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The aim of this study was to explore the measurement of outcome in psychiatric research and practice, with particular reference to patient based outcomes.

Authors’ conclusions
Current mental health policy places great emphasis on the measurement of outcomes, and is likely to fail. The potential for patient based outcomes to be adopted in psychiatric research and practice has yet to be realised. The need for important research into the suitability and value of patient based outcomes measures in mental health research and practice is identified.

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