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| Scientific quality | [　] Grade A: Excellent　　[　] Grade B: Very good　　[ Y] Grade C: Good<br>[　] Grade D: Fair　　[　] Grade E: Do not publish |
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| Language quality | [　] Grade A: Priority publishing　　[ Y] Grade B: Minor language polishing<br>[　] Grade C: A great deal of language polishing　　[　] Grade D: Rejection |
| Conclusion | [　] Accept (High priority)　　[　] Accept (General priority)<br>[ Y] Minor revision　　[　] Major revision　　[　] Rejection |
| Re-review | [ Y] Yes　　[　] No |

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## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The article is very interesting for practitioners treating patients with bipolar disorders. Treatment alliance is one of the most important issues in chronic psychiatric disorders in general, and in schizophrenia and bipolar disorders in particular. Studying factors contributing to the construct of treatment alliance in psychiatric settings would be of a useful contribution to improve the prognosis of the disorder. The text is clear, the study is well explained and well presented, results and data are well illustrated with tables, and limitations of the study are well detailed. The article is well referenced, and conclusions are adapted to the results and to the limitations of the study. However, some problems need to be resolved in the manuscript:   1 - in the Introduction:   "Thus, in addition to collaborative aspects, other contributions to the construct of treatment alliance explored among patients of this study were perceived trust in clinicians, perceived clinicians' support, and treatment satisfaction." Why did you choose these three specific aspects? Can you add one or two phrases to clarify this choice? 2- In table 1: Polarity of recent episode is cited twice in the table!    There are also many language and punctuation concerns, you can find some of them in the revised version in green colour (to replace the red colour words). Here is three examples: - Abstract: "This (was) is a cross-sectional study…: here you are presenting your study for the reader                              (in                              the                              present).
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"Scores

on all the (3) three WAI-Client subscales…: use letters not numbers (this will be replicated in many locations in the manuscript)." - Introduction: "Of all the frameworks

proposed, psychiatric practice in clinical settings has found Bordin's collaborative concept of working alliance the (one) easiest one to adopt [1, 2]." : "the easiest one" not "the one easiest". Other corrections are proposed directly in the revised manuscript.

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This cross-sectional study is creative. Exploring the structural elements of the treatment alliance for patients with serious mental illness, which could help to promote the clinician-patient relationship oriented by satisfactory clinical outcome, although this exploratory study of treatment alliance in BD had some limitations as described by the author.