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Title: Atypical course in severe catatonic schizophrenia in a cannabis dependent male adolescent: a case report

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Dear Editors,

in addition to the cover letter below, in this revised submission, we would like to add the following:

Yes, we believe this is the first case report describing a psychotic disorder with this type of clinical course, including its particular severity and possible relationship with cannabis use.

Also, yes, it adds to our understanding of psychotic disorders in adolescents as it suggests a role of cannabis in this particularly severe first-time psychosis and a very atypical symptom-free clinical course thereafter and an important discussion about a possible link between cannabis and a future vulnerability for psychotic onset.

This case report is of interest to colleagues in psychiatry, child and adolescent psychiatry and addiction psychiatry, but given the public health impact of cannabis use in adolescents and its psychiatric consequences, this case is also likely to be of interest to broader groups of medical professionals.

Thus, the present case report describes an unexpected and unusual presentation of disease and a novel description of the clinical course of the disease.

As reviewer, we suggest:

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