




Lived Experience of Individuals with Cerebral Palsy Regarding Harms and Social Interactions in the Marginalized City of Parand

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The phrase “These individuals demonstrate admirable perseverance...” introduces a value-laden tone that, while empathetic, may weaken the scientific neutrality of the article. Consider reframing in more analytical language (e.g., “Participants showed psychological resilience in managing daily challenges...”).

The assertion that “insufficient understanding... can foster social discrimination and threaten equity” is compelling. However, it would benefit from the inclusion of specific national or regional data on discrimination against people with disabilities in Iran or similar contexts.

The sentence “This limitation may manifest in various dimensions...” would benefit from illustrative quotes from participants, as is standard in qualitative reporting.

The sub-point “Discrimination and inequity in the workplace...” is analytically significant but lacks concrete examples or verbatim responses that reflect discriminatory practices—these would strengthen the argument.

There is no mention of the health insurance system or financial burdens associated with therapy and medication. Including this dimension would add important context for access-related barriers.

While it mentions difficulties using technology, it is not clear whether participants were trained in assistive technologies. Inclusion of such data would deepen this section's value for practitioners.

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1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The final sentence ends with the research question: "What are the harms and social interactions...". To enhance scholarly rigor, clarify what is meant by "harms"—does it refer to psychosocial, physical, or structural harms?

Although interview duration is stated (40 to 130 minutes), there is no indication of whether participants required or received communication accommodations, which would be essential for individuals with cerebral palsy experiencing speech impairments.

The manuscript identifies "43 limitations categorized under eight domains," yet it is unclear how these codes were developed or merged into categories. Including an example of the coding process or a table of code clusters would increase analytical transparency.

Consider expanding the point "Barriers to attending family ceremonies" by discussing how social stigma, physical barriers, or internalized shame may intersect with cultural expectations in family contexts.

The item "Difficulties in managing finances" is important, but it would benefit from clarity—did participants report issues with financial literacy, physical inaccessibility to banks, or lack of institutional support?

This domain could be split into two distinct categories—cultural versus psychological—as the themes differ significantly (e.g., access to religious spaces vs. depression).

Overall, the findings section lacks direct participant quotations, which are central to qualitative phenomenology. Adding 1–2 representative quotes per domain would enhance authenticity and traceability.

The statement "high unemployment rates and restricted professional advancement..." could be made more impactful with a brief comparison to national employment statistics for people with disabilities.

The authors write "These challenges in social participation also have psychological ramifications...". This could be expanded by integrating literature on loneliness, self-concept, or identity development among people with disabilities.

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2. Revised

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