Reviewer’s report

Title: A retrospective study of antipsychotic drug switching in a pediatric population.

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Major Compulsory Revisions:

1. Not only was the cohort heterogeneous in its diagnostic complexion, but the use of antipsychotic drugs was off-indication in most instances. It is challenging for the reader to interpret the major descriptive findings of this retrospective study for the above reasons. It would probably be beneficial at a minimum if the authors would re-analyze their data subgrouping those patients receiving antipsychotics on-label.

2. The authors provide no clear explanation for the reason they analyzed their data across a heterogeneous diagnostic cohort. They should provide a compelling reason for this strategy and provide their understanding of the value of this approach, as opposed to at least look secondarily at more homogeneous diagnostic subgroups also.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I am an employee of Eli Lilly and Company