Special Issue

Applications of fMRI (Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging) in Neuropsychiatry and Neurological Disease

Message from the Guest Editor

Functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) has emerged as an important tool in the study of brain function, offering non-invasive insights into the neural activity associated with both psychiatric and neurological disorders. This Special Issue will highlight advanced research that uses fMRI to explore the neural foundations of various conditions such as schizophrenia, Alzheimer's disease, epilepsy, and frontotemporal dementia. Contributions will explore advances in resting-state and task-based fMRI, functional connectivity analyses, and integration with other modalities such as EEG and PET. Emphasis will also be placed on the clinical translation of fMRI biomarkers for diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment monitoring. Innovative applications, including machine learning-based pattern recognition and individualized brain mapping, underscore the role of fMRI in precision medicine and, by encouraging interdisciplinary discussions among neuroscience, psychiatry, neurology, neuropsychology, and biomedical engineering, this Special Issue aims to advance our understanding of brain dysfunction and promote the development of fMRI-based tools for clinical decision-making.

Guest Editor

Dr. Vincenzo Alfano Department of Nuclear Medicine, IRCCS Synlab-SDN, Naples, Italy

Deadline for manuscript submissions

30 June 2026



Brain Sciences

an Open Access Journal by MDPI

Impact Factor 2.8 CiteScore 5.6 Indexed in PubMed



mdpi.com/si/240250

Brain Sciences Editorial Office MDPI, Grosspeteranlage 5 4052 Basel, Switzerland Tel: +41 61 683 77 34 brainsci@mdpi.com

mdpi.com/journal/ brainsci





Brain Sciences

an Open Access Journal by MDPI

Impact Factor 2.8 CiteScore 5.6 Indexed in PubMed



brainsci



About the Journal

Message from the Editor-in-Chief

You are invited to contribute a research article or a comprehensive review for consideration and publication in *Brain Sciences* (ISSN 2076-3425). *Brain Sciences* is an open access, peer-reviewed scientific journal that publishes original articles, critical reviews, research notes, and short communications on neuroscience. The scientific community and the general public can access the content free of charge as soon as it is published.

Editor-in-Chief

Prof. Dr. Stephen D. Meriney Department of Neuroscience, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260, USA

Author Benefits

High Visibility:

indexed within Scopus, SCIE (Web of Science), PubMed, PMC, Embase, PSYNDEX, PsycInfo, CAPlus / SciFinder, and other databases.

Rapid Publication:

manuscripts are peer-reviewed and a first decision is provided to authors approximately 16.2 days after submission; acceptance to publication is undertaken in 1.9 days (median values for papers published in this journal in the first half of 2025).

Recognition of Reviewers:

reviewers who provide timely, thorough peer-review reports receive vouchers entitling them to a discount on the APC of their next publication in any MDPI journal, in appreciation of the work done.