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Message from the Guest Editors

In recent decades, numerous researchers have struggled to identify the etiopathogenesis of both psychiatric and neurodegenerative pathologies. In the past century, the first associations between genetic variations and these disorders caused a rush to find key genes whose alterations are causative of mental pathologies. We began to use novel approaches in order to identify the possible causative biological mechanisms: from the traditional neurocentric approach, to the inclusion of non-neuronal cell subtypes; from the focus on neurotransmission processes to the inclusion of several other processes, including immune/inflammation, oxidative stress; from the single-gene approach to pathway analysis.

In this Special Issue, we will present the state of the art on the genetics and genomic components of neurodegenerative and psychiatric disorders, assembling the most recent advances and original designs in one place, to provide a picture reflecting the biological/genetical background associated with disease pathogenesis and its role/significance in treatment.



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