Reviewer’s report

Title: Ethnic inequalities and pathways to care in psychosis in England: A systematic review and meta-analysis

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This paper confirms the longstanding and well-documented evidence on racial disparities in mental health. It appropriately points to the persistence of these inequalities.

The paper is well-written and the statistical analyses are presented in an accessible manner.

The discussion could be more robust - the paper will benefit by some exploration of the possible explanations for the persistence of racial disparities in mental health. It is vital to present this in the context of the structural location of Black and Minority Ethnic communities. The impact of austerity on these communities have been documented by the Runnymede Trust and could be referenced here. The Prime Minister's report on racial disadvantage could also be referenced.

The recommendations seem to be aimed at Policy Makers - we know that previous Policy (e.g. Delivering Race Equality) had little or no effect. I suggest that the recommendations need to be framed in the context of the structural issues for BAME communities, including institutional racism, lack of culturally competent institutions, etc. This will make the recommendations more credible.

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