Reviewer’s report

Title: The impact of medication side effects on adherence among patients with schizophrenia: results of a cross-sectional nationwide survey

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I have reviewed the revised manuscript and I view that the authors have answered my points sufficiently well to allow the manuscript to be published.

I recommend the following minor essential revisions:

1. In paragraph 2 of the discussions section the authors state “atypical antipsychotics are generally thought to have lower risk for EPS compared to typical antipsychotics” – in the past the potential to cause EPS was proposed as a distinction between so called atypical and typical antipsychotics – this distinction is no longer commonly thought to be correct or meaningful. The authors should change the wording of this sentence to reflect this.

2. In limitations paragraph one sentence 6 replace “schizophrenia medication” with “antipsychotic medication” – the current wording is clumsy.

3. In the results section the beginning of paragraph four refers to the four clusters on the MMAS – please correct this as there are five clusters (this was corrected throughout the rest of the paper).

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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.