Reviewer’s report

Title: Entrapment as a Mediator of Suicide Crises

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Reviewer: Christopher R. Hagan

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Thank you for this revised manuscript, I believe that these revisions have improved the manuscript and that it will be a valuable contribution to the literature. I do have a few remaining concerns that I would like to see addressed prior to publication.

1) Regarding my Primary Concern #1 (clarity of the explanation of SCS): I appreciate the changes that were made, but I am still unclear about the proposed relationship of these factors to one another in this syndrome. Are these components just a list of risk factors for suicide, are they proposed mediators of the transition from suicidal ideation to suicidal behavior? Are they hypothesized to interact or have additive effects? Is SCS designed to be a potential diagnosis like ASAD described in citation #5? I am not asking for all of the questions to be individually answered, but just that information along these lines is provided to help readers understand the hypotheses and claims of the existence of SCS.

2) Regarding your response to my comment 5b - I appreciate that my question goes beyond the limited scope of your article, but I believe that this is still an important topic to be included in the discussion. Please include a brief statement in your discussion to the effect of your comment that more research needs to be conducted to determine if SCS is more predictive of STB than the simple severity of entrapment. I think a good location would be p 14 ln 15, but anywhere appropriate is fine with me.

3) Throughout the text, when an exact p value is available, please include it rather than stating, p<.05 or p<.01. I noticed this on p9, ln 13 (p= .001); p10, lns 12, 13, 17, 18. I included all examples that I noticed, but the entire manuscript should be reviewed with this in mind.

4) Throughout the text and tables, please include a consistent number of decimal positions for the same types of values.(e.g., standardized regression coefficients = 0.08 & 0.117 on the bottom half of p9; table 3b - indirect effect upper limit; table 5b - total effect upper limit). I included all examples that I noticed, but the entire manuscript should be reviewed with this in mind.

5) Citation 15 has been updated in Edition 2 of the International Handbook of Suicide Prevention
6) Table 2 - the correlation values only need to be presented once, either above or below the diagonal line.

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