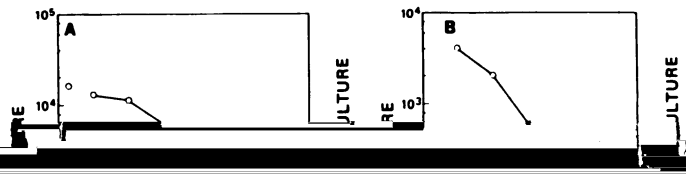

tive evidence. For example, direct binding and activation of isolated mast cells by enterotoxins must be investigated. It has been established that MHC class II antigens (see next section) serve as the receptors on nonlymphoid cells for the

microbial. It would seem then that the function of superantigens remains to be determined. Certainly, the nature of their receptors in the immune system and the power with which they activate it provide the impetus to determine the role and importance of superantigens in the immune response to specific antigens, both self and foreign. FJ

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