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Title: The pitfall of empathic concern with chronic fatigue after a disaster in young adults

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Yes - there is a clear objective

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Yes - the approach is appropriate

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Yes - experiments and analyses were performed appropriately

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Yes - the author's interpretation is reasonable
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Yes - current version is technically sound

PEER REVIEWER COMMENTS:

GENERAL COMMENTS: Overall, the manuscript addresses an original focus, and the methods are well performed. The writing style remains a bit difficult to follow, but the reader gets a good understanding of the idea and the results.

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS/SUGGESTIONS:

I have little concerns.

Abstract: the results and discussion subsections are unclear.

Introduction: when introducing the PTG, the authors should also refer to the specific "relational growth", as well as to "secondary PTG" and "vicarious PTG". These has been explored in cancer and also in poverty.

Discussion: should include some more references to current literature.

References: please, revise ref. 5; 23; 33; 50; 51, as pages are not well-reported.

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Yes
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