

The immunoresolvents regulate the host response to sterile and infectious inflammation



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Inflammation is a coordinated host response that when self-limited is protective. Many cell types upon activation produce mediators that regulate the physiological function of inflammation. Arachidonic acid derived mediators that include the leukotrienes, prostaglandins and thromboxane orchestrate the initiation of the inflammatory response. Termination or resolution of inflammation is also appreciated to be an active response coordinated by a novel genus of lipid mediators coined as specialized pro-resolving mediators (SPM). These mediators actively control leukocyte responses counter-regulating the production pro-inflammatory signals, promote leukocyte phenotype switch from inflammatory to protective and

orchestrate tissue cellular trafficking. Using mass spectrometry-based structure elucidation we recently identified four new mediator families that regulate the progression of inflammation as well as fine tune the host response to clear the invading pathogens, repair and regenerate damaged tissues in tissues during ongoing infectious-inflammation. These include the thirteen series resolvins (RvT) and the protectin conjugates in tissue regeneration (PCTR). Failure to engage these protective pro-resolving pathways is implicated in the etiopathogenesis of many inflammatory diseases including infections, cardiovascular disease and neurological disease. We recently found that lipid mediator profiles from both experimental systems and humans provide an insight into the body's inflammation-resolution status. Thus, these results indicate that resolution-based personalized medicines may be useful in both preventing and treating diseases with an inflammatory component.

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