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Astrocytes and Microglia In Sickness and in Health

Message from the Guest Editor

In both healthy and diseased states, astrocytes and microglia perform a number of physiological and pathological functions that are essential to maintain neuronal homeostasis in the central nervous system (CNS). Astrocytes are critical for neuronal migration, synaptogenesis, and neuroplasticity, while microglia are the predominant immune cells in the CNS. During the disease progression, dysfunctional astrocytes disrupt glutamate homeostasis and lead to excitotoxicity, while senescent microglia loss the phagocytic activity. A plethora of pro-inflammatory effectors derived from over-activated astrocytes and microglia exacerbates glia-mediated neuro-inflammation that is a common pathological feature shared by many neurological diseases, such as Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, stroke, traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, and other CNS diseases. This Special Issue invites submissions of original research articles, communications, and comprehensive reviews elaborating the current developments in the field of astrocytes and/or microglia. Articles with a therapeutic perspective are especially welcome.

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