Reviewers report


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This is an interesting and important paper, focusing on a specific and small population in a specific location. Its importance stems from its originality and since its findings show a very high rate of young people suicide, it would be even more important if it would try to focus on future solutions and prospective study to escort these preventive steps.
There are many limitations to the paper, and the main problems would make major revisions necessary.
The introduction should have at least part of description of this specific population and their living style, as well as data on the whole population around it. There is far less importance in the knowledge of the main land France population even if that's indeed this country's main land since it's a totally deferent area and straggles with different aspect.
The discussion part in its current writing is another result part- no actual discussion and thinking about the why and the how to prevent in the future. There are so many questions arising from the results in spite of the small numbers that should be discussed. The only two good paragraphs in the discussion are there for the third and second to the end which try in this direction. As an example - why do we see such a high mortality rate here- where as in most of the world we see a completed suicide in 1:20 attempts? Is that because we get a sever under estimation? Why do we see men and women equality in the attempts and completed un like any other place? Is that typical for the area or do we miss the women due to under representation or cultural aspect? Etc.

For the more minor changes needed-
English is good but could be better and I would recommend a minor revision in this aspect.
It is crucial not to mix between an attempt and a completed suicide- not done currently in the abstract.

It would help our understanding as readers, to know what is this psychiatric service and how well is it getting accepted in this area.

It would help understanding the results if you would describe the population- numbers, average age, how typical is it there to consume alcohol or marihuana? Social - demographic aspects etc.

There is a problem with 1-7 years gap between the suicide attempt and the interview but that's of course a non-fixable problem in all retrospective research. It would help to know of the questions included - for example for depression where based on Hamilton/Beck or any other excepted tool- currently un clear.

Since after all we are dealing here with small numbers, there is no need to further discuss one year but to look and the 8 years as a group.

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