Reviewer's report

Title: Participatory Praxis as an Imperative for Health-related Stigma Research

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Participatory research is important to understand and facilitate research to combat health-related stigma. I think the authors aimed to make an argument for that. However, in addition to infrastructural issues, it is more important to discuss how participatory research can shape and mitigate community stigma surrounding many health issues. I found very limited discussion with this regard. So I would like to see more in-depth discussion about how the goal and process of community participatory research could contribute to the revolution of social acceptance and removal of social stigma, which is often implicit, surrounding health issues. Moreover, discussion about how community participatory research influences stigmatizers and stigmatized individuals is much needed.

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