



Current Concept and Emerging Treatments in Autoimmune Bullous Skin Disorders

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Dear Colleagues,

Autoimmune bullous diseases are typical examples of autoantibody-mediated, organ-specific autoimmune disorders. Although there are still gaps in the precise description of their pathogenetic mechanisms, we know that the key step is the formation of circulating and tissue-bound autoantibodies against target adhesion structures of the skin and mucous membranes.

This spectrum of diseases was included in the spectrum of orphan diseases for decades. After the introduction of systemic steroids, most of the available immunomodulatory additive medications were not able to achieve a significant and durable therapeutic response.

Rituximab was a huge step in the treatment of pemphigus, and many more targeted therapies have been investigated in pemphigus, bullous pemphigoid and other less frequent autoimmune bullous diseases.

In this issue, we expect to present information on the emerging therapies in this extremely interesting field of dermatology.

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