Special Issue

Advances in Physical Therapy for Sports-Related Injuries and Pain

Message from the Guest Editors

We are pleased to invite you to contribute to this Special Issue of the *Healthcare* journal. Sports participation is widely recognized for its physical, psychological, and social benefits; however, pain and injuries are common challenges that can impact performance, longevity, and overall well-being. Physical therapy plays a crucial role in injury prevention, rehabilitation, and performance optimization. In this Special Issue, original research articles and systematic reviews are welcome. Research areas may include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Evidence-based physical therapy interventions for sports-related injuries and pain;
- Post-surgical rehabilitation strategies for athletes;
- Biomechanics in injury and rehabilitation;
- Injury patterns and prevention strategies in parasports;
- Adaptive rehabilitation techniques for athletes with physical and neurological impairments;
- Assistive devices and digital health (virtual reality, artificial intelligence, robotics, etc.) in sports rehabilitation;
- Psychological and psychosocial aspects of sports injuries

We look forward to receiving your contributions.

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