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# Ossification of the Posterior Longitudinal Ligament—Clinical Management

Guest Editors:Message from the Guest EditorsDr. Kenichiro SakaiDear Colleagues,Dr. Toshitaka YoshiiOssification of the posterior longitudinal ligament often<br/>leads to neurological deficits and consequently affects the<br/>quality of life and activities of daily living. Spine surgeons<br/>and neurosurgeons need to properly diagnose, interpret<br/>the pathophysiology, and formulate optimal solutions in<br/>the treatment of such patients. To date, various studies<br/>have been conducted to develop diagnostic and<br/>therapeutic approaches, but the exact causes of OPLL have<br/>yet to be elucidated. Therefore, its natural course remains

and neurosurgeons need to properly diagnose, interpret the pathophysiology, and formulate optimal solutions in the treatment of such patients. To date, various studies have been conducted to develop diagnostic and therapeutic approaches, but the exact causes of OPLL have yet to be elucidated. Therefore, its natural course remains unclear, and there are many difficult cases that need therapeutic intervention. In this Special Issue, we would like to invite original papers or review articles on recent basic research, natural history, surgical innovations, the development of new diagnostic methods, and long-term perspectives in the clinical treatment of OPLL. In addition, OPLL is known to be a part of the condition of ossification of the spinal ligament (e.g., ossification of the ligamentum flavum (OLF)), so submission of studies on these topics is also welcome. We hope that this Special Issue will serve as a catalyst for the enlightenment and development of OPLL disease treatment



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