Reviewer's report

Title: Validity of Simpson-Angus Scale (SAS) in a naturalistic schizophrenia population

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Reviewer: George M Simpson

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General

This is an interesting study of three or four potential measures of extrapyramidal side affects compared across a group of 99 chronic patients. There are one or two points that the authors should respond to and could be considered major.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

The authors use high dose and low dose without specifying what constitutes a high dose.

They make no comment on whether any of the patients were receiving anticholinergic medication.

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

What is a state nursing home in Estonia, since the mean age of the participants was 49.7.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests