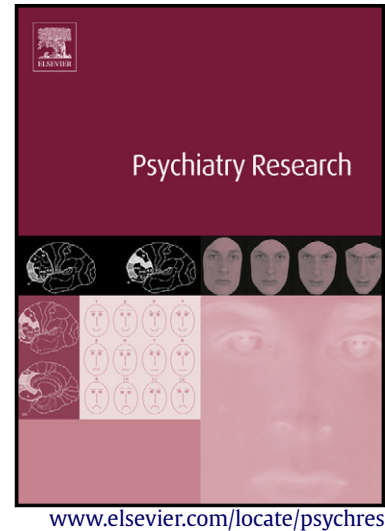


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Abstract

On 12 March 2011 an earthquake devastated Matsunoyama and Matsudai districts of Tōkamachi city, Niigata Japan. These areas had high pre-existing suicide rates especially among the elderly. We investigated the potential risk for increased suicide rates 5 months after the earthquake by examining levels of psychological distress

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