

REPLY TO REVIEWERS

Ms No. 69853- **Composition of treatment alliance in bipolar disorder: a cross-sectional study of patients' perspectives**

Reviewer #1:

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). “ “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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All grammatical changes suggested by the reviewer in these comments and in the attached file have been incorporated into the revised manuscript. The changes have been highlighted in red font.

In table 1: Polarity of recent episode is cited twice in the table!

This has been deleted.

Why did you choose these three specific aspects? Can you add one or two phrases to clarify this choice?

This has been done in the last paragraph of the introduction. (in red font)

References have been re-ordered to accommodate these changes.

Reviewer #2:

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.

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Thanks for your comments.

Editorial Office

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All tables have been formatted according to these specifications.

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