Reviewer’s report

Title: A prospective study of monitoring practices for metabolic disease in antipsychotic-treated community psychiatric patients

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Reviewer: Marc De Hert

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Overall, a well-written text on a clinically relevant topic.

p6 - It would be good to know that fasting state was confirmed. I assume the researcher just asked?

Results, p8 - high rates of CVD and diabetes are an interesting finding and confirmation of what is found in other studies, please add references e.g. de Hert et al. Schiz Res 2006 and recent papers of the Takhore group. Do you have data on family history of dyslipidaemia? If so, please add this.

p9 and table - Data on treatment for diabetes and hypertension is missing.

Missing references:
Confirming high rates of abnormalities + comparison to general population
Buckley PF, Miller DD, Singer B. Clinicians’ recognition of the metabolic adverse effects of antipsychotic medications. Schizophr Res 2005;79:281-288
All contain information on low rates of monitoring in clinical practice.
Cohn et al. 2006 Can J Psy
Review of screening and monitoring guidelines around the world.

Also add the in press new UK guidelines.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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