Reviewer’s report

Title: The pesticide story: Taiwan suicide rates, 1985-2009

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Reviewer: Paul Yip

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I like the earlier version just focusing on 1983-1993 since it is related to the reduction of pesticide
Without any obvious substitution
Now you have extended to 2009, the ones who died from charcoal burning and pesticide are believed to be different. The role of Charcoal burning is different and is more prevalent in urban area. Now the message in the revised version has become unclear than that of the initial submission.

I would prefer the paper is on the period 1983-1993 only to make the message concise and precise.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

No competing interest