Immune response against tumors

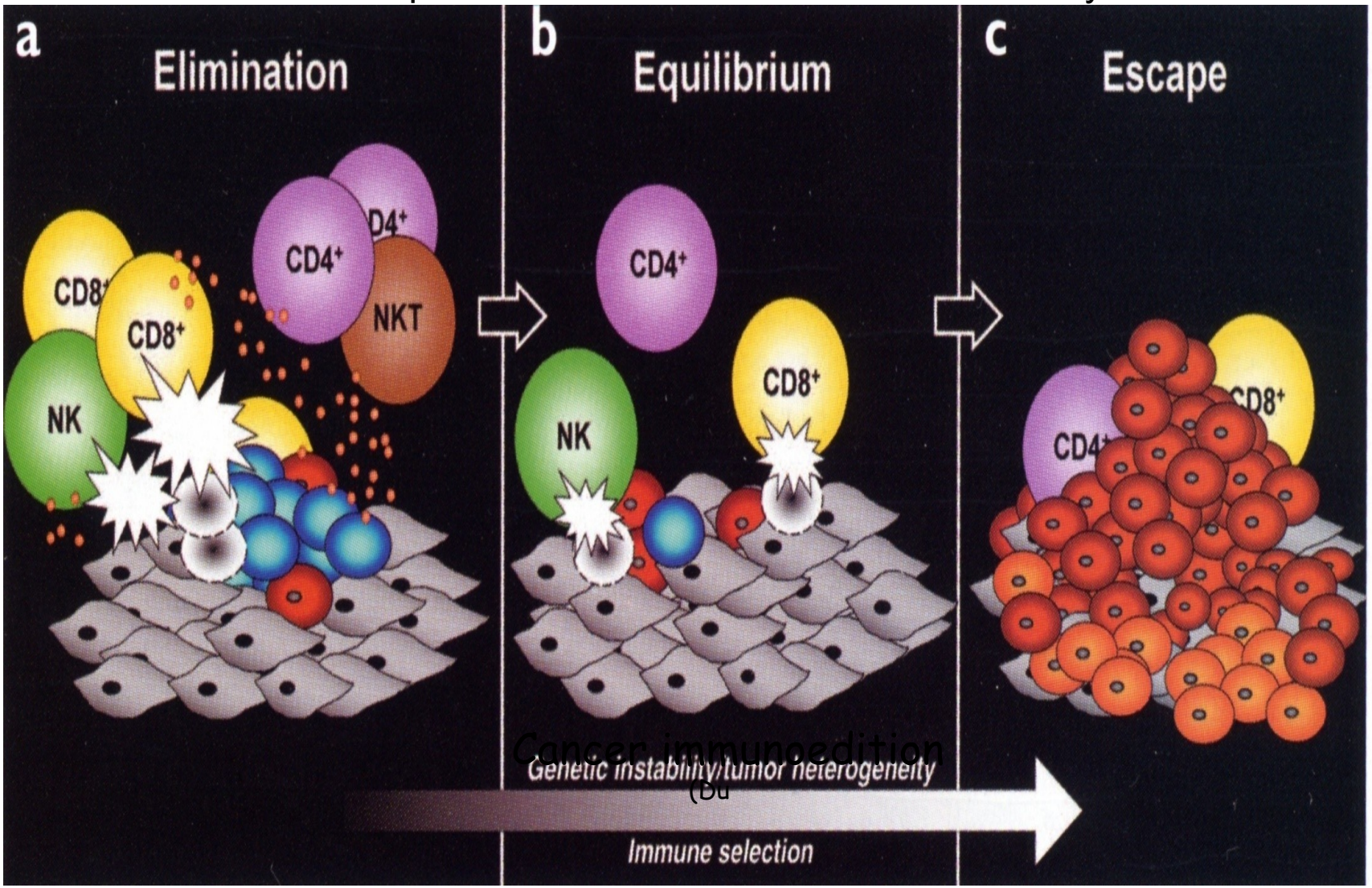
Tumor antigens

- Tumor-speciphic antigens – new antigens which develop in tumor cells.
- Tumor associated antigens – „normal“ body antigens, but their expression is markedly increased in malignancies (e.g. carcinoembryonic antigens).

Tumor antigens in different types of tumors

- Virus-induced tumors: Antigens are usually virus-speciphic.
- Carcinogen-induced: no inducer-related specificity of antigens.
- Spontaneous tumors: antigens are usually very variable.

Possible Consequences of Interaction Tumor-Immune System



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Immune Response to Tumors

- Cytotoxic T-lymphocytes (Tc)
- Natural killer (NK) cells
- Antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity (ADCC)
- Activated macrophages
- Role of dendritic cells
- Antibody response – minor importance

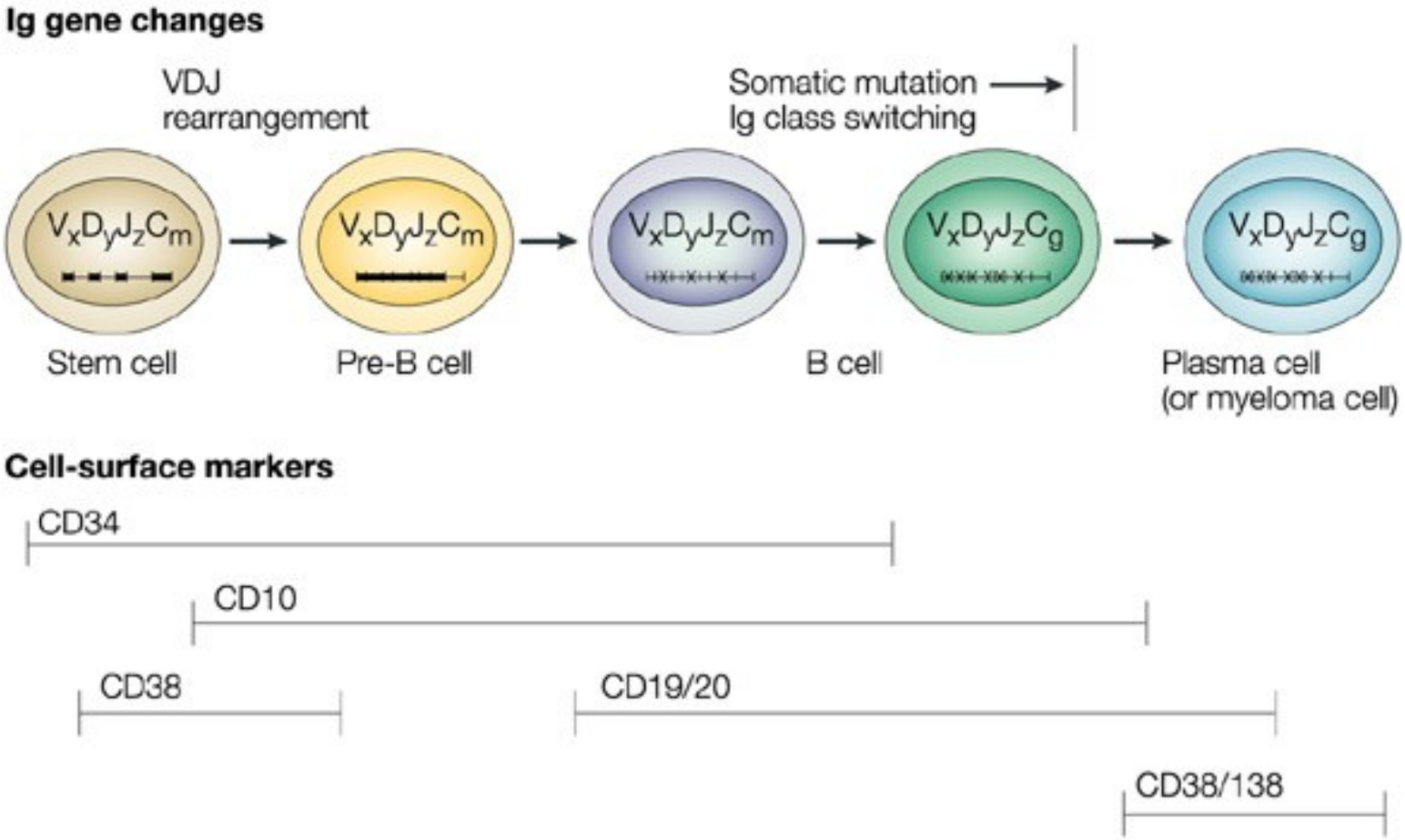
Protective Mechanisms of Tumors

- Low immunogenicity of tumor antigens
- Low expression of HLA I molecules
- Antigenic modulation
- Immunosuppression – prostaglandins, IL-10 and TGF-β like cytokines, stimulation of Ts lymphocytes
- Large tumor mass

Immunodiagnostic of tumours

- Detection of tumor associated/speciphic antigens- if easily detected in plasma/serum – frequently called „oncomarkers“: aplha-feto protein, carcinoembryonic antigens, speciphic prostatic antigen and many others…..
- Monoclonal gamapathy
- Immunophenotyping of lymphoid malignancies.

B- cell development



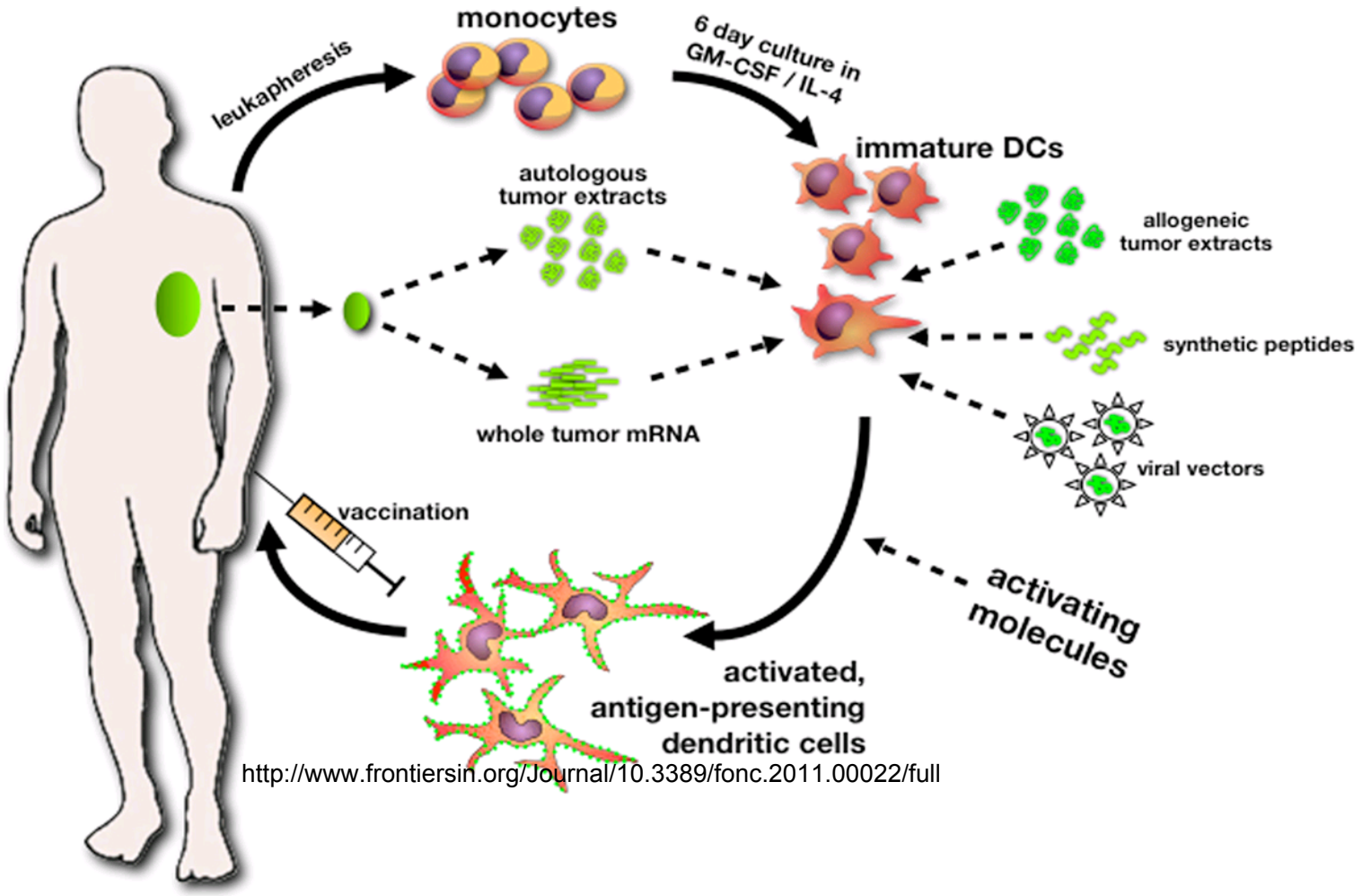
Immunomodulatory treatment of tumors

- Adaptive T-cell activation
- Check point (CTLA-4, PD-1) inhibitors (eg. nivolumab, ipilimumab)
- Cytokines – IL-2
- Interferon alpha
- BCG vaccine
- Tumour vaccination:

  Protective - vaccination against viruses.

  Therapeutic -mainly using dendritic cells and other approches
- Monoclonal antibodies
- GVLR Graft-versus leukaemia reaction) after allogenic HSCT (Hematopoietic stem-cell transplantation).

Antitunour vaccines



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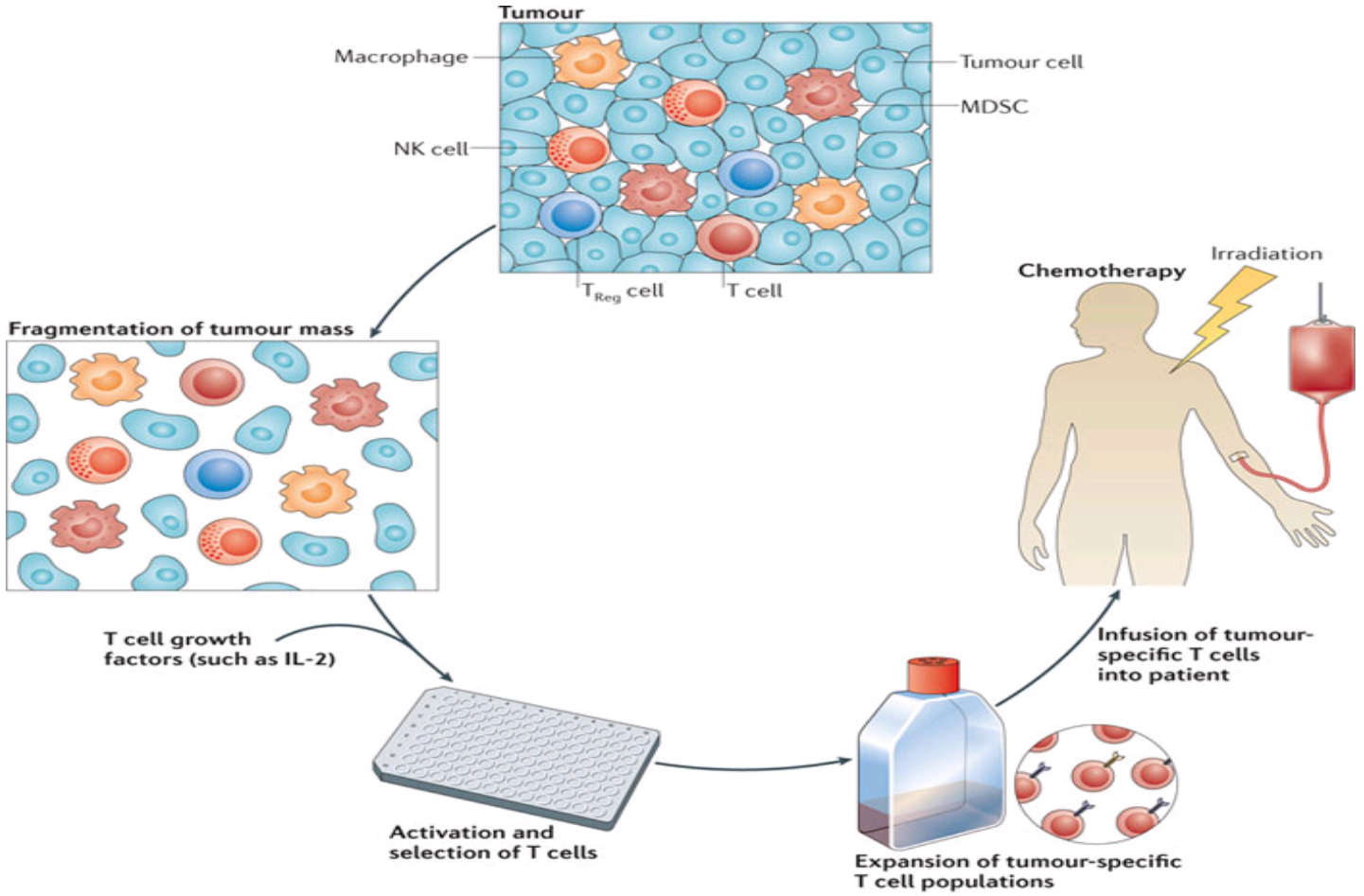
TIL – tumor infiltrating lymphocytes



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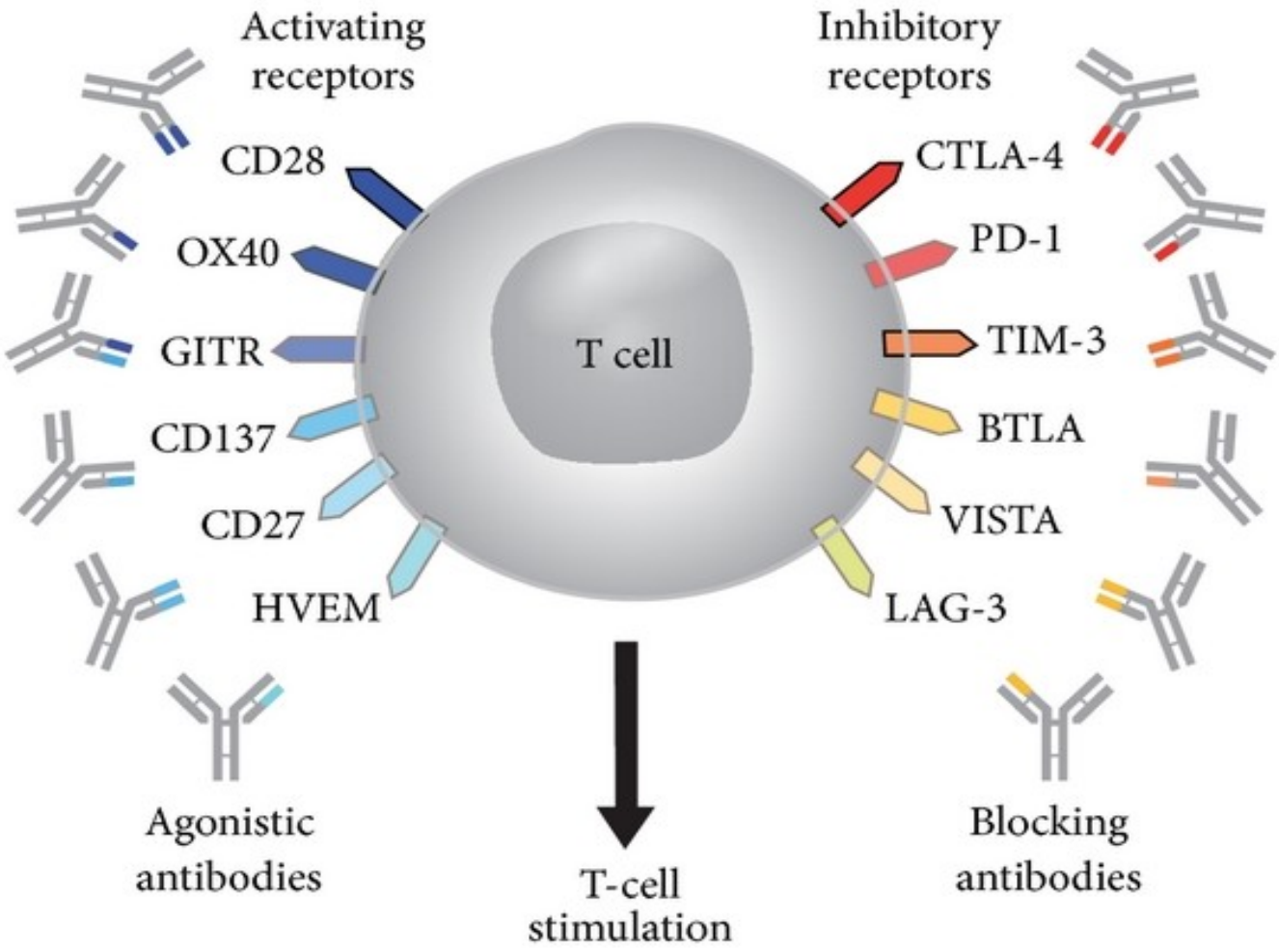
Monoclonal Antibodies in Oncology

- Anti-CD20 (rituximab) directed against malignant B-cells.
- Anti-CD52 – T-cell lymphoma, chronic lymphatic leukemia
- Monoclonal antibodies against receptors for growth factors: ERBB2(HER 2 receptor) epidermal grow factor...
- Monoclonal antibodies against negative check points of T-cells – PD-1, CTLA-4

Checkpoint blockers



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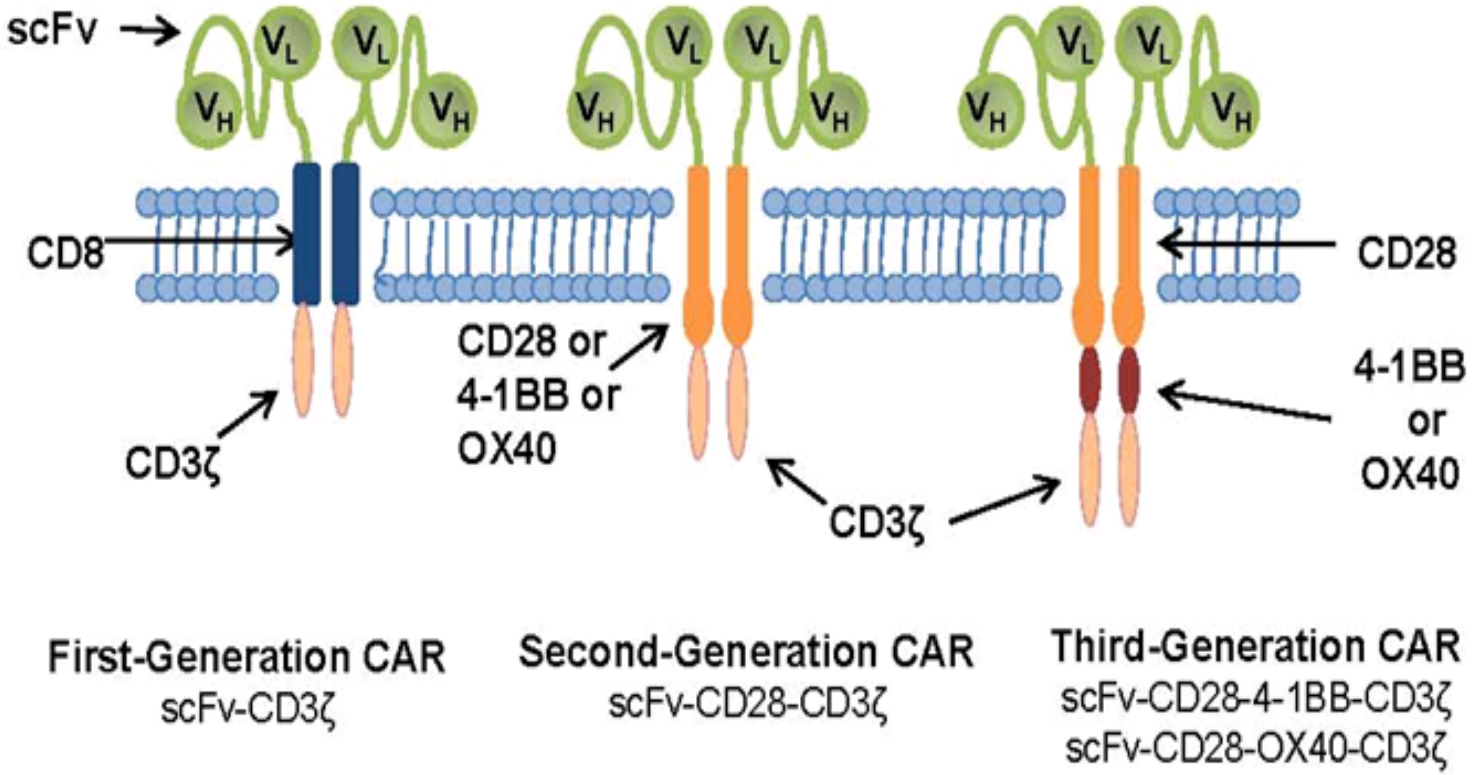
Other approaches

- Blockade of BTK (Burton's tyrosine kinase, necessary for B-cells development) – ibrutimib
- Blockade of the intracellular signalling pathways (e.g. kinase inhibitors)
- CAR chimeric antigen receptor T cells – antigen specific part of monoclonal antibody attached to T-receptor intracellular chain + other stimulatory molecules.

CAR



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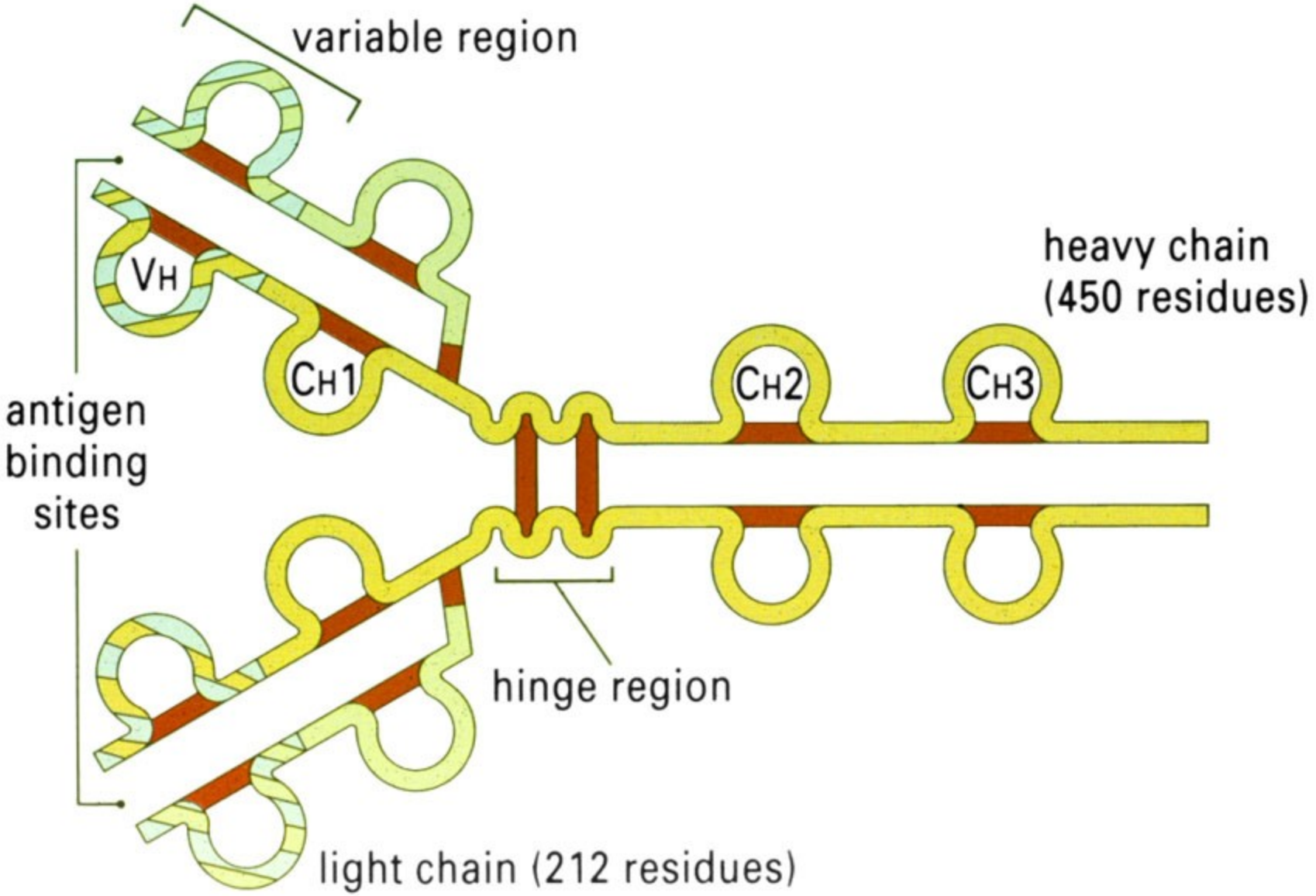
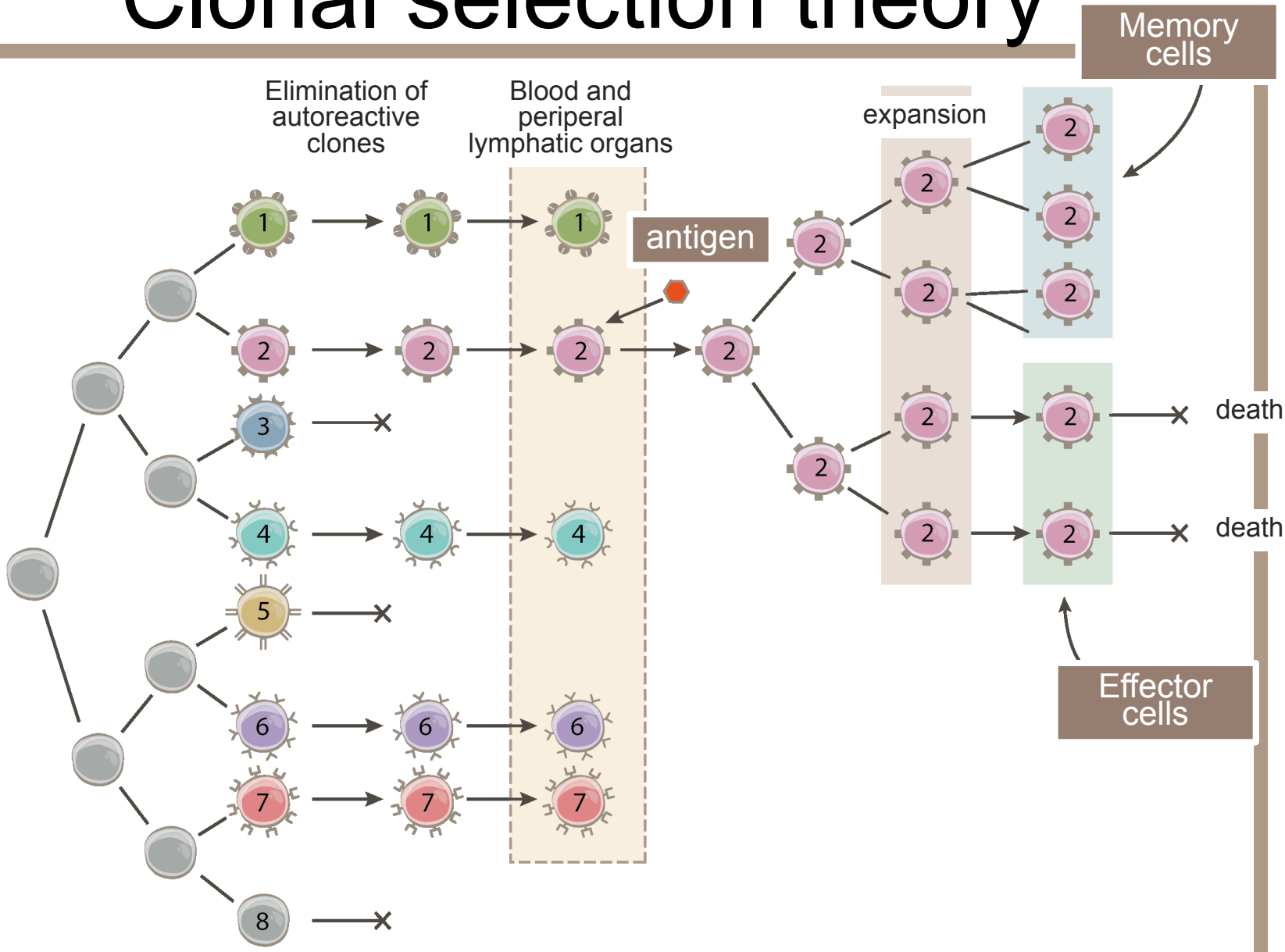
Monoclonal gammopathy and myeloma

The basic structure of IgG1



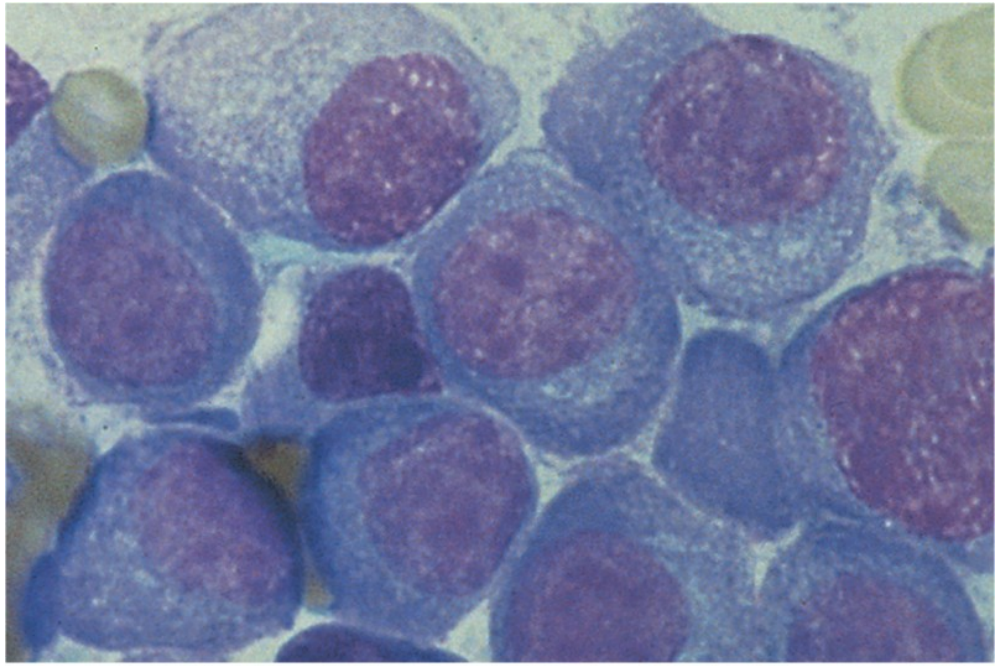
Clonal selection theory



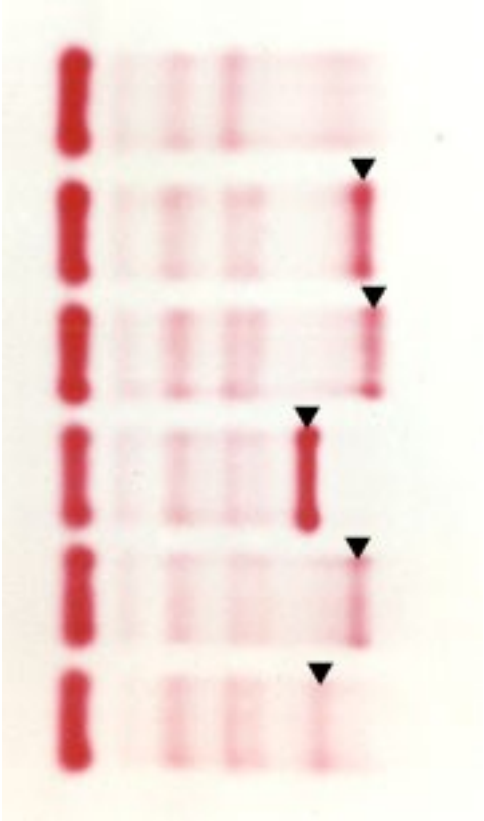
Myeloma

- Tumor that evolves from plasma cells
- Paraprotein (monoclonal gammopthy) in serum
- Increase in plasma cells in bone marrow
- Kidney failure
- Pathologic fractures
- Secondary immunodeficiency

Myeloma cells



Electrophoresis of human serum

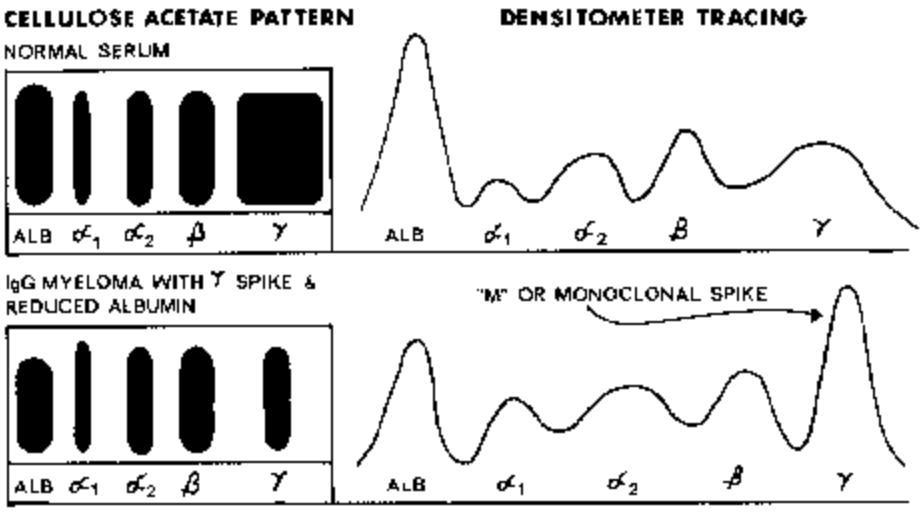


Normal serum

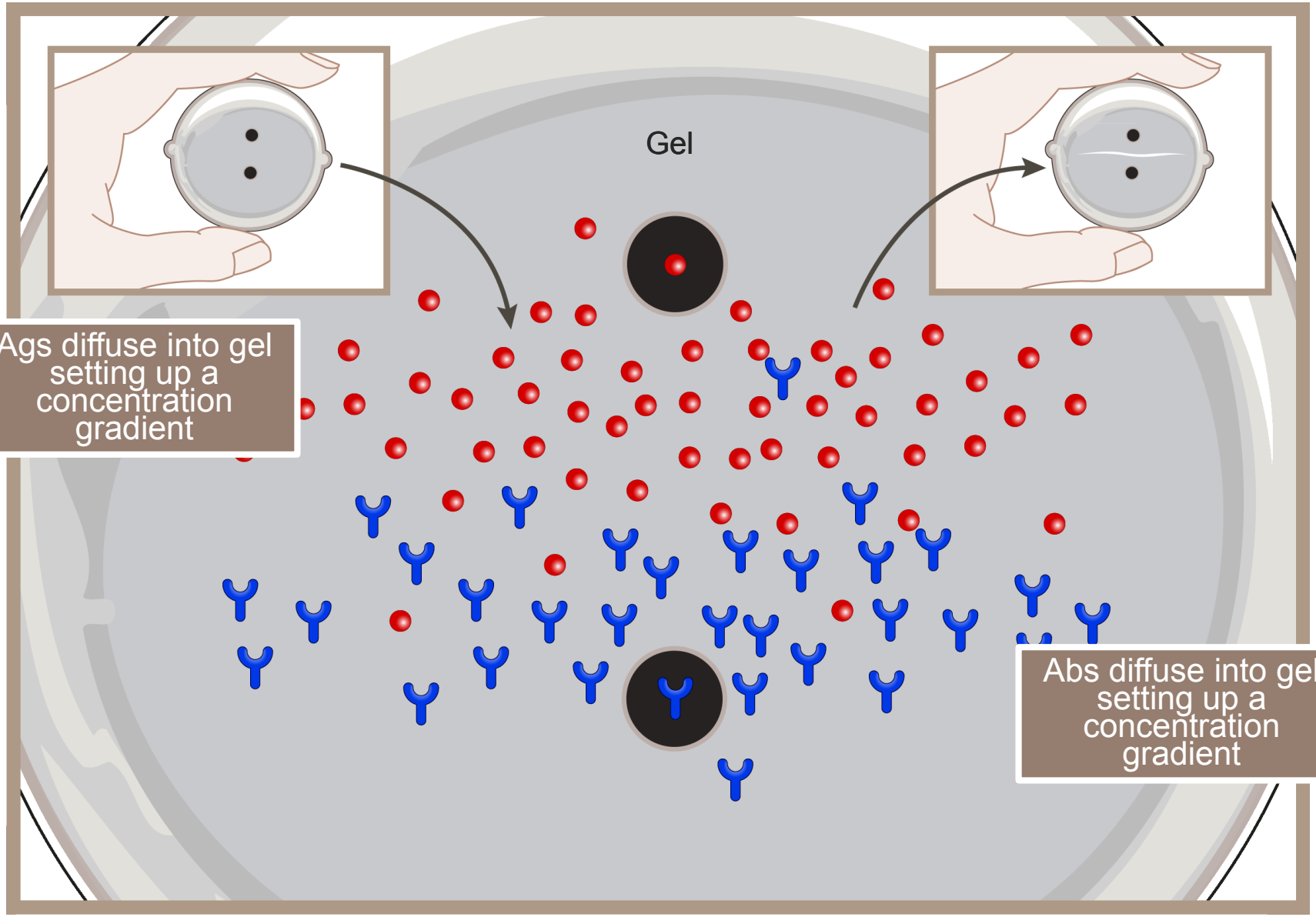
Paraproteins

Electrophoresis

- paraprotein



Immunodiffusion-I



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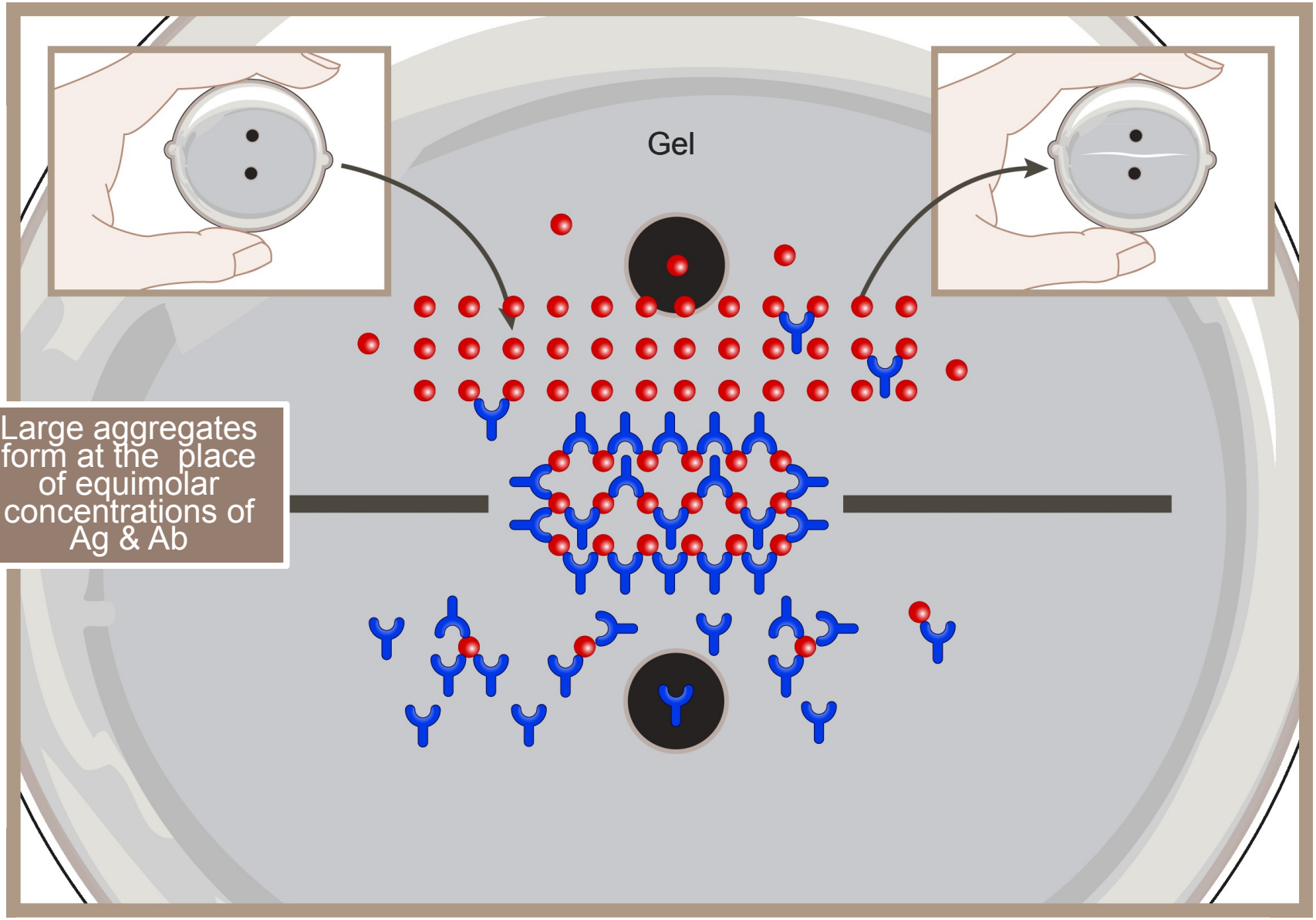
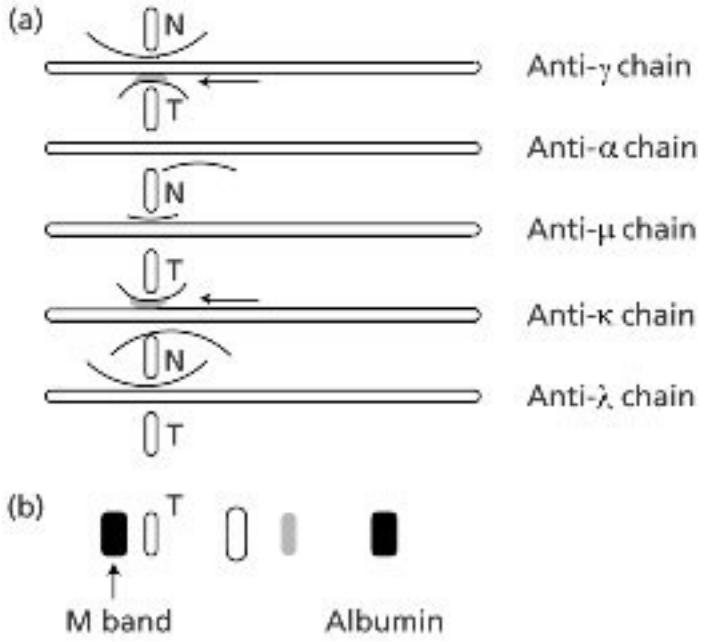
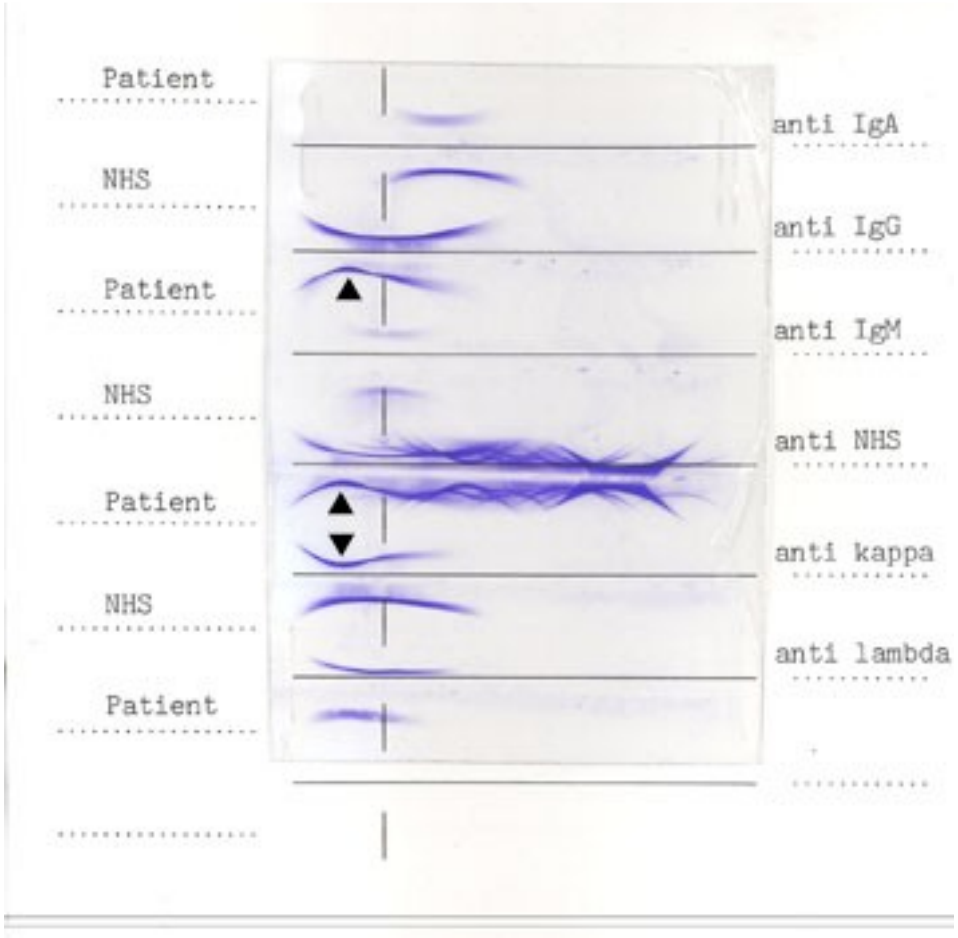


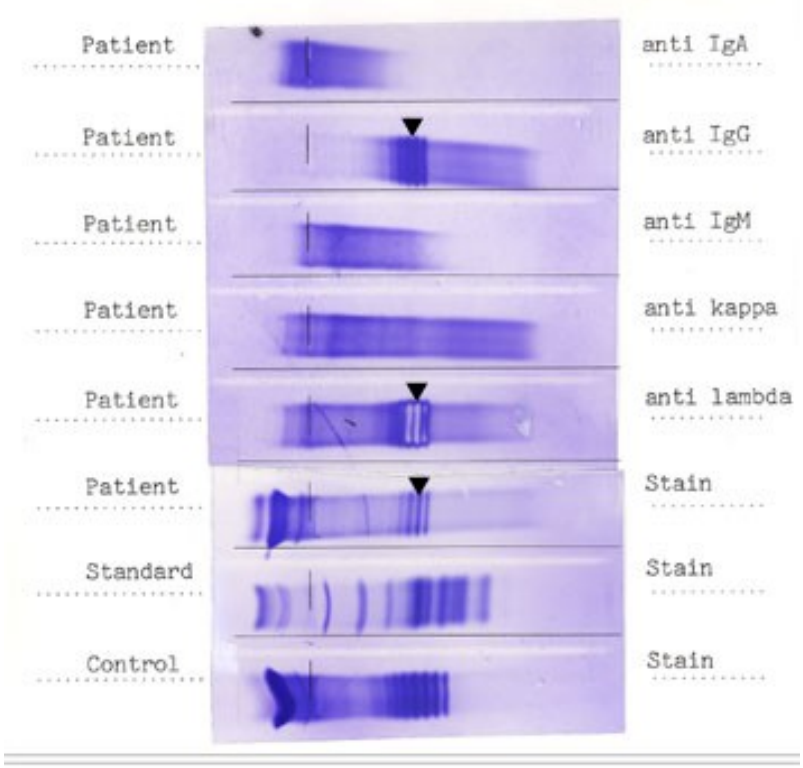
Imunoelecrophoresis



Imunoelectrophoresis



Imunofixation
(antisérum IgG Lambda)



Paraproteins

- Monoglonal immunoglobulins in human serum.
- Malignat – in myleoma
- Benign – mainly in old people, patients with chronic inflammation, idopatic (MGUS – monoclonal gammapathy of unknown significance)
- Detected by imunoelectrophoresis, immunofixation