



Psychological Mechanisms and Treatment of Substance-Related Disorders

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Message from the Guest Editors

Substance use disorders are considered to be a major contributor to the global burden of disease, significantly causing or contributing to somatic and psychiatric conditions, as well as secondary harmful effects. Several psychological methods are efficacious in the treatment of substance use disorders, but challenges still exist. Important knowledge regarding which treatment components are efficacious are lacking, as well as knowledge on factors that affect treatment outcome. Further, there is still a lack of well-designed studies investigating treatments for patients with substance use disorders who suffer from co-morbid psychiatric conditions. In this Special Issue, we provide you with an opportunity to present original research on novel approaches for the treatment of substance use disorders. Also, studies with a focus on mechanisms of treatment efficacy and of the change of addictive behaviors are of great interest. We welcome different study designs such as randomized trials, laboratory based studies, prospective studies, and brain imaging studies. We are interested in studies on different target populations such as adults, young adults, and adolescents.

