Reviewer's report

Title: School-based mental health intervention for children in war-affected Burundi: a cluster randomized trial

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# Minor Essential Revisions

1. Page 7, line -2

The intracluster correlation (ICC) was set at 0.1 level.

For a specific sample data, it is not impossible to get a negative estimate of ICC, although it is defined as a variance ratio.

Any comments or interpretations for the negative value of ICC in Table 2?

2. Page 13,
"with children who dropped out at T2 or T3"

How many such dropout children out of 329 study sample?

3. Page 14, Moderators
"estimate=.002, SE=.005, Z=.369"

Does "Z" mean z-test? Was it directly from the software MPlus output?

Should this ratio of estimate to SE be tested by t-test?

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests