

## Tentative Outline

# CURRENT PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY OF OBSESSIVE-COMPULSIVE SPECTRUM DISORDERS

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**Aims & Scope:** Obsessive-compulsive (OC) spectrum disorders are a group of psychiatric disorders new to the DSM. They are mainly characterized by repetitive thoughts, anxiety, emotional distress, and compulsive behaviours. The specific types of obsessions, anxiety symptoms, and compulsive behaviours vary according to each disorder. The DSM-5 distinguishes five main OC spectrum disorders: obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD); body dysmorphic disorder (BDD); hoarding disorder; hair-pulling disorder (trichotillomania); and skin-picking disorder (excoriation). Although these disorders have some similarities regarding characteristics of patients, symptom presentation, neurobiological correlates, and treatment response, they are clearly distinct from one another. This special issue aims to explore the rationale and the clinical practice of current pharmacological strategies as related to the specific neurobiology of each OC spectrum disorder.

**Key words:** Obsessive-Compulsive Spectrum Disorders; Body Dysmorphic Disorder; Hoarding Disorder; Hair-Pulling Disorder; Excoriation Disorder; Psychopharmacology

**Subtopics of interest include, but are NOT limited to:** Impulse dyscontrol; Pyromania (Fire setting); Compulsive shopping; Cleptomania; Gambling disorder.

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