Reviewer's report

Title: Gender difference in suicidal expressions and it's determinants among young people in Cambodia, a post-conflict country.

Version: 2 Date: 20 December 2010

Reviewer: Zoltan Rihmer

Reviewer's report:

This is an interesting study on suicidal behaviour from a post-conflict country. Some suggestions.

1. Introduction, page 1., the sentence: „Gender differences were insignificant…”
I recommend the following: „Although in majority of the countrties (including United States) males are markedly overrepresented in suicide victims. Gender differences were insignificant…”

2. As there are some papers showing that (in contrast to the studies from Western countries) the rate of females to males among suicide victims is greater than 1 in rural China. What is the situation in Cambodia?

3. Do the authors have data on suicide rate of Cambodia?

4. Do the authors have data on psychiatric morbidity among suicide victims/attempter in Cambodia? (The questions of 2,3,and 4 or more precisely the answers could provide general background data on suicide behaviour in Cambodia, if the authors have data).

5. The data on exposure on suicidal behaviour in friends and partners is important but what about the family members (1. and 2. degree relatives)?

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.