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REVIEWERS' COMMENTS

Reviewers 1 and 2: Recommendation: Revisions Required

Relevance: High

Novelty: High

Presentation and writing: Moderated

Comments for authors: Be as accurate as possible when making your comments. List each recommendation so that it is easy for authors to respond appropriately to each one. Indicate in a timely manner where changes should be made (i.e. paragraph 2 of the method section).

ABSTRACT:

1. The abstract should be structured into background, methods, results, and conclusions.

INTRODUCTION

2. The first paragraph is very long. I recommend the use of a full stop, to divide the ideas within the paragraph:

"The prevalence of suicides in Mexico has been on an upward trend for approximately two decades (Fernández et al., 2016; National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Informatics (2020, 2021), a fact that could be exacerbated when considering the psychosocial effects of the pandemic of COVID-19, the estimates that have been made in other countries such as the United States, China, Bangladesh and the United Kingdom with people in a wide range of ages (15-75 years), point to a prevalence of 11.5% with suicidal ideation in the general population, a higher percentage than is usually reported prior to the pandemic (Farooq et al., 2021), a trend that combines with what was recorded by the National Survey of Health and Nutrition (ENSANUT) 2018, in which it refers that 5% of the population over 10 years old has ever thought about committing suicide, more specifically in the adolescent population (10 to 19 years old) 4% in men and 7% in women, and in the young population (20 to 29 years old) 4% in men and 5% in women."

This problem is identified in different parts of the manuscript. Please, a style revision is needed.

METHODS:

3. It is not clear from the manuscript whether a reliability analysis of the instruments used was conducted. In the text, the authors state:

"The intensity of suicidal ideation obtained a Cronbach's alpha of .53, the factors of intensity of suicidal ideation explained 55.66% of the variance."

Did the authors calculate a reliability analysis? or did the information come from another study? if it is another study it is necessary to cite it.

This problem is identified in different parts of the manuscript.

4. In the subsection "Data analysis" more information is needed to ensure replicability. It is necessary to indicate that the ANOVA assumptions were met.

5. In the subsection "Data analysis". Add information on the effect size used in the ANOVA analysis, and report in the results section.

6. In the subsection "Data analysis". For SEM analysis. Add information on the estimator used (MLR, ML, WLSMV, other), and the matrix used (polychoric, tetrachoric, Pearson). In addition, add information on the cut-off points of the goodness-of-fit indices used.

7. Do you have a sufficient number of participants for the analysis (statistical power) in the main analysis? Has a sample size calculation been made?

8. It is suggested to create a new sub-section on "Ethical issues" and add the statement: "This project had the approval of the Comité de ética de la Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México - Facultad de Estudios Superiores Iztacala (no. 1417)."

RESULTS

9. The results cannot only focus on the significant values of the ANOVA, but it is also necessary to add information on the effect size.

10. The information on model 1 and model 2, is necessary to put in a new table (i.e. table 3).

DISCUSSION:

11. The manuscript is interesting and opens the door to several issues. It would be helpful to the manuscript to add a subsection on public health or clinical practice implications. For example, the implications of using a model to predict suicide risk within the Mexican public health system.

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AUTHORS' RESPONSE

Dear Editor,

The comments made to the manuscript are appreciated since they are very pertinent recommendations. The modifications made are specified below:

Recommendation	Modification
ABSTRACT:	The background was further developed and the Results
1. The abstract should be structured into background,	and Conclusions part was specified.
methods, results, and conclusions.	
	Abstract: first line
INTRODUCTION	Some paragraphs of the introduction were separated.
2. The first paragraph is very long. I recommend the	
use of a full stop, to divide the ideas within the	Second, seventh and thirteenth paragraphs.
paragraph	
METHODS:	The citation of the reliability and adaptation studies was
3. It is not clear from the manuscript whether a	added in Instruments.
reliability analysis of the instruments used was	
conducted.	Section Method - Instruments:
	Last line of the third to eighth paragraph.
4. In the subsection "Data analysis" more information	The complete Data analysis section was written.
is needed to ensure replicability. It is necessary to	, ,
indicate that the ANOVA assumptions were met.	Method section - Data analysis.
5. In the subsection "Data analysis". Add information	The complete Data analysis section was written and the
on the effect size used in the ANOVA analysis, and	table 1 was modified.
report in the results section.	
	Method section - Data analysis.
6. In the subsection "Data analysis". For SEM analysis.	The complete Data analysis section was written with the
Add information on the estimator used (MLR, ML,	estimator and cut-off points of the goodness-of-fit indices.
WLSMV, other), and the matrix used (polychoric,	
tetrachoric, Pearson). In addition, add information on	Method section - Data analysis.
the cut-off points of the goodness-of-fit indices used.	,
7. Do you have a sufficient number of participants for	Citation of queried parameters was added.
the analysis (statistical power) in the main analysis?	
	Method section - Data analysis.
8. It is suggested to create a new sub-section on	At the end of the manuscript, the section on ethical issues
"Ethical issues" and add the statement: "This project	was added.
had the approval of the Comité de ética de la	
Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México - Facultad	Before the references.
de Estudios Superiores Iztacala (no. 1417)."	
RESULTS	The complete Data analysis section was written and the
9. The results cannot only focus on the significant	table 1 was modified.
values of the ANOVA, but it is also necessary to add	
information on the effect size.	Method section - Data analysis. Second line of the second
	paragraph of results.
10. The information on model 1 and model 2, is	The models were named as tables.
necessary to put in a new table (i.e. table 3).	
DISCUSSION:	Added a paragraph of Public health implications before
11. The manuscript is interesting and opens the door	Limitations sub-section.
to several issues. It would be helpful to the manuscript	
to add a subsection on public health or clinical practice	
implications. For example, the implications of using a	
model to predict suicide risk within the Mexican public	
health system.	
	References were added