### Antibody Structure



# **Construction of the Variable Region**



# Outline

- B-cell development
- Selection of non-self reacting B-cells
- Signaling through B-cell receptor

### **Differentiation of Hematopoietic Cells**



#### Life-Cycle of B Cells: Bone Marrow to Lymphoid Tissues



Figure 6.2 The Immune System, 3ed. (© Garland Science 2009)

### Phases of B Cell Development



Figure 6.1 The Immune System, 3ed. (© Garland Science 2009)

Bone marrow

Periphery (secondary lymphoid tissues)

# Stages of B-Cell Development



V(D)J recombination

Negative selection

#### Life-Cycle of B Cells: Bone Marrow to Lymphoid Tissues



### Stages of Lymphocyte Development



Figure 1-23 Immunobiology, 7ed. (© Garland Science 2008)

#### Early Stages of B-Cell Development Are Dependent on Stromal Cells



E2A

#### B-Cells Interact With Stromal Cells During Development



#### B-Cells Interact With Stromal Cells During Development



#### Protein Expression During B-Cell Development

		Stem cell	Early pro-B cell	Late pro-B cell	Large pre-B cell	Small pre-B cell	Immature B cell	Mature B cell
		$\bigcirc$			pre-B receptor		lgM V	IgD IgM
	H-chain genes	Germline	D–J rearranging	V–DJ rearranging	VDJ rearranged	VDJ rearranged	VDJ rearranged	VDJ rearranged
	L-chain genes	Germline	Germline	Germline	Germline	V–J rearranging	VJ rearranged	VJ rearranged
	Surface Ig	Absent	Absent	Absent	μ chain transiently at surface as part of pre-B-cell receptor. Mainly intracellular	Intracellular µ chain	lgM expressed on cell surface	IgD and IgM made from alternatively spliced H-chain transcripts
Protein	Function							
RAG-1	Lymphoid-							
RAG-2	recombinase							
TdT	N-nucleotide addition							
λ5	Surrogate							
VpreB	components							
lgα								
lgβ	Signal							
CD45R	transuuction							
Btk								
CD19								
Kit	Growth factor							
IL-7R	receptor							
CD43	Unknown							
CD24								
BP-1	Amino- peptidase							

# **B-Lineage Development**

	Stem cell	Early pro-B cell	Late pro-B cell	Large pre-B cell	Small pre-B cell	Immature B cell	Mature B cell
				pre-B receptor			IgD IgM
H-chain genes	Germline	D–J rearranging	V–DJ rearranging	VDJ rearranged	VDJ rearranged	VDJ rearranged	VDJ rearranged
L-chain genes	Germline	Germline	Germline	Germline	V–J rearranging	VJ rearranged	VJ rearranged
Surface Ig	Absent	Absent	Absent	μ chain transiently at surface as part of pre-B-cell receptor. Mainly intracellular	Intracellular μ chain	lgM expressed on cell surface	IgD and IgM made from alternatively spliced H-chain transcripts

### **Pre-B-Cell Receptor Assembly**



### **Pre-B-Cell Receptor**



### Allelic Exclusion in B-Cells



#### Generation of Productive V(D)J Rearrangement

#### Rearrangement of light chain is usually successful



#### Steps of Immunoglobulin Gene Rearrangement



Figure 8.11 Janeway's Immunobiology, 8ed. (© Garland Science 2012)

# Question

• What is the function of the pre-B receptor?

# Outline

• B-cell development

- Selection of non-self reacting B-cells
- Signaling through B-cell receptor

#### Self-Reacting B-Cells Are Deleted During Development



#### **Receptor Editing Can Rescue Self-Reacting B-Cells**



#### **Transitional B cells**



#### Transitional B cells complete their maturation in B-cell follicles in the spleen

Transitional B cells that enter the follicle



Micrograph courtesy of Xiaoming Wang and Jason Cyster. Howard Hughes Medical Institute and Department of Microbiology and Immunology, UCSF



# **B-Cell Development**

		B cells	Heavy-chain genes	Light-chain genes	Intra- cellular proteins	Surface marker proteins	
	Common lymphoid progenitor		Germline	Germline	RAG-1 λ5, RAG-2 VpreB TdT	CD34, CD45, CD93	BONE MARROW
	Early pro-B cell		D–J rearranged	Germline	TdT λ5, VpreB	CD34, CD45R, CD93, IL-7R, MHC class II, CD10, CD19, CD38	
ANTIGEN	Late pro-B cell		V–DJ rearranged	Germline	λ5, VpreB	CD45R, CD93, IL-7R, MHC class II, CD10, CD19, CD38, CD20	
INDEPENDENT	Large pre-B cell	pre-B receptor	VDJ rearranged	Germline	μ RAG-1 RAG-2	CD45R, CD93, IL-7R, MHC class II, pre-BCR, CD19, CD38, CD20	
	Small pre-B cell	cytoplasmic µ	VDJ rearranged	V–J rearrangement		CD45R, CD93, MHC class II, CD19, CD38, CD20	
	Immature B cell	IgM	VDJ rearranged. μ heavy chain produced in membrane form	VJ rearranged		CD45R, MHC class II, IgM, CD19, CD20, CD24, CD93, CD21, CD38, CD23 <sup>-/+</sup>	-7

### **B-Cell Development**



# **B-Cell Population Dynamics**

B cells are produced throughout the life time.



# **B** Cell Subtypes

Property	B-1 B cells	Follicular B cells	Marginal zone B cells
When first produced	Fetus	After birth	After birth
N-regions in VDJ junctions	Few	Extensive	Yes
V-region repertoire	Restricted	Diverse	Partly restricted
Primary location	Body cavities (peritoneal, pleural)	Peripheral lymphoid organs	Spleen
Dependence on BAFF	No	Yes	Yes
Dependence on IL-7	No	Yes	Yes
Mode of renewal	Self-renewing	Replaced from bone marrow	Long-lived
Spontaneous production of immunoglobulin	High	Low	Low
lsotypes secreted	lgM >> lgG	lgG > lgM	lgM > lgG
Response to carbohydrate antigen	Yes	Maybe	Yes
Response to protein antigen	Maybe	Yes	Yes
Requirement for T-cell help	No	Yes	Sometimes
Somatic hypermutation	Low to none	High	?
Memory development	Little or none	Yes	?

# Question

- Where does B cell positive selection occur?
- A) central lymphatic organ
- B) peripheral lymphatic organ
- C) both
- D) neither

# Outline

• B-cell development

- Selection of non-self reacting B-cells
- Signaling through B-cell receptor

# **B-Cell Receptor Complex**



# Cross-linking of BCR Is Required for B-Cell Activation



Figure 6-11 Immunobiology, 7ed. (© Garland Science 2008)

# Signaling Through BCR



# Signaling Through BCR



# **B Cell Co-receptor Signaling**



# **B Cell Co-receptor Signaling**



# Signaling Through BCR



http://www.cellsignal.com/reference/pathway/B\_Cell\_Antigen.html

### Question

• How is the BCR activated?

# Outline

• B-cell development

- Selection of non-self reacting B-cells
- B-cell maturation
- Signaling through B-cell receptor

### Case Study: X-linked Agammaglobulinemia

- Patient:
  - Male
  - Repeated infection since infancy
  - Extracellular pyogenic (pus-forming) bacteria
- Diagnosis:
  - Absence of B cells
- Treatment:
  - Weekly infusion with gamma globulin

### Absent of B Cells



Figure 1.4 Case Studies in Immunology, 6ed. (© Garland Science 2012)

### X-linked Recessive Disease



Figure 1.5 Case Studies in Immunology, 6ed. (© Garland Science 2012)

### Defect in Btk



# What's Wrong with the Patient?

#### Absent of B cells and antibodies Susceptible to extracellular bacteria



Figure 1.6 Case Studies in Immunology, 6ed. (© Garland Science 2012)