Reviewer's report

Title: Cognitive appraisal of exposure to specific types of trauma. A study of gender differences

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This manuscript is well written and on an important topic. Trauma is generated from many causes and while sexual abuse is a source of profound trauma and later life mental ill health, the many other forms of non sexual abuse are also horrific and have huge impacts on mental health. This study highlights this and is critical for clinicians and policy makers to read.

Although the authors state this is a pilot study, the sample size is meaningful.

The statistics and literature review are well done and appropriate.

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