Reviewer's report

Title: Nicotine dependence in Croatian male inpatients with schizophrenia

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Reviewer: Jasmina Mallet

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I thank the authors for this new revised manuscript. I only have a few commentaries concerning the new version:

Background:

P4, L76-78.

Thank you for citing Mallet et al(2017), ref 13. However, thank you to correct the results reported from this study. In Mallet et al(2017), tobacco smoking is associated with more positive symptomatology, and less negative symptoms.

P5, L96-98: In Mallet et al (2017) smokers had higher antipsychotic doses in univariate analysis, but final results were adjusted for this variable. The study had taken into account many confounding factors including treatments, neurological side effects, socio demographic variables.

Thus, psychotic symptomatology is different between smokers vs not in this study, even after adjustment for antipsychotic daily dose (in CPZ equivalent); the reference 13 should not be included for the bias you mentioned(only 12, 14)
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