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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear Authors: This scoping review is well organized, timely, and addresses an important topic. The manuscript would benefit from several minor edits prior to publication:

- 1) The introduction is quite short and could benefit from being fleshed out further, including providing information about the clinical utility of better understanding the neurobiology of delayed onset.
- 2) The first citations are not provided until line 10 of the introduction, yet earlier sentences require references. Please provide citation when defining a term or providing information from another source. There are other instances (e.g., first paragraph in Neuroinflammatory Mechanisms) in which no citations are provided but there should be references.
- 3) It is unusual to provide a Figure (#2) in the concluding remarks. All figures should be provided in the results section and the discussion/concluding remarks should not provide new information but rather discuss the results in further detail.
- 4) Please provide additional limitations of your study. The focus of the review is on delayed onset and therefore this is not a limitation of the study but rather its focus.
- 5) Similar to the introduction, it would be helpful if the discussion/conclusion could link these findings to the clinical implications of presentation and treatment (pharmacological, psychological, etc).

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