Reviewer's report

Title: Change in appetite as a predictor of weight changes during treatment with olanzapine

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Major Compulsory revisions

1. The title of the paper doesn’t convey the findings of the paper. i.e., “change of appetite is not a predictor of weight gain”

2. Authors try to present too much of data, which is understandable in the light of the fact that they are taking data from 4 trials, but this makes the paper difficult to read because of different scales used in different trials.

3. The authors have not taken the baseline psychopathology including insight and changes in the same over the time while reporting the changes in the various appetite assessment questionnaires. It is quite possible that these variables would affect the rating on appetite assessment questionnaires.

4. The authors have also not reported the relationship of appetite assessment questionnaires and weight changes with the dose of the medication used.

5. Although the authors have tried to study the relationship between weight changes and appetite assessment questionnaires, much of the data presented in the Introduction section appears redundant, as it is not related to the current paper.

6. Similarly in the discussion section the authors don’t discuss there findings in proper perspective and present new results.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests