Reviewer's report

Title: Neurodevelopmental and environmental hypotheses of negative symptoms of schizophrenia

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The manuscripts represents potentially interesting review and many of its parts are developed very well. But on the other hand some parts of the manuscript regarding some important topics are significantly underestimated and very short. For example part of the text about psychosocial factors and some others.

Also very important explanations regarding a basic concept of the manuscript are missing, for example basic definitions of negative symptoms compared to positive ones and origin of this definition in the work of Hughlings Jackson, who established these terms would be very helpful to understand the topic in sufficient details.

Based on careful revision that would make sensitive balance of topics mentioned in the review, the manuscript might contribute to the current literature.

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:
'I declare that I have no competing interests'