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Editorial

Interdisciplinary Cooperation to Combat Substance Abuse and Addiction

Addicta: The Turkish Journal on Addictions is a refereed, academic journal publishing articles that address substance abuse and behavioral addictions from a multi-disciplinary perspective. Addiction is a multi-dimensional problem across disciplines such as public health and safety, law, medicine, psychology, sociology, economics, and politics. As such, it must be dealt with using multi-faceted approaches.

While there are various governmental and non-governmental institutions and organizations tackling the issues of addiction and generating solutions for these problems, they operate in systems that are not interconnected partially. These systems enact laws about addictive substances, punish perpetrators in drug-related crimes, provide treatment and rehabilitation for people suffering from addiction, and provide prevention information to the general population and at-risk groups, in addition to developing chemical detection procedures for such substances and conducting epidemiological studies. Regardless, their common goal is to reduce the damage of substance abuse and behavioral addictions on individuals, families, and society.

This journal will publish new research, expert opinions, case reports, reviews, and critical analyses to bridge across the range of disciplines and systems engaged in this issue and create an open scientific platform for exchanging information and ideas with the common goal of reducing dependence on any substance that can lead to addiction. *Addicta* will be a fresh new forum for the integration of new ideas, information, development, and solutions.

The Purpose of the Journal

Although addiction is a global problem, solutions must be local. *Addicta* will be a medium for publishing international and interdisciplinary scientific studies to generate quality discussions about addiction and contribute to shaping policies related to addiction in Turkey. The journal's aim is to facilitate both international and interdisciplinary scientific and clinical communication, strengthen the links between scientific research and management policy in Turkey, and stimulate and enhance the quality of debate. Representing an interdisciplinary forum for the exchange of recent data and expert opinions, it reflects the importance of a comprehensive approach to manage and resolve the problems of substance abuse and addiction in Turkey.

What Kind of Manuscripts will be Published?

Addicta will publish peer-reviewed research reports on addiction, bringing together research conducted in a variety of disciplines. Articles will include theoretical, philosophical, and political essays; research papers on addictive behaviors, including evidence-based clinical practices; clinical, epidemiological, and experimental case reports; as well as historical research relating to any substance or activity with the potential to be abused or relating to any aspect of addiction. In addition to original research, the journal will feature article and book reviews. The journal welcomes studies from different areas of expertise, including psychology, psychiatry, sociology, medical sciences, social services, law, forensic science, education, and public health and welfare. Summaries and critical analyses of government reports will also be published.

Why a New Journal?

Provided that the standards of quality are maintained, the number of journals in a discipline will facilitate the sharing of scientific knowledge and opinions, and contribute to the development of that discipline. Every new journal means a new perspective for the discipline. *Addicta* is published not to compete with other journals, but to collaborate with them to support the literature on addiction.

The Turkish Green Crescent Society

Addicta is the official peer-reviewed, international journal of the *Turkish Green Crescent Society*. Founded with the goal to combat all hazardous habits such as tobacco, alcohol, drugs, gambling, sexual addiction, and internet and technology addictions, all of which exert negative influences on Turkey's youth, *The Green Crescent* works to protect the physical and mental health of the youth of Turkey for a healthier society now and in the future.

We invite everyone interested in the field of addiction study, prevention, and mitigation to contribute to *Addicta* and participate in this platform.

Hope to see you in our new issues.

Editor-in-Chief

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