Reviewer's report

Title: The prediction of treatment outcomes by early maladaptive schemas and schema modes in obsessive-compulsive disorder

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General Statements:
I have reviewed with care the manuscript entitled “The prediction of treatment outcome by early maladaptive schemas and schema modes in obsessive-compulsive disorder” (henceforth 'the manuscript') with care and I have stated my thoughts of it as follows:

The manuscript examines the relationship of early maladaptive schemas (EMS) and schema modes to obsessive compulsive symptom severity and the predictive value of EMS and schema modes on treatment outcome in inpatients receiving cognitive behavior therapy (CBT) with exposure and response prevention (ERP). Authors found that higher scores on EMS named failure and emotional inhibition and depressive symptom severity at pretreatment were significantly related to poor outcome. Consequently, they suggest extending the CBT with ERP treatment with therapeutic elements focusing on maladaptive schemas, particularly in non-responders.

In accordance with your suggestions for review process, my considerations are as follows:
1. The question posed by the authors is well defined.
2. The methods used in the study are appropriate to the goal and well established.
3. The data obtained are sound.
4. The manuscript adheres to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition.
5. The discussion and conclusion are well balanced and adequately supported by the data.
6. Limitations of the work are clearly stated.
7. The authors appear to make an extensive screening of the relevant literature and they fairly acknowledge the works upon which they are building.
8. The title and abstract accurately convey what has been found in the study.
9. The writing is acceptable.

Discretionary Revisions:
1) I would like to know according to what criteria the authors described the age of onset of the disease, and.

2) According to the authors, 46 inpatients (65.7% of total patients) were receiving SSRIs or SNRIs during the study. However, the issue has not been addressed by the authors in neither Discussion nor Results sections. However, drugs may have strong effects on the EMS scores of the patients or their treatment, as we demonstrated in a published study (Atalay H, Atalay F, Badaçicék S. Effect of short-term antidepressant treatment on early maladaptive schemas in patients with major depressive and panic disorder. International Journal of Psychiatry in Clinical Practice 2011;15:97-105). Therefore, it should be better if they discuss the subject in any way.

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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:

No conflict of interest.