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# Preface

It is now 30 years since the 1st Edition of *Essential Immunology* appeared, and it seemed that the time was now appropriate for the task of producing the 10th Edition to be shared. The new co-author, Peter Delves, has been a close colleague of Professor Roitt for many years and is a highly experienced teacher.

A wide range of subjects have been extensively revised, restructured or updated, and advanced material is included in the figure legends to avoid disruption of the basic text. These subjects include:

- dendritic cells
- intraepithelial lymphocytes
- NK-T and  $\gamma\delta$  T-cells
- NK receptors
- receptor editing relating to receptor diversity
- non-classical MHC and the presentation of non-peptidic antigens
- the role of chaperone proteins in antigen processing
- T-cell recognition of peptide-MHC reflecting the latest crystallographic studies
- arrays for analysis of gene expression
- tetramer evaluation of antigen-specific T-cells
- experimental genetic manipulation using conditional 'knockouts' employing the Lox/Cre system and 'knockins' to replace endogenous genes
- B- and T-cell signaling pathways and the role of adaptor proteins
- cytokine physiology
- chemokines and their receptors
- memory cells
- intimate links of innate and adaptive immunity
- the role of complement in modulating the adaptive immune response
- regulatory T-cells
- activation-induced cell death
- neuroendocrine influences on the immune system
- critical role of *Pax 5* in B-cell differentiation
- molecular basis of thymic development
- signaling through pattern recognition systems
- prions

- viral hijacking of host processes as evasion mechanisms
  - DNA vaccines
  - mucosal adjuvants
  - 'shot gun' approach to identification of vaccine candidates
  - primary immunodeficiency including IL-7 receptor mutation, and deficiency of VDJ recombination in severe combined immunodeficiency
  - CCR5 co-receptor for HIV infection of cells
  - the importance of highly active anti-retroviral drug therapy and of healthy CD8 response dependent on robust CD4 Th1 effectors in control of HIV infection
  - pivotal role of IgE antibodies in pathogenesis of asthma and atopic dermatitis, and remarkable therapeutic benefit of monoclonal anti-IgE
  - the excessive hygiene hypothesis related to the development of allergy
  - the role of Fc $\gamma$  receptors in the pathogenesis of type II and III hypersensitivities
  - suppression of graft rejection by synergy between fungal metabolites and other drugs and by induction of antigen-specific tolerance with high-dose bone marrow transplantation combined with co-stimulatory blockade by anti-CD40L and CTLA-4-Ig
  - engineering grafts from recipient cells
  - the role of hsp70 and 90 in natural and induced tumor immunity
  - peptide priming of dendritic cells to provoke anti-cancer cytotoxic responses
  - the avoidance of graft vs. host disease in allogeneic bone marrow transplantation for leukemias
  - inhibition of B-cell lymphomas and tumor angiogenesis by radiolabeled monoclonals
  - thymic expression of some organ-specific antigens
  - role of autoimmunity to hsp65 in atherosclerosis
  - autologous stem cell transplantation after cytotoxic ablative therapy for some cases of SLE, scleroderma and juvenile rheumatoid arthritis.
- All in all, quite a mouthful!

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# Abbreviations

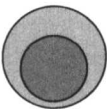


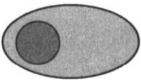
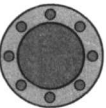





Ab	antibody	DAG	diacylglycerol
ACh-R	acetylcholine receptor	DC	dendritic cells
ACTH	adrenocorticotrophic hormone	DNP	dinitrophenyl
ADA	adenosine deaminase	DTP	diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis triple vaccine
ADCC	antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity	EAE	experimental allergic encephalomyelitis
Ag	antigen	EBV	Epstein-Barr virus
AIDS	acquired immunodeficiency syndrome	ELISA	enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay
ANCA	antineutrophil cytoplasmic antibodies	EM	electron microscope
APC	antigen-presenting cell	E $\phi$	eosinophil
ARRE-1	antigen receptor response element-1	ER	endoplasmic reticulum
ARRE-2	antigen receptor response element-2	ES	embryonic stem (cell)
AZT	zidovudine (3'-azido-3'-deoxythymidine)	F(B)	factor (B, etc.)
B-cell	lymphocyte which matures in bone marrow	Fab	monovalent Ig antigen-binding fragment after papain digestion
BCG	bacille Calmette-Guérin attenuated form of tuberculosis	F(ab') <sub>2</sub>	divalent antigen-binding fragment after pepsin digestion
BCR	B-cell receptor	FACS	fluorescence-activated cell sorter
BM	bone marrow	Fc	Ig crystallisable-fragment originally; now non-Fab part of Ig
BSA	bovine serum albumin	Fc $\gamma$ R	receptor for IgG Fc fragment
BUDR	bromodeoxyuridine	FDC	follicular dendritic cells
C	complement	(sc)Fv	(single chain) V <sub>H</sub> -V <sub>L</sub> antigen binding fragment
C $\alpha$ ( $\beta$ / $\gamma$ / $\delta$ )	constant part of TCR $\alpha$ ( $\beta$ / $\gamma$ / $\delta$ ) chain	G	granulocyte
CALLA	common acute lymphoblastic leukemia antigen	g.b.m.	glomerular basement membrane
cAMP	cyclic adenosine monophosphate	GM-CSF	granulocyte-macrophage colony-stimulating factor
CCP	complement control protein repeat	gp $n$	n kDa glycoprotein
CD	cluster of differentiation	g.v.h.	graft versus host
CDR	complementarity determining regions of Ig or TCR variable portion	H-2	the mouse major histocompatibility complex
CEA	carcinoembryonic antigen	H-2D/K/L	main loci for classical class I (class II)
CFA	complete Freund's adjuvant	(A/E)	murine MHC molecules
cGMP	cyclic guanosine monophosphate	HAMA	human antimouse antibodies
C <sub>H(L)</sub>	constant part of Ig heavy (light) chain	HBsAg	hepatitis B surface antigen
CMI	cell-mediated immunity	hCG	human chorionic gonadotropin
CML	cell-mediated lympholysis	HEV	high walled endothelium of post capillary venule
CMV	cytomegalovirus	Hi	high
Cn	complement component 'n'	HIV-1(2)	human immunodeficiency virus-1 (2)
C $\bar{n}$	activated complement component 'n'	HLA	the human major histocompatibility complex
iCn	inactivated complement component 'n'	HLA-A/B/C	main loci for classical class I (class II)
Cna	small peptide derived by proteolytic activation of Cn	(DP/DQ/DR)	human MHC molecules
CpG	guanosine-cytosine	HRF	homologous restriction factor
CR(n)	complement receptor 'n'	HSA	heat-stable antigen
CRP	C-reactive protein	hsp	heat-shock protein
CsA	cyclosporin A	5HT	5-hydroxytryptamine
CSF	cerebrospinal fluid	HTLV	human T-cell leukemia virus
D gene	diversity minigene joining V and J segments to form variable region	H-Y	male transplantation antigen
DAF	decay accelerating factor		

ICAM-1	intercellular adhesion molecule-1	NADP	nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate
Id ( $\alpha$ Id)	idiotype (anti-idiotype)	NAP	neutrophil activating peptide
IDC	interdigitating dendritic cells	NBT	nitro blue tetrazolium
IDDM	insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus	NCF	neutrophil chemotactic factor
IFN $\alpha$	$\alpha$ -interferon (also IFN $\beta$ , IFN $\gamma$ )	NFAT	nuclear factor of activated T-cells
Ig	immunoglobulin	NF $\kappa$ B	nuclear transcription factor
IgG	immunoglobulin G (also IgM, IgA, IgD, IgE)	NK	natural killer cell
sIg	surface immunoglobulin	NO $\cdot$	nitric oxide
IgM- $\alpha$ /Ig- $\beta$	membrane peptide chains associated with sIgM B-cell receptor	NOD	Nonobese diabetic mouse
IgSF	immunoglobulin superfamily	NZB	New Zealand Black mouse
IL-1	interleukin-1 (also IL-2, IL-3, etc.)	NZB $\times$ W	New Zealand Black mouse $\times$ NZ White F1 hybrid
iNOS	inducible nitric oxide synthase	$\cdot$ O $_2^-$	superoxide anion
IP $_3$	inositol triphosphate	OD	optical density
ISCOM	immunostimulating complex	ORF	open reading frame
ITAM	immunoreceptor tyrosine-based activation motif	OS	obese strain chicken
ITIM	immunoreceptor tyrosine-based inhibitory motif	Ova	ovalbumin
ITP	idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura	PAF(-R)	platelet activating factor (-receptor)
JAK	Janus kinases	PCA	passive cutaneous anaphylaxis
J chain	peptide chain in IgA dimer and IgM	PCR	polymerase chain reaction
J gene	joining gene linking V or D segment to constant region	PG(E)	prostaglandin (E etc.)
Ka(d)	association (dissociation) affinity constant (usually Ag-Ab reactions)	PHA	phytohemagglutinin
kDa	units of molecular mass in kilo Daltons	phox	phagocyte oxidase
KLH	keyhole limpet hemocyanin	PIP $_2$	phosphatidylinositol diphosphate
LAK	lymphocyte activated killer cell	PKC	protein kinase C
LATS	long-acting thyroid stimulator	PLC	phospholipase C
LBP	LPS binding protein	PMN	polymorphonuclear neutrophil
LCM	lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus	PMT	photomultiplier tube
Le <sup>a/b/x</sup>	Lewis <sup>a/b/x</sup> blood group antigens	PNH	paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria
LFA-1	lymphocyte functional antigen-1	PPD	purified protein derivative from <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i>
LGL	large granular lymphocyte	PTK	protein tyrosine kinase
LHRH	luteinizing hormone releasing hormone	PWM	pokeweed mitogen
LIF	leukemia inhibiting factor	RA	rheumatoid arthritis
Lo	low	RANTES	regulated upon activation normal T-cell expressed and secreted chemokine
LT(B)	leukotriene (B etc.)	RAST	radioallergosorbent test
LPS	lipopolysaccharide (endotoxin)	RF	rheumatoid factor
M $\phi$	macrophage	Rh(D)	rhesus blood group (D)
mAb	monoclonal antibody	ROI	reactive oxygen intermediates
MAC	membrane attack complex	SAP	serum amyloid P
MAdCAM	mucosal addressin cell adhesion molecule	SC	Ig secretory component
MALT	mucosal-associated lymphoid tissue	SCF	stem cell factor
MAP kinase	mitogen-activated protein kinase	scFv	single chain variable region antibody fragment (V <sub>H</sub> + V <sub>L</sub> joined by a flexible linker)
MBP	basic protein of eosinophils (also myelin basic protein)	SCG	sodium cromoglycate
MC	mast cell	SCID	severe combined immunodeficiency
MCP	membrane cofactor protein (C' regulation)	SDS-PAGE	sodium dodecylsulfate-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis
MCP-1	monocyte chemotactic protein-1	SEA(B etc.)	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> enterotoxin A (B etc.)
M-CSF	macrophage colony-stimulating factor	SIV	Simian immunodeficiency virus
MDP	muramyl dipeptide	SLE	systemic lupus erythematosus
MHC	major histocompatibility complex	SRID	single radial immunodiffusion
MIF	macrophage migration inhibitory factor	STAT	signal transducer and activator of transcription
MLA	monophosphoryl lipid A	TAP	transporter for antigen processing
MLR	mixed lymphocyte reaction	T-ALL	T-acute lymphoblastic leukemia
MMTV	mouse mammary tumor virus	TB	tubercle bacillus
MS	multiple sclerosis	Tc	cytotoxic T-cell
MSH	melanocyte stimulating hormone	T-cell	thymus-derived lymphocyte
MuLV	murine leukemia virus	TCR1(2)	T-cell receptor with $\gamma/\delta$ chains (with $\alpha/\beta$ chains)

TdT	terminal deoxynucleotidyl transferase	tum-	strongly immunogenic mutant tumors
TG-A-L	polylysine with polyalanyl side-chains randomly tipped with tyrosine and glutamic acid	V $\alpha(\beta/\gamma/\delta)$	variable part of TCR $\alpha(\beta/\gamma/\delta)$ chain
TGF $\beta$	transforming growth factor- $\beta$	V gene	variable region gene for immunoglobulin or T-cell receptor
Th(1/2)	T-helper cell (subset 1 or 2)	V <sub>H</sub>	variable part of Ig heavy chain
Thp	T-helper precursor	VIP	vasoactive intestinal peptide
TLI	total lymphoid irradiation	V <sub>L</sub>	variable part of light chain
TM	transmembrane	V $\kappa/\lambda$	variable part of $\kappa(\lambda)$ light chain
TNF	tumor necrosis factor	VCAM	vascular cell adhesion molecule
TNP	trinitrophenol	VLA	very late antigens
Ts	suppressor T-cell	VNTR	variable number of tandem repeats
TSAb	thyroid stimulating antibodies	VP1	virus-specific peptide 1
TSH(R)	thyroid stimulating hormone (receptor)	XL	X-linked

# User Guide

Throughout the illustrations standard forms have been used for commonly-occurring cells and pathways. A key to these is given in the figure below.

USER GUIDE			
			
SMALL LYMPHOCYTE	LARGE GRANULAR LYMPHOCYTE	MACROPHAGE (Mφ)	
			
PLASMA CELL	MAST CELL	POLYMPHONUCLEAR LEUCOCYTE (POLYMORPH)	
	GIVES RISE TO		STIMULATES
	INHIBIT/KILL		BLOCKED PATHWAY

# Innate immunity

## Introduction, 1

## External barriers against infection, 1

## Phagocytic cells kill microorganisms, 2

Neutrophils and macrophages are dedicated 'professional' phagocytes, 2

Pattern recognition receptors (PRRs) on phagocytic cells recognize and are activated by pathogen-associated molecular patterns (PAMPs), 4

Microbes are engulfed by activated phagocytic cells, 6

There is an array of killing mechanisms, 6

## Complement facilitates phagocytosis, 10

Complement and its activation, 10

Complement has a range of defensive biological functions, 12

## Complement can mediate an acute inflammatory reaction, 13

The mast cell plays a central role, 13

Macrophages can also do it, 13

## Humoral mechanisms provide a second defensive strategy, 14

Microbicidal factors in secretions, 14

Acute phase proteins increase in response to infection, 16

Interferons inhibit viral replication, 17

## Extracellular killing, 18

Natural killer (NK) cells, 18

Target cells are told to commit suicide, 19

Eosinophils, 19

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## INTRODUCTION

We live in a potentially hostile world filled with a bewildering array of infectious agents (figure 1.1) of diverse shape, size, composition and subversive character which would very happily use us as rich sanctuaries for propagating their 'selfish genes' had we not also developed a series of defense mechanisms at least their equal in effectiveness and ingenuity (except in the case of many parasitic infections where the situation is best described as an uneasy and often unsatisfactory truce). It is these defense mechanisms which can establish a state of immunity against infection (Latin *immunitas*, freedom from) and whose operation provides the basis for the delightful subject called 'Immunology'.

Aside from ill-understood constitutional factors which make one species innately susceptible and another resistant to certain infections, a number of relatively nonspecific antimicrobial systems (e.g. phagocytosis) have been recognized which are **innate** in the sense that they are not intrinsically affected by prior contact with the infectious agent. We shall discuss these systems and examine how, in the state of **specific acquired immunity**, their effectiveness can be greatly increased.

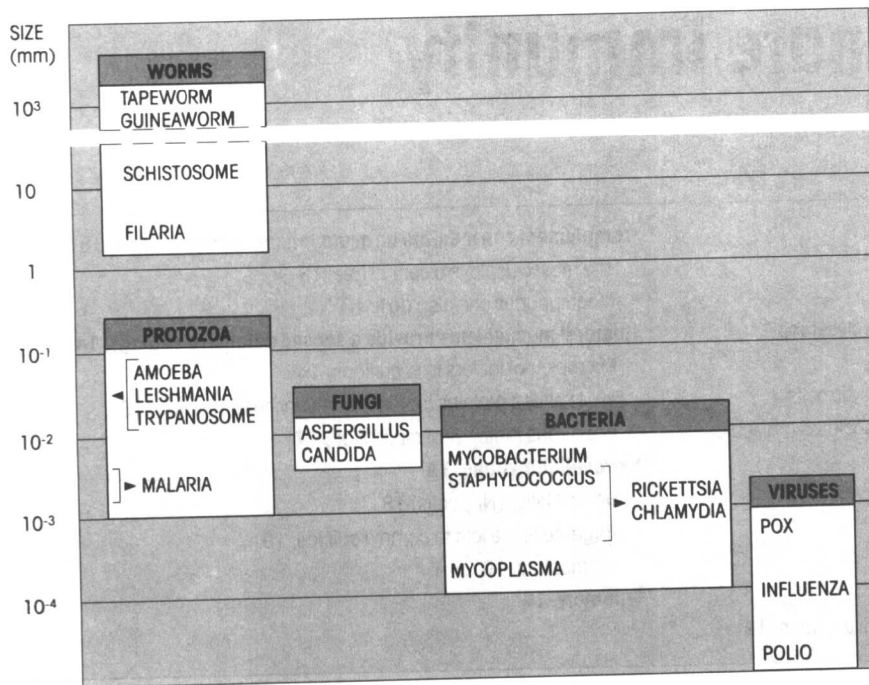
## EXTERNAL BARRIERS AGAINST INFECTION

The simplest way to avoid infection is to prevent the microorganisms from gaining access to the body (figure 1.2). The major line of defense is of course the skin which, when intact, is impermeable to most infectious agents; when there is skin loss, as for example in burns, infection becomes a major problem. Additionally, most bacteria fail to survive for long on the skin because of the direct inhibitory effects of lactic acid and fatty acids in sweat and sebaceous secretions and the low pH which they generate. An exception is *Staphylococcus aureus* which often infects the relatively vulnerable hair follicles and glands.

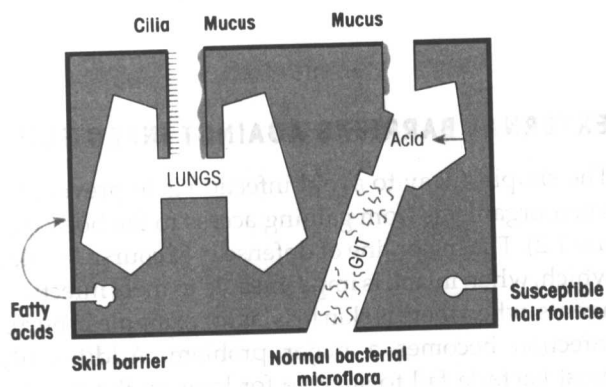
Mucus, secreted by the membranes lining the inner surfaces of the body, acts as a protective barrier to block the adherence of bacteria to epithelial cells. Microbial and other foreign particles trapped within the adhesive mucus are removed by mechanical stratagems such as ciliary movement, coughing and sneezing. Among other mechanical factors which help protect the epithelial surfaces, one should also include the washing action of tears, saliva and urine. Many of the secreted body fluids contain bactericidal components, such as acid in gastric juice, spermine and zinc in semen, lactoperoxidase in milk and lysozyme in tears, nasal secretions and saliva.

A totally different mechanism is that of microbial





**Figure 1.1.** The formidable range of infectious agents which confronts the immune system. Although not normally classified as such because of their lack of a cell wall, the mycoplasmas are included under bacteria for convenience. Fungi adopt many forms and approximate values for some of the smallest forms are given.  $\rightarrow$ , range of sizes observed for the organism(s) indicated by the arrow;  $\leftarrow$ , the organisms listed have the size denoted by the arrow.



**Figure 1.2.** The first lines of defense against infection: protection at the external body surfaces.

antagonism associated with the normal bacterial flora of the body. This suppresses the growth of many potentially pathogenic bacteria and fungi at superficial sites by competition for essential nutrients or by production of inhibitory substances. To give one example, pathogen invasion is limited by lactic acid produced by particular species of commensal bacteria which metabolize glycogen secreted by the vaginal epithelium. When protective commensals are disturbed by antibiotics, susceptibility to opportunistic infections by *Candida* and *Clostridium difficile* is increased. Gut commensals may also produce colicins, a class of bactericidins which bind to the negatively charged surface of susceptible bacteria and insert a hydrophobic helical hairpin into the membrane; the molecule then

undergoes a 'Jekyll and Hyde' transformation to become completely hydrophobic and forms a voltage-dependent channel in the membrane which kills by destroying the cell's energy potential. Even at this level, survival is a tough game.

If microorganisms do penetrate the body, two main defensive operations come into play, the destructive effect of soluble chemical factors such as bactericidal enzymes and the mechanism of **phagocytosis**—literally 'eating' by the cell (Milestone 1.1).

## PHAGOCYTIC CELLS KILL MICROORGANISMS

**Neutrophils and macrophages are dedicated 'professional' phagocytes**

The engulfment and digestion of microorganisms are assigned to two major cell types recognized by Metchnikoff at the turn of the last century as microphages and macrophages.

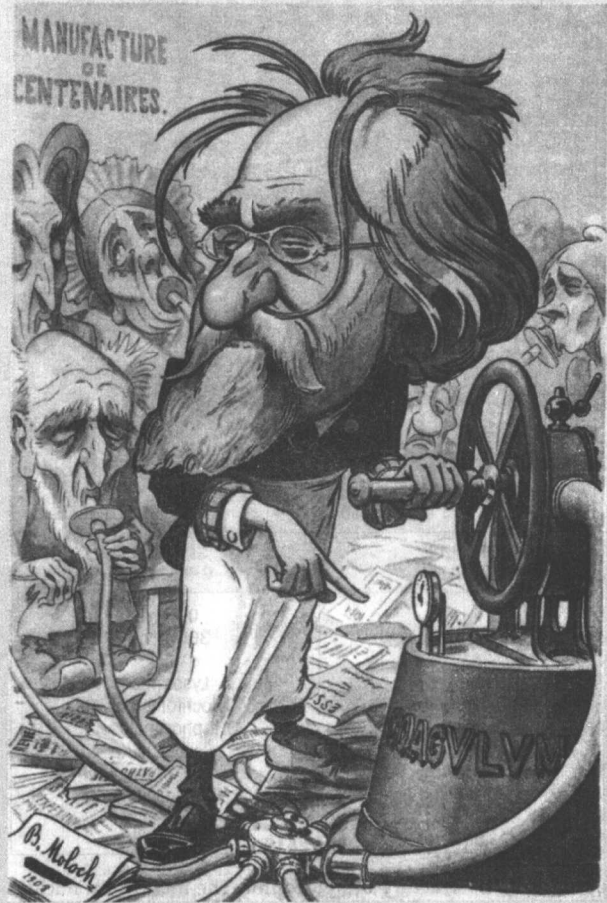
### The polymorphonuclear neutrophil

This cell, the smaller of the two, shares a common hematopoietic stem cell precursor with the other formed elements of the blood and is the dominant white cell in the bloodstream. It is a nondividing short-lived cell with a multilobed nucleus and an array of granules which are virtually unstained by histologic dyes such as hematoxylin and eosin, unlike those

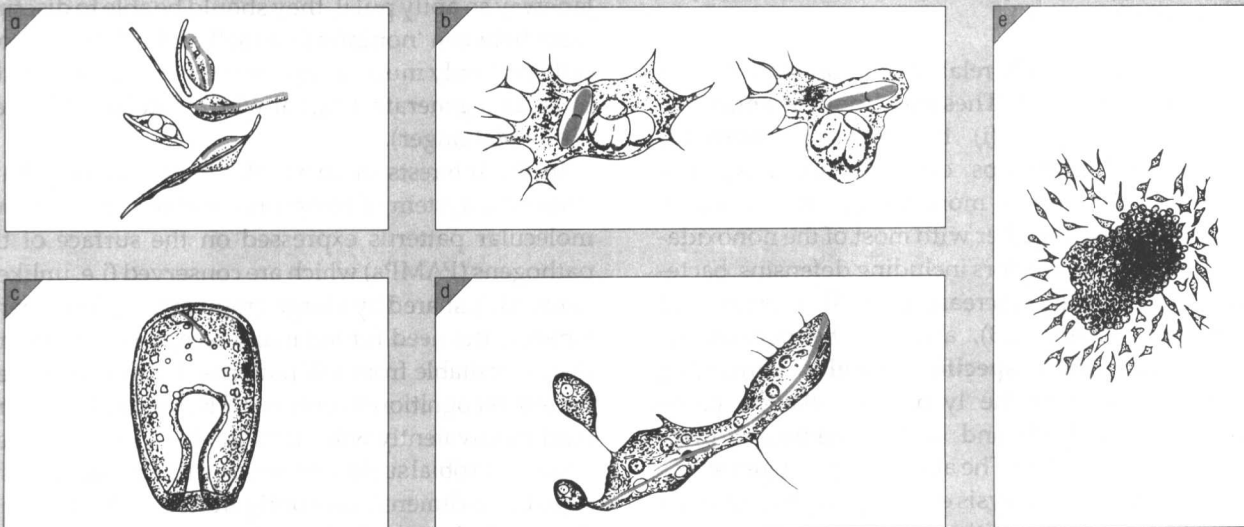
## Milestone 1.1 — Phagocytosis

The perceptive Russian zoologist, Elie Metchnikoff (1845–1916), recognized that certain specialized cells mediate defense against microbial infections, so fathering the whole concept of cellular immunity. He was intrigued by the motile cells of transparent starfish larvae and made the critical observation that, a few hours after the introduction of a rose thorn into these larvae, they became surrounded by these motile cells. A year later, in 1883, he observed that fungal spores can be attacked by the blood cells of *Daphnia*, a tiny metazoan which, also being transparent, can be studied directly under the microscope. He went on to extend his investigations to mammalian leukocytes, showing their ability to engulf microorganisms, a process which he termed **phagocytosis**.

Because he found this process to be even more effective in animals recovering from infection, he came to a somewhat polarized view that phagocytosis provided the main, if not the only, defense against infection. He went on to define the existence of two types of circulating phagocytes: the polymorphonuclear leukocyte, which he termed a 'microphage', and the larger 'macrophage'.

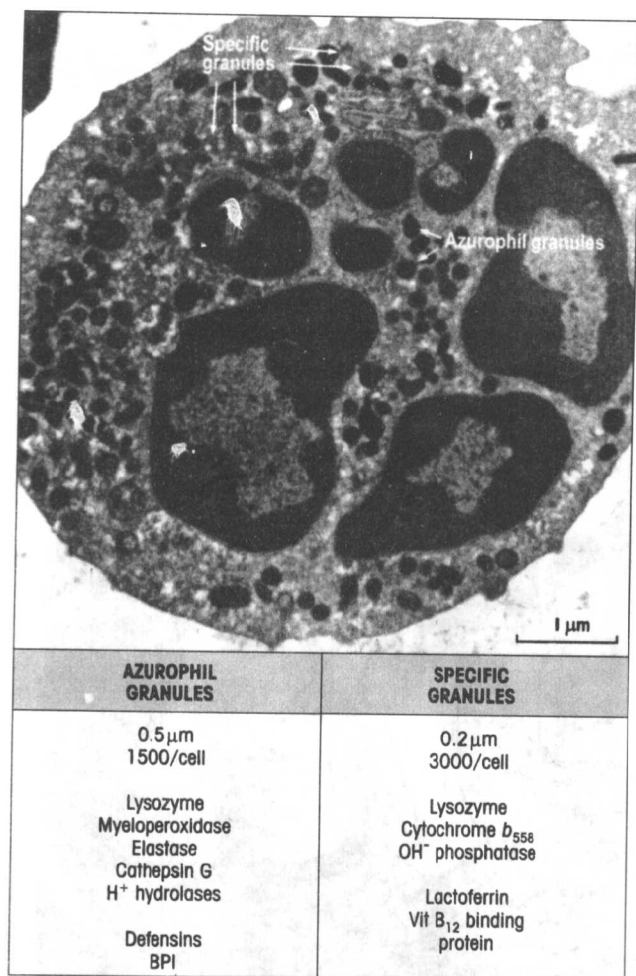


**Figure M1.1.1.** Caricature of Professor Metchnikoff from *Chantecclair*, 1908, No. 4, p. 7. (Reproduction kindly provided by The Wellcome Institute Library, London.)



**Figure M1.1.2.** Reproductions of some of the illustrations in Metchnikoff's book, *Comparative Pathology of Inflammation* (1893). (a) Four leukocytes from the frog, enclosing anthrax bacilli; some are alive and unstained, others which have been killed have taken up the vesuvine dye and have been colored; (b) drawing of an anthrax bacillus, stained by vesuvine, in a leukocyte of the frog; the two figures represent two phases of movement of the same frog

leukocyte which contains stained anthrax bacilli within its phagocytic vacuole; (c and d) a foreign body (colored) in a starfish larva surrounded by phagocytes which have fused to form a multinucleate plasmodium shown at higher power in (d); (e) this gives a feel for the dynamic attraction of the mobile mesenchymal phagocytes to a foreign intruder within a starfish larva.



**Figure 1.3. Ultrastructure of neutrophil.** The multilobed nucleus and two main types of cytoplasmic granules are well displayed. (Courtesy of Dr D. McLaren.)

structures in the closely related eosinophil and basophil (figures 1.3 and 1.4). These neutrophil granules are of two main types: (i) the **primary azurophil granule** which develops early (figure 1.4e), has the typical lysosomal morphology and contains myeloperoxidase together with most of the nonoxidative antimicrobial effectors including defensins, bactericidal permeability increasing (BPI) protein and cathepsin G (figure 1.3), and (ii) the peroxidase-negative **secondary specific granules** containing lactoferrin, much of the lysozyme, alkaline phosphatase (figure 1.4d) and membrane-bound cytochrome *b*<sub>558</sub> (figure 1.3). The abundant glycogen stores can be utilized by glycolysis enabling the cells to function under anerobic conditions.

### The macrophage

These cells derive from bone marrow promonocytes which, after differentiation to blood monocytes, finally settle in the tissues as mature macrophages where they

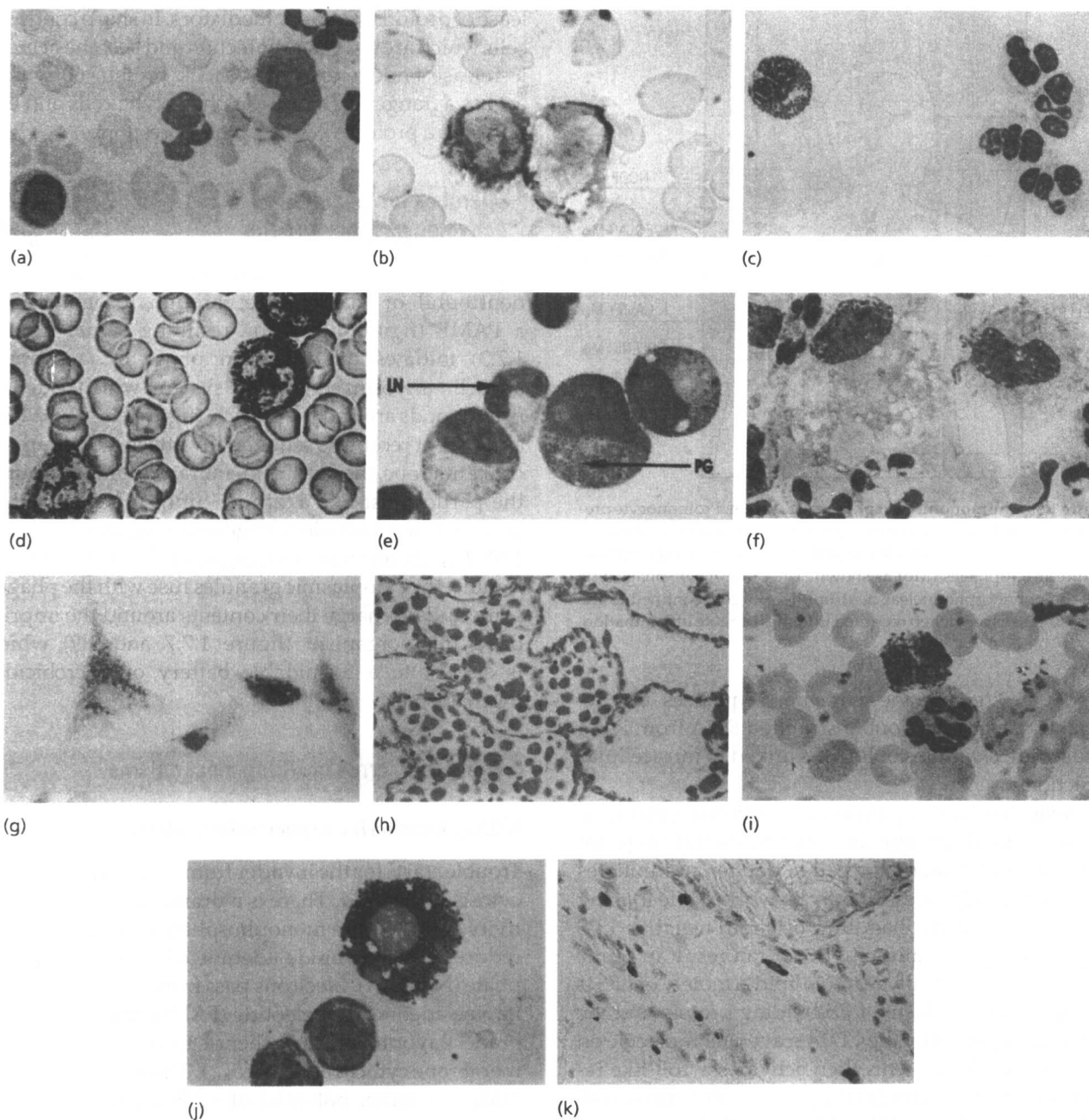
constitute the **mononuclear phagocyte system** (figure 1.5). They are present throughout the connective tissue and around the basement membrane of small blood vessels and are particularly concentrated in the lung (figure 1.4h; alveolar macrophages), liver (Kupffer cells) and lining of spleen sinusoids and lymph node medullary sinuses where they are strategically placed to filter off foreign material. Other examples are mesangial cells in the kidney glomerulus, brain microglia and osteoclasts in bone. Unlike the polymorphs, they are long-lived cells with significant rough-surfaced endoplasmic reticulum and mitochondria (figure 1.8b) and, whereas the polymorphs provide the major defense against pyogenic (pus-forming) bacteria, as a rough generalization it may be said that macrophages are at their best in combating those bacteria (figure 1.4g), viruses and protozoa which are capable of living with-in the cells of the host.

### Pattern recognition receptors (PRRs) on phagocytic cells recognize and are activated by pathogen-associated molecular patterns (PAMPs)

It hardly needs to be said but the body provides a very complicated internal environment and the phagocytes continuously encounter an extraordinary variety of different cells and soluble molecules. They must have mechanisms to enable them to distinguish these friendly self components from unfriendly and potentially dangerous microbial agents—as Charlie Janeway so aptly put it, they should be able to discriminate between ‘noninfectious self and infectious non-self’. Not only must the infection be recognized, but it must also generate a signal which betokens ‘danger’ (Polly Matzinger).

In the interests of survival, phagocytic cells have evolved a system of receptors capable of recognizing molecular patterns expressed on the surface of the pathogens (PAMPs) which are conserved (i.e. unlikely to mutate), shared by a large group of infectious agents (sparing the need for too many receptors) and clearly distinguishable from self patterns. By and large these pattern recognition receptors (PRRs) are lectin-like and bind multivalently with considerable specificity to exposed microbial surface sugars with their characteristic rigid three-dimensional configurations (PAMPs). They do not bind appreciably to the galatose or sialic acid groups which are commonly the penultimate and ultimate sugars of mammalian surface polysaccharides. PAMPs linked to extracellular infections include Gram-negative lipopolysaccharide (LPS), Gram-positive lipoteichoic acid, yeast cell wall mannans (cf. figure 1.8) and mycobacterial glycolipids. Unmethy-





**Figure 1.4. Cells involved in innate immunity.** (a) Monocyte, showing 'horseshoe-shaped' nucleus and moderately abundant pale cytoplasm. Note the three multilobed polymorphonuclear neutrophils and the small lymphocyte (bottom left). Romanowsky stain. (b) Two monocytes stained for nonspecific esterase with  $\alpha$ -naphthyl acetate. Note the vacuolated cytoplasm. The small cell with focal staining at the top is a T-lymphocyte. (c) Four polymorphonuclear leukocytes (neutrophils) and one eosinophil. The multilobed nuclei and the cytoplasmic granules are clearly shown, those of the eosinophil being heavily stained. (d) Polymorphonuclear neutrophil showing cytoplasmic granules stained for alkaline phosphatase. (e) Early neutrophils in bone marrow. The primary azurophilic granules (PG), originally clustered near the nucleus, move towards the periphery where the neutrophil-specific granules are generated by the Golgi apparatus as the cell matures. The nucleus gradually becomes lobular (LN). Giemsa. (f) Inflammatory cells from the site of a brain hemorrhage showing the large active macrophage in the center with phagocytosed red cells and promi-

nent vacuoles. To the right is a monocyte with horseshoe-shaped nucleus and cytoplasmic bilirubin crystals (hematoidin). Several multilobed neutrophils are clearly delineated. Giemsa. (g) Macrophages in monolayer cultures after phagocytosis of mycobacteria (stained red). Carbol-Fuchsin counterstained with Malachite Green. (h) Numerous plump alveolar macrophages within air spaces in the lung. (i) Basophil with heavily staining granules compared with a neutrophil (below). (j) Mast cell from bone marrow. Round central nucleus surrounded by large darkly staining granules. Two small red cell precursors are shown at the bottom. Romanowsky stain. (k) Tissue mast cells in skin stained with Toluidine Blue. The intracellular granules are metachromatic and stain reddish purple. Note the clustering in relation to dermal capillaries. (The slides from which illustrations (a), (b), (d), (e), (f), (i) and (j) were reproduced were very kindly provided by Mr M. Watts of the Department of Haematology, Middlesex Hospital Medical School; (c) was kindly supplied by Professor J.J. Owen; (g) by Professors P. Lydyard and G. Rook; (h) by Dr Meryl Griffiths; and (k) by Professor N. Woolf.)