

CORPUSCULAR ELEMENTS OF BLOOD

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Abstract: *Blood is a vital fluid composed of cellular(corpuscular) elements suspended in plasma. The corpuscular components include erythrocytes (red blood cells), leukocytes (white blood cells), and thrombocytes(platelets), each playing a crucial role in maintaining homeostasis. Erythrocytes are responsible for oxygen transport via hemoglobin, leukocytes contribute to immune defense, and thrombocytes facilitate hemostasis through clot formation. The balance and functionality of these elements are essential for overall health, and any deviations can indicate pathological conditions. This article provides an overview of the structure,function, and clinical significance of blood corpuscles in physiological and pathological states.*

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Intoduction

Blood is a complex and dynamic tissue that plays a crucial role in maintaining physiological functions within the human body. It consists of both liquid (plasma) and cellular (corpuscular) components, which work together to ensure oxygen transport,immune defense, and hemostasis.The corpuscular elements –are essential for sustaining life and responding to various internal and external challenges. Understanding their structure, function, and interactions is fundamental in medical sciences , as abnormalities in these elements can lead to severe hematological and systemic disorders.

Each of these elements has a distinct role in maintaining the body's physiological balance. Below is a detailed examination of each component.

1.Erythrocytes (Red blood cells, RBCs)

Structure and Morphology

Shape:Bioncave disc-shaped cells without a nucleus. This shape increases the surface area for gas exchange and allows flexibility for passage through capillaries.

Size: 6-8 micrometr in diametr

Lack of Organelles: RBCs lack of a nucleus, mitochondria and ribosomes, which maximizes space for hemoglobin.

Function

Oxygen transport: Hemoglobin binds oxygen in the lungs and releases it in tissues.

Carbon Diocide Transport: RBCs carry CO₂ from tissues to the lungs for exhalation.

RBC lifespan and degradation

RBCs live for about 120 days.

Old or damaged RBCs are removed by the spleen and liver through phagocytosis by macrophages.

2. Leukocytes (White Blood Cells, WBCs)

General Characteristics

Nucleated cells involved in immune defense. Normal WBCs count: 4,000-11,000 cells. Can move through blood and tissues using diapedesis.

Function: Phagocytosis, antigen presentation to activate other immune cells.

Differentiate into: macrophages- in tissues, engulf pathogens and debris.

Lifespan: Hours to days in blood, years in tissues.

Clinical conditions related to WBCs

Leukocytosis: Increased WBCs count (infections, leukemia)

Leukopenia: Low WBC count (chemotherapy)

3. Thrombocytes (Platelets)

Structure and function

Small, anucleated cell fragments derived from megakaryocytes in the bone marrow.

Function: Blood clotting (hemostasis)

Blood Clotting Process

1. Vascular spasm: Blood vessel constricts.

2. Platelet plug formation: Platelets adhere to damaged site.

3. Coagulation cascade: Fibrin network stabilizes clot.

Clinical Conditions Related to Platelets

Thrombocytopenia: Low platelet count, causing excessive bleeding.

Thrombocytosis: High platelet count, increasing clot risk.

Conclusion

The corpuscular elements of blood—erythrocytes, leukocytes, and thrombocytes—each play indispensable roles in maintaining oxygen transport, immune defense, and hemostasis. Disruptions in their function can lead to significant health issues, making their study crucial in medical science.

Review

This article provides a comprehensive analysis of the corpuscular elements of blood—by discussing their functions and physiological significance. The author effectively examines both normal and pathological states of these components.

One of these key strengths of this article is its logical and well-structured presentation. Scientific concepts are explained clearly, making content accessible to medical students and researchers. Additionally, the discussion on the clinical importance of blood elements enhances the article's relevance to medical diagnostics and treatment.

However, the article could be further improved by incorporating recent scientific research and statistical data related to corpuscular blood elements. Providing real –life examples of diseases associated with these elements would also strengthen the practical significance of the discussion.

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