Reviewer’s report

Title: Body mass index and quality of life among outpatients with schizophrenia in Japan

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Discretionary revisions:
The prevalence of obesity in this sample was 16.6% with is lower than usually found in people with schizophrenia in other ethnic groups e.g. those of European and African ancestry. However, it has been suggested that the threshold for overweight and obesity might need to be lower in Asian populations, to correspond to the lower adiposity associated with diabetes and heart disease risk. I would suggest that they might run an additional analysis to see whether using lower cutoff (e.g. BMI 27) still shows a lower QOL in either the physical or mental domain (or both).

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:
No conflicts to declare, with reviewing this paper.