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Immune Phenomena in Autoimmune Skin Disorders

Message from the Guest Editors

Autoimmune bullous diseases of the skin and mucous membranes constitute a heterogeneous group of autoimmune mucocutaneous conditions. Antibodies also play a pivotal role in cutaneous pathology in autoimmune connective tissue diseases and vasculitides. Antinuclear antibodies (ANAs) and anti-neutrophil cytoplasmic antibodies (ANCAs) will be discussed. This topic aims to describe recent advances and perspectives on the triggers of autoimmunity, autoantibody turnover and antibody-mediated molecular pathways leading to the clinical manifestations of these diseases. The progress in their diagnosis using imaging techniques and molecular-biochemical methods will be presented. Finally, current and potential treatment regimens aimed at achieving sustained remission of these illnesses will be discussed. Given the immense complexity and extracutaneous pathologies of these conditions, this topic should attract scholars both in fundamental antibody research as well as in clinical research and be of interest to diverse medical community professionals.

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Antibodies is a relatively new journal with a major focus on quick dissemination of knowledge related to antibodies, especially how to quickly translate basic research results to therapeutic applications. Because it covers all areas related to antibodies unexpected connections between different areas could be made, leading to major discoveries and opening new fields of research and development. This is enhanced by the large readership of the many antibody-related areas of research. A specific priority area is human monoclonal antibodies for therapy of diseases and aging.

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