Reviewer's report

Title: Pattern of pesticide storage before pesticide self-poisoning in rural Sri Lanka

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The following suggestions will add to their paper:

1. The authors need to do multivariate statistics to examine/ adjust for the effects of age, gender, literacy and socio-economic status and other variables they have collected.

2. The patients who were very sick, those who died prior to the interview and those who did not come /were brought to the hospital were excluded from the study. Hence, the findings of the study are probably generalisable to those with low suicidal intent and to those who employed methods of lower lethality. This need to be emphasised in the conclusion.

3. The tables can be combined into a single table.

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

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'