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Anosognosia and the Determinants of Self-Awareness

Message from the Guest Editor

Anosognosia remains one of the most complex and intriguing disorders observed in patients with brain damage. Some reasons behind this complexity include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The term anosognosia seems to indicate a unitary phenomenon, but all authors acknowledge that this term denotes several selective defects, because patients can be unaware of some deficits but not of others. This fact seems to highlight that conscious awareness is a mechanism that is intrinsic to each brain function and can be influenced by different factors in different forms of anosognosia.
- Anosognosia (of hemiplegia) is the first defect attributed by Babinsky to a lesion of the right hemisphere, but the relations between anosognosia and right hemisphere lesions are still controversial.
- Anosognosia is not only important because it allows us to understand the brain mechanisms underlying conscious awareness, but also because it has a negative impact on the recovery and rehabilitation processes.

For all of these reasons, and in consideration of the excellent contributions you have already provided, I would really be pleased if you could participate in this project.

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