Reviewer's report

Title: Excessive weight gain after remission of depression in a schizophrenic patient treated with risperidone: Case report

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Reviewer: Steven Lippmann

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General: Recommend rejection of this paper in its current form; however, the topic is interesting and the manuscript is a good start, though the English language needs considerable major revisions that compromise the value of the paper.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached): I found the paper to be too long for its message, especially the case report vignette is much too long, with too much detail.
The language style and scientific message were often difficult for me to understand.
Many of the sentences were much too long and are considered "run-on-sentences".
I found the style overly "wordy" (too many words).
Too many of the same words are repeated.
Need to define abbreviations like D2/5HT2A.
References were inconsistent in that most of the time only number citations were given, while other times both author names (e.g., Koller) and their numbers were used.
Final recommendations were too complex, vague and not well substantiated.

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct):
Some of the wording was unclear, e.g., ? "ceiling effect"
Some of the wording was not precise, e.g., "inpatient clinic", means hospital?
Some of the wording was incorrect, e.g., "chronic" does not refer to a treatment duration, rather it refers to a disease process.
Personally, I prefer calling "antipsychotics" by the term "antipsychotic drugs".
Punctuation needs improvement.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Reject because scientifically unsound

Level of interest: An article of insufficient interest to warrant publication in a scientific/medical journal

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.