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To
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Dear Sir,
Hereby we submit a manuscript entitled
“Multicultural appearances of depression- a challenge for the general practitioner: a qualitative interview study”

Which we hope will be of interest for the readers.

The manuscript is an original research report and has not been published elsewhere. It is structured according to your guide for contributors. The text contains approximately 3930 words.

The original intention with this qualitative study was to explore how general practitioners think and ponder when seeing and treating patients from foreign countries and who display potential depressive features. Many studies report that GPs tend not to take up evidence guidelines correctly and not to recognize the depressive patient. The GPs own experiences are rarely documented especially when seeing patients from foreign countries.

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