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T Cell Responses in SARS-CoV-2

Message from the Guest Editors

The severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) pandemic is affecting the world's population in manifold ways, and we are still searching for solutions in order to reach the stage of controlled endemicity. So far, research and vaccine development has largely focused on spike glycoprotein-specific antibody induction and stability, which is critical to avoid infection and limit the spread of SARS-CoV-2. However, increasing global immunity driving the evolution of escape mutations is increasing the importance of a broad, robust T-cell memory-based immunity. The development of second-generation vaccines will require an extensive knowledge of T-cell responses, including type and conservation of T-cell epitopes, pre-existing immunity as well as induction, compartmentalization, stability, and phenotype of overall T cell responses.

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