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Title: The Research and Evaluation of Antipsychotic Treatment in Community Behavioral Health Organizations, Outcomes (REACH-OUT) Study: Real-World Clinical Practice in Schizophrenia

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Dear Ms. Khetrapal,

My coauthors and I would like to thank you for informing us that our manuscript, “The Research and Evaluation of Antipsychotic Treatment in Community Behavioral Health Organizations, Outcomes (REACH-OUT) Study: Real-World Clinical Practice in Schizophrenia,” can potentially be accepted for publication subject to the completion of editorial requests from your colleagues in the production department.

We have revised the manuscript based on the production team’s recommendations and have provided a detailed description of the modifications on the following pages. Please note that all page numbers refer to the clean version of the manuscript.
We hope that you approve of this revised manuscript, and we look forward to your response. Thank you for your time and attention.

Best regards,

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Editor’s Comments:

1. Trial registration data

Thank you for providing your clinical trial information. Please ensure that the last line of your abstract is the ClinicalTrials.gov number NCT01181960 instead of the Clinical registry number (CR017107). Please also ensure that the date of your trial registration is correct - we can see that you have stated this is December 2013 whilst the Clinical Trials website includes different dates.

Authors’ response: The abstract (page 3) has been updated with the trial’s NCT number and the date “12 August 2010.”
2. Funding

Thank you for including this sub-section in the Declarations section. Please also ensure that you include the role of the funding body in this section.

Authors’ response: As requested, we have changed the subtitle “Funding” to “Role of the Funding Body” within the Declarations section (page 21). In addition, we have added the following text to this section: “Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., funded this study and provided financial support for the writing and editing of this manuscript” (page 21).

3. Competing interests

Thank you for including the pertinent information in this sub-section. Please note that this section refers to any competing interests which concerns the overall study in addition to those of the authors. In light of this, please also include the competing interest which Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc represents due to its role as the funding body.

Authors’ response: The following statement has been added to the Competing Interests section: “Janssen Pharmaceuticals markets several antipsychotic medications for the treatment of schizophrenia” (page 20).

4. Ethics approval and consent to participate

Thank you for including an ethics approval statement in this sub-section. Please also ensure that you explicitly name the ethics committees which granted approval for this study.

Authors’ response: As requested, this information is now provided in the new Additional Table 1 (pages 45-46). The previous Additional Table 1 is now Additional Table 2.
5. STROBE checklist

Thank you for including this, which had been necessary for the publication process up until now. As this is no longer needed, please do remove this upon resubmission of your manuscript.

Authors’ response: The STROBE checklist has been removed as requested.

6. Final manuscript file

On uploading your revisions, please remove any tracked changes or highlighting and include only a single clean copy of the manuscript.

Authors’ response: All tracked changes and highlights have been removed. A single clean copy of the manuscript has been provided as requested.