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Cultural Beliefs and Mental Health

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1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The abstract mentions, "This article explores the intricate relationship between cultural beliefs and mental health highlighting recent research and implications for practice and policy." Consider adding more specific examples of the recent research and implications to provide a clearer overview.

In the paragraph starting with "Cultural beliefs not only influence the perception of mental health but also impact the delivery and effectiveness of mental health care," consider providing examples of successful culturally competent interventions.

"Üzar-Özçetin and Tee (2020) conducted a systematic review..." Consider summarizing some key findings from their review to provide concrete evidence of the effectiveness of culturally tailored interventions.

Response: Revised and uploaded the new document.

1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

In the first paragraph, "Cultural beliefs significantly influence how individuals perceive mental health seek treatment and respond to interventions." Consider separating this into two sentences for better readability and expanding on how cultural beliefs influence perception specifically.

"Brouwers et al. (2019) highlighted the challenges faced by individuals in disclosing mental health issues in the work environment due to fear of stigma and discrimination." This section could be strengthened by including specific cultural factors that contribute to stigma and how they vary between different cultures.

When discussing Bäärnhielm and Schouler-Ocak (2022), the statement, "Training in cultural psychiatry is essential for improving mental health care for migrants and culturally diverse populations," would benefit from specific examples of training programs and their outcomes.

The paragraph on Cabassa and Baumann (2013) mentions the need for "a two-way street between implementation science and cultural adaptations of mental health treatments." Elaborate on what this two-way street involves and provide examples of successful adaptations.

Response: Revised and uploaded the new document.

2. Revised

Editor's decision: Accepted. Editor in Chief's decision: Accepted.

