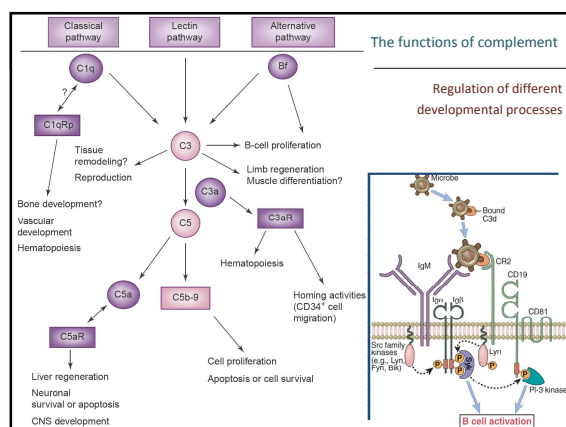
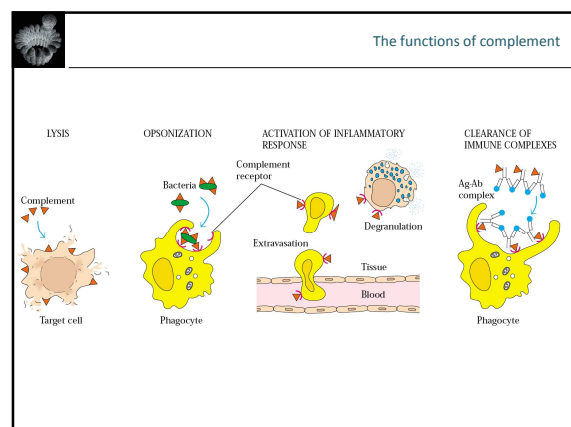
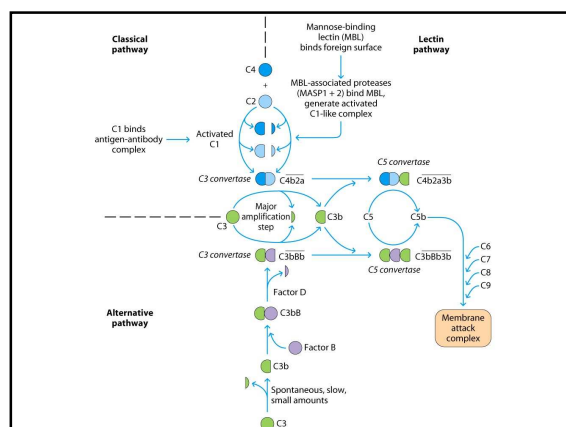




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Οι κληρονομικές ανεπάρκειες των παραγόντων του συμπληρώματος

Ιατρική 43:192–197, 1983



### Estimated prevalence : ~0.03%

Deficiency	Prevalence
C1-INH deficiency	~1 case per 50,000 persons
MBL deficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>low protein levels: ~35%</li> <li>lack of functional protein: ~5% of the Caucasian population</li> </ul>
MASP-2 deficiency	~15 per 100,000 persons in Sweden
C2 deficiency	~5 per 100,000 persons in Western countries
C6 deficiency	1:1,600 among African Americans
C9 deficiency	0.1% in Japan population

Hereditary angioedema

**HAE type I**

*SERPING1* mutations usually resulting in absent or low antigenic and functional C1-INH (85% of cases)

**HAE type II**

*SERPING1* mutations (usually involving exon 8 at or near the active site) causing normal or high antigenic but low functional C1-INH (15% of cases)

**HAE type III (estrogen-dependent and estrogen-associated inherited angioedema)**

- Normal levels and function of C1-INH and normal *SERPING1* genetic analysis
- T309K mutation in coagulation factor XII gene

Hereditary angioedema

Pathways inhibited by C1INH

Zuaw BL N Engl J Med 2008;359:1027-36

Inherited complement deficiencies

Deficiency	Infections (%)	Autoimmune diseases (%)	Combination of the two (%)
C1	10	40	50
C4	10	20	30
C2	20	20	40
C3	70	10	20
C5	80	10	10
C6	75	10	15
C7	50	10	40
C8	55	10	35
C9	20	10	70
P	75	10	15
I	100	10	10

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Bacterial infections

Deficient components	Strains of bacteria	Frequency %
C1, C4, C2	<i>Neisseria</i>	6
	<i>S. pneumoniae</i>	17
	<i>H. influenzae</i>	3
	<i>S. aureus</i>	2
C3, H, I	<i>Neisseria</i>	28
	<i>S. pneumoniae</i>	28
	<i>H. influenzae</i>	4
	<i>S. aureus</i>	0
C5, C6, C7, C8	<i>Neisseria</i>	66
	<i>S. pneumoniae</i>	1
	<i>H. influenzae</i>	0
	<i>S. aureus</i>	0
		0

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Neisserial infections and inherited complement deficiencies

Figure 1. JE, Desnos P, 1991

Prevalence of complement deficiency in meningococcal disease (%)

Incidence of meningococcal disease (cases/10<sup>6</sup> population)

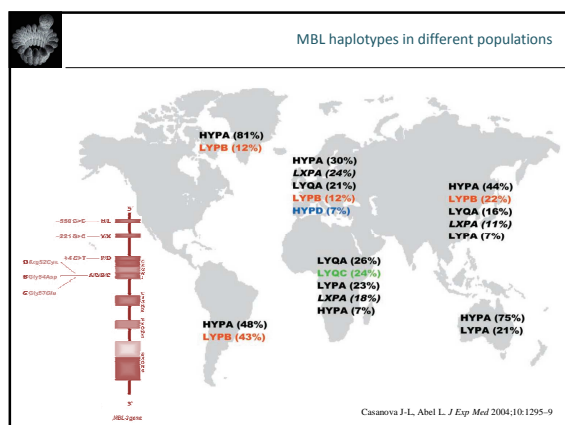
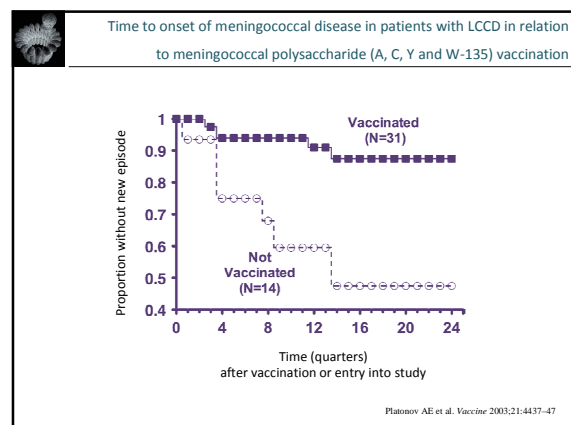
The prevalence of complement deficiencies in individuals with systemic meningococcal infections

Category	Prevalence (%)
In recurrent disease	40%
In cases with positive family history of meningococcal disease	10%
In patients with an unusual serotype	20 – 50%
In sporadic cases	1 – 15%

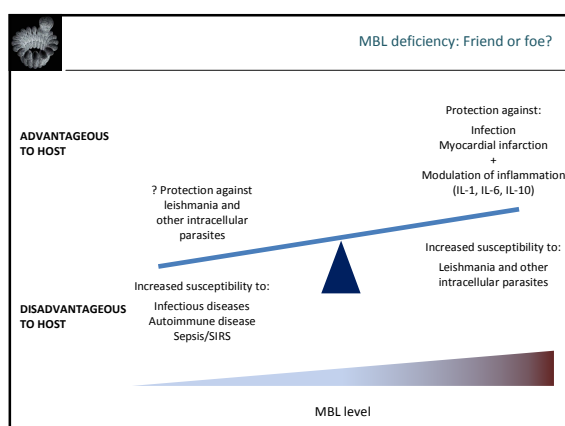
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Meningococcal disease			
Parameter	Normal	LCDD	Properdin deficient
No of homozygotes		267	54-70
No with meningococcal disease		151	25-37
Frequency of infection (%)	0.0072	57	46-53
Male/female ratio	1.3:1	2.2:1	21.0-37:1
Median age (yr), first episode	3	17	14-11.5
Recurrence rate (%)	0.34	41	2-1.4
Relapse rate (%)	0.6	7.6	0
Mortality/100 episodes (%)	19	1.5	12-51.4
Infecting serogroup			
No of isolates	3,184	67	16
% B	50	19.4	18.7
% Y	4.4	32.8	37.5

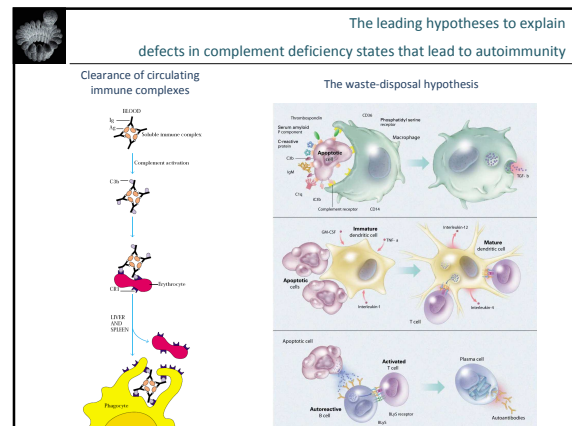
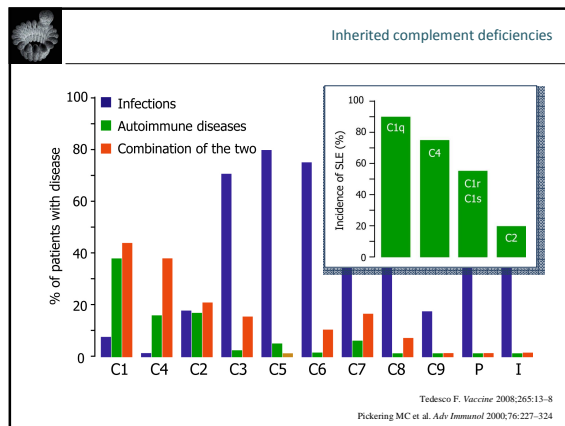
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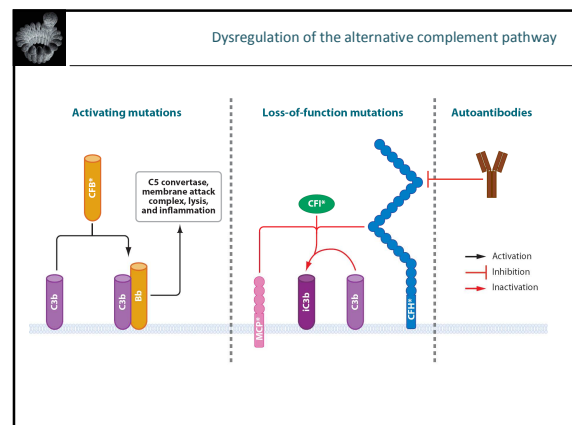
- MBL deficiency
- MBL deficiency clearly does not confer a Mendelian susceptibility to infection
  - MBL-deficient children aged 6-17 mo, but not younger or older children, have an increased risk of acute, generally benign, respiratory disease
  - The significance of MBL deficiency is more readily appreciated when there is another co-existing defect
  - More than 2/3 of primary antibody deficiency patients with mycoplasma infections are MBL deficient compared with 1/3 of the control group
  - MBL deficiency increase the acquisition of HIV infection by x3-8
  - Cystic fibrosis patients with MBL variant alleles have significantly impaired lung function and decreased life expectancy in comparison with wild-type individuals
  - MBL deficient ICU patients are more likely to develop SIRS and progress to septic shock and death
  - Patients with high MBL levels have a decreased likelihood of suffering a myocardial infarction
  - MBL variant alleles are SLE risk factors



- MBL replacement therapy
- Plasma derived MBL  
Co-operative Research Centre for Vaccine Technology (CRC-VT), Australia
  - rMBL  
Natimmune A/S106, Denmark



- ### SLE in complement deficiencies
- Low (or absent) titers of ANA and/or anti-DNA antibodies
  - Higher incidence of anti-Ro antibodies
  - Severity variable
    - C1 deficiency**
      - early onset
      - CNS disease
      - very severe
      - most common cause of death is infection
    - C2 deficiency**
      - milder phenotype
      - prominent annular photosensitive dermatitis
      - renal disease infrequent
    - C4 deficiency**
      - early onset
      - very severe
      - high mortality rate



### Dysregulation of the alternative complement pathway

	DD	aHUS	AMD
CFH mutations and partial deficiency			
CFH total deficiency			
MCP mutations			
C3 polymorphisms			
CFB gain-of-function mutations			
CFI heterozygous deficiency			
SERPIN1 polymorphisms			
Nef			
Anti-CFH autoantibodies			
Anti-CFB autoantibodies			

### Screening for complement deficiencies

SEELAN MA, ROOS A, WIESLANDER J, MOLLNES TE, SJÖHOLM AG, WURZNER R, LOOS M, TEDESCO F, SIM RB, GARRED P, ALEXOPOULOS E, TURNER MW, DAHA MR

Functional analysis of the classical, alternative, and MBL pathways of the complement system: standardization and validation of a simple ELISA

*J Immunol Methods* 2005;296(1-2):187-98

**Test result Waikana**

Pathway	Deficiency
Classical pathway	Factor B, Properdin, Factor D
Alternative pathway	Factor B, Properdin, Factor D
Lectin pathway	MBL, MASP-2
Classical pathway	C4, C2, C1 inhibitor
Alternative pathway	C3, C5, C6, C7, C8, C9, factor H, factor I
Lectin pathway	

**Possible complement factor deficiency**

Pathway	Deficiency
Classical pathway	Factor B, Properdin, Factor D
Alternative pathway	Factor B, Properdin, Factor D
Lectin pathway	MBL, MASP-2
Classical pathway	C4, C2, C1 inhibitor
Alternative pathway	C3, C5, C6, C7, C8, C9, factor H, factor I
Lectin pathway	

**"Ever since its discovery,  
complement has continued  
to interest and puzzle investigators"**

*Louis Pillemer, 1943*

## **Inherited complement deficiencies**

*Thank you for your attention...*

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