

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

We are soliciting manuscripts for inclusion in the issue of **Sports Psychiatry – Journal of Sports and Exercise Psychiatry**, entitled “Physical activity and exercise in the prevention and treatment of psychiatric disorders”.

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:

- Studies that examine the association between physical activity/exercise and prevalence/incidence of psychiatric disorders in the general population (across all ages and types of disorders)
- Studies on prevalence and trajectories of physical activity/inactivity in populations with and without psychiatric disorders
- Studies that examine how physical activity and cardiorespiratory fitness can be validly assessed in patients with psychiatric disorders
- Studies on factors that facilitate or hinder the adoption/maintenance of a physically active lifestyle among people with psychiatric disorders
- Studies focusing on the effects of physical activity/exercise in the treatment of psychiatric disorders (as single or add-on therapy)
- Studies focusing on a comparison of different exercise modalities in the treatment of psychiatric disorders
- Studies comparing the effectiveness of physical activity/exercise with pharmacological treatment or psychotherapy
- Studies focusing on cost-effectiveness of physical activity/exercise as compared to other treatments
- Studies that examine how physical activity/exercise can be promoted in both in- and out-patient treatment

Article types

- Original research, abstract max. 250 words; article max. 3000 words; max. 60 references; max. 6 fig./tab.
- Reviews / meta-analyses, abstract max. 250 words; article max. 4000 words; max. 80 references; max. 6 fig./tab.
- Letter to the editor / commentaries, max. 1000 words; max. 10 references; max. 1 fig./tab.
- Consensus statements, position papers, scope, only after prior editorial board approval

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Authors are invited to submit a full manuscript due **April 15, 2022**. An optional letter of intent should be emailed to markus.gerber@unibas.ch by **January 15, 2022**. All manuscripts will be subject to full editorial board and peer review. We anticipate that the issue will be published in Summer 2022.

We are looking forward to your submissions!

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