Reviewer’s report

**Title:** A randomised controlled pilot study: The effectiveness of narrative exposure therapy with adult survivors of the Sichuan earthquake

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**Reviewer:** Katy Robjant

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The authors have adequately responded to the changes suggested. However, one small issue in regards to the number of traumatic events experienced - I'd prefer the wording for this to be 'number of traumatic events experienced' in table 1 as this would be clearer. Could you also include type of traumatic event here?

Also, given that some participants had experienced multiple traumatic events, how did you ensure that the IES-R was completed solely in relation to the earthquake? IES-R improvements may also result from the sessions on previous traumatic events and I think you need to comment on this too.

Also, whilst you have correctly commented that comparisons cannot be made to the CAPS scores in other studies, can you say anything about the level of trauma in your sample compared to other populations in other NET trials?

**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