Reviewer's report

Title: Consultant psychiatrists' experiences of and attitudes towards shared decision making in antipsychotic prescribing, a qualitative study.

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Reviewer: Rosemarie McCabe

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This is an interesting paper that explores 26 psychiatrists experiences of and attitudes towards shared decision making in antipsychotic prescribing.

Major Compulsory Revisions

1. As this paper has the potential to be viewed as simply a replication of the previous studies in this field, it is necessary to delineate more clearly the additional contribution that this paper makes over and above the Seale/Quirk studies and draw out the findings that emerged from your analyses that were not previously described in Seale/Quirk papers.

2. There is considerable detail missing in relation to the analytic process and reporting of findings. As the number of participants commenting on each of the emergent themes/ issues is not provided, it is not possible to assess how representative the themes and associated illustrative quotes are.

3. A useful improvement would be to pull out the factors that psychiatrists reported as obstructive and constructive in shared decision making and tabulate and discuss them.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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