Reviewer's report

Title: Psychosocial impact of the summer 2007 floods in England

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Reviewer: Pierre Verger

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Psychological impact of the summer 2007 floods in England – revised version
The manuscript has been extensively revised and many aspects are now much clearer.
There remain several major points that should be further addressed however.

Major revisions

1) In their response to the reviewer’s comment n°6, the authors explain that there was no restriction on who should complete the questionnaire. This raises two methodological points:
   a. Were they children and adolescents among the respondents? If yes, could the authors comment on the validity of the instruments they used to document mental health outcomes in these age categories?
   b. For each address included in the study, a varying number of individuals might have responded; for the individuals belonging to the same address, exposure to the floods, perceptions about its consequences and health status are probably correlated (cluster effect): in principle, this cluster effect should be taken into account with appropriate statistical methods.

2) Regarding the response to the reviewer’s comment 22, would it be possible to compare the sample and the target population regarding the distribution of gender and employment status?

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.