Author's response to reviews

Title: Exploring the impact of common assessment instrumentation on communication and collaboration in inpatient and community-based mental health settings: a focus group study

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Author's response to reviews: see over
Dr. Roberto Forero,

I was very pleased to learn that the Associate Editor was satisfied with the revisions made to our manuscript, entitled “Exploring the impact of common assessment instrumentation on communication and collaboration in inpatient and community-based mental health settings: a focus group study” (MS: 1360303666125829).

There were 2 outstanding issues that warranted further revision/clarification - and I have addressed these in the newly revised manuscript. Please find below responses to each of the Associate Editor’s comments, as well as where to find relevant changes in the text; all changes to the manuscript have been highlighted (in yellow).

I believe that I have adequately addressed both comments. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Lynn Martin

Editor comments:
1. **Authors Response: REV 2, POINT 3. The Response Provided By The Authors In Relation To This Point The Paragraph "For Example ...There Are Scales Embedded...." Should Be Included In The Discussion. I Suggest To Insert (AND EDIT) IT ON: PAGE 13, LINE 268, ONWARDS.**
   • This has been added to the Discussion (see p14-15, lines 303-308)

2. **Authors Response: REV2, POINT 7. I agree with reviewer 2 the that these are specific instruments not general. the manuscript shoulds be modified accordingly to reflect that this study refers to these specific instruments**
   • This has been noted in the following areas:
     o Introduction - clarified within the goal of the study (see p5, line 93)
     o Discussion, in 2 areas:
       § again clarified that the study employed 2 specific instruments (see p13, lines 266-268)
       § noted opportunities for future work using other compatible instruments, as well as other jurisdictions using the interRAI instruments (see p13-14, lines 282-288).