

REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Prevalence of Depression and Its Association with Suicidal Intent in First-Time Suicide Attempters

Recommendation:

Accept as it is

Accept after minor revision

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality			✓	
Techn. Quality			✓	
Clarity				✓
Significance			✓	

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Reviewer's Comment:

This study addresses an important and underexplored area by examining the link between depression severity and suicidal intent in first-time suicide attempters. The methodology is appropriate, and the findings are clinically relevant. Minor revisions are needed to improve formatting, clarify some methodological details.

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Detailed Reviewer's Report

1. The study lacks an abstract, which should be added for clarity and professionalism.
2. The concept of suicidal intent is briefly defined but would benefit from a proper citation and a clearer explanation of its components.
3. The study uses a cross-sectional design conducted at a single tertiary care hospital, which limits causality and generalizability.
4. Sample size of 50 is relatively small, which may limit statistical power and robustness of subgroup analyses.
5. The sampling method (e.g., consecutive, convenience) is not clearly described and should be specified for reproducibility.
6. It is unclear whether assessments were self-reported or clinician-administered, which impacts the objectivity and consistency of scoring.
7. There is no mention of inter-rater reliability or rater training, which is important when using clinician-rated scales like MADRS and SIS.
8. The discussion for focusing on first-time suicide attempters is sound but could be expanded to emphasize why this group is clinically or socially distinct.