Reviewer’s report

Title: Movements disorders in neuroleptic-naive patients with schizophrenia spectrum disorders in a low income setting

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The topic of current manuscript is interesting and important. However, the impact of this manuscript is undermined by the following points.

1. The title, abstract, and introduction emphasized “low income” setting. However, in their methods, authors did not describe what “low income” meant. Perhaps authors may emphasize the importance of subjects with malnutrition instead.

2. Do authors assess past SMD?

3. Since neurological deficits in schizophrenia were mostly associated with negative symptoms. It was not reported that if these SMDs associated with positive or negative symptoms.

4. I suggest authors to assess SMD in a group of control subjects without mental disorders to strengthen their argument.

5. Figure 1 did not tell about core information of current article.

6. Many grammatical errors need to be corrected.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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

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