Reviewer's report

Title: Treatment of bipolar disorder in the Netherlands and concordance with treatment guidelines. An observational, longitudinal study on naturalistic treatment of bipolar disorder in everyday clinical practice.

Version: Date: 26 November 2013

Reviewer: Daniel Smith

Reviewer's report:

This is a very clearly written paper on an ambitious project which should generate a high volume of data on the clinical treatment and outcome of bipolar disorder in the Netherlands. My view is that the study design is such that it can adequately test the main hypotheses stated by the authors and that there is sufficient detail to allow for a replication study to be carried out in another country. I have no specific comments other than a very minor point that it might be worth including 'study protocol' within the title and that readability might be improved with more use of paragraphs, particularly on p8, p9 and p11-12.

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

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.