Reviewer's report

**Title:** A multi-site single blind randomized controlled trial of prolonged exposure (PE) versus eye movement desensitization and reprocessing (EMDR) versus waiting list for patients with a current diagnosis of psychosis and comorbid post traumatic stress disorder: the Treating Trauma in Psychosis (T.TIP) study protocol

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**Reviewer:** Thanos Karatzias

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Discretionary Revisions

This is an excellent study protocol on the effectiveness of trauma interventions for people with PTSD and psychoses. The study design will adequately address all research questions and hypotheses. There is sufficient detail provided in all methods to allow replication of the work whereas statistical analyses are adequately described and are appropriate for the research questions.

The authors will recruit only people with dual diagnoses, i.e. psychosis and PTSD. This might somehow prohibit an in-depth investigation of their tertiary objectives. Many people who have been exposed to traumatic events do not develop the full PTSD syndrome although they present with related symptomatology which requires treatment and could benefit from exposure interventions. It is really difficult though to construct a criterion in a trial like this to include people with subsyndromal PTSD. I suggest that the best that the authors can do in relation to this issue is to acknowledge this as a limitation of their study in meeting its tertiary objectives.

This is a much needed study and the protocol merits publication.

**Level of interest:** An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I do not have a conflict of interest in relation to this work,