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Cognitive and Behavioral Patterns across Psychiatric Conditions

Message from the Guest Editors

Psychiatric conditions represent a heterogeneous group of disorders that involve maladaptive cognitive and behavioral patterns. Most of these cognitive and behavioral patterns are present across different psychiatric conditions. This in turn poses substantial challenge for current diagnostic and therapeutic efforts and may partly account for their limited effectivity. In recent years it has become increasingly clear that studying a specific cognitive or behavioral pattern across psychiatric conditions, or along a continuum in a healthy cohort, could tremendously increase our understanding of the underlying mechanisms of mental disorders. Considering that many cognitive and behavioral patterns are well conserved across species, this approach may further allow the identification of underlying biological substrates, ultimately leading to better utilization of scientific findings into clinical practice in psychiatry. The aim of this special issue is to present recent findings within this broad field of preclinical and clinical research, in order to provide new mechanistic insights on some of the most prominent cognitive and behavioral patterns that cut across psychiatric conditions.

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