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To Editor-in-chief,

Enclosed is the article entitled as, “All-cause Mortality among People with Serious Metal Illness (SMI), Substance Use Disorders, and Depressive Disorders in Southeast London: a cohort study”. Mental disorder is one of the emerging issues of global importance in terms of quality of life and great lose in years of healthy life. Our team attempted to characterise the patients in South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust (SLAM), UK, the biggest mental health service provider in Western Europe, for the pattern and causes of deaths by types of serious mental illness, gender, and ethnicity by comparing to the general population in England and Wales in 2008.

The study was performed with a huge cohort of a secondary mental health provider, which should be of major interest among the readers of *BMC Psychiatry*. It addressed the points about how to identify vulnerable subgroups for mortality among people with serious mental disorders. Meanwhile, the research outcomes will benefit the development of prevention strategy for the authority in future.

Best Regards,

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