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This is to confirm that the article entitled “***The things society does hurts us more than the virus***” – ***a narrative inquiry of stigma among patients with COVID 19 in Chennai, India.***” submitted to the *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics* is original and has been co-authored by the undersigned. All authors have participated in the work sufficiently to meet the ICMJE guidelines for authorship. All have read and approved the manuscript.

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We have read the terms and conditions of authorship of IJME and accept them.

We request you to kindly consider this manuscript for publication in your journal as it brings out a very important social dimension of the COVID 19 pandemic, namely stigma, among a group of individuals who recovered from COVID 19.

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