Reviewer's report

Title: Working alliance and its relationship to outcomes in a randomized controlled trial (RCT) of antipsychotic medication

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Dear Prof Lysaker,

Thank you for sending me the revised version of the manuscript: “Working alliance and its relationship to outcomes in a randomized controlled trial (RCT) of antipsychotic medication” for re-review. In this version the authors did a good job in responding to the reviewers comments. However, I have only one comment regarding an issue that wasn’t addressed fully:

The authors write in their cover letter, as response to the reviewer request for reliability information: “We assume that the reviewer is referring to the reliability data in the literature. We have provided references to each scale where the reader will find all these reliability data. All scales were reliable and valid and used in the literature. We have now reported Cronbach’s alpha for the WAI and the Quality of life measure in the paper as these are less well known scales. We also assumed that the reviewer did not want us to provide such information from our study as it was not set up to carry out such analyses.”.

While providing information regarding psychometric properties of the scales from other studies is important, it is also very acceptable and appropriate to provide alpha cronbach based on the current study sample. This is a simple test (scale in SPSS) that confirms the quality of the instruments. In addition, when the authors write cronbach alphas from other studies they should refer to these studies and mention them in ()

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