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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Child abuse is highly prevalent, and identifying childhood maltreatment as a major public health problem.

Epidemiological data suggest global prevalence rates of up to 20% for childhood sexual abuse and even higher rates of up to 23% for childhood physical abuse. So far, research has consistently demonstrated that maltreated children show higher rates of a broad range of behavioural, psychological, and physical problems, persisting into adulthood and, thereby, potentially affecting the victim's children.

This Special Issue invites researchers of the topic of child maltreatment to share their work related to risk factors and longitudinal consequences of all different forms of abuse in early life. A focus on vulnerable risk groups among children, as well as parents, will be highly welcomed, as well as research targeting neurobiological and psychophysiological sequelae of child abuse. Other topics of specific interest are concepts of child protection, efforts of prevention, and intervention, regarding parent–child interaction or emotional regulation of children and caregivers.



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