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Title: Influence of Gender, Sexual Orientation, and Need on Treatment Utilization for Substance Use and Mental Disorders: Findings from a Population-Based Survey in California

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Dear Editor,

We submit the following manuscript: “Influence of Gender, Sexual Orientation, and Need on Treatment Utilization for Substance Use and Mental Disorders: Findings from a Population-Based Survey in California,” for consideration for publication in BMC Psychiatry. This paper uses a probability sample of California residents to analyze the factors that predict treatment utilization for substance use and/or mental disorders, with a focus on gender, sexual orientation, and need-related variables. The findings suggest that individuals with a sexual minority orientation are more likely than others to seek care, including those without a current psychiatric disorder (either substance use or mental disorder). This effect is particularly enhanced among lesbian and bisexual women.

We believe the findings have implications regarding mental health policy and treatment planning and will be of interest to the readers of BMC Psychiatry.

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