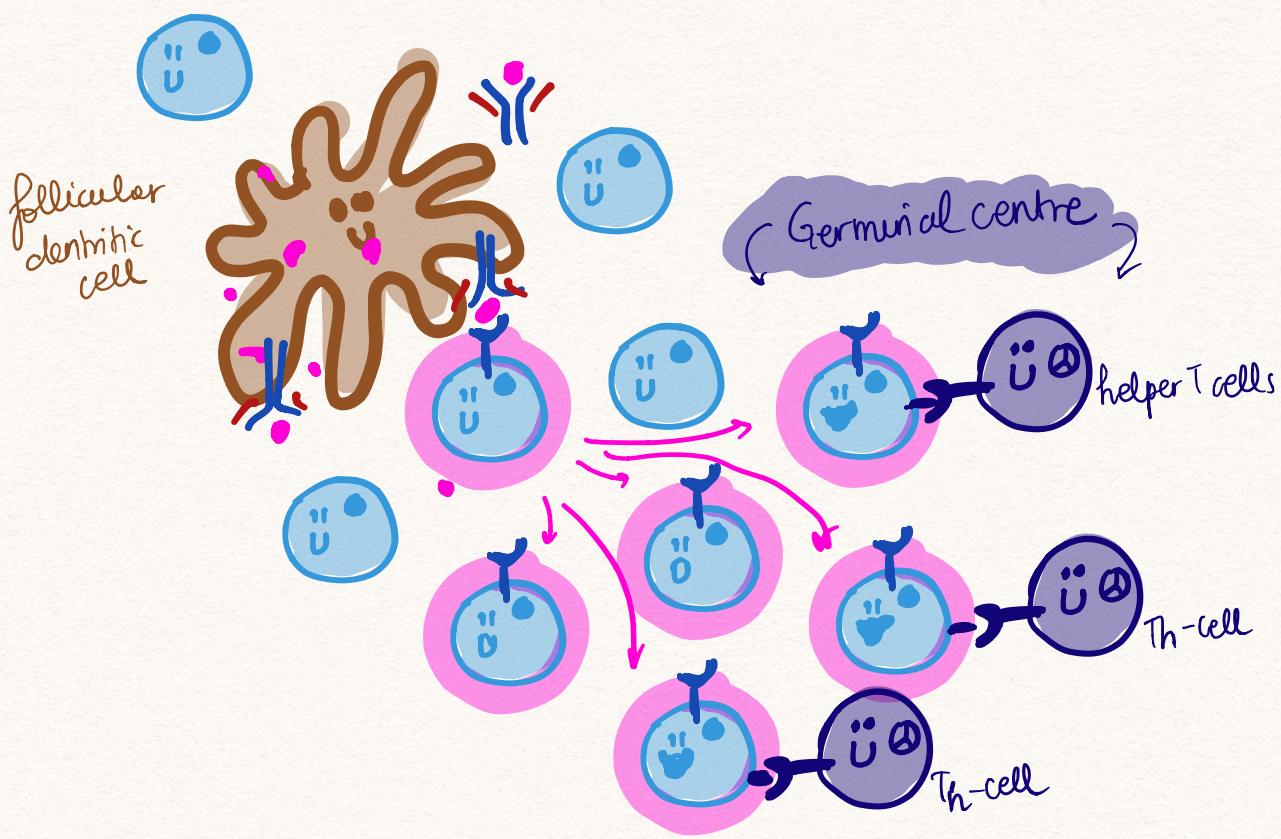
③ A B-cell which recognizes its antigen becomes activated



④ The activated B-cell will start proliferating, but it's B-cells could die

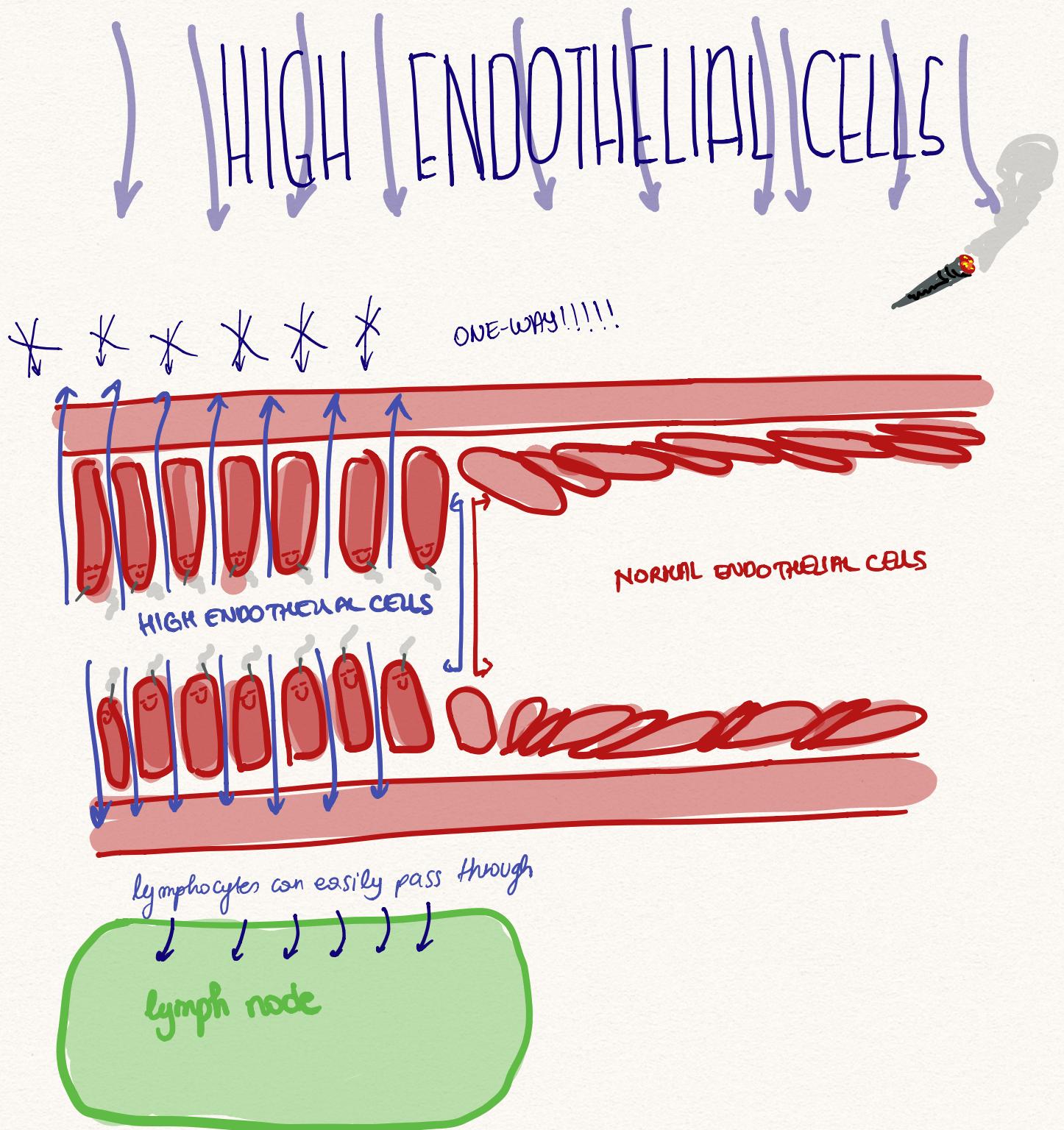


⑤ If the right T-cell comes along, it will bind to the B-cells, saving them from dying, and making them proliferate, somatic hypermutate, class switch

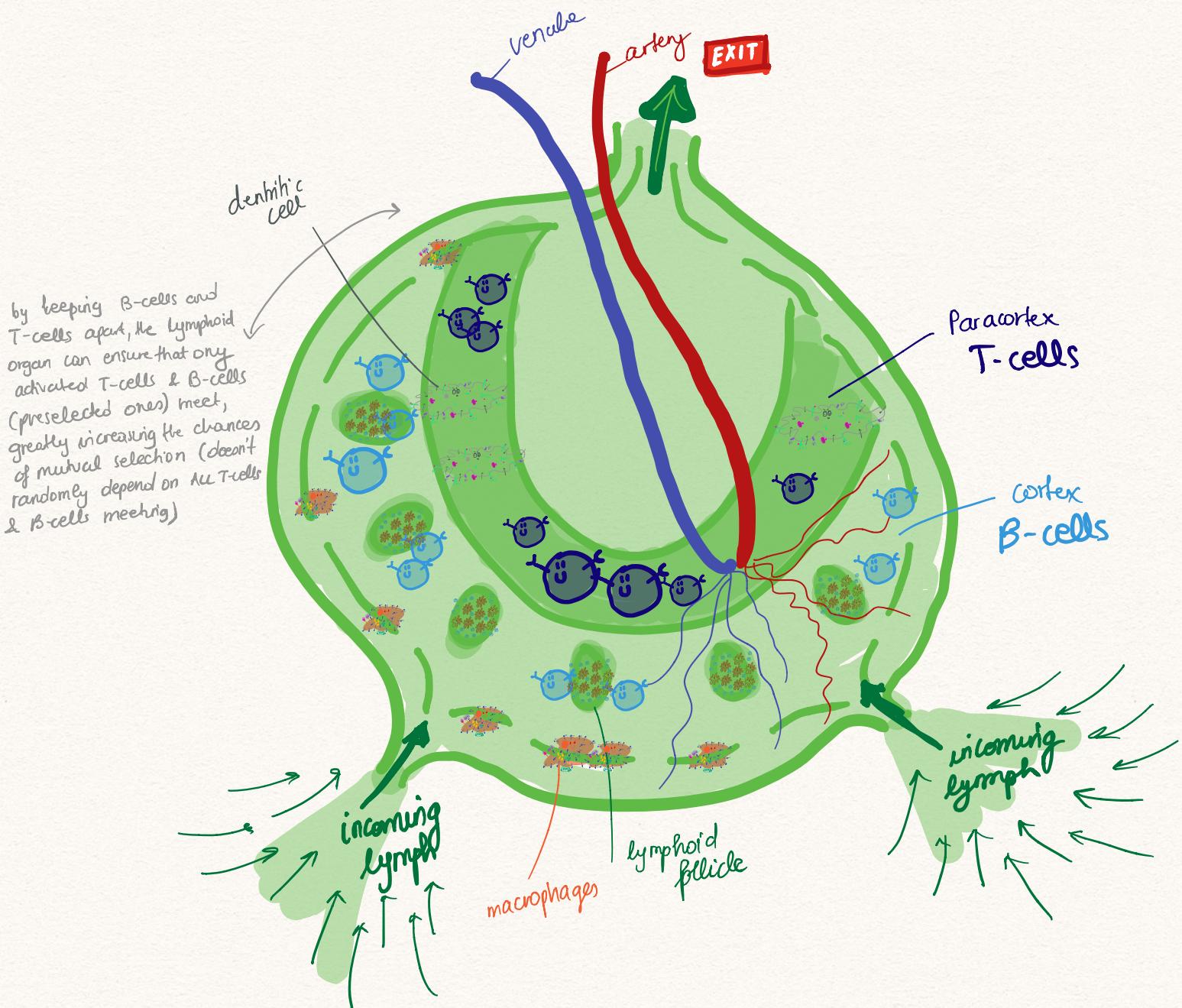


WHAT IS NEEDED TO PRODUCE ANTI BODIES?

- 1. APCs that display antigens to Th
- 2. Th cells which recognize that specific antigen
- 3. opsonized antigen displayed by follicular dendritic cells
- 4. B-cells that recognized that opsonized antigen



LYMPH NODES



immune cells can enter via

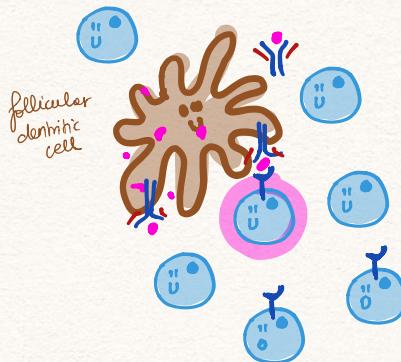
but can only exit through the node!

lymph
capillaries

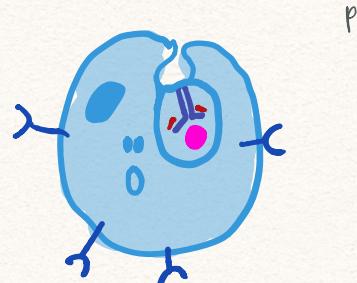
chemokines are produced (e.g. by follicular dendritic cells) that attract cells to their locations (B-cells in this case)

B-CELL ACTIVATION

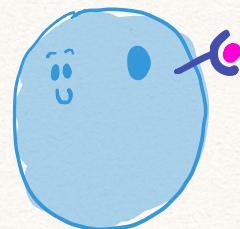
- ① B-cell receptor BCR recognizes its cognate antigen presented on the surface of a follicular dendritic cell



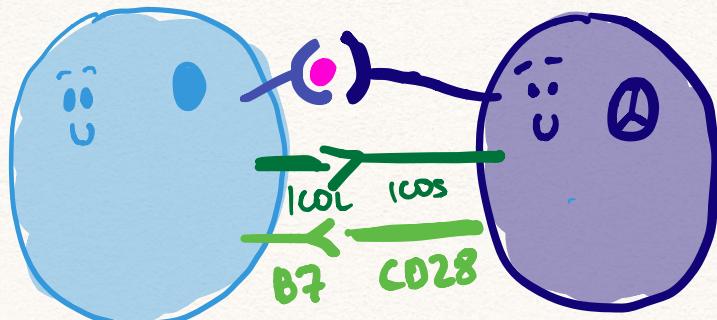
- ② B-cell takes in (phagocytosis) the antigen from the follicular dendritic cell and processes it



- ③ B-cell presents antigen on its MHC II molecules

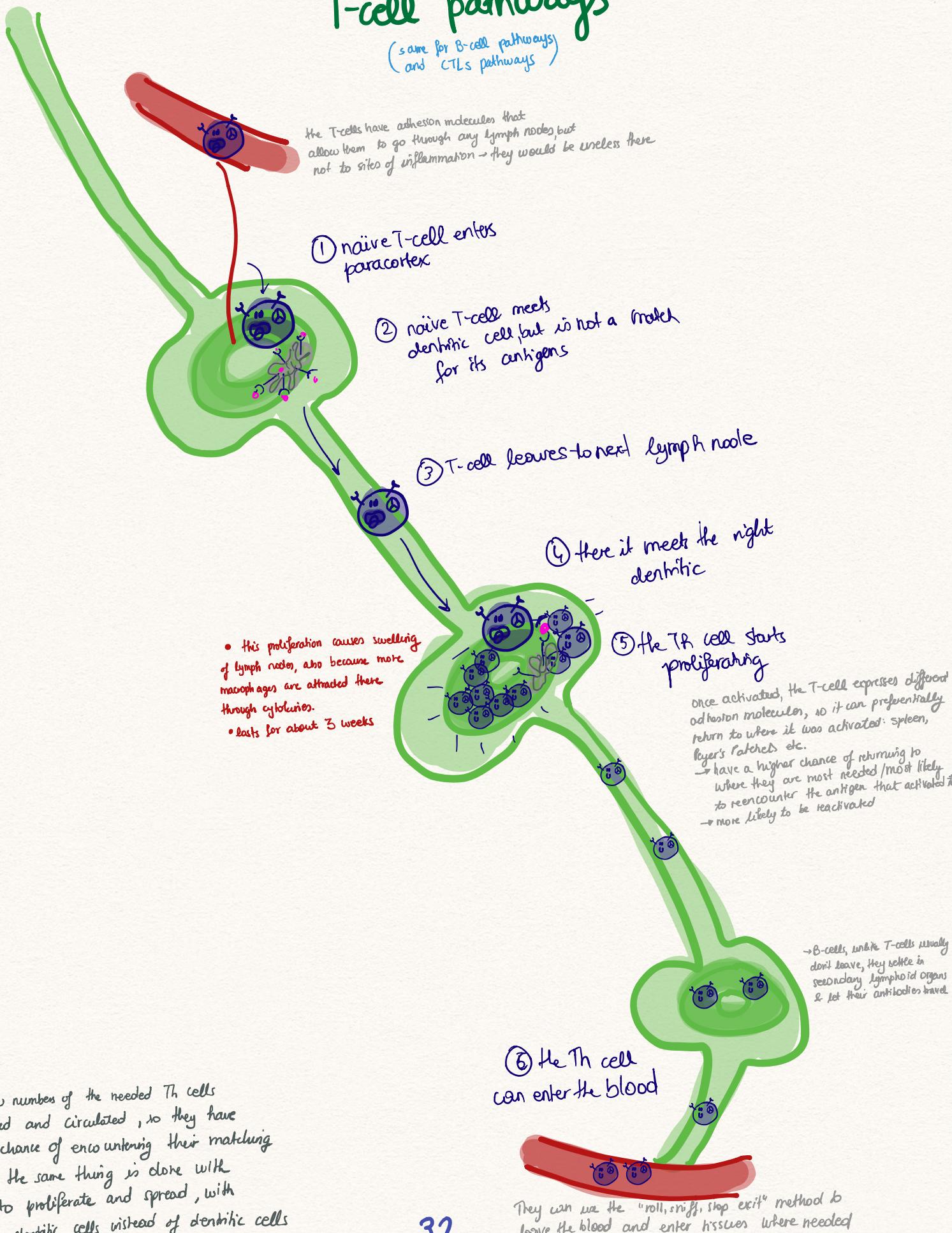


- ④ B-cell and Th cell co-activate each other

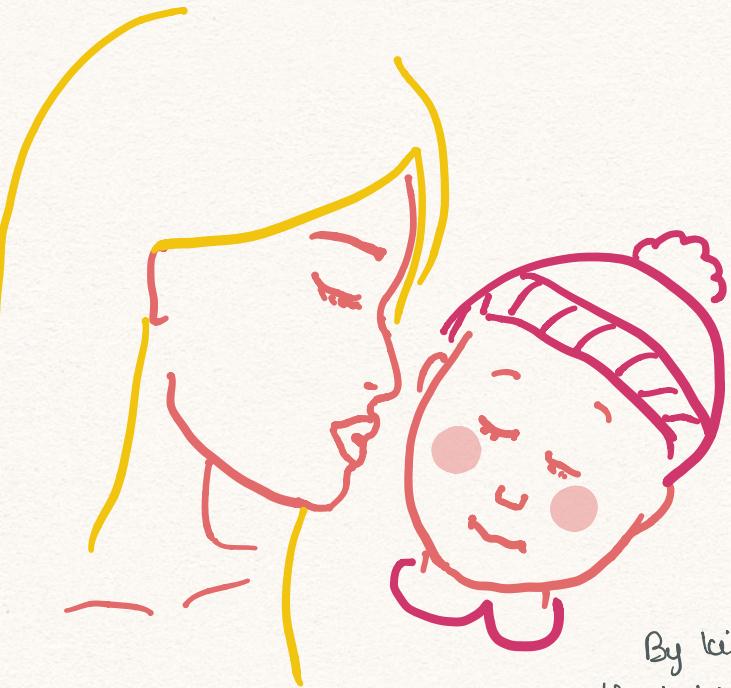


T-cell pathways

(same for B-cell pathways
and CTLs pathways)



This is how numbers of the needed Th cells are increased and circulated, so they have a higher chance of encountering their matching B-cell → the same thing is done with B-cells to proliferate and spread, with follicular dendritic cells instead of dendritic cells



Why do mothers kiss their babies?

A baby does not efficiently produce antibodies yet.

IgG antibodies → given through placenta
IgA antibodies → given through breastmilk

By kissing the baby, the mother samples antigens near the babies mouth → the same ones that the baby would ingest → so the mother starts producing IgA antibodies for those antigens → which are then passed on through the breastmilk

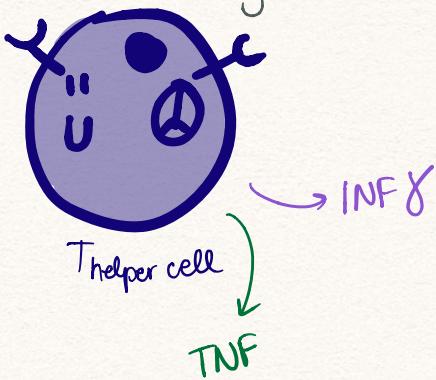


T-regulatory Cells

- stop the immune reaction once battle won
- stop unnecessary/ too strong immune reactions

Th cells → induce immune response ↑↑

Treg cells → dampen immune response ↓↓

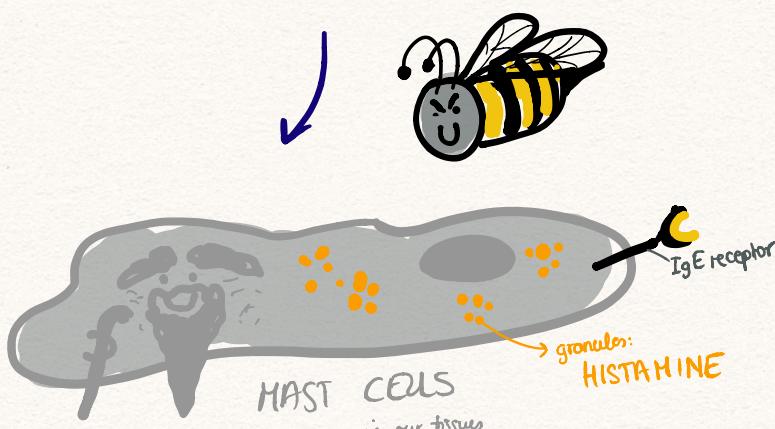


keeps the immune system from overreaching

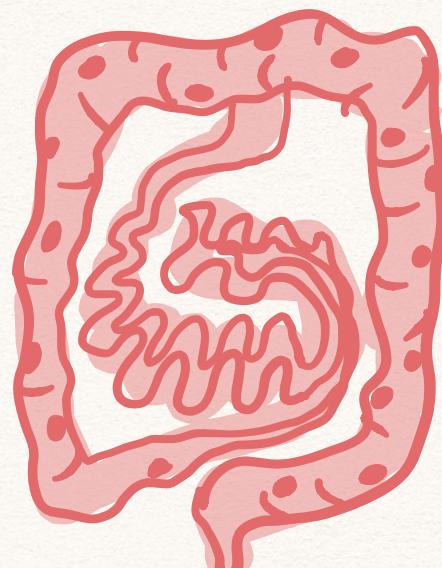
IL-10 → Blocks co-stimulatory signals ($B7$) and makes it harder for naive T-cells to be activated

TGF β → reduces T-cell proliferation rate
→ makes CTLs less potent killers

ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT FOR



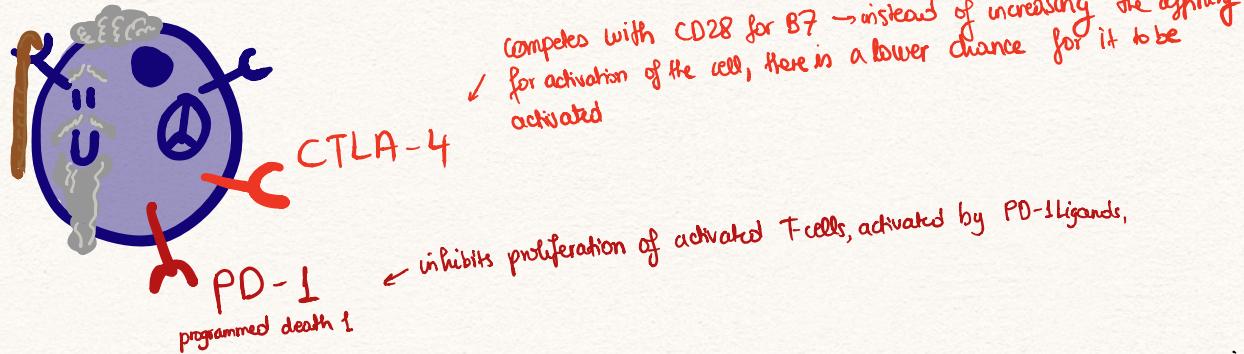
ALLERGIES
prevent mast cell degranulation



INTESTINES

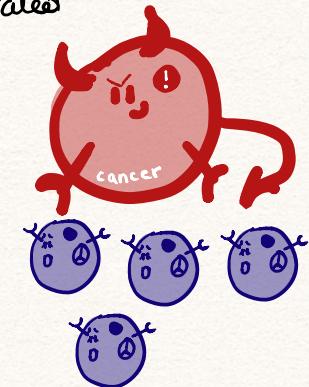
prevents overreaction of immune system to helpful gut flora

Important mechanism by which T-cells (T_h / CTLs) are naturally deactivated:

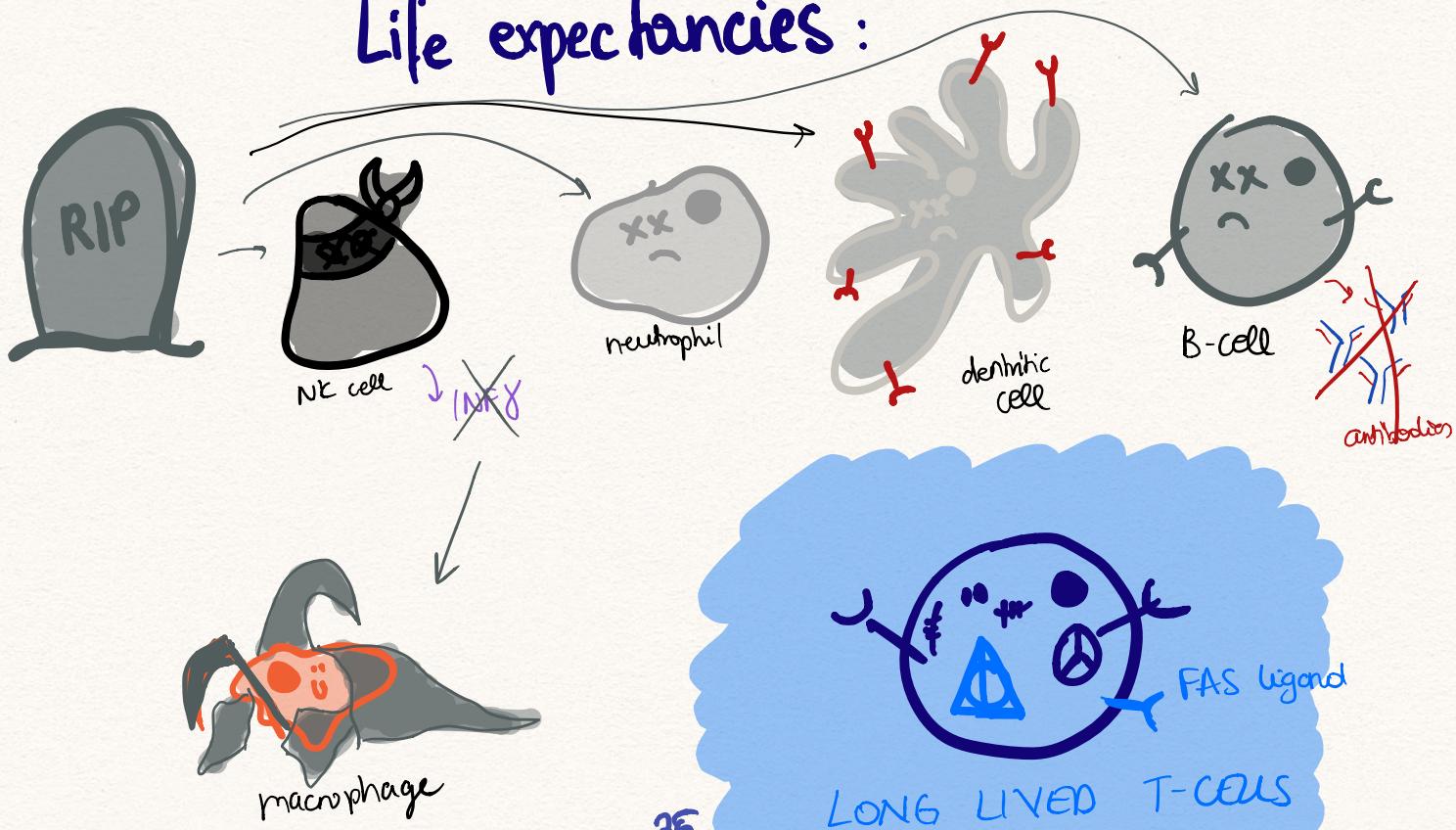


The older T-cells get, the more they express CTLA-4 and PD-1 molecules on their surface, and the higher the chance they become deactivated.

▷ cancer cells also express ligands for these two receptors, so they deactivate cells

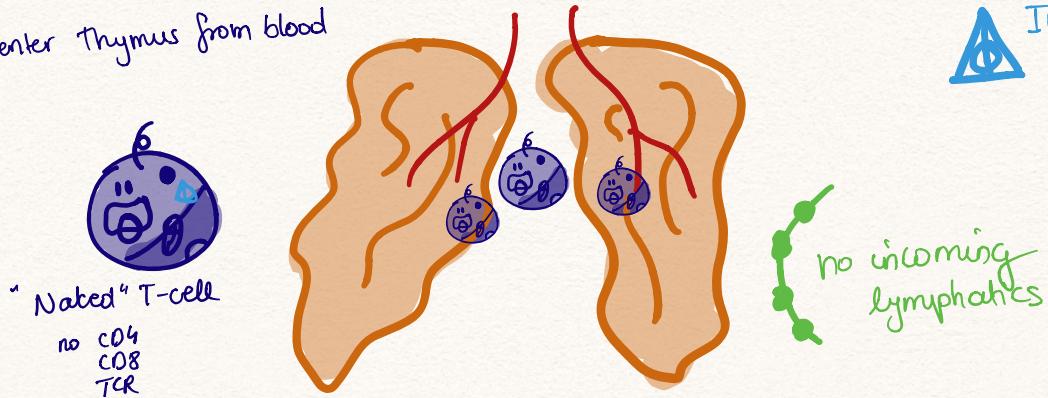


Life expectancies :

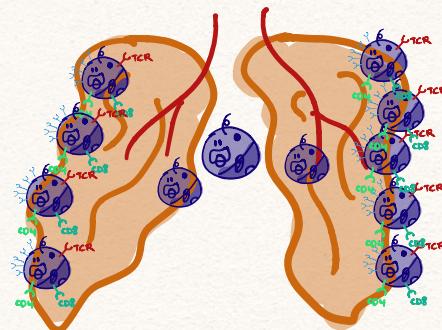
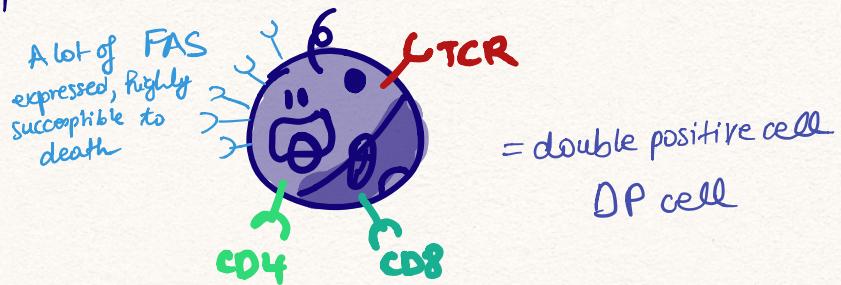


T-cell Maturation

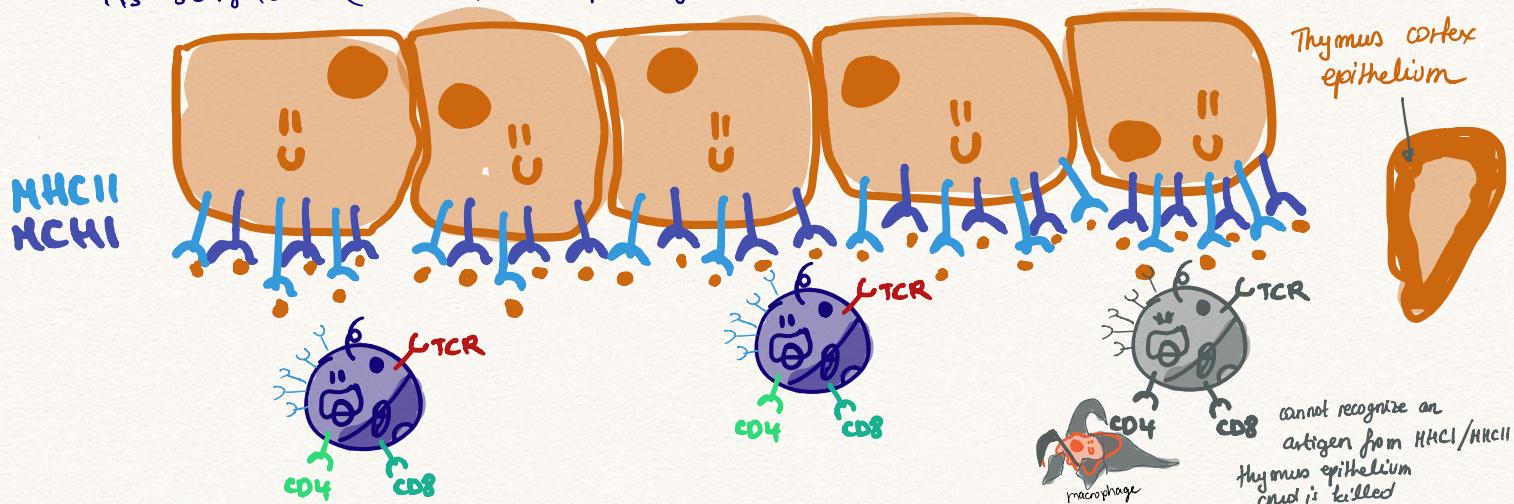
① T-cells enter Thymus from blood



② a successful T-cell produces both a functional TCR, and CD4 and CD8

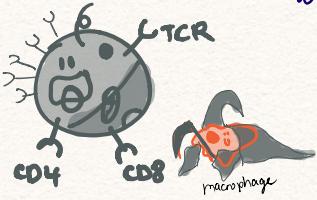
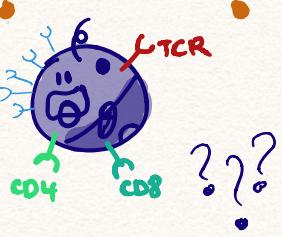


③ Thymus cortex epithelium displays both class I and class II MHC molecules on its surface (MHC II uses parts of the own cells cytoplasm processed by lysosomes)



**POSITIVE SELECTION
CORTEX**

POSITIVE SELECTION?



Can you recognize class I and II MHC molecules?

What is the importance of positive selection?

TCR are made like BCR → so some will be able to recognize unpreserved antigens → we don't want these → so the point is to select for T-cells which are able to FOCUS only on PRESENTED antigens by MHC molecules

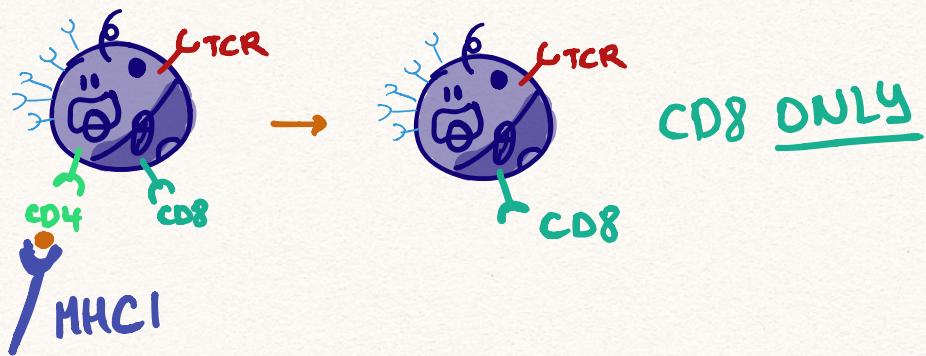
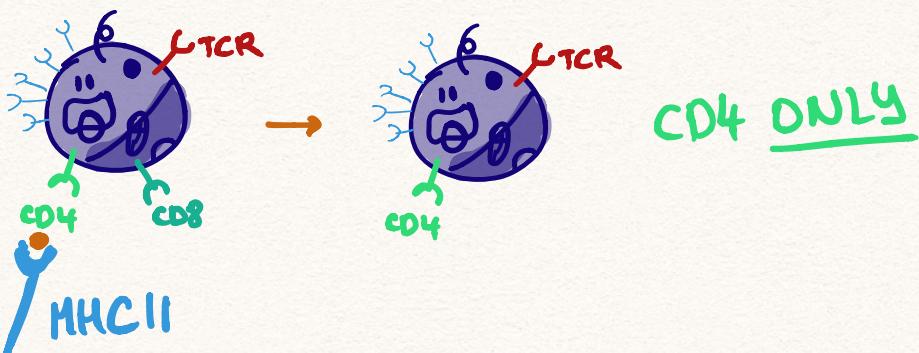
- ④ The selected cells

TCR
 CD8
 CD4

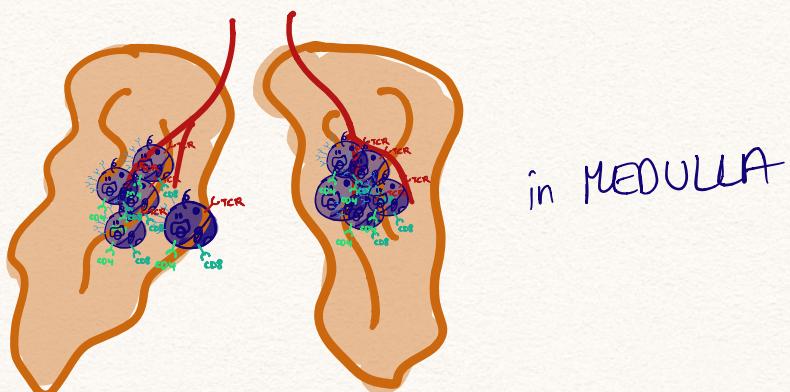
and able to recognize

MHC I
 MHC II

start to change

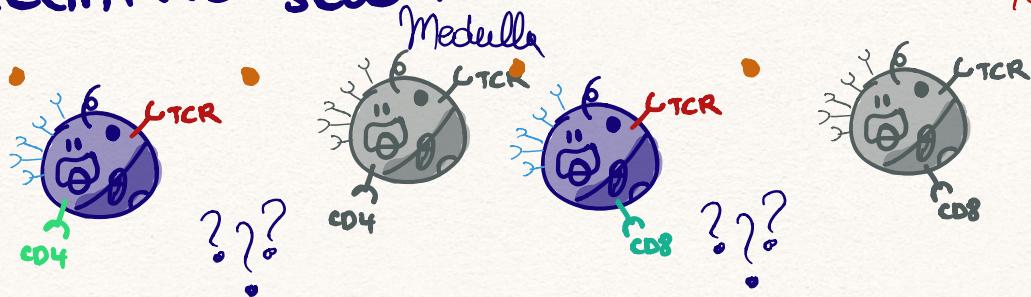


- ⑤ Now a test to recognize self is done: NEGATIVE SELECTION
 Medulla



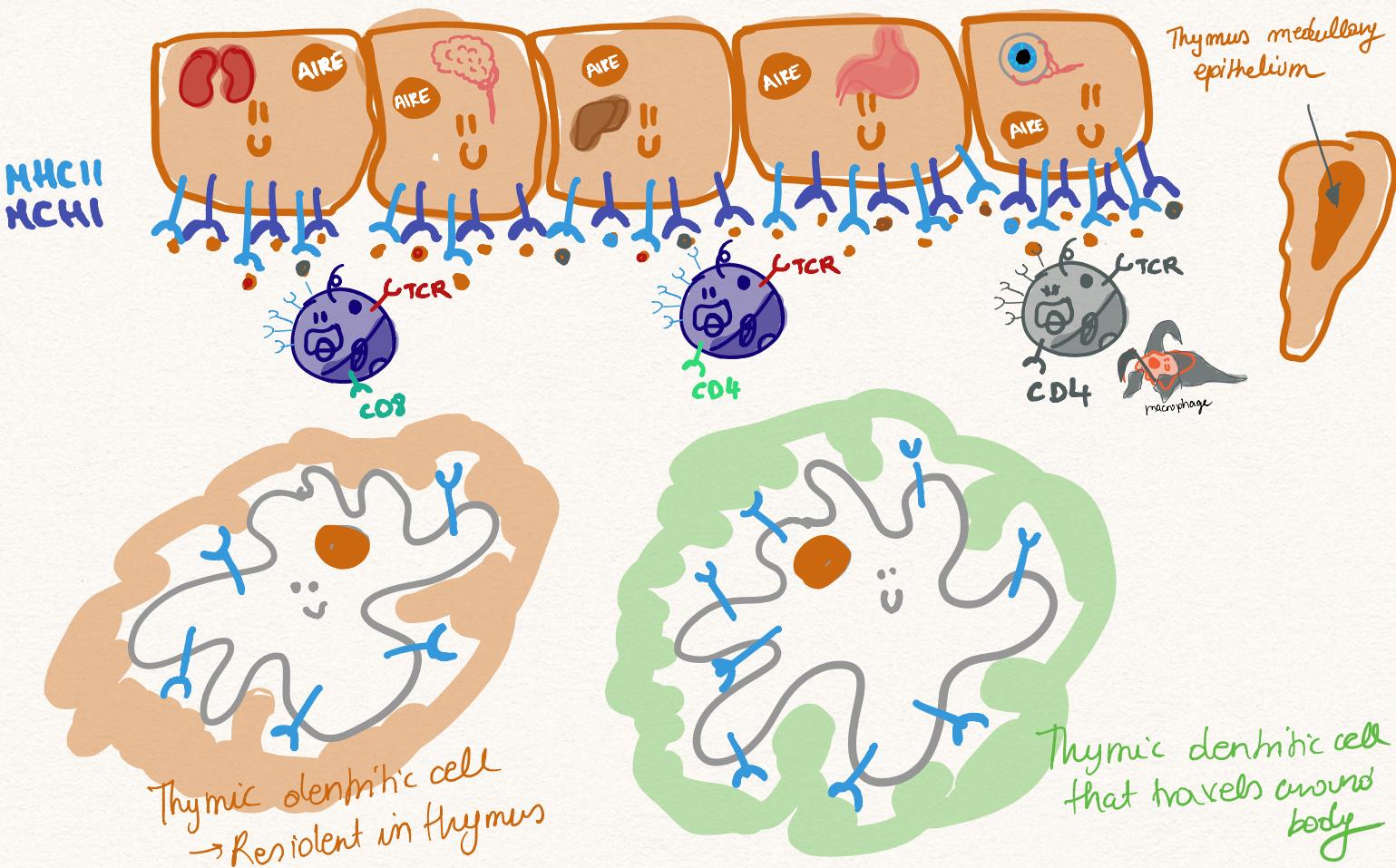
NEGATIVE SELECTION

Can you recognize self peptides on the MHC molecules?
Yes? → Death.

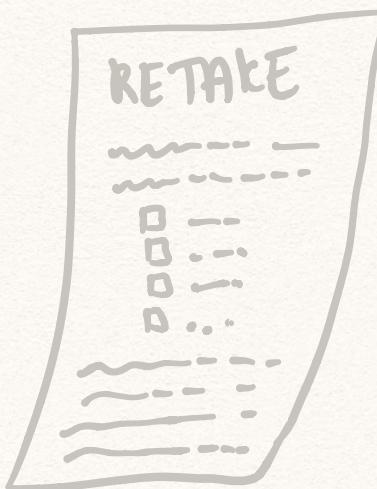


Prevents autoimmune disease through CTLs or Th cells which would attack own body as though it were an antigen.

- ⑥ Thymus medullary cells display not only the protein fragments of epithelial cells, but they also express those of cells from specialised tissues all around the body, due to a special transcription factor, AIRE → displaying them on both MHC I and MHC II proteins

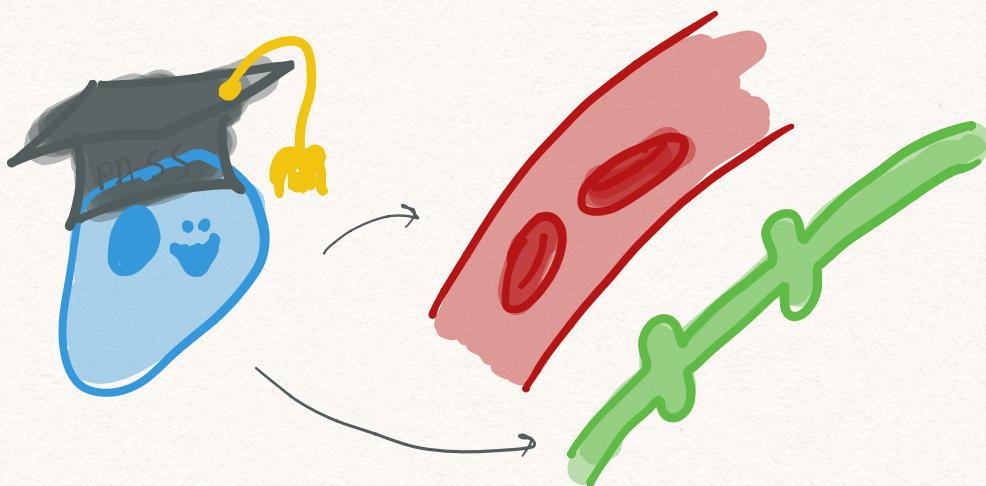


B-cell training



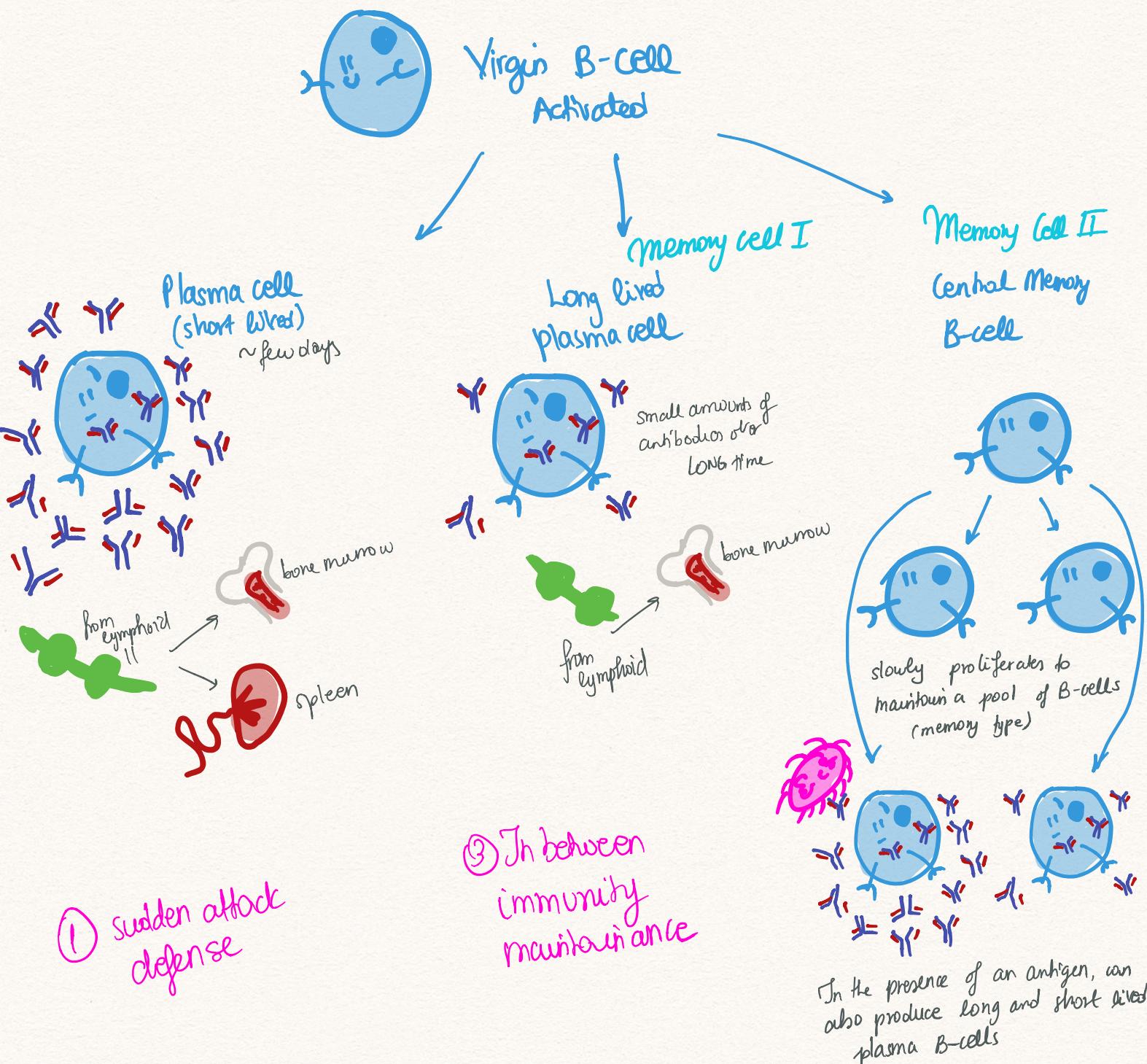
= receptor editing

can try to rearrange their light chain again if it recognises self, and only if it isn't ok again is the B-cell killed off



death mechanisms \approx to those of T-cells
for B-cells that recognize self as an
antigen to be killed off

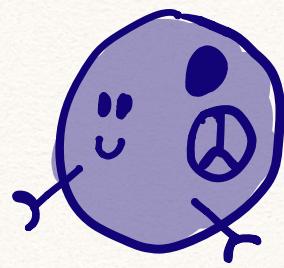
Immunological Memory



② re-attack defense

→ in secondary lymphoid organs

can remain for a lifetime → not dangerous because B-cells only produce antibodies, so even if the antigen never appears, the antibody will be harmless

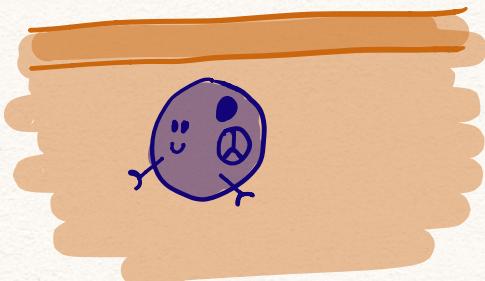


Tcell after infection

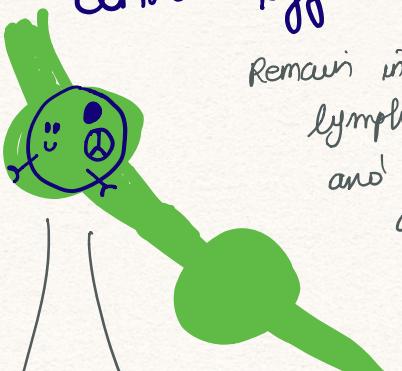
goes by apoptosis



Memory effector T-cells

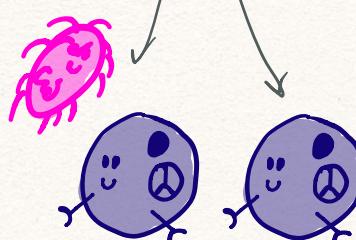


Remain in tissues near site of infection



Central effector T-cell

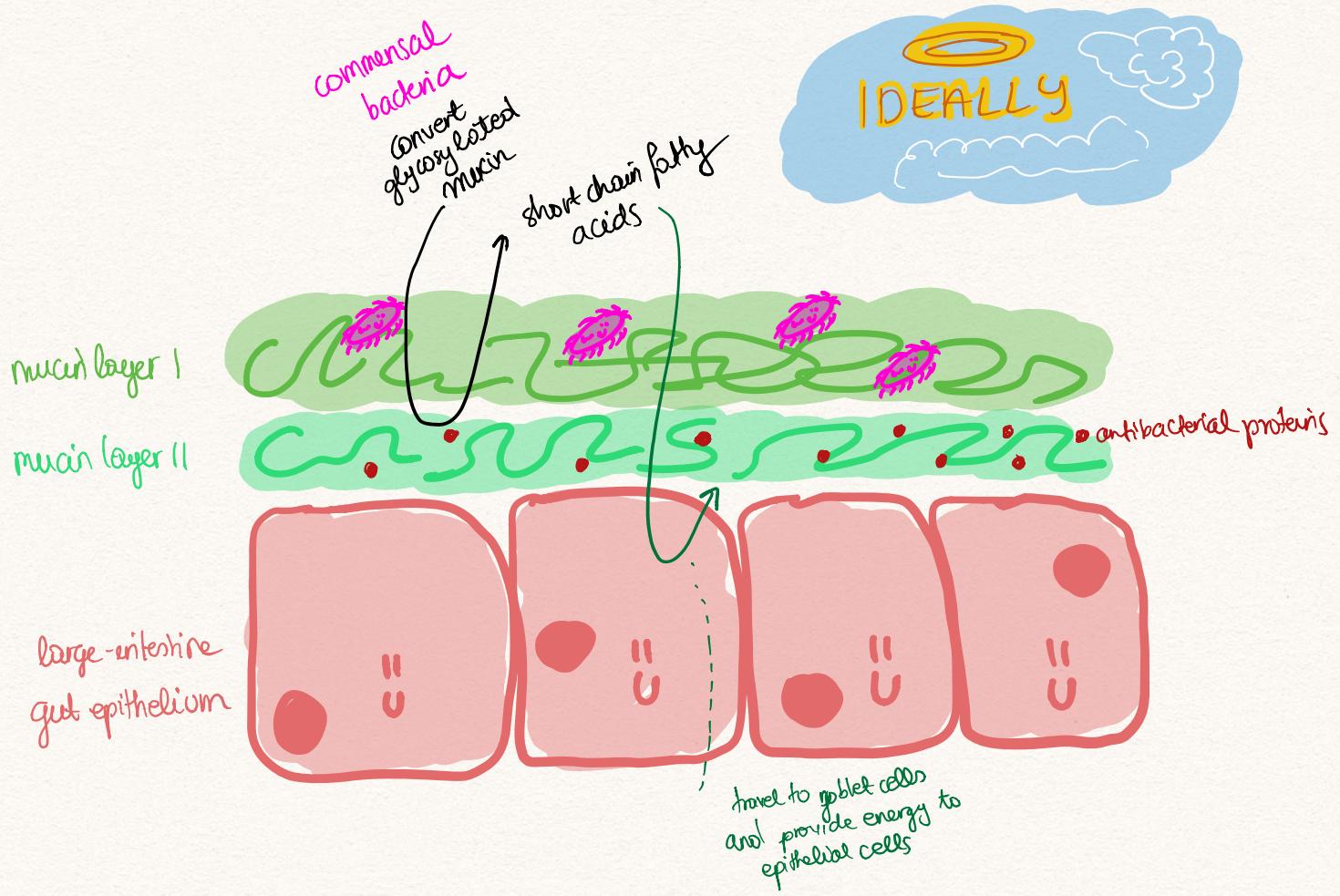
Remain in secondary lymphoid tissues, and proliferate and travel when needed



There are no T-cells that remain for a lifetime (like B cells can). This is because T-cells can produce cytokines = non-specific immune system activators (B-cells only produce antibodies, which are harmless even in absence of antigen) so we cannot risk long-living T-cells!!

→ long lived T-cells need to go DORMANT

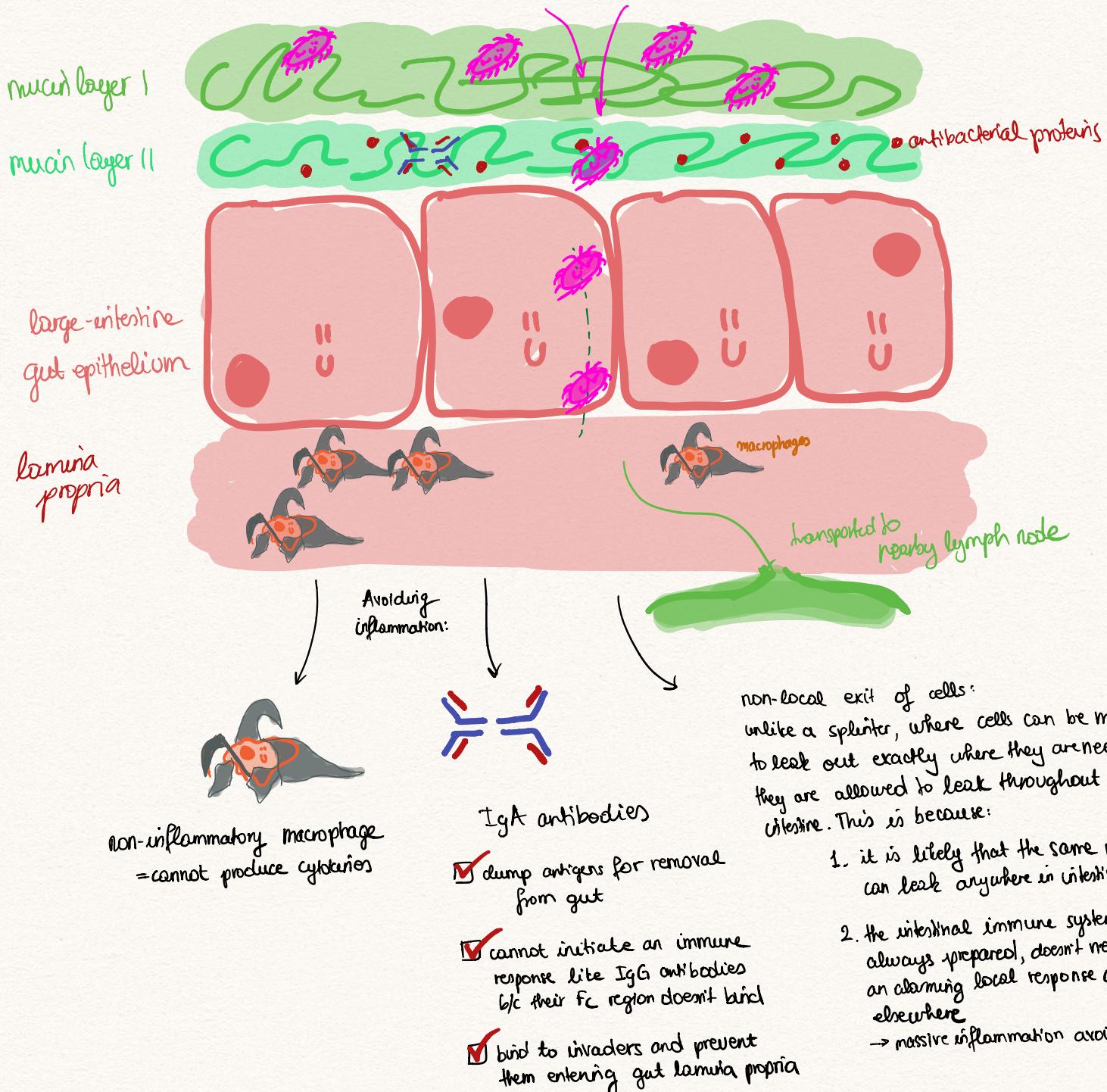
THE LARGE INTESTINE



- A separate immune system is away to the rest of the body:
- the cells (dendritic e.g.) only travel to their local lymph nodes and not beyond
 - the activated macrophages, T-cells, B-cells remain in the lamina propria and do not travel around the body

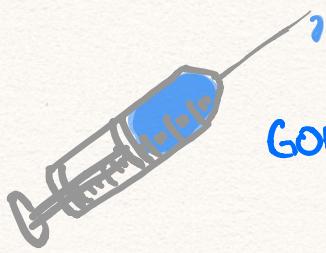


UNDER CONSTANT ATTACK from bacteria breaking through gaps in the mucin layer



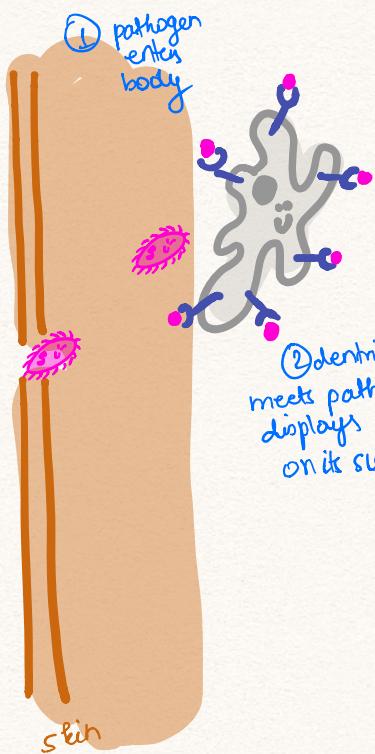
GOAL: TO AVOID INFLAMMATION: THE DEFAULT OPTION FOR THE GUT'S IMMUNE SYSTEM
IS ANTI-INFLAMMATORY

VACCINES

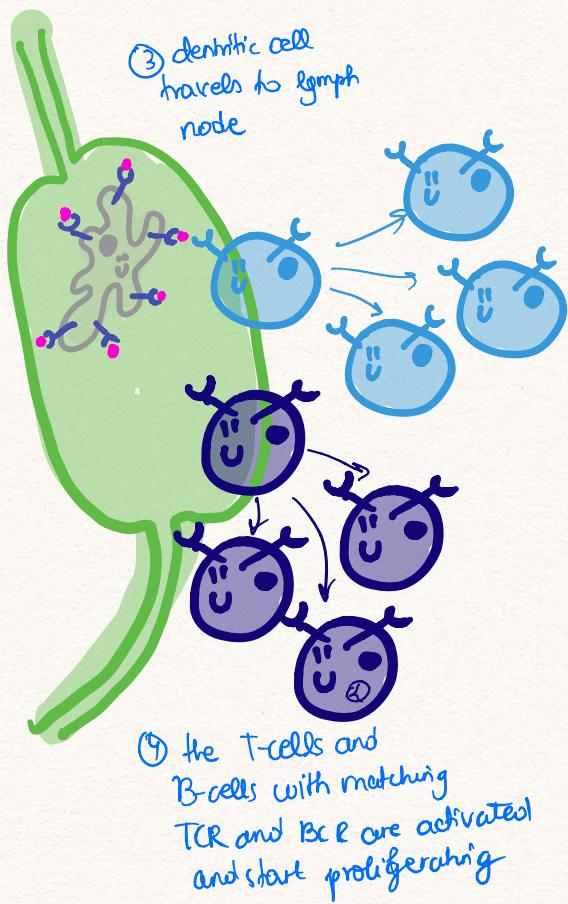


GOAL? To produce memory T cells and memory B cells which can be there to initiate a fast immune response when their pathogen is introduced without having to put the body through the danger of actually being infected by that pathogen first

HOW? How are memory T-cells and memory B cells formed?



② dendritic cell meets pathogen and displays its antigens on its surface



in secondary lymphoid tissues



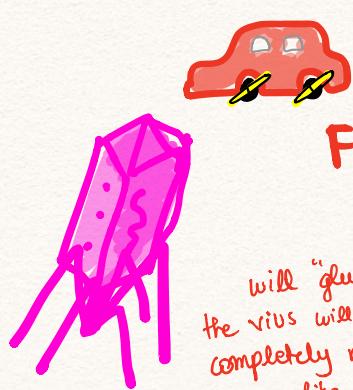
⑤ memory T-cells and B-cells are formed, ready for the next infection

→ so this process can be exploited → instead of waiting to introducing the whole pathogen, only the antigens are introduced → enough for the dendritic cell to become activated and memory T-cells and B-cells to be produced.



Killer T-cells cannot be produced without the APC being actually infected by the pathogen, because it needs MHC I molecules, so memory CTLs will not be formed by this mechanism

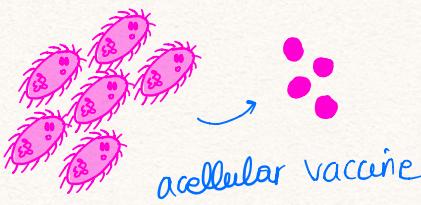
Types of vaccines



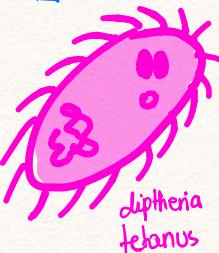
FORMALDEHYDE TREATMENT

will "glue" proteins together, so the virus will look like one, but will be completely non-functional
= like "boots" to a wheel of car

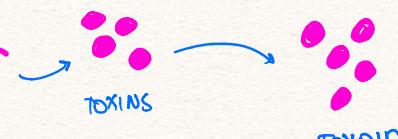
⚠️ is not guaranteed to be 100% effective on all of the viruses:
- not a big issue for the flu virus
- a **HUGE** issue for the HIV virus



isolation and purification of only some parts of bacteria
pertussis bacterium



diphtheria tetanus



Toxins produced by some bacteria are isolated, treated with **ALUMINIUM SALTS** and **TOXOIDS** are produced, which can activate B-cells and create memory B-cells

GENETICALLY MODIFIED

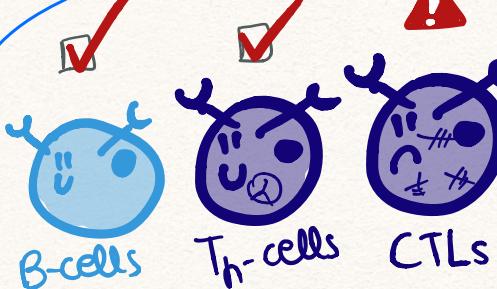
genetic engineering used to generate non-infectious viruses
→ no danger

hepatitis B
papillomavirus

NOT PRODUCED ✗

- not an issue for pathogens which do not activate CTLs anyway:
e.g. extracellular bacteria which do not cause their MHC I production anyway
- and the B-cell, Th-cell is usually good enough extra protection despite no CTLs

- but killed virus v cancers do not work against either
- measles
- mumps
- because of this!



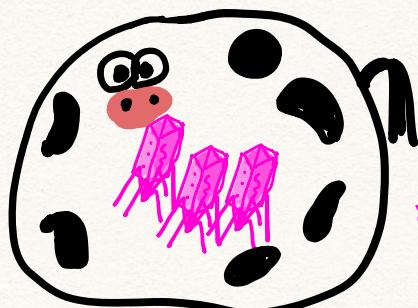
CARRIER VACCINES



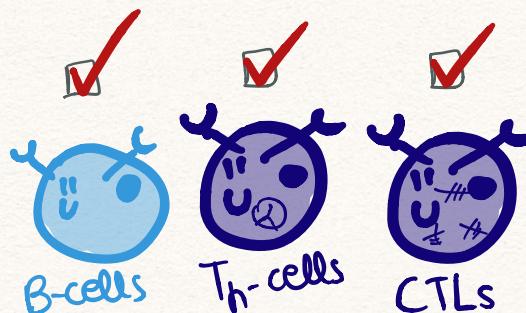
Trojan Horse

- a single gene that doesn't cause disease inserted into a virus capsule
- can "infect" host
- can certainly not cause disease

ATTENUATED VACCINES



measles rubella mumps



SAFETY ISSUES

- ① can reproduce and spread to other → **HERD IMMUNITY** - but this is dangerous to some weaker immunized people
- ② virus can mutate and reactivate itself

IMMUNITY GONE WRONG

When the immune system does what its supposed to do

-TUBERCULOSIS-



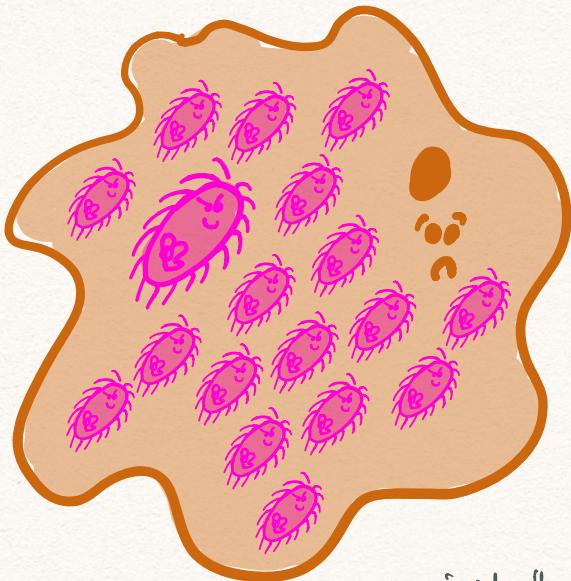
- ① TB bacterium enters body



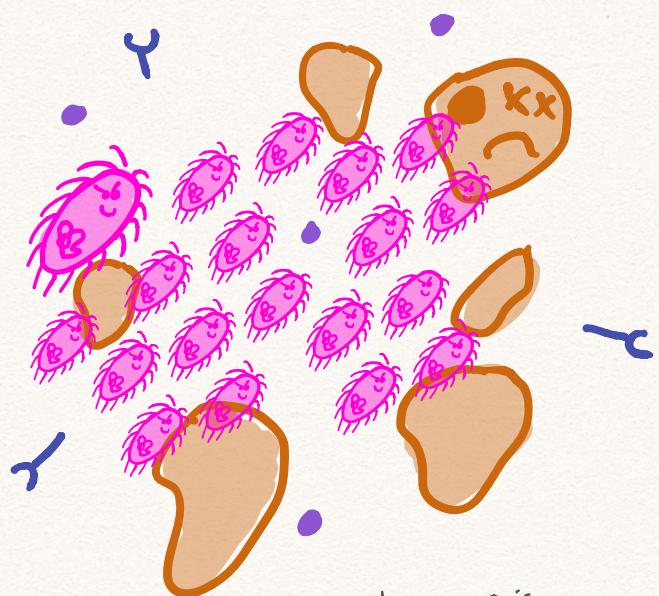
- ② Bacterium is phagocytosed by macrophage



- ③ phagosome is modified by bacterium and the macrophage cannot fuse it with lysosomes

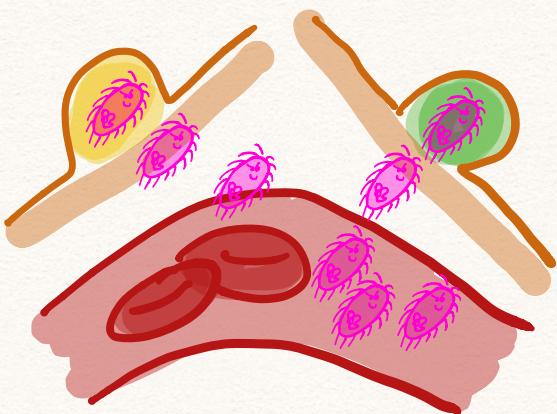


- ④ The TB bacterium replicates inside the macrophage using its machinery



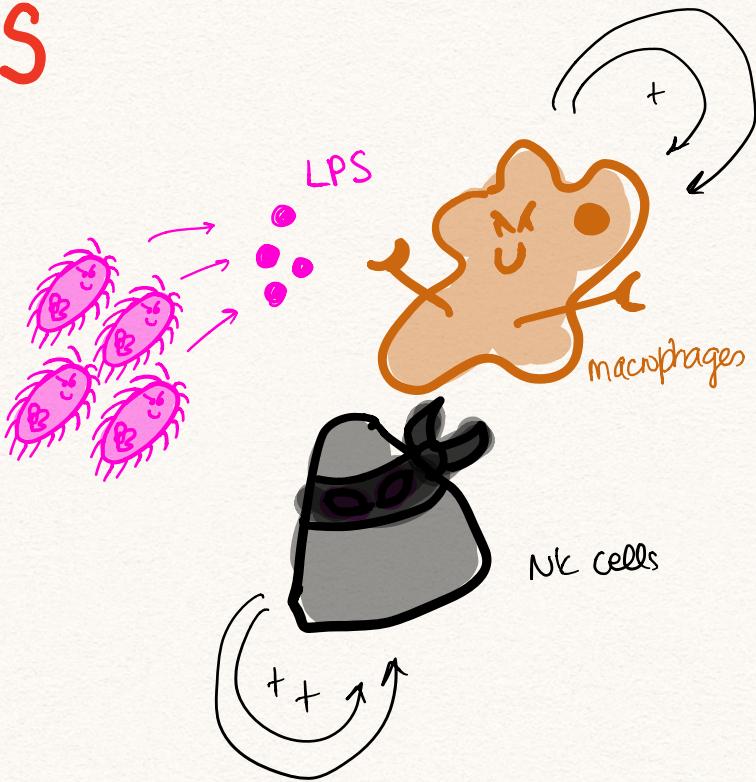
- ⑤ the macrophage dies by necrosis
→ the bacteria are released
→ the cytokines explode recruiting more macrophages
→ the cytokines cause inflammation which damages the lung tissue

SEPSIS

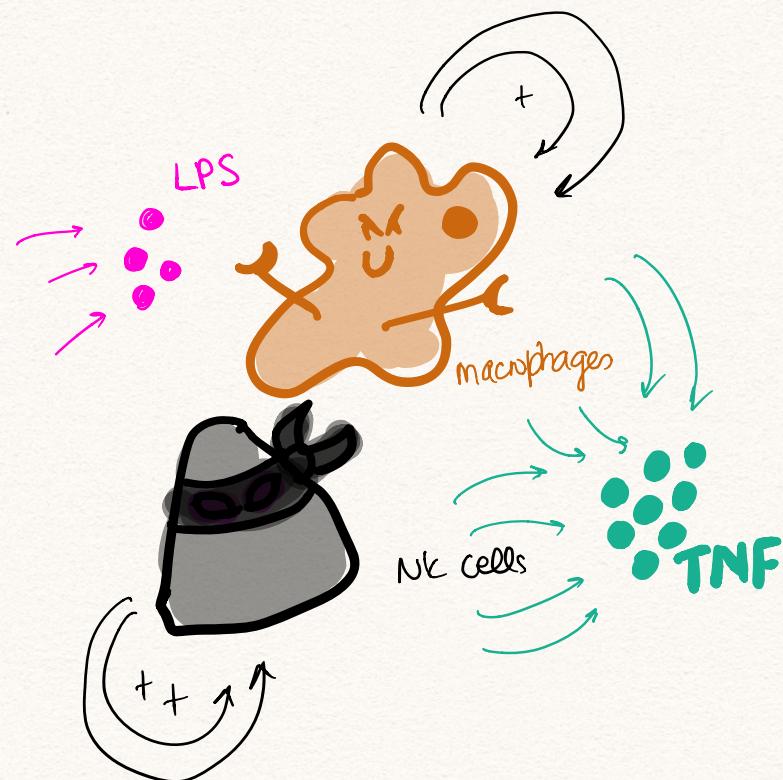


- ① bacteria from an abscess or local infection escapes and enters bloodstream
 → a lot needed in someone healthy
 → few needed in someone immunosuppressed
 (e.g. cancer medication)

* usually gram - E. coli
 with LPS on their surface



- ② LPS released from the bacteria activate macrophages and NK cells, which then enter positive feedback loops



- ③ TNF released by the cells make blood vessels leaky :

→ this happens all around the body
 → fluid leaks out of the vessels
 → in extreme cases, the amount of fluid loss is so high that you can go into

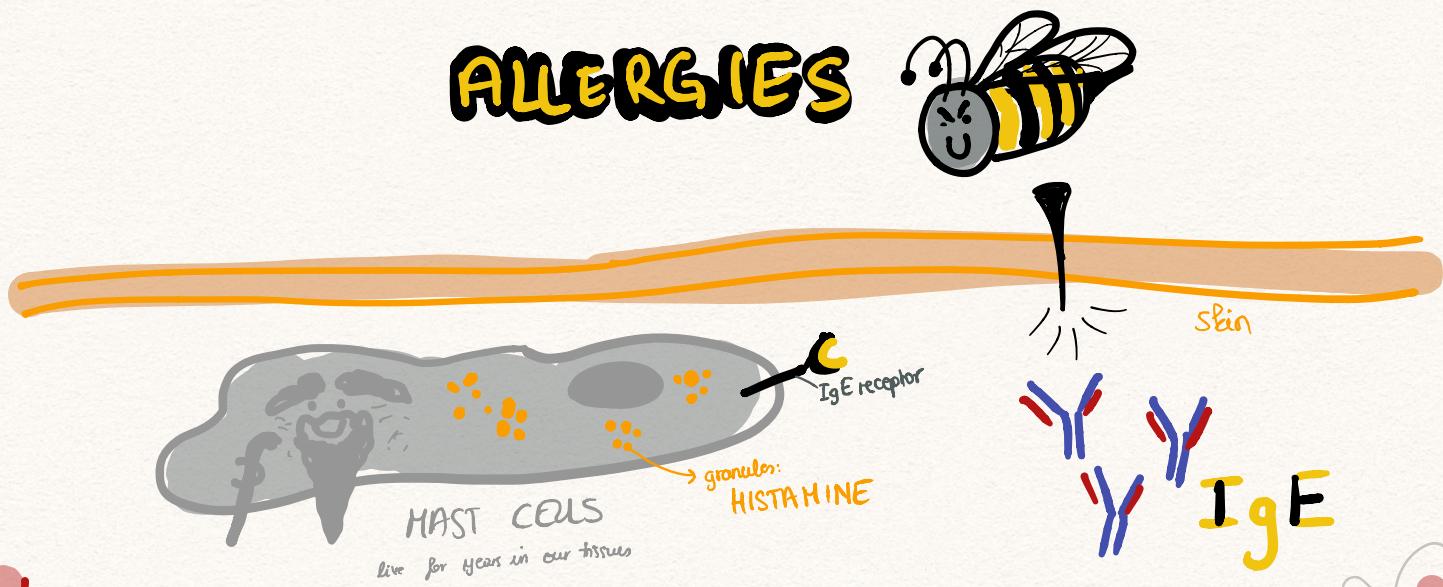
SEPTIC SHOCK

because the blood pressure feels low

Positive feedback loops, which normally allow quick and strong reactions locally, go into overdrive and cause a system-wide reaction

WHEN THE IMMUNE SYSTEM GOES WRONG

ALLERGIES



DEGRANULATION



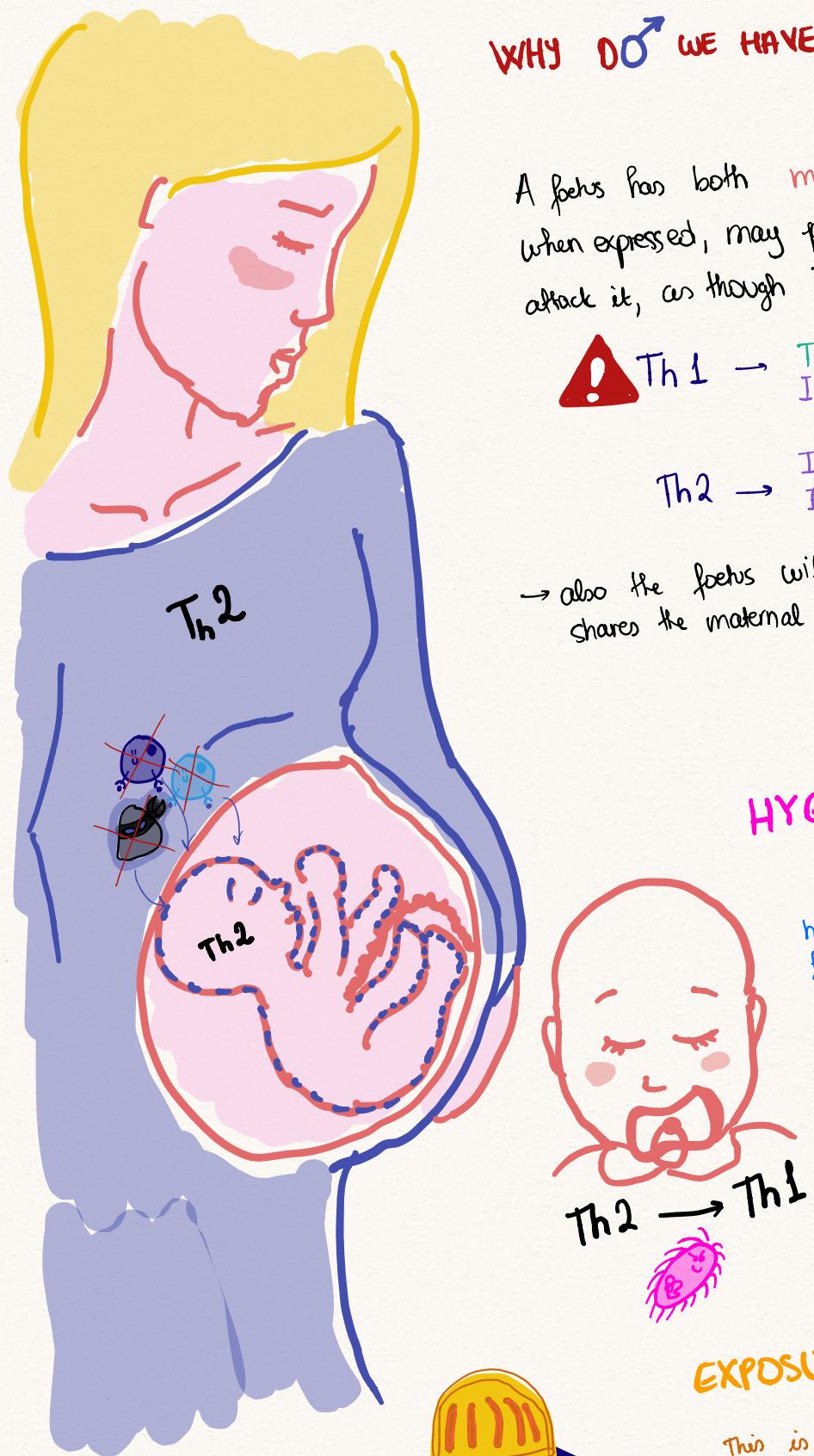
How is this normally useful? Degranulation?

Large parasites cannot be phagocytosed, they get surrounded by IgE antibodies, to which mast cells, basophils and eosinophils can bind and release their granules to destroy

So why are extra IgE made (when not needed), instead of IgG?

- The type of T-cell in the secondary lymphoid organ determines the type of antibody stimulated to be made
- People who have allergies have more of the Th2 type of T-cells

WHY DO WE HAVE ALLERGIES?



A foetus has both **maternal** and **paternal** antigens, which when expressed, may prompt the mothers' immune system to attack it, as though it were a transplant.

! $\text{Th1} \rightarrow \text{TNF}$ IL2 → activate immune system

! $\text{Th2} \rightarrow \text{IL4}$ IL5 → activate IgE

→ also the foetus will have mainly Th2 T-cells (because it shares the maternal cytokines which promote Th2 expression)

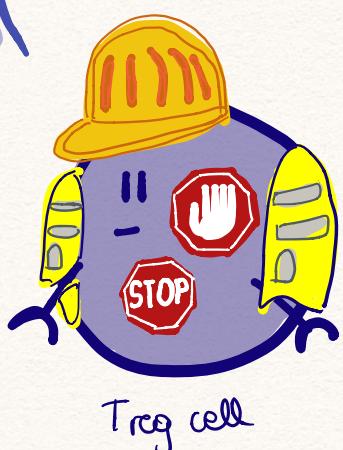
HYGIENE HYPOTHESIS

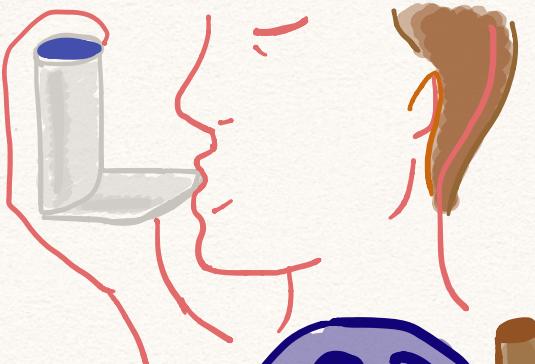
Once born, the presence of antigens & microorganisms will prompt the Th1 system, the formation of memory T-cells and B-cells and rewire the immune system (which is very hard to be changed).

If the baby is not exposed to these pathogens, the immune system will not be rewired, and will remain Th2 favouring

EXPOSURE HYPOTHESIS

This is the idea that the more exposure one has to an antigen the more T-cells will be created for it, and the higher the chance iTreg cells will be created for it, which will dampen the immune response to that pathogen

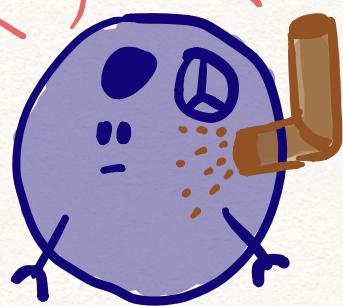




TREATMENT FOR ALLERGIES

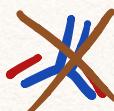
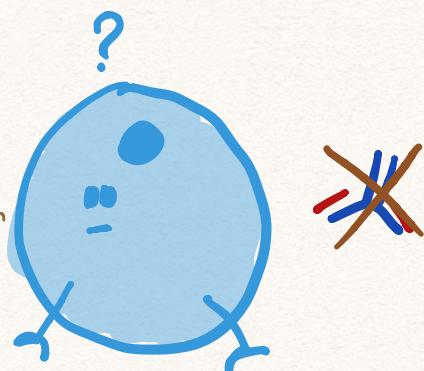
CORTICOSTEROIDS

prevent cytokine formation and release by Th cells

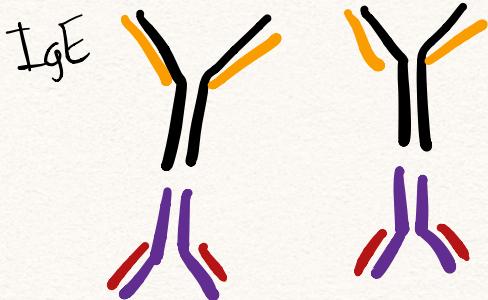


⚠ This is non-specific blocking of B cells
→ So if corticosteroids are taken for extended periods of time, this leads to immunosuppression

B-cells do not get the signal needed for activation
→ no antibodies formed



- ZUMAB

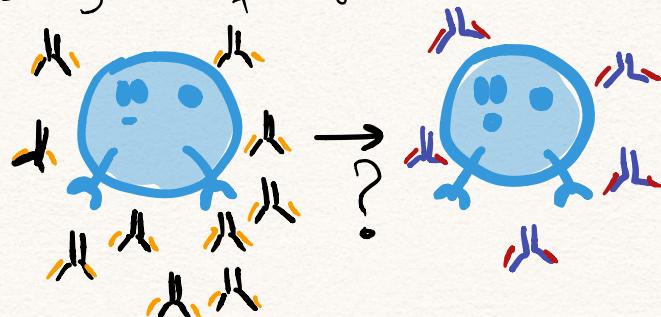
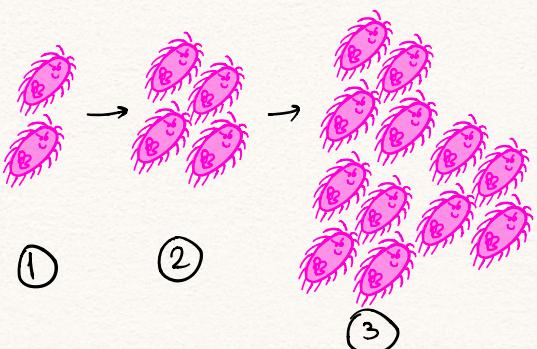


These are antibodies produced in the lab which bind to the Fc region of IgE antibodies, thus deactivating them
→ good for extreme allergies

⚠ also immunosuppressants

SPECIFIC IMMUNOTHERAPY

increasing doses of antigen administered to patient



This somehow results in IgE → IgG producing cell??
B-cell



MOLECULAR MIMICRY



When the antigen is similar to a part of a body's own cells, the B-cells and T-cells for it will become activated and proliferate during an infection.

→ at the same time, it can now attack the body where it is similar to it:

e.g. streptococcal throat infection
and mitral heart valve cells

⇒ Rheumatoid heart disease



Because the self-tissue is unable to activate the immune system even if recognized by it, because it lacks the co-stimulatory signals, the attack can only occur while the other pathogen is still present and CONTINUOUSLY ACTIVATING the immune system to attack it, and those activated cells can also then attack the body