Reviewer's report

Title: A history of childhood trauma is associated with slower improvement rates: Findings from a one-year follow-up study of patients with a first-episode psychosis

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A strong paper overall. Minor essential revisions: Authors should review/comment on work regarding the linkage of childhood trauma in schizophrenia (or psychosis) with poorer psychosocial function in prolonged schizophrenia. Papers on health-related quality of life and trauma history in adults with schizophrenia, the prevalence and correlates of trauma-related symptoms in schizophrenia spectrum disorders and vocational function among persons with schizophrenia with and without history of childhood sexual trauma are all relevant - as well as others. These are important both for the framing of the question - ie since we see this in prolonged sz is it true in FEP but also for interpreting results as well.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest 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'