



Prevention and Treatment of Addictive Disorders

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Addiction involves using a psychoactive substance (e.g., alcohol, cocaine, methamphetamine, cannabis, heroin, nicotine) or partaking in a behavior (e.g., problematic gambling and gaming, hypersexuality, and excessive food consumption) for which the rewarding properties provide a compelling incentive to repeat the activity, despite potential negative consequences. In neurobiological terms, addiction is an imbalance between cognitive control and reward circuits stemming from a complex interplay between genetic predisposition and environmental factors. It can lead to negative life consequences including poor physical and mental health, unemployment, homelessness, incarceration, and death. Addiction can be combatted in a number of ways, such as preventatively during development, for example, or therapeutically via behavioral, pharmacological, and, in severe cases, surgical intervention.

It is the aim of this Special Issue to highlight the current clinical research on prevention and treatment of addictive disorders. We would like to invite original research papers, systematic reviews, and meta-analyses.





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