

Special Issue

Monitoring of Illicit Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Wastewater: Latest Advances and Prospects

Message from the Guest Editors

Based on the systematic monitoring of wastewater for selected compounds/biomarkers, the so-called epidemiology of wastewater is currently established, with the task of using the collected data to provide a comprehensive overview of the consumption of legal and illegal or new types of drugs. The epidemiology of wastewater can also be used to monitor the occurrence of new psychoactive substances (NPS) or changes in drug scene in different regions during the lockdown. The wastewater treatment system is currently unable to effectively eliminate the occurrence of select illicit drugs and pharmaceuticals, which causes their transfer into the aquatic ecosystem. Therefore, the main subject of this Special Issue is the monitoring of selected micropollutants/biomarkers/RNA SARS-CoV-2 within the epidemiology of wastewater and the description of new technologies for wastewater treatment in order to eliminate the problem of specific micropollutants. This Special Issue seeks contributions from manuscripts that suggest new strategies and improve our understanding in the area of the monitoring, behavior and elimination of illicit drugs and pharmaceuticals present in wastewater.

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