Reviewer's report

Title: Typology of persons with severe mental disorders

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This is an interesting study that establishes typology of persons with severe mental disorders. The authors need to elaborate on a few issues.

Minor Essential Revisions
1. The Montreal Assessment of Needs Questionnaire should be described in further detail. Has the instrument been used in other studies? Is it validated? How is 'needs seriousness' defined?
2. The authors should provide more details on the cluster analysis. It is not clear how they decided on 5 clusters.
3. The authors should discuss the applicability of their results on service provision in the Discussion Section.
4. Certain sections of the manuscript need to be reworded/ rephrased. E.g. Page 8, para 3 - "There was the lowest AUDIT score.""; page 6 para 1- "The MANQ has four additional domains, for a total of 26."

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests