Reviewer’s report

Title: Terrorism in Australia: Factors associated with perceived threat and incident-critical behaviours

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The authors are to be commended in relation to their focus on an important and timely topic, in association with this manuscript. The title and abstract are clear and the abstract offers a good description of the findings associated with this study. The manuscript is well-written. The questions addressed by the authors are also clear and well-defined. The literature review was thorough and informative, offering an excellent foundation for the study presented. The manuscript successfully identifies and defines some of the practical concerns associated with terrorism and threat perception on a national level. The large (national) scale of the study remains a clear strength as to the generalizability of the findings and the practical application of the results.

The methodology associated with this study appears conceptually adequate and the presentation of the data is clear and understandable. The statistical analyses utilized also appear appropriate. The use of regression analyses is another clear strength of the study.

The discussion section is thorough and it adequately addresses the statistical results. The conclusions are well-balanced and should provide useful information in relation to terrorism-associated policy development. Comments related to issuing public terror alerts that are group specific were particularly appreciated.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.