

REVIEWER 1:**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The letter to the editor emphasizes the importance of eliminating stigma. However, the letter to the editor should discuss more regarding the potential factors that are likely to contribute to the social stigma issues or to be the consequence of social stigma. For example, the vaccine inequity (see Alimoradi et al., 2021) and social distancing (see Shirali et al., 2021). References: Alimoradi Z, Lin CY, Pakpour AH. Coronavirus disease-19 vaccine inequity and gross domestic product. *Asian J Soc Health Behav* 2021;4:129-30 Shirali GA, Rahimi Z, Araban M, Mohammadi MJ, Cheraghian B. Social-distancing compliance among pedestrians in Ahvaz, South-West Iran during the Covid-19 pandemic. *Asian J Soc Health Behav* 2021;4:131-6

AUTHORS' REPLY:

Added on page 4, and related proper references like vaccine inequity and social distancing were added in reference 4 and 5.

REVIEWER 2:**SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This manuscript mainly addresses public health impact of stigma on people living with disabilities during COVID-19 pandemic and provides some prevention strategies, which could draw the attention of researchers to the concerned area and assist in public health policy making to fight the pandemic. However, some revisions are still needed before being published in *World Journal of Clinical Infectious Diseases*. 1. Please refer to recent papers published in *World Journal of Clinical Infectious Diseases* and correct the format, such as: In title, all words should be bold and all words except for the first letter should be in lower case. In page 3, "Key words" and "Author's contribution" should be changed to "Key Words" and "Author contributions". In page 4, "To the Editor:" should be changed to "TO THE EDITOR:". In page 4, "1" should be displayed in superscript "[1]". Other citations should be modified accordingly. In page 8, "References:" should be changed to "REFERENCES". 2. Abstract and Core Tip should be provided in the text according to the journal's requirements. 3. As of 27 July, 2021, the global cumulative number of COVID-19 cases reported has been over 190 million according to the weekly epidemiological update on COVID-19 by WHO (Available from: <https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/weekly-epidemiological-update-on-covid-19---27-july->

2021). Should “COVID-19 cases crossed 30 million” be changed to “COVID-19 cases crossed 190 million” in page 6? 4. In all references, the first author should be bold. In reference 1, 2, 4 and 5, title should be added. In reference 3, “Lancet Public Health. 2020 May;5(5):e257. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S2468-2667\(20\)30076-1](https://doi.org/10.1016/S2468-2667(20)30076-1)” should be changed to “Lancet Public Health 2020; 5: e257 [PMID: 32224295 DOI: 10.1016/S2468-2667(20)30076-1]”. Please check all references including content and format carefully according to the journal’s requirements. Other suggestions have been listed in the uploaded revised version.

AUTHORS’ REPLY:

Abstract and core tip added on page 2.

All references corrected according to journal requirement.

Current COVID-19 cases updated.

All the formatting corrections were done accordingly.

REVIEWER 3:

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Dr Raktim Swarnakar raised a good viewpoint with great social significance. Discrimination and stigma are long-standing and complex social problems. New epidemics, such as COVID-19, will inevitably cause social panic and stimulate human fear, which will further aggravate discrimination. It is very necessary to foresee these problems early and carry out appropriate education and intervention to prevent serious social mental harm.

AUTHORS’ REPLY:

Not applicable as no corrections were needed/mentioned.