Insights into neuro-ophthalmology

Neuro-ophthalmology stands at the intersection of ophthalmology and neurology and is often the final adjudication for complicated and complex cases. For neuro-ophthalmologists, the uncommon, unusual, and undiagnosed cases are the norm. The collection of articles in this issue is dedicated to neuro-ophthalmology and offers a glimpse into the myriad challenges faced by clinicians in the field.

Among the highlights of this special issue are monoclonal antibodies, an emerging and evolving therapeutic advance in medicine and neurology.^[1] The articles delve into the realm of monoclonal antibody therapy, exploring its applications in aquaporin-4 immunoglobulin neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorder as well as other antibody-mediated neuro-ophthalmic disorders including myelin oligodendrocyte glycoprotein antibody-associated disease, myasthenia gravis, and thyroid eye disease.^[2,3] In addition, a comprehensive review on monoclonal antibodies in neuro-ophthalmology sheds light on their evolving role in addressing challenging neuro-ophthalmic conditions. Furthermore, a dedicated exploration of immune checkpoint inhibition-related adverse effects emphasizes the importance of understanding the intricacies associated with these groundbreaking treatments.

The special issue also encompasses a spectrum of studies, ranging from the visual outcomes of methanol toxic optic neuropathy to the unique considerations in optic disc morphology and interocular symmetry in children.^[4] Insights into the effects of oxaliplatin-induced papilledema and the acceleration of Moyamoya disease following anti-vascular endothelial growth factor intravitreal injections enrich the depth and diversity of this collection.^[5]

In conclusion, this special issue on neuro-ophthalmology not only captures the essence of the field but also provides a platform for clinicians and researchers to explore, understand, and share the complexities inherent in the intricate relationship between vision and neurology. Despite its complexity, neuro-ophthalmology is considered an essential field for optimal ophthalmic and neurological care in societies, including Saudi Arabian societies, and we hope this special issue will enhance the interest of young ophthalmologists in this important field.^[6] As we navigate through these articles and interesting cases, we gain valuable insights that contribute to the ongoing dialog within neuro-ophthalmology in all parts of the world.

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