Reviewer's report

Title: Mammography stages of change in middle-aged women with schizophrenia: An exploratory analysis

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The paper addresses an important issue of health and prevention of physical disorders in patients diagnosed with mental disorders. It serves an educational purpose in clearly demonstrating the deficiency of preventive measures among chronic psychiatric patients even in areas, like mammograms, that are considered to be routine examinations.

The paper is well written and the methods are scientifically sound.

Though the number of subjects is small, the authors are clear that this is an exploratory study. It may serve as a pilot - feasibility study, which I believe should be followed by a large scale investigation and a campaign to improve the early detection and prevention of breast cancer and other disorders among patients diagnosed with schizophrenia.

The paper should be published.