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Synaptic Dysregulation in Nervous System Disorders

Message from the Guest Editor

Synapses are fundamental units of information transfer in the brain. Studies from bipolar disease, schizophrenia, and autism spectrum disorders suggest a neurodevelopmental origin of pathology at the synaptic level. In contrast, synaptic dysfunction is typically considered an endpoint in neurodegenerative diseases and a consequence of excessive neuronal death. Emerging evidence has highlighted a neurodevelopmental synaptic component in neurodegenerative disorders, emphasizing overlapping synaptopathic characteristics in all neurological diseases. The correlation of synapse dysfunction and disease pathology is well established, but an understanding of mechanistic causality and practical strategies to prevent or reverse synapse damage remains an unmet need. This Special Issue aims to assemble original research and literature reviews that provide insight into mechanisms of synapse dysfunction in neuropsychiatric, neurodevelopmental, and neurodegenerative disorders. Topics include but are not limited to synapse assembly, formation and plasticity, neurotransmitter release, and advanced techniques for studying synapse biology in the context of neurological diseases.

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