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## Advances in Perinatal Maternal Mental Health and Infant Sensory Development

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Maternal perinatal mental health plays a robust causal role in shaping infant development. Among the various types of development, sensory development has received relatively less empirical investigation. However, sensory processing is associated with important maternal (e.g., prenatal and postnatal anxiety and depression symptom severity), infant (e.g., sleep quality and other forms of development), and maternal–infant (e.g., duration and frequency of breastfeeding) variables. Additionally, sensory symptoms (i.e., reactivity to sensory input and unusual interest in sensory aspects of the environment) constitute one criterion for autism spectrum disorder, suggesting that they may be an important research target in understanding neurodevelopmental disorders. Therefore, on behalf of the *Children* Editorial Office, we are pleased to invite you to submit research papers and review articles.

Research areas may include (but are not limited to) the following: prenatal, postnatal, or perinatal mental health, sensory development in infancy, sensory processing in infancy, and early neurodiversity.



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