Reviewer’s report

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Major Compulsory Revisions

The authors need to update the introduction so that it mentions and describes other existing trials of CBT for childhood grief, particularly studies involving Trauma Focused CBT by Cohen and Mannarino etc. I think the authors need to say how their treatment is similar, an improvement, more cost effective, culturally sensitive etc. The intro as currently written does not adequately capture the existing literature on the treatment of grief and can be improved to contextualize this study.

Minor Revisions

I would suggest a more recent reference to the validity of the CPSS


Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests whatsoever