

IG,TR and IgSF,MHC and MhcSF:

what do we learn from the
IMGT Colliers de Perles ?

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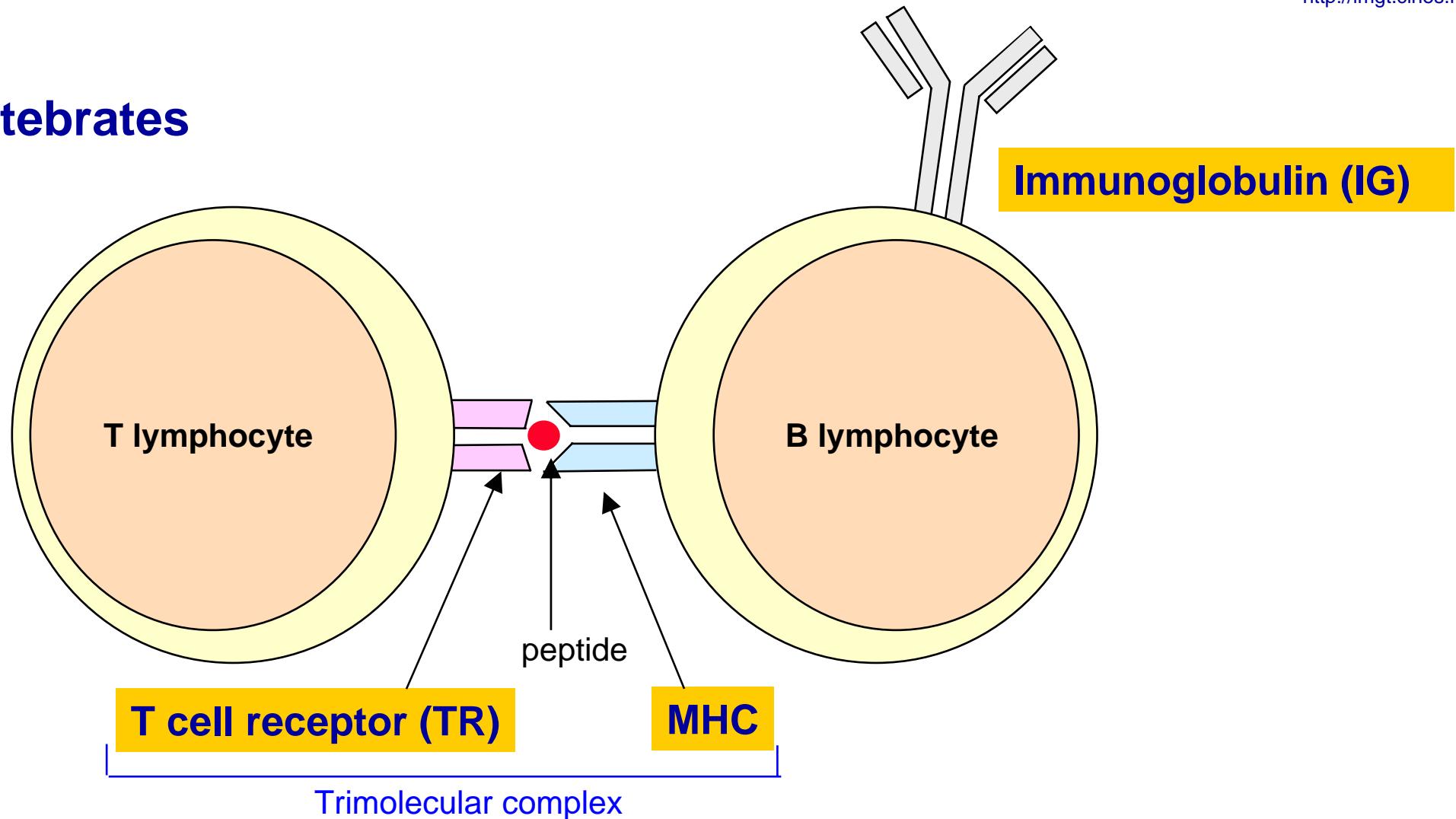


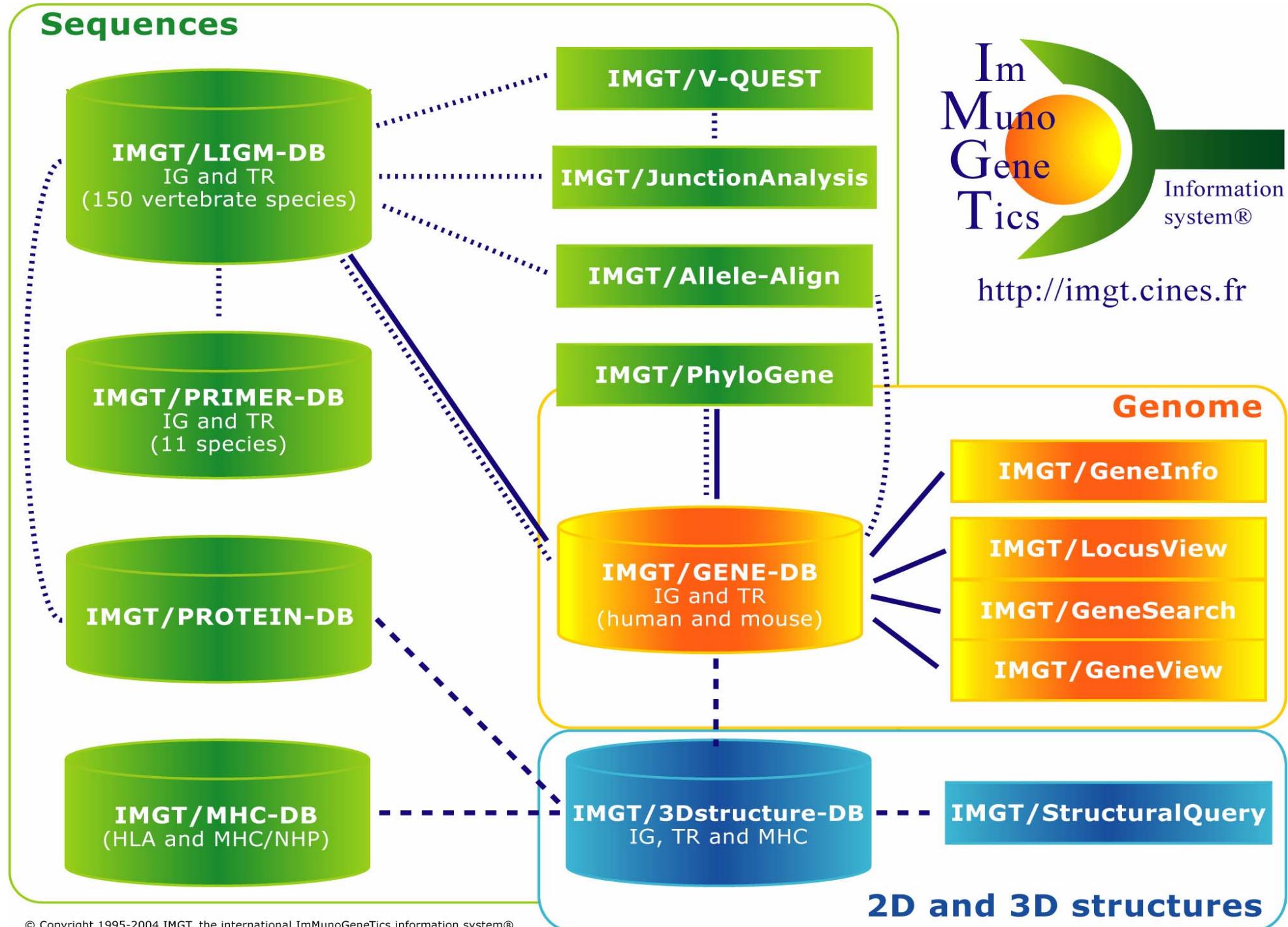
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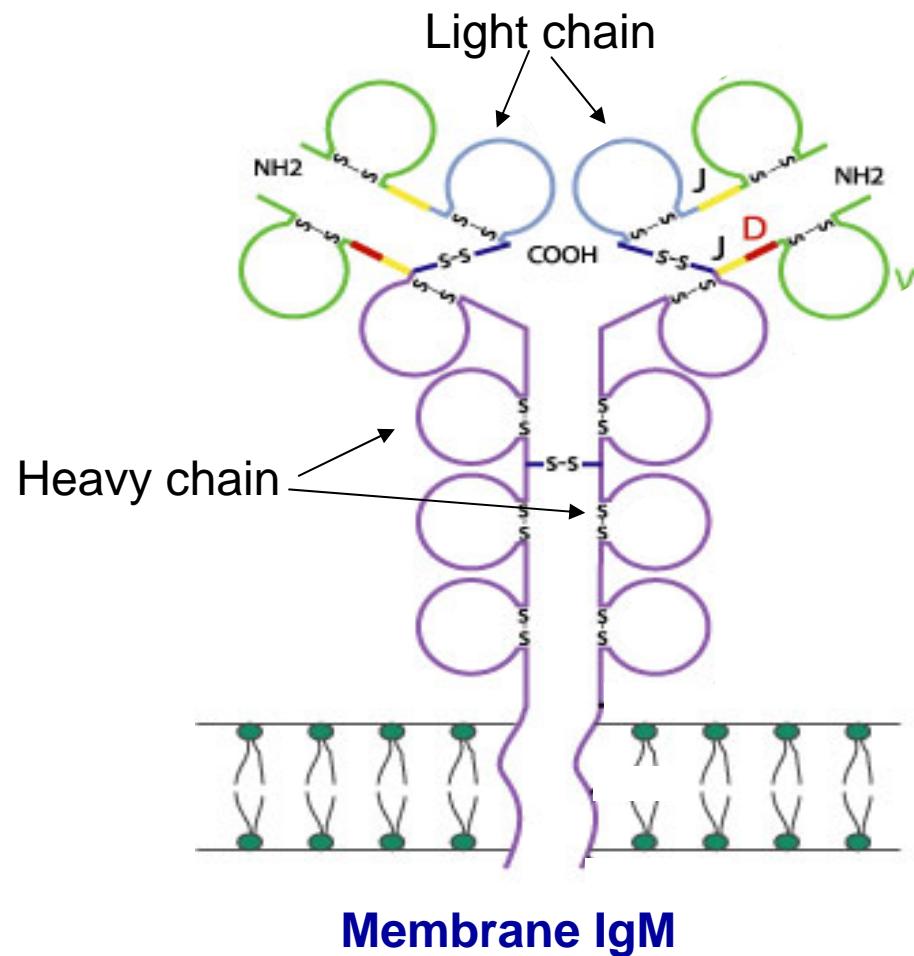
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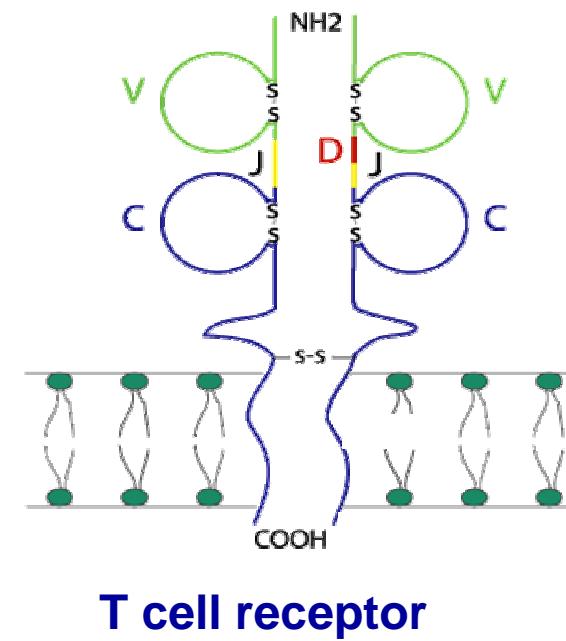


Immunoglobulin (IG)

T cell receptor (TR)



Alpha	-	Beta
Gamma	-	Delta



Immunoglobulin (IG)

T cell receptor (TR)

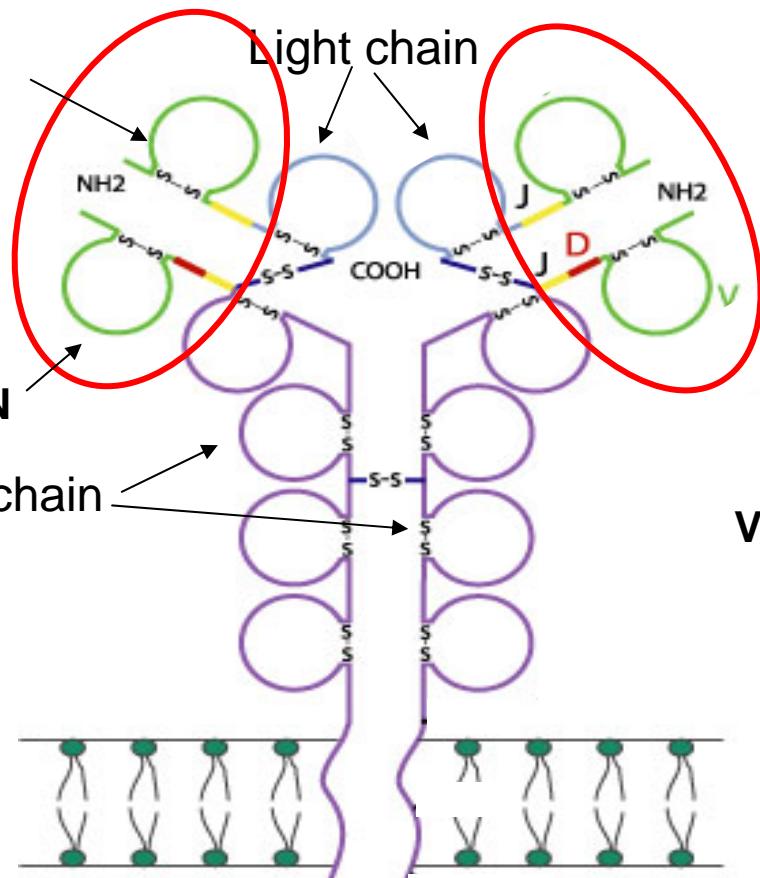
V-DOMAIN

V-J-REGION

V-DOMAIN

V-D-J-REGION

Heavy chain



Membrane IgM

Contribution of the
2 V-DOMAINS
to the antigen binding site

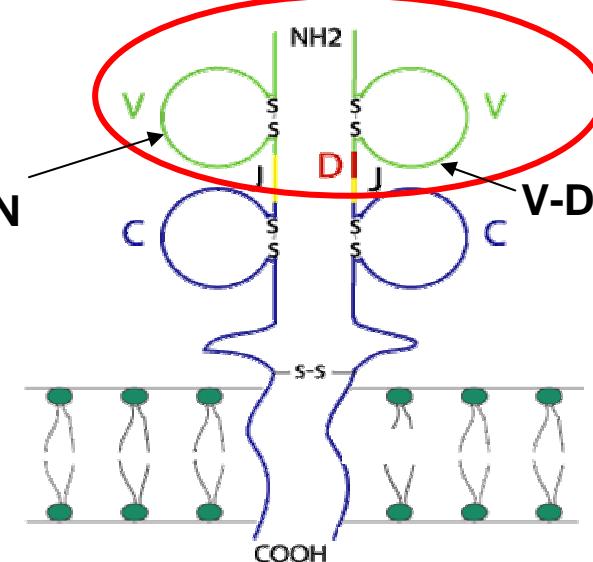
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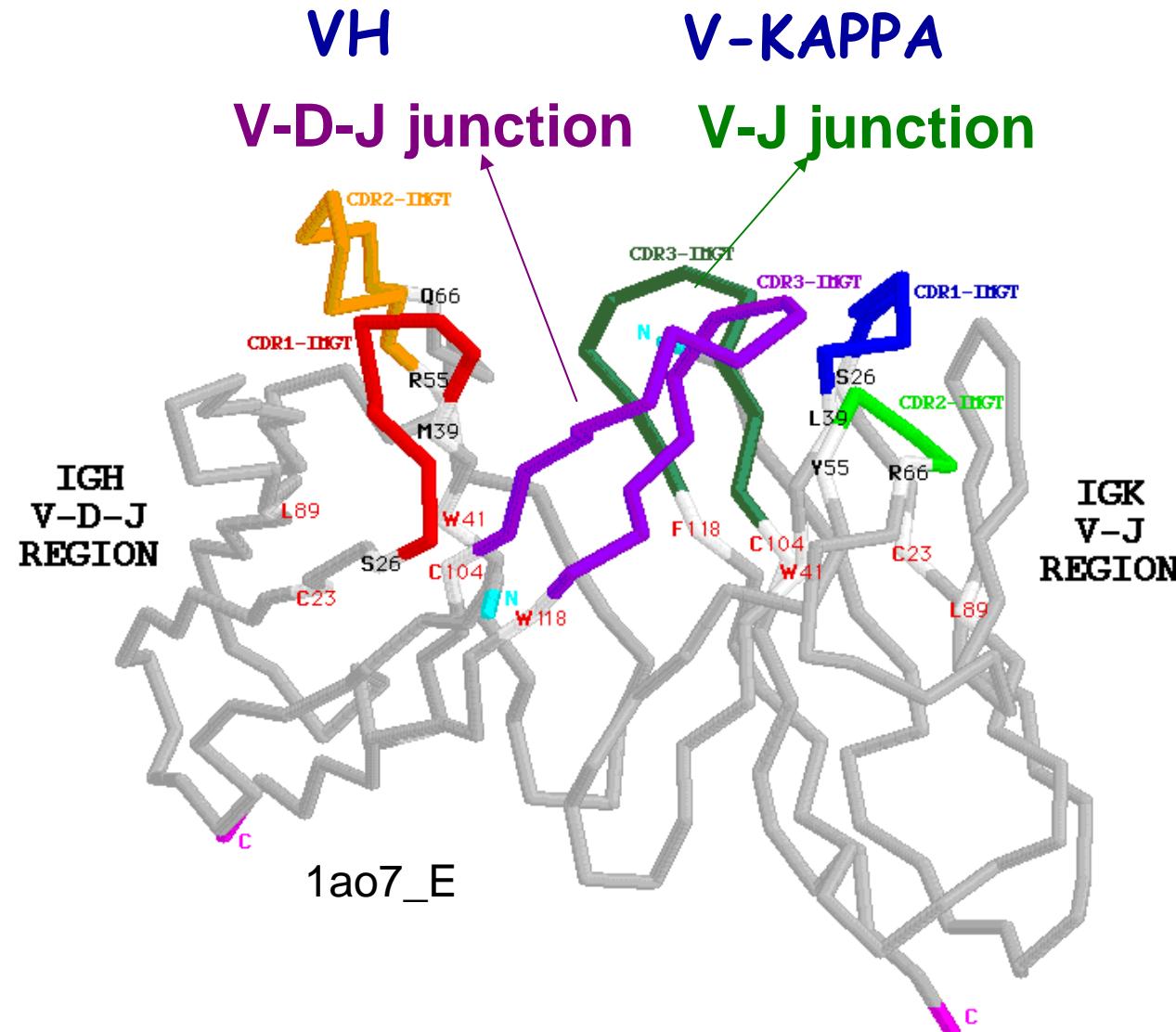
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T cell receptor

Immunoglobulin V-DOMAINS



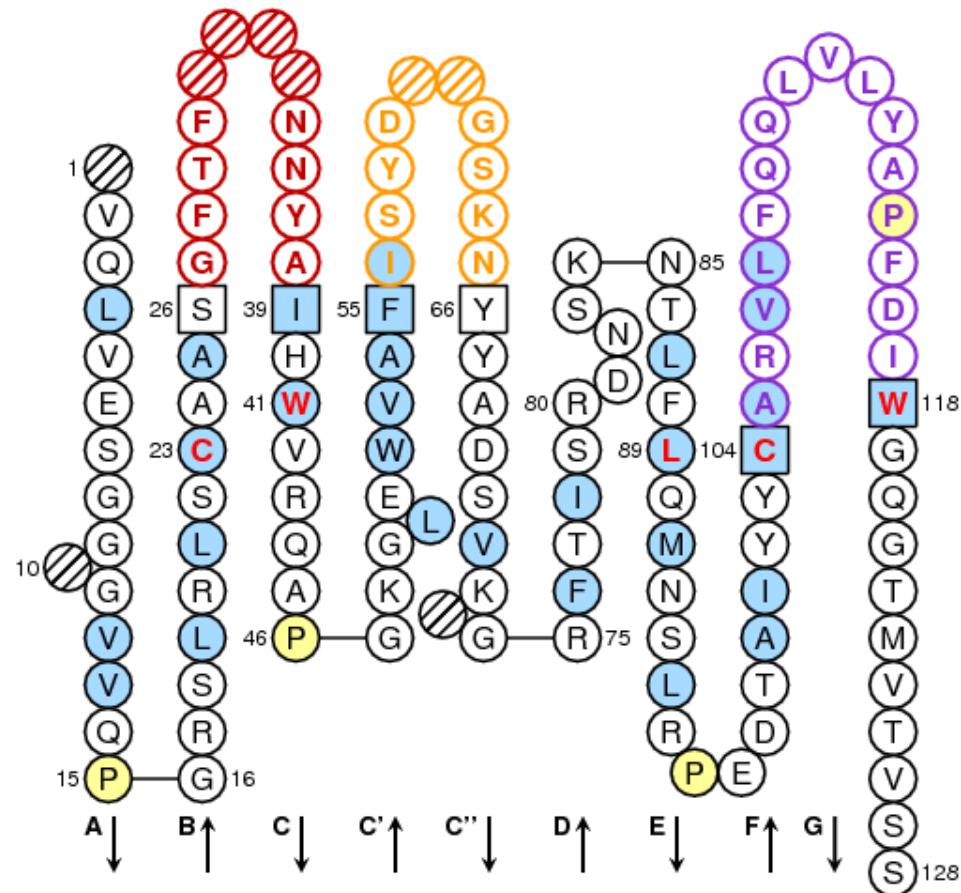
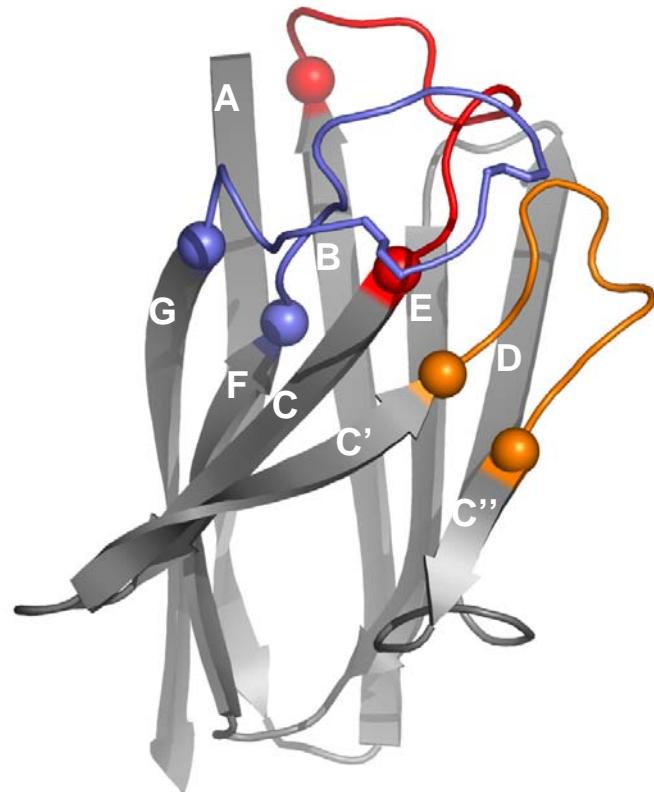
Side view of the V-DOMAINS

CDR: complementarity determining region

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IMGT Colliers de Perles for V-DOMAIN (IG and TR)

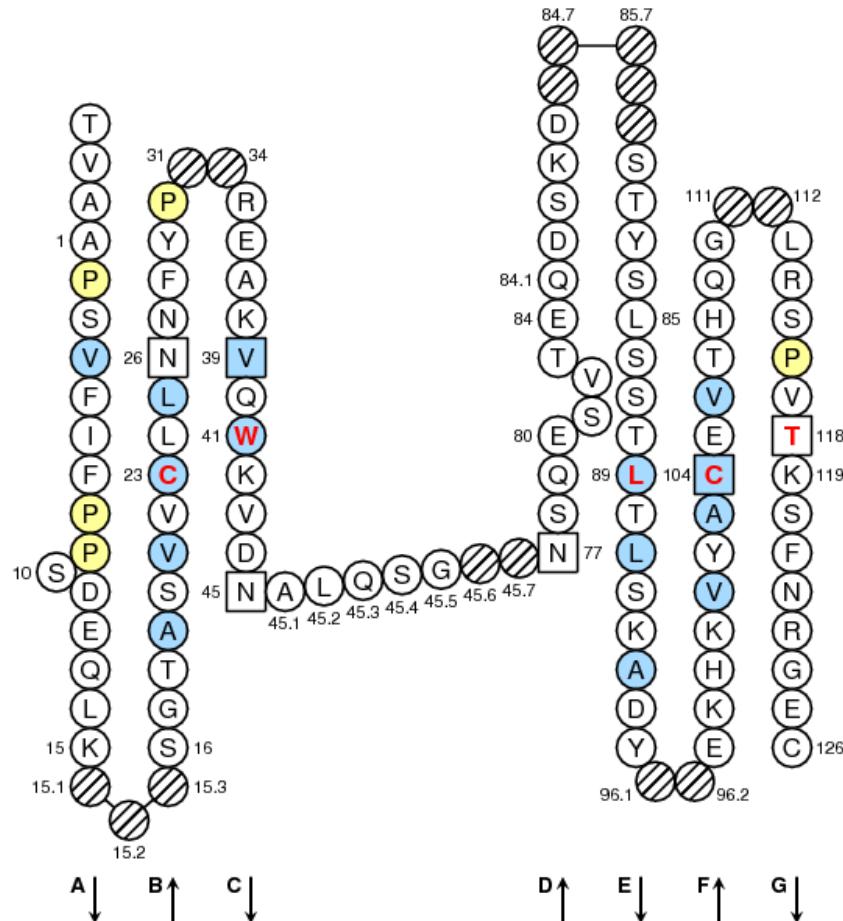
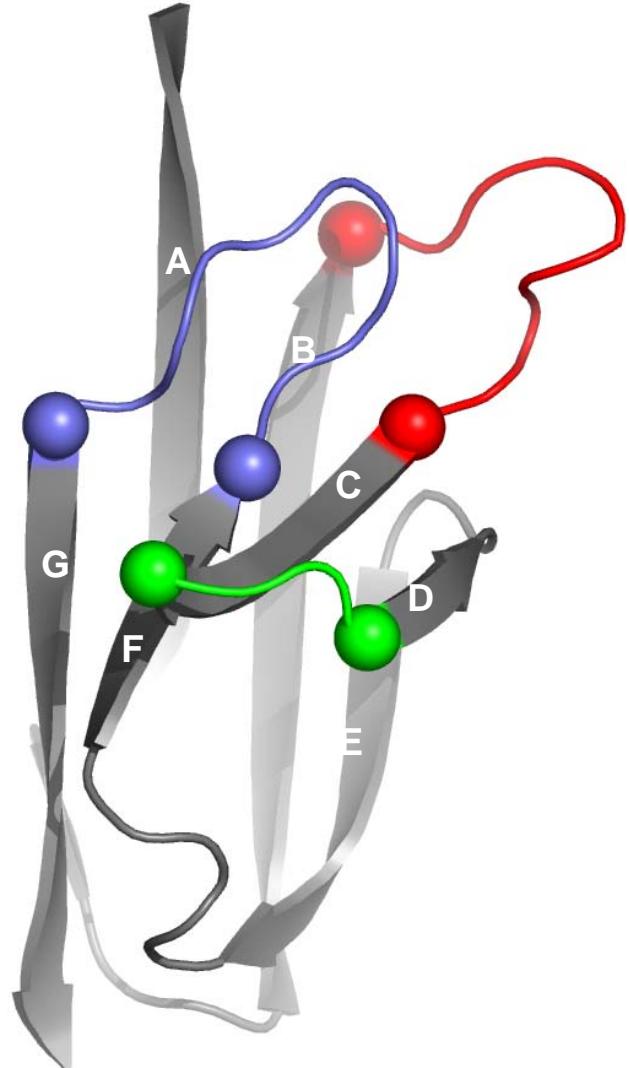
The 3D structure of a V-DOMAIN



IGHV V-DOMAIN from B7-15A2 (1aqk_H)

IMGT Colliers de Perles for C-DOMAIN (IG and TR)

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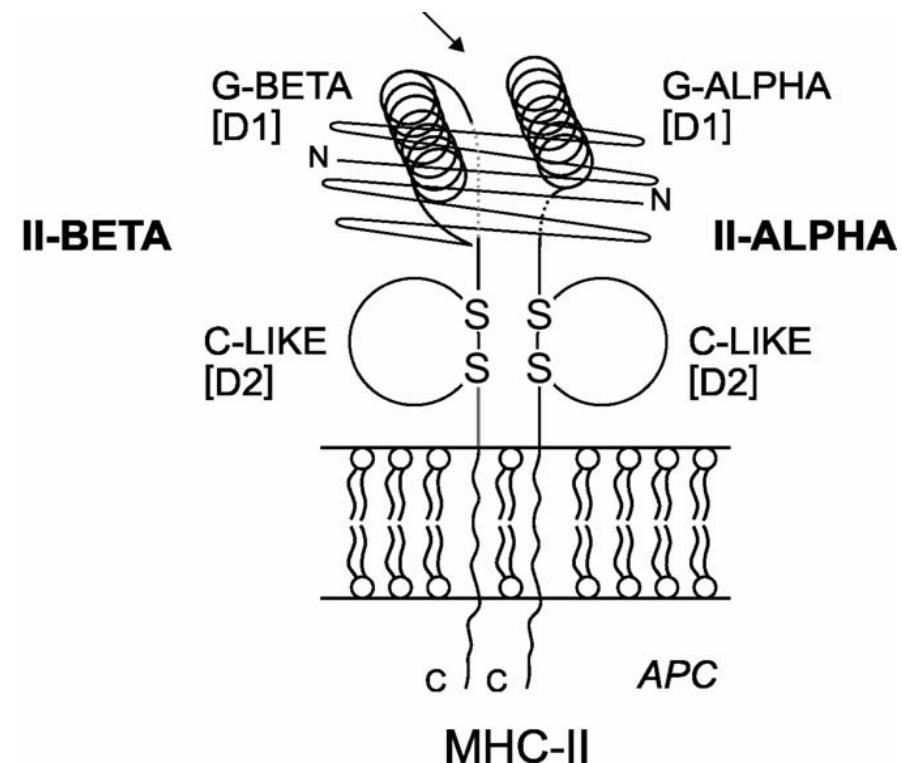
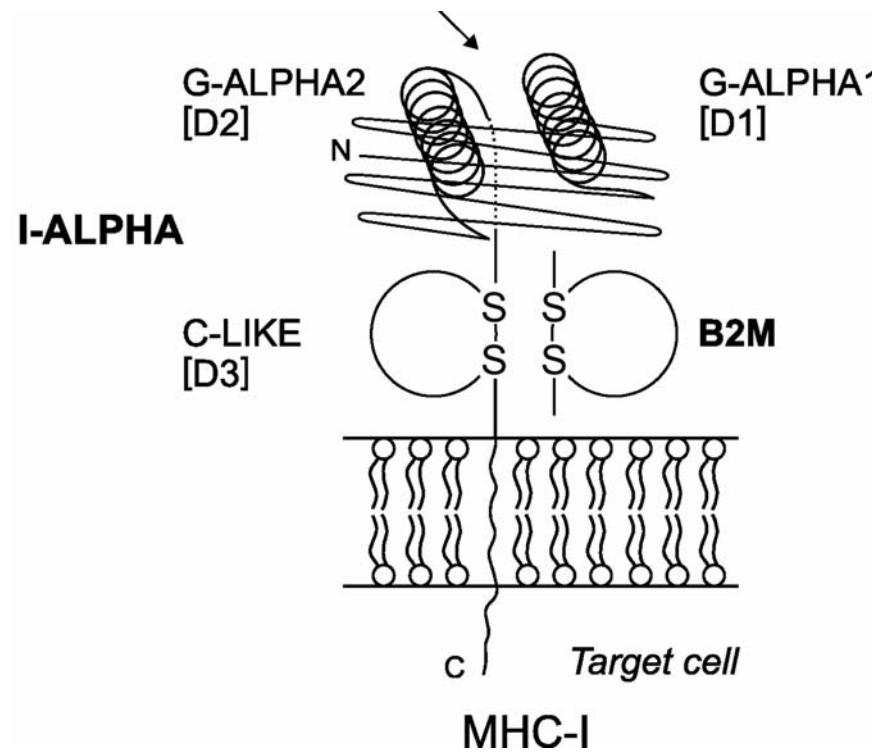


MHC class I and MHC class II

The groove is made by two G-DOMAINs that belong

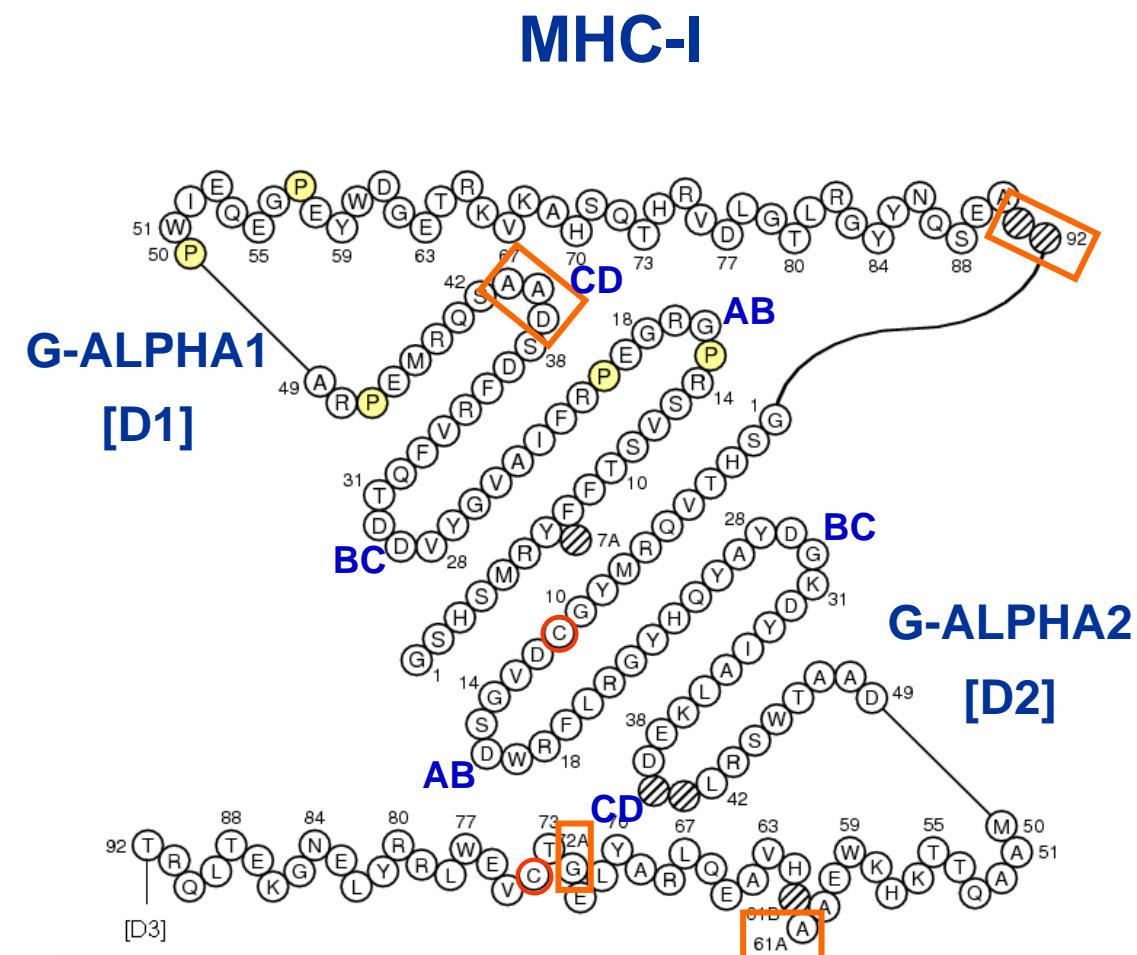
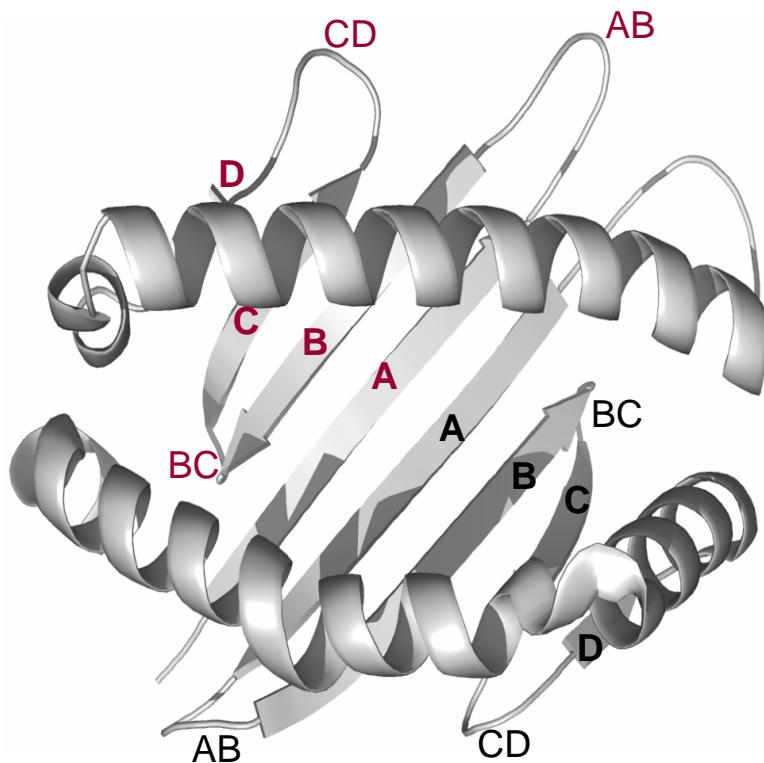
both to the same chain
I-ALPHA
in MHC class I

each one to a different chain
II-ALPHA and II-BETA
in MHC class II



IMGT Colliers de Perles for G-DOMAIN (MHC-I)

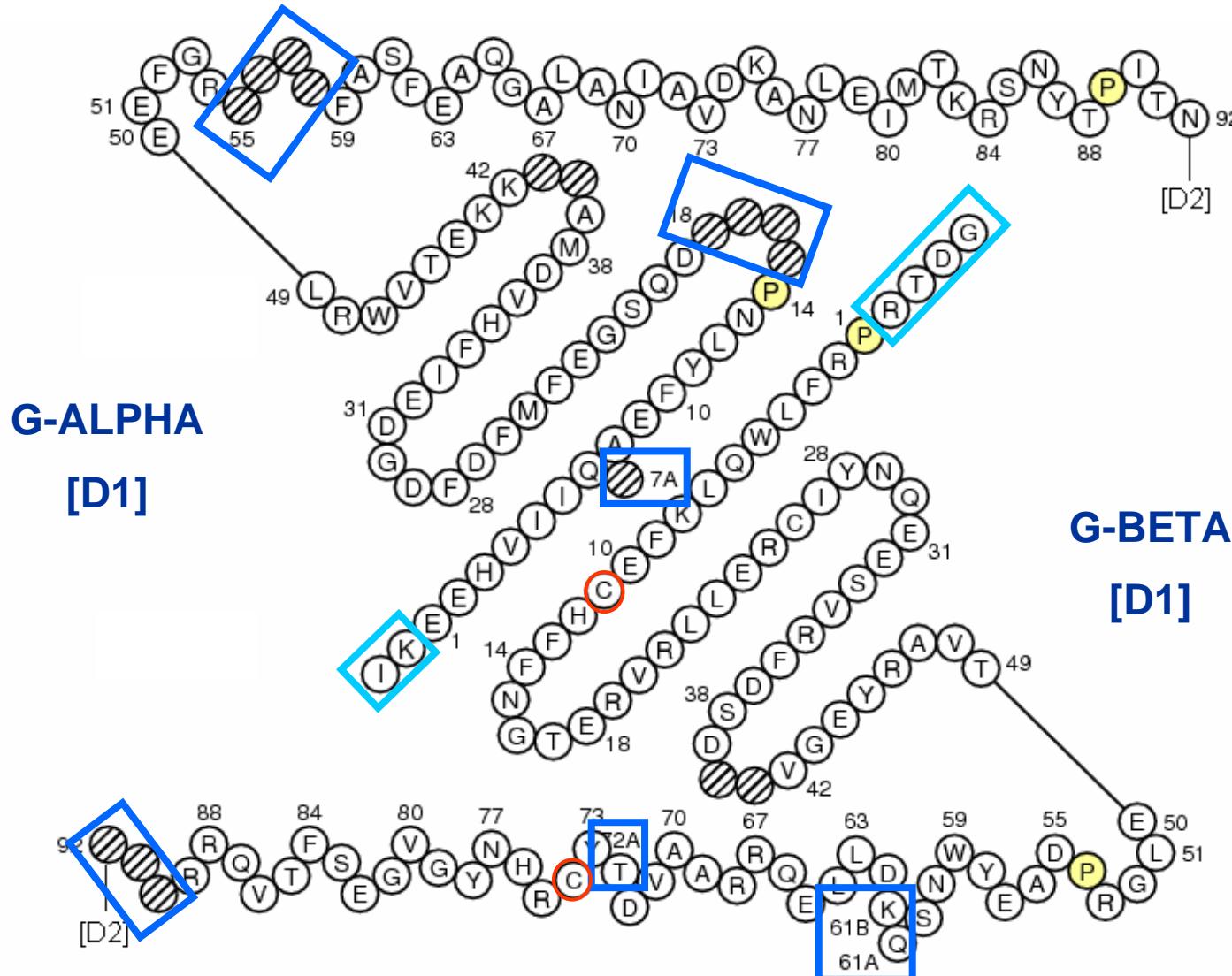
The 3D structure of G-DOMAINS



Lefranc et al., Dev. Comp. Immunol. 29, 917-938 (2005)

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MHC-II



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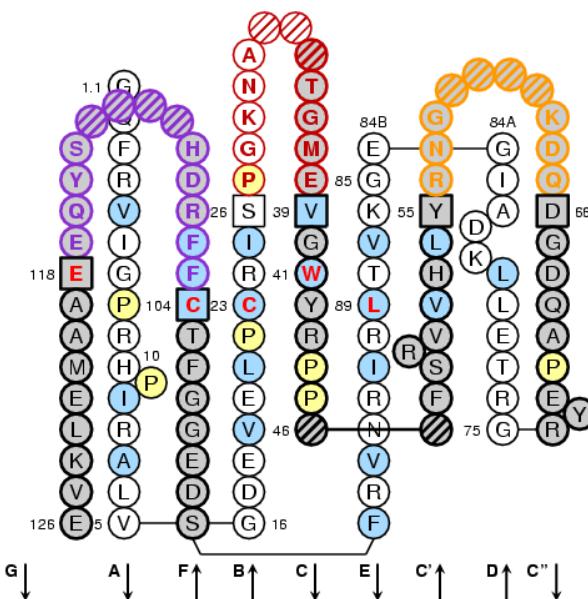
Comparison of strand, turn and helix lengths Of G-DOMAINs

	G-ALPHA1	G-ALPHA2
A-STRAND	14	14
AB-TURN	3	3
B-STRAND	11	11
BC-TURN	2	2
C-STRAND	8	8
CD-TURN	3	1
D-STRAND	8	8
HELIX	41	45 (61A,72A)
Total	90	92

	G-ALPHA	G-BETA
A-STRAND	14- 15 (7A) +2	14 +4
AB-TURN	0	3
B-STRAND	10	11
BC-TURN	2	2
C-STRAND	8	8
CD-TURN	1	1
D-STRAND	8	8
HELIX	39	43 (61A,61B,72A)
Total	84-85	94

IMGT Colliers de Perles for IgSF and MhcSF

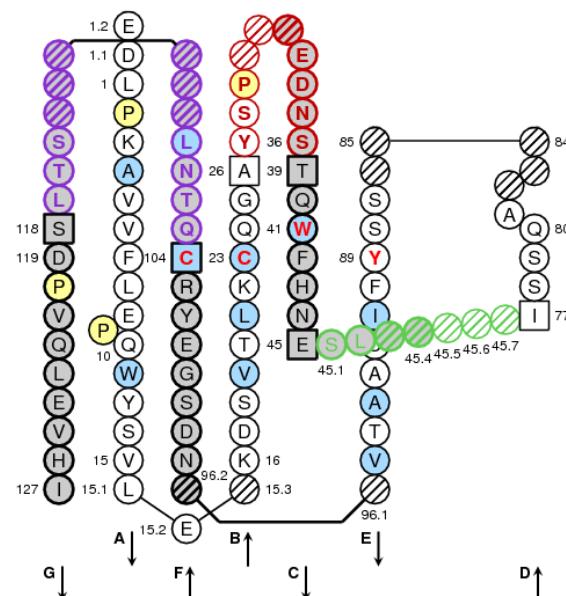
V-DOMAIN (IG,TR) AND V-LIKE-DOMAIN (other than IG,TR)



MOG
(1pkq_E)

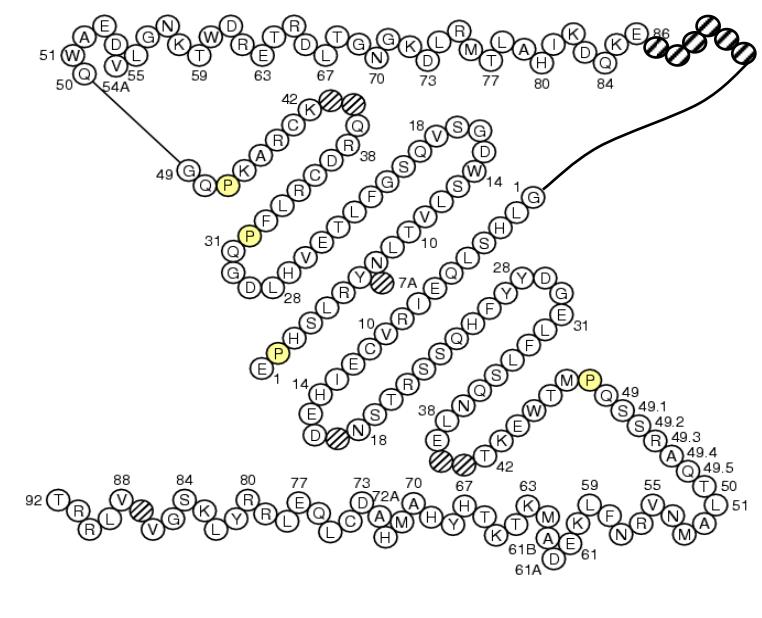
Immunoglobulin superfamily (IgSF)

C-DOMAIN (IG,TR) AND C-LIKE-DOMAIN (other than IG,TR)



FCGR3B
(1e4k)

G-DOMAIN (MHC) AND G-LIKE-DOMAIN (other than MHC)



MICA
(1hyr)

MHC superfamily (MhcSF)

IMGT Protein displays

Protein display: Chimpanzee (*Pan troglodytes*) IGH C-REGIONS

The IGHC protein display numbering is according to the [IMGT unique numbering for C-DOMAIN and C-LIKE-DOMAIN](#).

Only the *01 allele of each functional or ORF [C-REGION](#) is shown.

N-glycosylation sites (NXS/T, where X is different from P) are underlined.

☞ The hinge exon(s) are shown at the end of the protein display.

IGHC genes	A	AB	B	BC	C	CD	D	DE	E	EF	F	FG	G
	----->	----->	----->	----->	----->	----->	----->	----->	----->	----->	----->	----->	
	1	10	15	16	20	23	30	36	39	41	45	77	84
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CH1													
X53702 , IGHA1	(A) SPTSPKVPLSLDSNPQ....DGNVVVA <u>C</u> LVQ GFFPQ.EPLS	VT <u>W</u> SESG <u>QGV</u>TATNFPPS <u>QDASG</u>DLYTTSSQLTLPATQC..LAGKSVC	HVKHY...TNPSQ DVT <u>W</u> PCR										
X53706 , IGHA2	(A) SPTSPKVPLSLDSNPQ....DGNVVVA <u>C</u> LVQ GFFPQ.EPLS	VT <u>W</u> SESG <u>QNV</u>TATNFPPS <u>QDASG</u>DLYTTSSQLTLPATQC..LAGKSVC	HVTHY...TNPSQ DVT <u>W</u> PCR										
M15398 , IGHE	(A) PTRSPSLFPLTRCCKNIP <u>S</u> .ATSVTLG <u>C</u> LAM GYFP..EPVM	VT <u>W</u> DAGSL <u>NG</u>TTMTLPATTLTPS....GHYATISLLTVSGAW....AKQMFTC RVAHPSSTDWVD NKTFS											
X65284 , IGHG1 c	(A) STKGPSVFLAPSSKSTS...GGTQALG <u>C</u> LVK DYFP..EPVT	VSWNSGALT <u>S</u>GVHTFP <u>AVLQSS</u>GLYS <u>LSSV</u> TVP <u>SSSL</u> ...GTQTYIC NVDHKP..SNTKV DKKV											
AF300436 , IGHG2		AVLQSS.....GLYS <u>LSSV</u> AVP <u>SSNF</u> ...GTQTYIC NVDHKP..SNTKV DKT <u>V</u>											
AF300434 , IGHG3		AVLQSS.....GLYS <u>LSSV</u> TVP <u>SSSL</u> ...GTQTYIC NVDHKP..SNTKV DK <u>RV</u>											
AF300432 , IGHG4		AVLQSS.....GLYS <u>LSSV</u> TVP <u>SSSL</u> ...GTQTYIC NVDHKP..SNTKV DKT <u>V</u>											
AF300430 , IGHGP		AVLQSS.....GLYS <u>LSSV</u> TVP <u>SSSL</u> ...GTQTYIC NVDHKP..SNTKV DK <u>RV</u>											
CH2													
X53702 , IGHA1 (1)	CCHPRLLLHRPALEDLLL..GSEANLT <u>C</u> TLT GLRDA.SGAT	FT <u>W</u> SPSSG <u>KGS</u>AVQGPP <u>ERDL<u>CG</u></u>CYSVSSV <u>LPGCAEPW..NHGETFTC</u> TAAYPE..SKTPL TAN <u>ITKS</u>										
X53706 , IGHA2 (1)	CCHPRLSLHRPALEDLLL..GSEANLT <u>C</u> TLT GLRDA.SGAT	FT <u>W</u> TPPSG <u>KGS</u>AVQGPP <u>ERDL<u>CG</u></u>CYSVSSV <u>LPGCAQPW..NHGETFTC</u> TAAHPE..LKNPL TAN <u>ITKS</u>										
M15398 , IGHE	(V) CSRDFPTVKVLQSSCDGGGH <u>F</u> .PPTIQLL <u>C</u> LVS GYTP..GTIN	IT <u>W</u> LED <u>GQVMD</u> ...VDSL <u>STASATQEG</u>ELAST <u>QSEL</u> TLSQKH <u>W</u> .LSDRTYT <u>C</u>	QVTYQ...GGTF EDSTKK <u>CA</u>										
X61311 , IGHG1 c	(A) PELLGGPSVFLFPPPKPD <u>TLMI</u> .SRTPEV <u>T</u> CVVV DVSHEDPEVK	FN <u>W</u> YV <u>DGVEVH</u> ...NAKTKP <u>REEQYN</u>STYRVV <u>SV</u> LTVLHQ <u>DW..LNGKEY</u> IC KVS <u>NKA..LPAPI</u> EKT <u>ISKAK</u>											

IMGT/DomainGapAlign to gap the amino acid sequences of V, C and G domains

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<http://imgt3d.igh.cnrs.fr/cgi/DomainGapAlign.cgi>

Sequence number: test

Your sequence

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EVQLVESGGGLVQPGGSLKLSCAASGFTLGSNSWHWVRQASGKGLEWVGRIKRNAESDAT
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Closest reference gene and allele(s) from the IMGT domain directory

Gene and allele	Species	Domain	Smith-Waterman Score	Identity percentage	Overlap	Align your sequence with
IGHV3-73*01	Homo sapiens	1	558	84.7	98	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
IGHV3-73*02	Homo sapiens	1	558	84.7	98	<input type="radio"/>

Alignment with the closest gene and allele from the IMGT domain directory

V type domain identified in your sequence test

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Domain type: Variable (V)

Number of layers: 1

CDR-IMGT color type: 1 (RPIJGH,TRB,TRD)

Background color: 50% Hydrophobic positions

Domain sequence: EVQLVESGG . GLVQPGGSLKLSCAASGFTL . . . SGSNVHUVRQASGKGLEUWGRRIKRNAES

Domain sequence viewer with scroll bars.

Amino acid insertions: Position, Length, Numbering labels, ADD button.

CDR3-IMGT length: 10

Your domain title: [empty input field]

DRAW!

The diagram shows a circular arrangement of amino acids, each represented by a colored circle. The colors correspond to the CDR-IMGT color type: red for R, blue for I, orange for H, green for G, yellow for P, purple for D, and pink for V. The amino acids are connected by lines, forming a chain. Numbered positions are indicated along the chain, such as 1, 10, 23, 26, 39, 41, 46, 55, 66, 80, 85, 89, 104, 118, and 128. Below the chain, labels A through G are positioned with arrows pointing to specific points: A points to the bottom left, B to the bottom center, C to the bottom right, C' to the middle right, C'' to the middle left, D to the top right, E to the bottom left, F to the middle right, and G to the bottom right. The diagram is set against a background of vertical lines representing hydrophobic positions.

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IMGT protein name	IMGT receptor type	IMGT receptor description	Ligand(s)	Species	CC	Chain ID
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HLA-A*0201	MHC	MHC-I-ALPHA_B2M		<i>Homo sapiens</i> (Human)	1	[1ao7 A 1ao7 B]
		Peptide	Tax peptide 11-19 (Q82235)	Human T lymphotropic virus type 1	1	[1ao7 C]

Experimental technique X-ray diffraction

Resolution (in angstrom) 2.6

PDB release date 17-SEP-97

Epitope and Chain details

Contact analysis

3D visualization
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comparison

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Reference 1ao7: *Garboczi et al., Nature 384, 134-141 (1996)*

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Contacts of Domain V-ALPHA with Domain G-ALPHA1

Summary:

Residue contacts	Number of residues			Atom contact types		
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15	16	9	7	126	22	3

Contacts of
Domain Chain
V-ALPHA 1ao7_D *with* **Domain Chain**
G-ALPHA1 1ao7_A

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R@P 27	ASP	D	V-ALPHA 1ao7_D	R@P 58	GLU	E	G-ALPHA1 1ao7_A	24	6	1
R@P 28	ARG	R	V-ALPHA 1ao7_D	R@P 58	GLU	E	G-ALPHA1 1ao7_A	1	1	0
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R@P 114	GLY	G	V-ALPHA 1ao7_D	R@P 65	ARG	R	G-ALPHA1 1ao7_A	7	1	0

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R@P 114	GLY	G	V-ALPHA	1ao7_D	R@P 65	ARG	R	G-ALPHA1	1ao7_A	7	1	0

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K 2
 S 26

 D 27
 R 28
 Q 37

 T 108
 D 109
 W 113
 G 114

IMGT/3Dstructure-DB: Contact Analysis



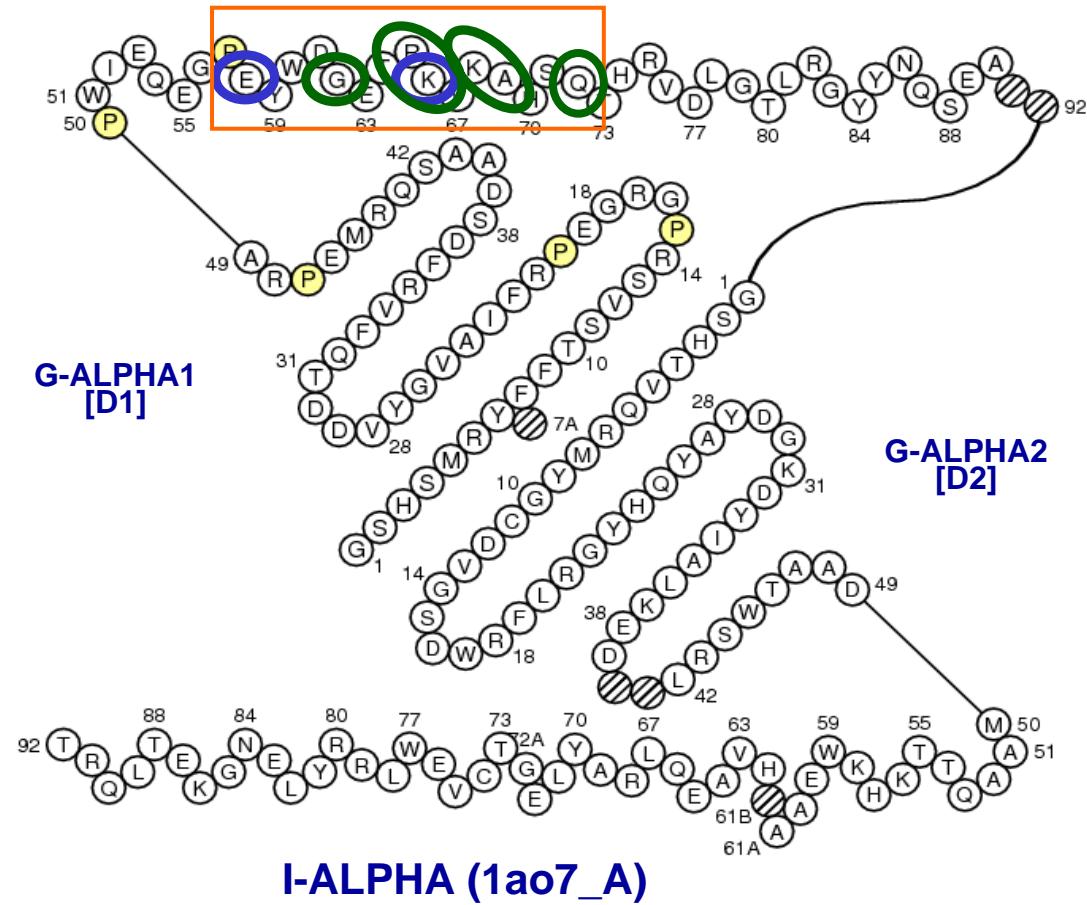
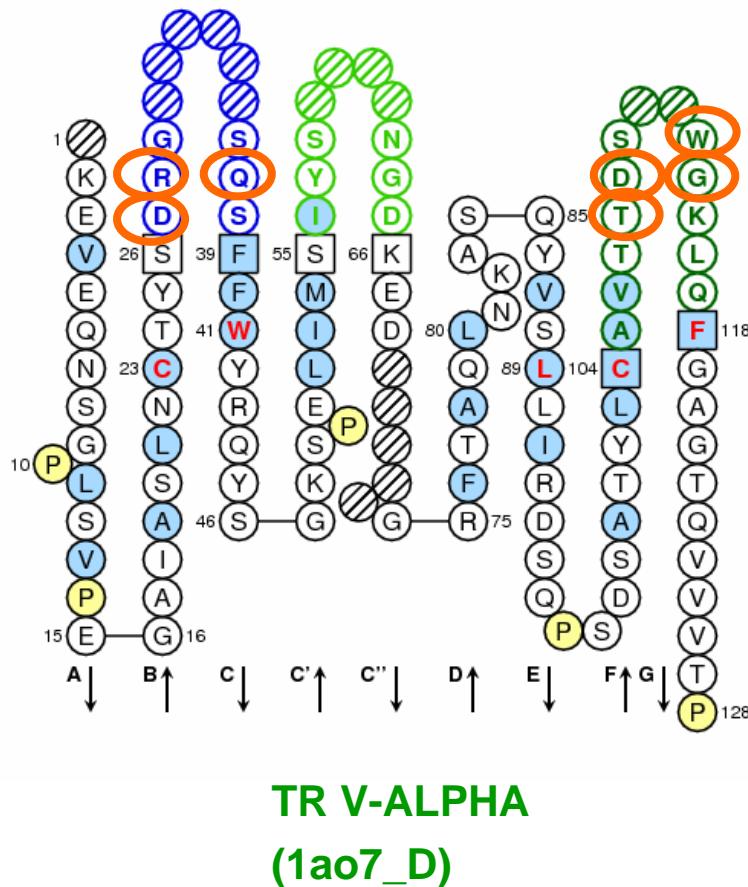
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Contacts of V-ALPHA with G-ALPHA1

Summary:							Contacts of			
Residue contacts	Number of residues			Atom contact types			Domain V-ALPHA 1ao7_D	Chain 1ao7_D	with	Domain G-ALPHA1 1ao7_A
	Total	From 1	From 2	Total	Polar	Hydrogen				
15	16	9	7	126	22	3				
List of the Residue@Position pair contacts:										
Click 'R@P' for IMGT Residue@Position cards										
Order				Order				Atom contacts		
IMGT Num	Residue	Domain	Chain	IMGT Num	Residue	Domain	Chain	Total	Polar	Hydrogen
R@P 2	LYS K	V-ALPHA	1ao7_D	R@P 58	GLU E	G-ALPHA1	1ao7_A	7	1	0
R@P 26	SER S	V-ALPHA	1ao7_D	R@P 58	GLU E	G-ALPHA1	1ao7_A	3	2	0
R@P 27	ASP D	V-ALPHA	1ao7_D	R@P 58	GLU E	G-ALPHA1	1ao7_A	24	6	1
R@P 28	ARG R	V-ALPHA	1ao7_D	R@P 58	GLU E	G-ALPHA1	1ao7_A	1	1	0
R@P 37	GLN Q	V-ALPHA	1ao7_D	R@P 66	LYS K	G-ALPHA1	1ao7_A	4	1	0
R@P 108	THR T	V-ALPHA	1ao7_D	R@P 65	ARG R	G-ALPHA1	1ao7_A	5	2	1
R@P 108	THR T	V-ALPHA	1ao7_D	R@P 66	LYS K	G-ALPHA1	1ao7_A	1	0	0
R@P 109	ASP D	V-ALPHA	1ao7_D	R@P 62	GLY G	G-ALPHA1	1ao7_A	1	1	0
R@P 109	ASP D	V-ALPHA	1ao7_D	R@P 65	ARG R	G-ALPHA1	1ao7_A	19	5	1
R@P 109	ASP D	V-ALPHA	1ao7_D	R@P 66	LYS K	G-ALPHA1	1ao7_A	14	1	0
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R@P 113	TRP W	V-ALPHA	1ao7_D	R@P 68	LYS K	G-ALPHA1	1ao7_A	8	0	0
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R@P 113	TRP W	V-ALPHA	1ao7_D	R@P 72	GLN Q	G-ALPHA1	1ao7_A	4	0	0
R@P 114	GLY G	V-ALPHA	1ao7_D	R@P 65	ARG R	G-ALPHA1	1ao7_A	7	1	0

Contacts of V-ALPHA with G-ALPHA1

The contacts involve CDR1-IMGT and CDR3-IMGT of V-ALPHA



Conclusion

1. IMGT Colliers de Perles are the **standardized graphical 2D representations** of the **IMGT unique numbering** for the V- and V-LIKE domains, C and C-LIKE domains, G and G-LIKE domains of the IgSF and MhcSF.
2. IMGT Colliers de Perles **bridge the gaps between sequences and 3D structures**. They are highly valuable in the absence of 3D structures for the delimitation of strands, turns, loops and helix, and for the display of conserved amino acids.
3. IMGT Colliers de Perles allow to **compare the domains** of a same type **whatever the species, the chain type and the receptor type**.
4. When the **3D structure is known**, the IMGT Colliers de Perles describe the **contacts between amino acids**.
5. IMGT Colliers de Perles are particularly **useful for antibody engineering** : they allow to map a sequence on the domain conserved topology, in order to perform **comparison with germline sequences** and to determine the amino acid positions which are potentially immunogenic.



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