Reviewer’s report

Title: Collective Exposure to Violence and Human Rights Violations in the Western Bangladesh (II): Torture History and Functional Assessment of Victims

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Reviewer: Edward Mills

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This follow-up article is well-written, interesting and addresses an important topic. Below, my comments address minor issues that the authors may choose to address:

All writing style comments from my review on paper 1 apply again here.

Don’t use the +/- symbols for standard deviations. For some reason, SD is preferred these days.

As before, use exact p-values where possible.

I don’t agree that a tool has been developed here. It has, maybe been piloted. But I don’t understand why you didn’t take the opportunity for a test-retest or use of a control group. Could you explain?

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