

# **Violence, Assaults and Traumas Experienced by the Chinese Family-Caregivers that care for Their Relatives with Severe and Persistent Illness in Malaysia: A Phenomenological Study Revelation.**

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## **ABSTRACT**

In this paper, we present the violence, assaults and traumas frequently experienced by the Chinese family caregivers who care for their relatives with severe and persistent mental illness in Malaysia. This is uncovered in a hermeneutic-phenomenological study, which aimed to describe and construct a possible interpretation of the Chinese family caregivers day-to-day lived experiences in caring for a relative with severe and persistent mental illness. The philosophy of Martin Heidegger (1889-1976), "Being and Time, Division I" (Heidegger, 1962) underpinned the study. Nineteen Chinese family caregivers that care for their relatives with severe and persistent mental illness were criterion selected to participate in face-to-face shared conversations with the primary researcher individually