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Abstract

In neurodegenerative diseases, microglial activation and inflammation are important components. These are mainly complex diseases with both a genetic and environmental component, both in many cases equally unknown. In this study, a disease model in rats has been applied to study the genetic influence in the inflammatory and neurodegenerative process with focus and MHC class II upregulation on microglia. The gene *MhcIIta* is shown to regulate MHC class II expression in the early inflammatory response after nerve injury.

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