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Message from the Guest Editors

Painful somatic symptoms are common in psychiatric patients, especially among depressed patients, it is concerning when PSS are expressed in bipolar or in (sub)-threshold bipolar patients.

The broad availability of prescription pain medications (PPMs) and prescription substitution medications (PSMs), coupled with public misconceptions about their safety and addictive potential, have contributed to the recent surge in the nonmedical use of prescription opioids (POs) and corresponding increases in treatment admissions for problems related to opioid misuse. Prescription opioid use disorder (POUD) is an established public health crisis in many countries. Many specialists play a role in these different kinds of painful manifestations, including pain, psychiatry, and addiction medicine specialists, especially in the diagnosis and management of POUD. Still, neither group can adequately address these patients' needs alone. The purpose of this Special Issue was to bring together experts from pain, psychiatry, and addiction medicine to examine the positions of all three specialities in assessing and treating PSSs in psychiatric and/or in POUD patients with and without a dual disorder.





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