

Brief guidelines for reviewers for “Suicidologi”

Your review will help the editor decide whether or not to publish the article. It will also aid the author(s) and allow them to improve their manuscript. Giving your overall opinion and general observations of the article is essential. Your comments should be objective, courteous and constructive. This is a list of important questions to address in a review:

First impression

- Is the research original, novel and important to the field?
- Has the appropriate structure and language been used?

Title

- Does the title accurately reflect the content?

Abstract

- Is it really a summary?
- Is it complete and stand-alone?
- Does it include key findings?
- Is it an appropriate length?

Introduction

- Is it effective, clear and well organized?
- Does it really introduce and put into perspective what follows?
- Has appropriate previous research been cited?
- Suggest changes in the organization and point authors to appropriate citations.
- Be specific – don't write “the authors have done a poor job”.

Methodology

- Have methods been clearly and concisely described?
- Did the authors include proper references to previously published methodology?
- Is the description of new methodology or approaches accurate?
- Carefully review methods, analyses and statistical approaches for errors or flaws.

Results and discussion

- Suggest improvements in the way data are shown.
- Comment on general logic and on justification of interpretations and conclusions.
- Comment on the number of tables and figures.
- Write concisely and precisely which changes you recommend.
- Suggest additional analyses if appropriate.

- List separately suggested changes in style, grammar or other small changes.
- Ask yourself whether the manuscript should be published at all, but do not reflect the answer to this in the comments to the author(s).

Conclusions

- Comment on importance, validity and generalizability of conclusions.
- Recommend tempering of unjustified claims or generalizations.
- Request removal of redundant text.
- The abstract, not the conclusions summarizes the study.

References, tables and figures

- Check accuracy, number and citation appropriateness.
- Comment on any footnotes.
- Comment on figures, their quality and readability.
- Assess completeness of legends, headers and axis labels
- Check presentation consistency.
- Comment if relevant on need for colours in figures.