

Reviewer #1:

**Scientific Quality:** Grade B (Very good)

**Language Quality:** Grade B (Minor language polishing)

**Conclusion:** Major revision

**Specific Comments to Authors:**

This is an interesting survey into the relationship of stress, family-related factors and COVID-19 pandemic in patients with Bipolar disorder and self-harm (or suicidal) behavior. I recommend that the research methods are described in more details (e.g. clinical assessment methods, among others). Authors need to comment in the discussion whether the reported increase of suicide behavior is relevant to the COVID-19 pandemic as medical threat per se or to the social isolation and restrictive measures, imposed on the population. I am not fully convinced that this paper qualifies as letter to the editor. In my view it is rather an epidemiological study and should be expanded to be reviewed as such. In that regard an academic editor should judge to what extent the current submission meets the criteria for letter to the editor.

Response: Dear reviewer, thank you for your valuable advice.

Based on your suggestion, we have modified our paper and improved the expression.

About your query, we added the answer to the conclusion section. And, we changed our paper to observational study.