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A Global Call for Research Addressing Syndemics of Substance Use, Mental Health, and Structural Determinants in Disparities Related to HIV/STI in Minoritized Populations

Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues, Research that examines health disparities and addresses underlying structural inequities is complex and often requires multilevel and diverse methodologies. Populations which are marginalized and minoritized on the basis of factors such as race, age, gender identity, and/or sexual orientation experience disproportionate rates of STI/HIV, violence, substance use (alcohol and illicit drugs), and mental health disorders (e.g., anxiety, depression, and suicidality), as well as structural determinants of disparities (e.g., racism and intersectional structural discrimination). It is critical that we address how these synergistic epidemics (syndemics) co-occur and mutually reinforce each other, given the rise of syndemics in marginalized populations in the wake of the global COVID-19 pandemic.

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