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Title of the Manuscript:	Addressing stigma related to leprosy: lessons from an intervention study in Thailand
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	Manuscript has too much repetition of texts and thus need a revision to reduce the text to necessary levels. Repetition is creating loss of reading.	We reduced the repeated texts of the 1 st paragraph under heading monitoring & evaluation of the intervention study. We included only necessary texts in Table 1.
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	1. Health workers have higher stigma than Community members. Therefore in a community like this, first attempt should be made to destigmatize the H/workers and then the community –please send your comments and include in the discussion 2. It is mentioned that score of ≥ 8 (line 118-120) and over 8 (line 559) what is the exact position please clarify? 3. You should also mention the numerical values of variable taken for regression analysis, to understand it better	1. Even health workers had higher stigma than community members, interventions designed by the group members focused on community members as they thought stigma among community members were more urgent to be addressed as people affected had interaction with CM in their daily life. We also addressed stigma among health workers by providing them leprosy knowledge after the final monitoring & evaluation of this study. The results will be presented in separated study that we kindly ask the editor to published simultaneously with this article. This explanation is now included in the discussion. 2. It is the score of ≥ 8. Revised accordingly. 3. 'Numerical values of variable taken for regression analysis' is now included.



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<u>Optional/General</u> comments	Needs improvement of the important manuscript and resubmit	Thank you very much for your kind comments. We appreciated this very much.
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