The study examines the known declining trends in suicide mortality specifically in Germany and comment on its relation with the UDR.

1. Abstract: p-value of SR among men aged 15-24 is 0.041 according to data in the respective table.
2. Background: despite Ireland and Spain... Do you mean except Ireland and Spain?
3. Methods: ICD-10 codes for Suicides are X60 to X84. Please check your figures and clarify whether the Y872 4-digit classification is available.
4. Methods: Please clarify whether counts (deaths) or deaths/population are used in fitting the Poisson distribution.
5. Methods: It would be useful for the reader to insert a Table or a Figure presenting the rates by gender and age.
7. Methods: Please describe the results derived from the calculations of time trends by cause of death by age group and sex as well as the effect of the interaction terms.
8. Discussion: Please elaborate with concise comments on the expected and the unexpected findings of your study.
9. p8 line13: Please change TAYLOR to TAILOR.
10. P8 line13: It is known that overall suicides represent a major problem among females up to 19 and males over 65. Please justify why prevention strategies should focus on young males.
11. Table 1: It is strange that UDR rates among persons older than 75 years decline during the first and the second period (-5.8 and –0.1 respectively) and yet there is an overall increase (7.3).
12. Table 2: the same inconsistency is evident in this table.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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