Reviewer’s report

Title: Voluntary self-poisoning as a cause of admission to a tertiary hospital internal medicine clinic in Piraeus, Greece within a year

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Level of interest: A paper whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Advice on publication: Accept after revision, which I do not need to see

It is an interesting audit but for the international readership some amendments might be necessary before it is published. It will be helpful to know what other methods for suicidal attempts were used, as the authors say the rates of overdoses are very much lower than those reported elsewhere. It will be clearer for the reader to know whether the suicidal intent was assessed and compared across two groups of overdoses and non-overdoses. It will be also helpful to abandon the term intoxication and use the term overdose. The readers will also find it helpful if the authors state something about the diagnoses whether these categories were exclusive of each other or whether they were primary diagnosis. The readers will also benefit from a brief discussion about the catchment area and the distances as the authors present the time of arrival in the hospital. In the discussion they need to clarify whether all those who had presented with overdoses were assessed and included in the study, if not then something needs to be said about the refusers.

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