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T-bet: a bridge between innate and adaptive immunity

Vanja Lazarevic, Laurie H. Glimcher and Graham M. Lord

The transcription factor T-bet is best known to immunologists as a master regulator of T helper 1 cell differentiation. However, it is becoming apparent that T-bet has important functions in other leukocyte populations, including memory CD8+T cells, B cells, innate lymphoid cells, dendritic cells and natural killer cells. This Review discusses these emerging immunological roles for T-bet.

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Microbiota-mediated colonization resistance against antibiotic-resistant intestinal pathogens

Charlie G. Buffie and Eric G. Pamer

Colonization resistance — protection from exogenous pathogens by commensal bacteria — can be mediated by direct antagonism and by indirect effects on the host immune response. This Review outlines our current knowledge of immune-mediated colonization resistance against clinically relevant, antibiotic-resistant intestinal pathogens and how insights into commensal bacterial species and their mechanisms might be therapeutically used to restore resistance.

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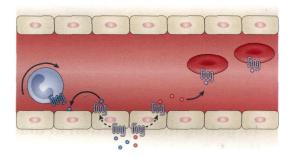
Immunological functions of the neuropilins and plexins as receptors for semaphorins

Atsushi Kumanogoh and Hitoshi Kikutani Semaphorins and their primary receptors, the neuropilins and plexins, participate in a wide range of innate and adaptive immune responses, which has implications for immune disorders such as multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis and allergy.

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Immune regulation by atypical chemokine receptors

Robert J. B. Nibbs and Gerard J. Graham
Chemokines control key immunological processes
by signalling through G protein-coupled receptors.
In addition, chemokines can be bound by atypical
chemokine receptors (ACKRs), which are structurally
related to conventional chemokine receptors, but
which do not mediate classical signalling responses.
This Review describes the biological functions of
ACKRs and introduces the new nomenclature that has
been proposed for this family.



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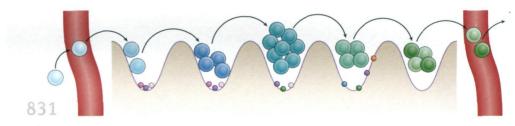
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Thymus involution and regeneration: two sides of the 831 same coin?

Thomas Boehm and Jeremy B. Swann

The age-related involution of the thymus is associated with impaired cellular immunity and it is possible that restoring the thymopoietic activity of the thymus could have medical benefits. In this Opinion article, the authors discuss the development, involution and regeneration of the thymus and highlight the major gaps that still remain in our understanding of these processes.



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