Reviewer's report

**Title:** The NEUROCOM trial: A centrally randomized, observer-blinded multi-centre clinical trial of cognitive training plus a comprehensive psychosocial program (OPUS) versus the comprehensive psychosocial program alone for patients with first-episode schizophrenia

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**Reviewer:** Prathap Tharyan

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1. **Will the study design adequately test the hypothesis?**
   The study design will provide opportunities to adequately test the hypotheses stated and evaluate whether treatment gains, if any are maintained over 6 months of follow up after the 16 week intervention

2. **Are sufficient details provided to allow replication of the work or comparison with related analyses: if not, what is missing?**
   The details of the design as well the proposed interventions are sufficiently described in the protocol and in the references to published work to enable an interested reader to compare or replicate the work

3. **Is the planned statistical analysis appropriate?**
   Yes

4. **Is the writing acceptable?**
   Yes. Minor spelling errors need to be corrected.