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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Allergic diseases are becoming increasingly detrimental to global health and economics. Classical allergic inflammation is caused by elevated allergen-specific IgE responses that promote basophil and mast cell degranulation upon encountering allergens. The only established disease-modifying treatment for allergic diseases—allergen-specific immunotherapy (AIT or SIT)—is not available for all types of allergies and still requires optimization from an efficacy/safety standpoint, as it currently requires a multitude of allergen extract injections over long time periods. Mechanistically, AIT aims to shift the type 2 inflammatory immune response towards a tolerant outcome.

This Special Issue aims to improve our understanding of:

1. The mechanisms that drive and suppress allergic sensitization and inflammation;
2. The mechanisms by which allergic immune responses could be shifted towards tolerance by therapeutic vaccination and/or adjuvantation strategies;
3. How the ability of allergens/vaccines to trigger the degranulation of mast cells and basophils could be reduced without losing their immunogenicity and their disease-modifying properties.





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