Reviewer’s report

Title: The Management of Bipolar Mania: a national survey of Baseline data from the EMBLEM study in Italy

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Reviewer: Michael J Ostacher

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General
The authors have revised the manuscript appropriately.

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

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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) Use "minority" rather than "minor" on page 13.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

The low lifetime rate of suicide attempts is probably related to the relatively late onset of bipolar illness, as earlier age of onset is associated with a greater likelihood of having made a suicide attempt.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

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