Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Changes in the Lifetime Prevalence of Suicidal Feelings among Norwegian Doctors from 2000 to 2010: A longitudinal Study based on National Samples

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**Reviewer:** Erica Frank

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A very solid paper with extremely appropriate comparison populations

Just need to create some more-idiomatic English at various places - "unbalanced cohort of doctors" "Judged by the confidence intervals, there was a significantly decrease from 1993 to 2010." "The lifetime prevalence of ever having feelings of life not worth living, ever wished own death and ever having thoughts of taking own life among Norwegian doctors decreased from 2000 to 2010, suggesting decrease in suicidal risk."--

You say "While female doctors in a previous study were more likely to have experienced serious suicidal feelings,[23] we found no such differences." But earlier, you also correctly site these data: "1.5 % of female US doctors in 1998 reported a history of attempted suicide at some point over theIR lifetime.[22]"

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare no competing interest