Special Issue

Type 1 Diabetes and Associated Immune-Mediated Diseases: Focus on Environmental Factors

Message from the Guest Editors

Type 1 diabetes (T1D) is an autoimmune disease in which environmental factors play an important role, as documented by the remarkably growing T1D incidence in developed countries and decreasing age of disease onset in recent decades. Pathogenic, effector, and regulatory immune responses may all be influenced by the environment, but due to their complexities and variability, these interactions are difficult to dissect and to define, yet they represent a promising and relatively safe approach in disease prevention or arrest. Infections, dietary factor, intestinal microbiota, metabolism and metabolites, and their interplays are capable of shaping preferentially mucosal, adaptive and innate immune responses. The focus of this Special Issue is on the role of immunity, diets, microbiota, and/or metabolites not confined only to T1D, but also including T1D-associated autoimmune diseases such as celiac disease, autoimmune thyroid disease, autoimmune gastritis, pernicious anemia, Sjogren's syndrome, as well as other immune-mediated diseases (e.g., psoriasis or Parkinson's disease) in which parallels in terms of the role of immunity and the environment may be found.

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