Antigen Recognition by B and T Lymphocytes

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Learning Objectives

By the end of this lecture you will be able to:

- 1 Describe the structure and genetics of TCR
- ② Describe the structure and genetics of BCR and antibodies
- ③ Differentiate between monoclonal and polyclonal antibodies

- TCR exist either in $\alpha/$ β or γ/δ forms
- The α/β is the most abundant type



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 Each T cell has more than one TCR that recognize a single antigen (epitope) in context of self MHC



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- TCR has recognition part and signaling part through CD3 complex
- CD3 contains signal transduction motifs known as immunoreceptor tyrosine-based activation motifs (ITAMs)



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- Antigen binding to TCR is weak. Therefore, coreceptors are required
- CD4 is monomer
- CD8 is dimer



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- Roles of co-receptors:
- 1 Stabilization of TCR-MHC interaction
- ② Signal transduction



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Affinity of TCR for peptide-MHC complexes is enhanced by co-receptors and the formation of **Immunological Synapse**



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T Cell Accessory Molecules

TABLE 9-4	Selected T-cell accessory molecules				
			FUNCTION		
Name		Ligand	Adhesion	Signal transduction	Member of Ig superfamily
CD4		Class II MHC	+	+	
CD8		Class I MHC	+	+	+
CD2 (LFA-2)		CD58 (LFA-3)	+	+	+
LFA-1 (CD11a/CD18)		ICAM-1 (CD54)	+	?	+/(-)
CD28		B7	?	+	+
CTLA-4		B7	?	+	_
CD45R		CD22	+	+	+
CD5		CD72	?	+	-

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- Complementarity determining regions (CDRs) are hypervariable regions in the TCR. The role of CDRs is binding with MHC
- CDR3 has the most sequence variability



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TCR Rearrangement



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Mature B cell



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 BCR has the ability of direct recognition and binding to antigens



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BCR Rearrangement



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BCR Rearrangement





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Antibodies



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Antibodies Differences











Antibody Diversity



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Antibody Diversity



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Complementarity Determining Regions



CDRs of Antibodies



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CDRs of Antibodies



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B Cell Response



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B Cell Polyclonal Response



Affinity vs. Avidity

Affinity: the strength of binding between a single binding site and a single ligand.

Avidity: the strength of binding between a molecule and a complex ligand, e.g. if there are multiple binding sites then the avidity may be increased by increasing the number of binding sites or by increasing the affinity of those binding sites.

Avidity



Polyclonal v.s. Monoclonal





- Polyclonal antibody
 - Antigens possess multiple epitopes
 - Serum antibodies are heterogeneous,
 - To increase immune protection *in vivo* (avidity)
 - To reduces the efficacy of antiserum for various in vitro uses
 - To response facilitates the localization, phagocytosis, and complement-mediated lysis of antigen
 - To have clear advantages for the organism in vivo
- Monoclonal antibody
 - Derived from a single clone, specific for a single epitope
 - For most research, diagnostic, and therapeutic purposes

mAb nomenclature

Components Substem for origin / source

Source substems: mouse (top left), chimeric (top right), humanized (bottom left), chimeric/humanized (bottom middle), and human (bottom right) monoclonal antibodies. Human parts are shown in red, non-human parts in blue.



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