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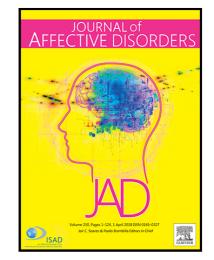
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Highlights

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- Global variations in suicide gender ratios were associated with gender inequality.
- Male to female suicide rate ratios were higher in countries with more egalitarian gender norms; whereas lower suicide gender ratios were generally observed in countries with higher level of gender inequality.
- Cultural-based indicator of gender inequality (i.e. natality inequality/son preference) was more sensitive than economic-based indicator (i.e. the GII).

• Strategies to eliminate culturally embedded discrimination against women have the potentials to prevent suicides.

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