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## Exploring Negative Symptoms of Schizophrenia: Where Do We Stand?

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Negative symptoms are prevalent among many individuals diagnosed with schizophrenia. Despite their significant impact, negative symptoms have often been overshadowed in diagnostic criteria, treatment approaches, and research pertaining to schizophrenia, especially when compared to positive symptoms. Additionally, there remains a lack of clarity in clinical practice regarding the definition and differentiation between primary and secondary negative symptoms. Recognizing secondary negative symptoms can enable tailored treatment interventions, especially considering the fact that these symptoms can stem from various factors such as positive symptoms, substance abuse, medication side effects, or depressive episodes.

This Special Issue aims to offer fresh insights into negative symptoms by presenting clinical tools, brain imaging studies, physiological data, and innovative treatment modalities, including medications targeting neurotransmitter systems other than dopamine, or exploring adjunctive therapies alongside antipsychotics. Research aimed at enhancing our understanding of the pathophysiology underlying negative symptoms is also encouraged.



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