Reviewer’s report

Title: Suicide or undetermined intent? - A register-based study of signs of misclassification

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I personally think this is an interesting topic, but I am not sure how broad the interest is in this subject. It is a little bit of a niche subject, and the results do not overturn any previously held views. The authors need to make this much shorter and more concise. I think they should do a multivariate analysis instead of all of the descriptive tables. There are quite a few too many tables and figures - and I think a lot of the figures are not very helpful. One of the things that make this a potentially interesting study is the existence of national databases on hospitalization and pharmacy use. The authors should make sure that the description of the data sources is understandable to people who are not from Sweden.

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

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

no