Therapeutic Potential of Helminths and Helminth-Derived Antigens for Resolution of Inflammation in Inflammatory Bowel Disease

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Abstract

Inflammation plays a pivotal role in the <u>pathogenesis</u> of <u>inflammatory</u> <u>bowel disease</u> (IBD), and treatment of IBD mainly targets on inhibition of pro-inflammatory <u>mediators</u>. Helminth-based therapy is a novel strategy for resolution of inflammation in IBD, because <u>helminths</u> have great immunomodulatory properties. Helminth-based therapy may be efficacious as a vaccine for patients with IBD. This article is a highlight on the therapeutic potential of helminths in IBD.

Key Words

Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), Crohn's disease (CD), Ulcerative colitis (UC), Helminths, Immunoregulation