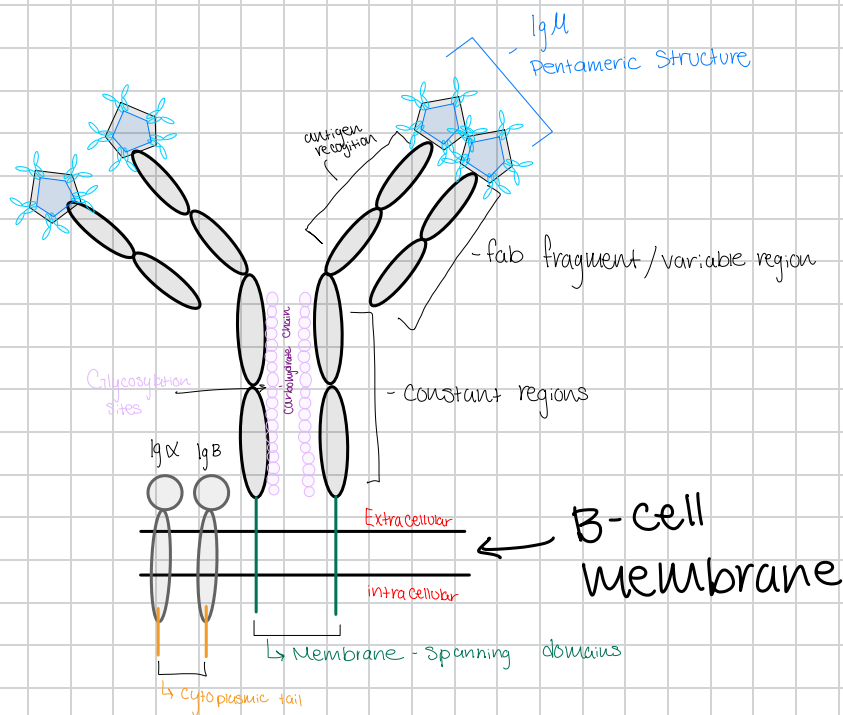


Draw IgM

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IgM B-Cell receptor (membrane-embedded IgM)



Paragraph

The membrane-bound IgM B-cell Receptor (BCR) has a complex structure which has 5 IgM antibody subunits that form a pentamer. Each subunit contains an antigen-binding fragment with the variable regions tailored to interact with various antigens, while the constant regions provide structural stability. A transmembrane domain anchors the receptor within the B-cell membrane, distinguishing it from the soluble IgM pentamer that circulates in bloodstream. Glycosylation sites within the IgM BCR enhance functionality and stability, which aids in molecular interactions. The cytoplasmic tail allows for critical signaling which is essential for B-cell activation. Lastly, the membrane-spanning domain and cytoplasmic tails are designed for immune response, hence reinforcing their role in B-cell activation and activation for immune responses.