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Viruses and the Nervous System in the 21st Century: Advances and Challenges

Message from the Guest Editor

Among emerging viruses, at least 50% are associated with severe neurological clinical symptoms. The COVID-19 pandemic highlights the association between respiratory viruses and neurological symptoms, and moreover, our poor understanding on how peripheral responses to virus infections affect central nervous system (CNS) function. Viruses can affect the function of the nervous system directly through infection or by indirect mechanisms, inducing a broad range of acute and long-term sequelae. The recent, remarkable discovery of the brain's glymphatic system has reshaped our understanding of the CNS, challenging the concept of its "immune privilege" nature. Moving forward, the prevention and effective treatment of viral infections and their associated neurological disorders is complex, and requires the crosstalk between diverse disciplines including neurovirology, neuroimmunology, neuroscience, ecology, epidemiology, and emerging "omics" approaches. We look forward to your contribution.

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