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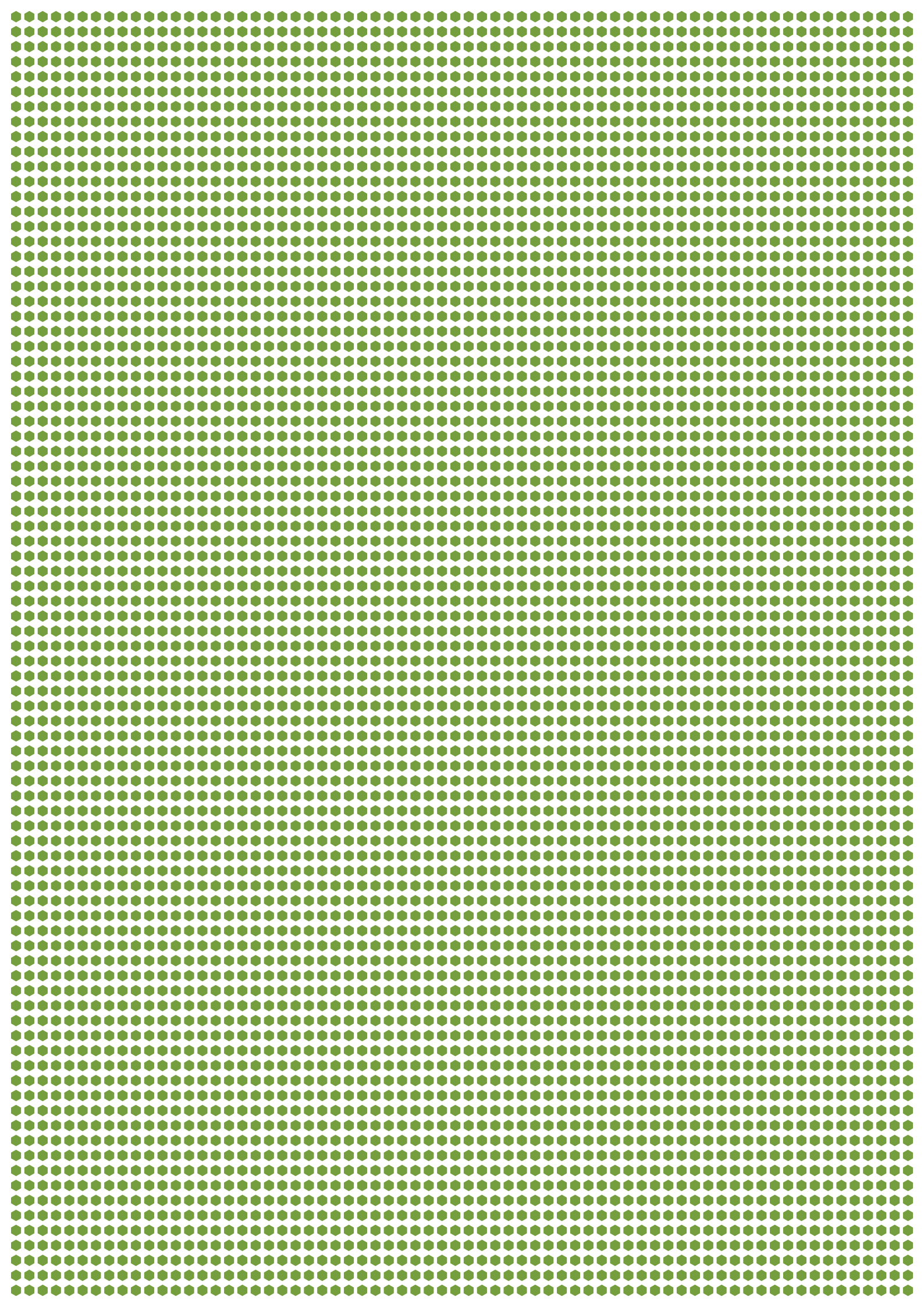
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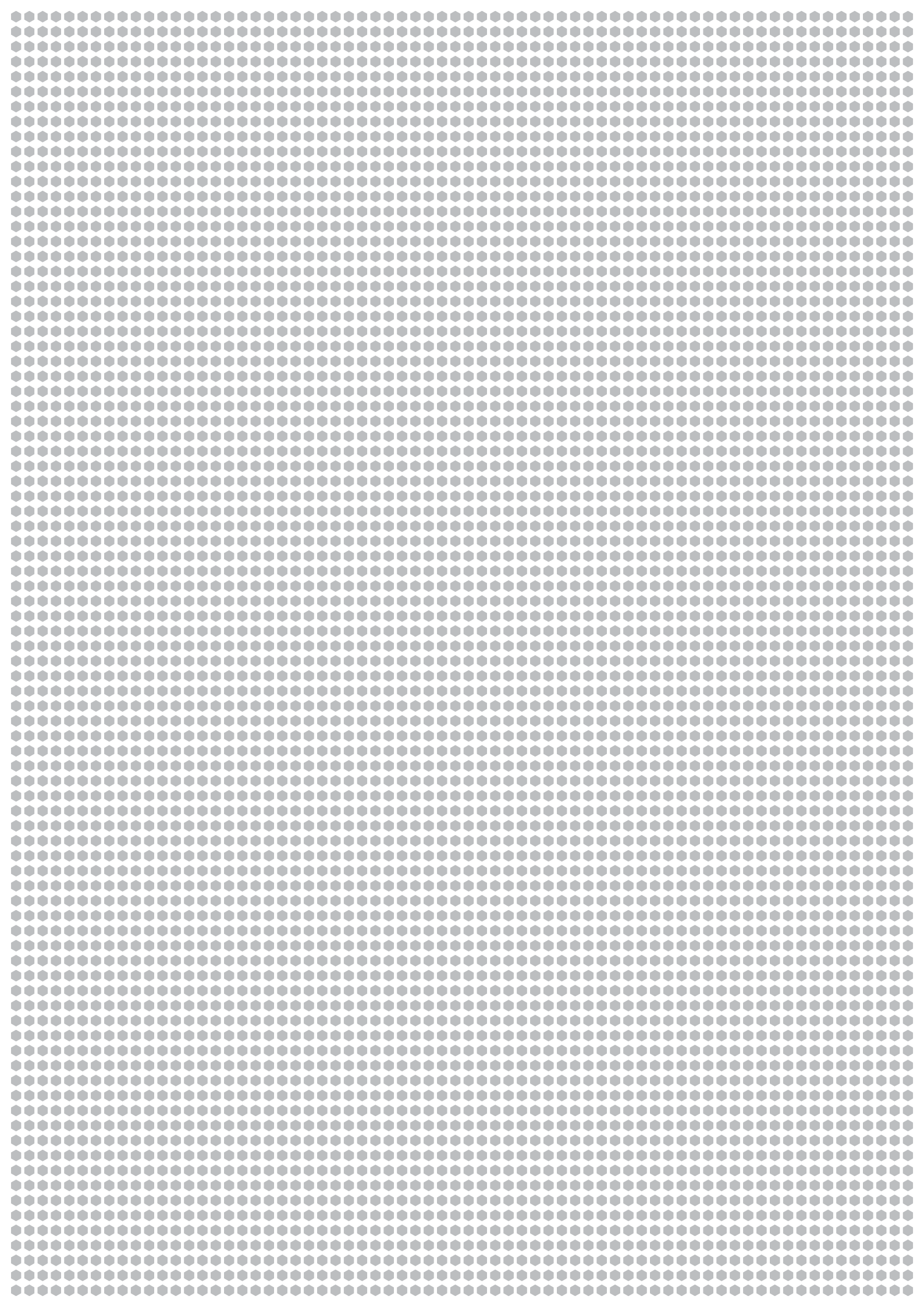
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Global health needs global and transparent science

Dear readers,

In this new issue, we bring you interesting studies, which will not only support the implementation of further research, but also support reflections on sudden changes in the scientific policy and its potential impacts related to the Donald Trump administration in the United States of America. These activities are sensitively perceived not only by the editors of journals in the field of addictions, but they can have a fatal impact on many activities of research teams globally as well as on their agendas.

Hence, our journal has decided to reflect on these messages and thus, to help to create a discussion platform on these sensitive topics.

This issue reflects on the significance of examining the addictive processes at various organisational levels and thus, they help readers to obtain insight into the processes of creating competency frameworks as well as into the processes of effective diagnosis and treatment of various types of addictions.

In the first study, the authors aim at the current issues related to prescription drug use with an intention to clarify cognitive functions in users of the selected groups of psychoactive prescription drugs. The authors examined the relationships between cognitive deficits and the ability to perform activities in everyday life. This study creates a strong appeal for the need to include occupational therapists in treatment processes, which is still insufficiently implemented in the Czech Republic.

The authors of the second study (A Study Protocol) aimed at examining the selected aspects of kratom (*Mitragyna speciosa*) addiction that filled a research gap in this field. The authors also draw attention to the absence of specific research related to the application of specific addictive substances, because the available casuistries are able to provide only limited knowledge. The authors performed a significant systematic review of knowledge about the effects of kratom and treatment strategies with an intention to generate higher research interest and thus, to alert population groups to the serious risks associated with the development of addiction to this addictive substance.

The third study focuses on addiction professionals, who represent an extensive and heterogeneous group of professionals and specialists from different sectors. Their activities are aimed at the processes of prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery. The authors' ambition was to emphasise the importance of applying a more inclusive and interdisciplinary framework of competencies, extending the framework of routine clinical healthcare. This new suggested competency framework highlights the necessity of promoting skills such as research literacy, advocacy, and collaboration. New educational and training programmes require a broader and tailored inte-

gration of different competencies in order to manage complex issues of addiction in different contexts by these professionals.

The authors of the fourth research study bring a new topic to our traditional research repertoire. The topic of examining perfectionism and personality features of only children has become very current and thus, it is related to the long-term trend of declining fertility and the decision of families to have only one child. The research study brought many interesting findings and thus, prompts several reflections in relation to sibling constellations. The authors confirmed that only children achieved significantly higher scores in the field of neuroticism and perfectionism, while the scores of agreeableness and conscientiousness were lower. The study and its outcomes encourage research teams to further investigate the clinical implications of these findings.

The fifth study is a republished version of a study that was originally published in the Nordic Studies on Alcohol and Drugs (*Babor, T. et al., 2025*) – *A clarion call to the addiction science community: It's time to resist the anti-scientific policies of the US Trump administration.*

Its goal is also to draw attention to the sudden and radical alteration in the scientific policies of the United States Trump administration through republishing of this editorial. The republished version of the editorial, signed by the 28 editors of the addiction journals (including our Addictology Journal) from the 12 countries, highlights critical aspects of the introduced changes in the scientific policies regarding not only research processes, but also radical changes in research funding and human resources that may have fatal consequences for future addiction research as well as global public health policies in the field of addiction and public health.

We believe that this issue also brings many attractive insights and encouragement for intensive and systematic research into the issue of addictions and related processes and thus, it will support intensive networking of multidisciplinary teams at various process and organisational levels with an intention of improving public health.

All the studies demonstrate the growing importance of prevention at both the individual and community levels, the importance of creating prevention programmes, strategies for effective public policies in the field of addictions and a deeper stimulation of public interest in examining and solving this issue. Only in this way, we can expect positive changes in the fields of the development and treatment of addictions and thus, create effective protective mechanisms in various population groups.

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