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Autoimmunity

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A status where the adaptive immune response is able to selectively recognise molecular components (usually referred to as "self antigens") that are part of an individual's physiological repertoire through cellular or humoral (antibody) mediators. Autoimmunity does not coincide with autoimmune disease, since the sole presence of autoimmunity does not necessarily cause structural or functional damage to organs or tissues.

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