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1) this is a misunderstanding. OSPI is not a clinical study (and therefore there is no trial registration number). The intervention does not take place on the individual level but on the regional, the community level (the abstract speaks about a community based intervention). Individuals are not recruited for the study. They are only concerned as part of a population. In fact it is an observational study: regions are observed, half of them implement a community action against suicide and half of them don't.

2) we removed Study Protocol from the title

3) Non-fatal suicide acts are recorded only by the data that are assessed during clinical routine work up for non-fatal suicide victims. This data is forwarded by the treating health professionals in a pseudonomised way to the study. Thus there is no interaction between study and individuals. Therefore consent has not to be sought. We added this explanation to page 7.

4) Since it is an observational study there is no power calculation.