

Special Issue

Child Maltreatment: Etiology, Prevention, Neurobiological and Psychosocial Consequences, and Intervention Strategies

Message from the Guest Editor

Please consider submitting your work on child protection, early life stress, or adverse childhood experiences to our Special Issue on child maltreatment. Child maltreatment is a major early life stressor that affects telomere biology, DNA-methylation, immune and inflammatory processes, and neuroendocrine pathways. While animal studies have advanced the field, human research on the developmental and intergenerational impact of early stress remains limited. Victims often show altered neurobiology and heightened risk for mental and behavioral disorders. This Special Issue invites studies on etiology, prevention, neurobiological and psychosocial consequences, and short- or long-term outcomes. We welcome work on emotional abuse, HPA axis changes, prenatal programming, developmental trauma, foster or institutional care, and genetic or gene–environment mechanisms. Research on socio–economic influences, policy contexts, and digital–environment maltreatment is also encouraged.

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