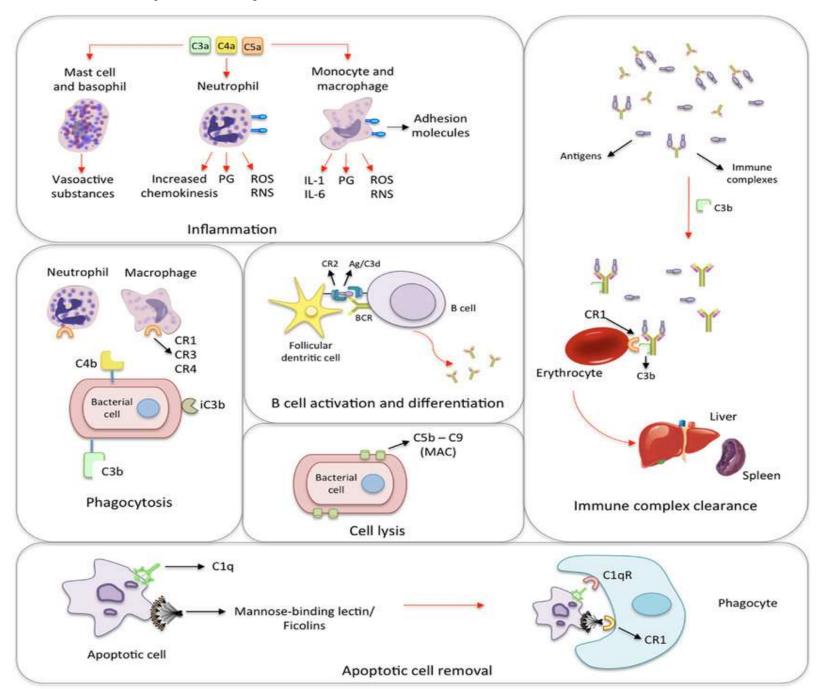
COMPLEMENT SYSTEM FOR ZOOLOGY HONOURS SEMESTER IV, CCX H DR. ARPITA RAKSHIT

WHAT IS COMPLEMENT SYSTEM

- Complement system is a part of the immune system called the innate immune system that is not adaptable and does not change over the course of an individual's lifetime.
- However, it can be recruited and brought into action by the adaptive immune system.

Function of Complement system



Complement Activation

CLASSICAL PATHWAY

- Begins with antibody binding to a cell surface and ends with the lysis of the cell
- The proteins in this pathway are named C1-C9 (the order they were discovered and not the order of the reaction)
- · When complement is activated it is split into two parts
 - a smaller of the two
 - B larger part and usually the active part (except with factor 2)
- Three steps in this pathway-
 - ACTIVATION
 - AMPLIFICATION
 - ATTACK

