

# Ethnic minority elders: are they neglected in published geriatric psychiatry literature?

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### **Key Words:**

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### **Research aim:**

A study examining the proportion of research publications pertaining to ethnic minority elders in two leading geriatric psychiatry journals, International Psychogeriatrics and International Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry, was undertaken.

### **Results/Conclusion:**

The main findings were: (1) overall only 7.6% of the publications examined ethnic minority elders; (2) only 5.1% of publications were exclusively of ethnic minority elderly groups; and, (3) only 2.5% of publications included ethnic minority elderly groups in their overall sample.

### **Implications:**

Findings from studies, such as epidemiological studies of risk factors for mental disorders in old age and randomized controlled studies of treatment interventions, which exclude ethnic minority elders, cannot be assumed to apply to these groups.

Researchers, research institutions, funding organizations and policy-makers should acknowledge the rising numbers of ethnic minority elders and recognize the importance of using ethnic minority-specific research data in the planning of culturally sensitive services and mental health promotion programs.

### **Cultural Group(s):**

Ethnic minority

### **Location of study:**

United Kingdom

### **Age group:**

Elders

### **Number included in study:**

N/A

### **Type of participants:**

### **Research approach:**

Literature review

### **Type of data:**

Literature review

### **Secondary data sources used:**

### **Specific scales or analytical techniques used:**

### **Implications/ Recommendations:**

### **Notes:**