## The development of B lymphocytes

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## Introduction

#### The life cycle of B cells

Generation of B cells in bone marrow.

Elimination of self-reactive B cells in bone marrow.

Activation of B cells by foreign antigen in secondary lymphoid tissues.

Differentiation to antibody-secreting plasma cells and memory B cells in secondary lymphoid tissues.

#### The life cycle of B cells cont.

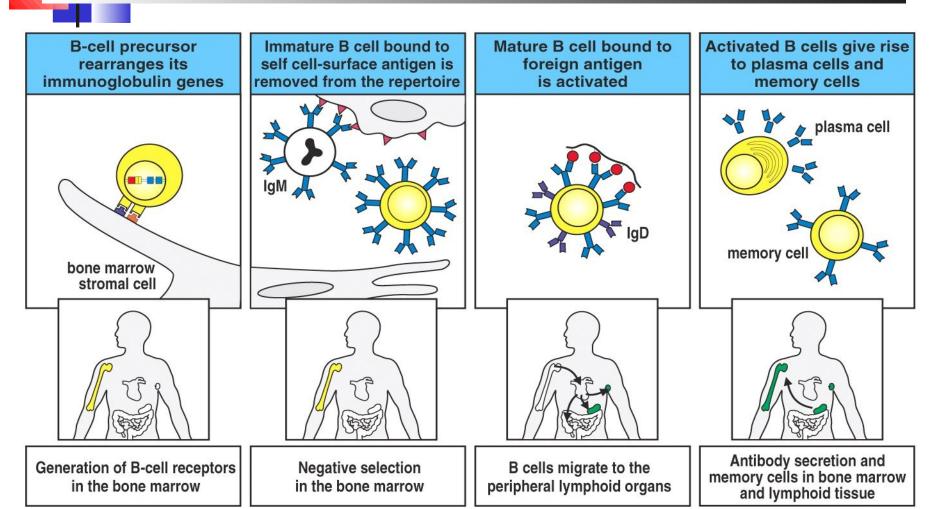


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## The development of B cells in the bone marrow

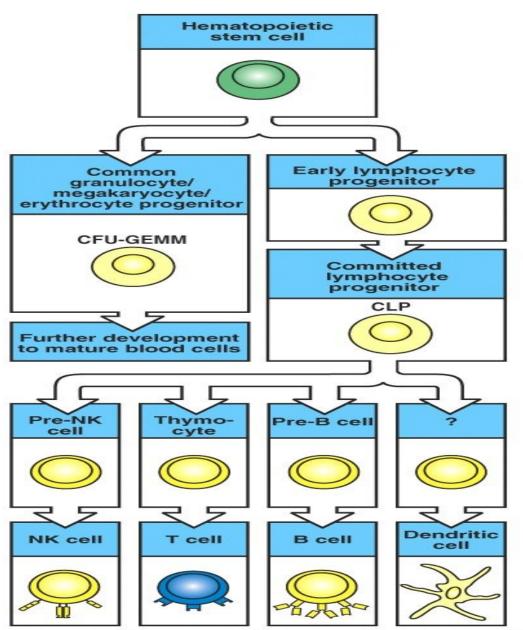


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	Stem cell	Early pro-B cell	Late pro-B cell	Large pre-B cell	Small pre-B cell	Immature B cell	Mature B cell
				pre-B receptor		IgM P	IgD IgM
H-chain genes	Germline	D-J rearranging	V-DJ rearranging	VDJ rearranged	VDJ rearranged	VDJ rearranged	VDJ rearranged
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	IgM expressed on cell surface	IgD and IgM made from alternatively spliced H-chain transcripts
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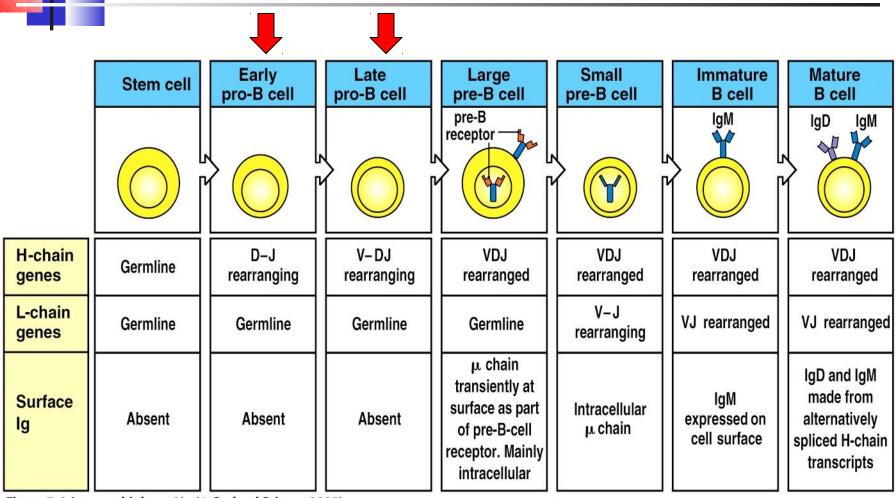


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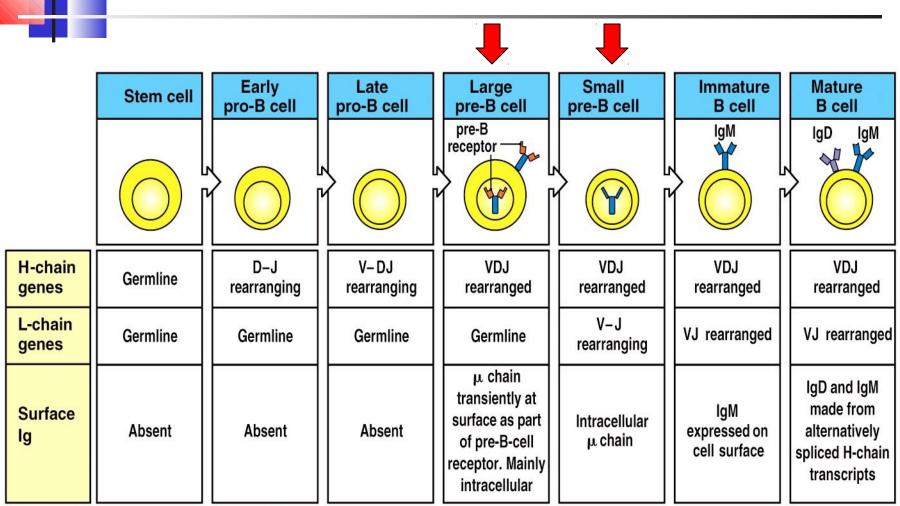
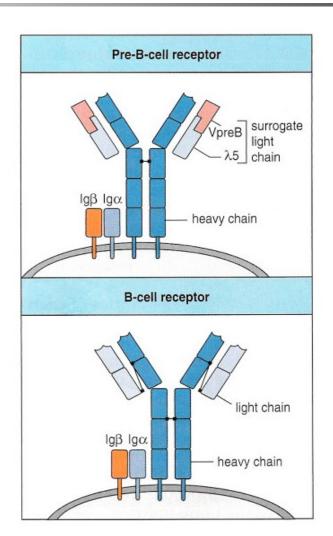


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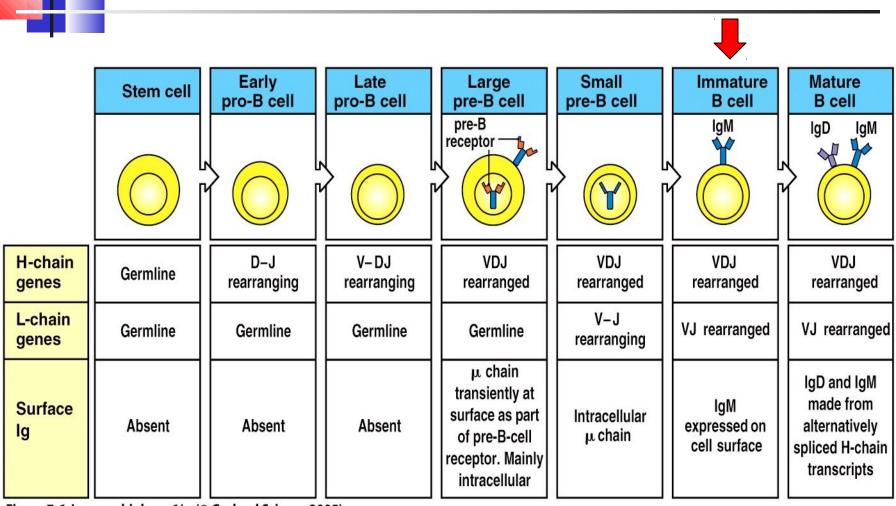


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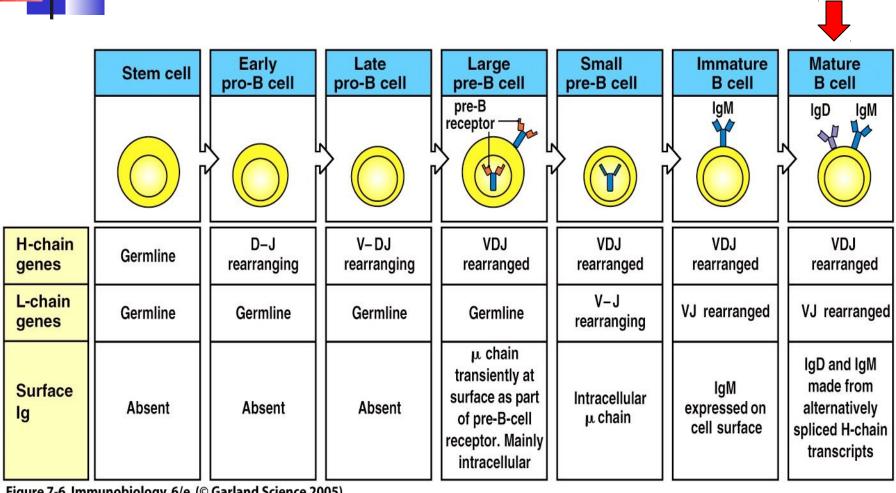
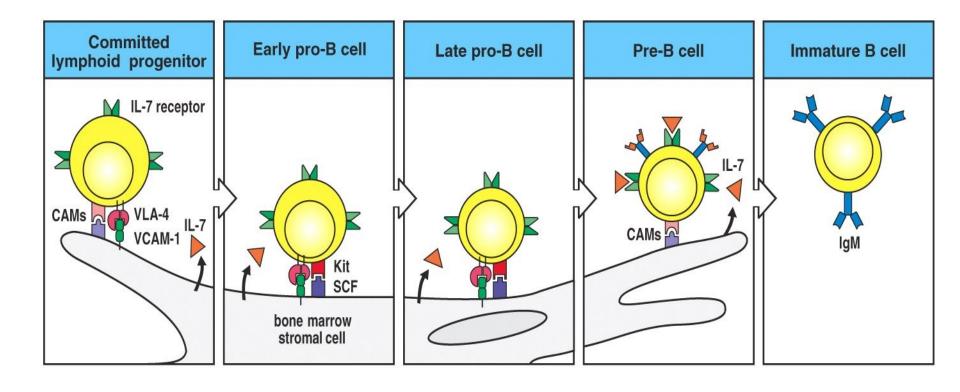


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#### Bone marrow stromal cells



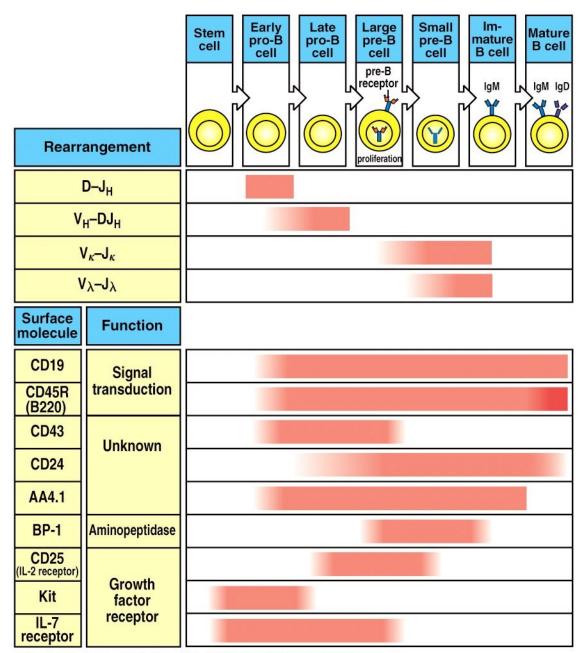
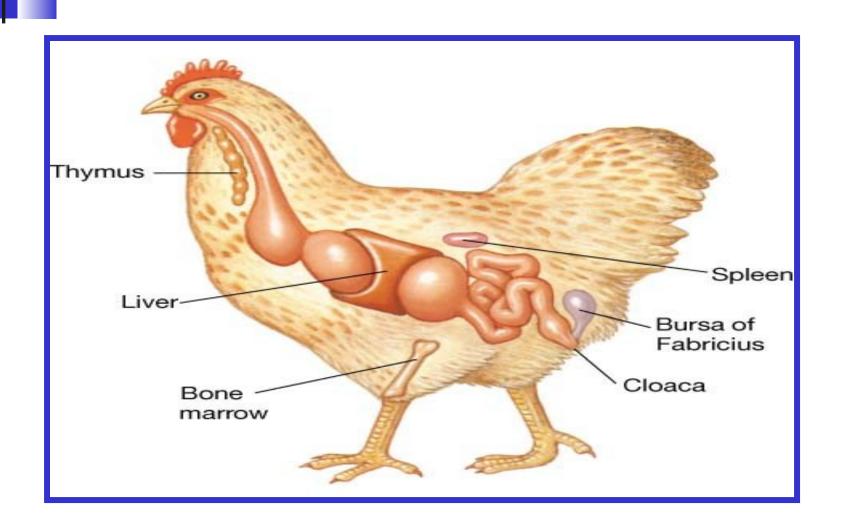


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#### B cell development in chicken



## The survival of a developing B cell

- Unproductive rearrangements
  - Gene rearrangements that cannot be translated into a protein.

- Productive rearrangements
  - Rearrangements that preserve a correct reading frame and give rise to a complete and functional immunoglobulin chain.



#### The survival of a developing B cell

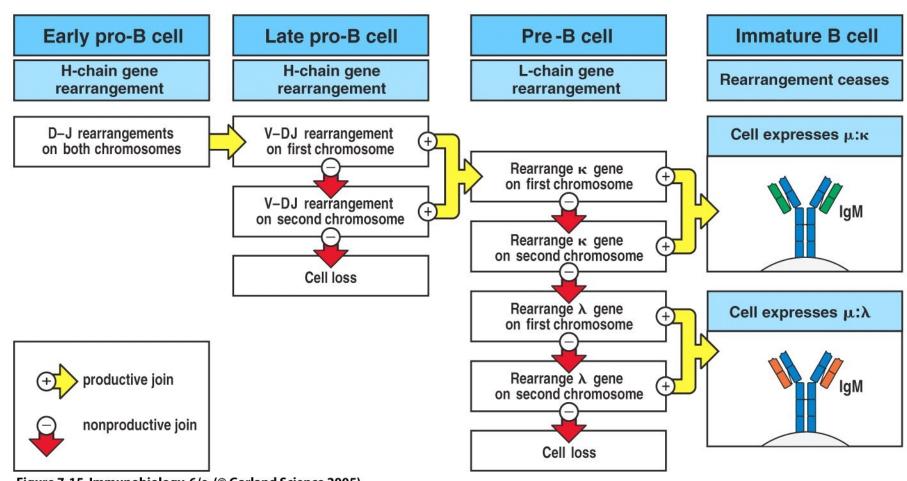


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## Cell-surface expression of the products of rearranged immunoglobulin genes

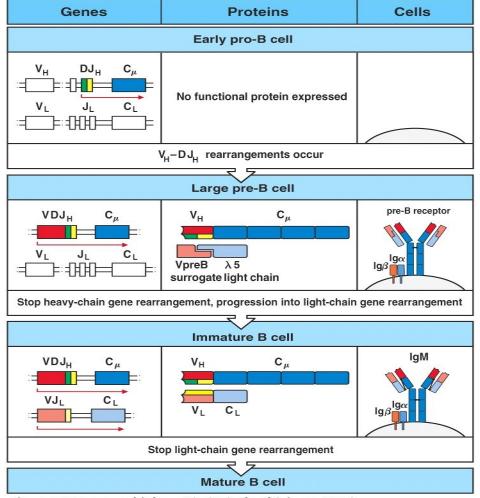


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### Cell-surface expression of the products of rearranged immunoglobulin genes cont.

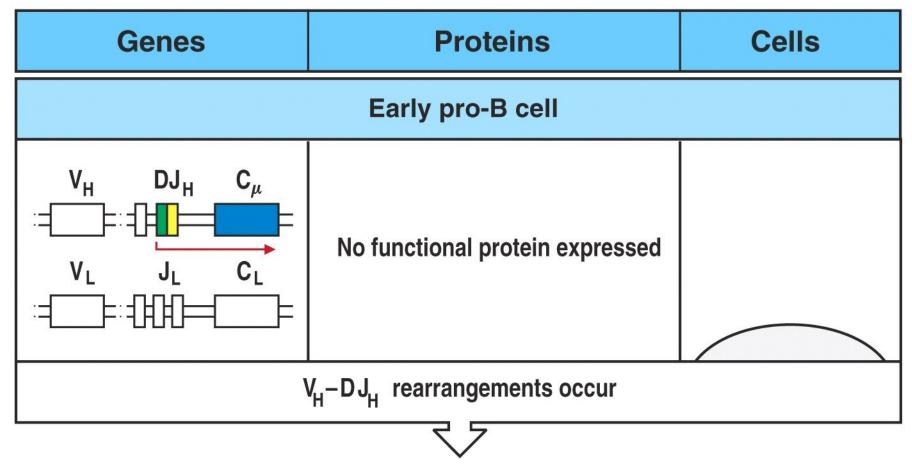


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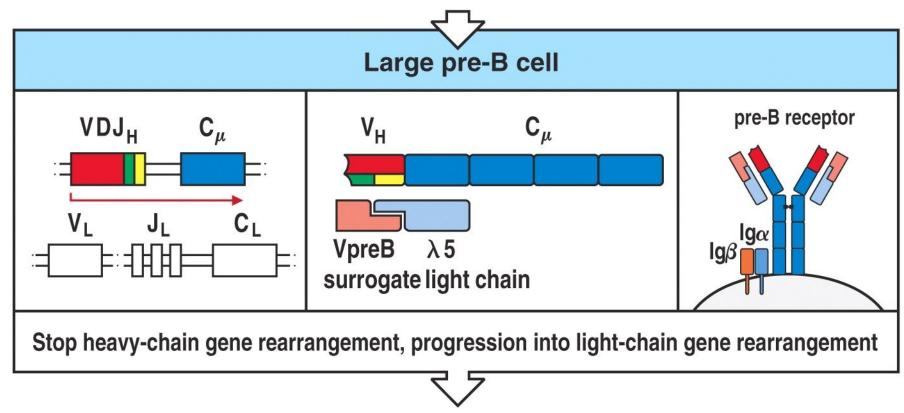


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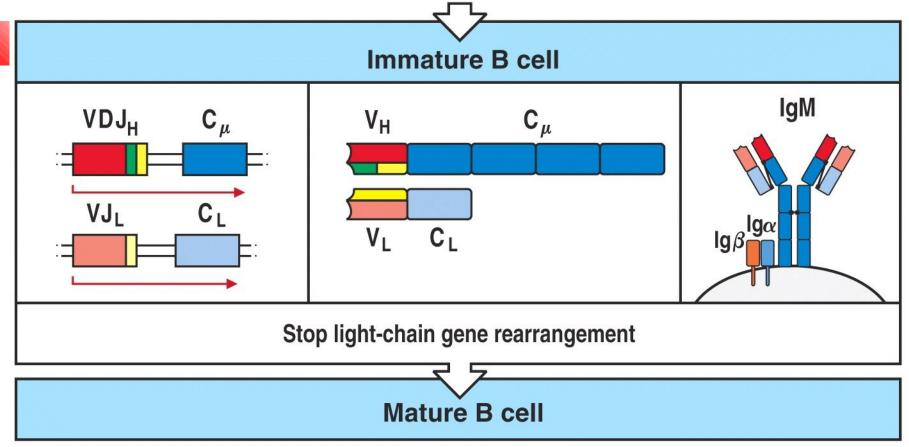


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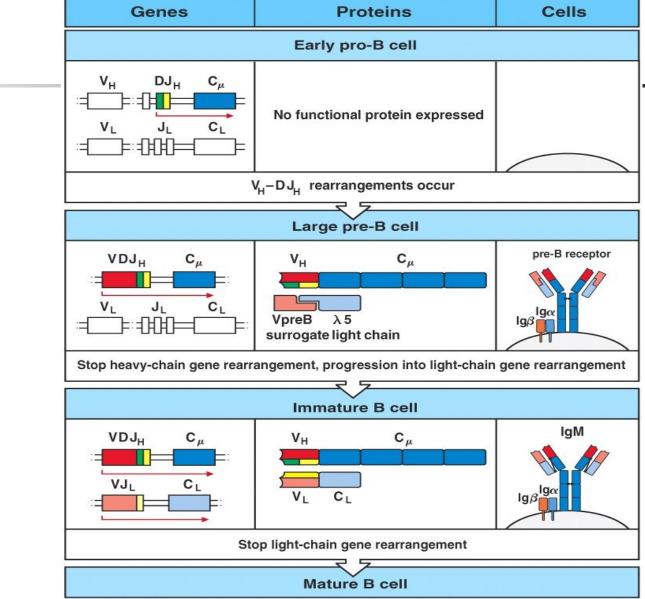


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### Repeated rearrangements are possible at the light-chain loci ٧<sub>κ2</sub> $J_{\kappa 1-5}$ First VJ recombination $V_{\kappa 2}$ Nonproductive join Second VJ recombination Nonproductive join Third VJ recombination

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		Stem cell Late pro-B cell Pre-B cell Immature B cell IgM
Protein	Function	
RAG-1	Lymphoid-	
RAG-2	specific recombinase	
TdT	N-nucleotide addition	
λ5	Surrogate light-chain	
V pre B	components	
lgα		
lgβ	Signal	
CD45R	transduction	
Btk		
Oct-2		
EBF	Transcription	
Pax-5/ BSAP	factors	
GATA-2		?
Ikaros		

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## Selection and development of the B cell repertoire

#### Deletion or inactivation of immature B cells

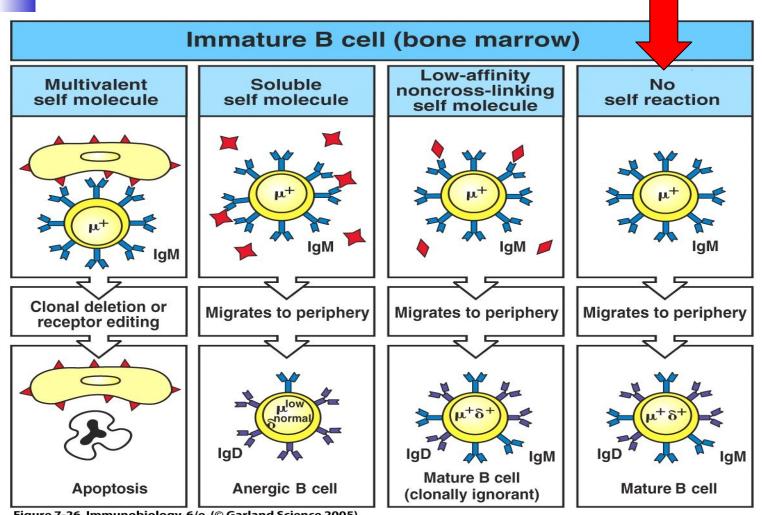


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#### Self-antigens

- Mature B cells whose receptors bind to normal components (self-antigen) of the human body.
- If such B cells were allowed to mature they could make potentially disease-causing antibodies.
- Self-antigens:
  - Glycoproteins
  - Proteoglycans
  - Glycolipids

## Deletion or inactivation of immature B cells cont.

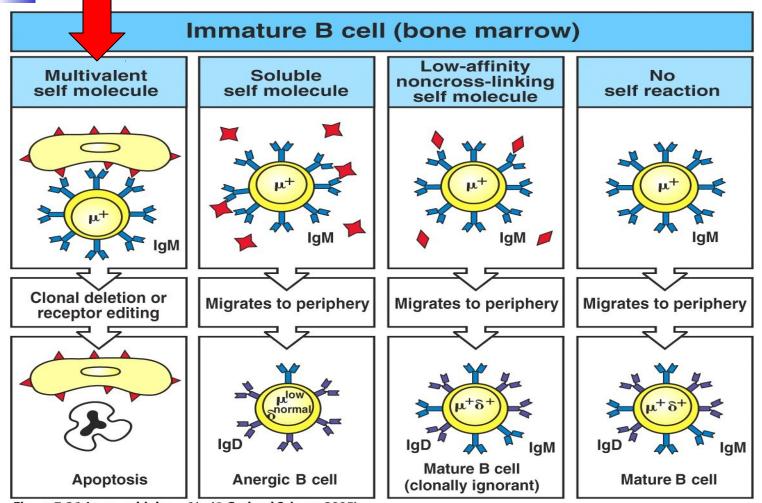


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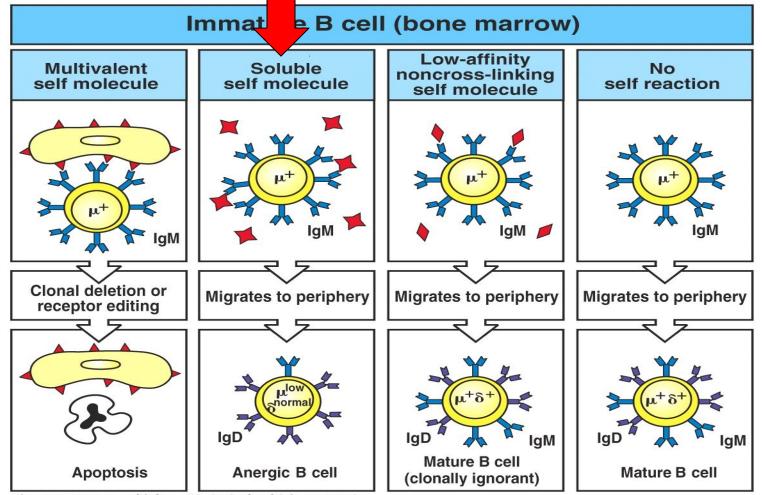


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#### Self-reactive B cells

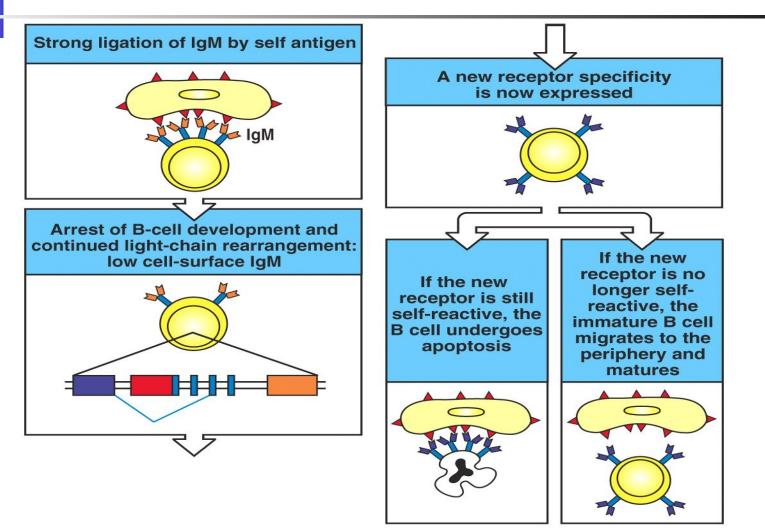
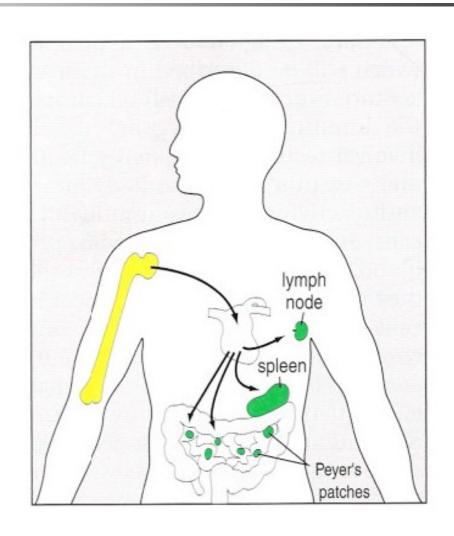


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#### Mature and naïve B cells



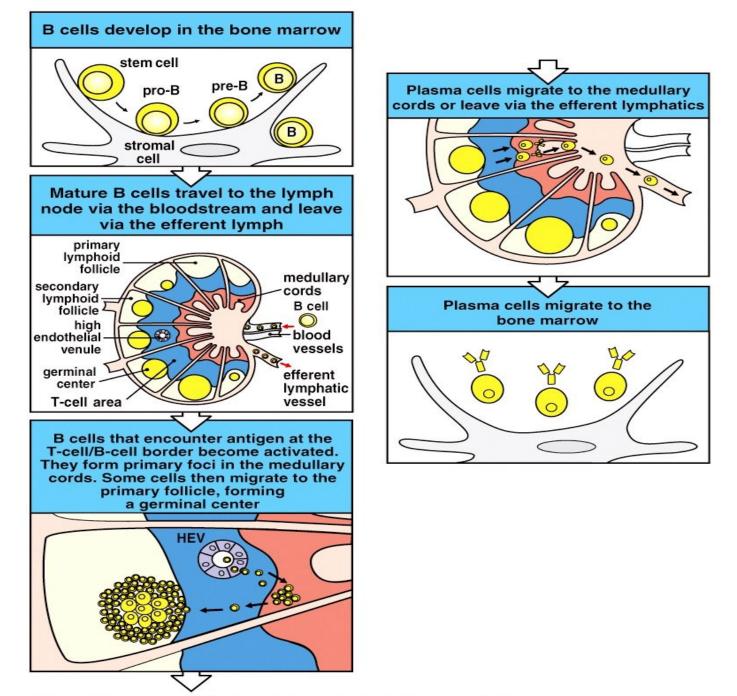


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#### Mature and naïve B cells

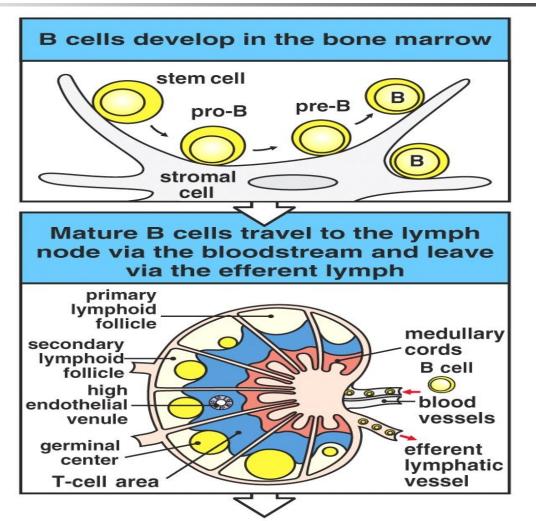


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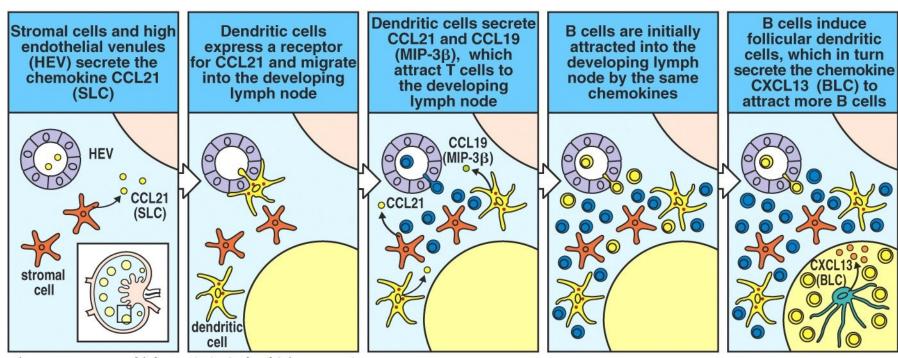
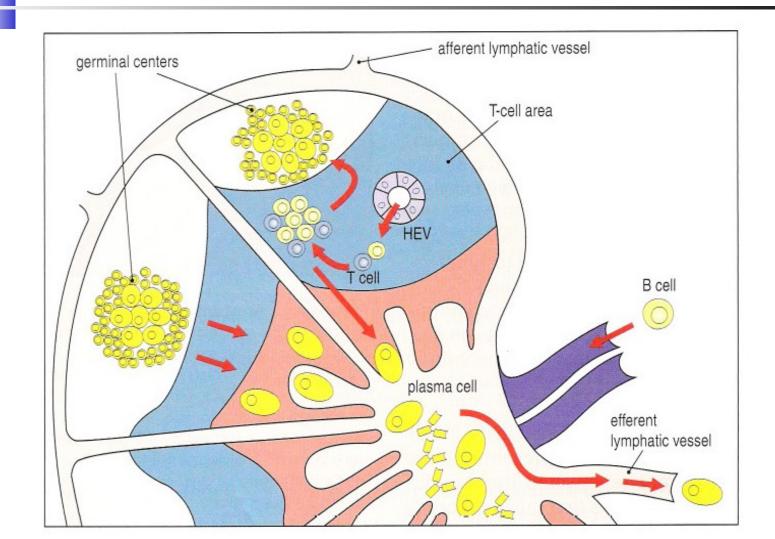


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#### Encounter with antigen



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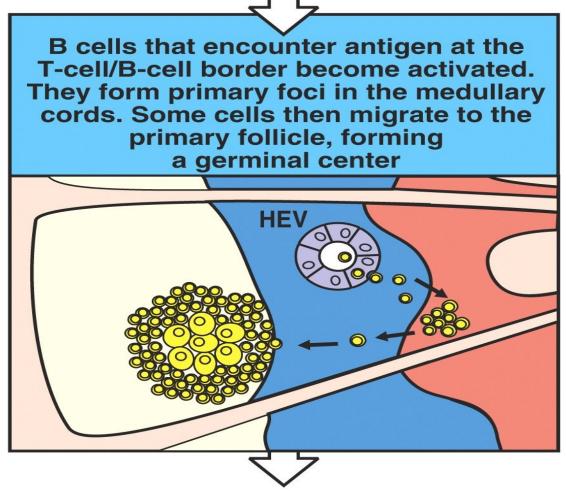


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#### Encounter with antigen

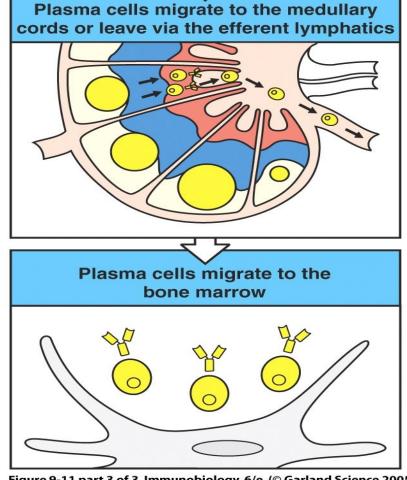


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### Memory cells

- Persist for long periods of time.
- They are much more easily activated on encountering antigen than naïve B cells.
- Rapid activation and differentiation into plasma cells (secondary antibody response).
   More quickly and stronger than the primary immune response.



B cells

Plasma cells

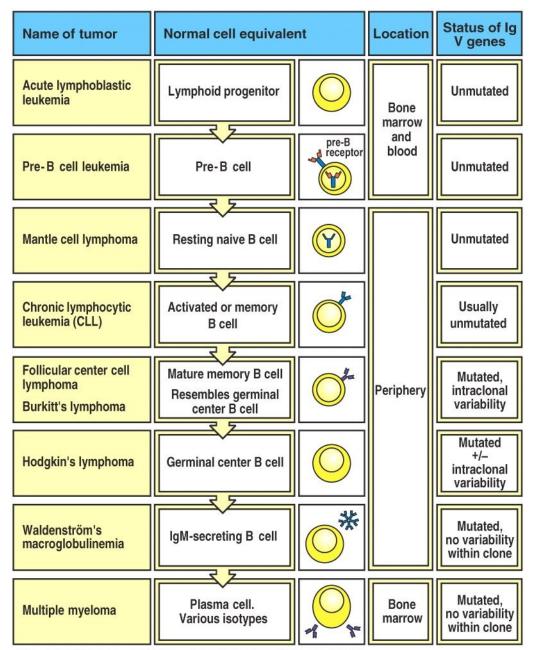


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### Summary

#### **Bone marrow**

Open repertoire of mature B cells.

Tolerance induction

#### Blood and secondary lymphoid tissues

Additional tolerance induction. Self-tolerant immature B cells and anergized B cells

No positive selection: B cells fail to enter lymphoid follicles

B cells have a half-life of about 3 days

Positive selection: B cells successfully enter lymphoid follicles

Long-lived mature recirculating naive B cells (half-life about 3–8 weeks)

#### Stimulation by antigen

Longer-lived mature recirculating memory B cells.

Express high-affinity IgG, IgA, or IgE

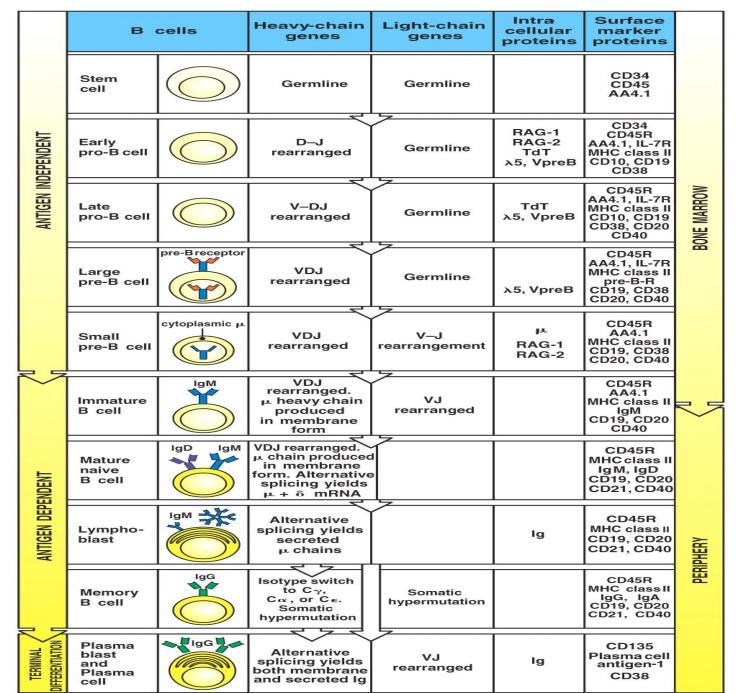


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	B cells		Heavy-chain genes	Light-chain genes	Intra cellular proteins	Surface marker proteins	
	Stem cell		Germline	Germline		CD34 CD45 AA4.1	
EPENDENT	Early pro-B cell		D-J rearranged	Germline	RAG-1 RAG-2 TdT λ5, VpreB	CD34 CD45R AA4.1, IL-7R MHC class II CD10, CD19 CD38	
ANTIGEN INDEPENDENT	Late pro-B cell		V-DJ rearranged	Germline	TdT λ5, VpreB	CD45R AA4.1, IL-7R MHC class II CD10, CD19 CD38, CD20 CD40	BONE MARROW
	Large pre-B cell	pre-Breceptor	VDJ rearranged	Germline	λ5, VpreB	CD45R AA4.1, IL-7R MHC class II pre-B-R CD19, CD38 CD20, CD40	В
2 5	Small pre-B cell	cytoplasmic μ	VDJ rearranged	V–J rearrangement	μ RAG-1 RAG-2	CD45R AA4.1 MHC class II CD19, CD38 CD20, CD40	
	Immature B cell	IgM	VDJ rearranged. μ heavy chain produced in membrane form	VJ rearranged		CD45R AA4.1 MHC class II IgM CD19, CD20 CD40	25

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DEDENDENT	r	Mature naive 3 cell	IgD IgM	VDJ rearranged.  μ chain produced in membrane form. Alternative splicing yields μ + δ mRNA			CD45R MHC class II Ig M, IgD CD19, CD20 CD21, CD40	
ANTIGEN DED		-ympho- blast	IgM **	Alternative splicing yields secreted μ chains		lg	CD45R MHC class II CD19, CD20 CD21, CD40	PERIPHERY
	E	Memory 3 cell	lgG	Isotype switch to Cγ, Cα, or Cε. Somatic hypermutation	Somatic hypermutation		CD45R MHC classII IgG, IgA CD19, CD20 CD21, CD40	PER
TERMINAL /	ERENTIATI	Plasma blast and Plasma cell	IgG	Alternative splicing yields both membrane and secreted lg	VJ rearranged	lg	CD135 Plasma cell antigen-1 CD38	

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