Reviewer’s report

Title: Changes in mental disorder prevalence among conflict-affected populations: a prospective study in Sri Lanka (COMRAID-R)

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Excellent article.

Major Compulsory Revisions

1. In the results section line 222-233, I don't see the same number as in Table 2. It is unclear to me if these are analyses which were not listed in Table 2. In line 223, the authors report that in the sample of return migrants, CMD prevalence was 11.8%. I don't see this reflected in table 2. Is this additional information. I find this confusing. The authors mention that (line 230), that the sample size was insufficient for factor analyses, so why do they mention these numbers. It would be helpful to explain number are listed in table 2 or if they are separate analyses not listed in tables.

2. In Table 1, demographics, I would like to see ethnicity and religion listed. The terminology for ethnicity and religion in Sri Lanka are somewhat complicated in Sri Lanka. Being Muslim is an ethnicity as is being Tamil. But it is also a language and Islam is the religion. This is as far as I understand this having worked in Sri Lanka. This is no criticism of the manuscript but it would be useful to provide a short explanation on this and list the ethnicity and religion as demographic factors in Table 1.

Minor essential revision:

line 38: I would prefer using the term forced displacement instead of forced migration.
Line 50: typo Common instead of COmmon.

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 declare that I have no competing interests