

Special Issue

The Influence of Drugs on Social Behavior

Message from the Guest Editors

Social behavior is fundamental to human well-being, and disruptions in social functioning are core features of many psychiatric conditions. Emerging evidence indicates that pharmacological agents, whether therapeutic, recreational, or experimental, can profoundly influence social cognition, which in turn affects many functions, including affiliation, empathy, trust, engagement, and decision-making, making it a key target for pharmacotherapeutic interventions. This Special Issue will focus on novel evidence exploring these effects from a behavioral and psychiatric perspective. Moreover, this Special Issue will bridge pre-clinical, clinical, and experimental pharmacology studies exploring the role of drugs in enhancing and/or impairing social functioning. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The impact of psychoactive substances on social cognition.
- Pharmacological interventions for social impairment.
- Behavioral pharmacology of social bonding, affiliation, and aggression.
- Drug-induced changes in empathy, theory of mind, aggression, and affiliative behavior in psychiatric conditions.
- Social context as a moderator of drug effects or similar topics.

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