Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Prospective cohort study of the relationship between neuro-cognition, social cognition and violence in forensic patients with schizophrenia and schizoaffective disorder

**Version:** 5  
**Date:** 7 June 2015

**Reviewer:** Hamish McLeod

**Reviewer’s report:**

The revisions and edits made by the authors have addressed the issues raised in my original review. I think that focusing on the main sample by eliminating the "other diagnoses" group makes for a clearer narrative and punchier conclusions. The work makes a nice contribution to understanding of the pathways from neurocognitive deficits through to social cognition and elevations in risk of reactive violence. There are a number of legal, theoretical and therapeutic implications raised that will be of interest to many readers.

**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 declare that I have no competing interests.