Reviewer's report

Title: Rapid Health and Needs Assessments after Disasters

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This manuscript reviews various assessment methods of health-related needs immediately after disaster. It focuses on the time perspective, which constitutes, as indicated by the authors, a major challenge for health care agencies.

The existing assessments are thoroughly and systematically reviewed, yet, the conclusions drown from this review are somewhat general. Some of the ideas discussed in the Discussion and Conclusions section could be formulated without reviewing these studies.

In addition, although the authors point to the need for rapid assessment tools for European countries, they do not discuss the applicability of the existing tools for this population.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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

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.