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Emerging Treatments for Patients with Disorders of Consciousness

Message from the Guest Editors

Treating patients with severe acquired brain injuries remains a true conundrum for clinicians. Thanks to an impressive number of prospective neurocognitive studies performed on chronic patients and recent multicenter studies with larger sample size, precious information has been gathered on the functional recovery of cohorts of these patients through the years. In this context, the American Academy of Neurology (AAN) and the European Academy of Neurology (EAN) recently published guidelines regarding the management of patients with disorders of consciousness, representing a first step in improving care for these patients and helping scientists to develop an agenda. There is now a real need to develop and validate treatments. In this Special Issue, we would like to offer readers an overview of the latest research aiming to develop new therapeutic options for this challenging but certainly not hopeless population.

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