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Dr. Deesha Majithia
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Dear Prof. Majithia,

Please find enclosed an electronic submission of our manuscript entitled “Spatial clusters of suicide in Australia” for your consideration for publication in the BMC Psychiatry.

Spatial distribution of suicide can provide important clue for designing targeted public health interventions, but it remains unclear about spatial clusters of suicide in Australia. This study explored the spatial clusters of suicide in Australia, and investigated likely socio-demographic determinants of these clusters. The protocol for research has been approved by the Queensland University of Technology’s Human Research Ethics Committee.

We have all read and approved the contents of the final version and have no conflict of interest associated with this manuscript.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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