Sports Psychiatry – Journal of Sports and Exercise Psychiatry
Call for papers

Special issue on “Psychiatric Issues of ‘Doping’ in Sports”

We are soliciting manuscripts for inclusion in the special issue of Sports Psychiatry – Journal of Sports and Exercise Psychiatry, entitled “Psychiatric Issues of ‘Doping’ in Sports”.

We welcome conceptual or empirical manuscripts with an international focus on the topic. This can include review articles, meta-analyses, consensus statements, full original research reports, or brief communications, in keeping with the usual article types for Sports Psychiatry.

The issue will focus on the following topics

Topics of interest for this special section include, but are not limited to:

- Psychiatric perspectives and psychiatric disorders in the context of doping in elite and professional sports
- Psychiatric consequences of doping in elite and professional sports (e.g. consequences of doping trials)
- Studies that examine the association between physical activity/exercise and prevalence/incidence of image and performance enhancing drugs (IPED) in the general population (across all ages) and their influence on psychiatric disorders
- Studies on prevalence and trajectories of people who use IPEDs with psychiatric disorders.
- Studies on factors that facilitate or hinder the use of IPEDs among people with psychiatric disorders.
- Studies focusing on the effects of IPEDs interfering with the treatment of psychiatric disorders.
- Studies focusing on cost-effectiveness of treatments of people who use IPEDs.
- Studies that examine how harm reduction can be promoted in both in- and out-patient treatment settings amongst people who use IPEDs.

Article types

- Original research, abstract max. 250 words; article max. 3000 words; max. 60 references; max. 6 fig./tab.
Reviews / meta-analyses / consensus statements, abstract max. 250 words; article max. 4000 words; max. 80 references; max. 6 fig./tab.

Brief report, abstract max. 250 words; article max. 1500 words; max. 30 references; max. 2 fig./tab.

Letter to the editor / commentaries, max. 1000 words; max. 10 references; max. 1 fig./tab.

See also the instructions for authors on the journal website: www.hgf.io/spp

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Authors are invited to submit a full manuscript due August 15, 2022. An optional letter of intent should be emailed to samuel.iff@pm.me. All manuscripts will be subject to full editorial board and peer review. All accepted papers will be published in advance. We anticipate that the issue will be published in Winter 2022.

We are looking forward to your submissions!

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