Reviewer's report

Title: Classification of bipolar disorder in psychiatric hospital. A prospective cohort study

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It is a well written article, I would like comment some minor points, regarding limitations.

Authors based their conclusion in the 50% of the sample, they should discuss a possible selection bias.

Authors should comment how good is MINI plus as gold standard. Much of the studies on bipolar disorder proposed "Multiple sources of information are essential for accurate estimation of lifetime prevalences of psychotic disorders" (Arch Gen Psychiatry. 2007 Jan;64(1):19-28.).

Authors should discuss the influence of number of Mini diagnoses (mean 3) in validity of these diagnosis, and the difference with clinicians.


Level of interest: An article of importance 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:

I declare that I have no competing interests' below