Reviewer's report

Title: The Oslo Study of Clonidine in Elderly Patients with Delirium; LUCID. The protocol of LUCID

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1. Will the study design adequately test the hypothesis? It remains to be seen since there is no estimate of effect size or power calculation. The authors also don’t know how many subjects will consent and also tolerate the medication.

2. Are sufficient details provided to allow replication of the work or comparison with related analyses: if not, what is missing? Study protocol is described in great detail and could be replicated though some of the ratings depend on clinician judgment and may not work reliably at other institutions.

3. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition: if not, in what ways? Yes it does adhere to standards

4. Do the figures appear to be genuine, i.e. without evidence of manipulation? Not an issue

5. Is the writing acceptable? Yes.

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

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