**New Lead For Autoimmune Disease From Chinese Medicine**

A major challenge in treating autoimmune disorders has been suppressing inflammatory attacks on body tissues without generally suppressing immune function. Now, a drug from Chinese medicine shows potential for easing these disorders. In both mice and humans, it selectively inhibits development of Th17 cells, newly-recognized immune cells that were recently implicated in inflammatory bowel disease, rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis, type 1 diabetes, eczema and psoriasis. It also eased a multiple-sclerosis-like autoimmune disease in mice.

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