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Advances in the Understanding of Frontotemporal Dementia

Message from the Guest Editors

Frontotemporal dementia (FTD) is an umbrella term that comprises a group of early onset neurodegenerative dementias characterised by progressive deficits in behaviour, executive function and language. As such there is no permanent cure for FTD with existing therapies focused on symptom control. A third of the FTD cases are of familial origin with mutations occurring in c9ORF72, progranulin and MAPT. Neuropathologically, abnormal cellular and nuclear inclusions are observed positive for tau, TDP-43 or FET proteins in brains of patients. Recent studies have highlighted molecular pathways associated with lysosomal dysfunction, synaptic loss, and neuroinflammation as putative culprits in disease pathogenesis in FTD. Thus, this special issue will review the current understanding of FTD disease and aim to publish commentaries, original research articles and reviews relating to but not restricted to the following aspects: Genetic and sporadic FTD Cellular and animal models of FTD Molecular pathways in FTD Pathogenic heterogeneity Fluid biomarkers RNA splicing Non-coding RNAs RNA binding proteins/stress granules/paraspeckles Potential therapies for FTD

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