Reviewer’s report

Title: Predictors of the short-term responder rate of Electroconvulsive therapy in depressive disorders - a population based study.

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Minor Essential Revisions

1. Abstract - Conclusions - sentence No. 2: There should be "Similarly to results from...", not "form"
2. Background - The aim of the present study: You suggest the hypothesis that the responder rate of ECT might be lower in clinical routine than in controlled trials. Why do you think so? You should explain your opinion.
3. When has your study been finished? On December 30 or on December 31, 2010? You provide two different data in Methods - Subjects.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.