Reviewer's report

Title: Stress reactions after a patient suicide and their relations to the profile of mental health professionals

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The ms by Castelli-Dransart et al raises an important and timely issue. The design and methods are adequate, the results of interest and the discussion balanced.

The approach of the authors is not wide-spread and therefore of interest.

Some major points that need to be considered are

1) the IES was designed in the context of PTSD. With regard to professionals reactions this might be a too narrow view since other types of reactions such as adjustment disorder etc are not considered.

2) It might be of interest to the readerships since different professional subgroups are included (such as psychiatrists, psychologists, nurses) to learn whether or not there are differences in the reactions of the subgroups given their different professional background and their potentially different relations to patients etc. In addition, there are hints in the literature, that this issue might be woth looking at.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

No