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Physical and Psychological Health in Patients With Chronic Pain

Message from the Guest Editors

Chronic pain has been classified as a new disease. To improve the analgesic effect of treatment, an attempt has been made to define the pain mechanism leading to chronicity. Discrimination between nociceptive, neuropathic, and nociplastic pain has been suggested. However, the nociplastic pain mechanism is not yet fully understood, the leading role of central sensitization (CS) processes are indicated. Clinically, chronic pain patients present with amplified pain perception regarding its intensity, duration, and distribution, as well as maladaptive psychosocial factors, low vagal nerve activity, hyperalgesia, and/or allodynia. Different diagnostic and therapeutic approaches, evidence-based psychological therapies, as well as the economic cost of chronic pain seem particularly interesting. Research articles, reviews, as well as case study and short communications are preferred.

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