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Global Perspectives on Men's Mental Health during and after COVID

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Dear Colleagues,

It has been more than two and a half years since the WHO declared the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak a global pandemic in 2020. Besides impacting physical health, the pandemic has also harmed the mental health of many people. The stressors that have contributed to this include frequent changes in daily life and work, stigma associated with COVID-19, fear of being infected, long-COVID, and future economic uncertainty. More research is needed to fully explore the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on mental health.

Mental health awareness has increased in many countries, particularly since the outbreak of the pandemic. One important area of mental health research and practice is cross-culture. Clinical workplaces are now often internationalised and treat people from many different backgrounds. However, the majority of mental health research is still focused on people from WEIRD (Western, educated, industrialised, rich and democratic) countries. A more globalised understanding of mental health issues is therefore needed to improve patient treatment. Accordingly, the aim of this special issue is to present findings relevant to a cross-cultural understanding of men's mental health during and after the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic. Understanding of mental health varies greatly across cultures and hence a more culturally aware appraisal of this issue is needed. We welcome a wide range of contributions, including research articles, reviews, meta-analysis, study protocols, commentaries, and perspectives.

We look forward to receiving your manuscripts and anticipate this issue will become a source of information for the many healthcare workers, researchers and educators who deal with mental health issues in a globalised context.

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