Reviewer's report

**Title:** Assessing Health Status in Schizophrenia Caregivers Compared with Health Status in Non-Caregivers and Caregivers of Other Conditions

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**Reviewer:** Matthias Jaeger

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This study deals with a topic of high practical importance, the health status and burden of family caregivers of individuals with schizophrenia compared to caregivers of other patients as well as non-caregivers.

The research questions are well defined, the methods are appropriately described and the data are sound. The discussion and conclusions are well balanced and adequately referenced. The limitations of the study are clearly stated. The manuscript is well and concisely written and adheres to the relevant standards. The figure and tables are adequate and provide no redundant information. The references are accurate and comprehensive. Title and abstract are mostly accurate, however, the only minor revisions should be addressed concerning the following aspects:

- It should be clearly stated, preferably in the title but mandatory in the abstract and introduction, that the study evaluates family caregivers and not professional caregivers. This is firstly mentioned on page 7.
- Two punctuation errors should be corrected in the abstract: line 8. Spain, UK; line 11: additional parenthesis after utility
- Punctuation error page 6, line 16: commas between country names

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**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.