

Special Issue

Advances in Genetics of Psychiatric Disorders

Message from the Guest Editors

Psychiatric disorders are very common and a leading cause of worldwide disability. They have significant impacts on health and major social, human rights and economic consequences around the world. They are highly polygenic, and multifactorial disorders with both genetic and environmental factors contribute to their development. Since the beginning of genome-wide association studies (GWAS), a large number of genetic risk variants has been linked to the presence of psychiatric disorders and has provided insights into the biological pathways involved in their susceptibility. Nowadays, multiple studies and research projects are being carried out worldwide on the implications of genetic aspects in the development of psychiatric disorders. All this effort could improve the diagnosis and prediction of the disorder risk and help to identify new specific drug targets, as well as enhance the prediction of individual response to drugs. This Special Issue “Advances in Genetics of Psychiatric Disorders” in *Genes* will present recent advances in the study of the genetic underpinnings of different psychiatric disorders and a general overview of new challenges in this field.

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