Reviewer’s report

Title: Medicinal Cannabis for Psychiatric Disorders: A Clinically-Focused Systematic Review

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The authors have substantially revised the review paper, and are commended for their responsiveness to feedback and for extending the review to include studies published while the manuscript was under review. Overall, the revisions have led to a much stronger review, with a clearer focus and more transparent review process. A few issues remain:

1) A minor point, but a stronger rationale could be made for focusing on psychiatric disorders (as opposed to pain or other disorders with applications for medicinal cannabis products). Authors state no such review exists, but beyond being novel, what is the scientific/clinical rationale for focusing on these disorders?

2) On page 5, "though beneficial" should either have an accompanying citation or be removed.

3) Page 6, the sentence ending in "sterile systematic review" makes the purpose of the review less clear. The updated reporting of the review procedures is a strength (e.g., becoming more systematic), and it is unclear how being systematic makes a review "sterile" and further, how a systematic review is less clinically relevant. Perhaps stating that the review of the extant literature will inform discussion of clinical context and recommendations could communicate the intent of the review.

4) P15, the section beginning "several academics" requires citations.

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