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Underlying Mechanisms in Behavioral Addictions and Their Meaning for Prevention and Intervention Strategies

Message from the Guest Editors

During the past decades, behavioral addictions such as gambling disorder and gaming disorder have increasingly gained clinical significance. Prevalence rates worldwide emphasize that behavioral addictions, especially the emerging phenomenon of internet-related disorders, are frequently occurring mental health issues leading to heightened psychosocial problems, psychopathological symptoms, and decreased levels of functioning. This Special Issue aims to provide a state-of-the-art perspective on research addressing etiological mechanisms in behavioral addictions. Contributions may cover different kinds of behavioral addictions and may be empirical research papers, comprehensive reviews, or studies addressing theory-driven prevention or interventions approaches.

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