# **Special Issue**

# Substance Use Disorders: Etiology, Epidemiology, Prevention, Treatment and Recovery

# Message from the Guest Editors

Substance use disorder (SUD) is a chronic relapsing condition leading to personal, professional, familial, social and financial ruins, along with medical comorbidity, mental health consequences and even death. As such, we are inviting colleagues to join the journey to combat and overcome the SUD epidemic to change the devastating landscape. We seek all types of studies: basic science, experimental, clinical trial, observational, qualitative or mixed, in any settings addressing any aspects of SUD, including etiology, epidemiology, prevention, treatment and recovery. Broadly, we invite studies on the following: 1) innovative and disruptive models of care involving psychotherapies, pharmacotherapies, care managements, contingency models or care delivery modalities: 2) effective and sustainable models of prevention, education, harm reduction or recovery support; 3) co-care treatment models for treating SUDcomorbid infectious diseases such as HCV and HIV; 4) social determinants of health and disparities on SUD; 5) health promotion in the workplace and the management of workers who use drugs; and 6) integrated data-driven Al or ML algorithm modeling approaches.

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