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Special Issue on
Acupuncture Therapy in Drug Addiction

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Drug addiction is a chronic and relapsing brain disease characterized by compulsive drug-seeking and withdrawal symptoms that occur during continuous drug use and abstinence.

As a complementary and alternative medicine (CAM), acupuncture has been used to treat various disorders for at least 2,000 years in China and other Asian countries. In the late 1990s, World Health Organization (WHO) and National Institutes of Health (NIH) declared that acupuncture may be effective in reducing drug addiction. NIDA (National Institute on Drug Abuse) also released NEWS regarding therapeutic effect of acupuncture in cocaine addicts. Furthermore, acupuncture has recently been increasing for treatment of substance abuse in the world because acupuncture therapy has the potential to help drug addicts from drug without major adverse side effects compared with the currently available pharmacological interventions.

In the special issue, we invite manuscripts, which may include original research articles, systematic reviews, multidisciplinary approach, and clinical application concerning 'acupuncture (including CAM) in drug addiction.' We are also interested in a new insight into studies how acupuncture work in human and animal models of drug addiction.

Potential topics include but are not limited to the following:

- ▶ Electrophysiological, behavioral, neurochemical, and molecular studies of acupuncture or alternative medicine on drug addiction or psychological conditions associated with addiction (i.e., stress)
- ▶ Behavioral, neurochemical, or neurochemical mechanism underlying acupuncture effects on addiction
- ▶ Neuroimaging studies of acupuncture in drug-addicted models
- ▶ Clinical efficacy of acupuncture in addicts
- ▶ Recent advances of acupuncture therapies or pathway
- ▶ Role of acupuncture on brain networks in drug addiction
- ▶ Reviews on drug addiction of acupuncture

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