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Title of the Manuscript:	The effectiveness of de-stigmatizing interventions
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	Need more background on leprosy, leprosy in Thailand, and dapsone for those with no knowledge in this area.	More background is now included.
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	Line 12 – weary of saying stigma (a very complicated issue) is necessary caused by the factors issues – promoted, enhanced, etc. may be better	We do agree with your comments but this is what we found in our literature review.
	Lines 26-29 – Expand and be more specific regarding effects of stigma. It helps to emphasize the significance of the study.	Revised accordingly.
	Line 64 – I'd define SHG in the article proper – not just the abstract	Revised accordingly.
	Line 104 – Awkward sentence	Revised already
	Line 125 – Consistency in stigmatisation/stigmatization	Revised accordingly
	Line 135-136 – I'd define covariates here	
	Line 320 – Don't end sentence with 'to'	Revised accordingly
	A bit more consideration of why some of the programs were more or less beneficial may be valuable in areas such as Lines 237-245 or 266-274. This may require more background on the areas served – class, history,	Thank you very much for suggesting the paper. We now refer Yang LH and Klienman's article.



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	general health status, culture or more theoretical grappling on stigma (in which case I recommend Kleinman's articles on moral experience and stigma) – what people feel leprosy is threatening in their lives and why this exacerbates stigma for example.	
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	Overall, a well-written, important, and interesting manuscript!	Thank you very much for your critical comments. We appreciated this very much.