Reviewer’s report

Title: Suicide Prevention for Youth - A Mental Health Awareness Program: Lessons learned from the Saving and Empowering Young Lives in Europe (SEYLE) intervention study

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The paper presented by Camilla Wasserman and co-authors is an example of a descriptive study that gives a summary of experiences, attitudes and reflections of representatives of the study team involved in a big international research.

The paper contains the set of important thesis that gives an impression how coordinators of the project from 11 European countries were evaluating strong and weak sides of the school-based mental health promotion intervention as well as their responses to more specific questions regarding the peculiarities of schools responsiveness and amount of efforts taken to fulfill the intervention.

The results of the analysis give important information how school-based interventions aimed to promote adolescents mental health are met in schools with emphasis on students’ attitudes, teachers and administration reactions, and parents support or rejection.

This information may be very valuable for those who are planning such kind of interventions in their communities and gives an outlook what problems may hamper the implementation of the program and what should be done to avoid them. A lot of attention is paid to transcultural issues and to such factor as possible conflict between schools interests in fulfilling schedules and necessity to allocate time to the intervention.

In general the article is of importance for implementation of school based programs of mental health promotion. Such programs are becoming more and more popular in different cultures, thus transcultural experience may be a positive input for further dissemination of this practice.

There is one comment regarding the design of the article. I would recommend the authors to present results of questioning of the group of coordinators in a more formalized way, i.e. in a table with some figures that may give information in a concise manner. I am not sure if the results obtained permit such presentation, so it is on the discretion of the authors to do it or not. On the other hand the article may be more persuasive if such table would exist.

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I declare that I have no competing interests