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Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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Aims

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- **Psychopathology and Pathophysiology of Addiction:** neuroscience study, pathology and physiology research, disordered physiological processes, neuroimmune and neurocircuitry mechanisms of addiction.
- **Treatment of Addiction-Related Disorders:** development patterns, biological and non-biological therapies, addiction medicine, occurrence, inpatient care, rehabilitation, cognitive behavioral therapy, group therapy, digital and technology based prevention tools and precision prevention and personalized risk assessment.
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