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Immune Responses to Antibiotic Exposure or Treatment

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Message from the Guest Editors

The actions of prokaryotic cell-directed antibiotic agents are generally considered safe in mammalians, including humans. Recent advances in bacteria-specific antibiotic actions have been associated with their direct interference with eukaryotic cellular functions, as well as immunity via diverse molecular actions. Moreover, antibiotic exposure or treatment may cause dysbiotic microbial community changes in the normal microbiota, which can be detrimental or beneficial to mammalian immune systems. Any issues linked to acute and chronic inflammatory, malignant, or immunological diseases that are associated with antibiotic exposure or treatments are also recommended. Furthermore, antibiotic exposure- or treatment-linked changes in microbiota comprise another interesting area that may affect the immune system and other immune-linked adverse outcomes. The present Special Issues deal with antibiotic agent-associated actions in immune responses and their clinical implications in humans and animals. However, antibiotic agents are not limited to antibacterial agents, but can include other diverse types of anti-microbial agents against fungi, protists, or parasitic animals.



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