Reviewer's report

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Thank you very much for providing us the opportunity to re-review the above mentioned manuscript. Myself, and other members of our research unit have carefully read the paper and we are pleased to tell you that we have no further objections to publish the manuscript. It certainly has some weakness in its statistical solutions, however, the advantages of presenting important population based information about suicide rates and trends in the far-east are surely superior. In total, this is an important contribution to world wide trends in suicides and it offers most relevant insights of possible mechanisms to explain a trend in prevalence which is contrary to the trends observed in contemporary European countries.