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### COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

General comments: Comprehensive review paper on an important topic, very timely. New in its approach to the subject, attempting to generate new insights by focusing on sex/gender differences during development and integrating thoughts on plasticity as a justification for early intervention. Easily readable manuscript of high-quality. The text actually deals with two topics: antecedents of youth suicide and sex/gender differences. The challenge has been to find enough studies that can be clearly interpreted. The conclusions about antecedents come across stronger. A review article is usually written by two or three authors. 16 co-authors is highly unusual and the contribution of the co-authors should be specified, in accordance with the guidelines for medical journals.

Recommendations to authors: Consider changing the title to: antecedents and sex/gender differences in youth suicidal behavior Condense slightly the text by eliminating the wordings that would be more suitable for a talk that a tight manuscript Specify the role of each co-author



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Number ID: 02445686 World Journal of Psychiatry ESPS Manuscript NO: 14281 Title: Sex, gender and youth suicide: A review. Authors review epidemiologic, genetic, neurodevelopmental and psychopathological research to identify and discuss explanations for sex-/gender-specific patterns in the continuum of suicidal behaviour. It is a very interesting review paper. Some comments. From the point of view of terminology, Authors speak of suicidal behaviours, "continuum of suicidal behaviour" including "suicide" and "suicide attempts". European suicidology seems to be oriented towards defining "parasuicide" as all non-fatal suicidal behaviours, regardless of their intentional nature (which is often difficult to investigate a posteriori). In my opinion the term "parasuicide" should be added in the text. See the article "Parasuicide and drug self-poisoning by Mauri et al. (Clinical Practice and Epidemiology in Mental Health 2005, 1:5). It would have been valuable to include literature search strategies and other sources of information used to prepare this manuscript.