Reviewer's report

Title: Characteristics of suicidality in HIV/AIDS as seen in African population in Entebbe district, Uganda

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Reviewer: Maurizio Pompili

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The authors reported their results of an investigation on suicidality in HIV/AIDS. This is of interest for the journal and the paper represents a contribution to the hot issue of proper care to HIV/AIDS patient. I have however a number of shortcomings to mention. First of all, I'm not in favor of the term suicidality. Scholars worldwide now prefer suicide risk instead. It is not clear from the paper when authors estimate suicide risk as related to a score or when they point to a previous suicide attempt. Authors should better report how MINI suicide assessment module works. There should be a note related to the assessment of suicide risk, that is who did that and if there was more than one person performing such task. Second, I would definitely strengthen the limitation of this report especially in light of the tool used to assess suicide risk. Moreover, I would report citations inserted in the limitations somewhere in the discussion. I also suggest to mention the role of personality disorders in precipitating suicide risk, especially those of cluster B. Authors may discuss a paper by Pompili et (Ann Ist Sup Sanita 2004) for completeness.

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'