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Malnutrition and Immune System

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Malnutrition is a state of nutrition in which a deficiency or excess (or imbalance) of energy, protein, fats, and other nutrients leads to assessable adverse effects on every system in the body, and always results in increased susceptibility to illness, increased complications, and even death.

Marginal intakes of critical vitamins, minerals, and essential amino acids are necessary for a robust immune system able to fight infection. Moreover, the presence of malnutrition is further exacerbated by the declining gastrointestinal uptake of micronutrients and macronutrients that may occur in high-risk populations living with chronic diseases or being of advanced age.

The purpose of this Special Issue on "Malnutrition and the Immune system" is to offer a novel insight into the effects of nutrition status on immunity. We aim to gather a series of manuscripts on how poor nutrition status influences immune cell homeostasis and on how a balanced diet composed of nutrients vital to health may reduce infection and disease progression, while improving recovery during the course of the disease.













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