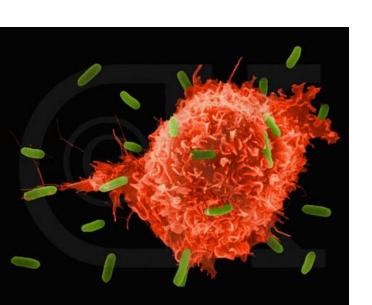
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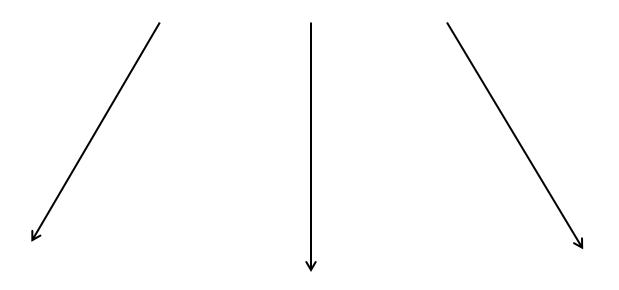


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Why doesn't this happen in our tissues??

# Innate Immune System



Complement system

**Professional Phagocytes** 

NK cells

# Complement System

Composed of around 20 proteins that work together to destroy invaders and to signal other immune system players that the attack is ON!



Sea Urchins (Evolved around 600 Million years ago) possess a complement system



In humans, complement system develops In FIRST TRIMESTER of pregnancy.

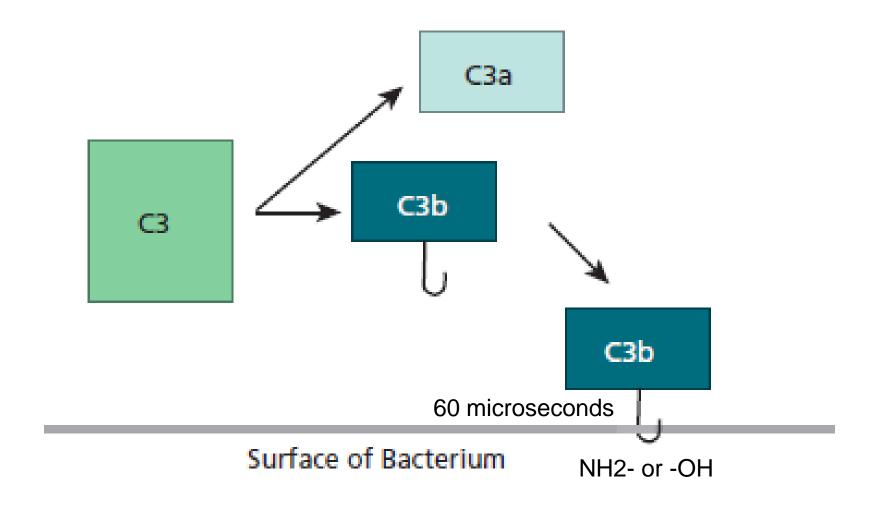
### Methods of complement activation

1- Classical Pathway

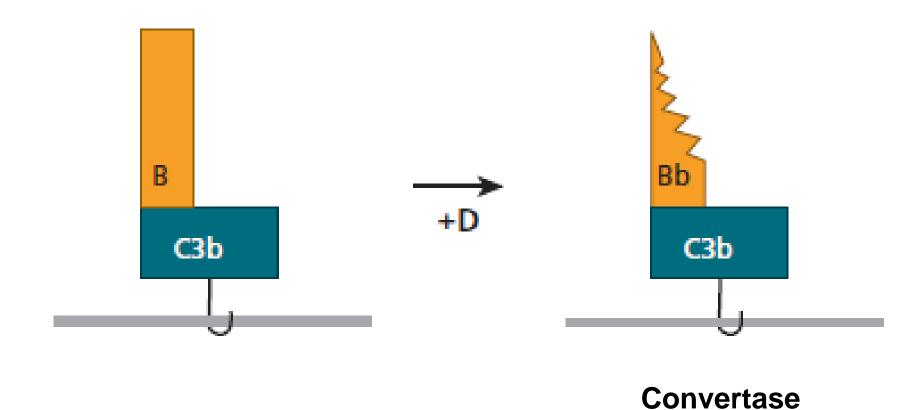
2- Alternative Pathway

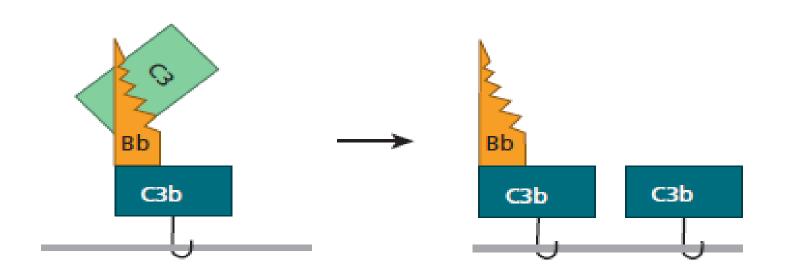
3- Lectin Activation Pathway

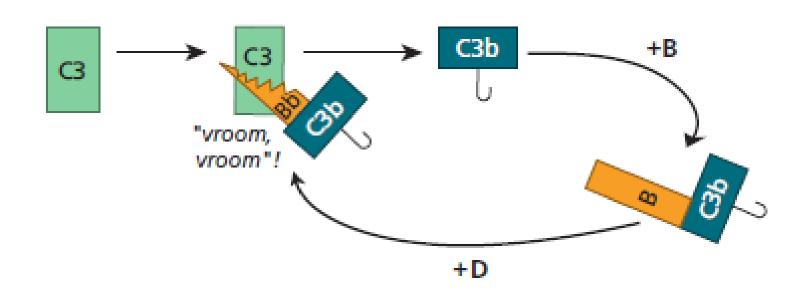
# **Alternative Pathway**



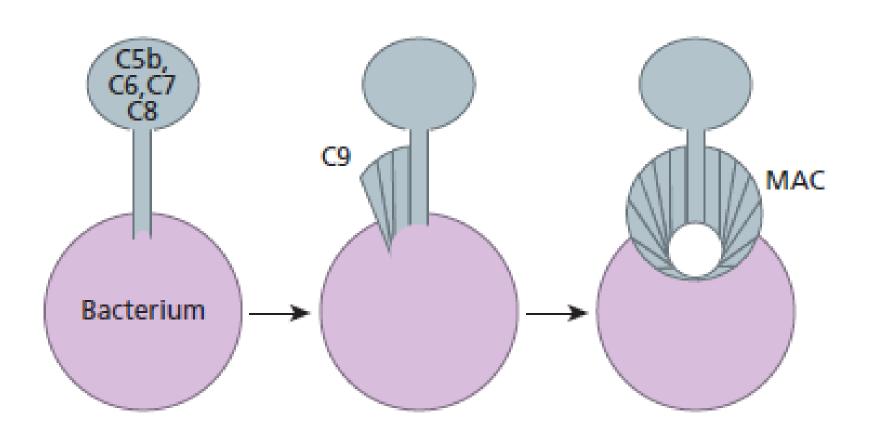
#### Generation of the chain saw C3bBb







#### **Generation of MACs**



Why doesn't complement destroy our own cells??

Human cells possess surface enzymes that inactivate C3b

Decay Accelerating factor DAF (CD55) destroys C3bBb

Protectin (CD59) Kicks almost finished MACs away

#### **Failure of Heart Xenograft Experiments**

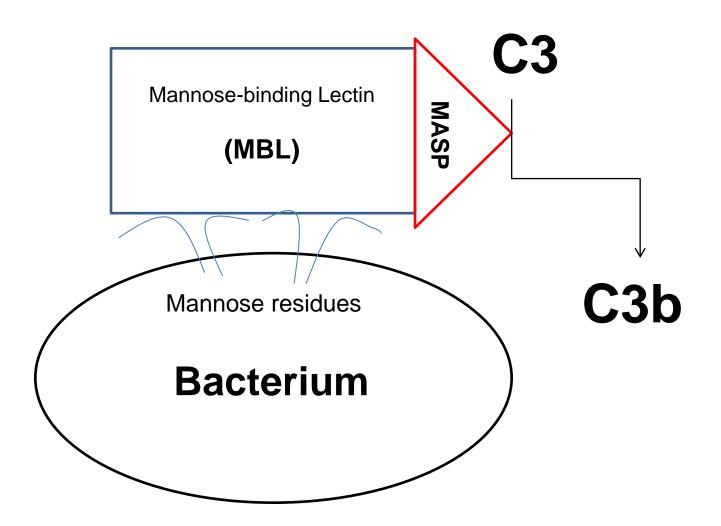


1- Complement is fast!!

2- Complement attacks any unprotected surface.



#### **Lectin Activation Pathway**



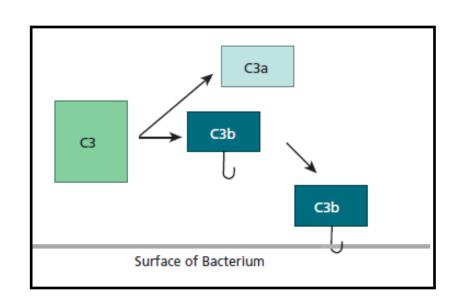
Alternative pathway: Random Bombs

Lectin pathway: Smart Bombs

### Functions of the complement system

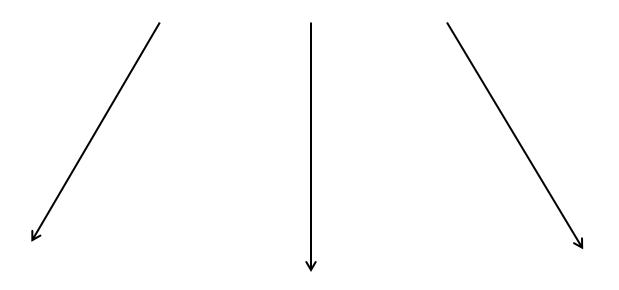
**Building MACs** 

Opsonization by iC3b



Chemotaxis (C3a, C5a, act as anaphylatoxins)

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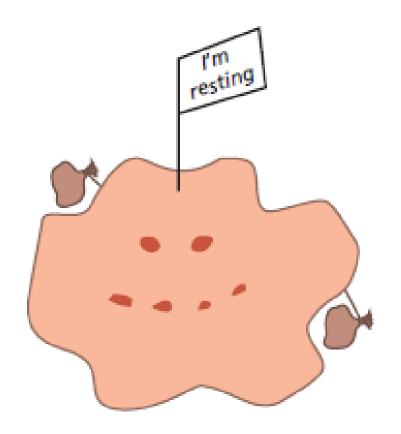
NK cells

# **Professional Phagocytes**

**Macrophages** (APCs found below almost all areas of the body: skin, lungs, intestines).

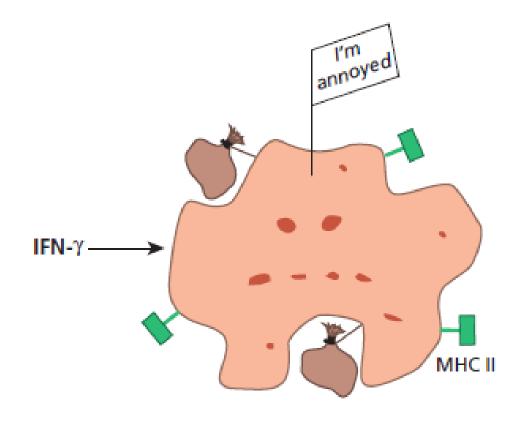
**Neutrophils** (NOT APCs, short-lived, and mostly involved in killing germs)

# Macrophages exist in 3 states



Resting Macrophage (Garbage collector)

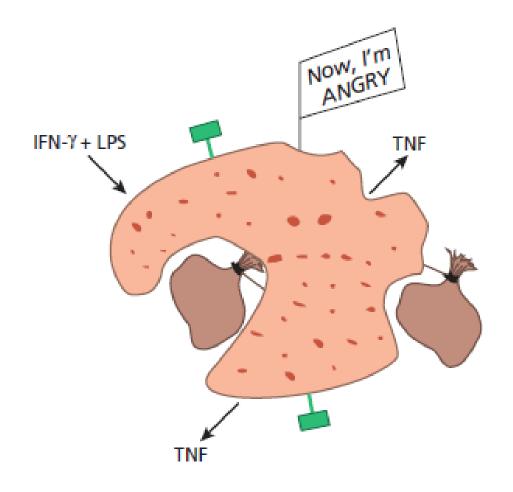
(Low MHC II expression)



IFN-γ Receptor

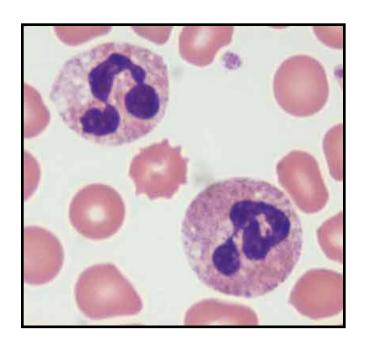
Primed Macrophage (Good APC, good killer)

(up-regulate MHC II expression)



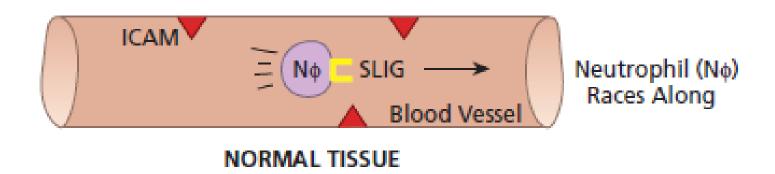
**Hyperactivated Macrophage** (Highly phagocytic, more lysosomes, ROI, NO)

# If Macrophages are overwhelmed, who comes to the rescue??

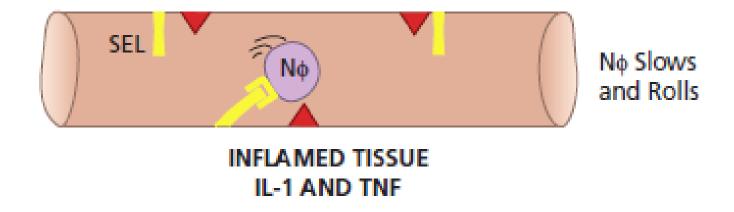


Neutrophils are NOT anitgen-presenting cells but rather professional killers

# How do neutrophils know when and where to exit blood stream?

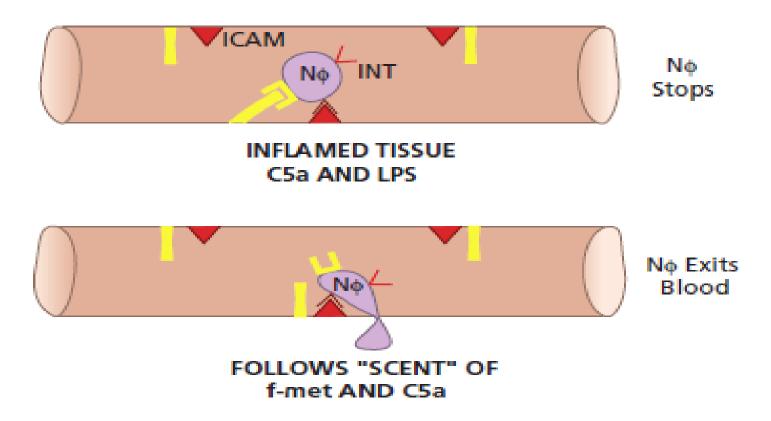


### Neutrophils slow down at infection site



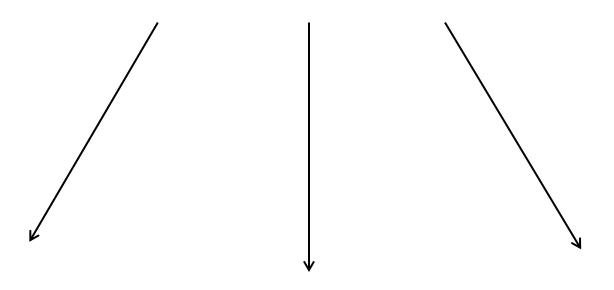
After ~6h post tissue insult, selectin is expressed on near-by endothelial cells.

### Stopping and exiting circulation



Selectins, integrins, and their ligands constitute a postal system for immune cell delivery.

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#### NK cells

Short-lived cells (1 week), no B or T cell receptors

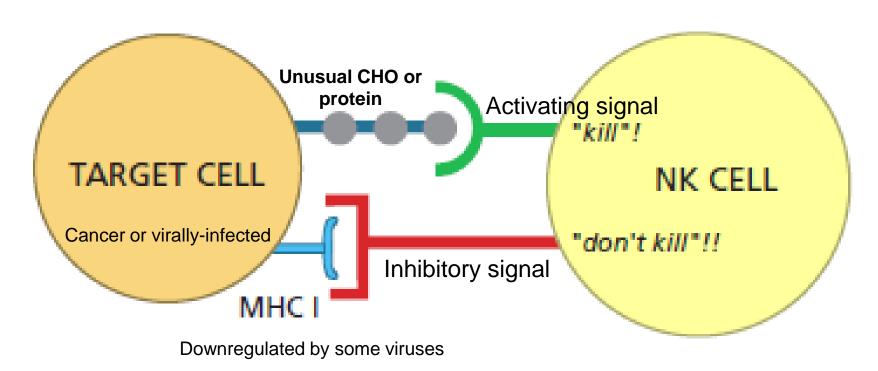
On call- mostly found in blood, liver, and spleen (Not in tissue)

Produce cytokines (ex: IFN-γ)

Once they enter tissue

Kill Cells by forcing them to commit suicide (Injection of granzymes, FasL-Fas interactions)

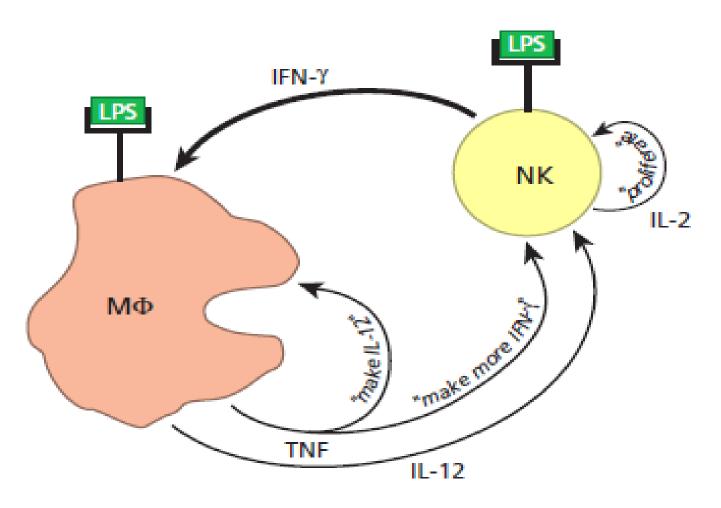
# How do NK cells recognize their target??



NK cells become more active in the presence of LPS/type I interferons.

NK cells combine Tc and Th functions!!

# NK and Mφ co-operate

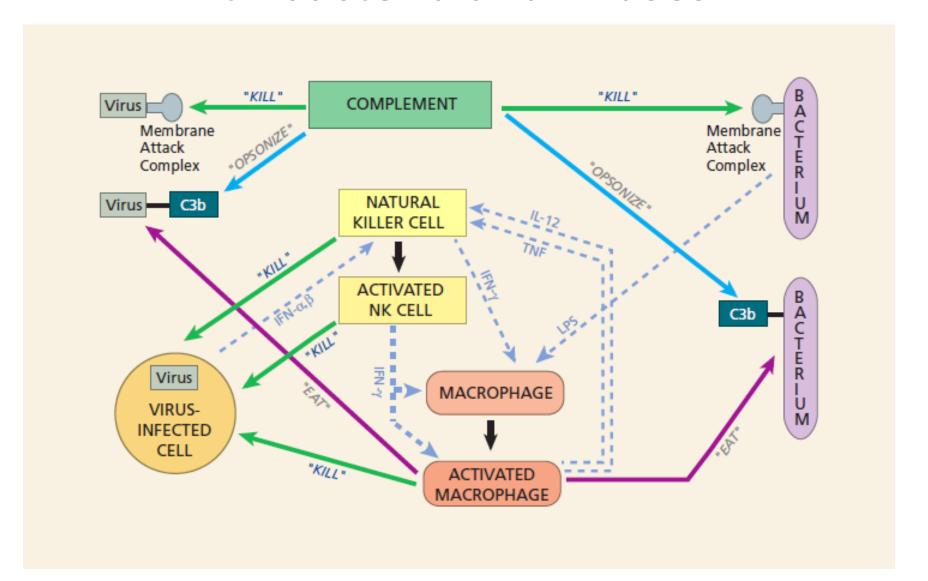


# Professional Phagocytes and complement co-operate

 Complement tags invaders and phagocytes eat them.

 Activated Mφ can produce complement components (C3, factors B and D) and increase blood vessel permeability to recruit complement proteins from blood.

# How the innate immune system deals with bacteria and viruses??



- Many viruses evolved defenses to protect them from the innate immune system.
- Innate system can help contain a viral infection in early stages, but more potent weapons are frequently required!

# **Adaptive Immune System**

THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS??