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Thank you for providing such opportunity to review the article titled: like a hotel, but boring: users experience with shot-time community-based residential aftercare.

The article has been written well organized with clear methodology for validity, triangulation view, member check, clarify coding and evidence based writing.

On the other hand the philosophy of the CRA to find out the basic needs of the client which have been identified by the checklist is reasonable for planning the further community-based services for each client. However, the following queries left to be cleared by the authors:

1. Beyond short-term staying the clients in CRA may change their expectation for available services. The main aim of CRA was to evaluate the patient for the required community services. One-month stay has been considered according to the CRA protocol. What was the reason for staying the clients for average 8 weeks? (Table 2).

2. In method section, the type of qualitative research need to be mentioned

3. The duration of engagement with the data was not clear

4. The diverse composition of the 13 patients were from personality disorders to organic brain disease among which the services requirement would be different even for the short-term staying. Then it should be elaborate in the discussion section that their expectation of the offered services could be different even by giving information at the first day of hospitalization.

5. Self-directed activities may be for the individuals with personality disorder and could not be able to generate on to the other SMIs.

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