

## **Review comments-2:**

The article not only discusses the academic research results of PM+, but also emphasizes its scalability at the government policy and institutional levels, which is of reference value to policymakers, researchers and service providers. The author creates an appropriate title.

### **Deficiencies and Suggestions for Improvement**

#### **1. Insufficient Data Visualization and Quantitative Analysis**

- Although the article includes charts, it lacks an in-depth analysis of statistical data, such as comparisons of implementation success rates and acceptance levels across different countries.

#### **Suggested Improvements:**

- (1) Incorporate quantitative statistics, such as the proportion of successful PM+ implementations in different countries and participant retention rates, to enhance persuasiveness.
  - (2) Compare the key findings of different research methodologies, highlighting the similarities and differences between RCTs and qualitative studies.
- Lack of Discussion on the Long-Term Impact of PM+
  - The article primarily focuses on the implementation process and short-term effects, without exploring the long-term efficacy and sustainability of PM+. For low-resource countries, explore strategies for securing international funding or

#### **Suggested Improvements:**

- (1) Include long-term follow-up data on PM+ outcomes, such as participants' mental health status six months or one year after completing the program.
  - (2) Examine whether PM+ contributes to reducing the need for formal medical interventions, such as lowering the use of antidepressants.
- #### **2. Limited Regional Comparisons and Cultural Adaptability Analysis**
- While the article covers multiple countries, it does not explicitly compare PM+ adaptability and challenges across different cultural contexts.

#### **Suggested Improvements:**

- (1) Analyze differences in PM+ acceptance between low-income countries (e.g., Pakistan) and high-income countries (e.g., the Netherlands).
  - (2) Investigate how cultural perceptions of mental health influence PM+ participation and effectiveness.
- #### **3. Lack of In-Depth Discussion on PM+ Digital Development**
- Although the article mentions the digital transformation of PM+ during the pandemic, it does not explore the advantages and challenges of digital interventions in depth.

#### **Suggested Improvements:**

- (1) Assess the feasibility and effectiveness of online PM+, including whether it can reduce cultural stigma and improve accessibility.
  - (2) Examine the impact of digital PM+ on volunteer training, remote supervision, and participant engagement.
- #### **4. Generalized Policy Recommendations Lacking Practicality**

- The article discusses challenges in scaling PM+ at the governmental level but does not provide concrete policy recommendations.

Suggested Improvements:

- (1) Include case studies demonstrating how PM+ has been integrated into public health systems in different countries.

leveraging support from non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to sustain PM+ implementation. References are sufficient.