Special Issue

Positive Effects of Leisure– Sports and Physical Activity on Public Health

Message from the Guest Editor

The positive effects of regular leisure–sports and physical activity on public health have been studied for some time; however, further studies are still required, especially considering the depletion of health services in different parts of the world observed during the COVID-19 pandemic. In this way, observational articles, both transversal and longitudinal, will be welcome, as well intervention studies on the association of leisure–sports and physical activity on different public health indicators, both individual, such as cardiovascular health, metabolic health, mental health, and immunological health, as well as collective ones, such as health services and public policies for health promotion. It is noteworthy that systematic review articles with meta-analyses will also be accepted.

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