

Instructions to Authors

Crisis: The Journal of Crisis Intervention and Suicide
Prevention

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Aims and Scope of Crisis – The Journal of Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention

Crisis – The Journal of Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention is an international periodical that publishes original articles on suicidology and crisis intervention. Papers presenting basic research as well as practical experience in the field are welcome. *Crisis* also publishes potentially life-saving information for all those involved in crisis intervention and suicide prevention, making it important reading for clinicians, counselors, hotlines, and crisis intervention centers.

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Papers for this section may be up to 4,500 words, including abstract, text, references, notes, appendices, as well as figures and tables.

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These papers are submitted and evaluated in a two-stage process. The Stage-1 manuscript contains the theoretical background, method, and proposed data analysis for a planned but not yet conducted study. If the Stage-1 manuscript receives an in-principle acceptance, the author(s) must preregister it in an independent institutional repository (e.g., <https://osf.io>) before proceeding with data collection and analysis in accordance with the accepted protocol. The Stage-2 manuscript contains the sections from the Stage-1 manuscript with the addition of the results and discussion sections. Stage-2 manuscripts are automatically accepted, irrespective of the directionality of the results, unless the study has diverged from what was originally proposed. The word limit for Stage-1 manuscripts is 3,500 and for Stage-2 manuscripts it is 4,500, including abstract, text, references, notes, appendices, as well as figures and tables.

Stage 1

At Stage 1, the manuscript must contain an *Introduction* section that provides background and the specific hypotheses to be tested. Successful submissions will use established methods to test specific predictions. The Registered Report format is not well-suited to purely exploratory research and is a mechanism for confirming/disconfirming predictions.

- The Stage-1 submission should detail previous related work. Completed pilot studies may be included to demonstrate the effectiveness of the proposed methodology. The Registered Report category welcomes multistudy submissions that are common in psychological assessment research. A Stage-1 manuscript can report methods for a series of planned studies. Authors can also add studies to approved submissions. In such cases the approved Stage 2 manuscript will

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- The Stage-1 submission must contain a *Method* section that provides a detailed description of the proposed research (i.e., enough to allow for direct replication). In case word limits do not allow for a comprehensive description, authors can provide supplementary material in electronic form (i.e., ESM) that helps reviewers scrutinize the study protocol. The research proposal must explicitly justify the targeted number of participants. Often this will be via statistical power analysis. To ensure that the results are informative regardless of outcome (i.e., keeping both Type-I and Type-II error probabilities low), high statistical power or precision will typically be required. *Authors are required to confirm that the proposed research has not been conducted at the time of Stage-1 submission.*
- The Stage-1 submission must contain a *Data Analysis* section within the method section that details the data analysis procedures that will be used. The manuscript must describe the measured variables, the statistical tests and procedures, as well as the anticipated patterns of results. In suicide prevention research there will not always be a dichotomous accept/reject of hypotheses, but criteria by which researchers are formulating conclusions must be stated a priori. Rules for data elimination (e.g., participant exclusion criteria, outlier trimming) must also be specified a priori.
- The Stage-1 submission should also include a predicted timeline for the research: The anticipated dates when ethical approval will be sought (if not already acquired), when the data collection will take place, when data will be analyzed, when the manuscript will be written up, and the anticipated date for the submission of the Stage 2 manuscript.

Stage 2

After a Registered Report submission is accepted at Stage 1, the accepted protocol must be registered by the authors in a recognized repository (either publicly or under embargo until Stage 2) and the research conducted according to the protocol. The Stage-2 revision should contain essentially the same Introduction and Method sections as the Stage-1 submission, plus the new *Results* and *Discussion* sections. It should also include a reference to the Stage-1 manuscript. Additional post-hoc analyses can be included but must be clearly distinguishable from the registered analyses.

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- Stage-2 submissions will be evaluated with regard to whether the conclusions follow from the results. The in-principle acceptance at Stage 1 guarantees the publication of some version of the manuscript, provided that the study and analyses are conducted as proposed. However, Stage-2 submissions may be subject to one or more rounds of revisions to ensure that the Results and Discussion sections provide adequate detail.

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to commit / complete suicide	to die by suicide; to end his/her life
a successful suicide / attempt	a fatal suicide attempt
an unsuccessful suicide	a non-fatal suicide attempt
a failed attempt	a non-fatal suicide attempt
suicide victims / cases	those who died by suicide

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