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Cytokines and Cytokine Receptors in Inflammation and Immunity

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Cytokines are a diverse group of cell-signaling soluble factors that play a key role regulating inflammation and immunity. The biology of cytokines can be very elusive since their expression is highly controlled and usually brief. Moreover, they can act at different ranges (autocrine, paracrine, and endocrine signaling) and on multiple cells with contrasting outcomes (activation, proliferation, or differentiation). Furthermore, cytokine function is strongly impacted by the cellular and molecular context. Cytokine signaling is contingent on the expression of cognate cytokine receptors in the responding cells, which are often formed by more than one polypeptide chain. Interestingly, cytokine receptor chains can be shared by different cytokines. Research into cytokines and cytokine receptors has an enormous translational potential. In this Special Issue, we invite contributions on any aspect related to the biology of cytokines and cytokine receptors including, but not limited to, signaling, gene expression and regulation, structure, homeostasis, physiopathology, and clinical applications.

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