

Epidemiology and Psychiatric Sciences

Scope

Epidemiology and Psychiatric Sciences (EPS) is an international, peer-reviewed journal for Epidemiology and Psychiatric Sciences intended to provide update and other research and mental health workers primarily concerned with public health and epidemiological and social psychiatry.

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Epidemiology and Psychiatric Sciences published the following articles:

Original articles: Comprise of no more than 4000 words, excluding structured summary, references, tables and figures; no more than a combined total of 7 tables and/or figures.

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