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Dear Mr. O’Donovan,

Please find enclosed a manuscript which we would like to submit for BMC Pediatrics.

The manuscript explores significant predictors for suicidal attempts in adolescents – a serious, but not rare condition in young people. For analysis a representative sample of 44,134 students in Germany was used. The emphasis lies on parenting styles and their association with suicidal attempts because there seems to be a knowledge gap – as it was communicated on a large epidemiological conference in 2013 (IFPE, 5 – 8th June 2013).

With this manuscript we try to close this knowledge gap and to give answers what other variables besides parenting styles are significant and clinical relevant in predicting suicidal behavior. We could identify seven further variables and also showed the risk of Rejecting-Neglecting parenting on the one hand and the protective effect of Authoritative parenting on the other hand.

We declare to submit original data, not published before and also declare to have no conflict of interest.

We hope the manuscript finds our interest and that of the readers of BMC Pediatrics and remain.

Sincerely,

Carolin Donath in behalf of all authors