Immune Regulation

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2. Purpose of Education

Main objective of the immunology course for undergraduate students is to provide them the basic ideas how the immune system works and is regulated in various physiological and pathological settings including infections, cancer, autoimmune and allergic disorders, and organ transplantation. In the immunology course for graduate students, they study molecular mechanisms underlying the lymphocyte differentiation and the development of immune disorders such as allergy and primary immunodeficiency, by employing advanced technology in molecular biology, biochemistry, cellular biology and developmental engineering.

3. Research Subjects

- 1) Molecular basis of allergy: Basophil biology and pathology.
- 2) Genetic and molecular studies on the pathogenesis of primary immunodeficiencies.
- 3) Regulation of B cell development

4. Publications

Original Articles

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