Reviewer’s report

Title: Experiences, perspectives and priorities of people with schizophrenia spectrum disorders regarding sleep disturbance and its treatment: a qualitative study

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In the manuscript by Dr. Faulkner et al., experiences on sleep disturbance and normal sleep are described in patients with schizophrenia. The work is qualitative and addresses an important psychiatric question.

1. the aims of the study are not clear in the abstract. Please reformulate

2. Results section contain a lot of hypotheses and conclusions. This would fit better in the Discussion to make the results section more clear. Overall the Results are long and anecdotal and would read easier if it would be condensed.

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