Author's response to reviews

Title: Global mental health and neuroethics

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Dear Dr D'Souza

RE: MS: 1036255558131939
Opinion: Global mental health and neuroethics

Thank you for your email of Nov 6, and for the helpful comments of reviewer 2 and of the member of the Editorial Board. We have revised the manuscript accordingly, as follows:

Reviewer 1: Sivasankaran P Sashidharan

The reviewer indicated that “the subject is interesting and the article worthy of publication”. However, the reviewer continued to be concerne about the question of why focus on global mental health when the arguments are equally applicable to mental health as a whole. As suggested by the reviewer, we now address this particular issue in both the introduction and conclusion. In the introduction we note that the intersection between global mental health and neuroethics is particular timely and potentially fruitful. In the conclusion we note that while some of the arguments made here are also relevant to the broader intersection of mental health and neuroethics, there are particularly valuable intersections between global mental health and neuroethics. To address the ongoing concern of the reviewer about how the analysis enhances our understanding of global mental health and neuroethics, we have added a Table, which summarizes the rich convergences between these exciting new fields of inquiry.

Editorial Board Member:

The editorial board member noted that the “revised manuscript has improved”, and indicated that although “Everything in it makes sense in isolation”, it lacks a single key message. Our hope is that the new Table, emphasizing the rich convergences between the exciting new fields of global mental health and neuroethics, helps underscore this single key message. We have also made some other modifications to the abstract, introduction, and conclusion to help convey this message to readers.

We hope that these changes have strengthened the paper, and that it is now suitable for publication.

Sincerely,

Dan Stein