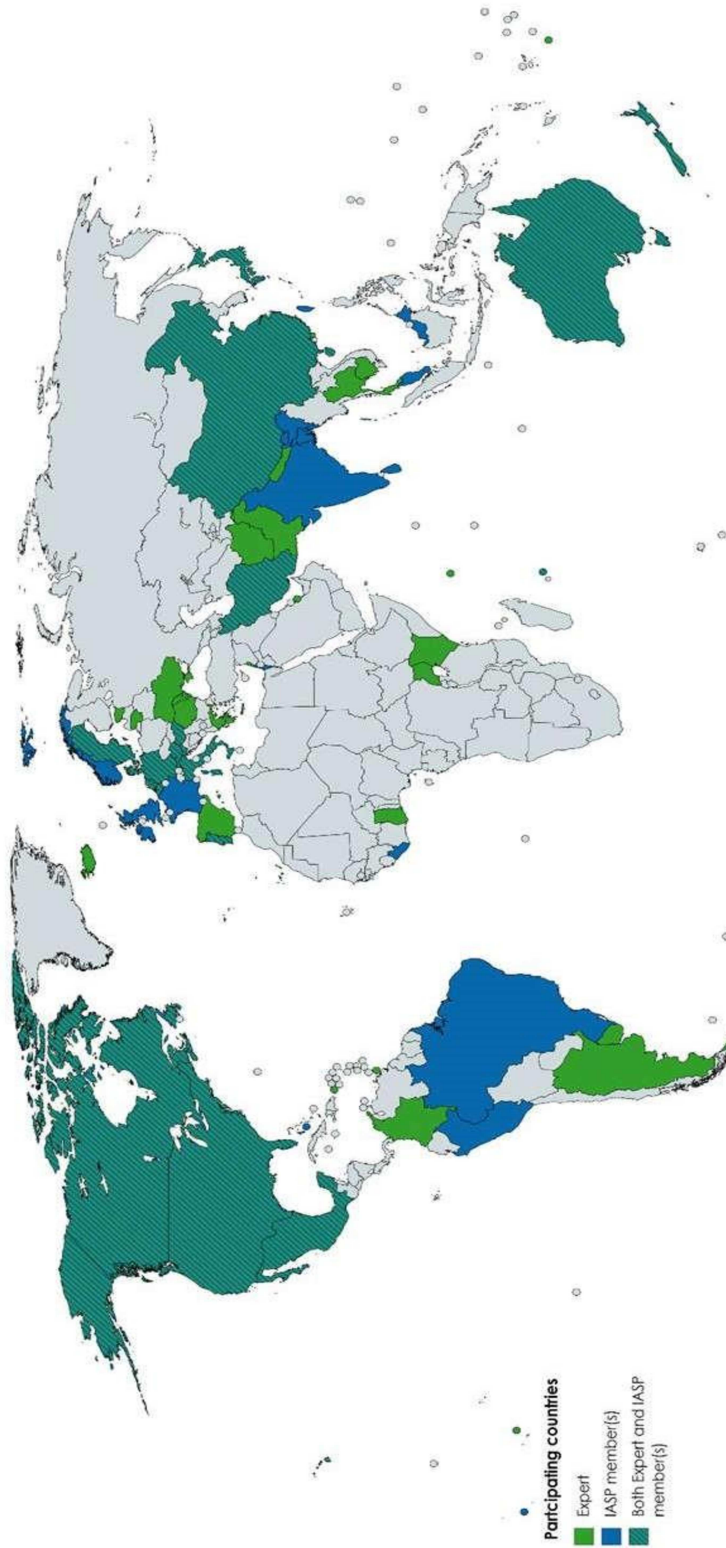


Supplementary Table 1. Number of respondents by country/territory that participated to the International Study of Definitions and Terms for Suicidal Behaviors ©

Countries/territories	'experts'	IASP members
Africa		
Ghana	1	0
Kenya	1	0
Liberia	0	1
Mauritius	1	1
Seychelles	1	0
Uganda	1	0
America		
Argentina	1	0
Brazil	0	4
Canada	1	5
Colombia	1	0
Mexico	1	1
Peru	0	1
Puerto Rico	1	0
The Bahamas	0	1
Trinidad and Tobago	1	0
Uruguay	1	0
USA	1	8
Asia		
Afghanistan	1	0
Bangladesh	0	1
Bhutan	0	1
Cambodia	1	0
China	1	1
Hong Kong	1	0
India	0	2
Iran	1	1
Israel	0	1
Japan	1	1
Lebanon	1	0
Malaysia	0	1
Nepal	1	0
Pakistan	1	0
Qatar	1	0
Singapore	0	1
Sri Lanka	0	1
Taiwan	0	1
Thailand	1	0
Europe		

Austria	1	1
Belgium	1	1
Denmark	1	2
Estonia	1	0
France	0	2
Germany	1	1
Greece	1	0
Hungary	1	1
Iceland	1	0
Ireland	0	3
Italy	1	1
Lithuania	1	0
Moldova	1	0
Netherlands	1	2
Norway	0	3
Portugal	1	1
Romania	1	0
Slovenia	1	1
Spain	1	0
Sweden	1	1
UK	0	4
Ukraine	1	0
Oceania		
Australia	1	15
New Zealand	1	6
Cook Islands	0	1
French Polynesia	1	0
Tonga	1	0
Total	46	80

Supplementary Figure 1: Participating countries in the International Study of Definitions and Terms of Behavior



Supplementary Table 2. Individual and country-based results by main components of suicide definition

	Individual based		Country based*		
	N	%	N	%	
<b>Outcome (one item)</b>					
Suicide is an act that necessarily leads to death	102	81.6%	52	81.7%	
... may result in survival	23	18.4%	11	18.2%	
Missing	1		0		
<b>Intent (five separate items)</b>					
Suicide is an act that can only be done with an intent to die	59	46.8%	26	41.7%	
Suicide is an act that may be done with an intent other than an explicit intent to die	79	62.7%	44	69.4%	
Suicide is an act that may be done with an ambiguous or unclear intent	91	72.2%	46	73.2%	
Suicide is an act that may be done with an intent to take the risk of dying	93	74.4%	49	77.5%	(missing=1)
Suicide is an act that may be done without explicit intent to die	68	54.0%	34	53.9%	
<b>Knowledge (four separate items)</b>					
Suicide is an act that is necessarily performed with certainty of a fatal result	44	34.9%	26	41.2%	
Suicide is an act that can be performed with the knowledge of a fatal result, but person is not certain of that result	112	88.9%	55	87.1%	
Suicide is an act that can be performed without any knowledge of the consequences of the act	56	44.4%	26	41.9%	
Suicide is an act that can be performed with the certainty that the result will not be fatal	27	21.4%	16	26.1%	
<b>Agency (one item)</b>					
Suicide is an act that is initiated and necessarily carried out by oneself to the end of the action	75	60.0%	40	64.2%	
... is initiated by oneself, but not necessarily carried out by oneself to the end of the action	32	25.6%	15	24.3%	
... can be initiated and carried out by oneself or by someone else	18	14.4%	8	12.3%	
Missing	1		1		

\*sensitivity analyses (calculated using weights)

Supplementary Table 3. Individual and country-based results of Vignettes

	Individual based		Country based*	
<b>Vignette 1.</b> In your country, when professionals (e.g. clinicians, researchers) talk about a person harms him- or herself, with the intention to die, and survives, his or her act is				
	N	%	N	%
A suicide attempt	116	92.1%	57	90.9%
Parasuicide	1	0.8%	1	1.6%
Self-harm	3	2.4%	2	3.7%
Deliberate self-harm	2	1.6%	1	0.9%
Non-fatal suicidal behavior	3	2.4%	1	1.3%
Self-injurious behavior (including self-poisoning/overdosing with medication)	1	0.8%	1	1.6%
<b>Vignette 2.</b> (...) when a person harms him- or herself without any intention to die, and survives, his or her act is				
	N	%	N	%
A suicide attempt	17	13.5%	11	17.7%
Parasuicide	5	4.0%	4	5.8%
Self-harm	35	27.8%	19	29.6%
Deliberate self-harm	22	17.5%	9	14.0%
Non suicidal self-injury	24	19.0%	8	12.2%
Self-mutilation	9	7.1%	4	6.9%
Non-fatal suicidal behavior	4	3.2%	3	4.0%
Self-injurious behavior (including self-poisoning/overdosing with medication)	10	7.9%	6	9.8%
<b>Vignette 3.</b> (...) when a person harms him- or herself without any intention to die, and dies, his or her act is				
	N	%	N	%
A suicide	30	24.0%	17	26.7%
A suicide attempt	7	5.6%	5	7.8%
Parasuicide	5	4.0%	3	5.1%
Self-harm	10	8.0%	5	8.4%
Deliberate self-harm	7	5.6%	3	4.8%
Non suicidal self-injury	11	8.8%	4	6.8%
Self-mutilation	3	2.4%	2	2.4%
Fatal suicidal behavior	10	8.0%	5	8.4%
Self-directed violence	1	0.8%	1	1.6%
Self-injurious behavior (including self-poisoning/overdosing with medication)	10	8.0%	3	5.4%
An accident	22	17.6%	11	17.5%
An undetermined death (open verdict)	9	7.2%	3	4.8%
Missing	1		0	
<b>Vignette 4.</b> (...) when a person harms him- or herself, but, for whatever reasons, cannot state his or her intentions and the person survives, his or her act is				
	N	%	N	%
A suicide attempt	31	25.0%	20	32.2%
Parasuicide	7	5.6%	4	7.1%
Self-harm	23	18.5%	9	15.3%
Deliberate self-harm	18	14.5%	8	13.4%
Non suicidal self-injury	8	6.5%	3	5.3%
Self mutilation	2	1.6%	1	2.2%
Non-fatal suicidal behavior	3	2.4%	1	1.4%
Self-directed violence	3	2.4%	1	1.8%

Self-injurious behavior (including self-poisoning/overdosing with medication)	15	12.1%	6	9.6%
An accident	3	2.4%	3	4.8%
An undetermined event	11	8.9%	4	6.8%
Missing	2		1	

**Vignette 5.** (...) when a person harms him- or herself, but does not want to state his or her intentions and the person survives, his or her act is

	N	%	N	%
A suicide attempt	34	27.4%	21	34.3%
Parasuicide	5	4.0%	3	4.8%
Self-harm	28	22.6%	12	19.1%
Deliberate self-harm	25	20.2%	12	19.9%
Non suicidal self-injury	5	4.0%	2	3.6%
Non-fatal suicidal behavior	1	0.8%	0	0.1%
Self-directed violence	2	1.6%	1	1.6%
Self-injurious behavior (including self-poisoning/overdosing with medication)	11	8.9%	4	5.9%
An accident	3	2.4%	3	4.8%
An undetermined event	10	8.1%	4	5.7%
Missing	2		1	

**Vignette 6.** (...) when a person dies as a consequence of harming him or herself, but his or her intentions in doing so cannot be known or inferred, his or her act is

	N	%	N	%
A suicide	53	42.1%	33	52.3%
A suicide attempt	3	2.4%	2	3.3%
Parasuicide	2	1.6%	2	3.2%
Self-harm	6	4.8%	3	4.3%
Deliberate self-harm	5	4.0%	3	4.3%
Non-fatal suicidal behavior	1	0.8%	1	1.6%
Self-directed violence	1	0.8%	1	0.8%
Self-injurious behavior (including self-poisoning/overdosing with medication)	7	5.6%	2	2.7%
An accident	8	6.3%	4	6.2%
An undetermined death (open verdict)	40	31.7%	13	21.4%

**Vignette 7.** (...) when someone who occasionally thinks of suicide when confronted to distress, this person has

	N	%	N	%
A normal pattern of thinking	16	12.8%	8	12.8%
Suicidal ideation	81	64.8%	40	63.0%
Passive suicidal ideation	6	4.8%	4	5.7%
Active suicidal ideation	1	0.8%	0	0.1%
Death wishes	7	5.6%	5	7.8%
Reactive suicide ideation	14	11.2%	6	10.2%
Missing	1		0	

**Vignette 8.** (...) when someone who continuously thinks of suicide but has no suicidal intent, this person has

	N	%	N	%
A normal pattern of thinking	2	1.6%	1	1.6%
Suicidal ideation	57	45.2%	29	46.2%
Passive suicidal ideation	12	9.5%	7	11.6%
Active suicidal ideation	10	7.9%	6	9.1%
Persistent suicide ideation	39	31.0%	15	24.1%
Death wishes	6	4.8%	5	7.4%

**Vignette 9.** (...) when someone who hopes for death but has no thoughts of killing him- or herself, this person has

	N	%	N	%
A normal pattern of thinking	6	4.8%	4	5.8%
Suicidal ideation	18	14.4%	7	11.6%
Passive suicidal ideation	29	23.2%	15	23.1%
Death wishes	72	57.6%	37	59.3%
Missing	1		0	

**Vignette 10.** (...) when someone hopes for death by killing him- or herself, this person has

	N	%	N	%
A normal pattern of thinking	1	0.8%	1	1.6%
Suicidal ideation	77	61.6%	37	59.0%
Passive suicidal ideation	4	3.2%	2	2.5%
Active suicidal ideation	40	32.0%	21	33.4%
Death wishes	3	2.4%	2	3.4%
Missing	1		0	

**Vignette 11.** (...) when someone states suicidal intention without engaging in behavior, this person

	N	%	N	%
Is engaging in suicidal behavior	4	3.3%	2	2.6%
Is experiencing suicidal ideation	70	56.9%	32	52.2%
Is experiencing passive suicidal ideation	7	5.7%	2	3.6%
Is experiencing active suicidal ideation	11	8.9%	6	9.9%
Has made a suicide attempt	1	0.8%	1	1.6%
Has made a suicide threat	10	8.1%	6	10.3%
Has made a suicide communication	14	11.4%	8	12.5%
Has made a suicide plan	2	1.6%	1	2.0%
Is engaging in preparatory suicidal behavior	3	2.4%	2	3.6%
Has made an aborted suicide attempt	1	0.8%	1	1.6%
Missing	3		2	

**Vignette 12.** (...) when someone mimics (i.e. acts in a way that has the appearance of) suicidal behavior without sustaining any injuries, this person

	N	%	N	%
Is engaging in suicidal behavior	42	35.6%	18	30.2%
Is experiencing suicidal ideation	10	8.5%	3	5.7%
Is experiencing passive suicidal ideation	4	3.4%	2	2.9%
Is experiencing active suicidal ideation	6	5.1%	5	8.6%
Has made a suicide attempt	9	7.6%	5	7.9%
Has made a suicide threat	23	19.5%	15	25.8%
Has made a suicide communication	10	8.5%	3	5.9%
Has made a suicide plan	3	2.5%	2	3.4%
Is engaging in preparatory suicidal behavior	8	6.8%	4	6.3%
Has made an aborted suicide attempt	3	2.5%	2	2.6%
Missing	8		5	

**Vignette 13.** (...) when someone has decided how and when to perform a suicidal act, but does not actively prepare anything, this person

	N	%	N	%
Is engaging in suicidal behavior	7	5.7%	4	6.3%
Is experiencing suicidal ideation	11	8.9%	4	7.2%
Is experiencing passive suicidal ideation	1	0.8%	0	0.1%
Is experiencing active suicidal ideation	12	9.8%	6	10.6%
Has made a suicide threat	2	1.6%	1	2.2%
Has made a suicide communication	2	1.6%	1	2.0%

Has made a suicide plan	83	67.5%	40	65.2%
Is engaging in preparatory suicidal behavior	4	3.3%	3	4.6%
Has made an interrupted suicide attempt	1	0.8%	1	1.6%
Missing	3		2	

**Vignette 14.** (...) when someone prepares a suicidal act (e.g. assembles pills, buys a gun, attaches a rope, visits a bridge), but does not initiate it and thus does not sustain any injuries, this person

	N	%	N	%
Is engaging in suicidal behavior	8	6.6%	4	6.1%
Is experiencing suicidal ideation	5	4.1%	3	4.7%
Is experiencing active suicidal ideation	7	5.7%	4	5.8%
Has made a suicide attempt	3	2.5%	3	5.0%
Has made a suicide threat	3	2.5%	2	3.3%
Has made a suicide communication	1	0.8%	1	0.8%
Has made a suicide plan	42	34.4%	20	33.8%
Is engaging in preparatory suicidal behavior	52	42.6%	24	39.8%
Has made an interrupted suicide attempt	1	0.8%	1	0.8%
Missing	4		3	

**Vignette 15.** (...) when someone initiates a suicidal act (e.g. stands or sits on the edge of a high bridge, ties a rope around his or her neck), but stops him or herself before sustaining any injuries, this person

	N	%	N	%
Is engaging in suicidal behavior	17	14.0%	6	9.9%
Is experiencing suicidal ideation	1	0.8%	0	0.6%
Is experiencing active suicidal ideation	2	1.7%	2	3.3%
Has made a suicide attempt	23	19.0%	16	26.2%
Has made a suicide threat	6	5.0%	3	5.1%
Has made a suicide communication	1	0.8%	0	0.4%
Has made a suicide plan	2	1.7%	2	3.3%
Is engaging in preparatory suicidal behavior	8	6.6%	3	5.7%
Has made an interrupted suicide attempt	21	17.4%	10	16.0%
Has made an aborted suicide attempt	40	33.1%	18	29.7%
Missing	5		3	

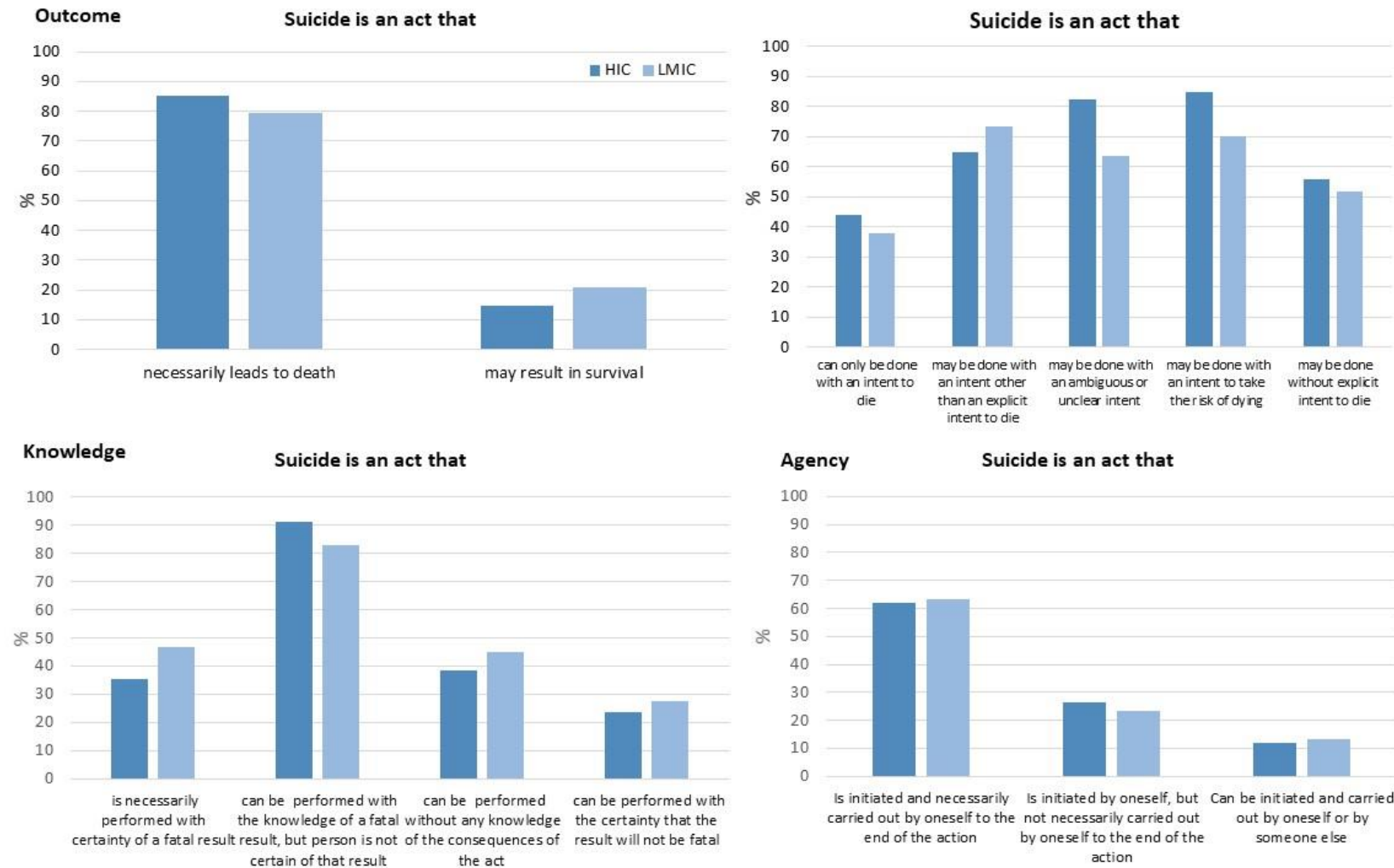
**Vignette 16.** (...) when someone initiates a suicidal act (e.g. stands or sits on the edge of a high bridge, ties a rope around his or her neck), but is stopped by someone else before sustaining any injuries, this person

	N	%	N	%
Is engaging in suicidal behavior	7	5.8%	4	6.4%
Is experiencing suicidal ideation	1	0.8%	0	0.6%
Is experiencing active suicidal ideation	1	0.8%	1	1.7%
Has made a suicide attempt	33	27.3%	19	32.2%
Has made a suicide communication	1	0.8%	1	1.7%
Has made a suicide plan	1	0.8%	0	0.4%
Has made an interrupted suicide attempt	71	58.7%	31	51.2%
Has made an aborted suicide attempt	6	5.0%	4	6.1%
Missing	5		3	

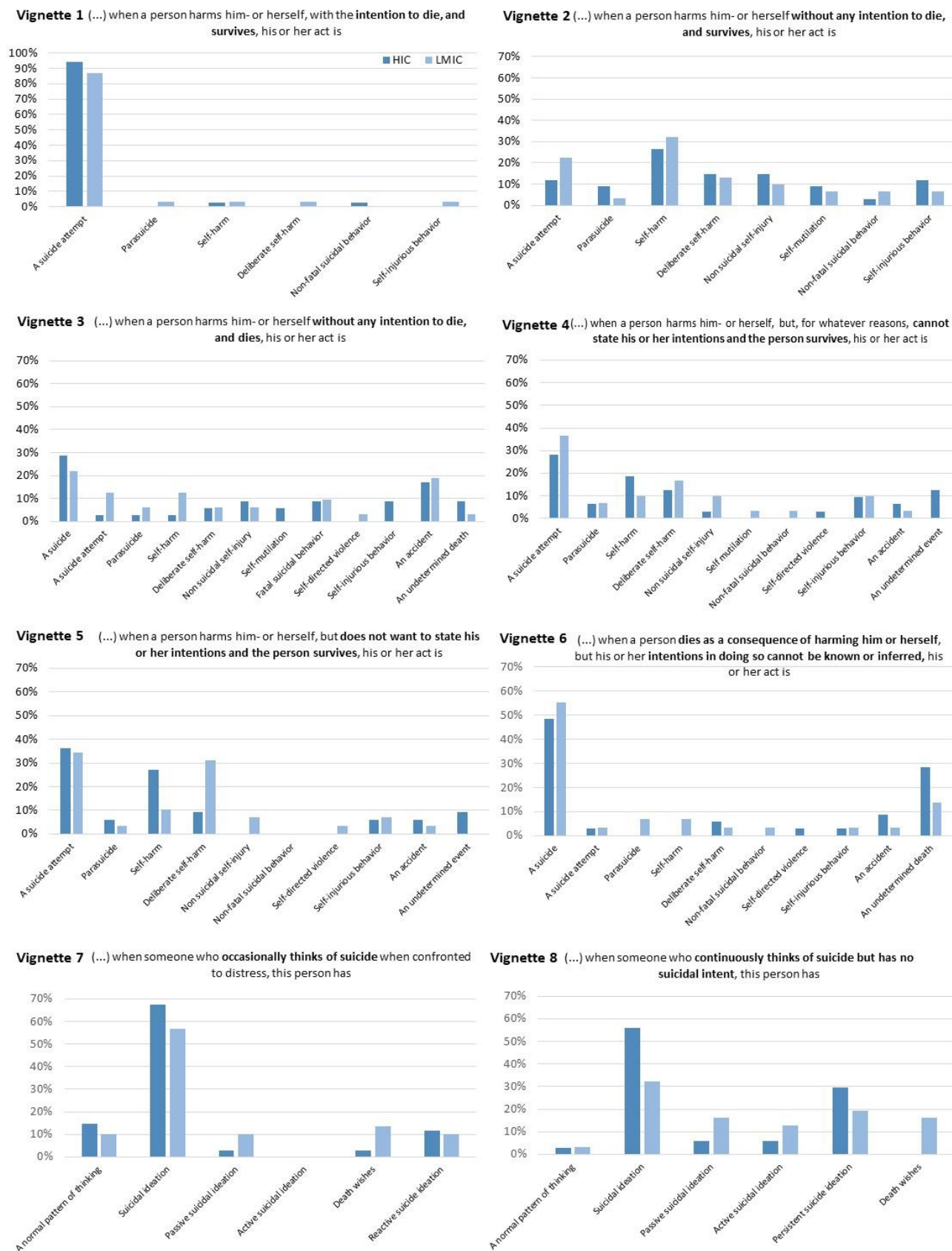
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Supplementary Figure 2. Percentage of respondents who agreed with statements regarding the definition of suicide according to national income in the ISDELTSB sample (HIC=High Income Country; LMIC=Low- and Middle-Income Country)

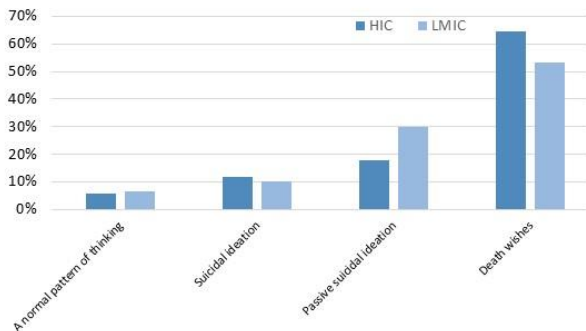


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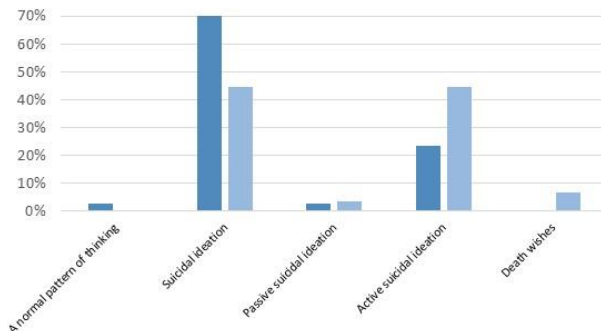


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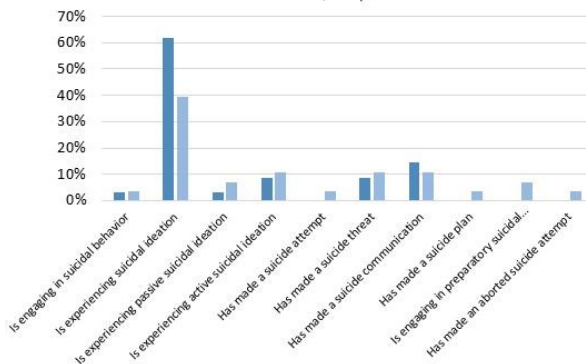
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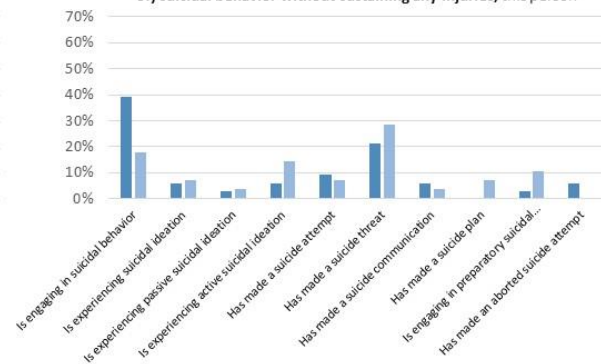
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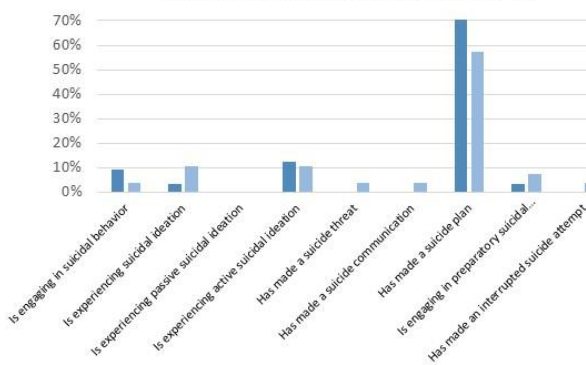
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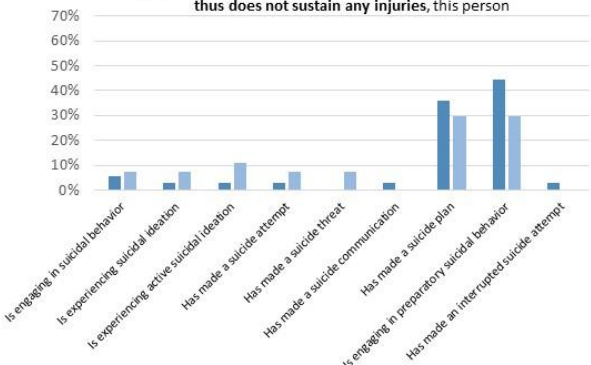
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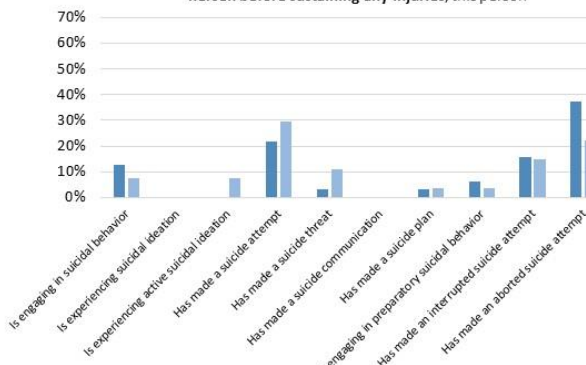
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**Vignette 15** (...) when someone initiates a suicidal act (e.g. stands or sits on the edge of a high bridge, ties a rope around his or her neck), but stops him or herself before sustaining any injuries, this person



**Vignette 16** (...) when someone initiates a suicidal act (e.g. stands or sits on the edge of a high bridge, ties a rope around his or her neck), but is stopped by someone else before sustaining any injuries, this person

