

Peer Review

Review of: "Psychosocial Predictors of Suicidal Ideation in Mexican Adolescents: The Role of Gender, Bullying, and Intrafamilial Violence"

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I appreciate the opportunity to review this relevant study on suicidal behavior in adolescents. Research using high-risk samples is crucial due to its practical utility and ongoing contributions, particularly given the dynamic nature of the phenomenon under investigation. However, I have several recommendations to enhance the manuscript's precision and readability for future researchers.

Introduction

- A clearer distinction should be made between key concepts such as suicide, suicidal behavior, suicidal ideation, and suicide risk.
- The rationale for focusing on suicidal ideation (rather than suicidal behavior or risk) requires stronger theoretical and empirical support.

Methods

- Research Assistants' Training: Please elaborate on the training provided to research assistants, particularly regarding:
- Protocols for detecting and referring at-risk cases to mental health professionals.
- Procedures for handling contingent cases (e.g., crisis interventions).
- Statistical Analysis: Clarify the meaning of "95% CI for Mean Difference or V" in Table 1, as it is currently ambiguous.

Results

- Provide more detailed descriptive data on all levels of suicidal ideation (e.g., mild, moderate, severe) early in the Results section to contextualize findings with the RSIQ.
- Explicitly reference Table 1 in the text to guide readers on when to consult it.

Discussion

The interpretation of findings should include:

- Comparisons with prior studies on mild suicidal ideation, which are currently overlooked.
- Potential explanations for the low variance explained ($R^2 = 15\text{--}18\%$) in regression models (e.g., unmeasured confounding variables).

Limitations

- Address: The low predictive power of the regression models and possible methodological constraints (e.g., omitted variables).
- Address: Whether supplementary measures could have strengthened the assessment (e.g., multi-method approaches).

Declarations

Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.