Reviewer's report

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The comments were addressed by the authors, but the majority were not "integrated" in the manuscript. Although this was the authors' decision, I consider it a pity.

Finally, I would not recommend the SOFI in either clinical trials or in clinical practice due to its time-consuming nature (30-45 minutes to administer a scale that assesses 4 domains of functioning). Moreover, despite being valid and reliable, the SOFI does not measure self-care, independent living skills and social functions. I had pointed a recent review by our group exactly on this subject, also reviewed by Brissos and Figueira (Curr Opin Psychiatry 2011), where we propose the PSP scale. I would have expected the authors to make a brief mention to these points in their revised version of the manuscript.

Level of interest: An article of importance 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 am a full-time employee for Janssen-Cilag as Medical Affairs Manager.

I have undertaken the translation and validation of the PSP scale for a sample of Portuguese patients with schizophrenia.