Autoimmunity: Treatment principles

The proposed treatments for three representative diseases (atopic dermatitis, psoriasis and Alzheimer's disease) will be presented. All three are caused by chronic microbial states but none is a classic infection. For atopic dermatitis which is initiated by normal flora staphylococci that make biofilms and occlude sweat ducts, no antibiotic treatment is necessary unless the lesions are secondarily infected. In psoriasis, continual low dose penicillin (or pulse azithromycin) is necessary to prevent the streptococci from interacting with the adaptive immune system. In Alzheimer's disease, where spirochetes make biofilms and the innate immune system is involved, it is most important to treat the microbes before they get to the brain (pre-dental surgery for example) or before they create damage (make biofilms).

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