Reviewer's report

Title: Antipsychotic treatment of schizophrenia in Norwegian emergency wards, a cross-sectional national study.

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Major compulsory revisions.

The authors should consider another method of calculating antipsychotic dose. Chlorpromazine equivalents are somewhat arbitrary and very difficult to confirm precisely. Some of the equivalents listed are highly contentious. For example, aripiprazole. Percentage maximum dose is an alternative.

The authors should also consider recent published work on antipsychotic polypharmacy (Correll et al, 2008; Barbui et al, 2008). They should also note the recent study by Ray et al, 2009 which shows the danger of higher doses of antipsychotics.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.