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Major Histocompatibility Complex (MHC) in Health and Disease 2022

Message from the Guest Editors

The major histocompatibility complex (MHC) antigen presenting molecules consist of two primary classes of glycoproteins that bind peptides derived from intracellular or extracellular antigens and play an integral role in adaptive and innate immune defense systems. This proposed Special Issue of the MHC in Health and Disease is a follow-up to our first edition in 2019 where we published eighteen articles. These articles helped to further demonstrate the immense complexity and diversity of the MHC structure and function within and between different vertebrate species in regulating innate and adaptive immunity. The aim of this second edition is to continue and expand our examination of the polymorphic MHC class I and class II genes, haplotypes, and molecules with an added focus on their cellular functions, molecular interactions and immunity-related networks in health and disease, together with self and non-self recognition, and their role in the susceptibility and resistance to SARS-CoV-2 infections and associated COVID-19 symptoms.

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