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Dear editor,

Concerning: ESPS manuscript 13334, "Associative stigma in family members of psychotic patients in Flanders: an exploratory study"

Kirsten Catthoor, Didier Schrijvers, Joost Hutsebaut, Dineke Feenstra, Philippe Persoons, Marc De Hert, Jozef Peuskens, Bernard Sabbe

The statistical methods of this study were reviewed by myself. In view of my comments some of the statistical methods were more elaborately explained (see highlighted changes). I consider the statistical methods and the way they are reported adequate and appropriate.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be 'J. J. Luykx', followed by the date '16 Dec. 2014'.

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