

Programme: M.Sc. (Microbiology)

Course Code: MIO 110

Title of the Course: IMMUNOLOGY [T]

Number of Credits: 3

Effective from Academic Year: 2018-19

Prerequisites	Basic knowledge on pathogens, serology, and general principles of immunology.	
Objective:	It is to develop concepts in role and the underlying mechanisms for the functioning of immunological cells and their interactions. The regulations of molecule synthesis, signalling, immune responses and allied activities of immune system at the molecular level.	
Content:		
1.		
1.1	Phagocytosis – Cell surface receptors/markers and their role, killing mechanisms; NK cells – Cell to cell recognition for normal and modified cells, receptors, initiation of apoptosis and killing of target cells, malfunctioning of NK cells; role of mast cells in immunity.	(05)
1.2	Concept of immunoglobulin domain, distribution of immunoglobulin domain, superfamily member, structure and function of TCR, diversity of antigen binding domain, concept of segmented gene, gene organisation of Ig and TCR, generation of gene during differentiation and development of B and T Cells, expression of Ig and TCR Cistrons, class switch and regulation of expression, B and T Cell ontogeny.	(05)
1.3	Major Histocompatibility Cluster – Introduction to MHC I, II and III, structure and function of MHC I and II, distribution and recognition of MHC I and II, gene organisation and concept of polymorphism, expression and its regulation, processing of extracellular antigen by APC, presentation of intracellular antigen by nucleated cells, recognition of MHC I and II by TCR/CD3 complex; Members of MHC III and their roles (in brief).	(05)
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2.1	Ontogeny of T- and B-cells, immunocompetent T and B cells, recognition, signalling and activation of T cells by APC, control and regulation of activated T-Cells, B-cell activation – Type 1 thymus-independent antigen, Type 2 thymus-independent antigen, thymus dependent antigen, co-operation with T-cells and activation of resting B-cells, antigen processing by B-cells, stimulation by cross-linking surface Ig.	(05)
2.2	Cytokine as messengers, receptor for cytokine – gp130 subfamily, beta-c and gamma-c receptor subfamily, signal transduction and effects, network interactions; TH1 and TH2 responses; Cytokine mediated chronic inflammatory response; Killer T Cell and its regulation; effect of antigen dose and maturation of affinity of antibodies; role of memory cells.	(05)

2.3	Antigen as major factor in control, feedback control of antibody production, T cell regulation – T-helper cells, T-cell suppression; Idiotypic networks, influence of genetic factors, immune regulation through hormone; T-cell tolerance.	(04)
3.		
3.1	Concept of inflammation (self-revision), complement fixation (self-revision), defence against intracellular bacterial pathogen, immunity to viral infection, immunity to fungi, immunity to parasitic infections; Passively acquired immunity, vaccination.	(03)
3.2	Immuno-techniques: Antigen antibody interactions in solution (self revision), identification and measurement of antigen (self revision), epitope mapping, hybridoma technology and monoclonal antibody revolution, catalytic antibodies, engineering antibodies, antigen-antibody based affinity chromatography (revision if done in techniques), isolation of leukocyte and subpopulations, localization of antigen <i>in cyto</i> and <i>in tissue</i> .	(04)
Pedagogy:	Lectures/tutorials/assignments/self-study/Moodle/videos	
References/ Readings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Goldsby, R. A., Kindt, T. J. and Osborne, B. A., Kuby Immunology. W.H. Freeman 2. Bona, C. A. and Bonilla, F. A., Textbook of Immunology, Fine Arts Press 3. Janeway, C. A., Travers, P., Walport, M. and Shlomchik, M. J., Immunobiology, Garland Science. 4. Delves, P., Martin, S., Burton, D. and Roitt, I., Roitt's Essential Immunology. Wiley-Blackwell. 5. Chakraborty, P. and Pal, N. K., Manual of Practical Microbiology and Parasitology, New Central Book Agency (P) Ltd, Delhi, India. 6. Goldsby, R. A., Kindt, T. J. and Osborne, B. A., Kuby Immunology. W.H. Freeman 7. Bona, C. A. and Bonilla, F. A., Textbook of Immunology, Fine Arts Press 8. Janeway, C. A., Travers, P., Walport, M. and Shlomchik, M. J., Immunobiology, Garland Science. 9. Delves, P., Martin, S., Burton, D. and Roitt, I., Roitt's Essential Immunology. Wiley-Blackwell. 10. Chakraborty, P. and Pal, N. K., Manual of Practical Microbiology and Parasitology, New Central Book Agency (P) Ltd, Delhi, India. 	
Learning Outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explains the mechanisms of immunological responses. 2. Apply the principles of cellular ontogeny and the gene rearrangement to understand the novel and complex immune system. 	