HIV LATENCY, THE MAJOR HURDLE IN HIV ERADICATION; AND THE IMPACT OF COCAINE ON HIV GENE EXPRESSION AND REPLICATION

Dr. Tyagi will describe HIV latency; How latently infected cells are generated, the involved molecular mechanisms and why elimination of latently infected cells is crucial for HIV eradication or cure.

Dr. Tyagi will also explain the impact of drugs of abuse, such as cocaine on HIV transcription and replication, and describe the underlying molecular mechanism through which cocaine promotes HIV gene expression and replication.

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