Reviewer's report

Title: Visualization Analysis on International Author Collaboration Relationship of Schizophrenia Research Based on CiteSpace

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Overall, this paper addressed an interesting topic on identifying the international author collaboration relationship in the field of schizophrenia. This paper used the CiteSpace III system to analyze the research trend and pattern in the field of schizophrenia, with particular focus on the author collaboration relationship. The findings are interesting and have value for researchers with the common research interest in the field of schizophrenia.

The methods are appropriate, and the CiteSpace III system is suitable for this research.

I hope the following suggestions can be taken into account by the authors before publishing the paper.

1. Restructure the results and analysis section. For example, instead of enumerating each author sequentially based on the frequency of occurrence, a brief summary of the related results in terms of author relationship should be enough. Some information already appeared in the corresponding tables. It is not necessary to repeat once again.

2. A justification why you chose the CiteSpace system is needed. A comparison of the similar systems may help at this point.

3. Editing in writing is needed.

   e.g. In the conclusion of the abstract section, “Based on the results, we should encouraged authors belonging to different institutions and countries collaboration in schizophrenia research not only to help researchers to focus their study on key issues, but also offer reasonable suggestions as the basis of making polices and provide scientific evidences to diagnose, prevent and cure schizophrenia effectively in the future.” This paragraph can be written in a more clear and concise way. Also, “encouraged” should be “encourage.”

X Major Compulsory Revisions

The author must respond to these before a decision on publication can be reached. For example additional necessary experiments or controls statistical mistakes errors in interpretation.
Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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

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.