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Powassan Virus

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A positive-sense single-stranded RNA virus in the genus *Flavivirus*. It is the causative agent of Powassan Disease, an infection of the central nervous system associated with encephalitis and/or meningitis. The virus is maintained in a cycle between ticks and small-to-medium-sized rodents.