## **Special Issue**

## Perinatal Psychosis: Symptoms, Diagnosis, and Treatment

### Message from the Guest Editors

Perinatal psychosis (PP) is a rare but severe mental health condition affecting 1–2 in every 1000 mothers. Despite its seriousness and its known impacts, PP remains underdiagnosed, misdiagnosed, and highly stigmatized, especially within low-resource settings where access to mental health care is limited.

This Special Issue seeks to advance the knowledge-base around its epidemiology, course of illness, impact across the family, its awareness, identification, detection, and linked health services within low-resource and culturally diverse contexts. We aim to gather evidence on prevalence, timely detection, diagnostic challenges, risk factors (including genetic, hormonal, and psychosocial contributors) and treatment ap-proaches.

We welcome studies providing evidence on perinatal psychosis in relation to parents, children, and the wider community, including prevalence, parental mental health, parent-infant bonding, child develop-ment, and impact on relationships. Research on both pharmacological and psychosocial treatment and management is also encouraged, particularly community-based and non-specialist-delivered approaches.

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