

Reviewer comments-1

1. This is a nice selective review of the literature on the relationship of childhood trauma and substance use, mediated by stigma. It is nice to see some more recent literature on this topic discussed.
2. The title should reflect more the full content of the article's discussion. For example, in addition to stigma, the article references self-esteem and resilience without integrating these concepts into the discussion.
3. Many informative ideas are presented. However, the discussion could be improved in several ways: Reorganizing the manuscript to flow from introduction to the issues to be discussed, purpose(s) of the manuscript, methods/procedures, findings, conclusions, limitations, and directions for future work. It would help if the authors presented a conceptual schematic model, then discussed it. As well, there is a need for the authors to discuss in detail how they selected the articles to review, interrater reliabilities in article selection, how "thematic synthesis" was employed, reliabilities in coding these data, whether the substance use data reported in the reviewed articles were self-report or urine test results. More details on key concept and methods in the paper are needed. I do not think Panels A and B are needed, nor is the Li et al., 2023 table (the SE's for this table [0.000 and 0.001] are statistically problematic).
5. I think the references presented are proper and reasonable in number. I think some references on the long term longitudinal effects of childhood trauma (re: the work of Teplin and her associates) would be helpful in documenting the profound effect of these early life experiences.