Reviewer's report

Title: A prospective study of high dose sedation for rapid tranquilisation of acute behavioural disturbance in an acute mental health unit

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This paper is relatively brief, but does lack some essential details.

An interesting aspect of this paper is the numbers associated with sedation. I am wondering if high-dose is needed given the results are similar for "normal" dose. This needs to be discussed, especially considering the greater likelihood of an adverse reaction. In reading the results and discussion, the authors are not critical enough of current practices. It would be appropriate to see some comparative statistics (even t-tests) between the groups.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.