

T Cells Migrate to Thymus to Mature

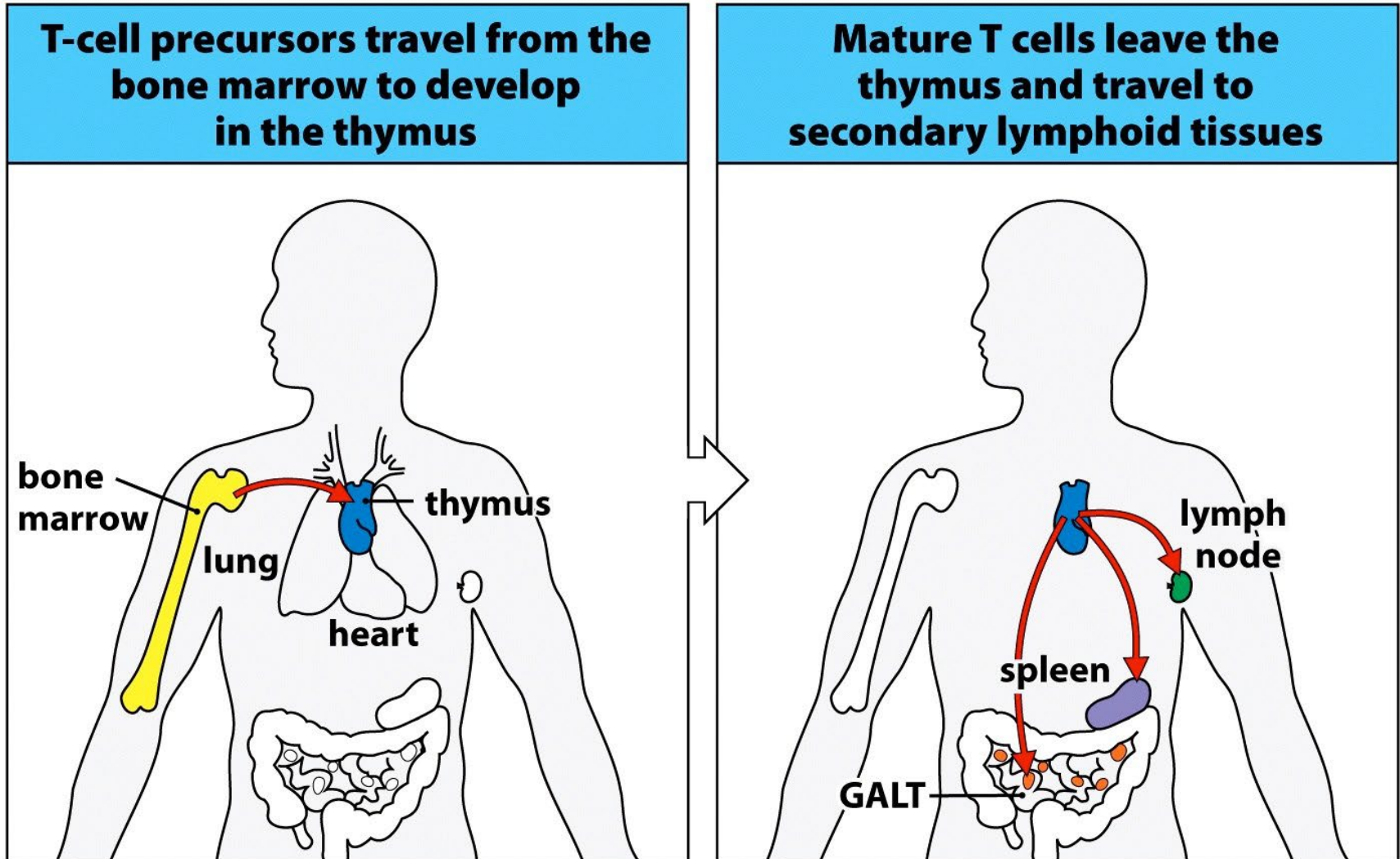
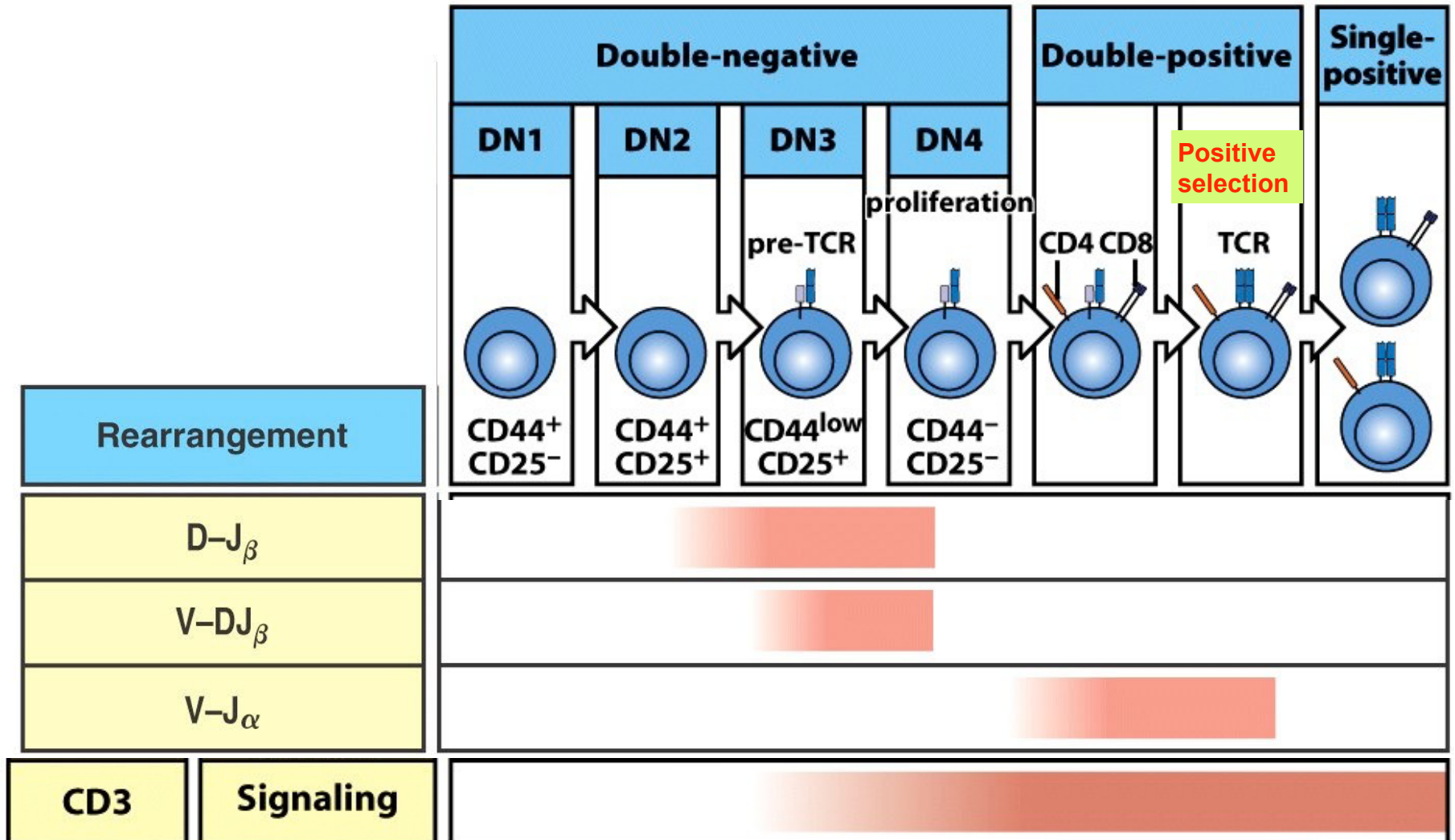


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Stages of T-Cell Development



Checkpoints During T-Cell Development

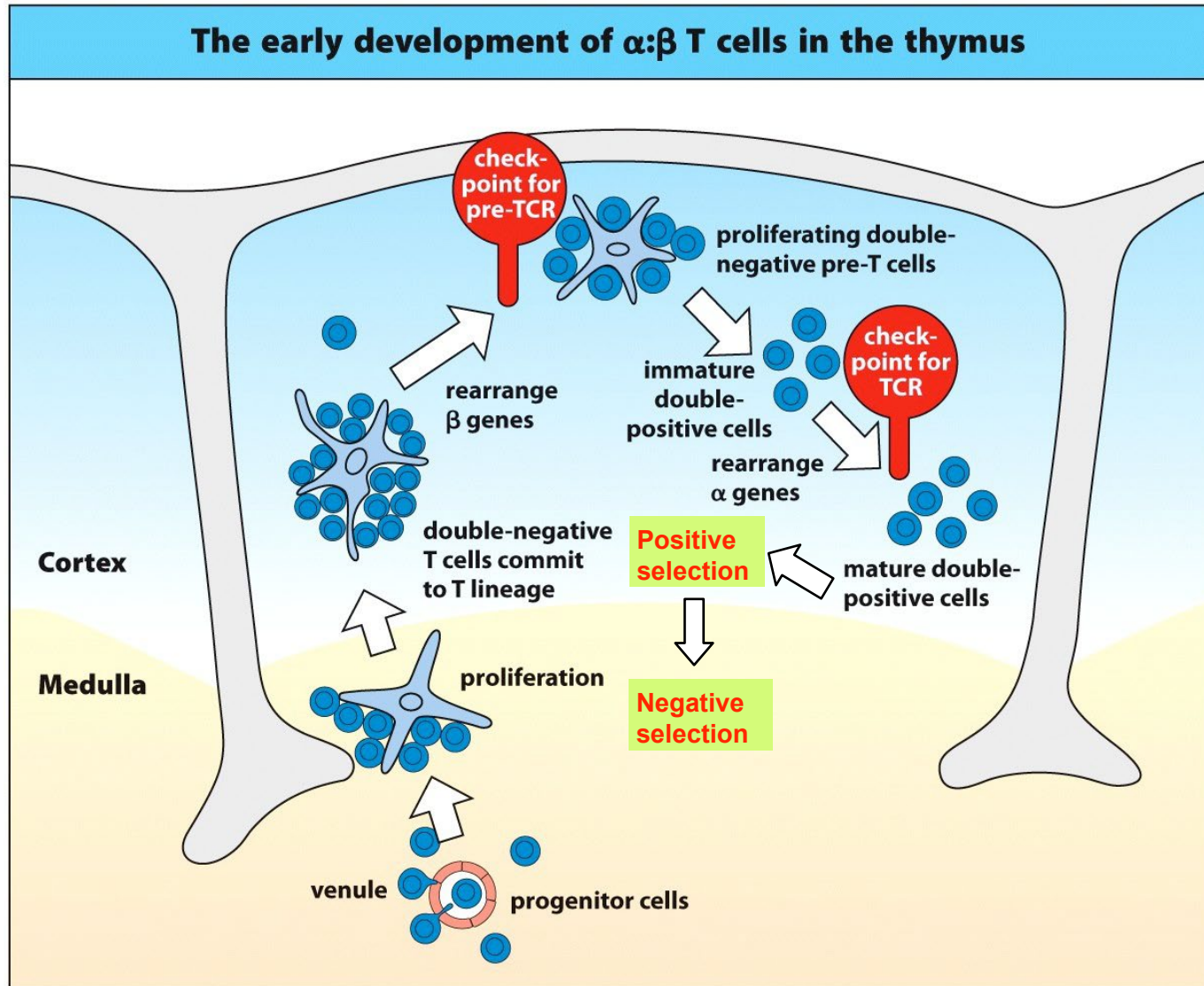


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T-Cell Selection

Positive selection:

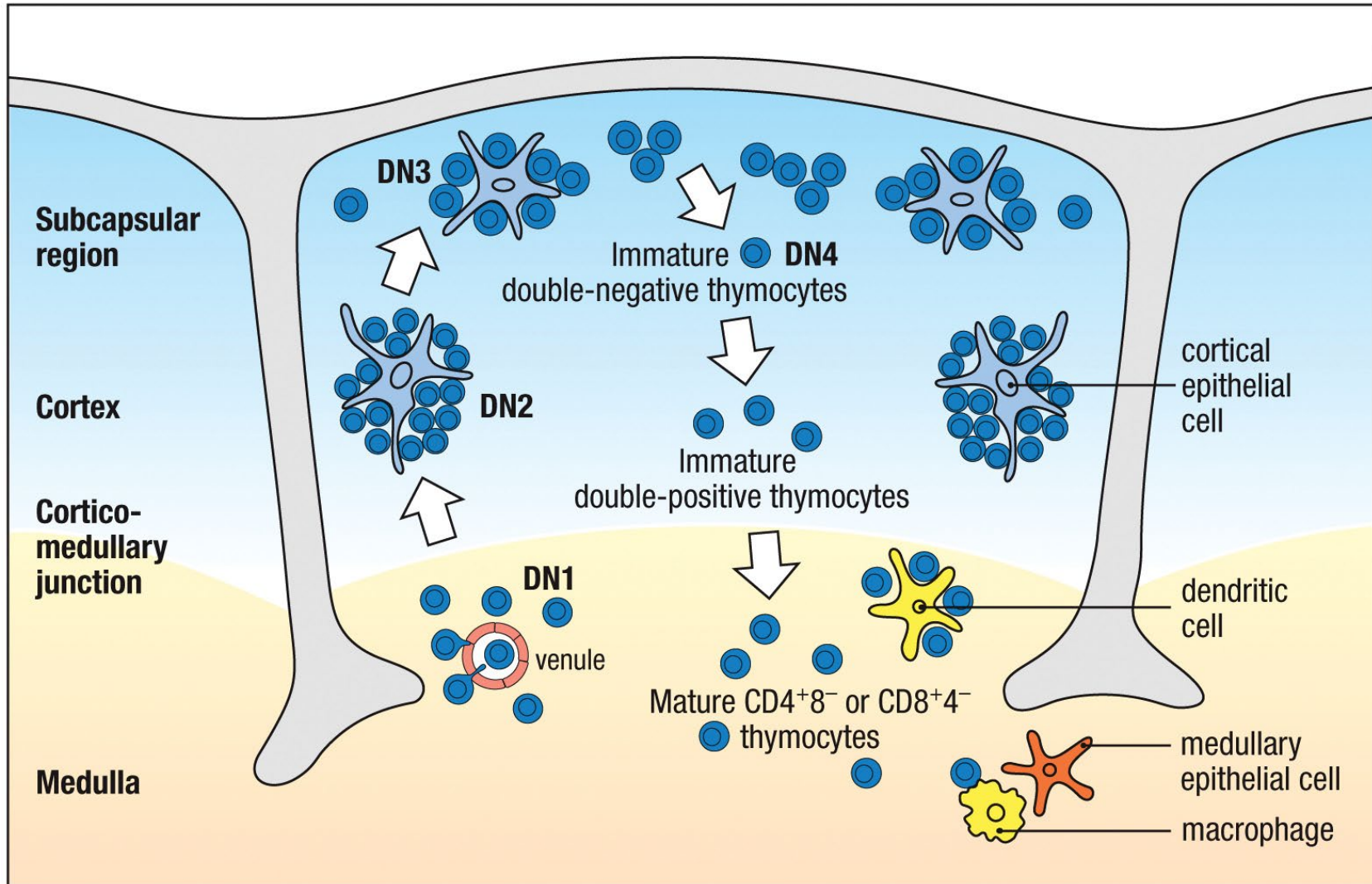
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- Cortex of the thymus
- Cortical epithelial cells

Negative selection:

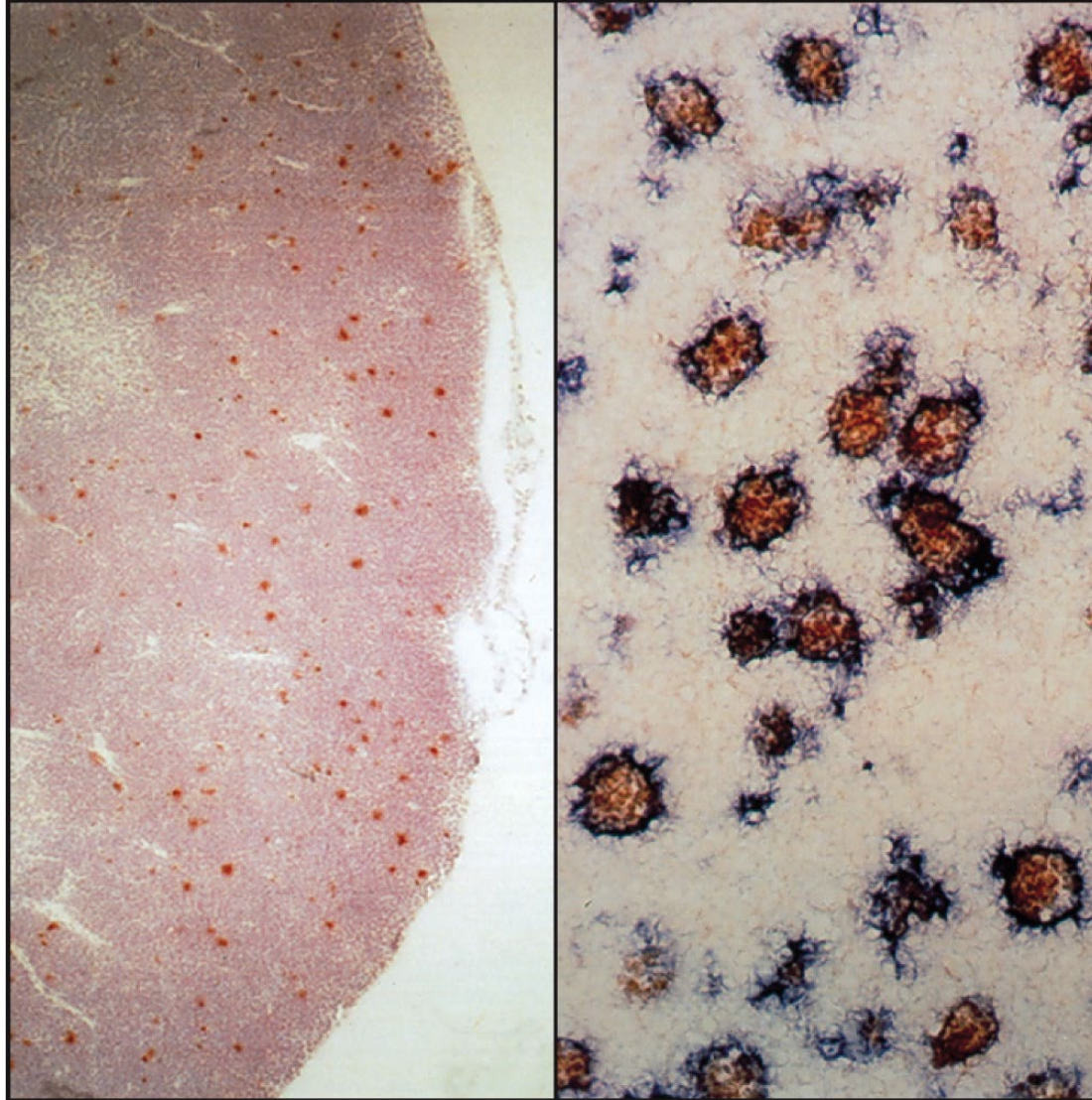
- Apoptosis of self-reacting T-cells due to strong binding of TCR to MHC:self-peptide complex
- Cortex and medulla of the thymus
- Bone marrow derived DCs and macrophages
- Medullary stromal cells

TOLERANCE

Different Cells Mediate Positive and Negative Selection



Cortical Macrophages Clear Dead T-Cells



Red: apoptotic cells
Blue: macrophages

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Positive Selection Shown in Bone Marrow Chimeras

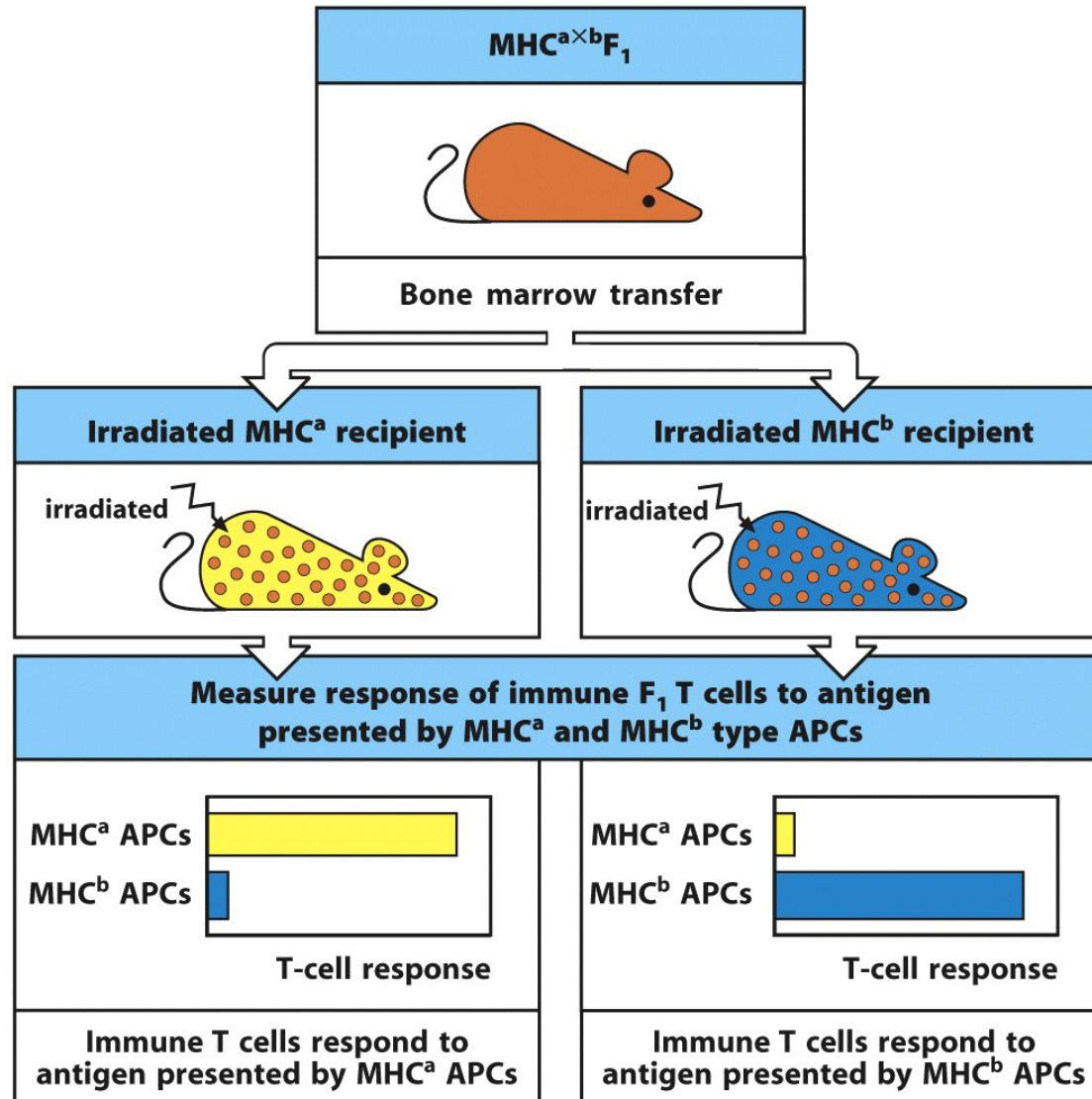
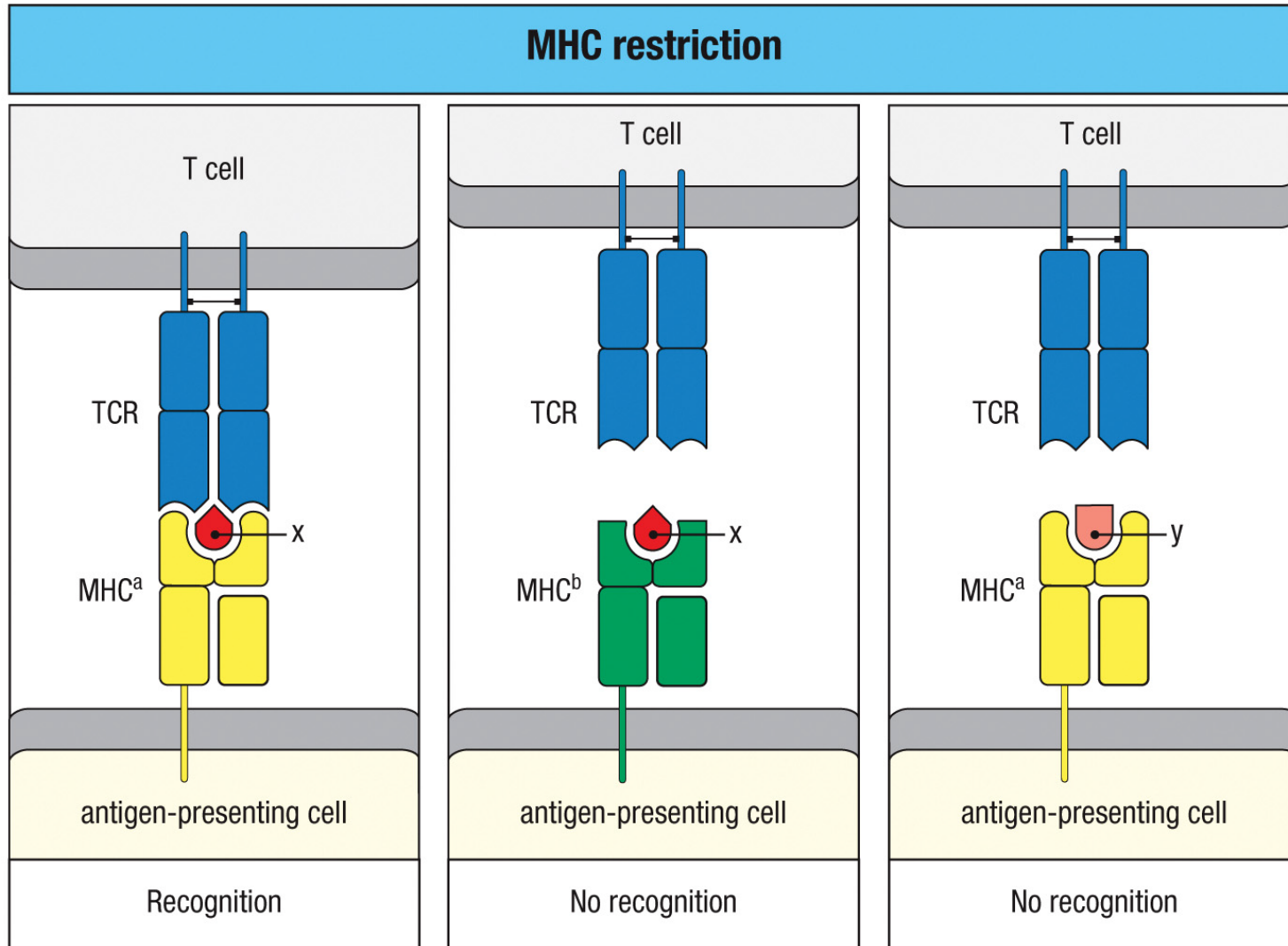


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T-Cell Recognition of Antigens Is MHC Restricted



Positive Selection Requires TCR Recognition of MHC:Peptide Complex

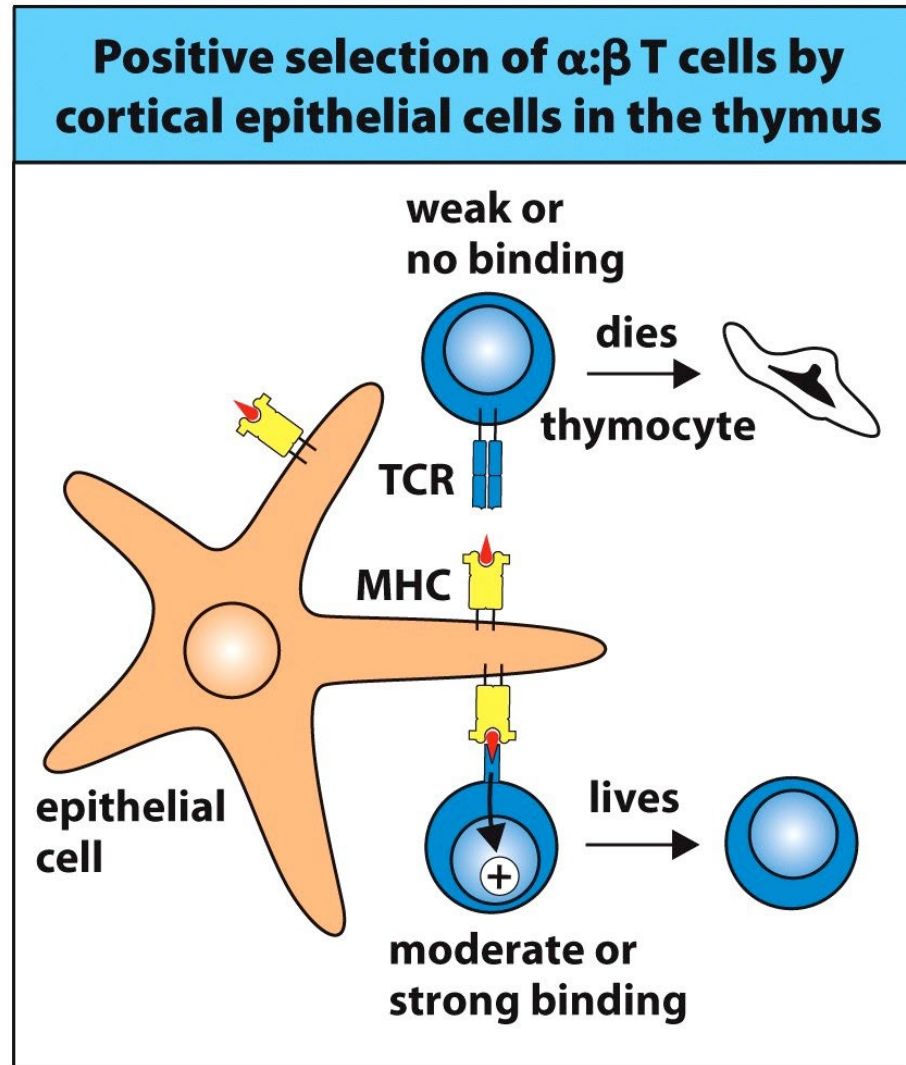
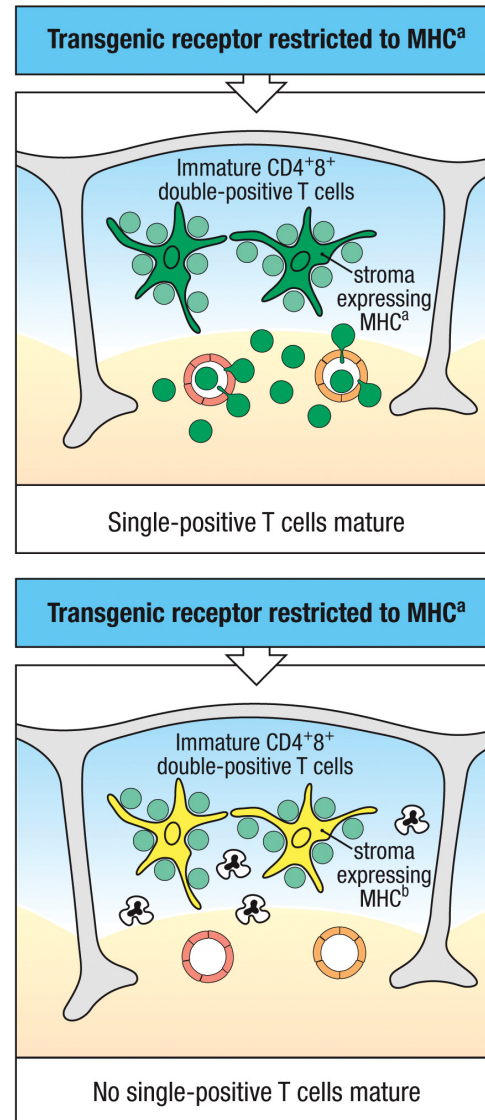


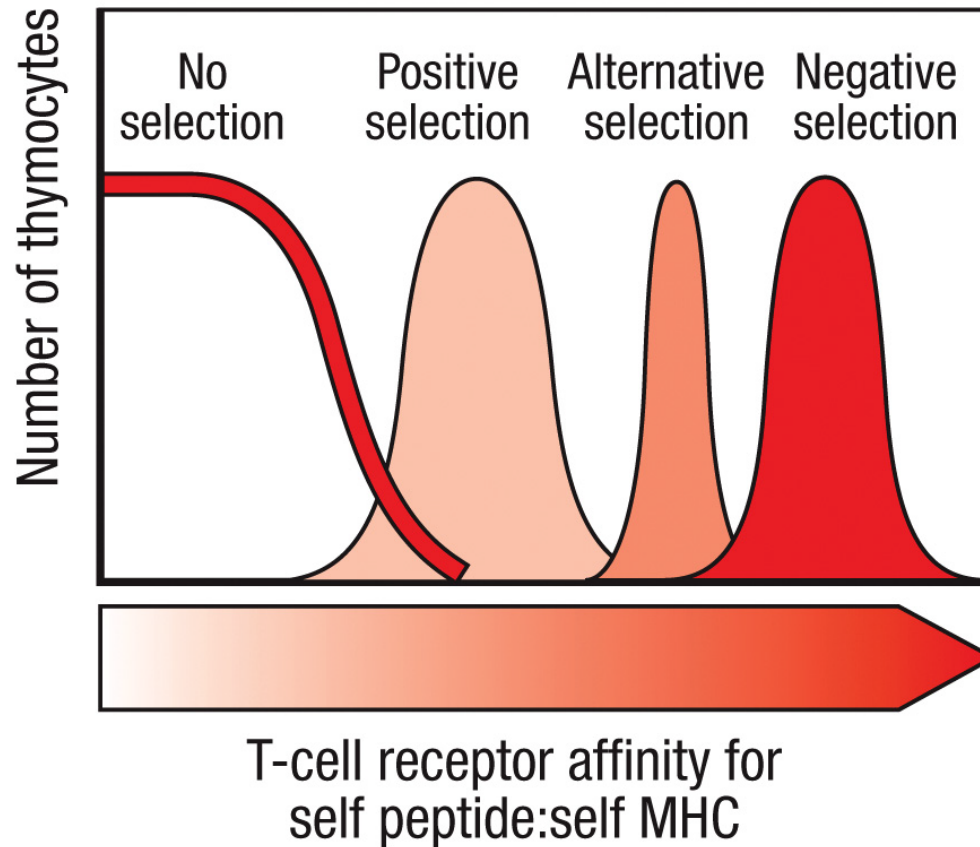
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Thymic Cortical Epithelial Cells Mediate Positive Selection

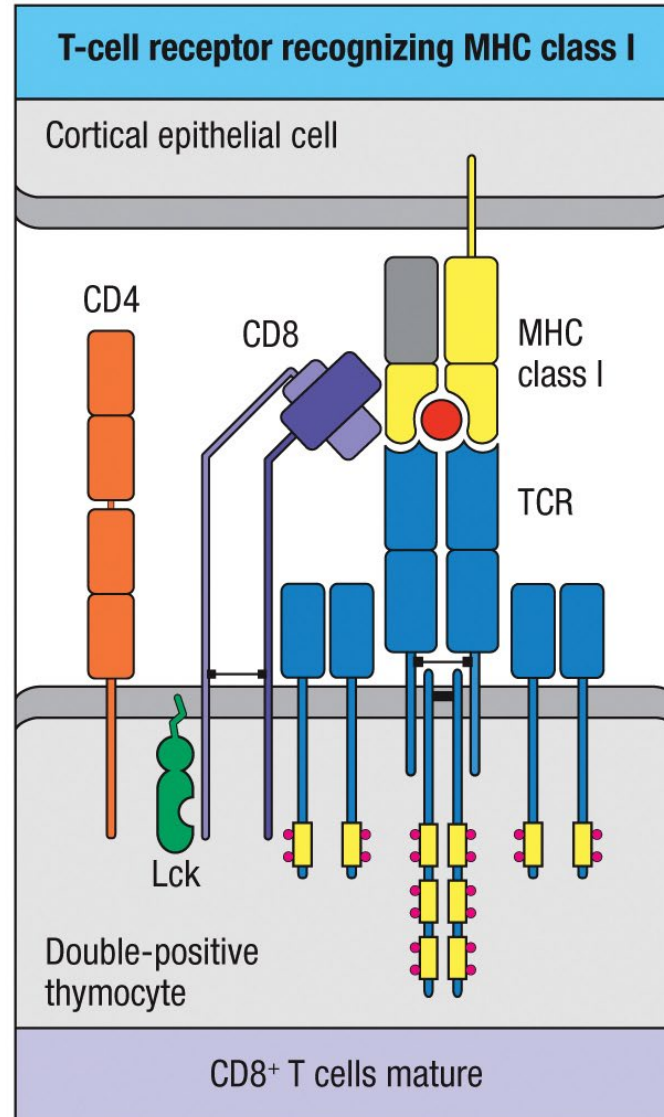
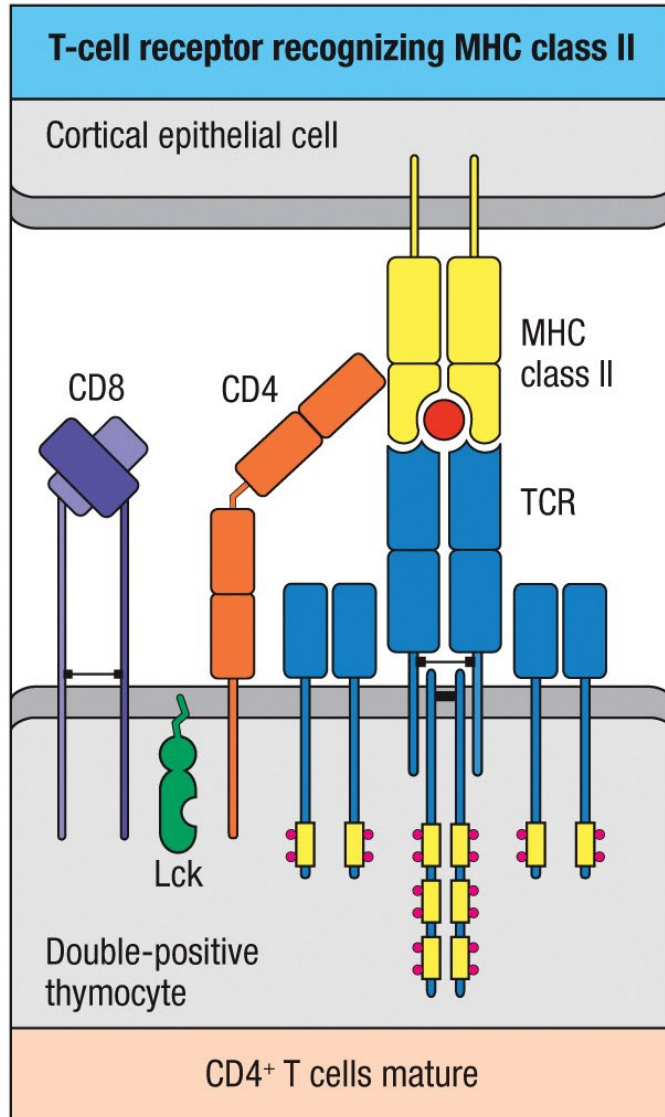


Affinity Model of Thymocyte Selection

The affinity model of T-cell selection

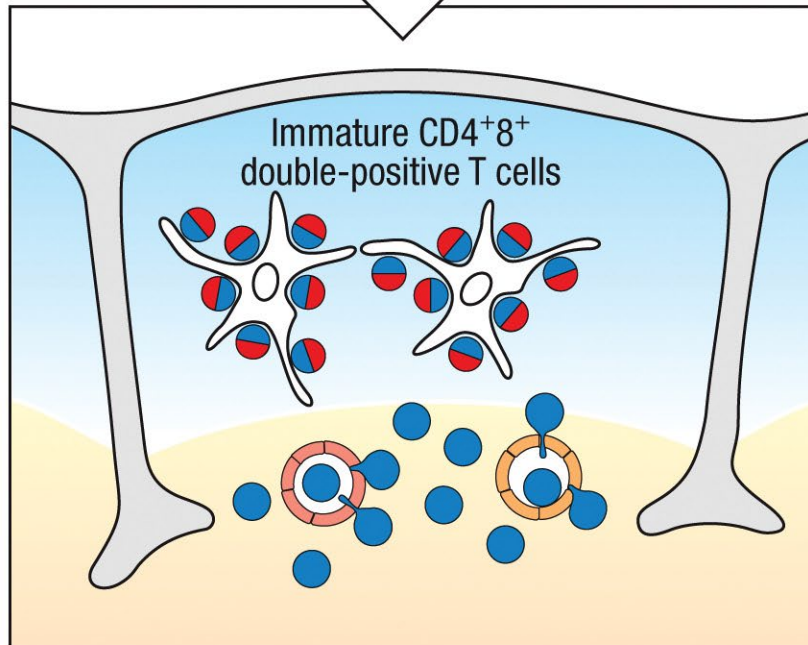


MHC Class I and Class II



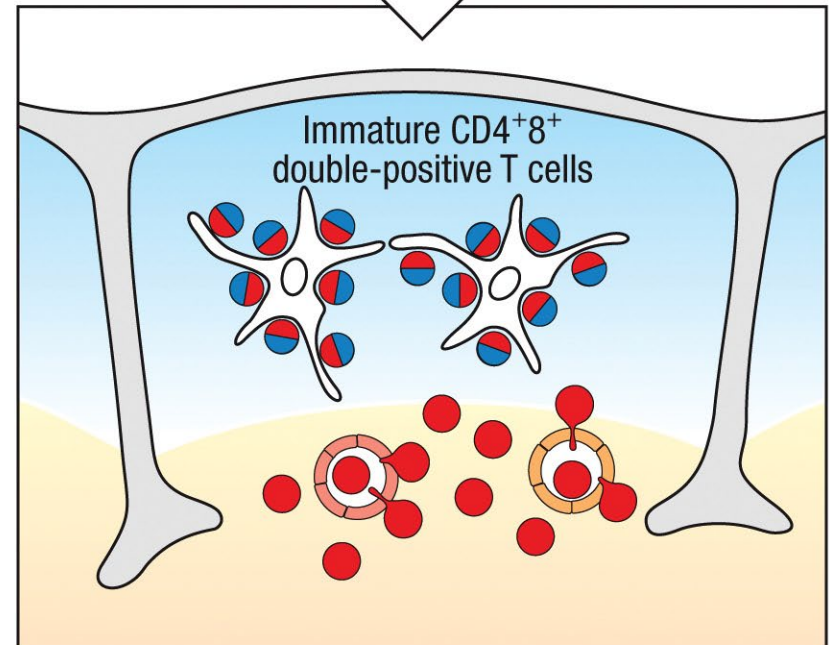
MHC Restriction

T-cell receptor recognizing MHC class II induces persistent signaling and up-regulation of ThPOK



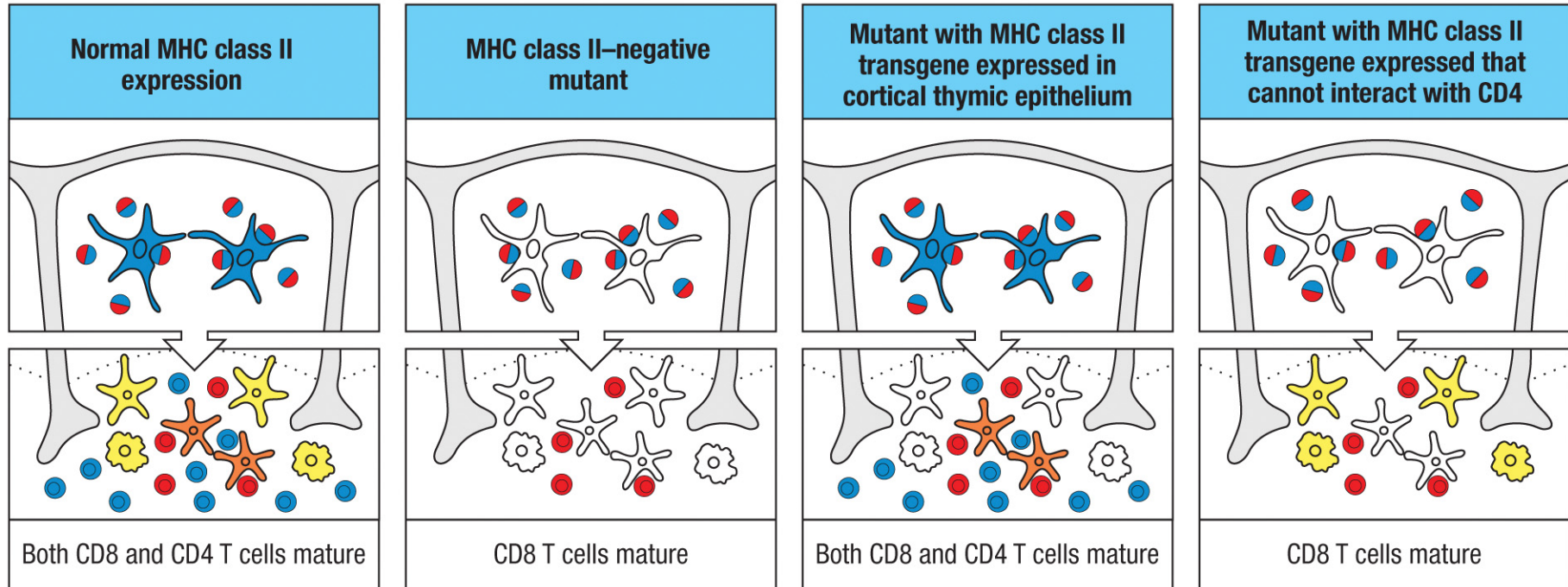
CD4⁺ T cells mature

T-cell receptor recognizing MHC class I induces weaker signaling and together with cytokines leads to up-regulation of Runx3

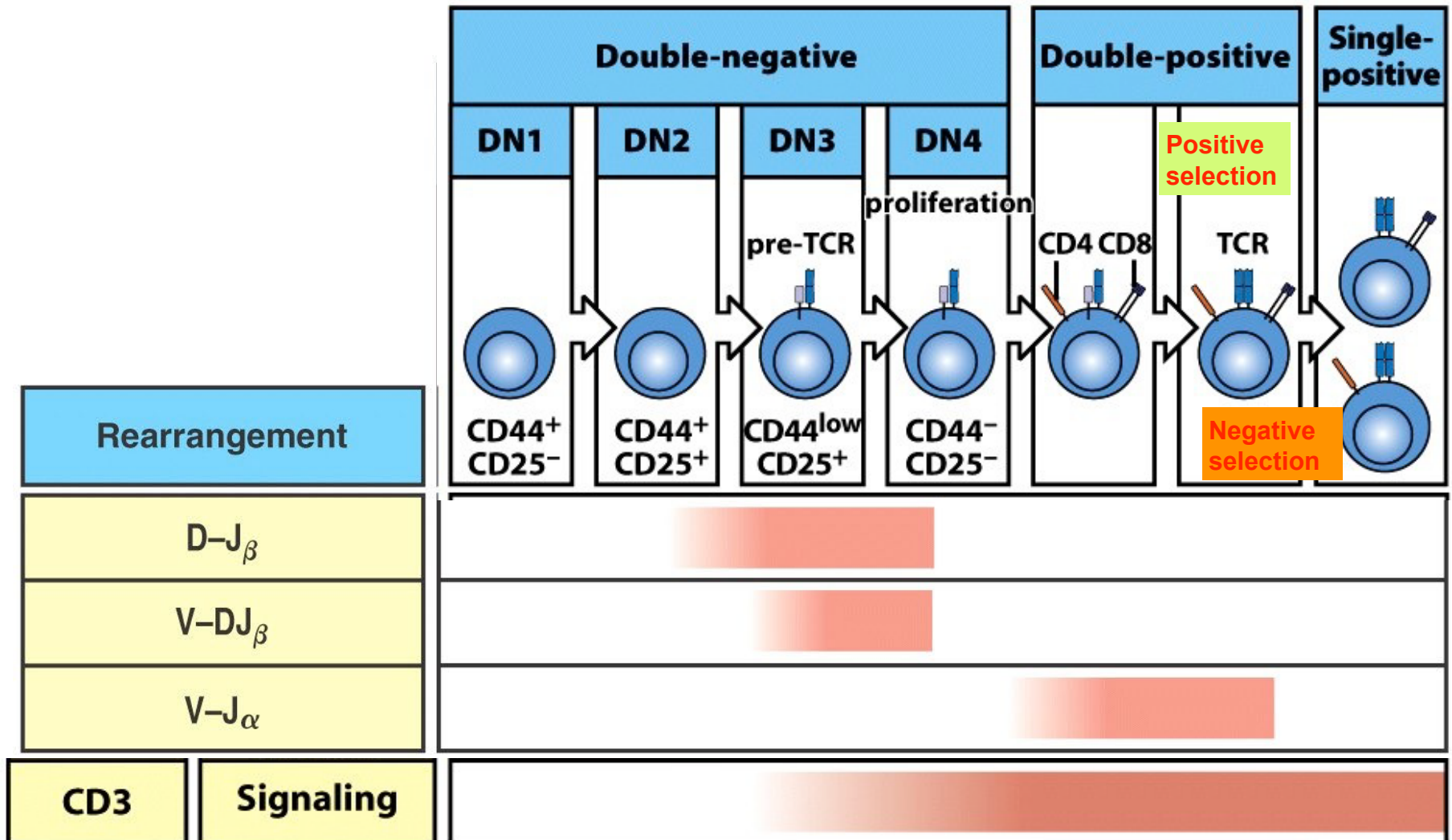


CD8⁺ T cells mature

Thymic Cortical Epithelial Cells Mediate Positive Selection



Alpha Chain Rearrangement Stops When the Cell Is Positively Selected



Question

- T cell positive selection
- What is the purpose of positive selection?
- What cells and molecules mediate positive selection?

T-Cell Selection

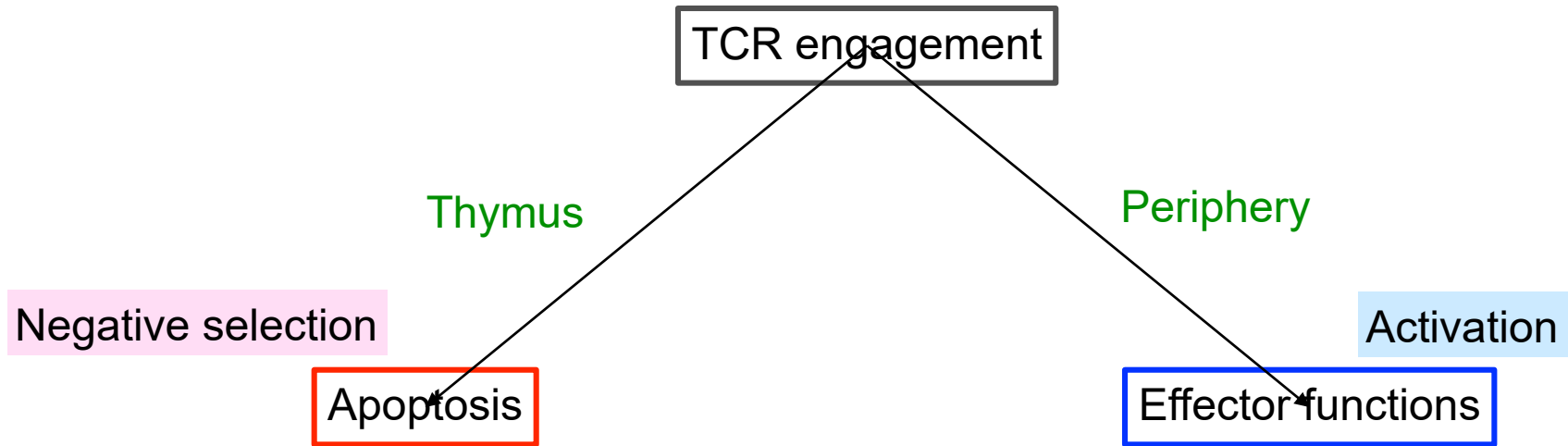
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T Lymphocyte Differentiation



T-Cells Specific for Self-Antigens Are Deleted in the Thymus

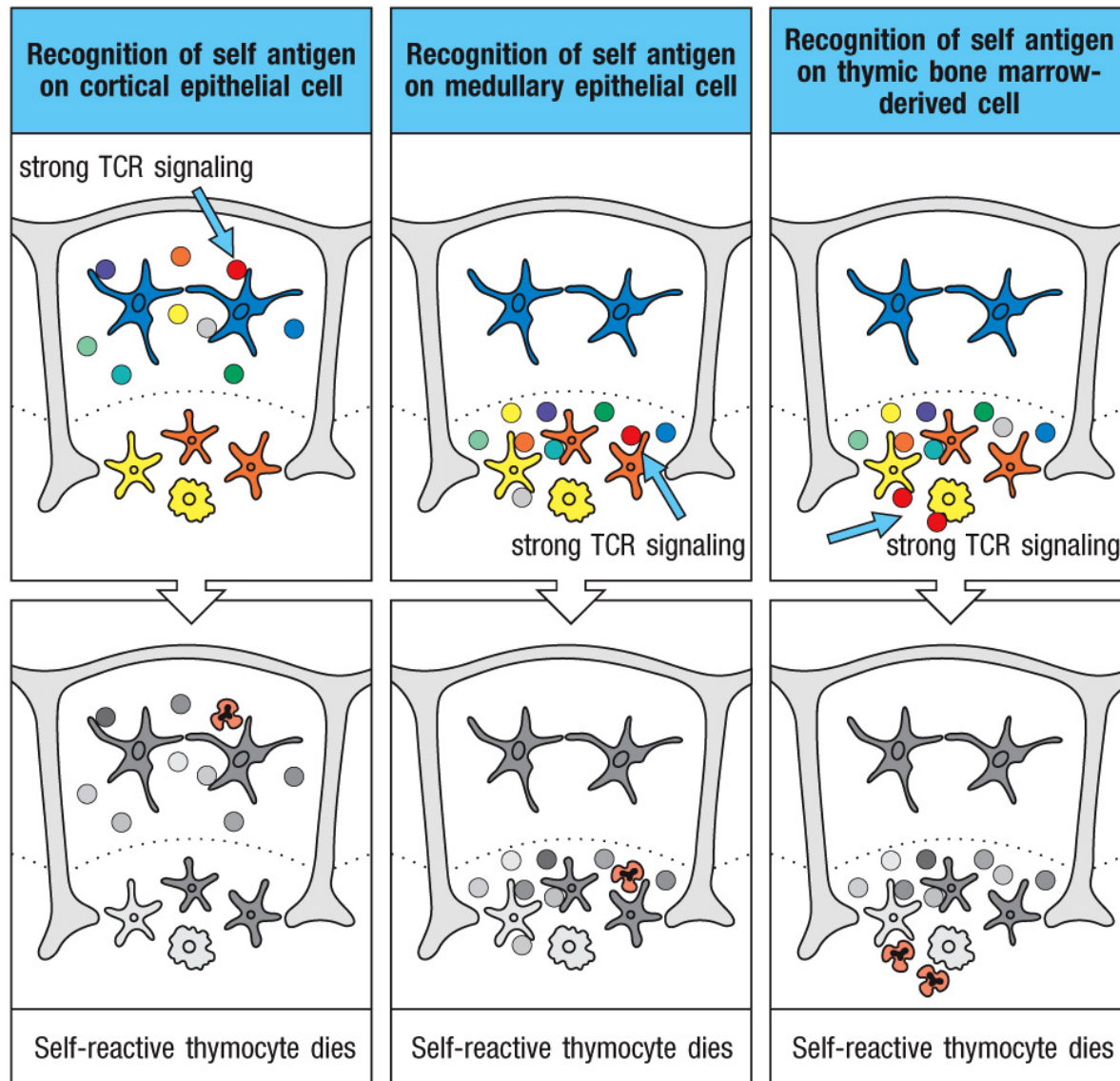
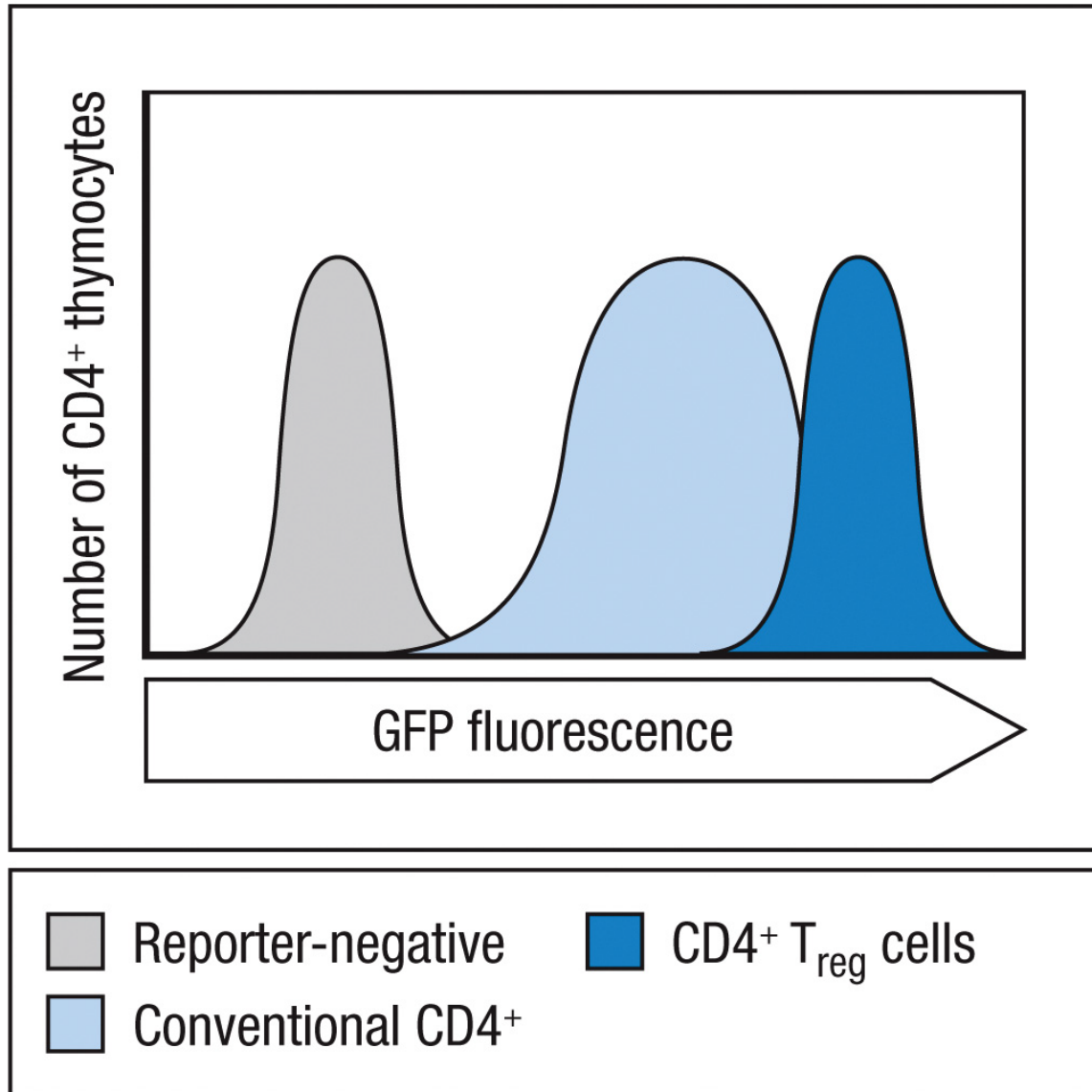
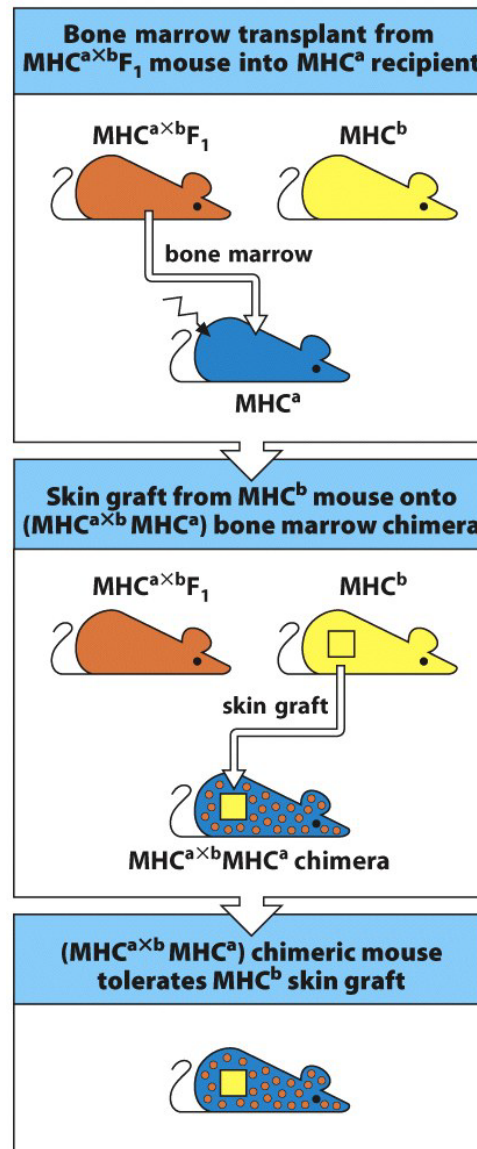


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T_{reg} cells requires moderately high affinity for self peptide:self MHC



Bone Marrow Derived Cells Mediate Negative Selection in the Thymus



Positive selection: a
Negative selection: axb

Bone Marrow Transplant

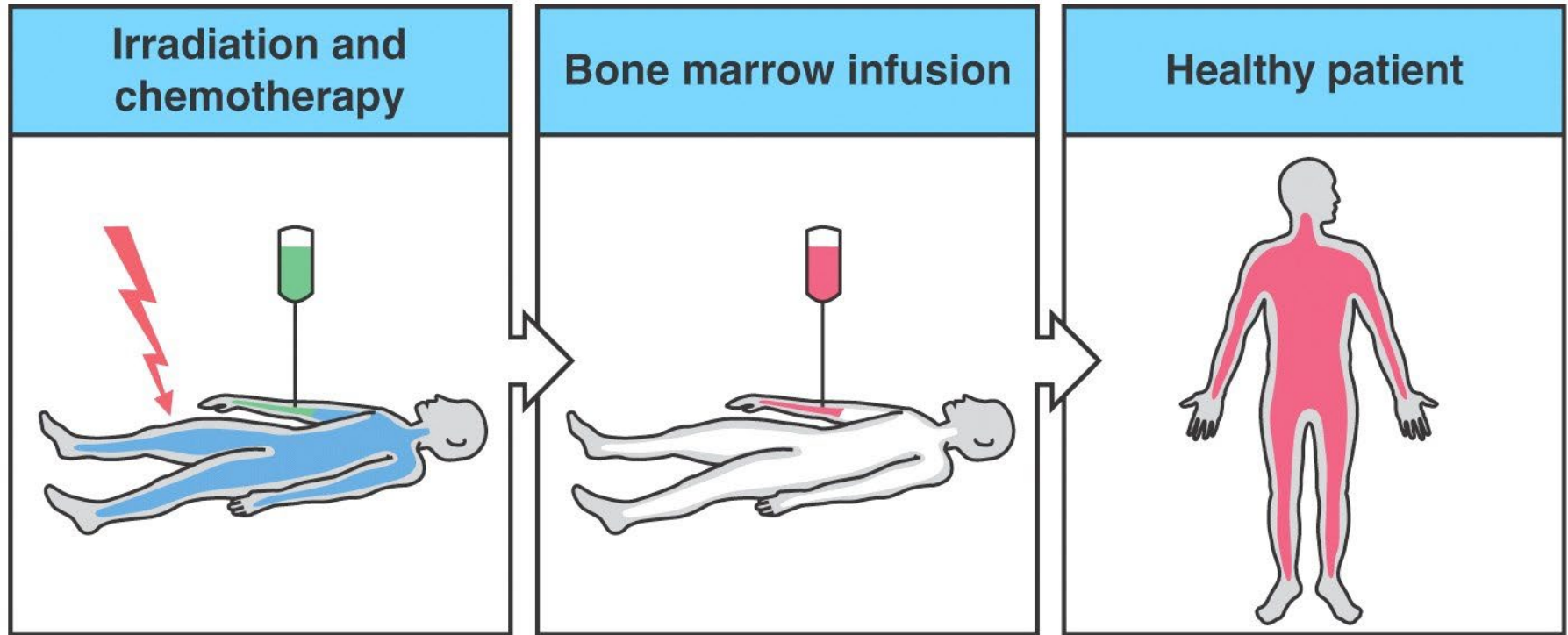


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Newly generated cells don't attach
How does selection result in
tolerance?

Bone Marrow Transplant Corrects Blood Cell Defects

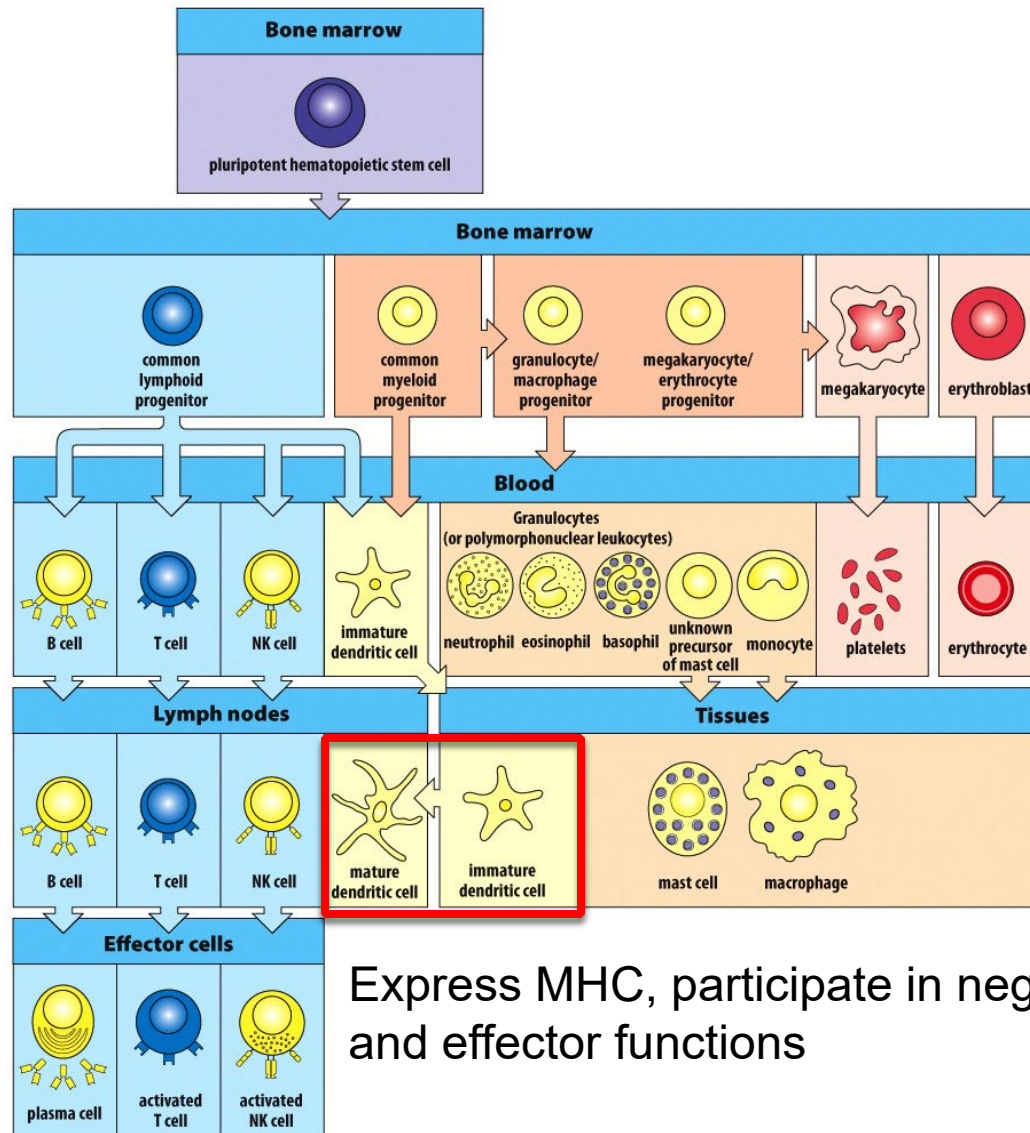


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Cellular Organization of the Thymus

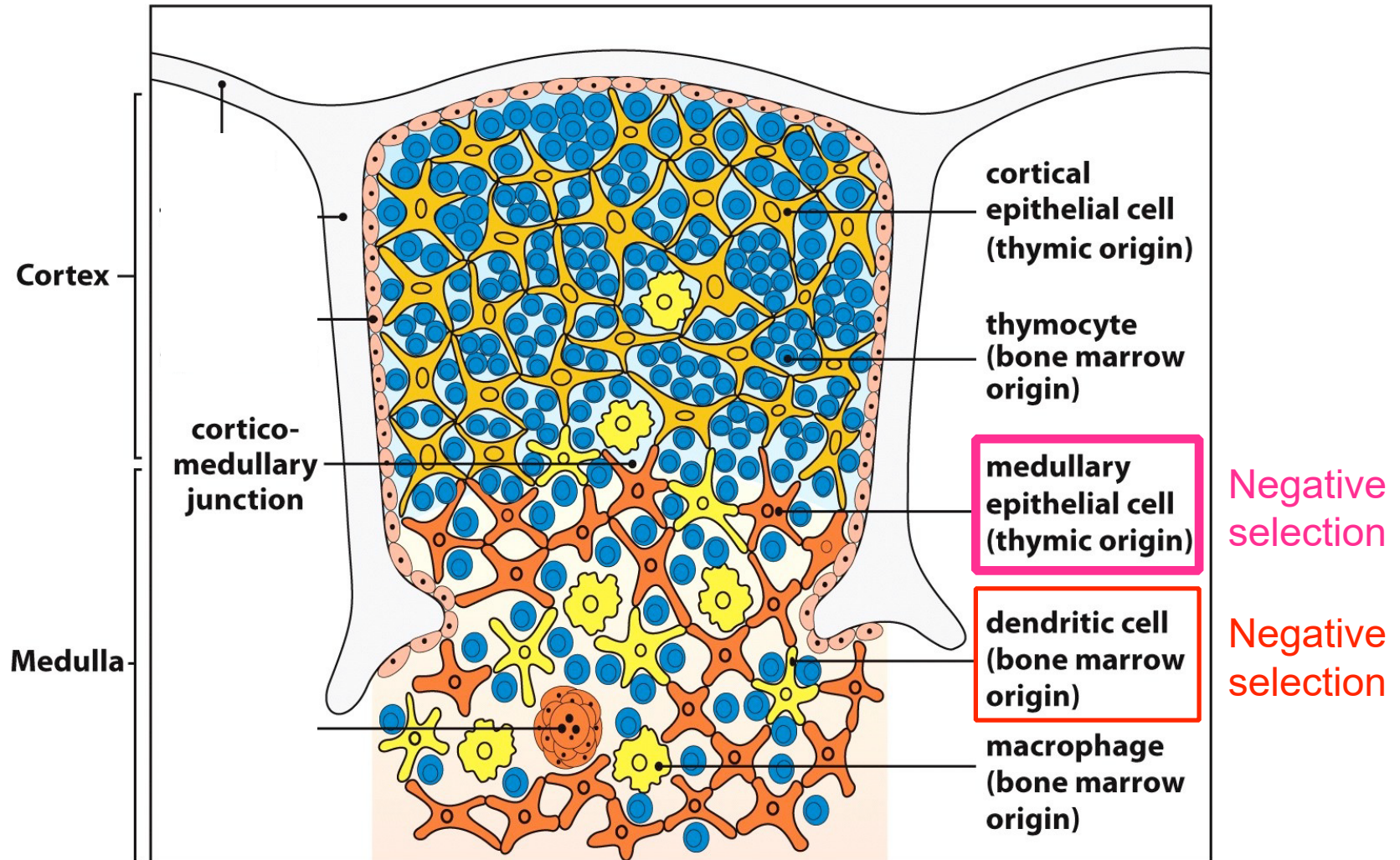


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AIRE (autoimmune regulator) Is Expressed by the Medullary Epithelial Cells of the Thymus

controls presentation of tissue restricted self-antigens (i.e. from tissues outside of thymus, such as insulin)

AIRE expression in normal thymus

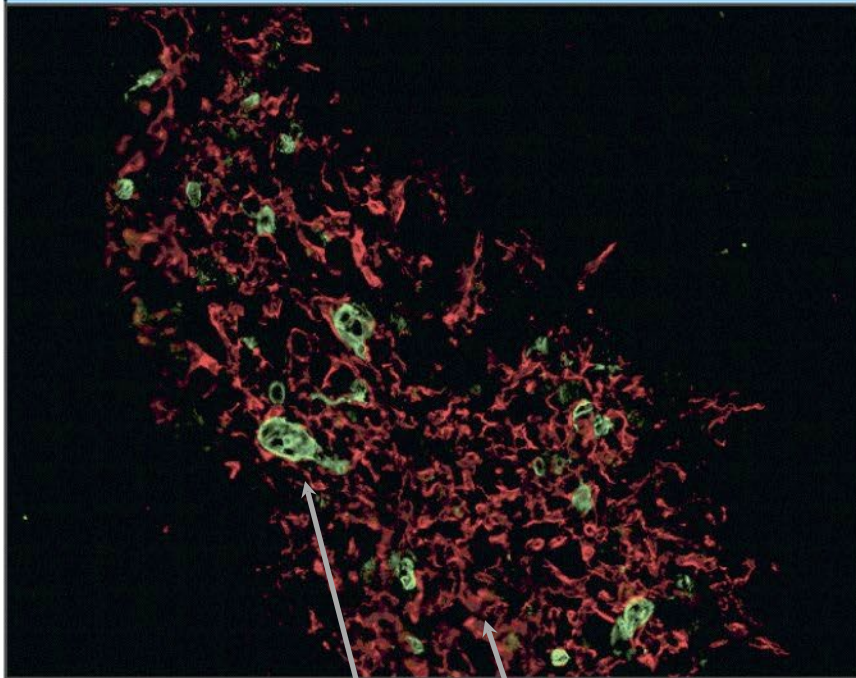
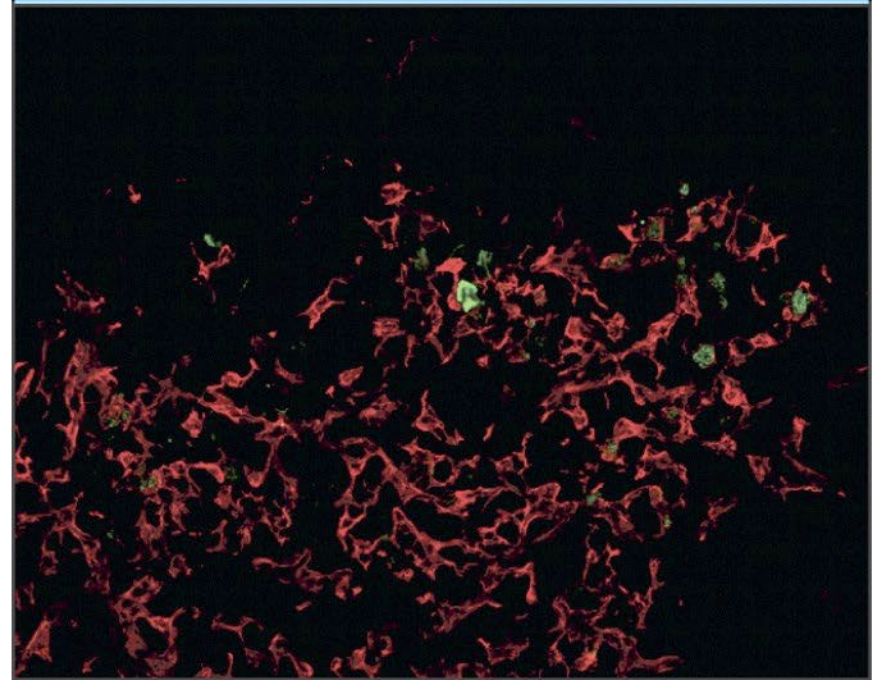


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AIRE

Medullary cells

AIRE expression in LT- $\alpha^{-/-}$ thymus

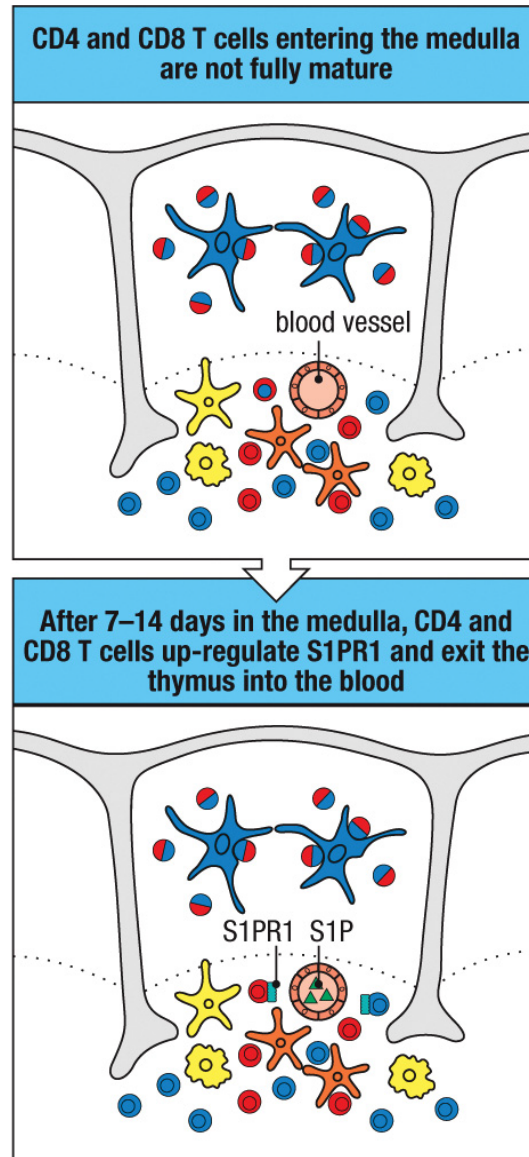


Impaired tolerance to **insulin**

Question

- T cell negative selection
- What is the purpose of the negative selection?
- Which cells and molecules mediate the negative selection?

Mature T Cells Leave Thymus



Donor and Recipient Must Share HLA Class I and II Molecules to Reconstitute T-Cell Function

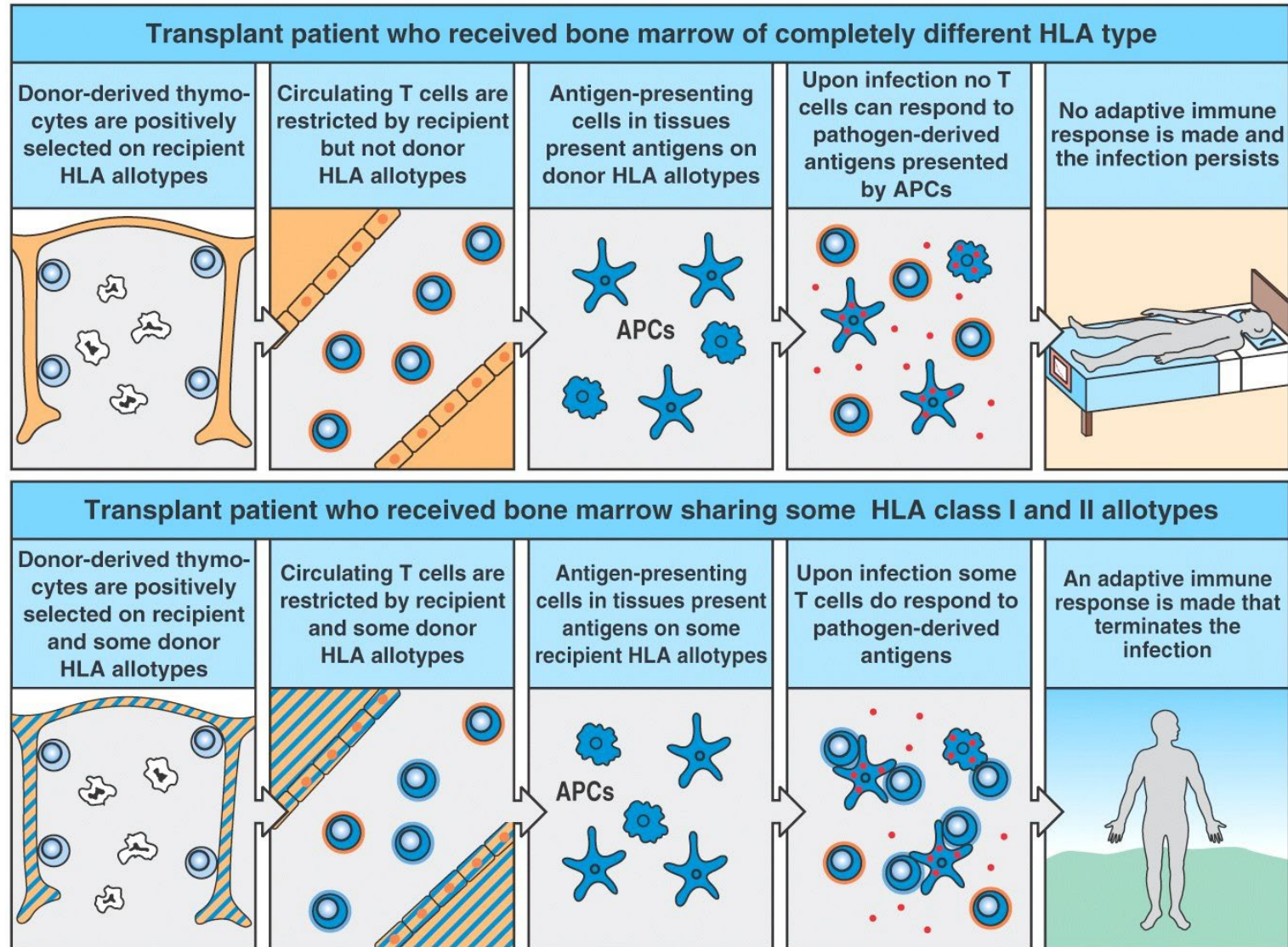


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Problem 1

T cells restricted by which MHC will pass positive selection?

MHC^F bone marrow transplanted into MHC^{FxZ} recipient

- A) F
- B) Z
- C) Both
- D) Neither

Problem 2

T cells restricted by which MHC will pass positive selection?

MHC^{FxZ} bone marrow transplanted into MHC^W recipient

- A) F
- B) Z
- C) W
- D) All
- E) None

Problem 3

Will the skin graft from MHC^Z animal be tolerated?

MHC^{FxZ} bone marrow transplanted into MHC^F recipient

- A) Yes
- B) No

Skin: All cells express **MHC^Z**

Problem 4

Will the skin graft from MHC^W animal be tolerated?

MHC^{FxZ} bone marrow transplanted into MHC^F recipient

A) Yes

B) No

Problem 5

Will the majority of developed T cells be activated in response to infection?

MHC^F bone marrow transplanted into MHC^Z recipient

- A) Yes
- B) No

Case Study-APECED

Patient:

- 18 month-retarded growth due to insufficient thyroid hormones
- 6 year-same thing plus hair loss
- 8 year-Candida infection in the mouth
- 18 years-bruise easily due to idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura

Family history:

2 year older sister similar condition

Autoimmune Polyendocrinopathy-Candidiasis-Ectodermal Dystrophy

Autoantibody to IL-17 and IL-22, which is critical in fighting fungal infection



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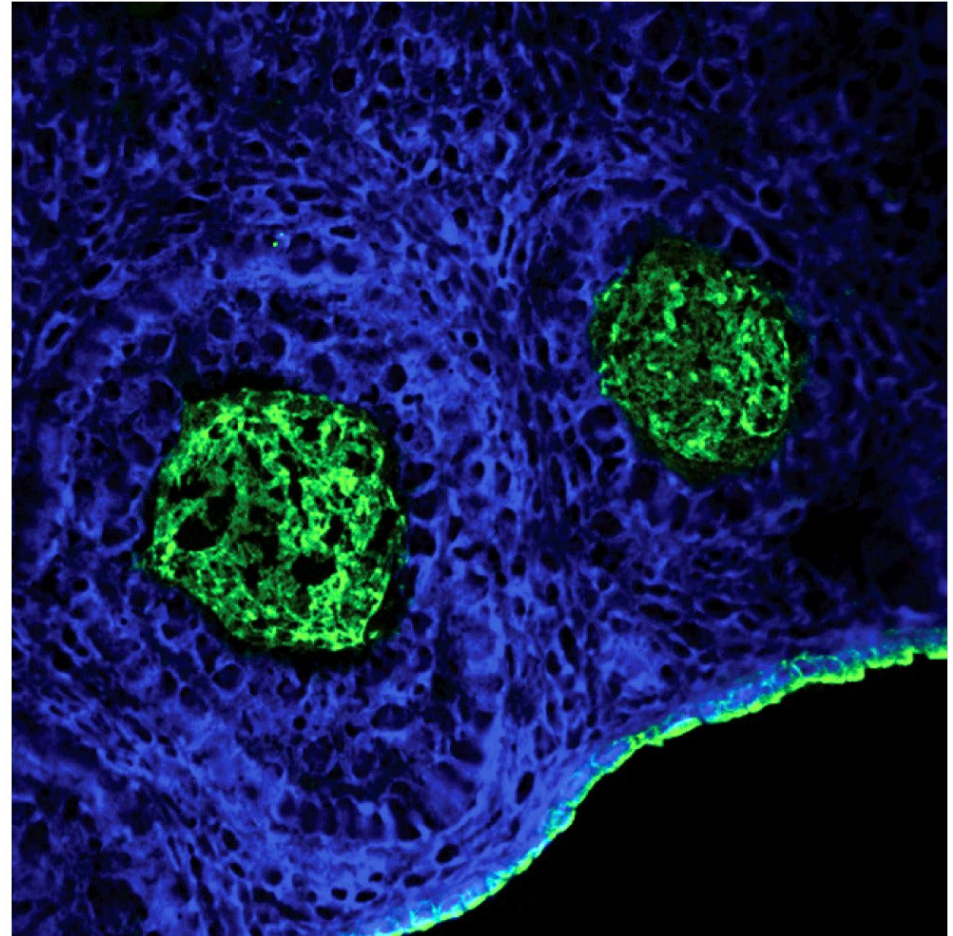


Figure 17.4 Case Studies in Immunology, 6ed. (© Garland Science 2012)

self reactive antibody against ovarian oocyte

What's Wrong with the Patient?

- Defect in the AIRE gene, autoimmune regulator
- A transcriptional regulator expressed mainly in medullar epithelial cells
- -negative selection

AIRE

- How are tissue specific antigens present in the thymus for negative selection?

Question

- What cells mediate negative selection in thymus?
- A) bone marrow derived
- B) thymic cells
- C) both
- D) neither