



Basic Immunology III

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Learning Objectives for Immunology Overview

Upon completion of this lecture and exercises the student will be able to:

- Define the terms immunity, immunology
- Describe major historical events in the development of immunology
- Differentiate innate and adaptive immunity in terms of components and type of immune response.
- Explain the major defenses of innate immunity
- Describe the mechanisms used by the body to defend itself in an innate response.

Immune System

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graph TD; A[Immune System] --- B[Innate (Nonspecific)]; A --- C[Adaptive (Specific)]; B --- D[Cellular Components]; B --- E[Humoral Components]; C --- F[Cell-Mediated]; C --- G[Humoral (Ab)];
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**Innate
(Nonspecific)**

**Adaptive
(Specific)**

**Cellular
Components**

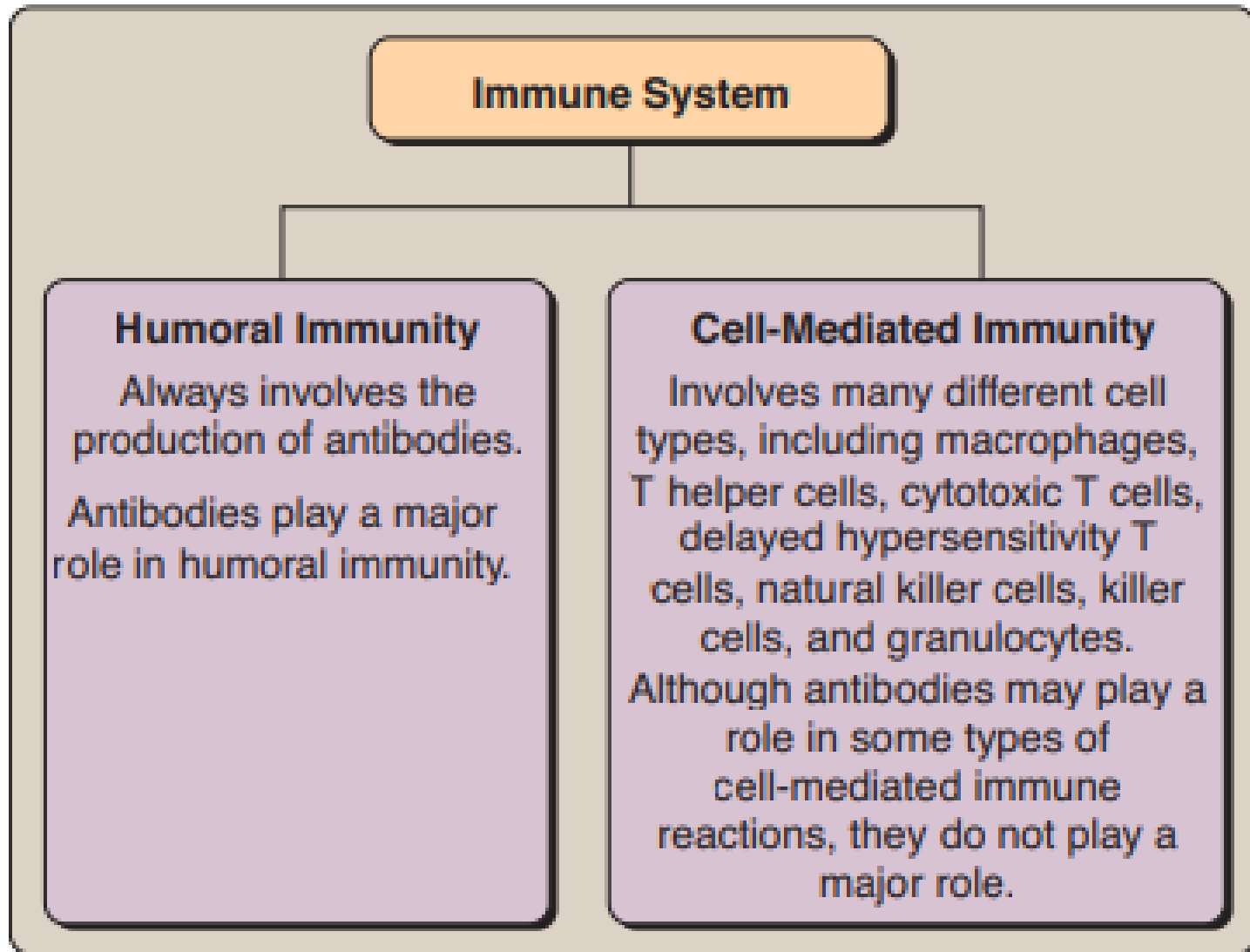
**Humoral
Components**

Cell-Mediated

**Humoral
(Ab)**

The immune system is considered to be a specific host defense mechanism and the third line of defense.

The two major arms of the immune system



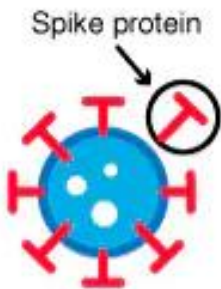




Child receiving a vaccine. (Courtesy of Judy Schmidt, James Gathany, and the CDC.)

mRNA vaccine

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COVID-19 virus

mRNA with instructions for making the spike protein is developed in a lab

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mRNA vaccine

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Human cell

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COVID-19 virus spike protein created



COVID-19 virus spike protein

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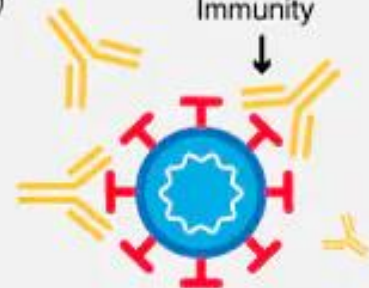
Antibodies →



Spike proteins are recognized by the immune system, which produces specific antibodies against the COVID-19 virus

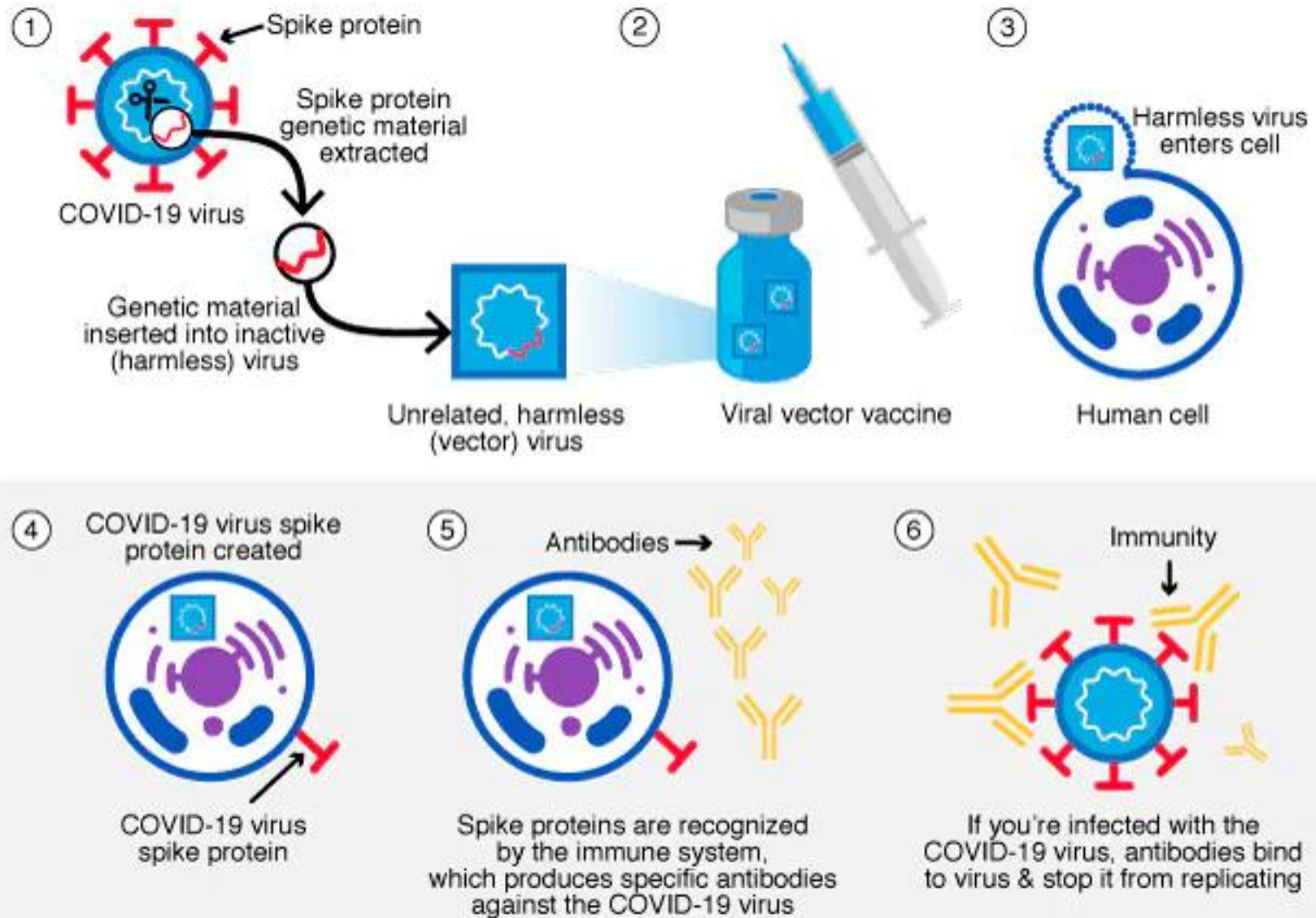
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Immunity ↓

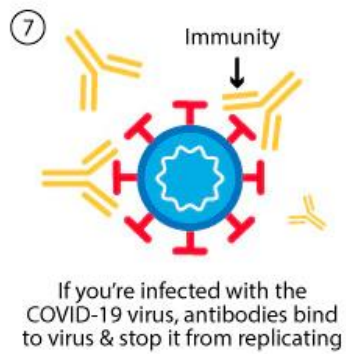
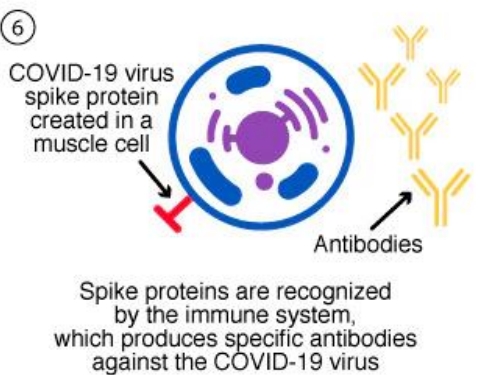
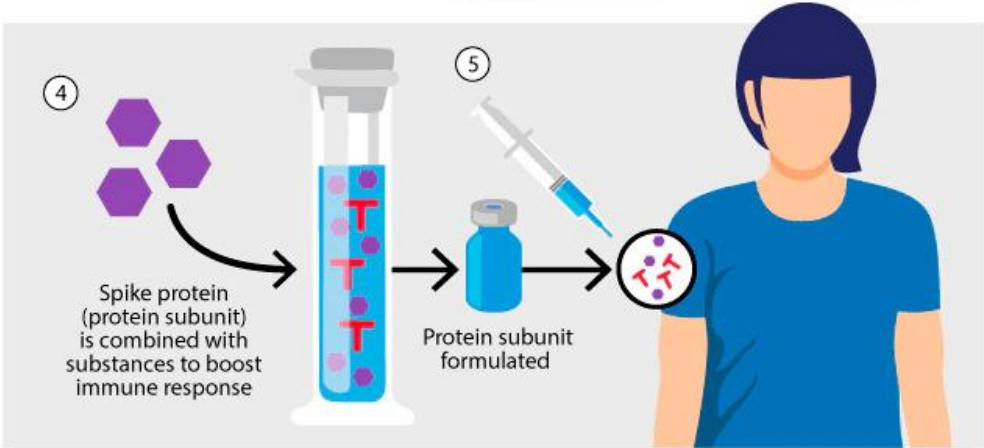
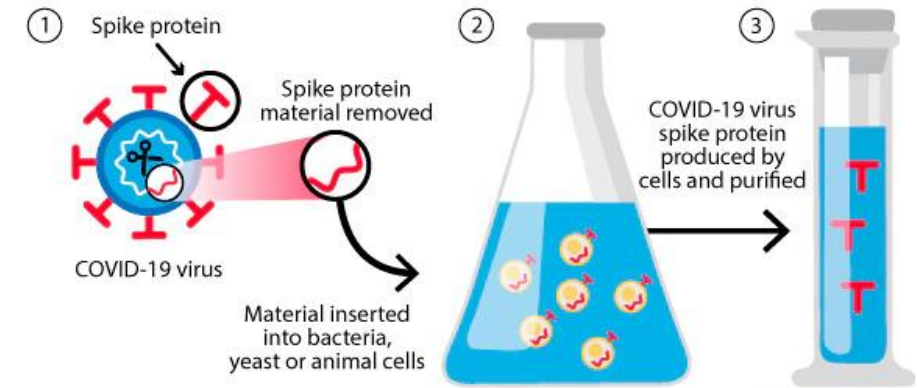


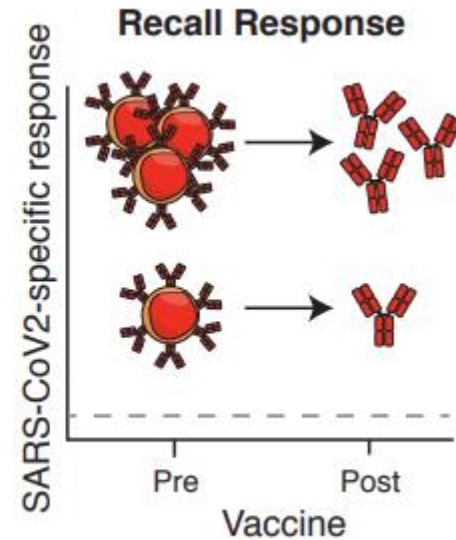
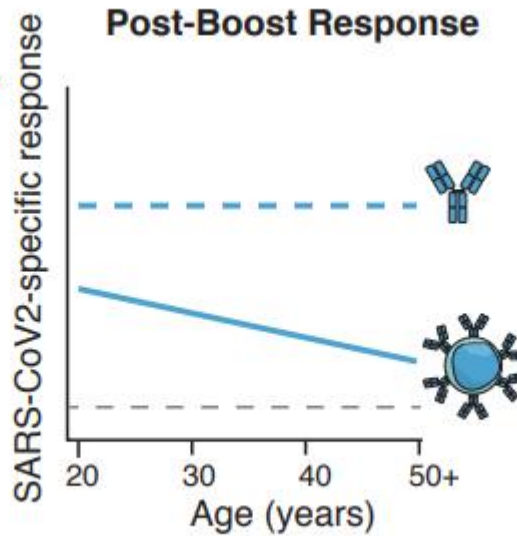
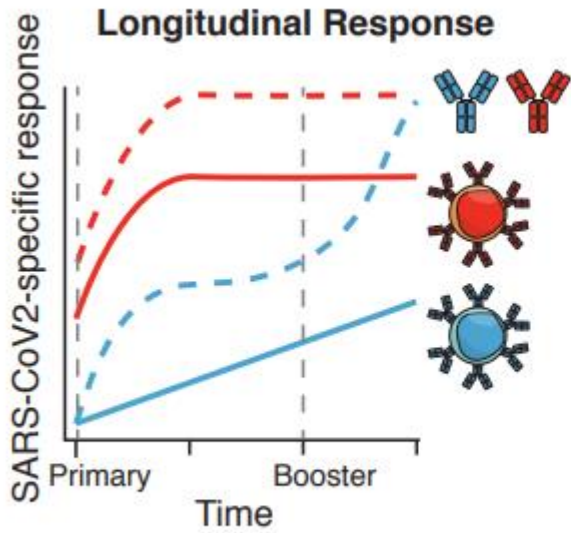
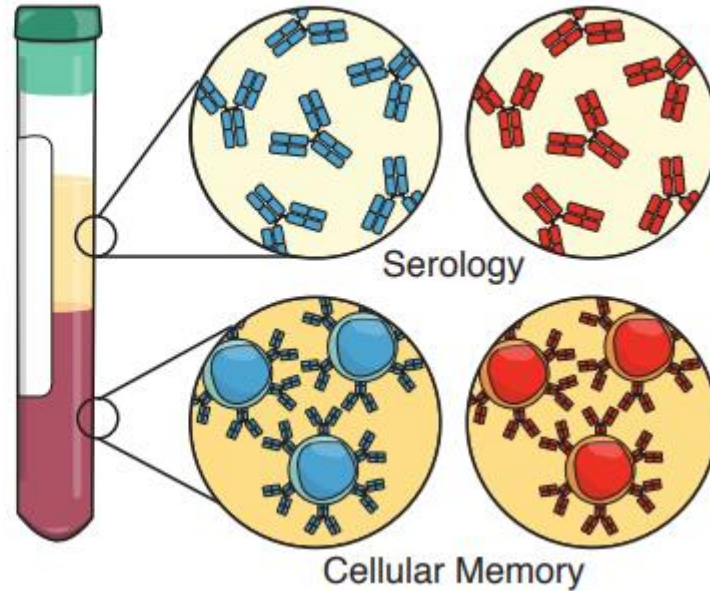
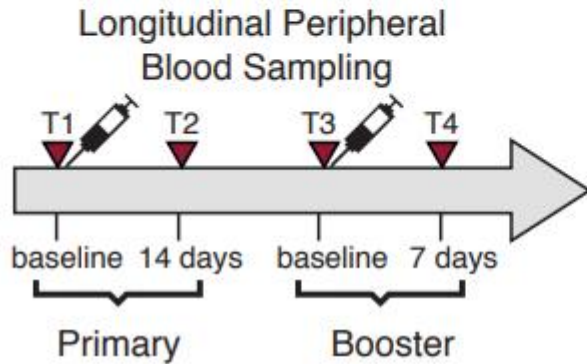
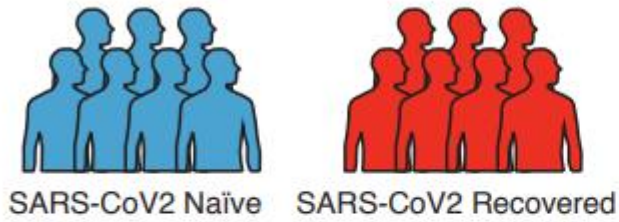
If you're infected with the COVID-19 virus, antibodies bind to virus & stop it from replicating

Viral vector vaccine



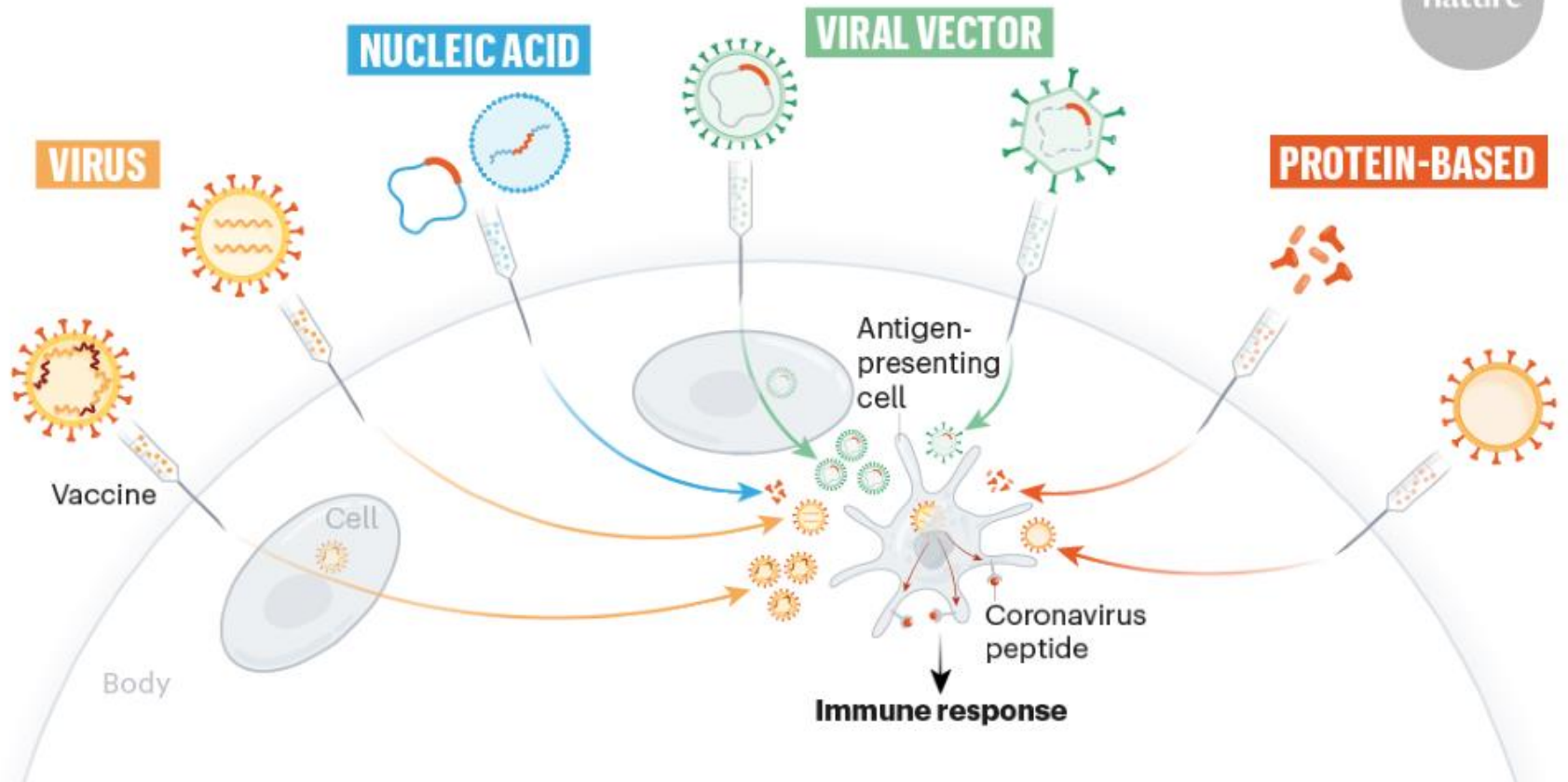
Protein subunit vaccine

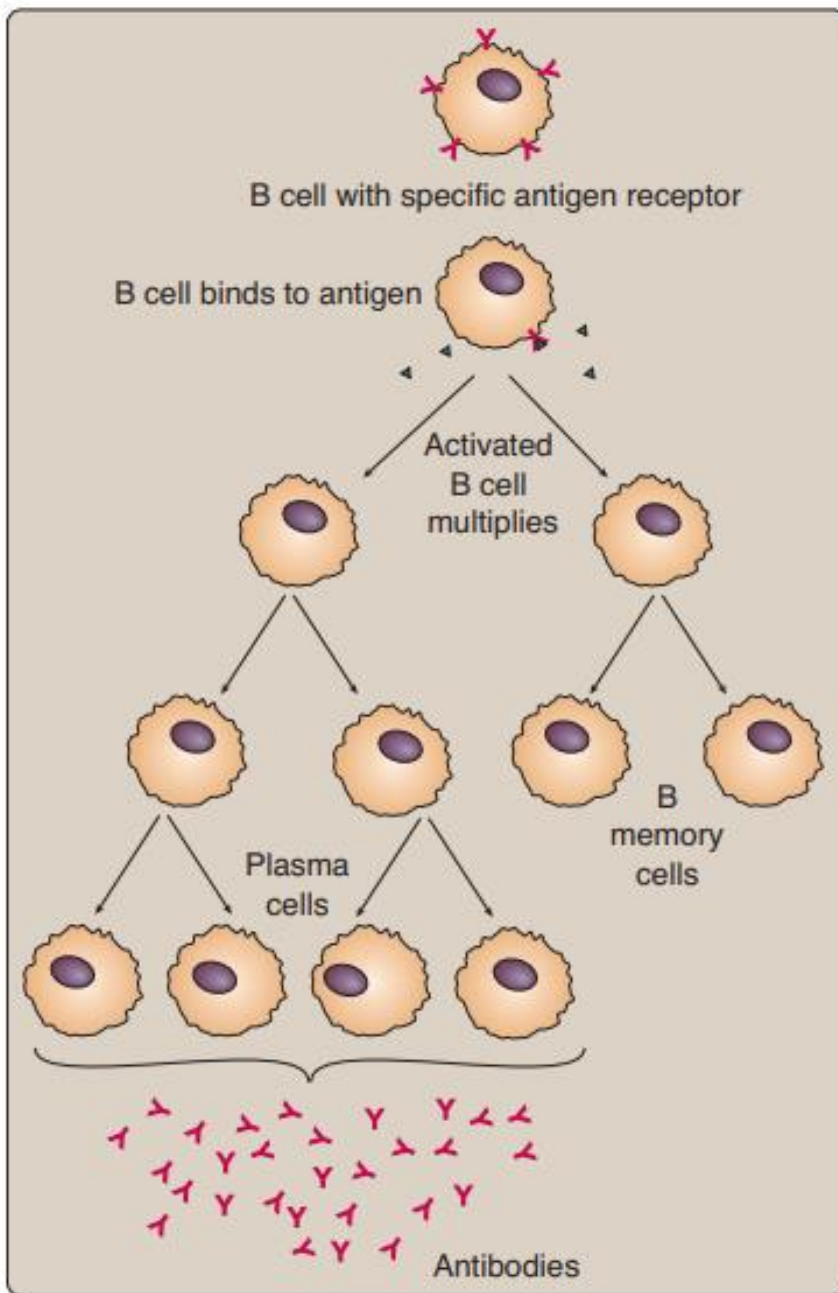




CORONAVIRUS VACCINE CANDIDATES

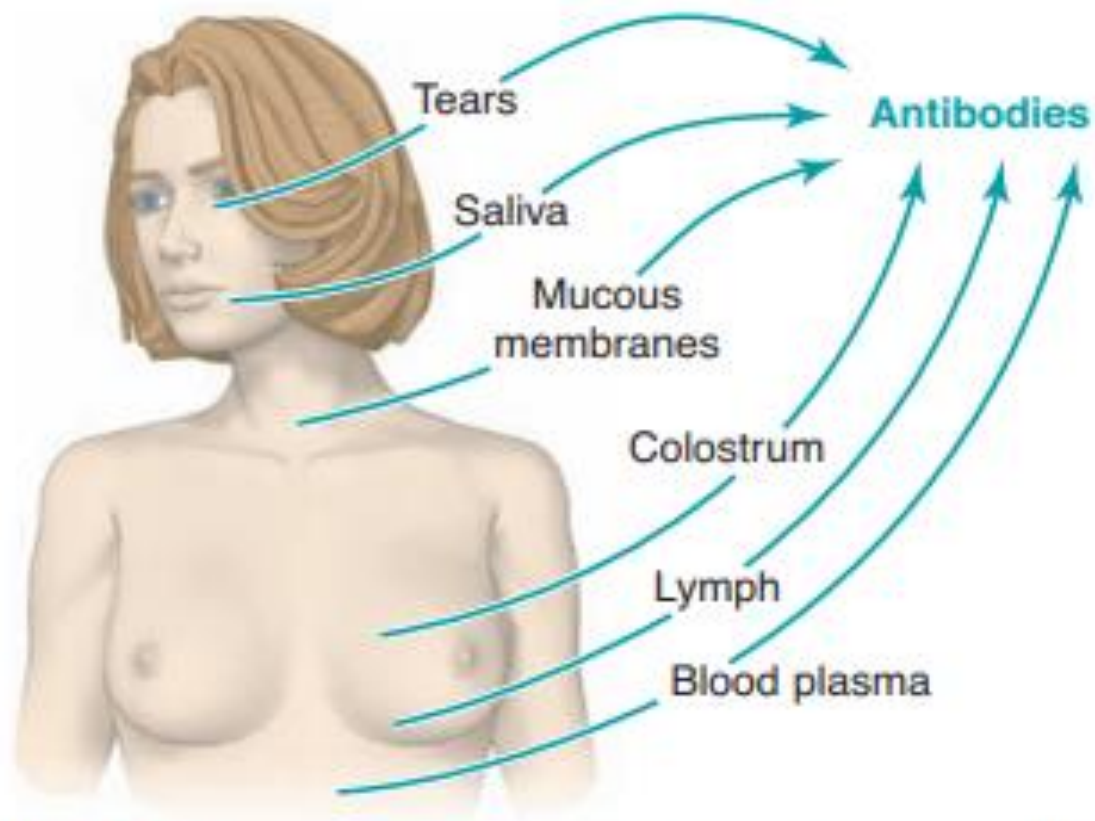
nature



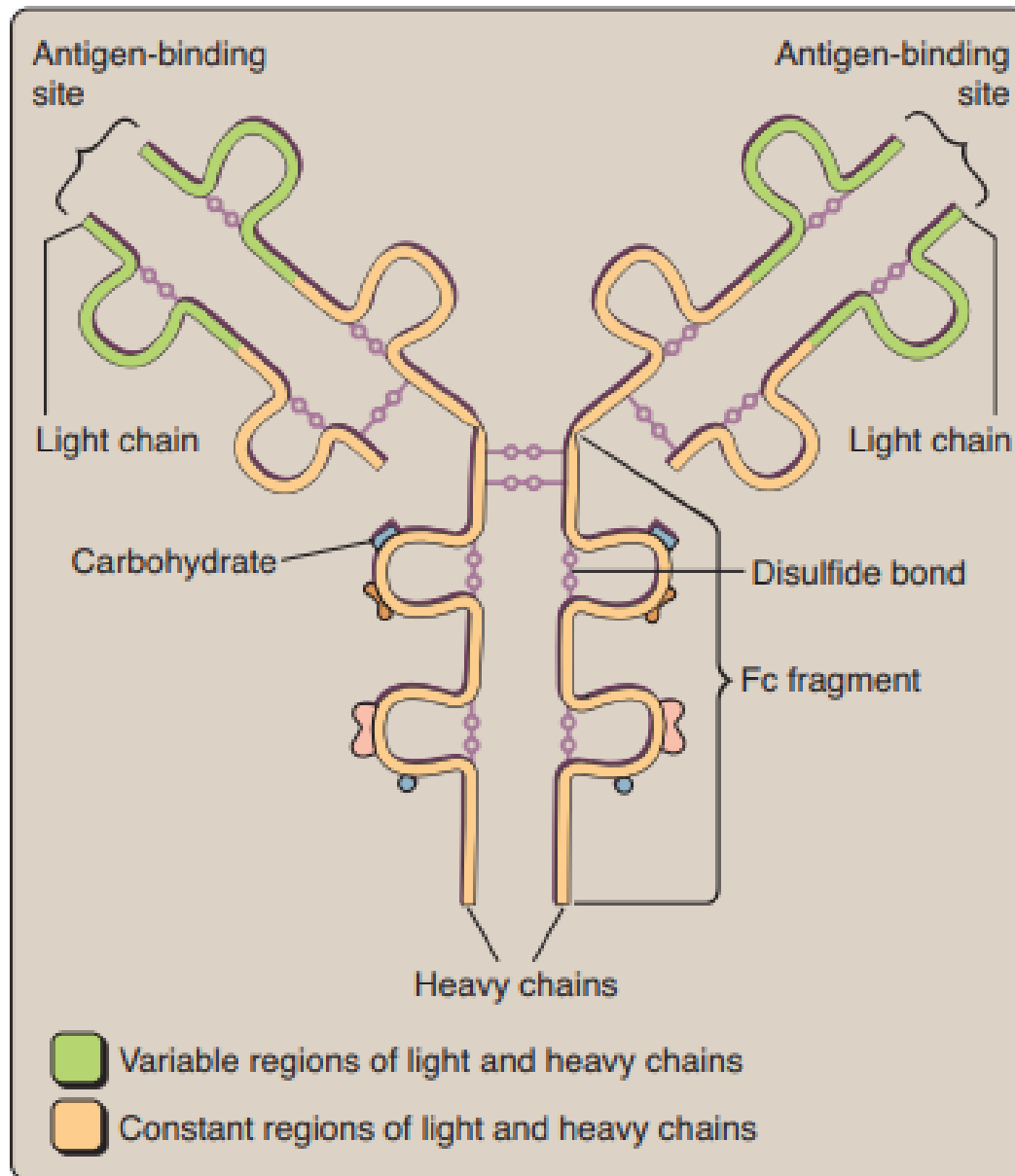


Processing of T-independent antigens.

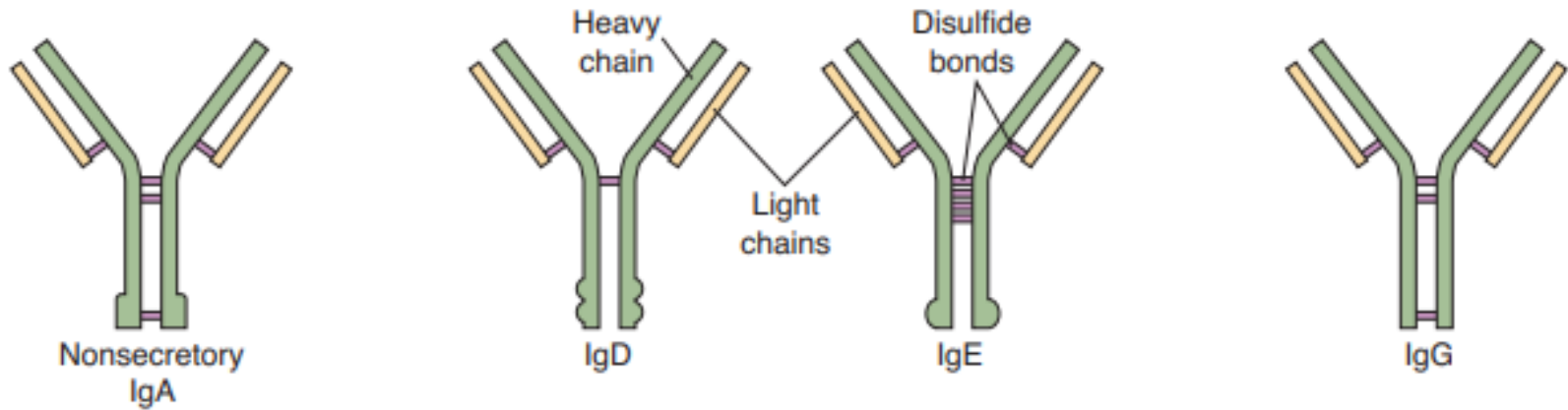
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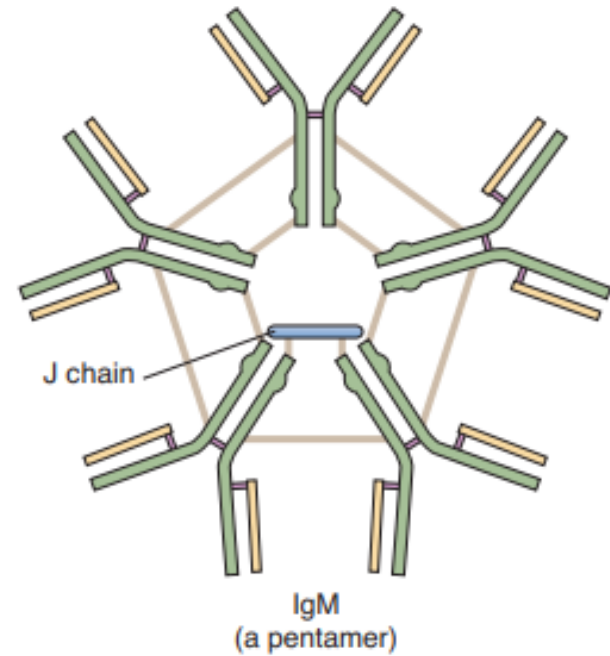
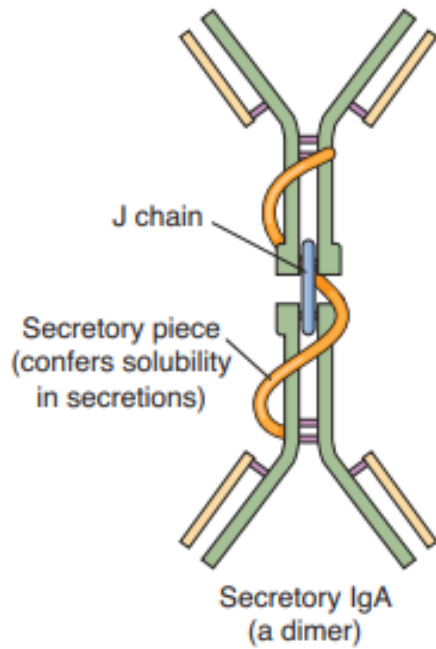
Body fluids and sites where antibodies are found.



Basic structure of a monomeric immunoglobulin molecule.



Structures of the different classes of antibodies

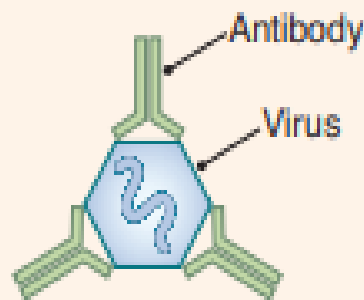


Structures of the different classes of antibodies

Antigen–Antibody Interactions and Their Effects

INTERACTION

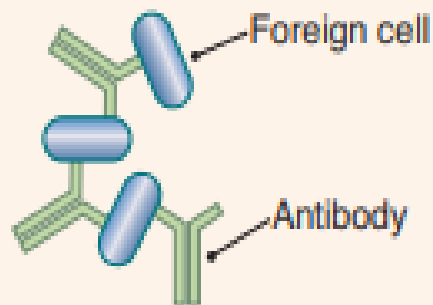
Prevention of attachment



EFFECTS

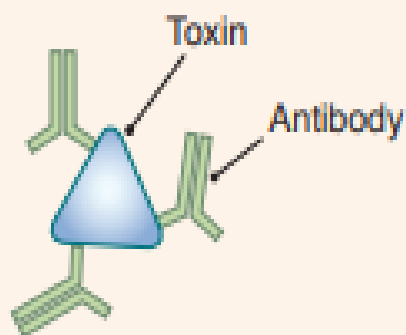
A pathogen coated with antibody is prevented from attaching to a cell.

Clumping of antigen



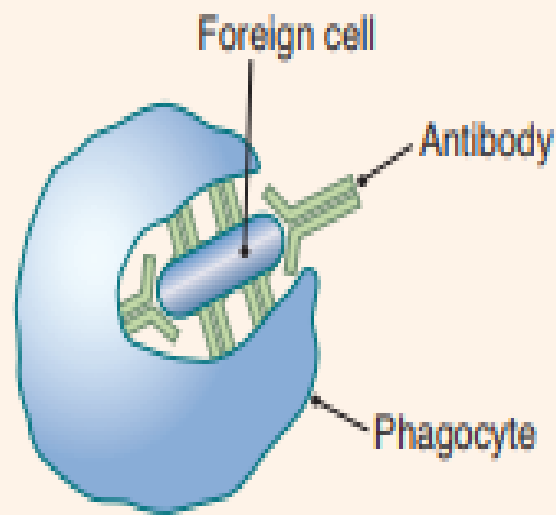
Antibodies link antigens together, forming a cluster that phagocytes can ingest.

Neutralization of toxins



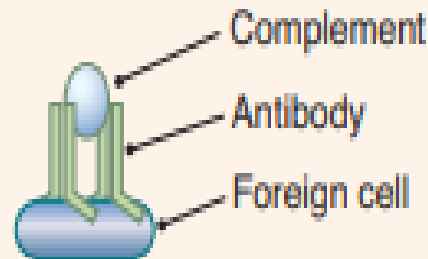
Antibodies bind to toxin molecules to prevent them from damaging cells.

Help with
phagocytosis



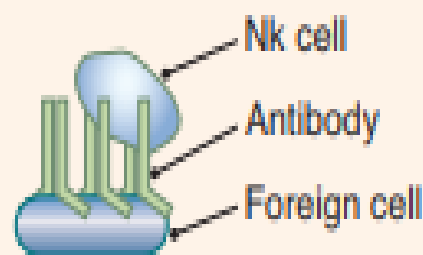
Phagocytes can attach more easily to antigens that are coated with antibody.

Activation of
complement



When complement attaches to antibody on a cell surface, a series of reactions begins that activates complement to destroy cells.

Activation of
NK cells



NK cells respond to antibody adhering to a cell surface and attack the cell.

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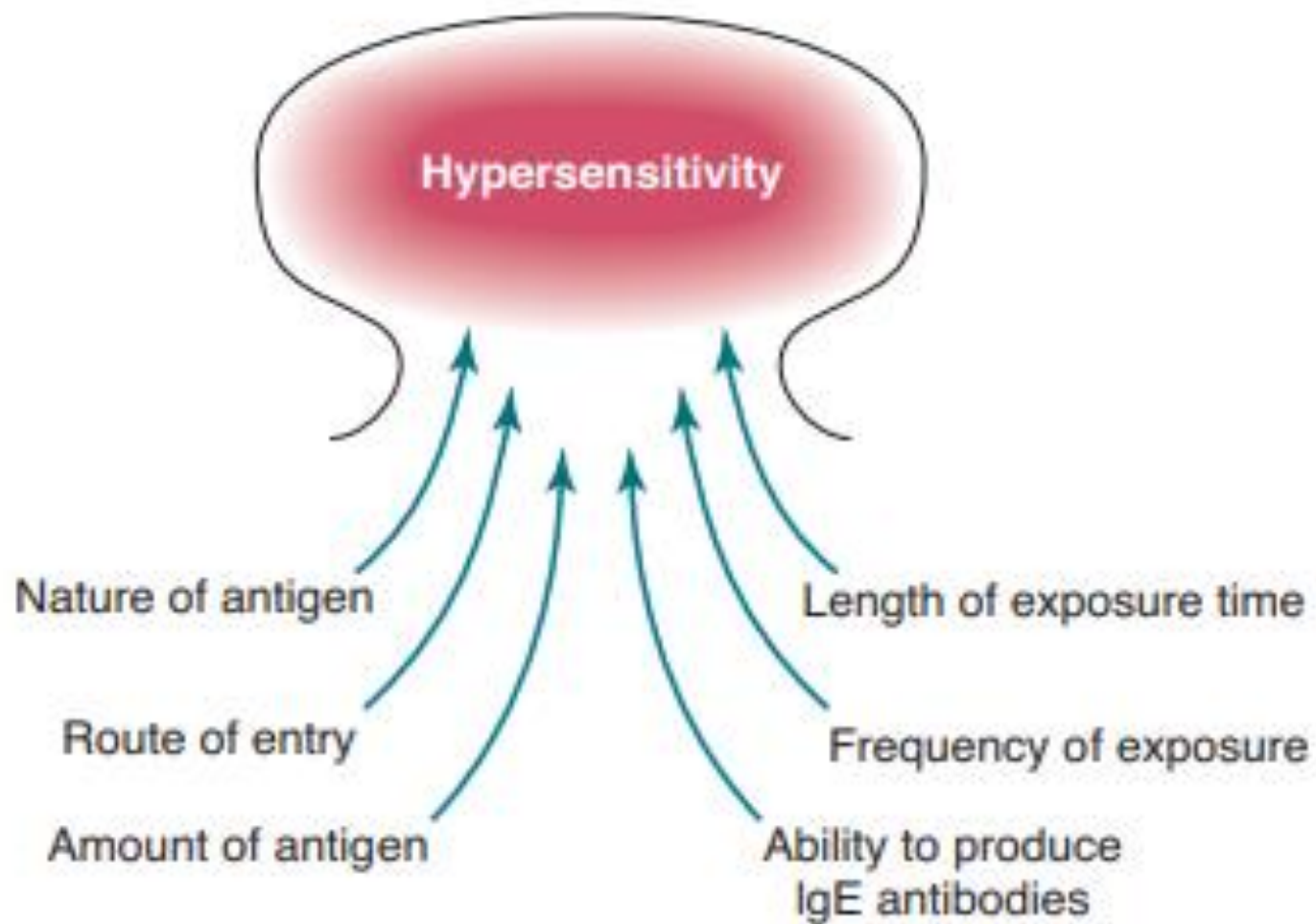
Types of Hypersensitivity Reactions

IMMEDIATE-TYPE HYPERSENSITIVITY REACTIONS (OCCUR FROM WITHIN A FEW MINUTES TO 24 HOURS AFTER CONTACT WITH A PARTICULAR ANTIGEN)

Type I hypersensitivity reactions	Anaphylactic reactions (allergic reactions)
Type II hypersensitivity reactions	Cytotoxic reactions (involve damage to or death of body cells)
Type III hypersensitivity reactions	Immune complex reactions (damage to tissues and organs is initiated by antigen-antibody complexes)

DELAYED-TYPE HYPERSENSITIVITY (DTH) REACTIONS (USUALLY TAKE 24 TO 48 HOURS OR LONGER TO MANIFEST THEMSELVES)

Type IV hypersensitivity reactions	Also known as cell-mediated reactions; antibodies play only a minor role, if any; an example is a positive TB skin test
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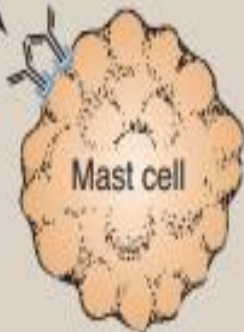


Factors in the development of type I hypersensitivity (allergies).

1 MAST CELL SENSITIZATION

First exposure to antigen causes plasma cell to produce specific IgE antibodies, which attach to the surface of tissue mast cells and blood basophils.

IgE antibodies



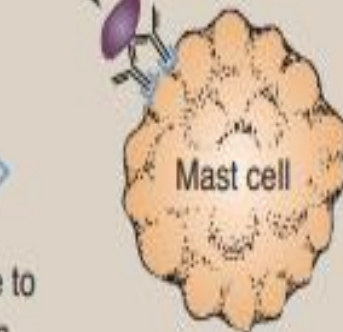
Mast cell

Exposure to allergen

2 BINDING OF ALLERGEN

Receptor-bound IgE molecules are cross-linked by antigen (allergen).

Allergen

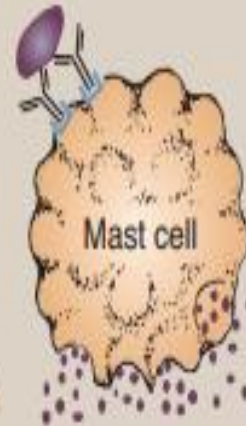


Mast cell

Mast cell degranulation

3 MAST CELL DEGRANULATION

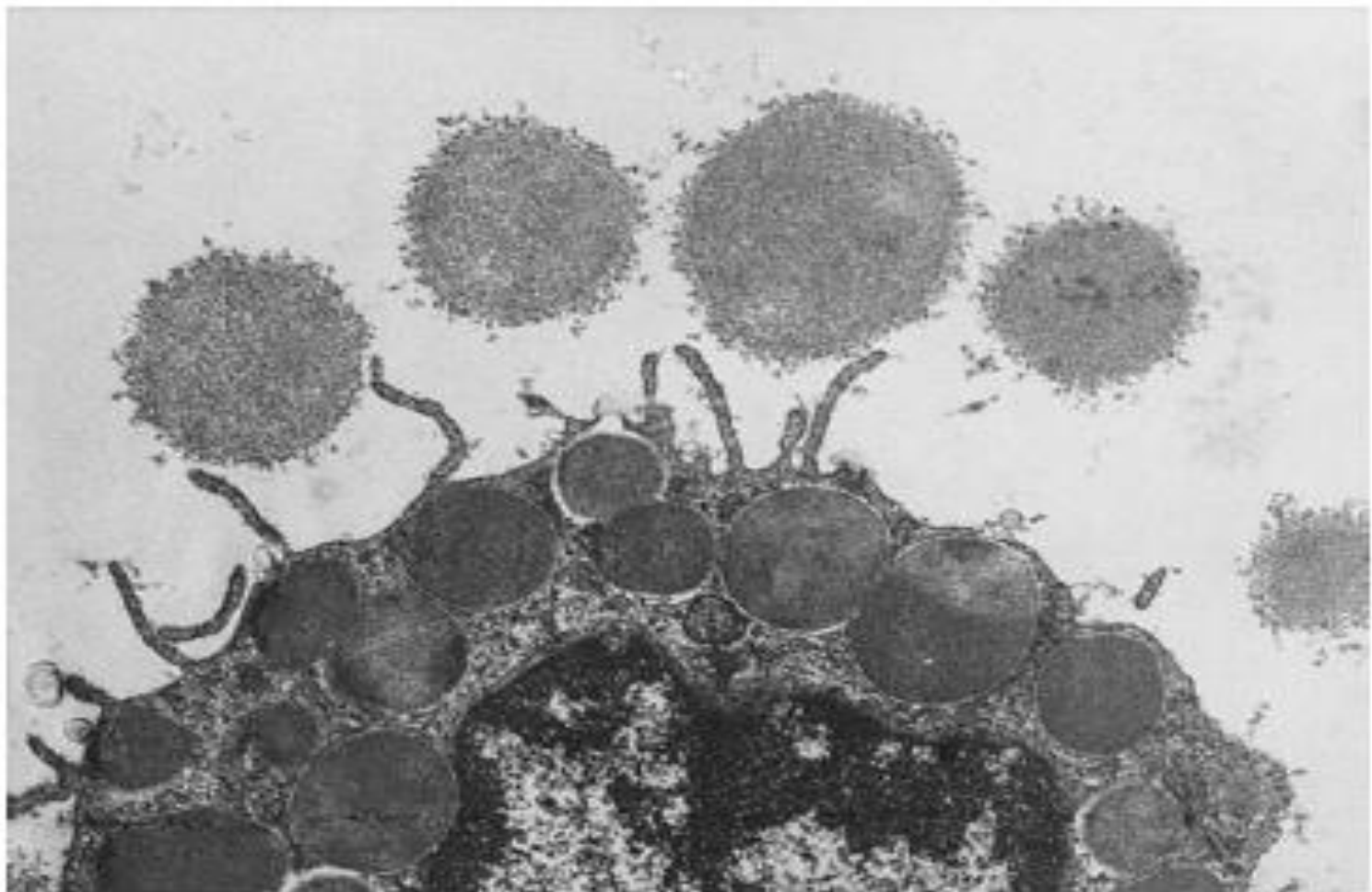
The sensitized mast cells are stimulated to release granules containing histamine, leukotrienes, prostaglandins, and other potent chemical mediators.



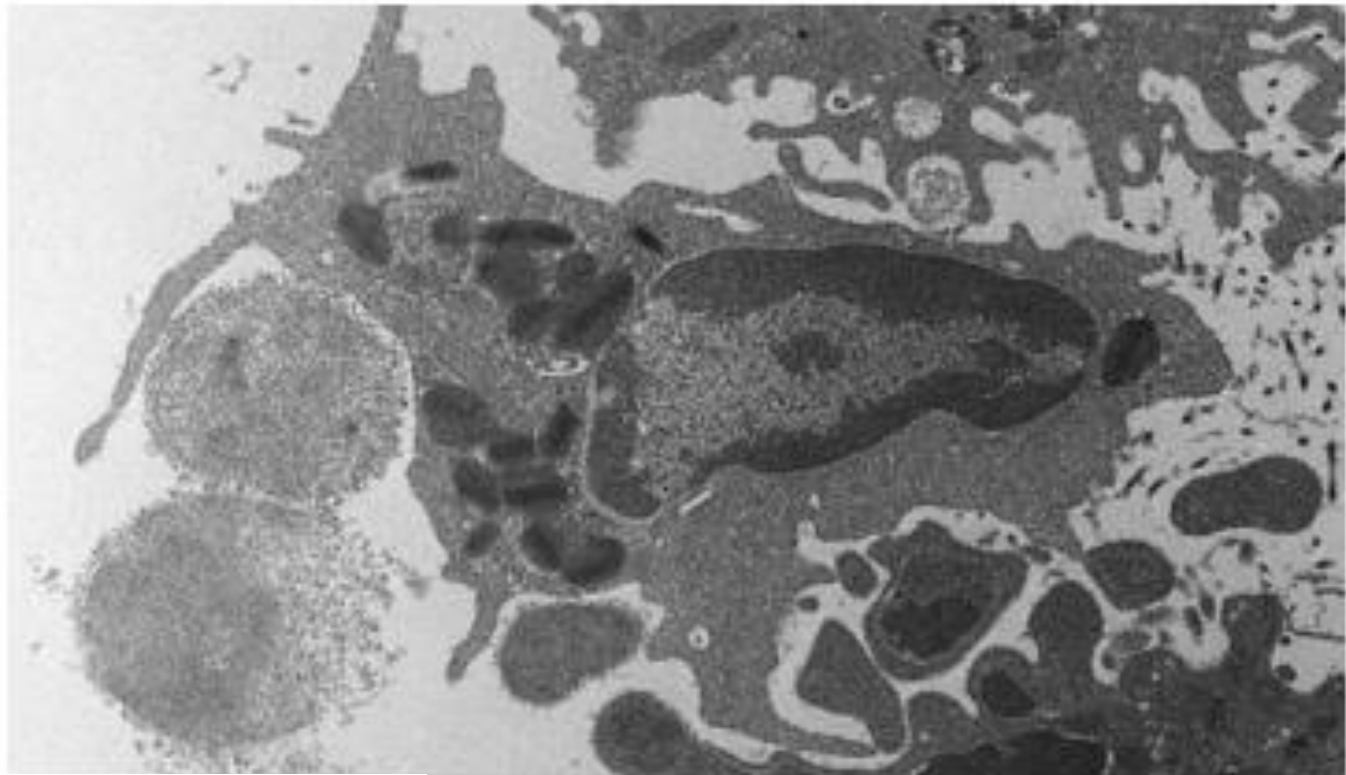
Mast cell

Allergic response

Events that occur in type I hypersensitivity reactions. (From Harvey RA, Champe PA, eds. Lippincott Illustrated Reviews: Microbiology. Philadelphia: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, 2001.)



Transmission electron micrograph showing degranulation of a rat mast cell. The degranulation occurred under experimental conditions in a research laboratory. (TEM by PG Engelkirk.)



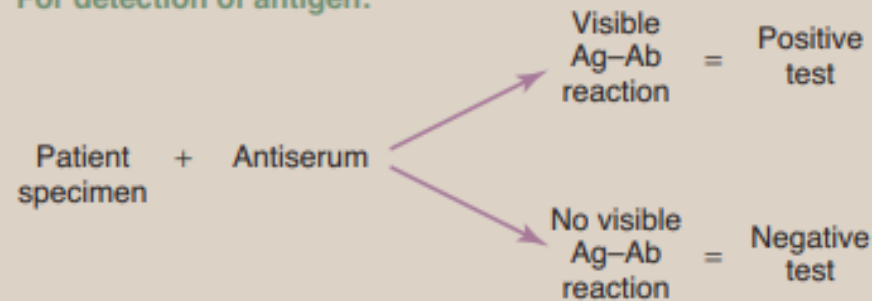
Transmission electron micrograph showing phagocytosis of rat mast cell granules by a rat eosinophil. The phagocytosis occurred under experimental conditions in a research laboratory. (TEM by PG Engelkirk.)



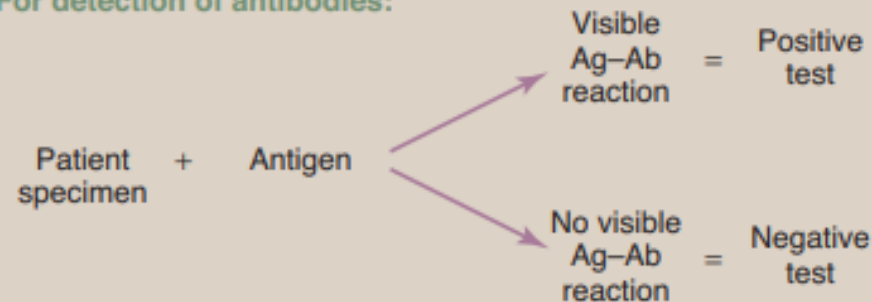
Mantoux skin test. This test is performed by injecting 0.1 mL of tuberculin or PPD intradermally and observing the results 48 to 72 hours later. If the person has been exposed to mycobacteria in the past, redness and swelling will occur at the injection site; this constitutes a positive TB skin test result. The diameter of induration (the palpable raised hardened area)—not the area of redness—is measured and the results are interpreted using standardized criteria. (Courtesy of Gabrielle Benenson, Greg Knobloch, and the CDC.)

Immunodiagnostic Procedures

For detection of antigen:


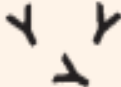



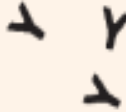




For detection of antibodies:



Principles of antigen and antibody detection procedures. Depending on the type of immunodiagnostic procedure being performed, the visible antigen-antibody (Ag-Ab) reaction might be agglutination (clumping) of cells or latex particles, formation of a precipitin line or band, fluorescence, or production of a color (as in enzyme immunoassays).

Immunodiagnostic Procedures for Detection of Antibodies in a Patient's Serum

REACTION IN VITRO	REAGENTS			RESULTS	
	Antigen	Antibody	Other	Positive	Negative
Agglutination	Red blood cells or bacteria 	Patient's serum 		Clumping 	No clumping 
Precipitin	Toxins, hormones, proteins 	Patient's serum 	Agar or solution	Precipitate 	No precipitate 

Lysis by Complement



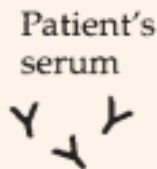
Patient's serum



Lysis

No lysis

Fluorescent Antibody Technique

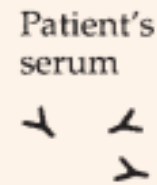


Fluorescein-tagged rabbit antihuman antiserum

Fluorescent pathogen

No fluorescence

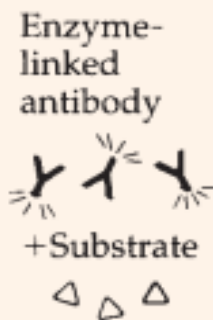
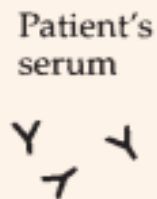
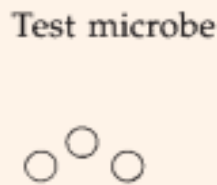
Capsular Swelling (Quellung Reaction)



Capsule appears to swell

No appearance of swelling



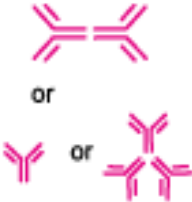


Enzyme-linked assay



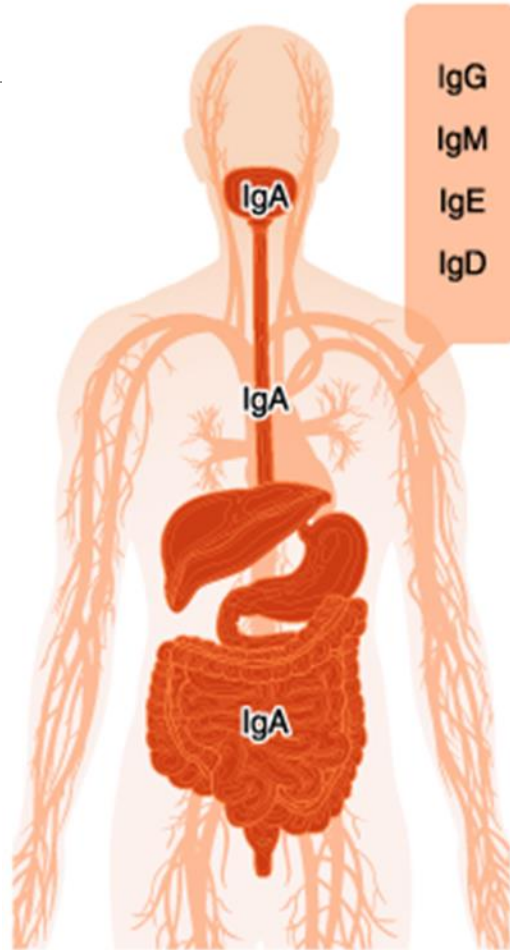
Color change

No color change

Types and characteristics of antibodies

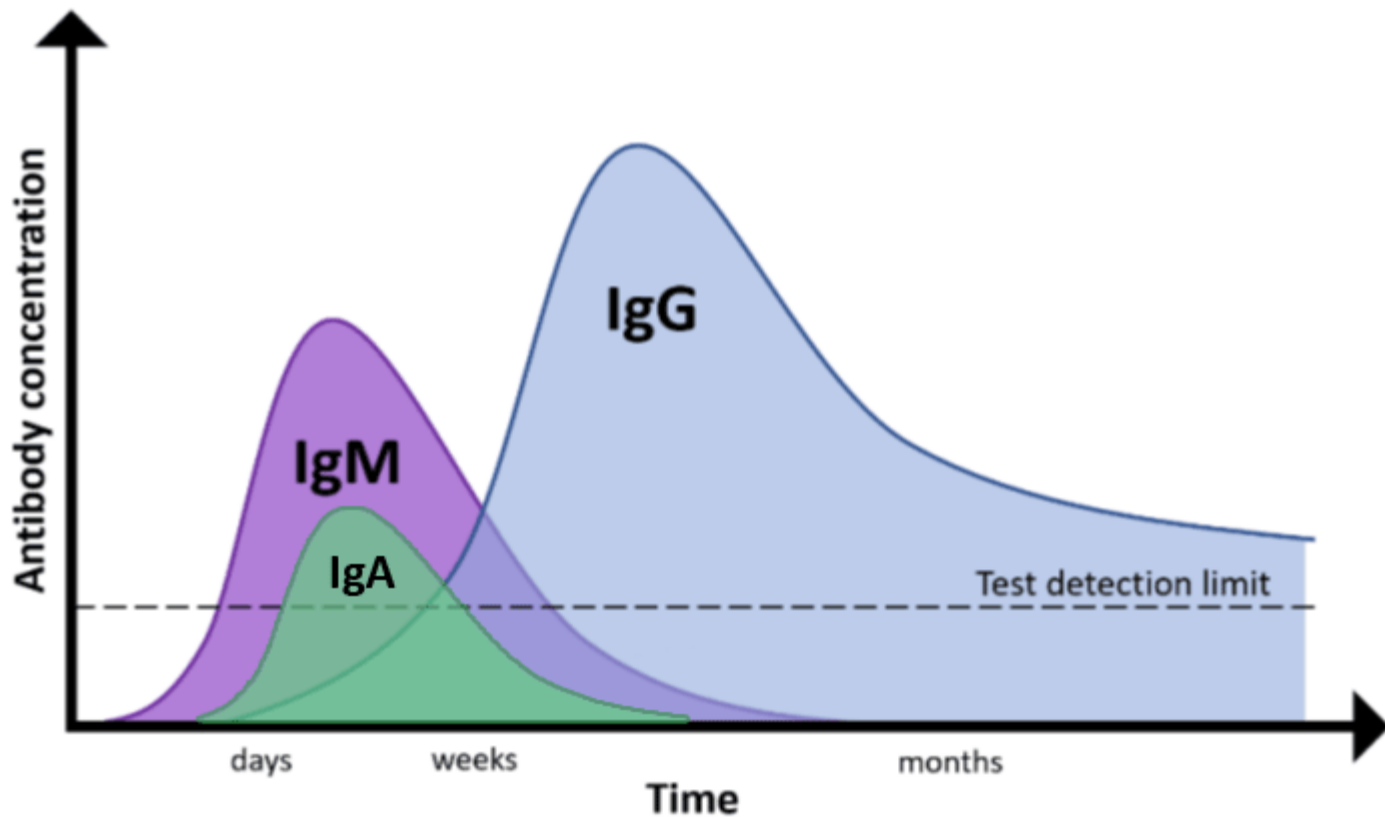
IgG		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Highest opsonization and neutralization activities.• Classified into four subclasses (IgG1, IgG2, IgG3, and IgG4).
IgM		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Produced first upon antigen invasion. Increases transiently.
IgA		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expressed in mucosal tissues. Forms dimers after secretion.
IgD		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unknown function.
IgE		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Involved in allergy.

Distribution in the body

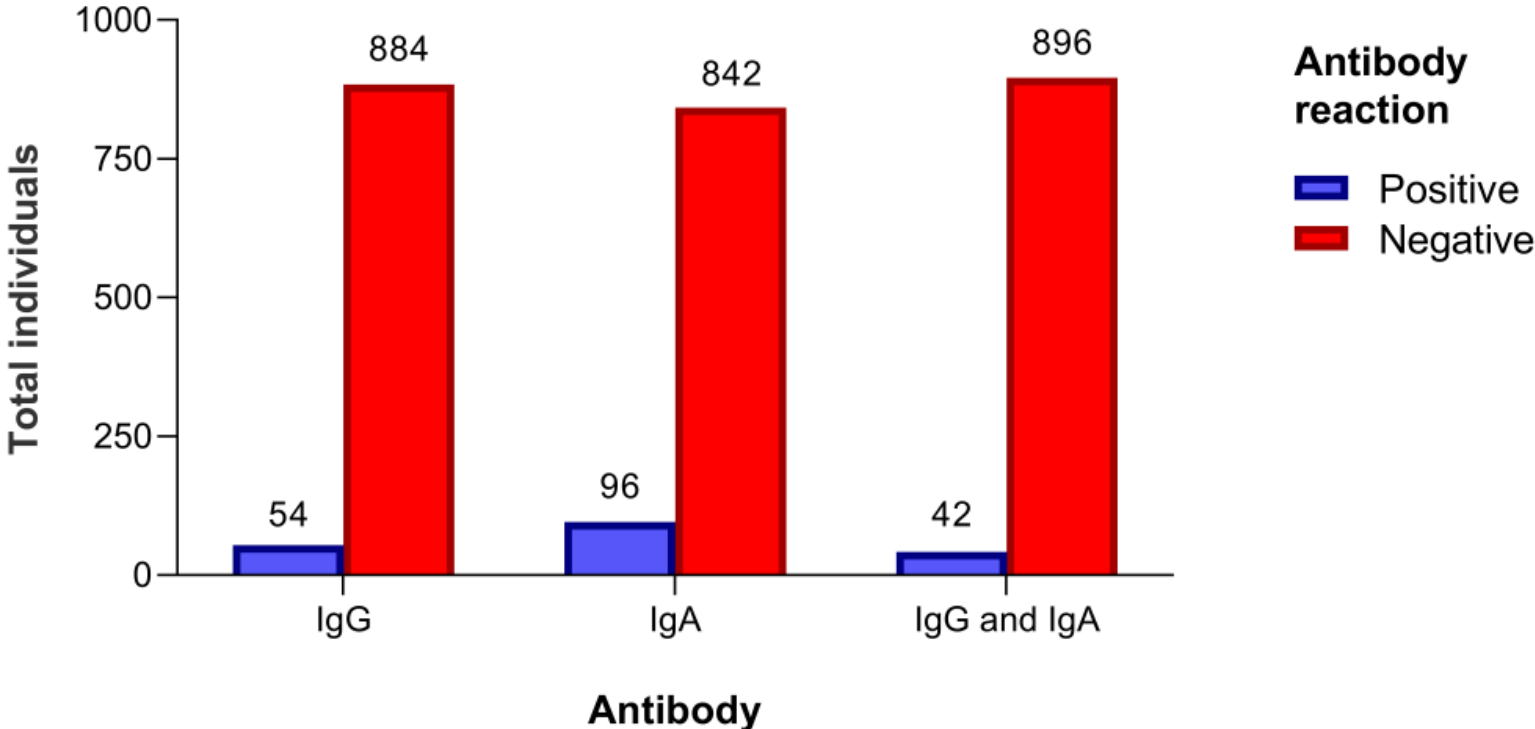


EXAMPLE

Antibodies in SARs-CoV-2 and COVID-19



Serology for COVID-19 (IgG / IgA)



Immunoglobulin Classes

IG CLASS	MOLECULAR WEIGHT (IN DALTONS)	% OF TOTAL IG IN SERUM (APPROXIMATE)	FUNCTIONS
IgA	160,000 to 385,000; can exist as a monomer or as a dimer (two monomers held together by a short protein chain called a J-chain ["J" for joining])	10 to 20	The predominant immunoglobulin class in saliva, tears, seminal fluid, colostrum, breast milk, and mucous secretions of the nose, lungs, and gastrointestinal tract. In secretions, IgA is primarily present as secretory IgA (sIgA), a dimer that contains an additional protein called the secretory component. The secretory component apparently facilitates the transport of sIgA into secretions and may serve to protect the IgA molecule from enzymatic damage within the gastrointestinal tract. Protects external openings and mucous membranes from the attachment, colonization, and invasion of pathogens. IgA in colostrum and breast milk helps protect nursing newborns. In the intestine, IgA attaches to viruses, bacteria, and protozoal parasites, such as <i>Entamoeba histolytica</i> , and prevents the pathogens from adhering to mucosal surfaces, thus preventing invasion.

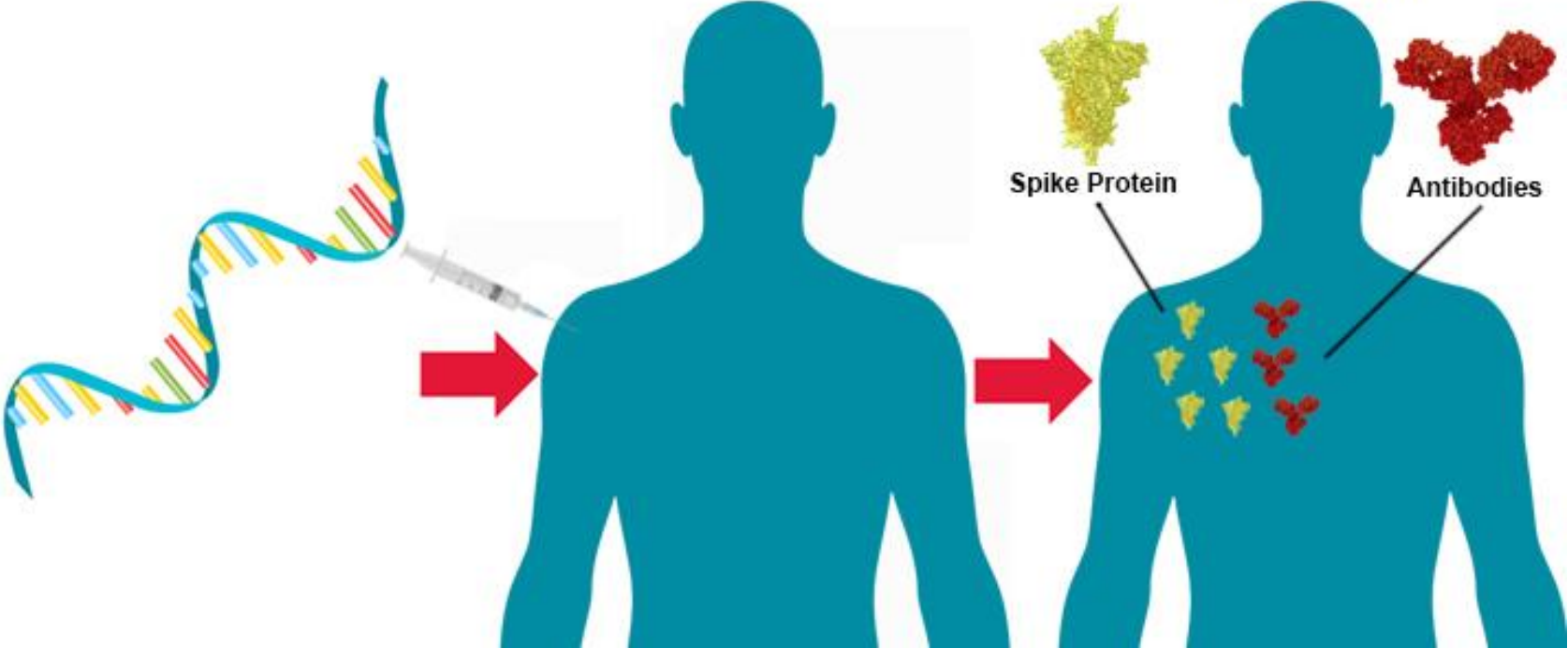
IgD	180,000 to 184,000 (a monomer)	<1	Found in large quantities on the surface of B cells. Its function is unknown, but it is possible that the IgD molecules on the B cell's surface serve as antigen receptors and determine which specific antigen that particular B cell is able to respond to.
IgE	188,000 to 200,000 (a monomer)	<1	In atopic individuals, IgE is produced in response to allergens. Found on the surfaces of basophils and mast cells. Plays a major role in allergic responses. (Basophils are granulocytes that circulate in the blood. Mast cells are morphologically very similar to basophils, but they are found in tissues—especially tissues that surround the eyes, nose, respiratory tract, and gastrointestinal tract.)

IgG	146,000 to 170,000 (a monomer; the lightest of the immunoglobulins)	70 to 85 (the most abundant immunoglobulin type in serum)	The only class of immunoglobulin that can cross the placenta. Maternal IgG antibodies that cross the placenta help protect the newborn during its first months of life. Antigen-bound IgG can bind to and activate complement, a process known as "complement fixation." IgG molecules can bind to a wide range of cellular receptors to promote phagocytosis and antibody-dependent cytotoxicity. As a result of memory cells, high levels of IgG are produced very rapidly (within 1 to 3 days) during the secondary response to antigens (described earlier). IgG antibodies are long-lived, sometimes persisting for the lifetime of the individual.
IgM	900,000 to 970,000 (a pentamer, consisting of five monomers held together by a J-chain; the largest of the immunoglobulins)	10	Because a pentamer has 10 antigen-binding sites, IgM can potentially bind to 10 identical antigenic determinants. Theoretically, an IgM molecule could bind to 10 separate virus particles, thus preventing the viruses from attaching to target cells. IgM antibodies are the first antibodies formed in the primary response to antigens (including pathogens), although IgG antibodies later become the most prevalent class. IgM antibodies are relatively short-lived, remaining in the bloodstream for only a few months. Because of its large size, IgM does not cross the placenta. Provides protection in the earliest stages of infection. Bactericidal to Gram-negative bacteria. IgM is the most efficient complement-fixing (complement-binding) immunoglobulin.

mRNA for spike protein of coronavirus

mRNA is injected into muscle

The vaccine triggers production of the spike protein and antibodies specific to it





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“Prevention is
better than cure.”

~ Desiderius Erasmus



