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## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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**Reviewer chosen by:** Na Ma

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SCIENTIFIC QUALITY	LANGUAGE QUALITY	CONCLUSION	PEER-REVIEWER STATEMENTS
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept	Peer-Review:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language	(High priority)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous
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			<input type="checkbox"/> No expertise
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			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
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## SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Kindly try to focus more consistently on your principal aim and findings; the paper is highly professional, but some aspects render it confusing. How come all studies under your scrutiny were performed only and exclusively in the United States? This might be an important bias that will render findings poorly reliable. The number of 196516 comorbid CNCP and PTSD makes the overall figure hard to homogenize. The figure is excessively high, which doesn't surprise me: US authors largely over-diagnose PTSD. What do you mean with "the authors read the full text of the 17 selected studies"... is this an appraisal? When I write a single case report, I read at least twenty previous studies related to the theme. A lot of statistical findings (data) are mentioned within the lines, making their follow-up from the reader really hard. Please compile a separated table and omit AOR1; CI etc... from the narrative.

## **INITIAL REVIEW OF THE MANUSCRIPT**

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- ☐ The same title
- ☐ Duplicate publication
- ☐ Plagiarism
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