Special Issue

Recent Advances in the Mechanisms and Treatment of Pain

Message from the Guest Editors

Although the ascending and descending pathways for pain transmission have been well-characterized, the cellular and molecular mechanisms controlling pain initiation, transmission, modulation and perception are still unclear, and how pain progresses from an acute to a chronic state remain far from understood. The recent development in various imaging techniques, single-cell transcriptomics, proteomics, optogenetics and other novel molecular approaches enables us to better understand the pain pathogenesis in both cellular and systems levels. In this Special Issue, we aim to present breakthrough discoveries in the mechanisms and treatment of pain, particularly neuropathic pain associated with nerve injury, trauma, and other neurological diseases. All article types, including original in vitro and in vivo experimental studies, review articles, and clinical studies, are welcome for submission.

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