

Cells, Molecules, organs of the immune system

Immune system:

- Cells (White blood cells OR Leukocytes)
- Molecules (Antibodies)
- Organ
 - Primary Lymphoid organ
 - Bone Marrow
 - Thymus
 - Secondary lymphoid organ
 - Spleen
 - Lymph node

Blood Composition:

- RBC (Red Blood Cells)
- WBC (White Blood Cells)
- Platelets
- Plasma

1) RBC (*ERYTHROCYTES*): Do not have a nucleus

WBC (*LEUKOCYTES*): Have a nucleus

2) Role of RBC:

- Red color pigmentation (called hemoglobin)

Hemoglobin: Responsible for the transportation of respiratory gases (O₂ and CO₂)

Role of WBC: Immune cells → Defend/ fight/kill foreign bodies that invade our body

Types of WBC:

- Monocytes
- Granulocytes
- Lymphocytes

Name of Leukocytes	Characteristics	Role
Monocytes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Horse's shoe shaped nucleus- Can cross the capillary wall and become macrophage in tissue- It is involving non-specific immune response	It has a phagocytic ability

Granulocytes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It has a multilobed nucleus - It can cross capillary walls - It is involved in the non-specific immune response - It is called polymorphnuclear cells 	It has a phagocytic ability

Lymphocytes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It has a round nucleus - It is involved in a specific immune response 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - B Lymphocytes secrete antibodies - Tlymhocytes killer cells
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Difference between a **MONOCYTE** and **MACROPHAGE**:

The **MONOCYTES** are the immune cells before the foreign body invasion, whereas after the invasion of the microbe, the **MONOCYTES** become bigger in size and will become known as **MACROPHAGE** whose role is to make **PHAGOCYTOSIS**