

# 2nd National Mental Health Conference

## Abstracts Review Guide

**THEME:** Holistic Approach to Mental Health for Generations

### SUB-THEMES

1. Foundations of mental health: A focus on the family, children, and youth mental health
2. Promoting Workplace Mental Well-being: Creating Supportive Environments Across All Sectors
3. From Awareness to Action: Suicide Prevention Across the Lifespan
4. Advancing Mental Health through Research, Innovation and Technology
5. Strengthening Mental Health Systems through Capacity Building for mental Healthcare workforce
6. Community Approaches: Advocacy, Education and Addressing Cultural issues

### Review guidelines

**Manuscript No:** 76

**Title:** *Community-Level Suicide Surveillance in Kenya: Descriptive Insight from the mDharura Application in Nakuru County (2020-2025).*

**Reviewer's Name:** Withheld

1. Rate the abstract as per the scale below

5 = Excellent  
1 = Poor

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| Does the abstract title align with the conference themes? (Title should be clear what is investigated, who is involved, where, and method e,g <i>Exploring mental health stressors among middle level public healthcare managers in Kenya- a qualitative study</i> ). |   |   |   |   | 5 |
| Is the main question/Aim/Objective addressed by the research clear, interesting, relevant, and original and aligns to the topic and theme?                                                                                                                            |   |   |   |   | 5 |
| Is the rationale for the article well grounded (Is it Based on a known theory or intended to fill a well-articulated gap?                                                                                                                                             |   | 2 |   |   |   |
| Is the methodology appropriate and applied properly?                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |   |   |   |   | 5 |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is it appropriate based on the objectives/aim/questions of the study?</li> <li>• Does methodology align with best practices for replicability and robustness?</li> <li>• Is there description of study population, area, data collection approach, time (year)</li> <li>• Where relevant, does the study indicate clear statistical measures and qualitative analyses that informs study</li> <li>• Is the data analysis appropriate, accurate and rigorous</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |             |  |  |   |
| <p>Did author adhere to ethical research standards? (If ethical approval is not evident but required, kindly highlight this in the comments section and request the same from the author)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Given the increased vulnerability associated with mental health research, assess whether the manuscript mentions specific measures taken to protect participants from potential harm.</li> <li>• If the study was conducted within an institution, confirm whether appropriate institutional permissions were obtained.</li> <li>• Is there clear evidence that the researcher sought and received relevant ethical approval from an accredited body?</li> <li>• Are ethical procedures and safeguards clearly outlined in the methodology?</li> <li>• For studies involving participants with lived experience of mental illness, check whether the abstract specifies any reasonable accommodations provided.</li> <li>• For desk reviews, systematic reviews, or studies using only secondary data with no direct interaction with human subjects, indicate N/A.</li> </ul> | N<br>/<br>A |  |  |   |
| Are the results and conclusions based on data analyzed? (results aren't overstated or overgeneralized, or irrelevant; Are policy implications clearly articulated?)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |             |  |  | 5 |
| Is the abstract based on rigorous research? (follow academic standards)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |             |  |  |   |
| Does the abstract clearly illustrate the problem, the gap, how the study intends to address it                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |             |  |  | 5 |
| Does the abstract convey the main ideas in a clear and understandable manner (is it Well organized, clearly written)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |             |  |  | 5 |
| Does the article offer a substantial contribution science? For instance, is it highly significant, contextually novel within the Kenyan setting, groundbreaking in its findings, or does it lay a strong foundation for future                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |             |  |  | 5 |

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| research? Additionally, how does the abstract advance the field compared to existing literature? |    |  |  |  |   |
| Is the Abstract clearly written, and is the argument easy to follow?                             |    |  |  |  | 5 |
| TOTAL                                                                                            | 42 |  |  |  |   |

2. What is your recommendation (*tick appropriately*)?

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| Accept, as is               | X |
| Accept with minor revisions |   |
| Accept with major revisions |   |
| Clear reject                |   |

3. If you Recommended the article to be accepted (Accept, as is: Accept with minor revisions: Accept with major revisions) which **subtheme** below does the abstract fall into to? (*tick appropriately*)?

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| Foundations of mental health: A focus on the family, children, and youth mental health        |   |
| Promoting Workplace Mental Well-being: Creating Supportive Environments Across All Sectors    |   |
| From Awareness to Action: Suicide Prevention Across the Lifespan                              | X |
| Advancing Mental Health through Research, Innovation and Technology                           |   |
| Strengthening Mental Health Systems through Capacity Building for mental Healthcare workforce |   |
| Community Approaches: Advocacy, Education and Addressing Cultural issues                      |   |

4. If you Recommended the article to be accepted (Accept, as is: Accept with minor revisions: **Accept with major revisions**) what comments do you have for the author to help them improve on their abstract? (*the comments here will be shared with the author*)