

Inflammation may be of two types, acute and chronic.

Table 3.1 Features of Acute and Chronic Inflammation

Feature	Acute	Chronic
Onset	Fast: minutes or hours	Slow: days
Cellular infiltrate	Mainly neutrophils	Monocytes/macrophages and lymphocytes
Tissue injury, fibrosis	Usually mild and self-limited	May be severe and progressive
Local and systemic signs	Prominent	Less

**if the initial response fails to clear the stimulus, the reaction progresses to chronic inflammation

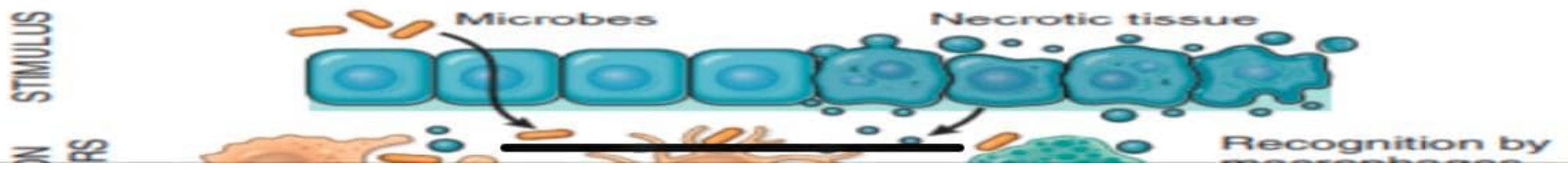


Table 3.2 Disorders Caused by Inflammatory Reactions

Disorders	Cells and Molecules Involved in Injury
Acute	
Acute respiratory distress syndrome	Neutrophils
Asthma	Eosinophils; IgE antibodies
Glomerulonephritis	Antibodies and complement; neutrophils, monocytes
Septic shock	Cytokines
Chronic	
Arthritis	Lymphocytes, macrophages; antibodies?
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Atherosclerosis	Macrophages; lymphocytes
Pulmonary fibrosis	Macrophages; fibroblasts



Is the inflammation always good??

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Life span in tissues	1–2 days	Inflammatory macrophages: days or weeks Tissue-resident macrophages: years
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nitric oxide 	Low levels or none	Induced following transcriptional activation of iNOS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Degranulation 	Major response; induced by cytoskeletal rearrangement	Not prominent
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cytokine production 	Low levels or none	Major functional activity, requires transcriptional activation of cytokine genes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NET formation 	Rapidly induced, by extrusion of nuclear contents	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secretion of lysosomal enzymes 	Prominent	Less

HSC, Hematopoietic stem cells; iNOS, inducible nitric oxide synthase; NET, neutrophil extracellular traps.

This table lists the major differences between neutrophils and macrophages. The reactions summarized above are described in the text. Note that the two cell types share many features, such as phagocytosis, ability to migrate through blood vessels into tissues, and chemotaxis.

Neutrophil



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Endothelial and Leukocyte Adhesion Molecules

TABLE 3.4 Endothelial and Leukocyte Adhesion Molecules

Family	Molecule	Distribution	Ligand
Selectin	L-selectin (CD62L)	Neutrophils, monocytes T cells (naïve and central memory) B cells (naïve)	Sialyl-Lewis X/PNAd on GlyCAM-1, CD34, MAdCAM-1, others; expressed on endothelium (HEV)
	E-selectin (CD62E)	Endothelium activated by cytokines (TNF, IL-1)	Sialyl-Lewis X (e.g., CLA) on glycoproteins; expressed on neutrophils, monocytes, T cells (effector, memory)
	P-selectin (CD62P)	Endothelium activated by cytokines (TNF, IL-1), histamine, or thrombin; platelets	Sialyl-Lewis X on PSGL-1 and other glycoproteins; expressed on neutrophils, monocytes, T cells (effector, memory)
Integrin	LFA-1 (CD11aCD18)	Neutrophils, monocytes, T cells (naïve, effector, memory)	ICAM-1 (CD54), ICAM-2 (CD102); expressed on endothelium (upregulated on activated endothelium)
	MAC-1 (CD11bCD18)	Monocytes, DCs	ICAM-1 (CD54), ICAM-2 (CD102); expressed on endothelium (upregulated on activated endothelium)
	VLA-4 (CD49aCD29)	Monocytes T cells (naïve, effector, memory)	VCAM-1 (CD106); expressed on endothelium (upregulated on activated endothelium)
	$\alpha 4\beta 7$ (CD49D/CD29)	Monocytes T cells (gut homing naïve effector, memory)	VCAM-1 (CD106), MAdCAM-1; expressed on endothelium in gut and gut-associated lymphoid tissues
Ig	CD31	Endothelial cells, leukocytes	CD31 (homotypic interaction)

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Family/ molecule/ Distribution

CLA, Cutaneous lymphocyte antigen-1

GlyCAM-1, glycan-bearing cell adhesion molecule-1

HEV, high endothelial venule

ICAM, intercellular adhesion molecule

Ig, immunoglobulin

IL-1, interleukin-1

MAdCAM-1, mucosal adhesion cell adhesion molecule-1

PSGL-1, P-selectin glycoprotein ligand-1

TNF, tumor necrosis factor

VCAM, vascular cell adhesion molecule.

Endothelial and Leukocyte Adhesion Molecule Interactions

ENDOTHELIUM	WBC	FUNCTION
P & E-selectins	X Sialyl-Lewis	Rolling
GlyCAM-1, CD34	L-selectin	Rolling
VCAM-1	VLA-4	Adhesion
ICAM-1	CD11/CD18 (LFA1, MAC1)	Adhesion
CD31 (PECAM-1)	CD31	Transmigration

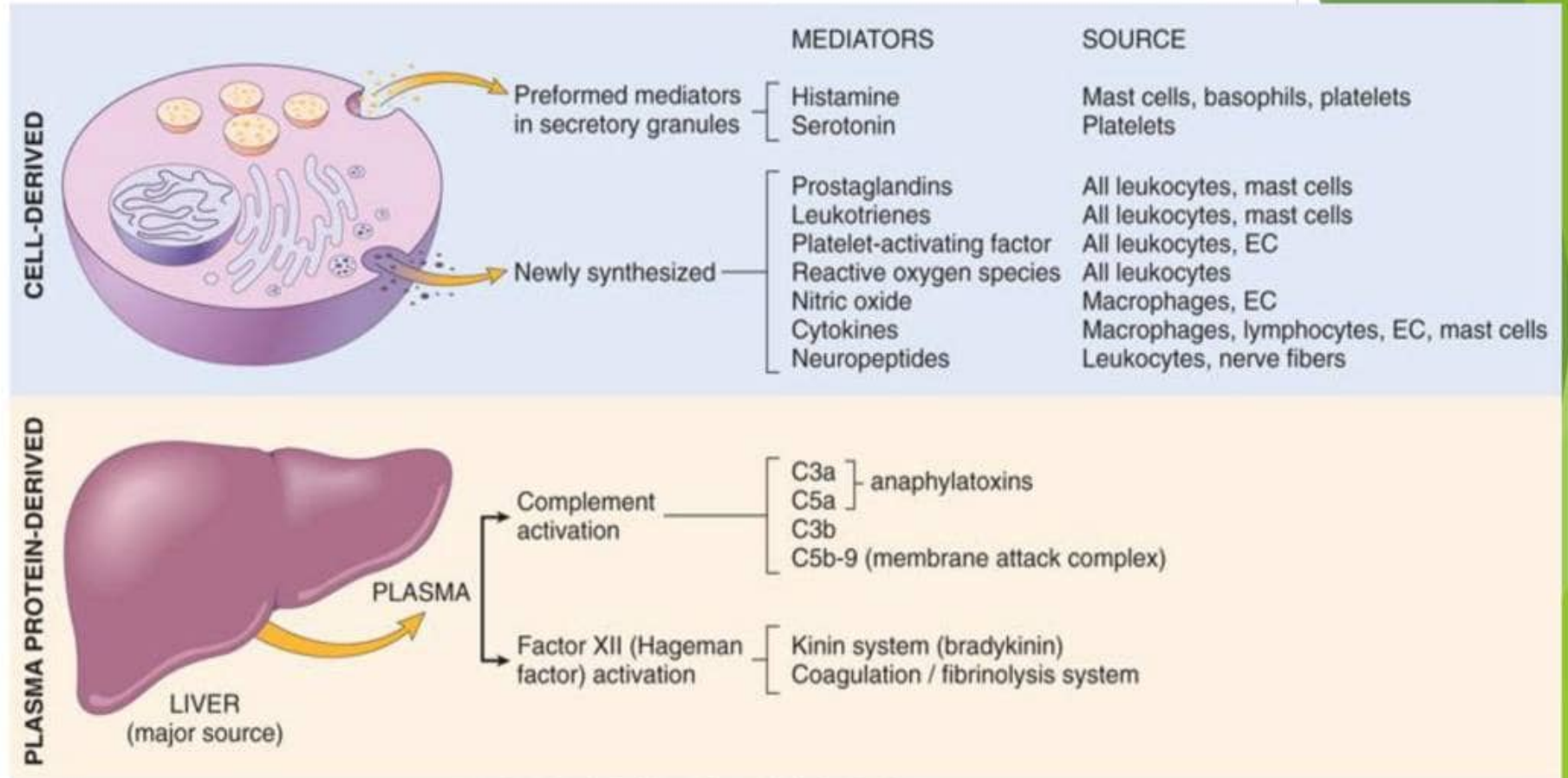
Genetic defects in leukocyte function

Disease	Defect
Leukocyte adhesion deficiency 1	CD18 unit of integrin
Leukocyte adhesion deficiency 2	Sialyl-Lewis X
Neutrophil-specific granule deficiency	Absent specific granules
Chronic Granulomatous Disease, X-linked	Membrane component of NADPH oxidase
Chronic Granulomatous Disease, autosomal recessive	Cytoplasmic component of NADPH oxidase
Myeloperoxidase (MPO) deficiency	Absent MPO-H ₂ O ₂ system
Chediak-Higashi disease	Organelle trafficking

Acquired defects in leukocyte function

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Systemic Mediators of Inflammation



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Chemical Mediators of Inflammation

Principal Mediators of Inflammation

Mediator	Source	Action
Histamine	Mast cells, basophils, platelets	Vasodilation, increased vascular permeability, endothelial activation
Prostaglandins	Mast cells, leukocytes	Vasodilation, pain, fever
Leukotrienes	Mast cells, leukocytes	Increased vascular permeability, chemotaxis, leukocyte adhesion, and activation
Cytokines (TNF, IL-1, IL-6)	Macrophages, endothelial cells, mast cells	Local: endothelial activation (expression of adhesion molecules). Systemic: fever, metabolic abnormalities, hypotension (shock)
Chemokines	Leukocytes, activated macrophages	Chemotaxis, leukocyte activation
Platelet-activating factor	Leukocytes, mast cells	Vasodilation, increased vascular permeability, leukocyte adhesion, chemotaxis, degranulation, oxidative burst
Complement	Plasma (produced in liver)	Leukocyte chemotaxis and activation, direct target killing (membrane attack complex), vasodilation (mast cell stimulation)
Kinins	Plasma (produced in liver)	Increased vascular permeability, smooth muscle contraction,

Vasoactive Amines Histamine and Serotonin

Cytokines in Inflammation

Cytokine	Principal Sources	Principal Actions in Inflammation
In Acute Inflammation		
TNF	Macrophages, mast cells, T lymphocytes	Stimulates expression of endothelial adhesion molecules and secretion of other cytokines; systemic effects
IL-1	Macrophages, endothelial cells, some epithelial cells	Similar to TNF; greater role in fever
IL-6	Macrophages, other cells	Systemic effects (acute phase response)
Chemokines	Macrophages, endothelial cells, T lymphocytes, mast cells, other cell types	Recruitment of leukocytes to sites of inflammation; migration of cells in normal tissues
IL-17	T lymphocytes	Recruitment of neutrophils and monocytes
In Chronic Inflammation		
IL-12	Dendritic cells, macrophages	Increased production of IFN- γ
IFN- γ	T lymphocytes, NK cells	Activation of macrophages (increased ability to kill microbes and tumor cells)
IL-17	T lymphocytes	Recruitment of neutrophils and monocytes

Major roles of cytokines in acute inflammation

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Principal Actions of Arachidonic Acid Metabolites in Inflammation

Action	Eicosanoid
Vasodilation	Prostaglandins PGI ₂ (prostacyclin), PGE ₁ , PGE ₂ , PGD ₂
Vasoconstriction	Thromboxane A ₂ , leukotrienes C ₄ , D ₄ , E ₄
Increased vascular permeability	Leukotrienes C ₄ , D ₄ , E ₄
Chemotaxis, leukocyte adhesion	Leukotriene B ₄
Smooth muscle contraction	Prostaglandins PGC ₄ , PGD ₄ , PGE ₄

Pharmacologic Inhibitors of Prostaglandins and Leukotrienes



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Reaction of Inflammation

Principal Mediators

Vasodilation

Histamine

Prostaglandins

Increased vascular permeability

Histamine

C3a and C5a (by liberating vasoactive amines from mast cells, other cells)

Leukotrienes C₄, D₄, E₄

Chemotaxis, leukocyte recruitment and activation

TNF, IL-1

Chemokines

C3a, C5a

Leukotriene B₄

Fever

IL-1, TNF

Prostaglandins

Pain

Prostaglandins

Bradykinin

Disease	Cause	Tissue Reaction
Tuberculosis	<i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i>	Caseating granuloma (tubercle): focus of activated macrophages (epithelioid cells), rimmed by fibroblasts, lymphocytes, histiocytes, occasional Langhans giant cells; central necrosis with amorphous granular debris; acid-fast bacilli
Leprosy	<i>Mycobacterium leprae</i>	Acid-fast bacilli in macrophages; noncaseating granulomas
Syphilis	<i>Treponema pallidum</i>	Gumma: microscopic to grossly visible lesion, enclosing wall of macrophages; plasma cell infiltrate; central cells are necrotic without loss of cellular outline; organisms difficult to identify in tissue
Cat-scratch disease	Gram-negative bacillus	Rounded or stellate granuloma containing central granular debris and recognizable neutrophils; giant cells uncommon
Sarcoidosis	Unknown etiology	Noncaseating granulomas with abundant activated macrophages
Crohn disease (inflammatory bowel disease)	Immune reaction against undefined gut microbes and, possibly, self antigens	Occasional noncaseating granulomas in the wall of the intestine, with dense chronic inflammatory infiltrate

❖ CD4+ T lymphocytes promote inflammation

