Reviewer’s report

Title: Persistence of pharmacological treatment into adulthood, in UK primary care, for ADHD patients who started treatment in childhood or adolescence

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The revised manuscript should now be recommended for publication in BMC Psychiatry without further revisions.

The authors considered, as far as the data source was sufficient enough, all principal suggestions for revision. Based on the accessible data, they have clearly formulated assessment hypotheses. The methods as well as the results are well described. Results and conclusions are of high clinical interest and correspond almost completely with practical experiences in Germany during transition of ADHD patients from adolescence into adulthood. In the Limitations section they take into account all major issues being relevant for a more differenciated analysis of the study results, as for comorbidities and informations about the used medications during the observation period. They refer to future studies addressing sufficiently these deficits.

The article is of high clinical importance in the field of treatment conditions in ADHD after childhood. The results demonstrate the significant lack of specialized medical service patients with ADHD actually can receive which is one major reason for the high proportion of tretament cessation in this disorder despite its high persistence into adulthood. In so far the results are of high interest for psychiatrists but also for general practitioners.