Reviewer’s report

Title: A Review of Autobiographical Memory Studies on Patients with Schizophrenia Spectrum Disorders

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The present review has improved but still lacks important elements. I wonder how the selection of papers has been performed as relevant papers from Allé et al. on life story are still missing as well as papers from Holm et al. on reminiscence bump. Moreover, the statement that previous review included patients with schizophrenia and other mental disorder is not correct (Ricarte et al. review included only patients with schizophrenia), which questions the added value of the present work.

The response to my comments are not complete and sometime uncorrect (just one example).

P15, line 12: two studies published at the same time revealed contradictory results on the relationship between suicidal attempt/ideation and AM specificity in schizophrenia, please comment on this. Authors’ response: Actually, two studies reported that patients with greater positive psychotic symptoms were more likely to produce less specific AMs. The second part of this sentence was confusing, therefore it has been deleted (page 14, 3rd paragraph).

My comment concerned the issue of suicidal ideation which is different from positive symptoms!

I am still concerned about the psychodynamic interpretation of the results involving self-defense etc… the arguments provided by the authors are still weak to my view.

The term schizophrenia patients is stigmatizing and should be replaced by patients with schizophrenia.

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