

Lec 3

CD31, expressed on leukocytes and endothelial cells, for **adhesion** → **transmigration** of white blood cells (WBCs) through the endothelial wall at the site of injury (by **collagenase** enzymes which degrade the endothelial barrier, then WBCs will reach the site of injury by **chemotaxis** (moving toward **chemoattractants** :1. bacterial products (peptides) 2.chemokines 3.complement system (C5a) 4.LTB4 (by lipoxigenase AA)).

The type of inflammation is influenced by the leukocyte involved:

- **Acute Inflammation**: Characterized by neutrophils present for 6 to 24 hours.
- **Chronic Inflammation**: Occurs when macrophages, lymphocytes, and plasma cells dominate after 24 hours.
- **Allergic Reaction**: Involve eosinophils.

Upon reaching the site of injury, WBCs undergo **activation**, which involves 3 key steps:

1. **Recognition and Attachment**:(via mannose receptors and opsonins like IgG and C3b).
 2. **Phagocytosis**: Engulfment of pathogens leads to the formation of phagosomes.
 3. **Killing and Degradation**: achieved through :1. (**ROS**), such as (H_2O_2 , iNO, MPO halide), 2. **granule enzymes** (in neutrophils and monocytes) → specially Neutrophils contain:(1).Primary (azurophilic) granules contain MPO enzyme (2). Secondary granule contain lysozyme , these enzymes inhibited by antiproteases (like α 1 antitrypsin which inhibit elastase)3. **NETs** (meshwork of chromatin and anti microbial agents that released after neutrophils die) to immobilize microbes also it is involved in (Sepsis,SLE)diseases.
- After activation ,WBCs perform additional functions, including: 1. amplifying or limiting the inflammatory response (via cytokine release), 2. repairing tissue via (growth factor secretion), 3. T lymphocytes contributing to acute inflammation (through IL-17 production.)

However, white blood cells can also lead to tissue damage under certain conditions:

1. Prolonged Inflammation: (Seen in infections like tuberculosis or hepatitis C).
 2. Inappropriate Response: Observed in (autoimmune diseases).
 3. Exaggerated Response: like (allergy and asthma).
- There are 3 types of NO: (i,n,eNO), particularly the inducible form (iNOS), is produced in response to cytokines like IFN- γ and contributes to the immune response by reacting with superoxide (O_2^*) → form peroxynitrite (ONOO).