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Revision (0)

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REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (0) — 3 Dec 2021

Dear AE,

This article addresses an important issue and is methodologically acceptable. There are only a few minor points that I have mentioned in the attached text.

Kind regards,

REFEREE: Reviewer | **Revision** (0) — 31 Dec 2021

Dear AE,
There are some comments which should be addressed by the author:

A very interesting topic, the stigmatization of patients with schizophrenia is remarkable in the changing Moroccan society. It is a well conducted study methodologically, nevertheless we have some remarks to improve the quality of the manuscript:

- Paragraph 3 after the subtitle "Statistical analysis and psychometric properties", should be put at the beginning of the section "Patients and methods".
- The method of recruitment of patients should be clarified in the method section (sampling).
Discussion section: Add one or two sentences illustrating the specific difficulties of translation and adaptation in the field of psychiatry and mental illness.
Bibliographic references:
5, 6 and 7: are to be rewritten.
8: Add the date of consultation of the article.
Add DOI for all articles

Kind regards,

Mehran Zarghami: Associate Editor | **Revision (0)** 1 Jan 2022

Dear EIC,

The has been carefully reviewed and it is suggested that the manuscript requires considerable revision and should be modified according to the reviewers' comments which are appended.

Kind regards,
AE

Mehran Zarghami: EIC | **Revision (0)** 1 Jan 2022

Dear Authors,

Thank you for submitting your manuscript for consideration for publication in the Iranian Journal of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. External peer reviewers have evaluated your paper. Please revise it according to their comments. I would appreciate it if you could do the revisions as soon as possible.

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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.

Kind Regards,
EIC

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You can read the authors' responses to the reviewers' comments in the next page.

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Report to the Reviewers

Reviewer 1

Comments	Responses
Do not use abbreviation in the title.	the modification has been made
The title of the article does not fit the content. You have examined the psychometric properties of the Berberian translated version of Explanatory Model Interview Catalogue. But the article points to a descriptive study that examines stigma in the the Souss-Massa region in Morocco. According to these explanations, it is necessary to modify the abstract of the article.	the modification has been made
A structured abstract is required including these headings: • Background • Objectives • Methods • Results • Conclusions	the modification has been made
For the original research, traditional sections are required including: • Background • Objectives (optional) • Methods • Results • Discussion • Conclusion • References • Acknowledgments	the modification has been made
COVID 19	The item related to COVID 19 is a proposal from the creator of the scale, which we felt was relevant. In this moment of crisis, the fear of being discriminated against is present among stigmatized groups. Nevertheless, this is an item specific to the study and its current environment, and will not be permanent.

	The following sentence was added to the description of the scale: "*This item is specific to the study and will not be a permanent item for the scale”*.
This sentence needs citation. If you do not have a written reference and your reference is only hearing, the following reference can be considered as a template for reference writing : Increased Drug Abuse: the Impact on the Nation's Emergency Rooms: Hearings Before the Subcomm. on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations of the House Comm. on Government Operations, 103rd Cong., 1st Sess. (May 26, 1993).	The creator of the EMIC scale has sent us an email agreeing to the translation and proposing to add the item covid 19, see the attachment (screenshot) The sentence has been replaced by “*Professor Weiss sent an email and proposed to add…*”
Covid-19, Covid-19	the modification has been made COVID-19
Please revise the references according to the guidelines of the journal. Please use abbreviated name of the journals according to MEDLINE database. You also may find abbreviations on the Wikipedia website.	the modification has been made
You should mention the language of non-English (e.g. French or Spanish) references in parenthesis too.	the modification has been made
Add the DOI of all the articles at the end of them.	the modification has been made
At the end of the references that are books, in addition to the name of the publisher, write the city of the place of publication.	the modification has been made

Reviewer 2

	Réponses
Paragraph 3 after the subtitle "Statistical analysis and psychometric properties", should be put at the beginning of the section "Patients and methods".	the modification has been made
The method of recruitment of patients should be clarified in the method section (sampling). Discussion section: Add one or two sentences illustrating the specific difficulties of translation and adaptation in the field of psychiatry and mental illness	Patient recruitment is done according to : No specific type of sampling was adopted: an exhaustive recruitment of patients until the sample size calculated by the method proposed by Hulley Cummings, Browner, Newman and Heart, 1988, was reached, respecting the following criteria:

	- The decision of the treating psychiatrist, first that it is schizophrenia, then that the patient and the family member are able to conduct the interview, - The order is according to the arrival of the patients at the consultation, - The patient and the family member must agree to participate in the study A paragraph clarifying the patient recruitment procedure has been added to the method section
Bibliographic references: 5, 6 and 7: are to be rewritten.	the modification has been made
Bibliographic references 8: Add the date of consultation of the article.	the modification has been made
Bibliographic references Add DOI for all articles	the modification has been made

NB: In the manuscript, revisions highlighted in:

- Yellow is the revisions requested by reviewer 1
- Green is the revisions requested by reviewer 2

Thanks to the reviewers

I would like to thank you for your interest in our article. Your constructive and relevant comments have enhanced the quality of the work.

Sincerely

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Mehran Zarghami: Associate Editor | **Revision** (1) 21 Jan 2022

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

Mehran Zarghami: EIC | **Revision** (1) 4 Feb 2022

Dear Author,

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, we look forward to your continued contributions to the Journal.

Kind regards,
EIC