# **Special Issue**

# Atypical Autism: Causes, Diagnosis, and Support

## Message from the Guest Editor

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a complex neurodevelopmental disorder, characterized by persistent impairment in behavior, communication, and social interaction. Genetic, biological, psychological, or environmental factors, or a combination of these, may play a role in the onset of the disorder. ASD is an umbrella term for a range of neurological and developmental disorders, including atypical autism, autism, and Asperger's syndrome, with varying symptom severity. ASD symptoms are characterized by behavioral impairments, restricted or repetitive behaviors, obsessive interests, atypical social interactions, and communication challenges, such as non-verbal communication and difficulties in recognizing facial and emotional expressions. The World Health Organization estimates that about 1 in 100 children has autism. The aim of this Special Issue is to shed light on the new advances in the field of ASD research. We invite original research articles and reviews from a range of ASD studies, including behavioral, genetics, molecular, environmental, and pharmacological, in both human and animal models.

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