Reviewer's report

Title: Early onset of treatment effects with oral risperidone

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Reviewer: Edmond Chiu

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General
Even allowing for the observational nature of the study, it is quite flawed as it stands.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
As there is a 48% drop-out (23/48), the reasons for this must be explicitely reported. Would this group be the Non-responders?
Would the results be more appropriately and meaningfully presented as the mean of differences in each subject (all 48) between each assessment?

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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)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

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What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

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:

None