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Early Nutrition and Immunity in Compromised Newborns

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Immune-mediated complications have a major impact on the outcome of compromised preterm and term neonates. Common neonatal pathologies, such as sepsis, chronic lung disease, necrotizing enterocolitis, or hypoxic-ischaemic encephalopathy all feature alterations in the immune system.

The influence of early enteral and parenteral nutrition on immune development and function, including susceptibility to infection, has become increasingly evident in recent years. However, the underlying associations and mechanisms are poorly understood. In particular, the role of breastfeeding and the effects of the evolving microbiome on the neonatal immune response, influenced by nutrition, have gained increasing attention and have significant therapeutic potential in this vulnerable population, with important implications on long-term health outcomes.

In this Special Issue, we seek submissions exploring molecular and cellular mechanisms as well as epidemiological associations between the role of nutrition and immunity in early life, with a focus on neonatal complications. Reports on relevant clinical trials and nutrition-related health outcomes are also encouraged.







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