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Title: Are psychosocial difficulties common across brain disorders?

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Dear Editorial Board Member,

Please find enclosed our manuscript “Are psychosocial difficulties common across brain disorders?”

The objective of the manuscript is to identify a set of psychosocial difficulties or disabilities using the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) that are associated with and determine short term changes in health outcomes across heterogeneous brain disorders.

Our findings are of primary interest to researchers and clinicians as they summarize a comprehensive list of relevant psychosocial difficulties that, for the first time, have been shown to be common to a broad range of brain disorders and explain the variability in health outcomes.

We think that this manuscript would be of interest to many readers of *BMC Psychiatry* and hope that it is suitable for publication.

Yours faithfully

(Assist. Prof. Alarcos Cieza)