Concerns have been raised regarding inconsistencies between the British Journal of Psychiatry article ‘Brief cognitive–behavioural therapy for patients in the community with schizophrenia: Randomised controlled trial in Beijing, China’ and the associated retrospective clinical trial registration (ChiCTR-TRC-13003709).

The authors have responded to these concerns, acknowledging that some errors were made. The case has also been reviewed by the COPE forum. However, a final resolution has not yet been reached, and the matter is being evaluated by the Senior Editorial Committee.

This Expression of Concern should not be considered as a statement regarding validity of the work but rather as a notification to readers, and an intent to provide additional information as it becomes available.