



TABLE 3.1 Features of Acute and Chronic Inflammation

Feature	Acute	Chronic
Onset	Fast: minutes or hours	Slow: days
Cellular infiltrate	Mainly neutrophils	Monocytes/macrophages and lymphocytes
Tissue injury, fibrosis	Usually mild and self- limited	May be severe and progressive
Local and systemic signs	Prominent	Less

TABLE 3.2 Disorders Caused by Inflammatory Reactions

Disorders	Cells and Molecules Involved in Injury
Acute	
Acute respiratory distress syndrome	Neutrophils
Asthma	Eosinophils; IgE antibodies
Glomerulonephritis	Antibodies and complement; neutrophils, monocytes
Septic shock	Cytokines
Chronic	
Arthritis	Lymphocytes, macrophages; antibodies?
Asthma	Eosinophils; IgE antibodies
Atherosclerosis	Macrophages; lymphocytes
Pulmonary fibrosis	Macrophages; fibroblasts

Listed are selected examples of diseases in which the inflammatory response plays a significant role in tissue injury. Some, such as asthma, can present with acute inflammation or a chronic illness with repeated bouts of acute exacerbation. These diseases and their pathogenesis are discussed in relevant chapters.

Causes of inflammation

INFECTIONS	Bacteria, fungi, viruses, parasites And their toxins	Transudate	Exudate
NECROSIS	Ischemia, trauma, physical and chemical injuries, burns, frostbite, irradiation	Low protein Low cell content	High protein Many cells & debris
FOREIGN BODIES	Splinters, dirt, urate crystals (gout), Cholesterol crystals (atherosclerosis)	Low specific gravity	Higher specific gravity
IMMUNE REACTIONS	Allergies and autoimmune diseases (Misdirected inflammatory response)	Caused by osmotic/hydrostatic pressure imbalance	Caused by increased vascular permeability and denotes inflammatory reaction

TABLE 3.3 Properties of Neutrophils and Macrophages

	Neutrophils	Macrophages
Origin	HSCs in bone marrow	HSCs in bone marrow (in inflammatory reactions) Many tissue-resident macrophages: stem cells in yolk sac or fetal liver (early in development)
Life span in tissues	1–2 days	Inflammatory macrophages: days or weeks Tissue-resident macrophages: years
Responses to activating stimuli	Rapid, short-lived, mostly degranulation and enzymatic activity	More prolonged, slower, often dependent on new gene transcription
 Reactive oxygen species 	Rapidly induced by assembly of phagocyte oxidase (respiratory burst)	Less prominent
Nitric oxide	Low levels or none	Induced following transcriptional activation of iNOS
Degranulation	Major response; induced by cytoskeletal rearrangement	Not prominent
Cytokine production	Low levels or none	Major functional activity, requires transcriptional activation of cytokine genes
NET formation	Rapidly induced, by extrusion of nuclear contents	No
 Secretion of lysosomal enzymes 	Prominent	Less

HSC, Hematopoietic stem cells; iNOS, inducible nitric oxide synthase; NET, neutrophil extracellular traps.

This table lists the major differences between neutrophils and macrophages. The reactions summarized above are described in the text. Note that the two cell types share many features, such as phagocytosis, ability to migrate through blood vessels into tissues, and chemotaxis.



TABLE 3.4 Endothelial and Leukocyte Adhesion Molecules

Family	Molecule	Distribution	Ligand
Selectin (CD62L)	Neutrophils, monocytes T cells (naïve and central memory) B cells (naïve)	Sialyl-Lewis X/PNAd on GlyCAM-1, CD34, MAdCAM-1, others; expressed on endothelium (HEV)	
	E-selectin (CD62E)	Endothelium activated by cytokines (TNF, IL-1)	Sialyl-Lewis X (e.g., CLA) on glycoproteins; expressed on neutrophils, monocytes, T cells (effector, memory)
	P-selectin (CD62P)	Endothelium activated by cytokines (TNF, IL-1), histamine, or thrombin; platelets	Sialyl-Lewis X on PSGL-1 and other glycoproteins; expressed on neutrophils, monocytes, T cells (effector, memory)
Integrin	LFA-1 (CD11aCD18)	Neutrophils, monocytes, T cells (naïve, effector, memory)	ICAM-1 (CD54), ICAM-2 (CD102); expressed on endothelium (upregulated on activated endothelium)
	MAC-1 (CD11bCD18)	Monocytes, DCs	ICAM-1 (CD54), ICAM-2 (CD102); expressed on endothelium (upregulated on activated endothelium)
	VLA-4 (CD49aCD29)	Monocytes T cells (naïve, effector, memory)	VCAM-1 (CD106); expressed on endothelium (upregulated on activated endothelium)
	α4β7 (CD49DCD29)	Monocytes T cells (gut homing naïve effector, memory)	VCAM-1 (CD106), MAdCAM-1; expressed on endothelium in gut and gut-associated lymphoid tissues
lg	CD31	Endothelial cells, leukocytes	CD31 (homotypic interaction)

CLA, Cutaneous lymphocyte antigen-1; GlyCAM-1, glycan-bearing cell adhesion molecule-1; HEV, high endothelial venule; ICAM, intercellular adhesion molecule; Ig, immunoglobulin; IL-1, interleukin-1; MAdCAM-1, mucosal adhesion cell adhesion molecule-1; PSGL-1, P-selectin glycoprotein ligand-1; TNF, tumor necrosis factor; VCAM, vascular cell adhesion molecule.

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Bacterial Products	Peptides (N)
Cytokines	Chemokine family
Complement system	C5a
Lipoxygenase pathway AA	LTB4

WBCs infiltrates in tissue

Neutrophils (PMNs)	6-24 hours, acute phase
Macrophages, lymphocytes & plasma cells	24-48 hours and then may stay
Allergic reactions	Eosinophils



Termination of IR

Mediators are produced in rapid bursts

Release is stimulus dependent Short half-lives

Degradation after release

PMNs short life (apoptosis)

Stop signals production (TGF-B, IL-10)

Neural inhibitors (cholinergic): inhibits TNF

Mediators of acute inflammation

Vasoactive amines	Histamine, serotonin
Lipid products	PGs and LTs
Cytokines	IL, TNF and Chemokines
Complement activation	C1-9

TABLE 3.5 Principal Mediators of Inflammation

Mediator	Source	Action
Histamine	Mast cells, basophils, platelets	Vasodilation, increased vascular permeability, endothelial activation
Prostaglandins	Mast cells, leukocytes	Vasodilation, pain, fever
Leukotrienes	Mast cells, leukocytes	Increased vascular permeability, chemotaxis, leukocyte adhesion, and activation
Cytokines (TNF, IL-1, IL-6)	Macrophages, endothelial cells, mast cells	Local: endothelial activation (expression of adhesion molecules). Systemic: fever, metabolic abnormalities, hypotension (shock)
Chemokines	Leukocytes, activated macrophages	Chemotaxis, leukocyte activation
Platelet- activating factor	Leukocytes, mast cells	Vasodilation, increased vascular permeability, leukocyte adhesion, chemotaxis, degranulation, oxidative burst
Complement	Plasma (produced in liver)	Leukocyte chemotaxis and activation, direct target killing (membrane attack complex), vasodilation (mast cell stimulation)
Kinins	Plasma (produced in liver)	Increased vascular permeability, smooth muscle contraction, vasodilation, pain

*Things not mentioned in the next page are highlighted



Mediators according to source	
Mast cells	Histamine, <mark>PGs, LTs)</mark> cytokines, platelet activating factor
Basophils	Histamine
Platelets	Histamine
Leukocytes	PGs, LTs, chemokines, platelet activating factor
Macrophages	Cytokines, chemokines (activated)
Endothelial cells	Cytokines
Plasma	Complement, kinins

Mediators according to action		
(Actions in common)		
Vasodilation	Histamine, PGs (PGI2, PGE1, PGE2, PGD2), kinins,complement, platelet activating factor	
Increased vascular permeability	Histamine, LTs (C4, D4, E4), kinins, platelet activating factor	
Endothelial activation	Histamine, cytokines	
Chemotaxis	LTs(LTB4), chemokines, complement, platelet activating factor	
Pain	PGs, kinins	
Fever	PGs, cytokines	
Vasoconstriction	Thromboxane A2, LTs(C4, D4, E4)	
Smooth muscle contraction	PGs (C4, D4, E4), kinins	

TABLE 3.6 Principal Actions of Arachidonic Acid Metabolites in Inflammation

Action Eicosanoid	
Vasodilation	Prostaglandins PGI ₂ (prostacyclin), PGE ₁ , PGE ₂ , PGD ₂
Vasoconstriction	Thromboxane A ₂ , leukotrienes C ₄ , D ₄ , E ₄
Increased vascular permeability	Leukotrienes C ₄ , D ₄ , E ₄
Chemotaxis, leukocyte adhesion	Leukotriene B ₄
Smooth muscle contraction	Prostaglandins PGC4, PGD4, PGE4

TABLE 3.7 Cytokines in Inflammation

Cytokine	Principal Sources	Principal Actions in Inflammation
In Acute Infla	mmation	
TNF	Macrophages, mast cells, T lymphocytes	Stimulates expression of endothelial adhesion molecules and secretion of other cytokines; systemic effects
IL-1	Macrophages, endothelial cells, some epithelial cells	Similar to TNF; greater role in fever
IL-6	Macrophages, other cells	Systemic effects (acute phase response)
Chemokines	Macrophages, endothelial cells, T lymphocytes, mast cells, other cell types	Recruitment of leukocytes to sites of inflammation; migration of cells in normal tissues
IL-17	T lymphocytes	Recruitment of neutrophils and monocytes
In Chronic In	flammation	
IL-12	Dendritic cells, macrophages	Increased production of IFN-γ
ΙΕΝ-γ	T lymphocytes, NK cells	Activation of macrophages (increased ability to kill microbes and tumor cells
IL-17	T lymphocytes	Recruitment of neutrophils and monocytes

The most important cytokines involved in inflammatory reactions are listed. Many other cytokines may play lesser roles in inflammation. There is also considerable overlap between the cytokines involved in acute and chronic inflammation. Specifically, all the cytokines listed under acute inflammation may also contribute to chronic inflammatory reactions.

IFN-γ, Interferon-γ; IL-1, interleukin-1; NK, natural killer; TNF, tumor necrosis factor.

TABLE 3.8 Role of Mediators in Different Reactions of Inflammation

Reaction of Inflammation	Principal Mediators
Vasodilation	Histamine
	Prostaglandins
Increased vascular permeability	Histamine
	C3a and C5a (by liberating vasoactive amines from mast cells, other cells)
	Leukotrienes C ₄ , D ₄ , E ₄
Chemotaxis, leukocyte	TNF, IL-1
recruitment and activation	Chemokines
	C3a, C5a
	Leukotriene B ₄
Fever	IL-1, TNF
	Prostaglandins
Pain	Prostaglandins
	Bradykinin
Tissue damage	Lysosomal enzymes of leukocytes
	Reactive oxygen species

Morphology of acute inflammation

Edema	Fluid and proteins in interstitium
Redness	rubor
Warmth	calor
Swelling	tumor
Loss of function	Functio laesa
Pain	dolor

Causes of chronic inflammation

Persistent infections	Mycobacteria (TB), viruses, fungi, parasites. Delayed hypersensitivity reaction. Granulomatous inflammation.
Hypersensitivity diseases	RA, asthma, MS. May end in fibrosis of end organs
Prolonged exposure to toxic agents (exogenous or endogenous)	Silica (silicosis) Atherosclerosis (cholesterol)
Other associated diseases	Alzheimer's, Metabolic syndrome of DM

CD4+ T cells

Тн1	INF-&, activates Macs in classic pathway
Тн2	IL-4, IL-5 & IL-13; activates eosinophils and Macs alternative pathway
Тн17	IL-17 , induce chemokines secretion and recruits PMNs

TABLE 3.9 Examples of Diseases With Granulomatous Inflammation

Disease	Cause	Tissue Reaction
Tuberculosis	Mycobacterium tuberculosis	Caseating granuloma (tubercle): focus of activated macrophages (epithelioid cells), rimmed by fibroblasts, lymphocytes, histiocytes, occasional Langhans giant cells; central necrosis with amorphous granular debris; acid-fast bacilli
Leprosy	Mycobacterium leprae	Acid-fast bacilli in macrophages; noncaseating granulomas
Syphilis	Treponema pallidum	Gumma: microscopic to grossly visible lesion, enclosing wall of macrophages; plasma cell infiltrate; central cells are necrotic without loss of cellular outline; organisms difficult to identify in tissue
Cat-scratch disease	Gram-negative bacillus	Rounded or stellate granuloma containing central granular debris and recognizable neutrophils; giant cells uncommon
Sarcoidosis	Unknown etiology	Noncaseating granulomas with abundant activated macrophages
Crohn disease (inflammatory bowel disease)	Immune reaction against undefined gut microbes and, possibly, self antigens	Occasional noncaseating granulomas in the wall of the intestine, with dense chronic inflammatory infiltrate

Systemic effects of inflammation

Fever (1-4 C) elevation	Exogenous pyrogens (LPS) & endogenous pyrogens (IL-1 & TNF). All induce PGE2 secretion
Acute phase proteins	CRP, SAA, ESR, Hepcidin
Leukocytosis (increase WBC)	15-20 K if more than 40 (leukemoid reaction), left shift
Others	Tachycardia, Increase BP, Chills, Rigors, decreased sweating, anorexia, somnolence, and malaise





"pain =
$$PGs + kinins$$

Fever = $PGs + cybokines$
 $\Rightarrow Pain + Fever = PGs$

Chemokines
$$\longrightarrow$$
 Leukocyte activation

Platelet activating factor \longrightarrow Leukocyte adhesion

Leukotriens \longrightarrow Leukocyte activation $\underline{&}$ adhesion

Cytokines may be located in endothelial cells, so they contribute to leukocyte adhesion there.



