CONCEPT: OUTCOMES OF ANTIBODY BINDING TO ANTIGEN

•Once antibodies are secreted from plasma cells & bind their antigens, they can result in many possible outcomes:

□ **Serology:** the scientific study of blood serum, especially its antigen-____ reactions.

1) Recall: Opsonization: process that makes microbes ______ to bind/engulf during phagocytosis.

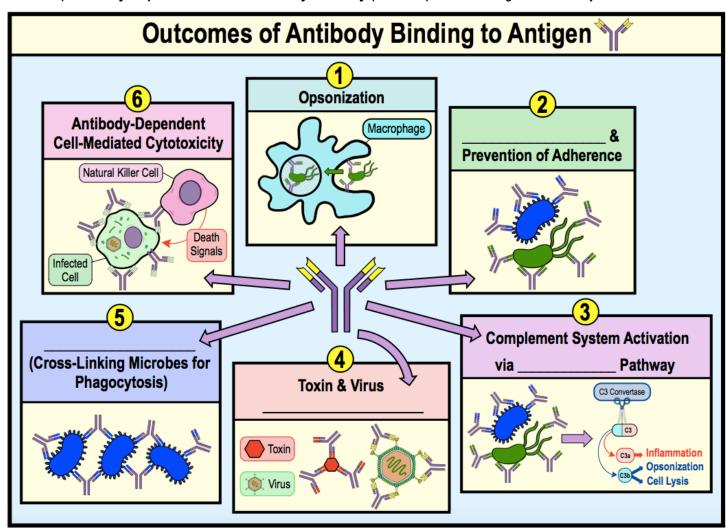
2) Prevent Adherence & Immobilize: antibodies can block or immobilize microbes to prevent infecting host cells.

3) Recall: Complement System Activation: activation of ______ pathway via antibody binding.

4) Toxin/Virus Neutralization: Antibodies bind *toxins* & ______ to make them ineffective & harmless.

5) Agglutination: antibodies can bind to multiple antigens, _____-linking them for phagocytosis in *large groups*.

6) Antibody-Dependent Cell-mediated Cytotoxicity (______): NK cells target/kill antibody-bound infected cells.



PRACTICE: Which term describes antibodies binding to a virus preventing it from attaching to host cells?

- a) Opsonization.
- b) Agglutination.
- c) Neutralization.
- d) Activation.
- e) Coagulation.

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PRACTICE: The study of antigen-antibody reactions is referred to as _____.

- a) Immunology.
- b) Toxicology.
- c) Pandemicity.
- d) Serology.
- e) Epidemiology.

PRACTICE: Which of the following is NOT a protective outcome of antibody-antigen binding?

- a) Antibody-antigen complex triggering the complement system when bound to an antigen.
- b) Antibodies cross-linking pathogens so that they can be easily phagocytosed by macrophages.
- c) Antibodies signaling to a cytotoxic T cell that a host cell is infected.
- d) Antibodies binding to bacteria and prevent the bacteria from moving throughout the body.
- e) Antibodies binding to blood vessel walls resulting in vasodilation.