Reviewer's report

Title: Clinical features of delirious mania: a series of five cases and brief literature review

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The authors have revised the manuscript to include the suggestions.

The organization of the paper makes it a little difficult to synthesize the salient aspects that the authors observed. While the details of each individual case are interesting, it would be helpful to synthesize, possibly in table form, aspects that were common to all or most of the cases. These could include specific clinical features (severe insomnia, loss of memory of episodes after remission, incontinence etc.), clinical course, response to specific treatments etc. While it is difficult to deduce firm conclusions from a set of 5 cases, it would still be helpful to present the most obvious features in an organized format.

The authors use terms such as valproate and valpromide and benzodiazepine and benzodiazepam interchangeably. It would be better to stick to one term while describing that class of drugs.

The authors state that benzodiazepines did not lead to resolution of delirium and mania in the patients. I don't think that any conclusions can be drawn on the effects of benzodiazepines based on this case series since benzodiazepines were used at doses that would not be sufficient for effective treatment of delirious mania. This caveat should be mentioned in the discussion.

Some stylistic issues:
In the "Results and Discussion" section of the abstract, there is no "results" mentioned. This may be a good place to mention the common features that the authors saw in the patients.

McLean Hospital is misspelt as "MacLean Hospital" in the Introduction.

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: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.
Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests