

Special Issue

Neuropathic Pain Pharmacology: Efforts to Cure A Deranged, Hyper-Sensitive System

Message from the Guest Editors

Neuropathic pain is a pathology per se. It originates from a lesion or disease of the somatosensory nervous system that evokes dysfunctional, plastic modifications of tissues leading to pain persistence. The maladaptive response of the complex cell network dedicated to the transmission and perception of pain dramatically upsets nociception as well as the physiological substrate of classical analgesics. A novel way of thinking is necessary to plan and develop effective pain relievers. New targets in sensitive neurons, the relevance of glial cells, and the pivotal role of the central nervous system have emerged in recent years in neuropathic pain physiopathology shedding light into the darkness. Nevertheless, patients need effective drugs to relieve pain and, even more, drugs able to restore the altered nervous system and stop chronicization. Thus, this Special Issue is intended to collect experimental results about innovative approaches and, of course, *molecules* able to control pain as monotherapy or as adjuvant to other pain killers.

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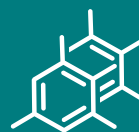
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