Reviewer's report

Title: Attitudes towards the administration of long-acting antipsychotics: a survey of physicians and nurses

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Overall this is a well written article. The objectives are clearly written, the methods are conveyed appropriately and the results are presented in a non-biased way. The conclusions by the authors seem appropriate given the results. Conjoint analysis is well accepted in the scientific literature to assess patient based preferences to various treatments. The limitations of the conjoint method are also carefully explained by the authors. Given the scope of this work, I do have a few minor suggestions for improvement:

Minor Essential Revisions:

Methods (page 6): It is stated that survey participants were identified through field activity. This is a bit unclear to me. Ideally the best way to conduct a survey is through random sampling. This is not always possible, and understandable. However more details on the selection of participants need to be included here.

Results Participants (p 9): please specify what n/% of physicians who responded to the survey were psychiatrists vs other specialties.

Tables 1-4: is there any measure of variance that can be added to the attribute scores?

Figure 4: please remove circle highlighting, as this is distracting

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.

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