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Discovery of Novel Antidepressants and Anxiolytics

Message from the Guest Editors

Depression and anxiety are common psychiatric illnesses of global impact. Novel therapeutics are desirable among patients who continue to experience delayed or low responses, adverse effects, and unsatisfactory remission rates with the available drugs. Understanding the complex neurobiology of these psychiatric illnesses is among the prerequisites to the comprehensive assessments of biomarkers or molecular targets, pharmacokinetics, and the clinical efficacy, safety, acceptability, and tolerability of novel antidepressants and anxiolytics. This Special Issue accepts contributions covering new compound/drug candidates, research results, current understandings of depression and anxiety, and updates on pharmacotherapy options and other related topics.

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