The Adaptive Immune System: Function, Vaccination, and Disease

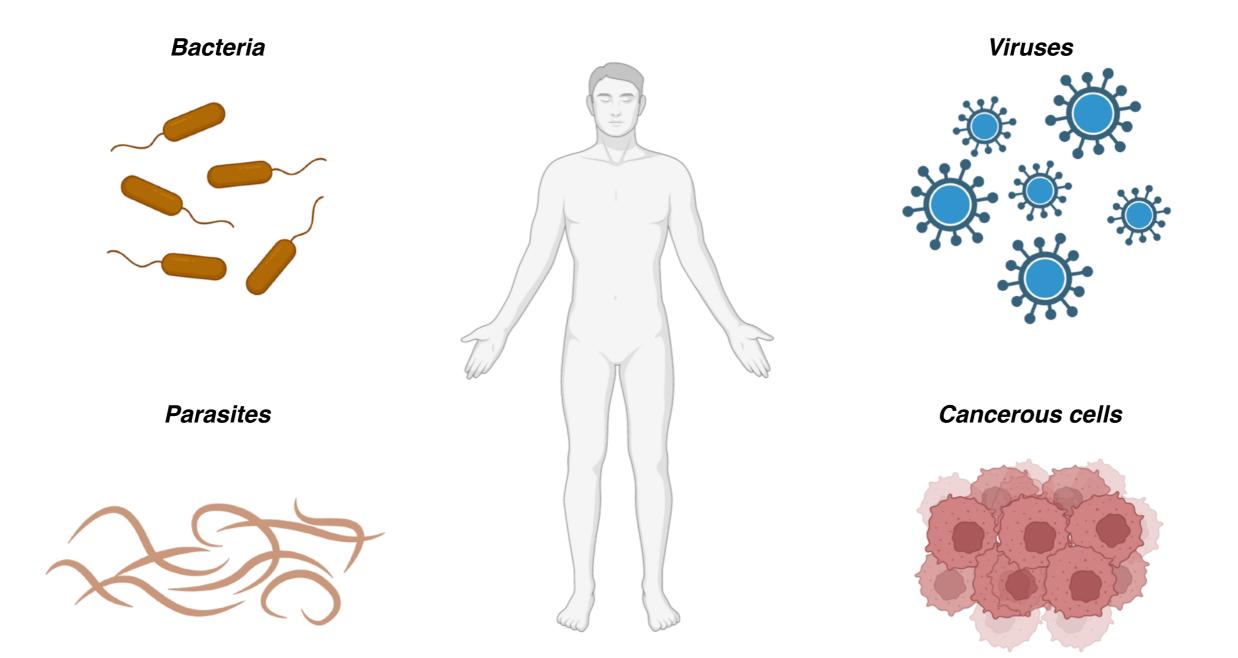
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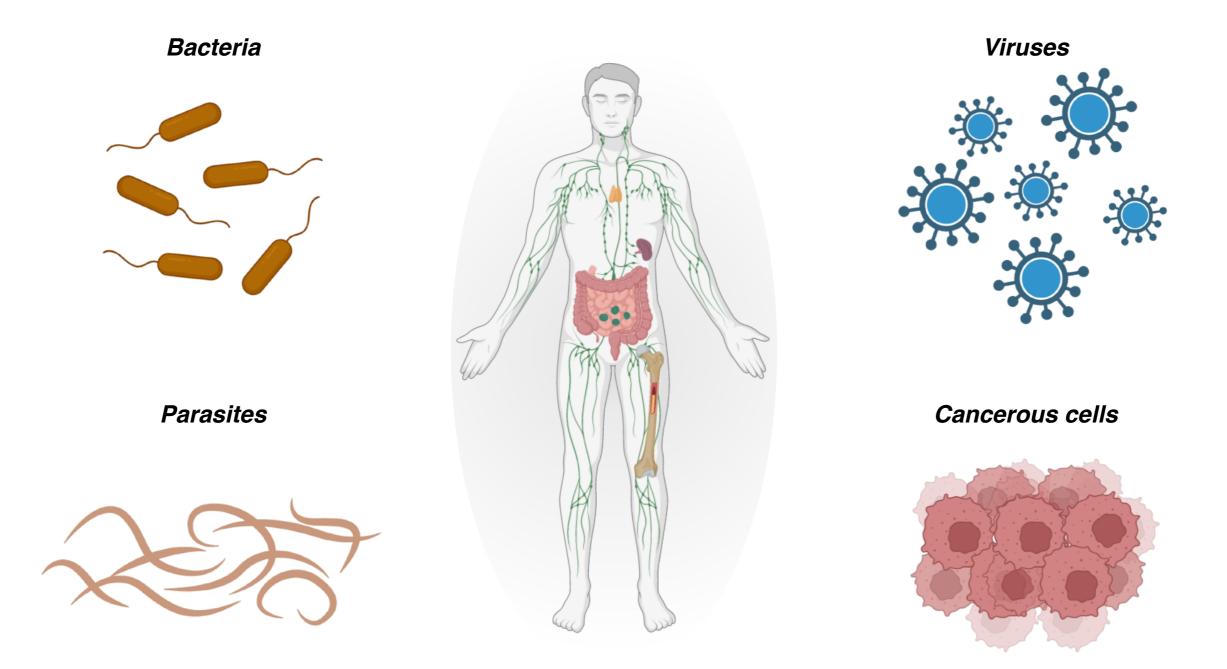
Group Meeting

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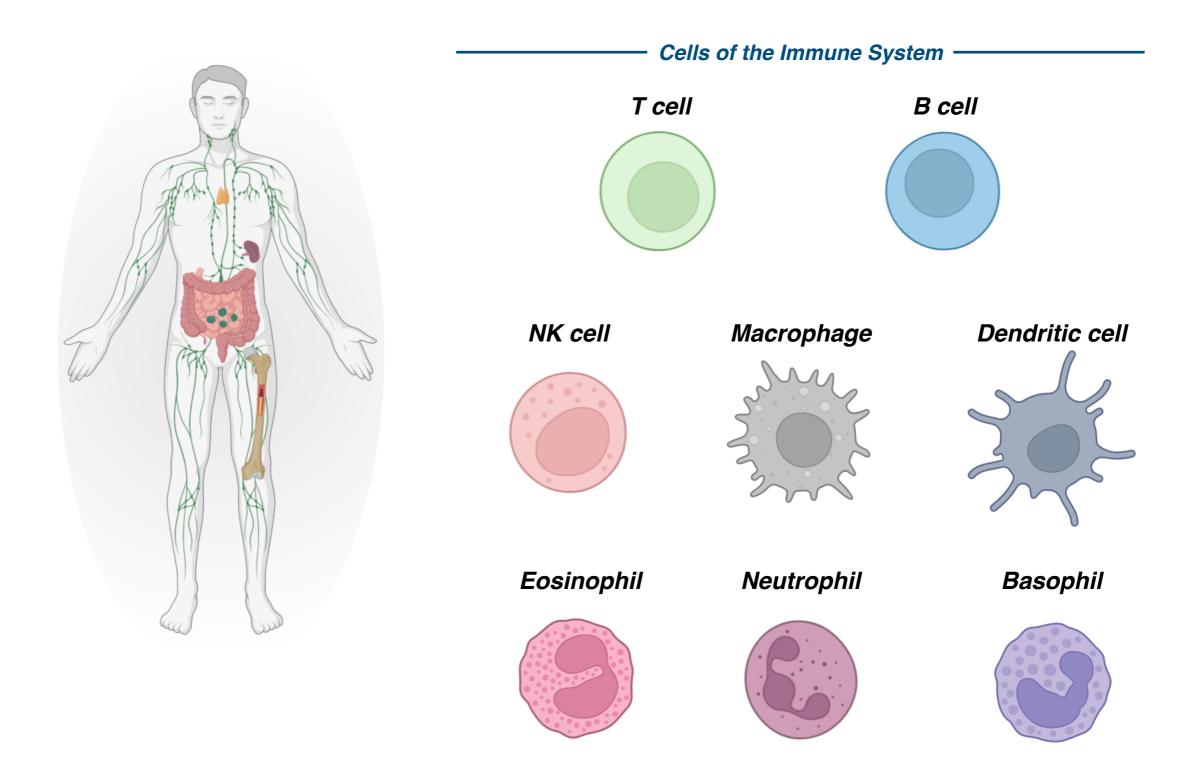


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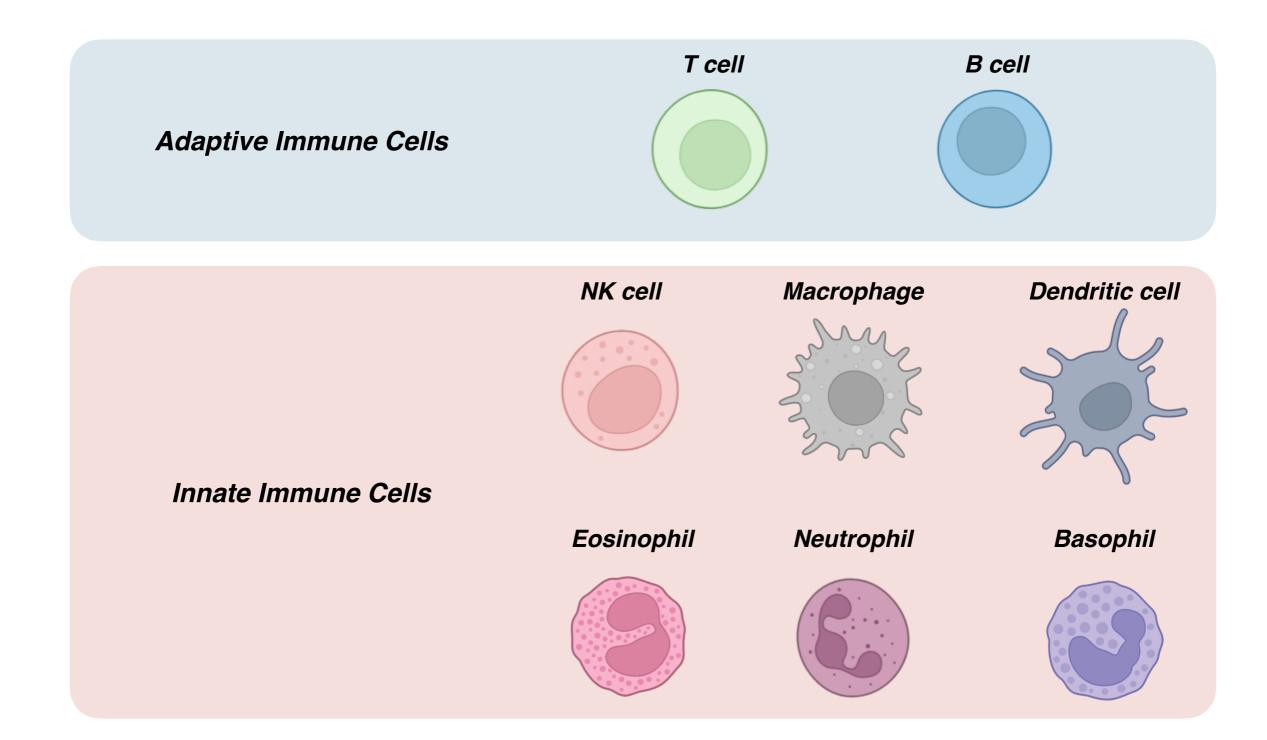


The immune system works to maintain homeostasis and destroy pathogens

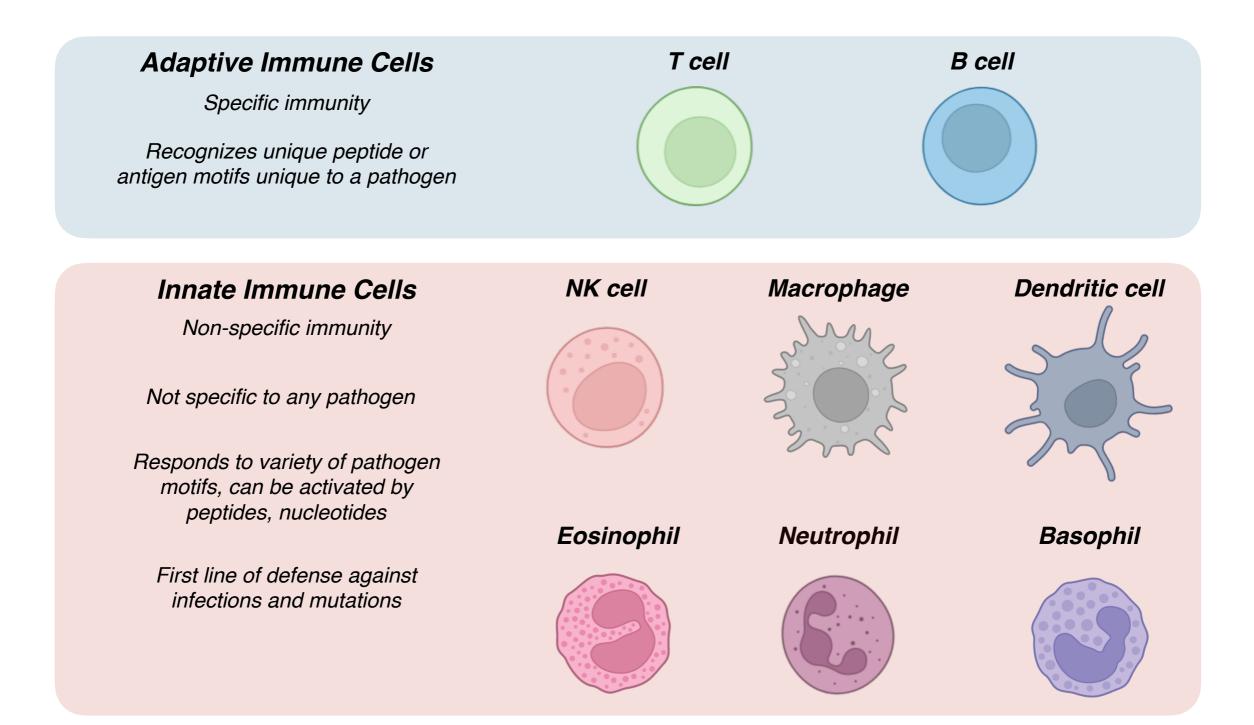
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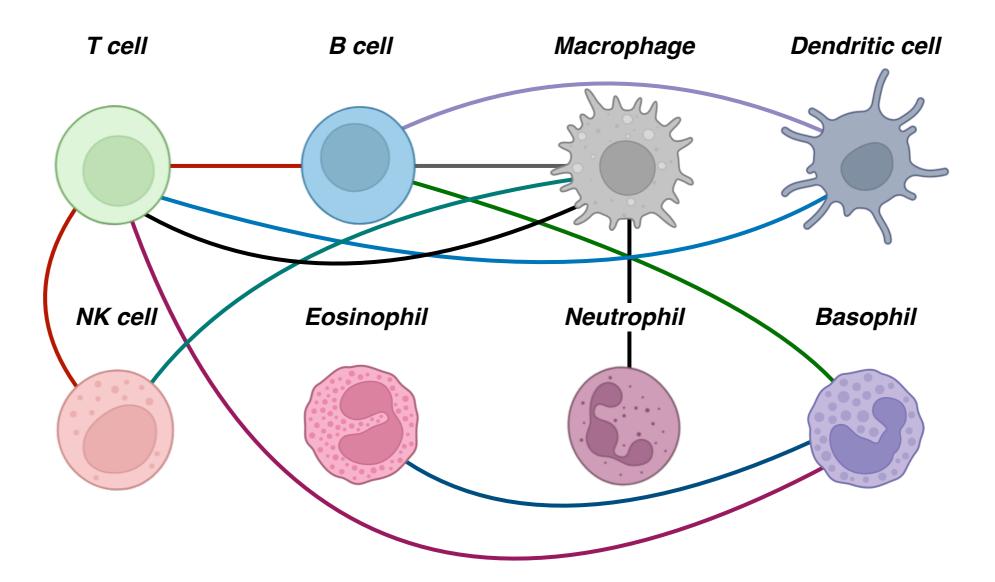
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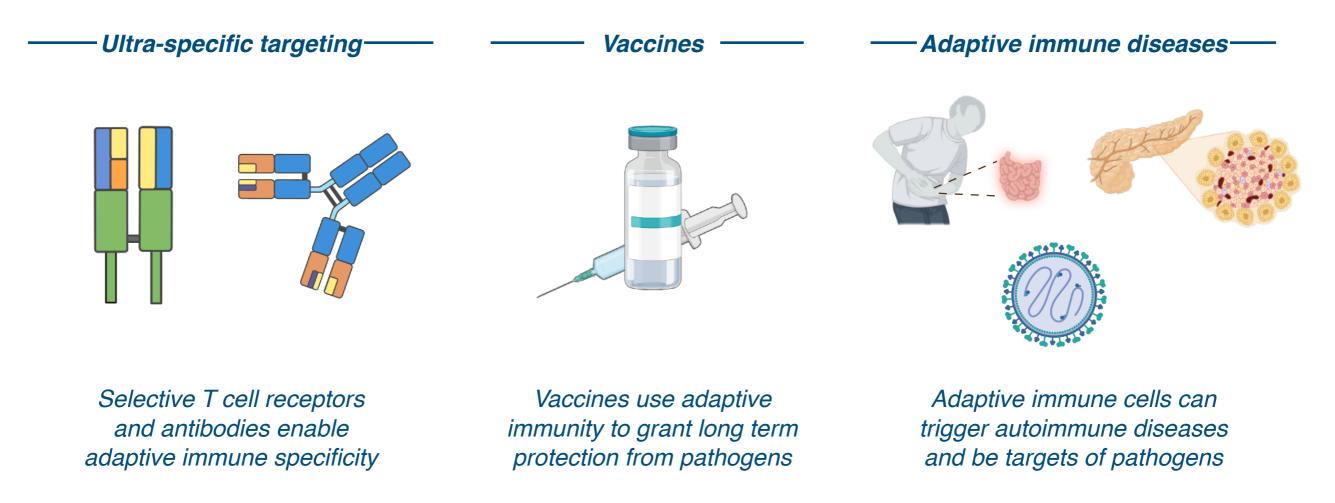
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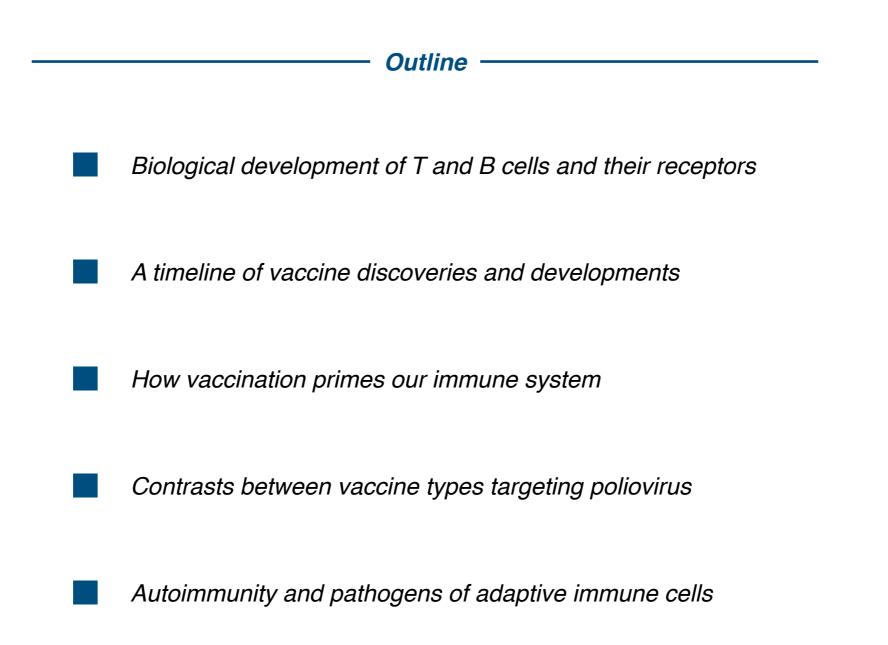
Immune cells work in tandem to generate tailored immune response

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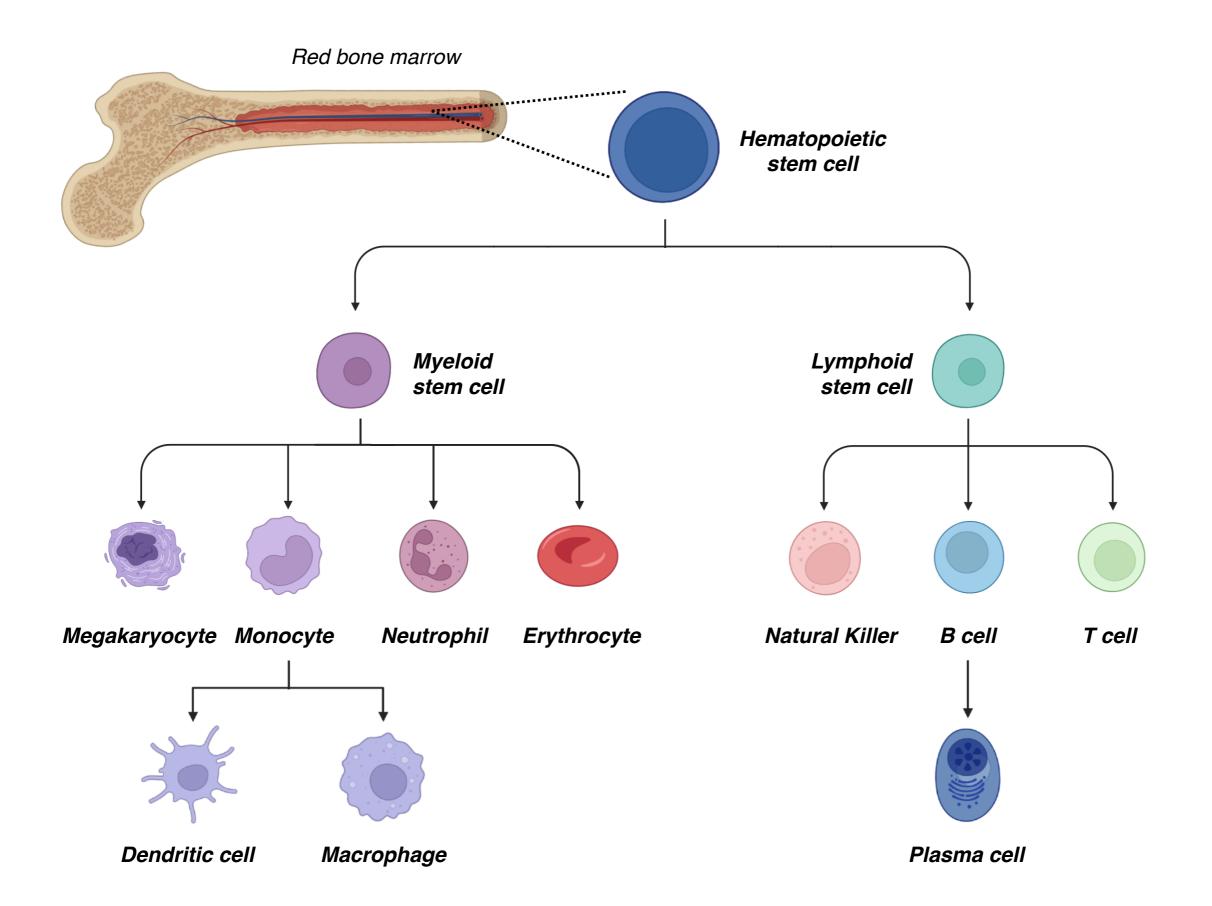
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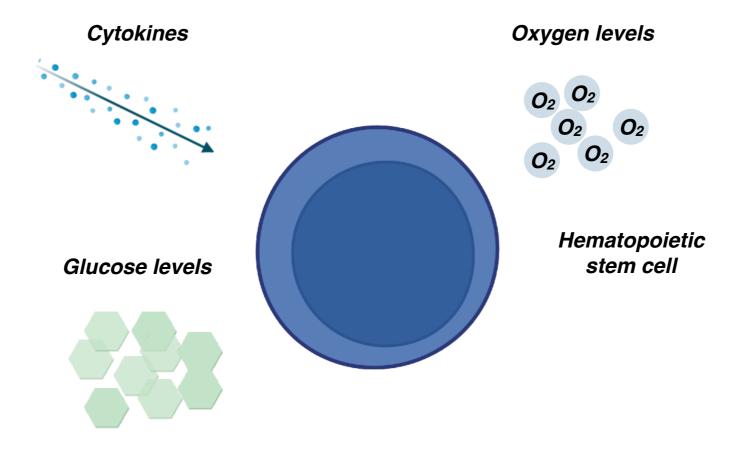
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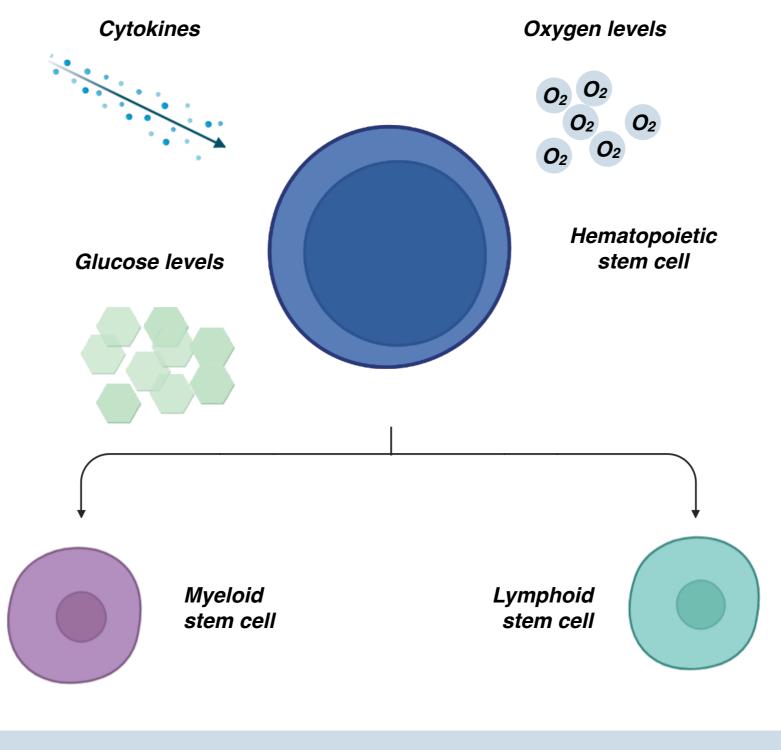
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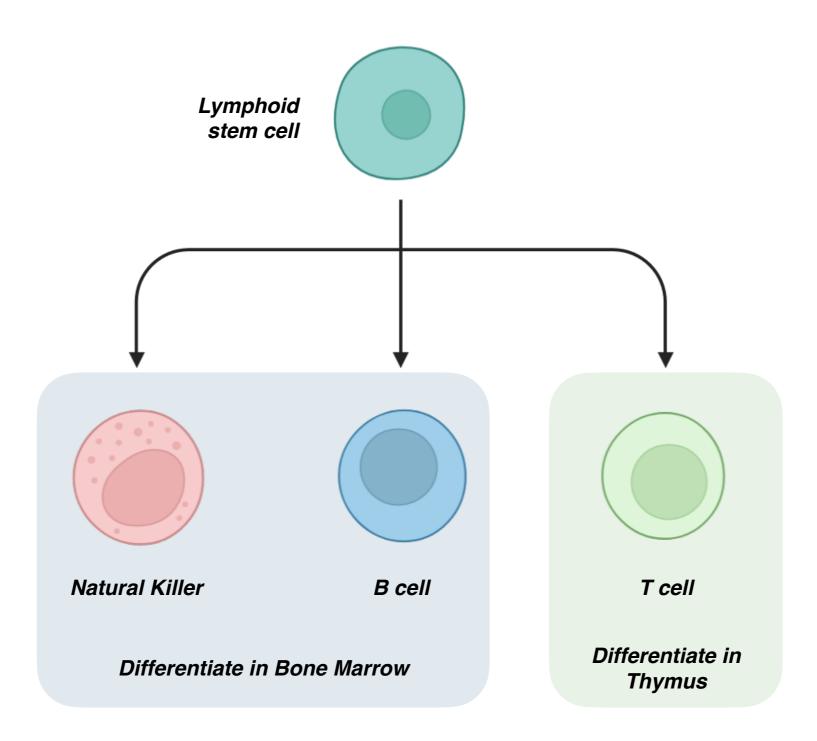


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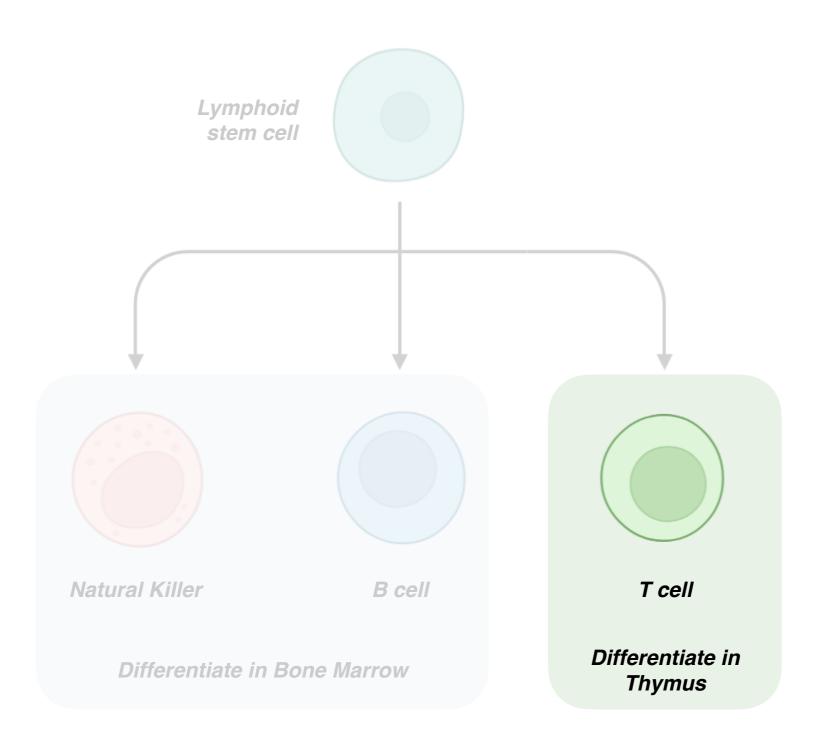
Various chemical signals induce initial differentiation of HPSCs

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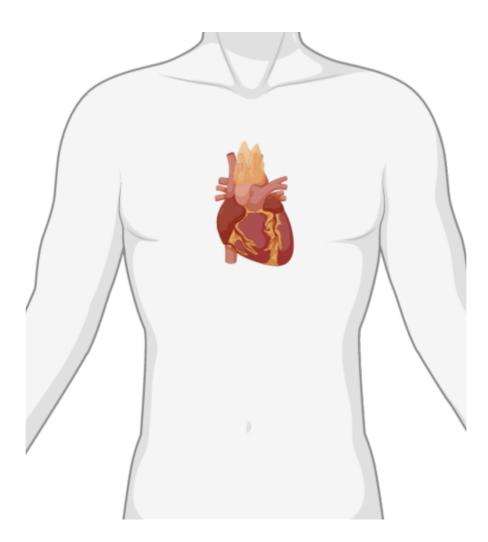


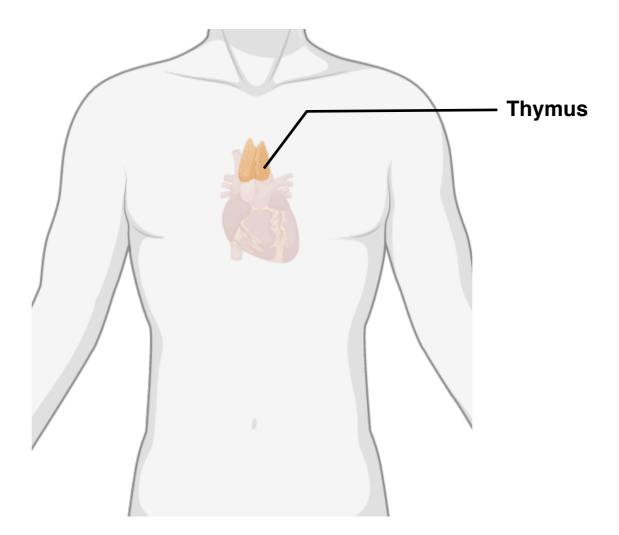
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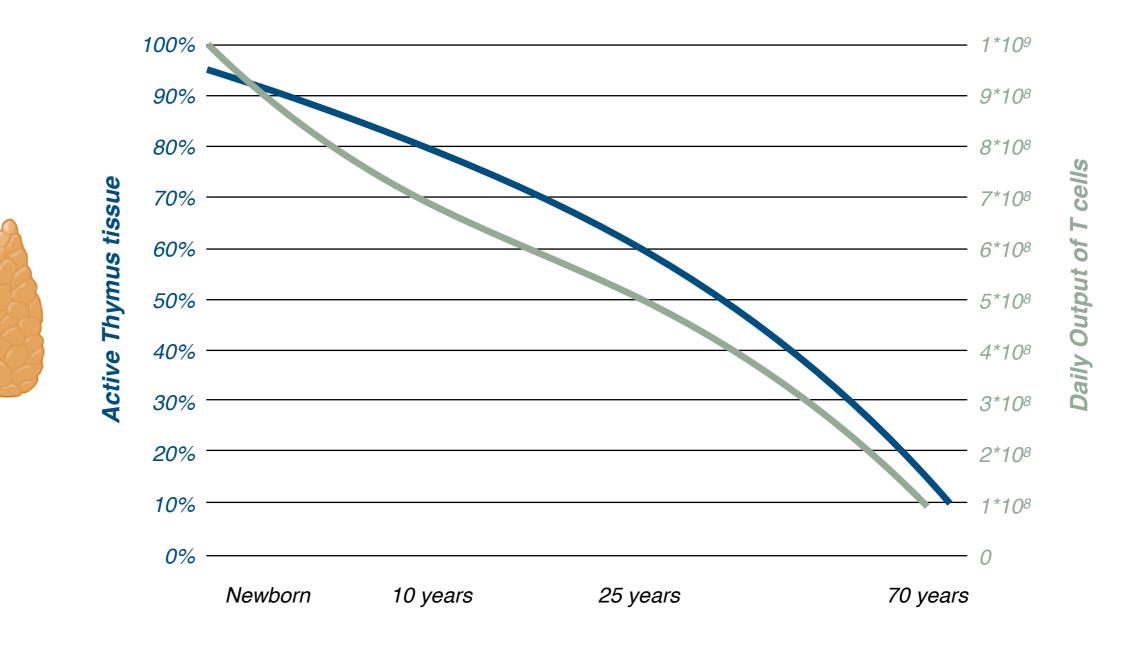


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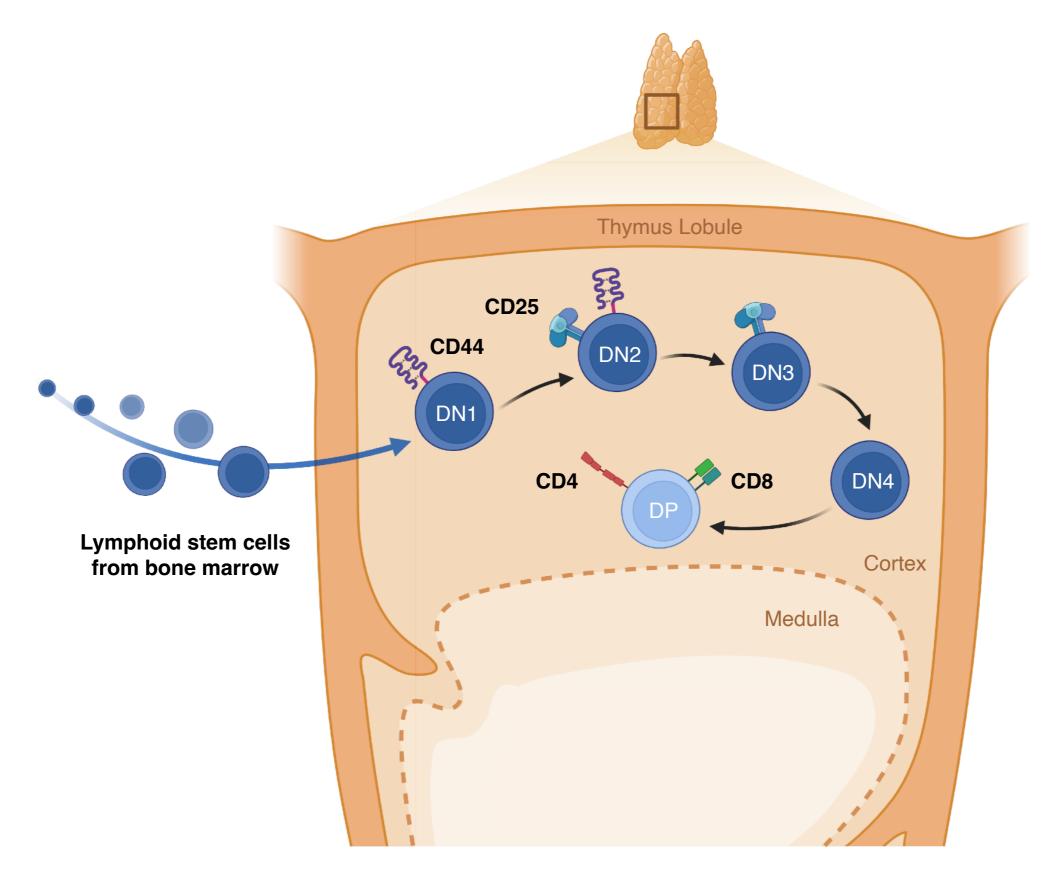




The thymus is a small gland that resides upon the heart



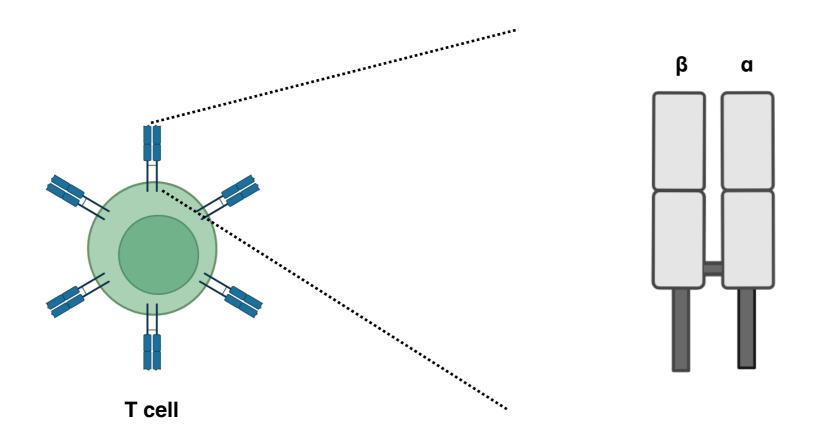
Most thymus activity occurs in early years of life



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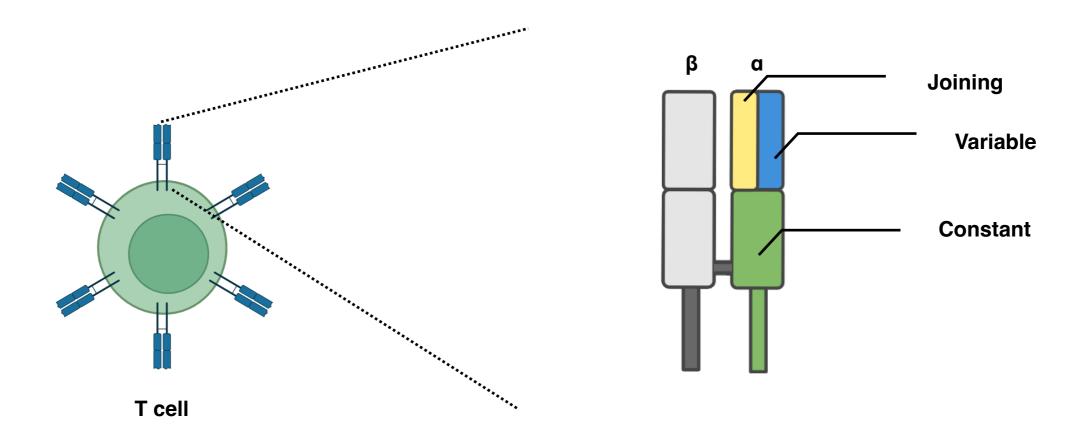
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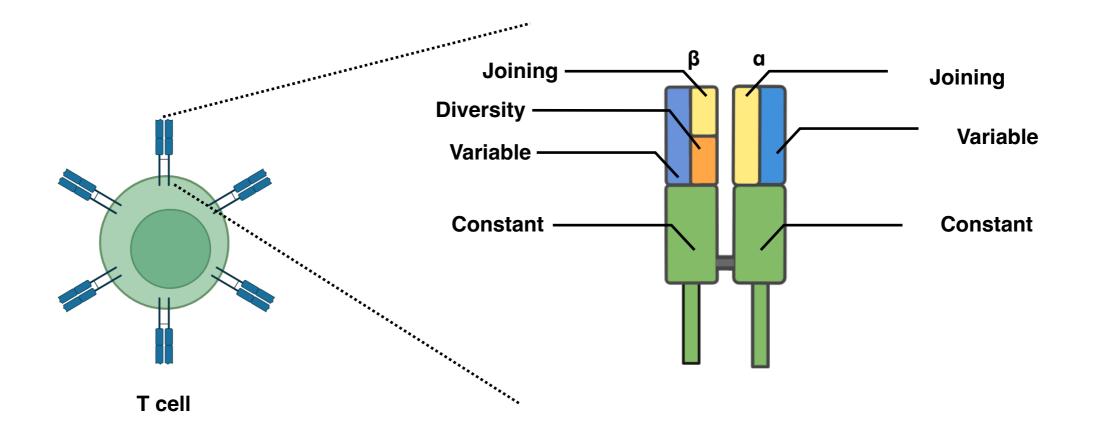
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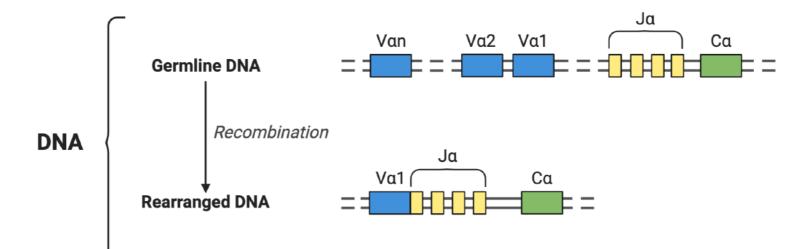


Variable components of both chains enable TCR specificity, diversity

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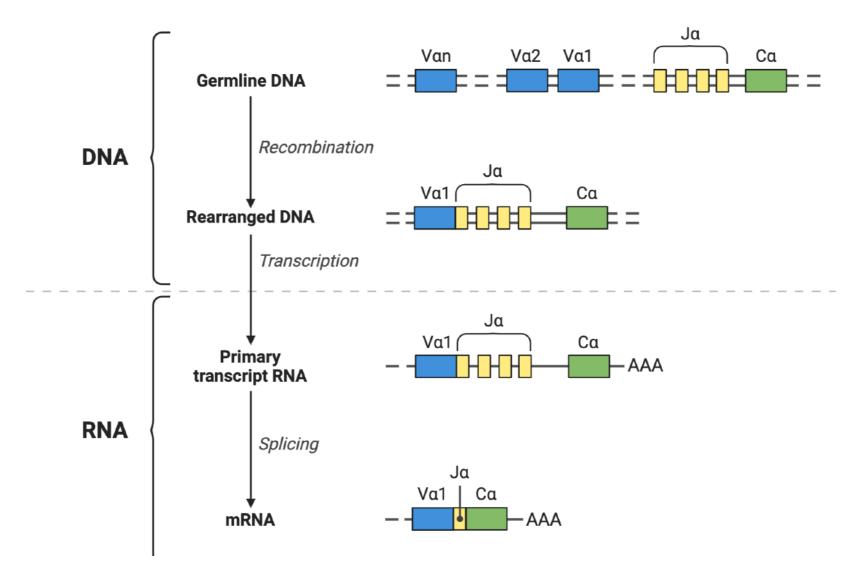
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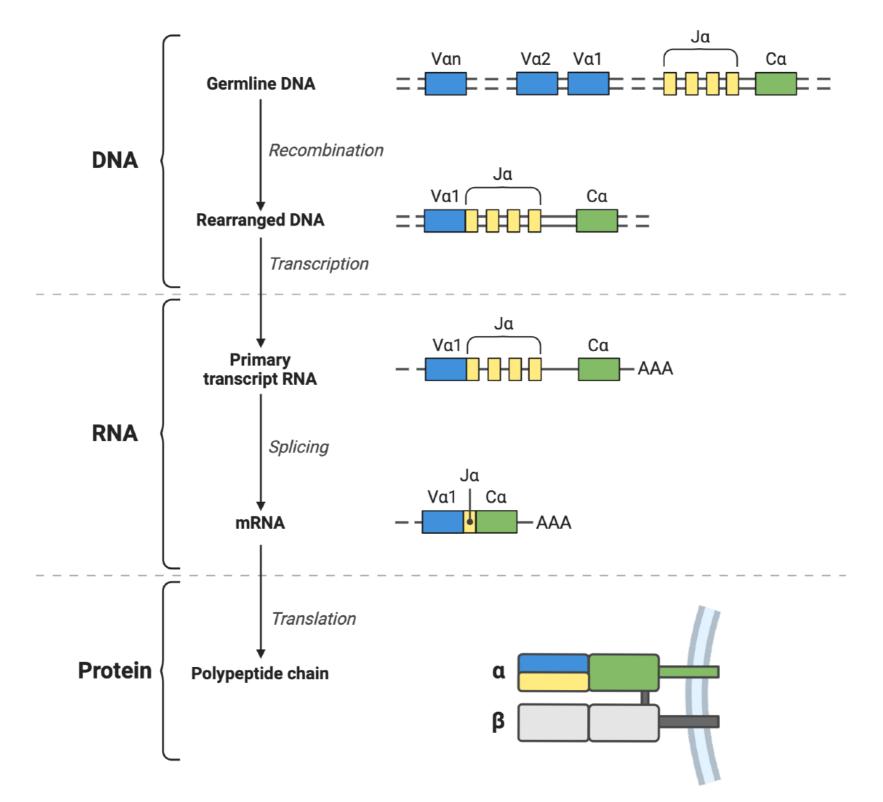
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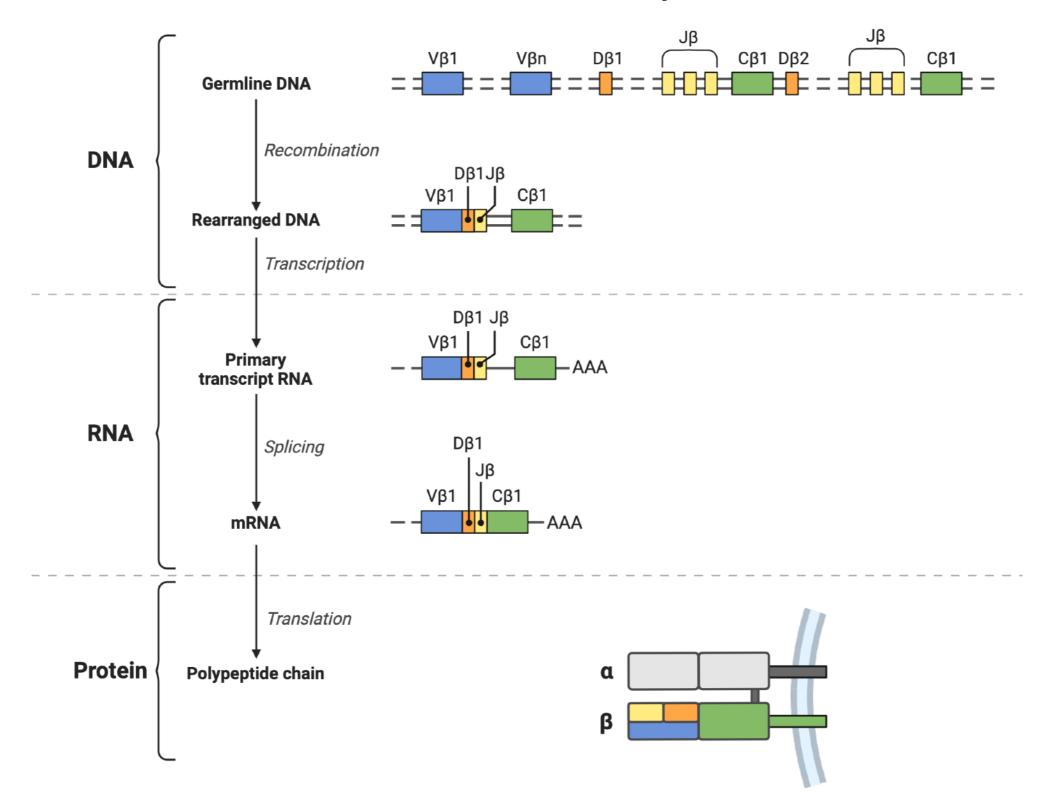
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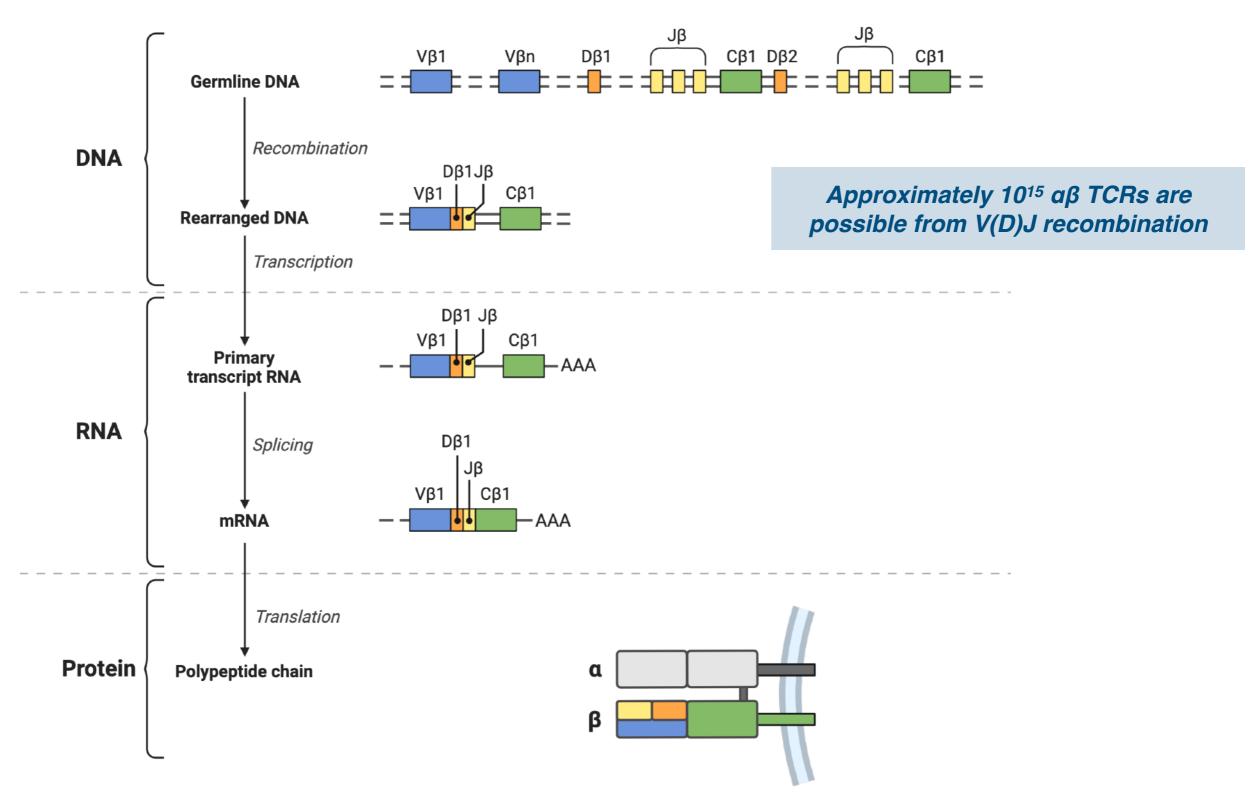
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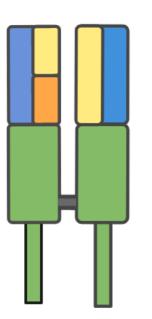
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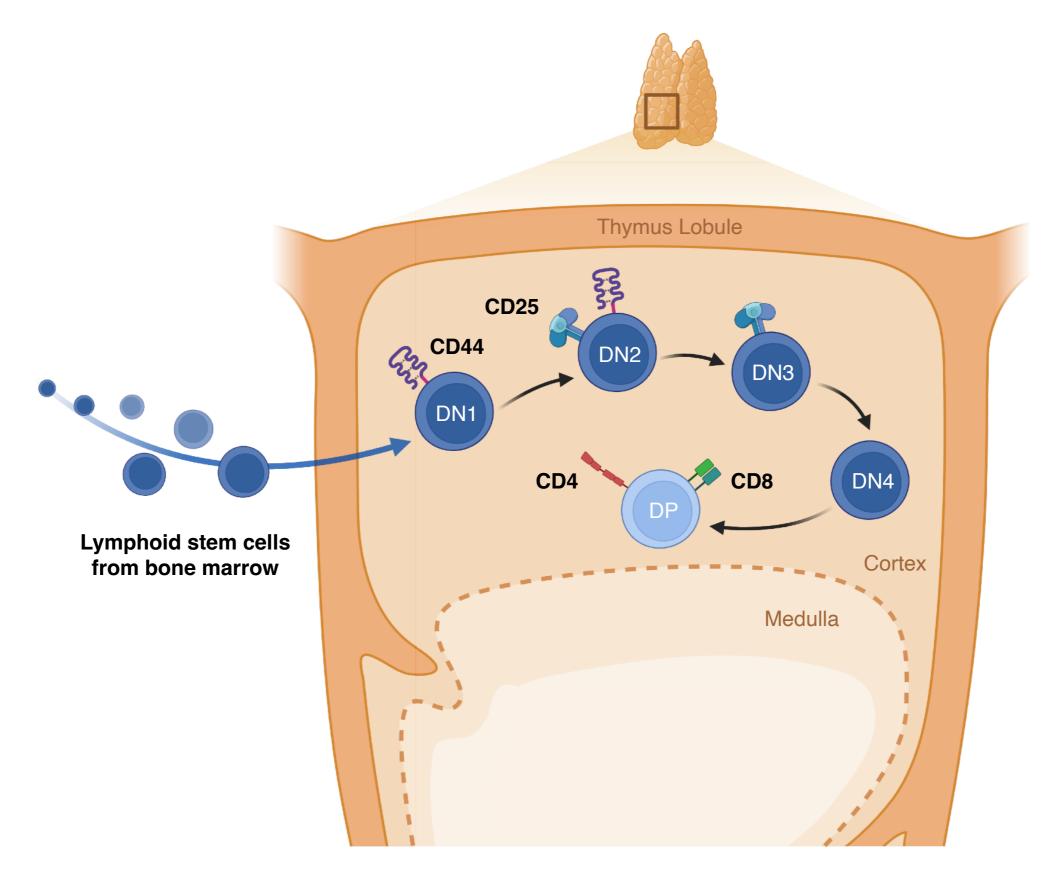


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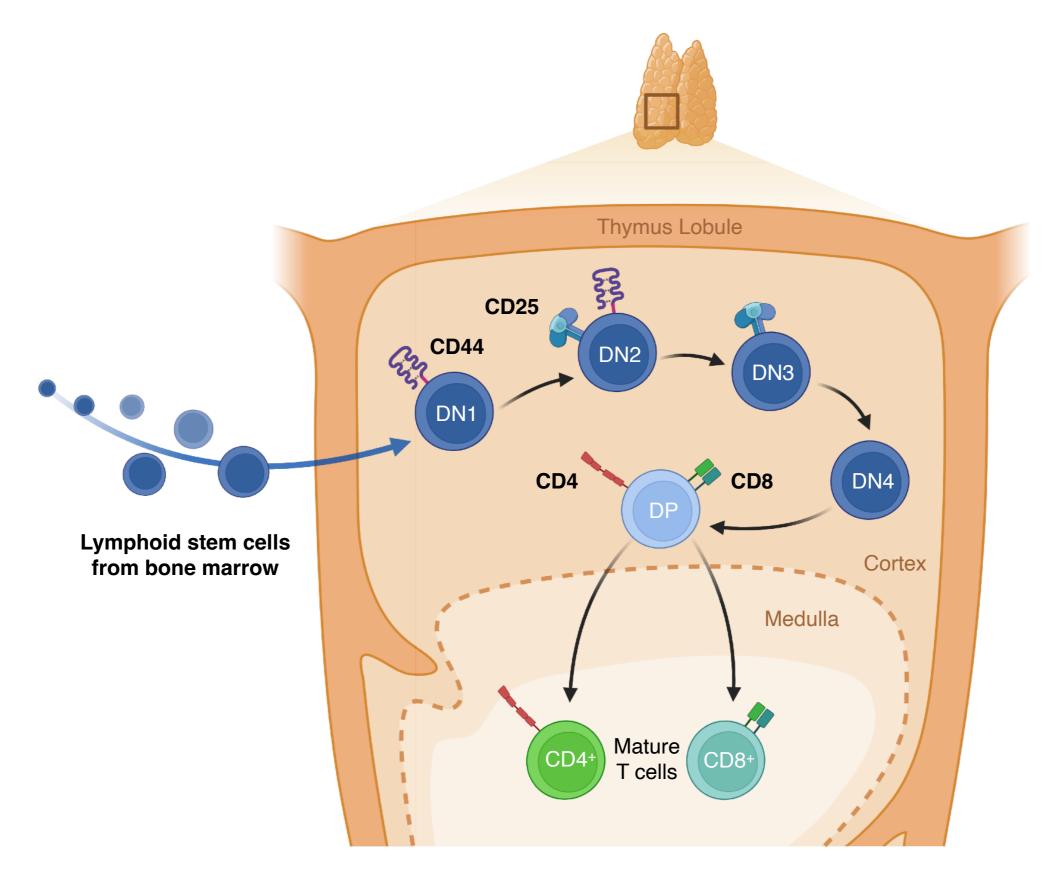
Approximately 10¹⁵ αβ TCRs are possible from V(D)J recombination

T cells expressing various recombined TCRs are tested by thymus cells

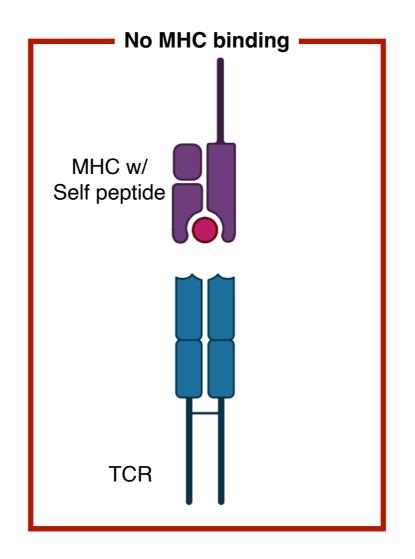
T cells expressing TCRs that bind MHC proteins are stimulated and enabled to progress



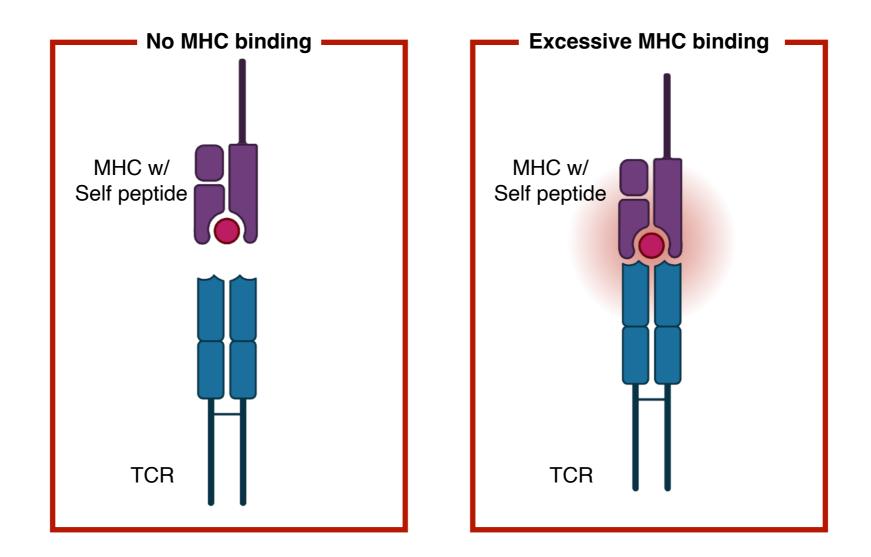
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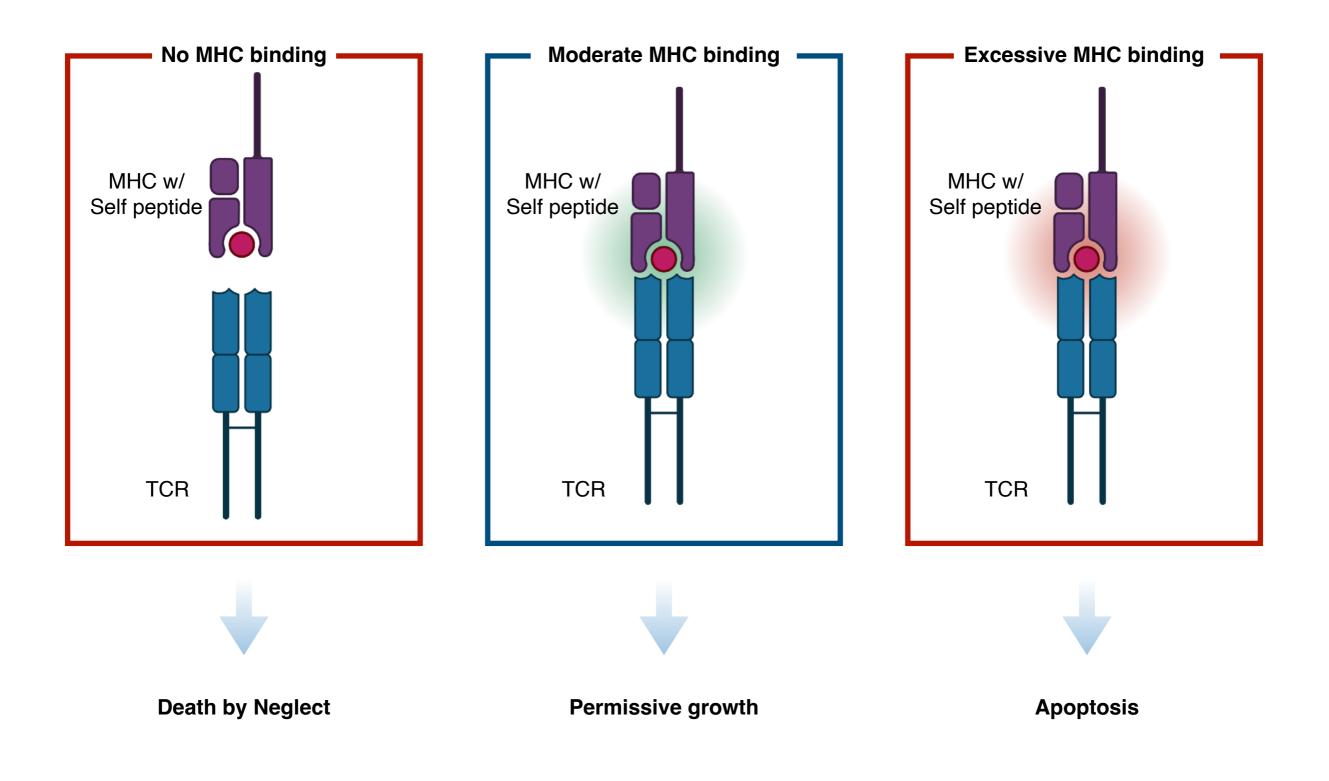
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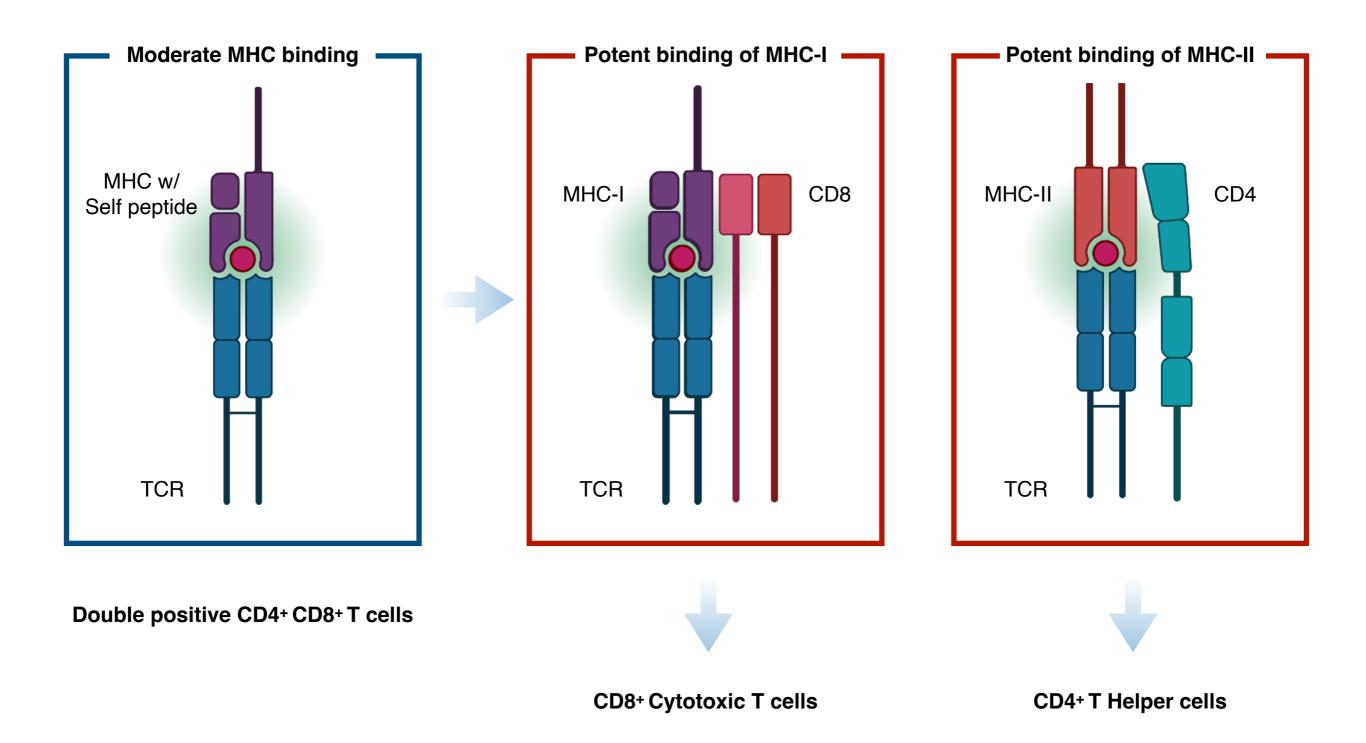


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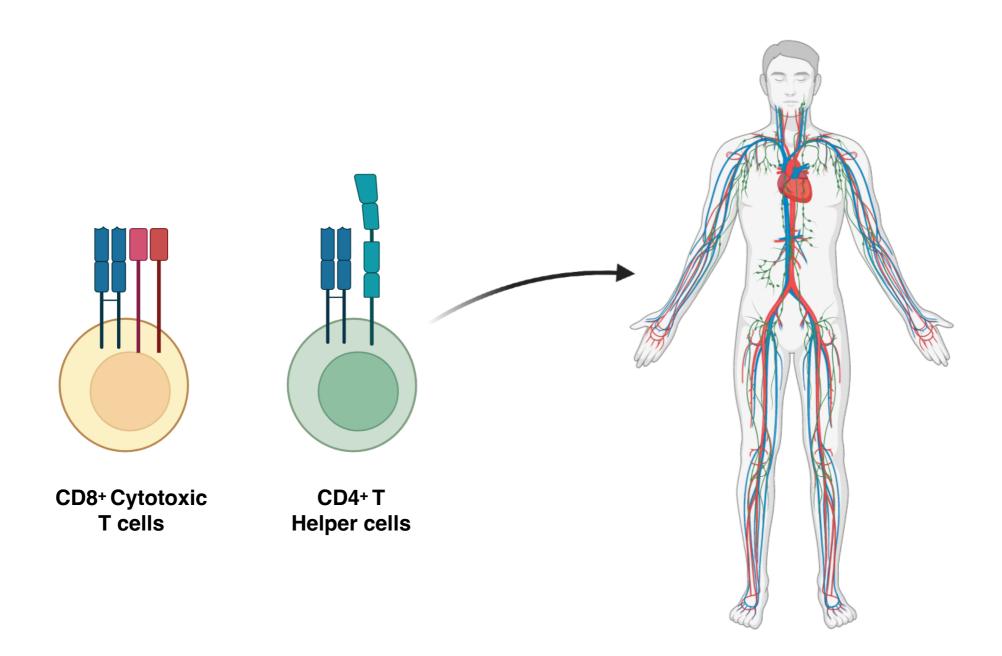


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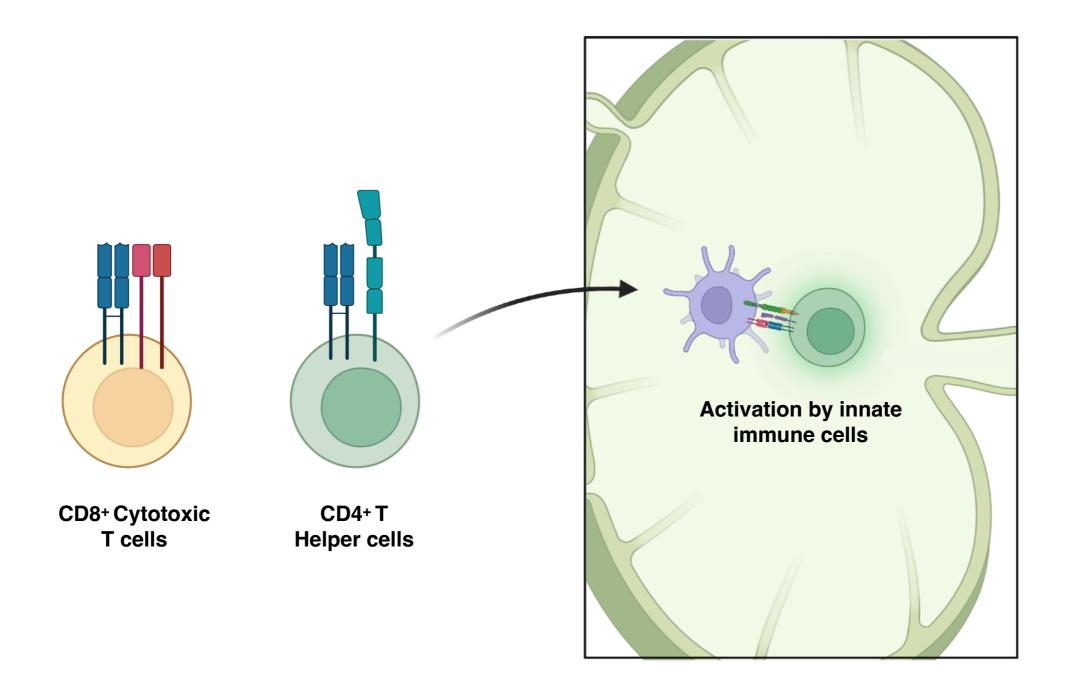


Mature T Cells Exit the Thymus



Mature, naive T cells enter circulatory and lymphatic systems

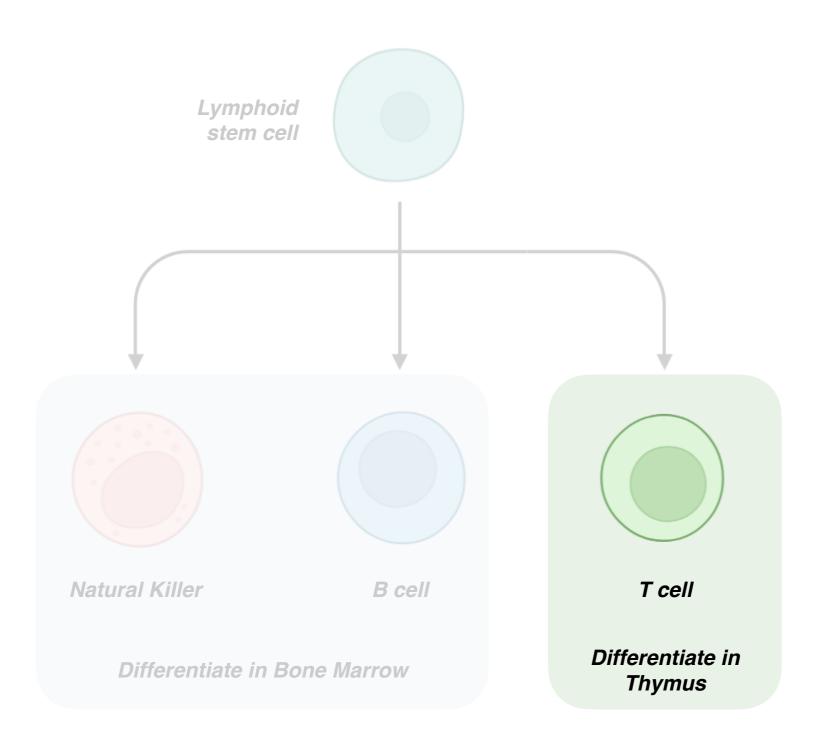
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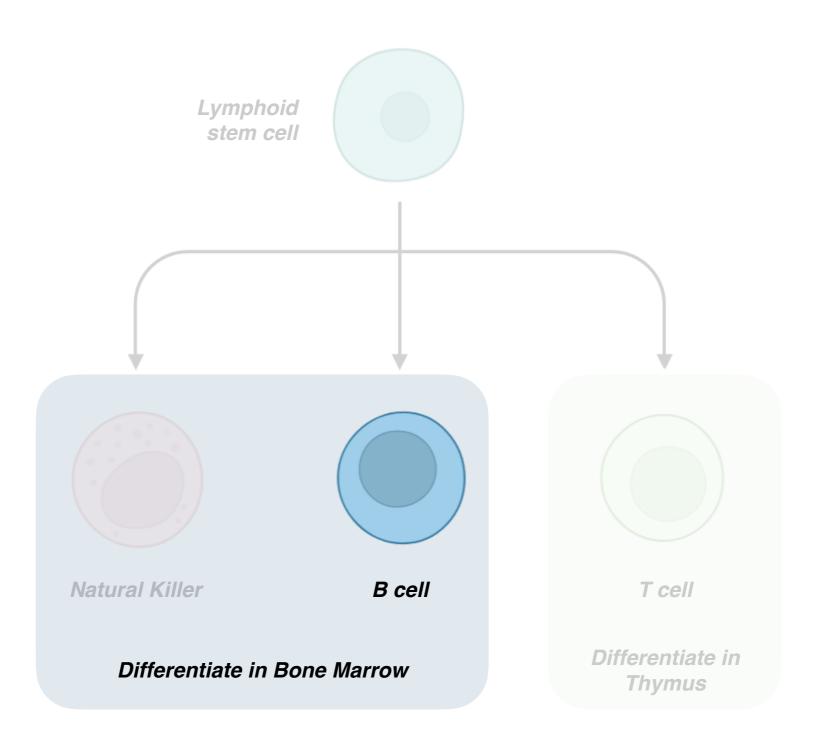
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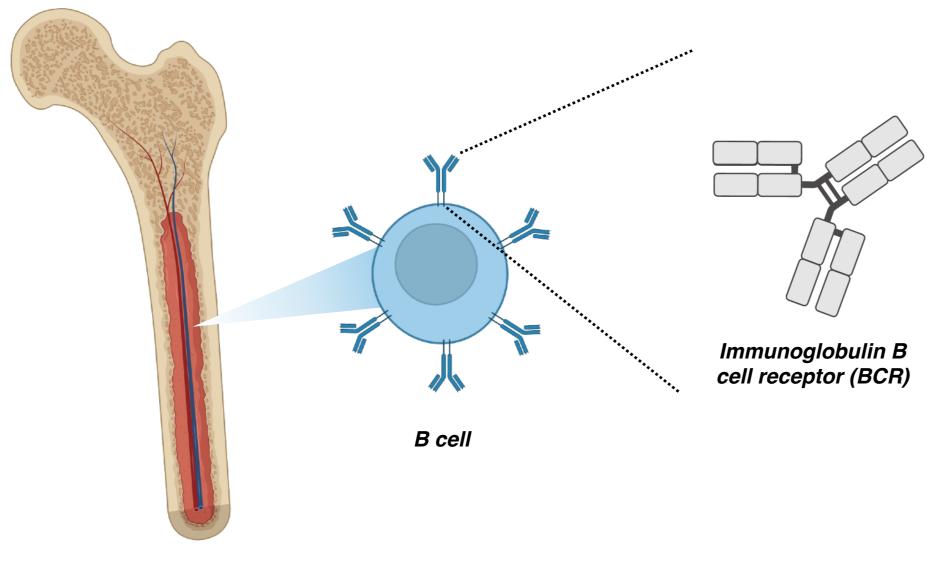
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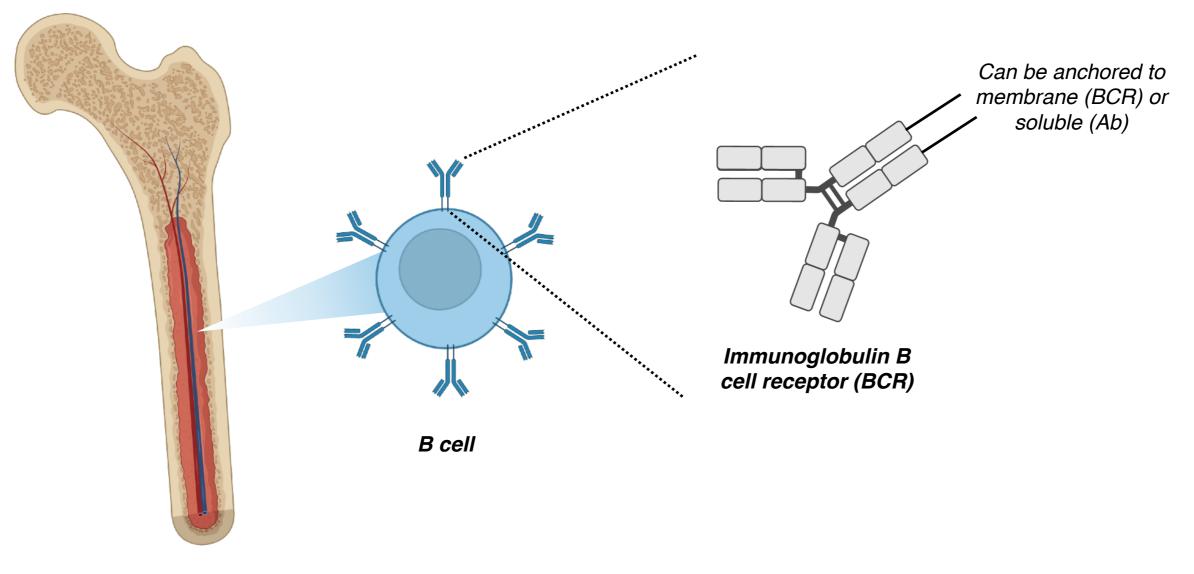


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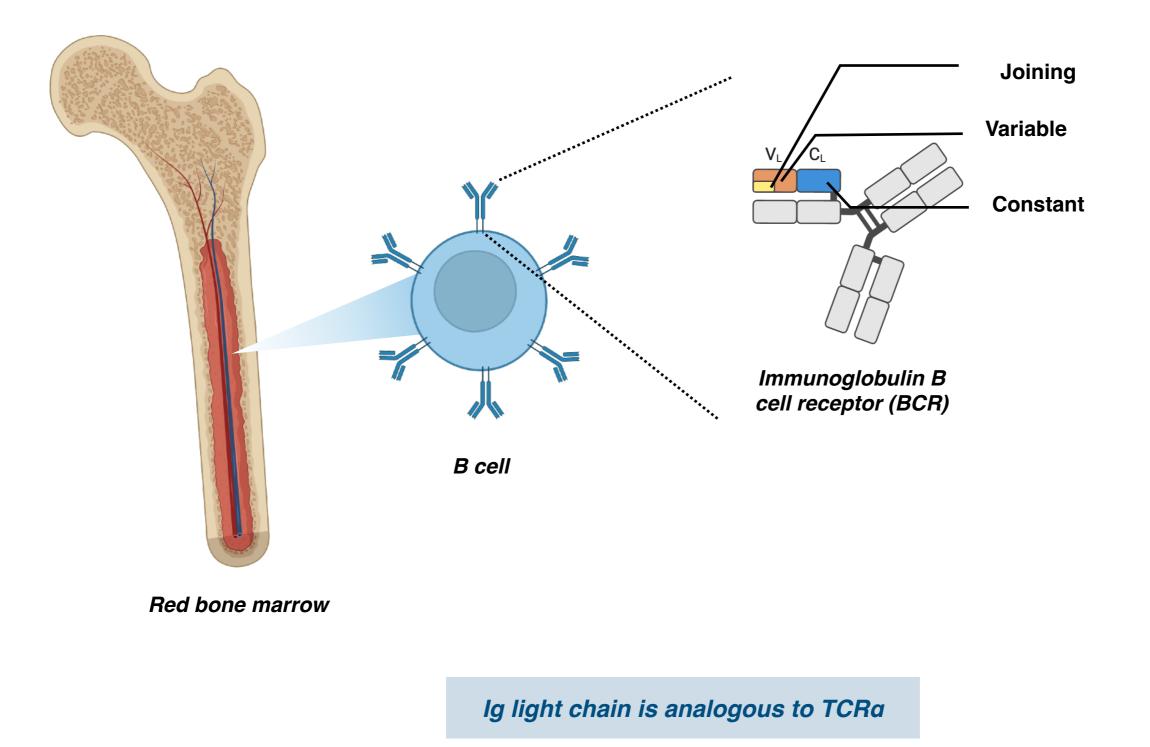
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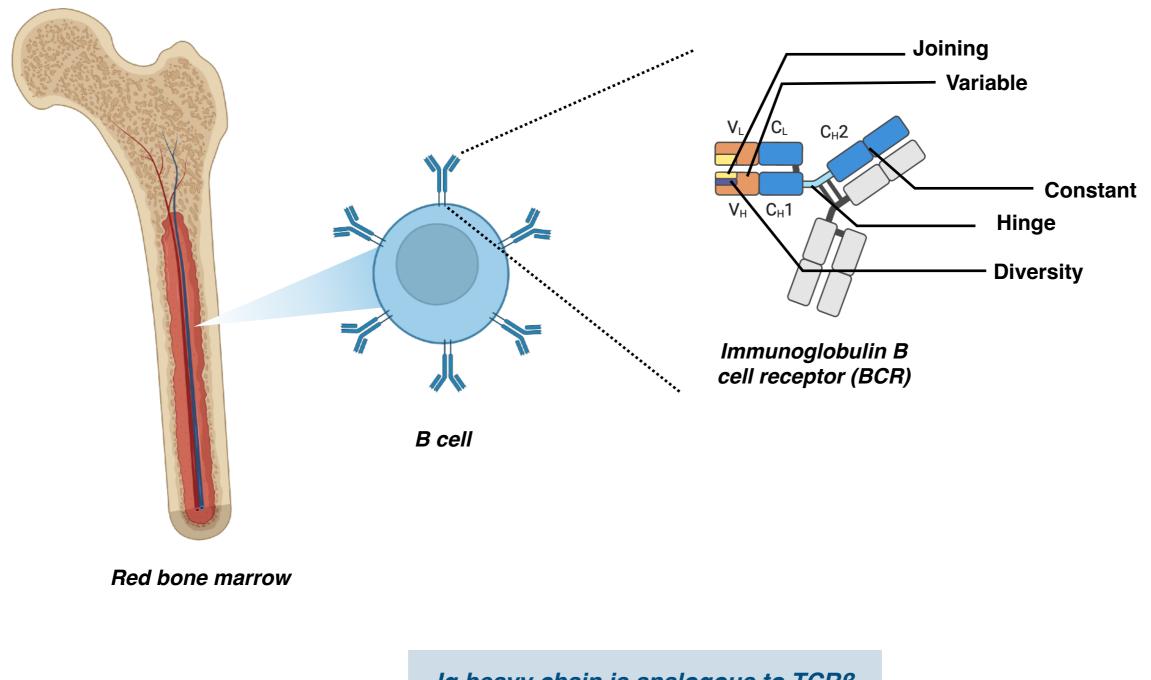
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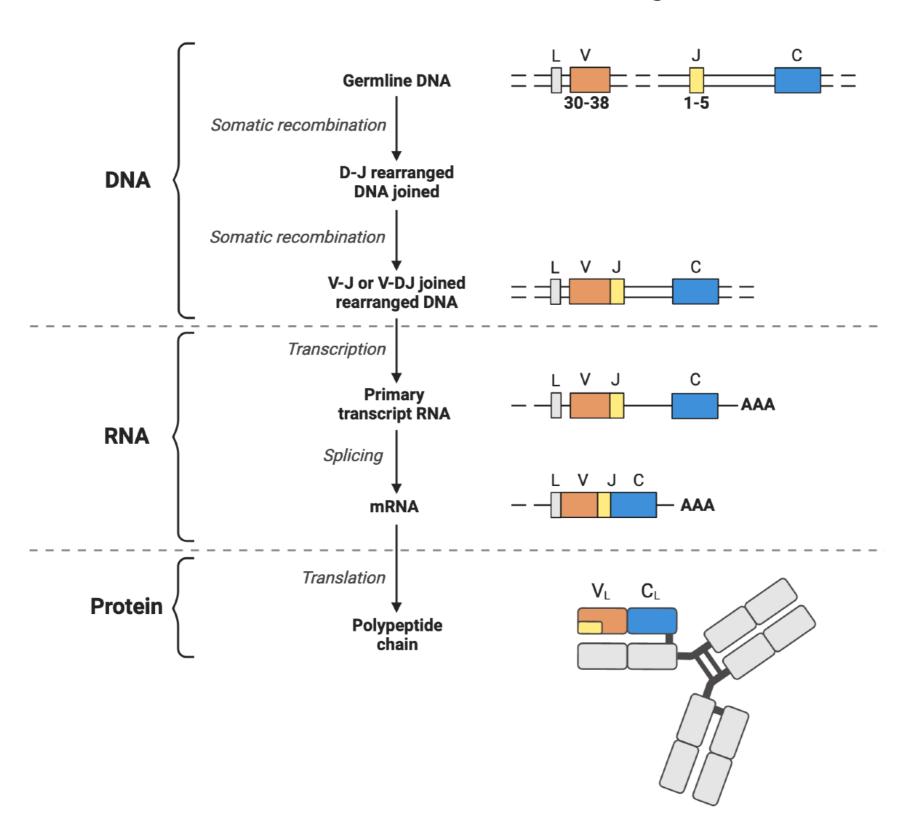
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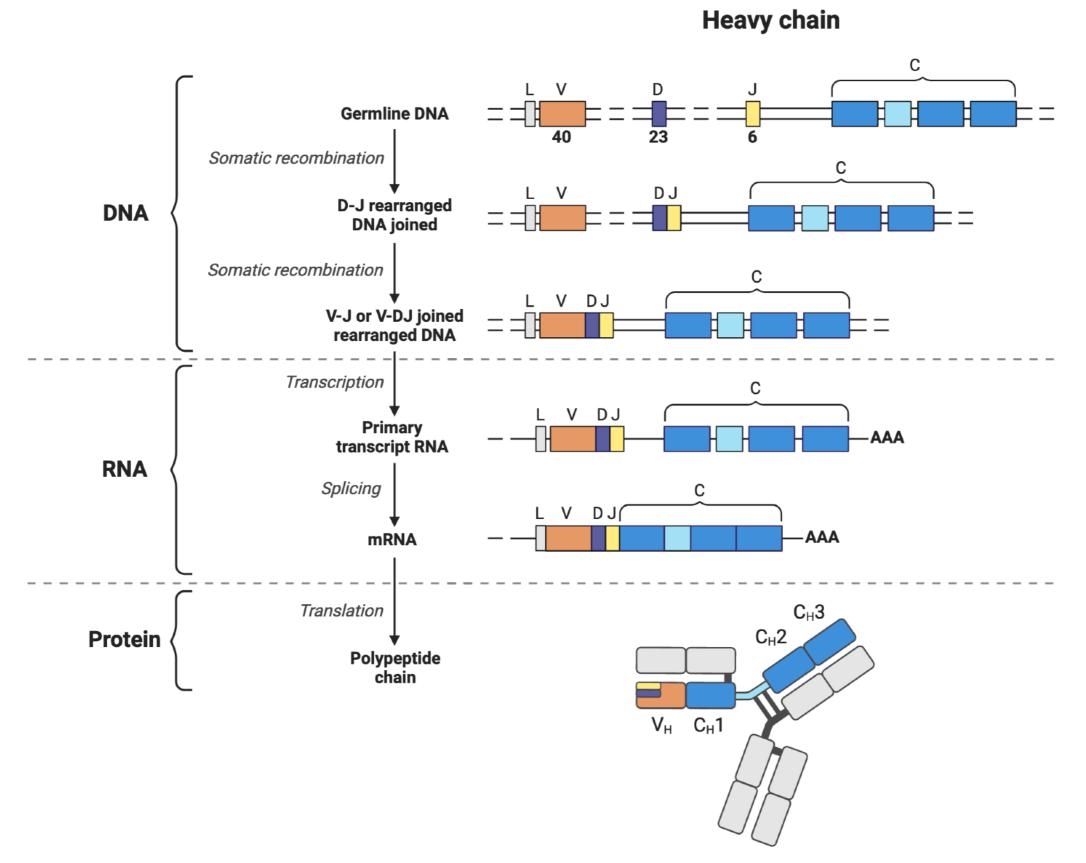
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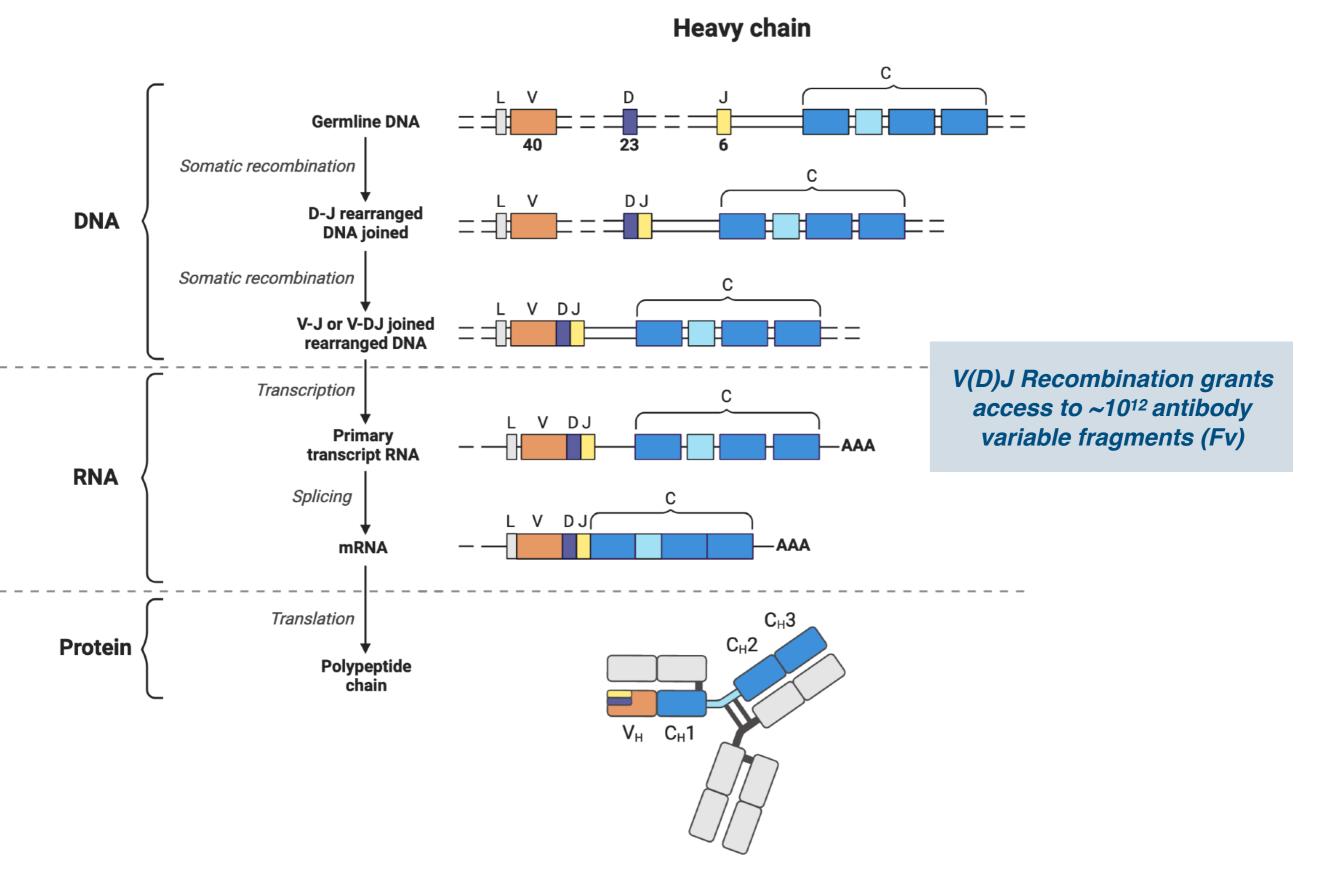
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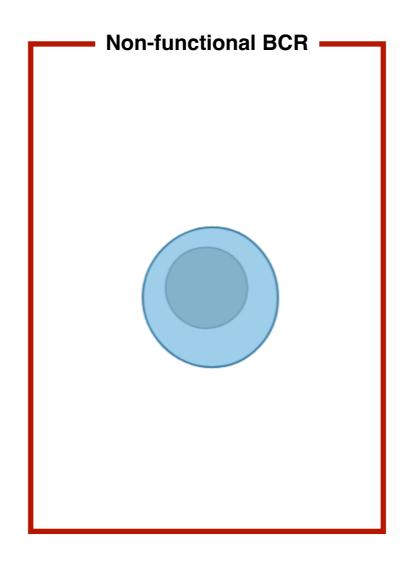


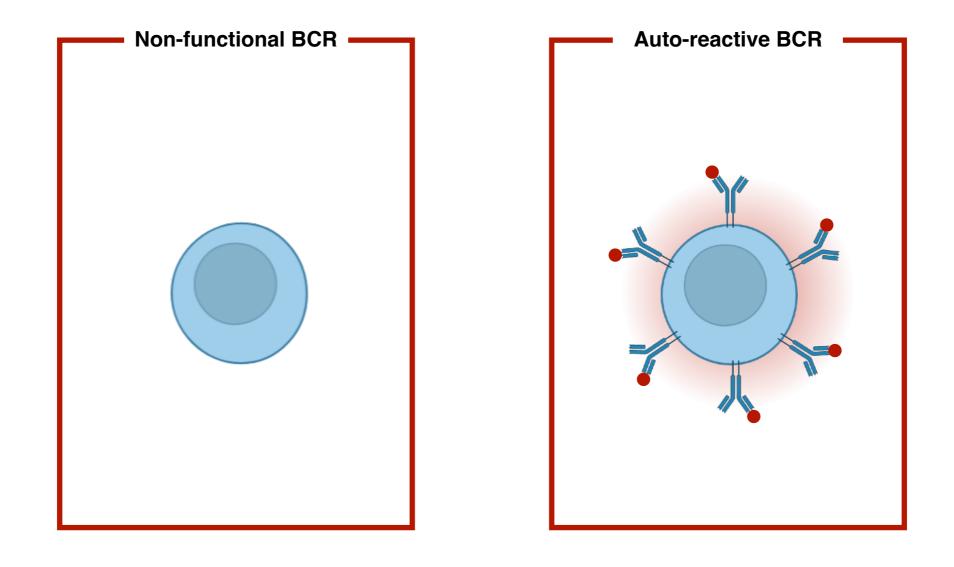
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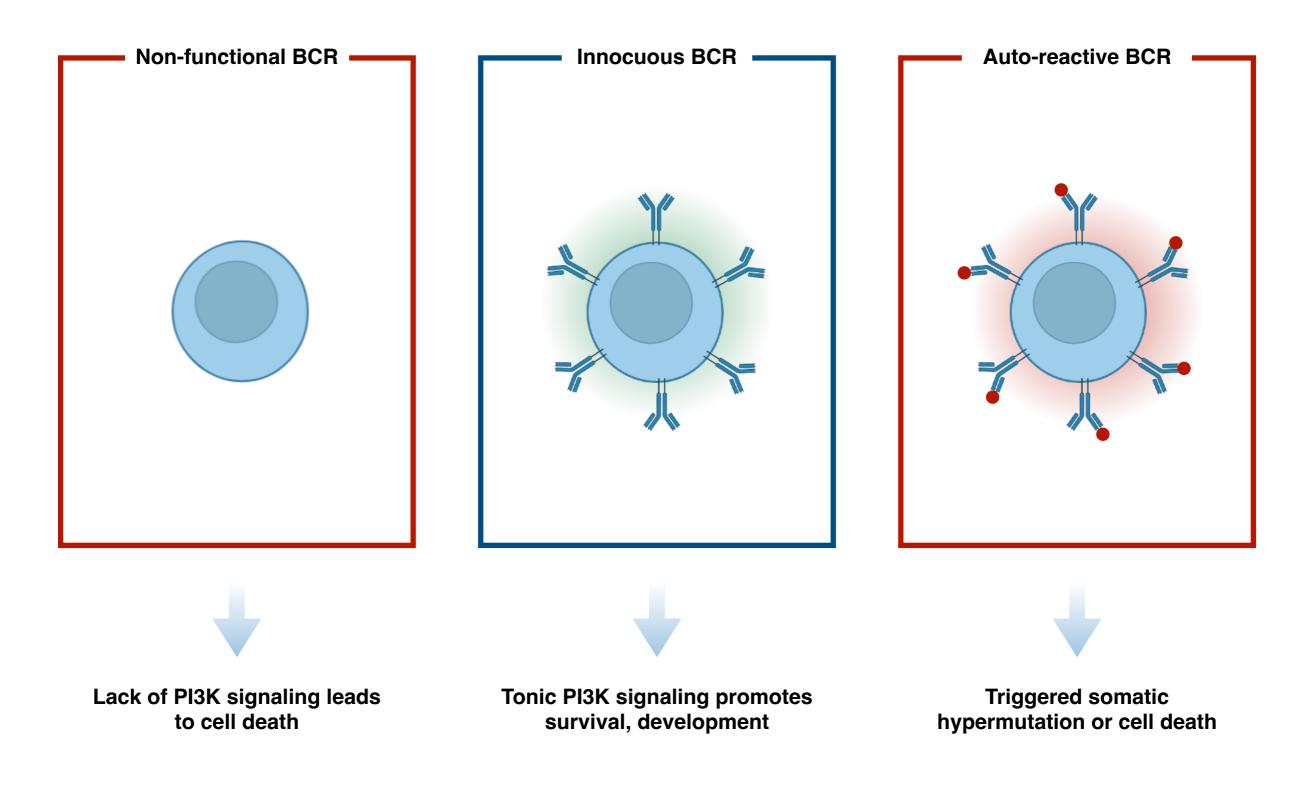
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Positive and Negative Selection of BCRs



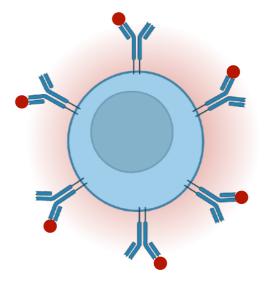




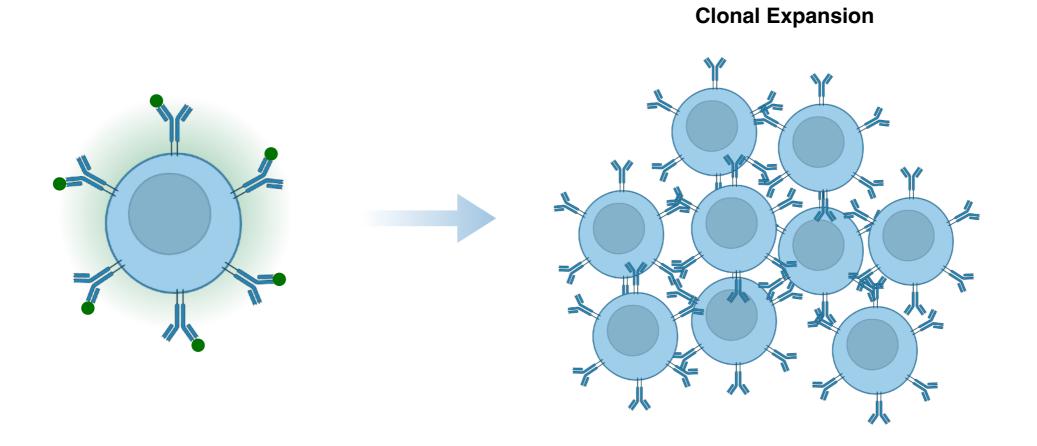
In blood or lymph

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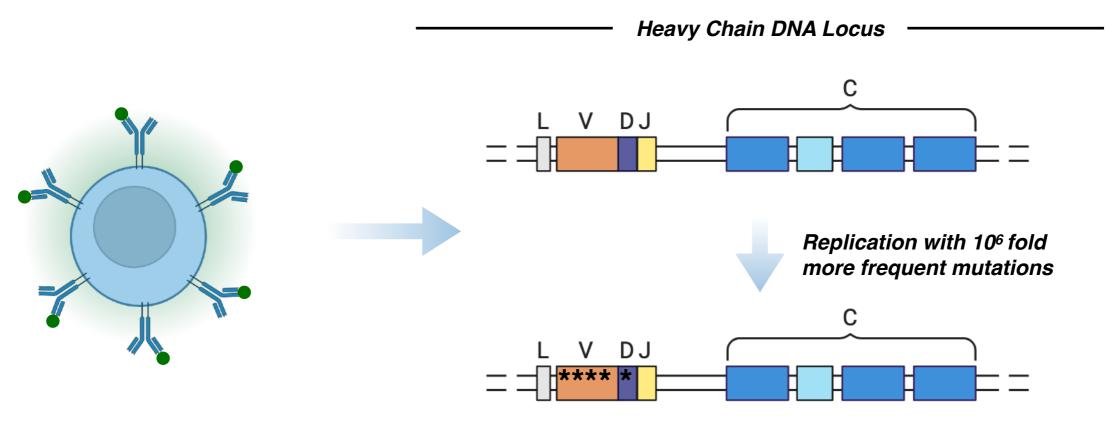
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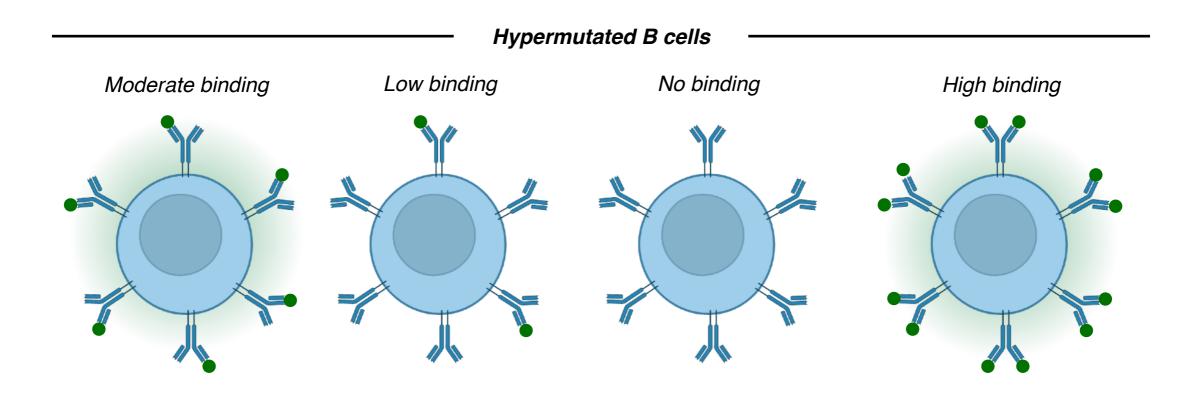
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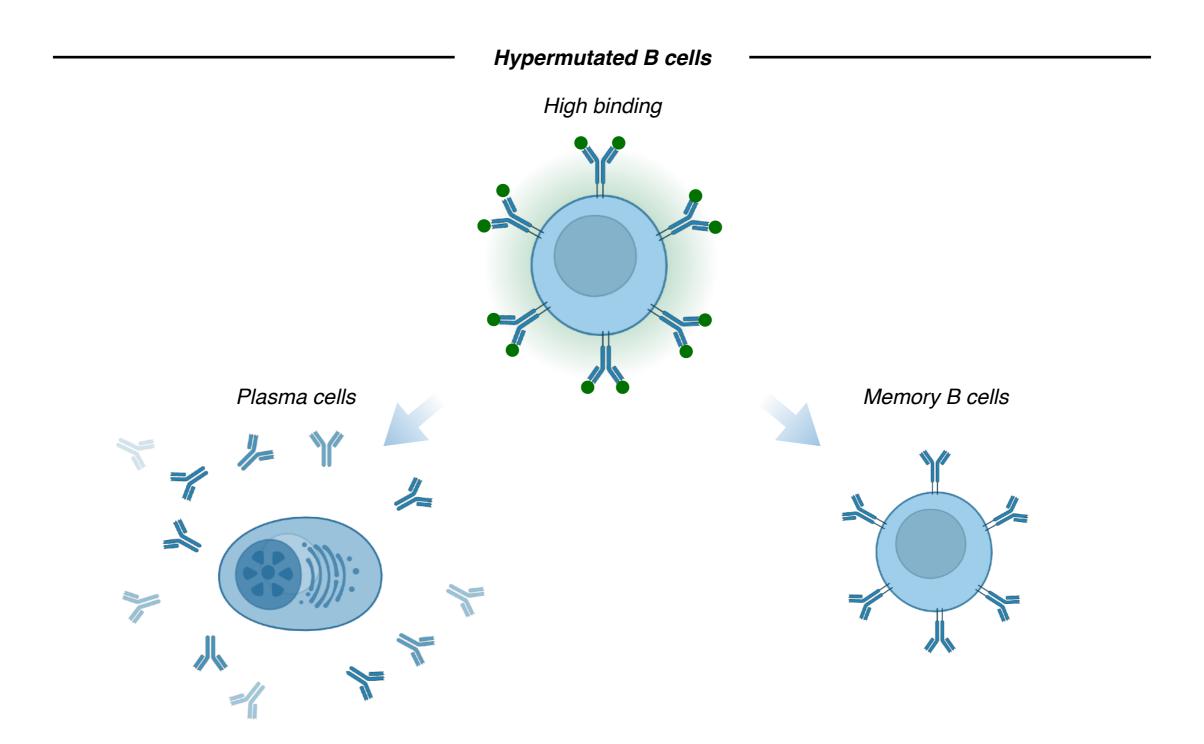


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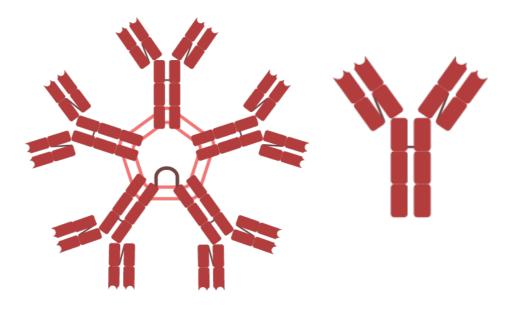


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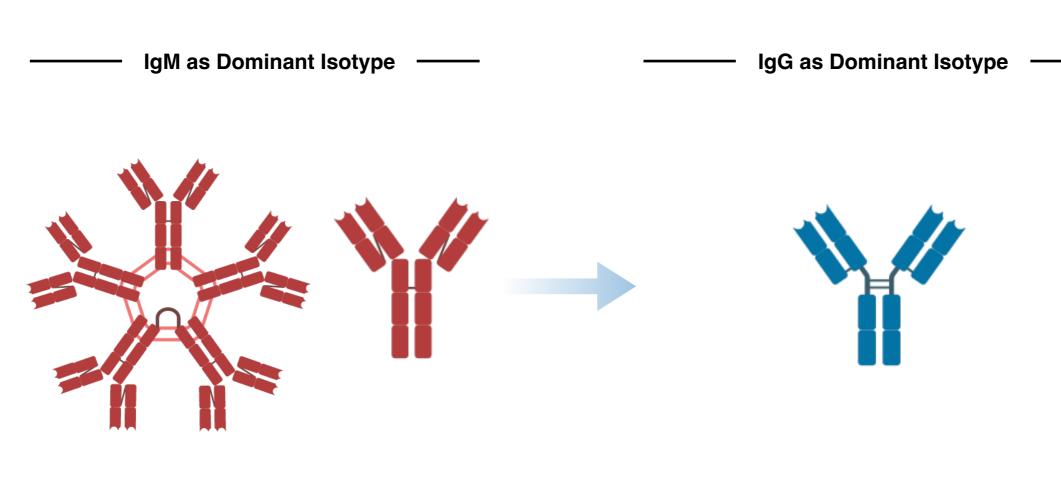


IgM as Dominant Isotype



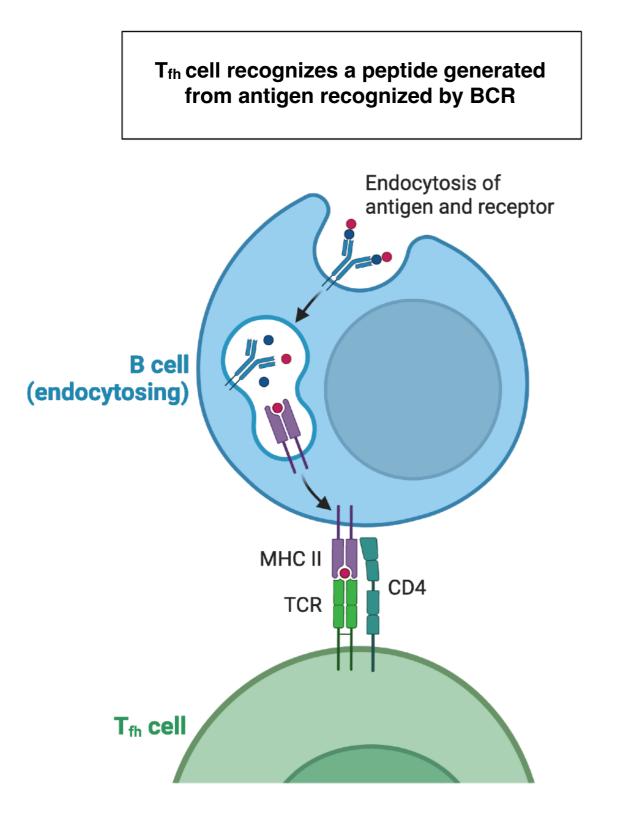
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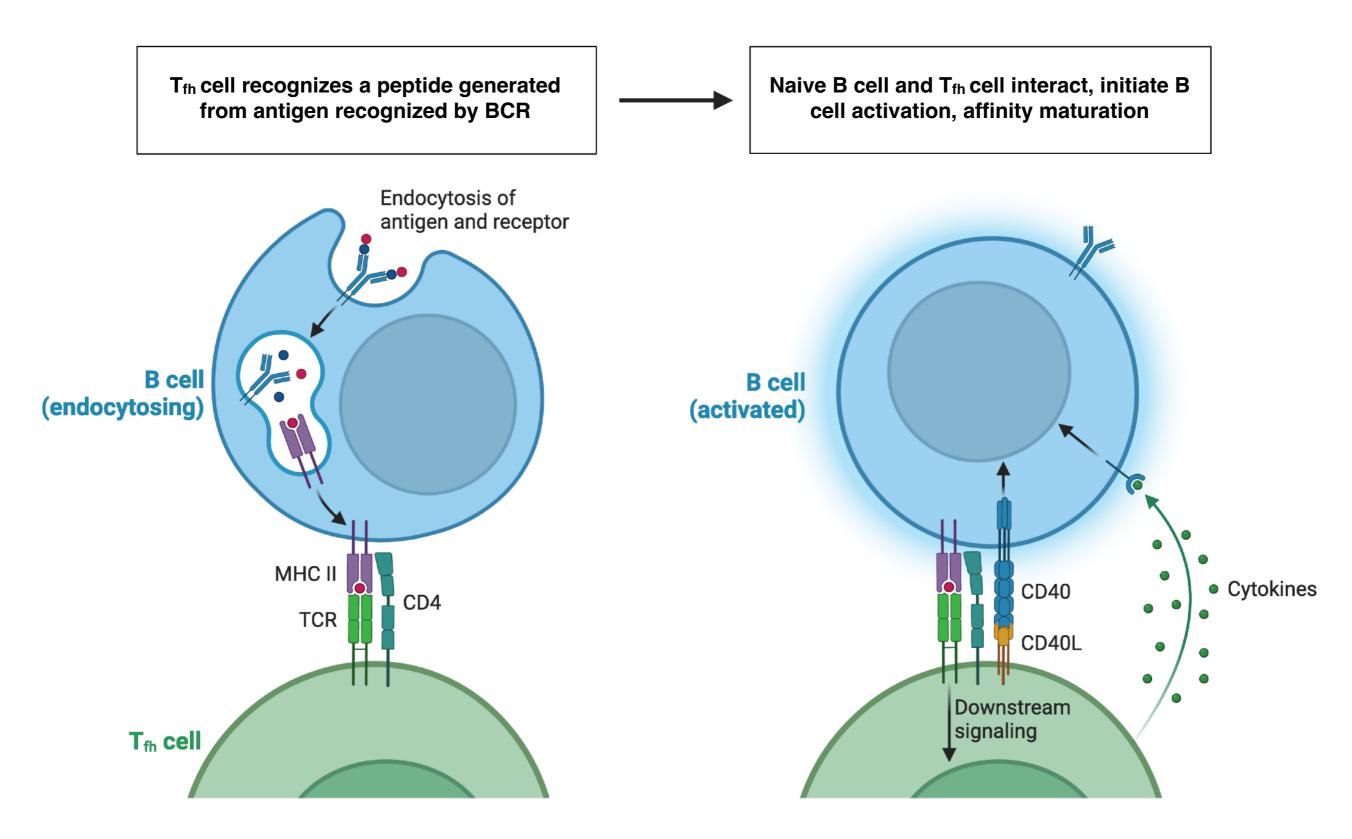
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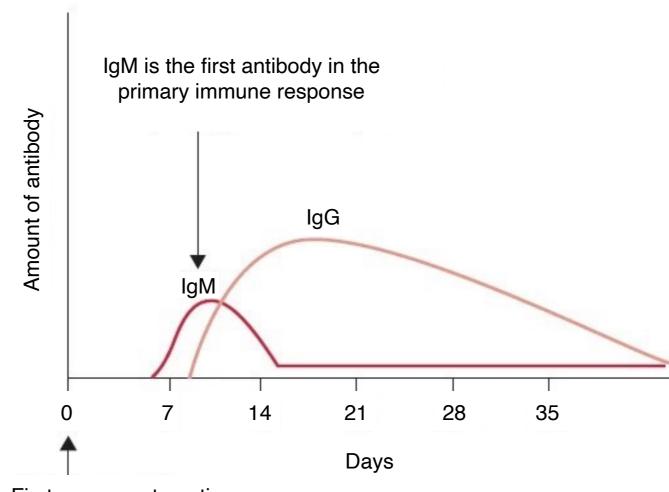


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Naturally lower affinity, less potent at promoting innate immunity Naturally higher affinity, more potent at promoting innate immunity



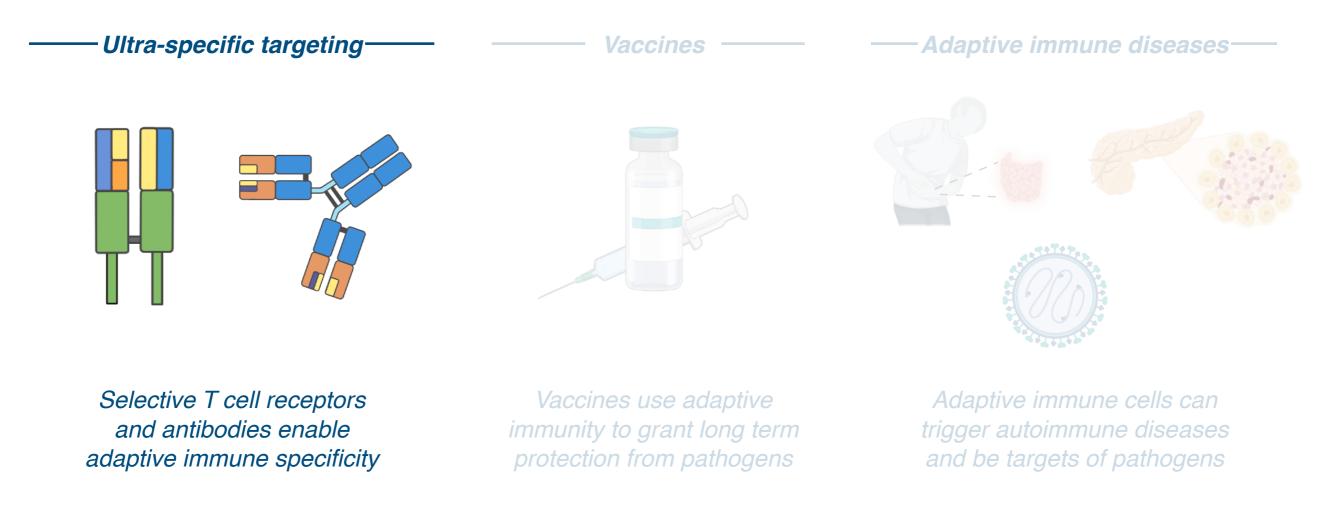




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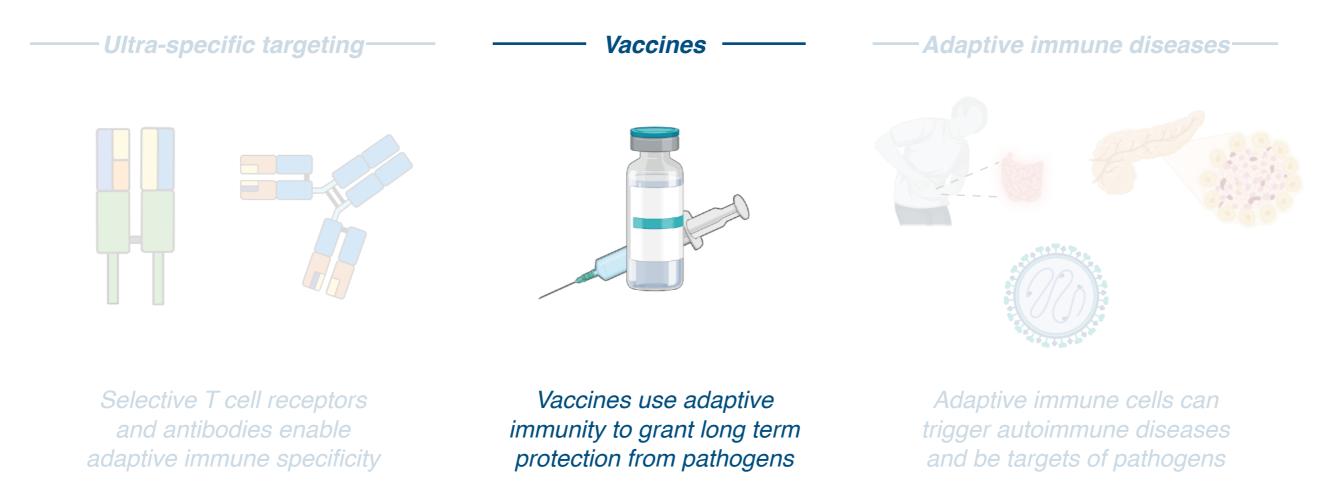
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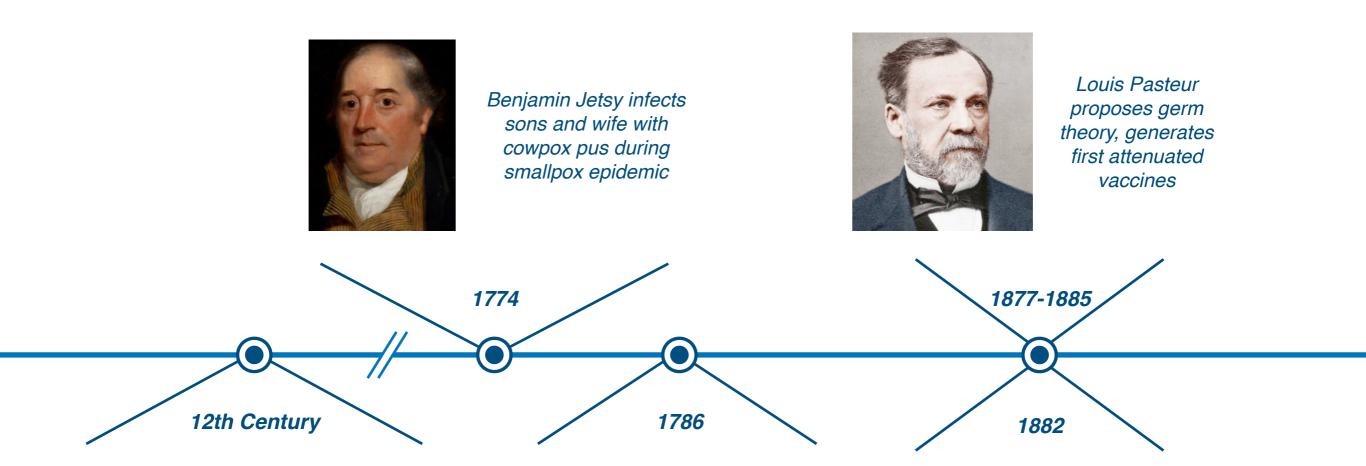
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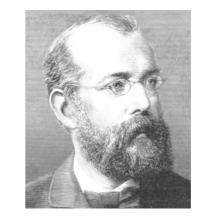




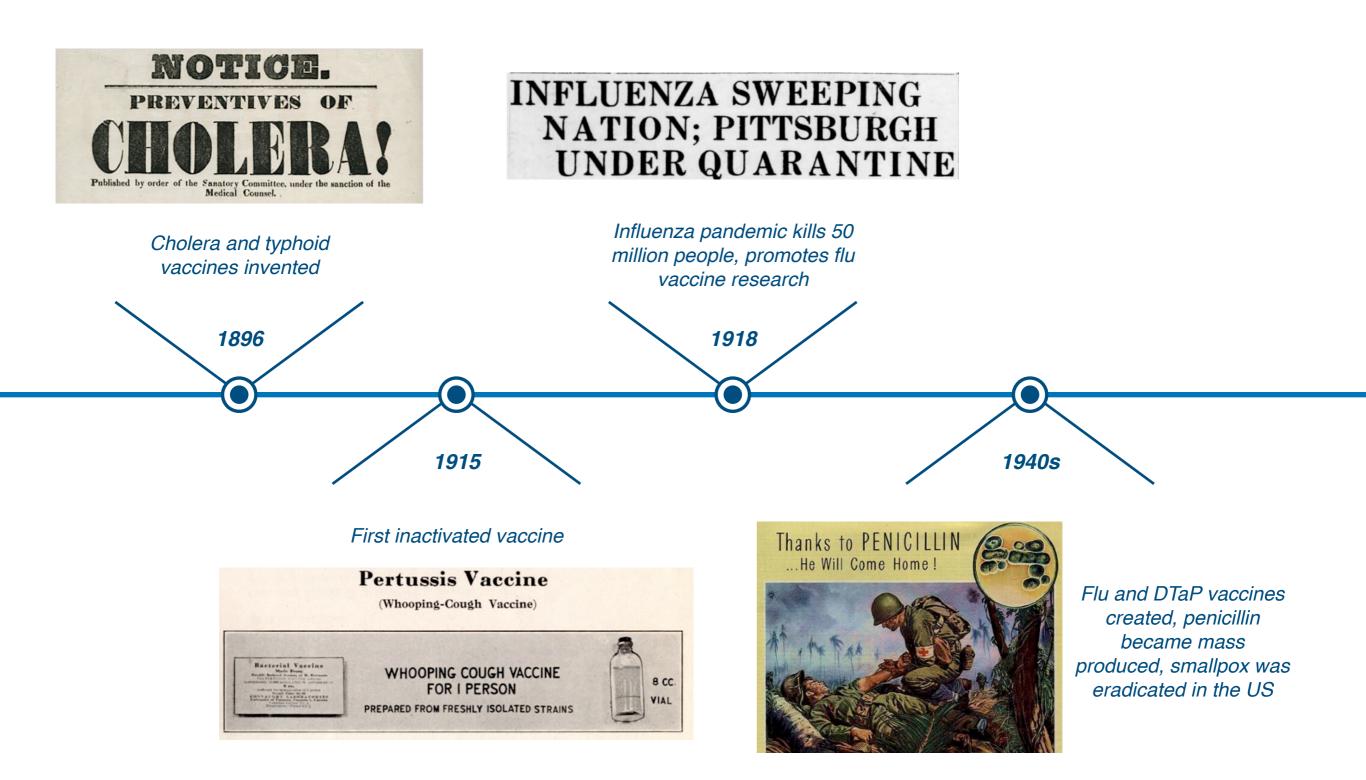
Variolation was developed in Turkey Africa, China, Europe

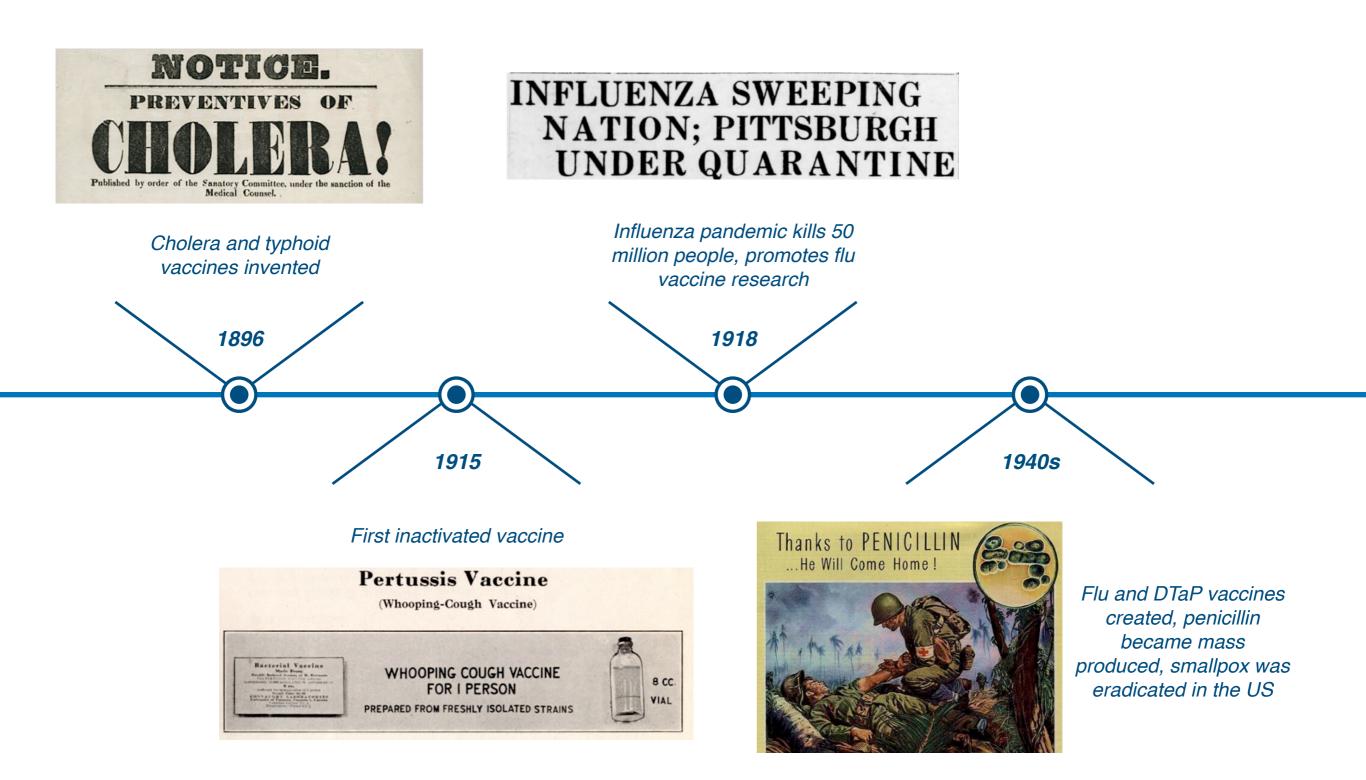


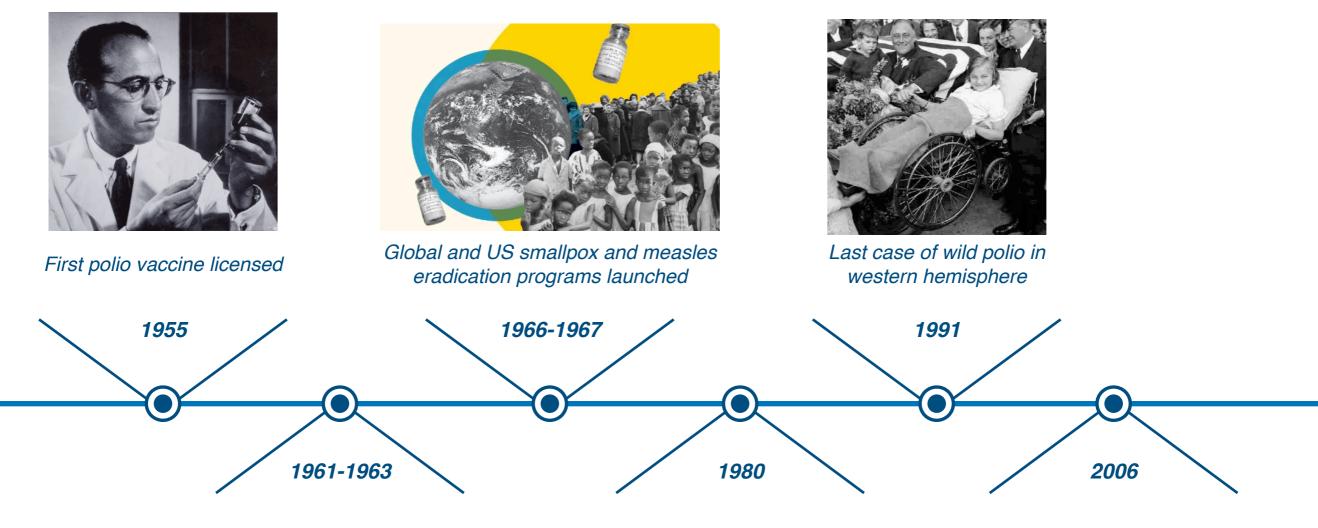
Edward Jenner inoculates child with cowpox, demonstrates immunity to smallpox



Robert Koch identifies M. tuberculosis as cause of tuberculosis





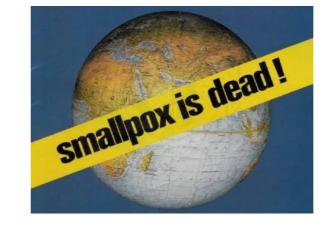


Trivalent live oral polio vaccine, numerous measles vaccines developed

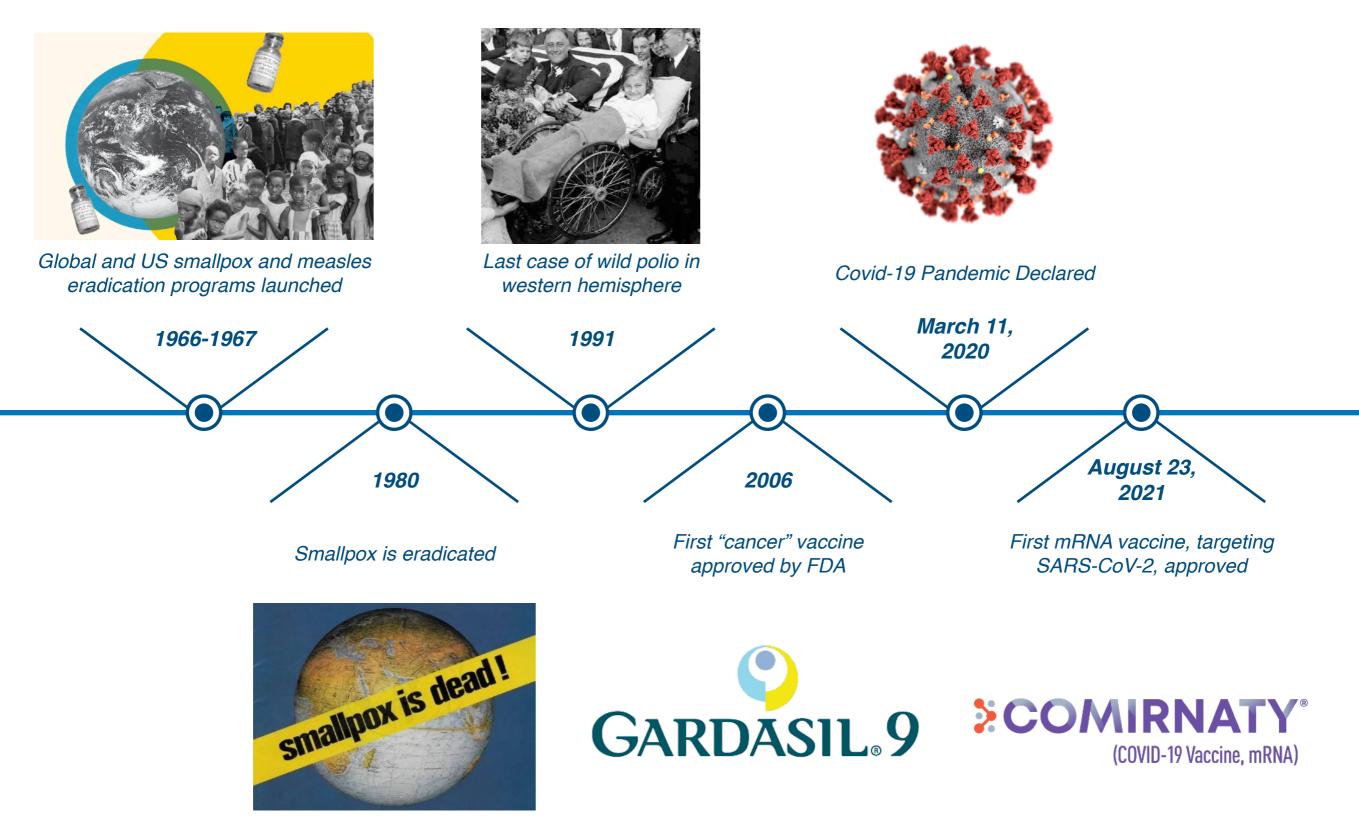
Smallpox is eradicated

First "cancer" vaccine approved by FDA

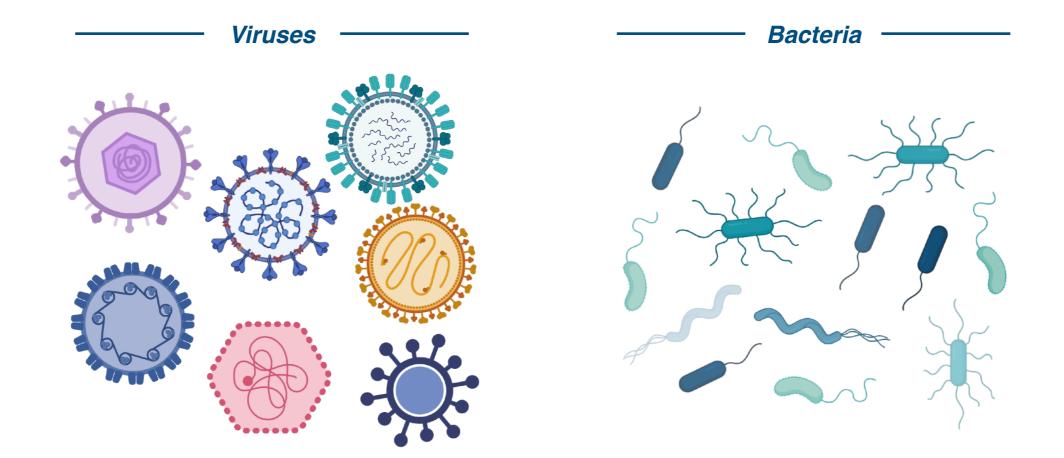








Vaccine preventable pathogens



Varicella, Influenza, Hepatitis A/B, HPV, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Poliovirus, Rotavirus, RSV, Rabies, Smallpox, Yellow Fever, Dengue, Shingles Diphtheria, HiB, Meningococcal, Clostridium tetani, Bordetella pertussis, Mycobaterium tuberculosis

>20 Vaccine preventable viruses and bacteria

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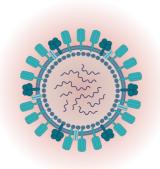
2023 Recommended Immunizations for Children from Birth Through 6 Years Old

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VACCINE		MONTH	MONTHS	MONTHS	MONTHS	MONTHS	MONTHS	MONTHS	MONTHS	YEARS	YEARS
HepB Hepatitis B	НерВ НерВ			НерВ							
RV* Rotavirus			RV	RV	RV*						
DTaP Diphtheria, Pertussis, & Tetanus			DTaP	DTaP	DTaP		D	Тар			DTaP
Hib* Haemophilus Influenzae type b			Hib	НЬ	Hib*	н	lib				
PCV13, PCV15 meumococcal disease			PCV	PCV	PCV	P	cv				
PV			IPV	IPV			PV				IPV
COVID-19** Coronavirus disease 2019								COVID-19**			
Flu† nfluenza					Flu (One or Two Doses Yearly)†						
MMR Measles, Mumps, & Rubella						м	MR				MMR
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						HepA*		Не	pA*		

Classes of vaccine

Traditional Vaccines

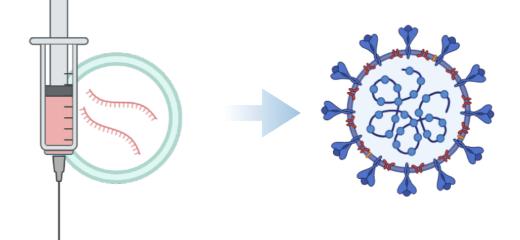
RNA Vaccines



Inactivated (killed) e.g. HepA, Flu, Polio



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mRNA vaccine against SARS-CoV-2

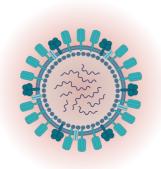


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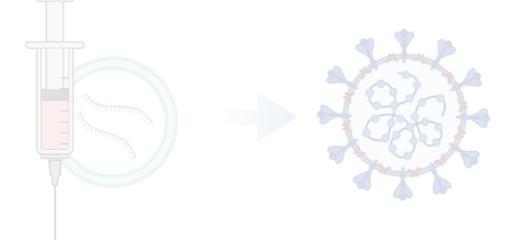
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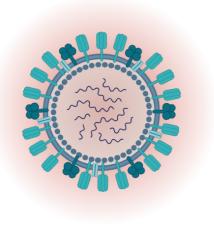
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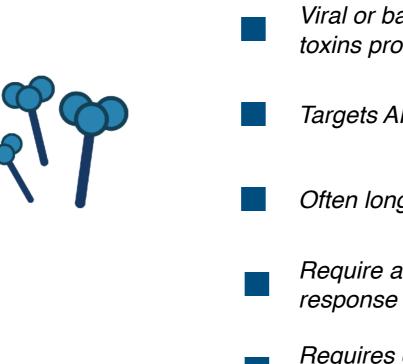
Inactivated Vaccines

- Inactivated with heat or chemicals (ethylenimine, formaldehyde)
- Incredibly safe, cannot cause infection
- Stable, easily mass produced
- Primarily function through initial BCR activation
 - Weaker immune activation
- Requires numerous doses



Live Attenuated Vaccines

- In vitro viral passaging results in mutations depleting viral dangers
- Target macrophages and dendritic cells
- Potent, provide long lasting immunity
- Require refrigeration to remain stable
- Attenuated virus can regain pathogenicity, can rarely cause disease outbreaks



Subunit/Toxoid Vaccines

Viral or bacterial proteins or inactivated toxins promote immunity

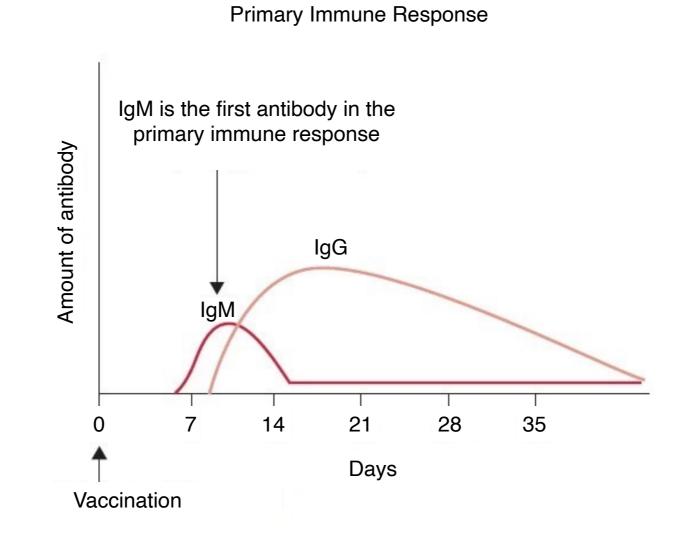
Targets APCs and BCR

Often long lasting immunity, very safe

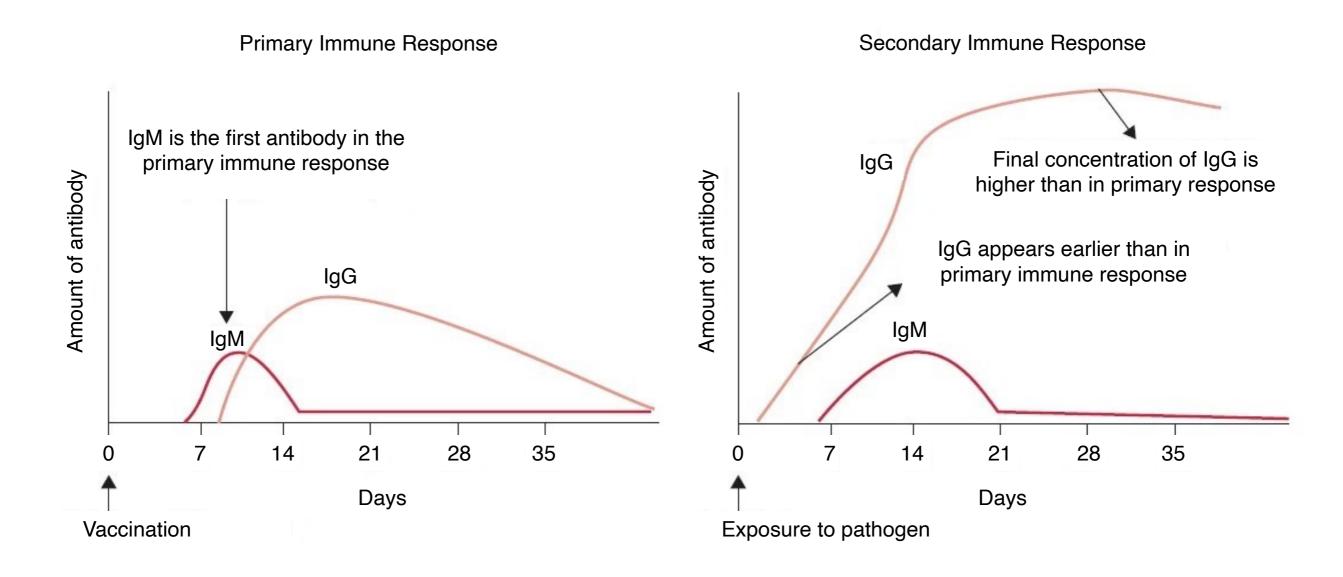
Require adjuvant to boost immune response

Requires optimization of adjuvant and subunit to promote proper immunity

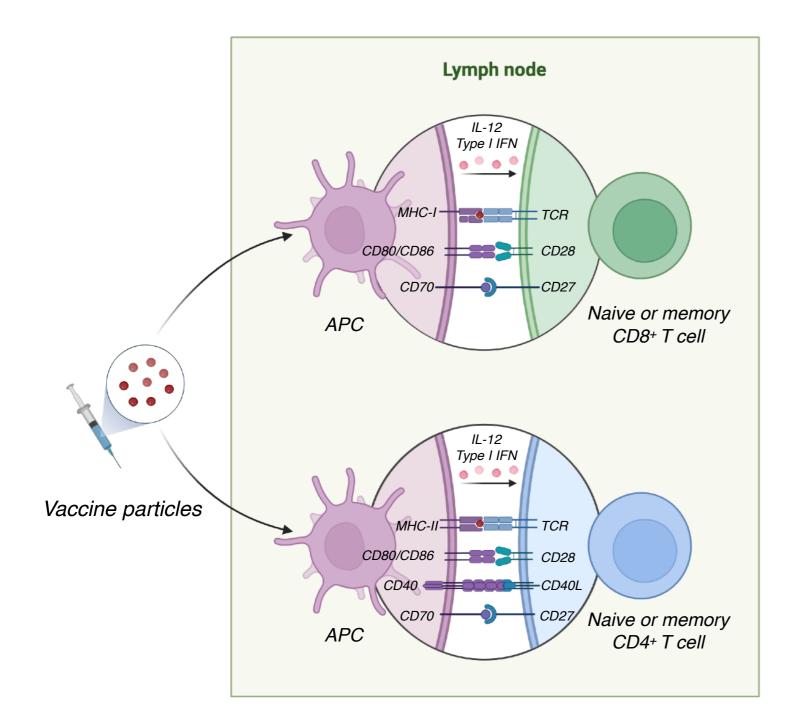
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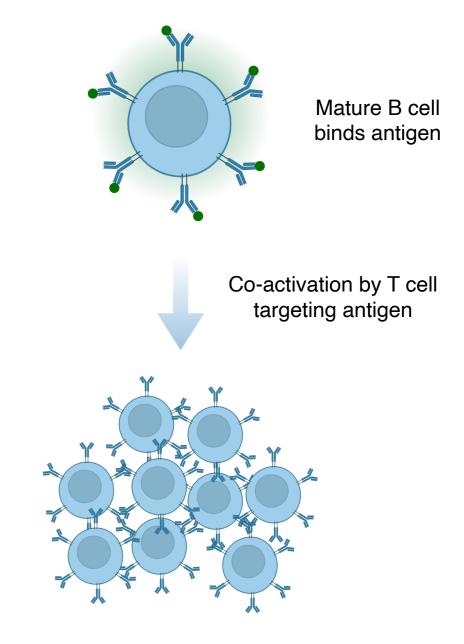


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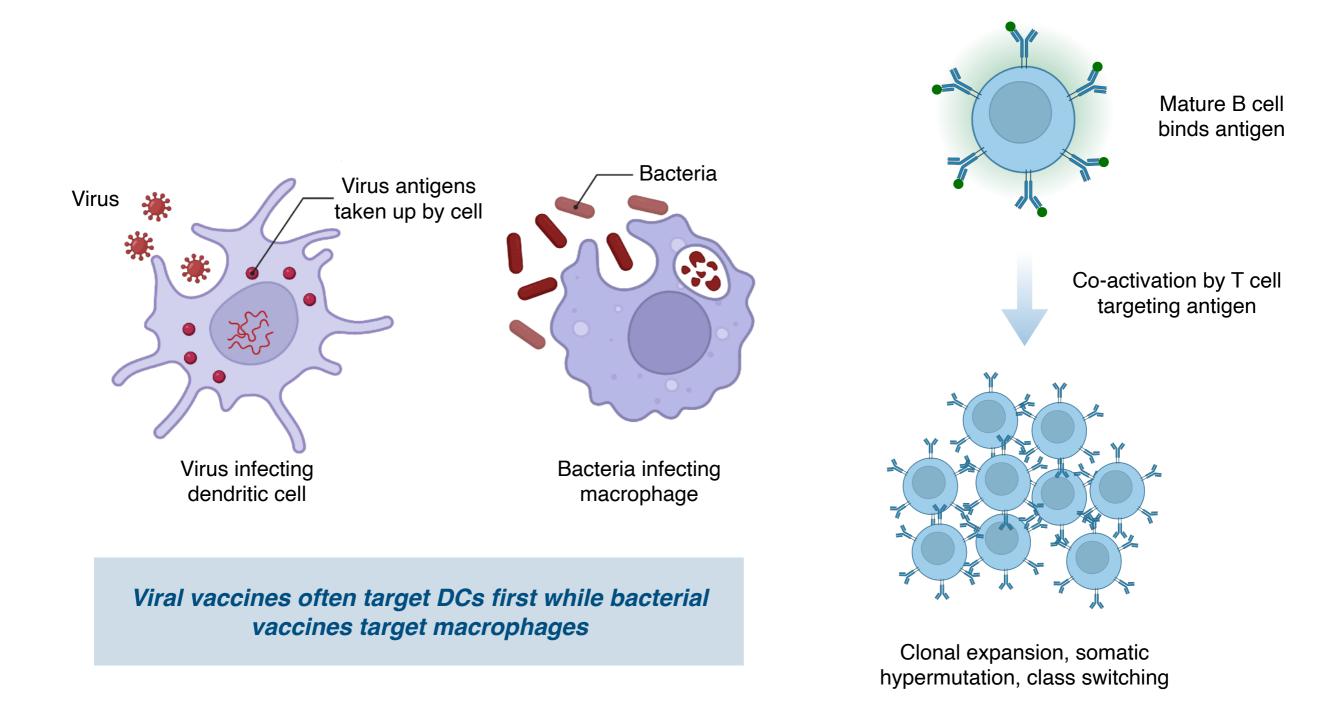
Vaccination mechanism





Clonal expansion, somatic hypermutation, class switching

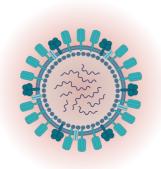
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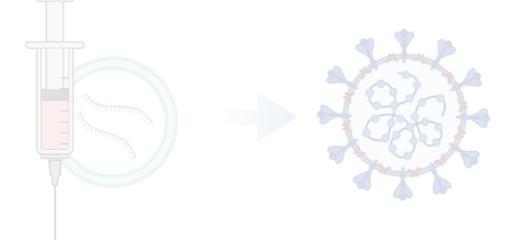
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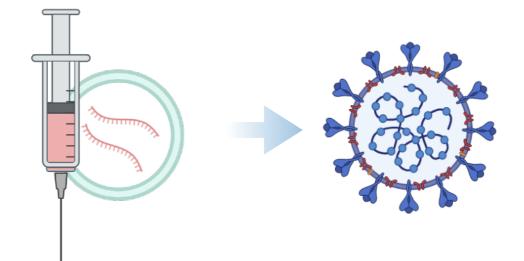
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Live attenuated e.g. MMR, Rotavirus, Smallpox, Chickenpox



Subunit/Toxoid HepB, HPV, Diphtheria, Tetanus, Meningococcal



mRNA vaccine against SARS-CoV-2

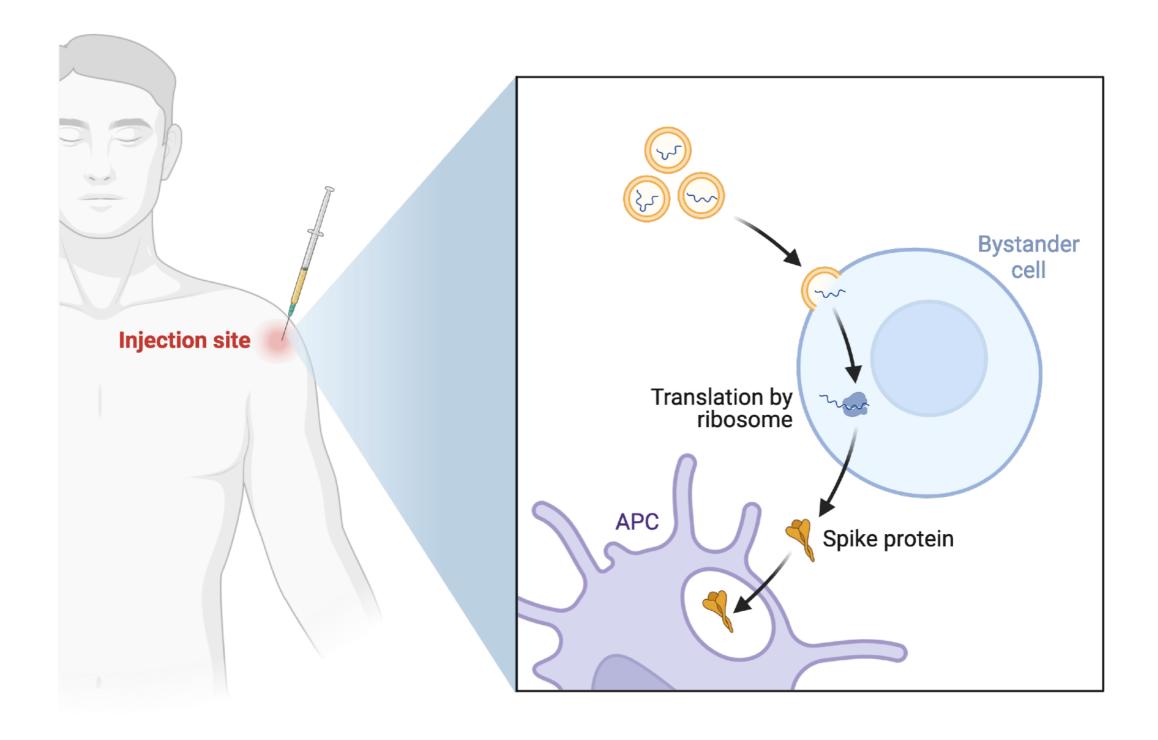
Vaccines: Frontline Protection from Viral and other Diseases mRNA vaccine function

The New York Times

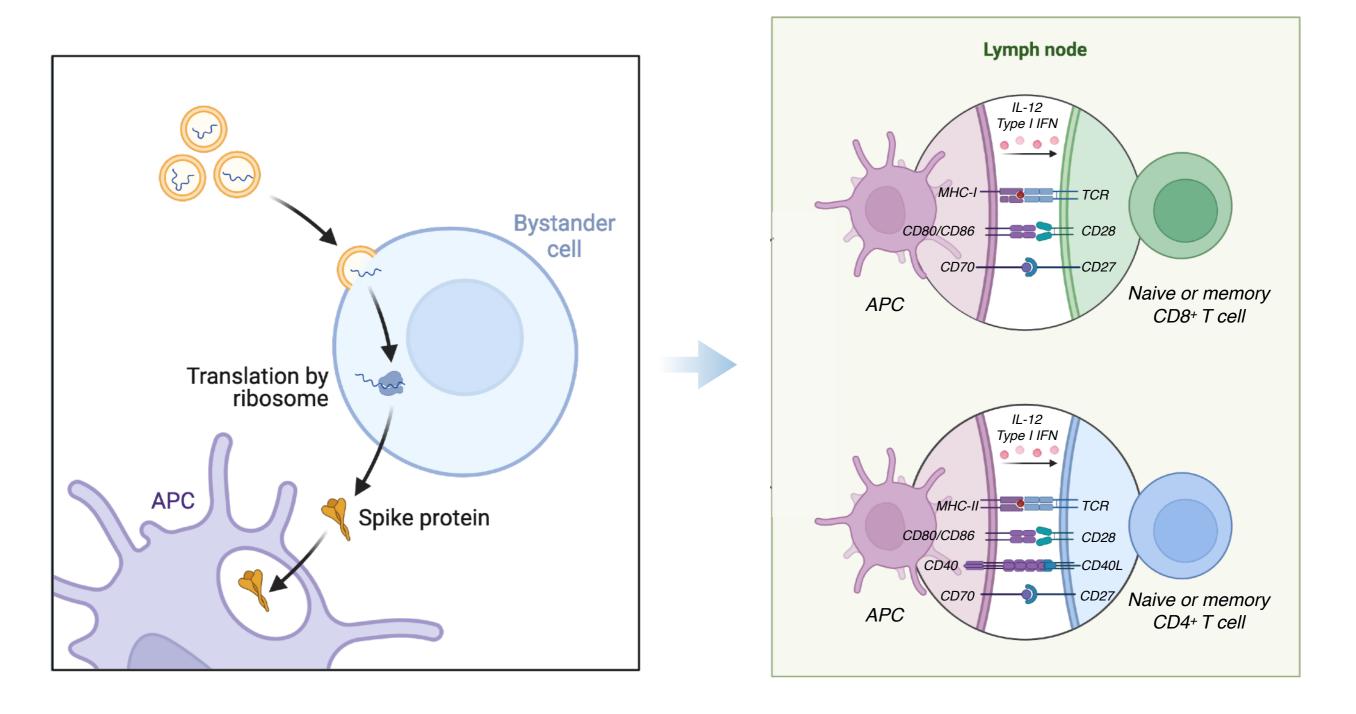
New Pfizer Results: Coronavirus Vaccine Is Safe and 95% Effective

The company said it planned to apply for emergency approval from the Food and Drug Administration "within days."

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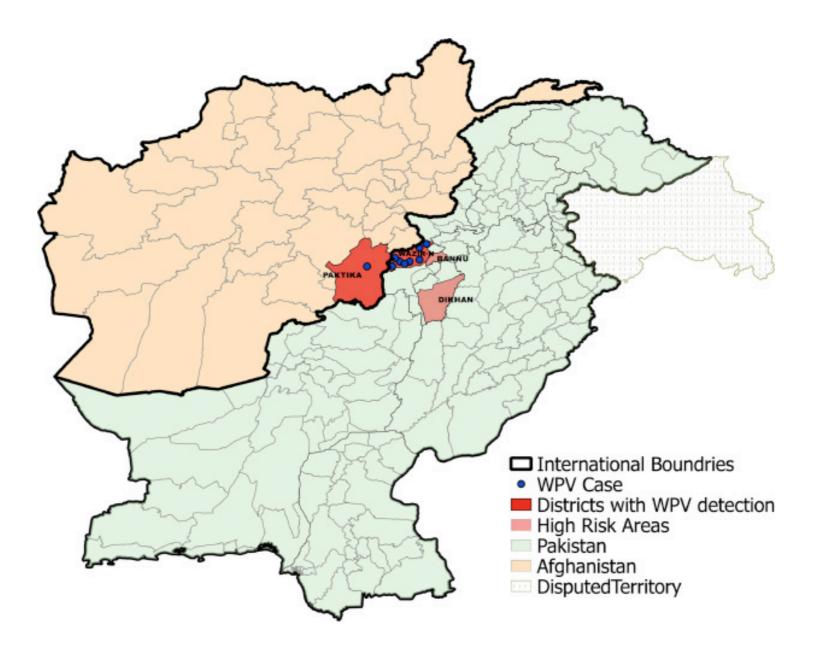
Why are certain types of vaccines used instead of others?

Before widespread immunization, Polio caused 500,000 deaths or paralyzes per year

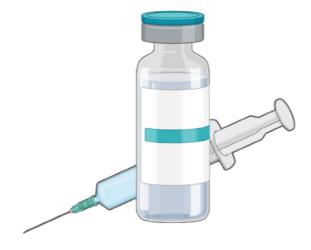




Only two countries with endemic poliovirus as of 2020



— Inactivated poliovirus vaccine (IPV) — — Oral Poliovirus Vaccines (OPVs) —





Contains inactivated version of all 3 polio strains

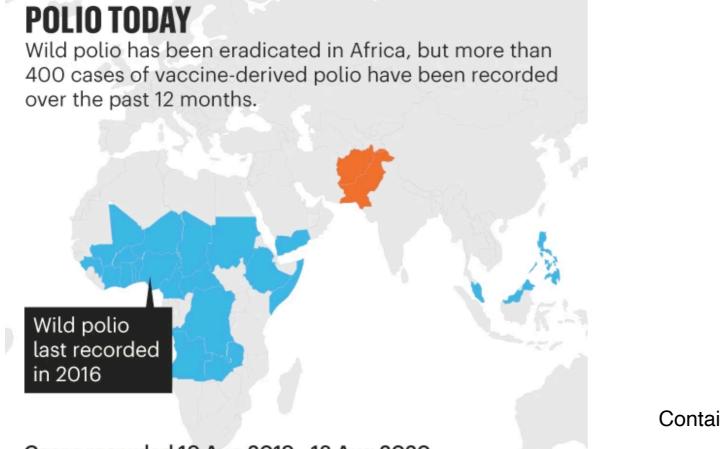
Promotes immunity in bloodstream, prevents disease but less effective at infection prevention

Cannot cause paralysis

Contains attenuated version of 1-3 polio strains

Promotes immunity in intestine, prevents paralysis and transmission

Attenuated virus mutates and causes paralysis, infectious disease in 1 out of 2.4 million cases.



Cases recorded 19 Aug 2019 - 18 Aug 2020

- Vaccine-derived polio cases
- Wild polio cases

(in addition to vaccine-derived polio cases)

— Oral Poliovirus Vaccines (OPVs) ——



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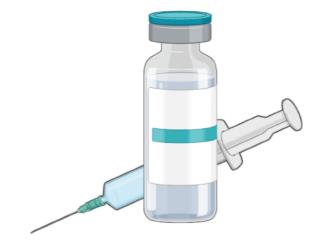
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Why is OPV used anywhere?

— Inactivated poliovirus vaccine (IPV) — — Oral Poliovirus Vaccines (OPVs) —



Cost per dose: \$2.74

Administration cost per dose: \$1.78

Total cost per dose: \$4.52

Protects individual



Cost per dose: \$0.13 Administration cost per dose: \$0.95

Total cose per dose: \$1.08

Protects community

Socioeconomic factors play large role in vaccine usage, availability

Thompson, K. M., Kalkowsa, D. A. Risk. Anal. 2021, 41(2), 349-363.

Novel Oral Poliovirus Vaccines (nOPVs)



Novel gene editing and analysis enabled next generation vaccines

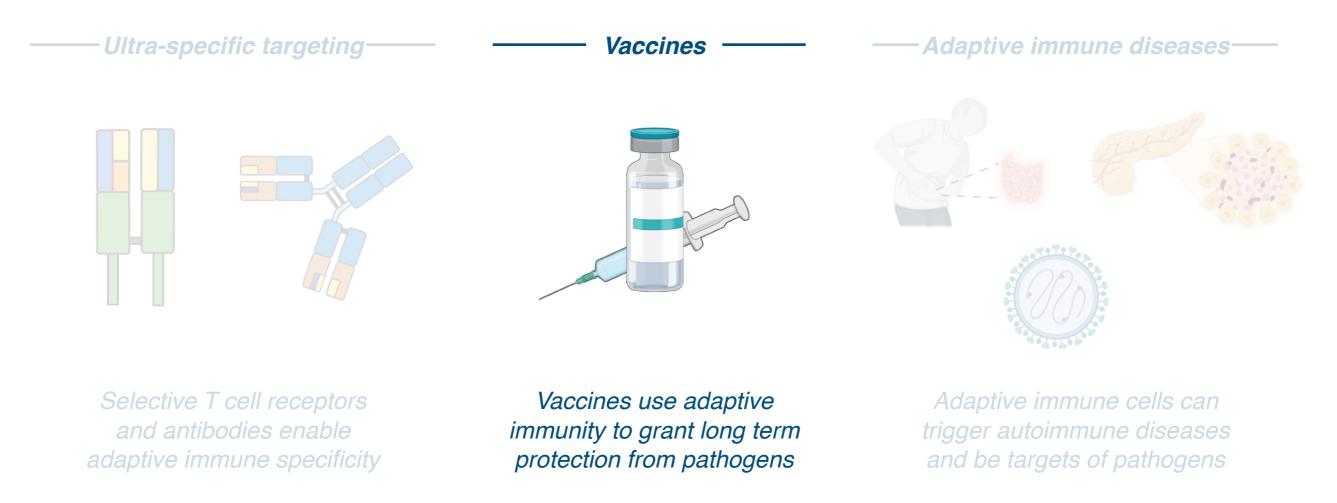
Approved in March 2021, over one billion doses administered

Used in controlling vaccine derived polio outbreaks

Macklin, G. R. Vaccine. 2023, 41, A122-A127.

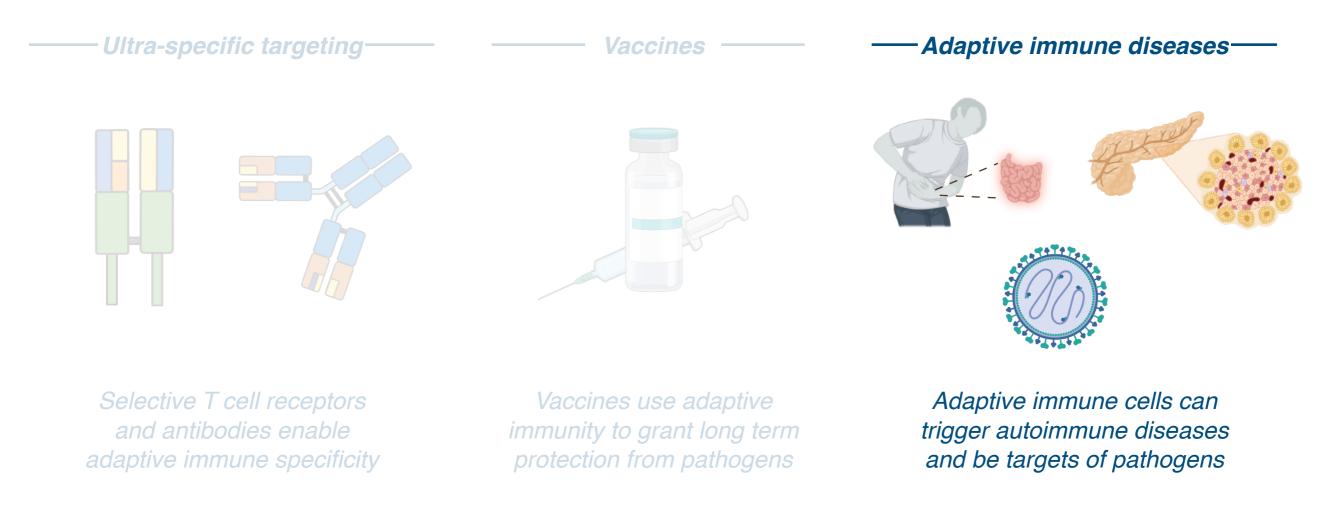
Adaptive Immune System

Enabling aspects and failures of adaptive immunity



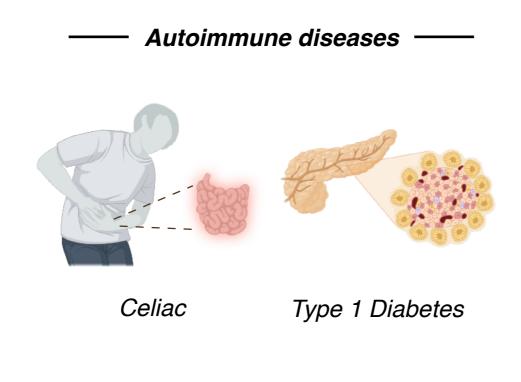
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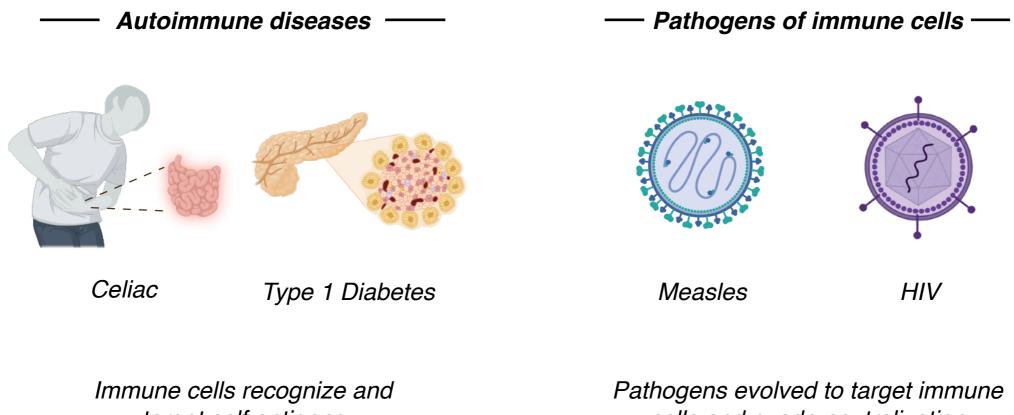
Failures and pathogens of adaptive immune cells



Immune cells recognize and target self antigens

Adaptive Immune Diseases

Failures and pathogens of adaptive immune cells



target self antigens

cells and evade neutralization

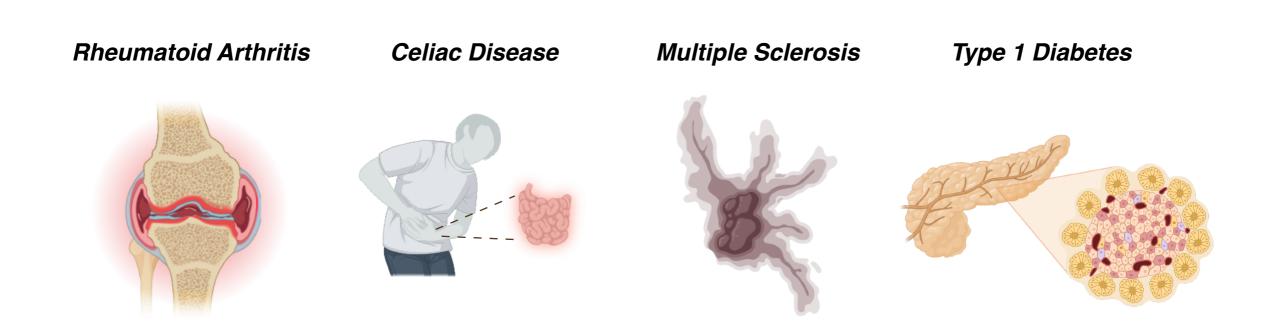
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Autoimmune Diseases

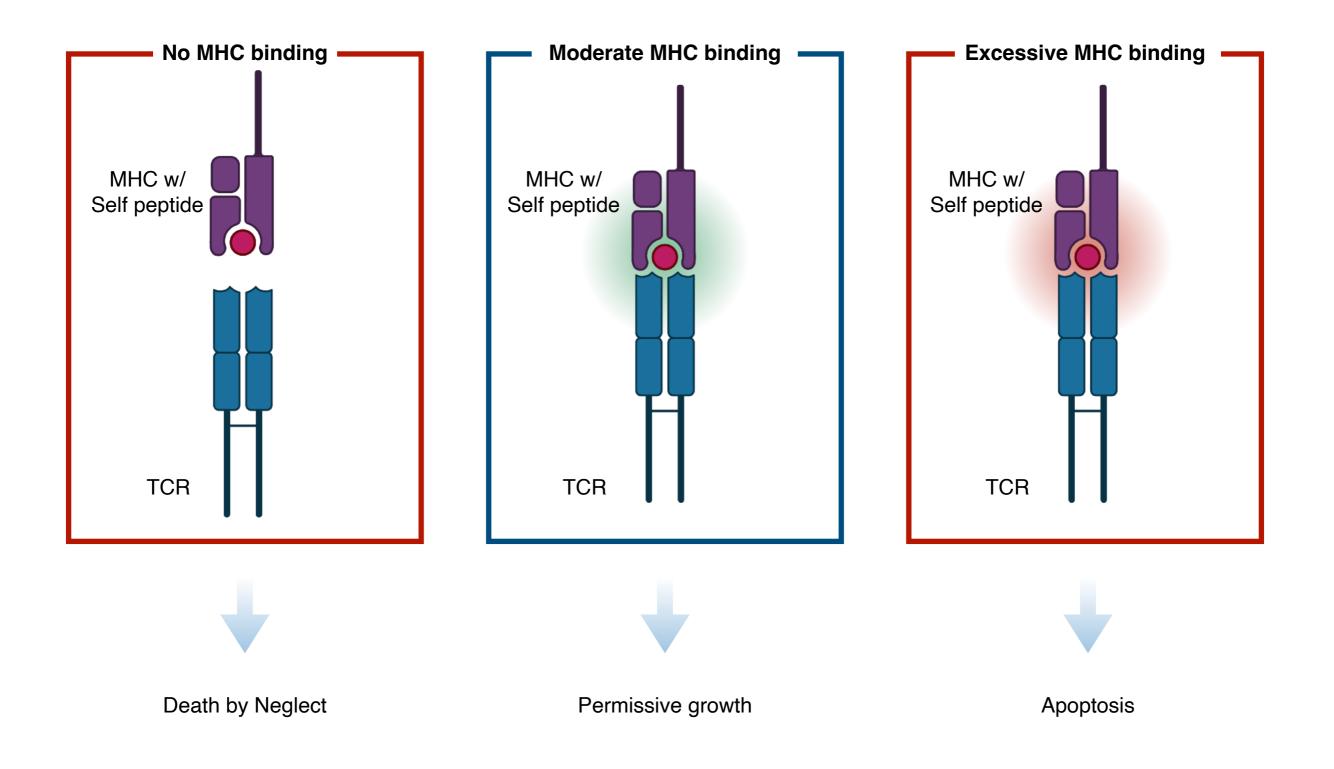
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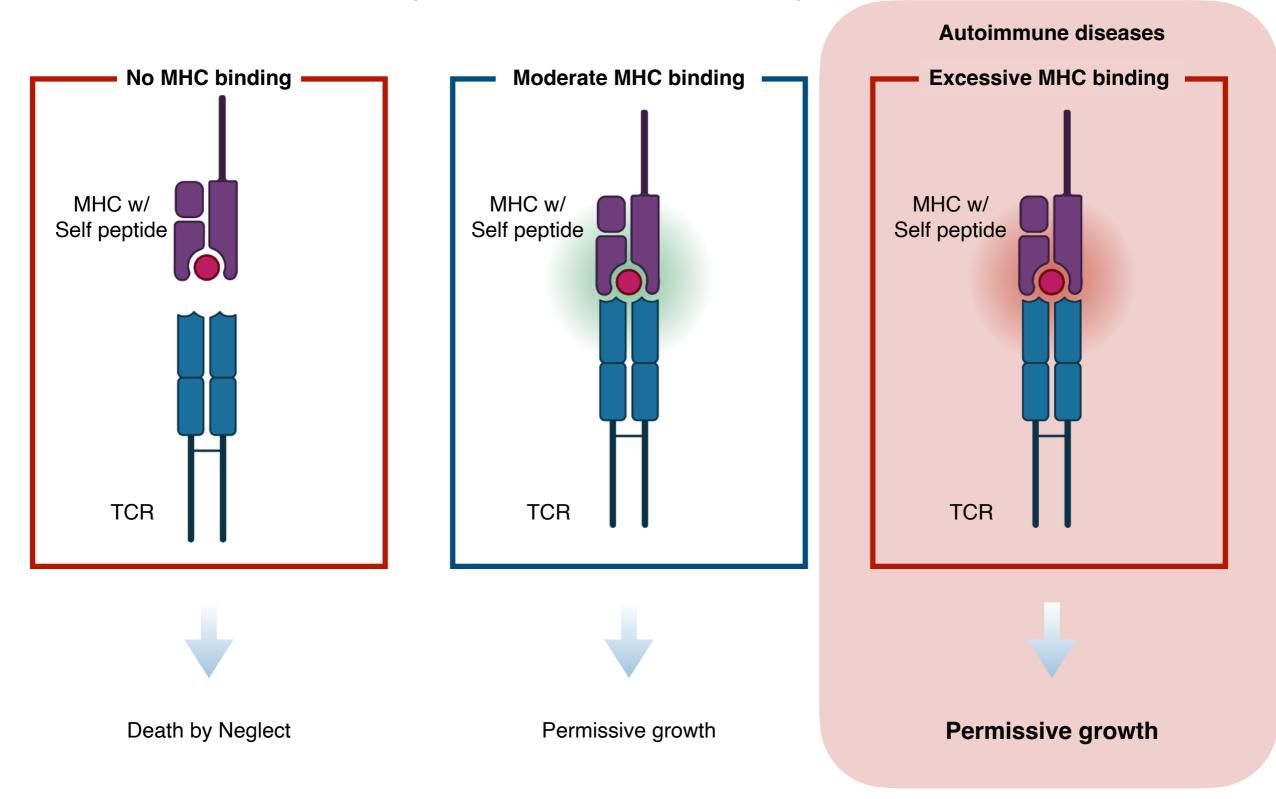
Wide variety of autoimmune diseases resulting from immune targeting of distinct tissues, organs, or non-specific self proteins

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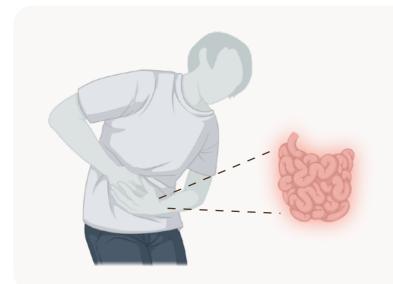
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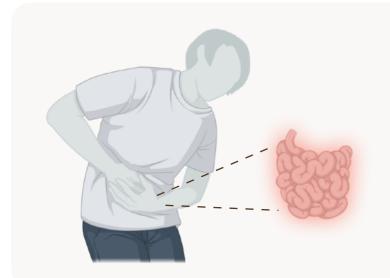
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Celiac Disease

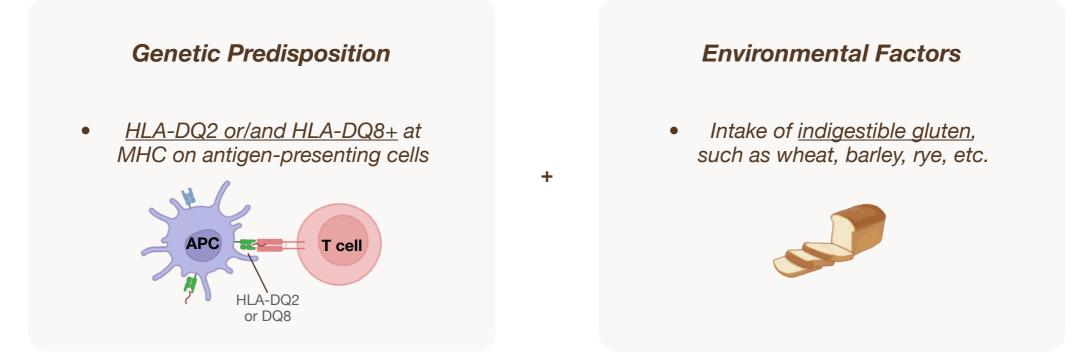
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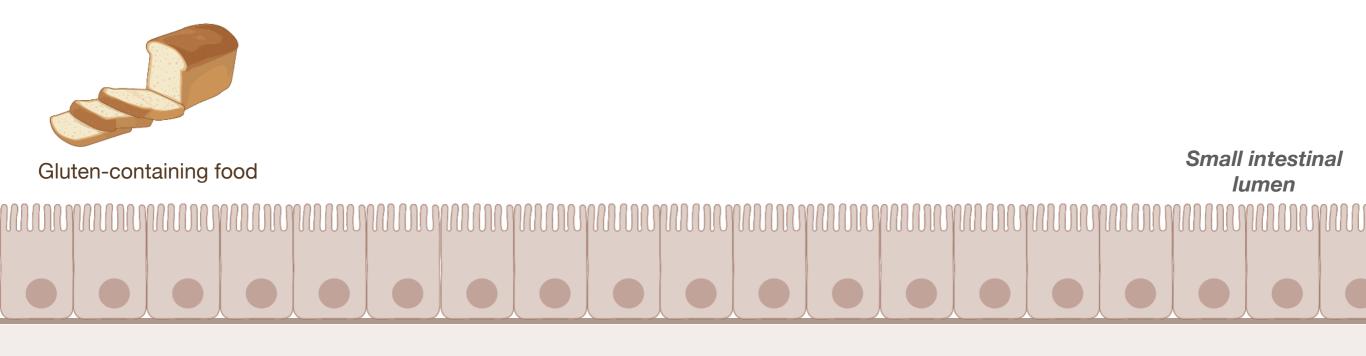
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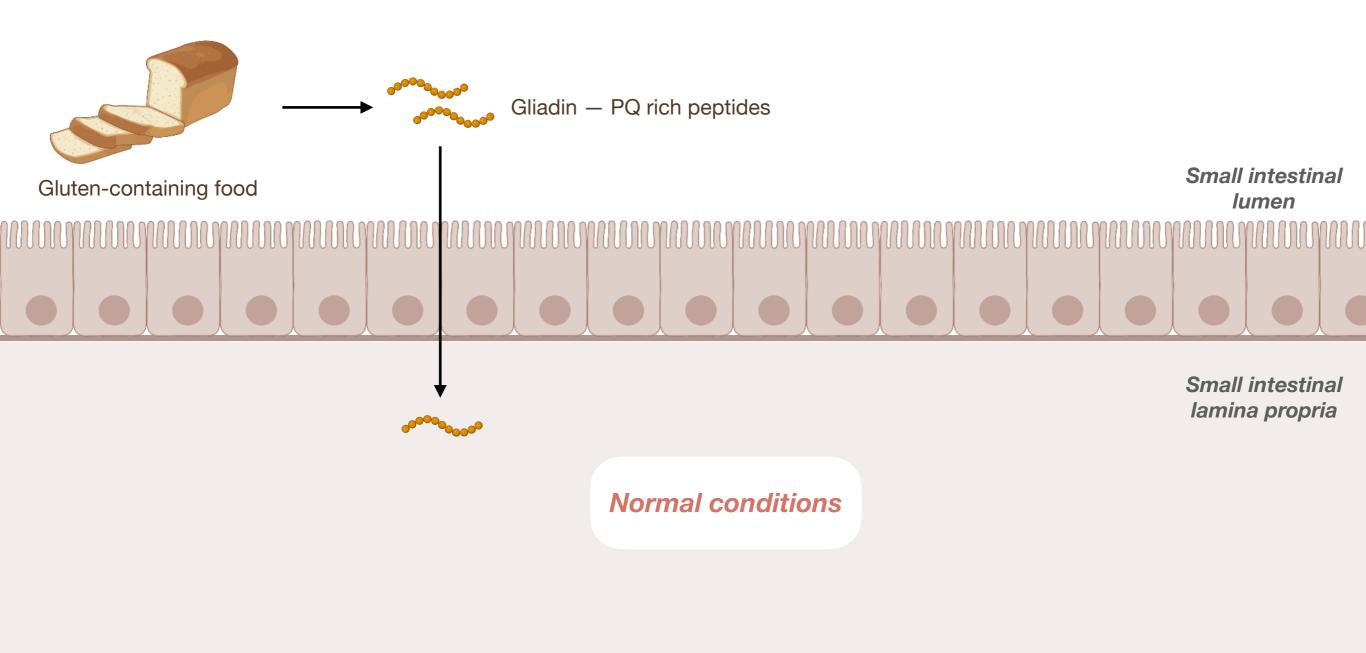
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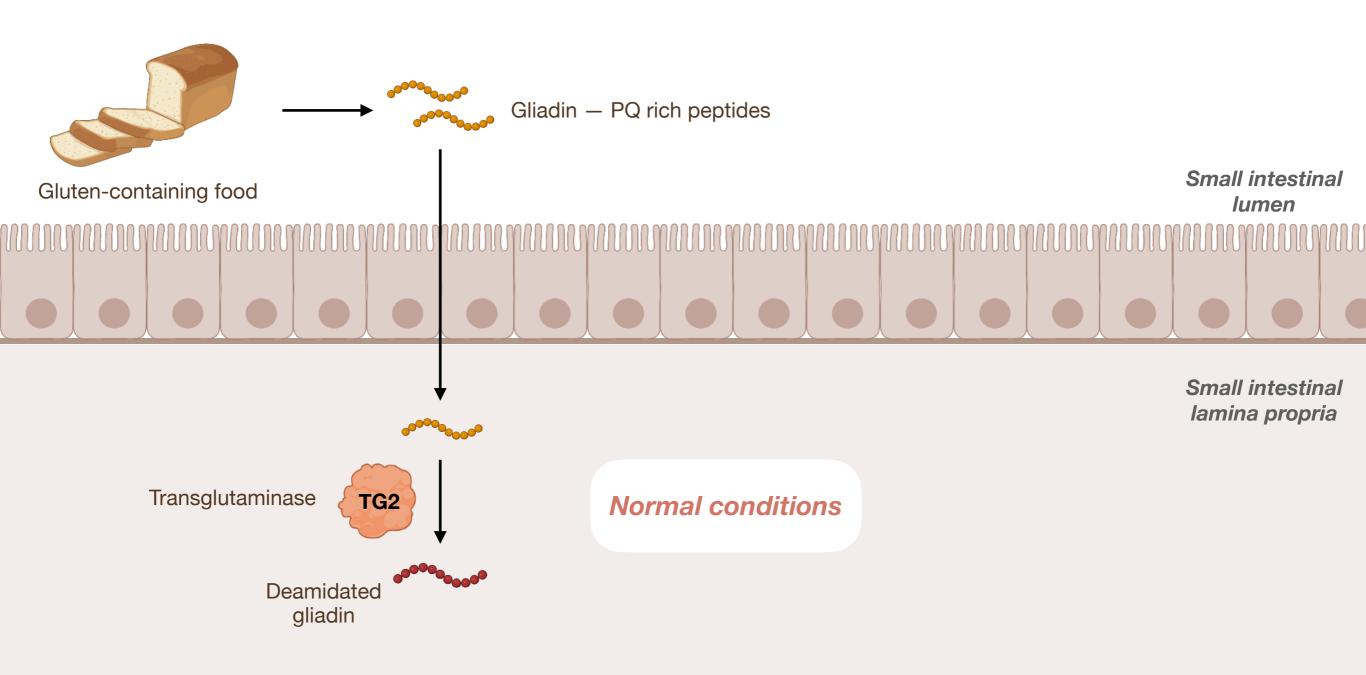


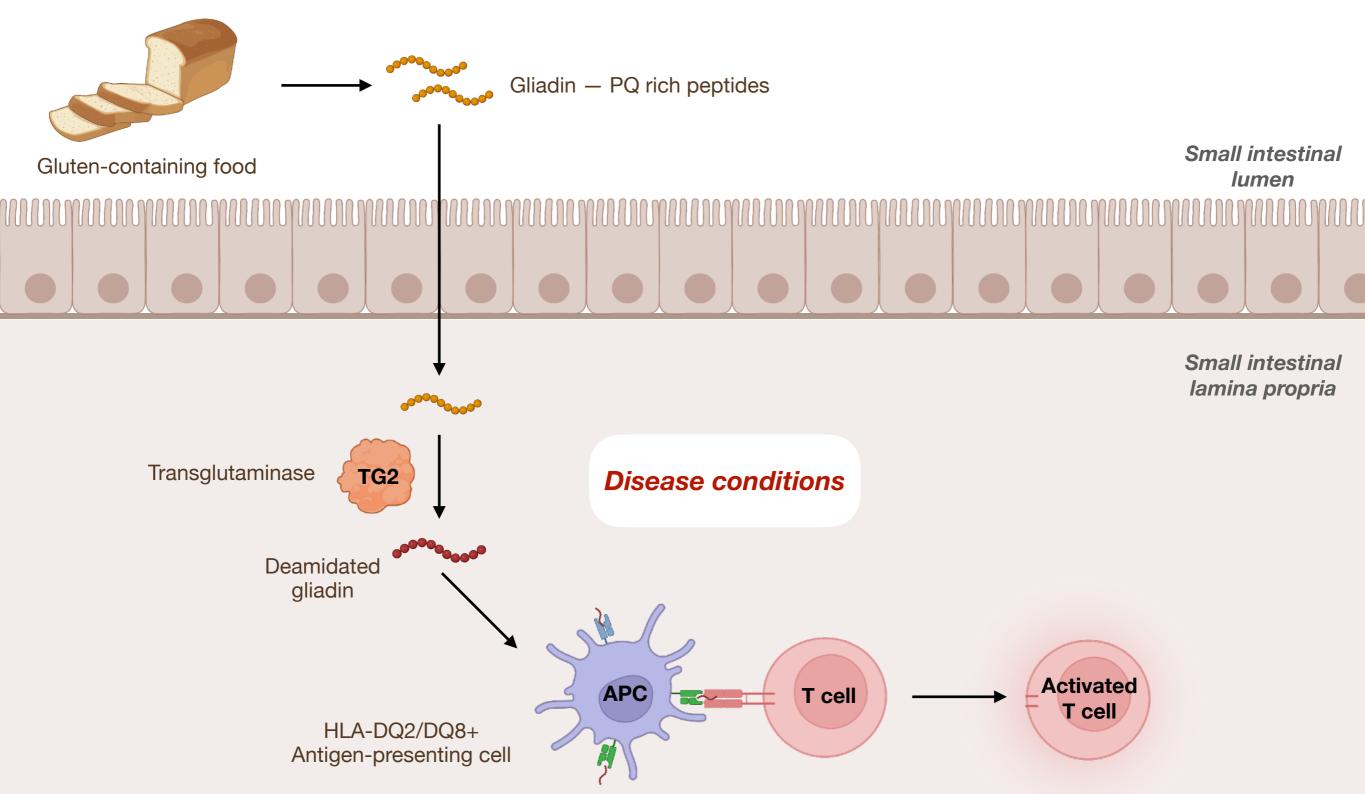
Small intestinal lamina propria

Normal conditions

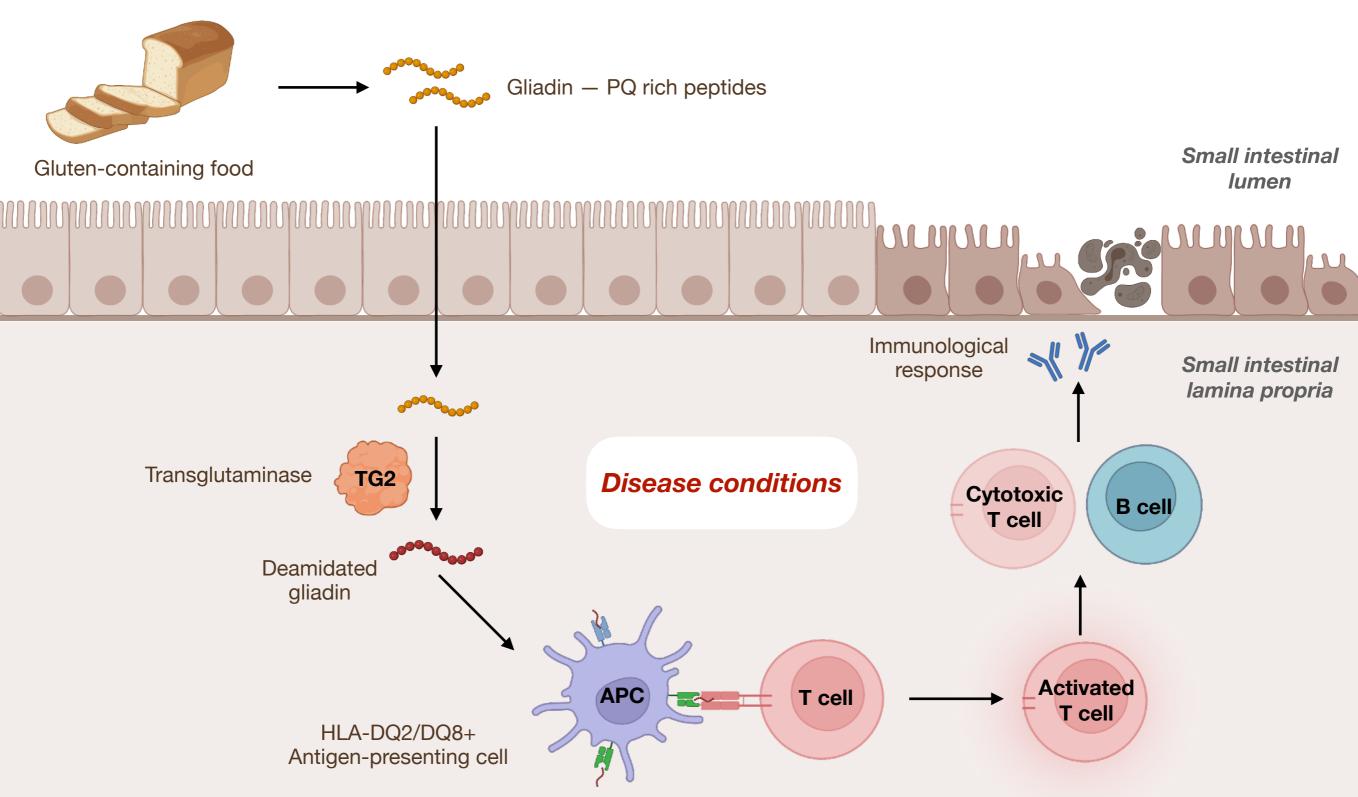
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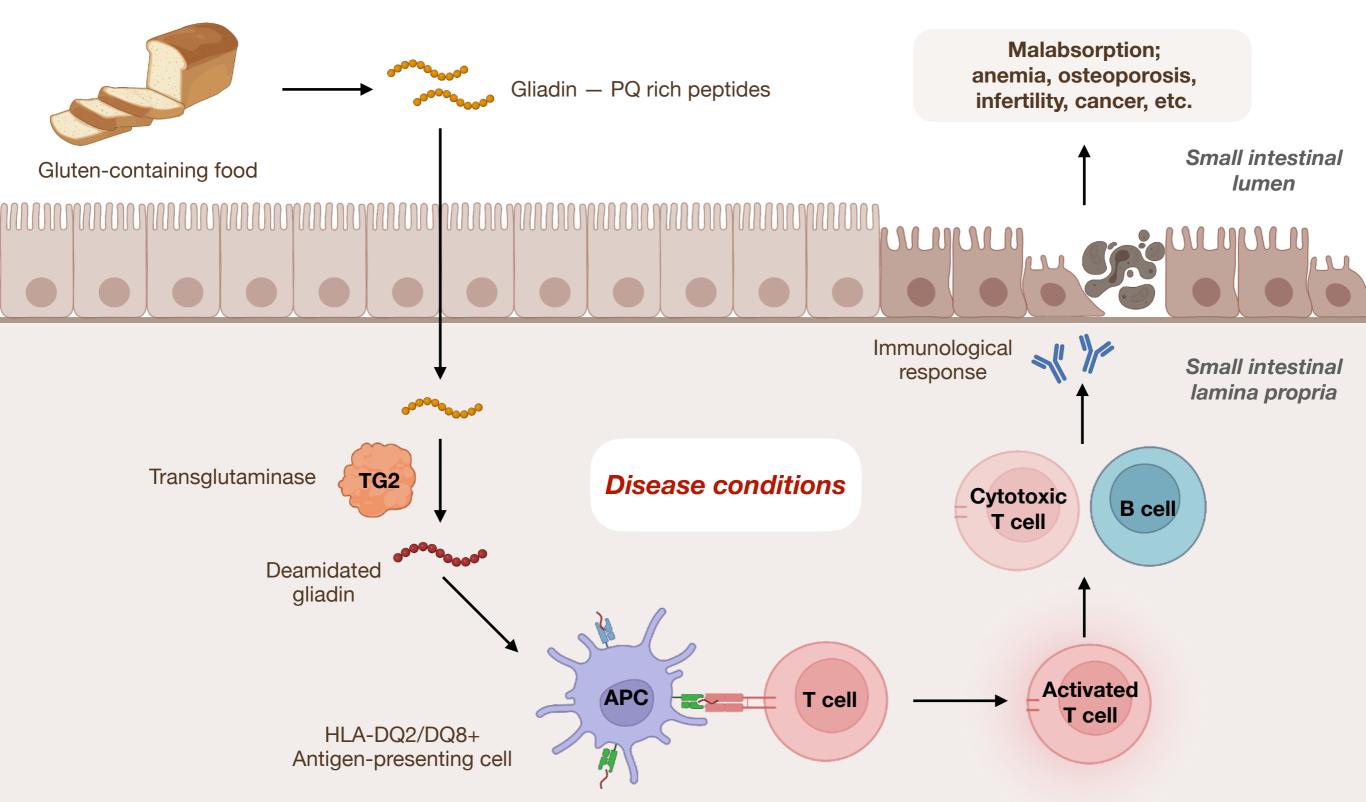




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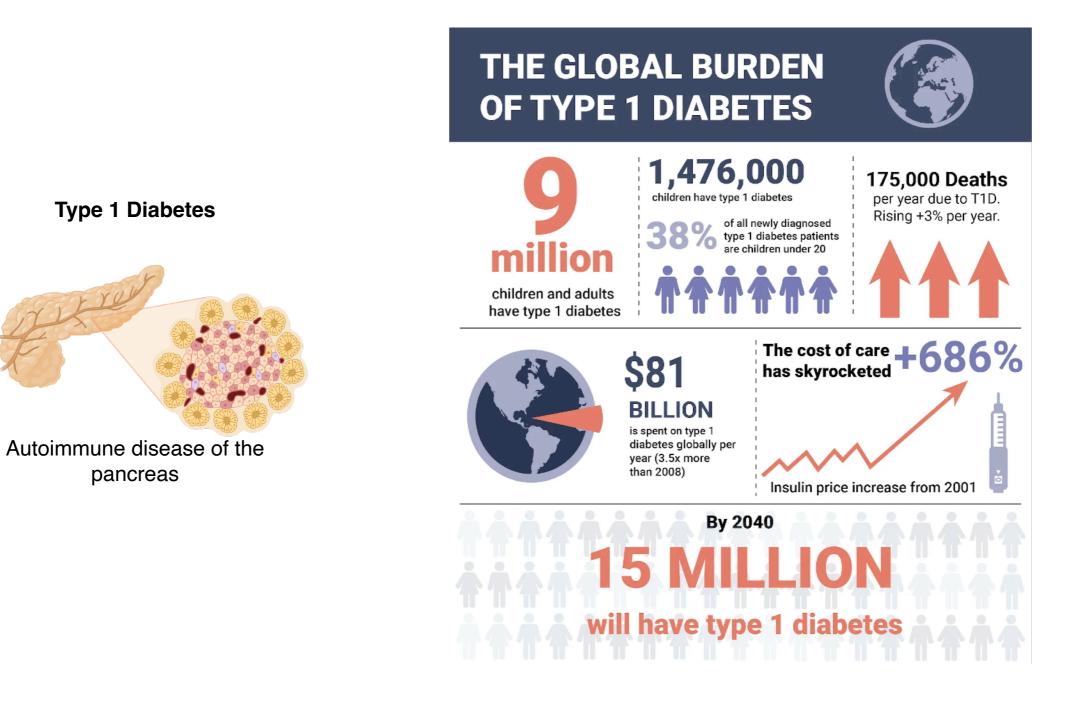


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Type 1 Diabetes Dysfunction of the adaptive immune system

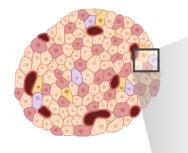


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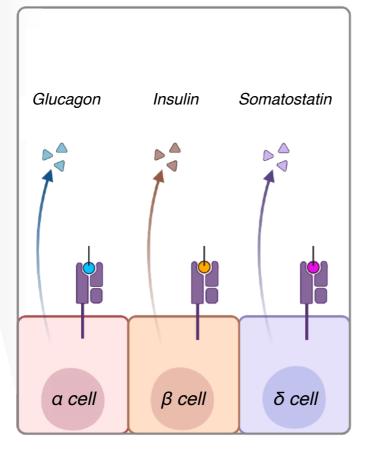
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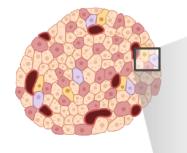
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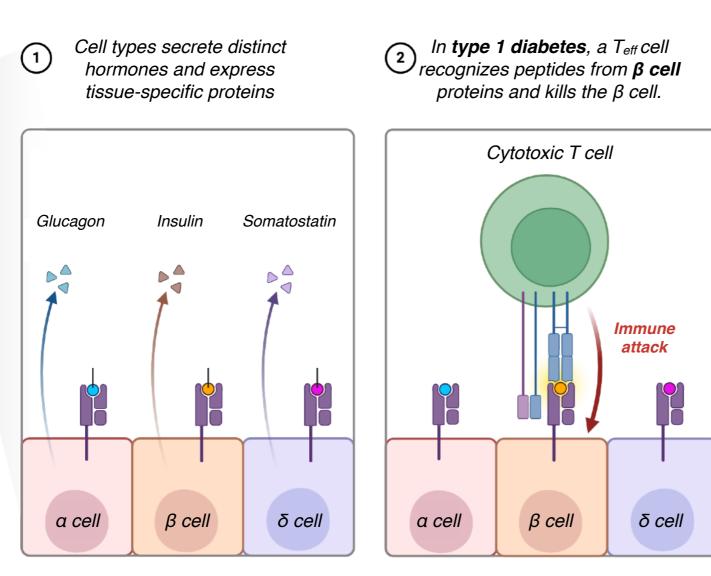


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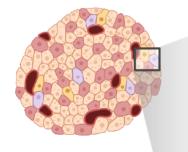


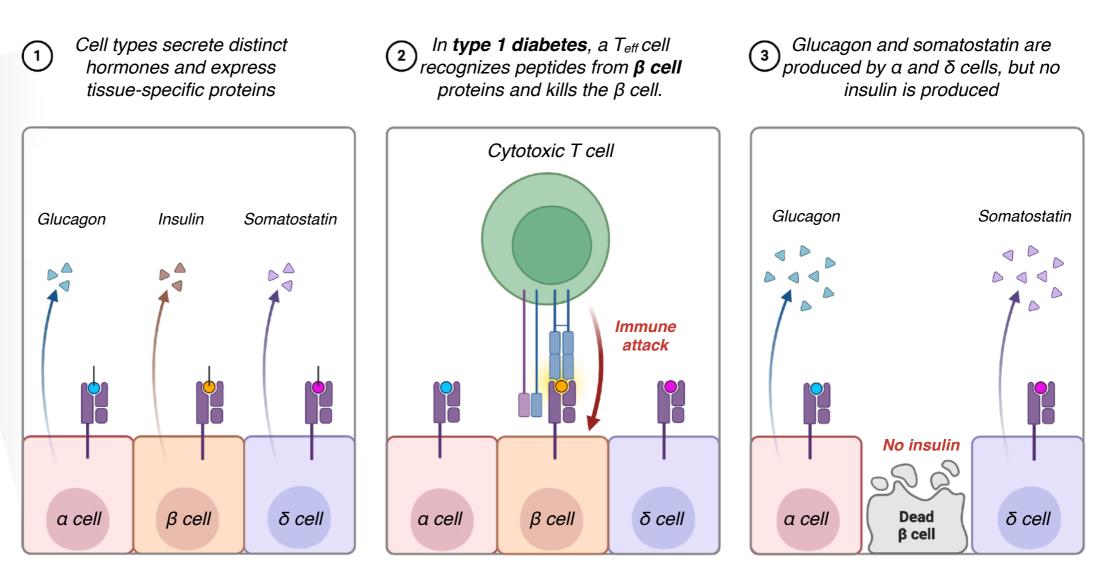


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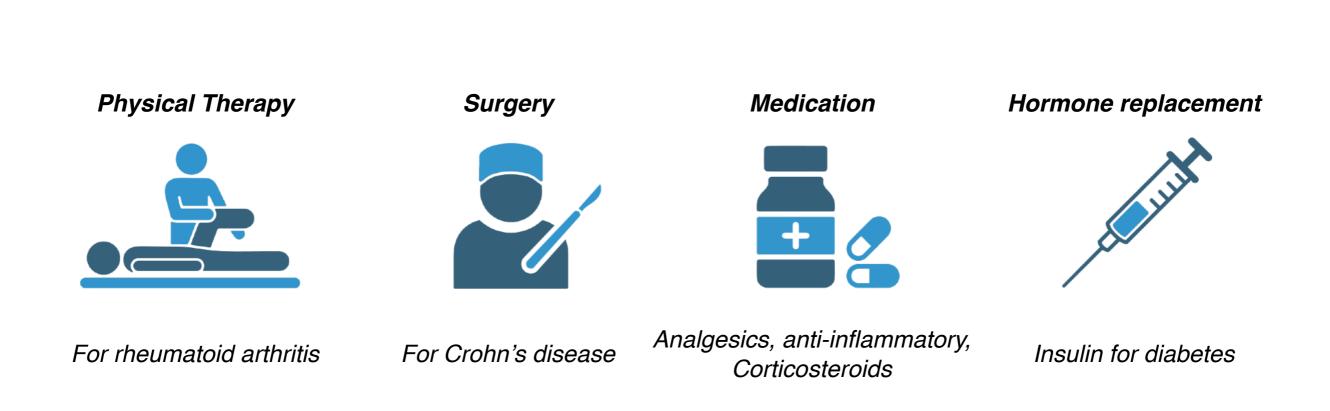
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Treatments for Autoimmune Diseases

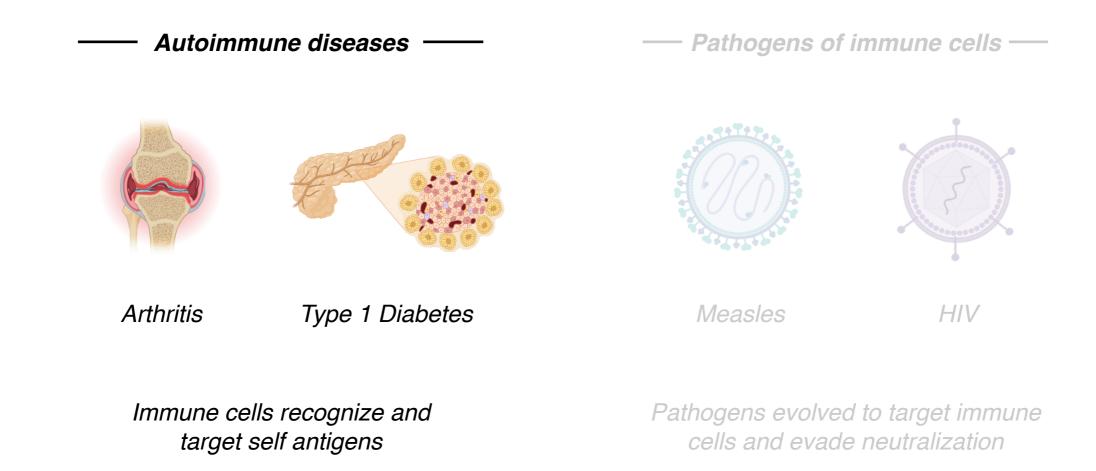
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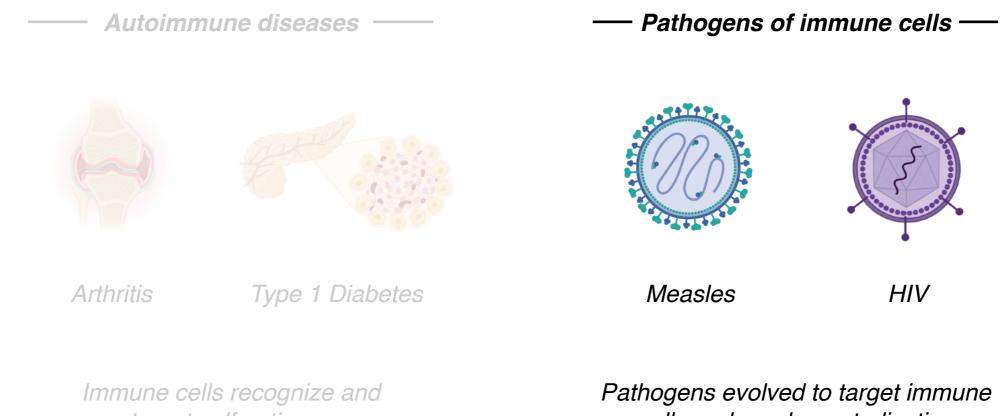
A variety of treatments exist, but no cures, indicating need for further research into adaptive immunity

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Failures and pathogens of adaptive immune cells



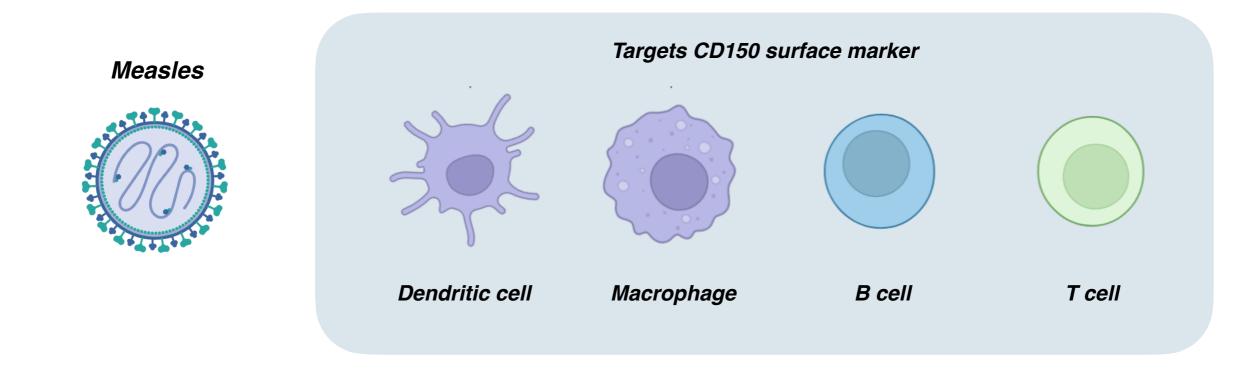
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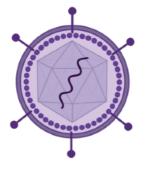
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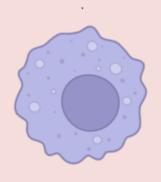
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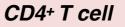


Targets CD4, CCR5 surface markers

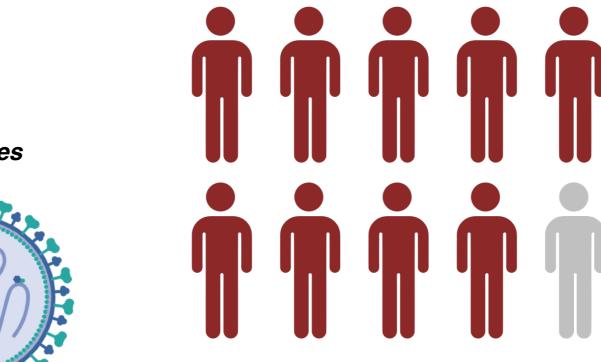


Macrophage





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Extremely transmissible

90% of exposed unvaccinated people develop disease

3% of patients die or experience brain damage

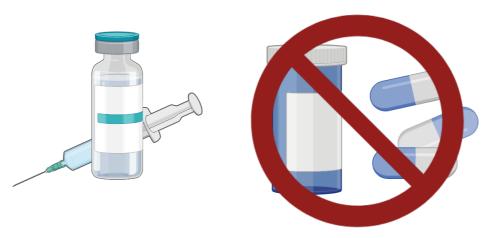
Many severe effects occur after recovery from measles

Measles

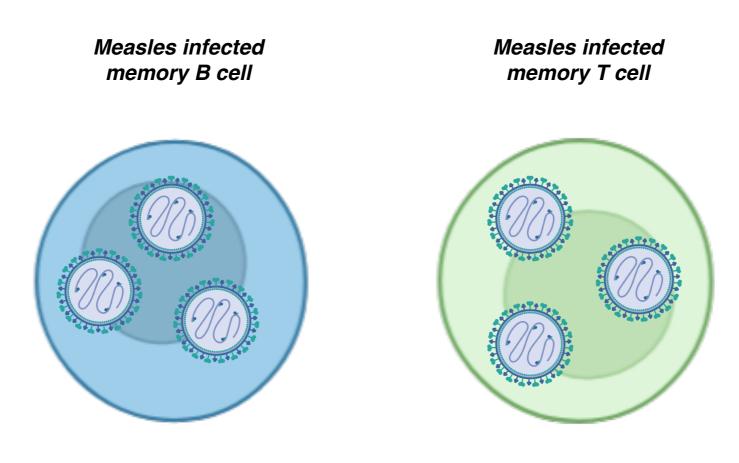


97% Effective Vaccine

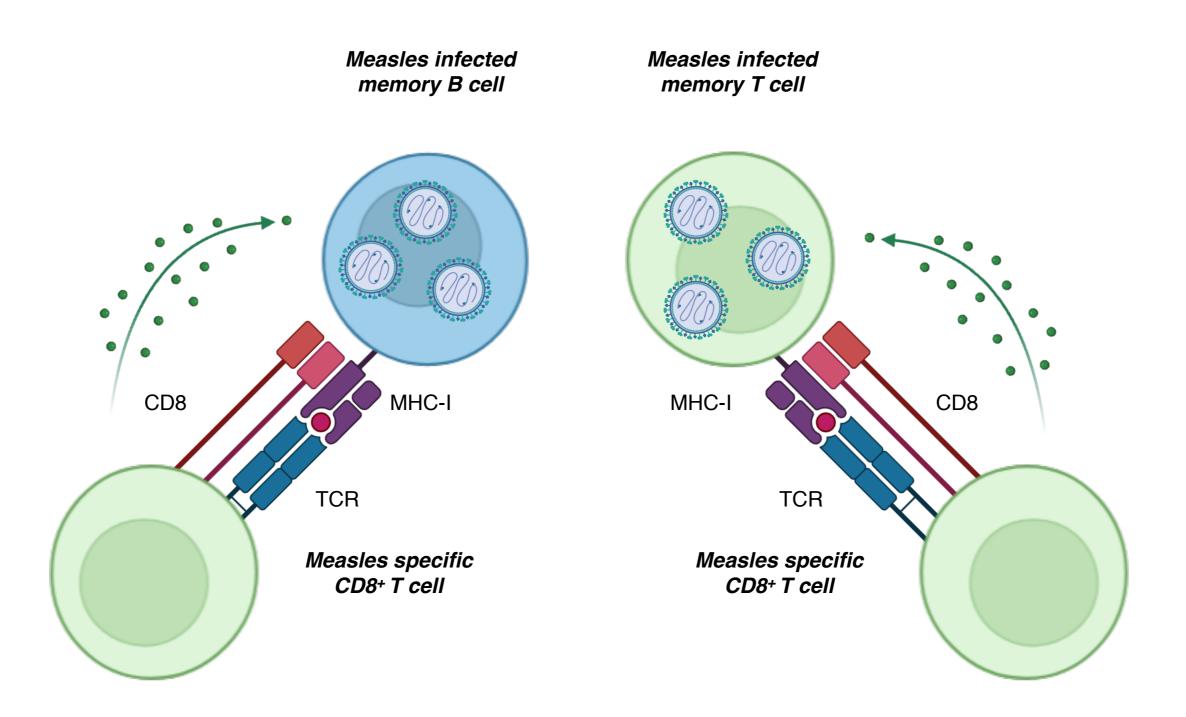
No treatment



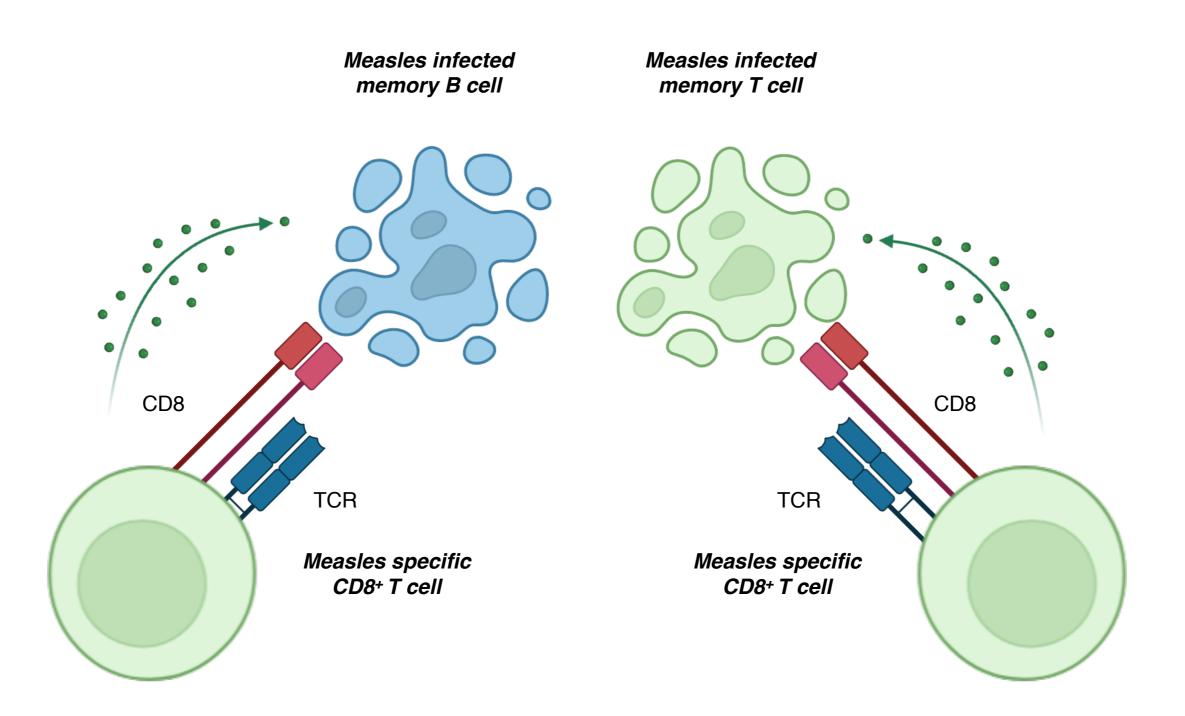
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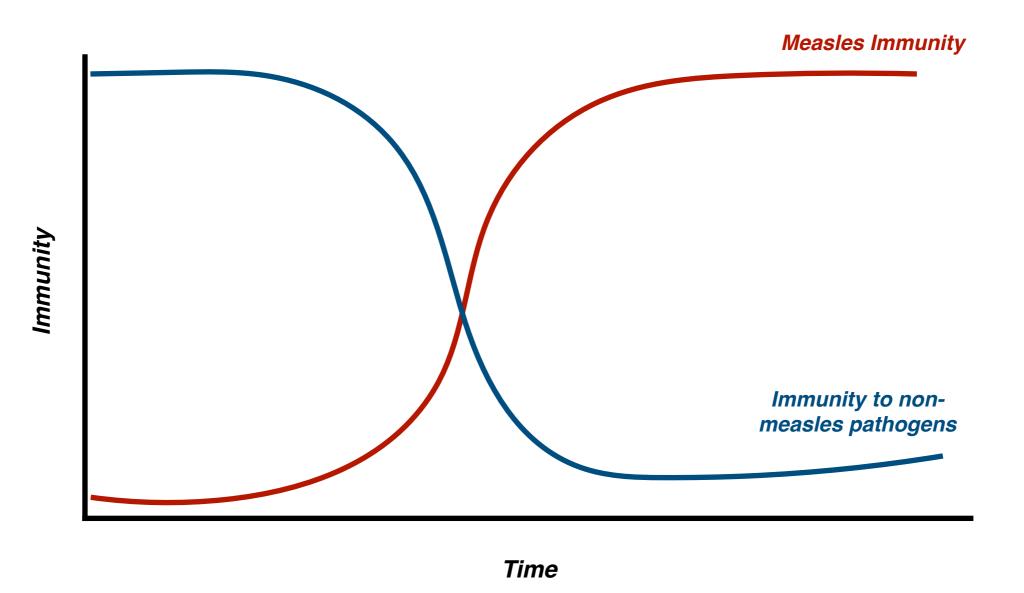


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Recovery from measles provides lifelong immunity to measles, deteriorates immunity to all other pathogens

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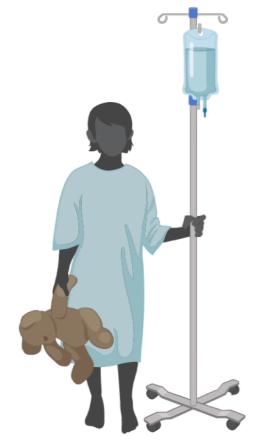
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Five years to recover healthy levels of immunity



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Repeated immunization

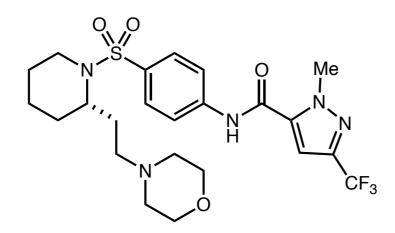
2023 Recommended Immunizations for Children from Birth Through 6 Years Old



Highlights necessity of measles vaccination in all communities

Measles and Immune Amnesia Future therapies

Measles polymerase inhibitor



Benefits

Can decrease immune amnesia, other measles symptoms

Helps prevent lethal bacteria superinfection

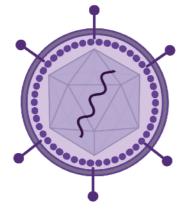
Best applied before or at peak viral titer

Pathogenesis of HIV

AIDS pandemic led to ~40 million deaths over past four decades



Human Immunodeficiency Virus



No vaccine available

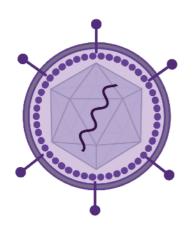
Numerous antiretroviral therapies

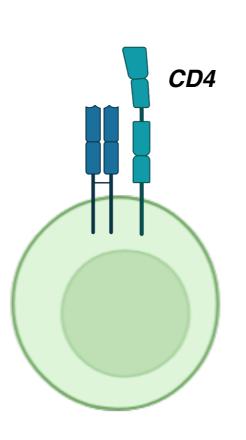


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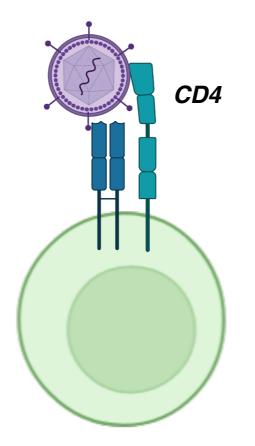
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CD4+ T cell

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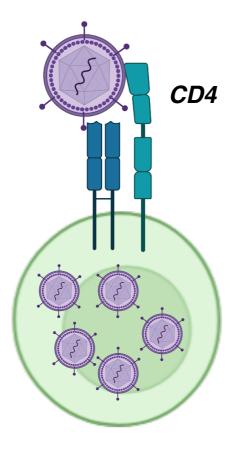


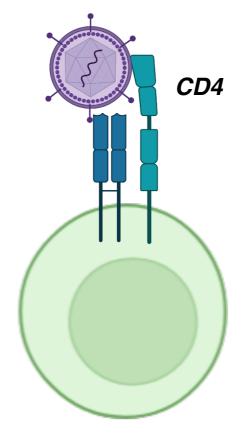
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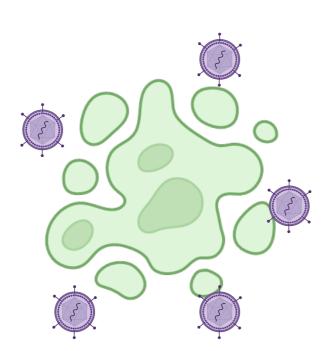




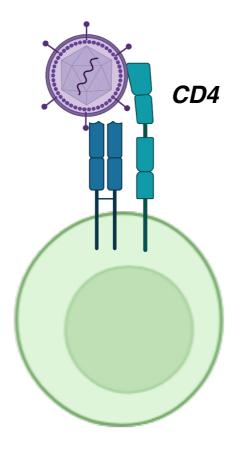
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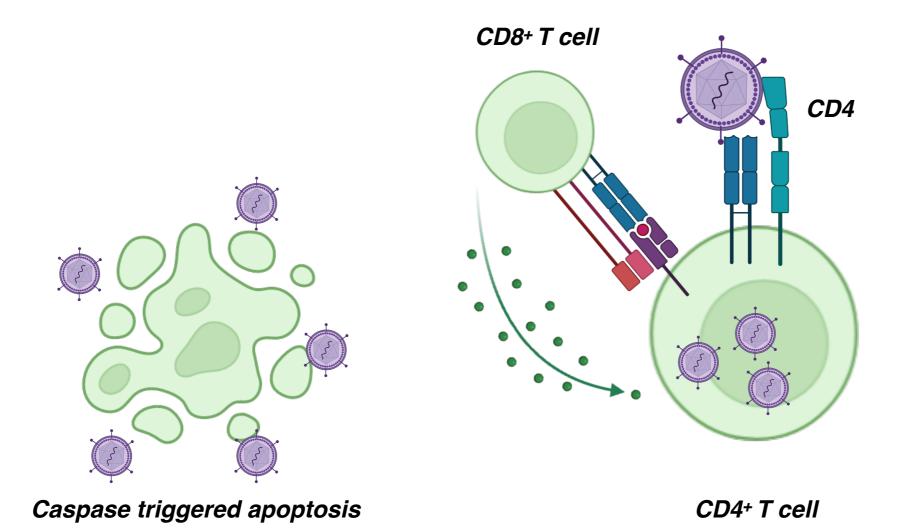


Caspase triggered apoptosis

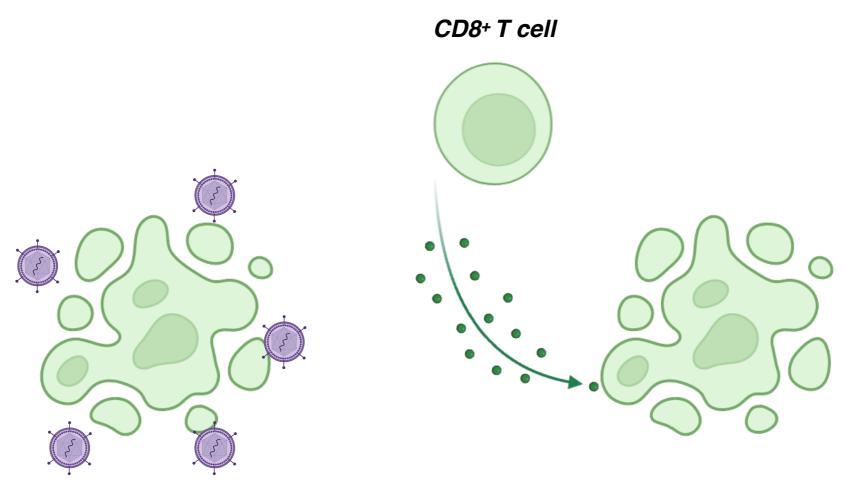


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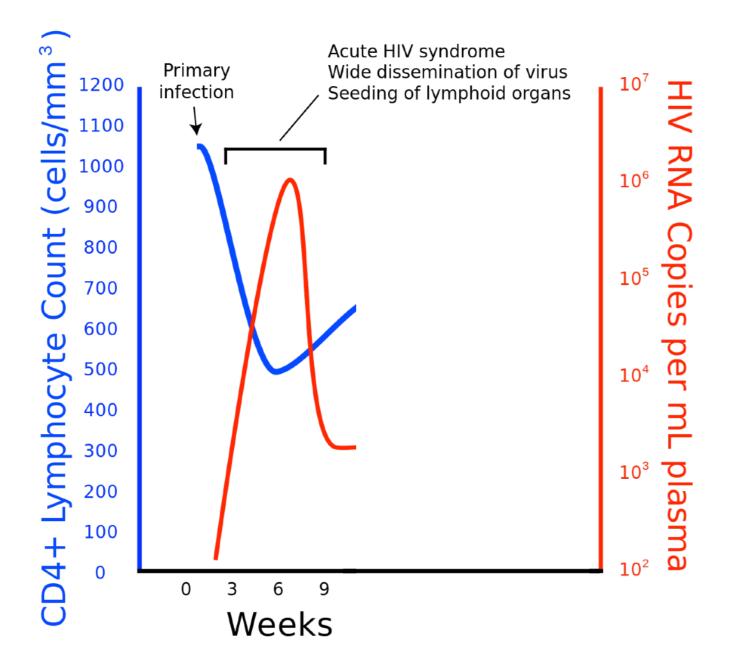
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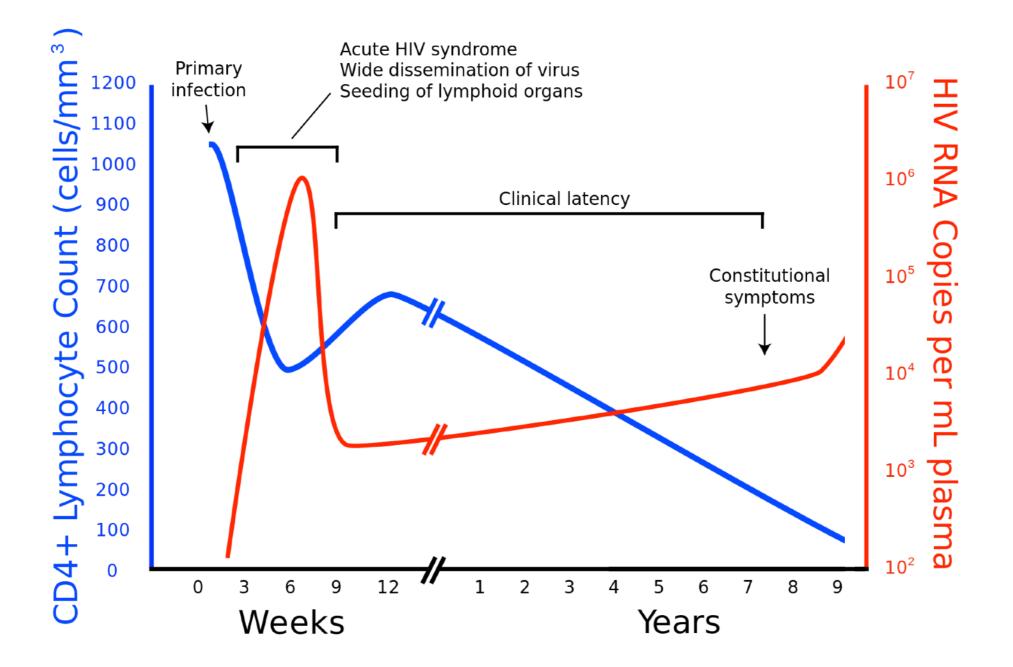
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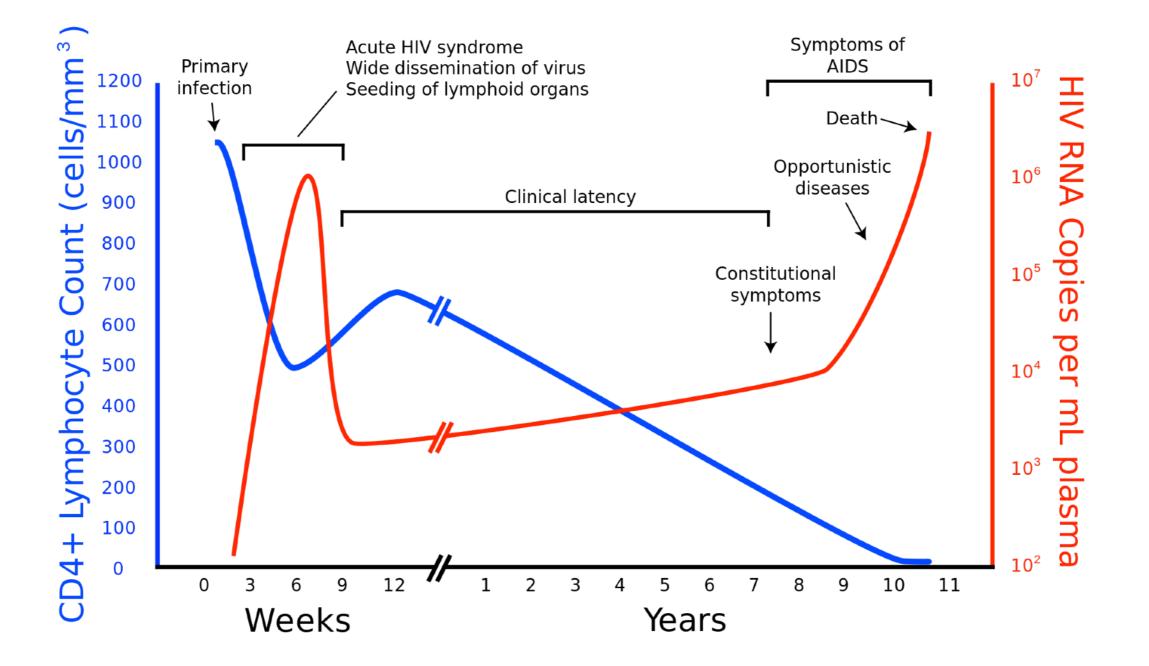
HIV progression to AIDS



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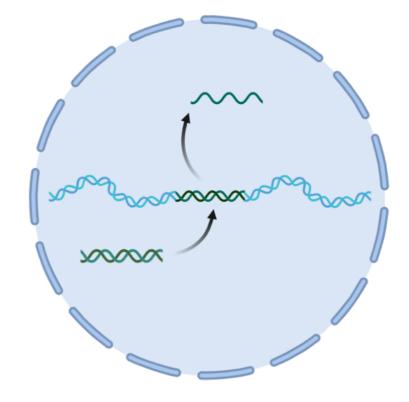
Combination Anti retroviral therapy



Reduced risk of transmission by 96%

Can prolong life from ~2 years to >40 years

HIV Reverse Transcription into genome



Severely hinders possible curative treatments

Leads to lifelong infection with HIV

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Currently no vaccine for HIV



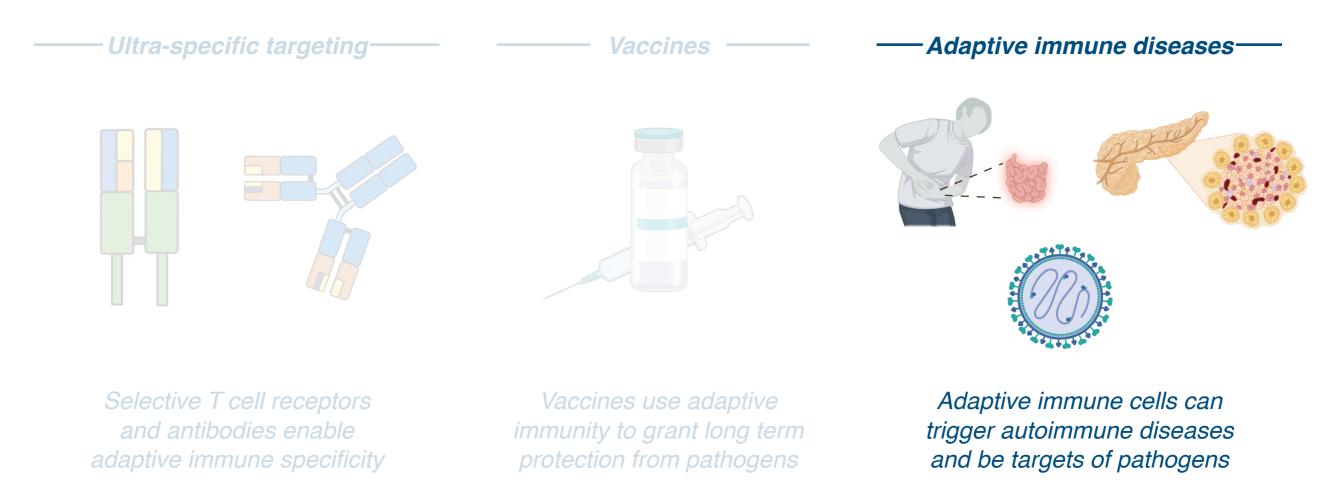
Phase I trial has begun in the US and South Africa

CMV viral vector will deliver HIV material to prevent establishment of HIV infections

Further vaccine research may enable greater control of HIV in lower income nations

News Releases, NIH. 2023.

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Questions?

