Special Issue

West Nile Virus Disease

Message from the Guest Editors

West Nile virus (WNV) is the most common mosquitoborne virus in North America. WNV can enter the central nervous system (CNS) and cause WN neuroinvasive disease (WNND) with less understood long term consequences. An association between the WN infection and myasthenia gravis was recently observed in patients long after they recovered from WNND and no prior history of myasthenia gravis. The exact reason for the long-term lingering symptoms after WNV infection are still not well characterized. Therefore, we would like to encourage submission of articles to this special issue, which will cover recent advances in understanding the mechanisms of WNV invasion/infection and neurodegeneration in the CNS, the cause of WNND and reasons for lingering neurological symptoms. Identification of novel therapeutic drugs/peptides, which can suppress the pathologic phenotype is important, articles on this topic are also welcome.

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