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Advances in Alzheimer's Disease and Healthy Aging

Message from the Guest Editors

Age-related cognitive decline—especially memory impairment—is one of the most prevalent consequences of growing older. The severity of age-related cognitive decline predisposes to neurodegenerative diseases like Alzheimer's disease (AD). The molecular mechanisms of age-related cognitive decline and AD are considered to be multifactorial, and implicate the interaction of genetics and environmental factors (nutrition and pollutants, among others), acting as susceptibility factors or triggers that promote brain injury accumulation due to their chronicity during aging. Although the main neuropathological hallmarks such as amyloid plaques and tau pathology are well-described, the causes of AD remain unknown, and no preventive or curative treatments are available. The treatments are currently divided into acetylcholinesterase inhibitors (AChEIs), and an antagonist of the N-methyl-D-aspartic (NMDA) receptor.

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