

Reviewer comment-2

Thank you for the opportunity to review this manuscript. Overall, this is a well-structured and impactful study that addresses an urgent and relevant topic: the challenges and adaptations in conducting community-based multimedia research interventions during the COVID-19 pandemic, especially among racial/ethnic minorities and people living with HIV. The study's focus on the T.I.D.E. implementation method is innovative and provides valuable insights that can inform future research and practice.

Strengths:

The rationale for the study is strong, particularly the focus on how the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated existing health disparities and the need to adapt research methods accordingly. The use of the T.I.D.E. acronym is a clever and memorable way to organize the implementation method, making the study's findings easily accessible and applicable to other researchers.

The manuscript provides a thorough description of the methodology, including the challenges faced and how they were overcome. The authors' attention to the details of implementing the film-based intervention, particularly the considerations for participant engagement and technological barriers, demonstrates a high level of methodological rigor.

The results are well contextualized within the broader literature on health disparities, the digital divide, and community-based research. This enhances the relevance and applicability of the findings to both the academic community and practitioners.

The manuscript demonstrates a strong commitment to reflexivity and ethical considerations, particularly in addressing the immediate needs of participants and the adaptations made in response to their circumstances. This aligns well with the principles of community-based participatory research (CBPR).

Areas for Improvement:

In the current structure, it may be challenging for readers to differentiate between the presentation of raw results and the interpretation of those results in the discussion section. Introducing a separate "Results" section will help to clarify where the presentation of data ends and the interpretation begins.

Ensure that the results presented directly correspond to the research questions or objectives outlined earlier in the manuscript. This will strengthen the manuscript's overall coherence and ensure that the findings are clearly linked to the study's aims.

There is a repeated line between lines 96-97, which was previously stated in lines 91-92. This redundancy should be removed for a smoother reading experience.

The conclusion discusses the importance of reflection, but this concept is not fully set up in the introduction. Consider revisiting the introduction to frame reflection as a key component of the study's approach, which will make the conclusion feel more cohesive.

The manuscript mentions the issue of participants' web-cameras being off but could benefit from further contextualization of why this was significant. Adding a brief discussion on the implications of this for participant engagement, data quality, or ethical considerations would strengthen this point.

Recommendation:

The manuscript is strong and has significant potential to contribute to the literature. I recommend that the authors revise the manuscript based on the feedback provided and resubmit it for further review. The suggested revisions will enhance the clarity, coherence, and overall impact of the study.