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Message from the Guest Editors

Many skin diseases are stress-induced ones, as psychological stress exacerbates skin conditions. Although skin disorders are mostly not life threatening, they heavily influence patients' quality of life. All the domains, including physical, mental, and social functioning are affected. Moreover, patients with skin diseases present with increased level of stigmatization. One can also underline that dermatologists are guite frequently confronted with psychiatric disturbances with cutaneous manifestations or cutaneous imaginary symptoms. Within this group of so-called psychodermatoses, let us mention trichotillomania. onvchotillomania, or delusional parasitosis, Another important, not enough deeply studied problem, are selfinflicted lesions in dermatology, previously called dermatitis artefacta. The aim of this Special Issue is to offer the platform for discussing all above mentioned problems within clinicians and basic science researches. We do hope that published papers will contribute to better the understanding of bilateral connections between skin and psyche and will be beneficial for a holistic approach to our patients.

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