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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Editorial Board of “Advances in Psychiatry and Neurology”, we would like to invite you to submit manuscripts for an upcoming special issue on ***Current trends in applied and clinical behavior analysis***.

In recent years we have been witnessing many social changes in how disorders such as autism are perceived, as well as in attitudes towards the mental difficulties in human functioning. There is a strong emphasis on the neurodiversity of individuals, on the many possible trajectories of development determined by neurobiology. There are voices calling for a change in the social perception of the behavior of neurodiverse individuals. The tasks faced by therapists seem to be changing: increasingly, there is a recognition of the need to accept the specific functioning of neurodiverse individuals, including some of their behaviors that have been traditionally viewed as problematic, undesirable, or excessive. At the same time, there is a growing recognition of the perspective of mental problems in humans from the perspective of psychological suffering. Rather than aiming to eliminate or permanently change difficult emotions or thoughts, the third wave of behavioral therapies is convincing us of the merits of an alternate approach: teaching readiness to experience these difficult internal sensations in order to live a full life, develop a wide range of activities in which the realization of the most important individual values is expressed.

These trends are not indicative of the end of the importance of therapy. On the contrary, changes are necessary. However, these changes do not involve discarding the knowledge gained over the past decades about the factors that cause human behavior and the carefully planned interventions that lead to predictable changes in behavior. Rather, the changes concern the goals that therapists and behavior analysts set for themselves, and the methods they use to achieve these goals.

We invite you to submit both review, theoretical, and empirical manuscripts in English that reflect current changes in the applied and in clinical behavior analysis. Do we observe changes in the formulation of treatment goals; if so, what are they? Is the selection of methods used in therapy changing? What is the efficacy of new approaches and how do we measure it? What other areas of contemporary human functioning are benefiting from practical use of behavior analysis and knowledge about human behavior processes?

All accepted manuscripts will be published in “Advances in Psychiatry and Neurology” in an open access system, without publication fees.

Please submit your manuscripts by March 31, 2023. Then, the manuscripts provisionally accepted by the editors of the special issue will be sent to review, and the authors will have a chance to make revisions suggested by the reviewers. The planned publication date for the special issue is September 2023, making it the issue number 4/2023 of “Advances in Psychiatry and Neurology.”

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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