

Call for Papers: Pathway to Delivery of Dementia Disease Modification

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Rationale:

Dementia remains a huge and growing challenge for care systems worldwide. Results of recent trials now raise the real possibility of disease modification. Even moderate effect sizes for such therapies will require adoption of new models for dementia treatment due to challenges in identifying appropriate patients, delivering treatment and monitoring side effects.

Current CSF and PET biomarkers allow in vivo diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease. Implementing these methodologies widely would require changes to resourcing and training in mental health and geriatric services. In addition, a debate around the risk benefits of implementing screening for dementia informed by genetics, digital and blood biomarkers is warranted. Finally, 40% of cases are thought to be due to known preventable risk factors, thus raising the question of cost-effectiveness of primary and secondary prevention programmes.

The themed issue invites a range of papers aimed at informing practitioners of current and near-term changes to dementia care.

Suggested scope and topics:

We would welcome the following papers:

- Analysis piece on the regulatory approval controversies of amyloid based therapies
- Path to clinical implementation of plasma biomarkers of Alzheimer's disease
- Clinical utility of radionuclide imaging in the diagnosis and prognosis of dementia
- Role of digital technologies in the implementation of preventative programmes for dementia
- Assessment of cognition and activities of daily living using digital technologies across the dementia spectrum
- Efficacy of preventative programmes for dementia
- Repurposing trials for dementia disease modification
- Use of electronic health records to accelerate dementia research
- Cost-benefit of screening programmes for dementia

We now **invite submissions** from all authors describing original research and systematic reviews, along with editorials and analysis pieces. We welcome research that offers the potential of definitive evidence with strong methods, including robust external validation and/or large samples. To find out more, or to inform us of your intention to submit, please contact bjp@rcpsych.ac.uk.

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In this issue, SP Singh (pp. 94-97) describes how mindfulness-based therapies are firmly based in Indian philosophy and traditions, and how the concepts of the observer self (sakshi) and attention (dhyana) underlie their principles and practice.

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