

REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Diseased Selves and Social Others: Cultural Constructions of Epilepsy and Leprosy in India.

Recommendation:

Accept as it is

Accept after minor revision.....

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		✓		
Techn. Quality		✓		
Clarity			✓	
Significance			✓	

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Reviewer's Comment for Publication

Strengths

- Excellent integration of historical, religious, and sociological perspectives.
- Clear argument that illness functions as a site for negotiating cosmology, morality, and social boundaries.
- Effective use of diverse references, including ancient texts and modern medical definitions.

Suggestions for Minor Revision

1. Organization & Flow:

- While comprehensive, some sections are lengthy and could benefit from clearer subheadings (e.g., "Historical Evidence," "Myth and Stigma," "Foucauldian Perspectives") to guide readers.

2. Language & Grammar:

- Minor typographical and spacing issues appear throughout (e.g., inconsistent spacing in "epi- lepsy," "lep2rosy," and occasional run-on sentences). A careful proofread will enhance readability.

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3. Conclusion:

- The closing section could be strengthened by explicitly summarizing how these historical stigmas inform current public health or social policy challenges.

Overall, this is a significant contribution to the fields of medical humanities, cultural history, and the sociology of health. After minor revisions for clarity and formatting, it is well suited for publication.