Monoclonal Antibody

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What are monoclonal antibodies?

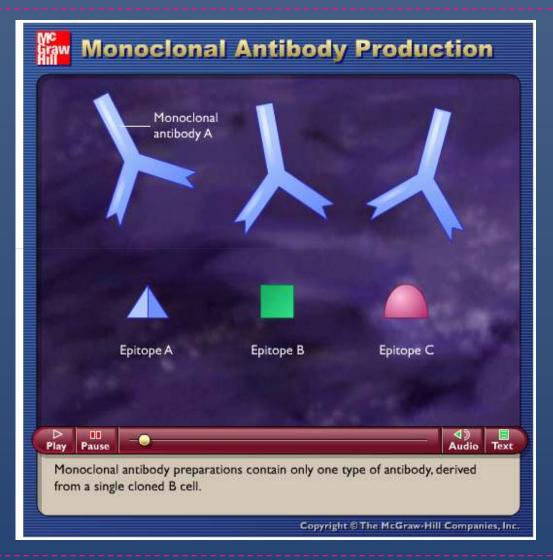
- Antibodies are proteins produced by the B lymphocytes of the immune system in response to foreign proteins, called antigens.
- Antibodies function as markers, binding to the antigen so that the antigen molecules can be recognized and destroyed by phagocytes.
- Population of antibody derived from a single kind of B cells are known as Monoclonal antibodies.
- Monoclonal antibodies have monovalent affinity, in that they bind to the same epitope.

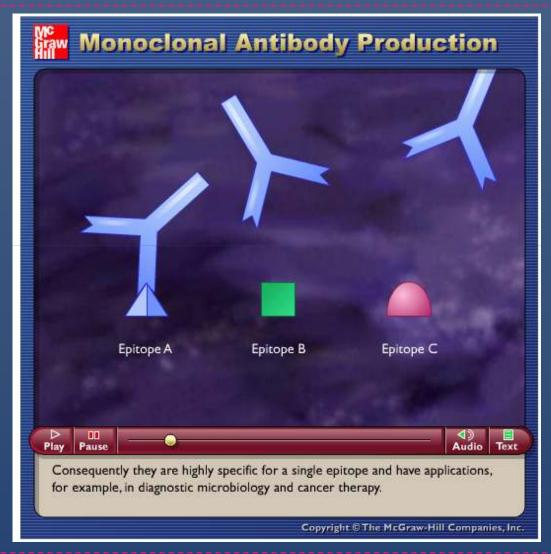
History

The production of monoclonal antibodies was pioneered by Georges Kohler and Cesar Milstein in 1975.

Production of Monoclonal Antibody

- Production of B cell by immunization of any Organism with particular antigen protein.
- Extraction of B cell from Spleen of Organism.
- Production of hybridoma cell by growing B cell in culture of Myeloma cell (Having cancerous properties).
- Selection of hybridoma cell in HAT medium.
- Each hybridoma is screened.



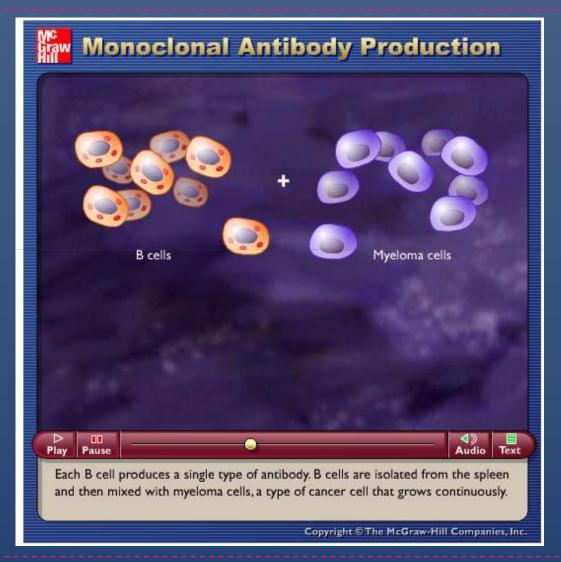




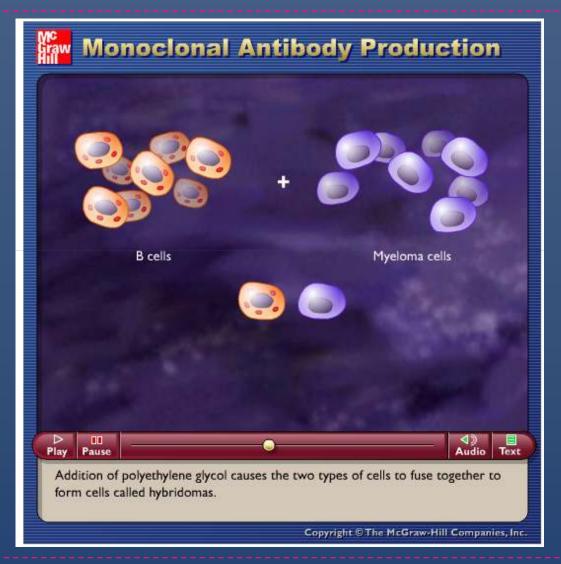
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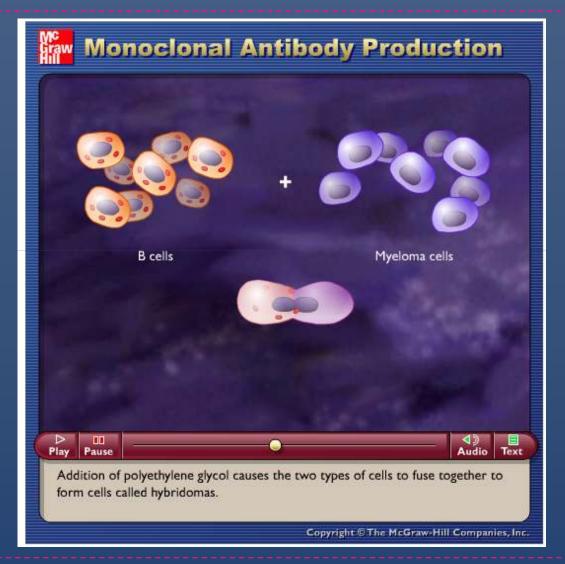




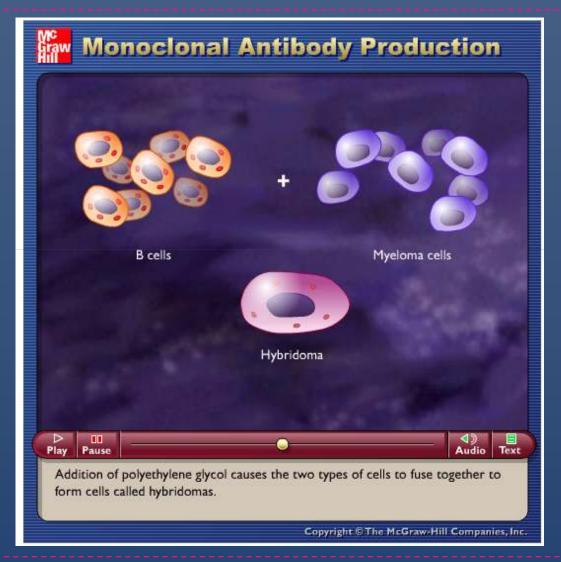


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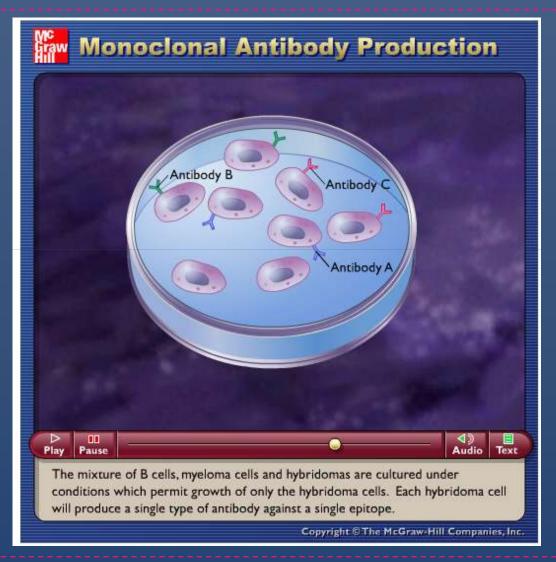


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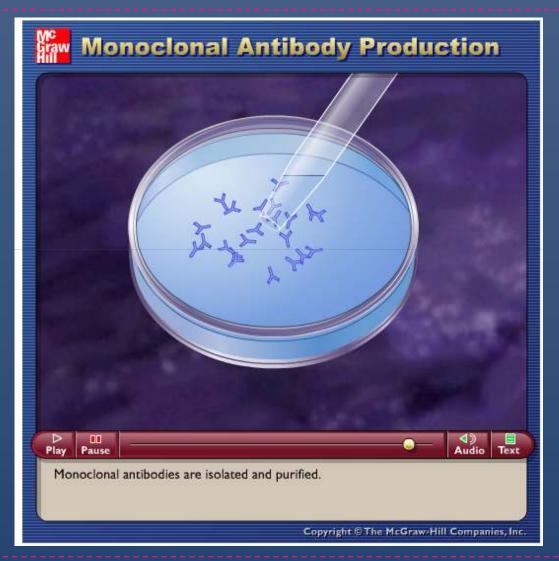


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Applications of MCAb

- Diagnostic tests Uses in Western blot, immuno dot and other immunological diagnostic tools for detection of antigen, protein, toxins etc.
- Cancer treatment One possible treatment for cancer involves monoclonal antibodies that bind only to cancer cellspecific antigens and induce an immunological response against the target cancer cell.
- MAbs approved by the FDA for cancer treatment include -

Bevacizumab

Cetuximab

Panitumumab

Trastuzumab

