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Conclusions

Asthma is a heterogeneous disease that involves adaptive and innate immune arms to control airway insults. One example of the innate immune system is surfactant protein A. SP-A has known host defense properties. SP-A has not been linked to asthma, and we propose that it modulate key inflammatory mediators and it could a novel therapeutic.

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