Reviewer's report

**Title:** Drug suicide: a gender-equal cause of death in 16 European countries Or Intentional drugs overdose kills men and women equally: a study of 16 European countries

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**Reviewer:** Yury Razvodovsky

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This manuscript presents the results of a study that examine gender- and age-specific rates of suicide by drug self-poisoning in 16 European countries. The authors have done a great job and collected unique data. The paper is clearly written and the conclusions are justified by the results. A number of limitations are discussed. As a result it appears to be a valuable contribution to the existing literature.

There is minor suggestion (no major point of criticism): in the Result section statistical significance of the correlations should be presented.

This paper can be published with minor revision as suggested.

**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.