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Dear Ms Murray,

I invite BMC Psychiatry to consider publication of our manuscript of original research titled *Determinants of suicidal ideation: parallel cross-sectional analyses examining geographical location* by Inder et al.

Suicide death rates across all states and territories of Australia have been consistently higher in rural than in urban settings in the past decade. This study examines suicidal ideation across geographical regions to identify determinants of suicidal behaviour that may improve our understanding of the difference in death due to suicide across geographical region. We used two datasets with the same measures of suicidal ideation and mental disorder to examine associations between a set of hypothesised demographic, socioeconomic, mental and physical health factors across urban, regional, and rural/remote regions of the state of New South Wales.

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