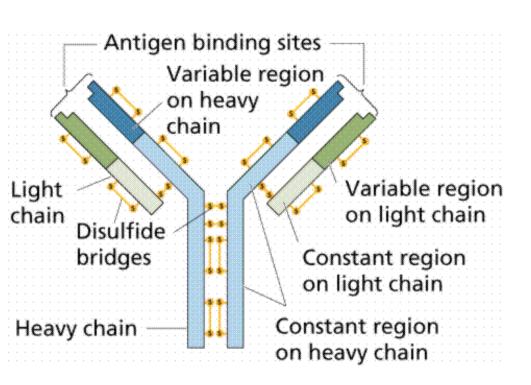
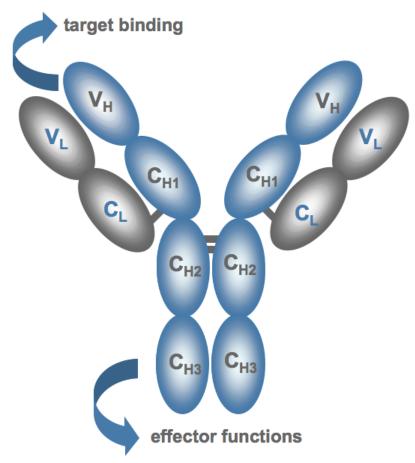
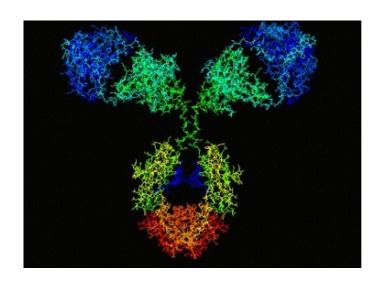
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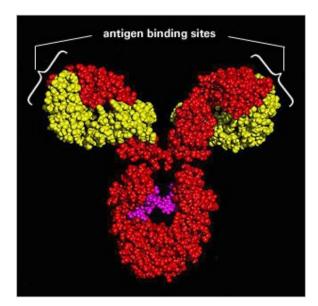
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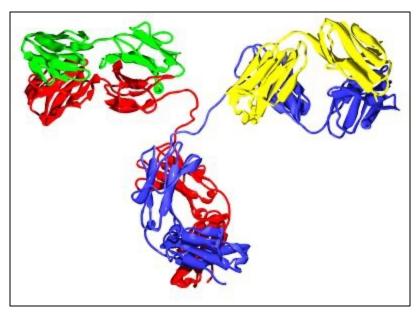
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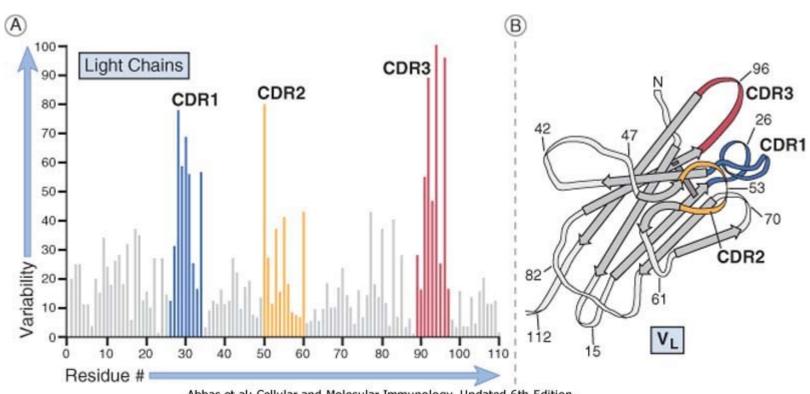




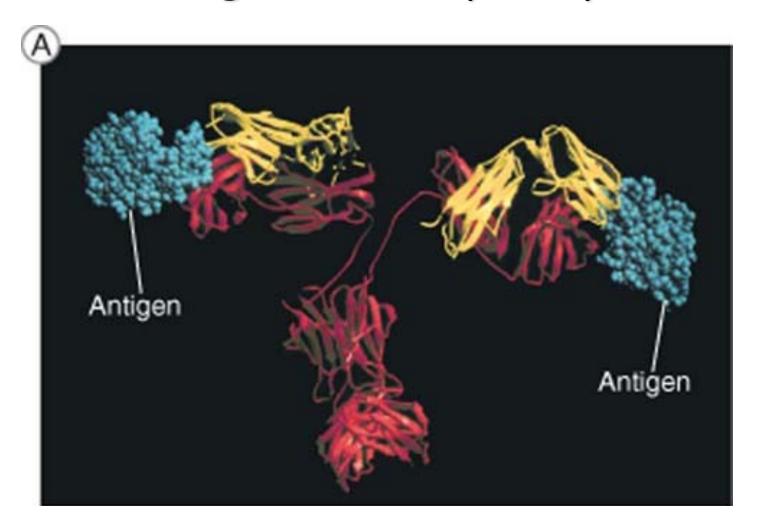




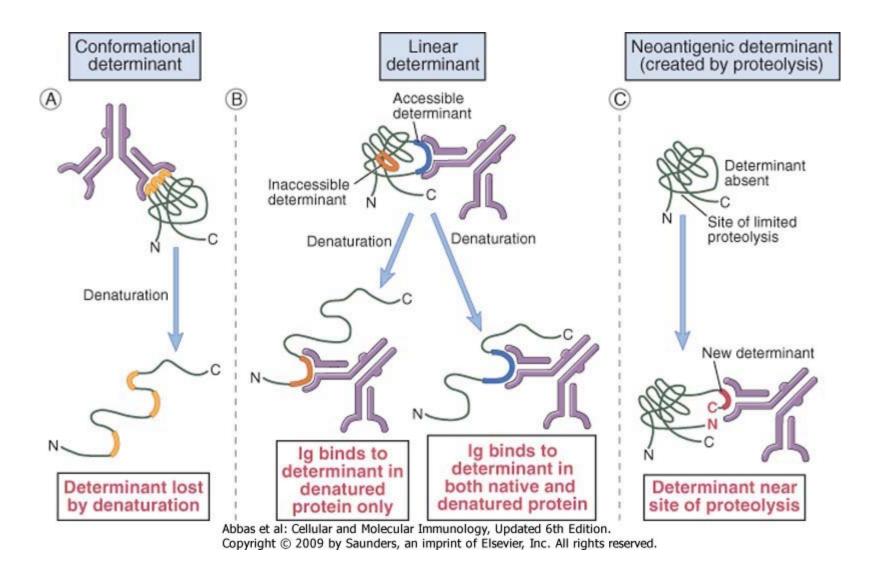
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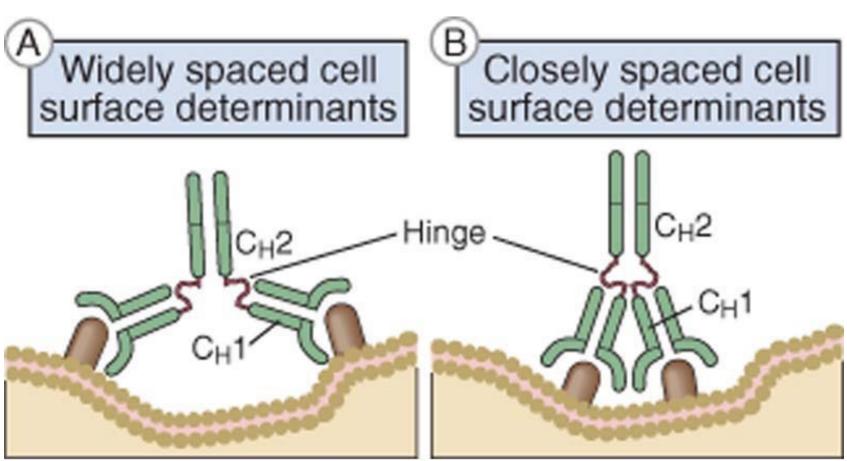
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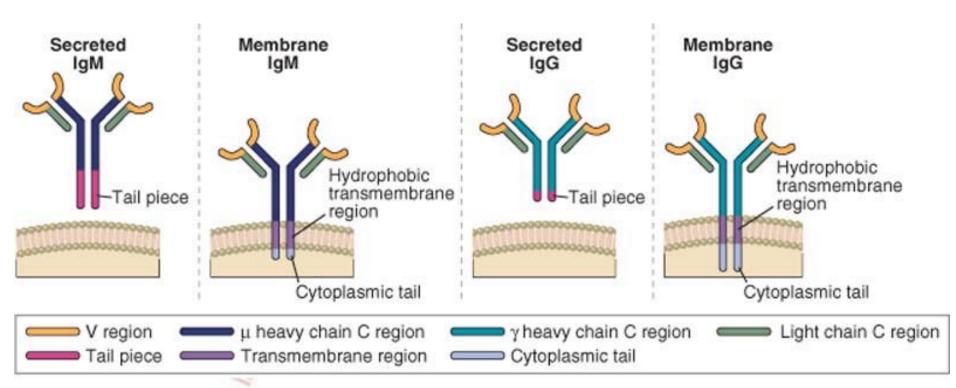
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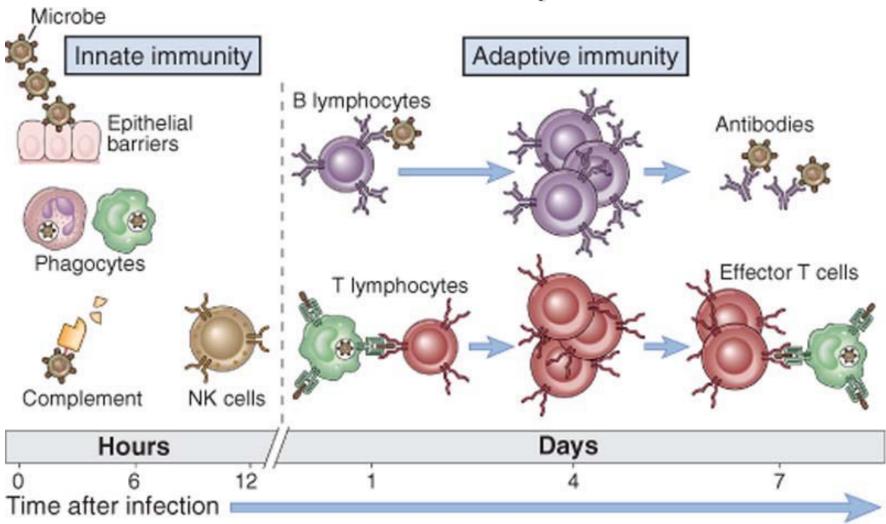
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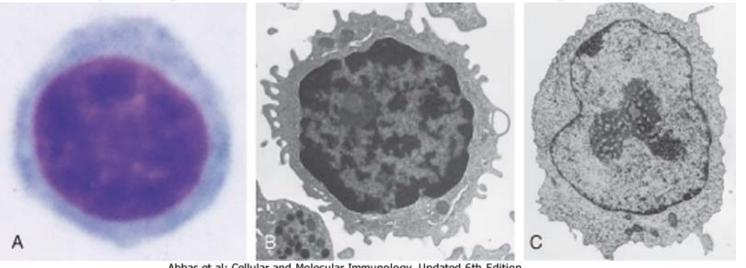
## Characteristics of an antibody

- · Specificity in its action
- · Biodistribution/halflife
- Activation of immune system

## Immune response



## B lymphocytes and plasma cells



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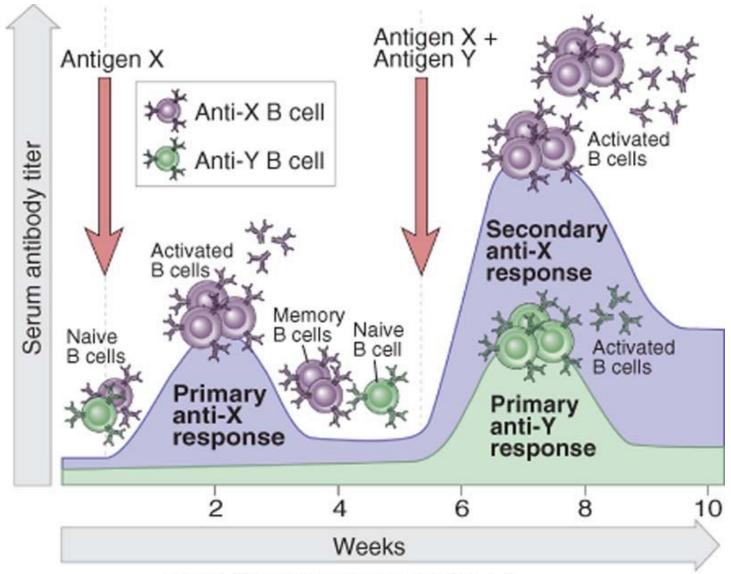
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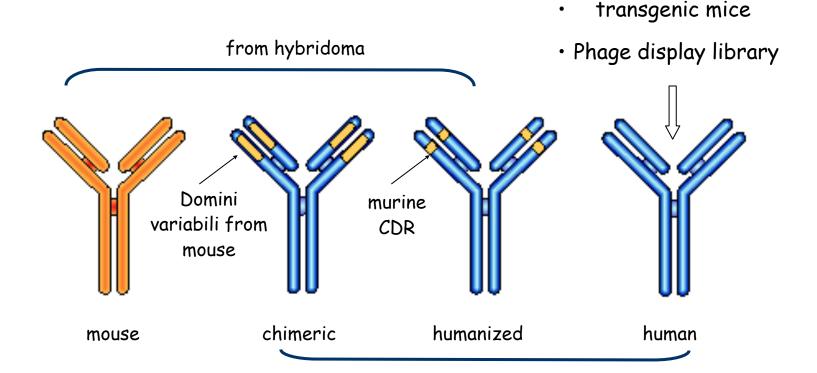
Mitochondrion Golgi complex

Nucleus

### Timing for antibody production



### Antibody engineering





induce immune-reaction; short half life; murine Fc poorly activate human immune functions



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## Types of antibodies/antibody fragments

1. Antagonist/Blocker

2. Agonist

3. Immuno-activator

## 1. Blocking antibodies

An antibody able to bind an antigen and <u>neutralize its</u> <u>function</u>

## Examples of neutralizing antibodies used in clinic

- 1. Natalizumab: humanized anti-CD49d (multiple sclerosis)
- 2. Eculizumab: humanized (IgG4) anti-C5 (PNH, Hemolytic Uremic syndrome, glomerulonephritis)
- 3. Bevacizumab: humanized anti-VEGF (colon-rectal cancer, lung carcinoma, other solid tumors, macula degeneration)
- 4. Cetuximab: chimeric anti-EGFR (colon-rectal cancer)
- Infliximab: chimeric anti-TNFalfa (Rheumatoid arthritis, Crohn disease and other inflammatory diseases)
- 6. Adalimumab: human anti-TNFalfa (Rheumatoid arthritis, Crohn disease and other inflammatory diseases)
- 7. Pembrolizumab: humanized anti-PD1 (cancer immunotherapy)

## 2. Agonistic antibodies

Antibodies able to bind and activate its target (usually cell membrane receptors)

These antibodies can be used to induce cell apoptosis (for cancer therapy) or to induce immune cell proliferation (in immune deficiencies)

## Examples of agonistic antibodies

- 1. Trastuzumab: humanized anti-HER2 (breast cancer)
- 2. Tigatuzumab: humanized anti-TRAIL-R1 (breast cancer)
- 3. humanized anti-IL2R (infections, immune deficiencies, cancer immunotherapy)

### 3. Immune-activator antibodies

Antibodies able to bind their target (cell membrane receptors) and activate immune response.

Used in cancer immunotherapy (for the killing of cancer cells) or in autoimmune diseases (to eliminate B lymphocytes and, as a consequence, the production of autoantibodies)

## Examples of immune-activators antibodies

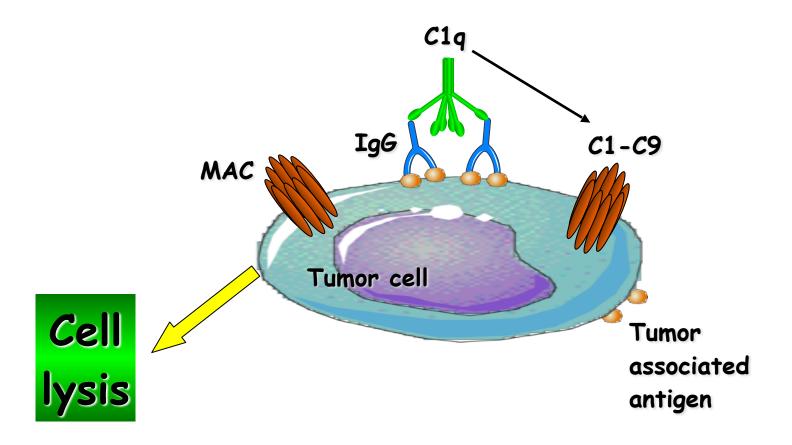
- 1. Rituximab: chimeric anti-CD20 (B cell lymphoma and leukemia, rheumatoid arthritis)
- 2. Alemtuzumab: humanized anti-CD52 (B or T cell lymphoma and leukemia)
- 3. Ofatumumab: human (IgG1) anti-CD20 (B cell lymphoma and leukemia)
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- 5. cMOV18 e cMOV19: umanizzati anti-folate receptor (alpha isoform) (Ovarian cancer)

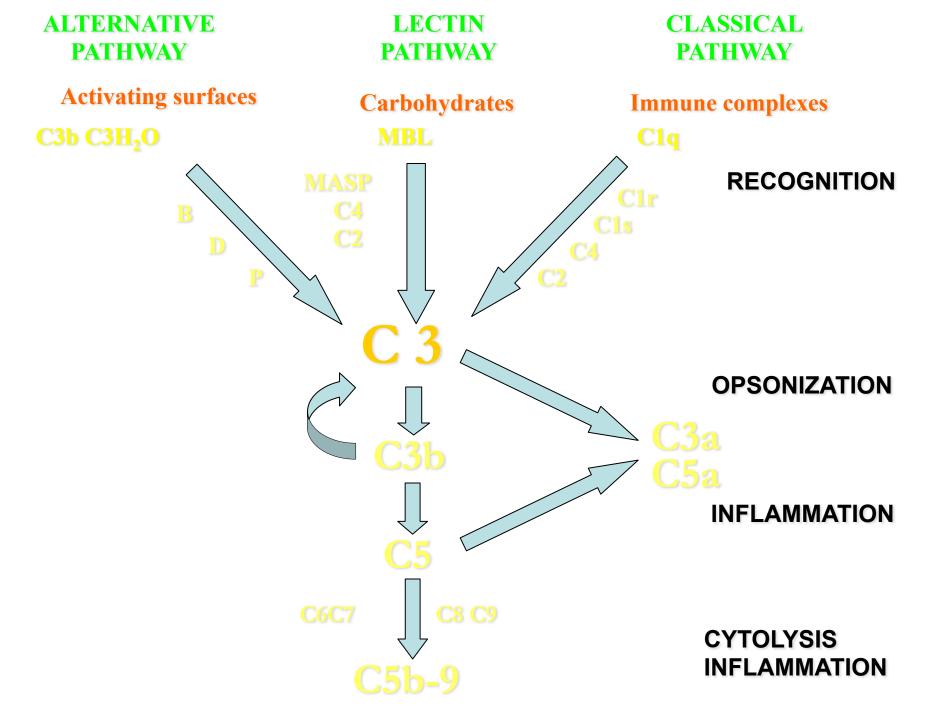
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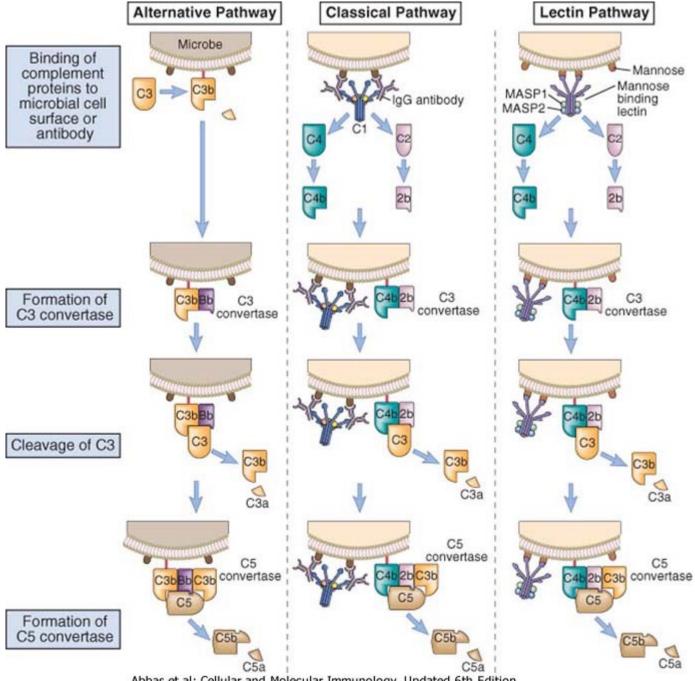
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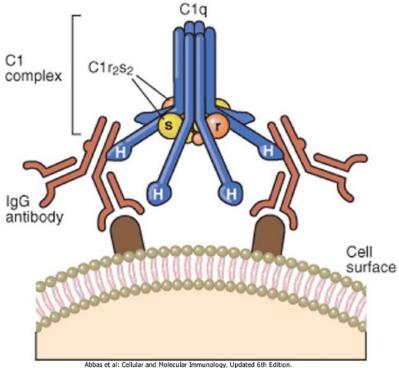
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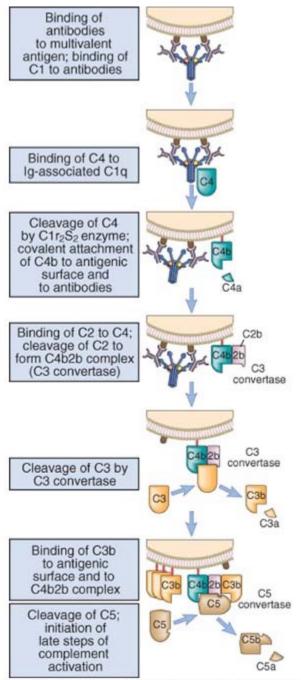




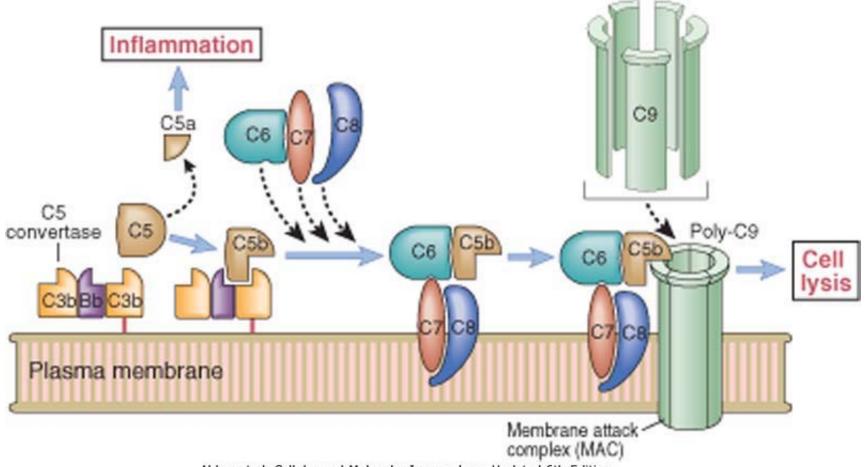


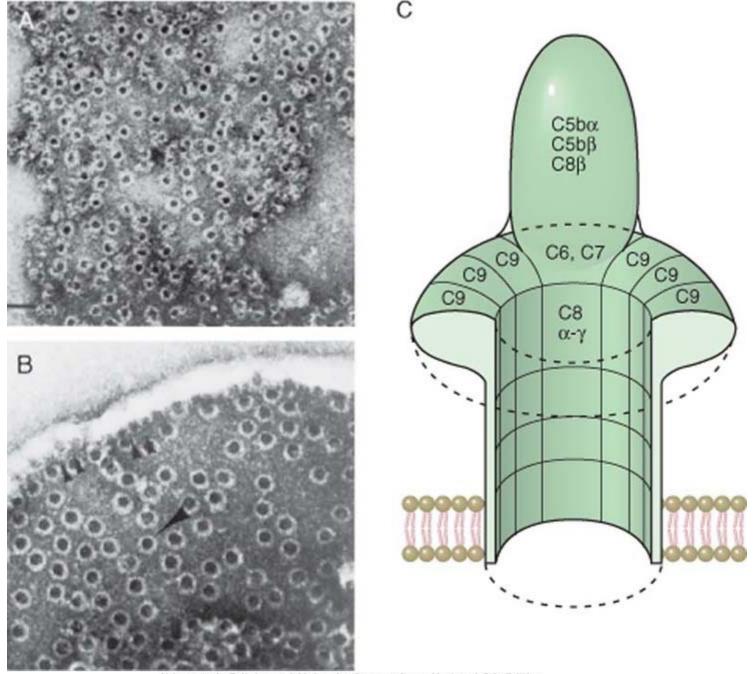


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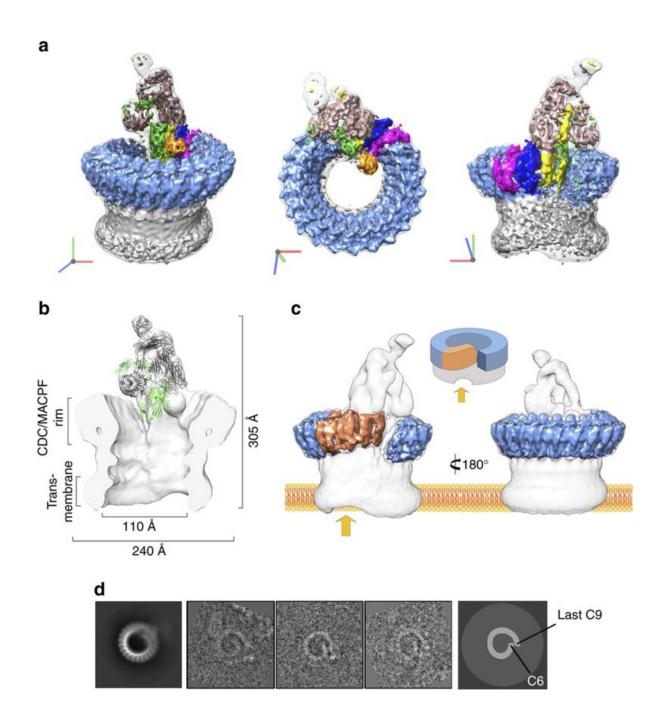


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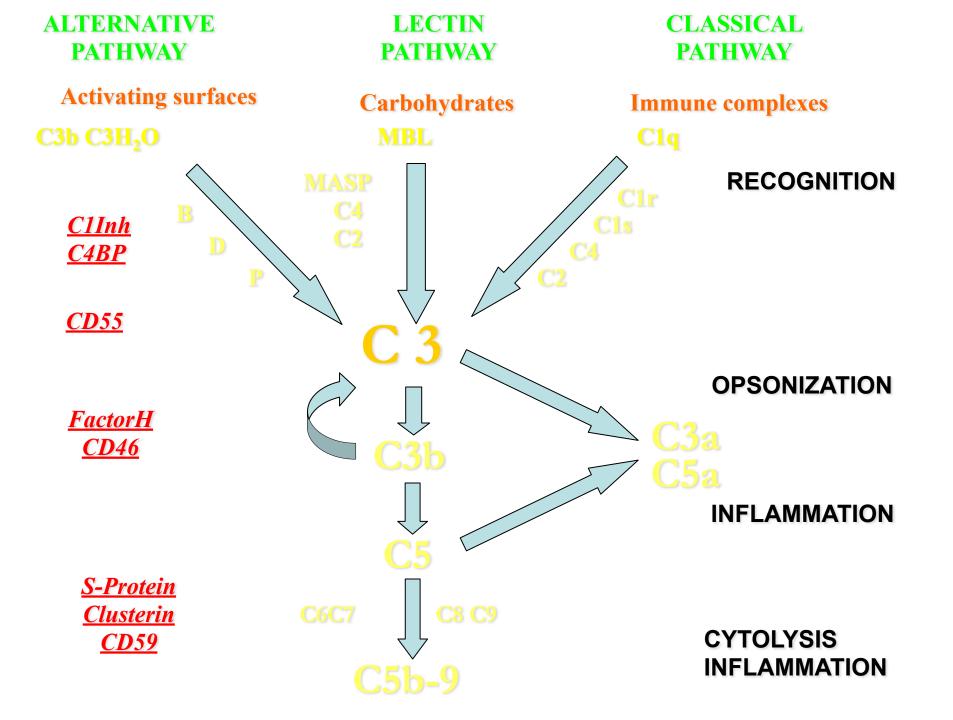




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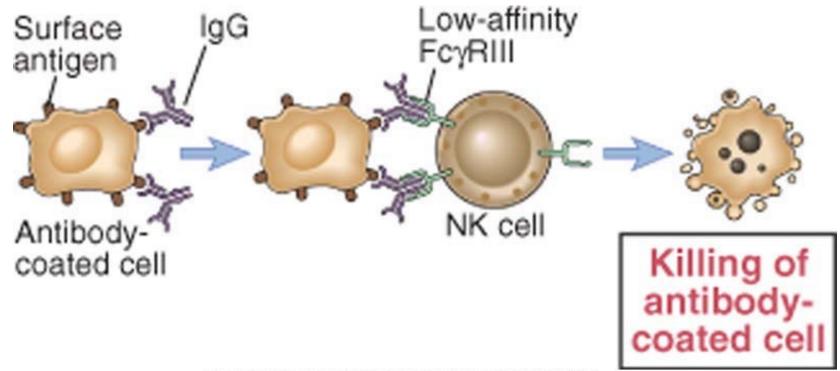


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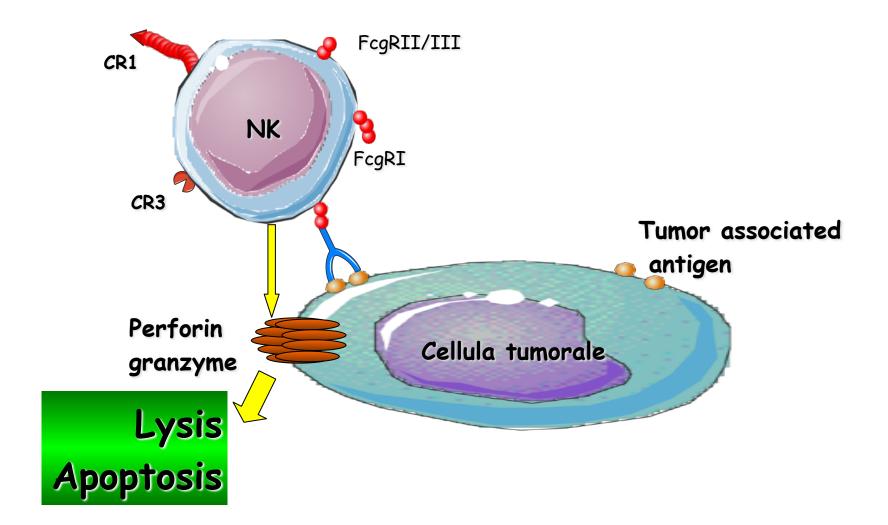


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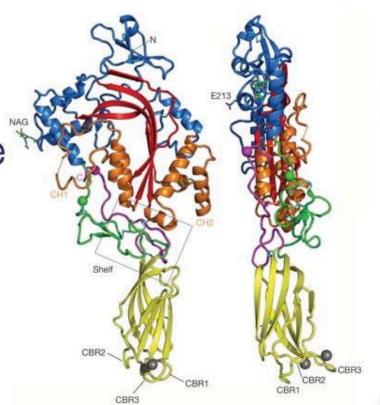
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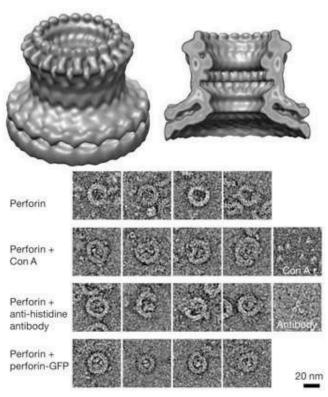
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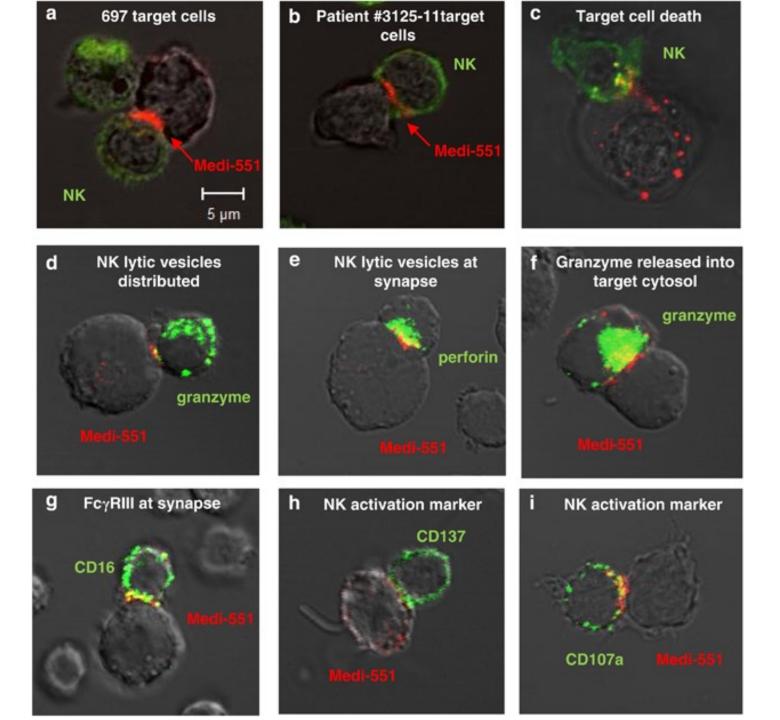


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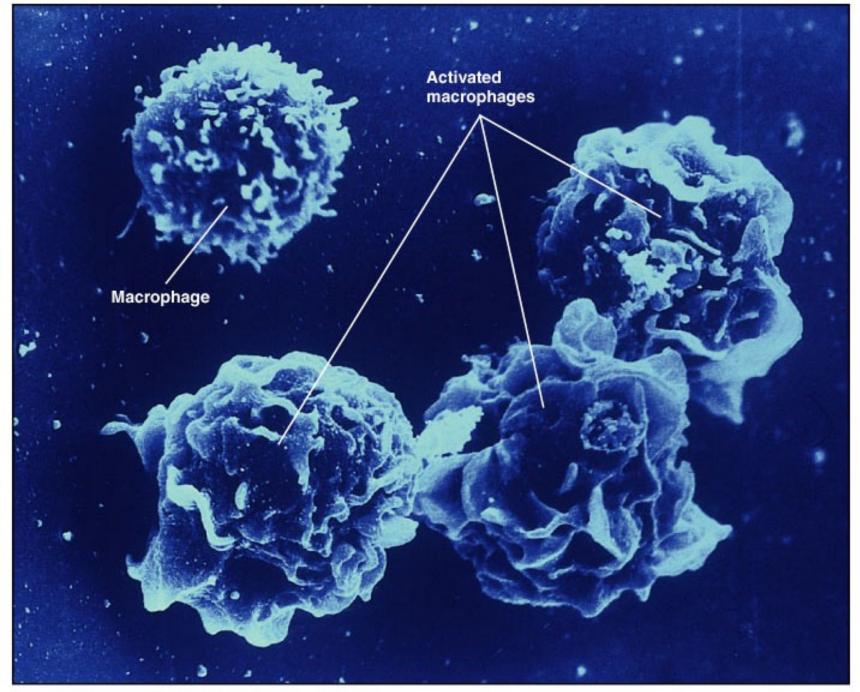




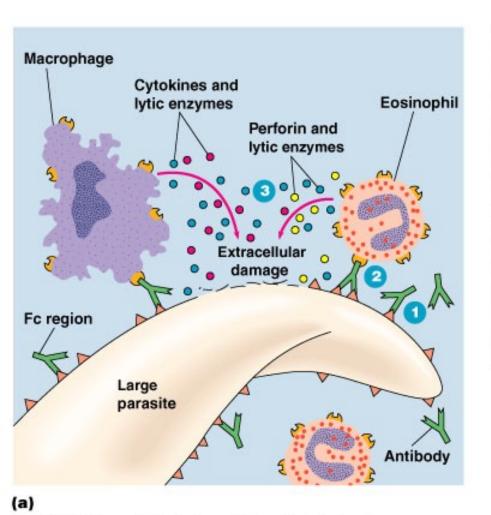
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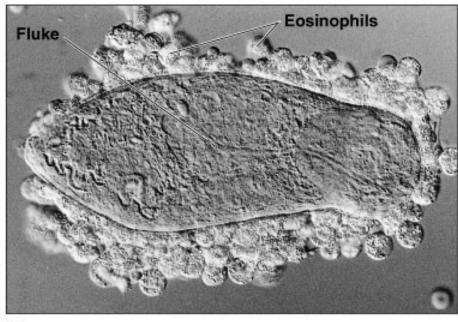


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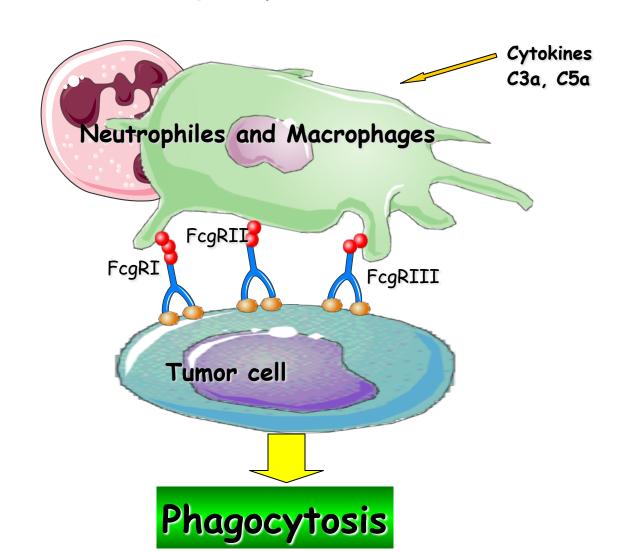




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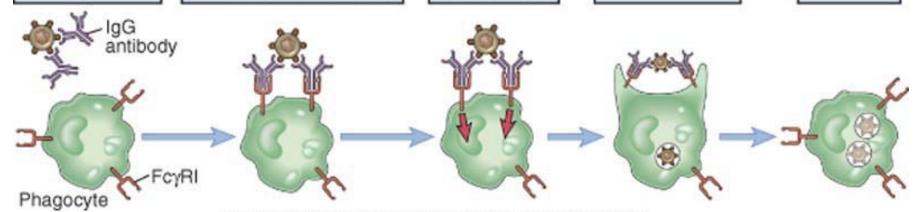
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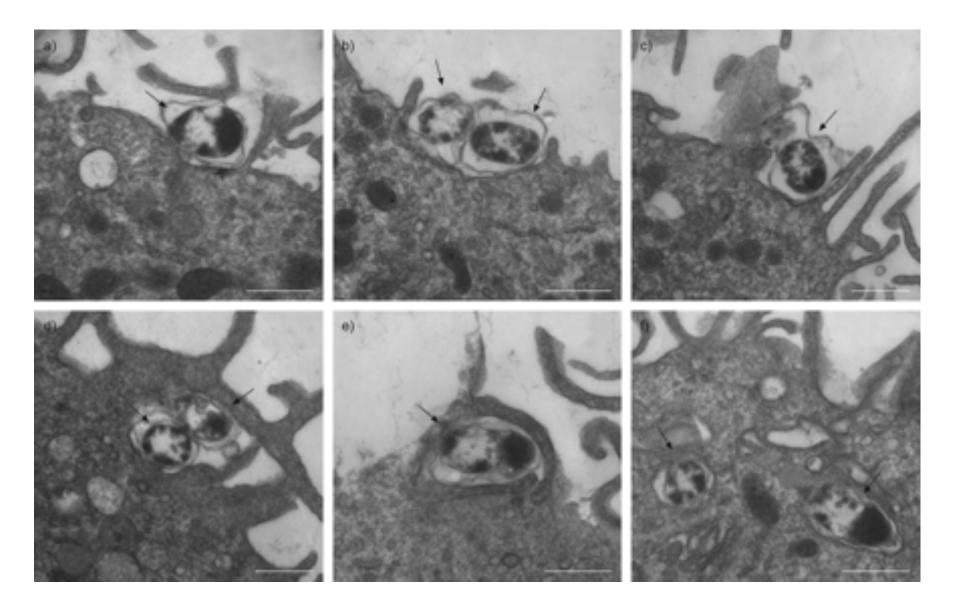
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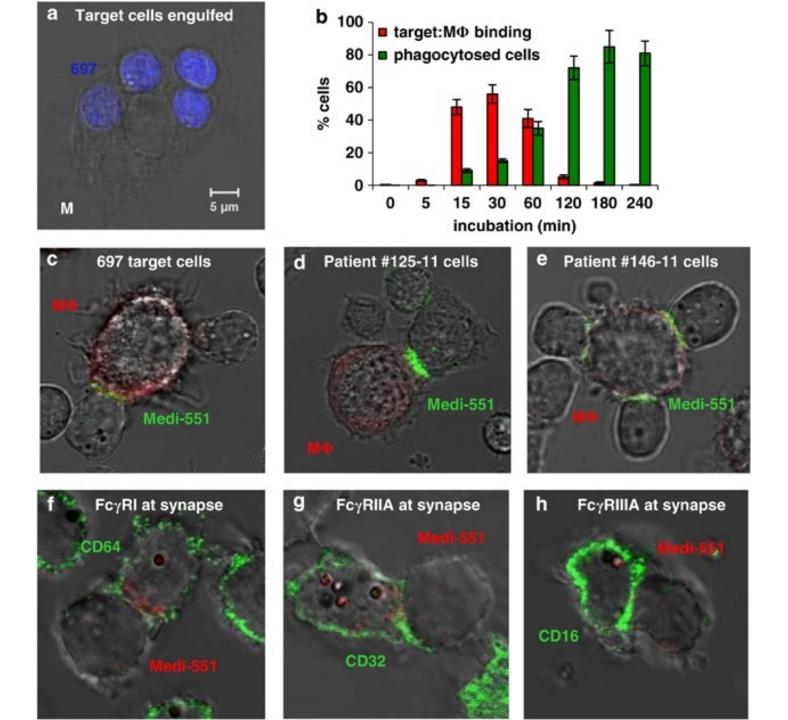
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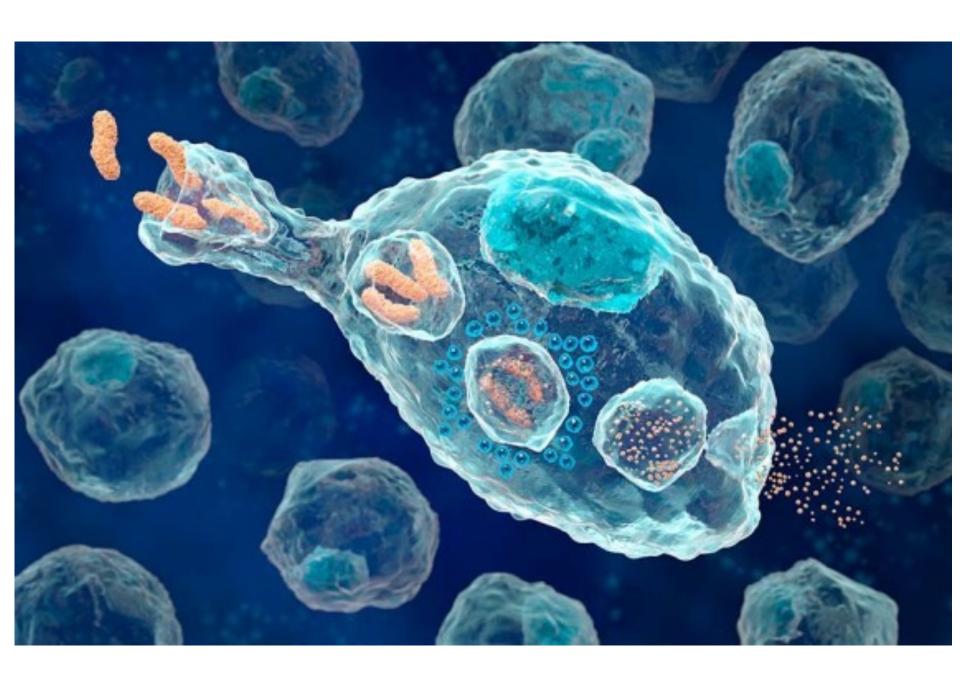
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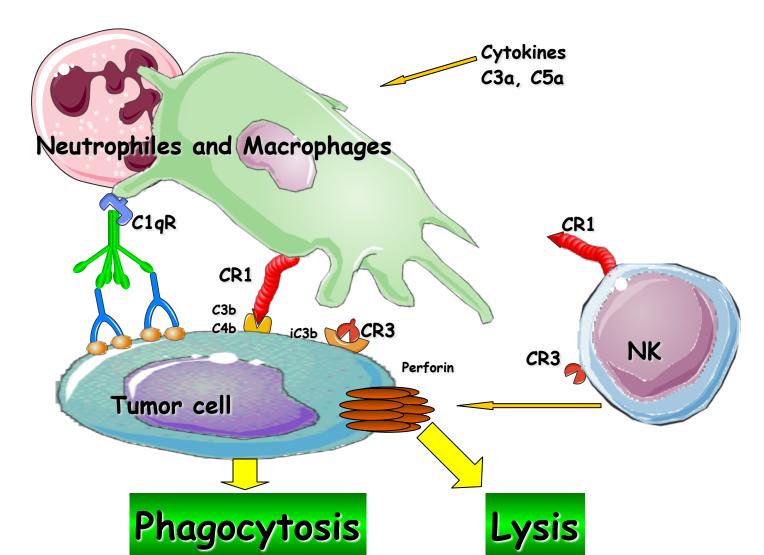


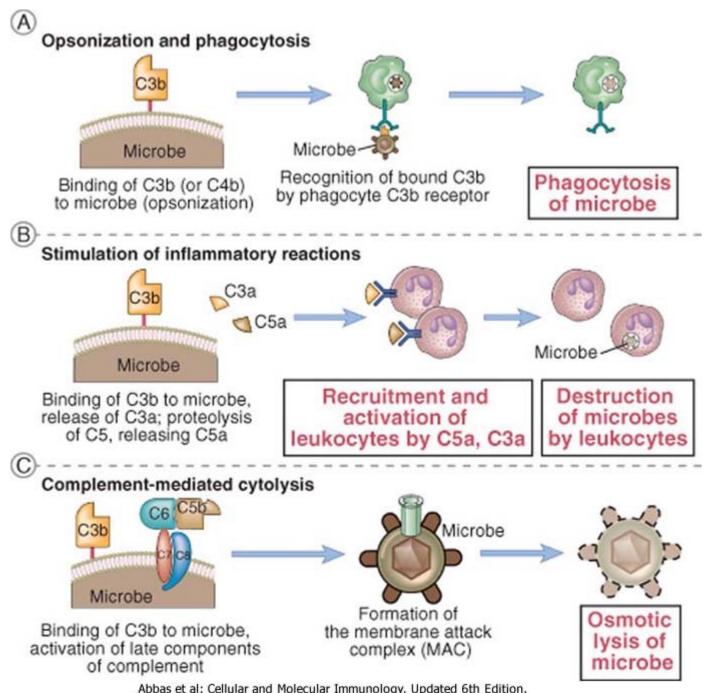




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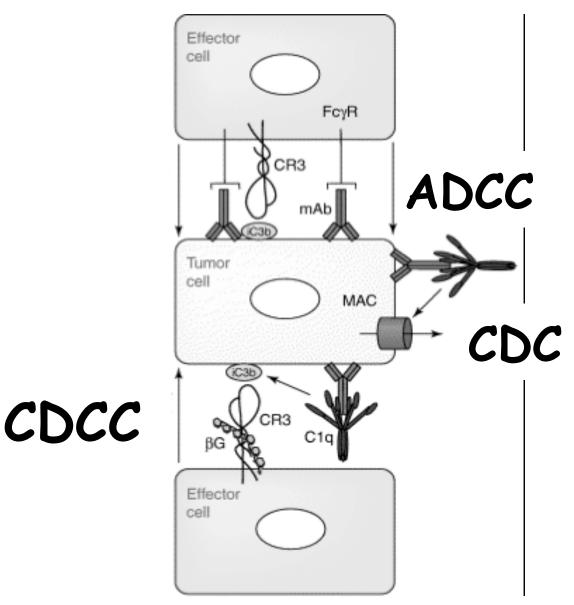
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