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Title: Personal and professional challenges in the management of deliberate self-poisoning patients in rural Sri Lanka: A qualitative study of rural hospital doctors' experiences and perceptions

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I think this report is relevant and timely.
The subject of the paper is important. The methods are relevant, although one would like to be reassured of the representativity of the doctors interviewed. It is a sample of 15 doctors - and how many doctors in Sri Lanka work with these kind of problems?
The qualitative interviews seems to have been carried out in a relevant way, and the results are clearly presented. The categorisation of results seem relevant as well.
One would like to know how common are the problems the doctors mention? Therefore there could be a part of the discussion mentioning how the needs of education and equipment could be mapped.
I think it has obvious public health consequences.
It is striking that a crowd will be present when a self-poisoned patient come to the clinic. That would not happen in Europe.
It is reassuring that the doctors treat self-poisoned patients with out prejudices as all other emergency cases
I recommend that the paper is published with minor changes