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New Insights in Autoimmune Arthritis and Nephritis

Message from the Guest Editors

The immune response system has a central role in eliminating detrimental factors by frequently launching inflammatory responses towards pathogen infection and inner danger signal outbreak. Acute and chronic inflammatory responses are critical determinants for consequences of inflammatory arthritis and nephritis, in which cytokine network systems were inevitably involved. ... Therefore, challenges in autoimmune arthritis and nephritis include continuing to improve the advances in pathogenesis and molecular biology, and novel therapeutic options. This Research Topic aims to discuss the cytokine network in terms of pathological processes. It will be crucial to select cytokine targets based not on one single inflammatory pathway but rather on a biosystematic approach to pathogenesis. Implicit in this will be the recognition of pivotal checkpoints that facilitate the progression from autoimmunity to chronic inflammation in autoimmune arthritis and nephritis.

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