Reviewer's report

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Major Compulsory Revisions:

Thank you, Dr. Kraemer and colleagues, for your attentive revision of this manuscript. I am satisfied that, with the revisions, the manuscript accurately reflects the assertions of the authors. I appreciate your efforts.

Discretionary revisions: I think that this piece has great merit without the superfluous additions of wording to support the use of olanzepine more or less than the cohorts already described in the manuscript. The reader should be able to delineate comparative advantages on her own. Therefore, I would make the gentle suggestion that the wording on pages 22 and 23 (both paragraphs beginning with "Beside...") be deleted. I would consider at this point that olanzepine has strong evidence supporting its use and the article does not derive any additional benefit with these statements, except to infer additional publication bias.

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.