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Immune Functions and Therapeutic Potential of B Lymphocytes in Autoimmune Disorders

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Autoimmune disorders (AID) are characterized by loss of immune tolerance to self-antigens. While several immune cell types are aberrantly activated in AID, the B cell lineage is essential for both initiating and propagating the disease process. As a result, the broad immunotherapeutic targeting of B cells has entered the clinical arena, including specific B cell depletion. However, current approaches eradicate not only self-reactive B cells but also B cell subsets that play a protective role in immune defense. Therefore, a better understanding of B cell deregulations in AID could lead to more optimized targeted therapeutics.

This Special Issue will consist of insightful articles that assist in gaining a greater understanding of the multiple roles of B lymphocytes in the initiation and progression of autoimmune reactions, as well as the novel therapeutic approaches designed to prevent and/or to treat AID. Both original research articles and review papers will be considered.









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