Episode 112 – Interview with Mehakpreet Thind: Neutrophils and Immunometabolism

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Mehak Thind is a third year PhD candidate in the Department of Nutritional Sciences at the University of Toronto. In 2019, she received her undergraduate degree from McMaster University. Soon after, she completed her Master of Science degree from University of Toronto in the Department of Nutritional Sciences. Her current work in Dr. Robert Bandsma's lab at the Hospital for Sick Children aims to identify dysregulations in neutrophil biology in a mouse model of severe malnutrition. Additionally, she aims to aid in the development of therapeutic interventions to improve disease outcomes in children with malnutrition in low-and-middle income countries.

Research

A metabolic perspective of the neutrophil life cycle: New avenues in immunometabolism

Background

Neutrophils are the most abundant innate immune cells. Multiple mechanisms allow them to engage a wide range of activities, such as antimicrobial activity, inflammation, and tissue repair. Thind et al. (2024) conducted a comprehensive review on neutrophil development and functions, including how macronutrient and micronutrient excess and deficiency affects their function and host health. [1]

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