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Immunology English Practical Session 3

Exercise 1:

- Explain how the immune system perceives elements in its environment (such as microorganisms, whether pathogenic or not) and recognizes the elements that disturb its homeostasis and must therefore be destroyed.
- Give the name of the receptors of adaptive immune system cells for pathogens and their nature.
- What is an antigen?
- What is an epitope?
- What are the factors that influence immunogenicity?

Exercise 2:

Several organs, cells, and substances participate in the course of the immune response. Given the following immune cells:



Based on the above figures, complete the table below and indicate the essential roles of each cell in the innate immune response.

Identified Cell	Origin	Cellular Roles	
Α			
В			
С			
D			
Ε			

Exercise 3:

After a finger injury, the following signs are observed:

➤ The area surrounding the wound becomes red and painful.

➤ Healing may occur after a few days, but sometimes an abscess containing pus forms.

Microscopic examination of a drop of pus shows numerous bacteria and neutrophilic granulocytes (neutrophils).

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- 1. Explain the presence and abundance of bacteria.
- 2. The neutrophils contain bacteria. Explain their presence inside the neutrophils and recall the phenomenon involved.

Exercise 4:

Natural killer (NK) lymphocytes destroy tumor cells and cells infected by viruses in a non-specific manner.

- Explain how, following a viral infection, these lymphocytes are activated in the body.
- Explain the mechanisms of attack.

Exercise 5:



- 1. Complete the captions: An injury breaks the natural barrier of the skin.
- 2. What is the role of **sentinel cells**, which are the first to take action?
- 3. Complete the captions: The attachment of a sentinel cell to a bacterium.
- 4. What is the consequence of this attachment? Give an example.
- 5. What are the **clinical signs** characteristic of the inflammatory reaction, and what are their causes?
- 6. Which cells intervene next? How?