

Special Issue

Innate Immunity in Autoimmune Diseases

Message from the Guest Editors

The innate immune system comprises a variety of factors that influence and participate in virtually all aspects of inflammation and immunity. It is crucial for host defense, but under special conditions, the activation of cells of the innate immune system can break the state of inactivity in auto-reactive cells of the adaptive immune system, thereby provoking autoimmune diseases, such as rheumatoid arthritis (RA), systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), multiple sclerosis (MS) or inflammatory bowel disease. Multiple steps and multiple components of both the innate and the adaptive immune system are implicated in the generation of autoimmunity and therefore diseases. The innate immune system is crucial to both the beginning and end of autoimmunity. This Special Issue aims to open a discussion on these themes through valuable contributions from pathologists, rheumatologists, dermatologists, and gastroenterologists, creating a common forum for exchanging information and presenting the most cutting edge knowledge in the field. Since IJMS is a journal of molecular science, we will first accept original articles and then outstanding reviews.

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