Reviewer's report

Title: Post traumatic stress symptoms and heart rate variability in Bihar flood survivors following yoga: a randomized controlled study

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1. The authors have done an excellent job of responding to the issues I raised in the initial review. They have adequately acknowledged and discussed the main limitations of their study: the small size of the study and the short duration. These reflect the conditions in rural disaster areas where provisions for refugees are inadequate, communication is difficult, and populations are moving and may not be in one location long enough to be followed for more than a few days.

2. Despite the obstacles and limitations, this is an interesting and valuable study that contributes to the field of interventions in the aftermath of complex disasters, an area sorely in need of more study.

3. No further revisions are recommended.

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.