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Peer Review Report for "Mourning Experiences of Families of Dead Infected with COVID-19: A Qualitative Study"

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Revision (0)

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REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (0)

11 Feb 2021

Dear AE,

I have reviewed the article entitled" Exploring Mourning Experiences of Families of the Deceased Infected with Covid-19: A Qualitative Study ". The issue is important and necessary to know more about its various aspects. Whereas there are several noticeable issues about the sent manuscript are listed below:

1- Writing:

- The text needs to be edited completely again, there are some repetitions and errors in the text, for example:

- In line 5: " mass mourning and family outings, relatives, friends, relatives and neighbors. "

- In line 11: " families of the 11 deceased with a coronary artery in Bu Ali Sina Hospital…" coronary artery??

- In line 12: "Came" is meaningless: "Came. Interviews Recording and handwriting, coding, classification"

- Lamentation needs to be replaced by "grief".

- I think the authors should refer to "Iran" instead of "Country" in the background.

2- Method:

- The ethical code number is necessary.

- This study is a qualitative study with phenomenological type.
3- Result:
- Age should be presented as mean±SD (standard deviation).
Thanks.

REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision (0)** 12 Feb 2021

Dear AE,
The content analysis process of data analysis and interpretation go through primary coding, final coding, subcategories, categories, themes/main theme
please
1- instead of table 2, provide a table that shows the process of analysis includes -samples of participant words, codes- subcategory- category- theme /or main theme
2- instead of 'Psychological, physical and behavioral reactions' replace them with 'responses to mourning'.
About 'reaction', what was the action?
3- please write the data 'how many codes -subcategories, categories, themes/main theme were got in the analysis?
4- please review the analysis and interpretation of the participant communicated experiences.
Thanks.

REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision (0)** 20 Feb 2021

Dear EIC,
The authors should revise the article according to reviewers` comments.
Thanks.

Mehran Zarghami: EIC | **Revision (0)** 25 Feb 2021

Dear Authors,
Your paper has been evaluated by external peer reviewers. Please do your revisions according to the reviewers' comments. I appreciate you doing the revisions as soon as possible by using the track changes mode in MS Word and using colored text.
After revision authors are obliged to upload reviewers' comments word file in which they have replied to all comments one by one.
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We look forward to receiving your revised manuscript. Thank you for sending your work to the Iranian Journal of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences.
Thanks.

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.Dear Editor of Iran J Psychiatry Behav Sci

Greetings and respect

Thanks to the valuable judgment of the respected judges of the agazine, the corrections were made according to the opinion of .the esteemed judges

:Reviewers' Comments

:Reviewer 1
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.Reply to comment 1: Samples of participant words were added to the table

instead of 'Psychological, physical and behavioral reactions' replace with -2 . "responses to mourning
? About 'reaction' , what was action

Answer to Comment 2: Instead of "psychological, behavioral and physical reactions", the concept of responses to mourning was added and instead of the subcategories of psychological reactions and behavioral reactions and physical reactions of psychological responses and behavioral responses and responses. Physically used

please write the data 'how many codes -subcategories , categories , -3 ? themes/main theme were got in the analysis

Answer to the opinion of 3 judges: In the sentence, the number of classes and sub-classes and the initial codes were mentioned, which were highlighted

please re view the analysis and interpretation of the participant -4 . communicated experiences

Reply to comment 4 Referee: re-quotes and experiences of the participants were .not found something to change

:Reviewer 2

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."Lamentation needs to replaced by "grief
.I think the authors should refer to "Iran" instead of "Country" in background

:In response to the opinion of the reviewer 2

The text was reviewed again In the fifth line: the sentence was like this

mass mourning and the get-togethers of the family, relatives, friends and neighbors

the families of the deceased with Covid-19, some individual semi-structured interviews were carried out in Sari located Bu Ali Sina Medical Educational Center

.There was no word came on line 12
The interviews were taped and handwritten, encoded, and categorized and the data analysis was done using the qualitative approach of Graneheim and Lundman

The word Grief was used instead of the word Lamentation

.In the text, instead of the country, the word Iran was used, highlighted and red

:Method -2
Ethical code number is necessary

Ethics code added

.This study is a qualitative study with phenomenological type

This study was performed as a content analysis, which was fully explained in the methodology section

:Result -3.

.Age should be presented as mean±SD (standard deviation)

.In the findings section, age was shown as mean and standard deviation

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REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (1) 13 Mar 2021

Dear EIC,
The authors may revise the article according to these comments:
A structured abstract is required including these headings:
• Background
• Objectives
• Methods
• Results
• Conclusions
For the original research, traditional sections are required including:
• Background
• Objectives
• Methods
• Results
• Discussion
• Conclusion
• References
Acknowledgments
In table 2:
" answer" should be replaced by "response"
- In Table 2, three columns are assigned to the Main theme, categories, codes
- In context, the findings should be written in these three groups
- Please correct this sentences In the abstract:"four main categories " should be replaced by four main themes.
change the name of the tables:
- Themes, Categories, and Codes Related to participants' Experiences
Thanks.

Mehran Zarghami: EIC | **Revision** (1) 22 Mar 2021

Dear Authors,
Thank you for your recent revisions.
Your paper has now been evaluated again. According to the associate editor's comments it needs some more revisions. Please do your revisions according to these comments. I appreciate you to do the revisions as soon as possible by using the track changes mode in

MS Word and using colored text.

Thanks.

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Dear editor:

Greetings and Regards

Thanks for the valuable comments of the esteemed judges

The corrections were made according to the opinion of the respected judges and were also specified in the text of the article

Question1: *please revise your article according to these comments:*

A structured abstract is required including these headings:
• Background
• Objectives
• Methods
• Results
• Conclusions

Answer1: The abstract of the article was reviewed and the changes were highlighted

Question2: *For the original research, traditional sections are required including:*

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• Conclusion
• References
Acknowledgments

Answer 2:The titles of different parts of the article were changed according to the opinion of the esteemed referee

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Answer 5: In the abstract: "four main categories " replaced by four main themes.
Question6:. *change the name of the tables:*
Themes, Categories, and Codes Related to participants' Experiences
Answer 6: The name of the table was changed according to the opinion of the esteemed referee

Thanks

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Revision (2)

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REFEREE: Associate Editor | **Revision** (2) 17 May 2021

Dear EIC
Based on the authors' answers to the reviewers' comments, the reviewer(s) have recommended publication.
Kind regards.

Mehran Zarghami: EIC | **Revision** (2) 22 Jun 2021

Dear Authors,
We have completed our review of your manuscript and are pleased to inform you that it is considered for publication in the IJPBS. Note that the publication of your article will only be finalized upon your cooperation with the editorial processing.
Thank you for your fine contribution. On behalf of the Editors of IJPBS, we look forward to your continued contributions to the Journal.
Thanks.