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the Article ?

DOES BULLYING INCREASE THE RISK OF SUICIDE FOR BOTH VICTIMS AND BULLIES?

This article highlights a review of the literature on the effects of bullying in 13 countries. While the conclusion of the review was that both bullies and their victims were at an increased risk of suicide compared to other youth, all research was cross-sectional in nature. That is, the analyses were based on surveys conducted at one point in time. As such, it was not possible to determine whether bullying really increases the risk for suicide or whether youth who are already at a risk for suicide are more likely to become bullies or bullying victims.

1. If researchers were going to attempt to control for the time-order sequence between bullying and suicide, what type of research design would they need to use?
2. If you were going to conduct a study on the effects of bullying using survey methods, how would you measure both bullying and victimization?

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