B.Sc (Hons.) Biomedical Science

Discipline Specific Core (BIOMED-DSCs)

SEMESTER- IV

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE -10 (BIOMED-DSC-10) IMMUNOBIOLOGY

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)	Department offering the course
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice			
Immunobiology **BIOMED-DSC-10**	**4**	**3**	**-**	**1**	**XII Passed**	**Basic knowledge of biology**	**Biomedical Science**

Learning objectives

The students will learn

- The organization and functioning of the immune system and its branches- Innate and Humoral, its complex network of cells, molecules, tissues and organs
- Various Immunological techniques and their applications
- Various types of vaccine based immunotherapies

Learning outcomes

Having successfully completed this course, students shall be able to learn

- The human immune system and its components and how the immune system responds to 'non-self' entities.
- The principle, methodology and applications of various laboratory techniques involving antigen-antibody reaction.
- Various types of vaccine based immunotherapies will help them to think about new approaches for combating pathogens.

SYLLABUS OF BIOMED-DSC-10:

Unit I: Overview of Immune System (05 hrs)

Historical background, general concepts of the immune system, innate and adaptive immunity, primary and secondary immune response, active and passive immunity. Haematopoiesis

Lymphoid Organs: Thymus, Bone marrow, Lymph nodes, Spleen, MALT, GALT and SALT.

Unit II: Innate Immune response (10 hrs)

Physical and Chemical barriers.

Cells of the innate immune system: NK cells, Monocytes and Macrophages; Neutrophils, Eosinophils, Basophils, Mast cells and Dendritic cells.

Complement system: Components of the complement activation-classical, alternative and lectin pathways; biological consequence of complement activation.

Introduction to Pathogen Associated Molecular Pattern and Pattern Recognition Receptors Mechanisms of pathogen killing by macrophages and neutrophils.

Concept of inflammation.

Unit-III Antigens and their presentation in immune responses: (06 hrs)

Antigenicity and immunogenicity, haptens. Properties (foreignness, molecular size, heterogeneity, route and dose of administration, solubility and degradability); Types of antigens.

Major Histocompatibility Complex: Genome Organization of MHC and inheritance in humans; concepts of polygeny and polymorphism with respect to MHC and its contribution in survival of host population.

Antigen presenting cells, antigen processing, loading (Bimolecular complex formation) and presentation pathways (cytosolic and endocytic).

Unit IV: Adaptive Immune Response (10 hrs)

Cells of the adaptive immune system: T and B lymphocytes, Characteristics of adaptive immune responses.

Humoral immune response: Stages of B cell development in bone marrow, stages of B cell activation in the secondary lymphoid organs. Antibodies: structure, function and properties of the antibodies; different classes (isotypes) and subclasses. Biological activities of antibodies, concepts of antibody diversity, monoclonal and polyclonal antibodies, Hybridoma technology.

Cell mediated immune response: Major steps in T cell differentiation in thymus- thymic selection, self MHC restriction, T cell receptor complex. Phenotypic characteristics of naïve T-cells ($CD4^+$ and $CD8^+$ T-cells). Stages of activation of naïve T-cells in secondary lymphoid organs and effector functions of $CD4^+$ and $CD8^+$ T lymphocytes.

Basic introduction and properties of cytokines: IL-2, IL-4 and IFN-γ.

Concept of hypersensitivity.

Unit V: Principles of Antigen- Antibody Interactions and Techniques (09 hrs)

Basic concepts of antigen-antibody interactions (epitope-paratope), Affinity and avidity, cross reactivity, precipitation, agglutination, immunodiffusion, ELISA, ELISPOT, western blotting.

Unit VI: Vaccines (05 hrs)

Contribution of Sir Edward Jenner and Louis Pasteur in vaccine development. Major types of vaccine and their characteristics, adjuvants. National Immunization programme.

Practical (30 hrs)

(Wherever wet lab experiments are not possible, the principles and concepts can be demonstrated through any other material or medium including videos/virtual labs etc.)

1. Virtual demonstration of lymphoid organs and phagocytosis.
2. To perform immuno-diffusion by Ouchterlony method.
3. To perform Immuno-diffusion by Mancini method.
4. To perform Lateral Flow assay/ Immunochromatography.
5. To perform Complement fixation assay.
6. To perform direct (blood group) agglutination assay.
7. To perform indirect (Widal test) agglutination assay.
8. To perform sandwich dot ELISA

Essential readings:

- Delves, P.J. Martin, S.J. Burton, D.R. and Roitt, I. M. (2017). 13th Edition. *Roitt's Essential Immunology*. New Jersey, USA: Wiley-Blackwell Science. ISBN: 13: 978- 1118415771.

- Punt, J. Stranford, S. Jones, P. and Owen, J. (2019). 8th Edition. *Kuby Immunology*. New York, USA: W.H. Freeman and Company. ISBN- 13: 978-1464189784.

Suggestive readings:

- Kindt T. J., Osborne B. A. , Goldsby R. A. (2007). 6th Edition *Kuby Immunology*. New York, USA: W.H. Freeman and Company. ISBN-13: 978-1429202114 ISBN-10: 1429202114.
- Willey, J. Sherwood, L and Woolverton, C.J. (2016). 10th Edition. *Prescott's Microbiology*. New York, USA: McGraw-Hill Education. ISBN-13: 978-1259281594.
- Hay, F.C. and Westwood, O.M.R. (2002). 4th Edition. *Practical Immunology*. New Jersey, USA: Blackwell Science. ISBN: 9780865429611.