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ARTICLE DETAILS

TITLE (PROVISIONAL)	Gaza, armed conflict and child health
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VERSION 1 REVIEW

REVIEWER	Dr. Nick Spencer University of Warwick Warwick Medical School, Division of Mental Health and Wellbeing
REVIEW RETURNED	22-Nov-2023

GENERAL COMMENTS	<p>The authors are to be congratulated on a detailed account of the impact of the current conflict on children in Gaza and Israel. The authors stress that children's rights are universal and indivisible and apply to ALL children. Although it is only 5 days (22.11) since the article was submitted, some of the statistics/numbers are already out of date. This is inevitable in a fast-moving conflict characterised by unrelenting bombing of heavily populated areas and communal buildings where large numbers of people including children are sheltering.</p> <p>While I think this article should be fast-tracked and would favour acceptance in its current form, I would support insertion of a sentence on the inevitable child deaths which will follow from infectious diseases combined with acute malnutrition, lack of access to clean water and destruction of health infrastructure, even if a ceasefire is secured.</p>
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REVIEWER	Dr. Maurizio Bonati Mario Negri Institute for Pharmacological Research, Department of Public Health, Laboratory for Mother and Child Health
REVIEW RETURNED	02-Dec-2023

GENERAL COMMENTS	<p>. The text is well written and necessary. Just a few comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - in all recent wars and conflicts, civilians are the greatest victims, especially children; - the numbers could be updated; - children and adolescents have always been victims of the Israeli army and the number of minors detained in Israeli prisons is proof of this; - compared to other wars and conflicts, this one in Gaza is completely unbalanced between the forces in the field, therefore there is premeditation, a desire for civilians to pay; - all civilians should be released immediately, even Israeli ones; - International Conventions and Agencies, once again, have proven inefficient and useless in preventing and containing a conflict: what is it possible and necessary to do by the international medical community, in particular for the health and well-being of child victims of war? - could/should Scientific Societies do something continuously and formally?
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VERSION 1 AUTHOR RESPONSE

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