Reviewer's report

Title: Treatment and outcomes of an Australian cohort of outpatients with bipolar I or schizoaffective disorder over twenty-four months: implications for clinical practice

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Even though the most important data analyzed are negative findings, the study brings interesting clinical information in a very large sample.

I suggest only minor essential revisions:

1) Criteria for exclusion and ineligibility should be better described in the methods.
2) Also, the authors should cite the source of the criteria for syndrome remission used.
3) Was median time for relapse compared between PT-olanzapine and PT-CMS groups? This result should be presented.
4) Figure 3 is not clear. Does it include the whole sample? Does it include CMS and olanzapine? The authors should make it more clear.
5) Figure 5 would be more informative including data on PT-olanzapine and PT-CMS mental and physical health assessment.

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.