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Title: First Episode of Psychosis and Migration in Italy (PEP_ITA Migration): a study in the Italian Mental Health Services

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Dear Editor,

We are pleased to submit you our paper “First Episode of Psychosis and Migration in Italy (PEP ITA Migration): a study in the Italian Mental Health Services”. It is the protocol of a prospective observational study that is being carried out in 30 Italian mental health centers: to our knowledge, this is the first large-scale study about risk and protective factors for a First Episode Psychosis (FEP) in first generation migrants in Italy. We expect that the results of our study will allow a better understanding of the psychosis-causation process in first generation migrants in Italy, adding useful information to the literature available on this topic (mainly consisting in studies ruled out in only a few countries). Moreover, our results may contribute to the development of prevention programmes for psychosis and to improve early intervention treatments for the migrant population in Italy.

We hope you find this paper of interest for publication in your BMC Psychiatry. All authors agree on submission of the paper to BMC Psychiatry and confirm that they have no conflicting interests.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Ilaria Tarricone