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The Role of the Immune System in Kidney Disease: Advances in Mechanisms and Therapeutics

Message from the Guest Editor

The kidney is a vital organ with multiple functions for the organism, including the filtration of toxic substances from serum and the regulation of blood pressure or hematopoiesis. There is a very close relationship between the kidney and the immune system. It is well known that the immune system may be at the origin of many variants of kidney diseases, either directly or indirectly. For example, immune system dysregulation, involving the production of autoantibodies, is the cause of diseases, such as IgA glomerulopathies, lupus nephropathy, ANCA-associated vasculitis, or membranous nephropathy. In recent decades, much progress has been made in the mechanisms of the allogeneic response and immunosuppression, which has opened up new avenues of study with great therapeutic potential. The aim of this Special Issue is to compile emerging research in the field of immunology related to kidney disease. The spectrum of studies is very broad, but always within the effects of the immune system on the kidney. In addition, therapeutic applications for the treatment of immune-mediated nephropathies, including those resulting from kidney transplantation, are welcomed.

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