Reviewer’s report

Title: The SOSTA - net trial: a randomised, multi-centre controlled trial of the group-based social skills training SOSTA-FRA in children and adolescents with high functioning Autism Spectrum Disorder

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Please see the attachment.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

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