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Title: Entering an Emotional Minefield: Professionals’ Experiences with Facilitators to Address Abuse in Child Interviews.

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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: My overall impression of the manuscript is that it asks interesting questions about child protective investigators experiences asking children about abuse. The authors have done a nice job of connecting the need to understand this area better with the type of method used to uncover information. They discuss the philosophies guiding their investigation, and their stance.

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS/SUGGESTIONS:

The discussion is a little technical in my opinion. The discussion about Deci and Ryan was overly theoretical and abstract at a time when I wanted them to get at the heart of the matter. They do so in the conclusion, but I just wished the discussion was more focused on nitty gritty practice implications.

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Yes

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