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Dear EBPS members,

In the past two weeks, the world has seen massive protests against racism and police violence, triggered by the brutal killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis, USA. As President of EBPS, I can’t remain silent about these events, and their deeper causes.

Racism and abuse of power is something that affects us all, and something that we all must stand up against. Although the terrible events that evoked the protests occurred in the USA, the underlying problem is a global one. In this regard, I found the words of Martin Luther King, that ‘injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere’, very appropriate.

EBPS strives to be a diverse and inclusive society, that welcomes scientists based on their shared enthusiasm for behavioural pharmacology and neuroscience, regardless of gender, race or geography.

Being diverse and inclusive can only be achieved if we take ourselves as a starting point and treat each and every one of our colleagues – and our fellow citizens, for that matter – with dignity and respect. And to have no tolerance whatsoever, to prejudice, racism, and abuse of power.

Only in this way can true change take place.

Sincerely,

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