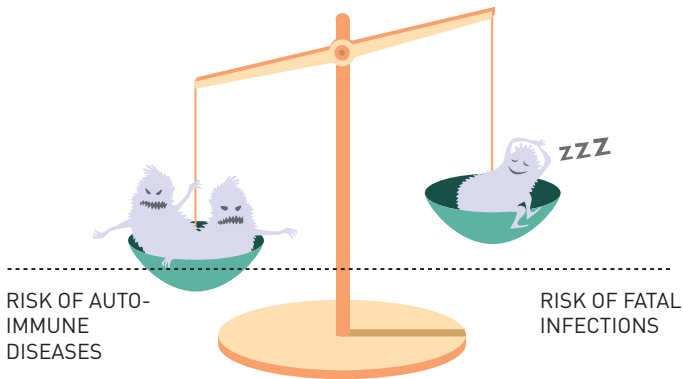


# The right balance



Cells in the immune system should be aggressive and attack dangerous intruders, but if they are too aggressive they may start to attack healthy tissue, perhaps causing an autoimmune disease. However, if the cells are too passive they may be overly lenient on dangerous bacteria and viruses. A good immune cell senses the right balance and is aggressive or tolerant on the right occasions.