Reviewer's report

Title: War-related psychological sequelae among emergency department patients in the former Republic of Yugoslavia

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General
Relevant research since generally such studies are rarely carried out in Europe. It is also important to map how common PTSD and depression is in populations that are probably underserved with regard to mental health.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
I would like to see data regarding the overlap of PTSD and depression, since depression secondary to PTSD is often more difficult to treat.
On page 3 in my printout (Introduction) ‘from Kosovo’ is in duplicate. In the next paragraph, "hundreds of thousands" fled, in the next sentence the number seems to be one hundred thousand (?). Should be clarified!

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)
What is the risk for depression in PTSD in this study?

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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