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Abstract

People seeking information and news regarding suicide are likely to use the Internet. However, evidence of the relationship between suicide-related search volumes and national suicide-rates in different countries can be strikingly different. We aimed to investigate the relationship between suicide-rates and Google suicide-related search volumes in the Italian population (2008-2012) using the Italian mortality data base that provided monthly national data concerning suicides (2008-2012). Moreover, this study also aims to identify future trends of national suicide rates on the basis

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