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Title: Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and Prolonged Grief in Refugees Exposed to Trauma and Loss

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Dear Editor,

Please find attached the manuscript by Richard Bryant, Belinda Liddell, Fiona Maccallum, Zachary Steel, Derrick Silove, and myself titled “Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and Prolonged Grief Disorder in Refugees Exposed to Trauma and Loss”. This article demonstrates, for the first time, that there are distinctive profiles of prolonged grief and posttraumatic stress symptoms in a sample universally exposed to loss and trauma. This is of critical importance as a large proportion of the world’s population is exposed to both trauma and loss, however, little is known about symptom profiles following exposure to these events. This is the first study to use latent class analysis to show the distinctive constructs of PTSD and prolonged grief following mass violence and loss, and thus provides novel and relevant data for the current debate about Prolonged Grief Disorder. Accordingly, we believe this study is appropriate for BMC Psychiatry and we would be grateful for your review of this manuscript for publication in BMC Psychiatry.

This manuscript has not been submitted elsewhere for publication.

Yours sincerely,

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