Reviewer's report

Title: Metabolic syndrome in Thai schizophrenic patients: a one-year follow-up study

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General

This is a naturalistic study assessing the incidence of metabolic syndrome in a sample of patients with schizophrenia. As it is a naturalistic study, it has several methodological limitations, including small sample size and switching of antipsychotic medication. The authors were unable to address these limitations, but have now at least acknowledged them in the discussion section. Although the methodological limitations make this a paper of limited interest, it can still be seen as an advance on existing literature, as no published data exist as of yet on the incidence of metabolic syndrome in patients with schizophrenia.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept without revision

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 declare that I have no competing interests