

Paper: “Stigmatization and Dishonesty: How Doctors Communicate and Cope with Mental Issues among COVID-19 Patients in Indonesia”

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Reviewer B:
Recommendation: Revisions Required

The TITLE is clear and it is adequate to the content of the article.

the title came in 16 words which is good in length and good in content that reflects the content of the article

The ABSTRACT clearly presents objects, methods, and results.

Abstract came in 232 words, a good number of words, that covered the topic precisely. No identified conclusion had been written.

There are a few grammatical errors and spelling mistakes in this article.

Minor grammatical and language issues were noted that required editing.

The study METHODS are explained clearly.

The methods are clearly explained. table 3 should be configured again

The body of the paper is clear and does not contain errors.

the body of the paper is acceptable

The CONCLUSION or summary is accurate and supported by the content.

good conclusion

The list of REFERENCES is comprehensive and appropriate.

yes

Please rate the TITLE of this paper.

[Poor] 1-5 [Excellent]

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Please rate the ABSTRACT of this paper.

[Poor] 1-5 [Excellent]

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Please rate the LANGUAGE of this paper.

[Poor] **1-5** [Excellent]

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Please rate the METHODS of this paper.

[Poor] **1-5** [Excellent]

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Please rate the BODY of this paper.

[Poor] **1-5** [Excellent]

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Please rate the CONCLUSION of this paper.

[Poor] **1-5** [Excellent]

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Please rate the REFERENCES of this paper.

[Poor] **1-5** [Excellent]

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Overall Recommendation!!!

Accepted, minor revision needed

Comments and Suggestions to the Author(s):

Reviewer E:
Recommendation: Resubmit for Review

The TITLE is clear and it is adequate to the content of the article.

The title is self-explanatory. However, I think that the content does not necessarily respond to the title due to the need of improving on this article.

The ABSTRACT clearly presents objects, methods, and results.

The abstract is clear and explain the research process. Perhaps include the recommendations?

There are a few grammatical errors and spelling mistakes in this article.

This article needs a strong language and format editing.

The study METHODS are explained clearly.

The methodological approach needs to be explained and justified better in connection to the research aim and questions.

The body of the paper is clear and does not contain errors.

The article body needs to consider the following:

1. Need to establish a strong connection between COVID-19, stigma, and mental health. At the moment, it is very implicit and difficult to understand.
2. Did this research has ethical approval from an institution in Indonesia or elsewhere? It is not clear. How did this research considered the ethical and methodological domains in conducting the fieldwork? Also, what is the ethical consideration in analysing data?
3. There is a comparison between HIV/AIDS and COVID-19. This is somewhat problematic in terms of social, political, cultural, and economic context. If the authors are going down this path, then there has to be a stronger connection explaining the stigma related to the context of Indonesia.
4. In terms of the analysis, it would be useful to critically examine the stigma attached

to diseases, communication skills of physicians, and managing information. At the moment, the analysis seems weak without explaining the analytical framework and how the gathered data was analysed. This would also strengthen the recommendations.

The CONCLUSION or summary is accurate and supported by the content.

You need to revise the conclusion according to my comments regarding the article.

The list of REFERENCES is comprehensive and appropriate.

There is a strong and good set of references at the end.

Please rate the TITLE of this paper.

[Poor] **1-5** [Excellent]

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Please rate the ABSTRACT of this paper.

[Poor] **1-5** [Excellent]

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Please rate the LANGUAGE of this paper.

[Poor] **1-5** [Excellent]

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Please rate the METHODS of this paper.

[Poor] **1-5** [Excellent]

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Please rate the BODY of this paper.

[Poor] **1-5** [Excellent]

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Please rate the CONCLUSION of this paper.

[Poor] **1-5** [Excellent]

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Please rate the REFERENCES of this paper.

[Poor] **1-5** [Excellent]

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Overall Recommendation!!!

Return for major revision and resubmission

Comments and Suggestions to the Author(s):

This research is a valuable one and here are my suggestions to you in terms of improving this article:

1. Establish a strong justification to this research - why this is an important research? What are the aim and objectives? What is the purpose of this research?
2. Provide a context to this research. The social, political, cultural, and economic context of Indonesia will help the reader to understand this research better.
3. Early on, explain your definition to mental health issues related to COVID-19 and stigma. Rightly, you have taken a comparison from HIV/AIDS, but this connection needs a stronger explanation.
4. Explain and justify your methodological approach and methods in relation to research aim and objectives. In that, explain about the ethical consideration and ethics approval. Finally, explain your analytical framework.
5. You have a strong set of data, so analyse them based on your analytical framework and discuss them against your aim and objectives. This will allow you to establish a strong set of recommendations.

At the moment, all what I mentioned are in the article in an implicit manner. I strongly suggest that you ensure that all this information are explicitly presented.
