

# ***Imunodeficiencias***

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# **Immune system and its function**

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- benefit x damage
- defense
- immune surveillance
- tolerance

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# Common defense mechanisms

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- skin and mucosa
- cilia, mucus
- hydrochloric acid
- flow of urine
- tears

# Roles of immune system components

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## innate immunity

- **humoral** - complement
- **cellular** - phagocytes, NK cells



## defense against

- bacteria, some viruses
- bacteria, fungi

## adaptive immunity

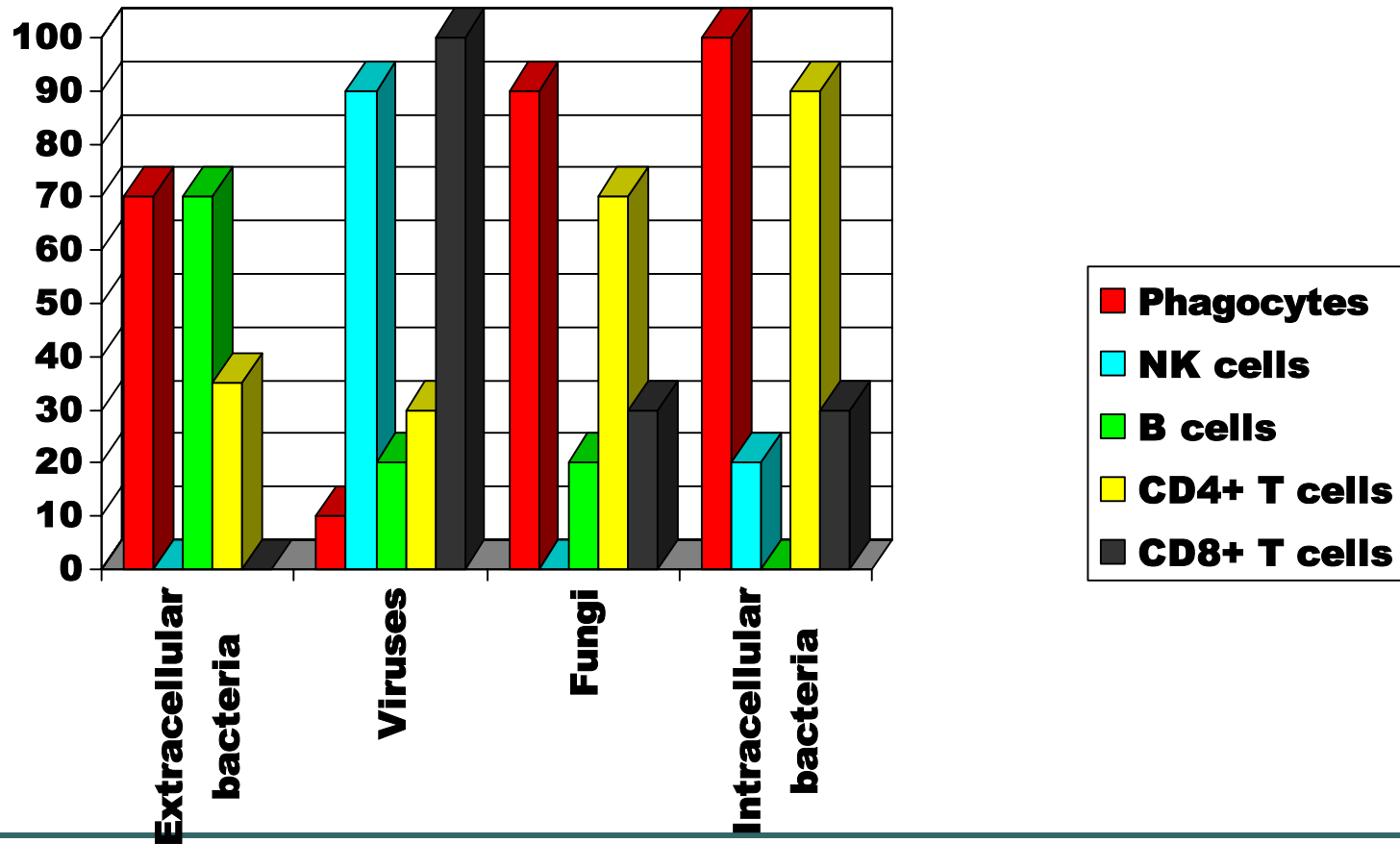
- **humoral** - antibodies
- **cellular** - T lymphocytes



- extracellular bacteria
- viruses
- intracellular bacteria
- viruses, fungi

# Role of immune system in infection combat

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# Immunodeficiencies

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- 1. primary
  - innate diseases
  - genes coding for immune system components
- 2. secondary
  - secondary immune disorders based on primary cause



# **Secondary immunodeficiency**

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= presence of underlying disease

- malignancy (malignancy)
- infection (e.g. HIV)
- malnutrition
- immunosuppressive drugs

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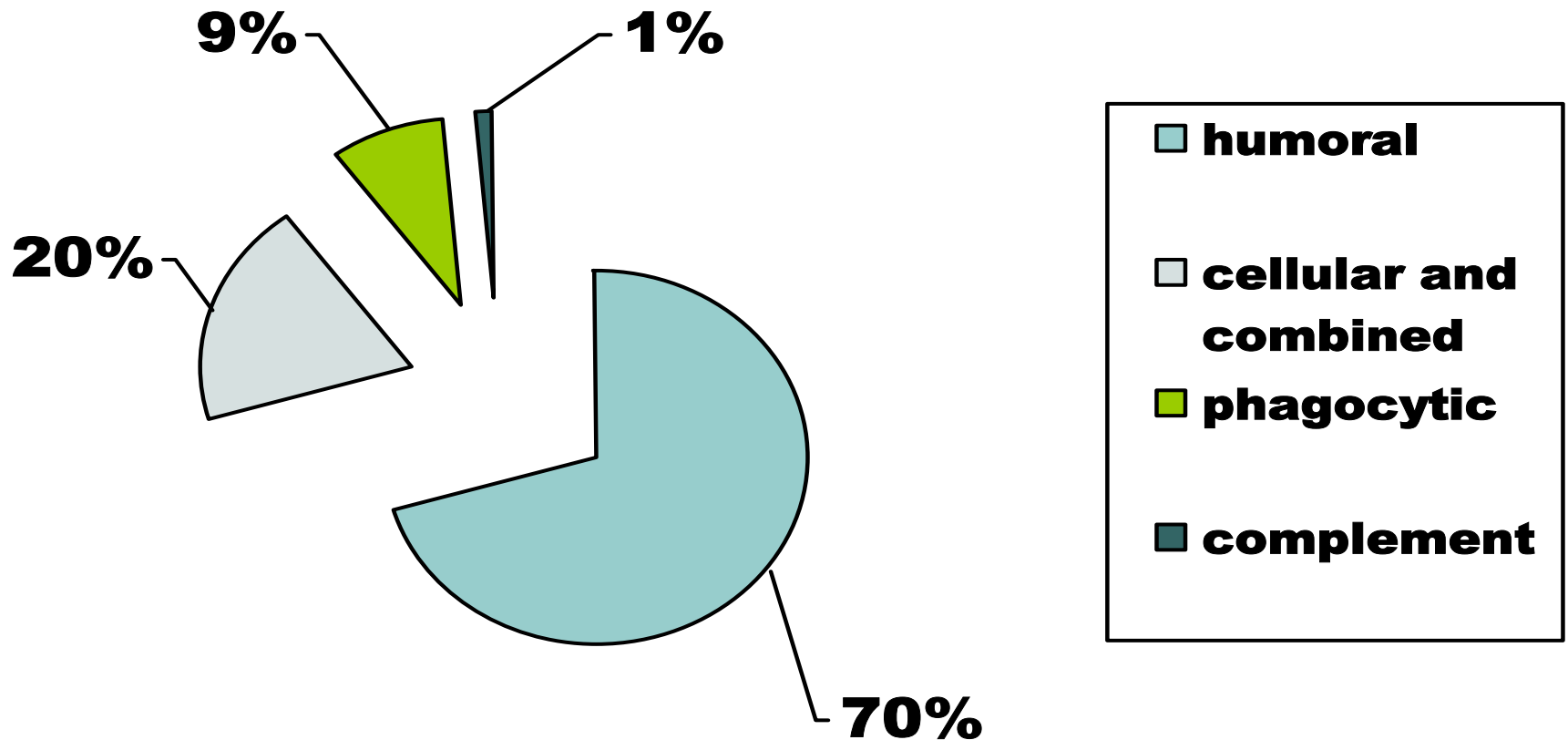
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- cytotoxicity
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- apoptosis

- **Syndromes with compromised DNA repair**

# Prevalence of primary immunodeficiencies (PID)

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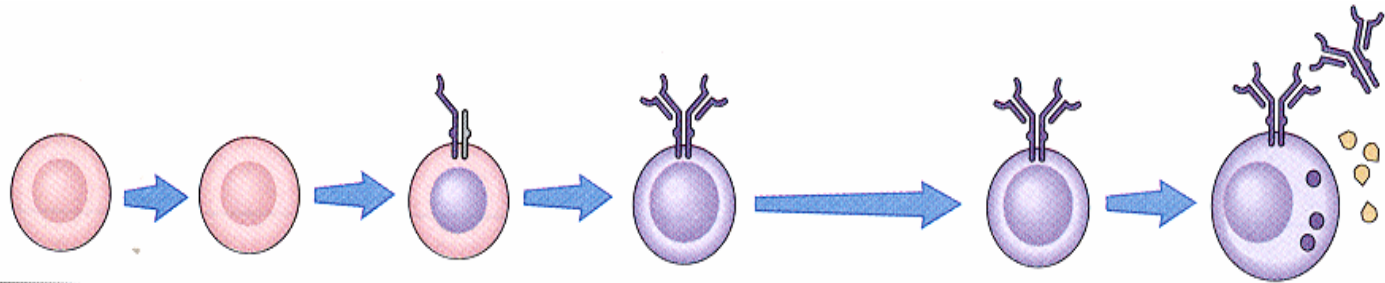


## **Incidence of PID (examples)**

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- **slgAD** **1 : 500 - 700**
- **DGS** **1 : 4.000 (live births)**
- **CVID** **1 : 10.000 – 50.000**
- **SCID** **1 : 100.000**
- **CD19 deficit** **only a few cases**

# Differentiation of B and T cells



Stage of Maturation	Stem cell	Pro-lymphocyte	Pre-lymphocyte	Immature lymphocyte	Mature lymphocyte	Differentiated effector lymphocyte
Anatomic Site	Generative organ (bone marrow or thymus)					Peripheral lymphoid organ or tissue
Major Events	Early maturation and growth factor-mediated expansion		Antigen receptor expression	Selection of repertoire; acquisition of functional competence		Performance of effector functions
Antigen Dependence	No			Self antigen		Foreign antigen

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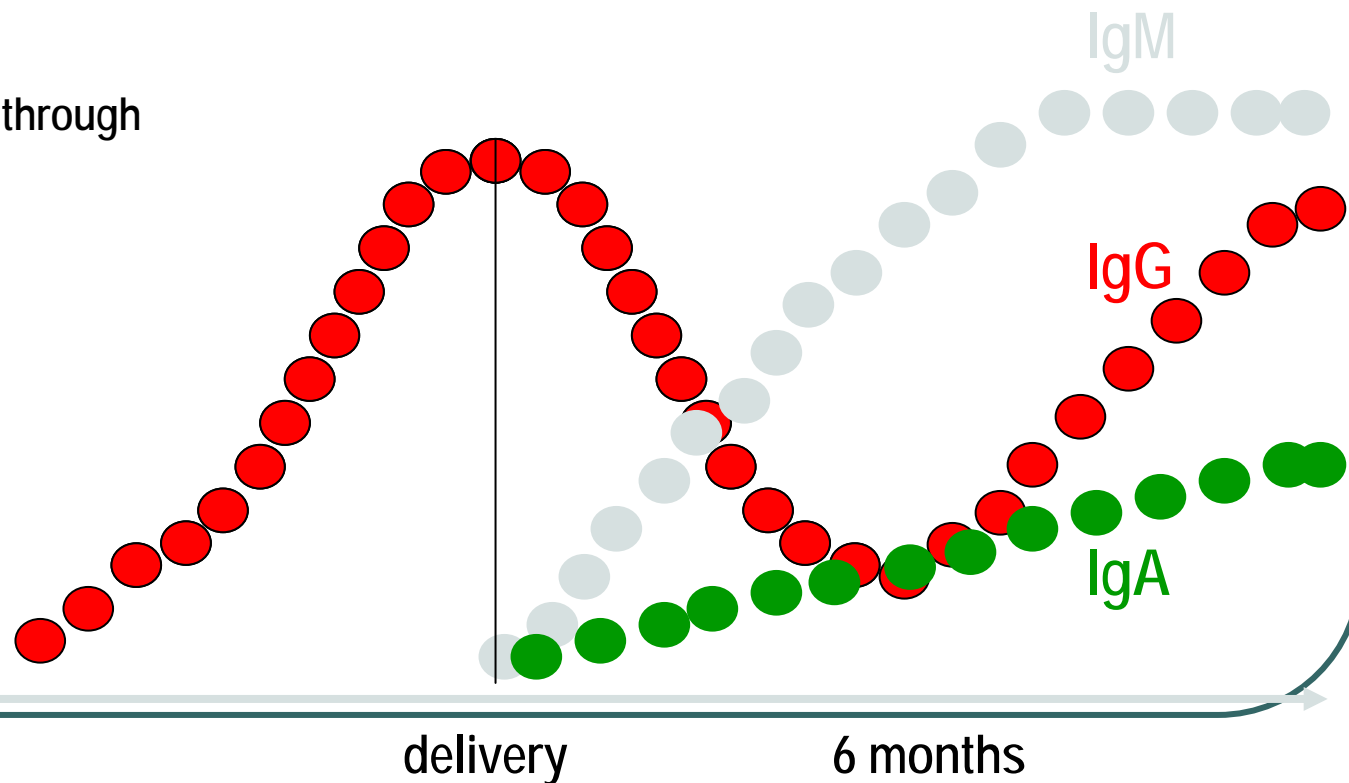
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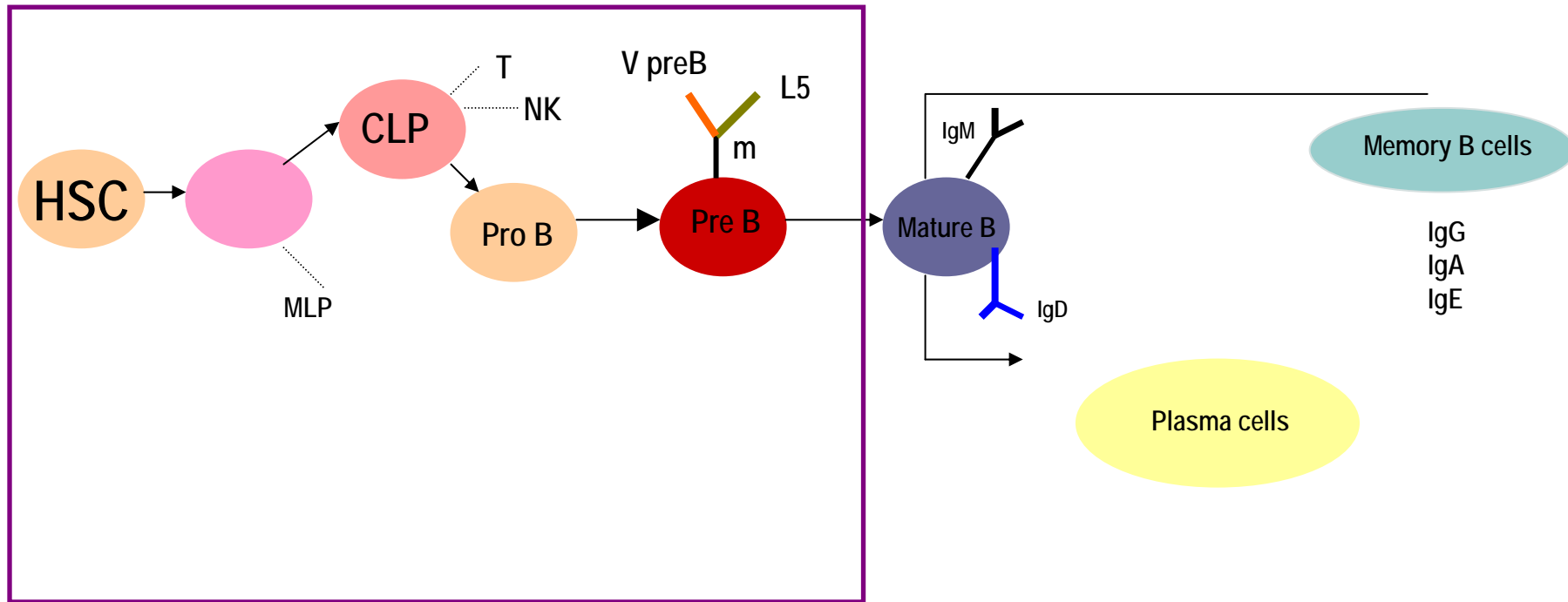
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# Levels of antibodies in kids

- production of Ab associated with cellur development of immune-competent cells (starts during 1st months in utero)
- active transport through placenta



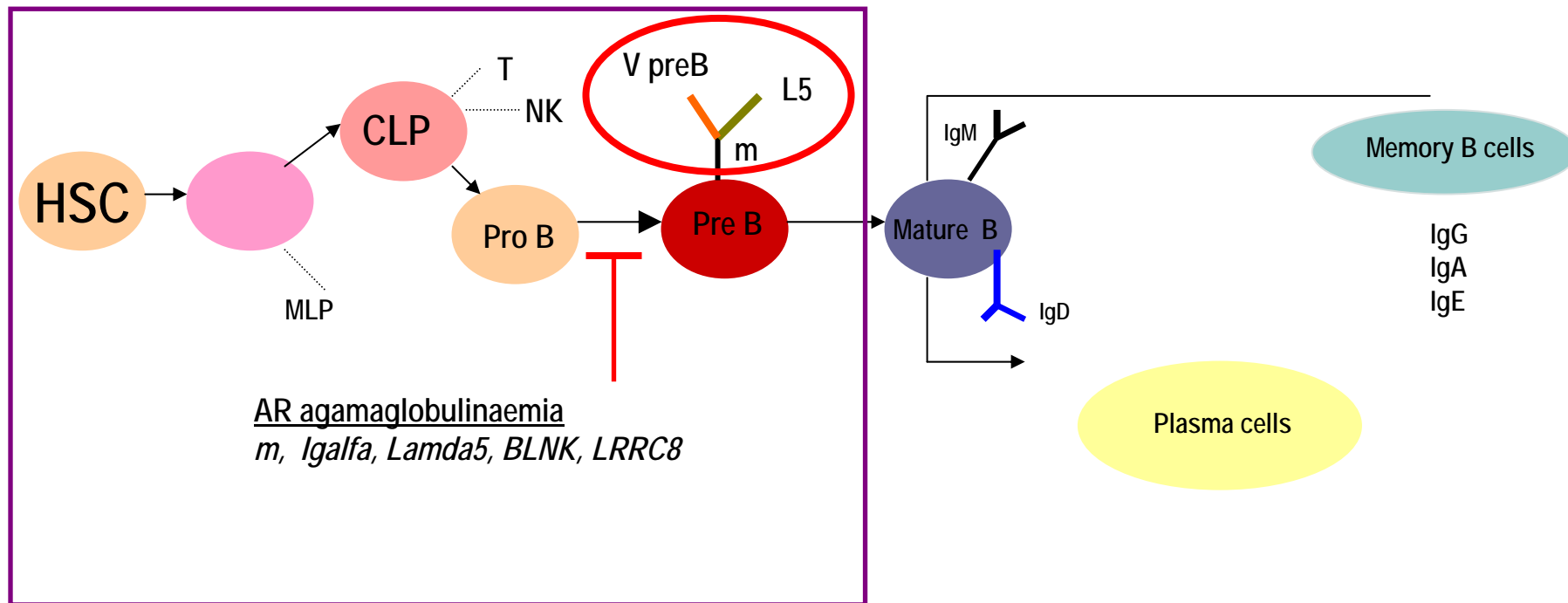
# B cell development



Bone marrow

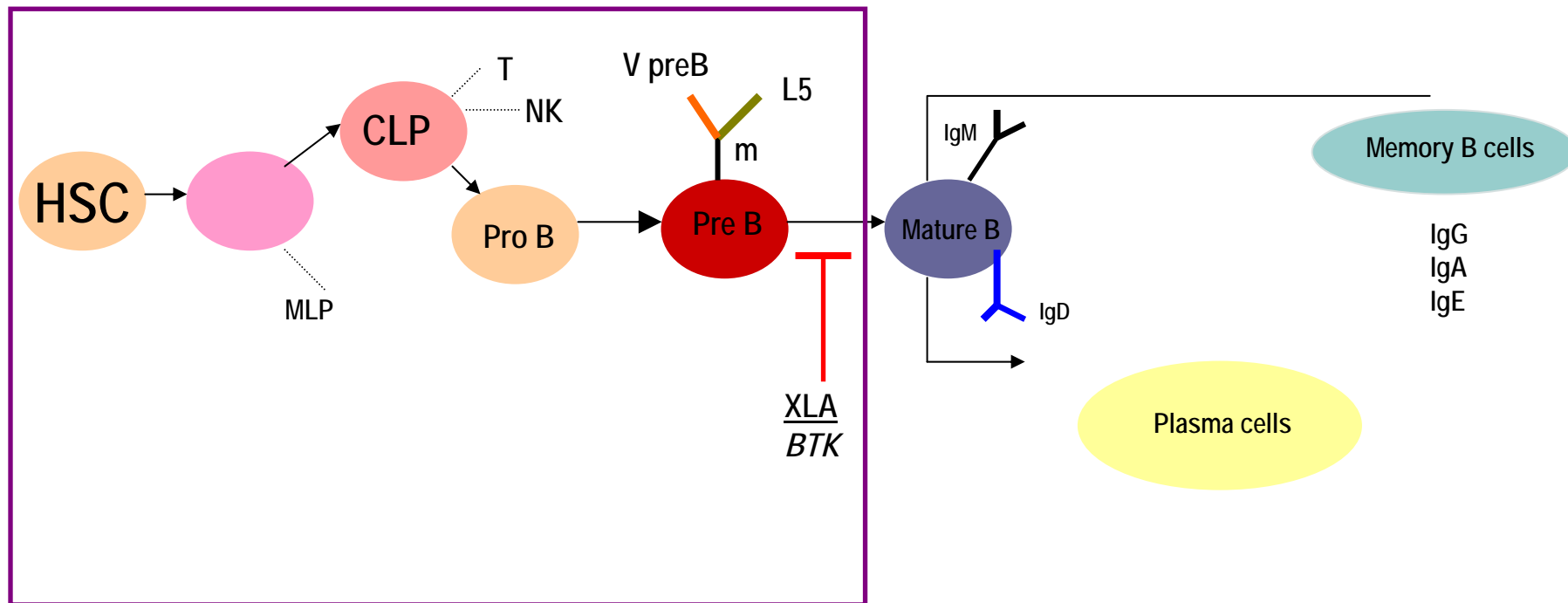


# Agammaglobulinaemia - AR



Bone marrow

# Agamaglobulinaemia - XL

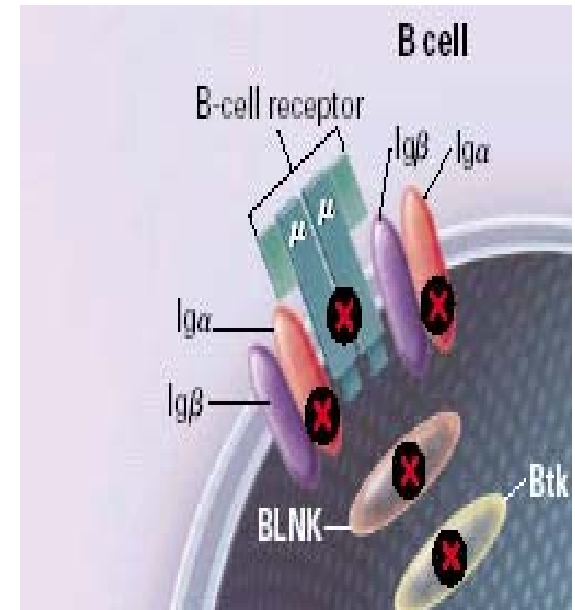


Bone marrow

# Bruton agamaglobulinaemia (XLA)

- X-linked agammaglobulinemia
- single gene defect
- lack of B cells

**X**



- autosomal recessive agammaglobulinaemias (20%)



**VAŠEK, 3 y-o boy**

## VAŠEK **Personal history**

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- IVF, twin A, brother healthy
- perinatal history unremarkable
- pneumonia 3 wks before diagnosis
- regulary vaccinated
- admitted for laryngitis, septic state followed

## VAŠEK **Laboratory investigation**

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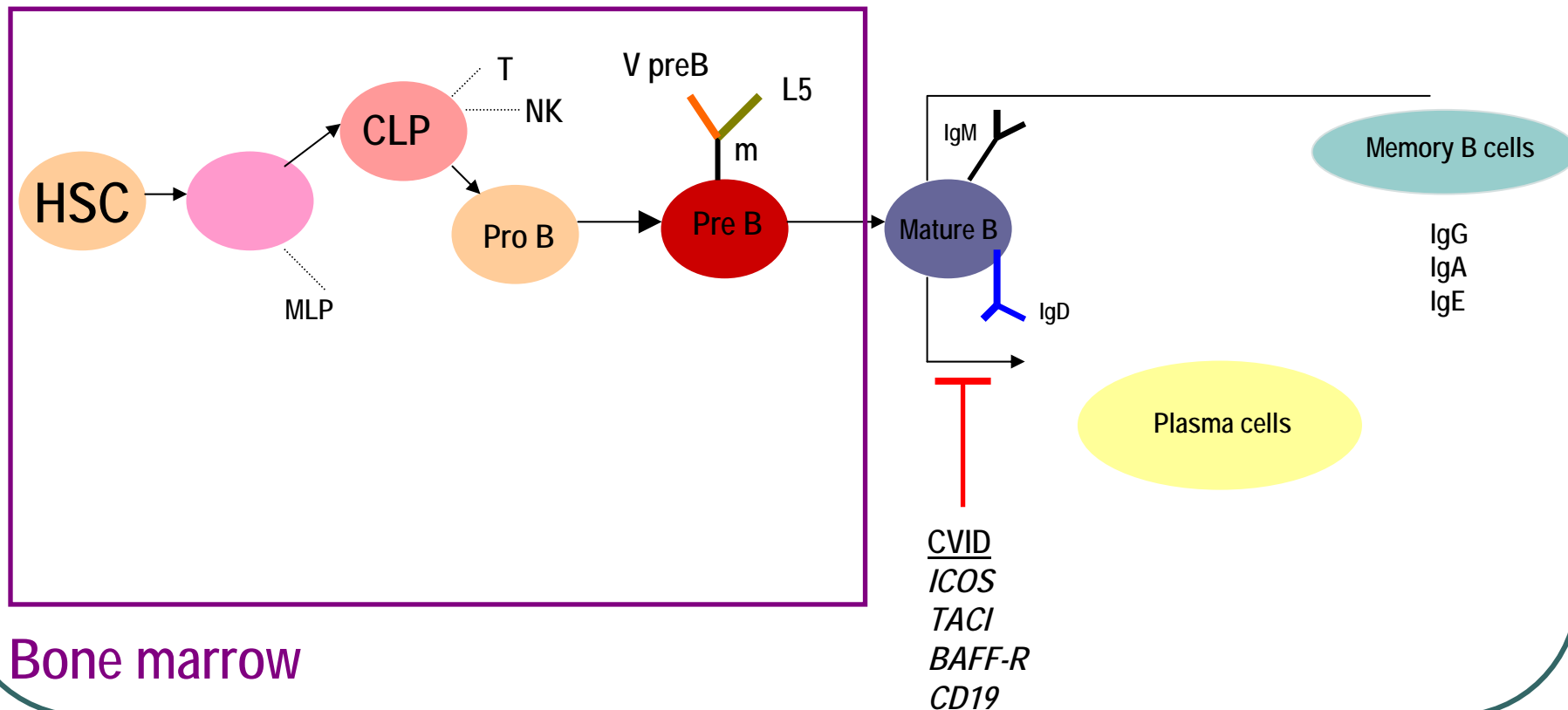
- absence of all immunoglobulins
- absence of B cells in periphery and bone marrow

# Diagnosis and treatment

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- mutation in a gene coding for Bruton tyrosinkinase (BTK)
- regular IVIg substitution
- currently without clinical symptoms
- prognosis relatively favourable  
(danger - echoviruses)

# Hypogammaglobulinaemia





## **Common variable immunodeficiency (CVID)**

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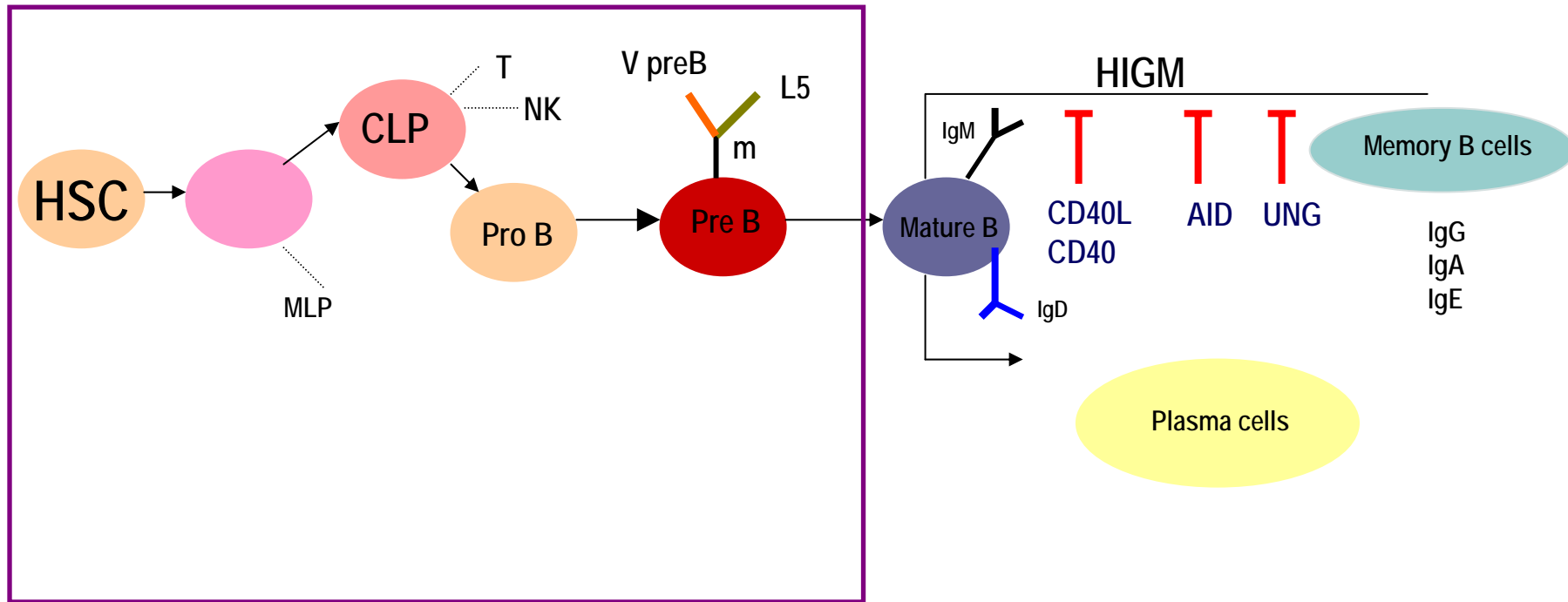
- Male /female
- > 2 years
- Poor responses to vaccines
- Serum IgG and IgA are > 2 SD below mean for age
- Exclude other 2<sup>nd</sup> antibody deficiencies

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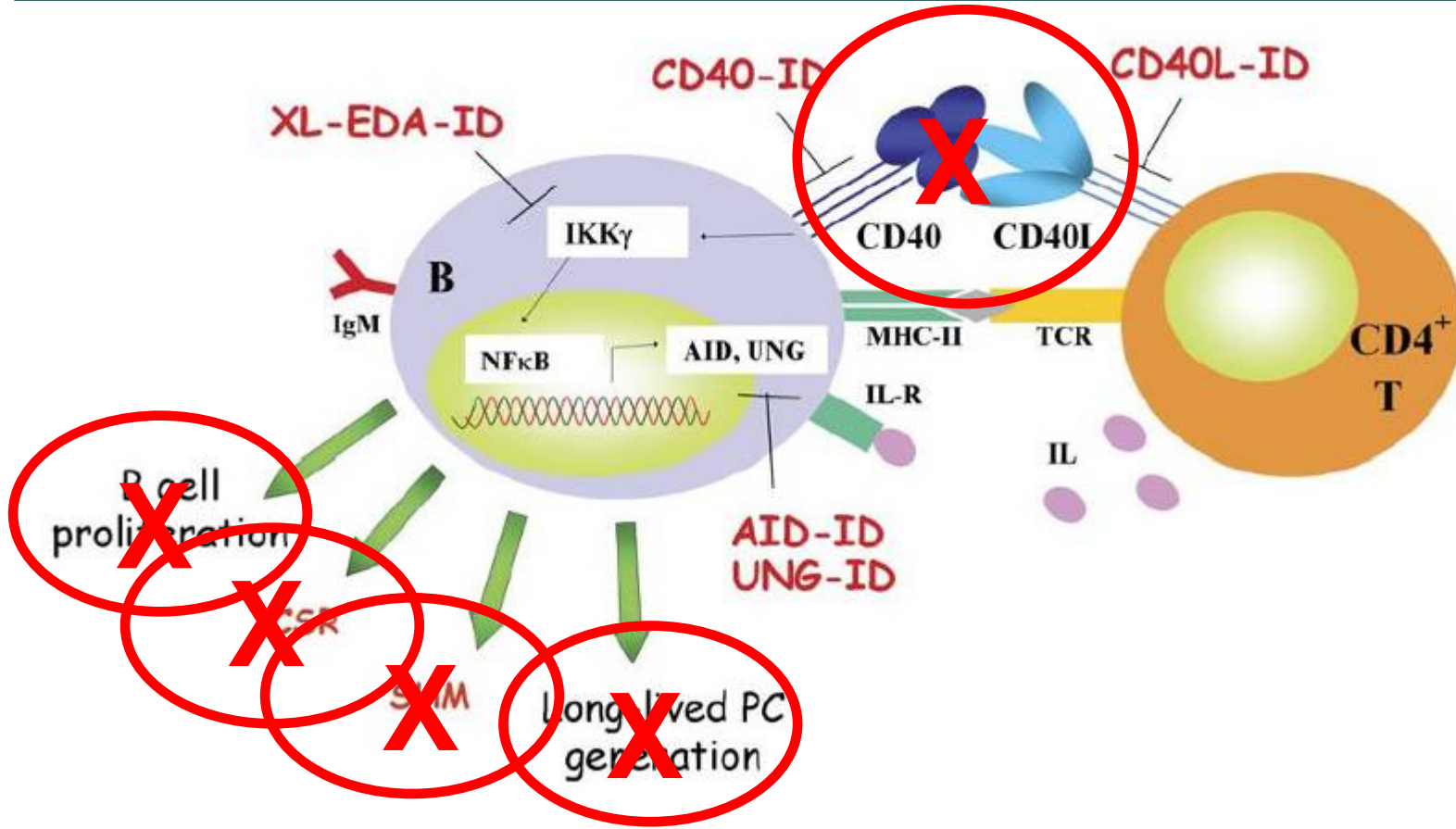
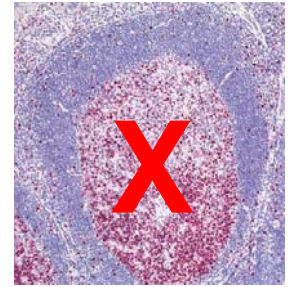
- highly heterogeneous
- manifestation later in life
- incidence 1 : 10.000 – 50.000
- **infections**, autoimmunity, granulomas
- ICOS (on T cells)
- TACI, BAFF-R, CD19 (on B cells)

# Defects of isotype switch



Bone marrow

# Defects in hyper IgM



# Hyper IgM syndrom (HIGM)

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- bacterial and **atypical infection** (PCP, cryptosporidia)
- defect in communication (previously B cell defect expected)
- mainly boys (CD40L = X-linked)



**ONDŘEJ, 8 month-old**

## ONDŘEJ **Personal history**

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- family history unremarkable
- BCG vaccination
- in **3 months** enlarged left axillar lymphnodes
  - ➔ suppuration ➔ drainage ➔ consolidation
- in **4 months** cough
- chronically **slurry yellow-green stool**
- since **2 months** failure to thrive

## ONDŘEJ **Disease detection**

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- in **8 months** oral thrush
- at GP: afebrile, **failure to thrive**, thrush, **tachypnoe**, clear breathing
- in hospital: at admission **sat. O<sub>2</sub> 80%**, **leukocytosis**, trombocytosis, low ESR, low CRP



# Immunological investigation

↓	<b>IgG</b>	<b>0,6</b>	g/l	[NR 3.6-7.7]
↓	<b>IgA</b>	<b>&lt; 0.06</b>	g/l	[NR 0.1-0.6]
↓	<b>IgE</b>	<b>&lt; 1</b>	IU/ml	[NR 0-30.0]
↑	<b>IgM</b>	<b>1,98</b>	g/l	[NR 0.3-1.4]

lymphocyte number  
functional tests

- (proliferation)
- (phagocytosis, NBT)

} normal

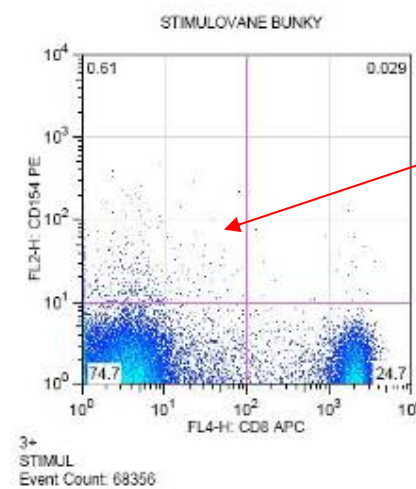
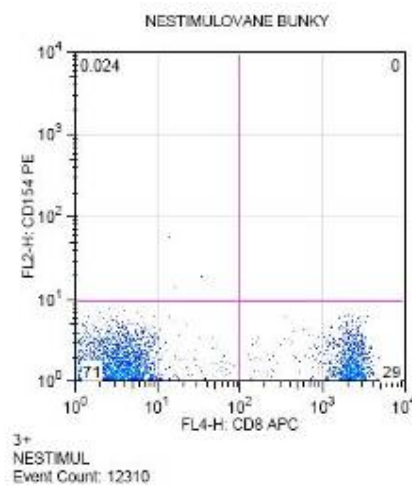
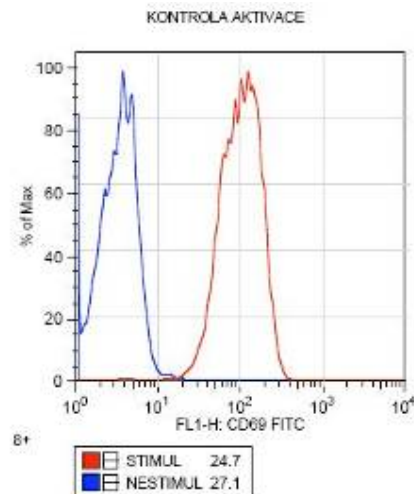
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 **IgG, A, E + IgM** 

and atypical infection

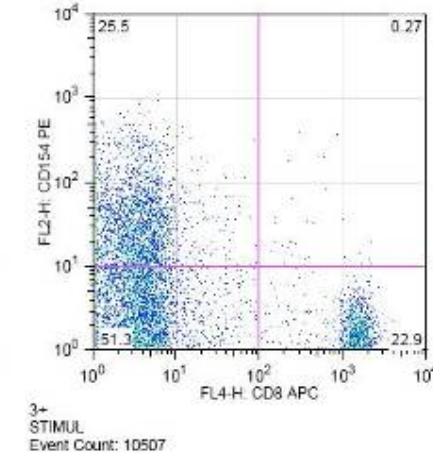
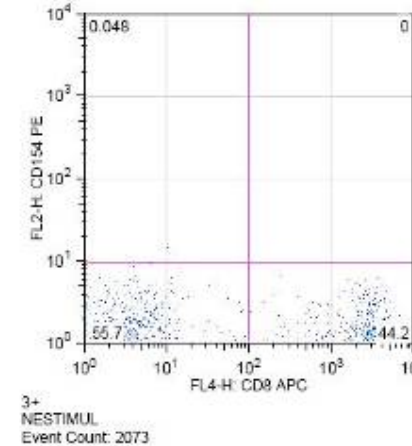
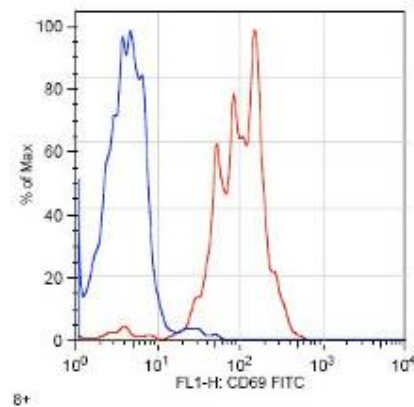
**Hyper IgM syndrome?**

# ONDŘEJ Before transplantation



CD3+CD4+CD154+

O.Z.P. - PACIENT S HIGM1



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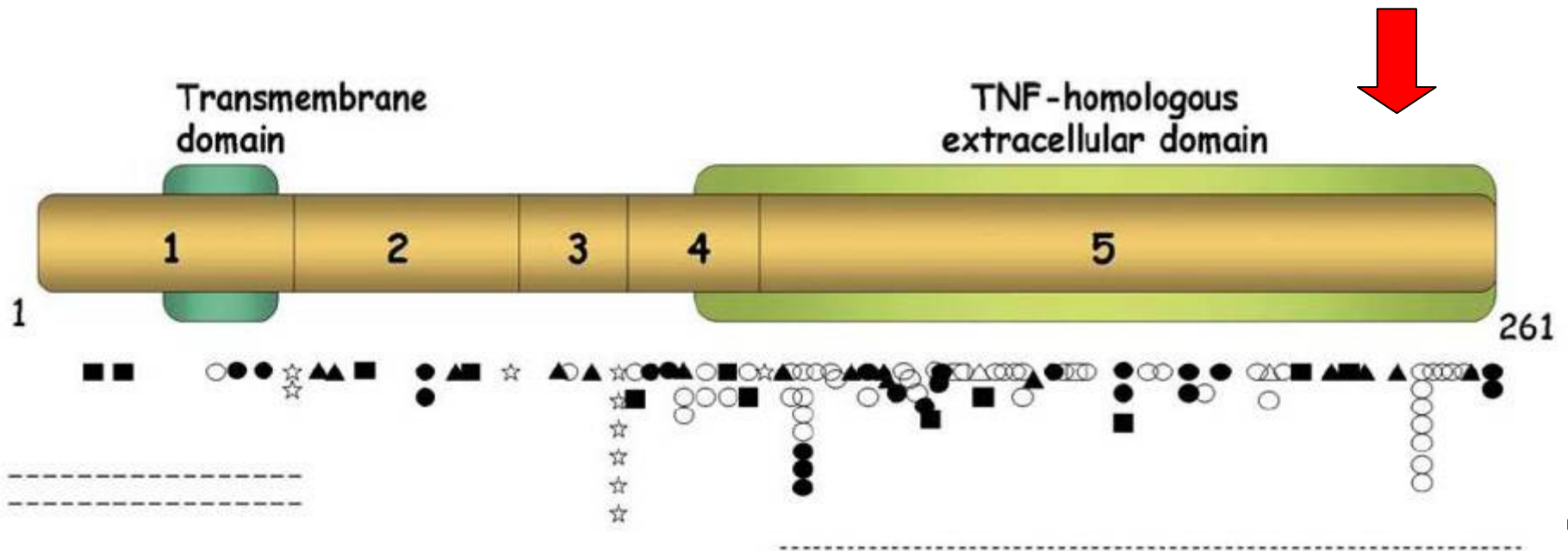
# ONDŘEJ Molecular genetics

ONDŘEJ

**mutation in exon 5, Cys800Thy**

(dr. Genevieve de Saint Basil, Neckar, Pařis)

Xq26

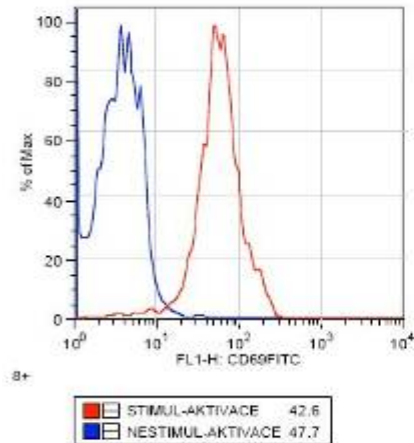


**mother is CARRIER**

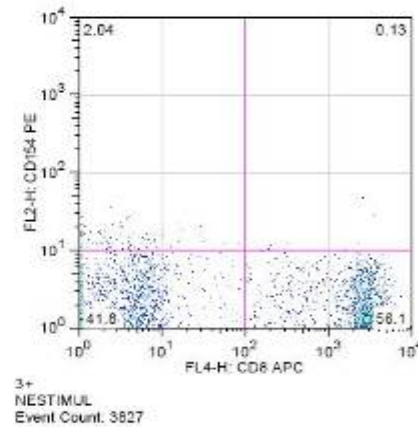
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# After bone marrow transplantation

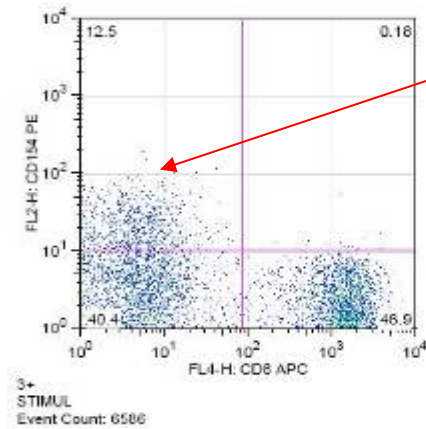
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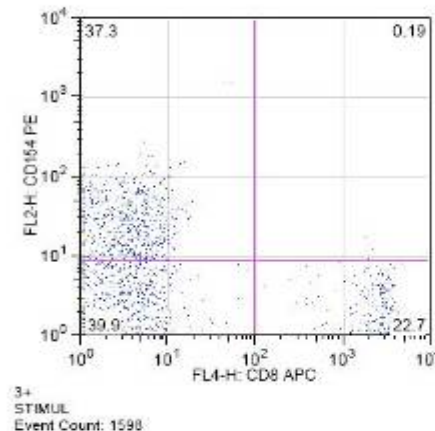
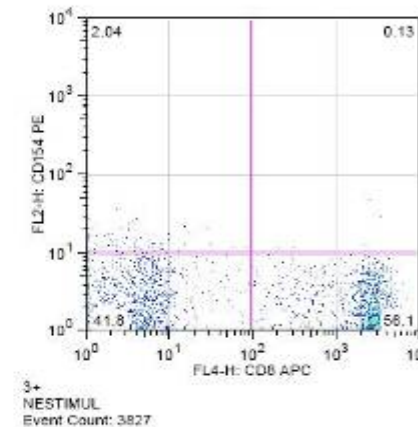
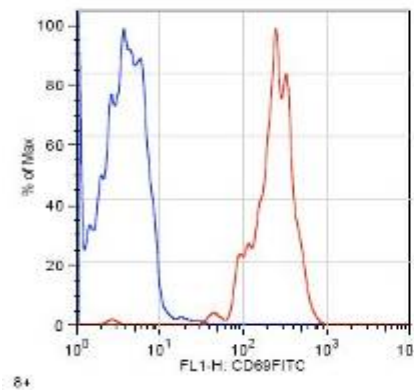


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**common gamma chain.**  
**ZAP-70**  
**RAG1/2, Artemis**  
**ADA, PNP**  
**HLA I, II**

**DiGeorge syndrome**

# **Severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID)**

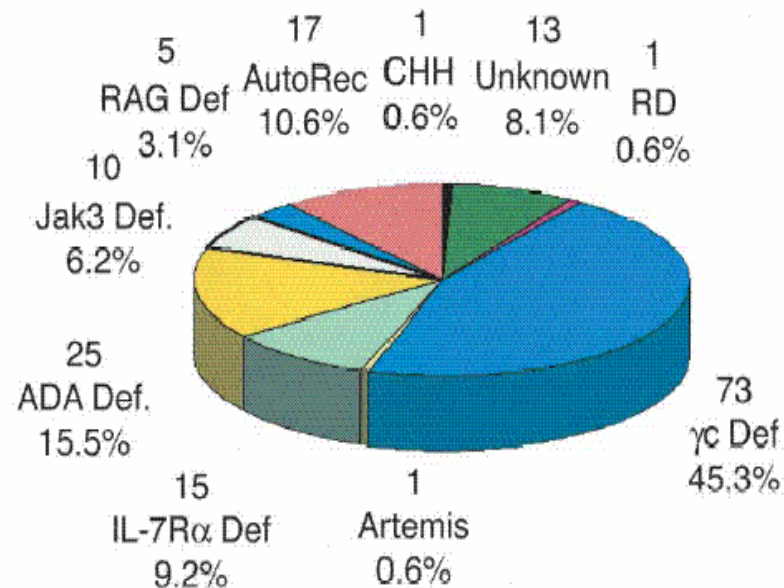
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- clinical symptoms
  - early in life
  - chronic diarrhea, failure to thrive
  - graft versus host disease (on skin)
- complications after vaccination with live vaccines
- unusual infections, severe course
- family history



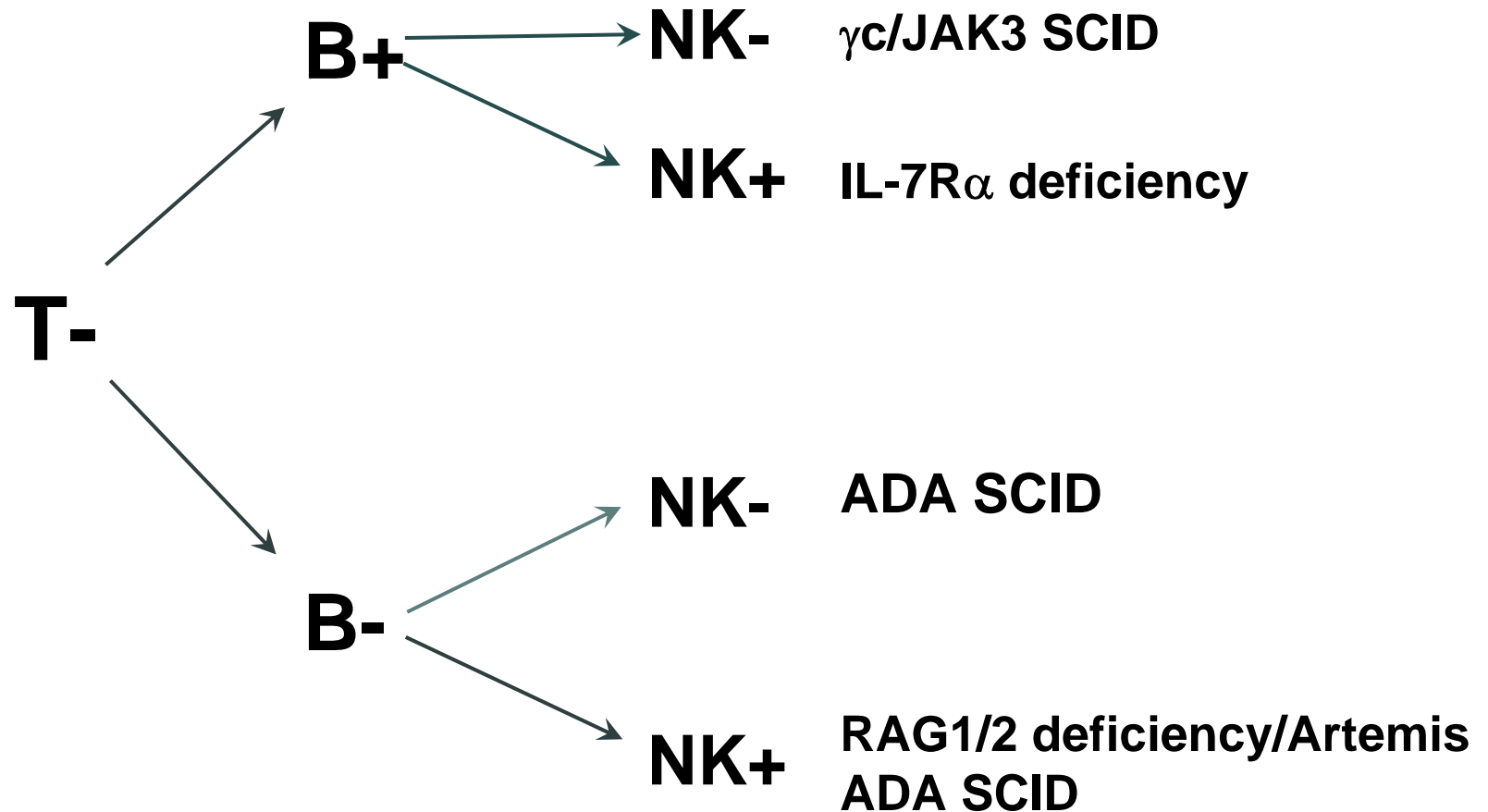
# Laboratory findings

- lymphopenia
  - T-B-NK-
  - T+B-NK+
  - T-B+NK+
- defect in T-cell activation
  - e.g. n vitro PHA
- low serum immunoglobulins
  - beware – antibody transferred from mother

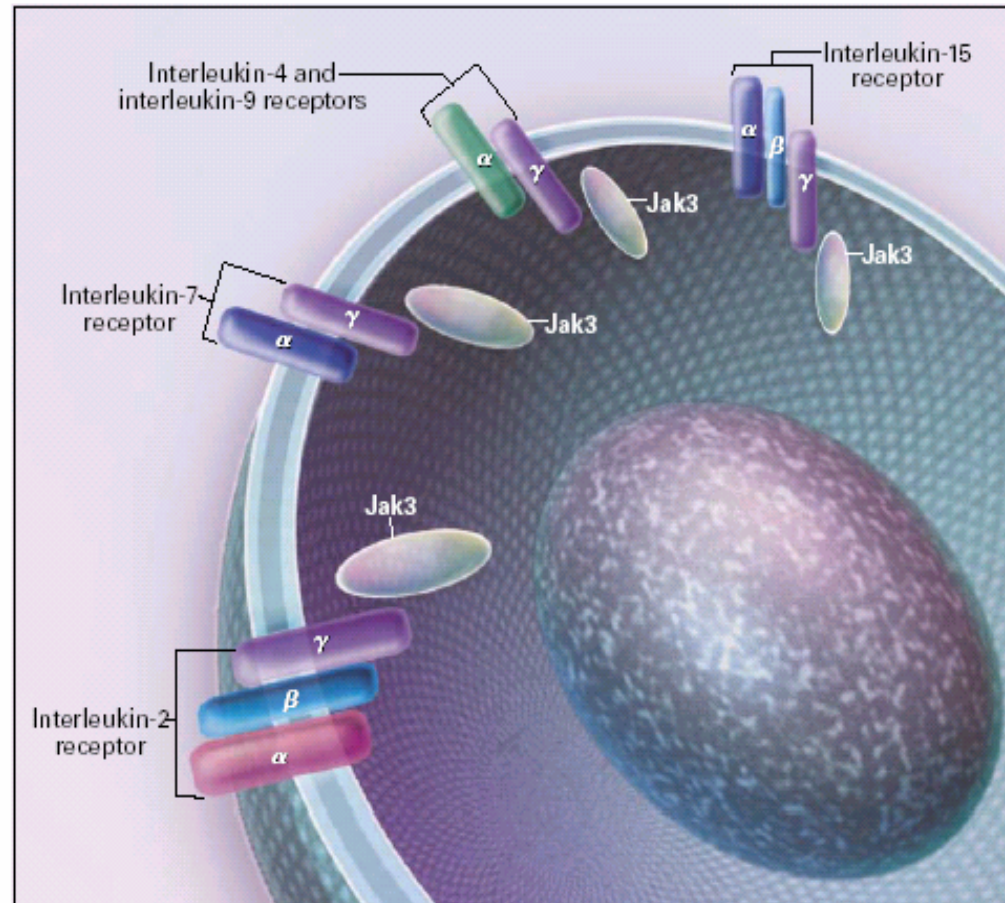


# SCID

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# X-SCID





**MICHAL, 5 month-old boy**

## MICHAL **Personal and family history**

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- o in maternal family a few early deaths of boys
- o properly vaccinated
- o thrived well
- o exanthema in 4 months
- o admitted due to pneumonia

MICHAL **Lab results**

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IgG 0

IgA 0

IgM 0.14

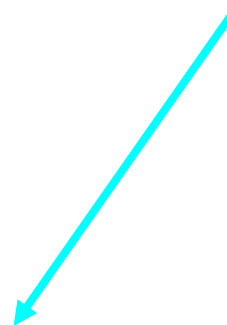
CD3+: 0.1%

CD3-16+/56+: 4.0%

CD19+: 96%



**T-B+NK-**



**X-SCID**

**mutation in common gamma chain gene was found**

MICHAL **Exanthema = BCGitis!**

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# DiGeorge syndrom - CATCH 22

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cardiac defects  
abnormal facies  
thymic hypo/aplasia  
cleft palate  
hypocalcemia  
deletion 22q11





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# Defect of Phagocytosis

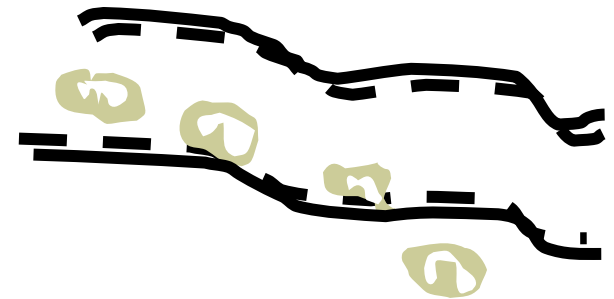
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- neutropenia (severe, cyclic)  
leukocyte adhesion defect (LAD)  
chronic granulomatosis (CGD)

# Leukocyte Adhesion Defect I

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- o subunit of superficial intergrin
- o rolling is impaired
- o persisiing leukocytosis
- o delayed umbilical separation
- o periodontitidis
- o recurrent skin, respiratory and gut infections
- o skin ulcers and necrosis
- o first transplanted patient with PID in the Czech Republic (1994)



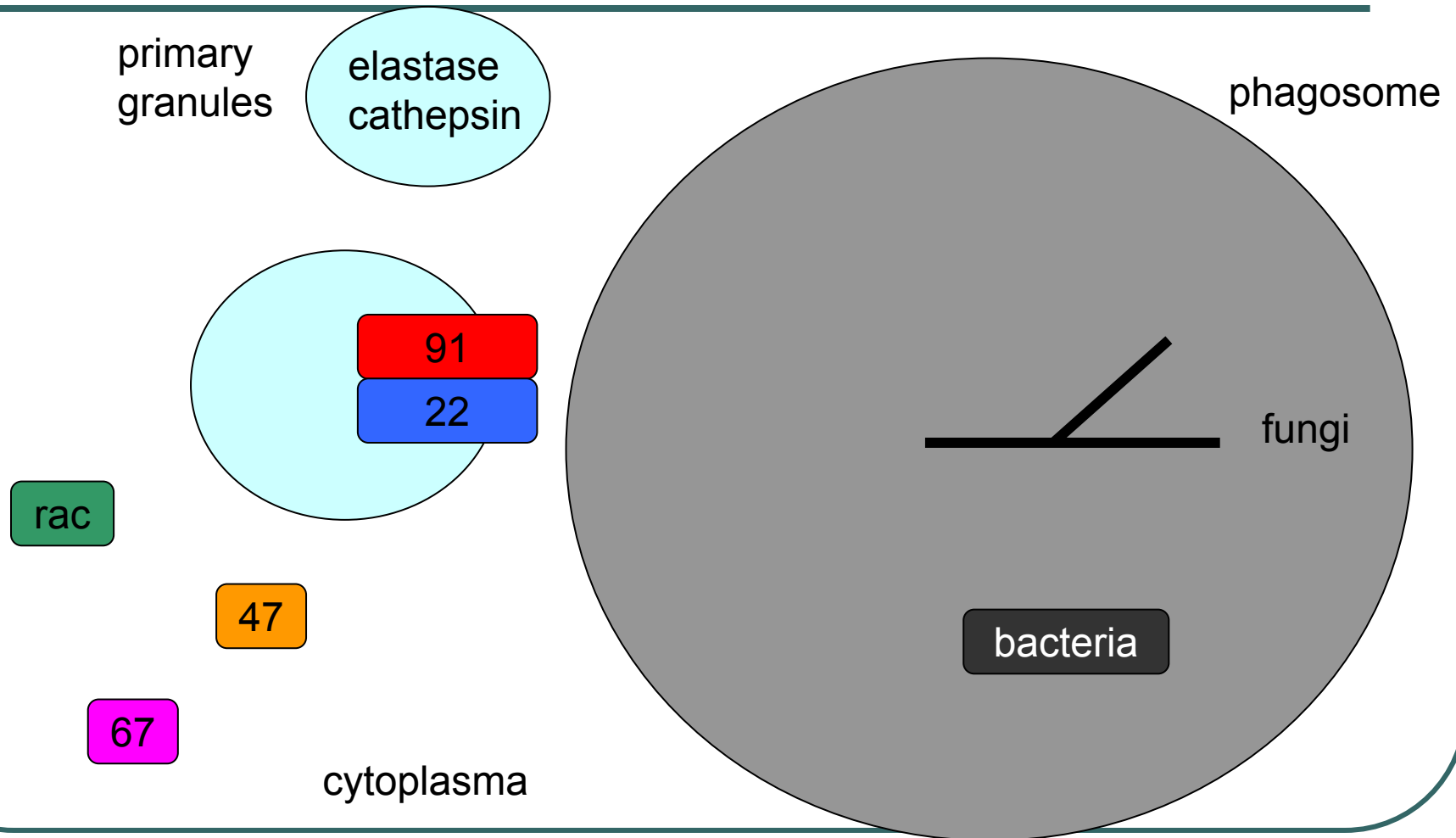
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## Chronic Granulomatous Disease

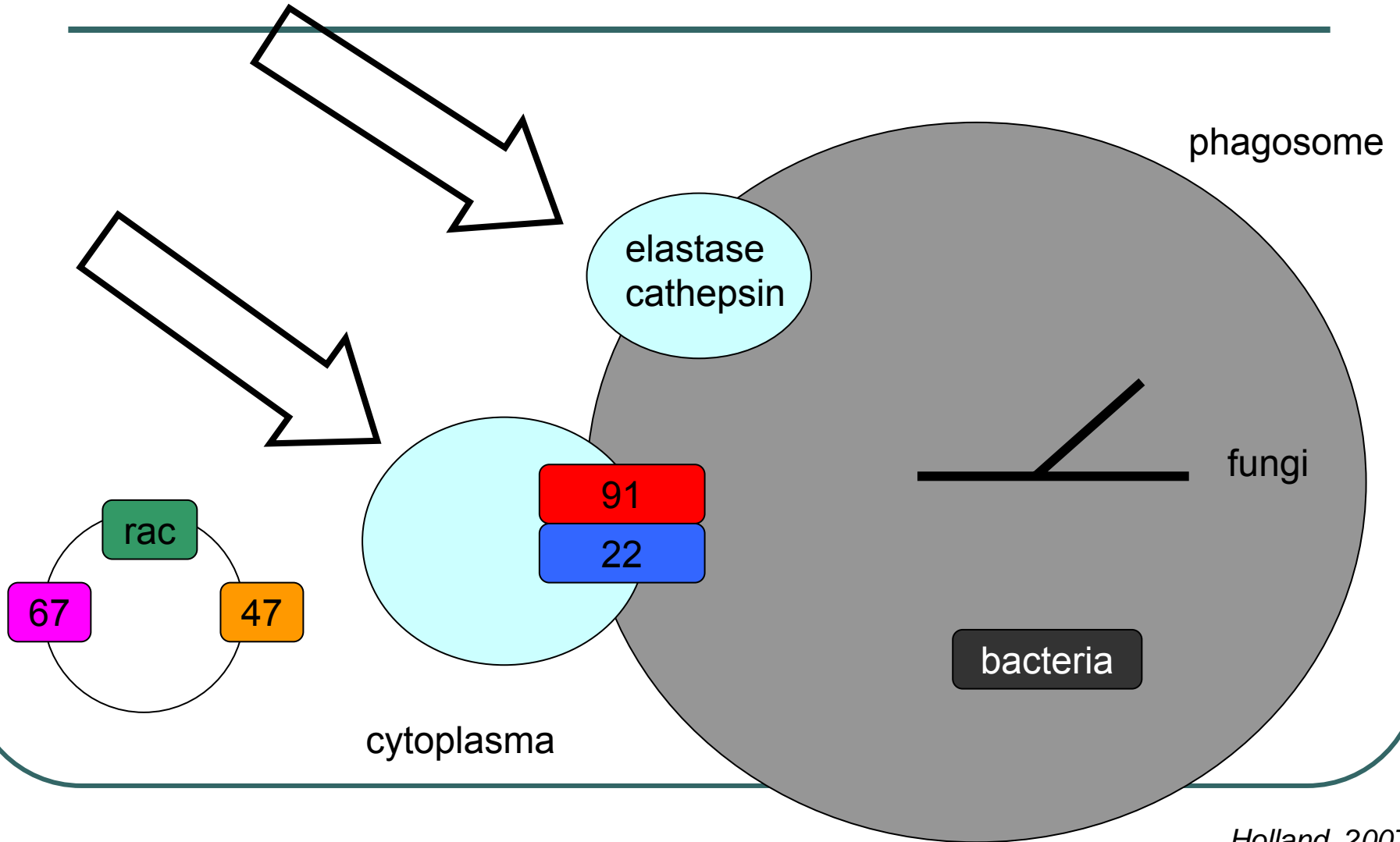
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- inability of phagocytes to generate reactive oxygen radicals
- gene defect of one or more components of NADPH oxidase
- **X - linked**
  - defect in gene for gp91-phox -
  - membrane bound part of the molecule of cytochrome b558
- **autosomal recessive**
  - defect in genes of membrane or
  - cytoplasmatic subunits
  - p47-phox, p67-phox, p22-phox

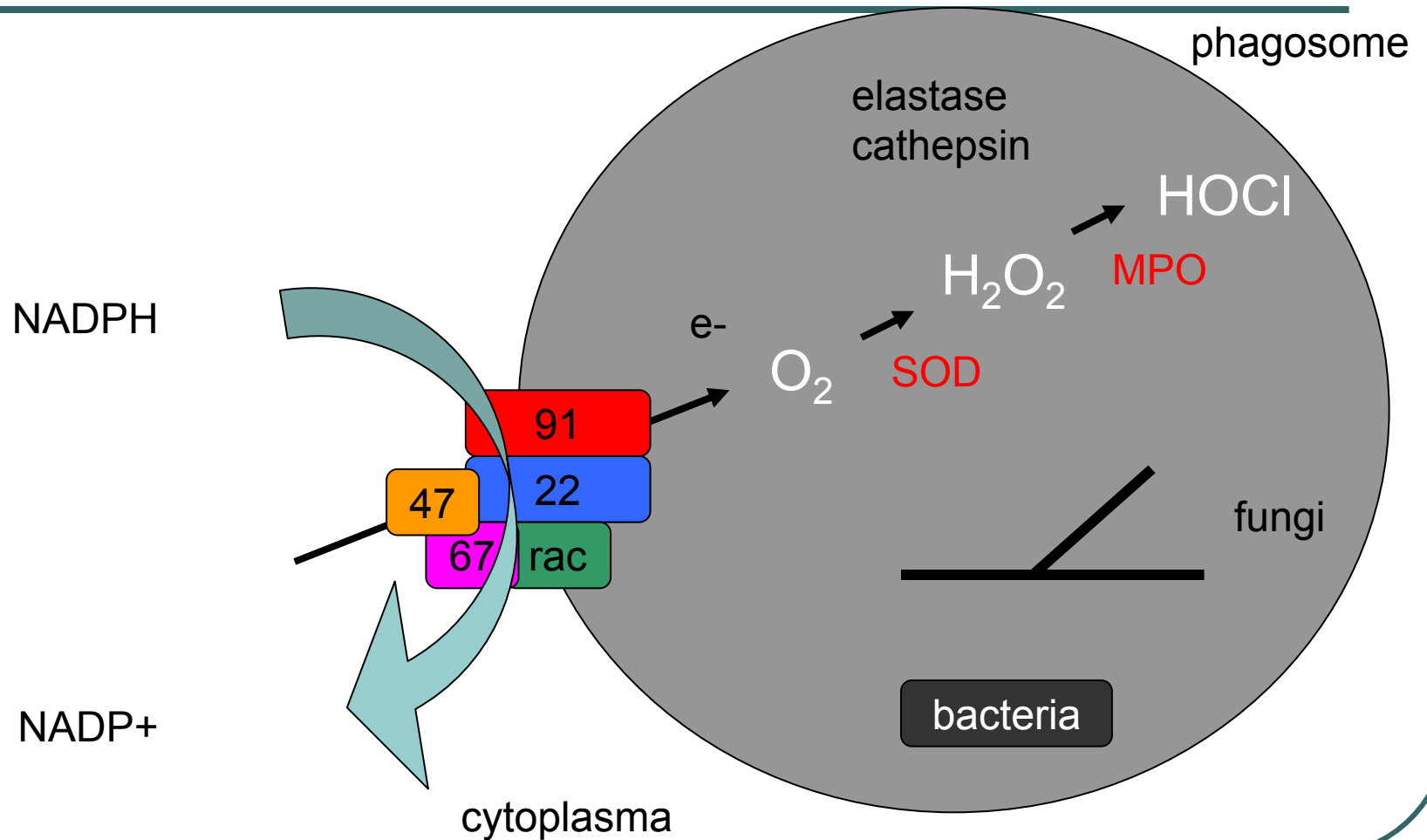
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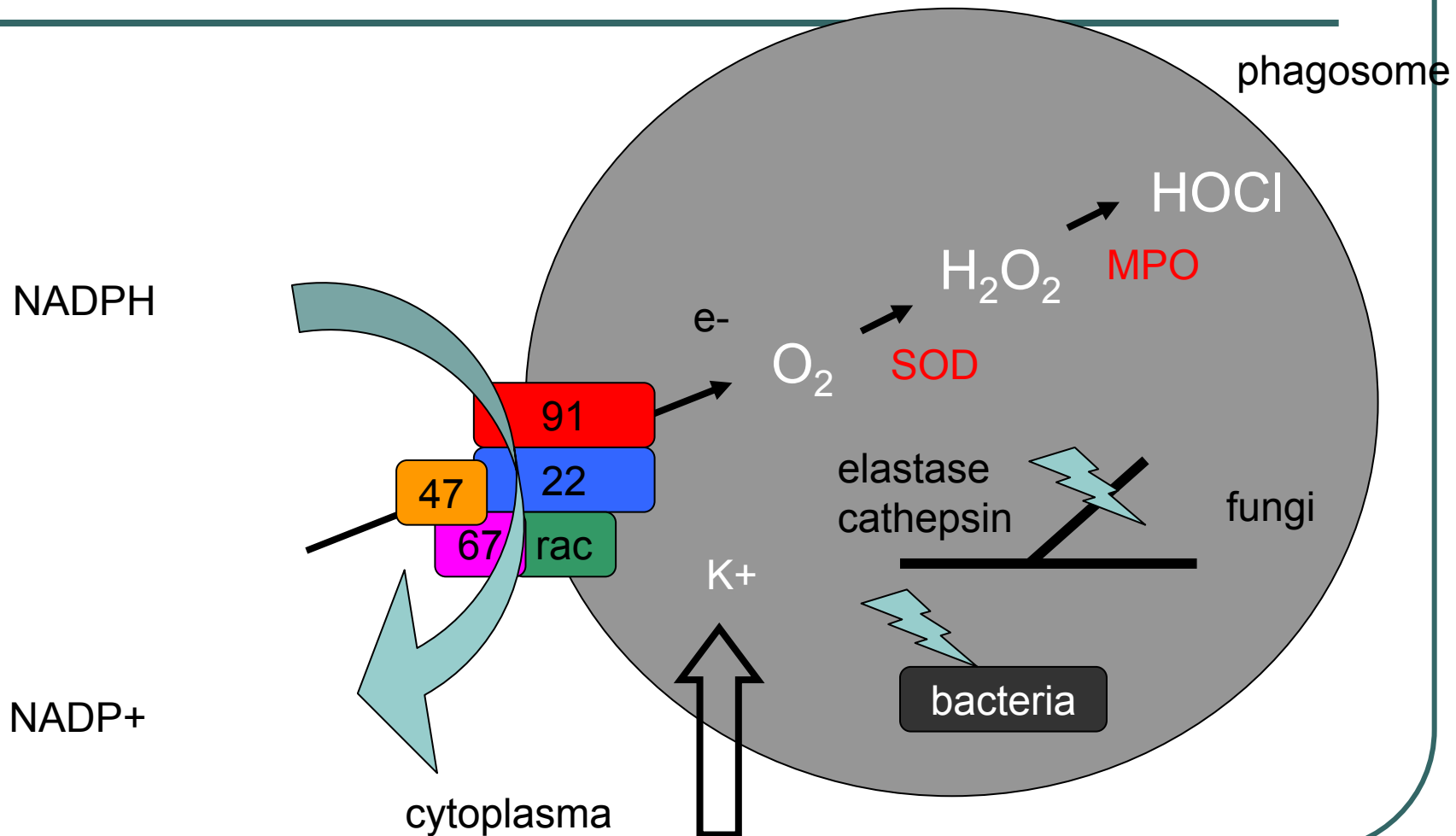
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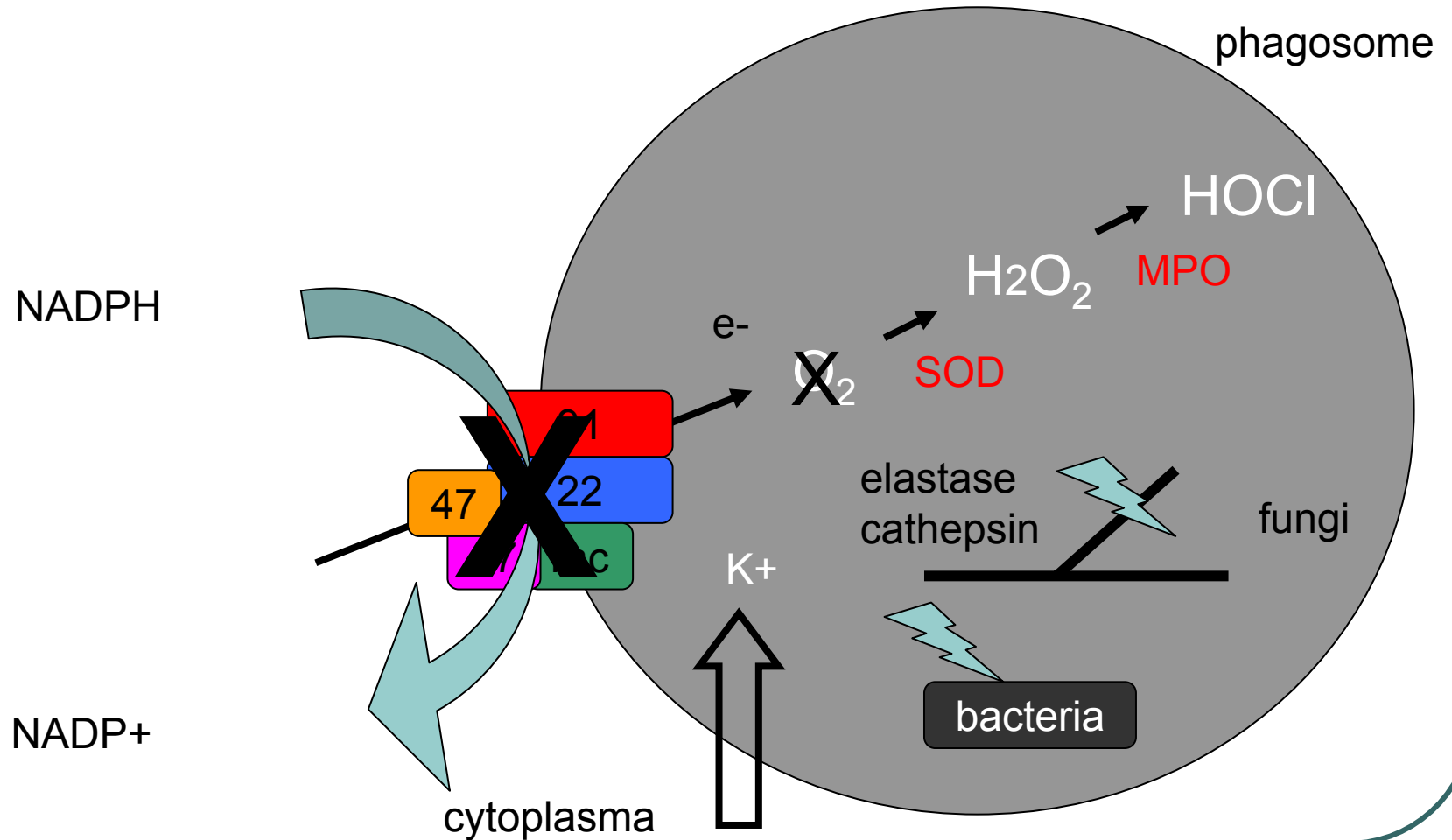


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# 1 phenotype – 4 genotypes

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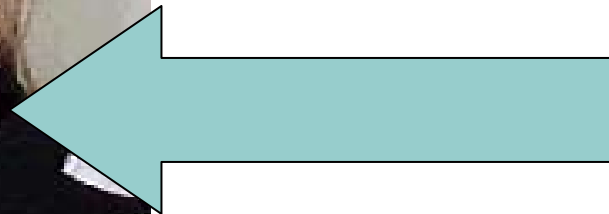
- CYBB, gp91<sup>phox</sup> (X91<sup>0</sup>, X91<sup>-</sup>, X91<sup>+</sup>) 65%

## AR-CGD

- CYBA, p22<sup>phox</sup>, chr. 16 <5%
- NCF1, p47<sup>phox</sup>, chr. 7 25%
- NCF2, p67<sup>phox</sup>, chr. 1 <5%
  - milder course
- incidence 1/100-200.000

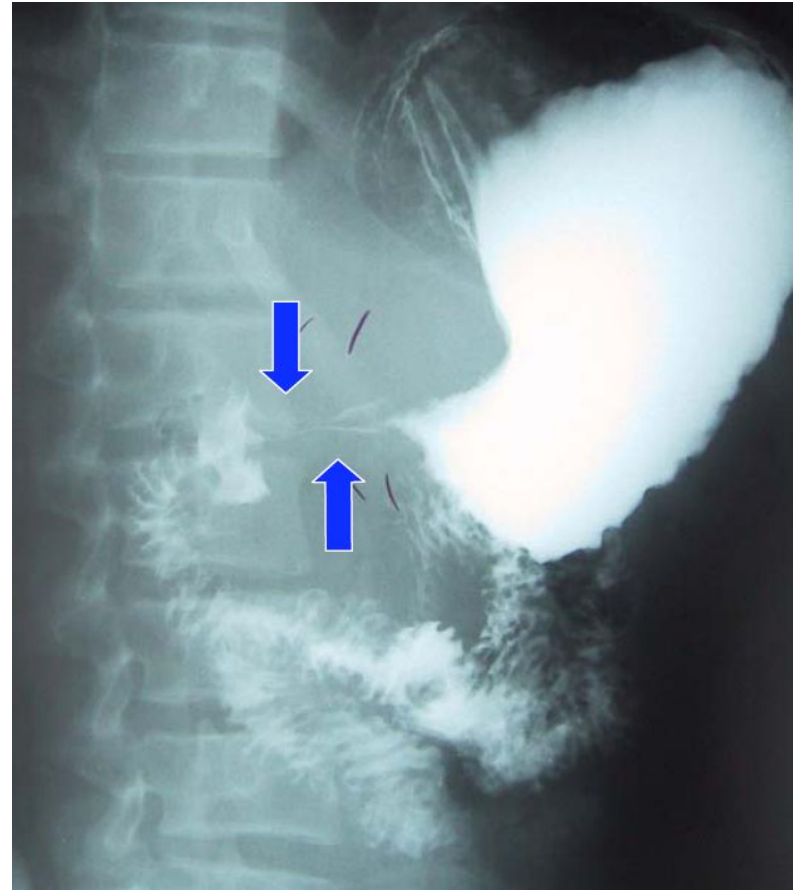
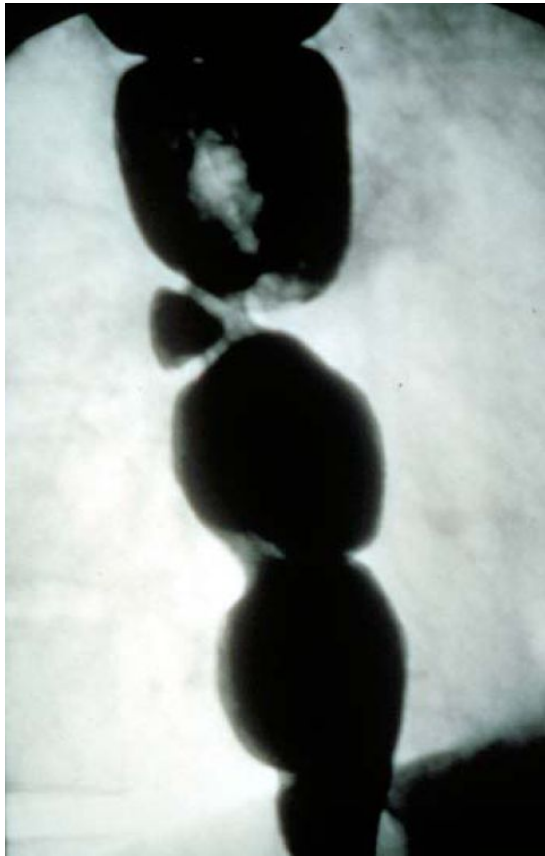
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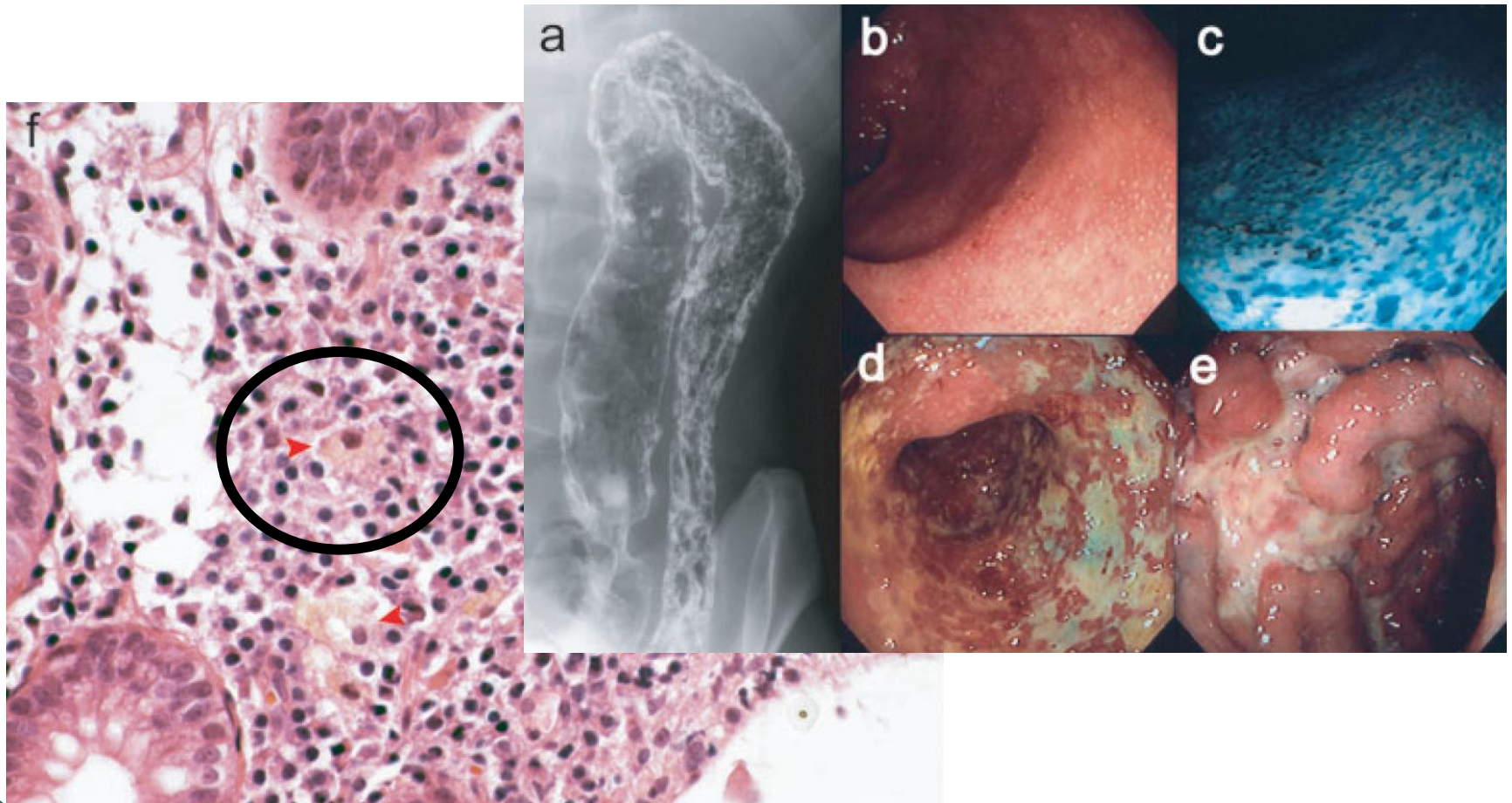


# Granulomas leading to obstruction

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# Enterocolitis, Crohn-like



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# Complement deficiencies

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- o deficit of early components of complement cascade
- o deficit of late components of complement cascade
- o deficit in alternative pathway
- o hereditary angioedema (deficit C1 inhibitor deficit)



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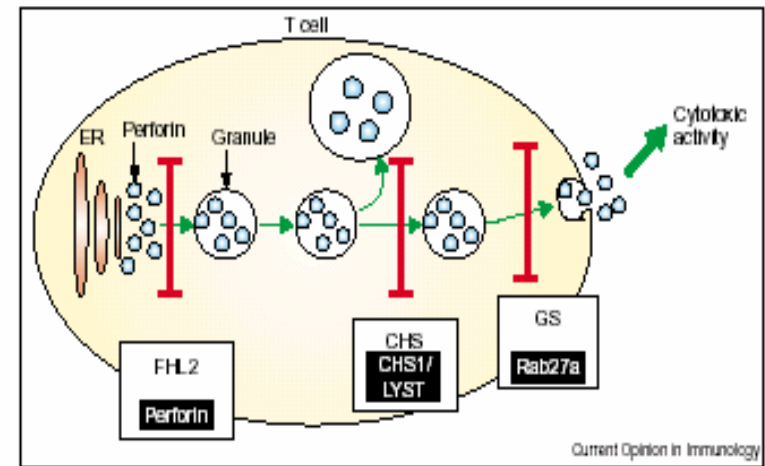
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# Familial hemophagocytic lymphohistiocytosis (FHL)

- o first symptoms in previously healthy baby after infection (mainly EBV)
- o low cytotoxicity
- o highly activated CD8+ T-cells
- o activation of macrophages leading to phagocytosis of BM cells



# Prenatal Diagnostics

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- history, affected family member
- PID with known molecular defect
- **XLA**
- **some forms of SCID**
- **chronic granulomatosis**

# **Investigation of patient with suspected PID**

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- history
- clinical examination
- laboratory investigation

# Clinical presentation

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- **Ask yourself**
  - Severe
  - Persistent
  - Unusual
  - Recurrent
- **Be guided by pathogens**
- **Beware of surprises !**

# Lab tests to reveal PID

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## B-cell function

### Screening tests

- Serum immunoglobulin levels
- Serum specific antibody titers

### Advanced tests

- Antibody response to booster immunization
- Flow cytometry to enumerate B cells
- In vitro immunoglobulin production in response to mitogen
- In vitro immunoglobulin production in response to anti-CD40 and cytokines
- Antibody response to immunization with  $\phi$  X174

## Cellular immune function

### Screening tests

- Flow cytometry to enumerate T cells and natural killer cells
- Cutaneous delayed hypersensitivity

### Advanced tests

- Enzyme assays (ADA, PNP)
- FISH for 22q11 and 10p11 deletion
- In vitro proliferative response to mitogens and antigens
- Natural killer cell cytotoxicity
- Cytokine production in response to mitogen or antigen stimulation
- Expression of surface markers after mitogen stimulation

## Phagocytic cell function

### Screening tests

- Blood cell count with differential
- Neutrophil staining, morphology

### Advanced tests

- Oxidase function (dihydrorhodamine, nitroblue tetrazolium, chemiluminescence)
- Flow cytometry for adhesion molecules
- Chemotaxis
- Phagocytosis
- Enzyme assays (myeloperoxidase, G6PDH)
- WBC turnover
- Bacterial or fungal killing
- Bone marrow biopsy

## Complement function

### Screening tests

- CH<sub>50</sub> (total hemolytic complement activity)
- AH<sub>50</sub> (alternative pathway hemolytic activity)

### Advanced tests

- Level or function of individual complement components
- Chemotactic activity of complement split products

## General

### Advanced tests

- Molecular methods including Southern, Northern, and Western blots, PCR/SSCP, DNA fingerprinting, and nucleotide sequencing

# Differential diagnosis of PID

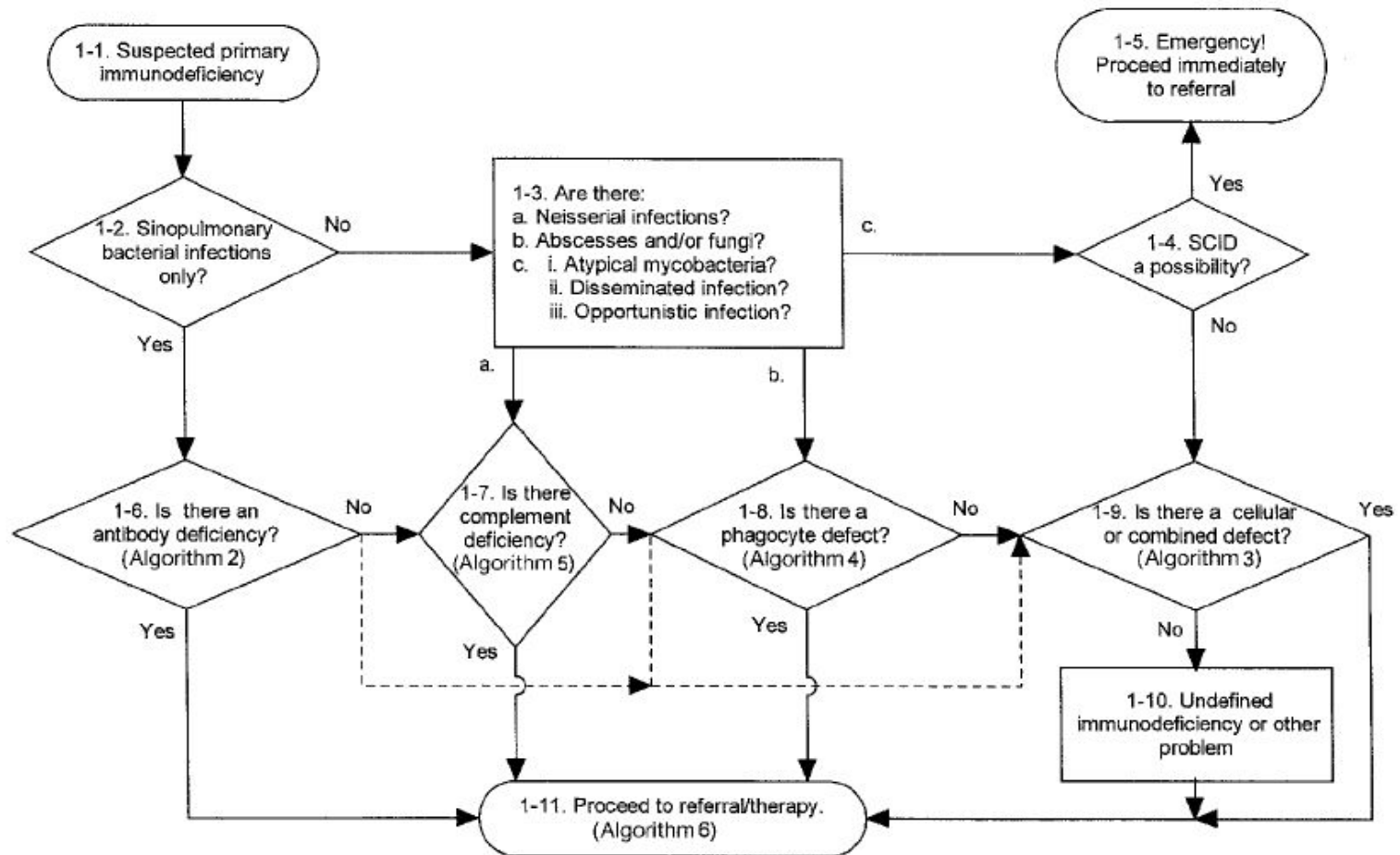
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<b>Frequency</b>	70%	20%	9%	1%
<b>Age</b>	<6 m	0 ... < 2 y	0 ... < 2 y	all
<b>Symptoms</b>	respiratory inf. otitides pneumonias arthritides	severe respiratory inf. pneumonias dermatitis diarrhoea	omphalitis adenitis pyodermia otitides	autoimmunity SLE pyogenic inf. oedema
<b>Infections</b>	extracellular b. echoviruses	viruses fungi mycobacteria	staphylococci fungi enterobacteria	neisseria

# Differential diagnosis of PID

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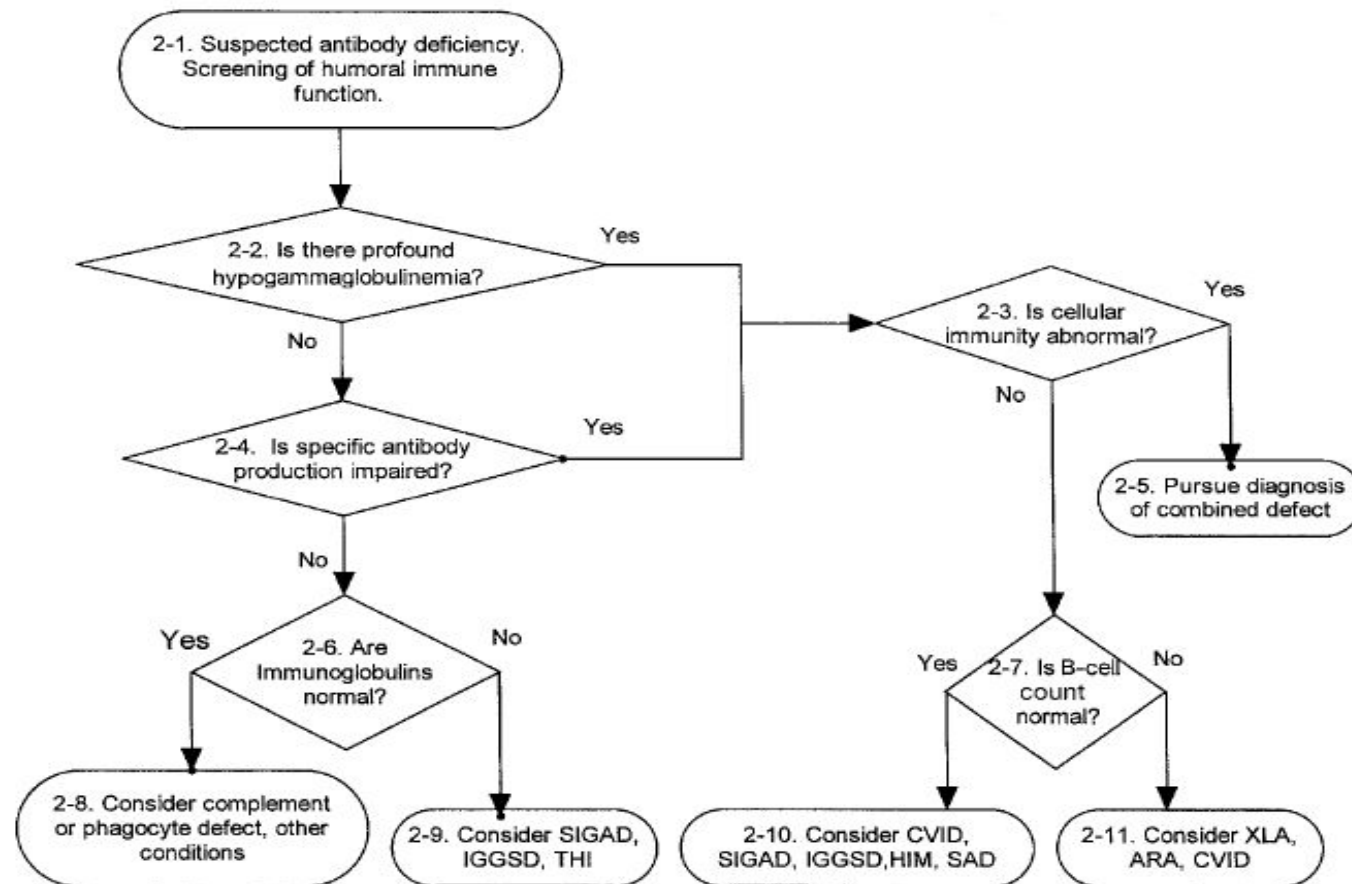
	HUMORAL	CELLULAR COMBINED	PHAGOCYTE	COMPLEMENT
<b>Complications</b>	cardiovascular echoviral inf.	infections tumors autoimmunity	infections	various
<b>Survival</b>	adulthood	early childhood	individual	individual
<b>Diseases</b>	XLA CVID SIGAD	SCID	CGD LAD	HAE

# General approach in diagnosis of PID

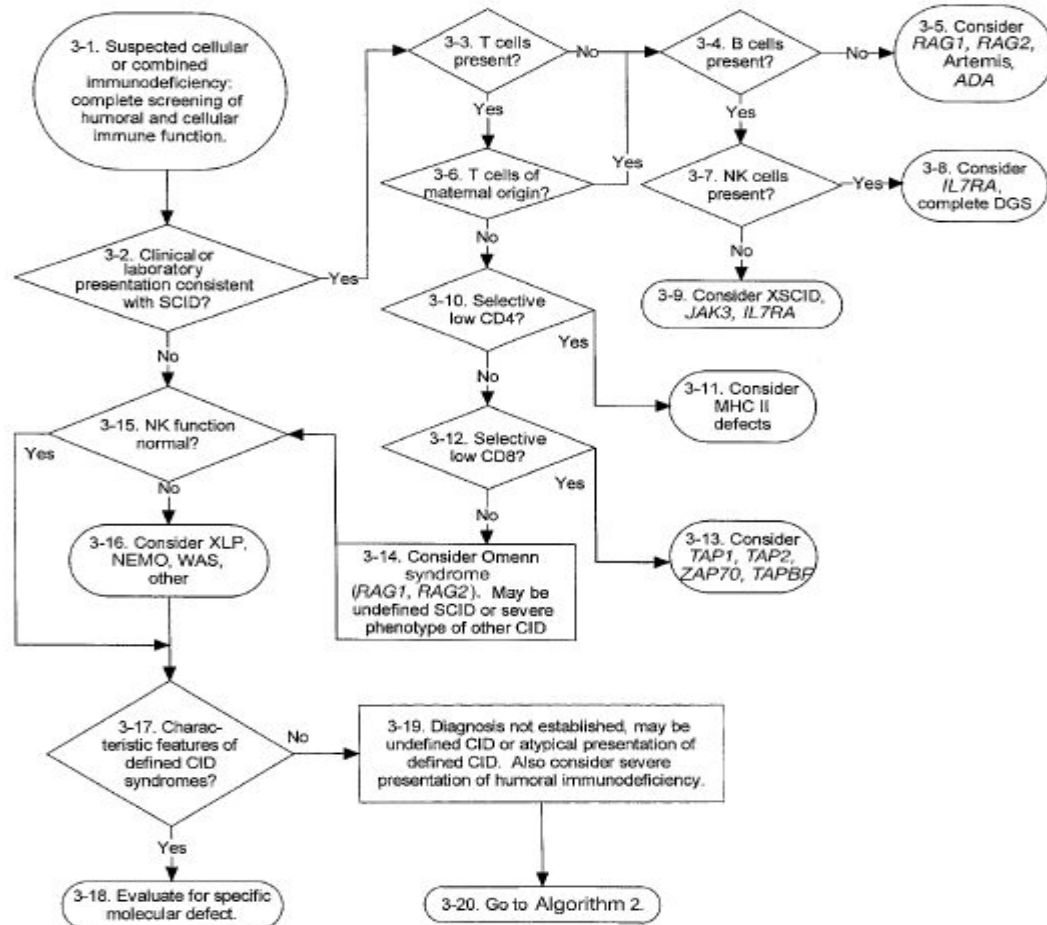




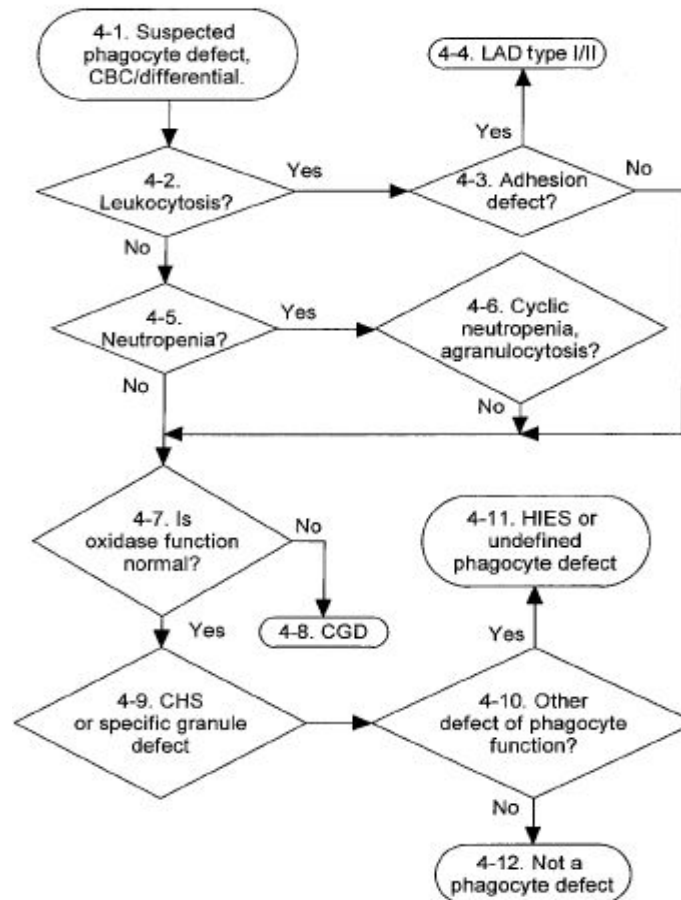
# Diagnosis of humoral PID



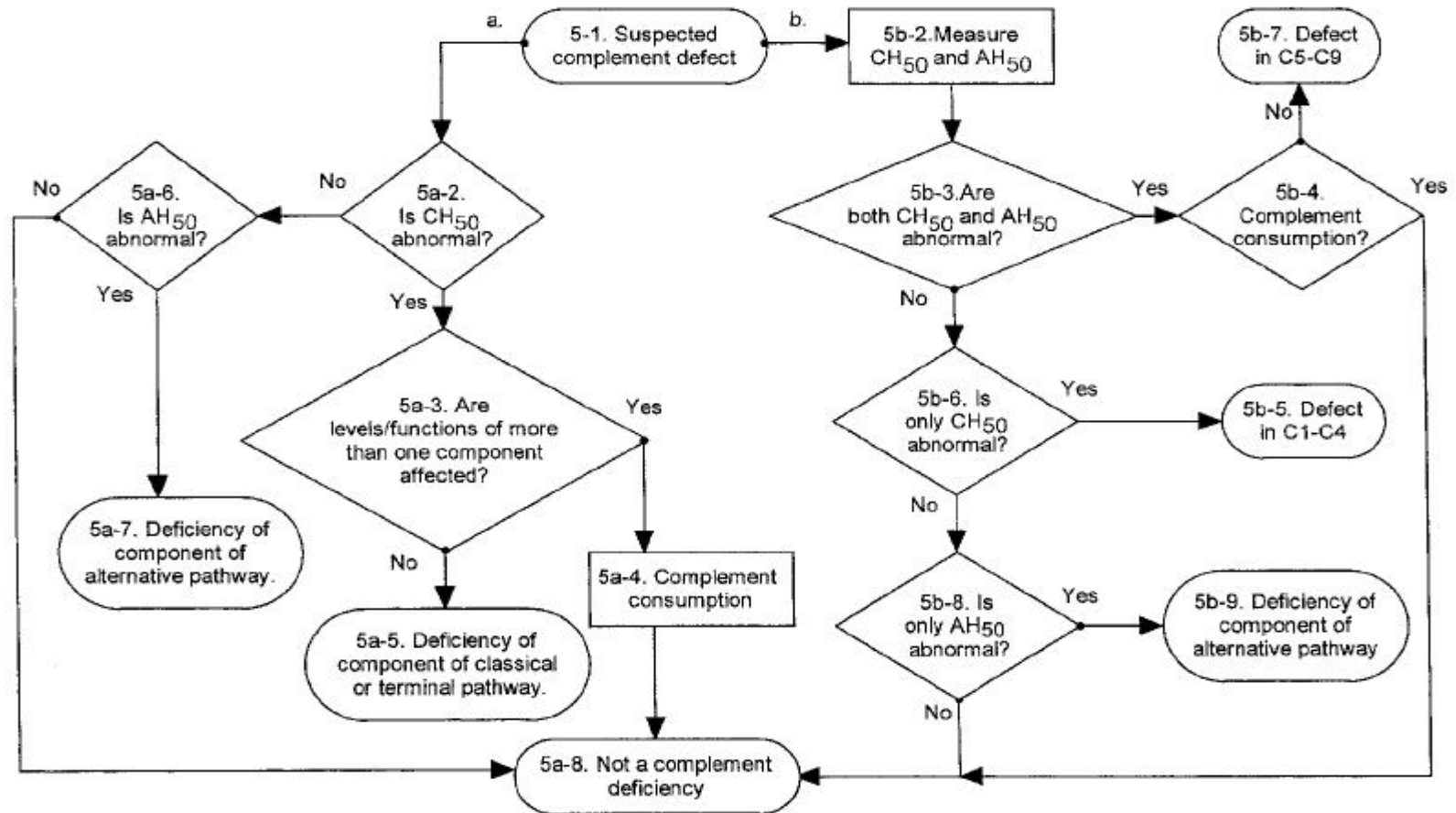
# Diagnosis of cellular PID



# Diagnosis of phagocyte PID



# Diagnosis of complement PID



# Therapy of PID

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- IVIG
- antibiotic and antimycotic therapy
  - chronic granulomatosis
  - LAD
- bone marrow transplantation
  - SCID
  - LAD
  - Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome
- Interferon gamma
  - chronic granulomatosis

G-CSF a GM-CSF  
neutropenia

gene therapy

ADA deficiency

X-linked SCID

(LAD, chronic granulomatosis.)

other forms of therapy

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