Special Issue

New Insights into Early Detection Markers in Mental Disorders

Message from the Guest Editors

The impact of mental illness is an emerging and serious issue for the 21st century. For the treatment and relief of the symptoms of mental illness, early detection and prevention are a trend. For example, the early detection of schizophrenia via at-risk mental states will be beneficial for clinicians and scientists researching how to prevent the further sequelae of schizophrenia. In fact, early detection and treatment will also provide better prognoses for other mental illness, not just schizophrenia. The effects of treatment and prognoses for many kinds of mental illness, such as bipolar disorder, major depressive disorder, anxiety disorders, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, and autism, may be better if clinicians and scientists can find optimal biomarkers with which to identify the early phases or prodromal phases of mental illness. This Special Issue will focus on studies of early detection biomarkers in patients with mental illness, which could help us to address the significant impacts of mental illness in this complex century.

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