

Reviewer's report

Title:Public stigma against family members of people with mental illness: Findings from the Gilgel Gibe Field Research Center (GGFRC), Southwest Ethiopia

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Dear authors,

The subject matter "Public stigma against family members of people with mental illness" is very interesting and it's a significant work of research. Below I'll make some comments about your paper for you to consider.

Background:

- You should write down the unabridged form of "PSFMPWMI" here.

Methods:

- Have you chosen stratified random sampling with locality as a stratified factor, taking population distribution of each stratum into consideration? If so, you should also have included sex as a factor.

- What are "trained interviewer administered questionnaires"? Please explain in detail.

- Please specify the "trained and experienced personnel."

- When creating your questions in the questionnaires, have you translated backward and confirmed that the questions are identical with the original ones? Or if there is/are prior study/studies conducted in the mother tongue and published in a journal/journals, you should cite the paper(s) in the references. Reliability coefficient alpha is deemed trustworthy when it is 0.75 to 0.80 and more. 0.70 is lower than that.

Results:

- What do the figures in the t-test (ANOVA) in the Table 3 signify?

Discussion:

- You report high stigma among rural residents. You should discuss this by citing other papers.