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Media suicide-reports, Internet use and the occurrence of suicides between 1987 and 2005 in Japan. Akihito Hagihara, Kimio Tarumi and Takeru Abe

The authors corrected and specified some of the arguments addressed in the last reviews. Even though the use of monthly data is a major limitation to the study, the results are a basis for further research on the topic if the mass media has influenced the tremendous increase of suicides in Japan in recent years. Even more important, close collaboration of public health officials and the media could contribute to change this development.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

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Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.
Declaration of competing interests:

I declare I have no competing interests.