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## Abstract

Suicidal behaviours in teenagers constitute a major public health concern, and their prevention hinges on the early identification of children with a higher than average risk of suicide. These children, however, are very difficult to identify. Depression in particular, which remains a significant risk factor for suicide in adults, is less clearly linked to suicidal behaviours in adolescence. Drawing on data from the *Québec Longitudinal Study of Child Development* (QLSCD), Massimiliano Orri was able to demonstrate that

irritability plays a key role in increasing the risk of suicide in children and therefore warrants special attention. These findings could contribute to the development of early suicide prevention strategies in at-risk children.

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