Reviewer’s report

Title: Factors Associated With Persistent Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Among U.S. Military Service Members and Veterans

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Very interesting study. Few comments below:

- It is suitable to clarify what life events are experienced by the participants between the two evaluations times.

- The manuscript did not consider the therapeutic interventions (psychotherapy, pharmacotherapy) that the participants may have received. A difference in this parameter may affect the studied variables.

- Please give a definition of PHQ at page 8.

- Page 11: "However, even after adjusting for this and other variables, comorbid health conditions still emerged as important and independent risk factors of persistent PTSD." This usually reflects chronic stress.

- Page 11: "Comorbidities, such as major depression and generalized physical/somatic symptoms [13, 17], .... conditions on the risk for persistent PTSD." This is a circular reasoning...

Suitable for publication.

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