Reviewer's report

**Title:** Psychiatric disorders and clinical correlates of suicidal patients admitted to a psychiatric center in Tokyo

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**Reviewer:** Mats Fridell

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I find no need for a major revision.

The text is very satisfactory on most parts. The question is straight forward and the design with a cohort design and consecutive sampling of hospital admissions is clearly stated. The assessment is clear and concise. The report has a good standard and the limitations are minor. It is a clinical study of clinical phenomena. Of special interest is of course that it is a clinical study from Japan.

A minor suggestion is that the finding that 80% of the patients are compulsorily admitted should be stated also in the abstract and the hospital stay is fairly long (26 days in average), which might not coincide with what we find in other countries. This might also be included in the abstract. Otherwise no comments.

The article is very straight and easy to read and understand. The language is generally good but some minor flaws remain in the text. The authors are requested to make a check of this matter.

With these comments I recommend publication.

With kind regards

Mats Fridell, professor

**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.