Reviewer's report

Title: A first national survey of knowledge, attitudes and behaviours towards schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and autism in France

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Reviewer: John Read

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Overall the authors have done a good job of incorporating my suggestions. I remain of the view that this is an important paper.

MAJOR COMPULSORY

Although you have removed the term 'mental health literacy' in some places you have retained it in others. I recommend that you replace it with 'knowledge' or 'information' throughout

on p 11 you write:
'This finding is especially interesting given the fact that there is increasing concern that messages regarding the biogenic nature of mental disorders may have increased rather than decreased negative views of adult mental disorders - this effect was not observed in our study with regard to a major childhood disorder'

you have not tested for that effect (although I recommended that you do so)

MINOR ESSENTIAL REVISIONS

Abstract

This is unclear in places

eg what do you mean by 'negative labelling'?

you say that 'Discrimination against schizophrenia was only partly attenuated in those with familiarity with mental disorders' without saying whether it was attenuated for the other two disorders

you use 'mental health literacy' again here

Small errors

eg p 13 'campaign such AS ...'

'currnt'

DISCRETIONARY REVISIONS
I still can’t see why you don’t test the hypothesis that biogenetic casual beliefs are related to negative attitudes. You have the data. It’s just a matter of running correlations.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests