Reviewer’s report

Title: Intersecting identities and the navigation of stigma and discrimination

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Reviewer: Sonya Faber

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The article is sound and may be published. It seems to be a documentation of how multiple factors (old and new) combine in ethnically diverse urban homeless populations to prevent or hinder a resolution of this condition.

The Discretionary Revisions (which are recommendations for improvement but which the author can choose to ignore) and Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures or the wrong use of a term which the author can be trusted to correct) can be found below:

The question is well-defined, and the methods well-described. The data appear to be sound. Might it have been possible to include a graphic representation of the quantitative data analysis?

The manuscript adheres to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition and the discussion and conclusions are in general well-balanced, except for one issue. The conclusion lacks recommendations.

The limitations of the work are clearly stated and the references acknowledge the work that has been built upon.

A more descriptive title might better convey the results of the study, “How Multiple / Compound / Intersecting Identities contribute to Homelessness” – this is only a suggestion.

On line 57 consider replacing the word “about” with “regarding”
On line 85 consider deleting the “s” at the end of “addictions”
On line 92 consider replacing the word “mean” with “result in”
On line 94 consider adding the word “the” between resolve and negative
On line 150 consider offering a range for how much subjects were compensated

- Major Compulsory Revisions (which the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

The only major revision is that the conclusion lacks any recommendation or pathway as to how to use this new information to resolve, address or ameliorate the problem. i.e. What are the next steps now that a more in-depth understanding of the problem has been achieved in this research? Please add a sentence or two about next steps.
Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests