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Epileptic Encephalopathies in Adulthood

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

In recent years, the concept of developmental and epileptic encephalopathies (DEEs) has emerged as a group of severe, rare epilepsies characterized by early onset, drug-resistant seizures, specific EEG abnormalities, and encephalopathy. The term "developmental encephalopathy" (DE) is used when developmental delay results directly from epilepsy's underlying cause, while "epileptic encephalopathy" (EE) applies when epileptic activity worsens cognitive and behavioral impairments beyond the underlying cause.

EEs can have genetic, acquired, or mixed causes and may occur with normal or abnormal brain development. Adults with EEs are often not genetically tested, and little is known about their electroclinical phenotype-genotype relationships.

This Special Issue aims to define adult electroclinical phenotype-genotype relationships, identify therapeutic targets, and address the transition of rare epilepsies from childhood to adulthood. We welcome full papers, brief communications, case reports, reviews, and retrospective analyses.

Join us in exploring "Epileptic Encephalopathies in Adulthood" for improved patient care and outcomes.

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