Reviewer's report

**Title:** Suicidal Behaviour in Old Age - Results from the Ibadan Study of Ageing (ISA)

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**Reviewer:** Maurizio Pompili

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The authors reported results from an investigation dealing with suicidal behavior in old age. The study is of interest for the journal and results are interesting. I have just few shortcomings to mention. First, the English language needs some improvement. Second, I have some doubts related to the nomenclature used to label suicidal behaviors. Although authors refer to a valid instrument, there is no real definition for what a suicide attempt is as well as ideas and plans. I would also cite a recent paper by Almeida, et al (2012). Factors associated with suicidal thoughts in a large community study of older adults. Moreover, some discussion on nomenclature may be provided by discussing the papers by Silverman et al published in 2007. I would also cite a paper by Pompili et al. Suicide in the elderly: a psychological autopsy study in a North Italy area (1994-2004). Am J Geriatr Psychiatry. 2008

Limitations may be also improved in the light of the above mentioned references.

**Level of interest:** An article of outstanding merit and interest 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 that I have no competing interests'