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Paper Submission

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Journal Title	Asia-Pacific Journal of Research in Early Childhood Education
Manuscript Number	APJ-22-223
Title of Manuscript	Improving the Intimacy in Mother-Child Communication in the Middle of COVID-19 Pandemic through Playing and Reading Activities
Abstract (Limit 200 words)	Intimate communication between mother and child is very important for optimal and mature child development in the future. This communication can be built when the mother as the main actor in child care takes enough time to involve in various activities carried out and needed by the child in its development. Nowadays, the existence of a corona pandemic requires everyone to stay at home, no exception for mothers who usually work in the office. Thus, this condition has an important role in fostering intimate communication between mother and child. This study aims at determining various activities that can be carried out by mothers and children while they are at home and the implementation of these activities so that the intimacy of mother and child communication that was constrained could be reawakened. The method used in this study is a survey method with a quantitative approach. The stages include condition analysis, literature review, research instrument making, google form creation, data processing, soliciting responses, writing reports, and conclusions. The results of the study showed that most respondents engaged in reading and playing activities with their children at home. Those two activities were made to vary according to the interests and development of the children. Reading and playing activities required mothers to be creative, innovative, and directly involved in children's activities. This has an impact on the rebuilding of intimacy communication between mother and child.
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✓ **Review**

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Editor	Result	Accept as it is
	Comments	<p>Thank you very much for your submission to APJRECE. We are pleased to inform you that your manuscript, "Improving the Intimacy in Mother-Child Communication in the Middle of COVID-19 Pandemic through Playing and Reading Activities" will be published in APJRECE Journal (Print ISSN: 1976-1961/Online ISSN: 2233-5234)</p> <p>Congratulations on this accomplishment.</p>

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Comments	<p>Thank you very much for your submission to APJRECE. We are pleased to inform you that your manuscript, "Improving the Intimacy in Mother-Child Middle of COVID-19 Pandemic through Playing and Reading Activities" will be published in APJRECE Journal (Print ISSN: 1976-1961/Online ISSN: 2254-2644).</p> <p>Congratulations on this accomplishment.</p>



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Reviewer A	Result	Accept with Minor Revisions
	Comments(for author)	Please add main findings in abstract
Reviewer B	Result	Reject
	Comments(for author)	<p>An fascinating topic explored by the researchers. However this paper needs could not be published as it is in the journal. The following are recommendations from the examiner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the abstract: starting with a research statement to direct the reader to the focus of this study. Have the conclusion and recommendation of the analysis in the abstract as well. • In Introduction part: please mention the source of socio-demographic data for household members (the researchers only mentioned it from a survey, which survey? Where is the reference?) Some of the data does not make sense, or is used to illustrate the topic of the study imprecisely. For example, with regard to the implementation of the Learning Regulation of the Minister of Education during the period COVID-19 as the background to the study. Researchers could use the law of the Minister of Employment, which specifically regulates how workers function at home, as the reasoning. Isn't that the focus of research? • In the background, the researchers should explain the conditions of communication and intimacy prior to COVID-19 and now while mothers are working from home. Discussion of patterns of family contact, behaviours and relationships between children and mothers is left as a mere description, the researchers have failed to explain how all these theories have become a precedent or are used to clarify the context of the analysis. • Previous research presented do not relate to the current situation of the pandemic or even to the relationship and intimacy of mothers and children. The researchers should look for more important studies related to his or her research. • The researchers did not offer a clear explanation of the research statement. In fact, the problem statement was not stated at all. The researchers stated that the objectives of this study is to obtain information on the intimacy of communication between mother and child at home during the COVID-19 pandemic, and how reading and playing together can improve the intimacy of mother and child. What's meant to get the information? Did the researchers ask a question, yes or no, or how or why. This will have a significant effect on the study design. • The research methodology is not well explained, there is no description of the validity, reliability, ethics, sampling technique and population of the methods used. The survey questions posed by the researchers are more like exploratory questions that should be asked using qualitative methods. How to measure quantitatively When the questions posed are open-ended and the range of answers is very wide. Many questions seem futile, because researchers don't understand/explain explicitly what the problem statement is. Since data collection has been carried out what the researchers should do is re-open the answers from the respondents and not compel them to quantify them. • Since the design is not accurate, the findings will not be true either. The reviewer therefore recommends that researchers rewrite the article.
Reviewer C	Result	Accept with Major Revisions
	Comments(for author)	<p>Review :</p> <p>In general, the article is reviewed by following the domain of Early Childhood Education, but the writing does not follow the existing format template. The title of this study how the current situation that occurs in learning in early childhood education. The study also has novelty with factual conditions that occur related to the COVID-19 pandemic period, which is the basis of many countries to carry out learning from home. However, after further looking at the results of the study, it seems that improvements are needed, especially in the conceptual exposure</p> <p>In the introduction, it seems that the authors have not presented exactly the problems that were reviewed even though the purpose of the study has been stated. In the background, the authors have stated several times that working from home (WFH) or school from home (SFH) leads to increased activity at home, especially educating children. But accurate data on previous studies on changes in the atmosphere of learning from home with the assistance of parents as teachers has not been seen. The authors only show indirect evidence about the importance of stimulation the child development task</p> <p>The literature study is a section that is not specifically written as required by the journal. The author included the library study in the introduction so that it can be a theoretic discussion that should indicate the novelty of the theme being reviewed. Some previous research studies failed to establish a conceptual framework as a basis for developing research instruments. The theory studies given by the authors seem to need to be more in line with the themes studied. The author takes the basis of the Vito's theory relating to communication patterns in the family but does not specify which pattern the author is the basis for explaining the meaning of intimacy between mother and child.</p> <p>As a quantitative study, population presence and sampling techniques require accurate methods to avoid bias in research. The authors only mention the number of respondents studied without providing accurate data about the population. The authors mention that these respondents are parents who have children who are attending school in early</p>