

Special Issue

Recent Advances in Drug Discovery and Evaluation for the Treatment of Affective Disorders and Schizophrenia

Message from the Guest Editors

Mental disorders are a major public health concern. Depression and schizophrenia represent some of the most prevalent and highly comorbid psychiatric conditions. Currently, the use of antipsychotic drugs, as monotherapy or as adjuncts to antidepressants and mood-stabilizing medicines, is also common practice for mood disorders that are not necessarily associated with psychosis. Furthermore, the use of many antipsychotic drugs carries a risk of serious adverse effects that may not only significantly affect a patient's quality of life but also shorten its duration. These problems are indications of the need to search for new treatments for mental diseases that are characterized by beneficial pharmacological effects and suitable safety profile actions. Thus, this Special Issue aims to address the pressing need for the development of new drugs to treat affective disorders and/or schizophrenia. The aim of this project is to bring together international experts to provide a comprehensive overview of this research field. Therefore, I invite you to participate with either an original article or a review focused on some aspects of the subject.

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