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## **ABSTRACT**

Title: Role of IL-21 on Neonatal T-Cell Homeostasis

Background: Interle ukin 21 (IL -21) is a member of the common gamma-chain cytokine family with broad pleiotropic actions. It is primarily expressed in activated CD4+ T-cells and assist in immune and inflammatory responses. IL -21 plays a role in T-cell homeostasis through multiple mechanisms including proliferation, differentiation and apoptosis. IL -7, another common gamma