Reviewer’s report

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However there are some minor points that should be address to improve the manuscript. The concern limitations on the methodology that is not mentioned and also some strange results that should be mention:

1. How can the authors explain that older age reduced the likelihood older age reduced the likelihood of reporting a lifetime suicide attempt? Could it be recall bias?

2. One limitation not mentioned is the nature of the psychiatric interview performed by telephone an covering a lifetime period. The authors should provide some evidence on the validity of diagnosis obtained through phone interview versus face to face interview

3. Are the authors able to provide information on subthreshold depressive syndromes. With the CIDI questions already completed it maybe theoretically possible.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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