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Charakteristika suizidalen Erlebens und Verhaltens: Dynamik & Ambivalenz

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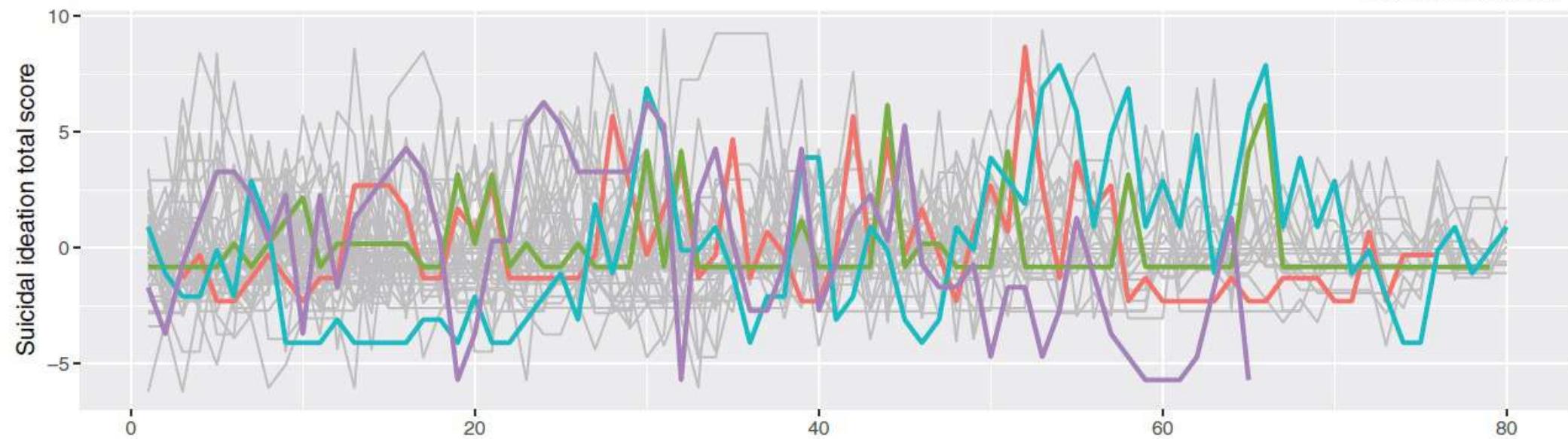
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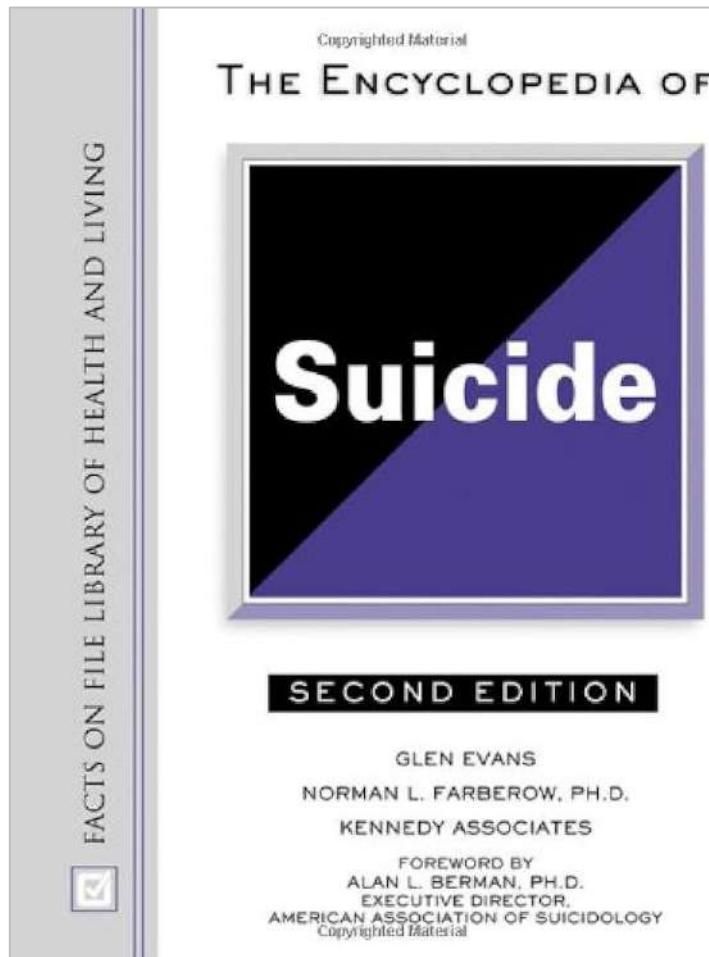
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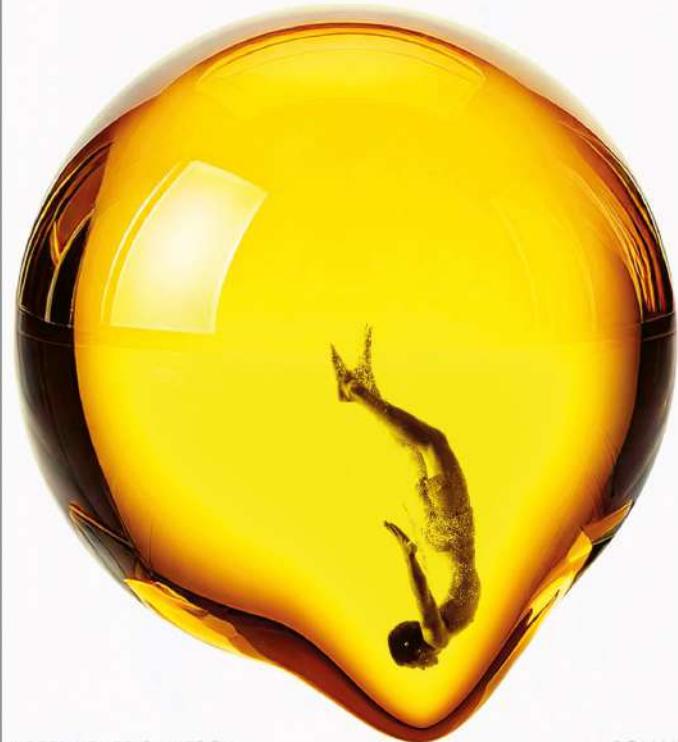
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Ambivalence as “perhaps the single most important psychological concept in our understanding of suicide” (p. 12)

THOMAS MELLE **HAUS ZUR SONNE**



KIEPENHEUER & WITSCH

ROMAN

„Ich wollte nicht leben, wollte aber auch nicht nicht leben. Ich wollte weder leben noch sterben, oder eben beides. Aber es gab nichts dazwischen, gab kein Sowohl-als-auch.“

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94% der Hoch-Suizidalen berichten Ambivalenz

(Harris et al., 2010)

THE WISH TO DIE AND THE WISH TO LIVE IN ATTEMPTED SUICIDES¹

MARIA KOVACS AND AARON T. BECK²

Journal of Clinical Psychology, April, 1977, Vol. 33, No. 2.

Zum Zeitpunkt des letzten Suizidversuchs:

- $n = 53$: ambivalent
- $n = 43$: kein Lebenswunsch
- $n = 10$: kein Todeswunsch

Suicide Attempters' Reaction to Survival as a Risk Factor for Eventual Suicide

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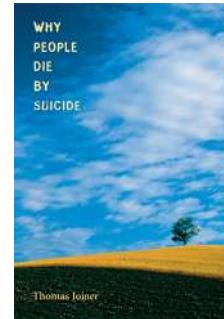
(Am J Psychiatry 2005; 162:2180–2182)

- $N = 393$ Patienten (nach Suizidversuch)
 - **43%**: ambivalent
 - **21%**: enttäuscht, überlebt zu haben
 - **36%**: froh, überlebt zu haben

Gründe pro Sterben

Lasterleben

Ich bin eine Last für andere. Andere wären besser dran, wenn es mich nicht mehr gäbe.

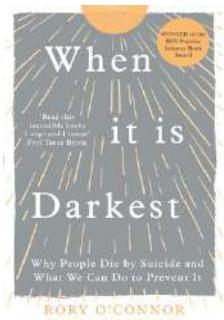


Fehlende Zugehörigkeit

Ich gehöre nirgendwo dazu. Niemand würde mich vermissen. Es gibt niemanden, für den ich wichtig bin. Ich bin ein*e Außenseiter*in.

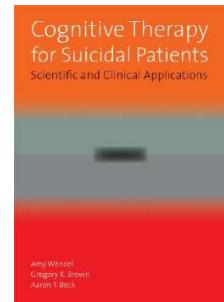
Entrapment

Ich fühle mich wie gefangen. Es gibt keinen Ausweg für mich. Ich kann nichts tun, sondern bin all dem ausgeliefert. Ich möchte mir selbst entkommen.



Hoffnungslosigkeit

Es ist hoffnungslos. Nichts wird sich jemals ändern. Alles wird nur noch schlimmer werden. Niemand kann mir helfen.



Unbearability

Ich kann den emotionalen Schmerz / die Gedanken / die Symptome / die Situation nicht länger aushalten. Ich brauche Ruhe.

Lasterleben

Fehlende Zugehörigkeit

Entrapment

Hoffnungslosigkeit

Unbearability

Bodoh H. 1977

Kurt Cobain Suicide Note



I know that I am spoiling your life, that without me you could work. And you will I know.



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God I love you a lot.

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TO: LEONARD WOOLF
Rodmell,
Sussex
Tuesday (18? March 1941)

'Dearest, I feel certain I am going mad again. I feel we can't go through another of those terrible times. And I shan't recover this time. I begin to hear voices, and I can't concentrate. So I am doing what seems to be the best thing to do. You have given me the greatest possible happiness. You have been in every way all that anyone could be. I don't think two people could have been happier till this terrible disease came. I can't fight any longer. I know that I am spoiling your life, that without me you could work. And you will I know. You see, I can't even write this properly. I can't read. What I want to say is I owe all the happiness of my life to you. You have been entirely patient with me and incredibly good. I want to say that - everybody knows it. If anyone could have saved me it would have been you. Everything has gone from me except the certainty of your goodness. I can't go on spoiling your life any longer. I don't think two people could have been happier than we have been.

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Lasterleben

Fehlende
Zugehörigkeit

Entrapment

Hoffnungslosigkeit

Unbearability

Wichtig ist noch: ... ich hätte mich nicht fast umgebracht wegen einem Jungen, ... für mich war es damals viel mehr als nur ein Junge. ... Für mich war es der Gedanke von jemandem geliebt zu werden, ... dass man mich lieben kann, ... dass man mich akzeptieren kann, ... dass ich dazu gehöre ... das Gefühl nicht mehr einsam zu sein ... und diese furchtbare Angst, ein schlechtes Leben zu führen ... das war alles verknüpft mit diesem Jungen.

Frau, 19 Jahre

Lasterleben

Fehlende
Zugehörigkeit

Entrapment

Hoffnungslosigkeit

Unbearability

In der Zeit bin ich dann auch selber suizidal geworden ... Das erste Mal Weihnachten komplett allein ... Und ich habe meine Mutter so vermisst ... Und ich konnte das gar nicht verstehen ... Ich war so traurig ... Das war richtig körperlich ... Ich kann das gar nicht beschreiben ... Ich hatte einfach den Eindruck, dass ich dieses Gefühl überhaupt nicht mehr aushalten kann Das war wie ein körperlicher Schmerz ... Aber überall ... wie zugeschnürt ... ich habe nur noch weinen können ... hab dann einen Abschiedsbrief geschrieben und Medikamente zusammengesucht ...

Frau, 29 Jahre

- Familie/Freunde/Verantwortung: **67%**
- Zukunftspläne: **58%**
- Dinge, die Freude machen: **26%**
- Selbstbild: **13%**
- Religion: **9%**

Gründe kontra Sterben



Ich bin doch feige. Ich hätte es mir nicht zugetraut. Wie das Gas monoton zischt. Es graut einem. Mir ist wahnsinnig schlecht geworden. Ein Dröhnen in den Ohren. Habe die Todesangst gespürt, und trotzdem weiß ich, ich muss es durchstehen: Mein Schädel brummt, die Ohren sind immer noch taub. Jetzt habe ich richtig Angst. [...] Hätt ich den Mut gehabt, die Hand vom Hahn nehmen, hätt ich es längst geschafft. Jetzt geht es noch einmal los. Wenn das Zischen und die Angst nicht wär, wär alles halb so schlimm. [...]



Surviving moment to moment: The experience of living in a state of ambivalence for those with recurrent suicide attempts

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Objective. This qualitative study aimed to capture the experience of living in the ambivalent space between life and death for adults with recurrent suicide attempts (RSA). It sought to expand upon an earlier study that explored the processes involved in transitioning away from RSA among adults, which revealed that occupying this ambivalent space is a crucial part of this process.

Design. Interpretive phenomenological analysis (IPA) was used. This methodology was designed to explore the lived experiences and meaning making and enabled interpretation of the multidimensional subjective experiences of

Methods. In-depth semi-structured interview women with a history of RSA who had participated in the research site (Skills for Safer Living: A Psychosocial Intervention for People with Recurrent Suicide Attempts [SfSL]) followed to analyse the interview data.

Results. Analysis revealed the superordinate theme of ambivalence, which refers to a precarious state of making decisions moment-to-moment basis without clear commitment. Subordinate themes were identified: 'deciding to die' participants were more invested in dying than living when they were more invested in living than dying.

Conclusion. The study illuminated the complex ones' destiny on a moment-to-moment basis. It revealed that occupying this state, while paradoxically, also reducing the risk of death provided a lifeline opportunity for those who struggle with the subtle distinctions associated with this in-between state accordingly.

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The Agony of Ambivalence and Ways to Resolve It: Introducing the MAID Model

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People are generally averse toward conflict between beliefs and/or feelings underlying their attitudes—that is, attitudinal ambivalence. This review integrates literature on attitudinal ambivalence with theories of decision making, coping strategies, and the underlying mechanism of when and how people deal with feelings of ambivalence. First it shows that ambivalence is experienced as being particularly unpleasant when the ambivalent attitude holder is confronted with the necessity to make a choice between two options. Second, it shows that when there are incongruent evaluative components of the attitude that become accessible, and feelings of uncertainty about the potential outcome arise, which may invoke the anticipation of aversive emotions. Several coping strategies are discussed that are used to reduce the experience of ambivalence and Emotion- and problem-focused coping strategies are discussed. The article concludes with a discussion of the MAID (model of ambivalence-induced discomfort), which aims to describe the consequences of ambivalence.

Keywords: attitudes; judgment; decision making; ambivalence; dissonance

Before ordering our extra hot grande decaf nonfat hazelnut espresso macchiato, there are quite a few choices we have to make, and such choices might require a lot of information. It is inevitable that this information will be, at least in some instances, evaluatively incongruent. In such cases, we can experience ambivalence.

We can be ambivalent about personal matters (e.g., follow a low fat/high carbohydrate diet that is heart healthy but has a higher risk of obesity, opt for children in a hospital or in a domestic setting) or societal issues

(e.g., support U.S. military presence in countries such as Iraq and Afghanistan, vote for a political party intending to increase taxes to combat global warming, boycott products that rely on child labor). Previous reviews have analyzed and emphasized definitional issues of ambivalence (Jonas, Bochner, & Diehl, 2000) and the relationship with dimensions of attitude strength (Comer & Sparks, 2002). In the present article, we combine the literature on ambivalence with that on affect and decision making and focus on the affective, cognitive, and behavioral consequences of ambivalence.

In the current review, we first turn to the notion that the experience of ambivalence is unpleasant. We assess the source of the unpleasantness of this notion and argue that it holds under specific circumstances. We assess these circumstances and describe when ambivalence is accompanied by an unpleasant, aversive state of arousal. In this context, we also address the role of emotional expression. In the second part, we investigate how people cope with these feelings of discomfort, and we show that ambivalent attitude holders are quite adaptive in their approach to reducing their discomfort. In the final section, we introduce the MAID (model of ambivalence-induced discomfort); we describe its various components of this model, and we discuss its implications for research on ambivalence.

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"I just can't stand this back and forth in my head anymore"

Fazit

- Suizidale Krisen können hochdynamisch verlaufen
- Ambivalenz als (Mit-)Verursacher der Dynamik

Charakteristika suizidalen Erlebens und Verhaltens: Kippunkte

From decision to action: Suicidal history and time between decision to die and actual suicide attempt

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36% ≤ 5 Min. zwischen Entscheidung & Umsetzung

44% ≤ 10 Min. zwischen Entscheidung & Umsetzung

76% ≤ 180 Min. zw. Entscheidung & Umsetzung

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The end of ambivalence. A narrative perspective on ambivalence in the suicidal process

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Abstract

Introduction: Suicidal ambivalence is a recognized phenomenon in suicidology, yet not much is known about it in the context of progression from suicidal ideation to action. The current study addresses this gap. We explore narrative dynamics of suicidal ambivalence in stories about transition from suicidal ideation to action.

Methods: We employ an experiential qualitative approach to gain in-depth understanding of narrated experience of suicidal ambivalence. We conducted semi-structured interviews with 22 patients hospitalized after a suicide attempt. For a detailed analysis, we selected 11 interviews in which the interviewees' accounts spontaneously referred to their ambivalence about attempting suicide. We used a text-oriented version of Critical Discourse Studies (CDS) to analyze the semantics and syntax, as well as the functions of what was said within the local context, and the social actions thus accomplished.

Results: Our study shows primarily that ambivalence is not resolved. Rather, it is set aside and removed from the narrative and replaced by an action-focused narrative with no references to mental activities.

Conclusion: We propose that ambivalence recedes and gives way to action and that qualitative research provides a useful evidence base for conceptualizing and understanding the role of ambivalence in transition from suicidal ideation to action.

KEY WORDS

discourse analysis, ideation-to-action framework, qualitative research, suicidal ambivalence

INTRODUCTION

Ambivalence as the co-occurrence of two competing wishes, the wish to die (WTD) and the wish to live (WTL), has been of interest to suicidologists since the 1960s (Stengel, 1964; Kovacs & Beck, 1977; Brown et al., 2005; for a review see Bryan, 2020). Since Kovacs and Beck's (1977) study of the internal struggle during a suicide attempt, the methodology of ambivalence research has changed, and suicidologists now use more

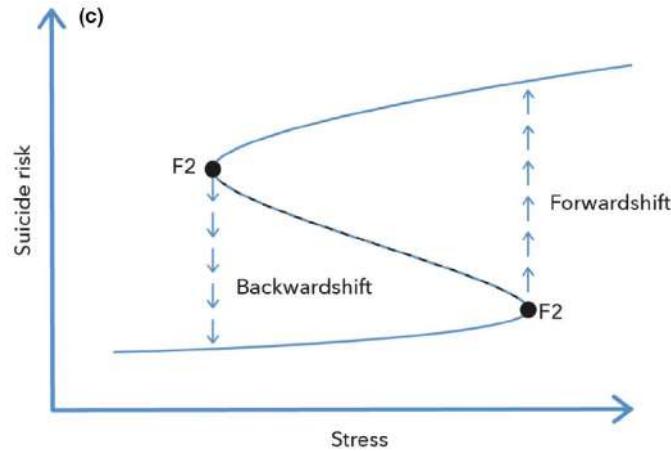
and more advanced methods of data collection and analysis. Cross-sectional designs are complemented by longitudinal ones and, more recently, the method of ecological momentary assessment, which provides nuanced data collected in real time (see Kleiman et al., 2023). Researchers found that the discrepancy between an individual's WTL and WTD is a risk factor for suicide risk (Brown et al., 2005; see also Harris et al., 2010; O'Connor et al., 2012). Bryan et al. (2016) have also shown that WTD and WTL ebb and flow dynamically over the

„... ambivalence is not resolved. Rather, it is set aside ...“

A network perspective on suicidal behavior: Understanding suicidality as a complex system

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“During a fight with my husband, I was busy baking. I needed to turn on the oven. I poured some oil on the wood, and then suddenly poured some of it on myself also and turned on the light. I have already threatened to self-immolate. I do not know why I did it. Perhaps, if I would not be in this situation of baking with flammable oil, I would not have done it. I think the fire drew me to itself.” (P12)

Khankeh et al., 2015

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Rethinking suicides as mental accidents: Towards a new paradigm
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ABSTRACT
Background: Since its beginnings, suicide research has made great progress in terms of empirical findings. However, in contrast to other mental health conditions, the theoretical understanding of suicides has shown only minimal progress. Missing interdisciplinary bridges and the lack of a unifying paradigm have been major obstacles. This paper examines the starting points for a rethink.
Method: In the first step, we identified major challenges in suicide research, which have been obstructing a better understanding. In the second step, we determined a new concept of suicide that is highly compatible with epidemiological results and meets the requirements of interdisciplinary usability. In the third step, the implications of this paradigm are explored by relating it to two process typologies, the one characterizing the temporal dynamics of suicide processes, and the other representing risk mechanisms / factors occurring at different stages of suicide processes.
Results: Since suicides are rare events and often appear to be ‘rare acts’, they can be conceived of as mental accidents or, more precisely, as failures to withhold temporary suicide impulses. This paradigm is suitable for synchronously implementing different personal, psychopathological, societal and situational perspectives. It applies to a high proportion of suicides and works well when being exposed to different typologies of suicide processes.
Conclusions: The mental accident paradigm provides an interdisciplinary starting point in suicidology that offers new perspectives in research, prediction and prevention.

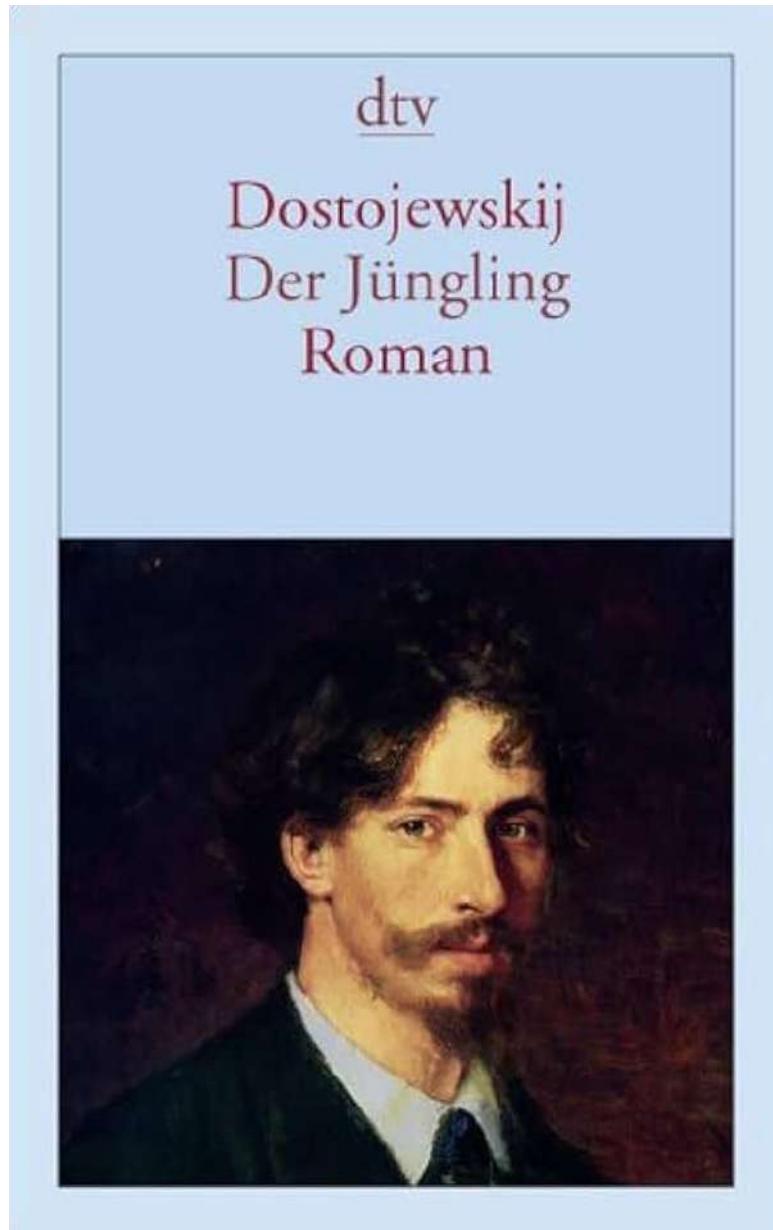
1. Introduction
More than 100 years of suicide research have yielded vast amounts of empirical results as well as new prevention and intervention perspectives. However, theoretical progress has been modest. The understanding of suicide is still primed by biological and sociological perspectives similar to those developed by the psychiatrist Morelli (1881) and the sociologist Durkheim [1897] (2002) in the 19th century. Missing interdisciplinary bridges remain a major obstacle since then. Novel psychological concepts of the postwar era did not succeed in changing this context (Brock et al., 1984; Gmelch et al., 2000; Gmelch et al., 2002). At the individual level, psychiatrists and psychologists view suicide as a sequel of serious mental problems. Depression, schizophrenia, borderline personality disorder, substance use disorders and other frequently co-occurring conditions, including behavioral problems, form the most relevant framework in suicide research within these disciplines (Bertolote and Fleischmann, 2002). In contrast, sociology has traditionally provided a more macroscopic view of mental illness in modern days.

Conversely, at the societal level, sociologists have dealt with different differences (Vanilia et al., 2002) and have used time series data (Gunnell, 2010). Nevertheless, the interaction between psychiatry and sociology with psychopathology and social factors has been limited. As in most disciplines, the validity of the results of the two disciplines has been put into question. This is a challenge for suicidology.

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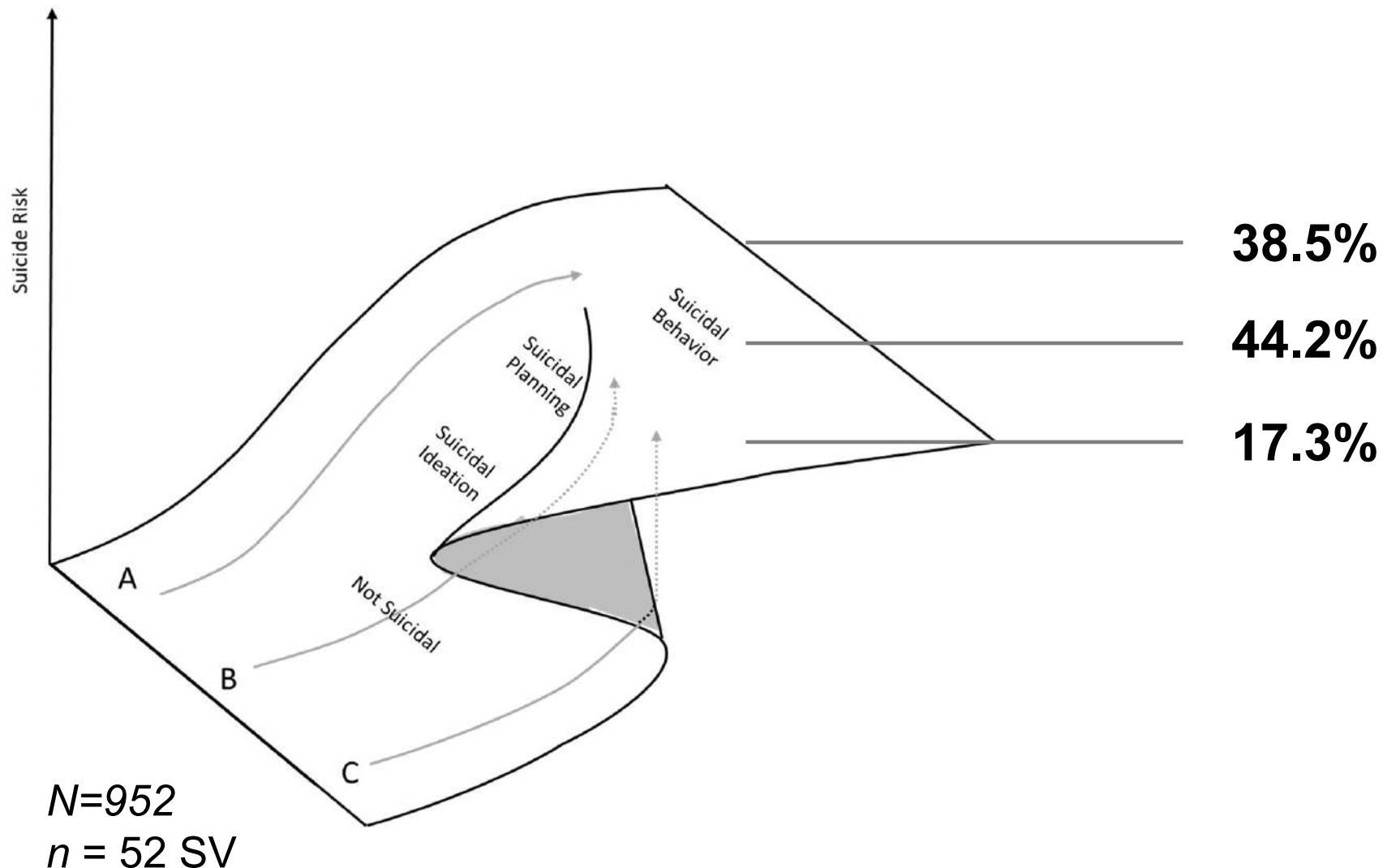


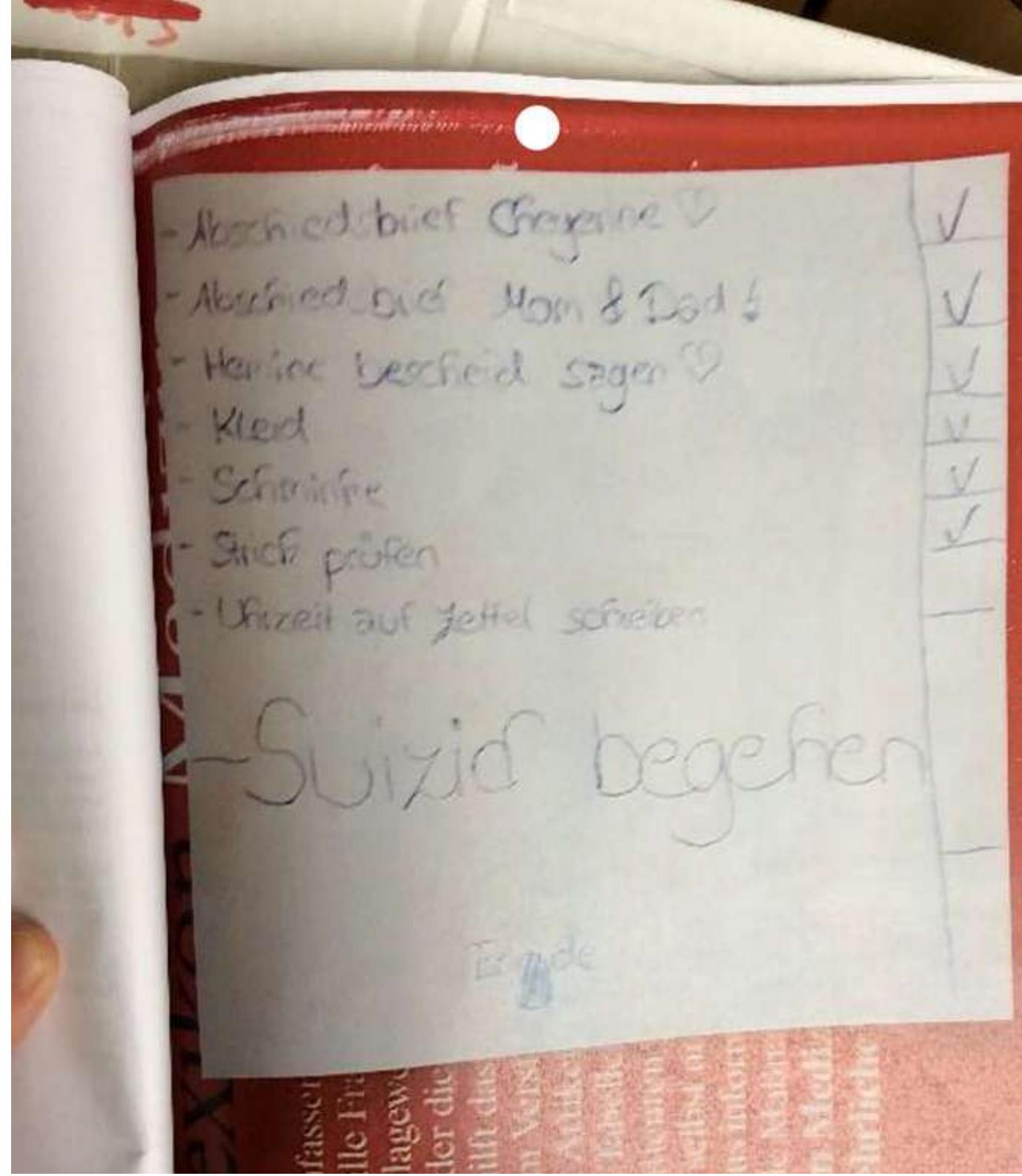
„Wenn ich einen Revolver hätte, so würde ich ihn irgendwo verwahren und einschließen wenn man so ein Ding immer vor Augen hat – wirklich, es gibt Augenblicke, wo es einen verführen könnte.“

Rapid intensification of suicide risk preceding suicidal behavior among primary care patients

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Fazit

- Transition zu suizidalem Verhalten kann hochdynamisch und in Abhängigkeit von Kontextfaktoren erfolgen

Suizidales Verhalten ist nicht
vorhersagbar

Risk Factors for Suicidal Thoughts and Behaviors: A Meta-Analysis of 50 Years of Research

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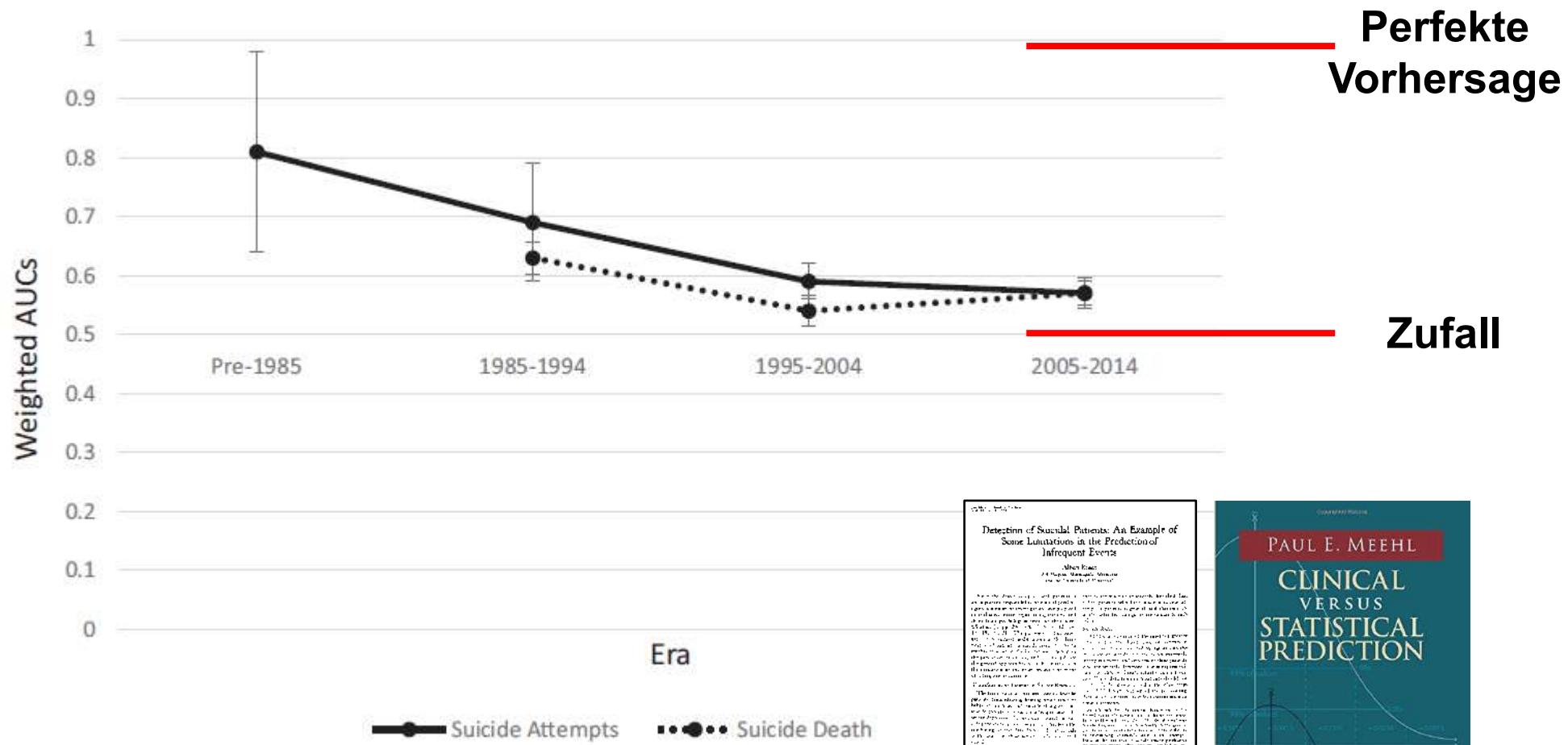
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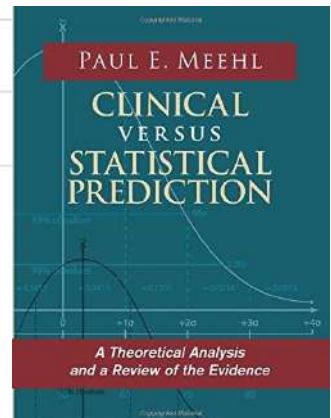
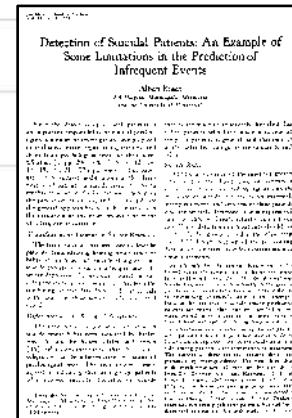
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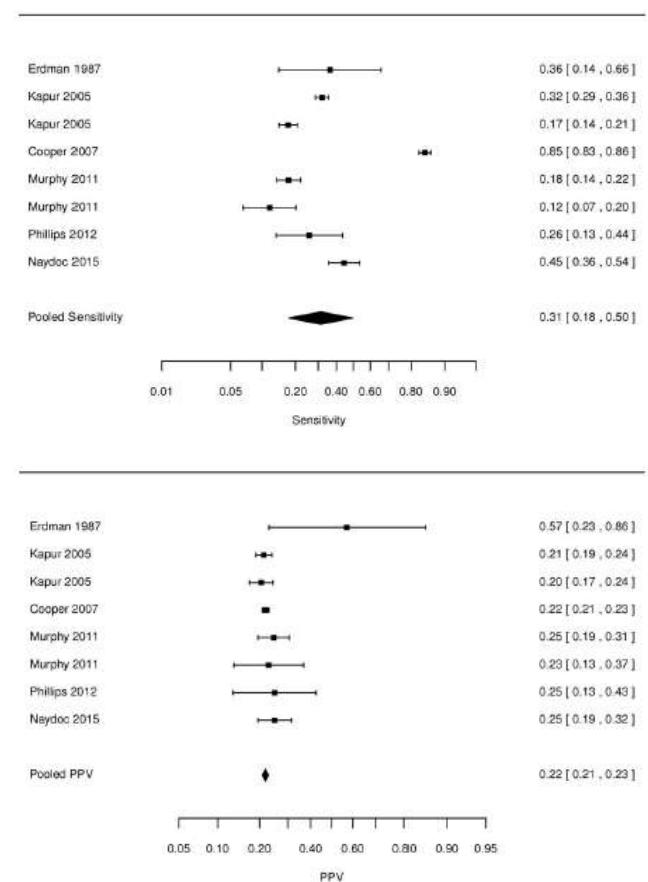


Accuracy of Clinician Predictions of Future Self-Harm: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Predictive Studies

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- **70%** der *Repeater* als „low risk“ klassifiziert
- **80%** der *Non-Repeater* als „high risk“ klassifiziert



AUC = 0.6

„In other words, a suicide expert who conducted an in-depth assessment of risk factors would predict a patient's future suicidal thoughts and behaviors with the same degree of accuracy as someone with no knowledge of the patient who predicted based on a coin flip ...“



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Do PHQ Depression Questionnaires Completed During Outpatient Visits Predict Subsequent Suicide Attempt or Suicide Death?

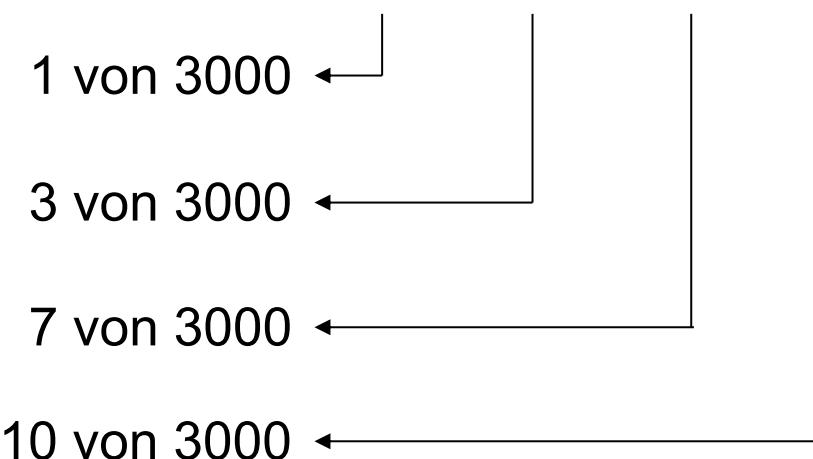
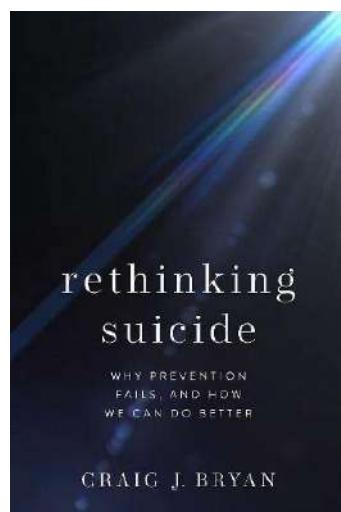
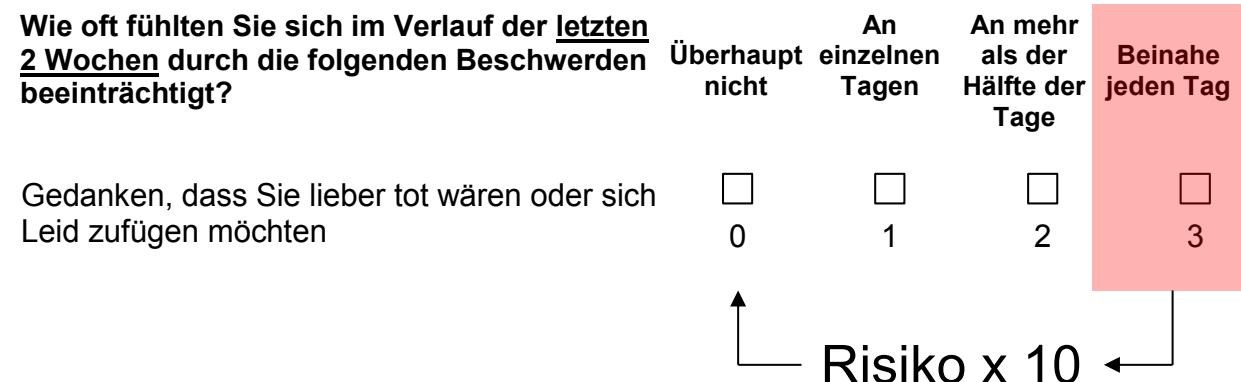
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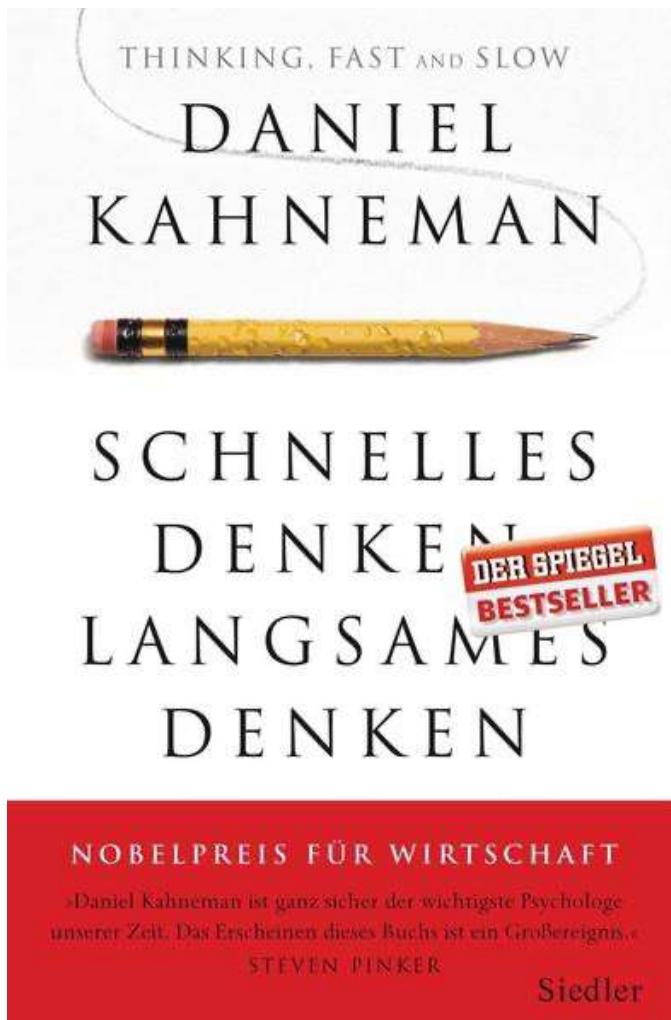
N = 84,418

Suizid: $n = 46$

Suizidversuch: $n = 709$



Suizid: 0.3% vs. kein Suizid: 99.7%



„Es ist falsch, jemandem einen Vorwurf daraus zu machen, dass er in einer unvorhersagbaren Welt keine genauen Vorhersagen liefert. Allerdings ist es durchaus angemessen, Experten dafür zu rügen, dass sie glauben, eine unmögliche Aufgabe erfolgreich bewältigen zu können“ (S.298)



Therapeutische Implikationen

Narratives

Interview

Ich würde Sie bitten mir zu erzählen, wie es zu dem Suizidversuch kam. Erzählen Sie mir Ihre Geschichte so wie Sie sie erlebt haben. Fangen Sie da an wo Sie denken, dass die Geschichte ihren Ausgang genommen hat.





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Research paper
Collaboration matters: A randomized controlled trial of patient-clinician collaboration in suicide risk assessment and intervention

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Crisis response planning
Ecological momentary assessment
Randomized control trial

ABSTRACT

Background: Clinician collaboration can help high-risk individuals to manage their suicidal crises. However, limited research has directly examined how higher patient-clinician collaboration during assessment and intervention can effectively reduce suicidal ideation. This novel randomized clinical trial compared a high vs. low level of patient-clinician collaboration by pairing commonly used assessment (Structured Interview vs. Narrative Assessment) and intervention approaches (Safety Planning Intervention vs. Crisis Response Planning). We hypothesized that the interventions involving higher (than lower) patient-clinician collaboration during assessment (Narrative Assessment) or intervention (Crisis Response Planning) would lead to larger reductions in suicidal ideation.

Methods: Eighty-two participants with a history of suicide ideation and/or attempts were randomly assigned to one of the four interventions varying in patient-clinician collaboration. After attrition, sixty-six participants completed the study. Suicidal ideation via ecological momentary assessment was measured 14 days before and 14 days after treatment.

Results: Although the severity of suicidal ideation decreased in all groups, the two groups that included highly collaborative assessment had larger pre-post reductions in suicidal ideation (Narrative Assessment+Safety Plan; $d_{within} = 0.26$, and Narrative Assessment+Crisis Response Plan; $d_{within} = 0.19$) than the groups that included a checklist-based assessment (Structured Interview).

Limitations: Longer follow-up periods with a larger sample would have provided an understanding of the durability of intervention effects.

Conclusion: Results suggest that the inclusion of higher patient-clinician collaboration techniques during suicide risk assessment can effectively reduce suicidal thoughts. Thus, clinician-led collaborative risk assessment approaches can enhance the effects of safety planning-type interventions among patients with elevated risk for suicide versus checklist-based assessment approaches.

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Cognitive Behavior Therapy With and Without Narrative Assessment and Suicide Attempts
A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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Abstract

Importance: There is currently no evidence-based method to identify the forces that may drive someone to attempt suicide.

Objective: To examine whether cognitive behavior therapy (CBT) interventions that incorporate a narrative assessment are associated with a greater reduction in suicide attempts than comparable interventions without this component.

Data Sources: Studies were identified through version 2.0.1 of the Mental Health Database, which includes randomized clinical trials, published up to April 2025 retrieved through PsycINFO, Embase, Web of Science, Scopus, and Cochrane Central, including unpublished studies and references from relevant articles.

Study Selection: Included studies were randomized clinical trials of CBT interventions reporting suicide attempts as an outcome. Studies using waiting list controls, reporting only suicidal ideation, or lacking information on the type of assessment used were excluded.

Data Extraction and Synthesis: Two reviewers independently extracted data and assessed risk of bias using the Cochrane Risk of Bias 2.0 tool. Meta-analyses were conducted using 3-level modeling to reduce heterogeneity. Results from the 2 groups were pooled using the Mantel-Haenszel method. Analysis following Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses reporting guidelines. Data were pooled using a random effects model.

Main Outcomes and Measures: The primary outcome was the incidence of suicide attempts. Interventions were grouped by presence or absence of a narrative assessment component.

Results: Twenty-three studies with 1052 participants met inclusion criteria. CBT interventions including a narrative assessment were associated with a significantly reduced risk of suicide attempts compared with controls (OR, 0.6; 95% CI, 0.53–0.67; 764 participants across 14 studies), whereas CBT interventions without this component were not associated with risk of suicide attempts (OR, 1.17; 99%; CI, 0.28–2.26; 288 participants across 9 studies). Subgroup analysis showed a significant difference between groups ($Q = 7.27$; $P = .007$; $\tau^2 = 0.08$). Studies without a narrative assessment had significantly younger participants, a lower event rate, and slightly higher risk of bias.

Conclusions and Relevance: In this systematic review and meta-analysis, CBT interventions including a narrative assessment were associated with a reduced risk of suicide attempt, while CBT without this component did not have an association with risk of suicide attempt. Age differences between study populations may partly explain this finding, as interventions in younger populations

prevention interventions are typically delivered after some form of suicide risk screening and assessment has occurred. The clinical approach to suicide risk assessment and intervention can vary significantly across interventions and clinicians, though. One dimension of variability involves the level of clinician-patient collaboration (Hawton et al., 2022). Higher levels of clinician-led collaboration can potentially help high-risk individuals better manage their suicidal crises and improve the quality of a crisis intervention, but it can also make the intervention more costly because it requires a greater amount of

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Risikoabschätzung bei suizidalen Patienten: Geht das überhaupt?

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Fokus: Was benötigen Patient:innen?

- Wie funktioniert “suizidal sein” im individuellen Fall? Was gibt es für modifizierbare Risikofaktoren?
- Was brauchen Patient:innen, um sich sicherer zu fühlen?

DECISION-MAKING

Clinical decisions in psychiatry should not be based on risk assessment

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Abstract Risk assessment that places patients in high or low risk categories has been widely adopted by mental health services in an attempt to reduce the harm associated with psychiatric disorders. This paper examines the effects of categorising patients in this way.

Methods The violence prediction instrument derived from the MacArthur Study of Mental Disorder and Violence was used to illustrate the nature and effects of risk assessment.

Results The majority of patients categorised as being of high risk will not commit any harmful acts.

Conclusions Patients who are classified as high risk have the cost of efforts to manage them and additional treatment and restriction, although the majority will not go on to commit a harmful act. Clinical decisions made on the basis of risk assessment are often based on the assumption that patients at low risk, even though a significant proportion do go on to commit harmful acts. We argue that psychiatric professionals should discuss the risk of harm and the potential for harm with patients, and that this should be done in a transparent and shared manner. It is important that the consequences of not having had a discussion about risk are considered when making clinical decisions and clinical decision making. We should aim to provide optimal care according to the treatment needs of each patient, regardless of the perceived risk of adverse events.

Key words: risk assessment, violence, suicide, mental illness.

Introduction
Clinical practice and research on suicide and its prevention in patients with psychiatric disorders have long been dominated by attempts to predict who is at risk

pressure arises because hospital organisations hope to protect themselves from criticism or legal action, should an adverse outcome occur; however, such static statements do not reflect the highly changeable nature of risk. Also, interpretations of the low, medium, or high terminology will vary for different populations, such as psychiatric hospital inpatients versus community psychiatric patients,⁶ and between clinicians.

Moreover, it has been posited that reliance of both clinicians and organisations on risk prediction and stratification processes arises from uncertainty about which interventions have the best chance of preventing suicide, providing a semblance of control that (thinly) disengages anxiety and dysregulation.⁷ This reliance could be reinforced by pressure or expectations of external regulatory agencies (and coroners). Here, we summarise the evidence that this emphasis on risk prediction is misplaced and potentially dangerous.

Evidence that suicide risk prediction is ineffective

There is increasing evidence that suicide risk prediction, whether using clinical judgement or risk prediction tools, is ineffective. In the UK, an estimated 25–30% of individuals who die by suicide had been in contact with psychiatric services within the year before their

Personal View

Assessment of suicide risk in mental health practice: shifting from prediction to therapeutic assessment, formulation, and risk management

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Integrating Motivational Interviewing and Self-Determination Theory With Cognitive Behavioral Therapy to Prevent Suicide

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Pro Sterben

Lasterleben

Fehlende
Zugehörigkeit

Entrapment

Hoffnungslosigkeit

Unbearability

Pro Leben

Familie/Freund:innen

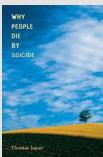
Bucket List

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machen

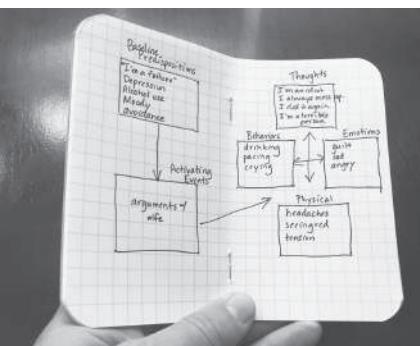
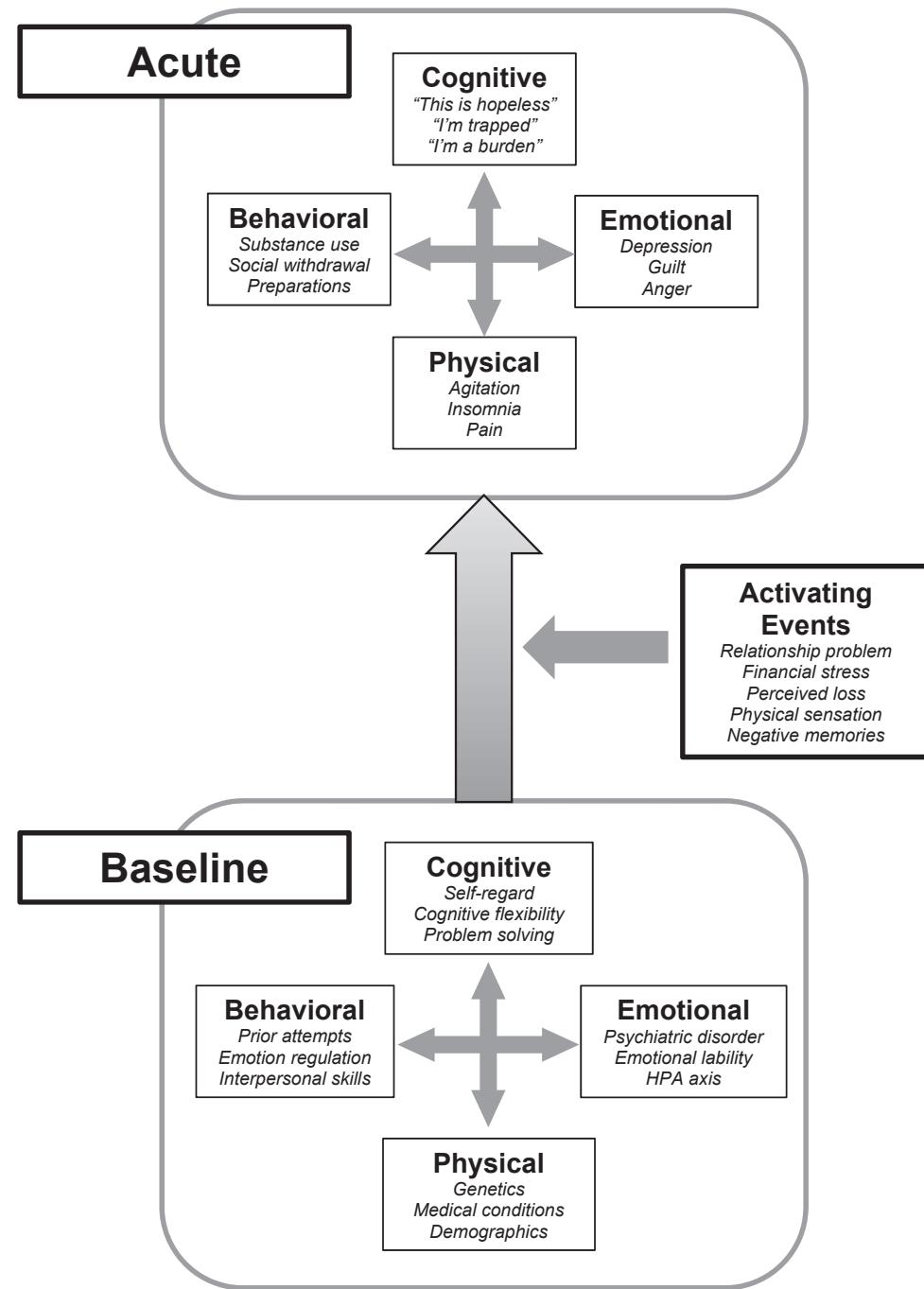
Selbstbild

Religiosität

Gegen Sterben



Fallkonzept



Suicide Driver

Suizidale Kognitionen	Beispiel	Mögliche Interventionen
Eindruck, eine Last für andere zu sein (Perceived Burden-someness)	Ich bin eine Last für andere. Andere wären besser dran, wenn es mich nicht mehr gibt.	Kognitive Infragestellungsmethoden, Einbezug von Angehörigen, Verhaltensaktivierung
Eindruck fehlender Zugehörigkeit (Thwarted Belongingness)	Ich gehöre nirgendwo dazu. Niemand würde mich vermissen. Es gibt niemanden, für den ich wichtig bin. Ich bin ein Außenseiter.	Soziale Netzwerkkarte erstellen, kognitive Infragestellungsmethoden (inkl. Verhaltensexperimente), Verhaltensaktivierung (Fokus soziale Aktivierung), Training sozialer Kompetenzen, Kommunikationstraining, Dankbarkeit kultivieren
Hoffnungslosigkeit	Es ist hoffnungslos. Nichts wird sich jemals ändern. Alles wird nur noch schlimmer werden. Niemand kann mir helfen.	Kognitive Infragestellungsmethoden, Exploration von Ausnahmen, Hope Box erstellen, Verhaltensaktivierung, Problemlösetraining, Inanspruchnahme des psychosozialen Hilfesystems fördern
Unaushaltbarkeit	Ich kann den emotionalen Schmerz/die Gedanken/die Symptome/die Situation nicht länger aushalten. Ich brauche Ruhe.	Techniken aus der DBT: Umgang mit Hochstress (Skill-Training), Achtsamkeit, Entspannung, radikale Akzeptanz; kognitive Infragestellungsmethoden, Problemlösetraining, Techniken zur Symptomkontrolle, Schlafhygiene
Eindruck des Gefangenseins (Entrapment)	Ich fühle mich wie gefangen. Es gibt keinen Ausweg für mich. Ich kann nichts tun, sondern bin all dem ausgeliefert. Ich möchte mir selbst entkommen.	Problemlösetraining, kognitive Infragestellungsmethoden, Inanspruchnahme des psychosozialen Hilfesystems fördern; Techniken zur Symptomkontrolle vermitteln und üben
Wertlosigkeit	Ich bin nicht liebenswert. Ich bin es nicht wert geliebt zu werden. Ich verdiene es nicht zu leben.	Kognitive Infragestellungsmethoden, Selbstwertlisten, Positiv-Tagebuch, Verhaltensaktivierung

Teismann et al., 2022



Restriction of access to means used for suicide

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9: e796–801



Medikamente



Grillkohle



Pestizide



Schusswaffen



Fallnetze

Effects of legislation restricting pack sizes of paracetamol and salicylate on self poisoning in the United Kingdom: before and after study

Keith Hawton, Ellen Townsend, Jonathan Deeks, Louis Appleby, David Gunnell, Olive Bennewith, Jayne Cooper

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	No (%) of deaths				P value
	Penultimate 12 months before change (n=2255)	12 months before change (n=2234)	12 months after change (n=2086)†	% change in incidence‡ (95% CI)	
Paracetamol	203 (9.0)	185 (8.3)	147 (7.0)	-21 (-34 to -5)	0.01
	59 (2.6)	56 (2.5)	56 (2.7)	2 (-26 to 39)	0.9
Aspirin	35 (1.6)	29 (1.3)	16 (0.8)	-48 (-70 to -11)	0.02
	4 (0.2)	8 (0.4)	3 (0.1)	-48 (-85 to 81)	0.3
Paracetamol and salicylates	11 (0.5)	5 (0.2)	9 (0.4)	18 (-47 to 163)	0.7

Assessing the Efficacy of Restricting Access to Barbecue Charcoal for Suicide Prevention in Taiwan: A Community-Based Intervention Trial

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Suicide methods	Period	Intervention site	Control sites					
			New Taipei City		Taipei City		Kaohsiung City	
		N	Rate	N	Rate	N	Rate	
Charcoal burning	Pre-intervention	808	6.2	305	3.5	490	5.3	
	Post-Intervention	256	3.9	111	2.5	219	4.7	
Non-charcoal burning	Pre-intervention	1598	12.3	945	10.8	1381	14.9	
	Post-Intervention	783	11.9	471	10.6	684	14.8	
All methods	Pre-intervention	2406	18.6	1250	14.3	1871	20.2	
	Post-Intervention	1039	15.8	582	13.1	903	19.5	



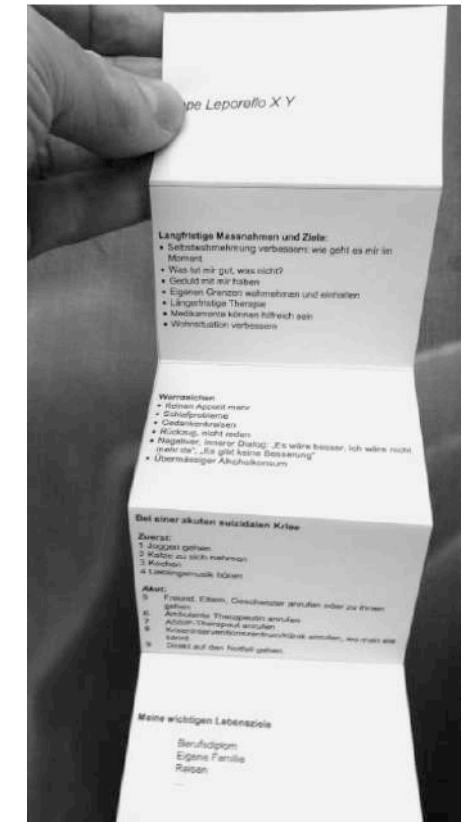
Notfallplan (Stanley & Brown, 2012)

1. Warnzeichen einer suizidalen Krise
2. Bewältigungsstrategien: Individuell
3. Bewältigungsstrategien: Sozialkontakte & Orte
4. Bewältigungsstrategien: Soziale Unterstützung
5. Professionelle Hilfsstellen

App: Safety Plan



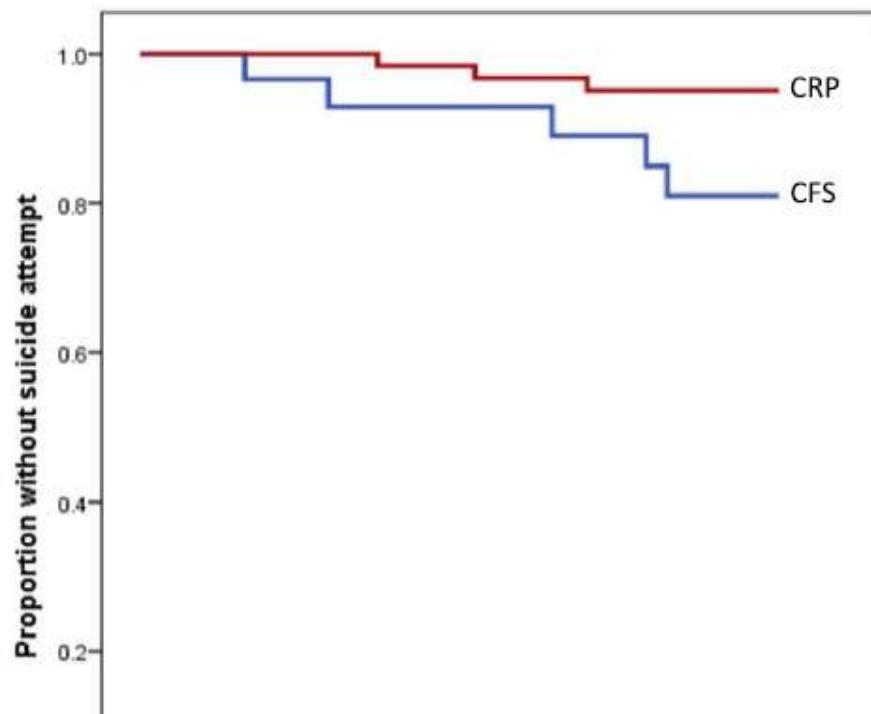
App: Krisenkompass



Effect of crisis response planning vs. contracts for safety on suicide risk in U.S. Army Soldiers: A randomized clinical trial[☆]

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Suizidversuche:

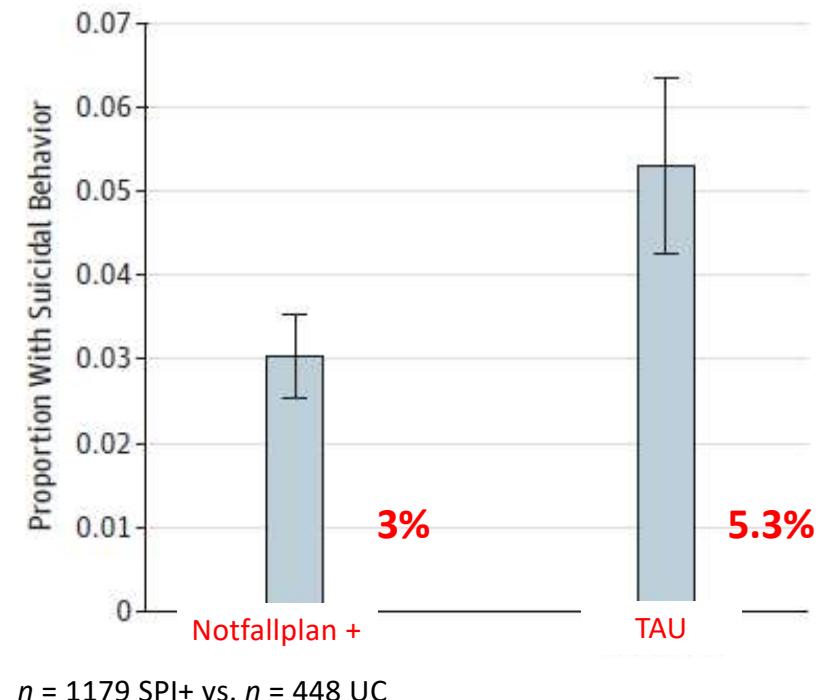
CRP = **4.9%** vs. CFS = **19%**

CRP = Crisis Response Plan = Notfallplan

Comparison of the Safety Planning Intervention With Follow-up vs Usual Care of Suicidal Patients Treated in the Emergency Department

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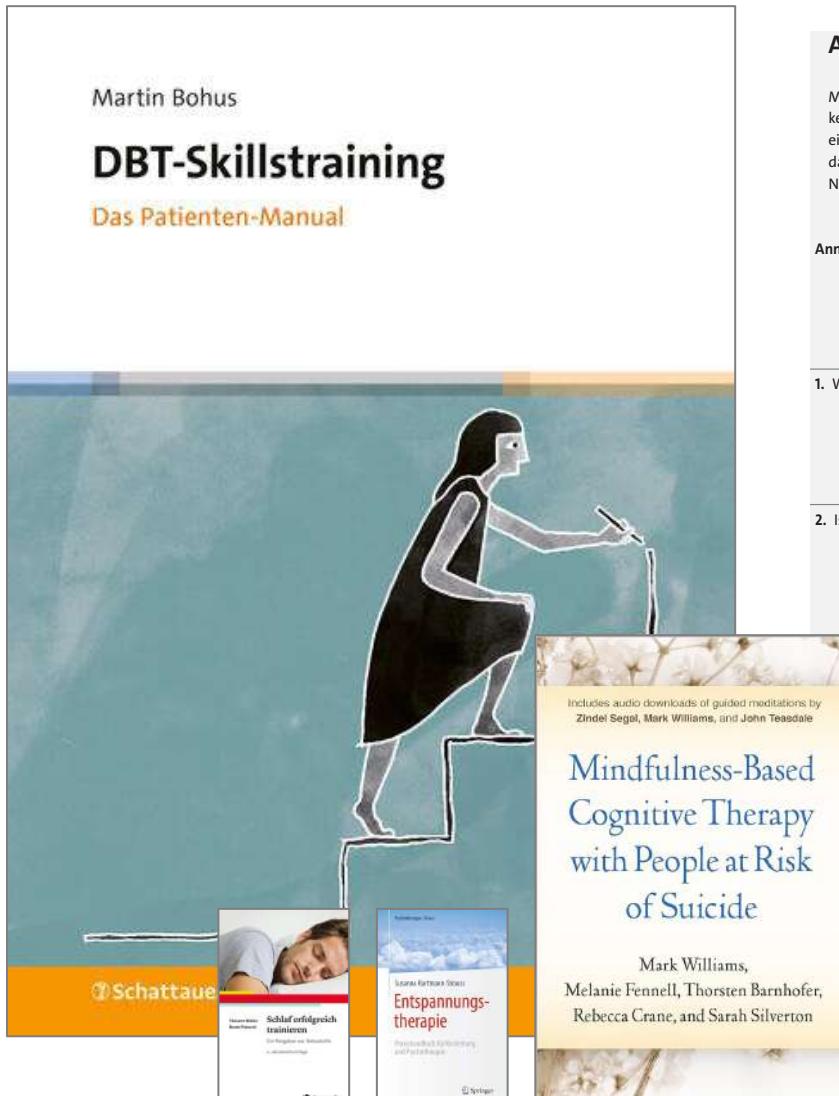
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DBT-Skillstraining

Das Patienten-Manual



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Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy with People at Risk of Suicide
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Arbeitsblatt: »Hilfreiche Fragen«

Mit dem Arbeitsblatt »Hilfreiche Fragen« können Sie prüfen, ob Ihre Gedanken und Annahmen hilfreich oder nicht hilfreich sind. Schreiben Sie zunächst eine negative Annahme in das oberste Feld der Tabelle. Beantworten Sie dann nacheinander die folgenden Fragen in Bezug auf diese Annahme. Notieren Sie Ihre Antworten unter der jeweiligen Frage.

Annahme:

1. Was spricht für und was spricht gegen diese Annahme?

2. Ist die Annahme eine Gewohnheit oder basiert sie auf der Realität?

Wenn jemand anderes in der gleichen Situation diese Annahme hätte, würden Sie sie für richtig halten?

Arbeitsblatt: »Problematische Denkmuster«

Mit dem Arbeitsblatt »Problematische Denkmuster« können Sie Ihre Gedanken/Annahmen verschiedenen Kategorien zuordnen. Notieren Sie Ihre negativen Gedanken und Annahmen in der Kategorie, die Ihre Gedanken/Annahmen am besten beschreibt. Beachten Sie, dass manche Gedanken und Annahmen zu mehreren Kategorien passen können.

Voreilige Schlüsse ziehen, obwohl keine Beweise oder sogar widersprechende Umstände vorliegen:

Maximieren oder minimieren einer Situation (Umstände/Ereignisse entweder aufbauschen oder ihre Bedeutung herunterspielen)

Ignorieren wichtiger Aspekte einer Situation



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ANMELDUNG

Angemeldet

S3-Leitlinie Umgang mit Suizidalität

Art der Anmeldung: Neuanmeldung

Angemeldete Klasse: S3

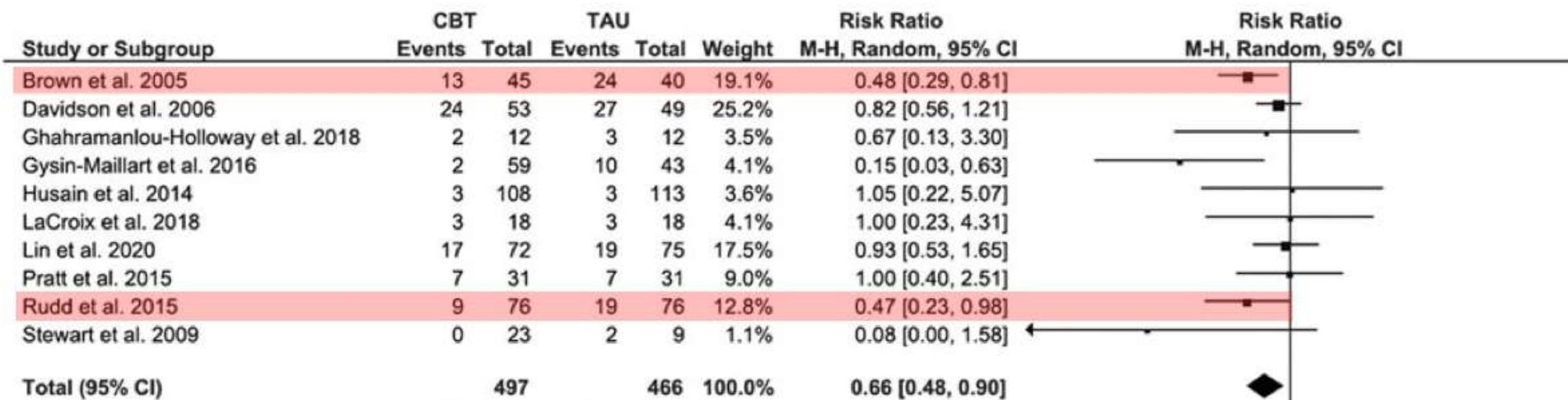
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Suizidalen Patient:innen im Erwachsenenalter **soll** eine auf die Suizidalität fokussierte kognitive Verhaltenstherapie angeboten werden.

Psychotherapeutic interventions for the prevention of suicide re-attempts: a systematic review

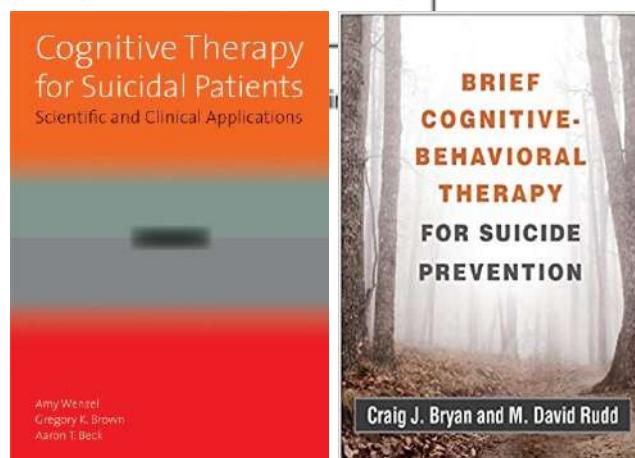
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Total events 80 117

Heterogeneity: $\tau^2 = 0.06$; $\chi^2 = 12.38$, $df = 9$ ($P = 0.19$); $I^2 = 27\%$

Test for overall effect: $Z = 2.61$ ($P = 0.009$)





Erstgespräch

- Narratives Interview, Fallkonzept, Notfallplan

Phase 1

- Behandlungsvereinbarung, Zugriffsbeschränkung, Krisenunterstützungsplan, Schlafhygiene, Entspannung, Achtsamkeit, Gründe zu leben

Phase 2

- Kognitive Basisrisikofaktoren: ABC Arbeitsblätter, Verhaltensaktivierung

Phase 3

- Rückfallpräventionsübung

Brief Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy Effects on Post-Treatment Suicide Attempts in a Military Sample: Results of a Randomized Clinical Trial With 2-Year Follow-Up

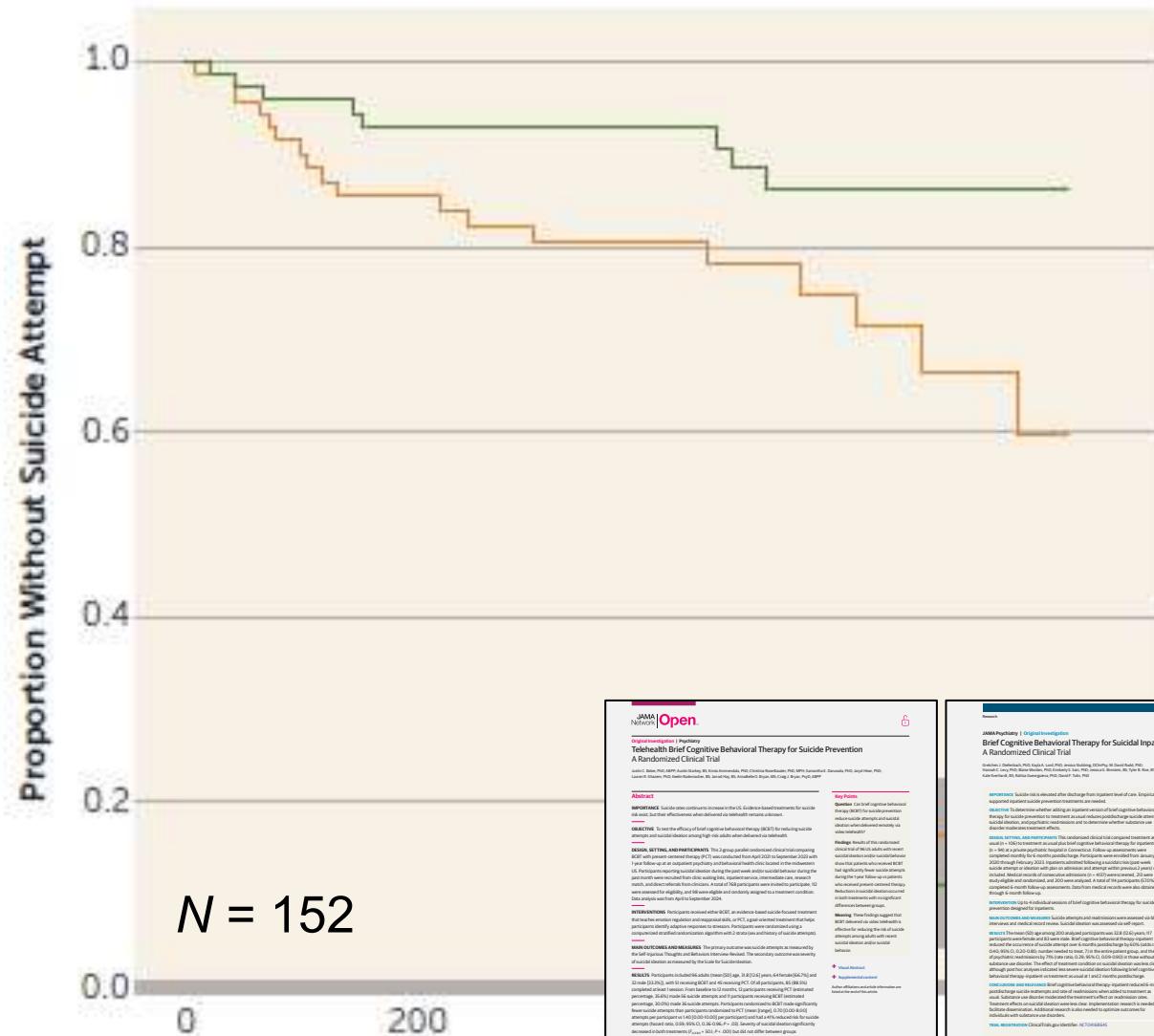


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Suizidversuche:
KVT = **8 (14%)** vs.
TAU = **18 (40%)**



Suizidgesten

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Prevalence of and Risk Factors for Suicide Attempts Versus Suicide Gestures: Analysis of the National Comorbidity Survey

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Definitions and classification schemes for suicide attempts vary widely among studies, introducing conceptual, methodological, and clinical problems. We tested the importance of the intent to die criterion by comparing self-injurers with intent to die, *suicide attempters*, and those who self-injured but did not intend to communicate with others, *suicide gestures*, using data from the National Comorbidity Survey ($n = 5,877$). Suicide attempters (prevalence = 2.7%) differed from suicide gestures (prevalence = 1.9%) and were characterized by male gender, fewer years of education, residence in the southern and western United States; psychiatric diagnoses including depressive, impulsive, and aggressive symptoms; comorbidity; and history of multiple physical and sexual assaults. It is possible and useful to distinguish between self-injurers on the basis of intent to die.

Keywords: suicide attempt, suicide gesture, intent to die, self-harm, self-injury

Suicide is among the leading causes of death (DeLeo, Bertotolo, & Lester, 2002). It has approximately 4.6% of individuals in the United States report at least one suicide attempt in their lifetime (Walters, 1999), and a prior suicide attempt is a predictor of eventual death by suicide (Berman, Schutte, & Vogel, 1989; Goldstein & Winokur, 1991). Nevertheless, progress in the field has been hindered by several key methodological issues. One of the most important, though, has been a lack of clarity in the terms used to define *suicide attempts*. The term is used for defining and classifying suicide attempts into three different perspectives, differing on the presence of intent to die in the self-injurer. Clinicians use liberal criteria for defining *suicide attempts*, including all self-injurious behavior, ignoring the intent to die (e.g., Lewinsohn, Rohrbaugh, & Seiditz, 1992; Conwell, Duberstein, Cox, & De Leo, 2000). Clinicians have made a firm distinction between those with

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Self-Injurious Thoughts and Behaviors Interview—Revised: Development, Reliability, and Validity

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The Self-Injurious Thoughts and Behaviors Interview (SITBI) is a widely used measure of the presence, frequency, and characteristics of suicide and self-harm thoughts and behaviors. In response to advances in the conceptualization of these outcomes, and the potential for online data collection, we created a revised version of the SITBI (SITBI-R) and tested its psychometric properties via in-person interview and online self-report formats. Across 4 studies, the SITBI-R showed strong convergent psychometric properties with the SITBI. In Study 1, items measured via in-person interview and online self-report formats. Across 3 studies, the SITBI-R showed strong convergent validity with those assessed with the Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale, another interview assessment of suicidal thoughts and behaviors. The SITBI-R also showed strong alternate-forms reliability across nearly all outcomes assessed via both assessment formats. In Study 2, the SITBI-R showed strong test-retest reliability across all outcomes. Across 3 studies, reliability was strongest for more recent outcomes (e.g., past year vs. lifetime) and for more commonly assessed behaviors (e.g., suicide gestures, non-suicidal self-harm, suicidal attempts, and aborted suicide attempts). The results of these 4 studies suggest the SITBI-R provides reliable and valid measurement of key self-injurious outcomes both in person and online.

Public Significance Statement

The present study provides evidence that an updated version of the Self-Injurious Thoughts and Behaviors Interview is a reliable and valid measure of a wide range of self-injurious thoughts and behaviors. Moreover, results indicate concordance between online self-report and in-person interview versions of this measure.

Keywords: assessment, self-injury, suicide, suicide attempts, nonsuicidal self-harm

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Keywords Suicide threats · Suicide gesture · Self-harm · Suicidal behavior · Non-suicidal self-injury · Adolescence

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Initial research has focused on estimating the prevalence of suicide threats/gestures among youth. Within clinical settings, 9.4% of adolescents receiving outpatient treatment reported a lifetime history of suicide threat/gesture [4]. Similarly, 22.3% of a US youth sample (ages 14–17) reported a lifetime history of suicide threats/gestures, 12.8% a past month history [2]. Focusing on youth from the general population, the National Comorbidity Survey (a nationally representative sample) found 2.7% of youth reported a lifetime history of suicide threats/gestures, 2.1% a past month history [2].

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emotional burden (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2017; Copeland, Gullone, & Costello, 2017), range from 3% to 95% comorbidity [1]. Notably, despite the large number of research on SITBs, we have a limited understanding of why people engage in and how to best prevent these behaviors. Accurate and thorough measurement of SITBs is critical to increase our understanding of these outcomes. Working toward this goal, Nock, Holmgren, Phongs, and Michel (2007) created the Self-Injurious Thoughts and Behaviors Interview (SITBI), a comprehensive and semi-structured interview that provides a detailed assessment of the presence and frequency of SITBs and characteristics of these behaviors (e.g., ages of onset, urgency/intensity of thoughts, severity of behaviors). The SITBI has strong psychometric properties (Nock et al., 2007) and has been used in hundreds of research studies since its original development (e.g., Barrocas,

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Haben Sie jemals etwas gemacht, um jemand anderen glauben zu lassen, dass Sie sich umbringen wollten, obwohl Sie keinen Wunsch hattest dies tatsächlich zu tun?

2% berichten Suizidgesten
(US-Bevölkerung; $N = 8098$)

17% berichten Suizidgesten
(Klinisches Sample; $N = 188$ Erwachsene)

12% berichten Suizidgesten

(Schulsample; $N = 1117$ Jugendliche)

18% berichten Suizidgesten

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Originalarbeit

Arbeitsdefinition persistierender Suizidgedanken

Eine Expert_innenbefragung

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Zusammenfassung: Hintergrund: In der Literatur wird zwischen akuten und chronischen Suizidgedanken unterschieden. Gleichzeitig fehlt bis jetzt eine arbeitsdefinitorische Suizidgedanken, die spezifischer ist als die Dauer Suizidgedanken als chronisch zu begreifen sind. Dies hat erhebliche Auswirkungen auf eine weitergehende forschungs- und behandlungsbezogene Auseinandersetzung mit dem Phänomen. Mit dem Ziel eine Arbeitsdefinition chronischer Suizidgedanken zu entwickeln, wurden daher Expert_innen befragt. Methode: In der vorliegenden Online-Studie wurden deutschsprachige Expert_innen über die Häufigkeit und Dauer von Suizidgedanken befragt. Ergebnisse: Ein Suizidgedanke, der ab welcher Dauer (0, 6, 12, 24, 36 Monate) Suizidgedanken als chronisch bezeichnet werden sollten, Sechzig Expert_innen (65,6% Männer; Alter: $M = 52,37$, $SD = 12,53$ Jahre; 58,6% Psycholog_innen) nahmen an der Untersuchung teil. Ergebnisse: Am häufigsten wurde das Zeitintervall von 12 Monaten gewählt. Hinsichtlich der Häufigkeit treten sich beide geschätzten Suizidgedankenhäufigkeiten als gleichwertig auf. Es wurde eine Häufigkeit von 12 Monaten als persistierender als von chronischen Suizidgedanken gesprochen werden, wenn diese über einen Zeitraum von 12 Monaten oder länger auftraten.

Schlüsselwörter: Chronische Suizidgedanken, Persistenz

A Working Definition of Persistent Suicidal Ideation

Abstract: Background: The literature distinguishes between acute and chronic suicidal thoughts. However, this has significant implications for further discussions and treatments. Therefore, it is necessary to develop a working definition of persistent suicidal thoughts. Method: In this online study, German-speaking experts were asked about the frequency and duration of suicidal thoughts. Results: Sixty experts (65.6% men; age: $M = 52.37$, $SD = 12.53$ years; 58.6% psychologists) participated. The most frequently chosen duration was 12 months. Regarding the frequency, both estimated frequencies of suicidal thoughts were considered as equal. It was agreed that suicidal thoughts should be considered as persistent if they occurred over a period of 12 months or longer. Conclusion: The results of this study provide a working definition of persistent suicidal ideation that is suitable for clinical practice.

Keywords: chronic suicidal ideation, persistent

Suizidgedanken sind in der Allgemeinbevölkerung (Punktprävalenz: Forkmann et al., 2012) und in Populationen (16% – 67,5% Punktprävalenz: Te al., 2024) weit verbreitet. Typischerweise werden Suizidgedanken alle Gedanken und Vorstellungen, die eine Person hinsichtlich der selbstbeendigung ihres eigenen Lebens hat (Wen

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Persistierende Suizidgedanken

Originalarbeit # Thème

Wenn Suizidgeandenken bleiben – Erfahrungen von psychiatrisch und psychotherapeutisch ambulant Tätigen mit (persistierenden) Suizidgeandenken

When Suicidal Thoughts Persist – Experiences of Outpatient Psychiatry and Psychotherapy Professionals with (Persistent) Suicidal Ideation

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ZUSAMMENFASSUNG
Ziel Die Studie erfasst Erfahrungen und Einstellungen von ambulanten Psychiatern und Psychotherapeuten im Umgang mit Patient*innen mit persistierenden Suizidgeandenken (PSG).
Methodik Zwischen November 2024 und April 2025 nahmen N=207 ambulante Tätige (M=39,5 Jahre; 82,1% weiblich) an einer Online-Umfrage teil. Erfragt wurden Prävalenz, Behandlungsfragen und -strategien.
Ergebnisse 86,5% hatten mit Patient*innen mit PSG gearbeitet, geschätzte 12-Monats-Prävalenz: 14,4%. Häufigste Diagnose: affektive Störungen (43%). Die meistgenannten Interventionen waren Notfallpläne (68,1%) und Skills (55,1%). 77,8% führten regelmäßige Risikoabschätzungen durch; 43% berichteten von Einweisungen bei akuter Suizidgefahr. Nur 10,6% bezogen die Funktionalität der PSG in die Behandlung ein.
Schlussfolgerung PSG ist im ambulanten Bereich häufig, wird jedoch selten in seiner Funktionalität thematisiert. Es besteht Fortbildungs- und Forschungsbedarf.

ABSTRACTS
Objective This study explored how outpatient mental health professionals experience and treat patients with persistent suicidal ideation (PSG).
Methods From Nov 2024 to Apr 2025, 207 professionals (M=39.5; 82.1% female) completed an online survey on prevalence, attitudes, and treatment strategies.
Results 86.5% had worked with PSG patients; estimated 12-month prevalence was 14.4%. Affective disorders (43%) were the most common diagnosis. Main interventions included crisis plans (68.1%) and skills training (55.1%). Risk assessments were routine for 77.8%; 43% reported hospital admissions due to increasing risk. Only 10.6% addressed the functionality of PSG in therapy.
Conclusion PSG is frequent in outpatient care but is rarely addressed in depth.

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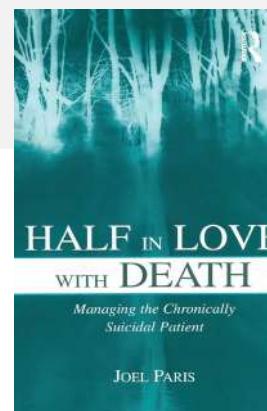
$N = 7615$ (59% Frauen)

6.9% ($n = 523$)

persistierende Suizidgedanken

0.9% (n= 72)

tägliche Suizidgedanken über 12 Monate



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