Reviewer's report

Title: Study of the Outcome of Suicide Attempts and the Potential Needs of the Individuals Involved

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1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined?

YES

2. Are the methods appropriate and well described?

YES.
However I think they should explain the huge confidence intervals of logistic model because may indicate coliniatlity.
In addition chi-square should be reported, and examine the rules of application in methods (more than 20% of marginal counts higher than 5).
These observation suggest that some categories should be collapsed (for example methods poisoning vs others).

3. Are the data sound?

Interested. There is a paucity data from Asian countries about this topic. However, Author need to improve the bibliographic search. There is an important core about medical decision on suicide attempts. It would interested that this authors compare their results with the following articles.


4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition?
Yes

5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data?

I miss a better bibliographic search and compare the results with other papers in the field of psychiatric decision. Discussion should be rewrite

6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated?

Yes

7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished?

8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found?

Yes

9. Is the writing acceptable?

Yes