

JIAS Supplement: Global Mental Health and HIV Prevention and Care

CALL FOR PAPERS

Deadline: 15 September 2020

This is a call for papers for a special issue of the *Journal of the International AIDS Society* (JIAS) on **Global Mental Health and HIV Prevention and Care**. The special issue is funded by the National Institute of Mental Health, Division of AIDS Research, and is to be published in conjunction with the 11th IAS Conference on HIV Science (IAS 2021).

BACKGROUND

Tremendous biomedical advancements in HIV prevention and treatment have led to aspirational efforts to end the HIV epidemic. However, this goal is not likely to be achieved without addressing the significant mental health and substance use problems among people vulnerable to acquiring HIV, and among people living with HIV (PLWH). There already exists a vast amount of evidence documenting the excess burden of different mental disorders and alcohol and substance use disorders among people vulnerable to HIV acquisition and among PLWH, and also evidence documenting the association between mental disorders and worse HIV outcomes along the HIV care continuum.

The intent of the supplement is to highlight recent advances in global mental health and HIV. These may include efficacious or effective strategies to prevent HIV in people with mental health problems; progress in understanding of the nature and excess burden of co-morbid mental disorders in PLWH; and efficacious or effective strategies to reduce incidence and/or impact of mental disorders in PLWH. While there is no specific geographic limit to the scope of this supplement, research in low-resource contexts and among disadvantaged populations where health and mental health disparities are prominent is particularly welcome.

Submissions may include research conducted in any setting (e.g. geographic location, population, age, health sector), encompassing, but not limited to, the following:

- Data-driven papers highlighting determinants of the high burden of mental disorders and trauma/psychiatric distress among people vulnerable to HIV acquisition and PLWH.
- Empirical study outcomes of interventions designed to improve mental health and HIV prevention or treatment outcomes, along with examination of mechanisms of change.
- Determinant studies of mental health and/or trauma-related factors that adversely impact vulnerable populations in accessing and benefitting from HIV care and prevention services.
- Papers on determinant and intervention/implementation research addressing mental health needs in the HIV context, for adolescents and young people.
- Empirical studies evaluating differentiated models of mental health or trauma-related care for those at high risk for HIV transmission or acquisition or living with HIV who experience more mild mental disorder or trauma symptoms versus those with more severe symptoms or diagnoses.

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- Outcomes of intervention approaches to integrating screening for mental health symptoms or trauma/violence into HIV prevention or care, and link to or provide appropriate levels of mental health/trauma-related care and HIV prevention or treatment.
- Empirical outcomes of innovative models of integrated services to improve HIV- and mental health outcomes, along with an examination of change mechanisms.
- Outcomes of implementation of evidence-based screening for mental disorders or trauma and provision of appropriate mental health/trauma services among persons at highest risk for HIV acquisition or PLWH.
- Empirical studies that have tested decision support tools to help individuals, couples, or providers make informed choices and utilize evidenced-based mental health prevention or treatment services for HIV affected populations.

SUBMISSIONS

Submissions may include a range of research approaches: qualitative and ethnographic research, epidemiological research, health economic research, clinical research, health psychology and cognitive science research, behavioral and social science research, randomized controlled trials, implementation science and policy research.

Article submissions in the categories of Research, Short Report, Review, Debate, Commentary, and Viewpoint will be considered.

ARTICLE SUBMISSION PROCESS

- Initial contributions should be in the form of full manuscripts written in English conforming to the journal style and format (see [Authors Guidelines](#)) and specify the proposed manuscript category (Research, Short report, Review, Debate, Commentary, Viewpoint).
- Authors are welcome to make initial enquiries about potential submissions by email to Dr Robert Remien rhr1@cumc.columbia.edu.
- Manuscripts should be emailed to rhr1@cumc.columbia.edu with the subject line (MENTAL HEALTH & HIV JIAS).
- The deadline for submission of papers is **15 September 2020**.

ARTICLE SELECTION PROCESS

- Initial submissions will be reviewed by the Guest Editors.
- All manuscripts submitters will be notified on the outcome of their submission for the special issue by **27 September 2020**.
- The deadline for the submission of the selected manuscripts to JIAS is **4 October 2020**.
- Only manuscripts invited after the initial editors' review will be considered for publication in the special issue; however, invitation and submission are no guarantee of publication. All editorial decisions regarding publication in the JIAS will be based on the outcome of a peer review process.

IMPORTANT DATES

15 September 2020: Manuscript submission closes

27 September 2020: Authors will be notified of the outcome of their submission

4 October 2020: Submission of invited manuscripts to JIAS

13 July 2021: Publication of the supplement at IAS 2021

For questions about this supplement, please contact rhr1@cumc.columbia.edu.