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## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish		<input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced
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### SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

In this study presented, the author attempted to prove the effect of eszopiclone on PTSD symptoms with a double-blinded randomized-controlled trial. The study design was properly constructed so that I found no critical flaw. The outcome was, however, negative and inconsistent with a couple of studies previously reported. Scarce original findings are revealed in this study. I believe nonetheless, this study deserves to be published because there are still rooms for argument regarding this issue. Later, meta-analyses should be done to examine the effect of eszopiclone on PTSD exactly. The present study will be of worth at least as a material for them. A small concern for me is potential influence of Vitamin B added on placebo. As far as I know, the effect of vitamin B on sleep is controversial. What was the quantity of vitamin B added on placebo? The author is encouraged to mention the possibility, if any.

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