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Thank you for your recent submission to Journal of Multidisciplinary Healthcare, titled "The stress of Leprosy as A Facilitator of The Relationship Between Coping Resources, Coping Strategies, and Psychological Well-Being in patients with leprosy. A correlation study through the structural equation models" which has been received.

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Yours sincerely

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Reviewer 1

Title & Abstract

1. Do the title and abstract cover the main aspect of the work?

Yes, it is cover the main aspect of the work.

2. Does the introduction provide background and information relevant to the study?

Leprosy is a curable disease and the deformity could be prevented by early detection.

On page no 3, the author mentioned that "with leprosy that has spread globally and there is no cure that guarantees that the suffer can be free from disability (2)". Please justify this sentence.

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Actually, reference-2 has been studied with the people affected by reactions due to leprosy. "Scollard DM, Martelli CMT, Stefani MMA, De Fatima Marija M, Villahermosa L, Pardillo F, et al. Risk factors for leprosy reactions in three endemic countries. Am J Trop Med Hyg. 2015;92(1):108–14."

The author has to verify the reference articles and the citations.

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It would be good if the author change the word to 'people affected by leprosy or people with leprosy' instead of 'lepers'. We should not negatively label the diseased person, especially the people affected by leprosy.

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Only, the global data about leprosy was presented in the introduction and the data of Indonesia is not shown in the manuscript. It would be good if the author presented the Indonesia data on leprosy disease.

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Material and Methods

3. Are the methods clear and replicable? Do all the results presented match the methods described?

Is appropriate

In the measurement tools: The author does not mention which language version of the instrument was used for the study.

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Whether the measurement tools are available or not in the Indonesian language is not clearly mentioned in the manuscript.

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If the tools are translated, then the author has to detail the validity and reliability of the translated tools.

Validity and reliability tests have been explained in the data analysis process, especially in the evaluation of Outer models

Participants completed all questionnaires as a mode of self-reports. However, there is six participants' level of education that was 'no school', and how these participants fill out the questionnaires. These details should be mentioned in the manuscript.

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Results

4. If relevant are the results novel? Does the study provide an advance in the field? Is the data plausible?

Yes, it is relevant.

Discussion

5. Do the findings described by the author correlate with the results? Are the findings relevant?

The author has to discuss more the positive psychological intervention specifically for people with leprosy.

Yes, we have discussed the effect of exploring coping resources and using effective coping strategies in solving psychological problems due to the stress of leprosy to achieve better psychological well-being.

Conclusion

6. Do the conclusions correlate to the results found?

Yes, it's correlated with results.

Figures & Tables

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No

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10. Do you think the manuscript requires English editing to correct the grammar or flow?

Yes

Recommendations to the Editor

Additional comments

No additional comments

Reviewer 2

Title & Abstract

1. Do the title and abstract cover the main aspect of the work?

The title is very complicated, which is partly because of the choice of words like 'facilitator'

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2. Does the introduction provide background and information relevant to the study?

Yes, it does, but the case for how and to what extent leprosy affects mental wellbeing could be made much more strongly than by just referring to 'stress due to leprosy'. Quite a few recent studies, some of which are cited much later in the paper, could be used for this. This could include prevalence of depression and anxiety, etc.

Material and Methods

3. Are the methods clear and replicable? Do all the results presented match the methods described?

Yes, but the statistical methods used are partly beyond my scope of expertise, so I can only judge this in part.

Results

4. If relevant are the results novel? Does the study provide an advance in the field? Is the data plausible?

The methods are novel in terms of being applied to the issue of 'leprosy stress' and mental wellbeing. In practice this has already been shown to work practice elsewhere in Indonesia by Lusli et al through their work on rights-based peer counselling of and by persons affected by leprosy (2015; 2016).

For all these reasons, all authors have agreed to use the SEM (Structural Equation Modeling) analysis with Smart-PLS (Partial Least Square) test. And to clarify the data analysis in the SEM (Structural Equation Modeling) analysis with Smart-PLS (Partial Least Square) test, all authors agree to reconstruct the grammatical structure of the test analysis and divide it into 3 important parts, namely

1. Evaluation of Outer Models

2. Evaluation of Inner Models

5. The contribution of the independent variable to the dependent variable

Thus, the table structure has also changed, and we have resubmitted it as part of the table revision

Discussion

5. Do the findings described by the author correlate with the results? Are the findings relevant?

Yes, they do and yes, they are, although the authors make very little attempt to explain the very technical terminology and what this might mean for care of persons affected 'on the ground'.

Added:

Thus, positive psychology-based leprosy treatment approaches such as exploring the source of coping and strengthening the use of effective coping strategies in addition to providing leprosy treatment services need to be developed in the future by health service providers such as doctors, nurses, nutritionists, and other health workers, so that they feel comfortable. in undergoing the treatment program to completion to achieve optimal healing

Conclusion

6. Do the conclusions correlate to the results found?

Yes, they do.

Figures & Tables

7. If the author has provided figures and tables are the figures and tables clear and legible? Are the figures free from unnecessary modification?

Yes, except for Table 3: this is highly complex, except perhaps for statisticians. The figures are again quite technical in a statistical sense.

The author would like to report that the overall indicator of all variables produces a loading value that is greater than the loading value of other variables. Thus, it can be stated that from the discriminant validity test, each indicator can measure the latent variable/endogenous variable that corresponds to the indicator.

8. Does the paper raise any concerns?

Apart from being quite theoretical and technical, the paper does not raise specific concerns, ethical or otherwise. As said above, my statistical competence falls short of being able to judge fully the methods used in this paper.

The reference style is numerical but does not completely follow the JAMA reference style

No concerns regarding similarities to other articles

SEM (Structural Equation Modeling) data processing is a multivariate statistical analysis method. Software for SEM analysis that is often used, namely Smart-PLS is used to test the relationship between variables and is not based on various assumptions, but

the model built is very complex. In addition, the number of samples required in the analysis is relatively small (100 - 200). The data in the smart-PLS analysis does not have to be normally distributed because SmartPLS uses the bootstrap method or random multiplication. And with the bootstrap method, PLS (Partial Least Square) can use a minimal number of samples. SEM data processing is more complicated because SEM is built by a measurement model (outer model) and structural models (inner model). The measurement model is carried out to produce an assessment of the validity and discriminant validity, while the structural model is a model that describes the hypothesized relationship.

Although the data on each variable is the same in other studies, the relationship between variables is different, it will produce discriminant validity values and different hypothesis test values from the PLS test, therefore, even though there are similarities in the data with other research results, the variables tested are different, it will produce different test values. And this research does not resemble other studies, because the relationship between variables is very different, so the introduction, reporting of analysis test results, discussion, and conclusions are also very different.

Competing interest

9. Do any of the authors' competing interests raise concerns about the validity of the study i.e. have the authors' competing interests created a bias in the reporting of the results and conclusions?

Not that I can see

English editing

10. Do you think the manuscript requires English editing to correct the grammar or flow?

Yes

Recommendations to the Editor

Additional comments

I added continuous line numbering for ease of reference

Abstract

p.2, line 45: 'affect' should be 'cause'?

The meaning of facilitator in this context is not clear – facilitator of what? Or as a 'mitigator' of the problems mentioned? Or 'mediator'?

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Line 47 says: "The scales of " but doesn't which instruments were used. There will be many scales for each aspect mentioned, so giving the actual name is helpful, even in an abstract.

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Line 49/50: The meaning of "The structural equation model was used to test through cross-sectional design" is not clear

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Line 52: the value of 't' that is mentioned; is that not a z-value or F-value. Also, the actual p-value is preferred (so $p=0.000$)

REVISED (The t-test has been removed)

Line 59-61: "As a result, in reducing stress due to leprosy, individuals who have extensive coping resources and various coping strategies can identify ways to overcome them and can reduce stress on leprosy, thereby promoting better psychological well-being." Assuming that this means: 'These results show that in ' This does not point to an application of these results; it would worth rephrasing this in a way that suggests what might be done for people who do not have extensive coping resources and various coping strategies.

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Introduction

Line 66: meaning unclear

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Line 68: the prevalence data are about patients registered for treatment, not about people infected with M. leprae.

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Line 79: the term 'leper' is globally blacklisted. 'Person affected by leprosy' is the preferred term.

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Line 99-102: this is no longer true. See for example the studies by Van 't Noordende et al on family quality of life and on resilience, and of Van Dorst et al (2020), Van Netten et al (2021) and Pierneef et al (2022)

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Line 102 and following: the case for how and to what extent leprosy affects mental wellbeing could be made much more strongly than by just referring to 'stress due to leprosy'. Quite a few recent studies, some of which are cited much later in the paper, could be used for this. This could include prevalence of depression and anxiety, etc.

We have revised the narration and added the narration

Maybe only "Persons Affected by Leprosy" is shunned by the community even though there are many other chronic infectious diseases, because this disease is seen as a curse, unclean, and a recompense from God for his actions (16). As for him, the burden of depression and anxiety is part of their daily life (17)

Line 105: ref 15 doesn't seem to match

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Line 113: the reference to Somar et al is correct, but suddenly in a different style

We've revised the narrative to:

Persons Affected by Leprosy experience prolonged mental stress, which affects their well-being of them and their families

Line 119: it doesn't become clear in the text which resources are being referred to.

We've improved the narration, and the source has been added:

The source of coping is one of the elements of positive psychology and is an important instrument that can be proven as a protector in preventing mental stress for chronic diseases

"Panjwani AA, Revenson TA. Coping with Chronic Illness. In: The Wiley Encyclopedia of Health Psychology [Internet]. 1st ed. John Wiley & Sons Ltd; 2020. Available from: file:///C:/Users/ASUS/Downloads/PanjwaniRevenson2020.pdf"

Line 129: meaning not clear, please rephrase

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Line 139: "As a result" – probably better: 'following this reasoning'?

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Line 147: "this coping strategy" – not clear which coping strategy is being referred to

We have corrected the narrative, only explaining the narrative above, we do not use the source

Line 157: 'to motivate' should 'which motivate'

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Ref 37 is a duplicate of Ref 39, but the latter has the names in right notation, so 37 should be replaced by the content of 39.

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Ref 38 is a duplicate of Ref 19 and is again duplicated in Ref 66

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Line 178/79: 'facilitated' should probably be 'mediated'?

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Methods

Line 185: what patient population were these patients sampled from? How were they sampled? What is the basis for a sample size of 125?

More information on the age distribution and disability status is desirable, since the demographics seem very unlike the general population.

We are aware that the participants in this study were only 125 participants. The number of "Persons Affected by Leprosy" in the Leprosy Poly Room of the "Dr. Sutomo" Hospital was 178 patients in the period March 2021 - June 2022. At first we used "total sampling", but researchers had difficulty reaching it, and finally researchers used "convenience sampling". ". We all realize that this disease is very stigmatizing, so not all participants took part in this study, even as many as 7 participants had signed "informed consent", but on the way, they were not willing to fill out the questionnaire. Some of the participants were < 15 years old, but the age of the participants was is 14 years old, and based on WHO guidelines, the ages of "Persons Affected by Leprosy" are grouped into < 15 years and > 15 years, so that the researcher does not include the age of the participants. In addition, the researchers also do not include the level of disability, because we assume there is or no disability. with disabilities, they have difficulty positioning themselves in society, thus influencing their strategy to undergo a treatment program, and this is in accordance with the direction and purpose of this study which identifies coping resources, coping strategies to ensure their well-being through the stress of leprosy.

Because they already understand reading and writing, we do not accompany, only explain the important points of the contents of the questionnaire, and then they fill it out themselves after they agree to be research participants. We have also helped to clarify some of the contents of the questionnaire that the participants did not understand, so that they understood the purpose of the research instrument items, so that they determined the answer choices that matched what was in their minds. We have also added several important narratives in the manuscript to clarify the research procedures, for example related to the research location, namely the Leprosy Poly Room at the "Dr. Sutomo" Hospital Surabaya, and others

Line 201: all questionnaires or per questionnaire?

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Line 209/11: do these psychometric stats refer to the Bahasa Indonesia version or the Turkish version? How was the translation procedure done to obtain a valid Bahasa version?

The narration has been added

In this study, the researcher developed the psychological well-being scale from CD Ryff in the Indonesian version for data collection. In the process of translating into Indonesian, the researcher has consulted with English grammarians, and they are often used as consultants for the transfer of grammar, from English to Indonesian.

Same question for the other instruments. Ref

49: Title cannot be correct

A scale global measure of perceived stress by the authors Sheldon Cohen, Tom Kamarck and Robin Mermelstein (1983). Journal of Health and Social Behavior Vol. 4, No. 4 (Dec. 1983), pp. 385-396 (12 pages). Published By: American Sociological Association

Researchers deliberately use old sources to show the authenticity of the perceived stress scale

Line 217/20: do these stats refer to the Bahasa version?

The narration has been added

In this study, the researcher developed the perceived stress scale in the Indonesian version for data collection. In the process of translating into Indonesian, the researcher has consulted with English grammarians, and they are often used as consultants for the transfer of grammar, from English to Indonesian.

Line 227/8: same question

The narration has been added

In this study, the researcher developed the coping resources inventory for stress in the Indonesian version for data collection. In the process of translating into Indonesian, the researcher has consulted with English grammarians, and they are often used as consultants for the transfer of grammar, from English to Indonesian.

Line 239/41: same question

The narration has been added

In this study, the researcher developed the Coping Strategies Inventory Short-Form (CSI-SF) in the Indonesian version for data collection. In the process of translating into Indonesian, the researcher has consulted with English grammarians, and they are often used as consultants for the transfer of grammar, from English to Indonesian.

Line 244/5: descriptive statistics do not normally use correlation analysis, so this statement is not clear.

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Line 248/59: I'm not familiar with this procedure, so cannot judge the appropriateness of the various statistics in this context.

Same for the data in Table 3

All authors agree that in this study the test analysis used SEM (Structural Equation Modeling) analysis with SmartPLS (Partial Least Square), the reason that the number of respondents was around 100 respondents and the data used was primary data. The essence of this test is divided into 3 important stages, namely Evaluation of Outer Models, Evaluation of Inner Models, and the contribution of the independent variable to the dependent variable. In the Outer Models Evaluation, the calculated values include the value of the cross-loading factor, the value of reliability, and the validity of the instrument. In the Inner model, the calculated value is the result of hypothesis testing and the value of the contribution of the independent variable to the dependent variable, the value that becomes the benchmark is the R-Square value. For all these reasons, all authors agree to reconstruct all tables in detail and revise the structure of the statistical analysis report. The author also does not include any more predictive values. And we have re-sent all of them

Results

Table 2: decimal separators should be periods (.); also 2 decimal places would be enough

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Line 268: why are these means called 'good averages' – what are the reference standards?

Researchers only produce additional data, and indeed all authors agree to omit the information column

Line 269-321: this is outside my field of competence

To clarify the research results report, all authors agree to change the design of the research data report without changing the content of the research results, so that it looks easy to understand by all readers. However, the consequence is that there are several changes that occur in the results of the study, especially in the report on the results of the Structural Equation Modeling analysis, which is divided into 3 reports of analysis results, including Evaluation of Outer Models, Evaluation of Inner Models, and The contribution of the independent variable to the dependent variable. For this reason, the authors also agreed to change the table, where in the Evaluation of Outer Models there are 2 tables, namely Value of loading and cross loading and Construct reliability and validity. in The contribution of the independent variable to the dependent variable there is 1 table, and The contribution of the independent variable to the dependent variable there is 1 table. And in full, we have re-sent a new table with a research report.

Discussion

Line 350/1: from the analysis it seems that stress due to leprosy is either used as an outcome (dependent variable) or as a determinant of psychological wellbeing. It is not clear why the authors call 'leprosy stress' a facilitator in the relationship between the other 3 constructs.

The narration has been added:

Because leprosy stress can change psychological well-being and has a close relationship with coping resources and coping strategies to be chosen, while coping resources and coping strategies are always related to psychological well-being, in this study researchers examine the relationship between coping resources, coping strategies, and psychological well-being, through the stress of leprosy

Line 252/5: this relates to Figures 1 and 2. It is clear why and how coping resources and strategies are related to leprosy stress and why all 3 are related to psychological wellbeing, but not why this makes leprosy stress a facilitator or mediator.

Perhaps the results should be explained a bit differently. The figures show 3 pathways to improve psychological wellbeing. Two are direct effects of coping resources and strategies; the third is via leprosy stress, which can also be positively influenced by coping resources and strategies. It is evident that this is true, but there are of course many other factors that affect the stress level due to leprosy that have not been included in this study; leprosy-related stigma being one of the main factors.

We strongly agree with his opinion, after we revised the text, globally the narratives in the introduction, method, discussion and conclusion have described the four relationships between variable

Line 368: It would be good if the authors would elaborate here on what coping resources may be for persons affected by leprosy. In this way the results become more practically applicable.

The narration has been added

Confidence to recover from illness, increased ability and willingness to interact with other people and the environment, strong personality, high self-confidence, and a strong desire to solve problems are forms of coping resources that exist in every individual and can use to solve problems through the selection of effective coping strategies, and this is also what "Persons Affected by Leprosy" must do to maintain their well-being

Line 371: see comment above regarding the term 'facilitate'

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Line 387/95: I suspect that having a social network and peer support are part of possible coping resources. If so, the findings from this study confirm what was shown to work in practice elsewhere in Indonesia by Lusli et al through their work on rights-based peer counselling of and by persons affected by leprosy (2015; 2016).

The narration has been added

And the findings of this study, have confirmed what has been proven successful in practice elsewhere in Indonesia by Lusli et al through their work on rights-based peer counseling from and by people who have experienced leprosy

Line 398/9: This needs to be rephrased

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Dear Dr Listiawan,

I am pleased to inform you that your manuscript "The stress of Leprosy as A Mediator of The Relationship Between Coping Resources, Coping Strategies, and Psychological Well-Being in Persons Affected by Leprosy. The Structural Equation Models Through a Correlation Study" has been accepted for publication in "Journal of Multidisciplinary Healthcare".

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