DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE – (DSC-17)
BASICS OF IMMUNOLOGY

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)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Basics of Immunology (BCH-DSC-602)	4	2L	0	2P	Class XII with Science and Biology	NIL

Learning Objectives

The course is designed to understand the basic concepts in Immunology. It is important to understand the structure of the cells and organs associated with the immune system to appreciate their function in fighting infections. So, the students will study their structure and the various receptors associated with them. They will be exposed to the concept of antigen antibody and the types of immune responses generated in the body. The recognition of the antigen by B and T cells and the role of Major histocompatibility complex in generation of immune response will be elaborated.

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Explain the concept of innate and adaptive immunity.
2. Describe the structure and function of cells and organs of the immune system
3. Discuss the Attributes of an immunogen, structure and the functions associated with different isotypes of antibodies
4. Explain the humoral immune response and antibody diversity.
5. Explain the Antigen presentation mechanisms and generation of cell mediated immunity

SYLLABUS OF DSC-17

BCH-DSC-17 : BASICS OF IMMUNOLOGY
SEMESTER - VI

2.2 Theory (2 Credits)

Total Hours: 30

Unit 1 : Introduction to the Immune System: (8 Hours)

Historical Perspective, Innate and Adaptive immunity and their role in generation of immune response, Primary and Secondary Immune Response, Cells and Organs of the Immune System, Hematopoiesis, Antigens, Properties of Immunogen, Haptens, Adjuvants, B Cell and T Cell Epitopes, Structure and Effector Functions of Different Types of Antibodies, Biological Activities of Subclasses of Antibodies, Antigenic Determinants on Immunoglobulins, Immunoglobulin Superfamily, B cell receptor,

Unit 2 : **Innate Immunity:** **(6 Hours)**

Anatomical Barriers, Soluble and Membrane Bound Molecular Sensors (PRRs), Inflammation, Phagocytic cells and Innate Immunity, Toll like receptors, Activation Pathways of Complement System, Regulation and Biological Consequences of Complement Activation.

Unit 3 : **Humoral Immune Response** **(8 Hours)**

B Cell Development, Maturation & Differentiation, Clonal Selection theory, Genetic basis of Antibody Diversity, Class switching.

Unit 4 : **Cell mediated Immune Response** **(8 Hours)**

Major Histocompatibility, General Organization and Inheritance of the MHC, Antigen Presenting Cells, Processing and Presentation of Antigen by the endocytic and cytosolic pathways, Development, Maturation & Differentiation of T cells, Role of Cytotoxic T lymphocytes, T cell and B cell interactions

2.3 Practical (2 Credits)

Total Hours: 60

1. Immunodiffusion –Double immunodiffusion and Single radial immunodiffusion
2. Differential Leucocyte Count
3. Visualization of lymphoid Organs and lymphatic system (Videos)
4. Isolation of lymphocytes from blood/spleen
5. Complement mediated lysis.
6. Active and Passive agglutination reactions
7. Dot blot and ELISA

2.4 Essential readings:

1. Kuby Immunology (2007) 6th ed., Kindt, T.L., Goldsby, R.A. and Osborne, B.A., W.H. Freeman and Company (New York), ISBN:13: 978-0-7167-8590-3/ISBN: 10:0-7617-8590-0.
2. Immunology: A Short Course (2009) 6th ed., Coico, R. and Sunshine, G., John Wiley & sons, Inc. (New Jersey), ISBN: 978-0-470-08158-7.

Suggested Readings:

1. Janeway's Immunobiology (2012) 8th ed., Murphy, K., Mowar, A., and Weaver, C.T., Garland Science (London & New York), ISBN: 978-0-8153-4243-4
2. Cellular and Molecular Immunology (2021), 10th edition, Abbas, A.K., Lichtman, A.H., Shiv Pillai, Elsevier, ISBN: 9780323757485

3. Keywords:

Immunity, innate, adaptive, antibody, MHC, Humoral and Cell mediated immune response, Processing of antigens

Note: Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.