



Association between Inflammation and Autoimmune Diseases

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Autoimmune diseases (ADs) are chronic pathologies triggered by the loss of immunological tolerance to self-antigens, often causing systemic or organ-specific damage. Genetic and environmental factors are highly involved in the pathogenesis of ADs. Various infections may influence one or more kinds of these diseases, and a single organism may be able to trigger more than one AD.

In this Special Issue, we will address viral and bacterial infections and their pathogenic and virulent mechanisms in autoimmunity.

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