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Dear Janelle Coore and Matthew Hickey,

Thank you for considering our manuscript, “Characteristics, burden and pharmacotherapy of treatment-resistant schizophrenia: results from a survey of 204 US psychiatrists,” for publication in BMC Psychiatry. We have completed the editorial changes and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best regards,

Dr. Christoph U Correll

Editorial comments:

1. In Ethics approval and consent to participate section, please clarify whether consent was obtained from patients for use of their medical records or whether de-identified data was used and the need for consent was waived.

   • Response: We have added the following text to the ‘Ethics approval and consent to participate’ section on page 16: “De-identified patient data were used and the need for patient consent was waived.”
2. Please revise the competing interests section as this is currently missing a statement regarding the involvement of the funding body in the interpretation of results. Note that this is a standard requirement, with no implications of impropriety on your part. You may choose also to duplicate the funding statement in the Funding section.

- Response: We have added the following text to the ‘Competing interests’ section on page 17: “Funding for this study was provided by H. Lundbeck A/S (Valby, Denmark). H. Lundbeck A/S was involved in the design of the survey, and aided in the interpretation of data and the writing of the manuscript.” This text is already in the ‘Funding’ section.

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