Reviewer's report

Title: Dealing with suicidal patients - a challenging task: A qualitative study of young physicians experiences

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Reviewer: Martin P Anderson

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General
This is an interesting paper and will be of great value in the field. I enjoyed reading the paper and the findings.

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

I believe it would worth commenting (briefly) on the epidemiology of suicidal behaviour in Norway. It would also be interesting to see (again briefly) some comment on the policy agenda and the national suicide prevention strategy in Norway. The paper would be improved if the authors linked the findings and recommendations into the context of suicide prevention work in Norway and how the research might contribute to that work. Again, this could be done at the end of the paper in the discussion.

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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)

I spotted a few typographical errors - please re-read and check these.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

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What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests