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Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and sexual offending: A systematic review

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Abstract:

The relationship between autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and sexual offending (SO) is an overlooked issue, both in clinical practice and in research. Based on a pre-specified protocol (PROSPERO: CRD42024501598), we systematically searched Pubmed and Scopus, between January 1st, 1994 and January 12th, 2024, for articles related to SO in ASD. Study quality was assessed with study design-specific tools (Study Quality Assessment Tools, NHLBI, NIH). We found 19 relevant publications (five cross-sectional studies, two case-control studies, and 12 case reports). Seven of the studies were deemed of "good" quality, the rest as "fair". Included studies addressed three key aspects: 1) psychopathological characteristics of individuals with ASD that increase the risk of committing SO; 2) intervention strategies for individuals with ASD and SO; 3) involvement of individuals with ASD and SO in the justice system.

Biography:

Prof. dr. Felice Francesco Carabellese has achieved a significant clinical psychiatric experience after leaving the university in a wide range of specializations; each position qualified him permission to earn a substantial specialized knowledge. The diversity in every role that begins as a medical officer for the Italian Army through counseling for detoxification and rehabilitation, the criminal and civil law and public psychiatric services offered him the opportunity to expand and grow professionally, giving him the opportunity to learn and apply a varied technical approach and studied for his work. Over the years he has collaborated with various agencies dealing with public psychiatric services and rehabilitation acquiring strength and knowledge to face and deal with various tasks in such work.