Reviewer’s report

Title: Patterns of psychotropic medicine use in pregnancy in the United States from 2006 to 2011 among women with private insurance

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This is a timely and interesting article about an important topic—the prevalence of use of psychotropic medications in an American population of pregnant women.

It is generally well-written and the methods are sound. However, the discussion of birth outcomes related to mental illness and to medication use (pages 14 and 15) comes out of the blue and is not consistent with the epidemiological focus of the paper. It is also a topic that is not handled adequately in a brief review.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

The Department of Psychiatry at Northwestern University receives contractual fees for Dr. Wisner’s consultation to Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP ((New York City), who represent Pfizer Pharmaceutical Company.)