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AGEING OF INNATE IMMUNITY IN HEALTH AND VASCULITIC DISEASES

1. Studies of the innate immune system during the ageing process enable better understanding of ageing-related autoimmune diseases. *(This thesis)*
2. Age-related changes in the immune system together with kidney specific changes upon ageing contribute to more severe disease upon induction of anti-myeloperoxidase (MPO) IgG mediated glomerulonephritis. *(This thesis)*
3. Healthy ageing is not necessarily associated with altered innate immune responses through pattern recognition receptors (PRRs). *(This thesis)*
4. Age-dependent reduction of absent in melanoma 2 (AIM2) expression and activation is associated with reduced cytokine responses to an AIM2 ligand in healthy elderly individuals. *(This thesis)*
5. Monocytes/macrophages are critical contributors to vascular inflammation in giant cell arteritis (GCA). New insights into the role of monocytes may provide novel treatment options for GCA patients. *(This thesis)*
6. CD16+ monocyte counts are promising candidate biomarkers for prediction of time to relapse in polymyalgia rheumatica (PMR) patients. *(This thesis)*
7. Life is a long journey. Although you will always be accompanied, sometimes you have to face the challenges by yourself.
8. Failures or mistakes allow us to seek for better ways to avoid them in the future.
9. A good way to forget about becoming old is to fulfill yourself with inner passion.
10. 学而不思则罔，思而不学则殆-孔子
Learning is not just memorizing knowledge, without critical thinking, it is labor lost; Thinking is not just wondering thought, without learning, it is dangerous. *(Confucius)*