Reviewer’s report

Title: Questionnaires on stigmatizing attitudes among healthcare students in Taiwan: Development and validation

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Overall, a strong paper, addressing a significant need.

A few minor suggestions:

Line 51-53 - it seems unusual to single out occupational therapy; arguably this is a significant issue for all healthcare providers given the prevalence of mental illness in the community

Line 53 - in the interest of using person-centered language, please change 'these people' to 'people living with mental illness' or similar

Line 57 - citation #6 - surely there are more, relevant references to emphasise this point? The impact of stigma on people living with mental illness, in particular, can be incredibly detrimental and this needs to be emphasised further.

Line 59 - what is meant by 'anti-stigma programs'? I think this needs to be made clear to the reader

Line 62 - soften the language here, 'can' or 'may' result in discriminatory behaviours. This is often the case, but not always.

Line 78 - should be "people with physical and intellectual disabilities" - the disabilities themselves cannot be stigmatised against

Line 93 - "healthcare professions" not "healthcare professionals"

In the discussion, more could be said in relation to the implications for teaching future health professionals. If stigmatising beliefs are engrained early on, there is great need to address this during their studies and, in particular, during placement.

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