Reviewer's report

Title: Post-hospitalization course and predictive signs of suicidal behavior of suicidal patients admitted to a psychiatric hospital: A 2-year prospective follow-up study

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The authors reported results related to the post-hospitalization course and predictive signs of suicidal behavior of suicidal patients admitted to a psychiatric hospital. Specifically, this is a 2-year prospective follow-up study. The paper is of interest for the journal. I have only few but central comments. The main problem with this paper is the nomenclature. Authors use through the paper the term “suicidal behavior” when in fact it’s “suicide attempt”. The definition they provide is correct and refers to suicide attempt but the use of the term suicidal behavior is misleading and incorrect. I suggest to keep the definition as it is, to change suicidal behavior with suicide attempt and to discuss the issue by citing the paper by Silverman et al, 2007 (Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior; two papers) on the nomenclature in suicidology.

Authors refers to socio-economic variables in interpreting their results. I would stress again the role of marital status by citing a paper by Masocco et al (Suicide and Marital Status…, Psychiatric Quarterly 2008;79…); in fact those who can count on a partner may be actually protected whereas social isolation and living alone is a major problem.

The paper is overall well-written with good statistical analysis

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.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'