Reviewer's report

Title: The Mental Health, Quality of Life and Life Satisfaction of Internally Displaced Persons living in Nakuru County, Kenya

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This is an interesting paper, studying the mental health, quality of life and life satisfaction amongst internally displaced persons in Kenya.

The paper needs following major revisions:

In the introduction, more information is needed about:
- other studies regarding the mental health, quality of life and life satisfaction of IDP's
- possible conceptualisations of the concepts mental health, quality of life and life satisfaction, and the way these concepts are conceptualised in this study
- a rationale why the authors have chosen for these particular influencing variables (background factors, duration of displacement, ...), and other studies regarding the impact of these factors on IDP's/refugees' mental health
- what is meant by "background factors" and by "perceived level of support"?
- which population/age groups/gender does the study target?

Methods:
- More information is needed on the modifications to the WHO-QOL-BREF questionnaire
- was there a cross-culturally validation process of the questionnaires? If yes, how? if no, do we know what we measure? do we know that these questions are relevant for the population under study?
- ethical issues: what happened when people expressed certain needs, in particular mental health needs? where any provisions made to refer them to mental health care services?
- more information is needed on how the questionnaires were administered: was a researcher present to ask all questions, or were the questionnaires given and then afterwards collected? where the questionnaires translated in local languages (given that I assume that not everybody speaks/reads English, although the official language)? what about people who cannot read/write?
- the total n of the sample in rather small -
- how come that in one camp only 4 people were included in the study? what about the possible impact of the study setting here?
- statistical analyses are rather descriptive- is it possible to answer the research
questions with these rather "basis" analyses?

Results:
- abbreviations in the tables need to be explained

Discussion:
- The absence of some findings, in contrast with other studies, needs to be discussed
- More attention needs to be given to the possible implication of the study

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**
I declare that I have no competing interests