

Introduction to immune pathways and immune response to therapeutics in Lysosomal Storage Disorders

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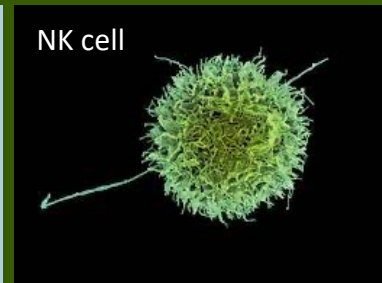
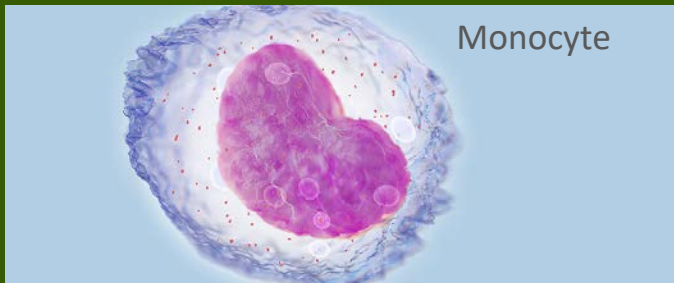
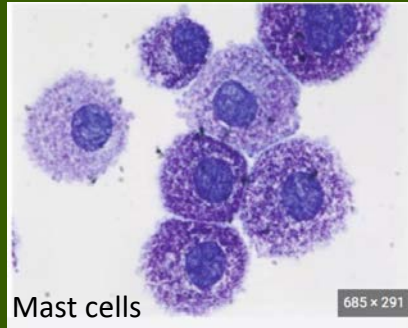
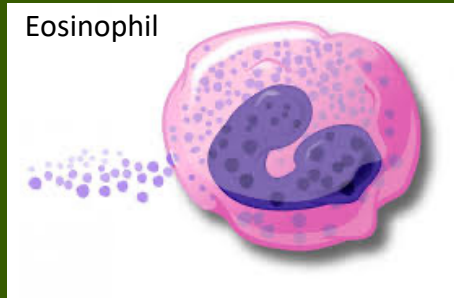
- Review idiosyncratic adverse drug reactions and its immune response mediation.
- Explain the process of inflammatory cell death.
- List the diagnostic approach to suspected drug hypersensitivity.
- Describe the factors that influence drug reactions.

Adverse drug reactions

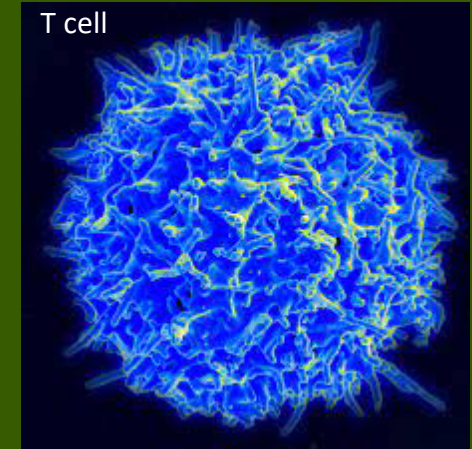
- Any undesirable effect of a drug beyond its anticipated therapeutic effects occurring during clinical use.
- Adverse drug reactions are a major clinical problem, accounting for 2-6% of all hospital admissions
- Adverse drug reactions are type A (pharmacological) or type B (idiosyncratic)
- Many idiosyncratic adverse reactions are thought to be mediated by the immune system on the basis of clinical criteria.
- The type of hypersensitivity is partly determined by the nature of the immune response and the site of antigen formation.

Innate immune cells

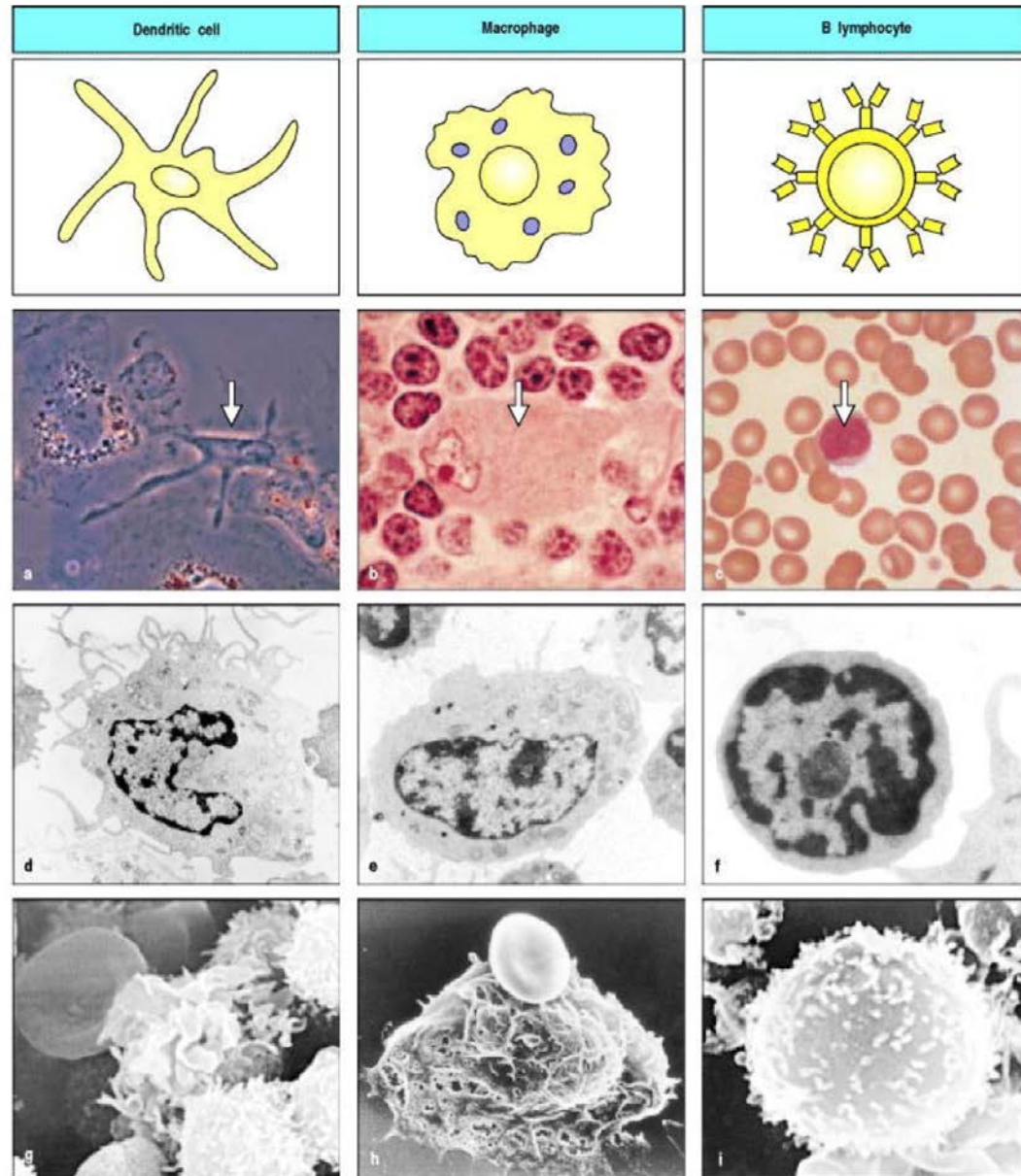
Adaptive immune cells



- Have different functions
- Interact with each other
- Cause distinct pathologies



Professional Antigen Presenting Cells



Immunobiology: The Immune System in Health and Disease.
5th edition.
Janeway CA Jr, Travers P, Walport M, et al.

Antibodies

- **Made by B cell that need T cell help**
- **Prevent or enhance infections**
- **Cause autoimmunity or anaphylaxis**
- **Can participate in inflammation**

Antigen presenting cells (APCs) and inflammation

- **Dendritic cells are professional APCs**
- **B cells, monocytes and macrophages are non-professional APCs**
- **APCs can present drug antigens to other immune cells or become activated by them**
- **Can participate in inflammation**

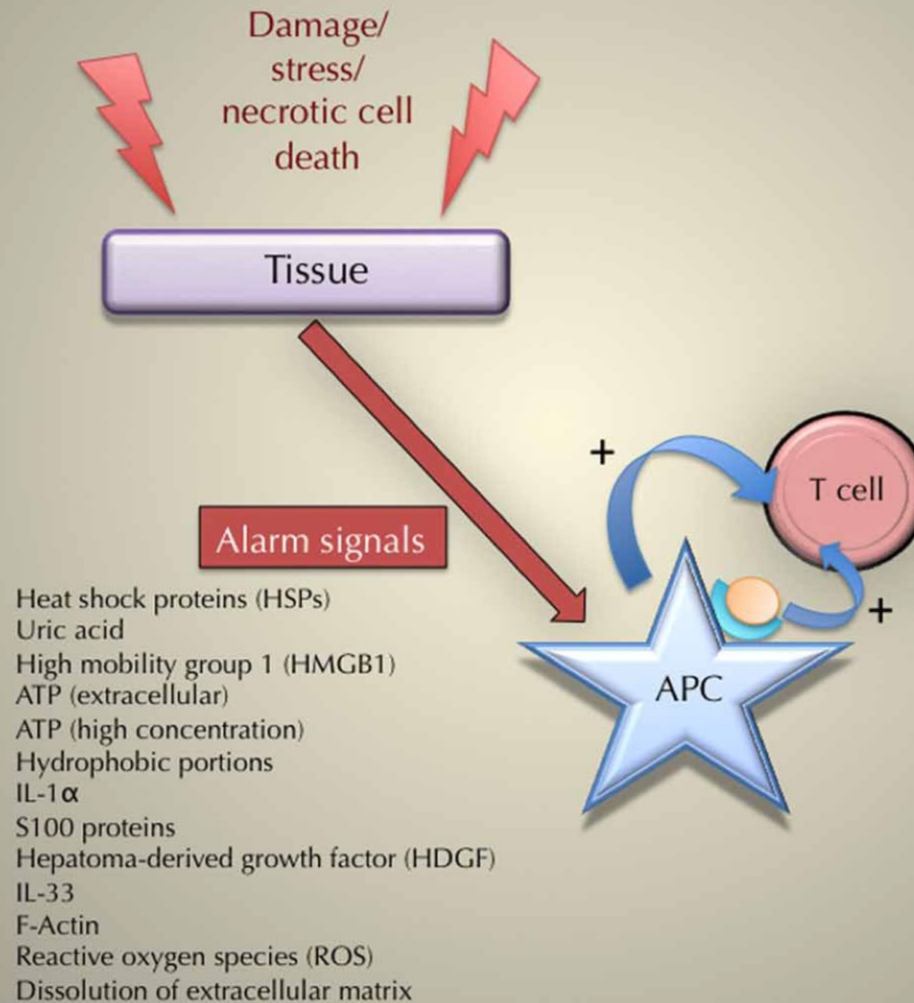
Complement system

- **A central component of innate immunity**
- **Bridges the innate to the adaptive immune response.**
- **Can be activated in drug reactions**
- **Several drugs (i.e. IVIG), have dampening effect on complement activation.**

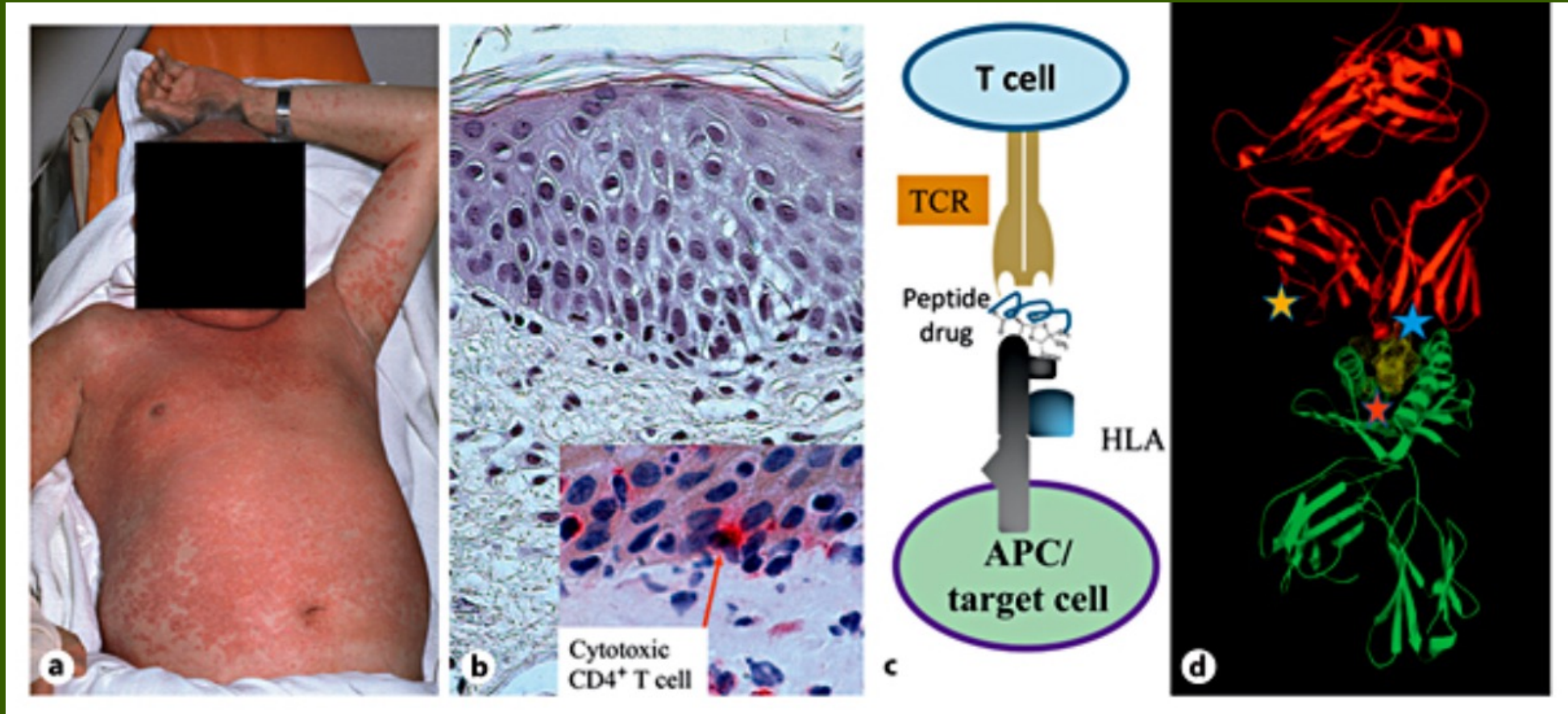
Inflammatory cell death

- **Pyroptosis**
- **Necroptosis**
- **Can be measurable but no inhibitors yet FDA approved**

Danger signals



Adaptive Immune responses



Types of drug reactions

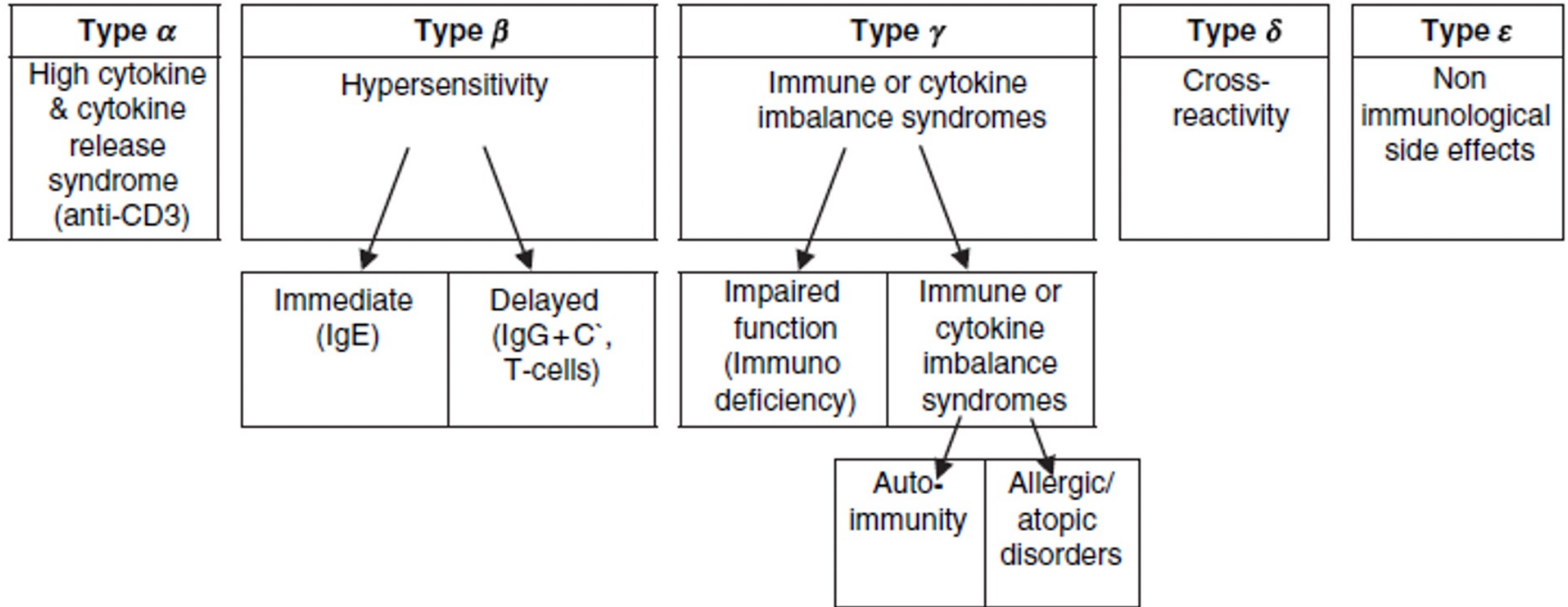
(timing and clinical characteristics are key)

- **Immediate (anaphylactic and non-anaphylactic)**
- **Delayed**

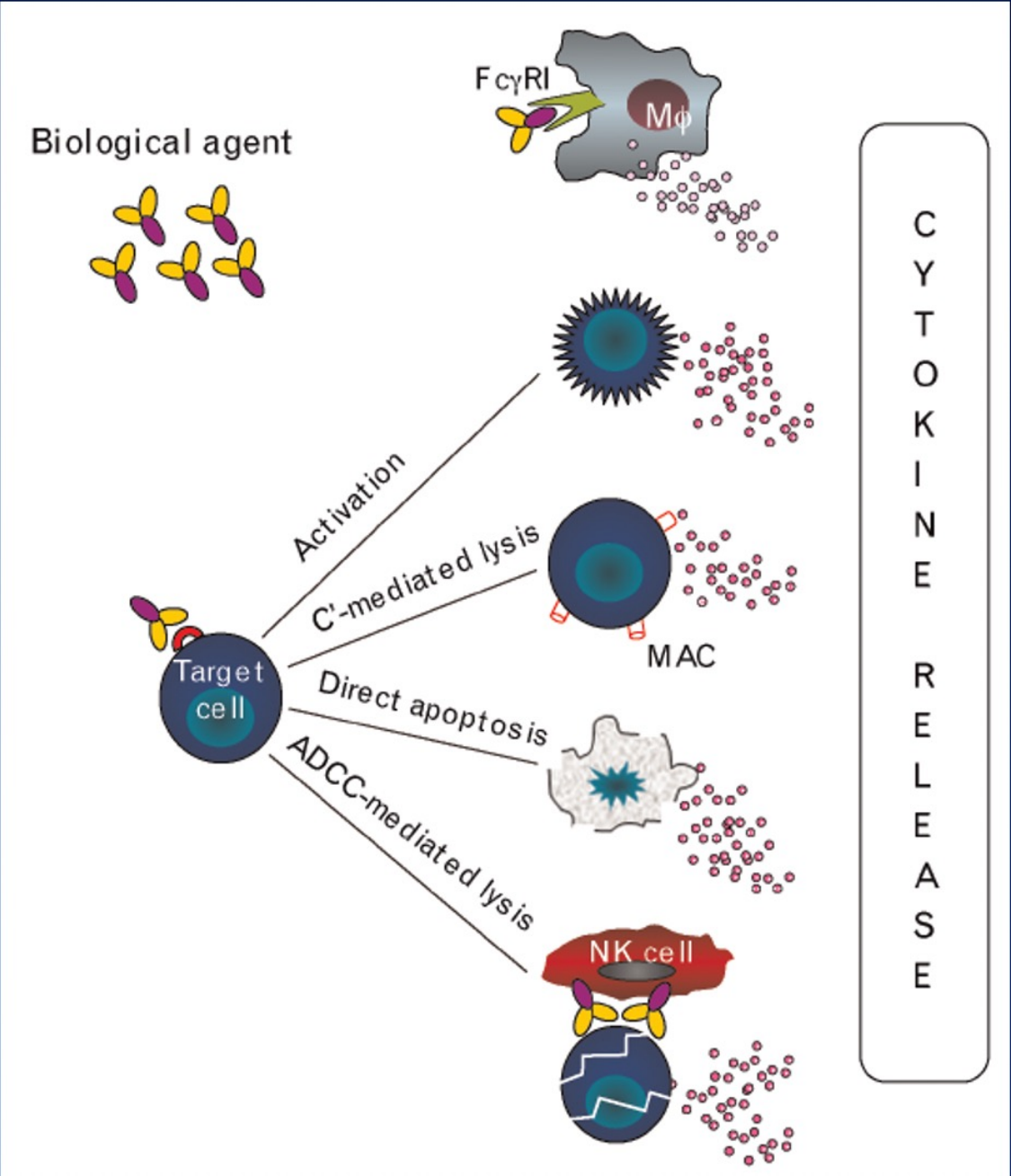
Factors that influence drug reactions

- **Drug characteristic (protein, lipid, peptide, small molecule, antibodies, etc...)**
- **Dose**
- **Rate of administration**
- **Duration of use**

Types of drug reactions



Cytokine release



Types of drug reactions - Time

Tab. 3: Typical time intervals between initial drug use and first onset of symptoms

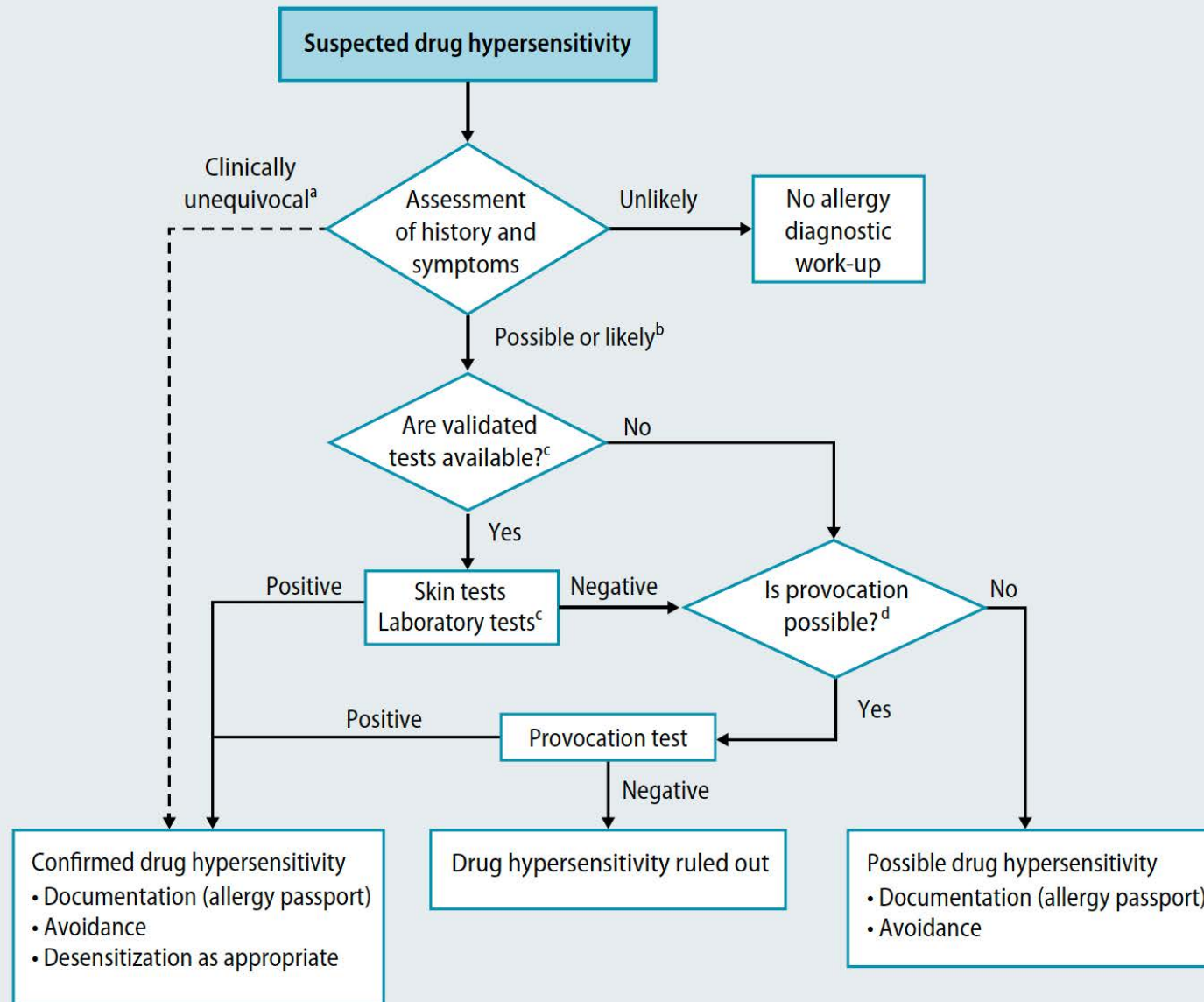
| Hypersensitivity reaction | Time interval |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Urticaria, asthma, anaphylaxis | typically within 1 h, in rare cases up to 12 h after exposure |
| Maculopapular drug eruption | 4–14 Days after start of use ^a |
| AGEP | 1–12 Days after start of use ^b |
| SJS/TEN | 4–28 Days after start of use ^c |
| DRESS | 2–8 Weeks after start of use |

AGEP, acute generalized exanthematous pustulosis; SJS, Stevens-Johnson syndrome; TEN: toxic epidermal necrolysis; DRESS, drug reaction with eosinophilia and systemic symptoms.

^aTime interval in repeat reactions typically shorter compared with the first reaction. In maculopapular drug eruptions, reaction typically seen after 1–4 days, typical time interval for repeat reactions has not been investigated in AGEP, SJS, TEN, and DRESS;

^bmostly 1–2 days with antibiotics, often 7–12 days with other medications; ^csometimes longer with allopurinol

Diagnostic Approach



Diagnostic Tests

TABLE I. Diagnostic tests of hypersensitivity reactions to drugs

| Type of reaction | | Type of tests |
|------------------|-----------------|--|
| Immediate | <i>In vitro</i> | Specific IgE assays |
| | | Flow cytometric BATs |
| | <i>In vivo</i> | Skin tests |
| | | Provocation tests |
| Nonimmediate | <i>In vitro</i> | LTTs or LATs |
| | | ELISPOT assays for analysis of antigen-specific, cytokine-producing cells |
| | <i>In vivo</i> | Delayed-reading intradermal tests |
| | | Patch tests |
| | | Provocation tests |

Principles of Desensitization

- **Temporary clinical tolerance**
- **Only in immediate reactions**
- **Does not need to be IgE mediated**
- **Protocols vary for drugs and between institutions**

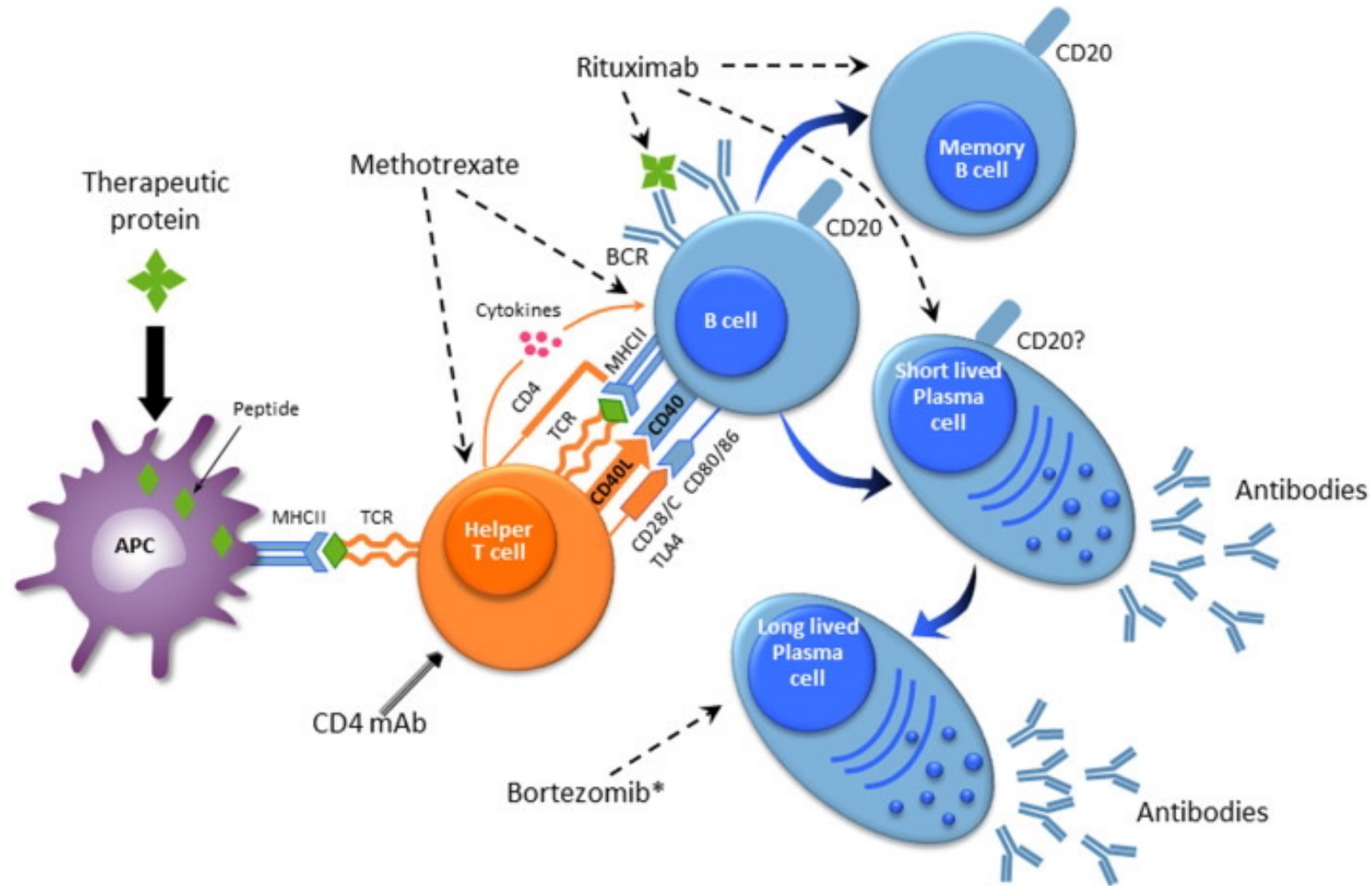
Neutralizing antibodies

Table 1 Overview of the most common ERT-treatable lysosomal storage diseases associated with an immune response and formation of ADAs

| Disease | Deficient enzyme | Main accumulated substrate | Approved drug | IARs | Neutralizing ADAs | Agents used for immune tolerance |
|-----------------|---|---|---|------|-------------------|--|
| Gaucher disease | β -Glucosidase | Glucosylceramide | Imiglucerase, Velaglucerase, Taliglucerase-alfa | Yes | Yes | Cyclophosphamide, IVIG |
| Fabry disease | α -Galactosidase A | Globotriaosylceramide | Agalsidase-alfa, Agalsidase-beta | Yes | Yes | NA |
| MPS I | α -L-iduronidase | Dermatan sulfate and heparan sulfate | Laronidase | Yes | Yes | Cyclosporine, azathioprine |
| MPS II | Iduronate-2-sulfatase | Dermatan sulfate and heparan sulfate | Idursulfase-alfa, Idursulfase-beta | Yes | Yes | Rituximab, ofatumumab, bortezomib, methotrexate, IVIG, |
| MPS IVa | N-acetylgalactosamine-6 sulfatase (GALNS) | Keratan sulfate and chondroitin-6-sulfate | Elosulfase | Yes | Yes | Rituximab, methotrexate |
| MPS VI | N-acetylgalactosamine 4-sulfatase | Dermatan sulfate | Galsulfase | Yes | Yes | Corticosteroids, rituximab, IVIGs, methotrexate. |
| Pompe disease | Acid α -glucosidase | Glycogen | Alglucosidase-alfa | Yes | Yes | Rituximab, methotrexate, IVIG, methylprednisolone, rapamycin, cyclophosphamide, bortezomib |

ADA anti-drug antibody, *ERT* enzyme-replacement therapy, *IARS* infusion-associated reaction, *IVIG* intravenous immunoglobulin, *MPS* mucopolysaccharidosis, *NA* not available

Targeting the immune response in lysosomal storage disorders



Summary

- **Many factors play into drug reactions; no “one shoe fits all”**
- **Identification of potential mechanism impacts treatment approaches**
- **Naïve v Educated immune system to the drug is a critical factor**