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Dear Dr. Shaun Treweek:

Thank you for reviewing the original study protocol entitled “Evaluation of the efficacy of Transcranial Direct Current Stimulation in the treatment of cognitive symptomatology in the early stages of psychosis: study protocol of a double-blind randomized controlled trial” which was submitted to Trials. We appreciated the comments, which significantly improved the article. The revisions appear marked in bold in the manuscript.

-Reviewer #2

1. SPIRIT checklist

- Any items that are marked 'N/A' need at least a few words of explanation. (...) Please add a few words of explanation against all the N/As.
As suggested by reviewer, we revised all the items marked 'N/A' and added a few words of explanation.

2. I couldn't find the protocol version number. I can see the registration number but is this version of the protocol Version 1, or a later version?

As suggested by reviewer, we have added the protocol version number in the manuscript, and also included additional information in the Trial Status session regarding secondary identifying numbers.

We received an instruction to add in the Funding session the financial support from the Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior - Brasil (CAPES) to this study, since CAPES supports the “Centro de Estudos da Pós-Graduação em Psiquiatria (CEPG), Federal University of Sao Paulo, Brazil”.

We also formatted the manuscript and, for that reason, revised the Spirit Checklist to correct eventual discrepancies between the items and pages.

Thanks again for revising this manuscript. Look forward to receiving your comments for this revised version of paper.

Sincerely,

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