Reviewer's report

Title: Hospital stay in patients admitted for acute bipolar manic episodes prescribed quetiapine immediate or extended release: a retrospective non-interventional cohort study (HOME)

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It is a well written article with an interesting subject. Methods and results are convincing and presented clearly.

Two discretionary revisions:

1: the results show that there seems to be no difference in the efficacy between quetiapine IR and XR. But we suppose that quetiapine XR cause less side effects and therefore a better adherence. This aspect is missing in the article. Probably there are differences in the number of patients changing medication in the two groups. The number of days treated with quetiapine IR or XR and the number of patients changing medication should be added.

2: The factors related to LOS are very interesting. They should be presented in the abstract instead of the medication details.

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'