Reviewer's report

Title: Posttraumatic Stress Disorder in Patients with Traumatic Brain Injury

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General

This paper addresses an important topic and is conducted with a population that is difficult to obtain. Thus, the paper has merit and the content is likely to be interest to a broad readership.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

The manuscript should be re-read for errors in grammar. Although not fatal, there are several areas where the language is a bit rough. In a similar vein, please examine the sentence starting with "Thus, apart from the degree of physical injury" on page 4. This sentence seems awkward and misplaced.

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

On page 4 under "Severity of TBI", it is not true that characteristics of the event are unrelated to development of PTSD. Several studies reveal that the nature of the event (e.g., manmade vs. natural disaster) and the severity of the event relate (albeit modestly), with PTSD development. Please change.

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

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

None