Reviewer's report

Title: Mental health and resiliency following 44 months of terrorism: A survey of an Israeli national representative sample

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General

This is a second wave of a survey of Israeli citizens during a wave of terror. The study's major problem is the use of instruments that have not been previously validated, and thus a rather cursory definition of constructs presented as outcome measures (e.g., few questions dedicated to each). The authors seem to be well aware of this limitation, which they may wish to emphasize in their discussion.

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

Address the limitation of conclusions based on the study's instrument in the discussion.

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

none

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

The article is well written

What next?: Accept without revision

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interest