Author's response to reviews

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Dear Editors

Thank you for the opportunity to revise our manuscript. We also thank the reviewers for their comments on our manuscript which have helped to further improve it. Our response to each comment is detailed below. Comments are in italics, and our responses are written directly below. Per the reviewer’s comments, the manuscript was revised (revisions are highlighted) and the quality of written English was much improved through proofreading and editing by a native English speaker familiar with this type of research (the written English of the whole paper was revised, this is not especially highlighted). Finally, we have included the table and formatted the document according to the guidelines. We hope the manuscript is now acceptable for publication in BMC Health Services Research. If any changes are needed, do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for considering our revised manuscript. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Associate Editor's comments (enclosing Reviews 1 and 2):

Review 1 (Matthew Large)

1. I wonder if the authors would like to consider defining clinical risk management in order to further differentiate their work from papers about the clinical risk of individual patients - to my eyes the paper is about organisational risk management in mental health care.

Thank you for this important comment. We made it explicit throughout the whole paper that the focus is on organizational risk management in mental health care (especially at the end of p 3). Accordingly we
also changed the title (see also point 3) that now reads: “Clinical risk management in mental health: a qualitative study of main risks and related organizational management practices”.

Review 2 (Saeed Farooq)

2. Some grammar and expression need to be addressed; few examples are given below
Thank you for pointing this out. We changed grammar and expressions throughout the paper according to your suggestions. Furthermore, a native English speaker familiar with this type of research proofread and edited the paper with special focus on grammar and terminology.

2a. Somatic hospital, would be better replaced by hospital for physical disorder. Similarly I think physical health is better term than somatic health
We changed the term somatic throughout the paper. Our proofreader suggested to use physical disorder and medical health care.

2b. Compromised instead of comprised
We changed this throughout the paper according to your suggestion.

2c. Risky treatment could be better replaced high risk treatment
We changed this according to your suggestion (p 7).

2d. Elopement: could be replaced with leaving hospital against medical advice or absconding the hospital
We changed this throughout the paper according to your suggestion.

3. Title should be changed. The present title suggests that this is perhaps overview of the research and gives a misleading impression that it may be a systematic review. I would think a title like “Clinical risk management in mental health: A qualitative study of main risks and related management practices” may be more appropriate. Authors may however suggest a better title.
Thank you for this important comment. We changed the title as you suggested, integrating also the point about organizational risk management in mental health care (see point 1). The title now reads: “Clinical risk management in mental health: a qualitative study of main risks and related organizational management practices”.

Copyediting

4. After reading through your manuscript, we feel that the quality of written English needs to be improved before the manuscript can be considered further. We advise you to seek the assistance of a fluent English speaking colleague, or to have a professional editing service correct your language. Please ensure that particular attention is paid to the abstract.
The quality of written English of the final manuscript was much improved through proofreading and editing by a native English speaker familiar with this type of research. Particular attention was paid to the abstract, but also to the whole paper, the figure and the table.
Tables as additional files

5. We notice that you have included tables as additional files. If you want the tables to be visible within the final published manuscript please include them in the manuscript in a tables section following the references. Alternatively, please cite the files as Additional file 1 etc., and include an additional files section in the manuscript.

Thank you very much for this suggestion. If possible, we like to include the table within the final published manuscript. Therefore we included it in the manuscript in a tables section following the references and indicated where in the paper the table should be placed (p 13).

If any further changes are needed, do not hesitate to contact us.