Reviewer's report

Title: Urine toxicology, psychiatric symptoms and antisocial personality at intake to treatment predicts abstinence in buprenorphine treatment

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Minor essential Revisions:
1. Methods:(2nd to last sentence) ...and seen by a senior consultant psychiatrist who initiated and SUPERVISE (verb tense error)buprenorphine...
2. Subjects: (3rd sentence). The remaining subjects were 76% men. Not grammatically correct.
3. Data presented in Subjects section would be more appropriate under results as opposed to methods.
4. Results page 11 remove comma after As can be seen,... Also tense from this paragraph should probably be past not current based on previous paragraph.
5. Discussion 1st sentence-may want to include reference.
6. Discussion 3rd paragraph, 1st sentence-may want to include reference.

Discretionary Revisions
1. Would like more information on how slips are handled. Paper states no illegal drug use is tolerated. Does this mean patients are discharged with 1 positive urine toxicology screen?
2. SCID II screen: (1st sentence page 8) Long sentence which is really 2 complete sentences. Consider adding period before age 15. If patients, satisfy criteria...
3. SCID II screen: (2nd to last sentence) consider adding hyphen to personality disorder related traits (disorder-related traits).

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.