

Special Issue

Clinical and Biological Characterization of Psychiatric Disorders

Message from the Guest Editors

Psychiatric disorders are complex neuro-behavioural conditions that can have a myriad of clinical manifestations and are influenced by multifaceted biological and psychosocial factors in terms of aetiology. We need better clinical and biological characterization of these conditions to improve our understanding of the nature of these conditions and underlying causative mechanisms. Some ways to profile the condition can be through illness subtyping such as symptom clusters, symptom course, illness course, treatment patterns, and response, patterns of comorbidities and crossover diagnostic categories. These illness subtypes can then be further examined with other clinical correlates, cognitive functioning, and biological substrates such as white matter architecture, putative genetic factors, etc. Such characterizations and associated factors can potentially allow for the clarification of neural basis of these conditions and also highlight the clinical and biological predictors of illness course and outcome. We greatly encourage the submission of relevant original articles based on empirical studies as well as review articles related to this theme to this Special Issue.

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