SPECIAL ISSUE: UNDERSTANDING AND PREVENTION OF SUICIDAL BEHAVIOR

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Dear colleagues,

An important fact to remember about suicidal behaviors is how widespread they are. Globally, suicide is an enormous social and public health issue accounting for almost a million deaths annually. The human cost associated with suicidal behavior for individuals, families, communities, health care, and society is beyond doubt. Despite these data and decades of research into suicidal behavior, there are still significant gaps between policy, research, prevention, and clinical practice. Nonetheless, increases in the rates of death by suicide are not inevitable. This is a moment when suicidal behaviour prevention must be prioritized as a global health concern. So, for this Special Issue, we are particularly interested in receiving high-quality papers that seek to advance theoretical accounts and explanations of suicide, investigate the pathways that take an individual closer towards or further away from suicidal ideation and behaviour, conduct ecologically valid, real-time measurement of suicide outcomes and associated mechanisms, examine prevention programs, as well as treatment development and evaluation studies (case series, feasibility studies, randomized controlled trials).

We invite you to submit a paper to this Special Issue and would greatly appreciate it if you could recommend it to your colleagues. If you are interested in contributing a paper, please inform us at your earliest convenience. Keywords: Suicide; Suicidal behavior; Suicide ideation; Mechanisms; Meta-analysis; Pathways; Prevention; Treatment; Intervention; Self-harm; National prevention strategies.

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