Reviewer's report

Title: Variations in suicide method and occurrence by season and day of the week in Russia and the Nenets Autonomous Okrug, Northwestern Russia: a retrospective population-based mortality study

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Reviewer's report:

The Manuscript describes an interesting high-risk Group of People, the NAO. The publication is unique and well assemmbled.

Only a few minor comments are to be said:
In the Abstract, line 39ff the Information on seasonal differences is given twice which is redundant.

The Person-years Approach suggests to be different from simple suicide rates as usually reported in suicide epidemiology. Would it be possible to show suicide rates in addition to PY?

Figure 1.: the world view in the upper left corner is redundant, only the map would be enough.

The usability of the seasonality results for suicide prevention could be toned down. Or how can such Information be useful for prevention?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'