Reviewer's report

Title: Health Beliefs and Carer Burden in First Episode Psychosis

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Reviewer: Terence McCann

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Thank you for giving me the opportunity to review your manuscript. I am sorry for the delay in providing my review. Overall, I found this to be a well-crafted and interesting manuscript. It makes a useful, though not substantial, contribution to knowledge. I have no major recommendations for changes; however, I have included several suggestions below that need to be addressed.

MINOR ESSENTIAL REVISIONS

Writing style/grammar:
Overall, you write very well, and that made my job a lot easier; however, I found numerous instances where the inclusion of a comma would have been helpful.

Capitalisation: Ensure a consistent way of capitalizing ‘Black’ instead of the occasional ‘black.’ I would also use lower case case for ‘carers’ throughout.

p.1, para 4, last sentence: change ‘a patients’ to ‘a patient’s’

p.4, first sentence – Provide a reference.

p.4, para 1: I would use lower case to spell ‘Minority and Ethic’

p. 4, final sentence: Omit ‘18-35’ as this is mentioned later.

Limitations;
Overall, these are clearly stated. Mention gender difference in sample size; though, you could also highlight that most carers are female.

Conclusion:
Delete ‘To conclude’

Reference section:
You are using an inconsistent way of citing journal names. Perhaps this is attributable to an Endnote/Ref. Manager problem, but it needs to be addressed.

DISCRETIONARY REVISIONS

I realize that there are very few recent studies of carers in the FEP field; therefore, you might want to consider this related paper as well. However, as this is one of my papers I leave it up to you to decide whether or not to include it.

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

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

**Statistical review:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.