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Binge Eating Disorder

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Binge Eating Disorder (BED) has recently been integrated as a novel diagnosis into the DSM-5. Affected patients suffer from recurrent binge eating episodes, which are characterized by an abnormally large amount of food in a short period of time and subjective loss of control over eating during the episode. As patients do not use regular compensatory behavior, BED is often associated with overweight and obesity. There is an increasing interest in understanding mechanisms underlying BED, also to inform development of novel effective treatment approaches. The purpose of this Special Issue is to give an update on the evidence on clinical, risk and maintenance factors of BED, including findings from psychological, neuroendocrinological and animal research, and to discuss implications for interventions.

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