Reviewer's report

Title: Executive function does not predict coping with symptoms in patients with a diagnosis of schizophrenia

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The aim of the manuscript was to find how cognitive functions, especially executive functions, predict coping styles related to symptoms in patients with schizophrenia. They have used The Maastricht Assessment of Coping Strategies (MACS) to assess the coping styles and cognitive tests in a cross-sectional design including limited numbers of schizophrenia patients without any control group. However the study was well designed and analyzed with Odds Ratios regarding each cognitive functions and coping styles. It has a very relevant result that cognitive dysfunctions may not predict schizophrenia symptoms. And the authors have discussed the results in details.

It may be better to indicate the open form of MACS (The Maastricht Assessment of Coping Strategies) where it was first written in the abstract. Also the type of the medicines the patients were using and side effects including EPS should have been mentioned in the manuscript because of relation between cognition and side effects, type of medicine.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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 related to this manuscript.