

Special Issue

Psychological Distress in Adolescents: Its Prevalence and Relation to Addictive Behaviors

Message from the Guest Editor

Significant changes in neural, endocrine, and reproductive physiology occur during the adolescent period, driving behavioral outcomes, including reward and motivated behaviors. Unsurprisingly, these changes can be influenced by both innate and external factors. Accordingly, psychosocial stressors that adversely impact psychological status may modify behavioral outcomes in adolescents, thus promoting addictive behaviors towards a variety of substances and/or activities. This Special Issue seeks original manuscripts reporting on the prevalence of psychological distress amongst adolescents exposed to discrete psychological stressors and the associated impact on addictive behaviors and addiction prevalence. We also welcome research reports that detail anatomical, molecular, electrophysiological, and neuroendocrine alterations underlying behavioral changes, as well as those addressing sex specificity and the transmission of risk factors that promote addictive behaviors. We encourage the submission of original basic science, translational, and clinical papers produced from interdisciplinary collaborations, systematic reviews, and meta-analysis.

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