Reviewer's report

**Title:** A cross-sectional survey of prevalence and correlates of suicidal ideation and suicide attempts among prisoners in New South Wales, Australia

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The manuscript “A cross-sectional survey of prevalence and correlates of suicidal ideation and suicide attempts among prisoners in New South Wales, Australia” aims to estimate prevalence of suicidal ideation and suicide attempts in prison and present predictors of suicidality. The study is well designed with a sufficient sample size of prisoners and presents interesting analyses on a topic with limited information. Paper is well written following STROBE statement; results are clearly presented and discussed. However, the only comment is about the first sentence of the second paragraph p 5, it is very complicated to understand the meaning of that sentence, it should be clarified.

**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