Reviewer's report

Title: Health service utilization after terrorism: A longitudinal study of survivors of the 2011 Utoya attack in Norway

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Minor Essential Revisions

1. The background information is well written leading to clearly set out aims and objectives, therefore the question posed by the authors is well defined. No revisions are suggested but please conduct an additional proof read.

2. A little more clarification and detail is needed as it relates to the N across the waves. It is a little confusing as it is currently presented.

3. Please provide some brief details about the study procedures in addition to the reference to another publication.

4. It would be useful to know what the average ‘time post-disaster’ was within T1 and T2 assessments given that T1 ranges from 0-5 mths and T2 from 5-15 mths. This also needs to be acknowledged as a potential limitation of the study.

5. Page 7, line 7: You should refer to the PTSD symptom cluster as avoidance/numbing. Also please state that participants meeting the criteria for 3 symptoms groups were ‘probable’ PTSD cases.

6. I think the terminology of multivariate rather than multivariable may be more appropriate for your paper.

7. In reporting results please use . rather than , (for example 19.1 instead of 19,1).

8. It would appear that the analyses have been conducted correctly.

9. Please place the strengths and limitations section at the end of the discussion.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

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