Table 2: Experiences of Families of Iranian Patients with Schizophrenia

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| Main theme | Themes | Subthemes |
| Living in hell | Public unawareness | Public unawareness  Lack of proper marriage opportunities  Belief that the disease is inherited |
| Stigma | Discrimination  To be ridiculed  reproach |
| Sense of shame | Hiding the disease  Fear of superimposition |
| Isolation | Fear of people  Lack of freedom in communication |
| Poor quality of life | Loss of family security  Sorrow  Academic failure  Turmoil in the family |
| Need of support | Financial problems  Burden of care  Need to support |