Reviewer’s report

Title: Familial liability, obstetric complications and childhood development abnormalities in early onset schizophrenia: a case control study

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Reviewer: Maju Koola

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The authors attempted to study the effects of Familial Liability, Obstetric Complications and Childhood Development Abnormalities in early onset schizophrenia which is clinically interesting and meaningful. The research question is well defined and the methodology appropriate and well described. The discussion and conclusions are well balanced and adequately supported by the data. Authors may comment about the small sample size. The title and abstract convey what the authors found. Overall, the writing is acceptable.

Major Compulsory Revisions: none

Minor Essential Revisions:

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests