Reviewer's report

Title: Methadone vs. buprenorphine/naloxone during early opioid substitution treatment: a naturalistic comparison of cognitive performance relative to healthy controls

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General
The authors appropriately addressed my comments. This is an important contribution to the issue of cognitive performance in opioid abusers, and has relevant implications for the selection of opioid substitution treatments. Importantly, the authors provide a thorough account of the limitations of this naturalistic design.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept without revision

Level of interest: An article of importance 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 declare that I have no competing interests'