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# **Cytokines and Cytokine Receptors in Brain Homeostasis**

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## **Message from the Guest Editors**

Dear Colleagues,

Cytokines and growth factors are produced by all the CNS cell types and play key roles in the proliferation and differentiation of neural stem cells, oligodendrocytes, astrocytes, and microglia, myelin production and maintenance, and synaptic transmission. CNS cytokines and growth factors are essential to CNS–immune system and CNS–hormone system communications. Furthermore, the research on the mechanisms of signaling transmission pathways, i.e., the post-receptor mechanisms of action, of cytokines and growth factors has continued to grow quite rapidly. Lastly, the roles of these molecules in the different aspects of the pathogenesis of some CNS diseases (whether demyelinating or not) have been extensively investigated, although we still know very little about this topic.

This Special Issue examines some of the aforementioned aspects and, as a whole, gives a broad survey of the status of the art in this exciting field. I think that the topic of this Special Issue should be of particular interest not only for neurologists and neurobiologists but also for physicians and specialists in different areas of medicine.

Prof. Giuseppe Scalabrino Guest Editor







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