Organs of hematopoiesis and immune defense





Central organs of hematopoiesis and immune defense

Red bone marrow





• Thymus





Red bone marrow

- Localization: epiphyses of long bones and spaces of spongy bones
- Function: formation of mature erythrocytes, thrombocytes, granulocytes, B-lymphocytes, and precursors of Tlymphocytes

Red bone marrow. Structure:

• Rough stroma – trabeculae of spongy bone

• Soft stroma – reticular connective tissue

- Parenchyma blood cells at different stages of differentiation (stem cell is mature cell)
- Capillaries discontinuous (sinusoid)

Reticular connective tissue:

- CT with special properties
- forms stroma of all hematopoietic organs, except thymus
- Consists of reticular cells and reticular fibers that form microenvironment for developing blood cells
- Produces hemopoietins (erythropoietin, leukopoietin, thrombopoietin)

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Parenchyma of red bone marrow

- Hematopoietic cords of blood cells at different stages of their development
- Hematopoietic cells form clusters (islets)



Erythroblastic islet

- Erythroblasts always surround macrophage (nanny-cell)
- Located near the sinusoid capillaries
- Surrounded by glycoproteins





Islet of granulocytes

- Surrounded by proteoglycans
- Deposited in a red bone marrow
- Are not surrounded by sinusoids (motile)

Megakaryocyte

 Thrombocytes (platelets) – are small anucleate fragments of cytoplasm of a giant cell of red bone marrow – megakaryocyte.









Thymus

- Central organ of lymphopoiesis and immune defense
- Functions
- 1) Proliferation of T-lymphocytes
- 2) Antigen-independent differentiation (activation) of T-lymphocytes
- Production of thymulin, thymosine, thymopoietin



THE THYMUS GLAND

Thymus. Structure:

- Rough stroma connective tissue capsule, from which trabeculae extend and divide parenchyma into lobules
- Between capsule and parenchyma basal lamina
- Soft stroma epithelial tissue (epithelioreticular cells)
- Parenchyma precursors of T-lymphocytes
- Structural and functional unit thymic lobule

Thymic lobule:

- Cortex (dark): T-lymphocytes, macrophages (dendritic cells), epithelioreticular cells (nannies)
- Medulla (light): T-lymphocytes (recirculating pull), epithelioreticular cells, macrophages, Hassal's bodies





Blood-thymus barrier

- Endothelium
- Basal lamina
- Perivascular space (lymphocytes, macrophages)
- Basal lamina and epithelioreticular cell





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Antigen-independent or dependent activation ???







Peripheral organs of hematopoiesis and immune defense

- Lymph nodes
- Spleen





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Lymph nodules

- Rounded clusters of T-and B-lymphocytes
- Localization loose connective tissue of lamina propria



Zones:

-Light germinal center

-Peripheral mantle zone

Lymph nodes

- Bean-shaped structures accompanying lymphatic vessels
- Functions : Antigen-dependent activation of T-and B-lymphocytes, purification of lymph



Lymph node. Strucure:

• Rough stroma - CT capsule and trabeculae

Soft stroma – reticular CT

 Parenchyma: T- and B-lymphocytes, macrophages, dendritic cells, smooth muscle cells

Lymph node. Parenchyma:

- **Cortex**: lymphatic nodules (follicles) B-dependent zone Function: antigen-dependent activation of B-lymphocytes
- Paracortical zone (deep cortex) thymus-dependent zone (Tlymphocytes, interdigitating cells (macrophages))
 Function: differentiation of T-lymphocytes (helpers, killers, suppressors), antigen-dependent activation of T-lymphocytes
- Medulla: medullar cords (aggregation of B-lymphocytes).
 Function: B-lymphocytes

 plasma cells,
 monocytes
 macrophages

Sinuses of lymph node

- Marginal between capsule and follicles
- Parafollicular between follicle and trabecula
- Medullar between medullar cords and trabeculae
- Hillus sinus



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Spleen. Functions



- Proliferation and antigen-dependent activation of lymphocytes
- Elimination or RBCs and platelets
- Deposition of blood and iron
- Production of biologically active substances (splenin)
- In embryonic period hematopoietic organ

Spleen. Structure:

- Rough stroma CT capsule and trabeculae
- Soft stroma reticular CT
- Parenchyma:
- White pulp: lymphatic nodules
- Red pulp : forming elements of blood, pulp cords (B-lymphocytes => plasma cells,

monocytes \implies macrophages)

Zones of white pulp of spleen (lymphatic nodule)

- Periarterial T-dependent
- Germinal center
- Mantle zone
- Marginal zone

B-dependent







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