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Highlights
As we know how time pressured everyone is, the authors of the digest have selected three recommended items from the lists below.

This week these are:


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This is America: systemic racism and health inequities amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, Moctezuma Garcia, Social Work in Public Health, 1st October 2021.


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