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Lymphoid Follicle

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Nodular structures composed of lymphocytes. In the absence of immune stimulation, they are called primary follicles and are composed of small B-lymphocytes. With antigenic stimulation the B-lymphocytes replicate and differentiate, to give rise to secondary follicles which are composed of germinal centers and are surrounded by mantle zones.