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Human T-Cell Leukemia Virus (HTLV) Infection and Treatment: 2nd Edition

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The first human retrovirus human T-cell leukemia virus type 1 (HTLV-1) was identified in 1980. As a retrovirus, HTLV-1 integrates into the host genome and causes a persistent lifelong infection. HTLV-1 causes an aggressive fatal malignancy known as adult T-cell leukemia/lymphoma (ATLL), the neurodegenerative disease HTLV-associated myelopathy/tropical spastic paraparesis (HAM/TSP), HTLV-1 associated uveitis, infectious dermatitis and inflammatory conditions. In addition, HTLV-1 infection is associated with a higher mortality and morbidity.

Despite being investigated for over 40 years, many fundamental questions in HTLV-1 pathogenesis remain unresolved. In this Special Issue, we will focus on the most recent advances in understanding the mechanism of HTLV infection, with an emphasis on treatment and diagnosis. We will also focus on new developments in biomarkers, prevention, animal models and disease pathogenesis.

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