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**On the cover:** The figures showed the histological changes of spinal cord injury at different time under light microscope. One to forty-eight hours after injury, the hematoma, contusion and subarachnoid hemorrhage (A – C), edema and infiltrated inflammatory cell (E, F) appeared. Four weeks later, scarciatricial constriction and cavitas formed at the injury site (G, H, asterisk). Multiple contusion could be seen in the gray matter of cephal and caudal end of force spot along the axis of ordinates (I, arrow) and small hemorrhagic lesion (D, arrow). See *Establishment of an acute ventral closed spinal cord injury model* by Hu Wei *et al*, page 18 – 26 in this issue.