

Special Issue

Non-substance Addiction: New Perspectives and Frontiers of Risk Behaviors

Message from the Guest Editors

The concept of addiction is controversial, but in the last few years, its definition has covered not only substance but also activity and behaviors that show similar features of substance addiction. According to the APA's DSM-5, the interest in the diagnostic features of behavioral addictions (or non-substance addictions) appear clear due to the spread of new risky behaviors involving new technologies and largely diffused habits. This Special Issue aims to disseminate new and innovative insights focused on (i) the phenomenon of non-substance addiction: What behaviors? How do they appear? When can we differentiate a common behavior from a pathological one?; (ii) aspects that may be framed as risk or predictive factors of non-substance addiction; (iii) defining the impact of non-substance addictions on health in a multidimensional frame (bio-psycho-social approach); and (iv) new perspectives and theoretical models for non-substance addiction and their possible diagnosis. In this Special Issue, original research articles and reviews focused on these aspects or that may furnish a new point of view on non-substance addiction are welcome.

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