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This article was different from the others since it attempted an analysis of personal experiences of the author. It takes courage to reveal personal details, and for this the author must be commended. However, I thought the description of her experiences could have contained a few more details such as who were the people who stigmatized her, what were the types of stigma she had to bear, how did the stigma affect her family etc. Most importantly, it would be useful to know what she did to cope with stigma on a day-to-day basis. This might help in a better understanding of the experience of stigma from a personal perspective. Similarly, the theoretical aspects of stigma could be elaborated a bit more. For example, the types of personal stigma can be perceived stigma, experienced stigma, and self-stigma. Other types include the stigma felt by caregivers of patients with mental illnesses, often categorized into associative or courtesy stigma and affiliate stigma. Associative or courtesy stigma is a process in which a person is stigmatized by virtue of his or her association with another stigmatized individual. Affiliate stigma occurs when the people affiliated to a stigmatized individual such as caregivers, family members, and friends are personally affected by the public stigma that prevails in the society. Affiliate stigma thus includes both self-stigma and subsequent psychological responses of the associates.

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It would be beneficial to add, age of onset of symptoms, age at which treatment initiated, ongoing treatment of any and stigma I the context of country or region the person lives and narratives across the world