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BOOK REVIEW LIVRO*

AUSTYN, Jonathan M. & WOOD, Kathryn, J. - **Principles of cellular and molecular immunology**. Oxford, Oxford University Press, 1993. 735p. illust.
ISBN: 0-19-854195-3

This book contains a series of lectures given by the authors in the Nuffield Department of Surgery at the University of Oxford. As the editors say in their Preface, these lectures were designed to introduce Immunology to students and to update the immunological knowledge of their colleagues.

The book is divided in 11 chapters and contains one appendix. The first section covers general features of the immune system, the cellular and molecular interactions occurring during immune responses, lymphoid tissues, and lymphocyte recirculation. The second chapter comprehensively covers the issue of Major Histocompatibility Complex. A chapter on the antigen presenting cells focuses on antigen processing and presentation, peptide - MHC interactions and dendritic cells. Two excellent sections in this volume deal with T cell covering the cellular and molecular basis of T cell responses and the T cell repertoire. These are well illustrated, clear, and very didactic chapters. The sections 6 and 7 focus on the structure and function of B and T cells antigen receptors, antigen receptors genes, and the immunoglobulin superfamily. Chapter 8 includes B cells and antibody responses with emphasis on control of B cell responses by cytokines, and function of defined cytokines. This book covers also a lucid inflammation including the phases and mediators of inflammation, the plasma enzyme systems, the cytokines mediating inflammatory and effector functions. Chapter 10 deals with cellular cytotoxicity in macrophages, and mechanisms of hypersensitivity. The last section focus-ses on idiotype networks, suppressor pathways, and immune regulation by cytokines. Finally, an appendix illustrates the production of antibodies, as well the cellular and molecular techniques used in immunological research.

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Most aspects related to the structure of this book are attractive, didactic, unconventional, and satisfactory organized in a clearly outlined pattern, with a basic text and a boxed text which contains more detailed information. The authors point out in their introduction, once the basic text has been learned, the chapter can be re-read. This approach aids the reader with little immunological background to gain a sufficient information sequence. There are many illustrations (10 schemes, 108 tables, and approximately 355 figures) which facilitate the learning of the points covered. The reference lists at the end of each chapter are balanced and so provide interested readers easy access to the primary sources of information.

This excellent book introduces basic and recent key concepts in a manner that can be understood by students, clinicians, and post-graduated research students in Immunology. Therefore, it is recommended for receiving their introduction to the fascinating field of basic Immunology.

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