Reviewer’s report

Title: Spatial Distribution of Suicide in Queensland, Australia

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The authors describe an analysis of suicide by region, age and gender in the Australian state of Queensland. The paper is generally well performed but is rather specialized in its focus. The authors might be able to address the question of the extent to which population density is a predictor of suicide rates - this would make the paper more appealing.

Geographic variation is suicide rates in australia have been described before - see Large et al 2010 in the MJA and numerous state government reports about suicide in NSW as well as the well known problem of suicide in the Northern Territory.

There is a controversy about Australian, and in particular Queensland suicide stats that should be at least acknowledge .

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

No competing interests.