Reviewer’s report

Title: Coping strategies among Iranian children with experience of Sarpol-e-Zahab earthquake: Factor structure of Children’s Coping Strategies Checklist-Revision1 (CCSC-R1)

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The overall paper is good and the research is important, but it requires some reworking, and I'd advise that assistance is sought in somebody reviewing the paper with the aim of making it more succinct. Here are some of the grammar changes I would recommend, but I have probably not picked up everything, as I am only reviewing, not editing:

The article needs some attention to grammar and sentence structure.

Background

Line 30. I think sentence should read 'collected, and can be applied through ……'

Line 58 The ending of this sentence needs correcting collectivism is the most well-known cultural pattern (26), which most studies are based on this. Eg. 'Most studies are based on well-known cultural patterns of individualism and collectivism (26).'

Line 60 This culture's emphasis - should be The Iranian's culture's emphasis (assuming this is the culture they are referring to?)

On page 3 of 19 - line 1 instead of 'On the opposite side, - consider 'On the alternative side'

Line 13 should read adolescents

Page 5 line 29 should read 'to an expert fluent in English to back translate the items.'

Line 32 'in the pilot phase'

Line 33 'with the value 0.80'

Line 34 'which is within an acceptable range'

Line 40 'A high score on a subscale is indicative of use of that strategy.'

Line 44 '57 statements' rather than sentences
Page 6 line ' were completed in the school classroom' rather than filled in a school classroom.

Line 8 remove 'well'

Line 9 - what was the total of questionnaires completed n= so the readers knows how many were discarded

Line 30 In terms of paternal employment status, 2% (8 people) fathers deceased, 5.5% ....

Line 33 Similarly with maternal employment status 7% (3 people) mothers deceased, ....

Page 9 line 35 should state 'active coping strategies' - as indicated in the table.

Line 53 remove 'and identify the coping strategies used by Iranian children' as this is repetitive in this sentence and is not required.

Page 10 line 13 should read 'the Netherlands'

Line 46 consider 'Middle East, in accordance with the findings of this study, supported by the reports of ....
Line 49 consider 'individualistic culture compared to Asian countries ......
Line 57 consider 'Iran will also help.....
Line 58 'differences should be considered in future research.'

Page 11 line 6 replace done with 'applied'

Line 7 caution has been used twice, so consider caution 'When citing the results from our research, it should be noted that the use of self-reporting .......
Line 9 - reword this sentence
Line 13 'individuals'
Line 16 close gap after hyphen or remove hyphen in African American
Line 17 remove s in Italians i.e Italian
Line 20-23 this sentence needs rewriting
Line 24 change to These study results or Our study results

Line 27 consider 'Given that Iran is among one of the most....
Line 28 consider 'the most frequently used strategy
Line 29 'trauma, may provide grounds for psychological support mechanisms to support them in coping with natural disasters.'

It would be helpful to have a brief explanation of what each of the four coping strategies mean and what behaviours are involved? i.e) what type of behaviours include 'active coping', particularly in the Iranian context.
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