

Dear friends and colleagues,

I am pleased to present the second 2021 issue of *Biological Psychiatry and Psychopharmacology*.

Kaminskaite with colleagues explored the associations of Big-Five personality dimensions with harmful alcohol use and dependence in Lithuanian population. Authors identified personality differences between harmful alcohol users and patients vs. those without these disorders. These data provide evidence for personalized management of addiction.

Tamosaityte, Burkauskas and Prankeviciene raise awareness of cognitive complication in COVID-19 patients that will become a significant social and health problem in the nearest future. Future research efforts should be directed towards identification of cognitive complications risk, their diagnosis and treatment in COVID-19 survivors.

A paper by Milasiute, Miliauskiene and Steibliene provide a concise review on the role of hypercortisolemia for mental complications, underscoring the importance of mental health surveillance in patients with hypercortisolemia causing syndromes, such as the Cushing's disease.

Macys and Steibliene contributed a literature review on the problematic Internet use that can serve as an importance guidance for identification and management of individuals who are at increased risk for internet addiction, and provide a roadmap for future research endeavors in the field.

A case report by Radaviciute and Steibliene underscores the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration for diagnosis and management of complex neuropsychiatric disorders.

A project funded by the Research Council of Lithuania that was led by scientists from the Lithuanian university of Health Sciences, identified important mental health problems among Lithuanian students. Authors identified recommendations how to identify and address problematic internet use related mental health complications. Recommendations have important practical value and can hopefully be utilized to improve student mental health.

Lastly, we would like to congratulate Dr. Liaugaudaite for her excellent PhD theses focused on the association of lithium concentration in drinking water with suicide and mental disease risk. This is an extremely important line of research that can have enormous public health implications.

On behalf of Editorial board, I would like to thank authors and reviewers for their valuable contributions and wish productive 2022.

Sincerely,

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