Reviewer's report

Title: Psychological distress among Bam earthquake survivors in Iran: a population-based study

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Reviewer: ask elklit

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General
A very straight study, simple in design and analysis, that gives a solid and important documentation of the severe distress of earthquake survivors.
My best regards.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
The OR figures in the text are different from those in Table 3.

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)
The data-gathering strategy could be described more in detail - that would be helpful to others who work in a disorganised environment

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
I found a handful spelling mistakes in the reference list. SD should be added in front of the figures in the result section (line 2 and 4). "Severe" is misspelled twice.

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What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:
None