

## Biosketch

Branko Aleksic, MD, PhD

Dr Aleksic (born 1976) received his MD from Belgrade University, School of Medicine, Serbia in 2001 and his medical license in 2002. After three years of clinical practice, Dr Aleksic completed his clinical training in child psychiatry. He then pursued PhD in Psychiatry/Psychobiology at Nagoya University, Graduate School of Medicine, Japan. After obtaining PhD, Dr Aleksic was promoted to GCOE assistant professor at the Nagoya University, Graduate School of Medicine, Dep't of Psychiatry. Starting from January 2012, Dr Aleksic is working as associate professor at the same department.

Dr Aleksic's main research interests are related to the identification of genetic risk factors relevant for susceptibility to schizophrenia and autism. During his 8 years long research career Dr Aleksic participated in more than 20 international conferences as presenter and published more than 50 peer-review research articles and was awarded with several research grants. In addition Dr Aleksic is member of relevant domestic and international professional association (Serbian Medical Society, Japanese Society for Biological Psychiatry, International Society of Psychiatric Genetics, and Japanese Neuroscience Society Japanese Society of Human Genetics). Furthermore, Dr Aleksic is clinical member of IMHPJ (international mental health professionals in Japan) and editorial board member of PLOS ONE.

Dr Aleksic is Serbian citizen and permanent resident of Japan. He is married and has one child.