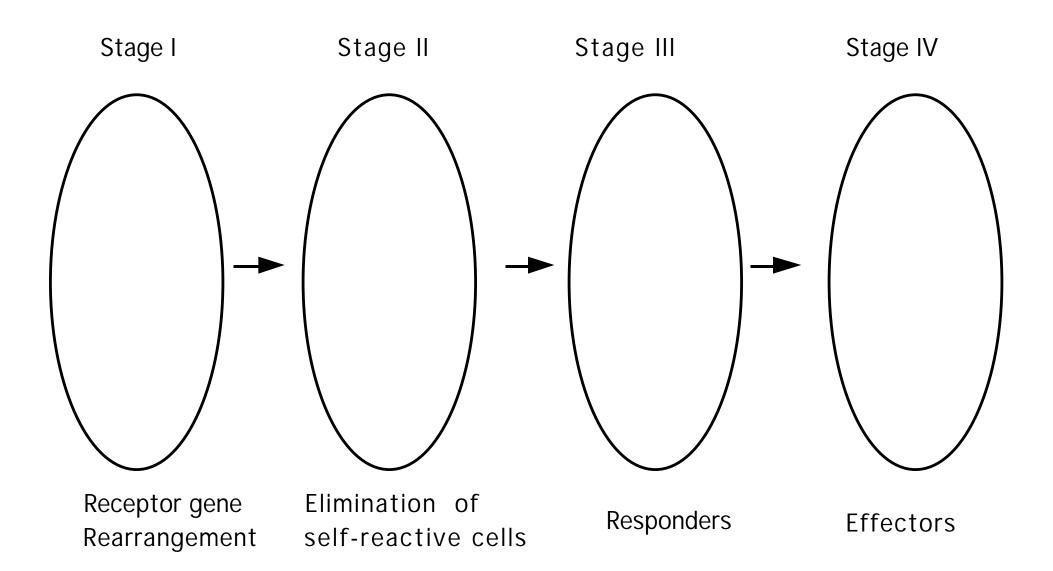
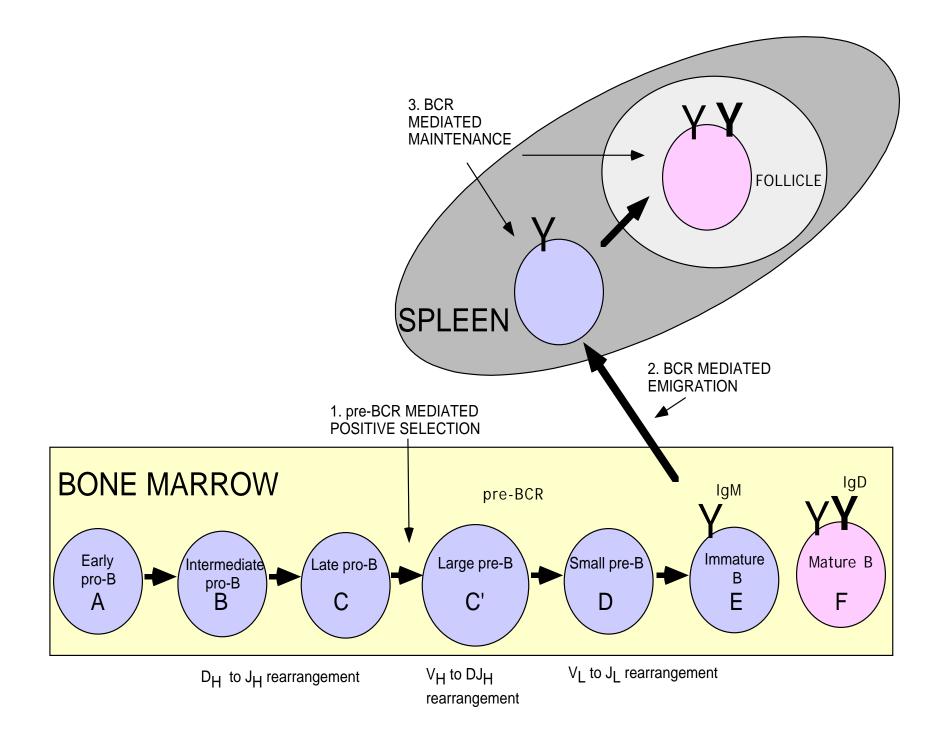
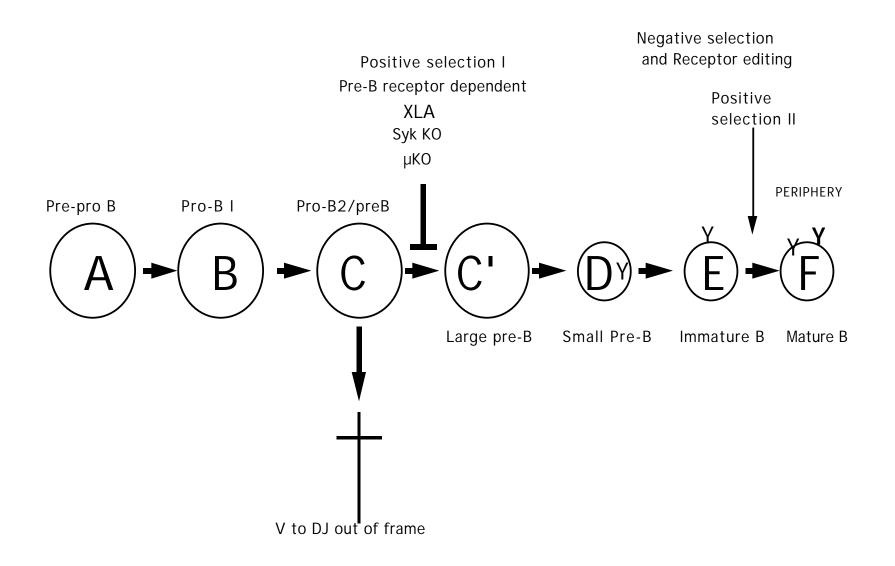
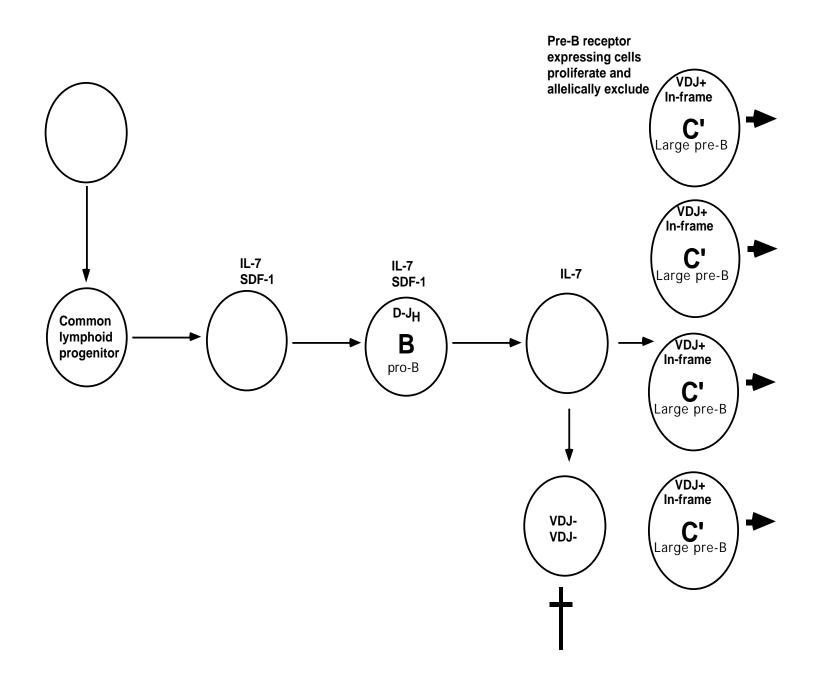
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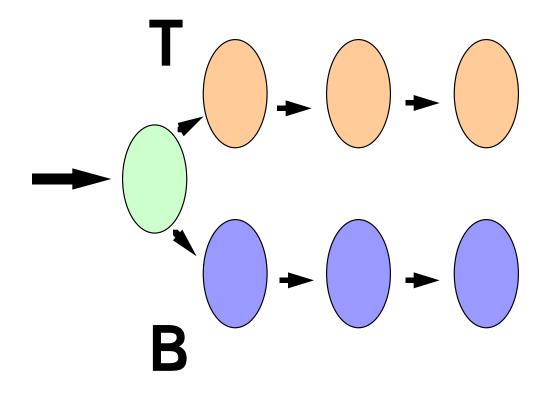


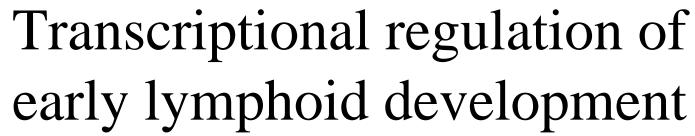


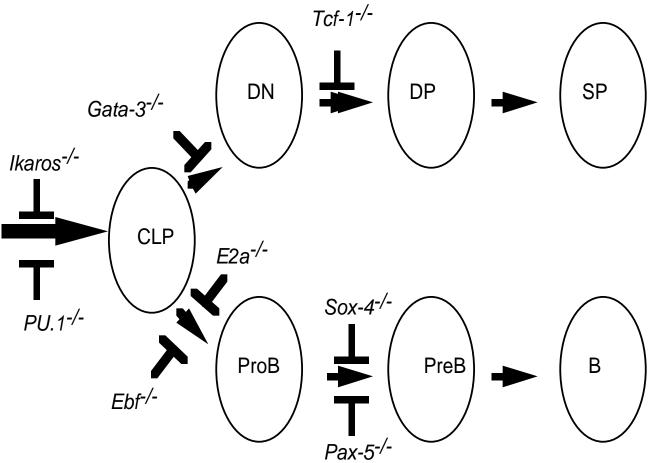






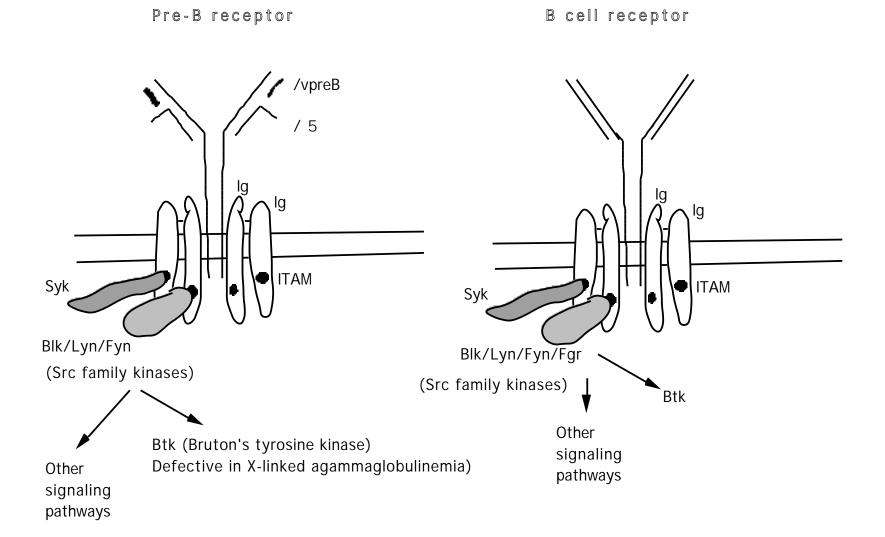


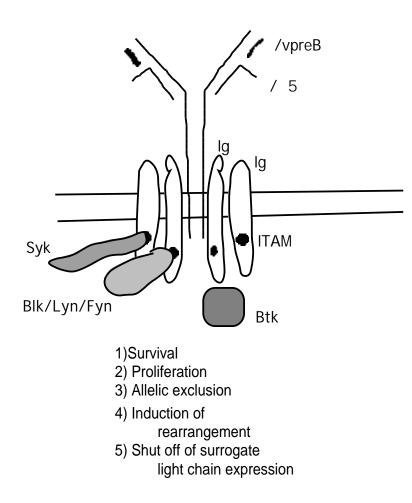




Entry versus commitment

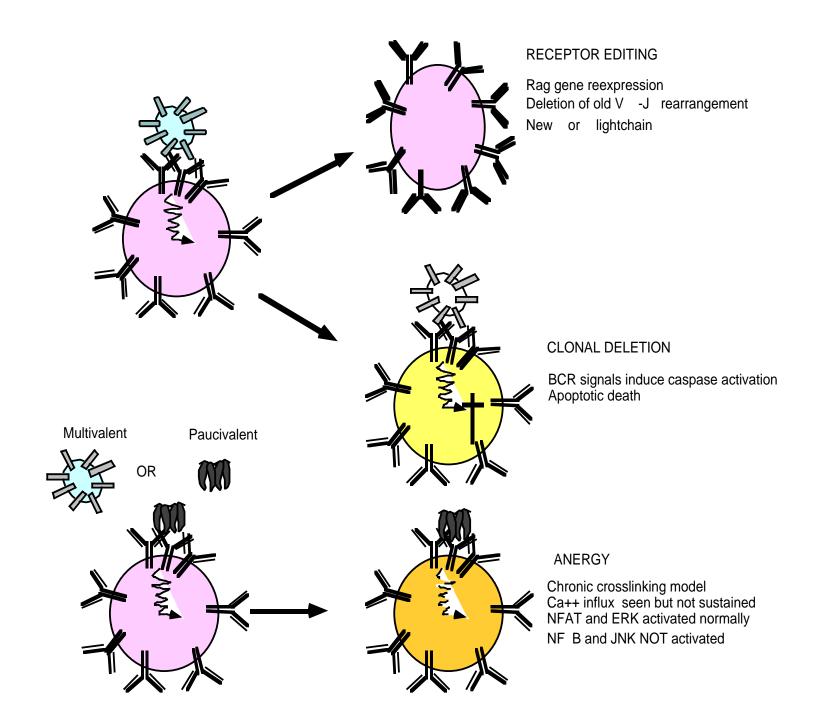
- Commitment implies irreversibility and in wild type B cells has occurred when Ig H-chain gene rearrangement is initiated
- Certain transcription factors such as EBF and E2A are required to turn on genes required early in B cell development
- In the absence of Pax-5 cells "enter" the B lineage but remain highly plastic

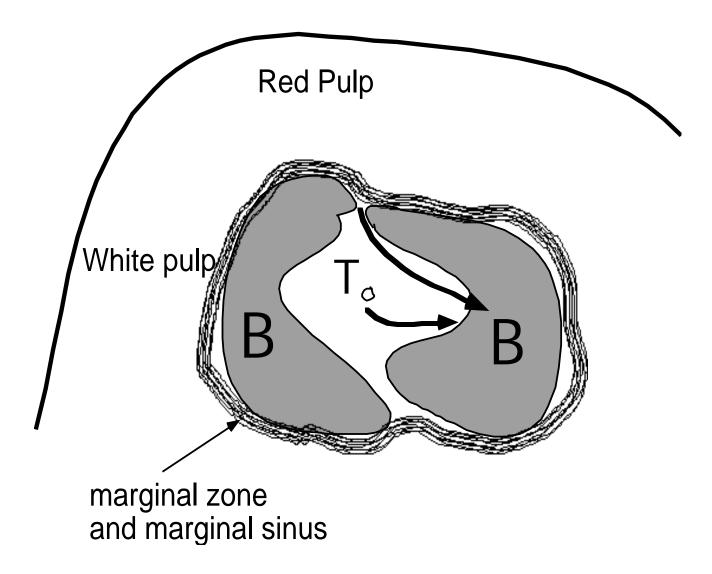


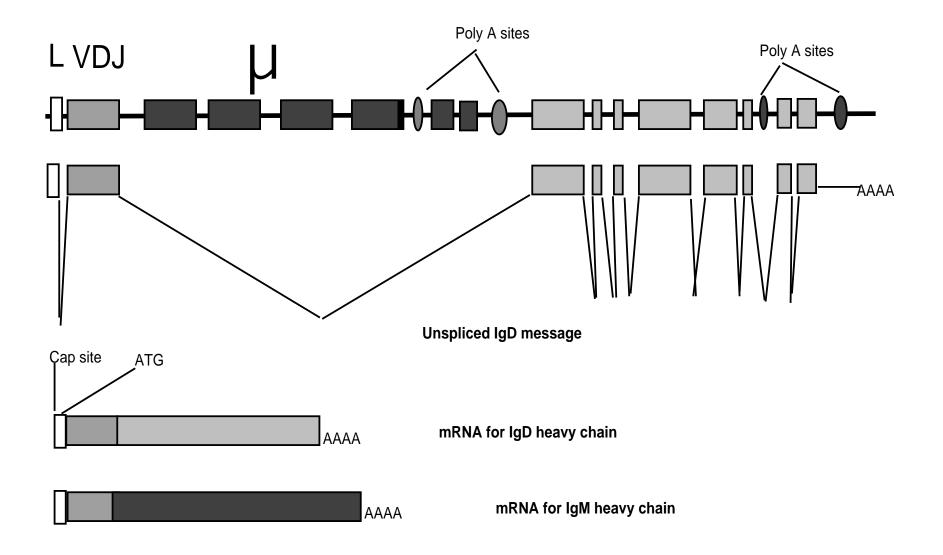


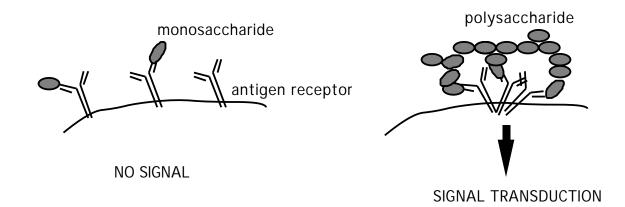
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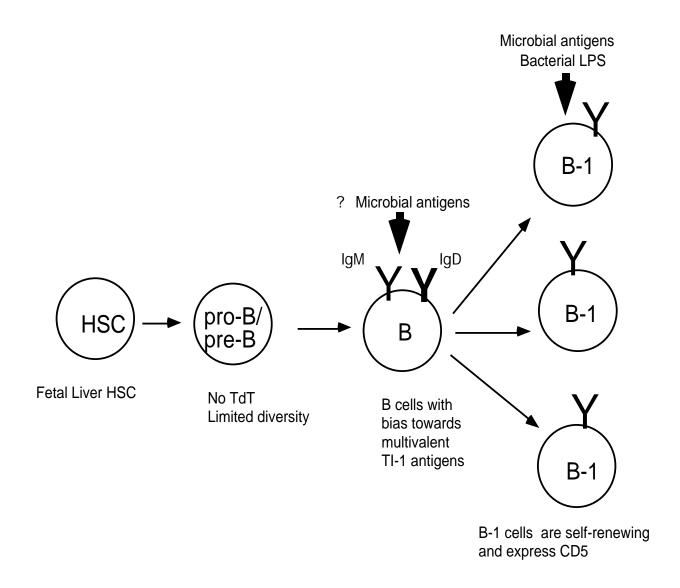
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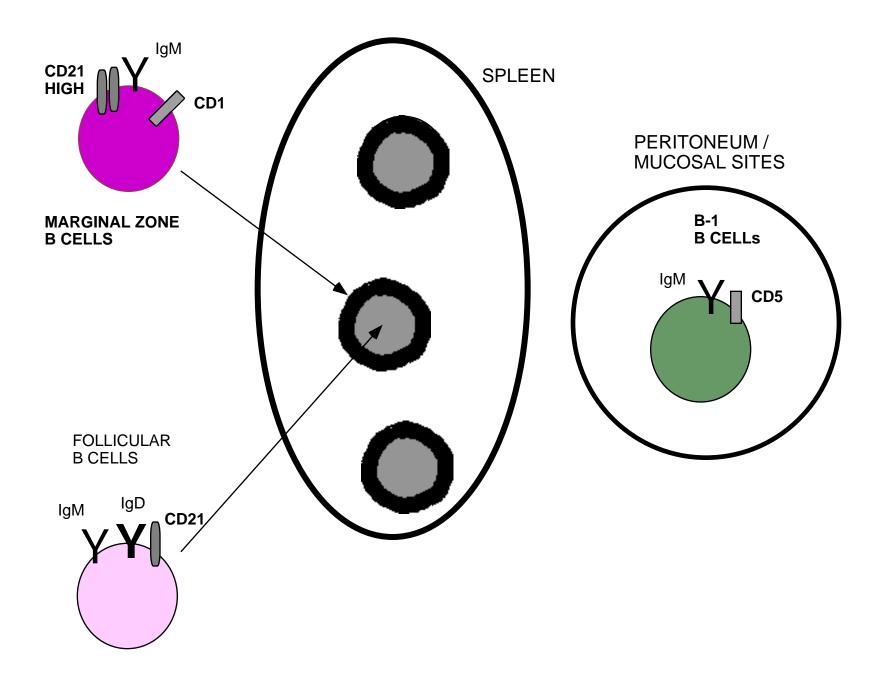






The B-1/CD5 B "lineage"

THREE DISTINCT TYPES OF PERIPHERAL B LYMPHOCYTES



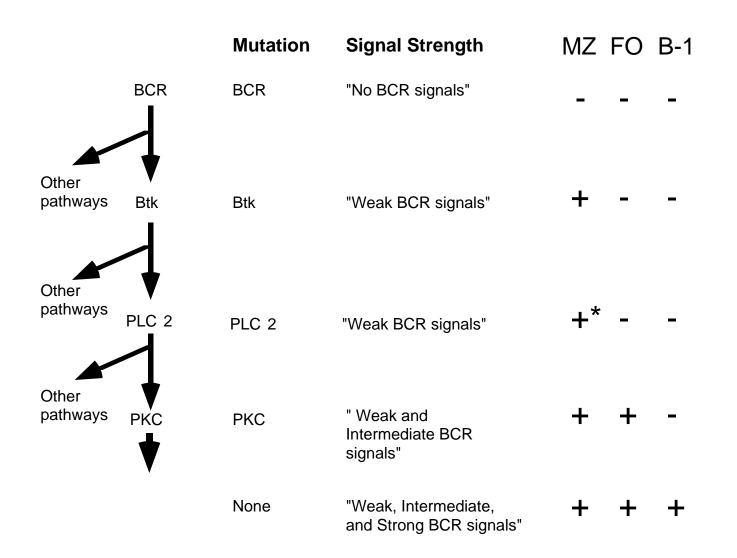
MZ and Follicular B cells

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Are only "chosen" B cells selected by endogenous antigens?

OR

Do all B cells get tickled via the antigen receptor ?

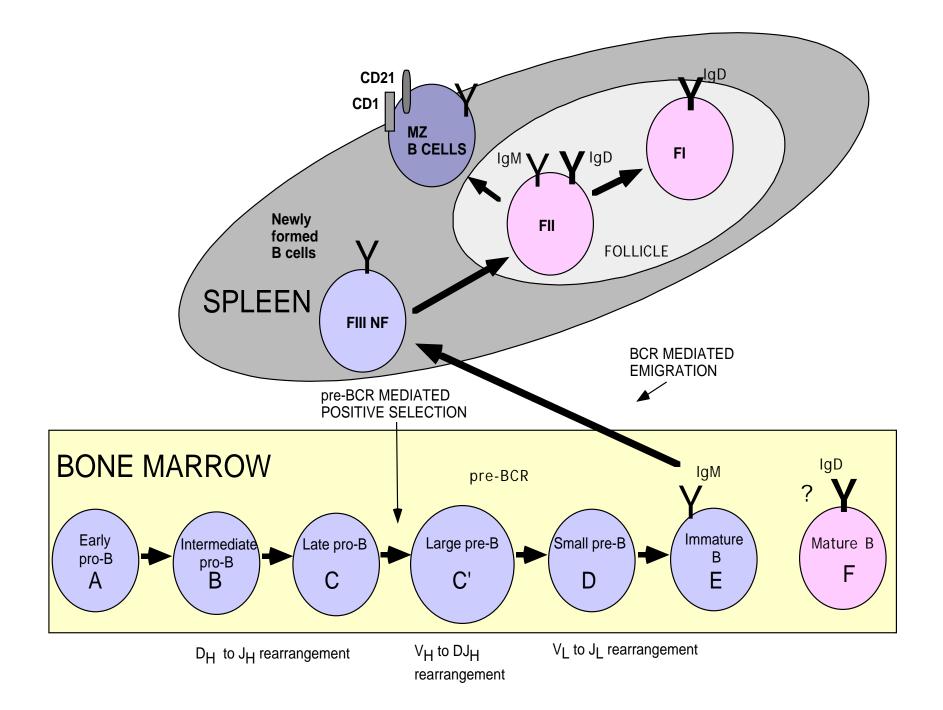


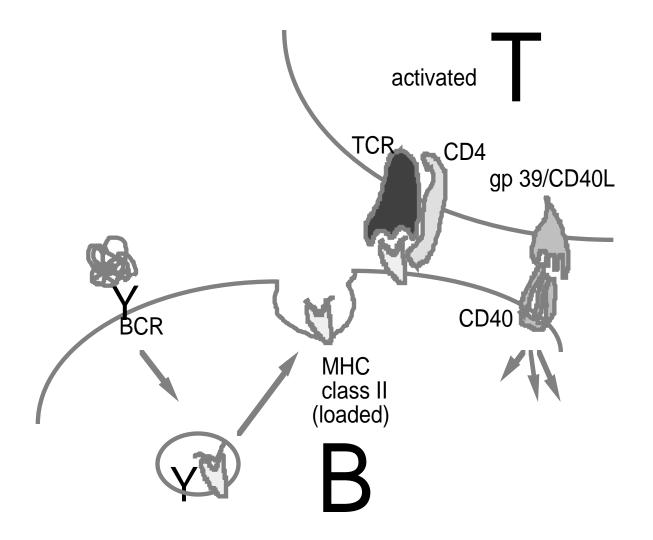
LONG-LIVED PERIPHERAL B CELL POPULATIONS

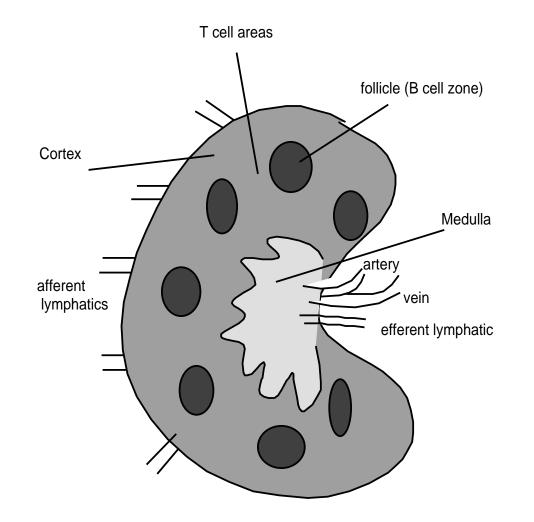
Strong BCR SignalsB-1 cells

Intermediate strength BCR signals.....Follicular B cells

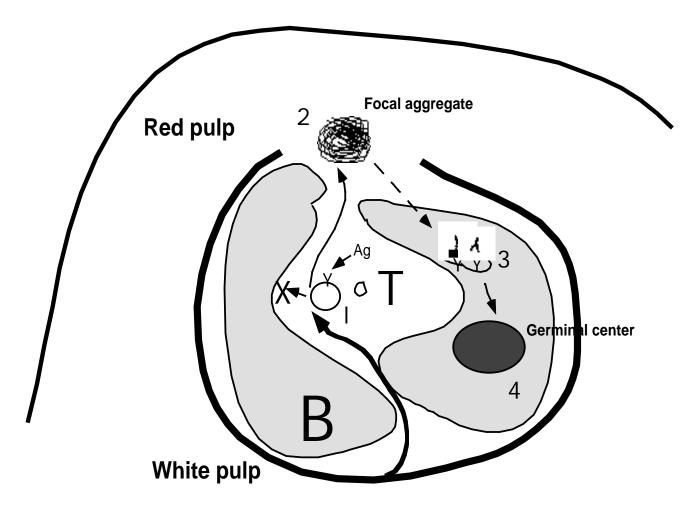
Relatively weak BCR signalsMZ B cells

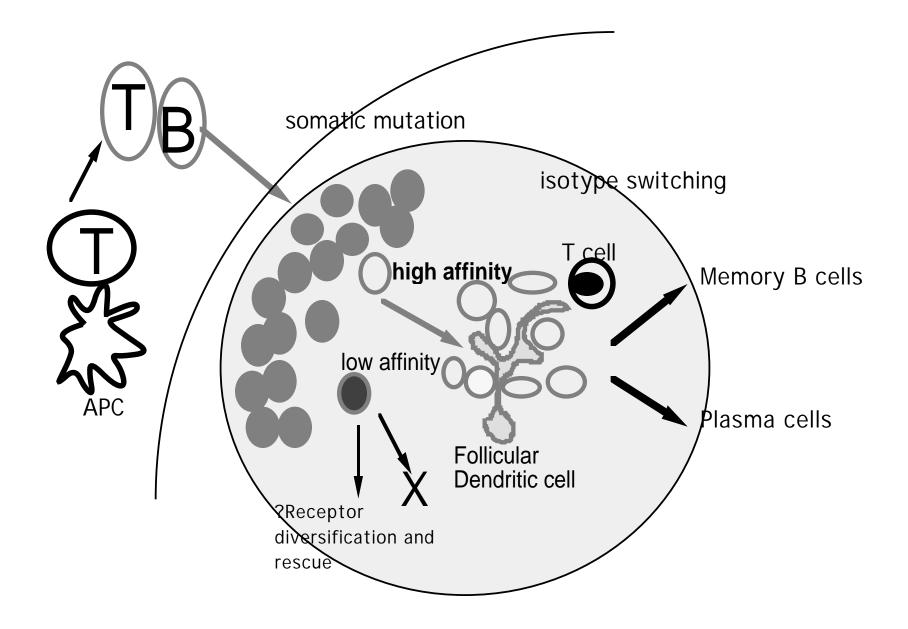


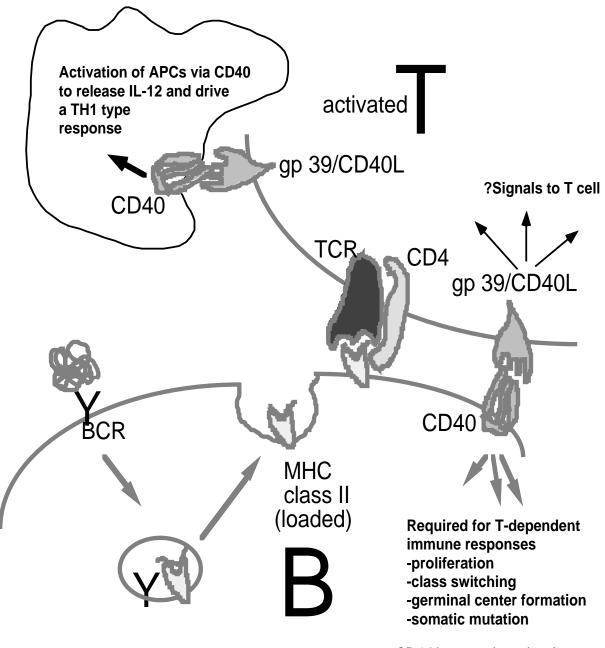




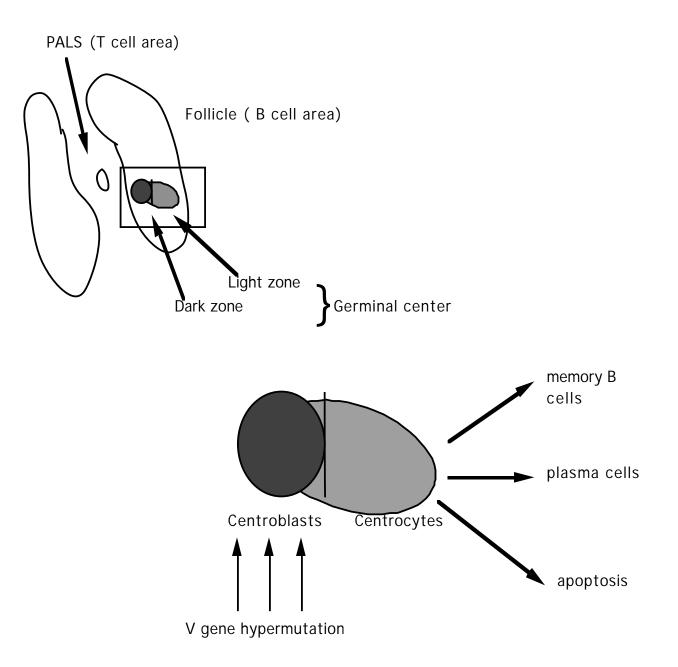
- 1.Dendritic cells (interdigitating) in T cell zones
- 2. Follicular dendritic cells in B cell areas
- 3. Macrophages everywhere

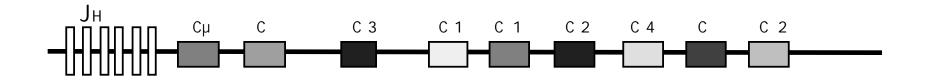


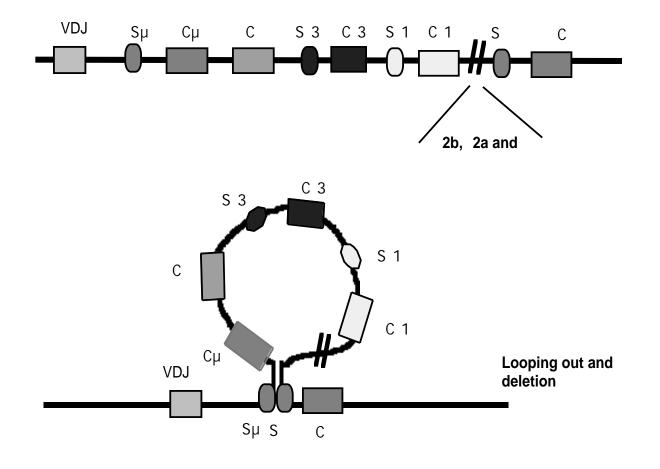


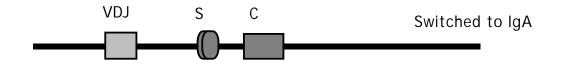


CD40L mutations lead to X-linked hyper-IgM syndrome

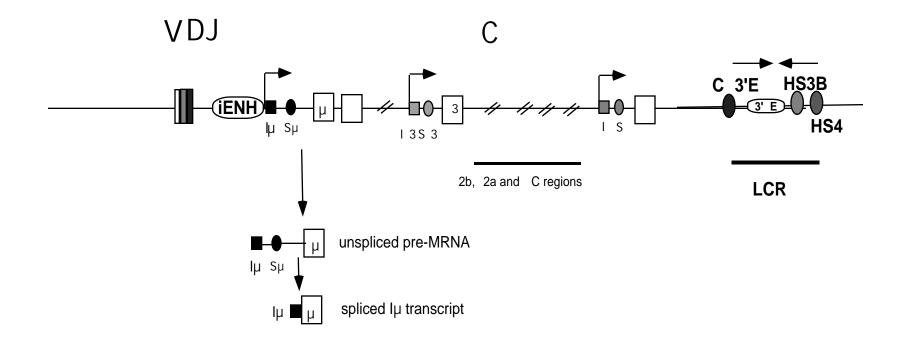








Switch regions and I-region promoters



Class Switching (Murine)

- 1. IL-4 promotes switching to IgG1 and IgE
- 2. TGF- promotes switching to IgA
- 3. -IFN promotes switching to IgG2a

Somatic mutation-I

1. Point substitutions. Non-templated single base changes in rearranged H- and L-chain V region genes

- 2. Requires T cell help, occurs in centrocytes
- 3. 10^{-4} to 10^{-3} base pairs/generation
- 4. Bell shaped curve of mutations starts in leader intron and ends about 1.5 kb downstream
- 5. Hotspot motifs
- 6. Transitions more common than transversions

SOMATIC MUTATION -II

7. Requires enhancer

8. Mechanism:AID DEPENDENT DNA DEAMINATION

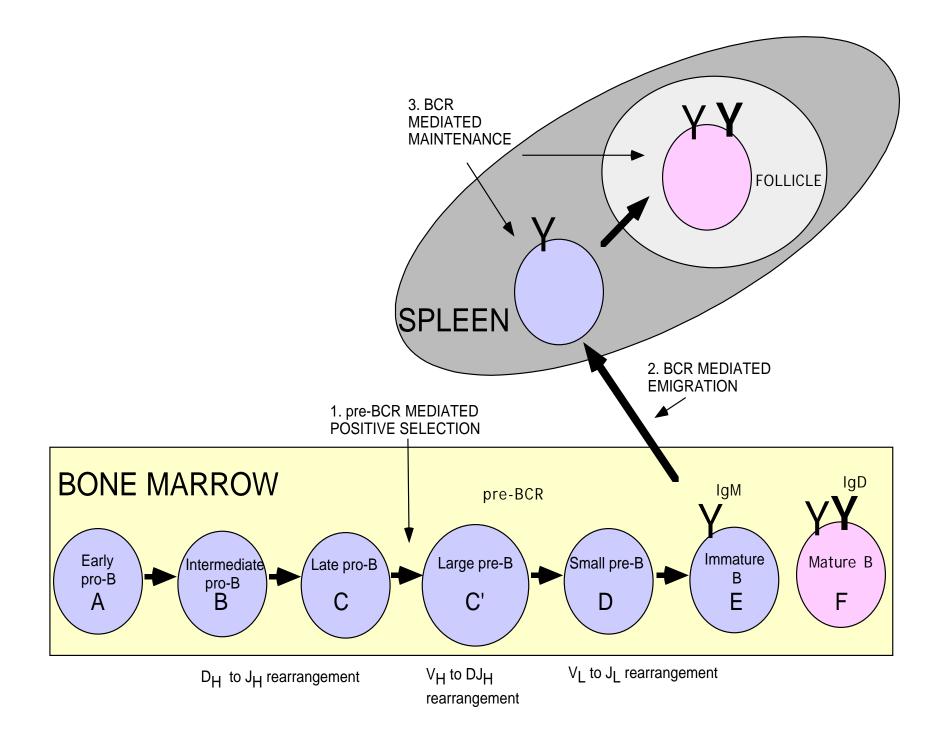
a. Cytosines converted to uracils

b. Replication or error prone repair generates mutations

9. Accessibility? ? Need for transcription??

AID required for both class switching and somatic mutation

- AID is a novel Activation induced cytidine deaminase
- Related to a protein involved in RNA editing
- Required for class switching and also for somatic mutation
- Aid-/- mice have large germinal centers
- Humans lacking AID present with



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