

Introducing a New Journal, *Biological Psychiatry: Global Open Science*

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The editors of the Society of Biological Psychiatry journals are thrilled to introduce *Biological Psychiatry: Global Open Science* (*BP:GOS*), a new sibling journal for *Biological Psychiatry* (*BP*) and *Biological Psychiatry: Cognitive Neuroscience and Neuroimaging* (*BP:CNNI*).

The new journal will fill an important gap in what is now the *Biological Psychiatry* family of journals. That gap could be defined in two ways. First, *BP:GOS* will be a fully open-access journal. It is intended to be aligned with global initiatives to promote the dissemination of science through open access, such as Plan S (<https://www.coalition-s.org/>) and the goals of open science more broadly. Second, this new journal will complement both *BP* and *BP:CNNI*.

BP:GOS will provide an analogous home for papers in molecular, cellular, and systems neuroscience as well as experimental therapeutics—areas typically not covered by *BP:CNNI*. Further, it will publish papers in computational and cognitive neuroscience and neuroimaging referred from both *BP* and *BP:CNNI*, as well as direct submissions to *BP:GOS* in all of these areas. As with *BP* and *BP:CNNI*, the editors of *BP:GOS* will make the submission and review process as easy, rapid, and constructive as possible. Further, with support of its publisher, Elsevier, and the Society of Biological Psychiatry, we have kept the publication fee as low as possible with careful attention to the needs of individuals with limited resources.

BP:GOS will be led by Deanna M. Barch, Ph.D., the Gregory B. Couch Professor of Psychiatry and Chair of Psychological and Brain Sciences at Washington University in St. Louis. Dr. Barch is an international leader in cognitive neuroscience, an accomplished mentor, and a major contributor to the Human Connectome Project, the Cognitive Neuroscience Treatment Research to Improve Cognition in Schizophrenia initiative, and other important initiatives. Dr. Barch has deep experience with psychiatric publishing, having served as editor of *Cognitive, Behavioral, & Affective Neuroscience*, associate editor of *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*, current deputy editor of *BP* and *BP:CNNI*, and in editorial capacities for eight other journals. Paul J. Harrison, D.M., FRCPsych, professor and Associate Chair (Research) of Psychiatry at the University of Oxford, a deputy editor for *BP*, will serve as the first deputy editor for *BP:GOS*. Dr. Barch has also built a global and diverse editorial board to support the mission of *BP:GOS*.

BP:GOS will build on our successful experience with *BP:CNNI*. Before the creation of *BP:CNNI* in 2015, the editors of *BP* were concerned that the high selectivity of *BP* (which has approximately a 6% acceptance rate for research papers)

meant that we could not accept many excellent and well-suited papers. This was particularly the case for papers in computational and cognitive neuroscience as well as neuroimaging. At the time *BP:CNNI* was created, approximately 1400 papers submitted annually to *BP* fell into the topical domain of *BP:CNNI*. Further, pure cognitive science papers that would have qualified for *BP* on the basis of quality but not topical fit now have a home in *BP:CNNI*. Under the leadership of Cameron S. Carter, M.D., *BP:CNNI* has proven to be an exciting publishing venue with an initial impact factor of over 5.3. Likewise, we hope that *BP:GOS* now provides an outlet for authors whose papers fit the scope, topic, and quality standards that are expected of papers published in *BP* but for which we simply do not have the space to publish.

We are extremely pleased to welcome *BP:GOS* into the *Biological Psychiatry* family of journals. We believe that the new journal will emerge as an equal partner with its “older siblings” in helping to advance science. In this regard, we are extremely grateful to Rhiannon Bugno, Managing Editor for the *Biological Psychiatry* journals, and her wonderful staff, who will support *BP:GOS*. We are also deeply appreciative of the Society of Biological Psychiatry, Parthenon Management Group, and Elsevier for their support and guidance that will help to ensure the success of *BP:GOS*. We are excited to open the doors of this new venture and to welcome the first of many generations of submissions to *Biological Psychiatry: Global Open Science*!

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