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# Stress-Related Disorders and Depression: From Molecular Basis to Therapy

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## **Message from the Guest Editors**

Stress is defined as a challenge to the homeostasis of an organism by events coming from the environment. Two major systems are essential in the response to stressors: the sympathetic adrenomedullary system and the hypothalamic–pituitary–adrenal axis (HPA).

The purpose of this Special Issue is to collect original research articles and review papers that concern the study of how the brain transduces environmental stress exposure into depression and stress-related diseases. We aim to bring together the most recent studies that use different experimental approaches in vivo or in vitro relating to:

- 1. molecular and cellular responses to stress;
- 2. stress-induced changes in the neurochemical crosstalk between signaling systems in the brain;
- 3. methods to study the effects of various stressors in psychiatric disease models;
- 4. stress vulnerability and resilience;
- 5. stress biomarkers
- 6. therapies for stress-related disorders.













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