



## Eating and Mental Health Disorders

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### **Message from the Guest Editor**

A change in eating behaviour, which might be accompanied by altered eating-related emotions and cognitions, may be a symptom of a mental health disorder, a consequence of psychopharmacological treatment, or an indication of a specific eating disorder.

Examples of mental health disorders that are associated with changes in eating behaviour, food choice, appetite, and weight regulation are anxiety and mood disorders, neurodevelopmental disorders, post-traumatic stress disorder, schizophrenia, and sleep disorders.

Psychopharmacological agents can either increase appetite and body weight, such as in the case of second-generation antipsychotics and antihistaminergic antidepressants, or lead to a loss of appetite, such as in the case of the antidepressant bupropion and the stimulant lisdexamfetamine. Furthermore, there have been reports that weight-loss medications such as glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) receptor agonists improve mood in people with both obesity and depression. There is also hope that GLP-1 receptor agonists might provide future treatments for binge-eating disorder.

Thus, this Special Issue will cover various eating-related aspects of mental health disorders.





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