Reviewer’s report

Title: USE OF LONG ACTING INJECTABLE ARIPIPRAZOLE BEFORE AND THROUGH PREGNANCY IN BIPOLAR DISORDER: A CASE REPORT

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The extant literature suggests that second-generation LAI antipsychotics are a viable and effective alternative to oral medications in the management of bipolar disorder not just for patients who are non-adherent but also for those who are inadequately responding to oral medications, requiring a large number of oral medications or experiencing a rapid-cycling course.

Although further investigation is needed to assess safety and efficacy in pregnancy and pediatric populations, a few papers mainly reporting cases in pregnancy have been published. Authors should better review the literature retrieving significant pertinent papers for better introduce their case and better discuss the perspectives of using LAI antipsychotics in pregnancy.

Long term safety in prenatal exposed children is a critical point in the matter.

The text setup can benefit from following the format of the other pertinent cases reported in the literature.

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